



LADY ELI RETIRED, TO BE BRED TO WAR FRONT



Lady Eli & Irad Ortiz, Jr. | Sarah K Andrew

by Bill Finley

After considering the possibility of racing their star mare this year, co-owners Jay Hanley and Sol Kumin, partners in the Sheep Pond Partners stable, have decided to retire **Lady Eli** (Divine Park--Sacre Coeur, by Saint Ballado). She will be bred to War Front and then sold at the 2018 Keeneland November Breeding Stock sale as part John Sikura's Hill 'n' Dale consignment.

Following a seventh-place finish in the GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf, Lady Eli was entered in the 2017 Keeneland sale, but had to be withdrawn when coming out of the race with lacerations and a puncture wound, which required rest and treatment. The mare recovered quickly, which opened up the option of racing her in 2018, something, Kumin said, the partnership seriously considered.

"Honestly, It was a hard decision," Kumin said. "Going into the Breeders' Cup, [trainer] Chad [Brown] kept telling me this was the best she had ever trained. [Jockey] Irad [Ortiz Jr.] got off her after her last two breezes and said this is the most loaded he had ever seen her. They were so excited about how she was doing. Obviously, nothing went according to plan. We sent her to the farm and she got well pretty quickly and now we're sitting there saying, 'Man, what should we do?' The hard part for us was she always had told us what she wanted to do. When she was sick [with laminitis] we didn't feel any pressure to bring her back to the races, but we could tell she always wanted to do more. We let her tell us." **Cont. p3**

BREEDERS' CUP EYES FUTURE HOST SITES, POSSIBLE NEW RACE by Perry Lefko

The Board of the Breeders' Cup World Championships will meet later this month to talk about tracks that could potentially host the event from 2019-22 and also discuss the possibility of adding another race.

Fred Hertrich III, voted in as the Breeders' Cup Chairman last September, told the *TDN* that six tracks have expressed tentative interest in hosting the event after this year's Breeders' Cup World Championships at Churchill Downs, November 2-3. All six have been sent letters of tentative interest. Hertrich said when the Breeders' Cup Ltd. hears back from the tracks, it will send out contracts outlining all the details, dates and demands to be considered and see how many respond.

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Happy 97th Birthday, John Shear! Santa Anita's beloved paddock captain, John Shear, celebrates his 97th birthday with his wife Diane and a group of Santa Anita jockeys, fellow employees, and friends following Monday's fourth race. Employed at The Great Race Place in Arcadia, CA for nearly six decades, Shear turns 97 on Wednesday. A native of England who originally aspired to be a jockey, Shear gained national recognition for an act of heroism at the age of 90, when on March 12, 2011, he threw himself between a loose horse and a 5-year-old girl just outside Santa Anita's Seabiscuit Walking Ring. | Benoit

THE INFLUENCE OF LADY PITT & WHIRLAWAY 7

Rinaldo Del Gallo takes a look at the influence of Whirlaway and his descendent Lady Pitt on the modern Thoroughbred.

BARRETT'S JANUARY WEDNESDAY 9

The Barretts January Mixed Sale, which this year will include a stallion season auction to benefit the victims of the San Luis Rey Downs fire, will be held Wednesday at the Hinds Pavilion at Fairplex in Pomona, California.

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Lady Eli cont. from p1

Kumin continued, "This time we kind of took the decision away from her. We made it and it was a hard thing to do because she loved what she did. We went back and forth. Recently, we thought we should send her back to Chad with no pressure and just see what happens. We went through every different scenario and did a lot of research on 6-year-old mares. We were pretty sure she could do it but at end of day we just felt like she had done enough and that we did not want to risk anything happening to her after everything she had been through."

Lady Eli retired with a record of 10 wins from 14 starts and nine stakes victories. She won five Grade I races, which includes a streak of Grade I wins in each of the four years that she campaigned, and bankrolled \$2,959,800. But she may be best known for how she overcame a bout with laminitis, which is often fatal, that hit her after her win in the 2015 GI Belmont



Hanley (left), Lady Eli, Ortiz & Kumin | Benoit Photo

Oaks Invitational. At the time, she was undefeated.

"She meant so much to me personally, to our partnership, to my family and to all her fans across the world," Hanley said. "She went through so much. We would get letters from people, people talking about her strength, determination and perseverance. She became a ray of hope for people who were going through situations where they faced insurmountable odds. She served as an example to those people of how one can

overcome the odds. She fought that battle and won, and you can't even begin to explain how special that is."

After being away for more than 13 months due to the laminitis, Lady Eli came back to finish second in the 2016 GI Ballston Spa at Saratoga, but any thoughts that she may not be the same horse were put to rest when she won the GI Flower Bowl Invitational S. in her next start.

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8 New Stallions to Maryland for 2018

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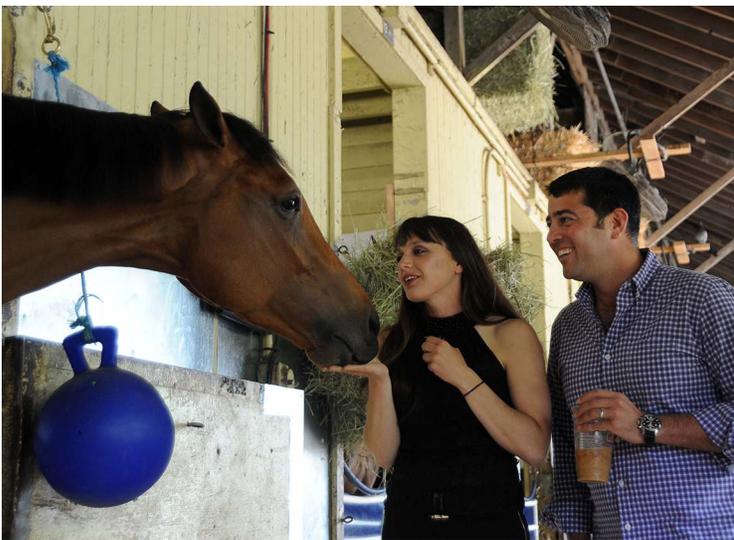
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Lady Eli cont.

She returned in 2017 at five and won her first three starts, including the GI Gamely S. and the GI Diana S. She was in line to clinch an Eclipse Award as the nation's outstanding turf female with a win in the Breeders' Cup, but her chances were compromised by her injury. Despite the loss, she is still a major contender for an Eclipse, and Hanley made no secret that championship honors is something he wants added to his mare's resume.

"It's very important," he said. "Every owner wants to see their horses named champion and if there's ever a horse that deserves to be a champion it is her. She was arguably coming into her peak at three and she was dominant in the Belmont Oaks and did it without breaking a sweat. We were thinking at the time we would have a Zenyatta-type horse, one who might go undefeated in 20 career starts. Then the next day she came down with the laminitis. I think that if that never happened she would have won multiple championships. It's important for her and the sport that she gets crowned a champion."



Lady Eli with assistant trainer Cherie DeVaux & Kumin
Susie Raisher

Hanley said that the decision to breed to War Front was a reflection not only of his quality as a sire but because he is, the owner says, a good physical fit for Lady Eli. He added that since Lady Eli did her running on the grass it only made sense to breed to a sire who is considered among the best turf sires in North America.

Hanley and Kumin still own several top horses and have formed one of the more successful partnerships in racing, but Kumin admitted that, for them, 2018 is unlikely to equal any of the years when they had Lady Eli in the barn.

"We'll see what the year brings," he said. "It's definitely starting off on a different kind of note. She'll be a hard one to replace."

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Two things are certain about Ron Paolucci—his enthusiasm for the sport is unsurpassed and he thinks outside the box. That's why it comes as no surprise that not only will he partake for the second straight year in the GI Pegasus World Cup, but he has two entrants, War Story (Northern Afleet) and Sharp Azteca (Freud). Sometimes controversial, never dull, Paolucci is this week's guest on the Thoroughbred Daily News podcast brought to you by Taylor Made.

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"We want to have a four-year plan so we know exactly where we're going to go," Hertrich said. "We have sent out what we expect with our product as a racing event and a lifestyle event, and [asked] can they develop this into a contract? There's no event that we have had that we don't take every minute detail into account to improve the event."

He said before moving ahead with considering racetracks beyond this year, the Board wanted to see how Del Mar did as a track hosting the event for the first time. He said the Board was specifically interested in Del Mar's ability to produce a safe environment for the horses, handle customer satisfaction and create enthusiasm in the community around the event.

"It exceeded expectations as the event we wanted to create as a lifestyle event with [high] quality of racing and the safety of

animals," he said. "It delivered on all fronts, so we're happy with that."

Hertrich said that the experience for horsemen and racegoers alike remains paramount, no matter which track is chosen.

"In other words, did we get complaints from trainers about the barn areas?" he said. "Did we get complaints from jockeys and trainers about the track? Did we get complaints from patrons about their experience? The one thing we never get complaints about is the quality of the races. They love the races. They love the World Championships."

"We have worked on integrity to make sure we work with the particular jurisdiction, and we may even ask for a change in their rules to make sure it meets

the criteria that the Breeders' Cup demands. We want to take each event and make it better. If we're going to go back to a track, we want these areas addressed." **Cont. p6**



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Hertrich did not want to disclose which race is being considered to be added to the current list--only that it will likely be oversubscribed because of interest put forward by trainers, owners and breeders.

"This Board as well as [Breeders' Cup Chief Executive Officer and President] Craig Fravel and his management team is not a status quo group," he said. "What we're trying to do is make sure that we are constantly working on providing a world-class horse-racing event and world-class lifestyle event.

"The Board and its makeup now is very entrepreneurial--it's very progressive and is looking at things in terms of how our product is going to look in the future. Because we did it this way five years ago does not mean we're going to do it this way now or in the future.

"As the Chairman I'm kind of the moderator, but with some

new people that have gotten involved, this is the direction they desire to go. I'm not saying it wasn't there before. I think the thing we maybe haven't done enough in our industry is consult with owners and breeders. We haven't asked them for input. We haven't asked them to participate. We haven't asked them

to give us ideas, and they are the greatest minds in the world in all industries. It's amazing.

"When you put these people in a room or in environments and you ask them questions, the ideas just keep evolving. I'm always questioning. I want to learn. I want to listen."

Hertrich said the Breeders' Cup Ltd. wants to make its annual event the most relevant horse racing and lifestyle event in the minds of people, some of whom may currently look upon the

Kentucky Derby as this event when asked about Thoroughbred racing. He said it's imperative to keep racing in the nationwide sports dialogue all year round and not just during the Triple Crown. **Cont. p7**



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"Every major sport has a championship and everything flows to that," he said. "You have to go the championships and that has to be your hallmark product, in my mind. The only people that write about it or go to the races [after the Triple Crown] are the people involved in the industry. We don't keep any long-range interest going. We need to keep it going all year to culminate with the Breeders' Cup World Championships and then go from there to the next year of its new heroes and champions." [Return to p1](#)

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HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

THE INFLUENCE OF LADY PITT AND

WHIRLAWAY *by Rinaldo Del Gallo*

I am a racing fan that takes peculiar interest in the history of the Thoroughbred, including famous stud lines and female families. I often find myself wasting hours away looking at pedigrees. Many famous horses are well represented in the breed. For instance, there is probably no Thoroughbred alive

that lacks multiple lines of Man O' War, Count Fleet, or Lexington. On the other hand, I rarely ever come across a modern pedigree that has Seabiscuit. I wish I had access to a database that was searchable to determine living descendants of given race horses.

Which brings me to the subject of Whirlaway. I very rarely come upon Whirlaway in pedigrees, despite him being one of the greatest horses of all time and having no fertility issues.



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2	SILENT NAME (JPN) (02, Sunday Silence), Adena Springs North	\$10,000	106/53	6/8	5/6	(San Nicola Thunder, \$213,897)	\$2,983,491	*356	20	1.43	1.24
3	MILWAUKEE BREW (97, Wild Again), Adena Springs North	\$5,000	76/39	3/4	2/3	(Lilly's Goldie, \$148,788)	\$1,812,676	*547	24	1.19	1.45
4	GIANT GIZMO (04, Giant's Causeway), Adena Springs North	\$7,500	73/33	1/1	1/1	(Cooler Mike, \$99,148)	\$1,479,007	138	8	1.77	1.53
5	SLIGO BAY (IRE) (98, Sadler's Wells), Adena Springs North	\$5,000	48/21	1/2	0/1	(Gran Will, \$870,177)	\$1,458,882	*392	12	1.18	1.38
6	WHERE'S THE RING (99, Seeking the Gold), Colebrook Farms Stallion Station	\$3,000	69/35	0/0	0/0	(Crumlin Queen, \$87,457)	\$1,293,513	333	9	1.31	1.35
7	IMPERIALISM (01, Langfuhr), Esquirol Farms	\$2,500	44/17	1/4	0/1	(Imperial Hint, \$660,350)	\$1,214,977	228	5	0.83	1.00
8	WILKO (03, Awesome Again)	N/A	70/32	2/5	0/2	(Melnich, \$313,755)	\$1,186,615	*236	6	1.05	1.20
9	JERSEY TOWN (06, Speightstown), Road's End Farm	\$2,000	48/24	1/2	1/1	(Jersey Justice, \$140,376)	\$1,147,853	*84	1	0.87	1.22
10	RUSBERG (01, A.P. Indy)	Died, 2014	47/30	3/4	1/3	(Anstrum, \$92,398)	\$735,873	86	10	0.86	0.85
11	VALUE PLUS (01, Unbridled's Song), Strideaway Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	27/17	0/0	0/0	(Long On Value, \$302,225)	\$666,471	*358	3	0.94	1.11
12	SIGNATURE RED (06, Bernstein), Adena Springs North	\$3,000	17/14	1/1	1/1	(Red Explosion, \$109,131)	\$649,629	43	2	2.14	1.21
13	KENTUCKY BEAR (05, Mr. Greeley), Colebrook Farms Stallion Station	Private	35/22	0/0	0/0	(Nupogodi, \$69,602)	\$573,159	69	2	1.18	1.27
14	STORM VICTORY (00, Storm Cat), Klimes Farm	\$2,000	47/28	1/1	1/1	(Power Corrupt, \$68,414)	\$524,557	223	7	0.54	0.63
15	SECOND IN COMMAND (00, Silver Deputy), Road's End Farm	\$2,000	51/26	1/1	1/1	(Morning Blurs, \$62,194)	\$514,739	112	6	0.71	0.79

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THE NICKS

Lady Pitt & Whirlaway cont.

While as far as I can tell, Lady Pitt is the principle and perhaps only vehicle for Whirlaway to be in modern pedigrees, its it interesting to note that Whirlaway's dam, Dustwhirl (Sweep) from family 8-h is still in many pedigrees in tail female. Shanghai Bobby (Harlan's Holiday) and recently deceased Roman Ruler (Fusaichi Pegasus) descend from her, as did 1982 3-year-old champion Conquistador Cielo.

Saturday, **Instilled Regard** (Arch) won the Lecomte S. Blitely is his fourth dam, Lady Pitt his fifth. Thanks to Lady Pitt and her descendants, there is still some Whirlaway blood in the pedigree of the modern Thoroughbred.

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BARRETT'S JANUARY SALE WEDNESDAY

by Jessica Martini

The Barretts January Mixed Sale, which this year will include a stallion season auction to benefit the victims of the San Luis Rey Downs fire, will be held Wednesday at the Hinds Pavilion at Fairplex in Pomona, California. With breeding stock, 2-year-olds, horses of racing age and yearlings on offer, bidding is scheduled to begin at 11 a.m. PT.

In the wake of the Dec. 7 wildfire that claimed the lives of 46 horses and displaced backstretch workers at San Luis Rey Downs, Barretts made the decision to use its January sale to help raise funds for the victims.

"The fires were so shocking and terrible and we decided to find things that we could do to help," said Barretts General Manager Kim Lloyd. "With the January sale coming up, we decided we would donate 10% of our proceeds and we would try to have a silent auction with stallion seasons and see what we could raise to benefit the victims. It really grew quickly and we are grateful to all the people who chipped in and donated seasons. Everybody stepped up and hopefully we'll raise some money to make a difference for those people."

Recently retired graded stakes winners Shaman Ghost and Danzing Candy are among the stallions who will have 2018 no-guarantee seasons auctioned off Wednesday. Also available will be seasons to Can the Man, Daddy Nose Best, Desert Code, Metaboss, Smiling Tiger, Stanford and Stay Thirsty. There will also be a silent auction of sporting art.

The seasons auction will be held at the completion of the breeding stock offerings at the mixed sale. Barretts will be donating 10% of its commissions from the sale to the California Thoroughbred Horsemen's Foundation for victims of the fire as needed, with any remaining balance to be retained by CTHF for ongoing medical needs of all backstretch workers. All proceeds from the stallion seasons auction will also go to the CTHF.



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“The main thing [with the January sale] is to provide an opportunity for our local people to continue on with the business for the rest of the year,” Lloyd said. “Breeders can sell some horses and help with their stud fees and other expenses to kick off the year. It’s a good way to move horses and raise some money for people to help them continue with their business. It’s turned into a very useful sale for our California people. And there are always horses who come out of this sale who end up being something you recognize later on at the races. It’s a useful sale and we looking forward to moving a lot of horses.”

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STALLIONS' FIRST FOALS

OUTWORK, WinStar Farm

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- Colt, foaled in New York out of stakes-placed Twistaway (Wheelaway), bred by Classic Bloodstock’s Danzel Brendemuehl and Sean Mahoney and Britt Wadsworth’s Mahoney Eden Manor.
- “We are very impressed with the size, bone, and substance of this colt. He had quite the ‘wow’ presence at delivery,” said co-breeder Britt Wadsworth. “He has a great temperament and is a tremendous representation of his father. We’re very excited.”
- Filly, bred by and foaled at Millennium Farms in Lexington, out of Win Crafty (Giant’s Causeway).
- “We wanted to acquire a mare in November in foal to Outwork. We are very happy with the filly Win Crafty has produced,” said J. Ted Neel, general manager of Millennium Farms. “She has a great profile and a lot of presence about her. We’ve been rewarded for our hard work in November, and look forward to seeing this filly develop.”

CINCO CHARLIE, Spendthrift Farm

- Colt born Jan. 13 at Millennium Farms.
- Bred by Toby Keith’s Dream Walkin’ Farm out of stakes-placed Peeker (Cactus Ridge).
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Visitation, Memorial for Hargrave Wednesday:

Visitation and a memorial service for Mike Hargrave, who was the director of stabling for Churchill Downs Racetrack for almost 40 years, will be held Wednesday in Jeffersonville, Indiana. Hargrave passed away Sunday in Louisville. He was 69. Visitation will be held from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. Wednesday at Legacy Funeral Center (921 Main St.) followed by a short memorial service. Hargrave, a popular fixture on the Churchill Downs backstretch from 1980 to 2010, was succeeded by his son Steve. In addition to Steve, Mike Hargrave is survived by his wife of 48 years Phyllis; daughter Shelly Evans; mother Dorothy; sister Deborah Babcock; six grandchildren and one great grandson. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions be made to local humane societies or to the Backside Learning Center at Churchill Downs. Another memorial will likely be held in April when more Kentucky horsemen have returned from their winter bases.

Record Trainer Applicants for Thoroughbred Makeover:

Trainer applications for the Retired Racehorse Project's fourth Thoroughbred Makeover event reached record numbers during the Dec. 1 to Jan. 15 application period and were up 38% compared to last year to a total of 812 applications. The 2018 Thoroughbred Makeover will be held at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, KY from Oct. 4-7. "We continue to be astounded by the exponential growth of the Thoroughbred Makeover," said Kirsten Green, RRP's director of operations. "We will evaluate applications according to the criteria set forth in our rules and hope to accept as many applicants as possible, while still maintaining the quality of horsemanship. We won't rule out an additional day of competition if necessary." For more information visit retiredracehorseproject.org.

David Cassidy Memorial Bench To Be Built at NMRHOF:

The National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame in Saratoga Springs will be the site of an outdoor bench to honor the memory of entertainer David Cassidy and his contributions to the Thoroughbred industry. The cost of the bench is \$2,500 and will be covered by donations from fans. Donations are tax deductible and every donor will be invited to the Museum Courtyard dedication scheduled for the end of April.

Cassidy, who became involved in racing as an owner/breeder, made efforts to ensure the protection of retired race horses and was involved in fundraising to benefit the cause.

Donations toward the bench, which can be made in memory of David Cassidy, can be contributed via phone by calling 518-584-0400, extension 100; via mail to the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame, 191 Union Ave., Saratoga Springs, NY, 12866; on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/racingmuseum.org) with an accompanying phone call; or online at racingmuseum.org.

INDUSTRY INFO

Fundraising Efforts Underway for Secretariat Exercise Rider:

A GoFundMe page has been started in an effort to raise funds for Charlie Davis, the exercise rider for Secretariat who has begun treatment for Stage 3 lung cancer. "Charlie is in good spirits and ready to take on this challenge," said Leonard Lusky, spokesman for the Secretariat Team. "His family and friends have rallied around him, and we stand ready to do what we can to help." Those wishing to donate can visit



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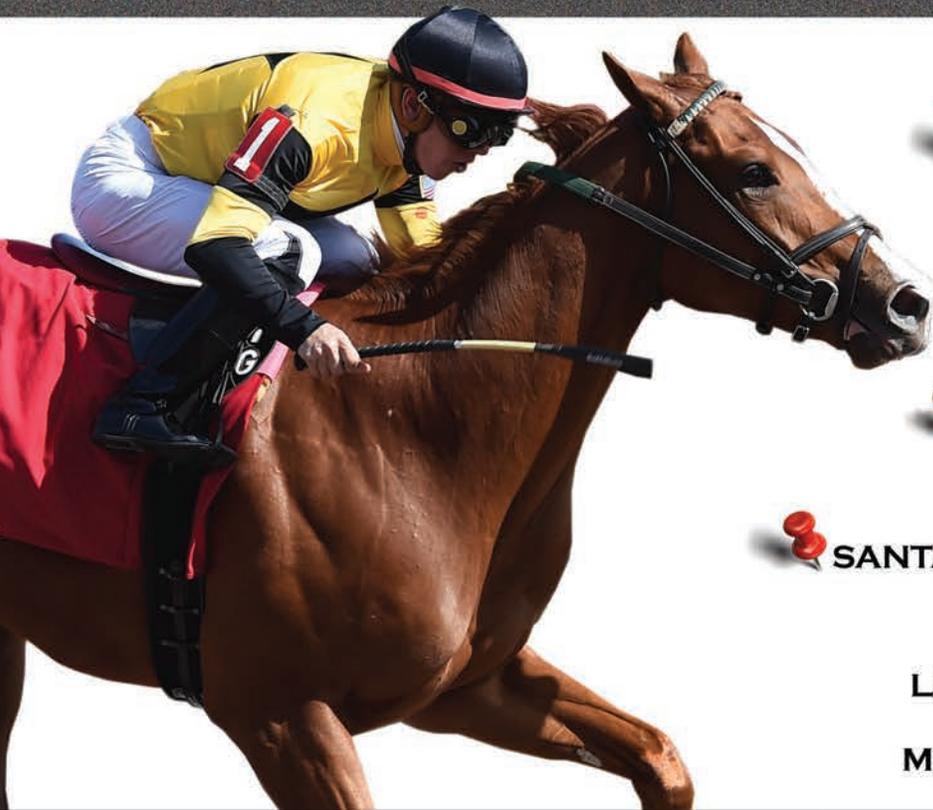
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AN ENDURING DREAM FOR CHEVELEY PARK STUD



Ulysses | Emma Berry

By Emma Berry

Behind the heady commerce of the sales ring, which nowadays often threatens to take centre stage ahead of events on the racecourse, we are all involved in a sport fuelled by dreams. Whether it's a hobby breeder with one mare hoping to produce a winner anywhere, or Sheikh Mohammed with his ploy to promote his country through worldwide participation in his grand equine passion, we all have a dream.

"We could see our dream," says Patricia Thompson in her personal message on the homepage of Cheveley Park Stud's website in reference to the purchase of Newmarket's oldest stud farm by Thompson and her husband David in 1975. At that time, the historic property had "dwindled" to 270 acres from the vast estate once owned by Harry McCalmont, covering almost 8,000 acres.

Today, Cheveley Park Stud is comprised of nearly 1,000 acres. The operation is run in such a discreet manner that it is easy to overlook its significance, particularly to Britain, where its red, white and blue racing colours almost literally fly the flag for a nation once awash with owner-breeders but now somewhat lacking in that regard.

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The Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale concluded its record-breaking run with a single-session Book 3 on Tuesday. Conducted the same day, the one-day Magic Millions Summer Racehorse Sale posted similarly buoyant trade. Combined, the two sales grossed over A\$1.2 million. Across the entire six-day stand, the clearance rate was a stellar 90%, with the overall aggregate making A\$168,753,500 between the two.

Cumulatively, the Gold Coast Yearling Sale also enjoyed a 90% clearance rate, with the average up 12% to A\$188,357 and the median up to A\$140,000 (+17%). The aggregate was A\$167,826,500 for the 891 yearlings that found new homes.

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IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

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The stud in the Thompsons' era has had a canny knack of making stallions, sometimes against the odds. They were advised not to stand their Gimcrack S. winner Music Boy (GB) (Jukebox {GB}) shortly after purchasing the farm, but he duly became the leading first-season sire of 1980 and is immortalised in bronze outside the stud office, his likeness a monument to the pursuit of dreams.

While Music Boy was an important trailblazer for a then-fledgling stallion operation, his accomplishments have been dramatically usurped by the horse who can be considered the lynchpin of Cheveley Park Stud, the homebred wonder that is **Pivotal (GB)** (Polar Falcon).

"He's really the reason that Cheveley Park Stud is as big and as significant as it is today. We were very lucky that we had three yearlings by Polar Falcon, two of them went to the sales and he was the one we kept. The rest, as they say, is history," says Chris Richardson, managing director of Cheveley Park Stud for the last 30 years.

On the advice of trainer John Hammond, David Thompson bought Pivotal's sire Polar Falcon halfway through his racing career and enjoyed Group 1 success in his own colours in the Haydock Sprint Cup before the son of Nureyev retired to stud. Polar Falcon's first foal born, the bright chestnut son of the Cozzene mare Fearless Revival, not only laid down an important marker on the racecourse but now has his DNA well and truly imprinted throughout his birthplace.



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"It's fantastic to have bred and raced a horse like Pivotal. He gave Mr and Mrs Thompson a first Group 1 win in the Cheveley Park Stud colours when he won the Nunthorpe and what he has achieved at stud has been tremendous," says Richardson. "He retired at £6,000 and in the second and third year we were having to discount him a bit, but in his heyday he was £85,000 and was in huge demand. We're very grateful to Sheikh Mohammed, who agreed to buy a 25% interest in the horse and has supported him with good mares and in the sales ring. He has been rewarded with a nice stallion of his own in Farhh (GB), and Siyouni (Fr) seems to be doing extraordinarily well."

Now 25, Pivotal could easily pass for a horse 10 years younger when paraded, a fitting finale as he is brought out of the vast stallion box once inhabited by Isinglass (GB) and shown last of the eight stallions currently in residence at the farm. He is being carefully managed in his twilight years, covering a select number of mares.

Richardson says, "He covered 65 last year. His fertility was phenomenal really, just under 88%, and we're looking at a similar number this year." **Cont. p3**



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The leading active broodmare sire in Europe for the first time in 2017, with notable representatives in this sphere such as Rhododendron (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Hydrangea (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Cracksman (GB) (Frankel {GB}) and Precieuse (Ire) (Tamayuz {GB}), Pivotal's influence is immense and there are traces of him everywhere at his home farm.



Pivotal | Cheveley Park Stud

He has outlasted his popular first-crop son Kyllachy (GB), a fellow Nunthorpe winner who was retired last year and, at the age of 20, lives in retirement alongside Medicean (GB). Kyllachy has been succeeded by his own Group 1-winning son, **Twilight Son (GB)**, whose first foals are expected imminently, and he is the broodmare sire of **Garswood (GB)**, a Cheveley Park Stud product through and through, with **Dutch Art (GB)** and Medicean (GB) as his sire and grandsire, and Kyllachy, Pivotal and Polar Falcon rippling through his damsire line. Pivotal can also be found as the broodmare sire of the G1 Darley July Cup winner **Mayson (GB)**, who took up residence at Cheveley Park Stud in 2013.

"We enjoy the continuity," Richardson says. "We've done Medicean, Dutch Art and Garswood, and now we have Pivotal, Kyllachy and Twilight Son. We're very excited to have Twilight Son--he was a very talented racehorse and he had a strong book of mares last year."

Garswood, who has his first runners this season, temporarily escaped the stud's clutches when sold as a foal to Richard Knight for 19,000gns. After he raced with promise for David and Emma Armstrong at two, the Thompsons bought back into him with a future stallion career in mind and their faith was rewarded when he went on to win the G2 Lennox S. and, finally, the G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest. [Cont. p4](#)

Cheveley Park Stud Cont.

Richardson says candidly, "Part of the policy every year is to promote a stallion's stock and Garswood was a particularly nice foal so we took him to the sales, but then ended up buying him back in partnership with David and Emma Armstrong, who also bred and raced Mayson."

"You never really know which stallion is going to make it but we've been fortunate over the years to be able to make stallions and I'm pretty confident having looked at his individuals that they look the part," he says.

One year ahead of Garswood on the runner-front is **Intello (Ger)**, who returns this year having stood his first two seasons in Newmarket, followed by another two at Haras du Quesnay. The Wertheimer-bred son of Galileo (Ire) represented something of a break from tradition at Cheveley Park Stud.

"We felt it was important to try to expand the portfolio of stallions," Richardson explains. "Since the Thompsons bought the stud in 1975, the emphasis has always been on speed and it has been precocity-orientated. That has worked really well and we feel that we've been copied to an extent by quite a lot of the industry because they've seen how successful that has been. What I liked about Intello is that he had plenty of speed and the most wonderful pedigree. Andre Fabre said that he was just good at everything. I think that sums him up really and he was unlucky not to win the French Guineas. He then won the French Derby and he ran a blinder to be third in the Arc."

Of Intello's retirement initially to England, he adds, "The Wertheimer brothers were looking for a different angle and a different adventure to allow a horse of his quality the opportunity to stand in Britain and France. We agreed a two-year switch and started him off, and we're obviously delighted to see his 2-year-olds show a great deal of ability."



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One of those was the stud's homebred Regal Reality (GB), who won his only start in impressive fashion at Yarmouth and is a son of the dual Group 3 winner Regal Realm (GB) (Medicean {GB}), while another winning debutant, the Fabrice Chappet-trained Intellogent (Ire), was a €320,000 Arqana August yearling and looks to have a bright future for owner Fiona Carmichael.

The newest recruit to the roster of eight Group 1 winners has many parallels with Intello. **Ulysses (Ire)** is also a son of Galileo raced by a major owner-breeder, and in partnering with his breeder, Maria Niarchos, Richardson is renewing old acquaintances.

He says, "Ulysses is the highest-rated older horse retiring to stud this year and he's a horse that we firmly believe in. I was fortunate enough to work for Maria Niarchos's father when I managed their farm in Kentucky back in the early 1980s so our association goes back a long way. I know their families of old and I know the strength and depth of these pedigrees and how they keep coming up. The Niarchos commitment, which is likely to be around 12 mares, if not more, is the most that they have ever sent to any of their first-season stallions and we hugely value and respect that and want to echo it." **Cont. p5**

Cheveley Park Stud Cont.

Cheveley Park Stud is in fact more than echoing that commitment as it will send Ulysses 20 mares this season, including the Group 1 winners Hooray (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Echelon (GB) (Danehill) and her daughter Integral (GB) (Dalakhani {Ire}), as well as Troarn (Fr) (Wootton Bassett {GB}), a stakes-placed sister to Almanzor (Fr) who was a recent purchase at €600,000, and four daughters of Pivotal.

"David and Patricia Thompson have been keen to acquire some new families and we also bought the dam of [G2 Champagne S.

winner] Seahenge. So we are supporting him with some really well-bred mares, as is the Niarchos family," Richardson adds.

Seahenge's dam, Fools In Love (Not For Love), a million-dollar addition to the broodmare band from Keeneland last November, is representative of the increased spending by the Thompsons, not just in the broodmare sector, but throughout all divisions of the market last year. The G1 Darley Prix Morny winner



Ulysses | *Racing Post*

Unfortunately (Ire) (Society Rock {Ire}) was a notable in-training purchase and is an enticing future stallion prospect and, for the first time, Richardson was active at the breeze-up sales on the Thompsons' behalf, as well as buying yearlings and foals.

"Quite often breeders sell their foals and those who buy them do even better with them as yearlings so I think it was quite a positive for the industry to have the Thompsons there buying foals and supporting at that level, and all being well we will be doing the same this year," he says. "They always like to buy a few fillies and I'm sure that will continue."

But, as the covering season looms, the focus is very much on the stallions. The likely speed influences such as the dual Group 1-winning sprinter **Lethal Force (Ire)** will ensure that to a certain extent it's business as usual at Cheveley Park Stud, but in its recruitment of two sons of the champion sire, Richardson hopes that breeders will not desert stallions with Classic potential.

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In no case is this more prominent than in Ulysses, the son of a Derby winner and an Oaks winner.

He says, "Ulysses was a hugely talented horse. From my personal point of view I feel it's a shame that there are fewer and fewer owner-breeders now. There's a huge amount of work being done behind the scenes through the BHA to improve the prizemoney for the middle-distance races. I hope that the industry will look favourably upon the decision that we have made to stand particularly Ulysses and Intello here to give breeders the choice. We appreciate that the commercial market is running the market but we have to be so careful that we don't seriously affect the future of the thoroughbred. Mr and Mrs Thompson

are passionate about racing and their horses. They are investing hugely and I hope that people will feel that this is something that they want to be part of. The Thompsons want Cheveley Park Stud to be at the top end and standing the best stallions. We are in different times but it is important that the future of the breed is safeguarded and that it's not all about speed and precocity. A return, to a degree, of horses being bred for the Derby and for the Oaks, would be for the welfare of the industry."



Lethal Force at Cheveley Park Stud | *Emma Berry*

With 137 horses in training in 2018 spread across 16 different trainers and more than 140 broodmares, the numbers alone speak volumes about David and Patricia Thompson's commitment to British racing and breeding over almost half a century.



Fools In Love at Keeneland. She will visit Ulysses this year. | Keeneland

Cheveley Park Stud Cont.

A homebred winner of an Epsom Classic in their famously patriotic racing silks would be a result richly deserved by the couple and applauded by many. The dream is still alive.

Cheveley Park Stud mares visiting Ulysses:

Arabian Beauty (Ire) (Shamardal), €270,000 purchase, half-sister to Rio De La Plata

Ardent (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), dam of LW and G3SP Eternally (GB)

Echelon (GB) (Danehill), G1SW and dam of G1SW Integral (GB)

Entity (GB) (Shamardal), winning daughter of Echelon, half-sister to Integral

Fools In Love (Not For Love), \$1-million purchase, stakes-winning dam of G2SW Seahenge

Heaven Sent (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), G3SW and G1SP, dam of two stakes horses

Hooray (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), G1SW and champion 2yo filly

Ice Palace (GB) (Polar Falcon), SW and dam of SW Queen Of Ice (GB)

Infallible (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), G3SW and G1SP, dam of G2SW Mutakayyef (GB)

Integral (GB) (Dalakhani {Ire}), G1SW

Mesa Fresca (Sky Mesa), \$2-million purchase, dam of GISW Harmonize

My Hope (Afleet Alex), \$525,000 purchase, half-sister to three stakes winners

On Her Toes (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), dual LW and G3SP

Queen Of Ice (GB) (Selkirk), LW from immediate family of G2SW/G1SP Spacious (GB)

Regal Realm (GB) (Median {GB}), dual G3SW

Rock Choir (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), stakes-placed sister to G1SW Chorist (GB)

Rythmique (Ire) (Casamento {Ire}), €180,000 purchase, G3SP from family of Vintage Tipple (Ire)

Sacre Caroline (Blame), 300,000gns purchase, winning half-sister to Lady Eli

Troarn (Fr) (Wootton Bassett {GB}), €600,000 purchase, stakes-placed sister to Almanzor (Fr)

Zuhoor Baynoona (Ire) (Elnadim), 560,000gns purchase, stakes-winning half-sister to G2SW Royal Youmzain (Fr)

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The first reported foal by Cheveley's G1SW Twilight Son and out of Cardrona (GB) (Selkirk) from the family of Log Out Island (Ire), (Dark Angel {Ire}) was foaled at Cheveley Park Stud on Jan. 16. "He is a powerfully built and well-balanced colt with a good shoulder, who looks sure to be a strong and precocious individual, much like his sire and grandsire, Kyllachy," said Cheveley Park Stud Manager Andrew Snell. | Cheveley Park Stud

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FRONTIERSMAN BOUND FOR MEYDAN

Charlie Appleby will send **Frontiersman (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) to Dubai for a tilt at the G3 Nad Al Sheba Trophy at Meydan in March. The 5-year-old, who was runner-up in last year's G1 Coronation Cup, finished third over two miles at Wolverhampton on Monday in what was a Fast-Track Qualifier for All-Weather Championships Finals Day. Appleby felt Frontiersman had his excuses on his first start since October and will now look further afield with his charge.

He said, "He was fresh and he probably just needed the run. Adam Kirby said that he just over-raced for the first three-parts of the first mile. Going forward with him, we will probably stick to plan A and head to Dubai and come back two furlongs for a shot at the Nad Al Sheba Trophy on Mar. 1. Had he won at Wolverhampton, it would have given us two options, but as he has not won, that has basically ruled us out of Lingfield on Good Friday."

Appleby also provided an update on GI Longines Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf heroine **Wuheida (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}), whose long-term goal is a title defense of her Breeders' Cup crown.

"Wuheida is currently having a winter break in Dubai and she deserves it," he said. "We will work back from the Filly & Mare Turf and we will probably not stray too far off the route we took last year. We will wait until she has had her break and then see where we are in the spring. I think the feeling is she will have more of a European campaign from the summer onwards."

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RACETECH WILL INCREASE MEET COVERAGE

RaceTech will include coverage of race meetings at Leicester, Stratford and Taunton racecourses, providing full HD pictures for Racing UK beginning on Apr. 1, they announced on Tuesday. They will also introduce a range of new RF presentation camera solutions at over 200 fixtures throughout 2018.

John Bozza, RaceTech CEO, expressed his delight saying, "RaceTech welcomes the opportunity to bring coverage of Leicester, Stratford and Taunton racecourses into our schedule for 2018. We are delighted to strengthen our relationship with Racing UK with 49 additional fixtures and look forward to commencing this important contract with Stratford-On-Avon on Saturday, Apr. 7, 2018. The RaceTech crews are looking forward to working with the teams at Leicester, Stratford and Taunton and further supporting our vision of being the technical partner of choice for the UK's racecourses."

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CONDITIONS RESULT:

5th-KEM, £25,000, 1-16, 3yo, 6f (AWT), 1:11.53, st.

CORINTHIA KNIGHT (IRE) (c, 3, Society Rock {Ire})--Victoria Lodge {Ire}, by Grand Lodge) Lifetime Record: GSP-Eng, 10-4-2-1, \$82,635. O-Ontoawinner & Partner; B-Tally Ho Stud (IRE); T-Archie Watson. *€15,000 Ylg '16 TIRSEP.

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CONDITIONS RESULT:

3rd-CGN, €28,000, 1-16, 4yo/up, 8f (AWT), 1:38.20, st.

TIME'S ARROW (IRE) (c, 4, Redoute's Choice {Aus})--Gilt Edge Girl {GB} {Hwt. Older Mare-Ire & Eng at 5-7f, G1SW-Fr, GSW-Ire, SW & GSP-Eng, GSP-Ger, \$330,476}, by Monsieur Bond {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 11-3-4-0, €56,426. O-Flaxman Stables Ireland Ltd (IRE); T-Philippe Sogorb.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Batwan (Fr), c, 3, Kendargent (Fr)--Matwan (Fr) (SW-Fr, \$106,930), by Indian Rocket (GB). CGN, 1-16, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:20.38. B-Guy Pariente Holding (FR). *€25,000 RNA Ylg '16 ARAUG. **1/2 to Matorio (Fr) (Oratorio {Ire}), GSP-Fr, \$145,999.

OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

3.20 Cagnes-sur-Mer, Debutantes, €24,000, 3yo, c/g, 8f (AWT) WUSOOL (Speightstown) is a son of the 2004 G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches heroine Torrestrella (Ire) (Orpen) who has already been responsible for two black-type performers headed by the impressive G3 Rose of Lancaster S. scorer Intilaaq (Dynaformer). Like his Classic-winning dam, the Shadwell homebred is handled by Francois Rohaut and meets eight rivals.

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The Magic Millions crew, as the six-day stand concluded on Tuesday
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'Best Ever' Magic Millions Sale Concludes Cont. from p1

The Summer Racehorse Sale alone brought A\$927,000, averaging A\$29,903 (+108%) and a 97% clearance rate for 31 sold from 32 offered. The median rose by 30% to A\$13,000.

Lot 1235 was **Nikitas (Aus)** (Snitzel {Aus}), the dearest lot on the day, selling for A\$195,000 to Neville Morgan from the Woodside Park consignment. The winning MGSP half-brother to Australian Champion Stayer and MG1SW Jameka (Aus) (Myboycharlie {Ire}) was joined in the six-figure department by the unraced **Caffeine (Aus)** (Medaglia d'Oro) (**lot 1219**) and the winning GSP **Mogador (Aus)** (Lonhro {Aus}) (**lot 1233**), a half-brother to G1SWs Astern (Aus) (Medaglia d'Oro) and Alizee (Aus) (Sepoy {Aus}), both from the Godolphin draft, selling for A\$115,000 to Sheamus Mills Bloodstock (FBAA)/Yulong Investments and A\$110,000 to Heinrich Bloodstock, respectively.

"This has been the most incredible sale and carnival," Cox said, whose tenure with the company ends on Friday. "A truly spectacular success. There are so many moving parts that make this sale and carnival the success that it's been. Everyone came to the Gold Coast and played their part well beyond our most optimistic expectations we therefore thank them across the board. On a personal note, I want to thank the Magic Millions team, who worked extremely hard to deliver Magic Millions 2018 and also their unwavering support during my time at Magic Millions."

To see the complete results of the Gold Coast Yearling Sale or the Summer Racehorse Sale, click [here](#) and [here](#). ([Click to go to p1](#))

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SESSION TOTALS	2018	2017
• Catalogued	46	56
• No. Offered	33	50
• No. Sold	33	41
• RNAs	0	9
• % RNAs	N/A	18%
• High Price	A\$28,000	A\$25,000
• Gross	A\$319,500	A\$335,850
• Average (% change)	A\$9,682 (+18%)	A\$8,191
• Median (% change)	A\$8,000 (N/A)	A\$8,000
CUMULATIVE	2018	2017
• Catalogued	1,108	1,086
• No. Offered	993	998
• No. Sold	891	867
• RNAs	102	131
• % RNAs	10%	13%
• No. A\$1m+	9	5
• High Price	A\$2,000,000	A\$1,300,000
• Gross	A\$167,826,500	A\$145,926,150
• Average (% change)	A\$188,357 (+12%)	A\$168,312
• Median (% change)	A\$140,000 (+17%)	A\$120,000



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MAGIC MILLIONS SUMMER RACEHORSE SALE

SESSION TOTALS	2018	2017
• Catalogued	38	50
• No. Offered	32	36
• No. Sold	31	32
• RNAs	1	4
• % RNAs	3%	11%
• High Price	A\$195,000	A\$55,000
• Gross	A\$927,000	A\$460,500
• Average (% change)	A\$29,903 (+108%)	A\$14,391
• Median (% change)	A\$13,000 (+30%)	A\$10,000

SALES TOPPERS

MAGIC MILLIONS SUMMER RACEHORSE SALE

Lot	Name	Price (A\$)
1235	Nikitas (Aus) <i>(c, 4, Snitzel (Aus)--Mine Game {Aus}, by General Nediym {Aus})</i> Consigned by Woodside Park Purchased by Neville Morgan	195,000
1219	Caffeine (Aus) <i>(f, 3, Medaglia d'Oro--Pure Energy {Aus}, by Mossman {Aus})</i> Consigned by Godolphin Purchased by Sheamus Mills Bloodstock (FBAA)/Yulong Investments	115,000
1233	Mogador (Aus) <i>(g, 5, Lonhro {Aus}--Essaouira {Aus}, by Exceed And Excel {Aus})</i> Consigned by Godolphin Purchased by Heinrich Bloodstock	110,000

REDZEL WILL RETURN IN LIGHTNING

MG1SW **Redzel (Aus)** (Snitzel {Aus}) is slated to resume in the Feb. 17 G1 Black Caviar Lightning S. at Caulfield over 1000m," *Racing.com* reported. The inaugural winner of The Everest, Redzel has been off since a victory in the 1200m G1 Darley Classic at Flemington on Nov. 11. Trained by Peter and Paul Snowden, the gelding is riding a six-race winning streak into the Lightning, having also scooped the Sept. 2 G3 Concorde S. and Sept. 16 G2 The Shorts at Randwick this spring.

"He'll have one trial, maybe next Monday at Rosehill, and then another one at Flemington," said co-trainer Peter Snowden to *Racing.com*.

"It should set him up for the 17th for the Lightning. 1000m down the straight suits him perfect. He loves Flemington. He's just a brilliant horse, it'll take a handy one to beat him. Nothing's locked in [beyond that]. The [Mar. 10 G1] Newmarket's probably not ideal being a handicap, he'll just get too much weight. You're looking at 60, 61kg, which makes it pretty hard. We'll think of where we go next start. Maybe we'll wait and run in the [G1] TJ [Smith S. on Apr. 7], I may give him that much time off, we'll see."

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'BOSS' TO REAPPEAR IN ORR

Mighty Boss (Aus) (Not A Single Doubt {Aus}), shock winner of the Oct. 14 G1 Caulfield Guineas at 100-1, will make his return in the 1400m G1 C F Orr S. at Caulfield on Feb. 10, *Racing.com* reported on Tuesday. The Mick Price trainee will then point to the G1 Futurity S. there on Feb. 24, before the main goal, the A\$1-million G1 Australian Guineas at Flemington going 1600 metres on Mar. 3.

"He's another one we're trying to add value to," Price told *Racing.com*. "He's a Caulfield Guineas winner--not saying that's not enough--but [he] needs to do more. So I reckon I'm going to run him in the C.F. oor, the Futurity, and then it is seven days into the Australian Guineas from there. I think that's the best way to go. The [G3] Manfred [on Feb. 4] over 1200m will be too short."

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Mighty Boss | Bronwen Healy

AUS GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES VISA ENHANCEMENTS

The Australian government increased the 457 visa duration issued under the ‘horse breeder’ occupation to the medium and long-term list following lobbying by the Thoroughbred Breeders Australia (TBA). Now, those with 457 visas may work in Australia up to four years, with permanent residency an option, instead of being forced to leave the country after only two years under the current arrangements.

“Access to skilled staff is one of the biggest issues in the Australian Thoroughbred breeding industry and that is why TBA has been closely engaged with the government and Members of Parliament to bring about this key decision,” TBA CEO Tom Reilly said in a statement. “The number of staff recruited from overseas to fill these visa positions has been relatively small, but the value of these skilled and experienced staff is enormous. They fill key roles such as stallion managers, yearling managers and foal managers and are responsible for horses worth many millions of dollars. In addition, these internationally experienced visa holders undertake important mentoring roles of local staff.”

Added Reilly, “TBA would like to thank Home Affairs Minister Peter Dutton, Deputy Prime Minister Barnaby Joyce, Agriculture Minister David Littleproud, their advisers and other Members of Parliament who greatly assisted our industry on this issue. Our strong case was made in a detailed submission to the Federal Government late last year explaining how our industry could be negatively affected without access to long-term visa arrangements.”

Skills Impact Australia signed off on a new Certificate III in horse breeding following TBA input, which enable TAFEs to offer apprenticeship level programmes in breeding and cater to the local staff, as well.

“It is vital industry and training institutions now work closely together to ensure the new Certificate III course is a success with strong enrollments,” said Reilly.

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The [catalogue](#) for the Bloodstock South Africa’s Cape Yearling Sale, scheduled for Feb. 25, is now available.

AUSTRALIAN GROUP 1 RACES – 2017/2018

Date	Race	Track
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
Mar. 10	Australian Guineas	Flemington
	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

THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Apr. 7	Doncaster H.	Randwick
	T J Smith S.	Randwick
	ATC Australian Derby	Randwick
	ATC Sires’ Produce S.	Randwick
Apr. 14	Queen Elizabeth S.	Randwick
	Sydney Cup	Randwick
	ATC Oaks	Randwick
Apr. 21	All Aged S.	Randwick
	Champagne S.	Randwick
	Queen of the Turf S.	Randwick
May 5	Schweppes Oaks	Morphettville
	UBET Classic	Morphettville
May 12	Doomben 10,000 S.	Doomben
	SA Derby	Morphettville

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1	Reynaldothewizard 	Speightstown	Seemar	Mullen	125
2	Yalta (Ire)	Exceed And Excel (Aus)	bin Ghadayar	Barzalona	125
3	Nawwaar	Distorted Humor	Al Rayhi	O'Neill	125
4	Murrab (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Al Rayhi	Crowley	125
5	Comicas	Distorted Humor	Appleby	Buick	125
6	My Catch (Ire)	Camacho (GB)	Watson	Dobbs	125
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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Galileo (Ire) <i>(1998) by Sadler's Wells</i>	20	27	12	23	5	11	109	57	\$1,557,292	\$9,998,518
										<i>Capri (IRE)</i>	
2	Frankel (GB) <i>(2008) by Galileo (Ire)</i>	14	22	9	16	2	4	83	42	\$1,776,113	\$7,044,045
										<i>Cracksman (GB)</i>	
3	Dubawi (Ire) <i>(2002) by Dubai Millennium (GB)</i>	10	15	6	9	2	3	87	57	\$1,258,347	\$4,076,834
										<i>Wuheida (GB)</i>	
4	Dark Angel (Ire) <i>(2005) by Acclamation (GB)</i>	6	10	3	5	2	2	122	59	\$805,169	\$2,778,964
										<i>Harry Angel (IRE)</i>	
5	Sea the Stars (Ire) <i>(2006) by Cape Cross (Ire)</i>	6	9	3	6	1	2	58	32	\$686,538	\$2,389,324
										<i>Stradivarius (IRE)</i>	
6	Fastnet Rock (Aus) <i>(2001) by Danehill</i>	6	8	1	4	--	2	100	38	\$282,741	\$2,005,810
										<i>Fiano Romano (AUS)</i>	
7	Dream Ahead <i>(2008) by Diktat (GB)</i>	6	6	1	2	1	1	58	27	\$603,450	\$1,560,578
										<i>Al Wukair (IRE)</i>	
8	Kodiac (GB) <i>(2001) by Danehill</i>	6	7	3	5	--	1	90	38	\$220,336	\$1,418,799
										<i>Second Thought (IRE)</i>	
9	Nathaniel (Ire) <i>(2008) by Galileo (Ire)</i>	5	11	2	7	1	2	88	39	\$5,158,665	\$6,684,319
										<i>Enable (GB)</i>	
10	Lope de Vega (Ire) <i>(2007) by Shamardal</i>	5	9	1	2	--	--	67	43	\$105,525	\$1,107,295
										<i>Candy Store (IRE)</i>	
11	High Chaparral (Ire) <i>(1999) by Sadler's Wells</i>	4	5	3	4	1	1	59	30	\$3,157,417	\$3,892,226
										<i>Rekindling (GB)</i>	
12	Helmet (Aus) <i>(2008) by Exceed and Excel (Aus)</i>	4	5	2	2	1	1	64	26	\$1,823,784	\$2,681,545
										<i>Thunder Snow (IRE)</i>	
13	Teofilo (Ire) <i>(2004) by Galileo (Ire)</i>	4	8	2	4	--	3	66	39	\$511,174	\$1,934,207
										<i>Permian (IRE)</i>	
14	Invincible Spirit (Ire) <i>(1997) by Green Desert</i>	4	13	2	6	--	1	96	52	\$309,295	\$1,914,979
										<i>Inns of Court (IRE)</i>	
15	Pivotal (GB) <i>(1993) by Polar Falcon</i>	4	10	--	5	--	--	63	40	\$145,337	\$1,479,796
										<i>Avilius (GB)</i>	

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