ERAGON COULD FILL MCINGVALE PEGASUS SLOT

by Jessica Martini

With the retirement of last year’s champion sprinter Runhappy (Super Saver), owner Jim McIngvale had to go to Plan B to fill his berth in the Jan. 28 GI Pegasus World Cup and he found his candidate for the $12-million race in Argentinian multiple Group 1 winner Eragon (Arg) (Offlee Wild).

“He’s a good horse and he was the right price,” McIngvale said while confirming the purchase of the 5-year-old Monday afternoon. “And they don’t train on Lasix down there, which was important to me. I’m already invested in the race and Runhappy isn’t running anymore, so I had to fill the hole.”

Eragon, previously owned by Vignatti Roberto Antanio and trained by Roberto Pellegatta, has won 10 of 20 races in his native Argentina. In addition to a Group 1 win over the turf, the dark bay captured the June 25 G1 Estrellas Mile and the Nov. 12 G1 Gran Premio Hipodromo de Palermo over the dirt. He has made two starts and won a stakes race at the Pegasus’s nine-furlong distance.

“We had some people advising us on the horse and then I sent [trainer] Laura [Wohlers] down there to look at him,” McIngvale continued. “We went back and forth for several days and finally got it done. He’s in Miami now and we’re happy to have Eragon in South Florida getting ready to train for this race.”

MASOCHISTIC TO BE DQ’D FROM BC SPRINT

Masochistic (Sought After) will be disqualified from his runner-up effort in the Nov. 5 GI Breeders’ Cup Sprint after testing positive for small amounts of the legal steroid stanozolol, trainer Ron Ellis confirmed Monday evening.

“The medication was administered on the recommendation of my veterinarian for the therapeutic purposes of recovering from bleeding and weight loss stemming from his Aug. 27 race at Del Mar,” Ellis said in a statement. “Unfortunately, the medication that was given intramuscular 68 days before the Breeders’ Cup lingered in his system. No sinister purpose was involved, as the injection was given outside of the recommended 60-day guidelines and registered with the state as required.”

Owned by Los Pollos Hermanos Racing and Jay Em Ess Stable, Masochistic finished second behind Drefong (Gio Ponti) in the Sprint. He captured the GII Pat O’Brien H. at Del Mar Aug. 27. The 6-year-old gelding also won last year’s GI Triple Bend S. and GII Kona Gold S. Cont. p3

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Prominent racing owner Vinnie Viola has been nominated to the post of Army Secretary, pending Senate confirmation. Racing as St. Elias Stable, Viola campaigns GI Spinaway S. winner Sweet Loretta (Tapit).

Lightstream (Harlan’s Holiday), already a multiple graded stakes winner, will make her first start for new co-owner Little Red Feather Racing in the Dec. 26 GI La Brea S.

Satono Ares (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn})’s win in Sunday’s G1 Asahi Hai Futurity took pedigree analyst Andrew Caulfield back to a hot 1986 day in Kentucky.
Eragon Could Fill McIngvale Pegasus Slot
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McIngvale acknowledged Eragon will face a daunting task against the likes of California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit) in the Pegasus. “Obviously, it’s a tough assignment, but anything is possible in a horse race,” McIngvale said.

Masochistic to be DQ’d from BC Sprint
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According to Ellis, Masochistic was tested three times as part of out-of-competition testing done on all Breeders’ Cup runners. “The last of those tests, taken eight days prior to the race, showed there were still some picogram amounts of the drug in his system,” Ellis explained. “I was informed by the Equine Medical Director three days before the race that he was concerned there was a chance of a positive test on race day. We tried to run another test on him, but couldn’t find a lab that could test to such low levels in time. So after conferring with top veterinarians and considering picograms are a trillionth of a gram and that he had eight days to clear such a small amount, it was decided Masochistic would “most likely” come out with a clear test.”

The post-Breeders’ Cup testing done at the University of California at Davis, showed less than 200 picograms of the steroid. That result was confirmed by split sample testing done at Industrial Laboratory Dec. 16.

The California Horse Racing Board has scheduled a Dec. 30 hearing with the Santa Anita stewards to disqualify Masochistic and redistribute his $255,000 share of the Sprint purse.

“I have always played this game by the rules and we did that in this instance,” Ellis continued. “I am very proud of my medication history, which includes no suspensions in 35 years of training and only one minor infraction, a high Banamine, in the last 10 years. I apologize to the Breeders’ Cup and the racing industry for this unfortunate event. I understand and respect the ramifications of CHRB regulations and trust I will be treated fairly under the circumstances.”

VIOLA NOMINATED AS ARMY SECRETARY

Prominent horse owner Vincent “Vinnie” Viola, whose St. Elias Stable has campaigned, alone or in partnership, GI Spinaway S. heroine Sweet Loretta (Tapit) and Grade II winner Nonna Mela (Arch), has been nominated by President-Elect Donald Trump to be the United States Secretary of the Army, USA Today reported Monday morning. Cont. p4
“Whether it is his distinguished military service or highly impressive track record in the world of business, Vinnie has proved throughout his life that he knows how to be a leader and deliver major results in the face of any challenge,” Trump said in a statement.

Viola, who owns the NHL’s Florida Panthers and is the founder and chairman of Virtu Financial, stated that, if confirmed by the Senate, “I will work tirelessly to provide our President with the land force he will need to accomplish any mission in support of his National Defense Strategy.”

Viola, a West Point graduate and former Army Ranger, added, his main focus “will be ensuring that America’s soldiers have the ways and means to fight and win across the full spectrum of conflict.”

Along with his wife Teresa, who races under the name Teresa Viola Racing Stables, the New York-based Viola has also celebrated wins with Photo Call (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in the GI First Lady S. this year and raced last year’s GI Breeders’ Cup Dirt Mile and GI Woodward S. hero Liam’s Map (Unbridled’s Song) in partnership.

**VOX POPULI AWARD TO CALIFORNIA CHROME**

California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit), North American racing’s all-time leading earner, has been named the 2016 Secretariat Vox Populi Award winner. The award recognizes the horse whose popularity and racing excellence best resounded with the American public and gained recognition for Thoroughbred racing. California Chrome also received the award after winning the GI Kentucky Derby and GI Preakness S. in 2014.

Penny Chenery, owner of Secretariat, inaugurated the award in 2010 in honor of the 1973 Triple Crown winner. California Chrome was among this year’s nominees selected by Chenery and the Vox Populi Committee.

The 5-year-old was then selected by an on-line poll which attracted voters from 40 countries.

“The far-reaching participation we received from this year’s Vox Populi voters has been quite thrilling,” said Chenery.

“This global enthusiasm and California Chrome’s repeat selection are testament to both his athletic excellence and his abiding appeal among racing fans. In both the sports and entertainment realms, we have seen some names repeatedly receive honors, and it is those stars who typically become the all-time greats in their field. I think we are seeing California Chrome’s emergence as an enduring racing celebrity propelling him to a new level of stardom.”

California Chrome’s 2016 campaign included wins in the G1 Dubai World Cup, GI Pacific Classic and GI Awesome Again S., as well as a runner-up effort in the GI Breeders’ Cup Classic. After an expected start in the Jan. 28 GI Pegasus World Cup, the strapping chestnut will take up stud duties at Taylor Made Farm.

“This horse has given us one stratospheric ride,” said co-owner Perry Martin. “I continue to be amazed by his courage, athleticism and his will to win. Mostly though, I’m proud to witness the love and devotion of Chrome’s fans. They’ve always seen what I’ve seen in him. Winning the Vox Populi Award two years ago was an incredible honor, and it is just as terrific the second time around.”

The Chenery family will present the custom-made Vox Populi trophy to the California Chrome team Jan. 14 at Santa Anita Park.
Also at $7,500 is Three Chimneys’ Fast Anna, by Medaglia d’Oro out of Dreaming of Anna, the Rahy mare who won the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies and was Champion 2-Year-Old Filly of 2006. She wasn’t as fast as Fast Anna, though; he got the Rahy rocket gene you sometimes see. Fast Anna only won one Black-Type Race, at five furlongs on the grass, but man was he fast: he ran a half-mile in :43 and change or :44 and change six times in nine starts, and was beaten a head in the GI King’s Bishop, in his only start at seven furlongs, and in just his third lifetime start. He’s been well-managed and well promoted, and you can just see him being one of those ‘back-book’ sires everybody will hope they’ll be able to afford. - Bill Oppenheim, TDN
POSITIVE RESULTS AS LOS AL MEET ENDS

Los Alamitos concluded its eight-day winter meet Sunday with increases in both all-sources handle and field size, according to a release from the track. The meet, which featured the final Golden State start for champion California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit), as well as a pair of Grade I events for juveniles, concluded with all-sources handle up a projected 16% from 2015. Field size for the meet averaged 7.89, up from 7.13 a year ago.

“I think the key to everything was our field size was up and the racing was very competitive,” said Los Alamitos Racing Association vice president and general manager Brad McKinzie. “[Racing secretary] Bob Moreno deserves all the credit. It’s quite an accomplishment to get almost eight starters a race without a turf course.”

McKinzie continued, “This was a serendipitous meet for us as we had everything fall our way. But even before California Chrome ran, we were up 13% after the first week of the meet. We’ve been up substantially every day over last winter and the only thing I can point my finger to is field size. We put on a better show and California Chrome just kicked us into another stratosphere. Watching how people reacted to California Chrome was heartwarming. The meet couldn’t have gone better.”

Bob Baffert, Peter Miller and Mike Puype shared the trainer’s title for the meet, with four wins each. Joe Talamo was the meet’s leading jockey.

LIGHTSTREAM ADDS OWNER FOR LA BREA

Multiple graded stakes winner Lightstream (Harlan’s Holiday), coming off a win in the Oct. 22 GII Lexus Raven Run S. at Keeneland, will be making her first start for new co-owner Little Red Feather Racing in the Dec. 26 GI La Brea S.

“We bought a minority interest after the Raven Run,” said Little Red Feather founder and managing partner Billy Koch. “[Existing owners] Up Hill Stable and Head of Plains Partners LLC were generous enough to let us come in for a minority share and we’re excited about the filly.”

The late-closing sophomore filly won the Apr. 17 GIII Adena Springs Beaumont S. in her second career start. She was third in the July 2 GI Mother Goose S. and a narrowly beaten second in the Aug. 6 GI Test S. before her Raven Run victory. Cont. p6
Training at Palm Meadows, Lightstream most recently worked Saturday, going six furlongs in 1:15.55.

“She’s training awesome for Brian Lynch at Palm Meadows in Florida and she arrives at Santa Anita this week,” Koch said.

“We’re excited about the prospects of running in the La Brea,” Koch continued. “I think she will definitely be one of the favorites, if not the favorite. She just needs a good trip. Julien Leparoux will ride and he knows her very well. I don’t know exactly who’s going in the race, but it looks like there’s a lot of speed, so it could set up nicely for her.”

SATONO ARES: AN INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS STORY

Satono Ares’s victory in the G1 Asahi Hai Futurity may have taken place at Hanshin racecourse, on the main Japanese island of Honshu, but a glance at the colt’s pedigree immediately transported me in time and place, to the Keeneland sales complex in the late 1980s.

I can still just about feel the glaring heat I experienced on my first visit, in 1986, and also the glass of mint julep condensing in my hand as I watched the flamboyant Tom Gentry supervise the showing of an extensive team of yearlings.

This wasn’t a stellar sale for the Gentry consignment, largely because his team didn’t include a youngster out of his blue hen Crimson Saint. This fast mare had found fame as the dam of the flying Terlingua, a $275,000 graduate of the 1977 July Sale, and Gentry had subsequently sold Crimson Saint’s yearlings for $525,000, $650,000, $1.8 million, $1.1 million and $7 million. The $1.8-million Secretariat colt became the dual Grade II winner Pancho Villa, while the $1.1-million Alydar filly also became a stakes winner as Alydariel (later to become the dam of the Grade II winner Jeune Homme).

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Despite this apparent run of success, Gentry had to file for bankruptcy in 1987, so the 1988 July Sale must have been one of very mixed emotions for him. This time Crimson Saint’s yearling was consigned by Crystal Springs Farm, Agent for Barry L. Weisbord, Trustee for Tom Gentry, Debtor. The yearling—a very handsome son of Nijinsky—topped the sale at $3.5 million and was to develop into a top-class sprinter-miler under the name Royal Academy.

Presumably this helped solve Gentry’s problems, at least temporarily, because Crimson Saint’s next two yearlings were sold as the property of Tom Gentry and Tom Gentry Farm, with these siblings to Terlingua and Pancho Villa selling for $650,000 and $2.1 million. By this time, though, Crimson Saint, was in her twenties and she was barren in 1990 and 1991.

Getting her in foal was becoming the main priority and her mate in 1991 was Artichoke, a horse a long way removed from Secretariat and Nijinsky, the Triple Crown winners responsible for most of Crimson Saint’s success. Bred and owned by Tom Gentry, Artichoke had been a stakes winner from the ages of two to five, but this son of Jacinto had gained only one graded victory, in the GIII Grey Lag H. over a mile and an eighth as a 5-year-old.

However, Artichoke eventually managed to get Crimson Saint in foal and she produced a filly June 25, 1992. The foal was officially bred by Tom Gentry Farm and Tom Gandolfo and by January 1993 she came under the hammer at Keeneland, offered by Gentry Secured Creditors, Glen Echo Farm, agent. At $175,000, the filly topped the sale’s short yearlings and she reappeared as part of the Glenvale Stud consignment at the Tattersalls Houghton Sales in October, where she RNA’d at 360,000gns.

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Named Prawn Cocktail, the daughter of Artichoke never raced and she was sent to Australia after producing one foal in Ireland. The exceptional Danehill became her regular partner in her new base and the combination did so well that Prawn Cocktail was briefly returned to Ireland, to produce a filly by Danehill and a colt by Sadler’s Wells.

Both of Prawn Cocktail’s Australian fillies by Danehill became group winners after selling for A$500,000 as yearlings. Langoustine won the G2 Maribyrnong Plate over five furlongs, while One World took the G3 Thoroughbred Breeders’ S. over six. One World in turn produced the Group 3 2-year-old winner One Last Dance. Prawn Cocktail also hit the jackpot in the sales ring (but not the racecourse) with her 2002 Danehill colt, Overlord, who made A$2.2 million as a yearling.

Her trip to Ireland has also proved very worthwhile. Her 2005 Sadler’s Wells colt, Achill Island, was good enough to finish second in the G2 Royal Lodge S. and the Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Turf. But it is Prawn Cocktail’s Irish-bred Danehill filly, Satono Amazones, who concerns us here, as the dam of Satono Ares.

Satono Amazones raced just three times as a 3-year-old in 2007, when she won a six-furlong maiden. However, her pedigree was strong enough to gain her access to Japan’s dominant stallion, Deep Impact. Satono Ares is her third foal and third winner by him. The mare also has a 2015 colt by dual Arc runner-up Orfevre.

Two years ago, when writing about the Asahi Hai Futurity, I commented that this one-mile test could accurately be described as the Japanese equivalent of the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile—not least because success in this mile test seems to carry an automatic ticket to the JRA’s award for champion 2-year-old colt.

I also mentioned that the Breeders’ Cup Juvenile has proved a very poor guide to the GI Kentucky Derby, and that the Asahi Hai Futurity has fared no better as a stepping stone to victory in the G1 Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby).

Although Nyquist improved the record of Breeders’ Cup Juvenile winners at Churchill Downs, Leontes—the 2015 Asahi Hai Futurity winner—could finish only fifth in the Tokyo Yushun. This means that no Futurity winner has gone on to win the Derby since Narita Brian completed the double back in 1993/94.
BRILLIANTLY FAST, FRONT-RUNNING MILER BY TAPIT

POSSESSED RARE SUB-1:33 MILE SPEED

RUNNER-UP IN THE GRADE 1 METROPOLITAN HANDICAP

MULTIPLE GRADED STAKES WINNER WHO RETIRED WITH CAREER EARNINGS OF NEARLY $750,000

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So where does that leave Satono Ares? I’m afraid that he too is likely to find a mile and a half against him, although his pedigree suggests he could be anything—his sire Deep Impact won at up to two miles, whereas his dam is a sprint winner from a fast family. One of his older brothers, Satono Hero, was four when he won a pair of six-furlong races which are classified as stakes races in Japan. The other, Satono Ferrari, also won at that level, taking a nine-furlong prize as a 3-year-old. The style of Satono Ares’s Group 1 victory suggests he too could stay beyond a mile, but he would need to get a mile and a quarter to become a classic winner. Perhaps the G1 NHK Mile Cup in May is a possible alternative for him. Satono Ares’s sire Deep Impact supplied the 2014 winner Mikki Isle.

Satono Ares has now won the last three of his five starts. He is worthy of the title of champion 2-year-old colt, especially when the opposition at Hanshin included several well-qualified contenders which were either conceived or bred outside of Japan. ‘TDN Rising Star’ Mi Suerte, the well-connected Frankel filly who started favorite on the strength of her G3 Fantasy S. success, was a staying-on fourth; Trillionaire, a progressive representative of the very successful Dubawi-Green Desert nick, was sixth; and Levante Lion, a Group 3-winning son of Pioneerof the Nile, was among the back markers.

Satono Ares’s efforts mean that Deep Impact, in addition to heading for his fifth consecutive sires’ championship, is also likely to end 2016 as Japan’s leading sire of 2-year-olds, although it has been a close race with Daiwa Major, another son of Sunday Silence. Deep Impact has had 76 2-year-old starters, many of them lightly raced, and 29 have won so far. Perhaps a stronger contender for next year’s Classics will be his son Cadenas, a recent Group 3 winner over a mile and a quarter.

If Deep Impact hangs on to his lead on the 2-year-old table, it will be his sixth title in the seven years he has had runners. Deep Brillante, the Tokyo Yushun winner from Deep Impact’s second crop, is in a race with I’ll Have Another for second place among the first-crop sires behind King Kamehameha’s middle-distance son Rulership. Could this be the start of a Deep Impact dynasty? The Japanese stud book already lists 13 stallion sons of Deep Impact, including the Group 1 winners Deep Brillante, Kizuna, Real Impact, Spielberg and Tosen Ra.

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What is the most pressing problem that needs to be tackled in racing, and how would you solve it?

Our sport clearly needs an expansion of its owner and fan base and we recognize this is a tremendous challenge due to our lack of a governance structure and overall unity. The expansion of gaming has been a boon in the short term for purse accounts, breeders awards and racetracks, but when we look back and evaluate, how well did we do with these additional financial resources to rebuild and strengthen the sport? In 2003, total handle was nearly $15.2 billion and purses were $1.055 billion. Twelve years later, handle decreased to $10.675 billion and purses inched up to just under $1.1 billion.

The total number of races decreased from 53,503 to 38,941, but when gaming revenues are subtracted, the total purses earned from pari-mutuel handle are estimated to be only $700 million. The long-term commitment of gaming revenues to purses is fragile at best and we need to address this now, rather than later, as we have lost approximately 30% of our wagering handle in the last 12 years. The industry stakeholders need to come together as organizations, owners, breeders, racetracks and sales companies, among others, and confront the sport’s most pressing issues and define and implement a sustainable growth strategy. The competition for the sports and entertainment dollar is as fierce today as ever before, but we have an exciting product to sell to both prospective owners and racing fans. Our marquee events, the Triple Crown and Breeders’ Cup Championships, as well as successful race meets like Saratoga, Keeneland, Del Mar, Santa Anita, Gulfstream Park and Oaklawn, continue to stimulate great excitement in the sport by attracting record attendance and strong wagering handle. But the sport cannot prosper on these races and meets alone. Cont. p11

Street Sense: five G1 winners on dirt since 2013 – only Tapit, Curlin and Bernardini have more. And $45,000 won’t get you far with them.
GI FrontRunner S. winner Gormley (Malibu Moon) worked five furlongs at Santa Anita Sunday in :59.80 (3/104) as he prepares to make his sophomore debut in the one-mile GIII Sham S. in Arcadia Jan. 7. | Horsephotos

The fan base from these events and race meets are a solid foundation to build upon, but we must find ways to make the one- or two-day-a-year racing fan become a three- or four-day-a-year racing fan and maybe even an occasional ADW player. We must be determined to unite around our common interests, which are many and leverage our strengths to achieve optimal success. The starting point to solve our problems would be for the industry's stakeholders to address the economic issues together and resolve to adopt a long-term sustainable growth plan, starting with retaining our existing owner and fan base, which will hopefully lead to economic success not only for tomorrow, but for generations to come.

What do you think somebody from the outside looking in---somebody not involved in racing---would say the most pressing problem is?
Simply, that we're losing fans at a much faster rate than we can afford and the sport has not adapted to the quickly changing times.
If you are interested in being a respondent in our Challenges and Solutions series, please email suefinley@thetdn.com.

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The preliminary lineup of the inaugural Equestricon, scheduled for Aug. 13-15 at the Saratoga Springs City Center, was announced by the organization Monday. Consisting of 45 panels, discussions, events, celebrity appearances, book signings and additional programs, there will also be meet-and-greet sessions, question-and-answer sessions, and autograph signings. Retired announcer Tom Durkin will act as the emcee of Equestricon and take part in a storytelling session.

“I’m looking forward to sharing some fun stories and playing my part to contribute to Equestricon,” Durkin commented. “I truly expect the entire industry to show up and participate in this vital effort to more closely engage with our fans.”

Topics of the sessions include popular racing personalities sharing personal insights into their careers, while other storyteller sessions will highlight the work of acclaimed racing photographers, accomplished horseplayers, successful trainers, championship-winning owners and successes in aftercare.

There will also be a heavy emphasis placed on racing media, racetrack marketing, betting technology and the expanded role of social media. Eclipse Award winners Joe Clancy and Donna Brothers are two of several well-respected journalists scheduled to appear.

“We are proud to bring this broad and diverse list of topics to the fans of racing,” said Equestricon Co-Founder Kathryn Sharp. “Our goal is to ensure that attendees of all levels of interest and backgrounds leave the event having grown their appreciation of and love for the sport.”

Making up the bulk of the Sunday schedule will be off-site events, including educational events at a local farm, the Fasig-Tipton sales ground, and the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame. The general session will run Monday and Tuesday.

Ticketing for Equestricon, panel registration and other activities are expected to go live in early February. For more information, or the preliminary event schedule, go to www.equestricon.com.

IN SOUTH KOREA:

**Good Casting**, c, 2, Majestic Warrior—Holly Days, by Langfuhr. Busan, 12-18, Hcp. ($46k), 1300m. B-Mt Brilliant Farm LLC (KY). *$10,000 Ylg ’15 KEEJAN; $35,000 2yo ’16 OBSAPR.

**Another Smart One**, g, 2, Smarty Jones--Lelander, by Cherokee Run. Seoul, 12-17, Hcp. ($51k), 1000m. B-D J Stable (PA). *$42,000 2yo ’16 FTMMAY.


**Jindallae**, g, 3, A. P. Warrior--Miss Fear Factor, by Siphon (Brz). Seoul, 12-18, Hcp. ($63k), 1400m. B-Elijah Bailey (FL). *Won by four lengths as the 9-10 favorite to make it three victories from four trips to the post. **1/2 to A Shin Bullseye (Belgravia), GSW-Jpn, $1,388,442. ***$19,000 RNA Wlg ’13 OBSOCT; $50,000 2yo ’15 OBSAPR.

**Good Lulu**, f, 3, Henny Hughes--Persia, by Eastern Echo. Seoul, 12-17, Hcp. ($51k), 1200m. B-Tapestry Stud LLC (KY). *$10,000 Ylg ’14 KEEJAN; $40,000 Ylg ’14 KEESEP.

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**+Leitelier**, c, 2, Spring At Last--Whenthetimeisright (SP, $200,440), by Devil His Due. Monterrico, 12-16, Maiden, 1300m, 1:19.62. B-Taylor Asbury MD (KY). *Graduated by 7 1/2 lengths in his career debut. **$17,000 Ylg ’15 FTKOCT. VIDEO

**#Sensacionalle**, c, 4, Broken Vow--Maria’s Quest, by Maria’s Mon. Monterrico, 12-18, Premio Laredo-Listed, 2600mT, 2:44.28. B-Kenelot Stables Ltd (KY). *MGSP-Per. **$3,200 Wlg ’12 KEENOV. ***First stakes success out of a winning half-sister to champion Kodiak Kowboy (Posse). VIDEO

**IN BRITAIN:**

**Alkashaaf**, g, 2, More Than Ready. See “British Report.”
IN JAPAN:
Rieno Tesoro, f, 2, Speightstown--Akilina (MSW & GSP, $316,460), by Langfuhr. Kawasaki, 12-14, Zennihon Nisai Yushun, 8f. Lifetime Record: MSW-Jpn, 4-4-0-0, $680,270. O-Kenji Ryotokuji; B-Oak Bluff Stables LLC; T-Ryo Takei. *1/2 to Governor Malibu (Malibu Moon), SW & MGSP, $579,350. **$250,000 Ylg ’15 FTNAUG.


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“[In addition to being by Storm Cat’s leading sire son, he is out of record-breaking graded and multiple stakes winning Miss McAuley – also dam of brilliant Breeders’ Cup Mile (G1) victor Liam’s Map – and descends from Ta Wee, a two-time Champion Sprinter who is half-sister to the legendary Dr. Fager.]”
–Alan Porter
JOCKEY MATTERS MAKING A DIFFERENCE: PART TWO

by Chris McGrath

Few have a better perspective on the mental challenges presented by the lifestyle of a typical jockey—as amplified in Jockey Matters, the series of short films discussed in yesterday's TDN—than Michael Caulfield. For 15 years until 2009, Caulfield was chief executive of the Professional Jockeys' Association and he has since become a leading sports psychologist with the Sporting Edge consultancy. And, in making his own contribution to the film devoted to mental health issues, he declares: "Of all the sports I've come across, this is the one where the competitor—i.e., the jockey—gets beat the most. Racing will test them like no other."

He speaks advisedly. He remembers sharing a hotel room for Perth races 20 years ago with A.P. McCoy, then in the early days of his unprecedented stranglehold on the jump jockeys' championship. In the middle of the night McCoy sat bolt upright and announced, "I think I'm gone." He had gone 52 rides without a winner, a rare drought in his insatiable accumulation of over 4,000 career wins. Yet Caulfield also knows men who rode nearly as long as McCoy at the other end of the spectrum, in one case failing to ride a single winner throughout an entire season.

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MCINGVALE’S PEGASUS SLOT POTENTIALLY FILLED

Owner Jim McIngvale of Runhappy (Super Saver) fame has purchased South American MG1SW Eragon (Arg) (Offlee Wild). He will be pointed toward the $12-million GI Pegasus World Cup.

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LESSONS LEARNED THIS WEEKEND

by John Berry

We have become accustomed to high-class sprinters emerging from relative obscurity in Australia. The latest potential superstar appears to be the unbeaten 3-year-old colt Winning Rupert (Aus) (Written Tycoon {Aus}), who extended his string of victories to four by taking the Gold Edition Plate at Doomben on Saturday. He had previously run a course record at Eagle Farm, but Saturday’s performance was spectacular: his comfortable 5 1/2-length triumph saw him stop the clock for the 1200m at 1:07.97, the second-fastest time ever recorded for the distance at Doomben and only 0.09 outside the record set 10 years ago by the international champion Takeover Target (Aus) (Celtic Swing {GB}).

Fast horses galore come out of the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale every January, but the company’s flagship sale is certainly not its only auction to yield good horses.

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IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

THE REAL DEEL

The first dozen DUNDEEL yearlings head to Magic Millions Gold Coast January

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Jockey Matters Making A Difference: Part Two Cont. from p1

"Even A.P. 'failed' 14,000 times in his career," Caulfield says. "I see football teams getting down after losing three on the spin. Try losing 80 or 90 or 100 on the spin. This is a sport defined by losing. One of my colleagues at Sporting Edge is working with the England rugby team [unbeaten under their new coach Eddie Jones]. As and when they do lose, the fall will be huge. Jockeys have to learn how to be beaten all the time. Even A.P. would be beaten four in five, and for most of the rest it might be nine out of 10, or more."

Jockeys often have to endure this dispiriting ratio of success along with routine physical privations, to keep their weight down, as well as a daily schedule that may extend from galloping horses at dawn to riding a second meeting of the day under floodlights—
together, in Britain especially, typically entailing several hours on the road. The cumulative erosion of morale, in Caulfield's view, sets riders a unique challenge among sportsmen. But the danger comes when you start to view it as unique to yourself.

"Racing is getting quite grown up now, about understanding the pressures these people are under all the time," Caulfield says. "In the past people sat alone in the dark or shouted at the wife. Graham Lee [in speaking out about his issues with depression] has been a shining example. The next time he went to the races 99 out of 100 people came up to him and either said: 'Well done' or 'Thank you.'"

Recently Caulfield attended a dinner of the Professional Cricketers' Association and was struck by its members' embrace of Marcus Trescothick, the prolific batsman whose public struggles in the prime of his international career did much to raise awareness of the human realities lurking behind the curtain of "stress."

"He got a three-minute ovation," Caulfield recalls. "Not one second of which was for all the runs he has scored. It was all because he has done so much to show how to handle setbacks, how to own up that you are struggling--and how to do something about it."

During their time working for Middlesbrough Football Club, Caulfield enabled the club manager Gareth Southgate—recently appointed head coach to the England national team—to spend a day in the Sussex County Cricket Club pavilion, watching the batsmen waiting their turn to bat. Southgate came away shaking his head. "I couldn't have done that," he said. "Too much thinking time."

And much the same is true of jockeys, either behind the wheel of a car or sitting under a dressing room peg between rides that may be hours apart. The difference, however, is a positive one.

"I took another football coach into the jockeys' room at Huntingdon in the early 1990s," Caulfield remembers. "And he couldn't believe the camaraderie. 'If only I could get my team as cohesive as this group,' he said. 'And they're all trying to beat each other!' It's the only sport where you can have an amateur rider whose family owns half of Warwickshire getting changed next to--and getting on famously with--Padraig who never really went to school."

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Jockey Matters Making A Difference: Part Two Cont.

Hence Caulfield's pride in his role as a trustee of the Injured Jockeys' Fund. It is sometimes in their lowest periods that jockeys can discover the true depth of the fellowship that quietly sustains their hectic lives. And Caulfield observes that the rehabilitation centres at the main British training centres--John Oaksey House in Lambourn, Jack Berry House in Malton and soon Peter O'Sullevan House in Newmarket--are priceless not only because of exemplary standards of treatment but also for the timely reinforcement, just when a jockey can feel most alone, of his sense of community.

For however unsparing the year-round regime, its interruption can cause even deeper problems than all its accumulated stresses. Caulfield emphasises the wild disparities between the highs and lows of a jockey's life--highs which, as already stated, can often be divided by cruel intervals of time. "The neuroscience tells us that the rush from winning is dangerously good," he says. "Really. Dangerously good. That's why a lot of them suffer so much when they don't have that thrill, when it's taken away. It's more mood-affecting than some things that are illegal. And, of course, the worst of all is when you lose it because you can't do it anymore."

He compares the sudden abyss, when the rush is taken away, to that experienced by a sacked football manager. From taking 50 calls a day, from scouts and agents and chairmen and publicists and media, you sit overnight next to a silent phone. "You go from 100 miles an hour to hitting a wall," Caulfield says.

"The world's best coach I've come across, in sport, told me recently that the greatest strength you can have--as a performer, or as a human being--is to ask for help. I think in the past we saw it as a weakness, a vulnerability."

-Michael Caulfield

He is unsurprised that the brotherhood he knows so well should have pulled together in order to produce the Jockey Matters series. "I do think these films are outstanding," he says. "To have these top jockeys talking this way about these matters, it's an incredible achievement. Young riders coming into the game who want to be the next Moore, McCoy or Murtagh, they can see that talking about this kind of thing is not soppy, it's not about standing in circles hugging each other. And they need to understand that because this sport can be the hardest of all."

As such, the one thing jockeys need to be able to do is ask for help. In his own contribution to the series, Caulfield elaborated the paradox that the strongest man is the one who is prepared to seek assistance. "The world's best coach I've come across, in sport, told me recently that the greatest strength you can have-- as a performer, or as a human being--is to ask for help," he says. "I think in the past we saw it as a weakness, a vulnerability. The fact that we might not be good enough, hard enough, brave enough. That is complete nonsense. [Asking for help] is the best and most important thing you will ever do--more important than any horse you will ever ride." Cont. p4
Jockey Matters Making A Difference: Part Two Cont.

Again, Caulfield elaborates the point with reference to other sports. Recently he visited a football club. When he proposed a Q&A session with the squad, he was warned that the players would prove surly and disaffected. His opening gambit was, "I'm told none of you will ask me a question." Silence. Eventually a reluctant hand. What, he was asked, sets apart the guys who make it from those that don't? "They ask questions!" replied Caulfield. "You've got half a chance, because you did ask a question. But how do the rest of you think you can end up playing for Real Madrid if you don't ask questions?"

Andy Murray, he says, is the consummate example: a man who has asked for help every step of the way. When he found himself losing too many five-setters, Caulfield says that Murray resolved to find someone to make him fitter. When he found himself squandering emotional energy on anger, likewise, he sought help from a psychological expert. And so on. "And A.P. McCoy has always been exactly the same," Caulfield adds.

Leighton Aspell, winner of consecutive Grand Nationals after coming back from retirement, warns in the film that when you do ask for help, you may not always hear quite what you want to hear. But that is where the courage comes in--the courage to know that long-term damage can sometimes only be averted by painfully pulling your head from the sand. As [Johnny] Murtagh says, in so movingly reviewing his battle with the bottle: "I didn't want to wake up when I was 50 and say, 'Oh, I could have done this, I should have done that.' I wanted to give myself my best shot. If I wasn't good enough, I wanted to be lying in bed at night saying, 'You know what, Johnny? You did a great job today, you did the best you could'."

Click here for the Jockey Matters video series.

TRAINER GILLIGAN BANNED SIX MONTHS

Irish jumps trainer Paul Gilligan has been banned for six months for racing a horse at Uttoxeter after it had previously run at an unrecognised meeting in Ireland. The horse in question, Dubawi Phantom (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), was disqualified from the win at Uttoxeter. The penalty was handed down by a British Horseracing Authority disciplinary panel on Monday at a rehearing; Gilligan had received the same penalty in March, but that verdict was thrown out as the panel had included Matthew Lohn, who was later found to have previously undertaken paid work for the BHA, creating an appearance of bias. Lohn was also involved in the high profile Jim Best case that was reheard last week.

"He has been found in breach and he has been disqualified for six months. That is the same penalty he got first time round," said BHA spokesman Robin Mounsey. "The written reasons will follow, probably in the new year."

Gilligan was prevented from running Dubawi Phantom at the Galway festival of 2014 by Irish Turf Club stewards, who believed the horse was in fact Ayres Rock, a horse who ran at the Dingle festival the previous year. Dubawi Phantom had run and won at Uttoxeter prior to Galway, prompting the BHA to begin its own investigations. The BHA’s veterinary officer, Nick Bowen, studied photographs and DVD recordings of the previous outings of both Dubawi Phantom and Ayres Rock and concluded it was the same horse, based largely on its idiosyncratic markings.

PLUS 10 TO LIMIT BONUSES

Plus 10 bonuses in Britain and Ireland will be limited to one per horse from Apr. 1, 2017, due to a likely increase in the number of qualifying races and the impact of an increased number of novices races for 2-year-olds. Plus 10 has made payments totaling £8-million to 800 individual owners and breeders since March 2015 through its £10,000 bonuses, and there has been a 10% uplift in the number of qualifying 2-year-olds. The British Horseracing Authority has reported that field sizes for races carrying a Plus 10 bonus outperform the equivalent by 5%, and this year almost 40 Plus 10 qualifying races were split due to demand. These factors have seen the number of qualifying races expand from 550 to 600.

Plus 10 Chairman Julian Richmond-Watson said, "Plus 10 is achieving its aims of encouraging investment in bloodstock, stimulating racehorse ownership and incentivising owners to run their horses more often. Because of its success, we are introducing this small change which we consider to be the least impactful to all stakeholders in Plus 10, to ensure the scheme operates at a sustainable level in the future. While qualifying horses will no longer be able to win a second bonus, this is offset by improved opportunities to win as more races qualify for a bonus, thereby maintaining the broad scope of the scheme across 2- and 3-year-old races, with large numbers of owners and breeders remaining beneficiaries."
LONGINES CEREMONY SET FOR CLARIDGE’S

The 2016 Longines World’s Best Racehorse and World’s Best Horse Race Ceremony will take place Jan. 24 at Claridge’s in London, England. It is the fourth renewal of the World’s Best Racehorse Award, and the second of the World’s Best Horse Race Award. The winner of the World’s Best Racehorse award will receive a crystal vase and a Longines watch.

DOWN ROYAL GETS GRANT AID

Down Royal Racecourse will receive a grant aid of €183,000 from the Horse Racing Ireland Racecourse Capital Development Scheme for improvement projects for its facilities that will cost in the region of €457,000. The projects include re-roofing the main grandstand, re-configuration and modernisation of the weighing room and jockeys’ changing area, and a new permanent owners and trainers marquee.

Mike Todd, Down Royal Racecourse Manager, added, “This is an exciting new development for Down Royal which is part of our overall strategy to continue to develop our facilities to ensure we can deliver a first-class experience to all racegoers. Owners and trainers are integral to our sport and this development will allow us to improve their raceday experience at Down Royal, whilst also increasing our covered catered areas for the general racegoers.”

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Alkashaaf, g, 2, More Than Ready--Abby Road (Ire) (SW-Eng), by Danehill. CHD, 12-19, 6f (AWT), 1:12.10. B-Shadwell Farm LLC (KY). *16,000gns 2yo ‘16 TATAHI.

Lessons Learned This Weekend Cont. from p1

Winning Rupert came out of the Magic Millions Gold Coast March Yearling Sale in 2015, picked up relatively inexpensively by Sydney-based Kiwi trainer Bjorn Baker for A$67,500. Winning Rupert comes from a family which has been throwing out tough sprinters in Queensland for decades, such as his dam Winaura (Aus) (Show A Heart {Aus}), who won five sprints including scoring at both of Brisbane’s racecourses, Eagle Farm and Doomben. However, there are no stakes performers in the first four generations of his family, and he ranks as the latest illustration of the ability of his sire Written Tycoon (Aus) (Iglesia {Aus}) to upgrade his mares.

Winning Rupert is one of the several very good horses who have emerged from the final season which Written Tycoon spent on the Eliza Park roster, a season which he spent at the stud’s property in Queensland, having previously been at the main farm in Victoria. Last season’s G1 Golden Slipper S. winner Capitalist (Aus) is another member of this crop, along with Luna Rossa (NZ), who took the G1 Manawatu Sires’ Produce S. in New Zealand last term.
Lessons Learned This Weekend Cont.

The stallion, winner of the G2 Todman S. in Sydney during his own juvenile season in 2005, now stands at Woodside Park Stud in Victoria.

Winning Rupert will remain in Queensland for the next few weeks. He has already earned A$361,500 but his bank balance is likely to reach considerably greater heights. He would be in line for an A$500,000 bonus if he were to land either the Vo Rogue Plate on New Year’s Eve or the A$2-million Magic Millions Guineas at the Gold Coast on Jan. 14. After that the world could well be his oyster, with the big sprints during Melbourne’s Autumn Carnival, particularly the G1 Newmarket H. at Flemington, looking tailor-made for him in the short term. International targets could subsequently await.

March Sale Keeps Giving...

Winning Rupert was not the only stakes winner at Doomben on Saturday to be a graduate of the Magic Millions March Yearling Sale. Ours To Keep (Aus) (Seidnazar {Aus}) also came out of this auction, in his case the 2016 edition. Now aged two, he too has already earned much more than his purchase price: he cost A$28,000 and his two starts (both victories) have seen him earn A$128,700. Having won a maiden race over 1050m at Doomben 16 days previously, he doubled his tally by taking the Phelan Ready S. over 1110m on Saturday. Ours To Keep’s trainer Chris Munce has described his charge as “the best looking 2-year-old in Queensland.” On that basis, it is remarkable that Munce was able to buy the colt so inexpensively only nine months ago. However, like Winning Rupert, he comes from a family devoid of black-type performers in the immediate tiers, although his fourth dam produced the excellent Kingdom Bay (NZ) (Otehi Bay (Aus)), who was a top racehorse in New Zealand in the early ’80s (when his 13 wins were headed by the G1 NZ 2000 Guineas) before becoming a champion sire.

Like Winning Rupert, Ours To Keep is a son of a very fast mare, his dam Picabelle (Aus) (Piccolo (GB)) having won four sprints in Queensland. However, while Winning Rupert is a son of a stallion who is now a proven source of high-class horses, Ours To Keep is not. In fact, Ours To Keep is the first stakes winner bred by his 14-year-old sire Seidnazar (Aus) (Rory’s Jester {Aus}), who was a very smart juvenile for Peter Moody in the 2004/05 season when he took the St Albans S. over 1000m at Moonee Valley early in the spring before going on to lodge minor placings in the G3 Maribyrnong Plate, G1 Blue Diamond S. and G2 Pago Pago S.

Former champion jockey Chris Munce won three Magic Millions 2-Year-Old Classics in his riding days. Munce is still in the early stages of his second career, but Ours To Keep looks set to give him a decent chance of winning the race as a trainer too. Furthermore, he has a second string to his bow in the shape of the filly Champ Elect (Aus) (Choisir {Aus}), who completed a black-type double for the stable at Doomben on Saturday by landing the Calaway Girl S., albeit running the 1100m in a time 1.35 seconds slower than her stablemate had recorded 40 minutes previously.

Destined To Have Been a Bargain...

While Chris Munce clearly secured a great bargain when he bought Ours To Keep as a yearling, that juvenile was not the only stakes winner in Australia on Saturday to act as a galloping reminder of the bargains available to purchasers prepared to take a chance on unfashionable pedigrees. At the Inglis Classic Yearling Sale in 2010, Macquarie Stud consigned a bay colt by Power Of Destiny (Aus) (Danehill) from A Fairy’s Kiss (NZ) (Stravinsky). He came from the first crop of a stallion who had never won a stakes race, and from a family replete with stamina. His owners placed a low reserve on him (A$8,000), but even so he was led out of the ring unsold, passed in at A$7,000. Now, 6 1/2 years later, he is closing in on the million-dollar mark of earnings. Named Destiny’s Kiss (Aus), he registered his fourth stakes triumph when taking the Christmas Cup over 2400m at Randwick on Saturday.

In retrospect, it is incomprehensible that Destiny’s Kiss should have been shunned as a yearling. He comes from the type of solid family which has been the bedrock of breeding in New Zealand for decades, his immediate family having produced such high-class stayers as G1 VRC Derby winner Omnicorp (NZ) (Grosvenor (NZ)), G2 Sandown Cup winner Pharoistan (NZ) (Imposing (Aus)) and G3 Tasmanian Derby winner Suavity (Aus) (Akaaber). His granddam Crimson (NZ) (Zabeel {NZ}) won five races headed by the G2 AuRC Champion S. and bred G1 VRC Oaks runner-up Miss Scarlatti (NZ) (Stravinsky). A Fairy’s Kiss, a full-sister to Miss Scarlatti, was herself a listed-placed multiple winner who scored in both Sydney and Brisbane. The Australian racing programme provides plenty of opportunities for the good middle-distance and staying gallopers which this family churns out with such regularity, as Destiny’s Kiss readily confirms: he has now won 13 races including one black-type race at 2100m and three at 2400m, as well as the Stayers Cup over 3200m at Randwick in 2014. His earnings currently stand at A$852,153, and it is easy to see them eventually ending up in seven figures.

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A Fairy's Kiss's next two yearlings, both by Bernardini, were also passed in at Inglis, albeit with higher reserves (A$80,000). Next came a colt by Medaglia d'Oro who too was passed in (at Inglis's Easter Yearling Sale in 2014 with a A$120,000 reserve). Happily, the mare finally ended up with a good sale result to her name: at this year's Easter Sale her colt by So You Think (NZ) was offered by Amarina Farm, a young horse very much in the image of his magnificent sire, and was knocked down to Anthony Cummings for A$350,000. Whether he will prove as successful a racehorse as the formerly unwanted Destiny's Kiss, of course, remains to be seen.

Value Reigns...

The biggest prize on offer at Randwick on Saturday was the winner’s cheque for the A$500,000 Inglis Nursery. On a day when the bargains were hitting the headlines, it almost went without saying that this would go to a horse from the lower tiers of his/her sale. The race was duly won by the Gary Portelli-trained She Will Reign (Aus) (Manhattan Rain {Aus}), who had been picked up by Darby Racing for A$20,000 at the Inglis Classic Yearling Sale last February. The same syndicators, of course, had previously struck gold with another bargain: they bought Yankee Rose (Aus) (All American {Aus}) as a yearling at Inglis in 2015 for half of that sum, and she now ranks as a Group 1 winner last season and this, with $2,142,700 to her name. She Will Reign had only made her debut seven days previously, winning a maiden race impressively at Kembla Grange as the odds-on favourite. She was similarly dominant in the Inglis Nursery, again justifying odds-on favouritism easily. She clearly deserves currently to figure prominently in Golden Slipper calculations, and the fact that she handled a heavy track on Saturday so well (clocking the eye-catchingly quick time of :58.57) means that she ought not to struggle if the autumn rain starts as early in Sydney as it often does.

As her price tag suggests, She Will Reign’s pedigree is not obviously eye-catching, but she is related to some smart horses: her dam Courgette (Aus) (Charge Forward {Aus}) won at Rosehill as a 2-year-old, while her third dam Sunshine Sally (Aus) (Cheraw {Ire}) took the G2 Reisling Slipper Trial as a juvenile before finishing second the following season in the G1 AJC Oaks and subsequently breeding AJC Gimcrack S. heroine Millie (Aus) (Marscay {Aus}). Overall, though, her ability provides a strong pointer to the merit of her sire Manhattan Rain (Aus), whose qualifications for stud duties are obvious: he was a Group 1 winner as a 2-year-old and is a half-brother, by a champion sire, to the mighty Redoute’s Choice (Aus).

YOUNG SIRE TIME FOR WAR DEAD

Dual Group 2-winning juvenile Time For War (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus}--Lady Zabelia {NZ}, by Zabeel {NZ}), whose first-crop foals were born this year, has died at Kitchwin Hills Farm in Australia. The cause of death is believed to be colic, but Kitchwin Hills awaits the results of an autopsy.

Racing for Darby Racing, Time For War won the G2 Pago Pago S. in March 2014. He finished fourth in the G1 Sires’ Produce S. two weeks later, and a month later bested eventual Group 1-winning sprinter Brazen Beau (Aus) (I Am Invincible {Aus}) in the G2 BRC Sires’ Produce S.

"Time For War was a gentleman, and a pleasure to work with," Kitchwin Hills’s Mick Malone told Breednet. "After being underbidder on him as a yearling and following him throughout his career, then purchasing him at the end of his racing life from Scott Darby and his team of loyal supporters, it’s just hard to believe this has happened. He was shaping as everything we had hoped for. Time For War was the closest resemblance to his father Snitzel as I have ever seen, and his foals now follow on, in type and attitude."

Malone added, "Anyone who has been involved in making a young stallion knows how much hard work and passion goes into a horse like Time For War. I’ll take this moment to commend all our staff, who are in shock over his passing, and all are very upset. He was a character and was loved by all."