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## HOF CLASS OF 2015 FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

The National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame released the 10 finalists for the Hall of Fame Class of 2015 Monday, as determined by the 14-member nominating committee. The finalists are: jockeys Chris Antley, Victor Espinoza, Corey Nakatani and Craig Perret; Thoroughbreds Black Tie Affair (Ire) (Miswaki), Kona Gold (Java Gold), Lava Man (Slew City Slew) and Xtra Heat (Dixieland Heat); and trainers King Leatherbury and David Whiteley.

Two-time GI Kentucky Derby-winning jockey Chris Antley accumulated 3,480 wins beginning in 1983, before his death in 2000 at age 34. A winner of 127 graded stakes races amongst 293 overall stakes victories, Antley scored in the 1991 and 1999 editions of the Run for the Roses with Strike the Gold and Charismatic--who also took the G1 Preakness S.--respectively. His mounts earned \$92,261,894.



**Victor Espinoza in the California Chrome silks**  
*Benoit Photo*

Victor Espinoza has captured 3,188 races since he starting riding in 1993 and has career earnings of \$171,130,260 as of Feb. 24. He recorded a Kentucky Derby/Preakness double with California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit) last year, having done so in 2002 with War Emblem (Our Emblem). To date Espinoza, has collected 209 graded stakes from 412 total stakes victories.

Since 1988, Corey Nakatani has won 3,766 races of which 599 were stakes and 332 were at the graded level. His

mounts' earnings stand at \$224,484,846 and he has 10 Breeders' Cup wins to his credit. Nakatani booted fellow 2015 nominee Lava Man home in five Grade I races and was aboard champions Shared Belief (Candy Ride {Arg}) and Sweet Catomine for multiple stakes wins.

Rounding out the jockey finalists is Craig Perret, who rode from 1967-2005. He was the leading apprentice jockey by earnings in 1967 and won the Eclipse Award for Outstanding Jockey in 1990. Perret scored in the 1987 GI Belmont S. with Bet Twice and also won the Kentucky Derby with Unbridled in 1990. His mounts' earnings stand at \$113,837,299. **Cont. p3**

## FASIG-TIPTON RETURNS TO SOUTH FLORIDA

*by Jessica Martini*

Fasig-Tipton conducted its first-ever breeze show at Gulfstream Park on a sun-drenched day in South Florida Monday, with a packed grandstand and a festive atmosphere ahead of Wednesday's Florida 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale.

"I thought we saw a lot of nice racehorses on the track today," commented Fasig-Tipton President Boyd Browning, Jr. "It was a wonderful crowd in attendance. It's a lovely facility and a great setting. I had a number of people in attendance today tell me it was an enjoyable experience. People enjoyed watching the horses go. People enjoyed the atmosphere and people enjoyed seeing quality horses." **Cont. p5**



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Beloved Hall of Fame trainer H. Allen Jerkens, considered to be one of the all-time greats in American racing, was showing some signs of improvement Monday in the intensive care unit of a South Florida hospital.

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G1 Blue Diamond S. hero Pride Of Dubai (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}) will not take part in the G1 Golden Slipper S. Mar. 21, a race for which he would have been required to be supplemented.

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# NORTH AMERICAN NEWS

## HALL OF FAME cont. from p1

Horse of the Year and Eclipse Champion Older Male in 1991 with six graded-stakes wins in his final six appearances--including the GI Breeders' Cup Classic--Black Tie Affair (Ire) was owned by Edward P. Swyer before being sold as a 3-year-old to Jeffrey Sullivan. He earned \$3,370,694 with a record of 45-18-9-6 for trainers Walter Reese and Ernie T. Poulos.

Owned by trainer Bruce Headley, Irwin and Andrew Molasky and Michael Singh's High Tech Stable, Eclipse Champion Sprinter Kona Gold (Java Gold) won that title in 2000 off the back of wins in the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint, GI Ancient Title S., GI Bing Crosby, GI Potrero Grand S. and GI Palos Verdes H. He appeared in the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint a total of five times from a career of 30-14-7-2 with earnings of \$2,293,384.



**Lava Man**  
*Horsephotos*

Fan favorite Lava Man, who became one of the top claims in history after being haltered for \$50,000 by STD Racing Stable and Jason Wood, tops the list for most Grade I races won by a California-bred at seven. From a career record of 47-17-8-5 and \$5,268,706 in earnings, the Doug O'Neill-trained gelding took three consecutive editions of the GI Hollywood Gold Cup and back-to-back runnings of the GI Santa Anita H. He was also the first horse to complete the Hollywood Gold Cup Santa Anita H. GI Pacific Classic triple since equaled by Game on Dude (Awesome Again).

A champion at three in 2001 for trainer John Salzman Sr., Ken Taylor and Harry Deitchman, fleet-footed filly Xtra Heat won a staggering total of 25 stakes races, including the GI Prioress S. An earner of \$2,398,635, the short-distance specialist compiled a record of 35-26-5-2 with 10 graded stakes wins, including the GI Vagrancy H., GI Genuine Risk H., GI Astarita S. and GI Beaumont S.

King Leatherbury began training in 1959 and is still going strong at 81. Currently ranked fourth amongst trainers with 6,449 wins, he has accumulated 52 training titles in Maryland and has career purse earnings of \$62,792,375. He bred, owns and trains multiple Maryland champion Ben's Cat (Parker's Storm Cat), an earner of \$2.3 million; and also captured Grade I wins with Catatonic and Taking Risks earlier in his career.

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**Hall of Fame cont.**

Retired trainer David Whiteley, son of Hall of Famer Frank Whiteley Jr., trained three champions in a career that lasted from 1970-1995. His win percentage was a stellar 33%, with 678 wins from 2,068 starters. He saddled 1979 GI Belmont S. Coastal, who derailed the Triple Crown attempt of champion Spectacular Bid and accumulated career earnings of \$11,837,823.

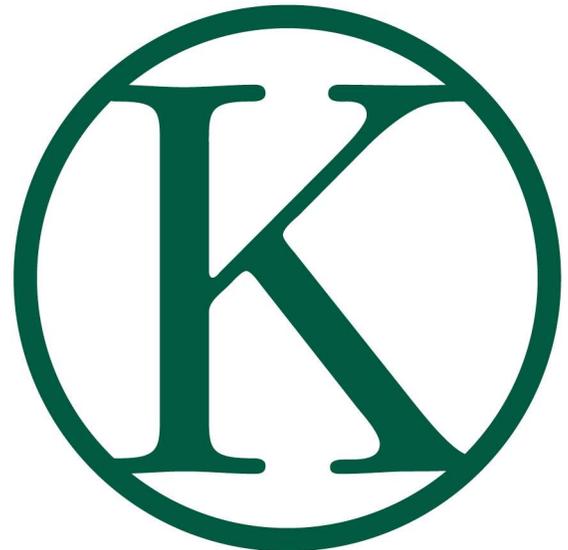
The 2015 Hall of Fame candidates were selected from 68 initial nominees as suggested by turf journalists, Thoroughbred racing participants and racing fans. To be considered for a Hall of Fame nomination as a contemporary candidate, trainers must have been active for 25 years and jockeys must have been active 20 years. Horses are under consideration for the Hall of Fame after they have been retired for five calendar years. The requirements for jockeys and trainers may be waived, but a five-year waiting period is required before they become eligible for candidacy. If any potential nominees have not been active in the past 25 years, they are still eligible through the historic review process.

Of the 10 finalists, four will be elected to the Hall of Fame as determined by the highest total votes by Hall of Fame voters with the results of the voting on contemporary candidates announced Apr. 20. An induction ceremony honoring the 2015 Hall of Fame members will be held at the Fasig-Tipton Sales Pavilion in Saratoga Springs, New York Aug. 7 at 10:30 a.m. For more information regarding the 2015 Hall of Fame nominees go to [www.racingmuseum.org](http://www.racingmuseum.org).

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KENTUCKY DERBY FUTURE WAGER POOL 3 (Feb. 27 - Mar. 1)			
No.	Horse (Sire)	ML	ML
1	American Pharoah ( <a href="#">Pioneerof the Nile</a> )	8-1	8-1
2	Bolo ( <a href="#">Temple City</a> )	50-1	34-1
3	Carpe Diem ( <a href="#">Giant's Causeway</a> )	12-1	10-1
4	Danzig Moon ( <a href="#">Malibu Moon</a> )	50-1	42-1
5	Daredevil ( <a href="#">More Than Ready</a> )	30-1	43-1
6	Dortmund (Big Brown)	8-1	9-1
7	El Kabeir ( <a href="#">Scat Daddy</a> )	30-1	47-1
8	Far From Over ( <a href="#">Blame</a> )	15-1	13-1
9	Far Right ( <a href="#">Notional</a> )	20-1	31-1
10	Firing Line ( <a href="#">Line of David</a> )	20-1	29-1
11	International Star ( <a href="#">Fusaichi Pegasus</a> )	20-1	22-1
12	Itsaknockout ( <a href="#">Lemon Drop Kid</a> )	20-1	30-1
13	Keen Ice ( <a href="#">Curlin</a> )	50-1	27-1
14	Khozan ( <a href="#">Distorted Humor</a> )	15-1	13-1
15	Lord Nelson ( <a href="#">Pulpit</a> )	30-1	39-1
16	Mr. Z ( <a href="#">Malibu Moon</a> )	50-1	44-1
17	Ocean Knight ( <a href="#">Curlin</a> )	15-1	23-1
18	Ocho Ocho Ocho ( <a href="#">Street Sense</a> )	20-1	24-1
19	Prospect Park ( <a href="#">Tapit</a> )	30-1	26-1
20	Texas Red ( <a href="#">Afleet Alex</a> )	12-1	14-1
21	The Great War ( <a href="#">War Front</a> )	SUSPENDED	
22	Upstart ( <a href="#">Flatter</a> )	15-1	15-1
23	War Story ( <a href="#">Northern Afleet</a> )	30-1	30-1
24	All Other 3-year-olds	3-1	4-1

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**FASIG-TIPTON FLORIDA cont. from p1**

After three years away, the auction is returning to the Miami area and Browning said the destination is part of the sale's appeal.

"I think this is something we've got to have in this business," he said. "It's not just a business, there is an element of sport and we're trying to keep people involved in this business and keep them engaged and this is a beautiful setting and a beautiful atmosphere. I think everybody has a little bounce in their steps and enjoyed the day. Hopefully they will enjoy looking at horses tomorrow and enjoy buying a lot of good ones on Wednesday."

Over what was acknowledged to be a deep main track, a colt by Uncle Mo ([hip 58](#)) turned in the day's fastest furlong breeze of [:10 flat](#). The bay colt is out of Naughty Mambo (Kingmambo), a half-sister to Canadian champion and Grade I winner Negligee (Northern Fleet). He is consigned by McKathan Bros., agent and was purchased for \$120,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale.



**Hip 58**  
*Fasig-Tipton Photo*

"He is a perfect 2-year-old--he is just like his dad," J.B. McKathan said. "He has been really precocious and fast from the very beginning. We weren't surprised that he went the fastest--we would have been disappointed if he didn't. He's been really fast at the farm. He's a very straightforward horse, really sound."

McKathan admitted he felt lucky to be able to purchase the colt last September.



**Gulfstream's leading trainer Todd Pletcher watches the breezes.**  
*Fasig-Tipton Photo*

"It's hard to buy Uncle Mos," he said before adding of the colt as a yearling, "He was just our type of horse--athletic, good-walking, balanced with a nice big old butt and a nice long, sloping shoulder and nice neck--just the things that we liked."

The April foaled only improved over the winter.

"He grew up quite a bit," McKathan confirmed. "He got taller. He's not a little horse."

Some of the bigger horses working Monday seemed to have trouble getting going over the deep track, but McKathan was happy with the performance of both horses he sent out to work.

"I'm always worried when you come to a new venue," he admitted. "You never know what is going to happen. We have a big Pioneerof the Nile colt ([hip 34](#)), he went in the last go, and I was really worried about him. And he worked in [:10 2/5](#), but he galloped out as good as anything and he is a big, two-turn rangy colt."

McKathan added, "I watched from the seven-eighths pole and the track was tiring, but our horses were really fit and that really helps. It was kind of deep out there, but hopefully that will be kind to the horses."

The furlong time of [:10 flat](#) was equaled by a son of Kitten's Joy. Consigned by King's Equine, [hip 53](#) was one of four horses to work over the turf. He is the second foal out of multiple stakes winner Mother Russia (Mayakovsky).



**Hip 53**  
*Fasig-Tipton Photo*

Ciaran Dunne's Wavertree Stables was one of the busier consignors on the grounds Monday.

Wavertree sent out 12 juveniles to work Monday.

"The conditions were tough from start to finish," Dunne said. "I think every one of us realized as soon as we got here and galloped one horse, it wasn't the Gulfstream we were expecting. The track was deeper and heavier than we would have assumed, but I think it played fair all day. I'm not sure there was much difference--maybe the horses later in the last set were at a hint of a disadvantage, but it wasn't terrible. By and large, what it did was separate the good horses out."

Among Wavertree's fastest workers was [hip 29](#), a colt by Eskendereya who worked in [:10 1/5](#); and [hip 80](#), a filly by Scat Daddy, who also worked in [:10 1/5](#).

Dunne acknowledged the Florida sale is a place to show off the best juveniles on offer.

"They weren't here to fill stalls," he said of the Wavertree draft. "They could have gone anywhere we wanted them to go and we thought this would be the premier 2-year-old sale of the year. We thought this would be the boutique sale and the place to show off the fancy ones and that's what we brought here."

# LEADING NA/EU SIRES OF NEW A RUNNERS 2014

NAME	% A RUNNERS/ FOALS ('09-'12)	'15 FEE	NEW A'S	2YO	3YO	4YO	5YO+	FOALS '09-'12
PIONEEROF THE NILE	5.55%	\$60,000	8	1	7	-	-	144
A.P. INDY	5.22%	PENSIONED	7	-	4	3	0	134
<b>SUCCESSFUL APPEAL</b>	<b>4.56%</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>219</b>
SEA THE STARS	4.39%	€125,000	8	1	7	-	-	182
GALILEO	3.37%	PRIVATE	23	5	11	2	5	681
CURLIN	3.05%	\$35,000	9	2	4	3	-	295
TAPIT	3.00%	\$300,000	13	2	8	1	2	433
LEMON DROP KID	2.70%	\$40,000	11	0	8	3	0	406
SMART STRIKE	2.66%	\$100,000	11	0	5	3	3	412
MONTJEU	2.58%	DECEASED	8	1	3	2	2	309
OASIS DREAM	2.53%	£75,000	12	3	5	2	2	474
BERNARDINI	2.47%	\$85,000	10	2	5	3	0	404
DUBAWI	2.38%	£125,000	9	2	5	0	2	377
INVINCIBLE SPIRIT	2.23%	€100,000	11	4	5	2	0	492
MORE THAN READY	2.20%	\$50,000	8	2	4	1	1	363
HARLAN'S HOLIDAY	2.15%	DECEASED	10	1	5	4	0	464
SPEIGHTSTOWN	2.12%	\$80,000	7	2	4	1	0	329
TEOFILO	2.08%	€50,000	11	1	7	2	1	528
TIZNOW	2.02%	\$75,000	9	0	7	1	1	445
DANSILI	1.98%	£100,000	8	1	6	1	0	403
SCAT DADDY	1.92%	\$35,000	7	3	3	0	1	363
KITTEN'S JOY	1.89%	\$100,000	8	1	5	2	0	422
GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	1.85%	\$85,000	11	2	3	2	4	594
SHAMARDAL	1.80%	€70,000	9	3	5	0	1	499
CANDY RIDE	1.73%	\$60,000	8	0	2	3	3	461
MEDAGLIA D'ORO	1.70%	\$125,000	8	1	3	4	0	468
HARD SPUN	1.65%	\$35,000	7	1	1	2	3	423

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### Adena Springs Gallops On

Frank Stronach's Adena Springs was well-represented at Monday's breeze show as the Florida sale makes its debut at The Stronach Group's Gulfstream Park. Of the 175 horses in the catalogue, a full 45 are consigned by Adena Springs. The entire draft galloped Monday.

"We've been more commercial the last couple of years and, obviously, this looks like a great venue and coming back to the home team," said Adena's Jack Brothers. "Fasig-Tipton is a great niche in this market and this is a place where we think we belong."

Of the decision to forego breezing the juveniles Monday, Brothers said, "It's been Frank's philosophy from the beginning not to push the 2-year-olds along. Truthfully, at the end of the day, our horses will get to the races at the same rate as these others. [Buyers] can go on with them and have full disclosure with our vet reports--everything is at the barn. These are horses that people can pluck out of the sale and just march on with. They have a great foundation on all of them."

Brothers said he received plenty of positive responses to the gallops.

"The reception has been excellent," he said. "We had a lot of favorable comments and a lot of feedback between the breaks letting us know how pleased they were with the condition of the horses and the way they presented themselves."

Brothers added that Adena's horses generally tend to be later-developing athletes.

"I think our horses tend to be end-user horses," he said. "Most of them have Classic pedigrees. I think that is part of our program and our stallion roster kind of suggests later-developing horses."

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### JERKENS HOSPITALIZED, BUT SHOWING IMPROVEMENT by Mike Kane

Beloved Hall of Fame trainer H. Allen Jerkens, considered to be one of the all-time greats in American racing, was showing some signs of

improvement Monday in the intensive care unit of a South Florida hospital.

Jerkens, 85, is fighting a severe infection and has been a patient at Aventura Hospital and Medical center since Saturday. Trainer Jimmy Jerkens told *Daily Racing Form* Monday afternoon that his father appeared to be making some progress. Jimmy Jerkens said that his father was breathing with the help of a respirator, but was in better condition than he was on Sunday.



**Allen Jerkens**  
NYRA/Coglianese

Although he dislikes the nickname, Jerkens has been called the "Giant Killer" for more than 40 years since horses he trained scored upset victories over Hall of Famers Kelso, Buckpasser and Secretariat. Beau Purple knocked off Kelso three times, Handsome Boy defeated Buckpasser and, in 1973, Jerkens beat Secretariat twice, with Onion in the Whitney and with Prove Out in the Woodward. In the 1998 Jockey Club Gold Cup Jerkens added his legend when Wagon Limit, at odds of 34-1, cruised through the mud at Belmont Park to handily defeat Gentlemen and Hall of Famer Skip Away.

A native of Islip, N.Y. on Long Island, Allen Jerkens has been around horses all his life and started training when he was a teenager in the 1940s. The horses ran in his father's name until he turned 21 and took out his own license in 1950. Jerkens won an Eclipse Award as the nation's top trainer in 1973. At the age of 45 in 1975, he was the youngest flat trainer inducted into the National Museum of Racing's Hall of Fame. Jerkens held that distinction until Bill Mott was elected in 1998. Steeplechase standout Daniel "Mikey" Smithwick, inducted in 1971, is the youngest trainer to be enshrined.

Jerkens, who still operates a small stable, was based in New York through 2013. He stayed in Florida after the conclusion of Gulfstream Park's Championship Meet in 2014. His wife Elisabeth died in August.

According to Equibase, Jerkens ranks eighth in career wins with 3,858 and 14th in career earnings with \$103 million. This year, he has a record of 2-2-3 from 17 starts.

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KENTUCKY OAKS FUTURE WAGER (Feb. 27-Mar. 1) - FINAL ODDS			
No.	Horse (Sire)	ML	FNL
1	Angela Renee ( <a href="#">Bernardini</a> )	30-1	22-1
2	Birdatthewire (Summer Bird)	20-1	12-1
3	Callback ( <a href="#">Street Sense</a> )	12-1	28-1
4	Condo Commando (Tiz Wonderful)	8-1	7-1
5	Cristina's Journey (Any Given Saturday)	30-1	80-1
6	Ekati's Phaeton ( <a href="#">Tale of Ekati</a> )	12-1	29-1
7	Eskenfomoney ( <a href="#">Eskendereya</a> )	20-1	35-1
8	Fantastic Style (Harlan's Holiday)	30-1	72-1
9	Feathered (Indian Charlie)	20-1	25-1
10	Forever Unbridled (Unbridled's Song)	30-1	27-1
11	I'm a Chatterbox ( <a href="#">Munnings</a> )	8-1	6-1
12	Light the City ( <a href="#">Street Sense</a> )	30-1	46-1
13	Lovely Maria ( <a href="#">Majesticperfection</a> )	30-1	39-1
14	Luminance ( <a href="#">Tale of the Cat</a> )	50-1	22-1
15	Oceanwave (Harlan's Holiday)	50-1	32-1
16	Perchance ( <a href="#">Distorted Humor</a> )	30-1	41-1
17	Puca ( <a href="#">Big Brown</a> )	20-1	11-1
18	Sarah Sis (Sharp Humor)	30-1	44-1
19	Sensitively ( <a href="#">Street Sense</a> )	50-1	37-1
20	Shook Up ( <a href="#">Tapit</a> )	30-1	62-1
21	Sweet Corine ( <a href="#">Pulpit</a> )	30-1	36-1
22	Take Charge Brandi ( <a href="#">Giant's Causeway</a> )	30-1	7-1
23	Wonder Gal (Tiz Wonderful)	50-1	32-1
24	All Other 3-year-old Fillies	5-2	7-2



**‘BYRON’ STILL TARGETTING HONG KONG**

**Gordon Lord Byron (Ire)** (Byron {GB}) is unlikely to take up his engagement at Dundalk Friday, with a flight to Hong Kong booked for midweek. Tom Hogan is looking forward to saddling his multiple Group 1 winner in the G1 Queen's Silver Jubilee Cup at Sha Tin Mar. 15, a seven-furlong event granted international status for the first time this year.



**Gordon Lord Byron**  
*Racing Post*

The trainer has taken his stable star to Ireland's only all-weather circuit on a couple of occasions to gallop as part of his preparations and the seven-year-old was given a surprise entry in this week's Value Centre Race, a

conditions race over a mile with fast-track qualifier status for All-Weather Championships Finals Day at Lingfield on Good Friday.

Hogan has revealed that is merely a back-up plan should his trip to Hong Kong fall through.

"He's in Newmarket as we speak, he worked this morning on the Al Bahathri and Wayne Lordan rode him," said Hogan. "The plan as it stands is for him to catch a ferry to Amsterdam tonight and then fly to Hong Kong Wednesday. These things are never 100% certain, but if everything goes according to plan that is what will be happening."

Added Hogan, "If for some reason there is a hitch with the traveling and he doesn't travel to Hong Kong, he'll turn up in Dundalk Friday. He's been to Dundalk a couple of times to work, just to keep him happy, and he seems in good form."

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**PEDIGREE INSIGHTS**  
*by Andrew Caulfield*

**REMEMBERING ‘REEF’**

Bearing in mind that last week's weather truncated the action in the U.S., I hope you will forgive me for taking an unscheduled wander down memory lane, prompted by a news item in [yesterday's TDN](#). In a brief couple of paragraphs, it was reported that Mill Reef's son Creator (GB), winner of the G1 Prix Ganay and G1 Prix d'Ispahan back in 1990, had died at Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital.



**Creator**  
*Equisport Photos*

As Creator was a member of Mill Reef's final crop and had reached the grand age of 29, the chances are that he was the last living son of his brilliant sire (no doubt you'll let me know if there are any other survivors). Mill Reef himself had epitomised all that was good about the magnificent racing and breeding operations developed by the late Paul Mellon, whose Rokeby Stable campaigned the likes of Arts And Letters, Fort Marcy, Key To The Mint and Run The Gantlet.

*The New York Times's* obituary of Mellon reminded us that this classy gentleman had "tenaciously turned philanthropy into his personal art form" and this generosity was also to play its part in Mill Reef's story.

I won't go into huge detail about Mill Reef's achievements on the racecourse, but the neat and compact son of Never Bend left us in absolutely no doubt about his brilliance. Despite having to share the limelight with Brigadier Gerard, a phenomenally gifted contemporary, Mill Reef achieved career figures of 14-12-2-0. His career was generously littered with impressive victories over an unusually wide range of distances, and he took the Coventry S. by eight lengths, the Gimcrack by 10, the Dewhurst by four, the Derby by two, the Eclipse by four, the King George by six, the Arc by three and the Prix Ganay by a long-looking 10 lengths. His brilliance was reflected in his Timeform ratings of 133 at two, 141 at three and 141 again at four.

It was appropriate that one of his finest performances came in the Gimcrack S., a race named in honor of the 18th-century star who stood little more than 14 hands. Winning the Gimcrack S. brings with it the right to make a speech at the Gimcrack dinner and Mellon chose to write a sonnet about Gimcrack--a horse whose achievements included being matched against the clock in a time trial in France, where he covered 22 1/2 miles in an hour. **Cont. p8**



**Caulfield cont.**

The final verse of the sonnet could equally have been written for Mill Reef:

*Swift as a bird I flew down many a course  
Princes, Lords, Commoners all sang my praise.  
In victory or defeat I played my part.  
Remember me, all men who love the Horse.  
If hearts and spirits flag in after days;  
Though small, I gave my all. I gave my heart.*



**Mill Reef Statue at Park House Stables, Kingsclere**  
*Racing Post*

Mill Reef needed all that heart and courage when he fractured his near-fore at the end of August, 1972. A triangle of bone, some 2 1/2 inches long, had broken from the lower end of the cannon bone. The inner sesamoid bone was completely shattered and there was damage too to the top of the main pastern bone.

Fortunately the skill of an international veterinary team succeeded in saving Mill Reef for a stallion career, beginning in 1973. However, his injury meant that a limit of 21 mares was imposed in his first season at England's National Stud, which was to be Mill Reef's home until a heart condition led to his death just a few weeks short of his actual 18th birthday, in February 1986.

During his 13-year innings he was credited with 394 foals, of which some 63--16%--became black-type winners, with 38 of them--a wonderful 9.6%--enjoying success at Group level. No fewer than 18 of them became Group 1 winners, which equates to a stunning 4.6%. The Epsom Derby arguably best sums up his excellence as a stallion, as he sired two winners (Shirley Heights in 1978 and Reference Point in 1987) and Shirley Heights helped extend his influence, siring the 1985 winner Slip Anchor as well as High Estate, sire of the 1998 winner High-Rise. Then the 2006 Derby fell to Sir Percy, a colt by Shirley Heights' Classic-winning grandson Mark of Esteem. Mark of Esteem's sire Darshaan also crops up as the broodmare sire of two other Derby winners, High Chaparral and Pour Moi. Cont. p9

## Two more 3-Y-0's worth following...

☆**TDN Rising Star**☆ **LUMINANCE** (pictured outside) remained unbeaten when landing an Allowance at Santa Anita on Saturday for **Bob Baffert** and **Kaleem Shah**.

**J S BACH** earned his ☆**TDN Rising Star**☆ with an 8½ length MSW win at Gulfstream Park in January for **Todd Pletcher** and **Double Diamond Farm**.

## ...and a 2-Y-0 for the notebook

At Barretts Select last week his daughter ex Jill's Gem made **\$350,000** to Narvick International.



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In my then role of editor of *The Thoroughbred Breeder* magazine, I asked Mill Reef's trainer, Ian Balding, to write an appreciation of his superstar which appeared in April 1986. I hope he doesn't mind me reprinting some of it here, with a few added comments and explanations from myself:

*"Paul Mellon's policy has always been to stand his best colts who have raced in England at stud in Britain," Balding explained. "Midsummer Night II, Silly Season, Glint of Gold and more recently Elegant Air and King of Clubs are all examples and, what is more, he has supported these stallions with mares of his own...."*

*"The decision with Mill Reef was made more difficult for Mr. Mellon because he had received a substantially higher offer for the horse from America than the National Stud were able to put together. In addition it would have been tempting to stand him in the U.S.A. for the convenience of his own mares who were based at his Rokeby Farm in Virginia.*

*"Mr. Mellon's loyalty and commitment to English racing, from which admittedly he has derived much pleasure over the years, was his most powerful sentiment however; and although the actual syndication was left to the B.B.A., he himself indicated that he would like French, Irish and Italian breeders to have the opportunity of obtaining a share. This was entirely in line with his long-term support of international racing and breeding and he was also well aware that Mill Reef's dramatic wins abroad in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe and Prix Ganay had contributed enormously to the horse's reputation and value.*

*"The original shareholders consisted of such internationally famous names as Baron Guy de Rothschild, Comte Roland de Chambure, with his partner Alec Head, Comtesse Batthyany, Madame Dupre, Bert Firestone, the Razza Dormello Olgiata - and, perhaps most significant of all, that shrewdest of owner/breeders, H. H. The Aga Khan, whose support of Mill Reef and belief in his male line is well known.*

*"A value of £2m for a thoroughbred was almost unheard of on this side of the Atlantic in 1972 and even some of those very wealthy owner/breeders who secured the 20 private shares at £50,000 were wondering if their money was wisely invested at that time.*

*"As always happens when a great racehorse goes to stud at a very high price, there were plenty of people ready to 'knock' him and indeed his first crop did look somewhat disappointing. In fairness to the horse, though, the traumatic operation to mend his broken leg had been only 6-7 months before he started to cover his first mares and in that first season at stud he was a long way, physically, from the healthy, strong and very fertile stallion he later became. [The Derby and Irish Derby winner] Shirley Heights and [Prix du Jockey-Club winner] Acamas in his second crop soon showed, however, what he was capable of producing and a steady stream of high-class horses since then have helped Mill Reef to become established as perhaps the most important influence in European breeding since his famous ancestor Hyperion.*

**MILL REEF, h, 1968**

<b>Never Bend</b>	Nasrullah (GB)	Nearco (Ity)	Pharos (GB)
		Mumtaz Begum (Fr)	Nogara (Ity)
	Lalun	Djeddah (Fr)	Blenheim (GB)
		Be Faithful	Mumtaz Mahal (GB)
<b>Milan Mill</b> 6 Fls, 1 GSW, 1 SW	Princequillo (Ire)	Djebel (Fr)	Djezima (Fr)
		Count Fleet	Bimelech
	Virginia Water 10 Fls, 1 SW	Prince Rose (GB)	Bloodroot
		Cosquilla (GB)	Rose Prince (Fr)
			Indolence (GB)
			Papyrus (GB)
			Quick Thought
			Reigh Count
	Red Ray (GB) 2 Fls, 1 Wnr	Quickly	
		Hyperion (GB)	
		Infra Red (GB)	

*"The incredibly high average over the years of his yearlings sold at public auction has demonstrated his almost magical appeal to the major buyers. This, together with his nomination fee which rose gradually from £10,000 in his first year to a figure of £100,000 in his last two seasons, has shown him to be one of the equine bargains of all time for those shareholders and for the National Stud itself."*

Ian Balding's hands-on experience of Mill Reef and his progeny made him uniquely placed to comment on the fine detail of Mill Reef's influence.

*"The one major flaw so far in Mill Reef's record as a stallion is that, with the exception of Fairy Footsteps, he has not really produced an outstandingly fast filly."*

This changed the year after the article was written, when Milligram defeated the great Miesque in the Queen Elizabeth II S. Another top-class daughter, Behera, emerged from the same final crop as Creator, but she hardly qualified for the description "outstandingly fast," as she won the G1 Prix Saint-Alary before taking second place in the Arc.

*"In addition, many of his fillies have very dubious temperaments and certainly plenty of ability at home but often refused to produce it on the racecourse. This prompts one to wonder whether or not these same fillies will become good broodmares and whether therefore Mill Reef will ever be regarded as a good broodmare sire as well as a sire of sires..."*

For the record, Mill Reef is credited with having had 173 broodmare daughters, which produced a total of 1,532 foals. Again the statistics are impressive, with 123 of these foals--8 %--becoming black-type winners (Sadler's Wells, the multiple champion broodmare sire, has a figure of 5% black-type winners). Arguably the best winner out of a Mill Reef mare was Last Tycoon, the champion European sprinter and Breeders' Cup Mile winner who displayed the speed and precocity which had marked the first part of Mill Reef's career. Despite this line's tendency to quiriness, mares by Mill Reef's son Shirley Heights and grandson Darshaan also proved to be excellent producers, both achieving an admirable 7% black-type winners. Another of Shirley Heights' sons, Deploy, has the distinction of being the broodmare sire of that outstanding stallion Dubawi.

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**Caulfield cont.**

*"Mill Reef's well known qualities of soundness, consistency, courage, a superb action and the ability to act on all types of ground, have been passed on in abundance to the best of his sons, but surprisingly, perhaps, none of them has shown the brilliant speed at two years that he himself possessed..."*

Perhaps Creator would have gone some way towards filling that particular void had he not been handicapped by a June 1 birthday, as he still managed to win at two.

*"None of our subsequent Derby winners, even brilliant ones such as Grundy, Troy and Shergar, showed anywhere near his precocious two year old speed. It has always surprised me, therefore, that Mill Reef has been such a strong influence for stamina rather than speed and that brings up the question as to what types of mares were best suited to him. It is significant that some of his best offspring were out of mares by such relatively unfashionable sires as Abdos, Hardicanute, Relko, Right Royal, Queen's Hussar, etc. Mill Reef was essentially a well-bred, all quality, small horse and I have felt that he mated best with the opposite type of mare, i.e. big, unfashionably bred and a shade coarse in looks...."*

*"Alex Scrope's statistics, compiled by computer, and dealing only with Group-class horses, showed that he did not favour Phalaris line mares. The Ribot line mares, however, produced a high success rate as also did Hyperion, Djebel and Blandford line mares."*

*"My personal feeling, however, is that the mare's conformation was more significant than pedigree and Crown Treasure, the dam of Glint of Gold and Diamond Shoal, is also a big mare, rather lacking in quality, but extremely well bred. Yet her two sons were full of their sire's best qualities..."*

At the time he wrote his appreciation, Balding had high hopes that several of Mill Reef's young sons would follow Shirley Heights' example, by becoming an important stallion. Unfortunately, Mill Reef proved to be pretty much a one-hit wonder as a sire of sires, but what a hit Shirley Heights proved to be, single-handedly extending Mill Reef's influence on the Derby. Mill Reef's 2,000 Guineas winner Doyoun deserves an honourable mention, as he sired a pair of international stars in Daylami and Kalanisi, but he ended his career in Turkey. Creator was also unsuccessful in the role of stallion in Japan, before being transferred to the U.S. in 2004 to become a cherished member of the Old Friends squad.

Ian Balding had some interesting things to say about Mill Reef's personality:

*"Mill Reef whilst in training was as kind and co-operative as one could ever wish a colt to be. His temperament, especially on the big day, was faultless, which makes the doubtful nature of his fillies hard to understand. He was, nevertheless, a sensitive horse and just occasionally the strangest things could upset him. It was typical of him, for example, that he was never very happy when either of his two grooms, John Hallum at Kingsclere and George Roth at the National Stud, were away on holiday."*

*"Needless to say, I would never expect to train a horse as good as Mill Reef again, but it has been fascinating and a source of great pleasure for me to train so many of his offspring. I believe they all need tender and patient handling and I am always careful to try and choose the right person to groom and ride them. It is interesting, furthermore, to see those same characteristics appearing in sons and daughters of Shirley Heights..."*

Mill Reef was therefore dominant for both ability and temperament. Even if Creator was indeed his last surviving offspring, Paul Mellon's brilliant colt left such a substantial legacy that his name looks certain to be found among the ancestors of many more stars in the future.

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**Sunday, Gavea, Brazil**

**GRANDE PREMIO DIANA-G1**, BRZ\$176,640

(US\$61,409), Gavea, 3-1, 3yo, f, 2000mT, 2:00.06, fm.

1--#**@▲CRUISELINER (BRZ)**, 125, f, 3, by Wild Event

**1st Dam: Quantia Exata (Brz)**, by Trempolino

**2nd Dam: Ex Facto**, by Known Fact

**3rd Dam: Premiere Princess (Brz)**, by Exclusive Native

O-Stud Estelinha; B-Haras Santa Maria de Araras (Brz); T-Roberto Solanes; J-A.M. Souza; Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-2. Brz\$85,454. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#). **Werk Nick Rating:**

**First stakes winner on this cross.**

2--**Leading Hat (Brz)**, 125, f, 3, Top Hat (Brz)--Leading Cat (Brz), by Roi Normand. O/B-Haras Sao Jose da Serra (Brz); T-Roberto Solanes. Brz\$25,636.

3--**Caritzia (Brz)**, 125, f, 3, [Elusive Quality](#)--Rubia del Rio (Brz), by Put It Back. O/B-Haras Santa Maria de Araras (Brz); T-Roberto Morgadado Neto. Brz\$11,090.

Margins: 3/4, 1, HF. Odds: 7.50, 5.70, 2.20.

Also ran: Garota Da Barra (Brz), Birkin Bag (Brz), Energia Garoa (Brz), Grazi (Brz), Calendula (Brz), Chocolatera (Brz), January Jones (Brz), Energia Galileo (Brz), Desert Dream (Brz), Darin (Brz), Nossa Amizade (Brz).

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**Sunday, Gavea, Brazil**

**GRANDE PREMIO FRANCISCO EDUARDO DE PAULA MACHADO-G1**, BRZ\$140,880 (US\$49,221), Gavea, 3-1, 3yo, 2000mT, 1:58.11, fm.

1--#@▲**UNIVERSAL LAW (BRZ)**, 125, c, 3, by **Christine’s Outlaw**  
**1st Dam: Universal Rara (Brz) (SP-Brz)**, by **Ramirito (Brz)**  
**2nd Dam: Ola I Ask (Brz)**, by **Grimaldi (Brz)**  
**3rd Dam: If I Ask (Brz)**, by **Analogy (Brz)**

O-Haras Regina; B-Haras Cruz de Pedra (Brz); T-Roberto Solanes; J-Bruno Reis; Lifetime Record: 5-4-0-0. Brz\$69,181. \*Full to Uareoutlaw (Brz), Ch. 2yo Colt-Brz, G1SW-Brz; and a half to Uaredemon (Brz) (Watchmon), GSW-Brz, MSW-Uru. **Werk Nick Rating: A + + + . \*Triple Plus\***. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**Caballo De Hierro (Brz)**, 125, c, 3, Wild Event--Bukebele (Brz), by Punk (Arg). O-Haras Regina; B-Haras Santa Maria de Araras (Brz); T-Roberto Solanes. Brz\$20,754.

3--**Energia Guest (Brz)**, 125, c, 3, Elmustanser (GB)--Kathedrale (Brz), by Ramirito (Brz). O/B-Haras Estrela Energia (Brz); T-Gevaldo Duarte. Brz\$13,836. Margins: 2, 3, 1 1/4. Odds: 2.50, 2.50, 26.30. Also ran: Cambiodesligo (Brz), Energia Groom (Brz), Bejart (Brz), Carrocel Encantado (Brz), Nikito, Canto Aberto (Brz), Bebe Real (Brz), Cartola (Brz). Scratched: Carismatico (Brz), Paint Naif (Brz). **Click for the [Racing Post result](#) or the [free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree](#). [VIDEO](#).**

**PATINACK SOLD TO HK BILLIONAIRE**

Hong Kong billionaire Tony Fung has purchased all four Gold Coast equine properties formerly owned by Patinack Farm, according to the *Gold Coast Bulletin*. The deal, whose amount remains undisclosed, was confirmed Tuesday by a spokesman, who added Mr. Fung was “considering a number of options for future developments.” Mr. Fung, a racehorse owner in Queensland, is the chairman of real estate and casino group Aquis, which was recently behind the A\$6 million purchase of the Canberra casino and also has plans to develop a resort and casino near Cairns.



**Tony Fung**  
Aquis Real Estate

The four properties had been bought for A\$21.05 million in 2010 by former coal magnate Nathan Tinkler, who added some significant investments to

transform them into a state-of-the-art breeding and training complex. Tinkler started facing financial difficulties in the Summer of 2012 due to slowing demand and dropping coal prices. Early in 2013, it transpired that his entire equine operation, including stock and properties, was up for sale. A deal with so-called UAE-based investment firm Cibola Capitals was announced by Tinkler in May 2014, only to evaporate with the buyer’s very existence being questioned.

In August last year, Gerry Harvey, founder of Magic Millions and head of a retail empire, revealed that he would call in his debt upon Tinkler, which some sources have assessed at up to A\$40 million. An unreserved sale of over 500 foals, yearlings, broodmares, stallions and horses in training owned by Patinack was held the following month by Magic Millions, grossing A\$34 million. The Gold Coast properties also went under the hammer in October, but failed to reach their reserves, attracting final bids of a total A\$11.6 million.

Gerry Harvey was unaware of the sale to Mr. Fung when contacted by the *Gold Coast Bulletin*.

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**PRIDE OF DUBAI TO BYPASS GOLDEN SLIPPER**

G1 Blue Diamond S. hero **Pride Of Dubai (Aus)** (Street Cry {Ire}) will not take part in the G1 Golden Slipper S. Mar. 21, a race for which he would have been required to be supplemented. Speaking on *RSN* radio Tuesday,



**Pride Of Dubai**  
Racing and Sports

Peter Snowden, who trains the Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Maktoum homebred in partnership with son Paul, explained, “It’s not the late fee, it’s more he reached his grand final on Saturday. To me it’s too much to ask a horse to back up in three weeks time. To bring him back up again would be too arduous.” The conditioner also expressed doubts regarding the 1200-meter trip for the Golden Slipper--identical to the Blue Diamond S., in which the colt missed the break. “I think the

speed would be too solid. He can’t get going quick enough and I would think 1400 [meters] or a mile would suit him better,” Snowden Sr. said. “With that in mind, I would think the Sires’ [G1 Sires’ Produce S. Apr. 4] will suit much better. It’s five weeks away and he’ll be better at Randwick.”

The latest order of entry for the Golden Slipper was revealed Monday, with Blue Diamond runner-up **Reemah (Aus)** (Redoute’s Choice {Aus}) and third **Lake Geneva (Aus)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) proving the major movers courtesy of their additional earnings of A\$180,000 and A\$90,000 respectively. The powerful Godolphin stable remains dominant in the order of entry, with G2 Skyline S. victor **Exosphere (Aus)** (Lonhro {Aus}) now exempt from ballot and seven other juveniles appearing amongst the top 20 by earnings. [Click here](#) for the full order of entry.

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## GULFSTREAM ANNOUNCES SUMMER STAKES

Gulfstream Park has announced a summer meet stakes schedule worth a record \$4.7 million. Highlights of the calendar include the restoration of the popular Summit of Speed--worth just over a total of \$1 million, and a continuation of the \$2 million Florida Sire Stakes Series. In total, Gulfstream will play host to five graded stakes races throughout the meet, which begins Apr. 8.

"We believe this is our strongest and most balanced summer stakes schedule yet," said Gulfstream General Manager P.J. Campo. "After consulting with horsemen and breeders, we believe this stakes schedule continues rebuilding summer racing in Florida."

The Summit of Speed, a longtime fixture on the Calder Race Course docket, will be held July 5 this year at Gulfstream. Main events on the card include a pair of Breeders' Cup 'Win and You're In' races in the GII Princess Rooney H. and the GII Smile Sprint H., as well as the GIII Azalea S. and the GIII Carry Back S. The Summit of Speed was not contested in 2014.

The graded stakes schedule gets underway Apr. 25, with the GIII Miami Mile H. on the turf.

As usual, the Florida Sire Stakes Series will run as a series of races for both juvenile males and females contested at progressively longer distances. The events will be held Aug. 8, Sept. 5 and Oct. 3. Additionally, a total of six newly created Florida Sire stakes for 3-year-olds will be carded on the same dates.

"With nearly \$5 million in purses, we're looking forward to a tremendous summer season at Gulfstream Park," added Campo.

The complete summer stakes schedule can be found at [gulfstreampark.com](http://gulfstreampark.com).

## Eastern U.S.

### 'Canter For The Cause' Returns to Pimlico May 3:

Pimlico Race Course has announced that it will play host to the *Canter For The Cause* event May 3, which allows the public to walk, trot, canter or gallop their horses on the Pimlico main track. To the benefit of the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance and Susan G. Komen Maryland, there is a \$50 entry fee for horses and a \$25 entry fee for ponies.

The event is one of numerous charity initiatives to be held by the Maryland Jockey Club prior to Black-Eyed Susan Day at Pimlico. The May 15 festivities at the track include "Ultimate Girls Day Out," a celebration of female vitality.

"This is a great opportunity for our region's horse owners and horse lovers to celebrate the Preakness and Black-Eyed Susan Day while giving back to Thoroughbred aftercare and Susan G. Komen Maryland," noted Maryland Jockey Club general manager Sal Sinatra. "It's also a great opportunity for all of us at the Maryland Jockey Club to meet so many people who share our love and passion for the horse."

*Canter For The Cause* will take place from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. EST. In addition to riding around the oval, participants will be permitted to walk their equine friends through the starting gate and pose for photographs in the winner's circle.

Entries for the event close Apr. 27. Tickets can be purchased through the Pimlico Ticket Office at (877)-206-8042, or by sending a check through the mail to *Canter For The Cause*, 5201 Park Heights Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215.

More information can be found at [pimlico.com](http://pimlico.com).



Monday Cancellations  
Parx (Races 3-9),  
Turf Paradise (Races 5-8)  
& Mountaineer (Full card)

## INDUSTRY INFO

### Jockey Club Releases 2015 Fact Book:

The Jockey Club announced yesterday that the 2015 Fact Book has been made available in the 'Resources' page of their website. The Fact Book provides statistical information--as well as an organizational directory--for the breeding, racing and auction sectors of the Thoroughbred industry.

The yearly Breeding Statistics report and the Report of Mares Bred are available in the 'Breeding' section of the online publication.

State Fact Books, which provide detailed information related to a number of individual states and Canadian provinces, can also be found on [jockeyclub.com](http://jockeyclub.com). Statistics are updated on a monthly basis.

## Central U.S.

**9th-HOU, \$21,000, Alw, C, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:12 4/5, gd.** **BELLA PAELLA** (f, 3, [Bellamy Road](#)--Smooth Brandy, by **Awesome Again**) was the easiest of winners in her six-panel unveiling here Feb. 17, never threatened in a 7 1/4-length wire-to-wire thrashing. Bet down to 3-5 favoritism from a 6-1 morning line for this second start, the dark bay broke a bit slowly and rushed up to gain command along the rail. Quickly in front by more than a length, she dispatched a brief challenge from Beau's Angel (Speightstown) on the far turn and drove clear to score by 3 3/4 lengths over that rival. The winner's dam is a half-sister to GISW Dr. Zic (Milwaukee Brew). Sales history: \$7,500 yrl '13 TEXAUG; \$20,000 RNA wlng '12 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$24,060. O-Jose Luis Espinoza. B-Center Hills Farm & Fred and Susan D (OK). T-Jerenesto Torrez. [Click for the brisnet.com chart.](#)



# ROOKIES

**First/second-crop starters to watch: Sunday, February 7**  
*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2011 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs \* Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*  
**FLATTERING REPORT** (Flatter), Zoeller Ranches, \$2K, 7/0/0  
 3-HOU, Msw, 6f, Z Secret Report, 12-1

## BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**8th-GGX, \$30,498**, 3-1, NW1\$X, 4yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:09 3/5, ft.

**AALSMEER** (g, 4, **Flower Alley--Carolina Belle**, by Dixie Union) Lifetime Record: 14-4-3-2, \$62,300. O-John Battle. B-Fred W Hertrich III (KY). T-Doug Utley. \*\$12,000 yrl '12 KEEJAN.

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**8th-MNR, \$25,100**, 3-1, 3yo/up, 5f, :56, gd.  
**JASIZZLE** (g, 6, **Jazil--Silky Bay**, by Stravinsky) Lifetime Record: GSP, 40-9-9-4, \$342,924. O/T-Tommy Ray Mills. B-Tommy Ray & Lisa Dawn Mills (KY). \*\$29,000 RNA yrl '10 FTKOCT.

**3rd-MVR, \$24,000**, Opt. Clm. (\$16,000), NW4LX, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13 1/5, ft.

**GUILDED REWARD** (m, 8, **Grand Reward--Time for a Heart**, by Gilded Time) Lifetime Record: 59-12-9-7, \$167,347. O-Judy Meyers. B-Langsem Farm Inc (OH). T-Shane Meyers. \*\$4,700 yrl '08 KEESEP.

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Estellara**, f, 3, **Henrythenavigator**--Nicole's Dream (MSW, \$826,454), by Northern Trend. GGX, 3-1, 6f (AWT), 1:10. B-Dare To Dream Stable LLC (KY). \*\$52,000 yrl '13 KEEJAN; \$50,000 yrl '13 KEESEP; \$75,000 2yo '14 BESMAR.

### SEQUEL BLOODSTOCK graduate

**Sidaam**, g, 4, **Tapit**--Habibti (MGISW, \$564,851), by Tabasco Cat. SUN, 3-2, 1m, 1:37 4/5. B-Shadwell Farm LLC (KY). \*\$25,000 HRA '14 KEENOV. \*1/2 to Eldaafer (A.P. Indy), MGSW, \$1,031,835; and Muhaawara (Unbridled's Song), SW, \$131,297.



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### IN ARGENTINA:

+ **Drafter** (Arg), c, 2, **Harlan's Holiday**--Easily Swayed, by More Than Ready. HDC, 2-28, Mdn, a6f, 1:12.60. B-Chenaut (Arg).

### IN CHILE:

**Madame Holiday** (Arg), f, 2, **Harlan's Holiday**--Madam Rochas, by Roar. PAL, 2-28, Mdn, a6f, 1:12.01. B-La Esperanza (Arg).

### IN JAPAN:

#**Mask Zorro**, c, 4, **Roman Ruler**--Saravati, by Giant's Causeway. HNS, 3-1, Itami S., 9f. Lifetime Record: 9-4-1-0, \$445,083. O-Shigeo Kadono; B-Andre Lynch, Dermot Ryan, David O'Loughlin & Petaluma Bloodstock; T-Inao Okada. \*\$170,000 wnlg '11 KEENOV. \*\*"He traveled nicely, but lost his spirit a bit when he took the lead," commented winning jockey Yutaka Take. "He has plenty of scope and will improve a lot physically as well. He is a very powerful horse."

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## Australasia

### Blue Riband Session a Success on Day Two of Inglis:

Aggregate, average and median prices continued to grow on the second day of the Inglis Premier Yearling Sale, with 162 horses selling for a combined A\$17,183,500 and an average of A\$106,070, while the clearance rate, which had been the only downward figure on day one, received a significant boost from a buoyant 'Blue Riband session'. Overall, 79% of the 205 yearlings offered Monday found new homes, but this figure reached 85% for the 48-lot Blue Riband session--a selection of yearlings bred and conformed to excel over middle and staying distances.



Session-topping Foxwedge colt  
*Inglis*

Reflecting on the first two days of selling, with two more to go, Inglis

Managing Director Mark Webster commented, "The sale continues to improve, which is the main thing. The clearance from day one is up to 81%, so we've overcome that little hiccup, and selling on day two was really strong." **Cont p.3**

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**Inglis cont.**

Webster highlighted that all figures for days one and two combined were up from last year, with turnover reaching A\$28,376,000, up 13%, and average and median prices both up 14%, at A\$98,873 and A\$80,000 respectively. The total number of lots sold for A\$150,000 or more by the end of day two has also risen, from 26 in 2013 to 38 last year and now 56 in 2015.

A new Australian sales record price for the progeny of first-season sire Foxwedge (Aus) was set before 11:00 a.m. when [lot 185](#), a colt out of the Group 1 performer Glowlamp (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}) was purchased for A\$420,000. Offered from the draft of Newgate Farm, the colt from the family of Rock Of Gibraltar (Ire) was bought by New South Wales trainer Paul Perry. Another popular first-season sire in Sepoy (Aus) was responsible for the second-highest price of the day when a filly from Rosemont Stud ([lot 285](#)) sold to local trainer Clinton McDonald for A\$350,000. The chestnut is out of the stakes-placed Choisir (Aus) mare Jesse's Girl (Aus), herself a full-sister to dual Group 3 winner Eloping (Aus) and a half-sister to G3 Blue Diamond Prelude scorer Of The Brave (Aus) (Starspangledbanner {Aus}).

South African buyers were responsible for the two session-topping purchases Sunday and proved once again prominent on day two, providing particularly strong support to the Blue Riband session. Trainer Mike de Kock and Form Bloodstock's Jehan Malherbe teamed up to secure two yearlings headed by a A\$310,000 Redoute's Choice (Aus) colt from the draft of Arrowfield Stud ([lot 258](#)). The brown colt hails from the family of Group 1 winner First Seal (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}).

Malherbe commented, "Mike has had some good Redoute's Choice's before so he is very excited to get that colt. His pedigree caught our eye first up. He's got a beautiful page and he is a very athletic horse." The agent added, "He's not one of the very big Redoute's, he's more of the racy type, the type Mike has had success with." The leading South African conditioner has had some pretty good offspring of the great Arrowfield sire in his care, including South African champion juvenile filly Majmu (Aus) and multiple group winner Musir (Aus).

Fellow South African Paul Guy of Heritage Bloodstock forked out A\$240,000 for [lot 238](#), a Bernardini colt out of the stakes-placed Gold Chant (Aus) (El Moxie), a half-sister to exciting sire Starspangledbanner (Aus). "He's obviously got a wonderful pedigree," the winning bidder said of the Milburn Creek offering, "but as an individual he's just a well-conformed, great-moving horse with great action, a good head, just everything we want to find in a good colt." Markus Jooste's Mayfair Speculators were also on the lookout for Classic prospects and secured [lot 252](#) for A\$250,000, a Street Cry (Ire) colt out of Oneworld Onedream (Aus), from the family of Charge Forward (Aus) consigned by New Zealand's Henley Park.

Local buyers were also active during the Blue Riband session, headed by Laurel Oak Bloodstock's A\$280,000 purchase of a Fastnet Rock (Aus) filly ([lot 269](#)) out of the Group 3 winner Valkyrie Diva (Aus) (Jade Robbery), herself a half-sister to dual Australian Horse of the Year Makybe Diva (Aus) (Desert King {Ire}). Victorian trainer Henry Dwyer also bought a Northern Meteor (Aus) filly out of the stakes-winning Be My Princess (Aus) (Chief's Crown) for A\$240,000 ([lot 222](#)).

Overall, the Blue Riband session realized a record average of A\$135,488--up 5% from last year--for 41 lots sold, with nine of them achieving A\$200,000 or more. Inglis Victorian director Peter Heagney was pleased with the results and explained of the reasoning behind this highlight of the Inglis Premier Sale, "Despite the fact that many people want a sprinter or an early-coming 2-year-old, the big prize money is in our staying and Classic races. Comes Spring Carnival time, everybody says 'Where are our Classic horses? Where are our stayers?' We're not breeding them," he continued. "So we thought by having this Blue Riband session, we're going to expose those horses that were bred that way to the market place and encourage people to participate and buy this sort of horses, give them a little bit of time and have them running so we've got Australian-bred horses running in our Classics and our cups."

Day three of the Inglis Premier Yearling Sale begins today at 10:30 a.m. local time. For a video wrap of yesterday's action, [click here](#).

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CUMULATIVE TOTALS	2015	2014
• Catalogued	392	383
• No. Offered	356	345
• No. Sold	287	289
• RNAs	69	56
• % RNAs	19.4%	16.2%
• High Price	A\$560,000	A\$450,000
• Gross	A\$28,376,500	A\$25,023,681
• Average (% change)	A\$98,873 (+14.2%)	A\$86,587
• Median (% change)	A\$80,000 (+14.3%)	A\$70,000

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**INGLIS PREMIER YEARLING SALE  
SESSION TWO TOP LOTS**

Lot	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (A\$)
<a href="#">185</a>	c	<a href="#">Foxwedge (Aus)</a>	<a href="#">Glowlamp (Aus)</a> <i>B-EGT Bateman (Aus)</i> Consigned by Newgate Farm Purchased by Paul Perry Racing	420,000
<a href="#">285</a>	f	<a href="#">Sepoy (Aus)</a>	<a href="#">Jesse's Girl (Aus)</a> <i>B-Saconi Thoroughbreds (Aus)</i> Consigned by Rosemont Stud Purchased by Clintan McDonal Racing	350,000
<a href="#">200</a>	f	<a href="#">Fastnet Rock (Aus)</a>	<a href="#">Heart Ashley</a> <i>B-Kia Ora Stud</i> Consigned by Kia-Ora Stud Purchased by Mitchell McEvoy Racing Pty Ltd	330,000
<a href="#">258</a>	c	<a href="#">Redoute's Choice (Aus)</a>	<a href="#">Possessed (Aus)</a> <i>B-DR Fleming (Aus)</i> Consigned by Arrowfield Stud Purchased by Form Bloodstock	310,000
<a href="#">269</a>	f	<a href="#">Fastnet Rock (Aus)</a>	<a href="#">Valkyrie Diva (Aus)</a> <i>B-Makybe Racing &amp; Breeding (Aus)</i> Consigned by Millburn Creek Purchased by Laurel Oak Bloodstock Pty Ltd	280,000
<a href="#">305</a>	c	<a href="#">Fastnet Rock (Aus)</a>	<a href="#">Lady of Spain (Aus)</a> <i>B-Katom (Aus)</i> Consigned by Erinvale Thoroughbreds Purchased by Tan Sri Vincent Tan/Dato Robin Tan	275,000

**Riley Gets Further Stay:**

Mornington trainer Mark Riley, who was handed a three-year ban by the Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board last week, will remain free to train until at least Mar. 26 as a result of a second stay granted by the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal. The VCAT had initially suspended the ban until this week. Racing Victoria commented in a statement, "VCAT has today granted trainer Mark Riley a stay of proceedings until 26 Mar. 2015, when it will reconvene to hear his appeal against the three-year disqualification handed down on 23 February 2015 by the RAD Board. Racing Victoria stewards opposed the application for a stay of proceedings, however VCAT ruled in favour of Mr. Riley who is now permitted to continue training until his appeal is heard by VCAT."

**Fontiton to Undergo Surgery:**

The Robert Smerdon-trained **Fontiton (Aus)** (Turffontein {Aus}), who suffered her first defeat at the hands of Pride of Dubai (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}) in Saturday's G1 Blue Diamond S., was found to have exited the race with an injury. The filly is to undergo surgery to remove bone chips from her off-fore fetlock. "X-rays taken today [Monday] have shown that there are two bone chips off the fetlock and she will go in for surgery, which will likely be up in Bendigo," Smerdon said. "The prognosis is very good and the convalescence period matches up perfectly with the planned spell that she was having, so it will not have any impact on our plans for the Spring Carnival."

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**Leitir Mor to Poonawalla Stud:**

Local sources have announced that **Leitir Mor (Ire)** (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}--Christinas Letter {Ire}, by Galileo {Ire}) is to take up stud duties at Poonawalla Stud farm near Pune, in the state of Maharashtra, India. The 5-year-old was bred and trained by Jim Bolger and raced in the colors of his wife Jackie to two wins and 13 places from 32 starts. Leitir Mor was a precocious and talented juvenile who filled the runner-up spot in the G1 Phoenix S. and won the G3 Round Tower S. on what was his 10th start of the season. On most of his outings, Leitir Mor was assigned the arduous task of setting the pace for his stable companion Dawn Approach (Ire) (New Approach {Ire}), yet he often hung on to retain a placing, notably when third behind that horse and Designs On Rome (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) in the G1 National S. and was second in the G1 Dewhurst S. at Newmarket.

The tough-as-nails colt was back for more as a 3-year-old, winning the G3 Ballycorus S. when racing for his own account and keeping up with pacemaking duties in the G1 2000 Guineas, G1 St James's Palace S., G1 Prix Jacques le Marois and G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. He was last seen when last of eight in the G3 Concorde S. last October. Leitir Mor joins St James's Palace S. victor Excellent Art (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), Group 1 performer Ace (Ire) (Danehill) and the Aga-Khan bred Group 2 scorer Arazan (Ire) (Anabaa) at Poonawalla.

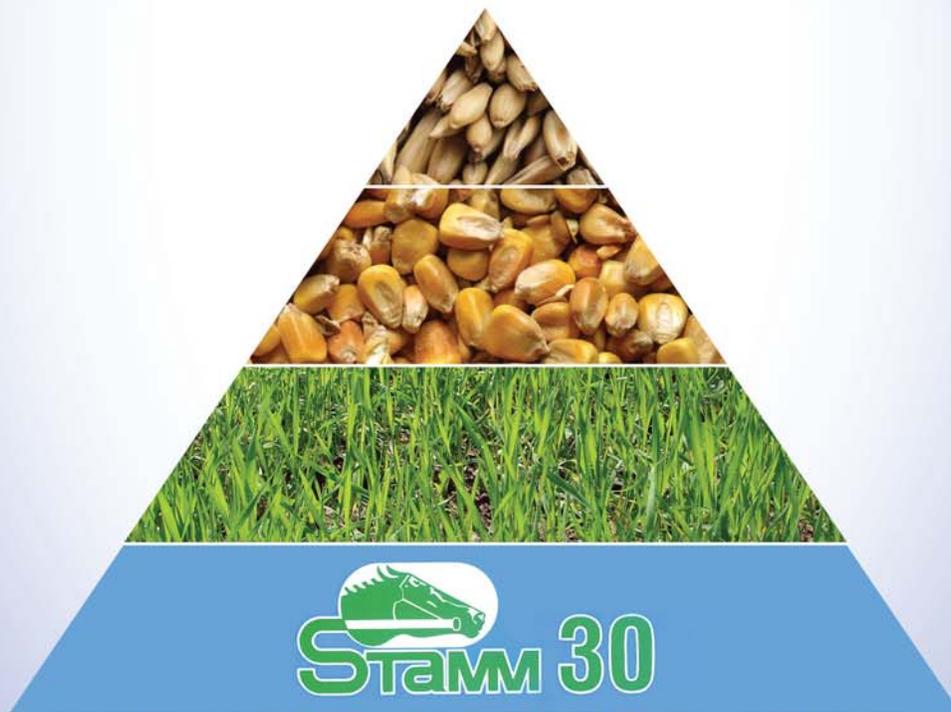


IFHA Chairman Louis Romanet (r) attended the races at the Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club in Bahrain Saturday as the guest of Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad al Khalifa (l), the club's Deputy Chairman. Romanet was on hand to discuss areas of harmonisation, including the IFHA's role in providing technical counsel in the club's organization of regional and international horseracing events. Romanet said that the equine techniques in practice at the Club--including the use of plastic barriers and other safety features--are aligned with best practices to host international events, and he extended an invitation to al Khalifa to attend the annual International Conference of Horseracing Authorities and the Arc this October.



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Juddmonte stalwart **FLINTSHIRE (GB)** (**Dansili (GB)**) is sent for a warm-up by Andre Fabre for a visit to Meydan at the end of the month in this specially laid-on prep race. Last year's G1 Hong Kong Vase hero and G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe and GI Breeders' Cup Turf runner-up tackles five rivals which include His Highness The Aga Khan's **Dolnya (Fr)** (**Azamour (Ire)**), the Alain de Royer-Dupre trained G2 Prix de Malleret winner.

## BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Monaleen (Ire)**, f, 4, **High Chaparral (Ire)**--Dawn Air, by Diesis (GB). WOL, 3-2, 9f 103y (AWT), 2:03 3/5. B-M Morrissey (Ire).

**Cadeaux Power (GB)**, f, 4, **Major Cadeaux (GB)**--Right Answer (GB) (SP-Eng), by Lujain. WOL, 3-2, 5f 216y (AWT), 1:13 2/5. B-Bearstone Stud (GB). \*6,500gns HRA '14 TATHIT. \*\* 1/2 to Galtymore Lad (GB) (Indesatchel {Ire}), MSP-Eng, \$253,902.

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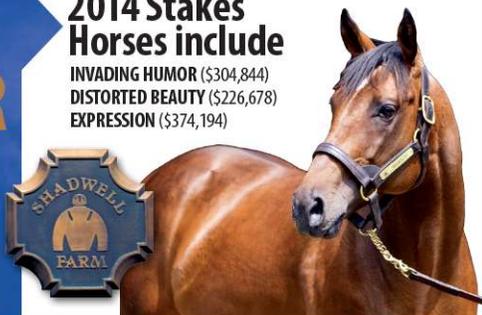
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**PENTATONIC**, 20, Cure the Blues--Aljadam, by Anticipating  
Foal born Feb. 7, a filly by Customs for Carlos.  
Will be bred back to Bodemeister.  
Owned by Relentless Racing LLC.  
Boarded at Clear Creek Stallion Station.  
Accomplishments: GSW & MGISP, \$601,861. Dam of Four Leaf Chief (Lookin At Lucky), MSW, \$150,600.

**SANTINA DOND**, 7, El Prado (Ire)--Tri Skipping, by Skip Trial  
Foal born Feb. 7, a filly by Creative Cause.  
Will be bred back to Creative Cause.  
Owned by B.C. & Bret Jones.  
Boarded at Airdrie Stud.  
Accomplishments: SW, \$102,889.

**VINDY CITY**, 8, Vindication--Squall City, by Carson City  
Foal born Feb. 7, a filly by Colonel John.  
Will be bred back to Tiznow.  
Owned by Woodford Thoroughbreds.  
Boarded at Woodford Thoroughbreds Kentucky.  
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