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PEDIGREE INSIGHTS: MAGNUM MOON

Magnum Moon | *Coady photo*

by Andrew Caulfield

Back in the fall of 2013, when breeders were contemplating the matings responsible for this year's classic crop, Malibu Moon had a total of 29 foals of racing age out of daughters of Unbridled and Unbridled's Song. Only one of the 29 had become a black-type winner, but that black-type winner was none other than Orb, the 2013 Kentucky Derby hero who was recruited to the Claiborne stallion team.

While one black-type winner from 29 foals was less than compelling, Orb's successes in the GII Fountain of Youth S., the GI Florida Derby and the GI Kentucky Derby were more than enough to ensure that breeders continued to explore this type of cross with Malibu Moon. The Spendthrift veteran now has 25 foals out of Unbridled mares, plus another 35 out of daughters of Unbridled's Song.

While Malibu Moon's partnership with Unbridled mares has failed to pay any further major dividends, his Unbridled's Song team is shaping up extremely well. When **Magnum Moon** justified his **'TDN Rising Star'** status with his clear-cut defeat of Solomini (Curlin) in the GII Rebel S., this unbeaten colt became this nick's third graded stakes winner and fourth black-type scorer. He follows in the footsteps of those fine fillies Farrell and Moonshine Memories.

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JOCKEY FLORES CLINGS TO LIFE IN PHILLY HOSPITAL

by T.D. Thornton

Jose Luis Flores, the all-time leading money-earning jockey at Parx Racing and the former Philadelphia Park, remains hospitalized and in a coma with a grim prognosis as of noon Tuesday after suffering traumatic head and spine injuries in a spill at the Bensalem, Pennsylvania, track in the ninth race Mar. 19.

"He's on life support and his wife is waiting for some family members to arrive from Florida to see him," Sam Elliott, the Parx director of racing, told *TDN* via phone. "Then they'll make the decision to do whatever they're going to do. As of now, he's still with us."

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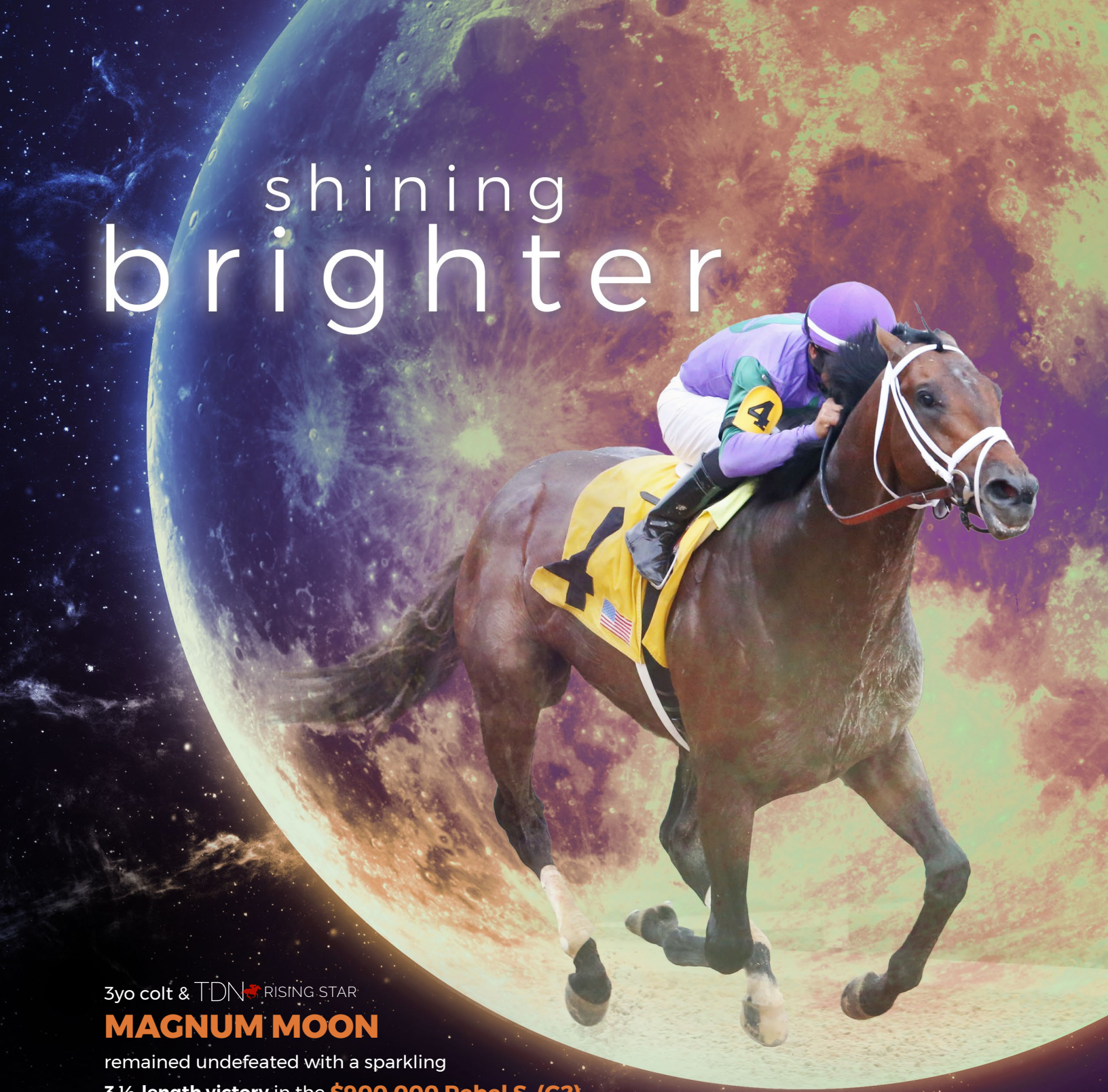

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MAGNUM MOON

remained undefeated with a sparkling **3 ½-length victory** in the **$900,000 Rebel S. (G2)**, earning 50 qualifying points in his stakes debut and climbing to fifth on The Road to the Kentucky Derby (G1) leaderboard.

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Justify (Scat Daddy), pictured outside of Dr. Dorr (Lookin At Lucky), recorded a bullet workout Tuesday morning, covering four furlongs in :46.40 with Martin Garcia in the irons. The next scheduled start for the undefeated 'TDN Rising Star' is in the GI Arkansas Derby Apr. 14. | *Zoe Metz*

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by Andrew Caulfield

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Farrell collected a trio of Grade II successes as a 3-year-old last year, taking her total to four, while Moonshine Memories officially ranked third among last year's juvenile fillies, on the strength of her victories in the GI Del Mar Debutante and GI Chandelier S. Those Grade I wins made her favorite for the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies, ahead of another Grade I-winning Malibu Moon filly, Heavenly Love, but neither filly reproduced their best form.

Clearly, Magnum Moon is by no means the first smart performer to emerge from Malibu Moon's 2015 crop. He joins the likes of Moonshine Memories, Heavenly Love, the recent GII Davona Dale S. winner Fly So High, the Grade III winner Greyvitos, the Graded-placed Hollywood Star and Sultry, the Grade I-placed Maya Malibu and the stakes-winning Malibu Saint, so this 2015 crop could be one of Malibu Moon's finest. This isn't too surprising as Orb's Kentucky Derby success had helped boost Malibu Moon's fee to a new high of $95,000 in 2014.

His 2016 and 2017 crops were also sired at $95,000, so there is every reason to expect 2018 and 2019 to prove very rewarding for the now-21-year-old son of A.P. Indy.

Three of his yearling sons sold for $700,000, $650,000 and $625,000 last year, with his top-priced filly selling for $500,000. Significantly, the $625,000 colt, now named Outshine, and the $500,000 filly are both out of daughters of Unbridled's Song, so this particular partnership also looks set to add to the nick's reputation. ***Cont. p4***

Malibu Moon | *Spendthrift Farm*

MAKE AMERICA AWESOME AGAIN

*A perennial leading sire, Awesome Again is poised for another 'Awesome' year. His leading 3-year-old colt **BRAVAZO** captured the Risen Star S. (G2) and is a top contender in Saturday's $1,000,000 Louisiana Derby (G2).*

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Classic Bloodlines, Classic Performance

Magnum Moon's chances of becoming a Grade I winner--and a major player in the Triple Crown events--look even better when you remember that he has a May 9 birthday, so is far from the finished article. Then there's the Rebel's terrific record. Its roll of honor features Smarty Jones (Elusive Quality), Lawyer Ron (Langfuhr), Curlin (Smart Strike), Lookin At Lucky (Smart Strike), The Factor (War Front), Secret Circle (Eddington), Will Take Charge (Unbridled's Song), Hoppertunity (Any Given Saturday), American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile) and Cupid (Tapit). That adds up to 10 winners at the highest level among the last 14 winners of the Oaklawn Park trial.

Not all of those Rebel winners possessed the necessary stamina for a Triple Crown contender, but there seems to be enough encouragement to be found in Magnum Moon's style of racing and in his pedigree to suggest that he won't be one of them. In addition to being by a stallion with a Kentucky Derby winner already to his credit, his broodmare sire Unbridled's Song has been responsible for such as Arrogate, Will Take Charge and Octave and represents a sire line which has been highly effective in the Triple Crown events.

Bred by Ramona S. Bass, Magnum Moon was bought for $380,000 as a yearling, when he was consigned to the sales by Claiborne Farm. His dam Dazzling Light never raced but you can get a good idea of the strength of her pedigree from the fact that Seth Hancock had signed for her when she made $825,000 as a yearling in 2009.

She owed part of her popularity to being a daughter of Win McCool. This daughter of Giant's Causeway was the third graded stakes winner produced by Crafty Lady when she won the GIII Floral Park H. over six furlongs as a 3-year-old. Her predecessors were Graeme Hall, a smart Dehere colt who won the GII Arkansas Derby over a mile and an eighth, and the fast Hennessy filly Harmony Lodge, who fully justified the $1,650,000 she cost in the February of her 2-year-old season.

The emphasis here seems to be on speed, but Win McCool represented a highly successful partnership between Giant's Causeway and Crafty Prospector mares. This nick's 13 foals included four black-type winners, headed by Giant Oak, a dual Grade I winner over a mile and an eighth who was once second in the Breeders' Cup Marathon over 1 3/4 miles.

If there proves to be a weak link in Magnum Moon's stamina, the finger of suspicion would point to his third dam, Win Crafty Lady, winner of the GIII Interborough H. over six furlongs as a 5-year-old. Her half-brother Diligence, by the sprinter Miswaki, was arguably at his best over seven furlongs, the distance of his wins in the GII Tom Fool H. and GIII Churchill Downs H.

While that may be a worry, Magnum Moon has a pedigree which features A.P. Indy, Unbridled's Song, Seattle Slew, Unbridled and Giant's Causeway among the six stallions in his second and third generations, so he must have a good chance of getting a mile and a quarter.

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Flores Clings to Life in Philly Hospital cont.

Jose Flores | *Equi-Photo*

Flores, 56, had attained the lead aboard 14-1 Love Rules (Not For Love) in a starter-allowance six-furlong sprint, but was engaged on both sides by challengers nearing the seven-sixteenths pole. His mount suddenly fell between those rivals, and it appears as if he was struck by a midpack horse, The Pooch (City Zip), who also fell and unseated jockey Ruben Silvera. Easy River (Not For Love) dislodged jockey Carol Cedeno when swerving to avoid the spills, and two other horses were eased in attempts to avoid further collisions.

"If you look at it, the horse in back of him just made really solid contact with him," Elliott said. "I haven't spoken to the doctors, so I don't want to speculate on the exact nature of his injuries. I didn't see him on the racetrack, but I saw him when they transferred him to an ambulance, and he was unconscious then."

Flores is hospitalized at Jefferson Torresdale Hospital in Philadelphia, where scores of members of the Parx racing community have kept a vigil since Monday evening alongside his wife, Joanne McDaid-Flores.

"This is a well-loved, top-flight guy," Elliott said. "Always helped younger riders. If they were all like him, boy this would be a real easy business. He's 56 years old, still came out and worked hard every day. His wife used to be a jockey, and she still gallops horses. They have a 7-year-old [son] together, and Jose has older children."

Elliott said Love Rules was euthanized, and that a necropsy scheduled for Tuesday might reveal more about what caused the horse to fall.

"If you look at the form of [Love Rules], he just won a $25,000 starter [allowance]," Elliott said. "Nothing indicates this would happen. I'm not sure anybody is really clear yet how it happened." ***Cont. p5***

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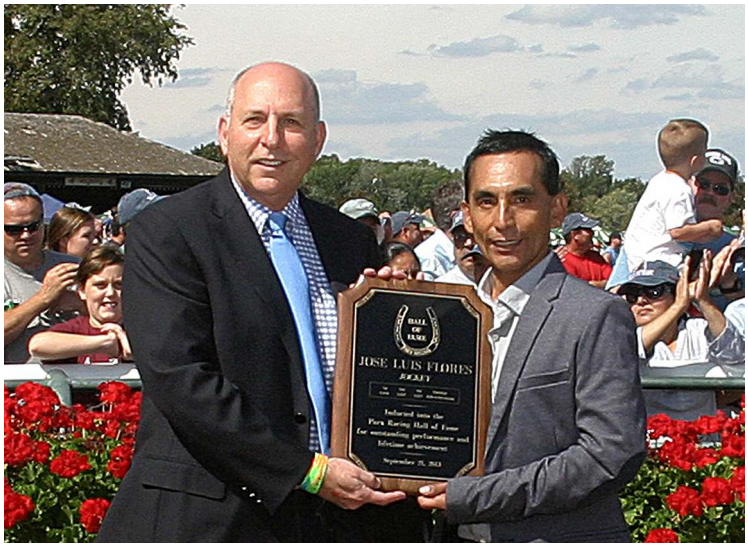
"The horse ended up with a broken shoulder," Elliott continued. "That's usually from a fall. The horse is out for a post-mortem today at the New Bolton Center, so we'll let them make the determination about how it happened. But 'how' isn't really that important at the moment."

Jason Klouser, an enforcement official with the Pennsylvania Bureau of Thoroughbred Horse Racing, would not confirm that the bureau is involved in any pending necropsy, but he did say other jockeys in the race would be interviewed by the bureau's officials. "Any time there's an incident on the track, it's thoroughly investigated, and that's as much as I can share with you at this time," he added.

The other two fallen riders and horses escaped serious injury, Elliott said.

"Ruben Silvera walked back into the jocks' room after it," Elliott said. "He was shook up, and I think he's probably a little body sore this morning. Carol Cedeno had pain in her neck. She had an MRI, they kept her overnight, and she was released this morning. I spoke to her, and they say she can return to work tomorrow.



Jose Flores being presented his Parx Hall of Fame plaque | *Equi-Photo*

"[The Pooch] was okay. And [Easy River], the outrider caught him and brought him back to the paddock," Elliott continued. "He was sore enough that the veterinarian had the horse ambulance come get him. But he was able to walk onto the van, and as of this morning he's probably a little body sore, but otherwise okay."

Parx management made the decision to call off live racing Tuesday in the wake of the tragic accident. A notice on the Facebook page of the Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (PTHA) said Parx would be closed for training Wednesday, Mar. 21, but that's because a snowstorm is in the forecast. Similarly, the Parx horsemen's awards banquet Wednesday evening had already been rescheduled for Mar. 28 because of the expected inclement weather.

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Flores was inducted into the Parx Hall of Fame five years ago. A biography on the PTHA website explained that his father was a jockey in his native Peru, and once the younger Flores showed an interest in riding, he learned the trade at a farm before serving his on-track apprenticeship. As a journeyman, he moved to Panama in 1983, competing at Hipodromo Presidente Ramon for four years before settling in Miami and riding at Calder, Hialeah and Gulfstream.

In the early '90s, Flores was a dominant standings-topper at Penn National. He switched his main base to Parx shortly thereafter. Equibase lists him with 4,650 wins from 28,684 starts with over $64 million in earnings.

Elliott said that beyond asking for prayers, the Parx racing community hasn't yet outlined a definite way others can help.

"I think everyone's kind of coming to grips with what happened here, and I'm sure some sort of fund will be set up for his family," Elliott said. "We'll figure that one out as we go along here. I went in this morning, and I just thought out of respect for Jose and his family that we shouldn't operate today. Most of the riders were at the hospital comforting his wife, Joanne. It was good to see. Personally, I don't think the riders would have been able to answer the bell today. On Saturday, weather permitting, we're just going to regroup and go out and race--it's what we do."

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KIRKWOOD GALLOPING INTO GULFSTREAM SALE

Kip Elser | *Horsephotos*

by Jessica Martini

When the five horses consigned by Kirkwood Stables as agent for Gulfstream Gallop LLC take to the Hallandale track next Monday for the Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale's under tack show, Kirkwood's Kip Elser hopes the focus of prospective buyers is on the juveniles themselves and not on the clock. The group was purchased last fall with the intention of reselling at the Gulfstream sale, but they will eschew the traditional one or two-furlong all-out blitz Monday and instead gallop down the Gulfstream stretch.

Elser purchased two fillies and two colts at last year's Fasig-Tipton Turf Showcase Sale and an additional colt at the Fasig-Tipton October Sale on behalf of a longtime client with an old-school idea.

"I ran into an old friend and client at Saratoga who I hadn't had horses for in a while and we were talking about this and that at the races," Elser explained Tuesday. "He called me a couple of days later and he said, 'What about this? I think maybe it's time that we went back to the old way of doing things. Let's see how it works.' So we went and bought this group of yearlings in the name of Gulfstream Gallop. They were never going to breeze. It was always going to be for this venture."

The most expensive yearling purchase in the group is a son of Exchange Rate (hip 88) who is out of Cayman Sunrise (Petionville), a full-sister to multiple graded stakes winner Sailors Sunset. The dark bay was purchased for $60,000 at the Turf Showcase.

On behalf of the unnamed client, Elser paid $30,000 at the Turf sale for daughters of Data Link (hip 26) and Blame (hip 137) and $27,000 for a colt by Noble Mission (GB) (hip 2). At the October sale, he signed the ticket at $7,000 for a son of Liaison (hip 136).

Elser said, despite the decision not to breeze the 2-year-olds, he did not change his approach to buying yearlings.

"I didn't do anything different," he said. "I just looked for horses that I liked and I would have bought at any time to sell as 2-year-olds. I did not buy horses that looked any different. We just didn't start the breezing process. There are a lot of people out there that say, 'We wish these horses didn't have to go so fast to get sold.' Or people will say, 'I can pick out a horse just off of a good strong gallop.' We always used to pick them out that way anyway."

The Kirkwood consignment had its first gallop at Gulfstream Sunday and it's so far, so good for the group.

"They galloped very nicely on Sunday and Monday," Elser said. "Today is Tuesday, Kate [Stolyar] told me from down there, they had a good morning this morning."

While still several days out from the under-tack show, Elser has already received well-wishers as participants in the juvenile auction scene get ready to observe if a less speed-based program can still produce a successful result in the sales ring.

"I think there is some degree of puzzlement, but I've gotten no negative reactions," Elser said. "I've gotten quite a few people wishing us luck. If this goes well, I think it will be easier on horses, buyers, sellers everybody. We can take half a step back. I believe we can present these horses fairly and give people all the information they really need to make a decision without going down there as fast as they can go."

The Kirkwood contingent won't be the first group of Gulfstream sales prospects to gallop at the under tack show. At the auction's first two renewals in Hallandale, Adena Springs offered juveniles who galloped into the sale. In 2015, the Stronach operation sold 39 horses for $2,353,500 and an average of $60,346. The Adena graduates of that sale include multiple graded stakes winner Shakhimat (Lonhro {Aus}), a $60,000 purchase who now has earnings over $400,000; as well as multiple stakes winner Winter (Awesome Again), who sold for $95,000. Also in that class were graded stakes-placed Born to Be a Winner (Einstein {Brz}) and Scholar Athlete (Einstein {Brz}).

In 2016, Adena sold four horses for $425,000 and an average of $106,250. Included in that group was graded stakes-placed Jamyson 'n Ginger (Bernardini).

"If we can all back off a little bit, maybe it will broaden the market," Elser said. "Maybe if the demands for speed aren't quite so great, we can broaden the base of buyers and broaden the base of horses that will get a fair chance and then go and perform--we're all trying to find the horse that performs in the afternoon."

The under-tack show for the Gulfstream sale will begin Monday at 9 a.m. The auction will be held Wednesday in the Gulfstream paddock beginning at 3 p.m.

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The son of Buck Keefer, Sr. And Ruby Lee Nixon Keefer, and preceded in death by his wife Jeananne Keefer, Keefer is survived by his daughter, Kim Keefer, son Johnny Keefer; and his grandchildren, Karla Burton, Cody Keefer; and great-granddaughter Kloie Burton.

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The new online system will enable customers to reserve an e-ticket for the bottle signing via the Keeneland website beginning Monday, Apr. 9, at 8:30 a.m. ET. No tickets will be given out at Keeneland.

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? ASK ALAN

Each week, TDN Managing Editor Alan Carasso answers readers' in-depth questions about content they've seen (or would like to see) in the TDN.
To submit a question, email askalan@thetdn.com.

"***I was reading about the Violence colt, Jasper Prince, that won by 12 lengths in Japan on the dirt, in the TDN Mar. 20. This is his fifth start. Is this his first dirt try?***" ***–Tom Ryan***

Tom--Yes, **Jasper Prince** was making his dirt debut as the 1-10 favorite going a two-turn seven furlongs at Sonoda on the National Association of Racing circuit Mar. 14 (video). He had placed once in four previous tries on the turf, completing a US-bred 1-2 behind the Speightstown filly Mozu Superflare on debut last August. A $60,000 KEESEP yearling turned $100,000 OBS March juvenile, Jasper Prince is the first Japanese winner from two runners for his sire in the country. The other, the US-bred sophomore filly Kitasan Daisy, has posted a pair of third-place efforts from three appearances on the dirt.

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	GII Muniz Memorial H.	FG
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	GII Santa Monica S.	SA
	GIII Hutcheson S.	GP
3/25	GIII Sunland Derby	SUN
3/31	GI Florida Derby	GP
	GII Gulfstream Park Oaks	GP
	GII Gulfstream Park Mile	GP
	GII Pan American S.	GP
	GIII Honey Fox S.	GP
	GIII San Francisco Mile	GG
4/6	GIII Distaff H.	AQU
	GIII Transylvania S.	KEE
4/7	GI Central Bank Ashland S.	KEE
	GI Madison S.	KEE
	GI Carter H.	AQU
	GII Toyota Blue Grass S.	KEE
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NEW ORLEANS H.-GII, $400,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	The Player	Street Hero	William B. Bradley & Carl Hurst	Bradley	Borel	122
2	Hollywood Handsome	Tapizar	Mark H. & Nancy W. Stanley	Stewart	Ortiz	113
3	Scuba	Tapit	DARRS, Inc.	Walsh	Geroux	119
4	Han Sense	Hansen	Kendall E. Hansen	Maker	Hernandez	114
5	Good Samaritan	Harlan's Holiday	WinStar Farm, China Horse Club, SF Racing LLC & Head of Plains Partners	Mott	Rosario	117
6	Leofric	Candy Ride (Arg)	Steve Landers Racing LLC	Cox	Castellano	116

Breeders: 1-Carl Hurst, Fred Bradley & WilliamBradley, 2-North Hanover Bloodstock, 3-Palides Investments N.V., Inc., 4-H. Allen Poindexter, 5-WinStar Farm, LLC, 6-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Classy Act	Into Mischief	Carl R. Moore Management LLC	Calhoun	Castellano	122
2	Saguaro Row	Union Rags	Newtown Anner Stud & Mark D. Breen	Walsh	Stevens	122
3	America's Tale	Gio Ponti	Naveed Chowhan	Flint	Pedroza	122
4	Eskimo Kisses	To Honor and Serve	Magdalena Racing, Gainesway Stable & Harold Lerner	McPeek	Geroux	122
5	Patrona Margarita	Special Rate	Craig D. Upham	Calhoun	Hernandez, Jr.	122
6	She's a Julie	Elusive Quality	Whispering Oaks Farm LLC	Asmussen	Lanerie	122
7	Testing One Two	Star Guitar	Brittlyn Stable, Inc.	Arceneaux	Saenz	122
8	Wonder Gadot	Medaglia d'Oro	Gary Barber	Casse	Velazquez	122
9	Chocolate Martini	Broken Vow	Double Doors Racing, LLC	Amoss	Murrill	122

Breeders: 1-George Krikorian, 2-Mark Breen, 3-Madeline Auerbach & Catherine Parke, 4-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd., 5-Craig D. Upham, 6-Godolphin, 7-Brittlyn, Inc., 8-Anderson Farms Ont. Inc., 9-Savino A. Capilupi

Saturday, Mar. 24, Fair Grounds, post time: 5:06 p.m. EDT

MUNIZ MEMORIAL H.-GII, $300,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Synchrony	Tapit	Pin Oak Stable	Stidham	Bravo	118
2	Zulu Alpha	Street Cry (Ire)	Calumet Farm	Howard	Hernandez, Jr.	115
3	Galton	Offlee Wild	Michael M. Hui	Maker	Rosario	115
4	Arklow	Arch	Donegal Racing, Joseph Bulger & Peter Coneway	Cox	Castellano	116
5	Danish Dynaformer	Dynaformer	Charles E. Fipke	Attfield	Hernandez	116
6	Lucullan	Hard Spun	Godolphin, LLC	McLaughlin	Stevens	115
7	One Mean Man	Mizzen Mast	Hillerich Racing, Inc. & Bernard S. Flint	Flint	Pedroza	115
8	Mr. Misunderstood	Archarcharch	Flurry Racing Stables LLC	Cox	Geroux	118
9	Forge (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Juddmonte Farms, Inc.	Mott	Velazquez	116
10	Revved Up	Candy Ride (Arg)	Phipps Stable	McGaughey III	Bridgmohan	117
11	Ring Weekend	Tapit	West Point Thoroughbreds	Motion	Ortiz	118

Breeders: 1-Pin Oak Stud, LLC, 2-Calumet Farm, 3-Flaxman Holdings Limited, 4-John R. Penn & Frank Penn, 5-Charles Fipke, 6-Darley, 7-Bernard Flint & Ron Hillerich, 8-Athens Woods, 9-Juddmonte Farms Ltd, 10-Phipps Stable, 11-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd.

2018 Leading Sires of 3-year-olds by Earnings

for stallions standing in North America through Monday, March 19th

Earnings and Black-type represents North American/European figures & stud fees are for 2018

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	**Malibu Moon**	2	4	2	3	--	--	39	9	$577,800	$1,036,837
	(1997) by A.P. Indy		*Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: $75,000*							*Magnum Moon*	
2	**Scat Daddy**	3	6	2	3	--	--	51	16	$250,760	$966,954
	(2004) by Johannesburg		*Stands: Ashford Stud USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)*							*Flameaway*	
3	**Into Mischief**	1	4	1	3	--	--	67	15	$208,320	$953,738
	(2005) by Harlan's Holiday		*Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: $100,000*							*Audible*	
4	**Medaglia d'Oro**	2	4	2	3	--	--	30	9	$240,000	$797,348
	(1999) by El Prado (Ire)		*Stands: Jonabell Farm KY Fee: $250,000*							*Bolt d'Oro*	
5	**Tapit**	1	6	--	4	--	--	49	16	$62,600	$776,253
	(2001) by Pulpit		*Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: $300,000*							*New York Central*	
6	**Violence**	2	5	1	2	--	--	54	13	$132,500	$721,115
	(2010) by Medaglia d'Oro		*Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: $25,000*							*Cosmic Burst*	
7	**Midnight Lute**	2	3	1	1	--	--	39	8	$200,000	$699,539
	(2003) by Real Quiet		*Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: $15,000*							*Midnight Disguise*	
8	**Curlin**	--	4	--	3	--	--	42	7	$180,000	$647,662
	(2004) by Smart Strike		*Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: $150,000*							*Solomini*	
9	**More Than Ready**	1	5	--	3	--	--	46	13	$90,600	$624,563
	(1997) by Southern Halo		*Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: $60,000*							*Title Ready*	
10	**Uncle Mo**	2	4	1	2	--	--	46	12	$120,000	$604,658
	(2008) by Indian Charlie		*Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: $125,000*							*Dream Tree*	
11	**Creative Cause**	1	1	1	1	--	--	41	11	$312,000	$585,868
	(2009) by Giant's Causeway		*Stands: Airdrie Stud KY Fee: $20,000*							*My Boy Jack*	
12	**Street Sense**	2	4	2	2	--	--	31	8	$150,000	$562,095
	(2004) by Street Cry (Ire)		*Stands: Jonabell Farm KY Fee: $35,000*							*Avery Island*	
13	**Blame**	3	5	1	1	--	--	31	9	$97,440	$556,334
	(2006) by Arch		*Stands: Claiborne Farm KY Fee: $12,500*							*Ms Bad Behavior*	
14	**Union Rags**	--	2	--	2	--	--	42	11	$97,200	$550,008
	(2009) by Dixie Union		*Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: $60,000*							*Free Drop Billy*	
15	**Shackleford**	2	2	1	1	--	--	28	9	$238,080	$536,830
	(2008) by Forestry		*Stands: Darby Dan Farm KY Fee: $20,000*							*Promises Fulfilled*	

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Fantastic Combi, g, 3, **Afleet Alex**--Psychic Elaine, by Sightseeing. Seoul, 3-18, Hcp. *($56k)*, 1700m. B-John & Linda Griggs (KY). *$21,000 RNA Ylg '16 KEESEP; $20,000 2yo '17 OBSAPR.

Hidden Star, c, 3, **Concord Point**--Star Presence, by Forest Wildcat. Busan, 3-18, Hcp. *($56k)*, 1400m. B-Kaleem Shah Inc (KY). *$9,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP.

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Tiz Plan, c, 3, **Tiznow**--Amusing Plan, by Pleasantly Perfect. Seoul, 3-17, Hcp. *($70k)*, 1700m. B-Three Chimneys Farm LLC (KY). *1/2 to Street Moxie (Street Boss), SP, $150,706. **$25,000 RNA Wlg '16 KEESEP.

Clean Up Joy, g, 7, **Purge**--Greta's Joy, by Joyeux Danseur. Seoul, 3-18, Hcp. *($140k)*, 2000m. B-James Meadows (KY). *Won by seven lengths as the 2-5 favorite to win for the 15th time from 29 career starts for earnings of nearly ₩1.9 billion (about US$1.77 million). *1/2 to Livi Makenzie (Macho Uno), SW & MGSP, $354,069. **SW-Kor. ***$1,400 Wlg '11 KEENOV; $7,000 Ylg '12 FTKOCT; $14,000 2yo '13 OBSJUN.

IN PANAMA:

Quiet Out, c, 3, **Flat Out**--Quiet Street, by War Chant. Presidente Remon, 3-18, Clasico Conmemoracion de los 70 Anos de la Zona Libre de Colon, 1200m, 1:13. B-Gilmore, Reed & Woodie (KY). *Second stakes winner for sire (by Flatter). **$11,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP. **VIDEO**

ADDITIONAL RACING

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

2nd-SUN, $29,100, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm ($17,500), 3-20, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:35.25, ft.

OH SO REGAL (c, 4, Sidney's Candy--Oh So Nice, by Smart Strike) Lifetime Record: SP, 8-2-2-2, $53,162. O-Judge Lanier Racing; B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-Miguel L. Hernandez. *$70,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEESEP; $18,000 2yo '16 KEENOV.

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3rd-SUN, $26,500, 3-20, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:03.52, ft.

PERFORMANCE REVIEW (m, 5, Eskendereya--Right to Rule {SW, $137,217}, by Five Star Day) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, $31,050. O-Judge Lanier Racing; B-Fletcher & Carolyn Gray (KY); T-Miguel L. Hernandez. *$150,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR; $10,000 4yo '17 KEENOV. **1/2 to A Different Style (The Factor), MSW, $196,400.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Blazing Buckeye, c, 3, **Dark Kestrel**--Aura Lee, by Southern Halo. MVR, 3-20, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:09.13. B-Louis Ruberto (OH).

Korn Flake Girl, f, 4, **Drosselmeyer**--Costume Girl (SP), by Maria's Mon. WRD, 3-20, 6f, 1:12.08. B-Sun Valley Farm (KY). *$11,000 Wlg '14 KEENOV; $4,500 Ylg '15 KEESEP; $6,000 2yo '16 OKCYRL. **1/2 to Kochees (Lion Heart), SP, $173,515.

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4-FG, Msw 7 1/2fT, ZIPPY, 8-1
$15,000 OBS WIN yrl; $20,000 KEE SEP yrl; $45,000 OBS APR 2yo

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DARK KESTREL, Blazing Buckeye, c, 3, o/o Aura Lee, by Southern Halo. MSW, 3-20, Mahoning Valley Race Course
DROSSELMEYER, Korn Flake Girl, f, 4, o/o Costume Girl, by Maria's Mon. MSW, 3-20, Will Rogers
ESKENDEREYA, Performance Review, m, 5, o/o Right to Rule, by Five Star Day. ALW, 3-20, Sunland Park
SIDNEY'S CANDY, Oh So Regal, c, 4, o/o Oh So Nice, by Smart Strike. AOC, 3-20, Sunland Park

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SECRET SOMEONE, 7, A.P. Indy--Private Gift, by Unbridled
Foal born Feb. 18, a colt by Uncle Mo (first produce).
Will be bred back to Candy Ride (Arg).
Owned by/boarded at Mt Brilliant Broodmares I, LLC.
Accomplishments: MSW & GSP, $409,301.

NAKANO, 10, First Samurai--Spring Morning, by Mr. Prospector
Foal born Feb. 19, a colt by Pioneerof the Nile.
Will be bred back to Exaggerator.
Owned by/boarded at Woodford Thoroughbreds, KY.
Accomplishments: SW & GISP, $203,752.

SOPHIANO, 16, Rubiano--Six Hats, by Saratoga Six
Foal born Feb. 22, a colt by Brody's Cause.
Will be bred back to Into Mischief.
Owned by Ross Kinder & Erv Woolsley.
Accomplishments: Dam of Jordan's Henny (Henny Hughes), GSW, $262,596.

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PREDICTING FIRST-SEASON SIRE SUCCESS

No Nay Never | *Coolmore photo*

By Kevin Blake

The bloodstock business is truly extraordinary. Despite how few new sires ultimately become commercial successes, it is remarkable to witness the untethered enthusiasm, excitement and speculation which greets each new batch of unproven stallions that retire to the breeding shed every year. Despite the relatively unattractive odds involved, the majority of players in the game dream of being on the right side of the next successful sire and are willing to back their judgement and support these unproven sires in the hope of striking gold.

Thus, with the first runners of the latest bunch of new sires only a couple of weeks away from the racecourse, now is as good a time as any to search for statistical hints as to what might prove to be the pick of the new sires based in Great Britain and Ireland.

One thing that must be said is that it is a competitive year for sires with their first runners in 2018. There are 14 stallions based in Great Britain and Ireland that have 75 or more 2-year-olds to represent them. For the sake of comparison, there were 10 such stallions in 2017, 13 in 2016 and eight in 2015. Also worth noting is that there is more depth in the upper end of the market than is often the case, with five individual stallions having covered their first crop at a published fee of €20,000 or higher. **Cont. p2**

COOLMORE BUYS AYLMERTON HALF SHARE

Coolmore has bought half of G2 Todman S. winner **Aylmerton (Aus)** (Siyouni {Fr}), who lines up as a 16-1 chance in Saturday's G1 Golden Slipper. Trained by Jean Dubois, Aylmerton won on debut at Canterbury on Feb. 21 for owner/breeder Woodpark Stud before taking the Todman 11 days ago over stakes winner Ef Troop (Aus) (Spirit of Boom {Aus}). Those also listed as new owners in the colt include John Camilleri's Fairway Thoroughbreds, Emmaroo Bloodstock, Ramsey Pastoral and Clairden Racing.

Aylmerton, out of the Smart Strike mare Aloona, is from the family of The Queen's G2 Hardwicke S. winner Dartmouth (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) and GI Breeders' Cup Classic winner Arcangues (Sagace {Fr}), G1 Prix de Diane winner Aquarelliste (Fr) (Danehill) and GI Charles Whittingham Memorial S. winner Artiste Royal (Ire) (Danehill). He was conceived in France and is the lone runner Down Under for Siyouni, who stands at the Aga Khan Studs and was France's leading sire last year. **Cont. p7**

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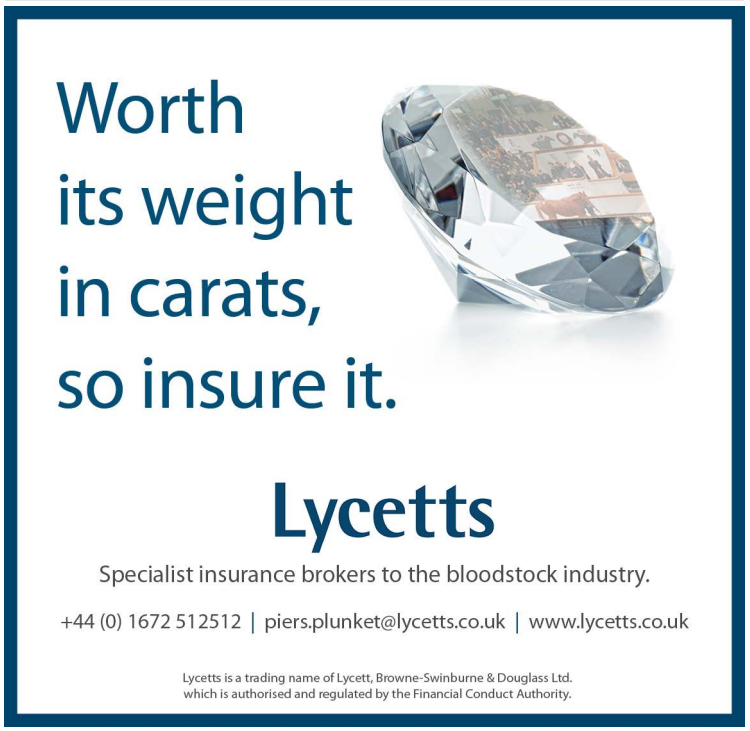
PEDIGREE INSIGHTS: MAGNUM MOON

Columnist Andrew Caulfield investigates the pedigree of **'TDN Rising Star' Magnum Moon** (Malibu Moon), who won the GII Rebel S. **Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.**



Predicting First-Season Sire Success Cont. from p1

The method used to assess the prospects of the first runners of various stallions is an interesting subject. As always in the bloodstock world, there will be no shortage of subjective opinion based on what observers have seen with their own eyes at the sales and on the gallops, but this piece will seek to make a statistics-based assessment. While statistics based on yearling sales results are far from cast iron given the potential for some of the results to not be quite as they seem, there is always plenty of interesting information to be extracted from the results.

The chosen method of assessment in this piece is to express the average and more significantly the median price achieved by a sire's progeny at the yearling sales in relation to their sire's nomination fee. This can give an idea of how they performed in the context of the expectation implied by their nomination fee. However, that methodology undoubtedly favours sires with lower nomination fees, so it is fairer to all to include a set figure to account for the costs up to the point of sale as a yearling.

As has been discussed in previous sales analysis pieces, what this figure should be is a subject of great debate given the differing circumstances of the horses that sell at yearling sales. Based on feedback from industry figures over the years, the number I have decided to use to best reflect an industry-wide average is 8,000gns.

It is also worth noting that when I converted the 2015 nomination fees of Irish-based stallions from Euro to Guineas for ease of comparison, I used the average exchange rate from Mar. 1, 2016 (78p to €1) to best reflect the cost to the breeder at the average time of payment. With Sterling having weakened against the Euro between then and the yearling sales in 2017 (88p to €1 on Oct. 1, 2017), British-based stallions on this list are disadvantaged by their stud fee being approximately 13% or so more costly than it would be at October 2017 exchange rate.

With all that in mind, statistical analysis of this nature will never be fully reflective of the situation, but it can certainly help to cut through the bluster and give a good indication of how the market really received the first yearlings of these new sires.

So, what do the numbers say? Cont. p3

First-Season Sires Listed by Yearling Sales Median as a Multiple of Stud Fee + Costs

Sire	2015 Fee	Fee (Gns) + Costs	Live Foals	Yearlings Sold	Avg (Gns)	Median (Gns)	*Avg	*Median
No Nay Never	€20,000	22,857	89	69	96,847	50,000	4.24	2.19
Kingman	£55,000	60,381	114	47	198,000	113,960	3.28	1.89
Australia	€50,000	45,143	123	71	126,830	80,000	2.81	1.77
Slade Power	€20,000	22,857	100	69	54,160	37,000	2.37	1.62
Sea The Moon	£15,000	22,286	109	63	56,261	35,000	2.52	1.57
Garswood	£7,000	14,667	74	51	31,060	22,000	2.12	1.50
War Command	€15,000	19,143	110	80	34,240	26,625	1.79	1.39
Toronado	£15,000	22,286	126	80	41,836	27,333	1.88	1.23
Charm Spirit	£25,000	31,810	107	66	54,335	35,814	1.71	1.13
Moohaajim	€5,000	11,714	32	23	22,599	13,023	1.93	1.11
Heeraat	£4,000	11,810	71	42	22,464	12,364	1.90	1.05
Alhebayeb	€5,000	11,714	128	108	20,096	12,104	1.72	1.03
Dunaden	£3,000	10,857	61	9	11,010	11,000	1.01	1.01
Mukhadram	£7,000	14,667	89	56	24,231	14,142	1.65	0.96
Gregorian	£4,500	12,286	83	50	14,460	11,428	1.18	0.93
Coach House	£3,000	10,857	73	35	15,101	10,000	1.39	0.92
Morpheus	€6,000	12,457	106	65	13,131	9,523	1.05	0.76
Gale Force Ten	€5,000	11,714	99	67	11,620	8,140	0.99	0.69
Bungle Inthejungle	€5,000	11,714	94	62	11,920	6,589	1.02	0.56
Xtension	€5,000	11,714	24	10	24,543	5,811	2.10	0.50
Es Que Love	€5,000	11,714	44	25	12,071	5,697	1.03	0.49
Battle Of Marengo	€6,000	12,457	66	44	13,091	5,697	1.05	0.46

*As multiple of stud fee + costs
Conversion Rate £0.78 to €1
Costs: 8,000gns

Predicting First-Season Sire Success Cont.

Based on this analysis, the headline horse is without question **No Nay Never** (Coolmore). While the small number of his first crop that were sold as foals didn't create too many waves in 2016, it was clear from the earliest yearling sales last year that he was going to be one of the most talked about new sires in Europe and his results only became more impressive as the yearling sales progressed.

In terms of those that led the way for him, no fewer than 10 of his yearlings made 200,000gns or more. The pick of those by some margin was the colt out of Muravka that made 850,000gns at Tattersalls Book One, with the Japan-based JS Company outbidding MV Magnier for him. The same sale was the scene of another highlight for the sire with the filly out of Hureya being bought for 420,000gns by Al Shaqab Racing. The Arqana Deauville August Yearling Sale saw other strong results for No Nay Never too, with colts out of Jessica Rocks and Chaibia making €480,000 and €400,000, respectively.

WITH NO NAY NEVER BEING BY SCAT DADDY AND HAVING WON THE NORFOLK, HIS PROGENY CAN VERY MUCH BE EXPECTED TO BE SHARP.

For many, the trainers that a sire's progeny end up with is just as important a factor as their sale prices and in the case of No Nay Never's progeny, they won't lack for opportunity having been sent to some of the best trainers in the world. Most interestingly, Aidan O'Brien has six colts by No Nay Never in his care including the aforementioned colt out of Chaibia, whilst Wesley Ward is training five of his offspring. In terms of those mentioned above that made significant prices, the filly out of Hureya is now with Richard Hannon, while the colt out of Jessica Rocks is with Jeremy Noseda.

With No Nay Never being by Scat Daddy and having won the G2 Norfolk S. at Royal Ascot as a juvenile, his progeny can very much be expected to be sharp. While the more expensive offspring of first-season sires don't tend to be rushed by their trainers to appear in the early part of the season, it will be expected that he will have had plenty of representatives by the mid-point of the season.

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See what's being said about the **Slade Power** juveniles – and who's saying it...

"Powerful words"

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Smashing filly. Looking forward to seeing her on the track.

Gordon Elliott:
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Richard Spencer:
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Predicting First-Season Sire Success Cont.

The fact that there are 12 sires with as many or more 2-year-olds on the ground than him will make it a tough battle for him in the race for the title of champion first-season sire, but regardless of where he finishes in that table, hopes will be high that he will justify the substantial faith the yearling buyers put in his progeny.

The two most high-profile first-season sires this season are **Kingman** (Banstead Manor) and **Australia** (Coolmore) and both of them came out well in this analysis. Of course, they have contrasting profiles, with Kingman's progeny expected to be much sharper types than the Australia's, but it will be fascinating to watch how it pans out for both of them in 2018.

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Moohaajim | *Rathbarry Stallions*

Predicting First-Season Sire Success Cont.

Of the less expensive first-season sires in the table, **Moohaajim** (Rathbarry) caught the eye with the prices that the small number of his foals that sold realised in 2016 and the results that his yearlings secured last year again catch the eye. Four of his progeny realised over 50,000gns, with the most expensive one being the colt out of Bahati that was bought by Shadwell for £85,000 at the Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale. While he will have just 32 2-year-olds to represent him in 2018, it will be well worth watching how they fare, as his sale results have suggested that they could well overachieve.

Another Rathbarry inmate that is in a similar situation is **Xtension**. He has just 24 2-year-olds to represent him this year, but there were some eye-catching results amongst the 10 of them that sold as yearlings. Chief amongst them was the £115,000 realised by the colt out of Park Glen, the first foal out of the mare.

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GODOLPHIN CHANGES MANAGEMENT, OSBORNE RESUMES IRISH ROLE

The role of Godolphin Group CEO, presently filled by Joe Osborne, has been removed from the international operation's power structure, Godolphin stated on their website on Tuesday evening.

The statement read: *Godolphin announces that the role of Group CEO has been discontinued from March 2018. Responsibility for each operation around the world is now vested in the local managing director and his board of directors. As such Joe Osborne has resumed his role as managing director, Godolphin Ireland, and, in addition to his role as a leading public trainer, John Gosden remains responsible for Godolphin bloodstock purchases.*

Osborne, who took John Ferguson's place as CEO last June when Ferguson resigned, will resume his Irish duties. *(Click here for a Kelsey Riley feature on Godolphin and Osborne)*

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Velvet Vision (GB), f, 3, **Nathaniel (Ire)**--Battery Power (GB), by Royal Applause (GB). NC, 3-20, 10f 42y (AWT), 2:16.64. B-Sarabex (GB).

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CONDITIONS RESULTS:

2nd-CHY, €35,000, Cond, 3-20, 3yo, f, 8f (AWT), 1:40.03, st.
MISS SIENNA (GB) (f, 3, Equiano {Fr}--Candycakes {Ire}, by Cape Cross {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-1, €31,900. O-Mrs R G Hillen; B-Tirnaskea Stud (GB); T-Henri-Francis Devin. *€20,000 RNA Ylg '16 AROCT; €20,000 RNA 2yo '17 ARMAY.

2nd-CHY, €35,000, Cond, 3-20, 3yo, c/g, 8f (AWT), 1:38.22, st.
CONTORTIONISTE (GB) (c, 3, Pivotal {GB}--Distortion {GB}, by Distorted Humor) Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-0, €55,680. O/B-Wertheimer et Frere (GB); T-Carlos Laffon-Parias.

6th-CHY, €28,000, 3-20, 4yo, 9f (AWT), 1:49.49, st.
MAHARO (FR) (g, 4, Elusive City--Calima Mon Amour {Fr}, by Shirocco {Ger}) Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-0, €32,600. O-Montgomery Motto; B-Larissa Kneip & S Grevet (FR); T-Antonio Marcialis.

Grand Actrice (Della Francesca) was the winner of the first round of the Au Dela des Pistes Trophy for retired racehorses in Le Mans, France on Sunday. There are six further competitions slated for 2018.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

Coolmore Buys Aylmerton Half Share Cont. from p1

"A lot of people don't know about this stallion from France but he is very, very good and the leading stallion over there," Coolmore spokesman Michael Kirwan told *Sydney Morning Herald*.

"Alymerton caught our eye when he won at Canterbury and the Todman has always been a good guide to the Golden Slipper. He is a magnificent type and has the formula to go on and become a very good horse. He ticked all the boxes for us." ***(Click here to return to p1)***

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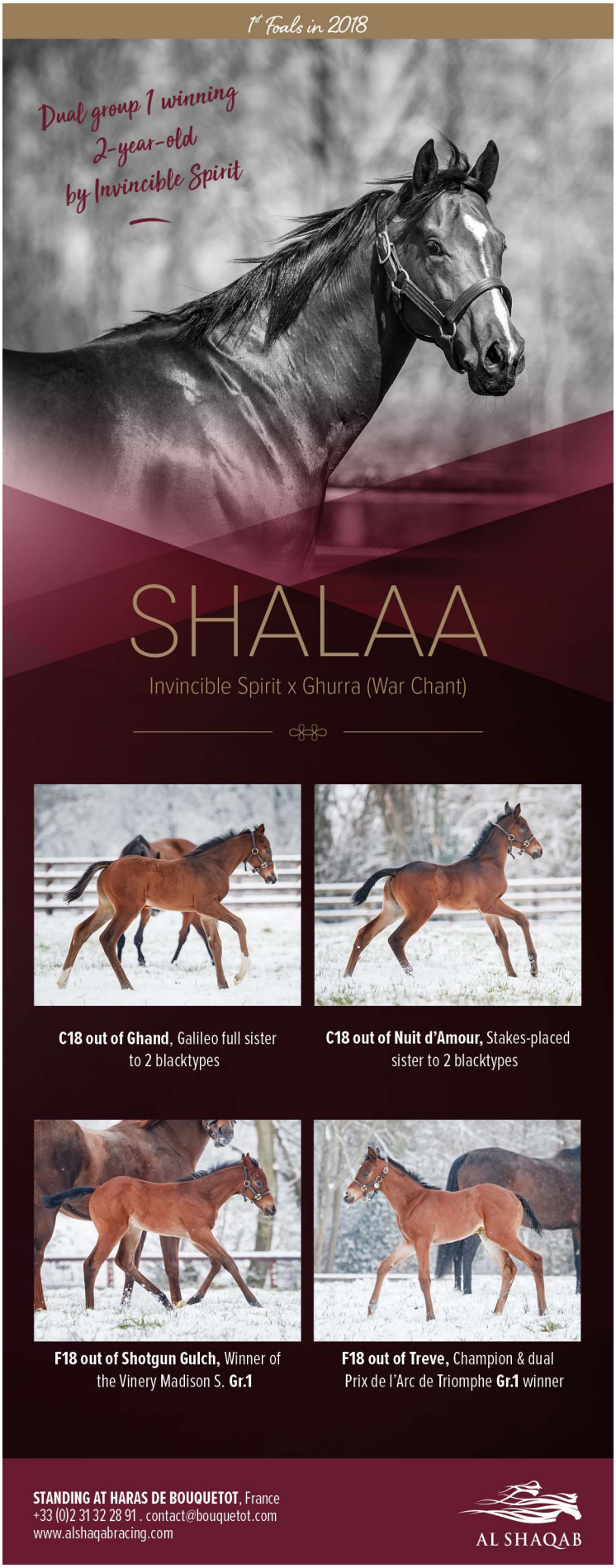
Aylmerton | *Bronwen Healy*

MAGIC CONTINUES FOR SPIRIT OF BOOM

Just as he had done on opening day, Queensland's first-season sire sensation Spirit of Boom (Aus) dominated the second and final session of the Magic Millions Gold Coast March Yearling Sale on Tuesday. Spirit of Boom had provided the top 10 lots on Monday and 19 of the top 23, and on Tuesday he was responsible for the top eight and 14 of the top 20.

Scott McAlpine, who stands his homebred Spirit of Boom at his Eureka Stud, said, "This QTIS sale in Queensland has been quite remarkable, unbelievable. It was quite unexpected, to be honest. It's been fantastic to see so many of our long time friends and clients across Queensland celebrating record results at this sale--it is a great reward for supporting Spirit of Boom. The amount of runners and winners and stakes horses for this horse--he's doing something that's quite unbelievable." **Cont. p8**



Magic Continues for Spirit of Boom Cont.

"The [Golden] Slipper is on Saturday and Ef Troop has drawn two and if he can be lucky enough to finish in the first three we would be over the moon," he added.

Among the buyers of Spirit of Boom's progeny on Tuesday were John Singleton's Strawberry Hill Stud, James Harron, leading trainer Darren Weir and Boomer Bloodstock's Craig Rounsefell, who bought two including the record-breaking, sale-topping filly (lot 384) for A$430,000.

Rounsefell bought both that filly and a A$300,000 filly (lot 338) with trainer Tony Gollan, who trains the aforementioned Ef Troop and another Spirit of Boom stakes winner, Outback Barbie (Aus).

Lot 384 | *Magic Millions*

"Tony Gollan and I were obviously targeting the Spirit of Booms," Rounsefell said. Of the sale topper, he added, "She's a filly from a young mare who's already produced a stakes winner. It's obviously a lot of money but my clients were pretty determined to get her and we gave it our best shot."

Strawberry Hill Stud signed for a pair of fillies for A$400,000 and A$360,000, respectively: lot 305, a half-sister to Group 3 winner Thiamandi (Aus) (Street Boss) and lot 199, out of a half-sister to Group 2 winner Mitanni (Aus) (Danewin {Aus}).

The highest-priced colt on the day was James Harron's purchase, a A$225,000 son of Spirit of Boom out of the four-time winner County Commands (Aus) (Commands {Aus}) (lot 308).

From similar numbers sold, the sale's aggregate shot up 60.5% from last year, finishing at A$13,784,000 for 301 sold at a clearance rate of 84%. The average and median similarly rose, 59% (A$45,795) and 18.2% (A$26,000), respectively.

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IT'S BEEN FANTASTIC TO SEE SO MANY OF OUR LONG TIME FRIENDS AND CLIENTS ACROSS QUEENSLAND CELEBRATING RECORD RESULTS AT THIS SALE

Scott McAlpine

Magic Continues for Spirit of Boom Cont.

"It's hard to describe today's sale," Magic Millions Managing Director Barry Bowditch said. "Just amazing results. Obviously Spirit of Boom, he's the kingmaker. We were all overwhelmed with how he went--his are just incredible results."

"Spirit of Boom has helped take this sale to a new level and it's great to see so many Queensland breeders enjoying this success," Bowditch added. "It's been life changing here today. Some smaller breeders have been supporting this sale for a long time and to see them get the results they did was phenomenal.

The gross is up over $5 million on last year, over 60%, and the average price is up 59% on last year. It's great to be able to continue the trend of the Magic Millions Yearling Sales this year, which have all had significant increases."

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MAGIC MILLIONS MARCH GOLD COAST YEARLING SALE

CUMULATIVE	2018	2017
• Catalogued	389	400
• Number Offered	360	368
• Number Sold	301	298
• Not Sold	59	70
• Clearance Rate	84%	81%
• High Price	A$430,000	A$160,000
• Gross	A$13,784,000	A$8,587,000
• Average (% change)	A$45,795 (+59%)	A$28,815
• Median (% change)	A$26,000 (+18.2%)	A$22,000

SESSION TOPPERS

Magic Millions Gold Coast March Yearling Sale
Day 2

Lot	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (A$)
384	f	Spirit of Boom (Aus)	Hidden Flair (Aus)	430,000
		B-Lyndhurst Stud Farm		
		Consigned by Lyndhurst Stud Farm		
		Purchased by Boomer Bloodstock		
305	f	Spirit of Boom (Aus)	Country Class (NZ)	400,000
		B-Mrs. L Lord		
		Consigned by KBL Thoroughbreds		
		Purchased by Strawberry Hill Stud		
199	f	Spirit of Boom (Aus)	Thank You Darling (Aus)	360,000
		B-Mr. MC Hough		
		Consigned by Tullyard		
		Purchased by Strawberry Hill Stud		
367	f	Spirit of Boom (Aus)	Goodlookin Gambler (Aus)	320,000
		B-Eureka Cambooya Thoroughbreds Pty Ltd		
		Consigned by Eureka Stud		
		Purchased by Lipp Racing		
235	f	Spirit of Boom (Aus)	Zabeeler (Aus)	300,000
		B-Dovedeen Pty Ltd		
		Consigned by KBL Thoroughbreds		
		Purchased by Spicer Thoroughbreds/Darren Weir Racing/ Brae Sokolski		

UNENCUMBERED PASSES AWAY AT SIX

Australian Group 3 winner and young sire **Unencumbered (Aus)** (Testa Rossa {Aus}--Blizzardly {Aus}, by More Than Ready), who stood at Three Bridges Thoroughbreds in Eddington, Victoria, Australia, has died, Three Bridges announced via Twitter on Tuesday. The Jeep Magic Millions 2-Year-Old Classic hero succumbed to complications from throat surgery to treat progressive chondritis.

"Unencumbered was a special horse with such a great personality, everyone that has ever come in contact with him will miss him terribly," Peter Liston of Three Bridges Thoroughbreds told *Racing And Sports*. "He put his trainer Bjorn Baker on the map and his memorable win in the 2014 Magic Millions 2YO Classic at the Gold Coast, with Nathan Berry in the saddle, was a fairytale result for his big group of owners."

Trained by Bjorn Baker, the bay won half of his 10 starts as a juvenile, beginning at first asking, in a Randwick 1000-metre maiden in October of 2013. Cont. p11

Unencumbered Passes Away at Six Cont.

After a third going 1100 metres in a Rosehill plate race, he then won his next four starts in succession, among them the Wyong Magic Millions 2-Year-Old Classic and Doomben's G3 J.J. McLachlan S. both in December of that year, before his A$2-million win on the Gold Coast in January of 2014. Runner-up in the G2 Todman S. later that season, Unencumbered was retired to Three Bridges with $1,720,909 in earnings.

Out of Australian SW and Group 2 third Blizzardly (Aus) (More Than Ready), Unencumbered's third dam is SW and MGSP Sober Dancer (Aus) (Noalcoholic {Fr}). His first foals are 2-year-olds, and he stood for A$11,000 this past season.

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Unencumbered | *Three Bridges Thoroughbreds*

ASIA

Tuesday's Result:

KUROFUNE SHO-Listed, ¥31,500,000, Kochi, 3-20, 4yo/up, 1400m, 1:27.20, sy.

1--**A SHIN VALOR (JPN), 123, h, 7, South Vigorous--A Shin Large C (Jpn), by Symboli Kris S. 1ST STAKES WIN**. O-Katsuhiko Hirai; B-Eishin Farm; T-Masashi Aratashi; J-Osamu Shimohara; ¥21,000,000. Lifetime Record: 25-8-1-1. *1/2 to A Shin Bakken (Jpn) (Johannesburg), SW & GSP-Jpn, $1,456,297.

2--**King's Guard (Jpn)**, 126, h, 7, Sinister Minister--Kings Berry (Jpn), by King Halo (Jpn). O/B-Nisshin Farm; ¥4,850,000

3--**Bulldog Boss (Jpn)**, 126, h, 6, Daiwa Major (Jpn)--Lyphard Cannes (Jpn), by Danehill. O-Him Rock Racing; B-Keiichi Samekawa; ¥2,700,000.

Margins: NK, HD, 2. Odds: 233.30, 1.60, 1.70.

AUSTRALIAN-BRED WINNERS

IN SOUTH AFRICA:

Sir Bernadini (Aus), g, 3, **Bernardini**--Redesign (Aus), by Commands (Aus). Greyville, 3-18, Hcp., 1400mT, 1:27. O-Messrs B D Burnard & B Riley; B-Bowness Stud (NSW); T-Dennis Bosch. *A$52,500 Ylg '16 INGMEL.

Roy's Stingray (Aus), f, 3, **Charge Forward (Aus)**--Mythical Play (NZ) (Ch. 3yo Filly-SAf, MG1SW-SAf), by Defensive Play. Greyville, 3-18, Maiden Plate, 1400mT, 1:27.66. O-Roy Moodley; B-Bronte Bloodstock Pty Ltd, NSW, Packaging Investments Australia Pty Ltd, Stud Consultants Pty Ltd; T-Alyson Wright. *Full to Andromache (NZ), MSP-NZ. **A$16,000 Wlg '15 MMNWNL.

AUSTRALIAN GROUP 1 RACES – 2017/2018

Date	Race	Track
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

Saturday, Rosehill, post time: 4:10 p.m. (1:10 a.m. EST/6:10 a.m. GMT)

LONGINES GOLDEN SLIPPER-G1, A$3,500,000 *(US$2,692,003/£1,922,078/€2,195,768)*, 2yo, 1200mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	4	Written By (Aus)	Written Tycoon (Aus)	Begg	Childs	124
2	7	Santos (Aus)	I Am Invincible (Aus)	Waterhouse/Bott	Clark	124
3	8	Aylmerton (Aus)	Siyouni (Fr)	Dubois	Berry	124
4	19	Long Leaf (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	D & B Hayes/Dabernig	Shinn	124
5	16	Performer (Aus)	Exceed And Excel (Aus)	Waller	Bowman	124
6	2	Ef Troop (Aus)	Spirit Of Boom (Aus)	Gollan	Collett	124
7	6	Prairie Fire (Aus)	Snitzel (Aus)	Price	Zahra	124
8	3	Sandbar (Aus)	Snitzel (Aus)	Widdup	Reith	124
9	15	Enbihaar (Aus)	Magnus (Aus)	D & B Hayes/Dabernig	Baster	120
10	5	Sunlight (Aus)	Zoustar (Aus)	McEvoy	Currie	120
11	17	Estijaab (Aus)	Snitzel (Aus)	J, M & W Hawkes	Avdulla	120
12	11	Oohood (Aus)	I Am Invincible (Aus)	McEvoy	Purton	120
13	20	Fiesta (Aus)	I Am invincible (Aus)	Waller	McEvoy	120
14	1	Sizzling Belle (Aus)	Sizzling (Aus)	Olive	O'Hara	120
15	12	Seabrook (NZ)	Hinchinbrook (Aus)	Price	Oliver	120
16	13	Secret Lady (Aus)	Choisir (Aus)	Portelli	Melham	120
Emergencies:						
17	10	Qafila (Aus)	Not A Single Doubt (Aus)	D & B Hayes/Dabernig	Williams	120
18	14	Gongs (Aus)	Dawn Approach (Ire)	Cummings	Angland	120
19	9	Legend of Condor (Aus)	Not A Single Doubt (Aus)	Ryan	No Rider	124
20	18	Spin (Aus)	I Am Invincible (Aus)	P & P Snowden	No Rider	124

**All post times are listed in local time.*