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A total of 1,582 horses have been catalogued for Keeneland's January Horses of All Ages Sale, which will take place Jan. 8-11, 2018 in Lexington. The catalogue includes 677 broodmares or broodmare prospects, 628 short yearlings, 268 horses of racing age and 13 stallions or racing/stallion prospects. "Results of Keeneland's September Yearling Sale and November Breeding Stock Sale indicate a strong market for quality Thoroughbreds that is expected to continue at the January Sale," said Bob Elliston, Keeneland's Vice President of Racing and Sales. "The November Sale market was so competitive that many buyers were not able to fill their orders. The January Sale provides an opportunity to purchase exceptional individuals, particularly broodmares, short yearlings and horses of racing age." The online catalogue can now be viewed at keeneland.com, while print catalogues will be mailed the week of Dec. 18. The January sale received a strong endorsement on Saturday when 2016 graduate Catholic Boy (More Than Ready) dominated the GII Remsen S. in his dirt debut, while highest-level winners Mind Your Biscuits (Posse) and Practical Joke (Into Mischief) ran second and third, respectively, in the GI Cigar Mile.

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TOM'S READY A BEACON FOR THE BENSONS *by Michael Adolphson*

After an eight-wide trip and respectable fifth-place finish in Saturday's salty GI Cigar Mile, Dallas Stewart-trained **Tom's Ready** (More Than Ready) capped a 21-race, 28-month career that saw him clash and hold his own against the very best of his generation. The 4-year-old colt closed out his racing tenure as one of the toughest milers in training and finished at the top of his game, including a flashy GIII Bold Ruler S. win in his penultimate start (earning a 107 Beyer Speed Figure).

More importantly, the nearly black grandson of Broad Brush was the ringleader for the racing renaissance of New Orleans' famed Benson Family, earning more than \$1 million, winning three graded stakes and taking his popular Big Easy connections to the biggest dances--the GI Kentucky Derby and GI Breeders' Cup Mile. **Cont. p3**

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MARSHA SETS EUROPEAN RECORD

Dual Group 1-winning sprinter **Marsha (GB)** (Acclamation {GB}) set a record for a European Thoroughbred at auction when selling to MV Magnier for 6-million gns at Tattersalls on Tuesday. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Europe.](#)

DOMINUS

#1 SECOND-CROP APEX SIRE

	ABC Runner Index	A-Runner Index
1. DOMINUS	2.22	4.44
2. Union Rags	1.15	2.69
3. Dialed In	1.29	2.34
4. Maclean's Music	1.42	2.27
5. Bodemeister	0.63	2.17

Source: TDN, 2017 Midyear APEX

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Pony Express. Bill Mott and Paintball pay a visit to Christophe Clement's office Tuesday morning at Payson Park Training Center in Indiantown, FL. | Brittlan Wall

GRASSHOPPER COLT TOPS FASIG MIDLANTIC SALE RR1

Multiple stakes-placed sophomore colt Carradine (Grasshopper) topped all returns at Fasig-Tipton Midlantic December Mixed Sale Tuesday when he brought \$105,000 from his trainer Linda Rice.

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“He was a real war horse,” Stewart said. “He traveled around and ran his race over many different tracks and surfaces. He ran competitively against the best horses and really stepped up a lot on big days. He’s a very sound horse who was a lot of fun to campaign. The Bensons were kind enough to let me train for them and never restrained me. They love racing, come to the races even when they don’t have a horse running and they’re icons in New Orleans. Tom’s Ready was one of the first horses we got for them and I look forward to seeing what he does as a stallion.”

Racing as GMB Racing, Tom and Gayle Benson returned with a flourish into racing after a multi-decade hiatus and channeled the passion they have for the professional sports teams they own--the New Orleans Saints of the NFL and Pelicans of the NBA--into a racing product that competes at the highest level. Tom’s Ready tops a group that



Tom’s Ready taking the Bold Ruler | Joe Labozzetta

includes graded stakes winner **Mo Tom** (Uncle Mo), talented Saratoga allowance winner **Tom’s d’Etat** (Smart Strike) and Grade I-placed juvenile **Lone Sailor** (Majestic Warrior).

Tom’s Ready now **heads to stud at Spendthrift Farm**, where he will stand for \$6,000 and participate in said establishment’s “Share The Upside” program for a fee of \$7,500.

“He has been a great horse for us,” Gayle Benson said. “He gives his best effort every time he races and has stayed healthy for us. He and Dallas have been a great fit--in the way Dallas trains and the way this horse has responded. We did not know what to expect (when he first started training), but we are very proud of Tom’s Ready and certainly very proud of what lies ahead for him as a he stands as a stallion at Spendthrift. We have a

small broodmare band at Benson Farm, and we will certainly be sending him a few mares.”

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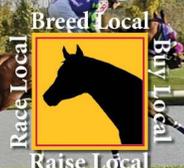
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Rank	Sire	Cumulative BTHs
1	MACLEAN'S MUSIC.....	15
2	DIALED IN.....	12
	SHACKLEFORD.....	12
	CREATIVE CAUSE.....	12
	THE FACTOR.....	12
	GEMOLOGIST.....	12
7	UNION RAGS.....	11
8	BODEMEISTER.....	10

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Bensons cont.

GMB Racing is managed by Greg Bensel, who also serves as the Senior Vice President of Communications and Broadcasting for the Saints and Pelicans. Bensel, a long time racing fan, has helped guide the outfit to a 19% strike rate and nearly \$26,000 in average earnings per start from 80 races. In 2017, the operation has struck at 22%, giving Bensel and the Bensons added fervor for the future.

“We continue to grow our racing stable for GMB Racing and our broodmare band at Benson Farm,” Bensel said. “We are excited about all of our 2-year-olds, but are keen about Lone Sailor for [trainer] Tom Amoss. Also, Tom’s d’Etat has left Benson Farm after rehabbing and will be back to Al Stall [Jr.] as a 5-year-old.”

The beating heart of the Benson operation has become the aforementioned Benson Farm at Greenwood Lodge in Paris, Kentucky. A 600-acre beauty, it is a favorite getaway spot for the couple, while also serving as a rehab facility in another fashion

for their equines.

“We have our established racing operations in GMB Racing and now the Bensons have their farm, where it is mostly a private concern, but we do have some boarders and welcome boarders and other clients that have yearlings that need sales prep,” Bensel continued. “It has all come full circle.”

For now, the focus for GMB is kickstarting a second career for its first stallion Tom’s Ready and hoping the best for its soon-to-be 3-year-old class. It will be difficult, though, to live up to their little blazed beast, who was as tough as he was compact and barreled home with the determination of a Saints running back in the lane.

“We got in the business in 2014 with seven yearlings, of which two made the Kentucky Derby in 2016, so it will be hard to repeat that again,” Bensel concluded. “Our hopes are to be good contributors to the racing and breeding industry as we move forward.”



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Four-time Grade I winner **Tonalist** (Tapit) will stand the 2018 breeding season for \$20,000, live foal stand and nurses, Lane's End Farm announced Tuesday.

The GI Belmont S. winner bred over 250 mares in his first two seasons at stud and was represented by his first foals this year. Tonalist's top colt brought \$260,000, while his top filly was purchased for \$175,000.

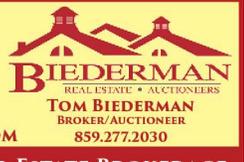
"We've been very impressed with his first foals," said Lane's End's David Ingordo, "They're well grown, forward, quality foals, with bone, and great structure."

Bill Farish added, "We're more excited about Tonalist than ever. His first foals combined with his race record and pedigree has made us even more confident on his chances to be a top sire."

Tonalist's 2018 fee was originally announced at \$30,000.

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1	MACLEAN'S MUSIC.....	6
2	UNION RAGS.....	5
	CREATIVE CAUSE.....	5
4	DIALED IN.....	4
	THE FACTOR.....	4
6	BODEMEISTER.....	3

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SONGBIRD SIS PROGRESSING AT PAYSON

by Jessica Martini

Song of Mine (Ghostzapper), the unraced 2-year-old half-sister to champion Songbird (Medaglia d'Oro), has been working steadily at Payson Park, most recently going five furlongs in 1:02.00 (1/7) for trainer Dane Kobiskie Monday. The filly ([hip 61](#)) was purchased by the Haughey family's PTK LLC for \$800,000 at the 2016 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Selected Yearling Sale.



Song of Mine | Fasig-Tipton photo

"We try to let all our young horses dictate when they are ready to move forward, and Song of Mine is no different," Kaitlin Haughey said when asked for an update on the filly. "That mentality has influenced her schedule and progression so far, and all the people involved with her have had the same philosophy. Her early training was handled by the McCutchen family at the McCutchen Training Center in Kingstree, South Carolina. They did a fantastic job with her and were very patient, as they are with all of our young horses. From there, she moved to The Thoroughbred Center here in Lexington under the supervision of Dane Kobiskie, and then she moved down to Payson when Dane took a string there in November."

Song of Mine's first recorded work at Payson Park was a three-furlong drill in :36.40 Nov. 9--three days after her celebrated half-sister sold for \$9.5 million at the Fasig-Tipton November sale. She had four-furlong works Nov. 18 (:49.00) and Nov. 27 (:48.20).

"Song of Mine was a pretty sizeable yearling when we bought her, and she's continued to grow like a weed in her time with us," Haughey said. "She's really filled out since the summer, and Payson seems to be agreeing with her as Dane tells us she's blossoming down there. She's never balked at anything she's been asked to do, and has really been a class act from day one. She seems to have all the qualities one would want in a racehorse, but you never know until you know."

Connections are hopeful that Song of Mine will be making her career debut early in the New Year.

"If all goes well, Dane thinks she'll be ready to run around early January, if the right race comes up," Haughey said. "Until then, we'll just love on her and keep our fingers crossed."

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% BLACK TYPE WINNERS TO FOALS*

Sire	%BTWs
MACLEAN'S MUSIC.....	5.11
CREATIVE CAUSE.....	4.79
DIALED IN.....	4.38
THE FACTOR.....	3.90
UNION RAGS.....	3.86
GEMOLOGIST.....	2.65
BODEMEISTER.....	2.05
SHACKLEFORD.....	1.57

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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Union Rags <i>(2009) by Dixie Union</i>	8	11	6	8	4	6	144	56	\$653,545 <i>Paradise Woods</i>	\$5,983,086
2	Creative Cause <i>(2009) by Giant's Causeway</i>	8	12	2	2	--	1	122	64	\$680,131 <i>Twisted Tom</i>	\$4,514,135
3	The Factor <i>(2008) by War Front</i>	8	12	2	3	1	1	145	71	\$288,870 <i>Noted and Quoted</i>	\$4,210,677
4	Dialed In <i>(2008) by Mineshaft</i>	7	12	2	4	--	1	97	58	\$1,627,200 <i>Gunnevera</i>	\$5,009,919
5	Maclean's Music <i>(2008) by Distorted Humor</i>	7	15	1	3	1	1	83	55	\$1,114,000 <i>Cloud Computing</i>	\$4,268,853
6	Bodemeister <i>(2009) by Empire Maker</i>	5	10	2	3	1	3	145	69	\$2,344,700 <i>Always Dreaming</i>	\$5,932,552
7	Gemologist <i>(2009) by Tiznow</i>	5	12	2	3	1	1	127	67	\$291,503 <i>Yellow Agate</i>	\$3,662,877
8	Stay Thirsty <i>(2008) by Bernardini</i>	4	9	1	3	--	--	113	66	\$411,000 <i>Coal Front</i>	\$4,273,854
9	Algorithms <i>(2009) by Bernardini</i>	4	8	--	1	--	--	100	62	\$368,765 <i>Recruiting Ready</i>	\$3,129,247
10	Shackleford <i>(2008) by Forestry</i>	3	12	3	7	--	--	131	75	\$616,800 <i>Malagacy</i>	\$4,783,706
11	Tapizar <i>(2008) by Tapit</i>	3	7	--	5	--	--	125	59	\$255,100 <i>American Pastime</i>	\$3,743,042
12	Dominus <i>(2008) by Smart Strike</i>	3	5	--	2	--	1	43	26	\$413,144 <i>Chanel's Legacy</i>	\$2,228,896
13	Star Guitar <i>(2005) by Quiet American</i>	3	5	--	1	--	1	48	28	\$168,600 <i>Givemeaminut</i>	\$1,375,080
14	Mission Impazible <i>(2007) by Unbridled's Song</i>	2	6	1	1	--	--	70	28	\$256,367 <i>Pure Silver</i>	\$2,276,323
15	Astrology <i>(2008) by A.P. Indy</i>	2	3	1	1	--	--	87	48	\$160,400 <i>Arella Rockstar</i>	\$2,226,699

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CARRADINE TOPS FASIG MIDLANTIC SALE

by Jessica Martini

Carradine (Grasshopper--Summer Moon, by Maria's Mon), a multiple-stakes placed 3-year-old, topped Tuesday's Fasig-Tipton Midlantic December Mixed Sale when bringing a final bid of \$105,000 from trainer Linda Rice. The New York-bred colt (**hip 256**), second in the Gander S. in January and third in last year's Damon Runyon S., was part of the auction's first-ever section of horses of racing age. He had been trained by Rice for the D A S L Stable of the late Harry Weisleder, who passed away in November.

"He'll ship back to Belmont tomorrow morning," Rice, who purchased Carradine on behalf of an undisclosed client, said as she drove back to New York from the Timonium sale Tuesday evening. "I'd had him since he was a 2-year-old and trained him for Dr. Weisleder. I was happy to get him back through the auction and it's unfortunate I won't be able to train him for Dr. Weisleder, that's all."

Carradine, off since finishing fourth in the Apr. 22 Federico Tesio S., worked five furlongs in 1:01.38 Nov. 29 at Penn National.

"When Dr. Weisleder passed, they picked up all of the horses he had with me in New York and they took them to Penn National," Rice said. "And then they decided to put everything in the auction."

Clovis Crane's Crane Thoroughbreds handled the Weisleder dispersal, which sold 34 horses for a total of \$649,500 and an average of \$19,103.

The auction missed out on its second six-figure offering when the 2-year-old filly **Gibby** (Tizway) (**hip 285**) RNA'd for \$205,000.

In all, 221 horses sold in Timonium Tuesday for a total of \$2,448,200. The average was \$11,078 and the median was \$5,000. Fifty nine horses were reported not sold for a buy-back rate of 21.1%.

Carradine was Rice's only purchase of the December sale, but the trainer admitted the horses of racing age section was a valuable addition to the auction.

"Frankly, if I had had a little bit more time, I may have bought a few more horses out of that auction," Rice said. "There were a few other horses I thought would have been useful for New York winter racing. Unfortunately, I didn't get down to the sale until late this morning. But I think [the racing age section] is a good thing."

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Tapiture	6	
American Pharoah	5	

-JACOB WEST, TDN Nov. 10 regarding Carpe Diem and the \$320,000 colt he purchased



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A weanling filly by the late City Zip brought the top price during the bloodstock portion of the December sale when bringing a final bid of \$80,000 from Doug Arnold, agent. Out of multiple stakes winner Geeky Gorgeous (Devil His Due), **hip 160** was consigned by Gracie Bloodstock, as agent for her breeder, Joe-Dan Farm. The mare's first foal, a filly by Hey Chub, sold for \$4,500 at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Yearling Sale in October.

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SESSION TOTALS	2017
• Catalogued	309
• No. Offered	280
• No. Sold	221
• RNAs	59
• % RNAs	21.1%
• High Price	\$105,000
• Gross	\$2,448,200
• Average	\$11,078
• Median	\$5,000

EXPERTS TAKE AIM ON TAKEOUT IN TUCSON

by Dean A. Hoffman

Betting on horse racing is too expensive in today's competitive gaming environment. That's a message that speakers delivered in presentations on the opening day of the Global Symposium on Racing in Tucson, Arizona Tuesday. The annual event is sponsored by the Race Track Industry Program at the University of Arizona.

Several experts emphasized the need to reduce takeout rate to increase churn and thus increase the track's bottom line. Racing's takeout is a turnoff for many sports bettors or casino regulars, they agreed.

"We need to listen to our customers and get more money back into their hands," said Todd Bowker, general manager of Premier Turf Club, LLC. "It's that simple. Having said that, I should just drop the mic and sit down."

"Our customers are saying that they don't trust the game," Bowker continued. "They think drugs are rampant. They don't think there is much value in the pools. They think the game is too expensive. They want big fields. They lament that super trainers win so many races, and that causes people to not bet because they can't win."

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As an example, Bowker said that his customers often ask him why tracks charge for parking while casinos don't.

"Bottom line, we need to find a way to put more money back in the customer's hands," he said. "We need to change the betting menu to increase churn. Years ago, the big thing tracks needed to do was to make our TV presentation as attractive as possible. Now it's lowering takeout."

Ed Comins, president of Watch and Wager, the fourth largest Advance Deposit Wagering firm in USA, gave attendees a wake-up call when he said, "Handle is not stagnating. It is massively declining. To my mind, unless things change, U.S. racing is in a terminal decline."

Comins said that racing seems more intent on "protecting the cake rather than growing it."

"Most of the innovation is coming from outside the US," he continued. "Things are not lost, but racing needs to stop the infighting. It needs to embrace technology. We are a cashless society. Why can a bettor swipe a credit card to make purchases just about anywhere else, but not at a race track?"

Bill Nader, principal of Grand Slam Consultancy, LLC, talked about his experience in Hong Kong and noted that horse racing outhandles the Hong Kong lottery 17-1. He said racing needs to make a concerted effort to increase handle through reduced takeout on win-place-show and exacta bets, allowing dollars to turn over and create churn.

"Average field size is 12.6 horses per race in Hong Kong, and that helps drive the handle," said Nader. "When fields are small, takeout should be reduced. It's like a merchant putting out a sign that reads 'Reduced for a quick sale.'"

Nader emphasized that racing is unique because customers can connect with the sport of racing through pari-mutuel betting.

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“We just need to work on fundamentals: field size, integrity, quality racing, and liquidity,” he said.

Nader concluded by saying, “It’s time to implement real change in racing. We need to make a bet on ourselves.”

Marshall Gramm, PhD, an avid bettor, described himself by saying, “I’m the degenerate on this panel.”

Gramm teaches a class at Rhodes College in Tennessee on the mathematics of betting horses, that has proven very popular with students.

“It is hard to talk value in a game with an 18-25% takeout,” Gramm pointed out. “Not when students can bet sports with lower takeouts. Racing no longer has a monopoly in regional gambling. It has limited marketing power. Potential new racing customers are priced out by takeout rates.”

Like Nader, Gramm emphasized that racing should experiment with lower takeout on races with short fields and raise it on the larger fields.

He also advocated eliminating breakage.

“That would create churn,” he said. “Breakage is just hidden takeout. Eliminating it will push more money into the place and show pools.”

“Encourage innovation,” Gramm stressed. “Racing should give customers the tools to do computer analysis of handle to find the most efficient plays. The data is not out there in horse racing, but it is in other sports. Racing is afraid of computer bettors, but we should embrace them. Why not let everyone be a computer bettor? Make the data available.”

The day’s opening session asked the question how racing can “do more with less” and several speakers offered advice about coping with a contracting Thoroughbred breeding industry.

Consultant Wilson Shirley detailed the precipitous drop in Thoroughbred foal crops and said that the three causes of those declines were the 1986 Tax Reform Act, the Mare Reproductive Loss Syndrome of 15 years ago, and the recession of 2008.

“The number of races in the United States declined 25.7% from 2006 through 2016,” Shirley said.

Alex Waldrop, president and CEO of the National Thoroughbred Racing Assn., spoke about the current tax reform bill in Congress and its potential impact on horse racing.

“We start with the premise that tax policy does matter to horse racing,” Waldrop said. “Horse racing suffers from a lack of owners because owners are sensitive to tax policy.”

Waldrop detailed the impact of the 1986 Tax Reform Act in

lowering marginal rates and how revised active/passive participation distinctions caused an exit of horse owners. He said that the 2017 tax bill reconciliation in Congress is a “very fluid process” and noted, “I see the House of Representatives version moving more toward the Senate version of the bill, but this is far from a done deal. Certainly, the 1986 tax changes were bad for horse racing. I wish I could tell you that the 2017 tax law will be beneficial, but I don’t know. On balance, however, I think so.”

Lonnie Powell, CEO of the Florida Breeders and Owners Assn., emphasized that in his long career the horse racing has always had to do more with less. He said that the challenges of today are really long-standing challenges.

Powell said that two economic engines of the Thoroughbred industry are horse players and horse owners.

“They are tough to identify, recruit, and retain,” said Powell. “We have to sell them what they want because these are people who vote with their feet.”

Getting new owners is important and also more challenging than ever before, Powell stressed.

“Tracks need to improve the owner environment and experience,” he said. “Owners deserve better communication. They also need to be involved in racing’s efforts at our state capitols.”

Moderator Dan Fick, representing the Racing Officials Accreditation Program, outlined the efforts of various racing organizations to promote horse ownership, not only in the Thoroughbred world but also by the American Quarter Horse Assn. and the U.S. Trotting Assn.

In a later session titled “Hair Testing: Giving New Meaning to Having a Bad Hair Day,” Janet Van Bebber, president of the American Quarter Horse Racing Assn., emphasized that horse racing had a problem with the “massive abuse” of anabolic steroids and clenbuterol.

“Some horsemen think that if a little of a drug is good, a lot is better,” Van Bebber said, noting that she had witnessed the disastrous results of overdosing horses with certain drugs. “Our responsibility is to protect the welfare of the American Quarter Horse and also protect the integrity of our racing product. I am comfortable with breed specific regulations we now have.”

The American Quarter Horse Association has adopted a zero tolerance for clenbuterol while Thoroughbreds and Standardbreds permit clenbuterol use with different withdrawal times.



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Van Bebber was joined by Dr. Scott Stanley of the University of California-Davis and Ismael Trejo, executive director of the New Mexico Racing Commission. Dr. Stanley spoke about research on the impact of clenbuterol, while Trejo outlined the enforcement policy in New Mexico.



A panel discusses handicapping contests | @UA_RTIP Twitter photo

An afternoon panel addressed how racing can leverage handicapping tournaments to advance the sport.

Addressing this issue were Keith Chamblin, COO National Thoroughbred Racing Assn., John Hartig, DEO of the *Daily Racing Form*, and horseplayer John Fisher. Chamblin spoke about the National Handicapping Challenge and said its purpose is to drive interest in wagering. He detailed how much increased handle the contest has generated for tracks.

“The handle is generated on-track right through the pari-mutuel windows,” he said. “We love that. We don't think we have the price point quite right. We need to work harder with our racetrack partners to get that correct.”

The Global Symposium on Racing concludes Wednesday.

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APPELBAUM NAMED NYTHA PRESIDENT



Joseph Appelbaum and family

Joseph Appelbaum, running unopposed, was elected to his first term as president of the New York Thoroughbred Horsemen’s Association (NYTHA), the organization announced Tuesday. Appelbaum succeeds Rick Violette, Jr., who is retiring this year after more than 25 years on the NYTHA board.

Appelbaum operates Off The Hook, a breeding, racing and sales company with a farm and training center in Ocala, Florida, and offices in New York City. He served his first term on the NYTHA Board of Directors from 2014-17.

In addition to Appelbaum, the elected NYTHA board is: owner/directors Tina Marie Bond, Jack Brothers, Tom Durkin, Terry Finley and Robert Masiello; and trainer/directors Leah Gyarmati, John Kimmel, Linda Rice, Rick Schosberg and George Weaver.

“It is great to see a mixture of experience and new ideas represented amongst the 2017 class of board members,” Appelbaum said. “I come into this role with nervous excitement. There are large shoes to be filled and an ambitious agenda to work on. Horse racing is at a crossroads--stagnant revenues and growing costs make it difficult for many horsemen to survive. However, our biggest events are more popular than ever. As with many things in life and horse racing, New York magnifies the national trends. This business model is not sustainable and as the largest stakeholders in the business, horsemen need to be central in the discussions to improve it.”



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Appelbaum added, “We must confront our challenges head-on—first and foremost the cost of workers compensation. In talking with owners and trainers throughout the state, this issue resonates and unites throughout our ranks. While much is out of our control, advances come in fits and starts and the solution will not be quick—positive changes have already begun. If we keep focused on the work environment, on-track safety and claims management, we can drive our costs lower and lower.”

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Very happy to announce I've been elected to the NYTHA board. Whether I'm in the paddock in Saratoga for a Grade I or on the A train to the first at Aqueduct, I love racing in New York and can't wait to serve

QUEEN'S PLATE MOVED TO SATURDAY

The 159th running of the \$1-million Queen's Plate, the first jewel of the Canadian Triple Crown, will be held Saturday, June 30, 2018--a shift from its usual spot on Sunday of that weekend. North America's oldest continuously run stakes race will anchor the three-day Queen's Plate Festival, to be held June 29 through July 1. In addition to the live racing, the event features concerts and Canada Day family celebrations.

First post on Queen's Plate day is scheduled for noon.

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OHIO ADVANCES FANTASY SPORTS BILL EXCLUDING HORSE RACING

by T.D. Thornton

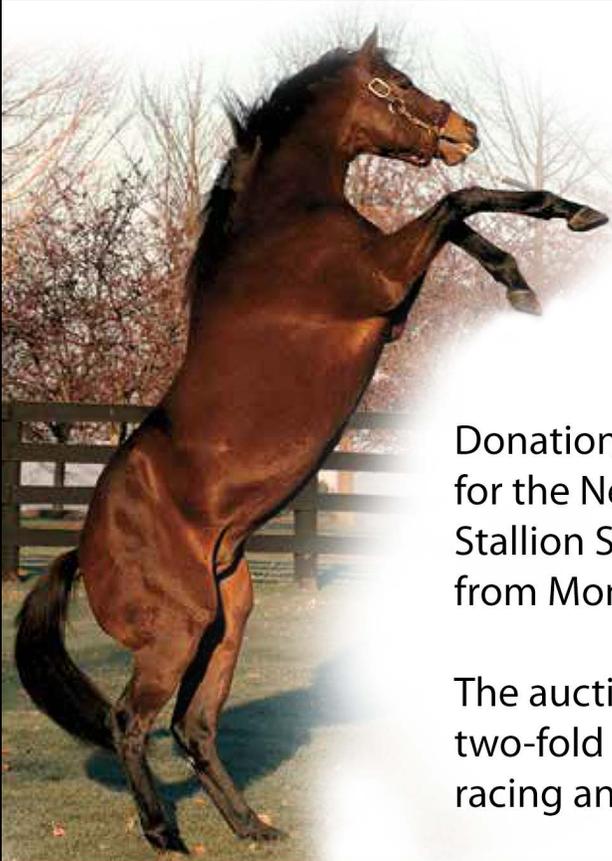
The Ohio Legislature advanced a bill to the governor Tuesday that legalizes fantasy sports contests based on the popular entry-fees-for-prize money model, but the pending law would specifically prohibit any form of contest play that involves “horses or horse racing.”

So if Gov. John Kasich's signs House Bill 132 into law, online pay-to-play contest sites like FanDuel and DraftKings would become explicitly legal in Ohio.

But online handicapping tournaments, such as qualifiers for the National Handicapping Championship, and fantasy horse racing tourney sites, such as DerbyWars, would appear to be illegal based on the current version of the legislation.

According to the industry site gamblingcompliance.com, the bill had already been approved by the Ohio House of Representatives back in May, but the Dec. 5 passage by an 86-3 margin was a “concurrence vote” to bring it in line with Senate-passed amendments, “including one clarification that horse racing is not included in the fantasy sports law.”

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Donations of stallion seasons are now being accepted for the New York Thoroughbred Breeders' annual Stallion Season Auction, to be held on Starquine.com from Monday, January 15 to Wednesday, January 17.

The auction raises funds that enable NYTB to carry on its two-fold mission of promoting New York breeding and racing and protecting the welfare of industry stakeholders.

Questions may be directed to NYTB at (518) 587-0777 or info@nytbreeders.org

CENTRAL U.S.

Minnesota Racing Commission Pays Out Record Breeders' Fund Awards:

The Minnesota Racing Commission has authorized the payment of over \$590,000 in breeder awards to Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse breeders, it was announced Tuesday. This record payout was due, in part, to Advance Deposit Wagering (ADW) legislation passed last year. Since the legislative initiative to license ADW providers, a portion of the revenues generated from Minnesota residents wagering on horse racing is being returned to Minnesota's horse racing industry, providing increased funding for purses, breeders' awards, and expanded regulatory oversight.

Minnesota Thoroughbred breeders will see a 37% increase in awards in 2017, with 130 Thoroughbred breeders/breeder groups receiving \$442,505 in breeder awards and \$83,660 in stallion awards.

"Participating in the Minnesota Breeders Fund has never offered more opportunities to race, breed and foal in Minnesota," said Minnesota Racing Commission Deputy Director, Joe Scurto. "Thoroughbred Breeders were awarded 10.6% of eligible purses won by Minnesota bred racehorses and Quarter Horse Breeders received 14.7%. Minnesota Thoroughbreds earned over \$5 million at Canterbury alone in 2017 and all trends are pointing north for the program going forward."

INDUSTRY INFO

D'Amico, Fairbanks Named Outstanding Stewards:

Ralph D'Amico, serving in his 23rd year as the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission presiding state steward at Prairie Meadows, and the late Allen Fairbanks, who served at Thistledown for 21 years, were named winners of the 2017 Pete Pedersen Award, which is presented to stewards who have demonstrated professional excellence, integrity and benevolent consideration in the performance of their duties.

The award is named in honor of Pedersen, the nationally recognized California Steward and accomplished journalist who set a standard of excellence to which all stewards should aspire. This year's recipients were recognized Tuesday at the University of Arizona Race Track Industry Program's Global Symposium on Racing and Gaming Awards Luncheon in Tucson.

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IN SOUTH KOREA:

Winner Gold, c, 2, **Wildcat Heir**--Dance Special, by Theatrical (Ire). Seoul, 12-2, Hcp. (\$69k), 1400m. B-Brent & Crystal Fernung (FL). *1/2 to Square Dancer (Circular Quay), SW & GSP, \$254,770. **\$32,000 RNA 2yo '17 OBSMAR; \$55,000 2yo '17 OBSJUN.

Panorama Show, g, 2, **Yes It's True**--War Eagle Lady, by War Chant. Seoul, 12-2, Hcp. (\$69k), 1000m. B-Pattons Creek Farm LLC (KY). *1ST START WIN. **\$7,500 Ylg '16 KEESEP; \$40,000 2yo '17 OBSAPR.

IN PERU:

Artie Moon, f, 2, **Artie Schiller**--Rock the Moon, by Malibu Moon. Monterrico, 12-2, Maiden, 1600mT. B-Wellspring Stables (NY). *\$10,000 Ylg '16 FTKOCT. **VIDEO**

Warrior's Gold, h, 5, **Warrior's Reward**--Gold Revenue, by Touch Gold. Monterrico, 12-1, Hcp., 1000m. B-Bernardo Alvarez Calderon & Teneri Farm Inc (KY). *Won for the sixth straight time. **1/2 to Birdie Gold (Birdstone), G1SW-Per. ***\$32,000 RNA Ylg '13 KEESEP. **VIDEO**

IN BRITAIN:

American Endeavour, f, 2, **Distorted Humor**. See "Britain".

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Animal Kingdom (Leroidesanimaux {Brz}), Jonabell Farm, \$35,000
107 foals of racing age/9 winners/3 black-type winners
6-AQU, Msw 6 1/2f, FREDERICA, 20-1
\$32,000 RNA SAR AUG yrl; \$75,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Awesome Patriot (Awesome Again), Spendthrift Farm, \$3,500
37 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
6-TP, Aoc 5 1/2f, AMBERSPATRIOT, 7-2

\$1,300 RNA KEE SEP yrl
 6-TP, Aoc 5 1/2f, NO PARTNERS, 7-2
 \$2,200 RNA KEE SEP yrl

Emcee (Unbridled's Song), Sequel Stallions New York, \$7,500
 32 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
 6-AQU, Msw 6 1/2f, ANNE'S SONG, 10-1
 \$16,000 FTN MIX yrl

Flat Out (Flatter), Spendthrift Farm, \$10,000
 104 foals of racing age/18 winners/1 black-type winner
 6-TP, Aoc 5 1/2f, TIGER LISA, 15-1
 \$11,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$47,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo; \$18,000 OBS
 OPN 2yo

Take Charge Indy (A.P. Indy), Kor, \$20,000
 103 foals of racing age/21 winners/2 black-type winners
 6-AQU, Msw 6 1/2f, SPLIT TIME, 5-1
 \$62,000 SAR AUG yrl



Awesome Patriot has a pair of runners in Wednesday's 6th at Turfway | Joy Gilbert

Second-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, December 6
 Farm and fee represent current information

Algorithms (Bernardini), Claiborne Farm, \$7,500
 155 foals of racing age/62 winners/4 black-type winners
 1-MVR, Msw 6f, DODACHIPPAHDANCE, 5-1
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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

3rd-MVR, \$29,800, (S), 12-5, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:15.34, ft.

LUNAR FOLLY (g, 4, Lunarpal--Folly Me, by Political Folly)

Lifetime Record: 23-2-5-6, \$81,550. O-David C. Galbraith;
 B-Donna Y. Galbraith (OH); T-Richard Zielinski.

8th-ZIA, \$24,000, 12-5, (NW1X), 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:04.46, ft.

BLAMED (f, 2, Blame--Salsa Star {SP-Eng}, by Giant's Causeway)

Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$33,260. O-Cleber J. Massey;
 B-Sagamore Farm (MD); T-Joel H. Marr. *\$77,000 RNA Ylg '16
 KEESEP.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Money Order, f, 2, Attila's Storm--Paga (Arg) (Ch. Miller &
 MG1SW-Arg & GSW-US, \$333,571), by Montreal Marty. ZIA,
 12-5, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05.32. B-R. D. Hubbard (NM).**

**Western Warning, g, 2, Weather Warning--Western Flair, by
 Gone West. ZIA, 12-4, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:04.07. B-Mike Abraham
 (NM). *\$13,000 Ylg '16 RUIAUG. **1/2 to Storm With Flair
 (Tempest), SW, \$102,953.**

**Attentively, f, 3, Reflect Times (Jpn)--Easily Distracted, by
 Sarava. PRX, 12-5, (S), 7f, 1:28.73. B-Flint Stites (PA).**



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Marsha enters a packed Tattersalls ring before selling for a European record 6-million gns to MV Magnier | Tattersalls

By Emma Berry and Kelsey Riley

Newmarket, UK--M V Magnier has been plenty busy buying up quality broodmare prospects this fall, his shopping list also including the \$8 million Tepin and the \$6 million Stellar Wind, and he bested even those lofty sums on Tuesday when going to a European public auction record 6 million gns (£6,300,000, €7,162,344, \$8,469,783), for the dual Group 1-winning sprinter **Marsha (GB)** (Acclamation {GB}) (lot 1848). Magnier's Tuesday haul included two other young, speedy mares for seven figures: the 2.1 million gns **Quiet Reflection (GB)** (Showcasing {GB}), and the 1.5 million gns **Different League (Fr)** (Dabirsim {Fr}) in partnership with Peter Brant's White Birch Farm.

A blockbuster of a session smashed the previous record for a single day's aggregate of 36.2 million gns when the 175 fillies and mares sold on Tuesday brought a final figure of 45,665,000gns and a 79% rise on the equivalent session last year. The average of 260,943gns was up by 90% on 2016, while the median rose by 42% at 85,000gns and the clearance rate was 76%.

Theatre For A Queen...

Marsha's class is perhaps defined by the fact that she finished off the board just twice in her 18-race career for owner/breeder Elite Racing Club and trainer Sir Mark Prescott, including career-defining wins in last year's G1 Prix de l'Abbaye and this year's G1 Nunthorpe S., the latter over the champion Lady Aurelia (Scat Daddy). A cast of potential buyers fit for such an outstanding racehorse were assembled in the Tattersalls ring when Marsha made her entrance. The bay unsurprisingly drew international attention, with Sheikh Fahad's advisor David Redvers and trainer Ed Dunlop, seated alongside leading South African owner/breeder Gaynor Rupert, active early, but they soon gave way to the European-based, global superpowers Coolmore and Godolphin. MV Magnier conducted the bidding for Coolmore standing in the sales ring entryway, and it was John Gosden in control for Godolphin hidden away behind the divider a few metres away. [Cont. p2](#)

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Tattersalls December Mare Sale Day 2 Cont. from p1

Marsha soon surpassed the 4 million gns commanded by Dancing Rain in this ring four years ago, and then the 4.5 million gns brought by Just The Judge a year later. When she reached the 4.7 million pricetag of Immortal Verse in 2013, Magnier took a larger leap to 5 million gns, the previous highest-ever price achieved in the Tattersalls ring. It took a further million for Magnier to secure Marsha, with Gosden at last walking out when Magnier nodded yes at 6 million.

"She really is something special," said Magnier, noting that Marsha was bought for a new partnership. "Sir Mark has done a great job with her, she was very fast and the lads were very keen to have her. She is the best sprinter of the year and she will go to Galileo."



Sir Mark Prescott after Marsha was sold | Tattersalls

Marsha hails from a family that has served Elite Racing Club extremely well. She is out of Marlinka (GB) (Marju {Ire}), a listed winner for the syndicate that has also produced the stakes-placed Judicial (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB}). Elite Racing Club also bred the second dam and raced the third dam Kalinka (Ire), the dam of its former flagship mare Soviet Song (Ire) (Marju {Ire}).

"I feel exhausted actually," admitted Elite Racing Club's Dan Downie. "But no, it is exciting, and it is a wonderful for Elite. We did have a price at which we would have taken her home, but we did think it was going to be unlikely. She has been wonderful and always takes everything in her stride. The funds will help with ongoing and long-term running of the Club, but we will, of course, take a look at our nomination plans, in particular for Marsha's dam, Marlinka." **Cont. p3**



Coolmore acquired Tepin (Bernstein) for \$8 million during Fasig-Tipton's November Sale, while they added Keeneland November Breeding Stock Sale topper Stellar Wind (Curlin) for \$6 million. | Fasig-Tipton photo (left), Keeneland photo (right)

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On a day when emotions ran high, even the usually poised Sir Mark Prescott had a tremor in his voice as he paid tribute to his protege Marsha.

“I don’t really get too emotional but as the ring went quiet and I could just hear the sound of her hooves as she walked round I was surprised by how much it affected me,” he said. “This is such a great story for racing and a wonderful result for Elite Racing. I think there are 47 members of the syndicate here--they all arrived together on a bus. She’s going to a wonderful new home and she looked a million dollars, as good as she’s looked all year. But that’s so typical of her. She’s the most consistent sprinter and you can see why she’s been like that as a racehorse as she never turned a hair today. Aren’t we lucky?”

A short time later Magnier secured another Group 1-winning sprinter, with Tom Goff of Blandford Bloodstock conducting the bidding for last year’s Cartier champion sprinter **Quiet Reflection (GB)** (Showcasing {GB}) (lot 1861) and signing the ticket at 2.1 million.

“She’s a very special filly and a wonderful racemare,” said Goff. “She was very well trained and select by Karl Burke. She’s a filly people have been chasing privately for a long time. She’s a beautiful filly and we’re delighted. Her future plans haven’t been discussed yet, but I think she’s ready to go be a mother.”

Quiet Reflection was consigned by Jamie Railton, who also sold her as a yearling for £32,000. Her value significantly increased after wins in last year’s G1 Commonwealth Cup and G1 Sprint Cup, after which she became the first 3-year-old filly to be named champion sprinter.

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• No. Sold	175	186
• RNAs	56	51
• % RNAs	24%	21%
• No. 500Kgns+	22	11
• High Price	6,000,000gns	2,000,000gns
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Lot	Name	Status	Price (gns)
1848	Marsha (Ire) <i>(f, 4, Acclamation {GB}--Marlinka {GB}, by Marju {Ire})</i>	Horse in Training	6,000,000
	Consigned by Heath House Stables (Sir Mark Prescott, Bt.) Purchased by M V Magnier		
1868	Zhukova (Ire) <i>(m, 5, Fastnet Rock {Aus}--Nighttime {Ire}, by Galileo {Ire})</i>	Horse Out of Training	3,700,000
	Consigned by The Castlebridge Consignment Purchased by Godolphin		
1861	Quiet Reflection (GB) <i>(f, 4, Showcasing {GB}--My Delirium {GB}, by Haafhd {GB})</i>	Horse in Training	2,100,000
	Consigned by Jamie Railton, Agent Purchased by Blandford Bloodstock/M V Magnier		
1828	Wekeela (Fr) <i>(m, 5, Hurricane Run {Ire}--Moonrise {Ger}, by Grande Lodge)</i>	Horse Out of Training	1,800,000
	Consigned by European Sales Management Purchased by David Redvers Bloodstock		
1836	Different League (Fr) <i>(f, 2, Dabirsim {Fr}--Danseuse Corse {Ire}, by Danehill Dancer {Ire})</i>	Horse in Training	1,500,000
	Consigned by Amy Marnane Bloodstock, Agent Purchased by White Birch Farm & M V Magnier		
1825	Justlookdontouch (Ire) <i>(m, 9, Galileo {Ire}--Hellenic {Ire}, by Darshaan {GB})</i>	Broodmare	1,200,000
	Consigned by The Castlebridge Consignment Purchased by White Birch Farm		
1797	Birdwood (GB) <i>(f, 4, Oasis Dream {GB}--Concentric {GB}, by Sadler's Wells)</i>	i/f to Lope de Vega (Ire)	1,100,000
	Consigned by Newsells Park Stud Purchased by Oliver St Lawrence Bloodstock		
1876	Abingdon <i>(f, 4, Street Cry {Ire}--Justlookdontouch {Ire}, by Galileo {Ire})</i>	Horse in Training	1,050,000
	Consigned by The Castlebridge Consignment Purchased by Murette Farrell Agent for Mt Brilliant Farm		
1845	Modernstone (GB) <i>(m, 7, Duke of Marmalade {Ire}--Post Modern, by Nureyev)</i>	i/f to Galileo (Ire)	1,000,000
	Consigned by Baroda & Colbinstown Studs Purchased by Ballylinch Stud		

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Consigned by The Castlebridge Consignment
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1842 Oakley Girl (GB) i/f to Frankel (GB) 925,000
(m, 5, Sir Percy {GB}--Pivotting {GB}, by Pivotal {GB})

Consigned by The Castlebridge Consignment
 Purchased by Kerri Radcliffe Bloodstock

1864 Only Mine (Ire) Horse in Training 925,000
(f, 4, Pour Moi {Ire}--Truly Mine {Ire}, by Rock of Gibraltar {Ire})

Consigned by The Castlebridge Consignment
 Purchased by Flaxman Stables Ireland

Familiar Territory For Godolphin...

It didn't take Godolphin long to gain some compensation for missing out on Marsha, with Anthony Stroud conducting the bidding and signing at 3.7 million gns for this year's GI Man O'War S. winner **Zhukova (Ire)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) (lot 1868) for Sheikh Mohammed. Trained by Dermot Weld and racing for John Murrell and Chantal Regalado-Gonzalez, Zhukova won a pair of Group 3s in Ireland last year and got her Grade I in New York in May. She is the fourth foal out of the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas winner Nighttime (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), whose current 2-year-old Ghaiyyath (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) was bought by Godolphin for €1.1 million as a yearling. He won this year's G3 Autumn S. and is a Classic prospect for next year. Godolphin has in the past bought two other produce of Nighttime: a 450,000gns daughter of Raven's Pass named Midnight Fair (Ire) and an 800,000gns colt by the same sire named New Year's Night (Ire).



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Godolphin also purchased Murrell and Regalado-Gonzalez's G1 Investec Oaks winner Qualify (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) for 1.6 million gns at this sale two years ago. Stroud said it is likely they will follow Ghaiyyath's mating and breed Zhukova to Dubawi.

"She's a Group 1 winner out of a Group 1 winner, and logically she'll be going to Dubawi," he said. "It's very simple. We had three to go on today and she's one of the three."

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 one of the three."*

Of missing out on Marsha, Stroud said, "I thought she was a lovely filly and was so athletic and such a good mover and a highly rated filly. At the end of the day, we were disappointed not to get her, but I think we gave it a good try."

Murrell and Regalado-Gonzalez also sold Monday's session-topper, the 1.7-million gns Intricately (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), and Flaxman Stables purchase the couples' other offering of the sale, the Group 3 winner Only Mine (Ire) (Pour Moi {Ire}), for 925,000 on Tuesday.

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Another Pearl For Sheikh Fahad...

The buzz of the first part of the Ballymacoll dispersal began to die down shortly after Islington (Ire) (Sadler’s Wells) passed through the ring, but things were just in fact heating up, as two lots later Sheikh Fahad went to 1.8 million gns to secure the Group/Grade 3 winner **Wekeela (Fr)** (Hurricane Run {Ire}) (lot 1828). The 5-year-old was making her third trip through a sales ring; she was a €90,000 yearling purchase at Arqana’s August sale by Jean-Claude Rouget, and won the G3 Prix Chloe for that trainer at three as well as finishing second in the G1 Prix Saint-Alary. Wekeela was bought by Martin Schwartz for €1.1 million at that year’s Arqana Arc sale the evening before finishing fourth in the G1 Prix de l’Opera, and she was transferred to Chad Brown in the U.S. thereafter. She picked up a pair of Grade I seconds in the Jenny Wiley S. and the Gamely S. last year before winning this year’s GIII Matchmaker S. She is a full-sister to champion Scandinavian filly Matauri Pearl (Ire), and her third dam, Mosella (Ger), has produced the great sire Monsun (Ger) as well as the dam of this year’s dual French Classic winner Brametot (Fr) (Rajsaman {Fr}).

“She’ll join Sheikh Fahad’s elite band of broodmares which he’s putting together,” said Sheikh Fahad’s representative David Redvers. “She’s beautiful, she’s young, the pedigree is sexy and hopefully she’ll go on to breed something magnificent. She’s everything you could really want in a mare so we’re delighted to get her.” **Cont. p7**



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Different League Indeed...

Con Marnane took a filly from the first crop of German-turned-French sire Dabirsim (Fr) to last year's Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale, but was unwilling to part with her at £14,000, having spent €8,000 on her as a foal. Waiting an extra 16 months to sell her proved a sublime decision when the filly, now named **Different League (Fr)**, was sold to White Birch Farm and MV Magnier for 1.5-million gns on Tuesday as **lot 1836**.

The filly's value, of course, was significantly boosted by her win in this year's G3 Albany S. at Royal Ascot in the silks of Marnane's wife Theresa, which prompted momentous celebrations from the family in the winner's enclosure. Different League would go on to finish third in the G1 Prix Morny and second in the G1 Cheveley Park S. for trainer Matthieu Palussiere, and she will now join Aidan O'Brien.

The post-sale celebrations from the Marnane family--including Con, Theresa and daughter Amy, who consigned the filly under Amy Marnane Bloodstock--were not unlike those at Ascot, with tears flowing and congratulations being received by seemingly everyone on the sales grounds.

"She's an unbelievable filly, she's once in a lifetime," said an emotional Con Marnane. "Words just can't describe how good she is, and I hope that the new people that have her, that she brings the same happiness to them that she does to us. I'd like to thank all our team at home, everyone that was involved with the filly. I have an unbelievable team of people at

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home and this is the end result."

Amy Marnane added, "It's very emotional she's gone, but she's been an absolute queen for us, and I hope she's an absolute queen for her next connections. We're really grateful for them, and the amount of people that have come to see her; she had well over 500 shows."

"And the last show was as good as her first show," Con Marnane interjected.

"A filly like that, she's a queen; I have no doubt she'll be a phenomenal racehorse and she has so much more to come," Amy continued.

Describing Different League's progress from foal to unwanted yearling, Con Marnane said, "She was strong, she had great hips on her. Nobody wanted her. The sire wasn't that popular at the time and he was only just starting off. She was very tall as a yearling and they probably thought she'd take too much

time. They were very wrong." **Cont. p8**



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Emotional Conclusion To Ballymacoll Dispersal...

She may not have brought the highest price of the draft but **Islington (Ire)** (Sadler’s Wells) (lot 1826) was always going to be the star of the show, and the sight of the great mare entering the ring led by Ballymacoll Stud’s long-term manager Peter Reynolds will certainly have brought a tear to the eye of a number of those there to see her sell at Tattersalls.

And whether they were there to buy or simply to spectate, countless people packed the rotunda as an awed hush descended for several minutes until the hammer finally came down in favour of Tom Goff at 270,000gns.

“She is going to a good home--she was the most important one for me, she is very special,” said Reynolds of the 18-year-old, who is in foal to Kingman (GB).

Goff added, “The first thing Peter came and said was to ensure that she is well looked after--and she will be. I can’t say where she is going, but it is a great home. She will probably go to Ireland, at least for a mating, but I can’t divulge any more.”

He continued, “It’s hard to talk about a mare like this without sounding pompous. Everyone in the world knows who she is. We have bought from the family before--[Islington’s daughters] Bohemian Dance (Ire) and Upper Street (Ire)--and we tried to buy Angel Vision (Ire). People probably think we are mad but she didn’t look like an old mare; she looked fantastic. She always produces fillies and we felt with people like Cheveley Park and Moyglare investing, her family could really ignite.”

Just a few lots earlier (1820) Cheveley Park Stud’s Chris Richardson had been the successful bidder at 600,000gns on **Angel Vision (Ire)**, Islington’s dual-winning 5-year-old daughter by Oasis Dream (GB) who was offered in foal for the first time to Invincible Spirit (Ire). **Cont. p9**



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On price, the leader of the draft was Islington's three-parts-sister **Justlookdontouch (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) at 1.2-million gns, one of a number of expensive purchases on the day for Peter Brant of White Birch Farm, who fended off a fellow American underbidder in Greg Goodman. Offered as **lot 1825**, the 9-year-old mare was sold not in foal despite being covered by the Sea The Stars (Ire) in May. Several hours later, Goodman was successful in purchasing two of Justlookdontouch's winning daughters when going to 1.05-million gns for the dual listed victrix **Abingdon** (Street Cry {Ire}) (**lot 1876**) and 400,000gns for 3-year-old **Superioritycomplex (Ire)** (Hard Spun) (**lot 1874**).

Goodman, who owns Mt Brilliant Farm in Lexington, said, "They're just such great families. It's unbelievable to have this opportunity to get into them and we really liked this particular branch of the family. We didn't think we'd be able to buy [Abingdon]. Everything about her we liked, including her sire Street Cry. She'll go to the breeding shed. We haven't decided on a stallion but it will be someone good. We'll probably ship one of the two home but we're not sure yet. There's dirt ability in the family, which is one of the things that attracted us to them, as we can breed them either for the dirt or the turf."

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It was another of Justlookdontouch's daughters, the Classic prospect **Aim Of Artemis (Ire)** (Lerooidesanimaux {Brz}) (**lot 1875**), whose sale paid the biggest compliment to Ballymacoll Stud, sparking as it did a battle between four major breeding operations. Niarchos family representative Alan Cooper exchanged bids with both Lord Grimthorpe of Juddmonte and Chris Richardson of Cheveley Park Stud before all three gave way to John Gosden, who placed the final bid of 1 million gns on behalf of Sheikh Mohammed.

"She's a really attractive filly with a fabulous page," Gosden said. "I was at Leicester when she won. She has a proper pedigree with a good frame and she should be a nice filly starting out over a mile and a quarter next year."

In October, Aim Of Atermis's yearling half-sister by Kingman fetched 1.7 million gns when bought by Moyglare Stud, which, through Fiona Craig, also bought the 7-year-old G3 Musidora S. winner **Liber Nauticus (Ire)** (Azamour {Ire}) (**lot 1824**) in foal to Derby winner Harzand (Ire) for 425,000gns.

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"She was a lovely mare, a 2-year-old who won a Group 3 and was fifth in an Oaks. It's the sort of mare we want to breed from and race produce out of. She'll go to Muhaarar. I wanted to buy a mare for him and she was the one."

Yarrow (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) (lot 1822), the winning half-sister to Classic winner Golan (Ire) (Spectrum {Ire}) and G2 Dante S. winner Tartan Bearer (Ire) (Spectrum {Ire}), will remain in England after being bought by Charlie Vigors for an unspecified client for 625,000gns.

"My client is upgrading his broodmare band and this was a once-in-a-lifetime chance to buy into a family like this. She's a stakes-placed mare with real quality and will be coming home to board at Hillwood Stud."

Lot 1871, Arizona Belle (Ire) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), the half-sister to G1 Melbourne Cup winner Fiorente (Ire) (Monsun {Ger}), joins a racing team with a distinctly Australian flavour after Hubie de Burgh went to 100,000gns to buy her for OTI Racing. The syndicate has already made significant investment in the family and owns the multiple Group 1-placed Tom Melbourne (Ire) (Dylan Thomas {Ire})--a son of the filly's half-sister Roshanak (Ire) (Spinning World)--as well as another of Roshanak's offspring, Araaja (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB}), who earlier in the session was led out unsold at 400,000gns.

"We also bought [Arizona Belle's] Cacique yearling half-sister in October so we know the family pretty well," said de Burgh. "If this filly was appearing in a sale in Australia she'd probably make a fortune. She's by Redoute's Choice, who is such a great sire and broodmare sire."



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OTI Racing's Terry Henderson indicated that the unraced Arizona Belle would most likely remain in Europe for the time being.

"She'll probably stay here as it would be a shame to miss out on her 3-year-old season by taking her to Australia straight away," he said.

The Ballymacoll Stud Dispersal began back in July with the sale of Arab Spring (Ire) (Monsun {Ger}) and by the time the hammer had fallen on the last of the 45 horses to be sold at Tattersalls, the tally stood at 11,527,500gns.

Birdwood Back Home...

The unraced **Birdwood (GB)** (Oasis Dream {GB}) (lot 1797) passed through this ring rather inconspicuously last year when picked up by Newsells Park Stud for 150,000gns from the Juddmonte draft. Birdwood enjoyed the ultimate pedigree update this year when her half-sister Enable (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}) ran away with five Group 1s en route to European Horse of the Year honours, and she will head back to Newsells after the operation went to 1.1 million gns to buy out its partners in the mare, David Redvers and Peter Winkworth.

The bidding was conducted by Oliver St Lawrence on behalf of Newsells, who said, "She was owned in partnership. There was a figure that she was going to remain in partnership and there was a figure she was going to be bought out at, and she got to that."

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Newsells’s Julian Dollar added, “From Newsells Park’s point of view, to buy out our partners and to buy the other half of her, even at that price, was still very good value in a market like this. She has a lovely page and is a lovely mare.”

Birdwood, whose dam Concentric (GB) (Sadler’s Wells) is a half-sister to five-time Grade/Group 1 winner Flintshire (GB) (Dansili {GB}), is in foal for her first cover to Lope de Vega (Ire).

One lot later, Newsells bought back the group-winning **Restiadargent (Fr)** (Kendargent {Fr}) (lot 1798) in foal to Frankel (GB) for 950,000gns.

Pat O’Kelly of Kilcarn Stud was underbidder on Birdwood, but it wasn’t long before she was able to secure another beautifully bred mare in the aptly named **I Am Beautiful (Ire)** (Rip Van Winkle {Ire}) (lot 1808) in foal to Kingman (GB) for 700,000gns. Raced by the Coolmore partners in partnership with co-breeder Flaxman Stables, I Am Beautiful finished third in the G3 Balanchine S. She is a half-sister to champion racemare and producer Rumpelstiltskin (Ire) (Danehill), the dam of Irish champion 3-year-old and G1 Yorkshire Oaks winner Tapestry (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and juvenile Group 3 winner John F Kennedy (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). Also under the first dam is the G1 Dubai Turf winner Real Steel (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), and the second dam is the great Miesque. I Am Beautiful’s first foal, a Dansili colt, was bought by Godolphin for 340,000gns at the October Sale here and she produced a War Front colt this year.

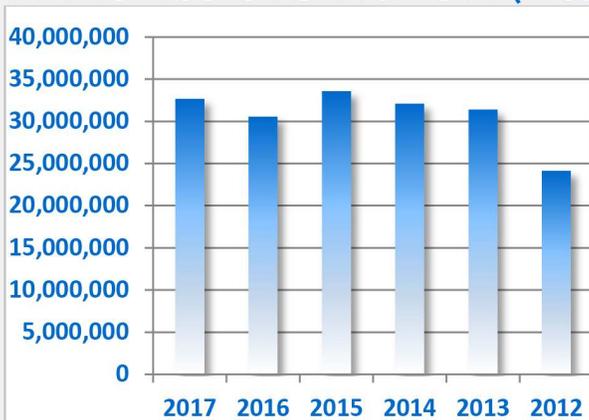
“We were underbidder on [Birdwood] a few minutes ago,” said John Clarke, who conducted the bidding standing alongside Kelly. “She’s a lovely mare in foal to a good horse. She has immense appeal and she had great ability and a pedigree to boot.”

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WEEKLY SALES INDEX

TATTERSALLS DECEMBER FOAL SALE (IN GUINEAS)



“With the exception of the clearance rate, figures at the Tattersalls December Foal Sale had dipped last year off a 2015 renewal that featured an extra half-day of trade. Strong trade from opening day to closing this year resulted in an aggregate that was up 7% as well as a record average and median. Capital Bloodstock, relatively new buying in this realm, was leading buyer over Godolphin and Cheveley Park. Golden Horn was leading first-crop sire by average and he and Muhaarar were the only two newcomers to feature in the 10 top sires.”

-Kelsey Riley

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS	AVE
2017	1,147	957	742	16.6%	77.5%	64.6%	32,668,200	44,027
2016	1,136	957	743	15.8%	77.6%	65.4%	30,568,350	41,142
2015	1,277	1,089	803	14.8%	73.7%	62.8%	33,565,600	41,800
2014	1,116	966	779	13.5%	80.6%	69.8%	32,110,900	41,221
2013	1,072	943	740	12.1%	78.4%	69.0%	31,420,400	42,460
2012	1,105	854	708	15.9%	82.9%	69.7%	24,132,700	34,086

Tattersalls December Mare Sale Day 2 Cont.

Clarke said I Am Beautiful could visit Kingman's sire Invincible Spirit next year.

"If I were to have a bet, I'd say we'll discuss this later--she may be down for Invincible Spirit," he said.

Oakley Girl To Phoenix...

Phoenix Thoroughbreds, a significant player through the breeze-up and yearling sales this season, have also started to accrue broodmares and went to 950,000gns for **lot 1842, Oakley Girl (GB)** (Sir Percy {GB}) for Phoenix Thoroughbreds. A treble winner and placed in listed company, the half-sister to G2 Superlative S. winner Good Old Boy Lukey (GB) (Selkirk) hails from the Meon Valley Stud family of Reprocolor, her third dam being the G1 Irish Oaks winner and treble Group 1 producer Colorspin. To gild the lily even further, the 5-year-old was sold in foal to Frankel (GB).

"She's a lovely young mare in foal to a great stallion and carrying a colt. I think we'll probably send her back to Frankel," said Phoenix Thoroughbreds' agent Kerri Radcliffe.

Unbelievable to Pinecliff Racing...

Unbelievable (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), the unraced three-parts-sister to Peeping Fawn (Danehill), provided an early highlight when sold as **lot 1747** for 800,000gns to Dean Hawthorne, who is being assisted at the sale by Badgers Bloodstock.

The 5-year-old, who has a colt foal by Gleneagles (Ire), was bought the previous year at Keeneland November by SF Bloodstock and Newgate Farm for \$810,000 but, having been exported to Australia, **was returned to Europe uncovered** following the exploits this season of Peeping Fawn's Classic contender September (Ire) (Deep Impact {Jpn}).



Dean Hawthorne | Tattersalls

"She'll probably stay in the Northern Hemisphere for now," said Hawthorne, who bought the mare for Pinecliff Racing, who currently race another good daughter of Fastnet Rock, the G1 Myer Classic winner Shoals (Aus). "We have a big commercial broodmare band in Australia but we're looking to build a small presence up here. This is such a sought-after family and goes back to Best In Show. We see a lot of Fastnet Rocks in Australia but this mare had real quality."

Hawthorne later added the young Galileo (Ire) mare Wooing (Ire)--already in foal to Zoffany (Ire) at the age of just three--to his list at 375,000gns. Sold through Castlebridge Consignment as **lot 1807**, she is an unraced full-sister to treble Group 1 winner Rip Van Winkle (Ire).

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Tattersalls December Mare Sale Day 3 Outs:

1918, 1930, 1931, 1941, 1950, 1966, 1967, 1970, 1983, 1991, 1998, 2020, 2027, 2034, 2041, 2059, 2062, 2065, 2067, 2072, 2075, 2096, 2101, 2102, 2107, 2109, 2111, 2115, 2116, 2117, 2121, 2123, 2132, 2133, 2137, 2141, 2144, 2145, 2146, 2156, 2157, 2158, 2159, 2160, 2161, 2165, 2168, 2169, 2179, 2189, 2191, 2195, 2202, 2205, 2206

NOTHING BUT NET

TATTERSALLS DECEMBER MARE SALE DAY 2

Lot	Name	Price (gns)
1700	Privacy Order (GB)	425,000

(m, 7, Azamour {Ire}--Confidential Lady {GB}, by Singspiel {Ire})

Consigned by Houghton Bloodstock.

Purchased by C Gordon-Watson Bloodstock

Malcolm Humby's Redenham Park Stud parted with 65,000gns during the 2014 TATDEM Sale for Privacy Order in foal to Pivotal (GB). Her 2014 produce, the Mayson (GB) gelding Private Matter (GB), saluted in the Listed Prix Zeddann shortly after that Pivotal colt, Pivotal Man (GB), brought 150,000gns from trainer Roger Varian at Book 1 of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale in 2016. Privacy Order's 2016 Dutch Art (GB) colt brought 57,000gns during this year's Tattersalls October Book 1 from Mark Johnston Racing and she had a full-brother to Pivotal Man in 2017. In foal to Kingman (GB) (£55,000), Privacy Order made a nice return Tuesday.

Nothing But Nets Cont.**1701 Sutton Veny (Ire) 240,000***(m, 11, Acclamation {GB}--Carabine, by Dehere)*

Consigned by Houghton Bloodstock

Purchased by BBA Ireland

Five-time winner Sutton Veny was acquired by Joe Murphy for 15,000gns post sale during the 2015 edition of TATDEM. The Havana Gold foal she was carrying turned out to be a filly, while her first-born, 3-year-old colt True Valour (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), won the Listed Celebration S. at The Curragh for Qatar Racing this July. He would go on to run second in the G2 Boomerang S. at Leopardstown later in the season and Sutton Veny made a nice profit carrying his full-sibling Tuesday. Kodiac stood for €50,000 in 2017.

1769 Peacehaven (Ire) 110,000*(m, 5, Rip Van Winkle {Ire}--Crystal Gaze {Ire}, by Rainbow Quest)*

Consigned by Whitsbury Manor Stud

Purchased by Manor Farm Stud

Chris Harper's Whitsbury Manor Stud went to 30,000gns during last year's Tattersalls December Mare Sale for the two-time winner Peacehaven. A half-sister to Italian highweight and G1 Coolmore Nunthorpe S. runner-up Spirit Quartz (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) and 2017 G2 Sapphire S. hero Caspian Prince (Ire) (Dylan Thomas {Ire}), the 5-year-old sold to the Watson Family's Manor Farm Stud for 110,000gns carrying her first foal by Whitsbury resident Showcasing (GB) who stands for £35,000.

1843 America Nova (Fr) 550,000*(m, 13, Verglas {Ire}--Las Americas {Fr}, by Linamix {Fr})*

Consigned by Baroda & Colbinstown Studs

Purchased by C Gordon-Watson/Al Wasmiyah

The China Horse Club gave 200,000gns for French SW America Nova in foal to Lope de Vega (Ire) at this sale in 2016 and her 2015 Arch filly Nyaleti captured the G3 Princess Margaret Juddmonte S. this term. Reoffered on Tuesday, the dam of Australian Group 2 winner and MG1SP Weary (Fr), who raced in the Northern Hemisphere as Sir Patrick Moore, and French Group 3 heroine Stellar Path (Fr) (Astronomer Royal), caught the eye of the Charlie Gordon-Watson Bloodstock and Al Wasmiyah axis in foal to Siyouni (Fr) (€45,000).

1860 Zuhoor Baynoona (Ire) 560,000*(m, 5, Elnadim--Spasha {GB}, by Shamardal)*

Consigned by Norelands Stud

Purchased by Cheveley Park Stud

Cormac McCormack Bloodstock purchased listed winner Zuhoor Baynoona out of the 2016 TATJUL sale for 250,000gns in foal to Muhaarar (GB) and she produced a colt in 2017. Her juvenile half-brother Royal Youmzain (Fr) (Youmzain {Ire}) was first past the post in Italy's G2 Gran Criterium, and she graced the sales ring yet again, this time in foal to Frankel (GB) (£125,000).

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O'BRIEN HONOURED AT HRI AWARDS

Horse Racing Ireland hosted their annual awards luncheon in Leopardstown on Monday. Outgoing HRI Chairman Joe Keeling was among the early speakers and he looked back on the last five years of his tenure as chairman, focusing on some of the improvements that have come about in the period, such as total prizemoney, which has increased from €44m in 2012 to €60m in 2017. Keeling then introduced Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Michael Creed who spoke about the importance of the racing and breeding industry to the Irish economy and reaffirmed the Government's support of the sector. Creed also acknowledged the role of prizemoney in promoting the industry and said, "Increased prizemoney helps to ensure Ireland remains competitive internationally. Owners are the lifeblood of the industry and increased race values are a vital tool in encouraging both new owners to engage with the sport and existing owners and syndicates to reinvest."

There were seven awards presented during the afternoon, beginning with the contribution to the industry award and it was Aidan O'Brien, off the back of a record breaking year, who was this year's recipient. The master of Ballydoyle, who broke the record held by Bobby Frankel for the number of Group 1 winners trained in a calendar year, accepted the award in typical self deprecating fashion passing on his appreciation to his family and team at Ballydoyle and Coolmore. Among those from outside the industry who paid tribute to O'Brien's phenomenal achievements via video link were Ireland's head rugby coach Joe Schmidt, Kilkenny Hurling coach Brian Cody, golfer Pádraig Harrington, snooker player Ken Doherty, former Irish international soccer player Niall Quinn and Ireland's Taoiseach Leo Varadkar. [Cont. p14](#)

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Aidan O'Brien with his latest accolade | Fennell Photography

O'Brien Honoured at HRI Awards Cont.

As we have seen on the track this past year whenever O'Brien scores a major victory his son Joseph is often snapping at his heels and on occasions gets the better of his father. O'Brien junior picked the G1 Emirates Melbourne Cup as one of those occasions when he bested Aidan and that famous victory with **Rekindling (GB)** (High Chaparral {Ire}) was enough to see the 24-year-old secure the Outstanding Achievement Award.

The epic battle between Colin Keane and former multiple champion jockey Pat Smullen was also one of the season's highlights and Keane's 100 winners was enough to deny Smullen a 10th Irish jockeys title and for him to clinch HRI's 2017 Flat Award.

Jessica Harrington scored with some classy flat operators this year such as 'TDN Rising Star' **Alpha Centauri (Ire)** (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) and **Torcedor (Ire)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) but it was her jumps exploits with the likes of G1 Timico Cheltenham Gold Cup winner **Sizing John (GB)** (Midnight Legend {GB}) and Boylesports Irish Grand National winner **Our Duke (Ire)** (Oscar) that saw her presented with the National Hunt Award. Harrington's Sizing John, whose owner Alan Potts died recently, was also voted Horse of the Year following a rare trio of top level staying chase victories that also included the G1 Stan James Irish Gold Cup at Leopardstown and the G1 Coral Punchestown Gold Cup.

Wexford amateur jockey Barry O'Neill was a deserving winner of the Point To Point award while Down Royal's efforts in providing a good mix of entertainment, atmosphere and quality facilities saw it win the Racecourse of the Year award.

Commenting on some of the achievements from the last twelve months HRI chief executive, Brian Kavanagh, said, "2017

saw Irish-trained and Irish-bred horses continue to raise the bar both internationally and here at home. Aidan O'Brien has been setting a standard for over two decades and this year went one step further with a phenomenal world record 27 Group 1 wins. From an unforgettable Cheltenham with a record 19 Irish-trained winners, right through to the Melbourne Cup success for Joseph O'Brien, this has been a year to remember and celebrate."

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2017 HRI AWARD WINNERS

- Contribution to the Industry Award:** Aidan O'Brien
- Horse of the Year Award:** Sizing John
- National Hunt Award:** Jessica Harrington
- Flat Award:** Colin Keane
- Outstanding Achievement Award:** Joseph O'Brien
- Point-To-Point Award:** Barry O'Neill
- Racecourse of the Year Award:** Down Royal Racecourse

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148 foals of racing age/20 winners/2 black-type winners
17:00-NEWCASTLE, 8f, ASTOLAT (GB)

DAWN APPROACH (IRE) (New Approach {Ire}), Kildangan Stud
111 foals of racing age/13 winners/0 black-type winners
16:00-NEWCASTLE, 8f, SUNBREAK (IRE)

FINJAAN (GB) (Royal Applause {GB}), Gazeley Stud
30 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
16:00-NEWCASTLE, 8f, SQUIRRELHEED (GB)
10,000gns Tattersalls December Foals Sale 2015; £20,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2016

LETHAL FORCE (IRE) (Dark Angel {Ire}), Cheveley Park Stud
101 foals of racing age/22 winners/0 black-type winners
12:40-LINGFIELD PARK, 7f, FIRE ORCHID (GB)
17,000gns Tattersalls December Foals Sale 2015; 70,000gns Tattersalls October Sale 2016 - Book 1
12:40-LINGFIELD PARK, 7f, LITTLE MISS LILLY (GB)
16:30-NEWCASTLE, 6f, MOVE IT MOVE IT (GB)
£41,000 Goffs UK Silver Yearling Sale 2016

First-Season Sires With Runners Cont.

SOCIETY ROCK (IRE) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}), Tally-Ho Stud
 122 foals of racing age/28 winners/1 black-type winner
 16:30-NEWCASTLE, 6f, BLACKLOOKS (IRE)
 €41,000 Goffs November Foals 2015; 46,000gns Tattersalls
 October Yearling Sale 2016 - Book 2

FRANCE:

INTELLO (GER) (Galileo {Ire}), Haras du Quesnay
 102 foals of racing age/9 winners/1 black-type winner
 5-DEAUVILLE, 1900m, NAMAR (IRE)

PEDRO THE GREAT (Henrythenavigator), Haras de la Haie Neuve
 35 foals of racing age/7 winners/2 black-type winners
 5-DEAUVILLE, 1900m, FLASH BERE (FR)
 €12,000 RNA Osarus Sales La Teste Yearling 2016 Sale

STYLE VENDOME (FR) (Anabaa), Haras de Bouquetot
 78 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners
 4-DEAUVILLE, 1500m, MASSINA (FR)



Pedro The Great has done well from a small crop | France-sire.com

BRITAIN



Tuesday's Results:

3rd-WOL, £5,000, Cond, 12-5, 2yo, f, 7f 36y (AWT), 1:29.22, st.
AMERICAN ENDEAVOUR (f, 2, Distorted Humor--Crazy Party, by A.P. Indy), who was third when ridden prominently in a novice contest over this trip at Kempton Nov. 8, broke well to race in a clear second throughout the early stages. Gaining the lead with a furlong remaining, the 7-2 joint-second favourite held on to score by a neck from Lady Noorah (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}).

Sun Maiden (GB) (Frankel {GB}), the other 7-2 joint-second favourite who is a half-sister to the six-times group 1 winner Midday (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), blew her chance at the start but recovered from a slow break to be a promising fourth. The winner is the first runner for the dam, who is a half to the G3 Prix Miesque scorer and G1 Prix Marcel Boussac and G1 Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup S.-placed Quiet Royal (Royal Academy), the G3 Prix Chloe winner Acago (Royal Academy) and G3 Prix du Bois-winning sire Sandwaki (Dixieland Band). Also connected to the top-class performers and sires Dare and Go (Alydar) and Go Deputy (Deputy Minister), she has a yearling filly by Union Rags and has been bred to Paynter for 2008. Sales history: \$70,000 Ylg '16 KEEJAN; \$75,000 RNA Ylg '16 KEESEP; \$125,000 2yo '17 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$4,993.

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4th-WOL, £5,000, Cond, 12-5, 2yo, f, 7f 36y (AWT), 1:29.33, st.

POINT HOPE (IRE) (f, 2, Kodiak {GB}--Frosted {GB}, by Dr Fong), a €125,000 GOFORB yearling, had not been sighted since putting up an encouraging debut effort when third to the subsequent listed winner Izzy Bizu (Ire) (Kodiak {GB}) over six furlongs at Leicester June 17 and tracked the leading trio throughout the early stages. Staying on to secure the advantage with over a furlong to race, the 9-4 joint-favourite dug in to prevail by a neck from Allante (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}). Fresh Terms (GB) (New Approach {Ire}), the daughter of the 2011 G2 Queen Mary S. and G2 Lowther S. scorer Best Terms (GB) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}), showed promise for the most part but faded out of contention late to be sixth. The dam, who also has a yearling filly by Camacho (GB) and a filly foal by Anjaal (GB), is a full-sister to the listed-winning and G2 Gimcrack S. runner-up Andronikos (GB) from the family of the leading sprinter and sire College Chapel (GB) and the G2 Challenge S. scorer Last Resort (GB) (Lahib). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$5,005. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Denford Stud; B-Knocktartan House Stud (IRE); T-Richard Hannon.

FRANCE



CONDITIONS RESULT:

2nd-DVL, €26,000, 12-5, 2yo, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.95, st.
RIVER CANNES (FR) (f, 2, Orpen--Cannes To Capri {Ire}, by Galileo {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, €33,500. O-Stephanie Castanheira; B-M Pehu (FR); T-Tony Castanheira. *€18,000 Ylg '16 AROCT.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Reve de Soeurs (Fr), f, 3, Apsis (GB)--Reine de Rome (Fr), by Roi de Rome. DVL, 12-5, 12 1/2f (AWT), 2:42.22. B-S & Mme V Seignoux (FR).

Jack Taylor (Ire), c, 2, Invincible Spirit (Ire)--Glory Power (Ire) (SW-Fr), by Medicean (GB). DVL, 12-5, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.17. B-Qatar Bloodstock & Ecurie des Charmes (IRE). *€42,000 Ylg '16 AROCT.

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WORLDWIDE NEWS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT UNDER THE LIGHTS

by Alan Carasso

Hong Kong International Races week kicks into a higher gear Wednesday evening when a dozen of the world's top jockeys descend on iconic Happy Valley Racecourse for the Longines International Jockeys' Championship.

Four-time Sydney champion Hugh Bowman graced the IJC winner's circle after narrowly besting Longines World's Best Jockey Ryan Moore last December, and the 37-year-old enters his title defence on a high. Winner of a third straight G1 Cox Plate in Melbourne aboard the legendary Winx (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}), Bowman is currently on a short-term contract in Japan and announced his arrival on the scene with a perfect-trip victory aboard Cheval Grand (Jpn) (Heart's Cry {Jpn}) in the G1 Japan Cup at Toyko Nov. 26. The latter success ensured that Bowman would be named this year's Longines World's Best Jockey at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre Friday, Dec. 8.

"Last year I looked to have two really good chances, but though a couple of mine are drawn well this time, they don't look as strong," Bowman said. "And in the first leg I ride what seems to be an average one. But at least one is trained by Caspar Fownes. He's 'King of the Valley' so maybe he can work his magic." [Cont. p17](#)



The jockeys for Wednesday's Longines International Jockeys' Championship gathered Tuesday at Happy Valley. From l to r: Keita Tosaki (Japan), Hugh Bowman (Australia), Ryan Moore (England), Leandro Henrique (Brazil), Joao Moreira (Hong Kong), Derek Leung (Hong Kong), Zac Purton (Hong Kong), Cristian Demuro (Italy), Karis Teetan (Hong Kong), Pierre-Charles Boudot (France), Flavien Prat (USA) and Silvestre de Sousa (England). Representing the Hong Kong Jockey Club (l to r): Anthony Kelly, Andrew Harding and Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges | HKJC photo

Wednesday Night Under the Lights Cont.

Moore will look to reverse form with Bowman as he looks to add to IJC wins in 2009--when he dead-heated for the win with Christophe Soumillon--prior to an outright title in 2010. The three-time champion in the UK, Moore is in line for a big weekend with a strong Ballydoyle contingent entered for the International Races, led by 2015 G1 Longines Hong Kong Vase hero and 2016 runner-up Highland Reel (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}).

A trio of talented Brazilian-born riders add to the intrigue of the 2017 IJC. Joao Moreira has taken all before him no matter where he has dropped anchor, be it his native land, Singapore or Hong Kong. The record-setting jockey, winner of the 2012 IJC, is joined in the field by his compatriots Silvestre de Sousa, twice champion jockey in the UK; and upstart 18-year-old Leandro Henrique, who has ridden better than 430 winners in just over two years in the saddle.

Keita Tosaki, third in each of the two most recent IJCs, represents Japan, while Cristian Demuro, currently riding alongside older brother Mirco on the JRA circuit, flies the Italian flag. Pierre-Charles Boudot represents his home country of France and his countryman Flavien Prat makes his IJC debut representing America on the heels of a victory in the GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile. The field is completed by the Hong Kong-based Zac Purton, Karis Teetan and leading local rider Derek Leung.

The Longines IJC is contested over four races, with points allotted to the first three placegetters on a 12-6-4 scale. A total of HK\$800,000 in prize money is on offer for the world's richest event of its kind. The winner takes home a check for HK\$500,000.

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OUTS AND INS AT HKIR

The James Fanshawe team received a setback on Tuesday when it emerged that **The Tin Man (GB)** (Equiano {GB}) has been ruled out of Sunday's G1 Longines Hong Kong Sprint at Sha Tin.

According to HKJC veterinary official Dr Peter Curl, the G1 Diamond Jubilee S. winner arrived in Hong Kong with an elevated temperature and although it has stabilised, The Tin Man was deemed unfit to take part on Sunday.

"After discussing the horse's condition with Mr Fanshawe, it has been decided the horse will not be suitable to compete in the stated race and accordingly The Tin Man has been officially withdrawn from the Longines Hong Kong Sprint," the HKJC reported on Tuesday.



The Tin Man | *Racing Post photo*

Fanshawe later wrote on Twitter, "Everyone is very disappointed that The Tin Man is unable to run in the Longines Hong Kong Sprint on Sunday. Our first priority now is to get him well and back home."

The Tin Man is the latest defection from Sunday's meeting, as trainer Tony Millard was forced to declare **Nassa (SAf)** (Dynasty {SAf}) out of the G1 Longines Hong Kong Cup over the weekend owing to a tendon injury, South China Morning Post reported.

"He has given his tendon a knock and we have to take a cautious approach and give him a break," Millard told *SCMP*.

A decision is also pending later in the week on Japanese stayer **Kiseki (Jpn)** (Rulership {Jpn}), who is being treated for a fungal skin issue. The G1 Kikuka Sho hero is an intended runner in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Vase.

Maxim Guyon will replace Mickael Barzalona aboard GI Breeders' Cup Turf winner **Talismanic** (Medaglia d'Oro), Godolphin announced Monday. Barzalona was handed a six-day suspension for not riding out to the line in a race in France and a subsequent appeal to reduce the suspension failed. Guyon, a former Godolphin stable rider, has ridden many winners for trainer Andre Fabre. *Additional reporting by Daithi Harvey*

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HKIR FLASHBACK

Over the next week or so as this year's event approaches Dec. 10, Alan Carasso will take a look back at his top six moments in the history of the Hong Kong International Races. The irrepressible two-time G1 Cox Plate winner Sunline made a second trip to Hong Kong for the 2000 Mile and locked horns with local hero Fairy King Prawn in a race no fan of Hong Kong racing will ever forget

HKIR Flashback Cont.**#1 SUNLINE/FAIRY KING PRAWN – 2000 Hong Kong Mile**

When **Sunline (NZ)** (Desert Sun {GB}) made her second appearance at the international races in 2000 on the heels of a second straight win in the G1 Cox Plate, she did so with a little something to prove.

Well beaten by Jim and Tonic (Fr) (Double Bed {Fr}) as the Cup favourite in 1999, Sunline cut back in trip for the 2000 Mile and a clash with **Fairy King Prawn (Aus)** (Danehill), the face of Hong Kong racing and winner of the inaugural Sprint in 1999. What followed over the next 94 seconds was an epic us-versus-them battle that remains arguably the most dramatic race in HKIR history. Ridden for speed by Greg Childs, Sunline easily found her way to the front from gate nine and ambled along through an opening 400 metres in :25 flat. Fairy King Prawn settled behind midfield and off the track, having been done no favours by the slow early tempo and his draw one from the outside in 13. Allowed to roll on the far turn, Sunline was well in hand turning for home, with her chief protagonist making ground, but still well behind off the home turn. Sunline was still clear into the final eighth of a mile, but Fairy King Prawn quickly cut into the margin and the stage was set. With Childs asking her for everything, Sunline reached for the wire and just got home as Fairy King Prawn needed one more jump ([video](#)). In a remarkable twist of fate, the two met again in the G1 Dubai Duty Free S. three months later, but Jim and Tonic proved a neck better than a controversially ridden Fairy King Prawn with Sunline a further half-length in arrears in third.

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It was a battle for the ages in the 2000 Mile | *Racing Post photo*

NEW MILLION-DOLLAR RACE FOR VICTORIA

A photo from Tuesday's launch of *The Showdown* | *TBV*

A new A\$1-million race for 2-year-olds, named 'The Showdown' will be run in Victoria, Australia in 2019. The brainchild of Racing Victoria and Thoroughbred Breeders Victoria, the race will be run exclusively for the progeny of VOBIS Sires-nominated stallions at Caulfield in April 2019. A total of 54 stallions were nominated to the VOBIS (Victorian Owners and Breeders Incentive Scheme) Sires program during 2015, meaning all their 2016-born progeny, provided they are VOBIS Gold and Super VOBIS-nominated, will be eligible to compete for the inaugural race in 2019. The first crop of yearlings to be prepared for the inaugural race will appear at the upcoming 2018 sales and will be identified by VOBIS Sires logos in the sales catalogues, barn signage and hip stickers.

"VOBIS Sires is a further evolution of Victoria's VOBIS program which supports the state's critical breeding industry, TBV President, James O'Brien, said. "Victoria's stallion owners have been great supporters of this scheme with their nomination fees going into the prizemoney of the A\$1-million Showdown. Victoria already has some fantastic sires, but VOBIS Sires and the Showdown will help take the quality of the stallion roster in this state to a new level."

The Showdown is named after Victoria's champion Australian stallion of the 1970s of the same name and RV's general manager Greg Carpenter commented, "Making this announcement helps to reinforce the message of the VOBIS Sires program, and will aid in educating owners and trainers about buying VOBIS Sires progeny so that they are eligible to compete for the first ever A\$1-million VOBIS Sires Showdown race in 2019. The name itself also has significant historical links to Victorian breeding, with Showdown being a champion Australian stallion who stood at Stockwell Stud and who produced very classy 2-year-old progeny."

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GINGERNUTS IMPROVES

Following concerns early on Tuesday over a possible post-op infection, **Gingernuts (NZ)** (Iffraaj {GB}) improved sufficiently throughout the day for vets to release a positive update on the triple Group 1 winner's condition. A temperature spike lead to Gingernuts being transferred back to the University of Melbourne Veterinary Hospital at Werribee on Monday night but David Ellis of ownership syndicate Te Akau Racing was less concerned by Tuesday afternoon.

"The vets say he is not any more lame than he should be for a horse who has been operated on and that his temperature has come down again," Ellis told *Racing.com*. "That temperature was the concern and the reason he went back to the clinic because they were worried when it went up on Monday and there is always that concern with post-surgery infection. But things are back to normal now, his appetite is good and we are confident he will be fine," he added.

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CLARKE JOINS JAMES HARRON BS

Jim Clarke will join James Harron Bloodstock in advance of the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale in January and split his time between JHB and JHB Syndications, the agency announced on Tuesday. A graduate of Queensland University of Technology in Law, Clarke worked under Peter Snowden at Darley Osborne Park and then took part in the Darley Flying Start course. For two years he was the racing manager for trainer Bjorn Baker and spent an additional two years as part of the racing and bloodstock management team with Godolphin in the UK.

Of the appointment James Harron said, "I am very proud of the team of people I have assembled--each and every one has been paramount in getting us to where we are today, and I believe Jim will add to that through his own unique skill set and outstanding experience throughout the international thoroughbred industry. In an ever-changing industry, where I believe you never stop learning, it is paramount that we continue to bring in the very best young talent to ensure that no stone is left unturned in our pursuit of excellence."



Jim Clarke | JHBS

"I am thrilled to be joining the motivated, energetic and ambitious team at James Harron Bloodstock," said Clarke. "The company has achieved phenomenal results in a short space of time and I am looking forward to the opportunity to add to that success. I have had a fantastic time in the UK and I am extremely grateful to Godolphin for the opportunity to gain more experience abroad which will be of great benefit to working in racing and breeding in Australia, which is my great passion."

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INGLIS EASTER SALES SCHEDULE

Apr. 5	Chairman's Sale-Racing Prospects	Sydney, TBC
Apr. 7	The Championships - Day 1	Randwick
Apr. 9	Australian Easter Yearling Sale	Riverside
Apr. 10	Australian Easter Yearling Sale	Riverside
Apr. 11	Australian Easter Yearling Sale	Riverside
Apr. 12	Chairman's Sale-Breeding Prospects	Riverside
Apr. 14	The Championships - Day 2	Randwick
Apr. 15	Australian Broodmare & Weanling Sale	Riverside
Apr. 16	Australian Broodmare & Weanling Sale	Riverside
Apr. 17	Australian Broodmare & Weanling Sale	Riverside

AUSTRALIAN GROUP 1 RACES – 2017/2018

Date	Race	Track
Dec. 9	Kingston Town Classic	Ascot
Feb. 10	C. F. Orr S.	Caulfield
Feb. 17	Lightning S.	Flemington
Feb. 24	Blue Diamond S.	Caulfield
	Futurity S.	Caulfield
	Oakleigh Plate	Caulfield
Mar. 3	Chipping Norton S.	Warwick Farm
	Surround S.	Warwick Farm
	Australian Guineas	Flemington
Mar. 10	Randwick Guineas	Randwick
	Canterbury S.	Randwick
	Australian Cup	Flemington
	Newmarket H.	Flemington
Mar. 17	Coolmore Classic	Rosehill
Mar. 23	William Reid S.	Moonee Valley
Mar. 24	Golden Slipper S.	Rosehill
	George Ryder S.	Rosehill
	Ranvet S.	Rosehill
	The Galaxy	Rosehill
	Rosehill Guineas	Rosehill
Mar. 31	The BMW	Rosehill
	Vinery Stud S.	Rosehill