

KEENELAND REDUCES TAKEOUT LEVELS AHEAD OF SPRING MEET



Racing at Keeneland | Coady photo

Keeneland will reduce parimutuel takeout rates on win, place, show and exacta wagers for its 2018 Spring Meet, to be held Apr. 6 to 27, the track announced Wednesday. A much-discussed issue among horseplayers and others in the industry after the track opted to raise takeout ahead of its 2017 Fall Meet, the reduction returns win, place, show and exacta takeout to the same or similar rates as those in place prior to the Fall Meet increase.

Pricing on win, place and show wagers will decrease from 17.5% to 16%, while exactas are reduced from 22% to 19.5%. Takeout for the Pick 5 sits at 15%, while all other exotic wagers, including doubles, will remain at 22%.

Keeneland was the focal point of a horseplayers' boycott directed by the Horseplayers Association of North America (HANA) in response to its fall takeout increases. Bob Elliston, Vice President of Racing and Sales at Keeneland, said that customer feedback played a role in guiding their decision to readjust takeout levels.

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TRAINERS WON'T RUN THEIR HORSES, SO WHY AREN'T OWNERS OUTRAGED?

Op/Ed, by Bill Finley

There's never been a horse who earned any money by sitting in his stall all day, but there they sit. The number of average starts made per horse has never been lower, many traditional Breeders' Cup preps fell apart last year because everyone wanted to "train up" to the big day and a place like Aqueduct, which gives away an astronomical amount of money, has the racing office working overtime to cobble together cards with six-horse fields. In 2016, \$1.08 billion in purse money was paid out in this country and it sometimes seems that no one wants it.

The definition of insanity is "extreme foolishness or irrationality." This qualifies.

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ALLIE CONRAD PHOTOGRAPHY

The Great Bambino. Adopted by photographer and horsewoman Allie Conrad after retirement from racing, multiple graded stakes winner and Santa Anita downhill turf specialist Betty's Bambino (Unusual Heat) recently started his second career with three-day eventing trainer Jasmine Hobart in Southern Pines, NC. The team will train for and compete in the 2018 Retired Racehorse Project Thoroughbred Makeover, which takes place Oct. 4-7 at the Kentucky Horse Park. | Allie Conrad Photography

CORREAS WARMING UP IN FLORIDA

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Despite the loss of stable star Kasaqui (Arg) (Lasting Approval) and Idolo Porteno (Arg) (Jump Start), trainer Ignacio 'Nacho' Correas is sitting on another big year. Diego Mitagstein reports.

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"Keeneland's goals are mission-oriented, and we continually review, measure and listen to our customers across all business lines to ensure our operations promote the health and vibrancy of the horse industry," Keeneland Vice President of Racing and Sales Bob Elliston said in a statement. "The changes to takeout last fall were aimed at further enhancing the quality of our racing program. We were successful in that goal and will offer a season record \$4.4 million in stakes purses this spring."

While Elliston says that business during the Fall Meet met their expectations, Keeneland's reduced takeout ahead of the Spring Meet will attempt to find a middle ground that allows for a maximization of purse funding.

"Higher wagering also generates purse money, and we believe

these takeout rates strike a competitive balance to which our customers will respond favorably," Elliston said. "We targeted win, place and show and exacta wagers



Keeneland's Bob Elliston | Keeneland photo

because they make up nearly 60% of our total wagers."

For the 2018 Spring Meet, following Wednesday's reduction announcement, Keeneland takeout ranks second-lowest for exacta wagers and third-lowest for win, place and show among major North American race tracks, according to comparative rates published by HANA.

As expected, Keeneland's decision was greeted with a positive response from HANA and other horseplayer advocates.

"This would not have happened without support from a lot of horseplayers," said Jeff Platt, president of HANA. "I want to say thank you to every single horseplayer who stood on principle and bet less at Keeneland last fall than they otherwise would have. I also want to say kudos to Keeneland, who went beyond looking at their numbers on a total handle and overall blended takeout basis only...After breaking their numbers out and analyzing by individual wager type, [they] had the courage to act."

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Bill Finley Op/Ed cont. from p1

Everyone knows this is a serious problem for horse racing, one that is choking the betting product with far too many short fields. The conventional wisdom is that the trainers are at fault, that they have adopted a strategy of only running their horses when they are at 100% and in spots where they're no higher in the odds than 5-2 or so. They are culpable, but not as much as their bosses, the owners who let them get away with not running their horses more often. The employee (the trainer) has decided to take the bosses' assets (the horses) and greatly limit their earnings potential by giving the asset a limited opportunity to make money. This would be like the people working the assembly line at the Ford plant deciding to produce half as many cars each year as they could and Ford's CEO signing off on the deal.

Tim Ritvo, the COO of the Stronach Group and a former trainer, has been sent to Santa Anita with orders to improve handle. He knows the easiest way to do that is to increase field size. He's got a lot of good ideas as to how to do that, but he can only do so much if trainers won't run their horses. He, too, is scratching his head, and says the current situation is not about a horse shortage but an owner shortage.



Coady photo

"Yes, the foal crop is way down from what it was 20 years ago, but why is that?" Ritvo said. "There's no demand for horses. You could always go and breed 10,000 extra horses, but who would buy them? It's hard enough to make money in this business, but it's so much harder when your horses run three or four times a year. There are a lot of people who know they can't make money racing horses because the horses don't race enough and have either gotten out of the game or aren't getting into it."

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Ritvo said he believes another area that has to be addressed in order to attract more owners is the cost of maintaining a stable, which he said has to decrease. That's particularly a hot-button issue in New York, where the high costs of workman's compensation stack the deck against owners and trainers.

At any level of the game, it can't be easy for an owner to make money when their horses run four times a year. So, why do owners put up with it? I have never once heard an owner complain that his or her horses don't race enough or gripe when a trainer tries to convince them that it's a good idea to pass a \$750,000 Grade I race in which you would be the favorite because the trainer feels more comfortable resting the horse before the Breeders' Cup.



Tim Ritvo | *Eclipse Sportswire*

Trainers will tell you that the modern horse can't withstand the rigors of racing, that to run them every three weeks or 15 times a year is just not possible. If there's any truth to that, it would only be because of how long it takes to recover after running while dehydrated and after severe weight loss--the true reason why Lasix is used with what seems like 99.9% of the horses running today. Still, I'm not buying it.

A species doesn't change over 40 years' time. Yet in 1980, horses started on average 9.21 times a year. In 2016, the latest year for which figures are available, the number was 6.2. That's a 32.7% decrease. I am not suggesting that anyone should ever run an unfit or unsound horse, but if horses could run 9.21 times a year in 1980, there's no reason why they can't do the same today.

Certainly, there are a number of factors that come into play when it comes to how little horses race today, but the most obvious is that some trainers have become addicted to their winning percentages. It used to be that a trainer would use races to get a horse fit, particularly off a layoff, or run a horse in a race where they had little chance to win to help the racing office, or just take a stab with a 40-1 shot. No more. **Cont. p6**



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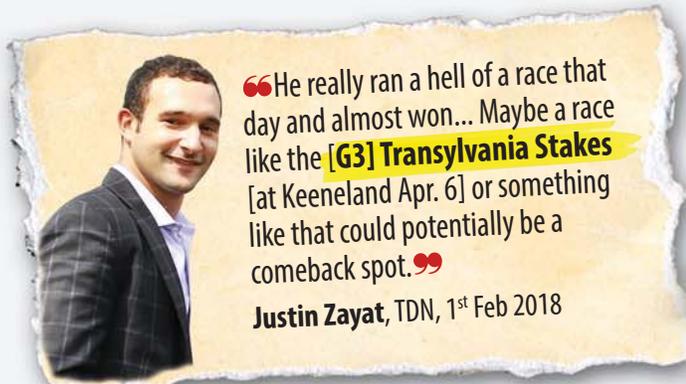
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“He really ran a hell of a race that day and almost won... Maybe a race like the **[G3] Transylvania Stakes** [at Keeneland Apr. 6] or something like that could potentially be a comeback spot.”

Justin Zayat, TDN, 1st Feb 2018



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Do any of those things and your winning percentage is going to drop. Look up and if you're winning 12% of the time instead of 22%, you're not going to get the owners. Trainers know this. Owners want super trainers and they want trainers that win at a very high percentage. But what makes more sense from an economic standpoint--hiring a trainer that wins 12% of the time but will get 12 starts a year out of your horse or going with the 25% guy who will run the horse three times?

Average field size hit a peak in 1985 when it was 9.03 starters per race, the highest it had been since 1955. That year horses started an average of 8.28 times per year. The average field size in 2016 was 7.59, the smallest since The Jockey Club began compiling figures. While a difference of 1.44 starters per race might not seem like much, it is actually huge when it comes to handle.

The only reason fields have stayed as big as they have is because the number of races run across the country has been cut drastically. In 1985 it was 75,687. In 2016, it was 42,564. One way to increase field size is to further reduce the number of races. A better way is to convince trainers to run their horses more often. If every horse in training ran just one additional race per year and the number of races offered remained the same, the average field size would go from 7.59 to 8.8.

It's not going to happen because owners drank the Kool-Aid. Are they being bamboozled by trainers whose primary concern is their winning percentage? It's something they need to consider. They need to study the economics of horse ownership through a different lens and start demanding their trainers race their horses more often. And if they do, maybe they'll see this isn't working for anybody. Not for the sport. And certainly not for the owners.

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CORREAS WARMING UP IN FLORIDA

by *Diego Mitagstein*

On winter days, trainer Ignacio Correas watches the snow in Kentucky on television, although occasional trips back to Lexington--his home base--are inevitable. Part of his stable stayed behind in Kentucky to compete on the local circuit, while the trainer known as "Nacho" temporarily relocated to Tampa Bay Downs with his son Benjamin and Frank Leal, his two assistant trainers. Correas is always flanked by Marina, his life partner, and Lola and Emma, the couple's two adorable Weimaraners.

After his great 2017, the Argentine trainer maintains dreams that he will do even better this season. Correas has three Argentine champions in his stable: **Dona Bruja (Arg)** (Storm Embrujado {Arg}), **Blue Prize (Arg)** (Pure Prize) and **Le Ken (Arg)** (Easing Along), as well as several horses he expects to reach the stakes level.



Ignacio Correas, Ben Correas and Frank Leal | TurfDiario.com

"Certainly, we are very excited to enjoy another season full of joys--we no longer have **Kasaqui (Arg)** (Lasting Approval) and **Idolo Porteno (Arg)** (Jump Start) with us [both were retired], but there are other bullets to shoot," said Correas, hopeful and cheerful as usual.

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A two-time graded stakes winner in 2017 and second to Dacita (Chi) (Scat Daddy) in the GI Beverly D. S. at Arlington last summer, Dona Bruja's early-season goal is Keeneland's GI Jenny Wiley S. Apr. 14. But, for the time being, she will appear for the first time this year in Saturday's GIII Lambholm South Endeavour S. over a grassy 1 1/16 miles. Jose Ortiz will ride the bay, who Correas said is training forwardly in the mornings.



Dona Bruja (Brz) | Four Footed Fotos

"When I draw up a plan, I always try not to leave it," Correas said. "[Dona Bruja] looks great in the mornings, and we are confident that she will give everything, because she always does. It will be her first time with Jose Ortiz in the irons...the only thing he has to know with her is to wait."

Le Ken will get his season underway in Saturday's GIII Tampa Bay S. over the same trip as the Endeavour. A dual Group 1 winner in his native land, Le Ken finished off the board in two graded stakes tries on turf in America before recently finishing fifth in the Bet on Sunshine S. over the Churchill Downs main track.

"He did not like the sand at Churchill Downs in his last start," Correas said. "It is very different than, for example, Palermo, in Argentina--much deeper. That is why he will return to the turf. In the morning, he continues to be a rocket and I think that, with time, he will repeat all the good things he does working in races."

One major obstacle in Le Ken's path Saturday will be the presence of GI Breeders' Cup Mile winner and champion turf horse World Approval (Northern Afleet), who also gets his season started in Oldsmar.

"We don't have too much luck," Correas joked.

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Correas said Blue Prize, another runner with high hopes in 2018, has also been progressing according to plan. Her return to the races will come in Oaklawn Park's GII Azeri S. Mar. 17, with the idea of later returning to Arkansas for the GI Apple Blossom H. in April.



Blue Prize | Coady photo

"She also is very good, and little by little we will start to train her a little more firmly," Correas said. "It's like Dona Bruja, they do it all on their own. The idea is to travel to Arkansas about 10 days before the Azeri, to give her a little time for acclimatization."

After knocking on the door throughout 2017, Blue Prize finished last season with a victory in the GII Falls City H. at Churchill Downs.

"Nacho" is hesitant to say so, but Dona Bruja and Blue Prize could well be considered contenders for the 2018 Breeders' Cup to be contested in early November at Churchill Downs--a track that both love.

There are plenty of reasons for Correas to be delighted at the thought of repeating--or even improving upon--his remarkable campaign of 2017. Dona Bruja, Blue Prize and Le Ken are clearly the big names in his barn, but he has others under his care who allow him to browse the stakes calendar quite often.

After years of fighting to gain a foothold, Correas has returned to enjoy the profession that he is passionate about. As many in the business know, there are few things comparable to knowing that a Grade I victory is within your grasp.

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GULFSTREAM PARK TURF S.-GI, \$300,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Heart to Heart	English Channel	Terry Hamilton	Lynch	Leparoux	123
2	One Go All Go 🍀	Fairbanks	Rodney Paden	Dickey	Landeros	117
3	Kurilov (Chi)	Lookin At Lucky	Head of Plains Partners LLC, Spellman, Doheny, Coleman and Stud Vendaval, Inc.	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	119
4	Hi Happy (Arg)	Pure Prize	La Providencia, LLC	Pletcher	Saez	119
5	Money Multiplier 🍀	Lookin At Lucky	Al Shahania Stud	Brown	Castellano	119
6	March 🍀	Blame	Robert V. LaPenta	Thomas	Gaffalione	119
7	Revved Up	Candy Ride (Arg)	Phipps Stable	McGaughey III	Zayas	119
8	Channel Maker 🍀	English Channel	Joey Gee Thoroughbreds, Wachtel Stable and Barber, Gary	Mott	Juarez	121

Breeders: 1-Red Hawk Ranch, 2-Albert P. Coppola, 3-Haras Paso Nevado, 4-La Providencia, 5-Machmer Hall & Haymarket Farm, 6-Lakland Farm, 7-Phipps Stable, 8-Tall Oaks Farm

Saturday, Tampa Bay Downs, post time: 4:20 p.m. EST

LAMBHOLM SOUTH ENDEAVOUR S.-GIII, \$175,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Truly Together	Smart Strike	Augustin Stable	Matz	Rosario	116
2	Dona Bruja (Arg)	Storm Embrujado (Arg)	Dom Felipe LLC	Correas, IV	Ortiz	120
3	Westit (GB)	Tapit	Wertheimer and Frere	Motion	Franco	116
4	America Mon Amie	All American (Aus)	Steve Ballou	Scott	Cotto, Jr.	116
5	Lovely Loyree	Cactus Ridge	Feel The Thunder Stable, Oak Rock Racing LLC, Bojarski, Biondo et al.	Boyce	Centeno	116
6	Josdesanimaux	Leroidesanimaux (Brz)	Palm Beach Racing	Arboritanza	Morales	116
7	La Coronel 🍀	Colonel John	John C. Oxley	Casse	Lezcano	120
8	Viva Vegas	The Factor	Bolton, George and Leidel, Peter	Ryan	Castanon	116

Breeders: 1-Augustin Stable, 2-Gasparotto, Ivan Roberto, 3-Wertheimer et Frere, 4-Captain Jack Racing Stable, 5-Barr Three LLC, 6-Palm Beach Racing II, LLC, 7-Kim Nardelli, Rodney Nardelli, SusanBunning, A. Jaffreys & B. Jaffreys, 8-Summer Grove Farm, LLC & Terry Gabriel

Saturday, Santa Anita Park, post time: 4:30 p.m. EST

SANTA MARIA S.-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Shenandoah Queen	Henny Hughes	Hronis Racing LLC	Sadler	Van Dyke	120
2	Mopotism 🍀	Uncle Mo	Reddam Racing LLC	O'Neill	Gutierrez	124
3	Kathy's Song 🍀	Candy Ride (Arg)	Abbondanza Racing, LLC, Premier Racing Club and McClanahan, Jerry	Baltas	Blanc	120
4	Unique Bella 🍀	Tapit	Don Alberto Stable	Hollendorfer	Smith	122
5	Majestic Heat	Unusual Heat	M. Auerbach LLC, Bardy Farm and McCauley, Ron	Mandella	Prat	124

Breeders: 1-Emerald Q Partners Inc., Richard S.Reed & Tiffany A. Zammit, 2-Frank T Batten, 3-Payson Stud Inc, 4-Brushwood Stable, 5-Madeline Auerbach & Barry Abrams

Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 4:43 p.m. EST**SUWANNEE RIVER S.-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Westit (GB)	Tapit	Wertheimer and Frere	Motion	Zayas	117
2	Beaully (GB)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Rebecca Hillen	Walsh	Lynch	117
3	Midnight Crossing (Ire) 🌿	Dark Angel (Ire)	Abbondanza Racing, LLC and Medallion Racing	Baltas	Jaramillo	123
4	Flipcup	Milwaukee Brew	Wachtel Stable and Team Penney Racing	Mott	Gaffalione	119
5	Dream Dancing	Tapit	John C. Oxley	Casse	Leparoux	123
6	Ultra Brat	Uncle Mo	Alex G. Campbell, Jr.	Motion	Juarez	123
7	Dream Awhile	War Front	Joseph Allen LLC	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	121
8	Elysea's World (Ire)	Champs Elysees (GB)	Sheep Pond Partners and All Pro Racing LLC	Brown	Castellano	117
9	Kitten's Roar 🌿	Kitten's Joy	Ramsey, Kenneth L. and Sarah K.	Maker	Saez	123

Breeders: 1-Wertheimer et Frere, 2-New England, Mount Cooté & P. Barrett, 3-Tom & Geraldine Molan, 4-Team Penney Racing, 5-John C. Oxley, 6-Alex G. Campbell, Jr. Thoroughbreds, LLC, 7-Mr. Joseph Allen LLC, 8-Haras D'Haspel, 9-Dapple Bloodstock

Saturday, Tampa Bay Downs, post time: 4:52 p.m. EST**SAM F. DAVIS S.-GIII, \$250,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Navy Armed Guard	Midshipman	Waldron, Harriette, McDaniel, Roger and Johnson, Robert K.	Scott	Castanon	116
2	Flameaway 🌿	Scat Daddy	John C. Oxley	Casse	Lezcano	120
3	Vino Rosso 🌿	Curlin	Repole Stable and St. Elias Stable	Pletcher	Velazquez	116
4	Septimius Severus	Roman Ruler	R. A. Hill Stable, Reeves Thoroughbred Racing and West Point Thoroughbreds	Weaver	Ortiz	116
5	Hollywood Star 🌿	Malibu Moon	Albaugh Family Stables LLC	Romans	Rosario	116
6	Catholic Boy 🌿	More Than Ready	LaPenta, Robert V. and Madaket Stables LLC	Thomas	Franco	122
7	Vouch 🌿	Yes It's True	Lael Stables and Three Chimneys Farm	Delacour	Centeno	116

Breeders: 1-George Pruette & Philip Coomer, 2-Phoenix Rising Farms, 3-John D. Gunther, 4-GB Associates, 5-George Krikorian, 6-Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding, 7-Fedai Kahraman

Saturday, Santa Anita Park, post time: 5:00 p.m. EST**THUNDER ROAD S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, 1mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Next Shares 🌿	Archarcharch	Dunn, C., McClanahan, J., Marasa, W., Taylor, M. and Robershaw, R.	Baltas	Bejarano	120
2	Bowies Hero 🌿	Artie Schiller	Agave Racing Stable	D'Amato	Nakatani	124
3	Blackjackcat	Tale of the Cat	Kirkwood, Al and Sandra S.	Glatt	Desormeaux	124
4	Tequila Joe 🌿	Stormy Atlantic	Frankel, Gerald and Ronald	McCarthy	Talamo	120
5	Ohio (Brz)	Elusive Quality	Bonne Chance Farm, LLC and Stud R D I, LLC.	Lobo	Blanc	120
6	Om 🌿	Munnings	Sareen Family Trust	Hendricks	Prat	120

Breeders: 1-Buck Pond Farm, Inc., 2-Pope McLean, Pope McLean Jr. & Marc McLean, 3-Al Kirkwood & Sandra Kirkwood, 4-Pin Oak Stud, LLC, 5-Fazenda Mondesir, 6-Lavin Bloodstock, Bernie Sams & William S. Farish, Jr.



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Saturday, Tampa Bay Downs, post time: 5:25 p.m. EST

TAMPA BAY S.-GIII, \$175,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Doctor Mounty 🦄	Street Sense	Pratt, Larry and Alden, Dave	McGaughey III	Gallardo	117
2	Noble Thought	Harlan's Holiday	Pin Oak Stud	Pierce	Castanon	117
3	Fire Away	War Front	Phipps Stable	McGaughey III	Ortiz	117
4	Cheyenne's Colonel 🦄	Colonel John	Derrick A. Parram	Parram	Cruz	117
5	Western Reserve 🦄	Indian Charlie	Turf Stable	Sweezey	Centeno	117
6	Forge (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Juddmonte Farms, Inc.	Mott	Franco	117
7	World Approval	Northern Afleet	Live Oak Plantation	Casse	Velazquez	124
8	Le Ken (Arg)	Easing Along	Pozo de Luna, Inc.	Correas, IV	Lezcano	117
9	Tasit	Tapit	Augustin Stable	Matz	Rosario	117
10	Brass Compass 🦄	Malibu Moon	Braverman, Paul and Guarnera, John	Baker	Allen, Jr.	117

Breeders: 1-G. Watts Humphrey Jr., Susan Keller, Vicki Oliver & G. Watts Humphrey III, 2-Pin Oak Stud, LLC, 3-Phipps Stable, 4-Builder's Mart, Inc., 5-Juddmonte Farms Inc, 6-Juddmonte Farms Ltd, 7-Live Oak Stud, 8-Haras Cachagua S.A. & Haras Pozo deLuna S.A., 9-George Strawbridge, Jr., 10-Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc

Saturday, Santa Anita Park, post time: 5:30 p.m. EST

SAN VICENTE S.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Ax Man	Misremembered	Earnhardt III, Patti and Hal J.	Baffert	Van Dyke	120
2	Mr. Jagermeister	Atta Boy Roy	Boice, Kristin, Cummings, Leslie and Lund, Valorie	Lund	Franco	120
3	Nero	Pioneerof the Nile	Tabor, M., Magnier, M., Smith, D. and Stonestreet Stables LLC	Baffert	Espinoza	120
4	All Out Blitz	Concord Point	Kaleem Shah, Inc.	Callaghan	Baze	120
5	Kanthaka	Jimmy Creed	West Point Thoroughbreds	Hollendorfer	Prat	120
6	Kris' Rocket Kat 🦄	Eskendereya	J K Racing Stable LLC and Chandler, Bruce	Baltas	Bejarano	120

Breeders: 1-Hal J. Earnhardt, 2-Kristin Boice, 3-Thor-Bred Stables, LLC, 4-Kaleem Shah, Inc., 5-Spendthrift Farm LLC, 6-Dell Ridge Farm, LLC

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2018 Leading Sires of 3-year-olds by Earnings

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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Into Mischief <i>(2005) by Harlan's Holiday</i>	1	3	1	2	--	--	45	8	\$208,320 <i>Audible</i>	\$575,437
											<i>Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$100,000</i>
2	Empire Maker <i>(2000) by Unbridled</i>	--	--	--	--	--	--	46	8	\$57,555 <i>Neko Washi (JPN)</i>	\$461,656
											<i>Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: \$85,000</i>
3	Hard Spun <i>(2004) by Danzig</i>	--	--	--	--	--	--	26	6	\$111,362 <i>Ask Hard Spun (JPN)</i>	\$420,082
											<i>Stands: Jonabell Farm KY Fee: \$40,000</i>
4	Speightstown <i>(1998) by Gone West</i>	3	5	1	1	--	--	22	6	\$173,271 <i>Molto Allegro</i>	\$419,304
											<i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$100,000</i>
5	Tapit <i>(2001) by Pulpit</i>	1	5	--	3	--	--	35	6	\$60,760 <i>Mask</i>	\$364,458
											<i>Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: \$300,000</i>
6	Uncle Mo <i>(2008) by Indian Charlie</i>	1	1	1	1	--	--	29	7	\$120,000 <i>Dream Tree</i>	\$349,834
											<i>Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$125,000</i>
7	Scat Daddy <i>(2004) by Johannesburg</i>	1	3	--	--	--	--	31	9	\$65,376 <i>Mr Melody</i>	\$327,593
											<i>Stands: Ashford Stud USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)</i>
8	Union Rags <i>(2009) by Dixie Union</i>	--	1	--	1	--	--	28	8	\$67,200 <i>Free Drop Billy</i>	\$320,611
											<i>Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$60,000</i>
9	More Than Ready <i>(1997) by Southern Halo</i>	--	--	--	--	--	--	35	8	\$48,750 <i>Golden Rose</i>	\$309,388
											<i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$60,000</i>
10	Graydar <i>(2009) by Unbridled's Song</i>	1	1	1	1	--	--	35	10	\$128,880 <i>Lombo</i>	\$305,365
											<i>Stands: Taylor Made Stallions KY Fee: \$7,500</i>
11	Justin Phillip <i>(2008) by First Samurai</i>	--	2	--	--	--	--	21	4	\$177,569 <i>Ryono Tesoro</i>	\$300,436
											<i>Stands: Castleton Lyons KY Fee: \$5,000</i>
12	Midnight Lute <i>(2003) by Real Quiet</i>	2	2	1	1	--	--	21	4	\$120,000 <i>Midnight Bisou</i>	\$292,929
											<i>Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$15,000</i>
13	Street Sense <i>(2004) by Street Cry (Ire)</i>	2	2	2	2	--	--	21	4	\$150,000 <i>Avery Island</i>	\$282,097
											<i>Stands: Jonabell Farm KY Fee: \$35,000</i>
14	Alternation <i>(2008) by Distorted Humor</i>	--	1	--	--	--	--	23	9	\$30,400 <i>First Alternate</i>	\$266,875
											<i>Stands: Pin Oak Stud KY Fee: \$6,000</i>
15	Violence <i>(2010) by Medaglia d'Oro</i>	1	3	--	1	--	--	36	6	\$44,640 <i>Cicatrix</i>	\$258,244
											<i>Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$25,000</i>

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CHARLIE DAVIS, SECRETARIAT EXERCISE RIDER, DIES

Charlie Davis, the regular exercise rider for Secretariat, passed away Feb. 7 following a brief battle with lung cancer. He turned 78 just five days earlier.

Born in Orangeburg, South Carolina, Davis would cut elementary school in order to watch Thoroughbreds train on the farm where his father worked and eventually learned how to exercise horses. He was employed by trainer Lucien Laurin and became a member of the "Holly Hills" crew, a group that also included beloved groom Eddie Sweat.

Among others, Davis galloped champion filly Quill and Belmont S. winner Amberoid. When Laurin took over Christopher Cheney's Meadow Stable string in 1971, Davis was assigned as exercise rider to the stable's champion Riva Ridge and later Secretariat.



Charlie Davis (1940-2018)

He galloped horses into the early 1980s and went on to work as a foaling manager for several farms in the Ocala area, gaining a reputation as a well-rounded horseman.

Davis was a regular at racing venues and attended events such as the Secretariat festival, where he was happy to share stories of Secretariat and about his association with Meadow Stable.

Secretariat's jockey Ron Turcotte reflected on the news of Davis's passing, saying, "Charlie was a great friend to me personally and a great friend to the sport. He and Eddie [Sweat] knew Secretariat better than any of us, and Charlie became a walking history book about those days. He was a wonderful exercise rider with a true

horseman's touch, and the achievements of both Riva Ridge and Secretariat were a result of Charlie's work with them."

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Following the announcement of his cancer diagnosis last month, friends and fans alike raised funds to cover his medical expenses.

Davis is survived by his wife of 51 years, Caroline, seven children and many grandchildren.

“We are heartbroken that we lost him,” his daughter Katrina Davis said. “He was always so generous with whatever he had, especially his time. He loved talking about his days as an exercise rider, and he loved Secretariat. We are very grateful to all of his friends and fans who have offered messages of support and contributed to his [GoFundMe campaign](#). That financial assistance has eased our worries as we cover Dad’s final expenses.”

Written condolences may be sent to The Davis Family, PO Box 831072, Ocala, FL, 34483. Funeral arrangements are pending.

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CHAMPION EUROPEAN 2YO ALJABR DIES

Aljabr (Storm Cat--Sierra Madre {Fr}, by Baillamont), the Cartier Award-winning juvenile of 1998, died of a heart attack Feb. 6 at Shadwell Farm, where he had been a pensioner since 2013. He was 22 years old.



Aljabr winning the Lockinge S. | *Racing Post*

Bred, foaled and raised at Shadwell, Aljabr ran the table in three starts at two, winning the G3 Vintage S. at second asking before securing a championship with a victory in the G1 Prix de la Salamandre at Longchamp. His two wins from six subsequent appearances at three and four came in two of Europe’s premier mile events, the G1 Sussex S. in 1999 and the G1 Lockinge S. the following spring. He retired to stud with five wins from nine starts and earnings of \$593,796.

“Aljabr will be remembered for his championship juvenile season, but he was a Group 1 winner at three and four as well,” said Shadwell Vice President Rick Nichols. **Cont. p3**

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“His victory in the Sussex was historic, he set a course record in top company in a 160-year-old stakes race.”

Aljabr retired to stud at Shadwell in 2001 and relocated to Ascot Stud in Ontario Canada in 2008. From 11 crops, he sired 202 foals and 91 winners. Included among his 10 stakes winners, 17 stakes horses, was 2008 Canadian Classic-winning filly Northern Kraze. Aljabr will be buried at Shadwell.

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Captivating Moon (Malibu Moon) battles to victory at Tampa Bay Downs Wednesday.



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5th-FGX, \$41,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 6f, post time: 4:05 p.m. ET
 Breeze Easy firster **DEVINE MISCHIEF (Into Mischief)**, a \$450,000 FTFMAR juvenile, goes postward for trainer Joe Sharp. Out of Vibrant (Vicar), the bay filly is a full-sister to MGSW Vicar's in Trouble. **TJCS PPs**

8th-FGX, \$41,000, Msw, 3yo, 1m70y, post time: 5:35 p.m. ET
 Gary and Mary West's **EGO TRIP (Bernardini)** opens his career for trainer Steve Asmussen. The dark bay colt, a \$600,000 KEESEP yearling, is out of With Sugar on Top (Unbridled's Song), a half-sister to MGSW Frosted (Tapit) and to graded stakes winner Indulgent (Bernardini). Fox Hill Farms' **New Colossus (Curlin)**, a \$400,000 KEESEP graduate, will look to improve on a troubled late-closing third-place effort in his six-furlong debut at Fair Grounds Jan. 13. **TJCS PPs**

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FLORIDA

Wednesday's Results:

3rd-TAM, \$20,750, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 2-7, 3yo, 1mT, 1:39.75, gd.

CAPTIVATING MOON (c, 3, Malibu Moon--Appealing Storm, by Valid Appeal), a debut winner over the Arlington turf last July, was second behind 'TDN Rising Star' Barry Lee (Violence) over the all-weather in the Sept. 9 Arlington-Washington Futurity. Seventh in the off-the-turf GIII Bourbon S. at Keeneland Oct. 8, he was making his first start since finishing a narrowly beaten second in the Oct. 29 Spendthrift Juvenile Stallion S. The 1-2 favorite, off a step slowly, was unhurried and trailed the field behind moderate splits. He ranged up four wide leaving the backstretch, took a narrow lead at the top of the stretch and just got his nose in front on the line after a ding-dong battle with The X (Soldat). Bob Lothenbach's Lothenbach Stables campaigned the winner's dam Appealing Storm, who also produced 2006 GI Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup S. winner Vacare (Lear Fan, GISW, \$1,269,086). Captivating Moon is also a half to Single Solution (Flatter, GSW, \$199,439); Abtaal (Rock Hard Ten, GSW-Fr, 374,152); and Nobody's Fault (Blame, SW & GSP, \$152,432). **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** Lifetime Record: SP, 5-2-2-0, \$63,156. O/B-Lothenbach Stables Inc (KY); T-Chris M. Block.

4th-TAM, \$20,000, Msw, 2-7, 3yo, 1m 40y, 1:41.71, ft.
REGAL QUALITY (g, 3, Quality Road--Tia Rafaela, by Bernardini), a \$200,000 KEESEP yearling, was runner-up in his six-furlong debut at this oval Dec. 16. The even-money favorite chased the pacesetters through fractions of :23.19 and :46.45. Asked for more leaving the backstretch, the bay gelding took charge nearing the stretch and powered clear to win by 5 3/4 lengths under a hand ride. Freedomia (Oxbow) was second. Tia Rafaela, an unraced half to GSW Shawklit Mint (Air Forbes Won), produced a colt by Elusive Quality in 2017 and was bred back to Animal Kingdom. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$16,000. O-Sumaya U.S. Stable; B-Betz, Kidder, D.J. Stables & Graves (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

CHASE BANK NOW ACCEPTING CREDIT CARD TRANSACTIONS WITH U.S. ADWs

JPMorgan Chase & Co., the largest bank in the United States and the largest credit card issuer in the U.S. with more than 80 million account holders, has begun approving credit card deposit transactions with U.S. licensed and regulated advance deposit wagering companies (ADWs).

The NTRA expects the decision by Chase to have a significant and positive impact on overall U.S. pari-mutuel handle, particularly advance deposit wagering. It also could lead to acceptance of these types of transactions by other leading credit card issuing banks that have not allowed their Visa or MasterCard customers to use their cards to fund licensed and regulated ADW accounts.

"This is a major victory for our industry and one that would not have come about without the efforts of Rep. Andy Barr (R-KY) and his staff," said NTRA President and Chief Executive Officer Alex Waldrop.

"I am delighted that this latest move by Chase will have a positive economic impact on Thoroughbred racing and breeding in my home state of Kentucky and across the nation. Horse racing is a highly regulated, multi-billion dollar sport and industry and I urge other banks to follow the lead of Chase," said Barr, who serves on the U.S. House of Representatives Financial Services Committee.

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NTRA REPORT FROM CAPITOL HILL



Jockey Jorge Ricardo surpassed Russell Baze as the jockey with the most all-time wins Wednesday after riding Hope Glory (Honour and Glory) to victory in the fourth race at San Isidro. After the win, which was the 12,845th of his career, Ricardo was honored in a winner's circle ceremony at the Buenos Aires racetrack.

Hipodromo San Isidro

INDUSTRY INFO

Second Annual KEEP Day Set For Feb. 15:

The second annual KEEP (Kentucky Equine Education Project) Day is set to take place Thursday, Feb. 15, providing an opportunity for those vested in the industry to share with state legislators the importance of horses to the economies of their districts.

The event will take place from 12-2 p.m. in Room 129 of the Capitol Annex in Frankfort and will facilitate interaction between industry stakeholders, including fans and horse enthusiasts, and a variety of state senators and representatives.

"KEEP Day is a convenient way for people working in businesses connected to equines, as well as those who show, ride and own horses, to meet with our lawmakers and let them know that every county and district benefits from horses," said KEEP Executive Vice President Elisabeth Jensen. "We encourage those involved with every breed and discipline to come and show support for our signature industry that creates so many jobs."

According to a KEEP release, horses form a \$4-billion industry in the Commonwealth, supporting 100,000 jobs directly and indirectly and spanning all 120 counties in Kentucky.

Kentucky has 35,000 operations with at least one horse accounting for 242,400 equines and \$23.4 billion including related assets, according to a survey from the University of Kentucky Department of Agriculture.

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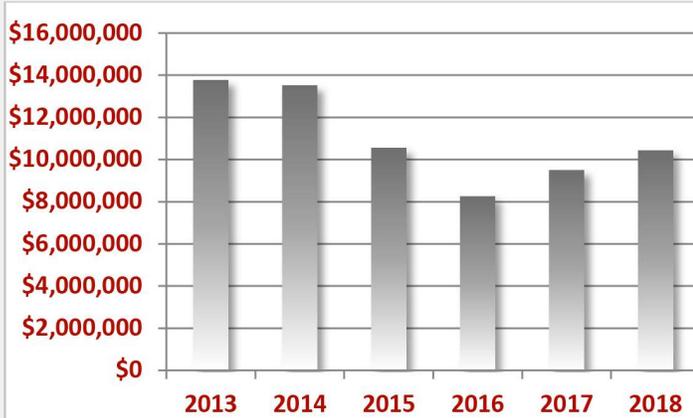


Senator Stephen West and National HBPA CEO Eric Hamelback at last year's KEEP day



WEEKLY SALES INDEX

FASIG-TIPTON FEBRUARY MIXED SALE



“‘Same old story’ was the way Boyd Browning described the market at the end of Fasig’s February Sale, referring to the trend of polarization at the top of the market and little demand beneath. The good news is that figures were all slightly up, including the average by 6% despite a \$700,000 outlier last year. Three percent more horses through the ring were sold this year, too, though that could be a product of sellers adjusting their expectations.”

-Kelsey Riley

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS	AVE
2018	574	471	364	18.0%	77.2%	63.4%	\$10,436,800	\$28,673
2017	640	471	351	26.4%	74.5%	54.8%	\$9,501,800	\$27,071
2016	528	437	341	17.2%	78.0%	64.6%	\$8,260,600	\$24,255
2015	616	493	406	20.0%	82.4%	65.9%	\$10,560,700	\$26,012
2014	588	505	406	14.1%	80.4%	69.0%	\$13,527,500	\$33,319
2013	337	277	245	17.8%	88.4%	72.7%	\$13,781,700	\$56,252

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BREEDERS' EDITION

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-GP, \$46,100, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 2-7, 4yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :56.19, fm.

QUALITY TIME (IRE) (m, 5, **Exceed And Excel {Aus}**--Crinoline, by **Street Cry {Ire}**) Lifetime Record: 11-2-1-2, \$60,257. O-Scott Krase & Peter Stokes; B-Darley (IRE); T-Christophe Clement. *€65,000 3yo '16 GOFNOV.

5th-MVR, \$24,000, 2-7, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:13.28, ft.

MORE THAN GOOD (g, 4, **Macho Uno**--My Mancita, by Mr. Greeley) Lifetime Record: 12-3-1-1, \$53,236. O/B-Charlie J. Williams, LLC (KY); T-Charlie J. Williams.



7th-HOU, \$22,000, 2-7, (C), 4yo/up, 5f (off turf), :58.12, sy. BLUEGRASS BRONCO (g, 6, **Bluegrass Cat**--Chitka {SW, \$203,612}, by Jade Hunter) Lifetime Record: 27-4-5-3, \$123,815. O-End Zone Athletics, Inc.; B-McKnight Thoroughbreds LLC (KY); T-Karl Broberg. *\$80,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP. *1/2 to Princess Karen (Stay Thirsty), SW & GSP, \$175,694.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Hazana, f, 3, **First Samurai**--Major Allie, by Officer. GP, 2-7, (C), 1 1/16mT, 1:43.09. B-St. George Farm, LLC (KY). *\$4,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP. **1/2 to Cistron (The Factor), GSP, \$265,229.

Shystermeister, g, 4, **Bodemeister**--Narjis Flower, by Pleasant Colony. HOU, 2-7, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:48.87. B-DocAtty Stables, LLC (KY). *\$47,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEESEP. **1/2 to Storm Mesa (Sky Mesa), MGSW, \$336,510; She Be Classy (Toccet), SW, \$211,108.

Lunar Knight, g, 4, **Lunarpal**--Slippery Devil, by Devil His Due. MVR, 2-7, (S), 1m, 1:46.99. B-Stephen & Kim Cronenwett (OH).

Parol, f, 4, **Mizzen Mast**--Spoken, by Unbridled's Song. GP, 2-7, 7 1/2fT, 1:28.32. B-Claiborne Farm & Adele Dilschneider (KY).

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ESTABLISHED SIRES: WHERE'S THE VALUE?



Chris McGrath states the case for Raven's Pass | Darley

By Chris McGrath

If it's true that unproven sires are typically overpriced--and, judging by what happens to the fees of most after a couple of years, it has to be true--then you'd like to think that this, right here, is the area where the real value can be found. Sires with runs on the board, solid achievers at sensible money.

Very often, however, you instead end up with rather an abyss--one of plunging books and fees--between the countless young thrusters and the small group of untouchables (not to say unaffordables) who have made it to the other side. Even over there, true, you can make a case for some of the heavy hitters as themselves still "value", relative to the odds of reaping a profit on or off the track.

Dansili (GB) (Danehill) (Banstead Manor, £65,000), for instance, is on a tempting slide just three years after hitting six figures. Yes, he's 22 now, and people have views about that--views that may be more legitimate, in this era of immoderate books. But Danzig was 24 when he conceived the foal we know as War Front, to name just one of countless examples. So I'll leave others to describe as an aberration, in an ageing sire, what they consider a glimpse of the future, in a young one. Last year, after all, only four European stallions--Galileo (Ire), Dubawi (Ire), Frankel (GB) and Dark Angel (Ire)--surpassed Dansili's nine individual group winners.

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DARK ANGEL SON LEADS THE WAY AT GOFFS

By Daithi Harvey

The second session of the Goffs February Sale was devoted to short yearlings and the current polarised nature of the European bloodstock market was evident at times during the day when trade was quite tough for many lots that were not deemed to possess obvious commercial appeal. Despite these challenging facets of the market, the right types were still changing hands for good money and it was a son of Dark Angel (Ire) who topped proceedings when selling to Daniel Creighton for €140,000. This top price, which smashed last year's equivalent of €86,000, helped push the majority of the KPI's in the right direction. A total of 110 of the 182 offered yearlings found new homes for a slightly reduced clearance rate of 60%, which highlights the selective nature of the market. However, the strength at the top end resulted in a 15% increase in the aggregate to €1,624,600, which in turn led to a 23% rise in average to €14,769 and a 45% increase in the median to €8,000. **Cont. p9**

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Established Sires: Where's The Value? Cont. from p1

With a growing reputation as a sire of sires, he now looks a very fair price if you fancy another Bated Breath (GB) or Zoffany (Ire), another Harbinger (GB) or Flintshire (GB).

And if he's value, how about his studmate **Oasis Dream (GB)** (Green Desert) (Banstead Manor, £30,000)? Now don't get me wrong. Showcasing (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) (Whitsbury Manor, €35,000) is clearly a young sire on his way, producing the

Haydock Sprint Cup winner in 2016 and the runner-up last year, and, moreover, with much better books now in the offing; and we've already acknowledged in this series

how Muhaarar (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) (Nunnery, £30,000) is passing the only tests so far available in a fashion that makes him seem very fairly priced. But if nobody can get enough of his sons--and these two are just the most glamorous among around a score to have gone to stud--then how is it you can now use Oasis Dream himself for the same money or less?

He's four years younger than Dansili, and it's not as though there are many other stallions standing at any price with as many as 15 individual Group 1 winners.

"It's not as though there are many other stallions standing at any price with as many as Oasis Dream's 15 individual Group 1 winners."

Yet Oasis Dream has had his fee more than halved from £75,000 just two years ago, and £85,000 only a couple of years before that.

Perhaps he is suffering from the rivalry of rising young bucks on his own farm. But perhaps he is simply paying a price for an evident lack of affinity with the different model of mare he earned with his rise to stardom. Midday (GB) may have a good deal to answer for, in that respect, having changed perceptions about the kind of Classic profile that might work with her sire.

We should maybe sooner remember the sire's half-sister Zenda (GB) (Zamindar), a Classic winner at a mile and responsible for another such in Kingman (GB) (Invincible Spirit

{Ire}).

Another sire of sires who looks soberly priced, even at a new career high aged 19, is **Acclamation (GB)** (Royal Applause {GB}) (Rathbarry, €40,000). Dark Angel (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}) (Yeomanstown, €85,000) now commands more than double that, but the reputation of his sire has never been higher than over the past couple of years, thanks to the likes of Aclaim (Ire), Marsha (Ire) and Mehmas (Ire).

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Established Sires: Where's The Value? Cont.

Among the younger horses to have broken into the established elite, a couple who look capable of consolidating still further are **Lope De Vega (Ire)** (Shamardal) (Ballylinch, €60,000) and **Le Havre (Fr)** (Noverre) (Montfort & Preaux, €60,000). Both these Prix du Jockey Club winners have had to tread water a little after the industry absorbed their superb starts at stud, but their mare upgrades will start rolling through now. As in, like an onrushing train. It's not hard to see either ending up at six figures some day.

At the other end of the pay scale, however, let's try to beat the paradox and browse one or two angles for finding sires that are "proven" while yet remaining "value". Here are a whole bunch, none standing for more than £15,000:

YOUMZAIN (Ire) (Sinndar {Ire}) (Haras du Quesnay, €4,000)

A cavalry of shiny new sires in France can't be good news for some of the more yeoman types, but one or two still look perfectly serviceable at the resulting price. Look at Silver Frost (Ire) (Verglas {Ire}) (Haras de la Hetraie, €3,000), who beat Le Havre (Ire) (Noverre) in the Poulains but has just had his fee halved despite another super campaign from his flagship Group 1 winner Silverwave (Fr). Or another Poulains winner, Falco (Pivotal {GB}) (Haras du Grand Chesnaie, €2,500), out of an Unbridled mare, no less, and sire of dual Group 1 winner Odeliz (Ire); his 25 winners from a small footprint in 2017 included half a dozen black-type operators. And what a travesty to see an Arc winner standing for this kind of money, too, in Rail Link (GB) (Dansili {GB}) (Haras de Cercy, €2,800). His legacy numbers from his Juddmonte days are a sad reflection on the impatience of breeders: just 45 starters in 2017, but 25 of them won, three at black-type level.

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But perhaps the most egregious neglect of all is that of Youmzain, who famously finished second in three consecutive Arcs: by a head to Dylan Thomas (Ire) (Danehill), and then to a couple of ordinary animals named Zarkava (Ire) (Zamindar) and Sea The Stars (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}). His dam also produced the very tough Creachadoir (Ire) (King's Best) to win the Lockinge and finish second in two Guineas; and she is in turn out of a half-sister to champion Pilsudski (Ire) (Polish Precedent).

Evidently commercial breeders prefer to remember his quirks rather than his class and toughness. As such, he has predictably had to make do with fairly small crops of budget mares. But his 26 winners in 2017 included four at black-type level, notably Sea Calisi (Fr), a graduate of his debut crop who added a Grade II prize at Belmont to her GI Beverly D success the previous year; and Royal Youmzain (Fr), winner of a juvenile Group 2 in Italy at the backend. You'd love to see what he might get from a few really classy mares. So if there's a sportsman or two out there, do let us find out.

NAYEF (Gulch) (Nunnery Stud, £5,000)

If Tamayuz (GB) (Nayef) (Derrinstown, €12,500) is still value at his new fee--and he absolutely is, deservedly hiked from €8,000 after a breakthrough year both on the track (nine black-type winners from just 95 starters in 2017) and in the ring--then what can be said of his sire?

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True, Tamayuz brings a top-class family of his own to the equation; but nobody can tell Nayef anything about that kind of thing, as a son of Height Of Fashion (Fr) (Bustino {GB}). Though he is now 20, he has just come up with another Group 1 winner in Ice Breeze (GB) and was also on the mark at Royal Ascot.

For such a handsome, superbly-bred individual, and such an accomplished runner--six-length stakes winner at two, Group 1 winner at three, four and five--it seems incredible to reflect that he was already down to 48 mares in just his third book. And though the Group 1 exploits of Tamayuz himself, Lady Marian (Ger) and Spacious (GB)--all graduates of his first crop--helped concentrate the mind of breeders for a while, demand was soon slackening again. He was reduced to three dozen mares in 2016, and two dozen last year. **Cont. p5**

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But if his track record, genes and physiology all remain unchanged, then Sir Prancealot (Ire) (Tamayuz {GB}) has lately afforded him a foothold as a sire of sires. Nayef has an incredibly strong counterweighting pedigree, entirely free of Northern Dancer and stoking some venerable embers relatively close up. Not too many, nowadays, offer a fourth dam by Hyperion. Similarly evocative names seam the same generation and, while a lot of people dismiss those kind of foundations, it is not as though the genetic

architecture had crumbled before his emergence as an exemplary Thoroughbred.

All this makes Tamayuz of ever more interest, of course, given his own maternal background. With such momentum now, and in his prime at 13, at the price he arguably represents the best sire wager in all Europe for 2018--but please don't forget his old man.

CHAMPS ELYSEES (GB) (Danehill) (Castle Hyde Stud, €6,500) and **DYLAN THOMAS (IRE)** (Danehill) (Castle Hyde Stud, €5,000)

As in browsing under-rated French sires, with regard to Youmzain above, we might easily meander across a whole

division here. After all, we have just seen a Derby winner with a brilliant turn of foot sired by Pour Moi (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}) (Grange Stud, €5,000) shortly after his arrival at a National Hunt farm; and, indeed, another such in Germany by Shirocco (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}) (Glenview, €5,000).

Commercial Flat breeders may feel they can't afford the risk--but anyone actually trying to breed a racehorse should certainly persevere with stallions like these, who don't change their chromosomes one jot, whatever kind of flag is hoisted over their farms.

As such, you'd be mad to renounce these two sons of a great Flat sire, now standing on the same jumps farm together.

Dylan Thomas has made a bleak descent since starting out at €50,000, as a six-time Group 1-winning half-brother to a top-class sprinting juvenile. Maybe nobody will now be interested by the achievements of horses he sired during more optimistic times: by the fact that they are still thriving, still progressing in maturity. Two Hong Kong veterans, for instance, were denied the chance of each adding to his Group 1 record in 2017--and he already has seven winners at the highest level on his CV--by an aggregate of barely half a length. **Cont. p6**

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The 8-year-old Caspian Prince (Ire) beat Marsha (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}) for a Group 2 over the bare five furlongs at The Curragh in the summer.

In fact, the dozen black-type operators representing Dylan Thomas last year were assembled at a ratio to starters that placed him in the top 10 sires across Europe. We won't embarrass by name some of the very expensive sires behind.

His new stud companion, and fellow son of Danehill, is perhaps a still more depressing case. The first 3-year-olds by Champs Elysees did well enough to have his fee doubled. Just two years later--apparently cursed by the fact that his stock tended to improve with distance as well as time, not to mention a Group 1 breakthrough in a race as demanding as the Gold Cup at Ascot--he was handed over to the jumping boys.

He left behind four group winners in 2017, after 17 black-type horses the previous year, more in both cases than many far more expensive sires. Canny Flat breeders can now get cut-price access to a triple Grade I winner actively extending one of the great family trees in the modern Stud Book.



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SIR PERCY (GB) (Mark Of Esteem {Ire}) (Lanwades, £7,000)

Every autumn, you see a yearling at the sales, think: 'Gosh, that's a nice horse,' check your catalogue, and find that it's by Sir Percy. And then you shake your head, and ask yourself what the world might be like if all those breeders who wash their hands of Epsom ("How am I supposed to take on Galileo?") sent their mares, not to a Brocklesby-or-bust sire, but to one like Sir Percy.

So many good mares are nowadays sent to sires who you know already will never breed a Classic winner. But as Nathaniel showed, they don't have to go to six-figure supersires to have a chance of doing that.

You'd like to think that Sir Percy's status as a champion juvenile, completing an unbeaten campaign (sharp enough to win at Goodwood in May) in the Dewhurst, might tickle the commercial fancy; not least as it took the wonderful George Washington (Ire) to deny him the Guineas. But then Sir Percy made the same mistake as Galileo--and whatever happened to him?--and won the Derby.

With all those old fashioned Classic lines weighing him down, poor old Percy has always been a four-figure man. But he got his first two elite winners in 2016--Wake Forest (Ger) in the GI Man o' War S. and Sir John Hawkwood (Ire) in Australia--and a couple at Group 2 level last year, followed through by a couple of very promising back-end maiden winners. (The resolutely realistic Henry Candy, for instance, is apparently planning a Guineas trial for Thrave (GB), describing him "as the most gorgeous horse with an incredible temperament" after his success at Newmarket.)

There was also a G2 Park Hill winner in Alyssa (GB), while his scope as a broodmare sire is measured by the 925,000gns brought by a 5-year-old daughter who has only been placed at stakes level at the Tattersalls December Sale.

But do what you will. Sir Percy is running at 63% winners-to-runners through six crops. And, under enlightened management, he has actually consolidated pretty well from an opening book of just 50 foals, without ever quite receiving the kind of glamorous partners that might outright change the game.

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But do what you will. The bottom line is that nobody could remotely be surprised if he happened to pull a Derby colt out of his hat. Nobody would say: "Hey, where did that come from?" What they might ask themselves, instead, is why they had been ignoring him at seven grand.

RAVEN'S PASS (Elusive Quality) (Kildangan Stud, €10,000)

Now here's a real mystery. On the face of it, he's a write-off. Six fee cuts in six years. Just 46 partners last spring, down from 88 in 2016.

Yet, if you measure his dozen black-type winners in 2017 as a percentage of starters, he is exceeded only by--ahem...Galileo (Ire), Dubawi (Ire), Frankel (GB), Sea The Stars (Ire) and (as celebrated above) Tamayuz (GB). [Cont. p7](#)

Established Sires: Where's The Value? Cont.

For once, a lack of numbers has not been exclusively the fault of the commercial breeder and his bovine herd instincts. By all accounts, Raven's Pass tends to need a conservative book to reflect the fact that he is apparently not one of Nature's great lechers. (Albeit hardly in the same league of celibacy as another son of a Lord At War (Arg) mare, War Emblem.)

That said, nobody really wanted to know his yearlings last autumn--ranked 96 in the European averages--and even the least lascivious of stallions wants a little more action than this poor lad is getting. It's all a far cry from his retirement at €40,000 after he exploited a synthetic track to add the GI Breeders' Cup Classic to his laurels as a miler in Europe. He had laid the necessary commercial foundations as a juvenile, too, breaking the course record in winning the G3 Solario by seven lengths.

He did have a famous coup at the sales in 2015, when Kilcarn Stud's half-sister to Echo Of Light (GB) sold for €2 million at Goffs Orby. And, named Tocco D'Amore (Ire) by Moyglare, she became a 'TDN Rising Star' and won both her starts for Dermot Weld impressively last year. Raven's Pass also had Big Duke (Ire) beaten barely a length altogether for two Group 1 prizes in Australia before finishing fourth in the Melbourne Cup, and Tower Of London (Jpn) taking third in the G1 Futurity S. at Hanshin late in the year.

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Raven's Pass is out of a sister to the dam of another under-rated sire in E Dubai, and their family has a bedrock of grand old names: the second dam is inbred 3 x 4 to Princequillo and Nasrullah, and 4 x 5 to Count Fleet. Lots of people scoff at those old tendrils but it's the kind of thing that gives some of us a comforting glow. For the rest of you, there's still Elusive Quality revving up Quality Road, Sepoy (Aus) and company as a sire of sires anyway.

So find it in your heart to send this guy as voluptuous a date as you can this Valentine's Day. He deserves it and, at the price, could repay you in spades.

DREAM AHEAD (Diktat {GB}) (Haras De Grandcamp, €12,000)

A collector's item, for those who like a bit of variegation along the top, as one of the last substantial strands of the Man o' War line in Europe (never mind the Godolphin Arabian). And while barely eligible for the category as "established", the foundations he has laid are a good deal more substantial than might be judged from a sticky round of yearling sales last year.

For nine black-type winners in 2017, from a total of 18 operators at that level, put him in the best of company measured as a ratio of starters--in the top 10 active sires, in fact, in the European mainstream. They were led by Al Wukair (Ire), who might have had a campaign of fits and starts after his stunning reappearance in the G3 Prix Djebel, but included a Classic podium in the 2000 Guineas and a Group 1 breakthrough for his sire in the Prix Jacques Le Marois.

And it's hard to know what more a commercial breeder might want. Dream Ahead shared the status of champion juvenile with none other than Frankel (GB), his two Group 1 wins including a nine-length rout in the Middle Park. He then trained on to win three stallion-making races at three, beating Bated Breath (GB) (Dansili {GB}) in the July Cup and Haydock Sprint Cup, and Goldikova (Ire) (Anabaa) herself in a record time for the Prix de la Foret.

And then there's his maternal line, his first three dams all group sprinters. His mother Land Of Dreams (GB) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}) won two of the ultimate speed tests for a British dasher, the G2 Flying Childers at two and the G3 King George S. at three; she is out of a Green Desert mare who also won over the downhill five at Goodwood, in the G2 Molecomb S. The next dam was runner-up in the July Cup.

If you think you can get ahead quicker than that, dream on.

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ADLERFLUG (GER) (In The Wings {GB}) (Gestut Schlenderhan, €15,000)

It's not as though the numbers are hard to explain. For a start, the generic impact of German blood on the modern Thoroughbred is wildly beyond the odds implied by the perennial economic struggles of the German racing industry. And you could scarcely have a more specific snapshot of that influence than the pedigree of Adlerflug: his second dam Alya (Lombard {Ger}) is a full-sister to Allegretta (GB), mother of the great Urban Sea (Miswaki).

But it's still pretty extraordinary. Only Urban Sea's son Galileo and grandson Frankel surpassed Adlerflug's percentage of black-type horses to starters (eight of 48, including two Group 1 winners) among European sires in 2017. Next in that list, incidentally, is Urban Sea's other mighty son Sea The Stars. Which means the first four sires in that most instructive table, all sharing the same bottom line, are standing this year at a private (but plainly astronomical) fee; £175,000; €15,000; and €135,000. Anything stand out to you there?

Nor was 2017 a flash in the pan. The previous year, Adlerflug's 26 winners included six at black-type level, at a ratio of starters virtually identical to Galileo and exceeded just by Frankel and Dubawi.



Adlerflug | Emma Berry

As both samples show, Adlerflug has been confined to relatively small books--typical of so many German sires that offer the breed precisely what it most needs: constitution as well as class. He has just 128 named foals from his first five crops, conceived at just €5,500.

Like Adlerflug, Soldier Hollow (Ger) (In The Wings {GB}) (Gestut Auenquelle, €25,000) is demanding a place for their sire in the mainstream of European breeding, adding a new Group 1 winner last year in Dschingis Secret (Ger) even as Ivanhowe (Ger) enhanced his own elite record by beating Hartnell (GB) (Authorized {Ire}) in Australia. If their fees are now heading towards the mainstream, that might be just what it takes for suggestible breeders elsewhere to decide it's worth travelling with their mares. But for them to go the extra mile, and pay a little extra too, is no less than these exemplary stallions deserve.

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STARSPANGLED BANNER (AUS) (Choisir {Aus}) (Coolmore, €15,000)

It's been a mad ride so far, but the net result is a stallion with the potential still to punch way above his present fee. His fertility issues, on starting out, were so notorious that he covered just 22 mares in 2012 before an unproductive experiment back in training. But when his maiden Irish crop of 33 foals surfaced in 2014, they seized everyone by the lapels. They included the winners of both the G2 Coventry and G2 Queen Mary at Royal Ascot, The Wow Signal (Ire) proceeding to success in the G1 Prix Morny and Alexander Anthem (Ire) to Group 1 podiums in the Cheveley Park S. and, back at Ascot the following year, in the G1 Commonwealth Cup against colts. That first crop would also yield another serial group player in Home Of The Brave (Ire).

On the face of it, that might only have made the problems of Starspangledbanner all the more poignant; especially when he suffered a twist of the knife in a bout of colic just when breeders might have given him a second chance. In the event, however, he then confounded veterinary science with an improvement in fertility as timely as it was fairly miraculous. During his comeback season in Tipperary, in 2016, he managed to get no fewer than 91 mares in foal.

Breeders getting involved now, then, will be ahead of a fascinating curve. The 15 weanlings who relaunched him last backend (of 21 offered) included four raising €100,000 or more, with several sold to some conspicuously shrewd operators.

So you'd like to think that there could be real momentum once the regeneration extends to the track itself next year.

Established Sires: Where's The Value? Cont.

It's not as though his explosive start was any kind of mystery: a dual Group 1 winner in his homeland, including at a mile, he beat 46 of 47 rivals in the showcase sprints of the British summer after his transfer to Ballydoyle (Golden Jubilee, July Cup, Nunthorpe).

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His second dam is half-sister to the Group 1 winner Circles Of Gold (Aus) (Marscay {Aus}), aptly named dam of champions Elvstroem (Aus) (Danehill) and Haradasun (Aus) (Fusaichi Pegasus) plus Hveger (Aus) (Danehill), the dam of those wonderful siblings Highland Reel (Ire) (Galileo) and Idaho (Ire). Starspangledbanner's own half-sister has bred a Group 1 winner, too, so everything is in place on the page; and likewise in that rippling chestnut physique.

O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave? You bet it does.

And The Judges Say...

ED SACKVILLE

I saw Oliver St Lawrence's picks on Tuesday and must say that I do agree with what he said about Muhaarar (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) (Nunnery, £30,000) and Mastercraftsman (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) (Coolmore, €25,000). But here are a couple of others: one obvious, one less so.

I know he has just set a world record for individual 2-year-old winners in one year, however I think **Kodiak (GB)** (Danehill) (Tally Ho, €50,000) is only just getting going. I'm a massive fan of Dark Angel, who already has plenty of Group 1 horses, but when you compare their current fees I think Kodiak represents exceptional value. In a couple of years from now I'm sure he will have as many top-class horses as Dark Angel.

Pearl Secret (GB) (Compton Place {GB}) (Bucklands, £4,000) is a very good-looking horse, and he was a very fast and sound one too, which is what the commercial breeder looks for in this day and age. And he has the advantage of being a real outcross. The market is saturated with Green Desert, Danehill and Sadler's Wells line sires, which is of course a reflection of how successful they've been, but they need an outcross and this horse has been well supported by some high profile breeders, including part-owner John Dance.



Pearl Secret | Bucklands Farm & Stud

Dark Angel Son Leads The Way at Goffs Cont. from p1

Offered by The Premier Consignment as **lot 397**, the sale topper has a lot going for him on pedigree, being a son of the stakes winning mare Mary Boleyn (Ire) (King's Best), who has already produced a stakes performer in the shape of her daughter Clotilde (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}). A return to the sales ring later this year is not a given for the colt, with Daniel Creighton commenting, "He is for an existing client and we will keep our options open with him. He could be resold or he could be kept to race."



Daniel Creighton (c), signing for C & S Bloodstock | Goffs

"It's a lot of money but he's a proper, handsome horse with a proper commercial pedigree," said Jamie Railton after he signed the docket for the next most expensive yearling, **lot 372**. This speedily bred son of Ballylinch Stud stallion Make Believe (GB) was consigned by Collegelands Stud. **Cont. p10**

Dark Angel Son Leads The Way at Goffs Cont.

Having successfully bid €115,000, Railton added, "We'll take him home and syndicate him and hopefully he'll be back

somewhere later in the year. I have a lot of faith in the sire and this yearling is a good advert for him. I think it's a strong market for the right types and you have to give the money for nice horses."

The May born colt is a half-brother to Hamza (Ire) (Amadeus Wolf {GB}), who was a very smart group winning sprinter for Kevin Ryan a few years back and further speed in the pedigree is represented by the likes of Dandy Man (Ire) (Mozart {Ire}) and Anthem Alexander (Ire) (Starspangledbanner {Aus}).

Railton made another splash in the closing stages of the sale when adding lot 409 to his team for syndication. The son of

Bated Breath (GB) was the third yearling of the day to make six figures when knocked down for €105,000 and was offered by Norelands Stud on behalf of the Niarchos Family.

The same breeder/vendor combination had earlier enjoyed a successful sale with a daughter of the ever popular Kodiak (GB), when lot 291 sold to Yeomanstown Stud for €60,000. The filly is out of Dolphina, who is by the great broodmare sire Kingmambo and who has a perfect breeding record to date, with both of her offspring to reach the track doing so successfully. Bought for resale in the autumn, the filly could well enjoy a pedigree update before then, as her half-brother Al Jellaby

(GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}) was an impressive winner of a Salisbury maiden on his third start for Clive Cox last September and could prove a smart 3-year-old this year. [Cont. p11](#)



Jamie Railton | Goffs



Lot 397, a son of Dark Angel (Ire) out of Mary Boleyn (Ire), brought €140,000 to top the second session of the Goffs February Sale. Daniel Creighton purchased the colt on behalf of C & S Bloodstock. | Goffs



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GOFFS FEBRUARY SALE DAY 2

SESSION TOTALS	2018	2017
• Catalogued	220	247
• No. Offered	182	202
• No. Sold	110	125
• RNAs	72	77
• % RNAs	40%	38%
• High Price	€140,000	€86,000
• Gross	€1,624,600	€1,406,200
• Average (% change)	€14,769 (+32%)	€11,250
• Median (% change)	€8,000 (+45%)	€5,500
CUMULATIVE TOTALS	2018	2017
• Catalogued	422	501
• No. Offered	358	403
• No. Sold	230	244
• RNAs	128	159
• % RNAs	36%	39%
• High Price	€140,000	€86,000
• Gross	€2,992,500	€2,304,200
• Average (% change)	€13,011 (+22%)	€10,646
• Median (% change)	€6,800 (+24%)	€5,500

Dark Angel Son Leads The Way at Goffs Cont.

Norelands Stud manager Matt Gilson wasn't surprised the filly sold well and commented, "We're delighted with the price. She is a good-walking filly and we are glad she has gone to a good home in Yeomanstown Stud who I believe will re-offer her for sale. She was a pleasure to prep and I wish the O'Callaghans the best of luck with her."

Yeomanstown struck again later in the day when adding a Showcasing (GB) filly (lot 358) to their haul for €44,000. The filly, offered by Ballincurrig House Stud is the first produce of Just Silca (GB) (Teofilo {Ire}) who was purchased carrying the filly for 60,000gns.

David Myerscough of Baroda & Colbinstown was active as both a vendor and purchaser throughout the day and he acquired lot 299 from Ballylinch Stud. The colt, by the farm's Make Believe (GB), is a half-brother to the Group 1-placed and G2 Richmond S. winner Always Hopeful (GB) (Mind Games {GB}) and he came with a pricetag of €42,000.

"I am a fan of the sire and have tried hard to buy one. He is a nice colt out of a proven mare and it is quite a current family," Myerscough said.

That price was matched soon after when Glencoole Stud's Paul McCarthy purchased lot 306 from Moyglare Stud. The chestnut colt is by Mastercraftsman (Ire) out of the stakes performing and stakes producing mare Firey Red (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}). It would be no surprise to see the good-walking colt back in the Orby Sale at Goffs in September and it was that walk that made McCarthy determined to bring him home, he said.

"I am a fan of Make Believe and have tried hard to buy one. He is a nice colt out of a proven mare and it is quite a current family."

-David Myerscough on Lot 299

"He's a great mover and for a May foal he has plenty of size," McCarthy said. "He comes from a great farm and I really like Pivotal as a broodmare sire so let's hope he's lucky."

The success of the progeny of Dabirsim (Fr) both on the racetrack and in the sale ring has been well documented the last six months and with only one yearling representing the Haras de Grandcamp stallion in the sale, lot 387 was always going to attract attention. It was Cork-based trainer John Joseph Murphy who purchased the Ballintry Stud offered colt for €43,000 with a view to reselling later this year.

Noel Hayes has enjoyed some good results on the track in recent years with the likes of stakes winners Letters Of Note (Ire) (Azamour {Ire}) and Now Or Never (Ire) (Bushranger {Ire}) (since renamed Now Or Later and a Group 2 winner in Australia last year) and he is hoping his luck and acumen extends to the sales ring as he purchased lot 249 for resale later this year. The grey son of Gutaifan (Ire), offered by Baroda & Colbinstown, cost Hayes €38,000.

The BetBright executive commented, "He is a great physical with a big, loose walk. The sire is quite popular and he is out of a winning Galileo (Ire) mare who is a proven producer, so he ticks a lot of boxes. I'm not sure what sale he will be aimed at, I will make that decision in May. I have three other yearlings to juggle and decide where they go so I will wait and see. I'd rather be a big fish in a small pond so I won't be over facing any of them wherever they may go."

Hayes is hopeful of having another black-type race filly on his hands this year in the Patrick Prendergast-trained Sunday Smart (Ire) (Dandy Man {Ire}). The 3-year-old broke her maiden on soft ground at Limerick last October and Hayes is looking forward to seeing her race on a sounder surface later this year.

Dark Angel Son Leads The Way at Goffs Cont.

"Patrick really likes her and thinks she's a stakes filly," he said. "She has only run so far on testing ground and despite winning on it we think she will be better on top of the ground."

Towards the end of play, a chance to buy a half-brother to a recent Classic winner presented itself when **lot 399** entered the ring and this sibling to G1 Irish 1000 Guineas winner Jet Setting (Ire) (Fast Company {Ire}), by Cappella Sansevero (GB), went the way of Federico Barberini for €45,000.

The third and final session on Thursday will see just under 200 fillies and mares come under the hammer with the action again commencing at 10 a.m local time. ([Click here to return to p1](#))

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SESSION TOPPERS

GOFFS FEBRUARY SALE: DAY 2 TOPPERS

Lot	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (€)
397	c	Dark Angel (Ire)	Mary Boleyn (Ire)	140,000
		<i>B-Chasemore Farm (GB)</i>		
		Consigned by The Premier Consignment		
		Purchased by C & S Bloodstock		
372	c	Make Believe (GB)	Lady Shanghai (Ire)	115,000
		<i>B-Pat Beirne & Make Believe Syndicate (Ire)</i>		
		Consigned by Collegelands		
		Purchased by Jamie Railton Sales Agency		
409	c	Bated Breath (GB)	Modesty's Way	105,000
		<i>B-Niarchos Family (GB)</i>		
		Consigned by Norelands Stud		
		Purchased by Jamie Railton Sales Agency		

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CONDITIONS RESULTS:

1st-CHD, £6,900, Cond, 2-7, 4yo/up, 10f (AWT), 2:09.11, st.

DRAGON MALL (g, 5, Blame--Petition the Lady {SW-US, \$165,069}, by Petionville) Lifetime Record: SP-Eng, 18-2-2-3, \$89,988. O-Mohammed Jaber; B-Breffni Farm & Marula Park Stud (KY); T-David Simcock. *\$105,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Swiss Belle (GB), f, 3, Swiss Spirit (GB)--Belatorio (Ire), by Oratorio (Ire). WOL, 2-7, 6f 20y (AWT), 1:13.88. B-Whitsbury Manor Stud (GB). *1ST-TME STARTER.

FRANCE



CONDITIONS RESULTS:

3rd-CGN, €26,000, Cond, 2-7, 3yo, 7 1/2ft, 1:40.11, vsf.

NOSDARGENT (FR) (g, 3, Kendargent {Fr}--Nostaltir {Fr}, by Muhtathir {GB}) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, €28,050.

O/B-Bernard Giraudon (FR); T-Didier & Pauline Prod'homme.

1st-CGN, €19,000, Cond, 2-7, 4yo, 7 1/2ft, 1:38.25, vsf.

VIEUX MOULIN (FR) (g, 4, Excelebration {Ire}--Indiana Wells {Fr}, by Sadler's Wells) Lifetime Record: 8-2-0-0, €26,000.

O-Antoine Gilibert, Berend van Daltsen & Fabrice Chappet; B-Berend van Daltsen (FR); T-Fabrice Chappet. *€60,000 Ylg '15 AROCT.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Princesschope (Fr), f, 3, Panis--Irish Chope (Fr), by Indian Rocket (GB). CGN, 2-7, 6 1/2ft. 1:25.56. B-Alain Chopard & Cedric Boutin (FR).

IRELAND



MEDIARECORD AN ADVANCEMENT IN RECORD KEEPING

Equine MediRecord, a startup launched by Pierce Dargan and Simon Hillary through Trinity College Dublin's business incubator programme LaunchBox, will advance record-keeping for racehorses by digitising medical records. Equine MediRecord allows records to be updated in real time and securely, as the records are stored on the cloud. Users will receive notifications when regulations around medications change; horse locations are updated when they move to vets or other stables and complete medical records are easily exported as data files, so there are no grey areas regarding a horse's history.

Dargan, CEO of Equine MediRecord, said, "Our system has been well received and is already in use by trainers and vets, and it has been deemed an acceptable alternative by racing regulators. It is easy to use and keep up to date, provides vital information to trainers, and allows technology to assist in horse welfare." [Cont. p13](#)

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Hillary, CTO of Equine MediRecord, said, “We have brought technology to bear on a traditional industry to assist trainers to abide by the regulatory demands placed upon them. It is easy to use and will encourage up-to-date record keeping, and its accuracy will assist trainers and vets in their day-to-day work.”

Classic-winning trainer John Oxx described Equine MediRecord as being, “innovative, useful and will be a great asset for all those striving to keep and share accurate records.”

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EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS

IN QATAR:

Anima Rock (Fr), c, 3, **Shamalgan (Fr)**--Carnet De Bal (GB), by Kingsalsa. Al Rayyan, 2-7, Cond., 1200m, 1:12.61. B-Mathieu Daguzan-Garros. *SP-Fr. **€15,000 Ylg '16 OSASEP; €210,000 HRA '17 ARQARC. **VIDEO**

Tamih (Ire), c, 4, **Dark Angel (Ire)**--Mairead Anne, by Elusive Quality. Al Rayyan, 2-7, Cond., 1800m, 1:54.38. B-Philip Hore Jr. *Won by 5 1/4 lengths. **30,000gns Ylg '15 TATOCT; 38,000gns 2yo '16 TATAPR. **VIDEO**

Musical Terms (GB), g, 4, **Shamardal**--Dysphonia (Aus) (MSW & G1SP-Aus, \$446,493), by Lonhro (Aus). Al Rayyan, 2-7, Hcp., 1700m, 1:48.20. B-Darley. *120,000gns HRA '17 TATHIT. **VIDEO**

WORLDWIDE NEWS

FRANKEL COLT GRADUATES AT RANDWICK

Tangmere (NZ) made headlines when selling for NZ\$1.3 million at Karaka's Premier Sale two years ago, and the first-crop son of Frankel (GB) broke his maiden at third asking for trainer Chris Waller at Randwick on Wednesday. Restrained off the pace by Kerrin McEvoy, Tangmere lost a few positions as they approached the bend in the 1400-metre handicap and still had about three lengths to make up as they passed the 800-metre mark. Moving closer as they approached the straight, the 6-1 shot stuck to the fence. A gap initially closed on him but McEvoy remained patient and the opening materialized again 100 metres from home. The son of the winning Our Echezeaux (NZ) (Zabeel {NZ}) shot through and hit the line three-quarters of a

length to the good of his pacesetting stablemate Schoolmates (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}) (**video**). Tangmere, who races in the colours of Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa al Maktoum for a partnership that also includes Coolmore and Flaxman Stables, had been last of seven on debut at Warwick Farm in October and fourth at second asking at Canterbury four weeks later. He is a half-brother to GSW & G1SP Dolmabache (NZ) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), GSW Pure Elegance (NZ) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}) and SW Cote d'Or (NZ) (Makfi {GB}).

The race closed an early double on the card for Waller and McEvoy, who also teamed to send Qatar Racing and partners' **Zousain (Aus)** (Zoustar {Aus}) to the winner's enclosure on debut in the opener (**video**). The A\$400,000 colt was one of a handful by the sire bought by Qatar Racing and Guy Mulcaster at Magic Millions last year, and he becomes the second winner for leading first-season sire Zoustar in addition to the Magic Millions 2YO Classic winner Sunlight (Aus). Waller also trained Zoustar.

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MIDDLE EAST

THUNDER SNOW BACK FOR ROUND TWO

Thunder Snow (Ire) (Helmet {Aus}) was unbeaten in two outings at last year's Dubai carnival before capturing France's G1 Prix Jean Prat, and the two-time Group 1 winner looks to get back on track in Thursday's G2 Al Maktoum Challenge Round 2 after finishing second to **Heavy Metal (GB)** (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) in Round 1 on Jan. 11. Thunder Snow steps beyond a mile for the first time since he won last year's G2 UAE Derby, returning to that same track and trip, and is more certain to get the trip than Heavy Metal, who enjoyed the lead on the speed-favouring track in Round 1 before drawing off to win by 4 1/2 lengths. Heavy Metal, twice Thunder Snow's age at eight, has raced beyond a mile just twice, both off the board efforts in Britain back in 2014.

Trainer Saeed bin Suroor said of Thunder Snow, “Thunder Snow has been doing well since his return in the first round and the step up in trip will suit. He is in good form, has been working well and is ready to go. We have a good record in this race and have won it with some very good horses.”

Last year's winner **Furia Cruzada (Chi)** (Newfoundland) returns in search of her first win since, when she bested the eventual G2 Godolphin Mile winner **Second Summer** (Summer Bird) by a nose.

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Thunder Snow | Scoop Dyga

RECAPTURING THE MAGIC

Thursday's G3 Al Shindagha Sprint sees the top four return from the Jan. 18 G3 Dubawi S. to do battle again over the same 1200 metres on dirt. Godolphin's **Comicas** (Distorted Humor) bested the former G1 Golden Shaheen winner **Muarrab (GB)** (Oasis Dream {GB}) by 1 1/4 lengths that day, reversing the placings from the Listed Garhoud Sprint on Dec. 21, but the popular story to emerge from the race was the third-place effort of another former Shaheen winner, **Reynaldothewizard** (Speightstown). The 12-year-old looked hopelessly beaten early on only to come to life inside the final furlong and get up for third.



Reynaldothewizard, Richie Mullen, Satish Seemar and Bhupat Seemar | DRC/Andrew Watkins

Trainer Satish Seemar said of Reynaldothewizard, who won this race three years ago, "He holds a lot of importance to me. The other day [in the Dubawi], I was planning his retirement at about three furlongs out, but then he decided that he wanted to try to win the race. That's the way he is. He wants to race and is doing very well. When you have a horse racing at his age, he knows the drill and does it at his own pace. We are looking after his health, not forcing him to run and he is happy every day. You can have a 12-year-old race, but not running up to the top international level and that's very unique. He'll be special to me forever and has given me many great memories. We're looking forward to racing again on Thursday."

My Catch (Ire) (Camacho {GB}) was fourth in the Dubawi, with 2 3/4 lengths separating the top four.

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Thursday, Meydan, United Arab Emirates, post time: 6:30 p.m. (9:30 a.m. EST/2:30 p.m. BST)

1000 GUINEAS SPONSORED BY FRIDAY, \$250,000, 3yo, f, 1600m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Line House (GB)	Kheleyf	De Sousa	Burke	125
2	Winter Lightning (Ire)	Shamardal	Cosgrave	bin Suroor	125
3	Rayya	Tiz Wonderful	Dobbs	Watson	125
4	Two Shots of Happy (Ire)	Zebedee (GB)	Graberg	Petersen	125
5	Expressiy (Fr)	Siyouni (Fr)	Buick	Appleby	125
6	Queen Estoril (Ire)	Camacho (GB)	Chaves	Olsen	125
7	Sa'ada	Bellamy Road	Fresu	bin Harmash	125
8	Flora Sandes	War Front	Doyle	Appleby	125

Thursday's Listed UAE 1000 Guineas sees the top three from the trial three weeks ago back to do battle, and with just a nose separating Winter Lightning from Rayya on that occasion, there is plenty of reason to believe a good battle could be in store again. Thunder Snow's half-sister Winter Lightning was breaking her maiden in the trial, having been second behind the '**TDN Rising Star**' performance of Veracious (GB) (Frankel {GB}) at Newmarket on Oct. 13, while Rayya was losing her unbeaten record, having won on debut at Meydan on Dec. 7. That pair finished the trial 10 lengths ahead of Charlie Appleby's listed-placed Expressiy.

Karl Burke's Line House may be worth giving another shot to after owner Nick Bradley revealed in a **TDN feature** that the filly was in season when a distanced last in the trial, and Godolphin has a third shot in Chelmsford maiden winner Flora Sandes, who is out of a half-sister to the dam of Churchill (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and who cost \$900,000 at Keeneland September as a yearling.

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Winter Lightning and Rayya in the 1000 Guineas Trial | DRC/AW

AUSTRALIAN-BRED WINNERS

IN HONG KONG:

Let's Take It Easy (Aus), g, 4, **Street Boss**--Vogue Beauty (Aus), by Arena (Aus). Happy Valley, 2-7, Hcp. (A\$214k), 1650mT, 1:40.54. B-F Mylan (NSW). *Formerly Loch Oir (Aus). **A\$20,000 Ylg '15 INGVBS. [VIDEO](#)

IN SOUTH AFRICA:

Mutawaary (Aus), g, 3, **Hinchinbrook (Aus)**--Sefrah (NZ), by Zabeel (NZ). Greyville, 2-7, Maiden Plate, 1800m (AWT), 1:49.80. O-Miss Trinisha, Mr S & Mrs U S Pillay; B-Shadwell Stud Australasia (NSW); T-Kumaran Naidoo. *R220,000 HRA '17 BSA NOV.

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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

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Thursday, Meydan, United Arab Emirates, post time: 7:40 p.m. (10:40 a.m. EST/3:40 p.m. BST)

AL SHINDAGHA SPRINT-G3, \$200,000, NH/SH 3yo/up, 1200m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	My Catch (Ire)	Camacho (Ire)	Watson	Dobbs	126
2	Comicas	Distorted Humor	Appleby	Buick	128
3	Wonder of Qatar (Ire)	Exceed And Excel (Aus)	Bouesly	Mosse	126
4	Muarrab (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Al Rayhi	Crowley	126
5	Taamol (Ire)	Helmet (Aus)	Al Rayhi	De Sousa	126
6	Reynaldothewizard 🌿	Speightstown	Seemar	Mullen	126
7	Scrutineer (Ire)	Intense Focus	Al Rayhi	O'Shea	126

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

AL MAKTOUM CHALLENGE R2 SPONSORED BY GULF NEWS-G2, \$250,000, NH 4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 1900m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Second Summer 🌿	Summer Bird	Watson	Dobbs	126
2	Eragon (Arg)	Offlee Wild	Murphy	Egan	126
3	Grendisar (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Bouesly	Mosse	126
4	North America (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Seemar	Mullen	126
5	Furia Cruzada (Chi)	Newfoundland	Charpy	Fresu	121
6	Heavy Metal (GB)	Exceed And Excel (GB)	bin Ghadayer	Barzalona	126
7	Cosmo Charlie	Stay Thirsty	SCR	SCR	125
8	Thunder Snow (Ire)	Helmet (Aus)	bin Suroor	Soumillon	125

Saturday, Caulfield, Australia, post time: 4:45 p.m. (12:45 a.m. EST/5:45 p.m. BST)

LADBROKES C.F. ORR S-G1, A\$500,000 (US\$392,348/£282,656/€319,403), 3yo/up, WFA, 1400mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	12	Hartnell (GB)	Authorized (Ire)	Cummings	Williams	130
2	3	Black Heart Bart (Aus)	Blackfriars (Aus)	Weir	Rawiller	130
3	14	Tosen Stardom (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Weir	Lane	130
4	6	Brave Smash (Jpn)	Tosen Phantom (Jpn)	Weir	Allen	130
5	10	Lord of the Sky (Aus)	Danerich (Aus)	Laing	Oliver	130
6	11	Tshahitsi (Aus)	Clangalang (Aus)	Crook & Miller	McCoull	130
7	13	Mr Sneaky (Aus)	High Chaparral (Ire)	Freedman	McEvoy	130
8	8	Thronum (Aus)	Snizel (Aus)	D&B Hayes/Dabernig	Zahra	130
9	7	Dollar for Dollar (Aus)	High Chaparral (Ire)	McEvoy	Kah	130
10	1	Single Gaze (Aus)	Not A Single Doubt (Aus)	Olive	O'Hara	125
11	2	Shillelagh (NZ)	Savabeel (Aus)	Waller	Dee	125
12	4	Abbey Marie (Aus)	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Kent	Nolen	125
13	9	Jester Halo (Aus)	Sharkbite (Aus)	Koloin	Puls	125
14	5	Mighty Boss (Aus)	Not A Single Doubt (Aus)	Price	Walker	122

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Saturday, Te Rapa, New Zealand, post time: 3:13 p.m. (9:13 p.m. EST/2:13 a.m. BST)

HERBIE DYKE S.-G1, NZ\$400,000 (US\$291,245/£209,793/€237,109), 4yo/up, WFA, 2000mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	9	Authentic Paddy (NZ)	Howbaddouwantit	Latta	Thornton	130
2	12	Wait A Sec (NZ)	Postponed	Lowry/Cullen	Parkes	130
3	7	Watch This Space (NZ)	Elusive City	Hillis	Weatherley	130
4	5	Beefeater (NZ)	Alamosa (NZ)	Bergerson	Myers	130
5	11	Rangipo (Aus)	Stryker (Aus)	Pike	Colgan	130
6	1	Gentil Tonton (Ire)	Yeats (Ire)	Bell	Riddell	130
7	8	Lizzie L'Amour (NZ)	Zabeel (NZ)	Baker/Forsman	Cameron	125
8	6	Coldplay (NZ)	Savabeel (Aus)	Baker/Forsman	Bosson	125
9	4	Devise (NZ)	Darci Brahma (NZ)	Ritchie	Coleman	125
10	10	Promise To Reign (Aus)	Manhattan Rain (Aus)	M&K Murdoch	Du Plessis	125
11	2	Wildflower (NZ)	Keeper (Aus)	Richardson/Parker	McNab	125
12	13	Savvy Dreams (NZ)	Savabeel (Aus)	Lowry/Cullen	Collett	125
13	3	Nicoletta (NZ)	Savabeel (Aus)	Baker/Forsman	Hutchings	125

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SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	9	Kawi (NZ)	Savabeel (Aus)	Sharrock	Riddell	130
2	4	Packing Eagle (NZ)	Pins (Aus)	Da Cruz	Collett	130
3	3	Start Wondering (NZ)	Eighth Wonder (NZ)	E&J Rayner	Parkes	130
4	6	Sacred Star (Aus)	Flying Spur (Aus)	Pike	Colgan	130
5	7	Ronchi (NZ)	Stravinsky	Wallace/Peard	Cooksley	130
6	1	Brilliant Shine (NZ)	Guillotine (NZ)	P&D Williams	Du Plessis	130
7	2	Heroic Valour (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Autridge/Richards	Bosson	130
8	5	Elusive Treasure (Aus)	Northern Meteor (Aus)	Da Cruz	Thornton	130
9	8	Ja Ja Binks (NZ)	Falkirk (NZ)	E&D Browne	McNab	125

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