

KENTUCKY SIRES: WHERE'S THE VALUE?



Klimt stands for \$10,000 at Darby Dan | Benoit photo

by Chris McGrath

Value, like beauty, is in the eye of the beholder; subjective, not objective. In the strange world of bloodstock, however, it sometimes seems as though you can't even be subjective.

Because you can't look at Stallion A and Stallion B, both standing for \$20,000, and decide that Stallion A is better value simply because you think he is more likely to sire a good racehorse. If the sales averages of Stallion B are superior--and who can say how those fires start?--then you know more and better mares will follow; and that Stallion A, unless he gets lucky on the track, will be standing for \$5,000 in five years' time. So how can he be better value at \$20,000?

Of course, the nature of the beast is such that Stallion B may also be standing at \$5,000 in five years anyway! New sires, very often, never again stand at a higher fee than the one they start with. If their farms have pitched them at the right level, true, many can enjoy a bull run through their first weanlings and yearlings. After that everyone holds their breath--and typically, a few months later, their noses.

Let people down with your first crop or two, and it's a long way back. So we tend to end up with a small, stratospheric sector of sires who ride the bumps and come out the other side; a gaudy, annual carousel of fresh-in-the-memory rookies; and a yawning abyss in between. **Cont. p3**

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY FANS HAVE ROOTING INTEREST IN PEGASUS

by Bill Finley

The unranked Kentucky men's basketball team plays at No. 7 West Virginia Saturday night, so it may not be a good day for Big Blue Nation. That is unless **Fear the Cowboy** (Cowboy Cal) wins the GI Pegasus World Cup at Gulfstream Park a few minutes before tip-off. He is a product of a school best known for its basketball team, but one that every so often produces a pretty good four-legged equine athlete.

Fear the Cowboy, who will be a longshot in The Pegasus, was bred by the university, in particular the UK Ag Equine Program. Students who enroll in the program basically run a small breeding farm, in which they learn all aspects of that side of the horse business. **Cont. p9 (click here)**

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World's Best Racehorse: 2016 and 2017. Less than five months after Arrogate (Unbridled's Song) posted the top-rated performance of 2016 in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic, the Juddmonte colt's last-to-first effort in the G1 Dubai World Cup earned him the accolade of Longines World's Best Racehorse for the second time. See TDN Europe/International for Emma Berry's story. | Horsephotos

'MATCH' PROPOSAL MUDDIES FUTURE OF CT CLASSIC 11

One regulator's "compromise" can be another track executive's "nail in the coffin." That's how a vote to impose an unorthodox form of 50/50 "matching" track and purse account funding on the Gil Charles Town Classic was portrayed at the Jan. 23 West Virginia Racing Commission meeting.

BLEWITT FINDS A NEW HOME AT GULFSTREAM 13

Growing up in the shadow of Belmont Park as a racegoer and fan, it seemed to be destiny that Jason Blewitt became one of the faces of New York racing. And while he was perfectly happy living out that dream, it was a sudden jolt out of that comfort zone which has shown the 39-year-old that his influence went far beyond the Empire State and landed him a permanent new home in sunny South Florida.

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Kentucky Sires cont.

To a degree, such an unforgiving market means that nearly every stallion has to represent some kind of "value"--or he will soon be out of business. So while I'm going to pick a handful of sires for consideration, they are offered with all due humility. Subjectively, some of them might deserve a second look. But several, for sure, already have a cold tide lapping round their ankles.

Equally, there is no point adding an extra klaxon to the bandwagons making their noisy way through all the obvious indices. In the interests of fairness, we'll identify some of these in a round-up of each sector--and then break away, with your indulgence, for a few maverick detours. We'll also canvass some industry insiders for their own picks.

Sires with First Covers in 2018

As one seasoned judge remarked to me at Keeneland earlier

this month: "If anyone asks me whether a new sire is going to make it, I always say no--because the sad reality is that 95% of them won't."

As such, with value strictly in mind, it might be best to sail straight past all those untested sires so incorrigibly beloved by the market. That said, by historic standards you could argue that both the big guns who are about to extend their track rivalry have been introduced at a relatively temperate rate, **Arrogate** (Unbridled's Song) (Juddmonte, \$75,000) paying a sensible price for his post-Dubai decline and **Gun Runner** (Three Chimneys, \$70,000) impossible not to like as, apart from everything else, a son



Classic Empire | *Eclipse Sportswire*

of a Grade II-winning half-sister to poor Saint Liam (Saint Ballado).

Likewise enhancing the current hegemony of the Fappiano line, another champion juvenile finds himself in their customary retirement home in **Classic Empire** (Pioneerof The Nile)

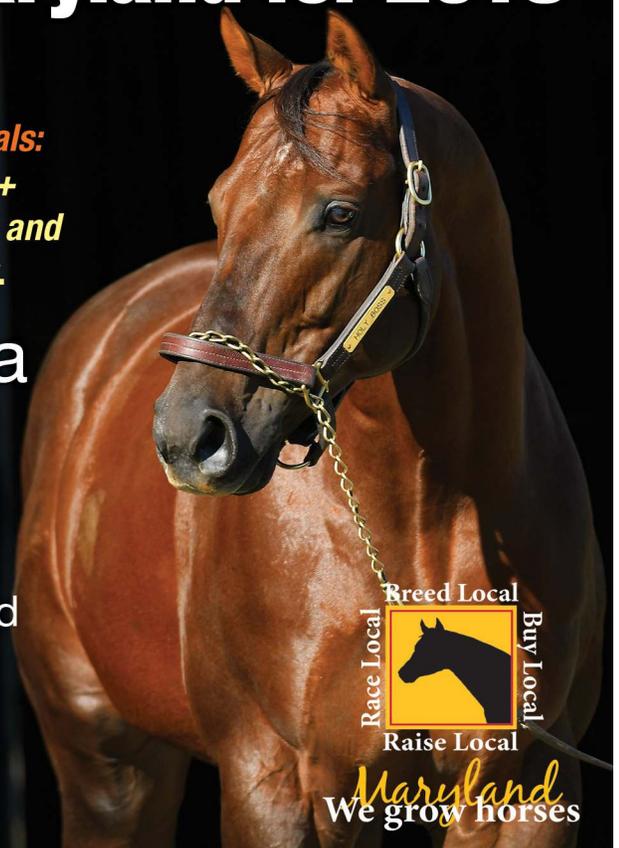
8 New Stallions to Maryland for 2018

A state known for breed-changing giants NORTHERN DANCER and NATIVE DANCER, attracted new arrivals with serious credentials: three GSW millionaires, three GSW \$700,000+ earners, a half to UNCLE MO, a half to TEPIN, and all are by the hottest stallions in the country.

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(Ashford, \$35,000) alongside one of his glitzier contemporaries in **Practical Joke** (Into Mischief) (Ashford, \$30,000).

But let's take a look at a couple with a bit more margin for error, at their opening fees:

KLIMT (Quality Road), Darby Dan, \$10,000

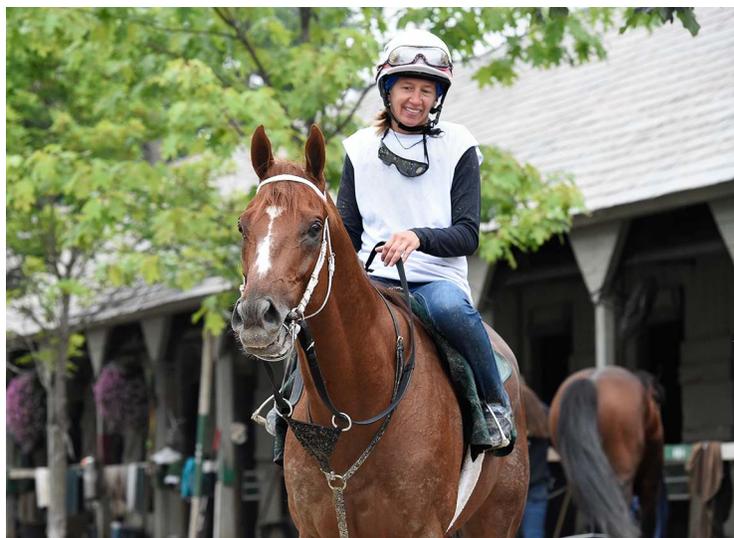
There's been something of a stampede for this guy, evidently, as much through his sheer presence (\$435,000 2-year-old) as his paper profile as a Grade I-winning 2-year-old by a sire surging out of reach in Quality Road. Klimt won the Del Mar Futurity by 4 1/4 lengths in a fast time, having graduated from the GII Best Pal S. But he was then given the slip by Gormley (Malibu Moon) on his two-turn debut, and rather derailed thereafter--albeit he did chase home West Coast (Flatter) in the GIII Los Alamitos Derby at three.

His stakes-placed dam is by a rising broodmare sire in Dixie Union out of a daughter of one of the greats in that sphere, Storm Cat; and his third dam is sister to tough-guy Breeders' Cup Classic winner Concern.

Klimt has joined the same outfit as 2016 champion freshman Dialed In (Mineshaft) and will benefit from the same expert presentation. It is not hard to see him revving up plenty of sharp and early types to keep breeders comfortable with a restrained opening fee. The right money, the right farm; could very well be the right horse.

TU BRUTUS (Scat Daddy), Crestwood, \$5,000

A longshot, clearly, but pretty much a bet to nothing. True, the American market was only afforded a tantalising glimpse of the talent he had appeared to show in shallower waters in his Chilean homeland. Switched to dirt there, he ran up four wins at an aggregate 26 lengths and was imported by Gary Contessa. On his U.S. debut he launched a wild pace attack over 11 furlongs in the GIII Excelsior S., unable to repel a late runner but still notching an eye-watering Beyer of 118--and he then backed that up with a 109 when coasting by 11 lengths in the Flat Out S. at Belmont.



Tu Brutus | Sarah Andrew

One way or another he could not kick on from there, in fact managing only two more starts, but he had hinted at freakish ability and perhaps his gusto might have been better deployed over shorter trips. Either way, it's fairly incredible that Scat Daddy has no other son at stud in Kentucky, given how urgent is the search for his heirs in Europe.

And the variegation of the tragic Ashford sire's own line is healthily reciprocated in Tu Brutus by a dam representing a potent strand of local blood: herself Group 1-placed, and already responsible for another of Scat Daddy's top shuttle sons in dual champion El Bromista (as well as for the dam of another champion juvenile). She is by Seeker's Reward (Gone West), just like the dam of a Scat Daddy migrant who did make it at Grade I level here in Dacita (Chi).

Deeper down you'll find, as sixth dam, the mother of Forli--whose son Forego reminds us of the virtue of occasionally importing some South American exotica to the U.S. gene pool. And just remember who's the Daddy.

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Sires with First Weanlings in 2018

Naturally the same caveats as above apply to this group, headed on fees by two Jonabell buddies in **Frosted** (Tapit) (Darley, \$50,000) and, seeking to emulate the flying start he gave his own sire, **Nyquist** (Uncle Mo) (Darley, \$40,000). So far as you can read anything into the sale of their covered mates, so good; and you have to love Frosted's famous 123 Beyer being underwritten by a Grade II-winning Deputy Minister dam.

In contrast, dual Horse of the Year **California Chrome** (Taylor Made, \$40,000) had a relatively blue-collar background--but Pulpit blood is in vogue, and then there's that wacky thing of his dam having two grandparents out of Numbered Account, so who knows?

There are plenty of others in their slipstream, of course, so here's just one against the field--on the basis that we only saw the tip of his iceberg and he had to be priced accordingly:

NOT THIS TIME (*Giant's Causeway*), Taylor Made, \$15,000



Not This Time | Taylor Made photo

The 2016 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile made the superiority of the front two to the rest rather more obvious than their own relative merit, Classic Empire getting first run before Not This Time closed to a neck, the pair seven clear of Grade I winner (and \$30,000 freshman) Practical Joke (Into Mischief).

It was Not This Time who clocked the higher numbers: the highest Beyer for any juvenile colt that year, and the top 2-year-old Ragozin, too. But it was the winner, of course, who gained divisional honors; and while you might question how far a rather frustrating Classic campaign advanced his status, Classic Empire has been able to retire at \$35,000. Not This Time was deprived by injury of any opportunity to clarify their mutual standing at three, and found himself starting out at less than half that fee.

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Perhaps the best 2-year-old by his sire of sires, Not This Time is out of a dam who has meanwhile launched another exciting (if pricier) young prospect in Liam's Map (Unbridled's Song). Moreover, Miss Macy Sue (Trippi), herself a tough winner of 11 races including at the Grade III level, is out of a mare inbred 2x3 to champion sprinter Ta Wee--who in turn shared her own dam with Dr. Fager.

You just love to see a knot on the bottom line like Not This Time's third dam, Stem, who was by Damascus out of a daughter of Secretariat and Ta Wee. There is a lake of John Nerud blood here and that quality is physically apparent in both Liam's Map, himself an \$800,000 yearling, and the very handsome Not This Time.

Dale Romans described Not This Time as the most talented horse he has trained. He won his maiden by 10 lengths, and the GIII Iroquois S. by very nearly as far, beating subsequent Kentucky Derby runner-up Lookin At Lee (Lookin At Lucky). With 145 partners in his first season, you have

to ask yourself: if Not This Time, when?

Sires with First Yearlings in 2018

Still shadow-boxing with these guys, albeit their pack leader

American Pharoah (Pioneer of The Nile) (Ashford, private) has by all accounts subsided to a highly palatable fee after a somewhat ambitious launch at \$200,000. The weanlings he sold (13 of 18) did the necessary at an average \$467,307; but it's a mighty attractive posse in behind, too, a good dozen recording medians at healthy multiples of their covering fee.

Honor Code (A.P. Indy) (Lane's End, \$40,000) has a mouth-watering pedigree, physique and track profile and his

sold weanlings were touching a \$200,000 average. His neighbour **Liam's Map** (Unbridled's Song) (Lane's End, \$25,000)-whose royal blood is charted in relation to Not This Time above-weighed in next on \$143,076, while sires who threw penthouse



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numbers from basement fees include **Bayern** (Offlee Wild) (Hill 'n' Dale, \$15,000), hitting six figures, and **Lea** (First Samurai) (Claiborne, \$7,500).

The latter has been made hard to ignore with a cut from \$12,500 after averaging \$88,294 off his first covers, not least with 17 out of 20 changing hands. The farm was responding to a book of just 46 last year, down from 100, but the lift will be heading up again now.

Another to take a very seductive cut after catching attention with his first weanlings is **Daredevil** (More Than Ready) (WinStar, \$7,500), who has a very solid pedigree and melted the stopwatch in his GI Champagne S. Pity he burned so bright so briefly, but he seems bound to get fast horses and looks like real value now.

Tapiture (Tapit) (Darby Dan, \$7,500) also worked his passage very auspiciously, and likewise the beautifully bred turf miler **Karakontie** (Jpn) (Bernstein) (Gainesway, \$10,000). But here are three rolls of the dice with different things in their favour:

SUMMER FRONT (War Front), Airdrie, \$10,000



Summer Front | EquiSport photo

Competition is increasing among sons of War Front as value alternatives to the \$250,000 heavyweight and here is one with a great deal going for him. In fact he might yet gain the attention of imaginative European breeders, with a strong turf profile.

Those Euros alarmed by one or two glaring failures to train on, among War Front's star juveniles over there, will be comforted to know that Summer Front was not only an undefeated stakes winner at two but was also still placing (for a fifth time) at Grade I level at age six. And that hardiness was harnessed to a real flair, extending from a trademark turn of foot to a lovely physique.

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was himself still operating at this kind of level. True, he came with a page recently adorned by a Grade I success for his half-sister, Hollywood Starlet S winner Laragh (Tapit). (Their dam, moreover, is a half-sister to another Grade I-winning juvenile in Siphonic (Siphon {Brz})). But you can glean something of how he is transferring that physical appeal from a debut weanling average of \$92,090, placing him sixth among his fellow rookies--and cheapest of the top 10. The sun's coming out.

TONALIST (Tapit), Lane's End, \$20,000

An exciting young roster at Lane's End has taken up the full trifecta from the 2015 Whitney, where Tonalist (Tapit) filled the podium behind Honor Code and Liam's Map. In embarking on their new careers, likewise, Tonalist is coming off third best for now--but the farm has responded quickly, slashing him from a \$40,000 debut fee to \$30,000 and now \$20,000.

It is not as though an average of \$86,294 for his debut weanlings represents any kind of disgrace, not least as he found new homes for 17 of 21--compared with 10 of 19 for Honor Code, for instance. And if Honor Code also beat him in the Met Mile, then Tonalist did manage to wrap up with a Grade I mile success of his own in the Cigar. Holding his own in these races is, of course, a terrific credit to a Belmont winner who also won two Jockey Club Gold Cups.

In terms of accomplishment, in fact, Tonalist is perhaps second only to Frosted among sons of Tapit. And that's before you throw his family into the mix: out of a half-sister to the dams of multiple Grade I winners Havre De Grace (Saint Liam) and Riskaverse (Dynaformer), all three in turn out of a daughter of the influential Buckpasser mare Toll Booth. The 1991 Broodmare of the Year produced seven stakes winners, headed by champion sprinter Plugged Nickle, and was herself out of the stellar Missy Baba—who also produced Grade I winner Sauce Boat, champion sire Raja Baba and, in Gay Missile, third dam of A.P. Indy and ancestress of many other top-class runners and sires.

Maybe some breeders can't bring themselves to support a Belmont winner who didn't win at two, but those who can see the bigger picture will see that everything else is in place—including, by this stage, the price.

CARPE DIEM (Giant's Causeway), WinStar, \$25,000

Himself the most expensive 2-year-old by Giant's Causeway (\$1.6 million sale-topper), Carpe Diem has in turn made a strong start in the ring, shifting 19 of 25 weanlings in 2017 at an average \$112,236. That placed him fourth among the freshmen but at a better clearance rate than the three above—a record entirely consistent with the vibe about his foals, and his own



Carpe Diem | Louise Reinagel

physique.

Carpe Diem lived up to his name on the track, showing the full range of his class despite a relatively short career: a debut winner at Saratoga over just 5 1/2 furlongs, he jumped straight into the deep end to win a Grade I by 6 1/4 lengths in the Breeders' Futurity before closing for second in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile. He confirmed himself among the best of his generation

TOP NA SIRES BY A INDEX

Rk	SIRE	FEE	A INDEX
1	UNCLE MO	\$125,000	4.49
2	WAR FRONT	\$250,000	4.30
3	MEDAGLIA D'ORO	\$250,000	3.50
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in his Triple Crown preps, winning the GII Tampa Bay Derby by five on his reappearance and then the GI Blue Grass, only to disappoint in the Kentucky Derby--after which a career-ending injury transpired.

His dam, Rebridled Dreams (Unbridled's Song), had already produced a GI Futurity winner in J.B.'s Thunder (Thunder Gulch) while her daughter Farrell (Malibu Moon) has meanwhile embellished the page with four Grade II wins in 2016 and 2017. His maternal line proceeds into some long grass, the third dam being by the sunk-without-trace Aloma's Ruler (won the 1982 Preakness under 16-year-old Cowboy Jack Kaenel, who would also poignantly submerge), but somehow it's all functioning in both physique and performance.

Carpe Diem finds himself in a competitive intake, but 306 mares in his first two years will give him every chance of maintaining his early momentum. So, yep, seize the moment.

And the Judges Say...

CRAIG BANDOROFF



Craig Bandoroff | Jon Siegel

*I have a share in **Lea** (First Samurai) (Claiborne, \$7,500)--I always liked him, and then the way his babies sold this year was really good; they dropped his stud fee, and you always have horses in that sort of range that you have to use, so we're using him a bunch.*

*Among the new horses, I really like **Battle of Midway** (Smart Strike) (WinStar, \$20,000) physically and we're using him a lot; and I really like **Classic Empire** (Pioneer of The Nile) (Ashford, \$35,000) physically, too, so we're going to use him. **Munnings** (Speightstown) (Ashford, \$25,000) is a horse one of our pedigree advisers has pushed a lot: we're thinking he could move up to the next level, so we're thinking he's good value. But I also think the two new big horses are both good value, **Arrogate** (Unbridled's Song) (Juddmonte, \$75,000) and **Gun Runner** (Candy Ride {Arg}) (Three Chimneys, \$70,000). Once upon a time you had to pay a lot more money to breed to horses of that caliber.*

Part II of Chris McGrath's exploration of value sires will run in Wednesday's TDN.

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ROOTING INTEREST IN PEGASUS cont. from p1

"The students do everything at the farm, everything from the foaling to the halter breaking to helping with the vet work to sales prep," said Animal Resource Manager Bryan Cassill. "They'll show at the sales. They do everything from getting the mare in foal, taking her to the breeding shed, all the way up to taking the yearling to the



Bryan Cassill
University of Kentucky

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Fear the Cowboy | *Lauren King*

sales.”

And just as a history professor needs texts books and a chemistry class could not get by without test tubes, the equine program needs horses--mainly broodmares and yearlings. Before he was winning on the racetrack, Fear the Cowboy was a classroom tool.

“We have a lot of classes and labs out here at the farm,” Cassill said. “Our main challenge is teaching and research.”

Each year the UK equine team solicits the help of area farms who donate broodmares and stallion seasons. The UK program has 35 broodmares. While many area farms have been very helpful to the program, no one is giving away a graded stakes winning broodmare or letting UK breed to War Front for free. What they get, more or less, are some pretty modest pedigrees, but they’re not looking to breed a GI Kentucky Derby winner. Rather, they’re looking to breed a horse that can be used to help the students learn the business.

The mating that produced Fear the Cowboy is a good example. The sire, Cowboy Cal, now stands in South Korea, and Fear the Cowboy is his only U.S. graded stakes winner. The dam, Whom Shall I Fear (Soto), never started.

Yet, Fear the Cowboy is starting in a \$16-million race, has earned \$570,869 and is a two-time Grade III stakes winner. Good horses can in fact come from anywhere, and the Kentucky program has produced more than you might expect. **Casiguapo** (Sightseeing) finished second in both the GI Hopeful S. and the GIII Delta Jackpot in 2013. **Honey’s Ryan** (Student Council) is a two-time stakes winner. **Spectacular Me** (Catienus) won a Claiming Crown race in 2016 and has career earnings of \$489,234. **Riddell’s Creek** (Exclusive Enough) was the 1998 2-year-old male champion in Canada, but might have lost his spot in the UK Equine Hall of Fame when he later reeled off 51 straight losses.

“What we’ve been able to do, it’s a little bit of luck, but also a matter of really good support from the horse industry,” Provost’s Distinguished Service Professor in the Department of Animal and Food Sciences Dr. Laurie Lawrence said. “Yes, we’re not getting the best of all possible worlds but we’re getting horses that I think have plausible pedigrees. If you look back at the dam of Fear the Cowboy, she’s got a nice family. First Samurai is in the family as are some other nice horses. It’s not like there are horses no one heard of back there. We’ve been able to capitalize on that.”

Cassill says the students tend to get attached to the horse, but come yearling sales season, it’s time to say goodbye. The school does not keep any to race. Because of their modest pedigrees, most sell for very little. Fear the Cowboy sold for \$1,500 at the 2013 Fasig-Tipton February Mixed sale. Casiguapo was a \$4,700 yearling buy. Cassill says the program usually sells about 20 yearlings a year.

“I know what you’re supposed to say, that from day he was born I knew Fear the Cowboy was going to be something special,” Cassill said with a laugh. “He was a big-framed colt and we liked that mare a lot. We liked the sire and we thought it was a good cross. We had hopes for him. When we sold him in February, he had quite a bit of frame and he hadn’t grown into himself yet. He looked kind of immature and I think that’s what [co-owner] Raffaele [Centofanti] liked about him. They could see

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the frame he had and they knew he needed time to grow into it.”

Whom Shall I Fear also produced a horse, Wait Your Turn (Warrior’s Reward) who has earned \$134,450 and pinhookers sold her 2015 foal Fear No One (Yes It’s True) for \$180,000 at the 2017 OBS April Sale. Her 2016 foal, an unnamed filly by Overanalyze, sold for \$60,000. Should Fear The Cowboy continue to succeed on the racetrack, his future siblings figure to sell for healthy sums. Cassill said whatever money the UK program makes at the sales goes back into a pool to support all the school’s agricultural programs.

“Just like every time the dairy program sells a tank of milk, when we sell a horse, the revenue goes to fund all the university’s experiment stations,” he explained.

The equine program is a small one, with about eight to 10 students. They’ll be rooting for Fear the Cowboy.

“It’s been a nice ride and it’s fun for the students to see the horses they foaled out and sold and then see them get to this kind of stage,” Lawrence said.

At 4-3 in the SEC and 14-5 overall and riding a two-game losing streak, it’s been a rare down year for the Wildcats on the hardwood. Facing Gun Runner (Candy Ride {Arg}) and a bunch of other top horses, Fear the Cowboy probably won’t win. But he could. Looks like Big Blue Nation could use the lift. [Return p1](#)

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‘MATCH’ PROPOSAL MUDDIES FUTURE OF \$1.2M CHARLES TOWN CLASSIC

By T.D. Thornton

One regulator’s “compromise” can be another track executive’s “nail in the coffin.”

That’s how a vote to impose an unorthodox form of 50/50 “matching” track and purse account funding on the GII Charles Town Classic was portrayed at the Jan. 23 West Virginia Racing Commission (WVRC) meeting, which featured an unprecedented



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standoff over the seemingly routine approval of the \$1.2-million signature stakes event at Charles Town Races.

In a carryover agenda item from December that had at first seemed like it would generate little debate and a perfunctory okaying based on past precedent, the WVRC once again on Tuesday took up the issue of whether it would approve Charles Town’s entire 2018 open stakes schedule, which was to be anchored by the Apr. 21 Classic.

At last month’s meeting, the WVRC had to table its approval of Charles Town’s stakes program after first-year commissioner Ken Lowe Jr. said he could not sign off on a seven-figure purse for just a single race. That money, he argued, would better serve West Virginia racing if it was instead spread out over a series of smaller races that might benefit local horsemen, and he had proposed that the WVRC only approve the purse of the Classic at no higher than \$300,000.

Charles Town executives, in response, maintained that the Classic has become the calling card for the track since the nine-furlong race for older horses was established in 2009, and that the 8% expenditure from the purse account to fund stakes races has been fully approved as per the negotiated contract

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The stallion with five championship nominees.

with the local Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (HBPA). The Classic, they argued, pays dividends in terms of boosted year-round handle and serves as a marketing tool that gets the track noticed on a national level.

When the agenda item came up on Tuesday, WVRC executive director Joe Moore read into the record a survey of other racing commissions he had been asked to compile, stating that "none of those jurisdictions that were surveyed have ever denied a stakes request" so long as local horsemen approved of the purse allocation. He noted the Charles Town HBPA had supplied such a consent letter.

Erich Zimny, Charles Town's vice president of racing operations, then spoke about the importance of maintaining funding for the Classic at \$1.2 million. His halo-effect rationale included the facts that daily per-race handle at the track is up 65% since the Classic was first run in 2009, purses paid to West Virginia-breds have essentially doubled over that same time frame, and that the Classic's purse has already taken a 20% cut from its \$1.5 million peak several years ago.

"It would really be putting a dagger into this industry and this program," to further reduce the Classic's purse, Zimny said.

Lowe countered with this proposal, which he termed a "compromise" and put into the form of a motion: Charles Town could accept his standing offer to approve a \$300,000 Classic funded solely out of the purse account. Or, he said, if Charles Town wanted to put on a Classic for up to \$1.2 million, he would consent to a 50/50 funding scheme whereby the WVRC would approve letting half of that money come from the purse account if the track covered the other half out of its own operational

pocket.

Zimny replied that such a scheme was not only unworkable from Charles Town's financial point of view, but out of step with the way other American racetracks put together stakes programs.

"For the edification of folks who may not know, that is completely contrary to how almost any big-race purse in the country is funded," Zimny said. "Five-hundred thousand in cash

as a ratio of our revenues in racing is a large number. That's nothing that we could ever do. It runs contrary to how stakes purses and how purses in general are funded as the status quo, and that's not how it's done. This motion in front of us, if we accept it, we're going to take a hit financially as a racing operation. And if we say no, we're going to take a hit financially as a racing operation. So what do we do?"

Lowe suggested that Charles Town agree to however the commission votes on the matter, then the two sides can try to hammer out further elements of compromise at a later



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date.

"Like it or not, we are in a forced marriage. We are in a shotgun wedding in a sense," Lowe said. "The whole idea here is to get owners back into the game. I'm an owner who left. Why did I leave? Because of the instability of racing in West Virginia in Charles Town. It is guys like me...that make the game go 'round. [Racing in the state] is dying now.... We can make West Virginia racing better again, and I'm going to stick by what I'm saying here."

Commissioner Anthony Figaretti seconded the motion and chairman Jack Rossi called the vote, which passed without opposition.

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Executive director Moore then pointed out that the agenda item had actually pertained to voting on Charles Town’s 2018 stakes schedule, not coming up with an alternate plan to fund the Classic. Rossi said he needed a motion to that effect. Zimny replied that he’d have to come back before the commission with a different stakes slate, because it now won’t be the same as the one initially proposed.

“Nail in the coffin’ is a good phrase for what has been done here,” Zimny said before thanking the commissioners and leaving the podium.

In a phone interview after the meeting, Zimny said Charles Town won’t officially pull the plug on the Classic just yet, but that it won’t be run for a “ridiculously” reduced purse, either.

“We’re not talking a drop of \$100,000 in the purse. We’re talking \$1.2 million to \$300,000, which puts us almost half a million dollars beneath the [GII \$750,000] Oaklawn Handicap,” Zimny said. “It does not work. We would not run the race at that point, and getting so close to April as it is, recruiting for the race is very difficult. Something’s got to be resolved in the next week or two for [an as-scheduled running of the Classic] to be pulled off.”

Lowe and Charles Town executives have clashed before. In 2011, when Lowe was president of the Charles Town HBPA, track management ejected him from the property for allegedly

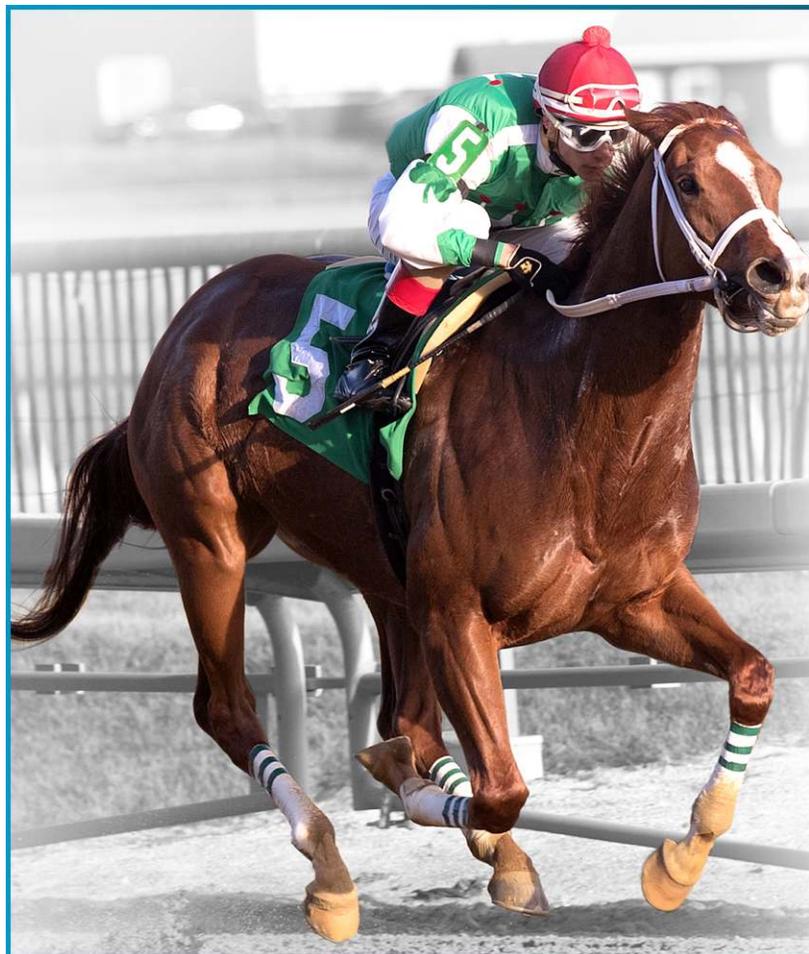
violating Charles Town’s house rule against solicitation (authorizing the distribution of political flyers). Lowe told *TDN* in December that a lawsuit he initiated against Charles Town over the matter resulted in an out-of-court settlement in his favor that he cannot discuss, but he emphatically denied that the litigation had any effect on his ability to regulate the track as a commissioner. --@thorntontd

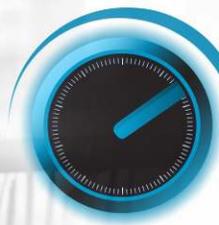
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BLEWITT FINDS A NEW HOME AT GULFSTREAM *by Joe Bianca*

HALLANDALE BEACH, Fla.--Growing up in the shadow of Belmont Park as a racegoer and fan, it seemed to be destiny that Jason Blewitt became one of the faces of New York Thoroughbred racing. And while he was perfectly happy living out that dream, it was a sudden jolt out of that comfort zone which has shown the 39-year-old that his influence went far beyond the Empire State and landed him a permanent new home in sunny South Florida.

Last January, the New York Racing Association announced that Blewitt, who was with the company since 1998, was having his position of television host and analyst eliminated.





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Jason Blewitt with co-host Ron Nicoletti at Gulfstream West

“They just wanted to go in a bit of a different direction,” Blewitt said. “They felt as though they didn’t need a year-round host for their TV product. At that time, my identity was basically being the TV host for NYRA. I grew up there and New York racing was my life. I’m not the first person to ever get fired or lose their job obviously, but it was pretty traumatic.”

While absorbing that shock to the system, the Floral Park native was simultaneously stunned to discover how many people he had impacted, in all walks of racing, and how willingly those people rallied to his defense in his darkest hour. It was a stark counterbalance of disappointment along with a renewed appreciation for his place in the sport.

“I was really shocked, flattered and humbled by the outpouring of love from people,” Blewitt said. “I wasn’t expecting or prepared for any of it. Fans, people I knew, people I don’t know, it seemed like everyone was really upset by my dismissal and how it went down.”

Some of those people expressing support were some of the game’s power players, who boosted the analyst with promises of better days ahead.

“Working in the industry, which I consider a gift and a privilege, I’ve met many people who are very successful in their own lives,” Blewitt said. “Without a doubt, they all said, ‘This will be the best thing that ever happened to you, everything happens for a reason.’ Being a year removed from it, I’ve learned that all those cliches were definitely true.”

A member of the racing community for almost 20 years, Blewitt had amassed a lot of contacts, and soon he had freelancing work with XBTV and Gulfstream Park. He wanted to be able to settle somewhere with his wife Kristina, however, and Gulfstream obliged, making him a full-time TV host starting Kentucky Derby week, alongside mainstays Ron Nicoletti, Acacia Courtney and track announcer Pete Aiello. Aside from a bit of a climate adjustment, Blewitt hasn’t looked back.

“It was a little hot at first in the summer, but you get used to it,” he said. “It’s really been a seamless transition. Working for The Stronach Group and Gulfstream Park has been so great. I look forward to going to work every day and it’s been really neat transferring all the repetitions and experience I got in New York to South Florida racing, where you get to learn an entirely new circuit year-round.”

That year-round aspect of Gulfstream racing is relatively new, as the track used to devote most of its resources to the December-April Championship meet, but now looks to present a more well-balanced racing calendar. Blewitt hopes to be part of the track’s growth from in front of the camera after helping to develop NYRA television into a leader in racing media.

“As just a fan of the game and a horseplayer, the product here over the summertime was way, way, way more interesting than I originally thought it was going to be,” Blewitt said. “As this year-round signal continues to grow in terms of the quality of racing on a daily basis, I think the TV side and the presentation will match that growth in terms of improving and adding new features. It’s just about giving more content and treating your existing customers as great as you can in the form of presentation.”

In addition to landing him on his feet at Gulfstream, the relationships and connections Blewitt has made in his life of racing also provided a surreal moment for him last month, only it happened back home, at the Big A.

A Todd Pletcher-trained, Mike Repole-owned and bred son of Uncle Mo, born and raised in New York like his namesake, Blewitt, appeared in the entries Dec. 1. Bet to favoritism, the colt cruised to a 5 3/4-length graduation. He followed up with a neck second Dec. 23 while running an 89 Beyer.

Blewitt’s connection to Repole goes back to 2005, when he had a friend who worked for Glaceau, the company Repole founded that created Vitaminwater and later sold to Coca-Cola for \$4.2 billion.



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“My buddy was like, ‘Dude, you have to meet my boss, he loves racing,’” Blewitt recalled. “It was friendship off the bat, and he’s been like a big brother who I look up to with everything he’s accomplished in his life and his personality. I know he took my dismissal at NYRA very hard and was upset, which I appreciated.”

Two weeks before Blewitt the horse ran, the human Blewitt got a text from Repole saying that he had a really good New York-bred who he thought was going to be a stakes horse.

“He said, ‘You’re either gonna love the name or you’re gonna hate it,’” Blewitt remembered. “It was amazing. I called my wife at work, I called my parents, and it does seem like with the name on social media and even at Gulfstream, people are excited about him, which is so cool. And with him winning his first race, that was one of my greatest moments ever.”

Given what a huge transition he’s made, it doesn’t seem like only a year ago that Blewitt’s life was turned upside down. The experience was valuable, however, not just because it led to a new challenge, but because it showed him that the enthusiasm he exuded for all those years on camera hadn’t gone unnoticed.

“I’m so happy that my love of the game and passion for the game came across on the air and translated to the other side of the camera,” Blewitt said. “That was the one resonating feeling I felt. And I want to be clear--I’m really proud of where I came from, that hasn’t changed at all, but I also really love where I’m at now.”

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WEDNESDAY by *Brian DiDonato*

The Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's two-day Winter Mixed Sale begins Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in Florida with a consignor preferred session of mares and short yearlings (hips 1-254) followed immediately by horses of racing age (hips 255 - 366, including supplements). The auction will conclude on Thursday with an open session of breeding stock.

"I think it's a good catalog," said OBS Director of Sales Tod Wojciechowski. "We've got a great selection of yearlings as well as mares in foal to some nice sires."

An under-tack show was held Monday for the horses of racing age, with unraced 3-year-old colt **Ready to Dance** (Take Charge Indy) covering three furlongs in a fastest :32 flat. The son of stakes-placed Readybdancing (More Than Ready) and grandson of MSW Silent Serenade (Blare of Trumpets) will be offered by Brent and Crystal Fernung's Journeyman Bloodstock Services, Inc. as **hip 318**.

"The breeze show went great," Wojciechowski said. "All the horses were very professional and I thought it went as smoothly as it could go."

This marks the second year of an adjusted sales schedule at OBS. The company cancelled its 2016 October Mixed Sale while renovating its sales pavilion, and subsequently consolidated its two mixed sales into one, the Winter Mixed sale. It also shifted its yearling sale from August to October starting in 2017. OBS had moved its "Day of Champions" to coincide with the winter sale, but has **postponed those races** this year with a potential date in the fall under consideration.

"The feedback has been positive," said Wojciechowski when asked about the sales schedule changes. "The January mixed sale kind of supplanted the October sale and took it over, and it seems as though it's a great opportunity for guys to come down from up North--there are plenty of people who have horses being broke here in town, so they get to see horses they already have and attend the sale. We've seen a lot of people from up North on the grounds [Monday] and [Tuesday]."

Last year's sale topper was a Shanghai Bobby short yearling filly (**hip 10**) consigned by Francis and Barbara Vanlangendonck's Summerfield and purchased by Bill Heiligbrodt's East Hickman Bloodstock for \$110,000. East Hickman also picked up the second topper, a \$90,000 Into Mischief filly (**hip 115**) offered by Select Sales, Agent XVIII.

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FLORIDA

West Point & Head of Plains Buy into Originator:

West Point Thoroughbreds and Head of Plains Partners have purchased an interest in impressive Jan. 14 Gulfstream Park debut winner **Originator** (Artie Schiller--Costume Designer, by Capote) from owner Denholtz Stable. Trained by Ian Wilkes, the 28-1 shot overcame a troubled trip to score a good-looking, come-from-behind victory going five furlongs on the lawn ([video](#)). "I was at Gulfstream last Sunday with West Point partner Rob Masiello, and was blown away by this filly's turn of foot in the last sixteenth of a mile," West Point President Terry Finley said. "I went right down to the winner's circle and let Ian know we wanted in! Ian is a class act, and we're excited to have a promising filly in his care." Bred in Kentucky by George Krikorian, Originator RNA'd for \$30,000 as a KESEEP yearling and brought \$70,000 as an OBSJUN juvenile.

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NEW YORK

A Shin Forward to Stand at Rockridge Stud in New York:

A Shin Forward (Forest Wildcat--Wake Up Kiss by Cure the Blues), the second all-time leading New York-bred earner, will continue his stallion career at Rockridge Stud in Hudson, New York, beginning February 2018. The 2010 G1 Mile Championship hero in Japan will stand as the property of his breeder Edition Farm for a private fee.

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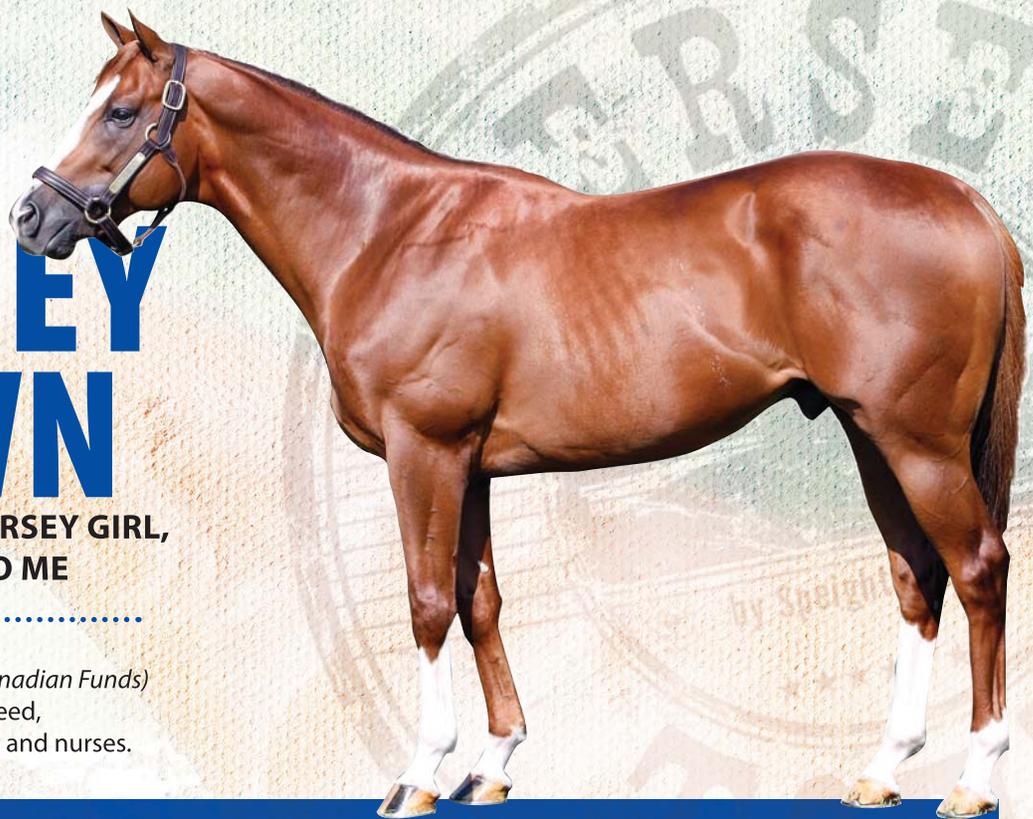
- Sired his first two foals, both born Jan. 23.
- The first was a colt foaled in New York for Sandee Schultz out of Betty's Baroness (Smarty Jones), who is a half-sister to MGISW Excellent Meeting.
- The second was a filly foaled in Iowa out of Crystal Lake Drive (Giant's Causeway) for Jeff Hartz.

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1	OLD FORESTER (01, Forestry), T. C. Westmeath Stud Farm	\$4,000	117/69	3/10	2/3	(Pink Lloyd, \$512,636)	\$3,491,833	369	16	1.47	1.50
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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Monmouth to Offer Owner/Trainer Bonuses in 2018:



Monmouth Park | Sarah Andrew

Monmouth Park will kick off its 52-day meeting on Saturday, May 5--GI Kentucky Derby Day--with some added twists this season, including bonus money to owners and trainers who start horses at the meet. In non-state-bred races, all owners will be guaranteed a minimum of \$500 per starter, while all trainers will receive \$300 for each horse that runs. Bonuses will not apply to stakes races. In addition, Monmouth Park will offer free workers' compensation insurance. A blanket policy will be provided by the New Jersey Injury Compensation Board to cover employees of trainers stabled at Monmouth Park.

"Our primary goal is to increase field size," said Dennis Drazin, chairman and CEO of Darby Development LLC, operators of Monmouth Park. "The wagering public has made it clear that they want full, competitive fields. Our bonus program and workers' comp plan will help us deliver what racing fans want. This new approach, particularly for New Jersey-bred runners who face open company, creates a reward system that benefits all participants, while simultaneously enhancing our primary objective of increased field size."

The racetrack will host its first card one week earlier than in years past. To facilitate horses shipping to winter destinations, the stable area will remain open until Oct. 31. The 2018 live Monmouth Park meet will run from May 5 through Sept. 9, followed by six all-turf cards at the Meadowlands concluding Sept. 30. Stabling at Monmouth will be offered from Apr. 20 through Oct. 31.

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Special Recognition for Maryland Equine Program:

The University of Maryland Equine Studies Program and Dr. Amy Burk will be honored with a Special Recognition Award on Maryland Horse Industry Day in Annapolis Jan. 30, the Maryland Horse Breeders Association announced.

Dr. Burk is a teacher, lecturer and mentor for young people interested in careers with horses. She has taught at the University of Maryland in the Animal and Avian Sciences Department since 2004, and became an Associate Professor in 2010.

"The Maryland Horse Breeders Association considers education a high priority in our mission to promote and enhance Maryland's horse breeding industry," said MHBA executive director Cricket Goodall. "This award recognizes the important role that the University of Maryland Equine Studies Program and Dr. Burk are taking in preparing the next generation to lead a strong and vital horse industry."

KENTUCKY

Churchill Downs Donates \$25,000 to Fire Relief Efforts:

Churchill Downs Inc. has made a donation of \$25,000 to California Thoroughbred Horsemen's Foundation (CTHF) to distribute to victims of the San Luis Rey Downs fire, it was announced Tuesday. The December fire in Bonsall, California, claimed the lives of 43 horses, resulted in the hospitalization of five trainers and destroyed countless horse stables on the property. "As attention and support have dwindled for this important cause, it is my hope that our donation will reinvigorate the ongoing efforts at San Luis Rey Downs," said Bill Carstanjen, Chief Executive Officer of CDI. "We are grateful to CTHF for their swift efforts to provide relief to workers and trainers who suffered from the devastation. Our continued thoughts are with those impacted by this tragedy in our industry." CTHF is a non-profit foundation that supports over 5,000 CHRB licensed backstretch workers and their families throughout California. Donations can be made at cthfcares.org/donate.

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Duggan Settles into New Role at Golden Gate Fields:

Irish-born David Duggan has settled into his new position as Golden Gate Fields General Manager and Vice President. Recently arrived in October, Duggan is currently overseeing his first Golden Gate Winter/Spring Meet, which began Dec. 26. A native of Dublin, Duggan has an extensive international resume that includes a seven-year run with AtTheRaces, one of the leading horserace broadcast companies in England and a three-year hitch with the Hong Kong Jockey Club, where he worked with their customer and marketing division in efforts to enhance the racing experience and encourage new racegoers to become regular or more frequent participants. “Golden Gate Fields is an incredible facility in an incredible area with a rich tradition of not only horseracing, but elite, major league franchises, like the Golden State Warriors, the San Francisco Giants, 49ers and, going back quite a few years, the Oakland Raiders,” said Duggan. “Accordingly, expectations are high in this market and that’s a challenge we welcome. I’m very pleased and excited to be working alongside a great team here at Golden Gate, all of whom are committed to making the racing and entertainment experience better and I’m very much looking forward to working with TSG, a company with a solid record of success and innovation in the racing industry.”

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INDUSTRY INFO

WinStar Farm to Sponsor Eclipse Awards Telecast:

WinStar Farm, the Versailles, Ky., breeding operation that is home to leading stallions like Tiznow, Distorted Humor and Pioneerof the Nile--has signed on as the primary sponsor for TVG's live coverage of the 47th Annual Eclipse Awards, presented by *Daily Racing Form*, Breeders' Cup and The Stronach Group Jan. 25 at 8 p.m. ET. TVG also will provide pre-event coverage from the red carpet and post-event interviews with the Horse of the Year connections.

“The Eclipse Awards showcases the best in our sport each year,” said Elliott Walden, WinStar Farm President & CEO. “We are honored to have Always Dreaming and Battle of Midway as 3-Year-Old Male finalists, and for WinStar Farm to have a chance to be back-to-back Outstanding Breeder. We are proud to partner with the NTRA to help broadcast this terrific event to the rest of the world.”

WinStar Farm won the 2016 Eclipse Award for Outstanding Breeder and is a finalist for the third time this year. WinStar also won an Eclipse Award as Outstanding Owner in 2010.

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Welfare & Safety Summit Scheduled for June 27:

The Jockey Club and Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation announced Tuesday that the eighth Welfare and Safety of the Racehorse Summit will be held Wednesday, June 27 in Lexington, Ky.

The Summit, which brings together a cross-section of the breeding, racing and veterinary communities, again will be underwritten and coordinated by The Jockey Club and Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation and hosted by the Keeneland Association.

The first Summit was held in October 2006. Subsequent editions were held in March 2008, June 2010, October 2012, July 2014, July 2015, and July 2016.

“The discussions and presentations of the previous Summits have resulted in numerous initiatives that have improved the safety and welfare of racing’s equine and human athletes, and we are so appreciative of Keeneland’s support of this event since its inception more than a decade ago,” said Edward L. Bowen, president, Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation. “The 2018 Summit will not only update the industry on these efforts but will also delve into new projects and subjects of interest for anyone involved in the Thoroughbred industry.”

The Summit will be held in the Keeneland sales pavilion, and it is open to the public; a live webcast will also be available. A formal agenda and a list of speakers will be announced at a later date.

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8-TAM, Msw 1mT, BIG AGENDA, 5-2

Kettle Corn (Candy Ride {Arg}), Fair Winds Farm, \$3,000

35 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners

1-MVR, Msw 1m, HIGH CUPPER, 5-1

7-MVR, Alw 6f, KETTLE CHROME, 10-1

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Haengbogul Chaja, f, 3, **Haynesfield**--Ginger Light, by Colony Light. Seoul, 1-20, Hcp. (\$56k), 1300m. B-Angel & Penny Lopez & Kathie Maybee (KY). *\$8,000 Ylg '16 FTKOCT; \$52,000 2yo '17 OBSAPR.

Super Socks, g, 3, **Two Step Salsa**--Ms Lucille, by Orientate. Seoul, 1-21, Hcp. (\$56k), 1000m. B-Mary Ellen Coenen (FL). *1ST START WIN. **\$29,000 RNA Ylg '16 OBSAUG; \$35,000 2yo '17 OBSAPR.

Haeya, m, 5, **Flatter**--Luxaholic, by Macho Uno. Busan, 1-21, Hcp. (\$102k), 1400m. B-Gabriel Duignan, Patrick Costello, Ben McElroy & John Wade (KY). *SP-Kor. **\$25,000 Ylg '14 KEEJAN.

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Warrior's Gold, h, 6, **Warrior's Reward**--Gold Revenue, by Touch Gold. Monterrico, 1-18, Hcp., 1000m, :57.07. B-Bernardo Alvarez Calderon & Teneri Farm Inc (KY). *Ninth consecutive victory. *1/2 to Birdie Gold (Birdstone), G1SW-Per. **\$32,000 RNA Ylg '13 KEESEP. **VIDEO**

BREEDERS' EDITION

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-PRX, \$41,400, (S), 1-23, (NW2BX), 4yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:04.02, sy.

COWBOY MZ (g, 4, **Friesan Fire--Irish Diva**, by Skip Trial)

Lifetime Record: 8-4-1-1, \$143,886. O-Morris E. Kernan, Jr.;

B-Hope Hill Farm (PA); T-Marcos Zulueta. *\$10,000 Ylg '15

EASOCT; \$47,000 RNA 2yo '16 EASMAY. **Won by 4 1/2

lengths.

4th-SUN, \$28,100, 1-23, (NW3L), 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:14.90, ft.

BERNIN SENSATION (g, 4, **Bernardini--Kelli Cat**, by Storm Cat)

Lifetime Record: 10-3-2-2, \$81,535.

O-R. D. & Shaun Hubbard & Basil Ray Willis; B-Diamond A Racing

Corp. (KY); T-Todd W. Fincher. *\$190,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP;

\$295,000 RNA 2yo '16 FTFMAR; \$290,000 2yo '16 EASMAY.

**1/2 to Beautiful Daniele (A.P. Indy), SW, \$153,395.



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4th-MVR, \$23,500, 1-23, (NW2L), 3yo, 6f, 1:14.51, my.

ELKHORN POET (c, 3, **Dunkirk--Special Guest**, by Smart Strike)

Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-0, \$22,793. O-Colonel Stable LLC; B-W. S.

Farish & Lazy F Ranch (KY); T-William D. Cowans. *\$20,000 Ylg

'16 KEESEP.



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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Heidi's Sinatra, g, 4, **Mr. Sinatra**--Coax Me Heidi (SP), by Coax Me Chad. MVR, 1-23, (S), 6f, 1:15.87. B-Rusty M. & Heidi D. Richards (OH).

About National, g, 4, **Notional**--What About Maeve, by Minardi.

MVR, 1-23, (S), 6f, 1:16.37. B-Labhras Draper (OH).

*\$2,500 Ylg '15 KEEJAN.



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U S NAVY FLAG CROWNED CHAMPION 2-YEAR-OLD



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MG1SW **U S Navy Flag** (War Front) is the European champion 2-year-old following the unveiling of the European 2-year-old Thoroughbred Classifications in London on Tuesday. Rated 122, he is the 10th European Juvenile Champion trained by maestro Aidan O'Brien and the first horse since Diesis (GB) (Sharpen Up {GB}) in 1982 to win both the G1 Juddmonte Middle Park S. and the G1 Darley Dewhurst S.

Plying his trade from May 1 to the first week of November in 11 starts, the Coolmore colourbearer ran third at third asking in the Listed Marble Hill S. at the end of May, but got off the mark two starts later in a maiden at The Curragh on June 1. Runner-up to **Cardsharp (GB)** (Lonhro {Aus}) (111) in the G2 Arqana July S. on July 13, the bay was back with a fourth behind stablemate **Sioux Nation** (Scat Daddy) (115) exactly a month later in the G1 Keeneland Phoenix S. He romped by six lengths in the G3 Plusvital Round Tower S. at The Curragh in yielding ground on Aug. 27 and gained Group 1 glory in the Middle Park S. at the end of September. The Dewhurst S. marked his third win in a row on Oct. 14, before he ended his season unplaced at Del Mar in the GI Sentient Jet Breeders' Cup Juvenile in November, his first start beyond seven furlongs.

"The motto of the US Navy is Semper Fortis (Always Courageous) and it would be difficult to think of a more apt description than that for U S Navy Flag," said Mark Bird, Irish Horseracing Regulatory Board Handicapper and delegate at the European 2-year-old meeting. "The redoubtable colt saw the most racecourse action as a 2-year-old of any of the 44 European juvenile champions and joint-champions dating back to 1978. Although he ranks toward the lower end of the scale in terms of previous champions, there was no shortage of quality in some of his efforts and he emerged to put in the season's defining juvenile performance, in landing his second Group 1, the Dewhurst in record time."

Aidan O'Brien and the Coolmore triumvirate doubled down on juvenile champions, as the were also represented by the European Champion 2-Year-Old Filly **Clemmie (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), rated 115. O'Brien has also achieved this notable double in 2005, 2011, and 2015. [Cont. p2](#)

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ARROGATE Named Longines World's Best Racehorse For Second Time

by Emma Berry

LONDON, UK – Less than five months after Arrogate (Unbridled's Song) had posted the top-rated performance of 2016 when winning the GI Breeders' Cup Classic, the Juddmonte colt's last-to-first effort in the G1 Dubai World Cup earned him the accolade of Longines World's Best Racehorse for the second time.

Following American Pharoah's title in 2015, the award has gone to a horse trained in America by Bob Baffert for this third consecutive year. The winners were announced on Tuesday during an awards ceremony at Claridge's in London, with Baffert in attendance alongside his wife Jill and son Bode.

Arrogate, who was awarded a mark of 134 for his exploits at Meydan, becomes the second Juddmonte representative to have been a dual winner of this prize

following the homebred Frankel (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), who was the Longines World's Best Racehorse in 2011 and 2012, his first mark of 136 equalling that awarded to Sea The Stars (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}) in 2009, while his final rating of 140 remains the highest ever.

Paying tribute to Arrogate, Baffert said, "He gave so much that night [at Meydan] spotting horses like Gun Runner eight to 10 lengths. He never could come back to that form. It was one of those races-- I don't think I will ever witness a race like that again and that is why they are honouring him today.

"He showed so much heart and determination, it was an off-the-chart run. His Travers was off the chart, his Breeders' Cup was off the chart, and his Pegasus was off the chart. Dirt racing is very demanding and to do what he did in the Breeders' Cup and the Pegasus-- the Dubai World Cup was like his drop the mic race and that was it."



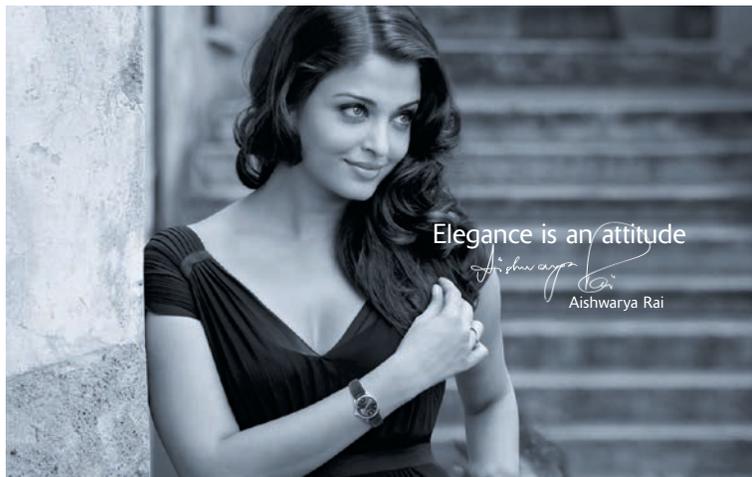
Arrogate 2017 Longines World's Best Racehorse at Juddmonte Kentucky | Mathea Kelley



Juan Carlos Capelli, Bob Baffert, Lord Teddy Grimthorpe and Louis Romanet Longines

Arrogate was beaten in his final three starts, all at Del Mar, including when attempting to defend his crown in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic.

"He was never the same after [the Dubai World Cup]," Baffert added. "He was healthy and all but he just said that's it."



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Winx is Top Mare & Turf Horse

Australian superstar Winx (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}) again had to play second fiddle to Arrogate in the overall rankings but was named the top-rated mare and turf horse in the world when earning a rating of 132 for her victory in the G1 George Ryder S. in March. The Chris Waller-trained 6-year-old has subsequently won another six races, remaining unbeaten in 22 consecutive races since May 2015, including three G1 Cox Plates.

Debbie Kepitis was one of a number of Winx's owners in London to accept the award and said, "It's the most amazing feeling being involved with a horse like Winx. She's taken us on the most amazing rollercoaster ride. We're at the top of the rollercoaster and it doesn't seem to be coming down for a while."

Asked whether Winx might make an appearance at Royal Ascot this summer, Kepitis's fellow owner Peter Tighe replied, "We can't give you a definitive



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answer now. We'll get back to Australia and put her through a few trials but we don't want to give anyone false hopes, either here or in Australia. Once she's through her trials we'll give it careful consideration."



Winx winning the Star Apollo S. at Royal Randwick 2017
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Gun Runner & Cracksman Tied

Another American star, Gun Runner (Candy Ride {Arg}), who is set to make his final start in Saturday's valuable GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational before taking up stud duties, tied for third in the rankings with Frankel's first European Group 1 winner Cracksman (GB), raced by his breeder Anthony Oppenheimer. The pair was awarded 130, a mark to which the consistent Gun Runner ran to on four separate occasions--in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic, GI Woodward S., G1 Whitney S., and G1 Stephen Foster H.

Case Clay, representing Three Chimneys Farm, where Gun Runner is set to stand after his Saturday swansong and which owns him in partnership with Winchell Thoroughbreds, said,

"Gun Runner has done really well in training and we're very happy to be here. He carries his speed well and is a good-looking horse who is well bred so we are hoping that he will pass on these attributes to his offspring."

He continued, "Steve Asmussen and his team have done an incredible job managing the horse since he started racing and he is a dream come true for the whole of team Gun Runner--I'm just here on behalf of Three Chimneys and the Winchells but I know that we've all been pinching ourselves all year. He was very impressive as a 2-year-old and a Grade I winner at three and then he did what he did at four.

"We'll see what he can do on Saturday, it won't be easy. Every Grade I is hard to win. He's been well received by breeders and he has about 150 mares on the book right now."

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The top-rated 3-year-old in the world, Cracksman earned his 130 rating in the G1 QIPCO Champion S. at Ascot. John Gosden can take pride in having trained the two best horses in Europe in 2017, though many may feel that Cracksman's stablemate Enable (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}), the winner of five consecutive Group 1 races, culminating with her best-rated performance in the G1 Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, should have been higher up the list, especially given the fact that the Arc, which she won by four lengths, was named as the Longines World's Best Horse Race for the second time.

Gosden, however, was quick to praise the efforts of Arrogate and said, "Enable won the best race but to paraphrase Mark Twain, horse races are purely a matter of opinion.

“What Arrogate did in the Dubai World Cup was beyond wonder. I think it was the most frightening, extraordinary race of the year. I stood there and I couldn't believe what he did.

That to me is enough in itself...”

—John Gosden

“What Arrogate did in the Dubai World Cup was beyond wonder. I think it was the most frightening, extraordinary race of the year. I stood there and I couldn't believe what he did. That to me is enough in itself. I'm thrilled to be here today, with Cracksman, and Enable winning the best race, so it feels like we've had a couple of winners and I'm pretty happy.”

Regarding seasonal plans for his two stable stars, Gosden added, “Cracksman will start when he tells me he's ready, though the way he behaved this morning I might run him next week at Newcastle. He's full of himself—he had three bucks and a rear before he cantered today.

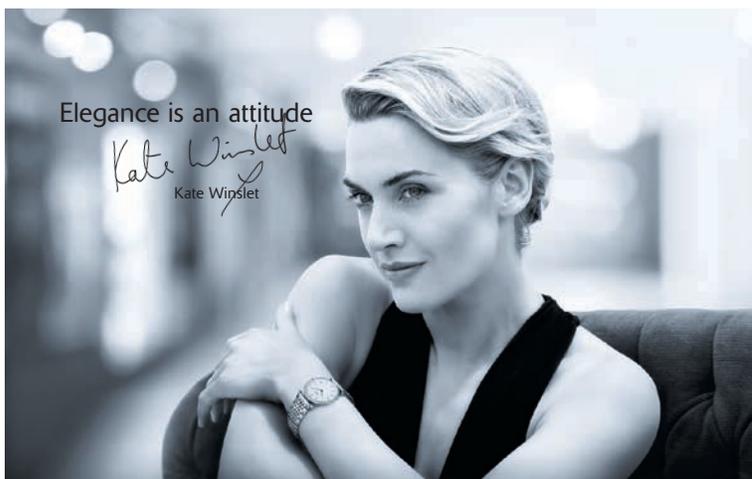
“But one is doing a canter, one is trotting. If they are happy and healthy and well, they will both go to Longchamp and if they meet along the way, they meet along the way. All options are open. I think Mr Oppenheimer and I are very clear that we'd like Cracksman to run in the King George--this is a race that his family sponsored for years--and we want to run in the Arc. Everything before that or during is not as important as those two races, so that's where we're aiming.”

He continued, “With Enable, obviously the Arc is the key race but we're looking at the Juddmonte International beforehand. What happens before that, the horses will tell us.”

For her Arc victory, Enable was awarded a rating of 128, while the Sir Michael Stoute-trained Ulysses (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) was next with a mark of 126 for his G1 Juddmonte International win in the colours of the Niarchos family.



Cracksman winning the QIPCO Champion S. at Ascot Racecourse 2017 | Racingfotos.com



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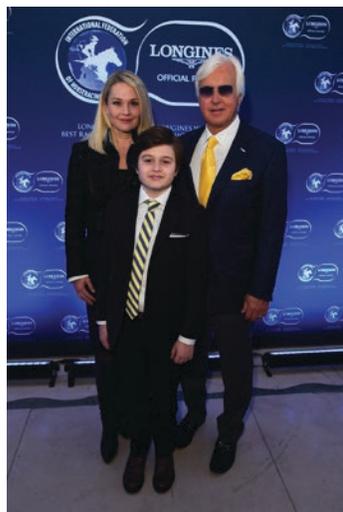
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Godolphin Duo Honoured

Godolphin's Cloth of Stars (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) was the top-rated French-trained horse on 125, earned for his runner-up finish in the Arc when splitting Enable and Ulysses. Andre Fabre's colt was joint-seventh overall with the highest-rated sprinter on the list, Harry Angel (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), who also carries the royal blue of Godolphin and is trained by Clive Cox. His four-length G1 Haydock Sprint Cup victory over Tasleet (GB) was judged to be his best performance of 2017.

Representing Britain, America and Japan respectively, Ribchester (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB}), Collected (City Zip) and Kitanas Black (Jpn) (Black Tide {Jpn}) finished in equal ninth position on a rating of 124. Japan's top horse Kitanas Black bowed out with victory in the G1 Arima Kinen on Christmas Eve before retiring to Shadai Stallion Station, while Ribchester was a third horse in the top

10 for Godolphin, earning his best rating for his G1 Prix du Moulin win. Breeders' Cup Classic runner-up Collected was another feather in the cap of Bob Baffert in 2017.

Just below the top ten, eight horses earned the same mark to finish collectively in 12th position on 123 and these included three from Aidan O'Brien's stable all by Galileo—Churchill (Ire), Highland Reel (Ire) and Order Of St George (Ire).

Arc is World's Best Race Again

For the second time, the G1 Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe was awarded the title of Longines World's Best Horse Race of 2017. The award was inaugurated in 2015, with France's most famous race being named the winner in the first year, while last year the award was claimed by the GI Breeders' Cup Classic.

Collecting the award on behalf of France Galop, President Edouard de Rothschild said, "It is a pleasure to receive this for the second time. The Arc will return to Longchamp this year after the redevelopment and we will be honoured to display this commemorative plaque on our new stand."

The Longines World's Best Racehorse Rankings are determined by international handicappers according to the performance of horses around the world, while the Longines World's Best Horse Race Award recognises the top-rated race of all Group 1 races run internationally, taking into account the ratings of the top four finishers in each race as the basis for assessment.

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U S Navy Flag Crowned Champion 2-Year-Old Cont. from p1

The full-sister to last year's European Champion Juvenile and subsequent dual Guineas hero has won three in a row from five starts, including the G3 Grangecon Stud S. in July and the G2 Duchess Of Cambridge S. later that month. She progressed to capture the G1 Juddmonte Cheveley Park S. at Newmarket to sign off her juvenile season on Sept. 30.

"Clemmie rather broke the mould in becoming Galileo's first Group 1 winner at six furlongs from his 13 crops of racing age," said Graeme Smith, the British Horseracing Authority (BHA) Handicapper. "She headed a slightly substandard group of fillies with a figure of 115, but she's a sister to the 2016 Champion 2-year-old and 2017 QIPCO 2000 Guineas winner, Churchill, and both her pedigree and performances suggest she'll improve further when given her chance at the Guineas trip."



Clemmie | Racingfotos.com

Saxon Warrior (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) ranks second in the 2-year-old classifications at 119 off a win in the G1 Racing Post Trophy--also for the O'Brien/Coolmore axis--while Britain was represented by Qatar Racing's **Roaring Lion (Kitten's Joy)** (118) and Juddmonte's **Expert Eye (GB)** (Acclamation {GB}) (117). The next highest filly in the classifications after Clemmie is Godolphin's **Wild Illusion (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) (114) who won the G1 Total Prix Marcel Boussac-Criterium des Pouliches on Oct. 1.

The full list of 2-year-old classifications can be found [here](#).

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TATTERSALLS CONTINUES CURRAGH SUPPORT

Tattersalls will continue its support as the title sponsor of the Tattersalls Irish Guineas Festival in 2018, The Curragh announced on Tuesday. The sales company will sponsor the G1 Tattersalls Irish 1000 Guineas, G1 Tattersalls Irish 2000 Guineas and the G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup, scheduled for May 26-27 during the Tattersalls Irish Guineas Festival. Courtesy of Horse Racing Ireland and Tattersalls, the two Classics will boast prizemoney of €350,000 for the 2000 Guineas and €300,000 for the fillies' equivalent.

"The Tattersalls Irish Guineas Festival is one of the highlights of the European racing calendar and the flagship of the Tattersalls global sponsorship portfolio," said Tattersalls Chairman Edmond Mahony. "Our renewed sponsorship at The Curragh demonstrates the Tattersalls commitment to Irish racing and reflects the consistent support we receive at our sales from all sectors of the Irish racing and breeding industry."

Added Derek McGrath, Curragh Racecourse CEO, "Tattersalls are very valued partners of The Curragh and we are extremely grateful to Edmond Mahony and his team for agreeing again to support three of our premier races in 2018. We look forward to looking at continuing to enhance our partnership to include many new opportunities that the redevelopment project will bring when completed in 2019."

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Churchill, hero of the 2017 G1 Tattersalls 2000 Guineas | *Racing Post*

OWEN PRESENTER FOR GSSS AWARDS

Michael Owen, a racehorse owner/breeder and former England football star, will be a guest presenter for the 2018 British Godolphin Stud and Stable Staff Awards, it was announced on Tuesday. Sponsored by Godolphin and conducted by the British Horseracing Authority (BHA) in association with the Racing Post, the awards are now in their 14th year and recognize and reward the outstanding skills, commitment and contribution of racing's 6,000 stud and stable staff. Over £120,000 in prizemoney is on offer, with up to £40,000 available to a single yard or stud. Owen, best known in racing for his success with homebred MG1SW Brown Panther (GB) (Shirocco {Ger}), will jointly host the awards with ITV Racing's Ed Chamberlin at the Jumeriah Carlton Towers Hotel on Monday, Feb. 19. [Cont. p4](#)



Michael Owen | *Racing Post*

Owen Presenter for GSSS Awards Cont.

“I’ve had a lifelong love of horseracing and having been lucky enough to get more involved in the sport as an owner and breeder since retiring from football, I’ve witnessed just how hard the staff work and how much they care for their horses,” said Owen. “These awards are a great chance to recognise the thousands of hours that go in away from the cameras and to say thank you. I can’t wait to meet the winners and I’m sure it will be an exciting and inspiring night.”

Added Chamberlin, “Presenting these awards for the first time last year allowed me to see the outstanding dedication, expertise and workmanship of the stud and stable staff, who are at the heart of this great sport. I’m sure this year’s ceremony will be no different and I’m looking forward to joining Michael in recognising the incredible individuals who do so much behind the scenes of British racing.”

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ENABLE POSSIBLE FOR JUDDMONTE INT.

Juddmonte’s **Enable (GB)** (Nathaniel {Ire}), named Cartier Horse of the Year in 2017 off a string of five Group 1 victories at 1 1/2 miles, is likely to drop back to 10 furlongs during her 2018 campaign. The 4-year-old enjoyed a stellar season for trainer John Gosden which culminated in the G1 Prix de l’Arc de Triomphe at Chantilly in October.

Abdullah’s racing manager Teddy Grimthorpe said, “I think the [Aug. 22] Juddmonte [International S. at York] and the Arc [on Oct. 7] will be high on the agenda and we will see how we go from there. She takes her races very well and that is a good thing. She will have to carry a penalty in anything else bar a Group 1, but that’s not necessarily the issue—the issue is trying to get the right course for her and if that makes sense, carrying a penalty is one of those things.”

“The Group 1 programme is wide and varied enough and there are plenty of opportunities for her over a mile and a half and a mile and a quarter,” he said. “She stayed with John Gosden over the winter and she came back from the Arc in good form and bouncing. There was not a lot to be gained by sticking her out in a field in November. Some [horses] feel the benefit of a break and getting their head down. In her case, she needed to be kept going and there was no great benefit in changing that routine.”

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British-Breds in top 5 of Longines World’s Best Racehorse Rankings

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Frankel – Rhadegunda
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Enable Possible for Juddmonte International Cont.

“We could look at starting her in the [G2] Middleton [at York on May 17] and go on to the [G1] Coronation Cup [at Epsom on June 2], but no plans have been made yet. We are just going to try to make her the best she can be this season. It will be interesting to try over a mile and a quarter, but it's not essential.”

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‘FUTURE PROOFED’ SEMINAR WILL HIGHLIGHT ITBA EXPO ‘18

The ‘Future Proofed’ Seminar hosted by ITBA Next Generation promises to be one of the highlights of the **upcoming ITBA Expo ‘18** held at the Goffs sales complex on Jan. 26-27. ITBA Next Generation is the junior wing of the ITBA and the Expo provides a platform for Next Generation and to make an impression on the bloodstock industry. The ‘Future Proofed’ seminar features a panel of young trailblazers who have made a name for themselves in the racing and breeding industry. Among the panelists are: *Racing Post* Deputy Ireland Editor David Jennings (MC); trainer **Joseph O’Brien**; consignor **Amy Marnane** of Different League (Fr) fame; CEO of the Irish National Stud **Cathal Beale**; racing journalist/broadcaster Kevin Blake; Paddy Roche, an owner/bloodstock agent; and jockey Lisa O’Neill.

“We have been given the opportunity to sell ourselves,” said Next Generation Chairman Eleanor Dunne. “A lot of discussion has taken place in recent months about succession planning and nurturing of the next generation. We hear about problems with staffing and a lack of career development and the need for a proactive recruitment drive.”



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'Future Proofed' Seminar Cont.

Dunne asked the panellists to look at the above issues among others and come up with an action plan that she can take to the Next Generation committee to implement. David Jennings will serve as the master of ceremonies. There will also be an industry table quiz, with team registration available on Friday, Jan. 26 beginning at 11:30 a.m. local time, as well as a 30 and under category in the Dragons Den competition on Saturday. The two lucky finalists, Simon Hillary and Pierce Dargan from Equine Medi Records and Fiona O'Dwyer from My Equine PA respectively, will display their wares before the judges on Saturday morning.

Dunne said, "My ambition as chairman of the Next Generation is to encourage people to get involved in our association and help them on the journey of choosing a pathway in the industry. I encourage all young people who have an interest in the industry to attend EXPO '18 and see the opportunities this great industry has to offer."

For more information regarding the Expo, click [here](#).

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BRITAIN



NATIONAL EXPRESS PARTNERS WITH TJC

National Express, the UK's largest coach operator, is now an official partner of The Jockey Club, having signed a three-year agreement to be the 'Official Coach and Bus Partner' on Tuesday. National Express will provide dedicated services to and from all major events in The Jockey Club's racing calendar. Both The Jockey Club and National Express will offer travel tickets and combined travel and racing packages to major events across web, mobile and all other sales channels.

"Alongside our UK coach network, we have a strong track record of providing coach travel to festivals and events across the UK," said National Express Coach Commercial Director John Boughton. "We're thrilled to be working with The Jockey Club to bring great value, comfortable and convenient services from destinations across the UK to the biggest events in the race going calendar."

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Added Paul Fisher, Chief Executive of Jockey Club Racecourses, “We’re delighted to be working with National Express as our official coach and bus partner’ from 2018. This is the first arrangement of its kind of The Jockey Club and it’s fantastic to welcome another new partner into our sport.”

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IRELAND



AWTAAD SIRES FIRST FOAL

Derrinstown Stud resident **Awtaad (Ire)** (Cape Cross {Ire}) has sired his first foal, the stud announced on Tuesday. Out of Street Style (Ire) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}), the colt arrived at Redpender Stud at 4 a.m. on Tuesday. Street Style is already the dam of G3 Diamond S. victor Panama Hat (GB) (Medicean {GB}). The G1 Irish 2000 Guineas scorer, who raced for Sheikh Hamden Al Maktoum, entered stud for €15,000 in 2017.

“I’m delighted with him,” said Redpender Stud’s Jimmy Murphy. “He’s a very good quality foal with lots of size and plenty of bone.”

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Awtaad at Derrinstown Stud

FRANCE



CONDITIONS RESULTS:

4th-CGN, €26,000, 1-23, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:15.91, st. BAKOEL KOFFIE (IRE) (c, 4, Naaqoos {GB}--Diamond Square {Fr}, by Sunday Silence) Lifetime Record: 9-3-3-0, €55,225. O/B-Berend Van Daltsen (FR); T-Fabrice Chappet. *1/2 to Finsbury Square (Ire) (Siyouni {Fr}), MGSW-Fr, \$452,324.

2nd-CGN, €19,000, 1-23, 4yo, 2150mT, 2:21.16, sf.

GO FAST (IRE) (c, 4, Born To Sea {Ire}--Juno Blackie {Jpn}, by Sunday Silence) Lifetime Record: 13-2-1-2, €41,225. O-Claude Bodin; B-Y Hosokawa (IRE); T-N Caullery. *€30,000 Ylg ‘15 GOFSP; €30,000 2yo ‘16 ARMA.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

CALDER JOINS CAMBRIDGE STUD

Scott Calder will return to his native land as a member of the sales and nominations division of Cambridge Stud when new owners Brendan and Jo Lindsay **take over from Sir Patrick and Lady Justine Hogan on Apr. 1.**

“I am absolutely delighted that Scott has agreed to join us at Cambridge Stud,” said Henry Plumtre, **incoming CEO of Cambridge Stud.** “He is a person of the highest integrity, he possesses great horse skills and most importantly is passionate about the New Zealand thoroughbred industry. He will be a great asset for our senior team going forward and we look forward to welcoming him back to New Zealand at the end of March.”

A graduate from Waikato University with a Bachelor of Management (1st Class Honours), Calder was a Sir Edmund Hillary Scholar and worked at Curraghmore Stud before taking part in the Godolphin Flying Start Programme. Calder worked at Coolmore Stud since then, first in Ireland in marketing for 18 months, followed by a sales and marketing position at Coolmore America for the past five years. **Cont. p8**



Scott Calder

Calder Joins Cambridge Stud Cont.

Added Calder, "I couldn't be more excited to be returning home to play a part in the future of Cambridge Stud under Brendan and Jo Lindsay's leadership. During my time abroad, I've had some fantastic opportunities and learnt from world-class people at Coolmore and Godolphin. This experience has also made me even more appreciative of the New Zealand breeding industry's ability to punch above its weight and there is no better example of that than Cambridge Stud."

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SKY RACING WORLD TO RELAUNCH NZ PRODUCT TO NA MARKET

Sky Racing World will relaunch its New Zealand racing product, it announced on Tuesday. The site will begin distributing horseracing content from New Zealand Racing Board-operated tracks to North America ADW sites on Jan. 25 at 6:25 p.m. Eastern Time prior to the Karaka Million this weekend.

"We're excited to continue to diversify the international racing content available to our North American ADW partners and, by extension, their customers through our relaunched New Zealand racing product," said David Haslett, President and CEO of Sky Racing World.

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AUSTRALIAN-BRED WINNERS

IN SINGAPORE:

Parador (Aus), g, 3, **Poet's Voice (GB)**--Foolish Pride (Aus), by Commands (Aus). Kranji, 1-23, Restricted Maiden (A\$81k), 1400mT, 1:24.15. B-Gunnible Pastoral Company Ltd (NSW). *A\$10,000 Ylg '16 INGSCO; A\$22,000 2yo '16 INGRTR.

VIDEO

Dalgety (Aus), g, 4, **Domesday (Aus)**--Tin Pan (Aus), by Commands (Aus). Kranji, 1-23, Hcp. (A\$43k), 1600mT, 1:35.56. B-D Brideoake (Vic). *1/2 to Tunes (Aus) (Viscount {Aus}), MGSP-Aus, A\$541,355. **VIDEO**

IN SOUTH AFRICA:

My Favourite Brown (Aus), g, 5, **Big Brown**--Collodi (Aus), by Testa Rossa (Aus). Vaal, 1-23, Hcp., 1800mT, 1:59.76. O-Messrs J F & M F Wernars; B-L Tall (NSW); T-J A Janse van Vuuren. *A\$60,000 Ylg '14 INGMEL.

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
	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

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
May 19	Doomben Cup	Doomben
	The Goodwood	Morphettville
May 26	Kingsford-Smith Cup	Eagle Farm
June 2	Queensland Oaks	Eagle Farm
June 9	Stradbroke H.	Eagle Farm
	J J Atkins S.	Eagle Farm
June 23	Tattersall's Tiara S.	Eagle Farm

Thursday, Meydan Racecourse, United Arab Emirates, post time: 8:50 p.m. (11:50 a.m. EST/4:40 p.m. BST)

CAPE VERDI-G2, \$200,000, NH 4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, f/m, 1600mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Aljulalah 🇦🇪	Exchange Rate	bin Ghadayer	Barzalona	125
2	Promising Run	Hard Spun	bin Suroor	Cosgrave	125
3	Smiling Blue Eyes (SAf)	Dynasty (SAf)	de Kock	Soumillon	125
4	Singyoursong (Ire)	Aqlaam (GB)	Simcock	Crowley	125
5	Opal Tiara (Ire)	Thousand Words (GB)	Channon	De Sousa	125
6	Icecapada (Ire)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	Petersen	Lopez	125
7	Rehana (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Halford	Smullen	125
8	Absolute Blast (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Watson	Mooris	125

Friday, Meydan Racecourse, United Arab Emirates, post time: 3:30 p.m. (6:30 a.m. EST/11:30 a.m. BST)

JEBEL ALI MILE-G3, AED575,000, NH 4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 1600m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Long River	A.P. Indy	bin Ghadayer	Barzalona	132
2	Farrier 🇦🇪	Tapit	Seemar	Mullen	125
3	Forjatt (Ire)	Iffraaj (GB)	Selvaratnam	O'Donoghue	125
4	Frankyfourfingers (Fr)	Sunday Break (Jpn)	bin Ghadayer	Ffrench	125
5	Manahir (Fr)	Naaqoos (GB)	bin Ghadayer	Ziani	125
6	Portamento (Ire)	Shamardal	Al Rayhi	O'Shea	125
7	Shamaal Nibras 🇦🇪	First Samurai	Watson	Dobbs	125
8	Taamol (Ire)	Helmet (Aus)	Al Rayhi	Crowley	125

Saturday, Kenilworth, South Africa, post time: 5:15 p.m. (10:15 a.m. EST/3:15 p.m. BST)

SUN MET CELEBRATED WITH G.H. MUMM-G1, R5,000,000 (£296,528/€337,557/A\$518,798/US\$414,567), 3yo/up, 2000mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	15	Legal Eagle (SAf)	Greys Inn	Tarry	Marcus	132
2	3	Captain America (SAf)	Captain Al (SAf)	Crawford	Orffer	132
3	13	Marinaresco (SAf)	Silvano (Ger)	Bass-Robinson	Domeyer	132
4	17	Sail South (SAf)	Sail From Seattle	Crawford	Cheyne	132
5	12	Silicone Valley (SAf)	Jay Peg (SAf)	Puller	Botha	132
6	14	Krambambuli (SAf)	Black Minnaloushe	Snaith	B Lerena	132
7	1	Nebula (SAf)	Silvano (Ger)	Crawford	Veale	132
8	11	Elusive Silva (SAf)	Silvano (Ger)	Snaith	Khathi	132
9	10	Coral Fever (SAf)	Judpot	Sage	Yeni	132
10	9	Gold Standard (SAf)	Trippi	Kotzen	Fourie	132
11	7	Copper Force (SAf)	Royal Air Force (SAf)	Snaith	Hewitson	131
12	20	Last Winter (SAf)	Western Winter	Kannemeyer	Strydom	131
13	2	Heavenly Blue (Aus)	Snitzel (Aus)	de Kock	Murray	131
14	8	African Sky (SAf)	Dynasty (SAf)	Snaith	Fayd'Herbe	131
15	19	Horizon (SAf)	Dynasty (SAf)	Bass-Robinson	Andrews	131
16	18	Nother Russia (SAf)	Tiger Ridge	de Kock	Zackey	127
17	4	Nightingale (SAf)	Silvano (Ger)	Bass-Robinson	Byleveld	127
18	16	Safe Harbour (SAf)	Elusive Fort (SAf)	Tarry	Danielson	126
19	5	Cascapedia (Ire)	High Chaparral (Ire)	de Kock	Delpech	123
20	6	Oh Susanna (Aus)	Street Cry (Ire)	Snaith	van Niekerk	113

Saturday, Kenilworth, South Africa, post time: 3:00 p.m. (8:00 a.m. EST/1:00 p.m. BST)**BETTING WORLD CAPE FLYING CHAMPIONSHIP-G1**, R1,000,000 (£59,278/€67,488/A\$103,778/US\$82,870), 3yo/up, 1000mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	9	Trip To Heaven (SAf)	Trippi	Tarry	Marcus	132
2	7	Search Party (SAf)	Captain AI (SAf)	Crawford	Fourie	132
3	6	Sergeant Hardy (SAf)	Captain AI (SAf)	Snaith	Fayd'Herbe	132
4	8	Always In Charge (SAf)	Captain AI (SAf)	Marshall	Byleveld	132
5	4	Brutal Force (SAf)	Western Winter	Ramsden	Zackey	132
6	12	La Favourari (SAf)	Querari (Ger)	Nel	de Melo	132
7	5	Tevez (SAf)	Caesour	Bass-Robinson	Domeyer	132
8	18	Talktothestars (SAf)	Overlord (Aus)	de Beer	Behr	132
9	15	Attenborough (SAf)	Western Winter	Ramsden	Strydom	132
10	17	Graduation Day (SAf)	Trippi	Soma	Hewitson	132
11	14	Olympian (SAf)	Scarlet Letter (GB)	Marshall	Danielson	132
12	16	Percival (SAf)	Var	Nel	B Lerena	132
13	3	Jo's Bond (SAf)	Captain AI (SAf)	Snaith	van Niekerk	127
14	11	Sommerlied (SAf)	Var	Drier	Veale	127
15	1	Live Life (SAf)	Trippi	Bass-Robinson	Cheyne	127
16	13	Naafer (Aus)	Lonhro (Aus)	de Kock	Delpech	135
17	2	Alfolk (Aus)	Lonhro (Aus)	de Kock	Murray	125
18	10	Bold Respect (SAf)	Bold Silvano (Ger)	Crawford	Orffer	125

Saturday, Kenilworth, South Africa, post time: 3:35 p.m. (8:35 a.m. EST/1:35 p.m. BST)**INVESTEC CAPE DERBY-G1**, R1,000,000 (£59,278/€67,488/A\$103,778/US\$82,870), 3yo, 2000mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY
1	5	Eyes Wide Open (SAf)	Dynasty (SAf)	Kotzen	Fourie
2	3	Tap O' Noth (SAf)	Captain AI (SAf)	Marshall	Byleveld
3	7	White River (SAf)	Trippi	Crawford	Orffer
4	11	Like a Panther (SAf)	Captain AI (SAf)	de Kock	Marcus
5	2	Pack Leader (SAf)	Philanthropist	Kotzen	Delpech
6	10	Kimberley Star (SAf)	Ideal World	Greeff	Cheyne
7	8	Do It Again (SAf)	Twice Over (GB)	Snaith	Fayd'Herbe
8	9	Opera Royal (SAf)	Oratorio (Ire)	Kotzen	Mxothwa
9	13	Steel Rose (SAf)	Gitano Hernando (GB)	Puller	Botha
10	14	Spring Man (SAf)	Marchfield	Crawford	Murray
11	15	The Sun Also Rises (SAf)	Trippi	Sands	Hewitson
12	4	Visigoth (SAf)	Visionaire	Tarry	Zackey
13	1	Silver Coin (SAf)	Silvano (Ger)	Ramsden	van Niekerk
14	6	What a Joker (SAf)	What a Winter (SAf)	Bass-Robinson	Domeyer
15	12	Fresnaye (SAf)	Western Winter	Ramsden	Strydom

All carry 132 pounds, bar Fresnaye, 127.

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SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	6	Just Sensual (SAf)	Dynasty (SAf)	Ramsden	Marcus	132
2	11	Gimme Six (SAf)	Gimmethgreenlight (Aus)	Snaith	Strydom	132
3	14	Silvan Star (SAf)	Silvano (Ger)	Kotzen	Fourie	132
4	2	Star Express (SAf)	Silvano (Ger)	Snaith	Murray	132
5	13	Goodtime Gal (SAf)	Royal Air Force (SAf)	Robinson	Fayd'Herbe	132
6	4	Premier Dance (SAf)	Silvano (Ger)	Drier	Veale	132
7	12	Captain's Flame (SAf)	Captain AI (SAf)	Nel	B Lerena	132
8	10	Louisiana (SAf)	Ideal World	Crawford	Orffer	132
9	1	Final Judgement (SAf)	Judpot	Kotzen	Mxothwa	132
10	8	Beataboutthebush (SAf)	Gimmethgreenlight (Aus)	Greeff	Zackey	132
11	3	Seattle Gold (SAf)	Sail From Seattle	Crawford	Cheyne	132
12	9	Snowdance (SAf)	Captain AI (SAf)	Snaith	van Niekerk	121
13	5	Rose In Bloom (SAf)	Gimmethgreenlight (Aus)	Ramsden	Seidl	121
14	7	Rockin Russian (SAf)	Seventh Rock (Aus)	Tarry	Hewitson	121

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Leading Fourth-Crop Sires by Winners

for stallions standing in Europe through Sunday, Dec. 31

Earnings represent worldwide figures, stud fees listed are 2017 fees.

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Zebedee (GB) <i>(2008) by Invincible Spirit (Ire) FYR: 2012</i>	2	5	2	3	--	--	224	104	\$157,450	\$2,225,803
				Stands: Tally-Ho Stud Ire Fee: €7,500						Barraquero (Ire)	
2	Lope de Vega (Ire) <i>(2007) by Shamardal FYR: 2012</i>	10	23	6	11	2	2	187	100	\$666,592	\$4,596,977
				Stands: Ballylinch Stud Ire Fee: €60,000						The Right Man (GB)	
3	Showcasing (GB) <i>(2007) by Oasis Dream (GB) FYR: 2012</i>	8	11	4	6	--	1	184	88	\$513,432	\$4,485,370
				Stands: Whitsbury Manor Stud Eng Fee: £35,000						Tasleet (GB)	
4	Siyouni (Fr) <i>(2007) by Pivotal (GB) FYR: 2012</i>	8	18	3	11	1	3	170	83	\$516,975	\$4,692,291
				Stands: Haras de Bonneval Fr Fee: €75,000						Shamal (Fr)	
5	Equiano (Fr) <i>(2005) by Acclamation (GB) FYR: 2012</i>	4	6	3	3	1	1	219	77	\$495,291	\$2,736,499
				Stands: Newsells Park Stud Eng Fee: £8,000						The Tin Man (GB)	
6	Arcano (Ire) <i>(2007) by Oasis Dream (GB) FYR: 2012</i>	5	8	2	4	--	--	185	76	\$305,406	\$2,524,990
				Stands: Allevamento di Besnate Ity Fee: €6,000						Toruk (Fr)	
7	Rip Van Winkle (Ire) <i>(2006) by Galileo (Ire) FYR: 2012</i>	6	12	2	5	--	--	197	72	\$169,220	\$2,722,804
				Stands: Coolmore Stud Ire Fee: N/A						Goldie Flanker (NZ)	
8	Fast Company (Ire) <i>(2005) by Danehill Dancer (Ire) FYR: 2012</i>	3	8	1	3	--	--	159	67	\$126,243	\$1,812,364
				Stands: Kildangan Stud Eng Fee: £9,000						Letsgofree (Ire)	
9	Makfi (GB) <i>(2007) by Dubawi (Ire) FYR: 2012</i>	3	11	1	5	--	--	167	56	\$255,050	\$2,677,071
				Stands: JBBA Shizunai Stallion Station Fr Fee: Pvt.						Noor Al Hawa (Fr)	
10	Air Chief Marshal (Ire) <i>(2007) by Danehill Dancer (Ire) FYR: 2012</i>	1	2	--	1	--	--	138	52	\$276,046	\$2,129,016
				Stands: Longford House Stud Ire Fee: Private						Mont Ormel (Fr)	
11	Silver Frost (Ire) <i>(2006) by Verglas (Ire) FYR: 2012</i>	3	6	1	2	--	1	92	30	\$230,931	\$1,201,124
				Stands: Haras de la Hetraie Fr Fee: €3,000						Silverwave (Fr)	
12	Youmzain (Ire) <i>(2003) by Sinndar (Ire) FYR: 2012</i>	4	5	2	2	--	--	70	29	\$165,900	\$1,119,311
				Stands: Haras du Quesnay Fr Fee: €4,000						Royal Youmzain (Fr)	
13	Pounced <i>(2007) by Rahy FYR: 2012</i>	1	3	1	1	--	--	47	26	\$366,122	\$864,731
				Stands: Allevamento di Pierantonio Ity Fee: €5,000						Full Drago (Ity)	
14	Vale of York (Ire) <i>(2007) by Invincible Spirit (Ire) FYR: 2012</i>	--	1	--	--	--	--	65	22	\$177,027	\$692,585
				Stands: Haras des Faunes Fr Fee: €3,000						Haxby (Ire)	
15	Evasive (GB) <i>(2006) by Elusive Quality FYR: 2012</i>	--	3	--	1	--	--	62	18	\$44,060	\$542,508
				Stands: Haras de Grandcamp Fr Fee: €6,000						Speed As (Fr)	

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