



## 'AX,' A FAMILY MAN FOR BAFFERT



**Ax Man | Benoit**

By *Christie DeBernardis*

When Hal and Patti Earnhardt homebred **Ax Man** (Misremembered) won his career bow at Santa Anita by 9 1/2 lengths on New Year's Day ([video](#)), it was extra satisfying for his trainer Bob Baffert, who bred, trained and owns the colt's Grade I-winning sire. The Hall of Famer also conditioned the sophomore's stakes-winning dam and most of her offspring, including two-time champion Indian Blessing (Indian Charlie).

"We knew he was pretty talented," Baffert said. "He had been working pretty well. The work right before [his debut] he worked with [undefeated GISW and "TDN Rising Star"] McKinzie (Street Sense) and they worked heads up together [five furlongs in :59.20 Dec. 27 at Santa Anita], so that was really encouraging. At Hill 'n' Dale growing up, he was always a standout as a foal. He was a nice looking horse and is probably the best one Shameful has had since Indian Blessing."

The conditioner continued, "He exploded out of there and handled it pretty well. It didn't take a lot out of him and he came back well. You could tell after the race that he wasn't tired. That is a good sign. It means he will be able to stretch out. The [GII] San Vicente [S. Feb. 10] is the most logical spot right now because I can't see an allowance race coming between now and then."

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## STAKES FILLIES COULD REWARD DODSON AT KEENELAND *by Jessica Martini*

Mark Dodson, who grew up on his father's Hopefield Farms in Ontario, took something of a hiatus from the sport to build a company and raise a family, but the Canadian businessman returned to the industry six years ago and has enjoyed quick success with a pair of graded stakes-performing fillies, both slated to go through the ring at next week's Keeneland January Horses of All Ages Sale in Lexington. Through the Eaton Sales consignment, Dodson will offer stakes winner and multiple graded stakes placed **Sister Nation** (Into Mischief--Evita's Sister, by Candy Ride {Arg}) ([hip 622](#)), as well as multiple graded stakes placed **Banree** (Macho Uno--Grand Glory, by Distorted Humor) ([hip 730](#)), during Tuesday's second session of the four-day January sale. **Cont. p6 ([click here](#))**

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**MINOR SETBACK KEEPS 'BOLT' OUT OF SAN VICENTE 8**

*MGISW Bolt d'Oro (Medaglia d'Oro) will bypass an expected start in the Feb. 10 GII San Vicente S. as a precautionary measure. The colt came up body sore last week, but his nuclear scan was clean.*

**ROAD TO THE MONGOL DERBY: GO BIG OR GO HOME 8**

*The TDN's Kelsey Riley writes the first installment of her blog as she prepares to ride in the Mongol Derby as a fundraising effort for the TRF's Blackburn program.*



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Ax Man's dam Shameful has proven to be a blue hen producer for the Earnhardts with eight winners from eight foals to race. Two-time Eclipse winner Indian Blessing was just her second foal and she also produced graded stakes winner Roman Threat (Roman Ruler).

"That mare Shameful is golden," Baffert said. "Everything we breed her to, she has gotten a winner. She has been amazing. We are going to breed her to Tapit this year."

With a future booking to Tapit and previous matings to the likes of Candy Ride (Arg), Empire Maker and Midnight Lute, it was a bit unconventional to breed a mare of Shameful's caliber to Misremembered, whose oldest foals are now 5-year-olds with the best being MGSP Dazzling Gem.



Misremembered | Horsephotos

"Hal did it as a favor to me because I own the stallion," explained Baffert, who has been training for the Earnhardts since 1983. "One thing I learned in the stallion business is it is really hard to stand one. John [Sikura] did me a favor and stood him at Hill 'n' Dale. I asked Hal and Patti to give me some help and gave them some shares in the horse. I was talking to John Sikura and I said, 'I see that Indian Blessing and Shameful are going to Misremembered.' He said, 'Man, these are the most loyal customers.' I said, 'Well, you know they are like family to me.'"

Baffert bought Misremembered's dam Beyond Perfection (Quack), who won the 1990 GII Del Mar Debutante, for just \$7,000 at the 2005 Keeneland January sale in partnership with his friend George Jacobs.

"I wanted a good mare to own and I remember watching Beyond Perfection run when I first got in the business," the conditioner recalled. "The Franks [who owned Beyond Perfection] had a dispersal and the mare was 17 and open. I was looking for a mare to breed to Point Given at the time."

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**'Ax,' A Family Man for Baffert cont.**

He continued, "I studied and studied the book and I thought, 'I'm going to buy this mare. This is probably the only way I am going to own this kind of mare, just wait until she doesn't have any teeth and is old.' (laughs)"

Instead of breeding Beyond Perfection to Point Given, Sikura convinced Baffert to send the mare to Candy Ride, who was standing his first year at stud at Hill 'n' Dale in 2005.

"I was going to breed her to Point Given, but John Sikura had just gotten Candy Ride to stand at Hill 'n' Dale and he said, 'Breed her to Candy Ride,'" Baffert said. "I said, 'Yeah, but she has an F nick with Candy Ride.' He said, 'Just do it. You know how good Candy Ride is.' I had seen Candy Ride run and he was a pretty freaky horse so I said alright. We bred to Candy Ride and we got Misremembered."

Unlike Ax Man, Misremembered was not a standout from the start, at least not in Baffert's eyes.

"He was a tall, lanky kind of horse, totally different looking than most Candy Rides," Baffert said. "The guy who broke him for me in Arizona really liked him a lot. I sent him three to break and he was the one I liked the least. Every time I called him I'd go, 'How's the filly doing?' and he would go 'She's okay.' I'd say, 'And how about the other one?' He'd say, 'She's okay, but I really like that colt.' I thought if he likes the colt, the other two are useless."

Baffert even forgot about Misremembered for a while when he had to be laid up, which is how the stallion got his name.

"He had a high suspensory that was bothering him and he needed 60 days off, so I sent him out to a friend's farm in Temecula," Baffert explained. "He was out there for a long time and finally George [Jacobs] called me and said, 'How about our horse?' I said, 'Oh yeah I forgot he is still out there.' He had been out there for about four months. When we were driving out there, he said, 'Did you misremember him or something?'" **Cont. p5**



Misremembered winning the Big Cap | Horsephotos

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Misremembered soon proved to be worth remembering, winning the 2009 GII Swaps S. and GII Indiana Derby and 2010 GI Santa Anita H. The chestnut also finished second to champion Blame (Arch) in the 2009 GII Clark H. and completed the exacta in that year's GI Malibu S.

"It was a lot of fun winning the Swaps with him," Baffert said. "I ran him in the Clark and he ran a great race. He looked like he was going to beat Blame, but Blame came and got him in the last jump or so."

The Arizona native continued, "It is exciting to be able to say I bred a Grade I winner, especially a Big Cap winner. It is exciting when you breed the horse and it works out because 90% of the time it doesn't work out."

Baffert retired Misremembered in 2011 after he was injured when running second in the GII Oaklawn H. and he stood his first year at Hill 'n' Dale in 2012. The Hall of Famer moved the now 13-year-old stallion to California last year, standing him at BG Thoroughbreds, and transferred him to Barton Thoroughbreds in Santa Ynez this year.

"I thought we would bring him here because people in California know Misremembered. They watched him win the Big Cap," Baffert explained. "I moved him to the Santa Ynez Valley this year because I think there are more mares in that area. The thing about California is they are spread out all over. It's not like

Kentucky where you can ship your mare 10 minutes, breed her and take her back. In California, you have to ship four or five hours to breed your horse. We stand Coil up there too"

In addition to Shameful and Indian Blessing, Misremembered bred another top mare in Hall of Famer Silverbulletday, who Baffert trained for longtime client Mike Pegram. The California-based conditioner hopes if Ax Man lives up to his early promise, it will also lead to big things for his sire, like more mares of that caliber.

"Ax Man can be any kind," Baffert said. "That was pretty impressive the other day. [His half-sister] Indian Blessing was built for speed, but Misremembered has put that extra distance on him. I don't think he will have a problem stretching out. You can tell by the way they come back after a race. He came back like it was nothing. He handled it really well and really professionally too. I see a lot of Candy Ride in him."

He continued, "Misremembered has taught me a lot about the mare and stallion business. You need the good mares. We gave him a chance and I was happy about that. Candy Ride has made such an impact on the sport and can throw a freaky, brilliant horse. Now that Misremembered is in California, maybe we can kick start him here. The best advertisement is when you see one freak on the racetrack the way Ax Man did."

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**Stakes Fillies Could Reward Dodson at Keeneland cont. from p1**

“Fillies like this are hard to come by,” Dodson said. “They are high-caliber. They are both really attractive and with good race records behind them. We wouldn’t be going if we didn’t think we’d get some good results. They’d be a great addition to any broodmare band including my own.”

Dodson got an early start in racing on his father’s 200-acre farm in Georgetown. Among the standouts bred on Stan Dodson’s Hopefield Farms was 1992 Canadian champion 3-year-old filly Hope for a Breeze (Briarctic). The farm was represented last year by graded stakes winner Gigantic Breeze (Giant’s Causeway), a grandson of Hope for a Breeze.

“My dad has been racing and breeding for about 40 years,” Dodson said. “When I was a kid, he was racing and he had five or six mares that he was breeding. He had some good success for a

small operation. So when I was in my teens, in the summers and after school, I would work around the farm. I was cutting grass, cleaning stalls, I was bringing horses in and out and feeding

them and doing the whole bit. I was getting \$50 a day and I saved that money for a few years. He had some pretty decent mares, so we ended up with a father/son kind of a family foal share agreement. I didn’t have much money to offer, but at around the time, horses like Conquistador Cielo, Riverman and El Gran Senor-- they were old boys at the time, but obviously very proven horses, and we were breeding on no-guarantee seasons to these old horses. We bred a couple of horses together and

sold them as yearlings. And we did pretty well.”

Real life intervened and that early success in the horse business was put on the shelf for a few years.

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**Sister Nation** | Michael Burns

**Q:** How much money does a farm or syndicate lose if a commercial stallion is out of duty during the breeding season?

**A:** The price of the stud fee for that stallion per day of inactivity.

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**Stakes Fillies Could Reward Dodson at Keeneland cont.**

“I went off to school and I started in business and in my 20s and 30s, I wasn’t doing much in the horse business,” Dodson admitted. “We tried pinhooking a few weanlings, which didn’t work out that well. And we tried claiming a few horses. I was involved in a couple of syndicates. So I was never completely out of it, but I wasn’t particularly active.”

Dodson’s steel door manufacturing company Daybar, based in Ontario, employs some 150 workers and has four locations in Canada and the United States.

“It’s a big organization and it was taking 100% of my time,” he said. “Plus, I was getting married and having kids.”

Racing started to become more of a focus some six years ago when Paramount Sales’ Gabriel Duignan introduced Dodson to bloodstock agent Ben McElroy.

“Ben is an excellent horseman and a really good guy and we hit it off really well,” Dodson recalled. “And I started thinking maybe the better approach would be buying yearlings and trying to create some value that way at the racetrack. So that’s kind of how we’ve gone about it. We’re buying pretty much only fillies and we are looking for reasonable pedigrees. We have a budget of \$75,000-150,000 per horse, so you have to be realistic. You can’t shoot for the stars because the budget is what it is. We’re looking to buy two or three a year. Being involved in breeding is wonderful and it’s a great experience, but when you are a breeder you hope for the best, you hope you get a good foal. But you get what you get. When you are buying yearlings, you can be picky.”

Among the first crops of yearlings Dodson and McElroy purchased was Banree, who was an \$80,000 Keeneland September yearling purchase in 2014. The gray mare, who is a

half-sister to graded stakes winner Gloryzapper (Ghostzapper), was second in the 2015 GIII Schuylerville S. and third in the GIII Tempted S. for trainer Wesley Ward. She sells Tuesday as a broodmare prospect (*Thorostride video*).

Purchased for \$85,000 at the 2015 Keeneland September sale, Sister Nation (*Thorostride video*) won the Ruling Angel S. at Woodbine in October and was third in both the GII Bessarabian S. and GIII Selene S. last year for trainer Michael DePaulo. Her dam, Evita’s Sister, is a full-sister to GI La Brea S. winner Evita Argentina.

No matter what happens in the Keeneland sales ring Tuesday,

Dodson will still have a member of Sister Nation’s family. Through McElroy, Dodson purchased the filly’s half-sister by Verrazano for \$130,000 at the 2017 Keeneland September sale.

“We obviously like Sister Nation a lot, so we bought her half-sister,” Dodson said. “We think Verrazano has the potential to be a good stallion and hope this filly is going to be a good one, too. We’ll keep our fingers crossed. Sister Nation is a very attractive horse and this one is too.”

Dodson, who maintains a small broodmare band of between four and six head, admitted it was a tough decision to offer the two fillies at auction.

“They are all for sale,” he said. “They have to be, right? That’s the way that you have to operate. We’ve got a small operation. We are business people and you have to operate your horse business like a business. They all have to be for sale at any point in time.”

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## MINOR SETBACK WILL KEEP BOLT D'ORO OUT OF SAN VICENTE *by Bill Finley*



**Bolt d'Oro** | Benoit photo

Though a nuclear scan revealed that there is nothing wrong with his Grade I winning colt, owner-trainer Mick Ruis Sr. has decided to bypass the Feb. 10 GII San Vicente S. as a precautionary measure with **Bolt d'Oro** (Medaglia d'Oro).

The news was first reported by the *Daily Racing Form*.

Ruis became concerned last week when he noticed that the colt was a "little body sore." That prompted him to postpone his first scheduled workout since the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile and order tests.

"He was jogging good, but when you have a horse that is worth \$15-20 million you want to make sure he is ok, so I nuke scanned him Wednesday and everything came back good," Ruis said. "We're ready again to go forward. We never missed a day of training. When they get a little sore like that, I think he might have gotten cast in the stall. I was not going to take any chances with him and start pressing on him right now without taking a nuke scan. It came back perfectly good. He will start galloping again in two days and then we will probably breeze him in about 10 days."

Because he had to back off some on the horse's training, Ruis does not feel he will have him ready for the seven-furlong San Vicente. However, he doesn't feel missing that race will hinder his chances of accomplishing what remains the real goal--winning the GI Kentucky Derby.

"No, not really," he said when asked if he were concerned about having the horse at his best for the Derby. "Originally, I was only going to go in the [GII] San Felipe and the [GI] Santa Anita Derby, so I have tons of time. Then I thought it might be a good idea to get him sharpened up with a seven-furlong race like the old school boys used to do. That was the path I was going to take. Also, last year, we had a lot of wet weather and

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missed a lot of training, so I thought it was not a bad idea to go to the San Vicente."

Ruis said he could go back to his original plan and run Bolt d'Oro in the San Felipe and the Santa Anita Derby, but added he will now also take a look at GII Rebel at Oaklawn Mar. 17.

"I'm going to be opened minded about it," Ruis said. "There's also the Rebel at Oaklawn and I might decide that comes at a better time. We will do what is best for the horse."

Ruis admitted how relieved he was that the test showed Bolt d'Oro is okay.

"Bolt' came along and you're thinking this might be a once in a lifetime horse," he said. "You want to just go to the races and enjoy yourself but you're always hoping that with him everything goes right. That sometimes takes out the fun part of. But it's a business. I don't want anybody feeling sorry for me, but it's even tougher because I also own him and I bought him and I train him. One of the other trainers, they spent someone else's \$1 million, and if that horse goes down, they have ten more behind him."

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I've been asked a lot over the last few months, how did I decide to do something like this? The answer is pretty logical. I have a strong background in riding, having grown up on the backs of horses and having barrel raced, broken yearlings, etc. But having let professional life get the better of me I hadn't ridden much in the past three years. Now, it's important to note that I take the 'go big or go home' mentality with most things in life, so when I decided it was time to get back into riding, it only made sense to make my maiden voyage a 1000-kilometer trek across Outer Mongolia. Finding somewhere local to go for the odd ride in the evenings just made way too much sense.

You will likely not be surprised to learn that the Mongol Derby will take some preparation. Not just hours in the saddle, but also gathering all the right kit to get me through the ride with as little physical and mental damage as possible (reconstructive thigh surgery having already been booked).

But mostly, honestly, hours in the saddle. Which is why, over the last two weeks while Lexington was in a deep freeze, I spent my Christmas holiday not on a tropical getaway, sipping a colorful drink with a teeny umbrella, but out in the subzero temperatures in the saddle, sipping hot coffee to keep my circulatory system from shutting down. The folks at Margaux Farm were kind enough to let me join their team of riders at their excellent training facility—either that or they are among those who dislike me and saw the opportunity to torture me.

**Road to the Mongol Derby cont.**



**The many, many layers of subzero riding**

You can learn more about the Mongol Derby on my Go Fund Me page, but the nuts and bolts are that from Aug. 8 to 17 I'll be riding 25 half-broke Mongolian horses across a 1000-kilometre (620-mile) unmarked course, carrying just 11 pounds of kit for the 10 day adventure, subsisting on the local diet of chiefly goat and mare's milk and at times camping out with the area's nomads.

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**Road to the Mongol Derby cont.**

If that was their intention, the joke's on you guys, because it was an excellent experience, with the exception of some cold fingers. The horses were all very well prepared and the track was kept in great condition to allow them to get out and stretch their legs when it was safe.



**Margaux Farm's all-weather track**

Having gotten on everything from babies to older horses over the last couple weeks, I was reminded of my strengths, and

definitely made aware of my weaknesses. It turns out that after three years away I haven't forgotten how to ride, thank goodness (one point me, zero Mongolia--ha!). It also dawned on me, however--as I attempted with numb fingers to rein in one particularly recalcitrant individual keen on going for a little romp after a few days off for Christmas--that I have some work to do (one point me, zero Mongolia, 10 recalcitrant individual--oops). So this is where I fall back on the "go big or go home" attitude, and I'm determined with a bit more practice to even up the scoreboard.\* In the end, I walked away--oh who are we kidding, I limped away with thighs and knees on fire--knowing that this will be the best training for the physical and mental rigors of Mongolia. (\*Editor's note: I am under no illusions that Mongolia and the recalcitrant individuals won't win by 31 lengths come August--I am simply hoping to finish the race, which half of the 40 participants each year don't do).

I couldn't wrap up this latest blog installment without mentioning the completely amazing outpouring of support, especially from the Thoroughbred community, in the first two months that the fundraiser has been active. In that time we have raised \$5,700 towards the Mongol Derby effort and Blackburn, and therefore I'm confident we'll smash the \$20,000 goal I set out with.

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**Road to the Mongol Derby cont.**

The TRF has put out some awesome media on its Second Chances programs over the last few weeks. [Click here](#) for a video detailing the specific benefits for the program's participants both human and equine, and [here](#) for a story about a graduate who has gone to be a lauded groom at Laurel Park. For my next installment I'll be visiting Blackburn, so stayed tuned for some stories on the program's participants.

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**CLEARSKY FARMS TOPS 2017 BREEDERS LIST**

Clearsky Farms has topped the individual breeders list in North America in 2017 for the first time with \$11,065,268 in earnings, according to statistics released by The Jockey Club Information Systems. Clearsky Farms bred 51 starters with 52 wins, 32 seconds, and 38 thirds out of 286 starts, led by MGISWs **Arrogate** (Unbridled's Song) and **Abel Tasman** (Quality Road).

WinStar Farm LLC, which led the breeders list in 2016, was second with earnings of \$9,348,815 with 216 wins out of 1,375 starts.

Rounding out the top 10 individual breeders were Adena Springs, \$7,732,983 (157 wins / 1,115 starts); Darley, \$6,813,336 (78/477); Brereton C. Jones, \$6,583,711 (243/1,566); Calumet Farm, \$6,474,168 (150/1,114); Kenneth & Sarah Ramsey, \$6,166,762 (229/1558); Besilu Stables LLC, \$5,645,446 (20/97); Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, \$5,017,604 (100/634); and Charles Fipke, \$4,827,949 (108/774).

WinStar Farm topped the breeders list that includes partners with \$11,600,586 in earnings and 318 wins from 2,092 starts. Clearsky Farms came in second with \$11,094,158 in earnings and 54 wins out of 302 starts.

Completing the list of the top 10 breeders including partnerships were Darley, \$9,158,133 (132 wins / 932 starts); Adena Springs, \$8,189,838 (178/1258); Brereton C. Jones, \$7,612,128 (280/1,775); Calumet Farm, \$6,491,729 (150/1127); Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey \$6,237,044 (231/1,588); Besilu Stables LLC, \$5,648,446 (20/98); Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, \$5,206,814 (107/728); and Charles Fipke, \$4,868,782 (114/811).

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**EQUESTRICON MOVED TO BC WEEK**

Equestricon will host events throughout Kentucky during Breeders' Cup week 2018, highlighted by the second-annual Equestricon international horse racing convention, fan festival and trade show at the Kentucky International Convention Center in Louisville. The convention will take place Monday, Oct. 29 and Tuesday, Oct. 30.

"Those are the big days that anyone planning to attend the Breeders' Cup should circle on their calendars," said Kathryn Sharp, co-founder of Equestricon. "But the festivities will actually run all week long starting on the Sunday prior. Thanks to exciting conversations we've had with Breeders' Cup, Churchill Downs Incorporated and our various partners, we look forward to offering a cohesive fan experience for those who want to go on farm tours, visit distilleries, enjoy the track, and everything in and around Louisville."

The inaugural Equestricon, held this past August in Saratoga Springs, featured appearances by hundreds of racing personalities, industry leaders and major racing organizations. More than 1,500 people from 34 states and seven countries attended.

"We are beyond excited to see Equestricon traveling to our city for this historic week of racing and widespread entertainment," said Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer. "Equestricon has tapped into everything Louisville, as a community, love about horses and horse racing. We know that based on the event's success in New York, horse racing's only fan convention is sure to increase week-long tourism and boost local business."

For the second consecutive year, the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance has been named the official charity partner of Equestricon. In addition to aftercare, featured topics at Equestricon 2018 will include handicapping, racing photography, horse ownership and breeding. Convention organizers plan to unveil a new theater, in which select speakers will deliver personal stories and share their perspectives in a setting and style similar to the popular "TED Talks" format.

"What's great about Equestricon is that it offers something for everyone," said Peter Rotondo, Breeders' Cup Vice President of Content. "More than ever before, fans traveling to Kentucky for Breeders' Cup will have added incentive to get in early and make it a week-long racing experience, unlike any other."

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

**SHAM S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo, 1m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	My Boy Jack 🐾	Creative Cause	Don't Tell My Wife Stables & Monomoy Stables LLC	Desormeaux	Desormeaux	120
2	Here Is Happy	Tale of Ekati	Caso, Joe, Kelly, Jim and Six-S Racing Stable	Lewis	Talamo	120
3	All Out Blitz	Concord Point	Kaleem Shah, Inc.	Callaghan	Baze	120
4	Mourinho 🐾	Super Saver	Phoenix Thoroughbred III	Baffert	Van Dyke	120
5	Shivermetimbers 🐾	Shanghai Bobby	Mark DeDomenico & West Point Thoroughbreds	Hollendorfer	Prat	120
6	McKinzie 🐾	Street Sense	Watson, Karl, Pegram, Michael & Weitman, Paul	Baffert	Smith	124
7	City Plan	Street Sense	Godolphin Stable	Harty	Conner	122

Breeders: 1-Brereton C. Jones, 2-Elisabeth H. Alexander, 3-Kaleem Shah, Inc., 4-WinStar Farm, LLC, 5-Tim Thornton, Robert Watt & Doug Glass, 6-Summer Wind Farm, 7-Godolphin

**Saturday, Santa Anita Park, post time: 6:30 p.m. EST**

**SAN GABRIEL S.-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Flamboyant (Fr)	Peer Gynt (Jpn)	Bienstock, David and Winner, Charles N.	Gallagher	Van Dyke	120
2	Editore (Brz)	Redattore (Brz)	Bonne Chance Farm, LLC and Stud R D I, LLC.	Lobo	Blanc	122
3	Top of the Game	Desert Party	Wilson, Holly and David	Cerin	Desormeaux	120
4	Win the Space 🐾	Pulpit	Kretz Racing LLC	Papaprodromou	Bejarano	120
5	Tequila Joe 🐾	Stormy Atlantic	Frankel, Gerald and Ronald	McCarthy	Talamo	120
6	Isotherm 🐾	Lonhro (Aus)	Matthew Schera	D'Amato	Prat	122
7	He Will	Cyclotron	All Schlaich Stables LLC, Hollendorfer, LLC, Team Green LLC, Randall and Todaro	Hollendorfer	Smith	120
8	Itsinthepost (Fr)	American Post (GB)	Red Baron's Barn LLC	Mullins	Baze	124
9	Free Rose	Munnings	Abbondanza Racing, LLC and McCauley, Nathan	Baltas	Maragh	120
10	Smokey Image	Southern Image	Irvin Racing Stable	Gaines	Roman	120

Breeders: 1-SNC Regnier & San Gabriel Inv. Inc., 2-Stud Rio Dois Irmaos, 3-Cantrell Family Partnership Ltd., 4-Spendthrift Farm, LLC, 5-Pin Oak Stud, LLC, 6-H. Allen Poindexter, 7-Old English Rancho & Berumen, 8-Julien Leaunes, 9-Nathan John McCauley, 10-C Punch Ranch, Inc.

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**Sunday, Santa Anita Park, post time: 7:00 p.m. EST**

**SANTA YNEZ S.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo, f, 7f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Artistic Diva	Munnings	Hronis Racing LLC	Sadler	Espinoza	120
2	Steph Being Steph 🌿	Majestic Warrior	Blinkers On Racing Stable, Bennett, Cahee, Georgetti, Harris, Lyons et al.	Koriner	Elliott	120
3	Streetwithnname 🌿	Street Sense	Kathleen E. Harty	Harty	Talamo	120
4	Allianna	Flat Out	Rockingham Ranch	Miller	Desormeaux	120
5	War Heroine 🌿	Lonhro (Aus)	Gary Barber	Miller	Prat	120
6	Yesterday's News	New Year's Day	Reddam Racing LLC	Callaghan	Gutierrez	120
7	Win the War	War Front	Barber, Gary and Oxley, John C.	Casse	Gaffalione	120
8	Midnight Bisou 🌿	Midnight Lute	Allen Racing LLC and Bloom Racing Stable LLC	Spawr	Smith	120
9	Just a Smidge 🌿	Into Mischief	Debbie Lanni	Baffert	Van Dyke	120

Breeders: 1-Asiel Stable, LLC, 2-D.J. Stable, 3-Godolphin, 4-H. Allen Poindexter, 5-Waymore LLC, 6-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc., 7-Tada Nobutaka, 8-Woodford Thoroughbreds, 9-Carolyn R. Vogel



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## 2017 Leading Second-Crop Sires by Black Type Horses

for stallions standing in North America through Sunday, Dec. 31

Earnings and Black-type represents worldwide figures & stud fees are for 2017

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	<b>Dialed In</b> <i>(2008) by Mineshaft</i>	7	12	2	4	--	1	98	55	\$856,200 <i>Gunnevera</i>	\$3,652,009
											<i>Stands: Darby Dan Farm KY Fee: \$25,000</i>
2	<b>Bodemeister</b> <i>(2009) by Empire Maker</i>	4	10	2	2	1	2	146	65	\$2,320,600 <i>Always Dreaming</i>	\$5,090,321
											<i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$40,000</i>
3	<b>Union Rags</b> <i>(2009) by Dixie Union</i>	7	10	4	7	2	4	145	51	\$713,545 <i>Paradise Woods</i>	\$4,733,012
											<i>Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$60,000</i>
4	<b>Shackleford</b> <i>(2008) by Forestry</i>	2	10	2	6	--	--	123	71	\$616,800 <i>Malagacy</i>	\$4,290,282
											<i>Stands: Darby Dan Farm KY Fee: \$20,000</i>
5	<b>Creative Cause</b> <i>(2009) by Giant's Causeway</i>	7	9	2	2	--	1	117	65	\$640,291 <i>Twisted Tom</i>	\$3,813,890
											<i>Stands: Airdrie Stud KY Fee: \$20,000</i>
6	<b>Maclean's Music</b> <i>(2008) by Distorted Humor</i>	7	9	1	2	1	1	80	50	\$1,114,000 <i>Cloud Computing</i>	\$3,561,511
											<i>Stands: Hill 'N' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$25,000</i>
7	<b>Gemologist</b> <i>(2009) by Tiznow</i>	3	9	--	--	--	--	126	60	\$145,801 <i>Aquamarine</i>	\$2,902,295
											<i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$15,000</i>
8	<b>Algorithms</b> <i>(2009) by Bernardini</i>	4	8	1	2	--	--	98	57	\$294,940 <i>Recruiting Ready</i>	\$2,848,099
											<i>Stands: Claiborne Farm KY Fee: \$7,500</i>
9	<b>Star Guitar</b> <i>(2005) by Quiet American</i>	5	8	--	1	--	1	53	32	\$188,866 <i>Givemeamin</i>	\$1,588,034
											<i>Stands: Clear Creek Stud LA Fee: \$7,500</i>
10	<b>To Honor And Serve</b> <i>(2008) by Bernardini</i>	--	6	--	3	--	1	112	62	\$356,687 <i>State of Honor</i>	\$2,545,711
											<i>Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: \$7,500</i>
11	<b>Declaration of War</b> <i>(2009) by War Front</i>	3	6	1	4	--	2	53	11	\$129,431 <i>Olmedo (FR)</i>	\$619,185
											<i>Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$25,000</i>
12	<b>Stay Thirsty</b> <i>(2008) by Bernardini</i>	3	5	1	2	--	--	114	67	\$411,000 <i>Coal Front</i>	\$3,741,405
											<i>Stands: Lovacres Ranch CA Fee: \$5,000</i>
13	<b>Tapizar</b> <i>(2008) by Tapit</i>	2	5	--	3	--	--	122	55	\$255,100 <i>American Pastime</i>	\$2,840,490
											<i>Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: \$12,500</i>
14	<b>Mission Impazible</b> <i>(2007) by Unbridled's Song</i>	1	5	1	1	--	--	71	25	\$286,367 <i>Pure Silver</i>	\$1,787,446
											<i>Stands: Sequel Stallions New York NY Fee: \$7,500</i>
15	<b>Get Stormy</b> <i>(2006) by Stormy Atlantic</i>	2	4	1	3	--	--	89	34	\$320,600 <i>Fifty Five</i>	\$1,466,330
											<i>Stands: Crestwood Farm KY Fee: \$5,000</i>

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# FLORIDA

## Thursday's Results:

**9th-GP, \$44,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 1-4, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:39.03, ft.**

**FLY SO HIGH (f, 3, Malibu Moon--Quiet Flight, by Quiet American)**, pounded throughout the betting cycle and off at 1-5, made good on the 'TDN Rising Star' distinction she earned last time while giving the impression that she might still have some growing up to do. Away awkwardly and taking a few strides to find her footing, the \$675,000 KEESOP yearling advanced into fourth out in the clear while 18 1/2-length debut winner My Favorite Gift (Tapit) showed the way through a :23.91 opening quarter. Jose Ortiz asked the favorite for a bit more as she moved to second into a :46.99 half, and she ranged up ominously heading for home while towering over her main rival. My Favorite Gift dug in gamely at the top of the lane, but Fly So High had another gear, and bounded clear by 5 1/2 lengths.

"She did everything right, but in the stretch when she found herself by herself, she started to play a little, so I kept asking for more," Ortiz said. "She's very talented. She will go longer."

A late-on-the-scene third at Belmont Oct. 8, Fly So High was coming off a front-running 7 3/4-length romp going a mile at Aqueduct Nov. 16.



Fly So High | Lauren King

"One of the hardest things for horses to do is break their maiden and come back against winners," trainer Shug McGaughey. "I liked the way she came over today. She acted like she knew she was going to run. Everything didn't go perfect for her at the beginning of the race, but Jose got her out and got here in good position. She went from there. She got a little green when she made the lead, but that doesn't surprise me. I think this race will do her good and I'm looking forward to the future."

McGaughey said the GII Davona Dale S. back in Hallandale Mar. 3 could be a likely next spot for Fly So High.

Greg Goodman's Mt. Brilliant Broodmares paid \$600,000 for dam Quiet Flight at the blockbuster Ned Evans dispersal at the 2011 Keeneland November Sale. She was carrying a Quality Road colt at the time who later sold for \$500,000 at KEESOP. Quiet Flight is a full-sister to the SW/GSP dam of 2005 Horse of the Year Saint Liam (Saint Ballado), graded stakes winners Quiet Giant (Giant's Causeway), Congressionalhonor (Forestry), et al. She has another Malibu Moon filly named Quiet Pirate who just turned two. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$69,900. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Phipps Stable; B-Mt Brilliant Broodmares II LLC (KY); T-Claude R. McGaughey III.

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New York-based Linette Stables has donated 20% of its purse earnings from the final three months of 2017 to the **Las Vegas Victims' Fund** in an effort to assist the victims of the Las Vegas mass shooting which took place in early October. To read more about the stable's efforts, click [here](#) for a TDN story which ran in October.

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## CENTRAL U.S.

**8th-FG, \$40,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 1-4, 3yo, f, 5 1/2fT, 1:04.97, fm.**

**STREETLADY (f, 3, Street Boss--Donna D {SP, \$100,344}, by Dixie Union)** kicked home a 2 1/4-length debut winner in a rained-off local event Dec. 8, and kept her record unblemished with a decisive tally against a solid field on the lawn. Given a 24-10 chance here, the chestnut settled in off the pace and out wide before kicking home powerfully in the lane en route to a 1 1/2-length victory. Taylor's Princess (First Dude) completed the exacta. The winner, a \$72,000 OBSAUG yearling turned \$67,000 OBSPR juvenile after a :10 1/5 breeze, is a half to Chaparella (Service Stripe), MSP, \$163,421; and a 2-year-old colt by Trappe Shot. Her dam most recently visited Into Mischief. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$46,800. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.** O-DARRS, Inc.; B-Ralph Kinder & Erv Woolsey (KY); T-Michael Stidham.

### Justin Casse Yearling Purchase



### ITOBA Stallion Service Auction Starts Friday:

The Indiana Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association's annual Stallion Service Auction will be live online starting Friday, Jan. 5 at 8 pm EST until Monday, Jan. 8 at 7 p.m. EST. Stallions from Indiana, Kentucky, New York, Illinois and Florida are featured in the auction. Bidding will take place online at [Starquine.com](http://Starquine.com).

All Indiana-bred foals sired by a stallion sold in this auction are eligible for nomination to the ITOBA Stallion Season Auction Stakes Races, held at Indiana Grand Racing. The SSA Stakes races are \$75,000 and offered for 3-year-old fillies and 3-year-old colts/geldings.

Last minute stallion donations are still being accepted by contacting ITOBA on their website or calling 317-709-1100.

Indiana stallions include Deputy Storm, General a Rod, Lentenor and Taprise. Kentucky stallions include Paynter, War Correspondent, Midshipman and Bayern.

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## CALIFORNIA

### Santa Anita Handle Up 16% Early in Winter Meet:

Santa Anita's current winter meet, which opened Dec. 26, showed a 16% gain in all sources handle and a 9% uptick in on-track handle over the first five racing days. With average field size at 9.36 horses per race, betters wagered \$56.7 million compared to \$48.7 million last year. There was also a 2.5% increase in on-track attendance.

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### 2nd-SA, \$54K, MSW, 3yo, f, 6f, post time: 4:30 p.m ET

Speedway Stable's \$425,000 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic purchase **HOTTALABAMBA (Into Mischief)** is one of two entered here for the Bob Baffert barn. An \$80,000 KEENOV weanling and \$180,000 KEESEP yearling, the daughter of GSP So Long Sonoma (American Chance) rallied for second going a sixteenth shorter at Los Alamitos Dec. 1. Hottalabamba will be joined by stablemate **Emboldened (Elusive Quality)**, a Sheikh Mohammed homebred who shows some very swift breezes. She is a granddaughter of champion 3-year-old filly Ajina (Strawberry Road {Aus}) and hails from the extended female family of red-hot sire Quality Road (Elusive Quality). Stonestreet's **Cowboytakemeaway (Street Cry {Ire})** is out of Grade I-winning juvenile Hot Dixie Chick (Dixie Union), making her a half to SW/GSP Union Jackson (Curlin). Graded stakes-winning second dam Above Perfection (In Excess {Ire}) produced none other than 2017 GI Kentucky Derby and GI Xpressbet Florida Derby hero Always Dreaming (Bodemeister). **TJCIS PPs**

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## APPOINTMENTS

### CATLYN SPIVEY

Sales and Bloodstock Consultant at Vinery Sales



- Spivey has acted as Director of Bloodstock for Equine Analysis since 2014 and will continue a relationship with the company while in her new position at Vinery Sales. During her time at EA, Spivey assisted in the purchasing of notable graded stakes horses such as Gun Runner, Copper Bullet, Market Rally and Adore.
- “I am delighted to be joining Vinery Sales in 2018. Dr. Dave Lambert at Equine Analysis Systems gave me a great opportunity to gain experience in the bloodstock field and I am excited to apply those skills in my new position,” said Spivey. “As a buyer, I have gained an appreciation of what makes people want to return to a consignment again and again and I think Vinery continually strives to be transparent and efficient with both buyers and sellers. I am looking forward to assisting Vinery’s clients with both their buying and selling needs.”
- Spivey gained her assistant trainer’s license in 2010 and has worked for accomplished conditioners such as Jonathan Sheppard, Patrick Biancone, Charlie LoPresti and Graham Motion. Spivey also gained bloodstock and racing experience abroad with Francois Rohaut in France and Patinack Farm in Australia.
- “We’re thrilled that Catlyn is joining the Vinery Sales team,” said Vinery co-owner Derek MacKenzie. “She has proven to be insightful and diligent during her time at EA and we’re looking forward to her enhancing the service that we offer our clients.”
- The services Spivey will provide include portfolio management for racing and breeding stock, private acquisitions and representation at yearling, 2-year-old and breeding stock sales.

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**Winds of Fire**, c, 3, **Kitten’s Joy**. See “Britain”.

### IN THE UAE:

**Daffg**, c, 3, **Discreet Cat**--Liza Too (SP), by Olmodavor. Meydan, 1-4, Maiden, 1-4, Maiden (\$41k), 1400m, 1:26.99. B-Woodford Thoroughbreds (KY). \*\$75,000 2yo ‘17 OBSAPR. **VIDEO**

*Winning with Woodford*

**Drafted**, g, 4, **Field Commission**--Keep the Profit, by Darn That Alarm. Meydan, 1-4, Hcp. (\$48k), 1200m, 1:12.77. B-John Foster, Barbara Hooker & Field Commission Partnership (FL). \*\$19,000 RNA Ylg ‘15 OBSAUG; \$35,000 2yo ‘16 OBSMAR; AED40,000 HRA ‘17 DUBSEP. **VIDEO**

**Storyboard**, g, 4, **Medaglia d’Oro**--Cast Call, by A.P. Indy. Meydan, 1-4, Maiden (\$41k), 1600m, 1:38.33. B-Darley (KY). \*Won by five lengths. \*\*AED120,000 HRA ‘17 DUBSEP. **VIDEO**

 **Dam purchased by SCHUMER BLOODSTOCK**

### IN QATAR:

**Al Shaman**, c, 4, **War Front**--Communique (MGSW & GISP, \$594,841), by Smart Strike. Al Rayyan, 1-4, Hcp., 2200mT, 2:15.44. B-G Watts Humphrey Jr (KY). \*1/2 to Woodfield Springs (Raven’s Pass), GSP, \$137,713. \*\*\$600,000 Ylg ‘15 KEESEP. **VIDEO**



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Saturday, January 6, 2018

**6th-KYO, ¥11,400,000 (\$101k), Newcomers, 3yo, 2000mT**

**LA LA PAY FORWARD (c, 3, Scat Daddy--Blushing Issue, by Blushing John)**, a full-brother to two-time turf Grade I winner Lady of Shamrock, was a \$70K KEENOV weanling who matured into a \$310K KEESEP yearling. Also kin to GSW Smooth Jazz (Dixieland Band) and MSW She’s Sensational (Point Given), the March foal is out of a once-raced half-sister to Royal Chariot (Strawberry Road {Aus}), winner of the GI Hollywood Turf Cup. *B-Paget Bloodstock (KY)*



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**DADDY'S TESORO** (g, 3, **Scat Daddy**--Mary's Angel, by Hat Trick {Jpn}) is the first foal out of a half-sister to GI Kentucky Derby winner Big Brown (Boundary) and last year's Gill Grey S. hero Archaggelos (Temple City) and fetched \$400K at KEESEP in 2016. Another half-brother Alfonso de Sousa (Henrythenavigator) was GSP at two. *B-Teresa Viola Stable (KY)*

## Monday, January 8, 2018

## 11th-KYO, Shinzan Kinen-G3, ¥72m (\$639k), 3yo, 1600mT

**AIR ALMAS** (c, 3, **Majestic Warrior**--Nokaze, by Empire Maker) went favored in each of his two juvenile appearances, finishing second on his Nov. 5 debut at 7-5 before validating a quote of even money to graduate by an impressive four lengths when trying this distance for the first time at Hanshin Dec. 2 ([video](#), gate five). The May foal is the first produce for his dam, a half-sister to SW Yuzuru (Medaglia d'Oro), while the further female family includes Glorious Song, Saint Ballado, Devil's Bag and Japanese MGSW & MG1SP Danon Ballade (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}). *B-Sekie & Tsunebumi Yoshihara (KY)*

## 12th-NKY, ¥14,250,000 (\$126k), Allowance, 3yo/up, 1600mT

**CHILLY SILVER** (f, 4, **Malibu Moon**--Jacey's Reward, by Johannesburg) made a positive impression in graduating in her career debut on turf just shy over a year ago ([video](#)), but hasn't returned to the winner's circle since. A few of those efforts may be excusable, as she was well down the field in a pair of subsequent starts on the dirt and most recently caught a heavy Tokyo strip when eighth Oct. 22. She'll be looking for a sounder surface here. An \$80K RNA as a KEENOV weanling, she made \$85K as an FTKJUL yearling the following summer. Bought back for \$245K as an FTFMAR juvenile, she was hammered down for \$240K at BARMAR in 2016. *B-Glencrest Farm LLC (KY)*

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## ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**2nd-FG, \$44,000**, (S), (C)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 1-4, 4yo/up, 5 1/2ft, 1:04.50, fm.

**JACK SNIPE'S** (g, 4, **Half Ours**--Rhodelia, by Silver Deputy)

Lifetime Record: MSW, 13-5-1-3, \$231,590. O-Jeff Drown & Gary M. Scherer; B-Clear Creek Stud Llc (LA); T-Gary M. Scherer. \*\$15,000 RNA Ylg '15 BSCYRL. \*\*1/2 to Jet Black Magic (Hold Me Back), GSW, \$399,430.

**5th-FG, \$43,000**, (S), (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$12,500), 1-4, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:42.22, ft.

**PINKING OF YOU** (m, 6, **Pink Viper**--Miami Advice, by Mister Jolie)

Lifetime Record: 23-4-5-3, \$78,745. O-Liz Squyres; B-Sharon & Robert Duncan (LA); T-Lori Hendrickson.

**6th-DED, \$40,000**, (S), 1-3, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:20.87, ft.

**TAMMANY PARKWAY** (c, 4, **My Pal Charlie**--Sookski, by Gilded Time)

Lifetime Record: 10-2-5-1, \$75,540. O-Riceland Racing Stables LLC; B-Joseph Tosterud (LA); T-Enis Mouton. \*\$3,500 Ylg '15 ESLYRL; \$17,000 RNA 2yo '16 EQL2YO.

**8th-DED, \$35,190**, 1-3, (NW2L), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40.99, ft.

**INSPEIGHTOFYOU** (f, 4, **Speightstown**--Shadow of Mine, by Belong to Me)

Lifetime Record: 13-2-2-1, \$59,440. O-Maggi Moss; B-Peter Redekop BC Ltd (BC); T-Thomas M. Amoss. \*\$140,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP. \*\*1/2 to Monzon (Thunder Gulch), SW.

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## ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Pops Legacy**, g, 4, **Rule**--Perfect Six (MSW & GISP, \$278,255), by Saratoga Six. FG, 1-4, (S), 1m, 1:42.42. B-J. Adcock (LA).

\*1/2 to Ada's Dream (Touch Gold), SP, \$109,865; and Buffalo Man (El Prado {Ire}), MGSW, \$505,234.

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## SPRATT & LYONS PUSHING FORWARD TOGETHER



David Spratt pictured with Brendan Brackan after the gelding's third win in the Listed Navigation S. at Cork | [Racingfotos.com](http://Racingfotos.com)

By Daithí Harvey

David Spratt's yellow and green silks have been an increasingly familiar sight on Irish racecourses in recent years and after spending a morning with the Cork man at his principal trainer Ger Lyons's yard earlier this week, it appears his presence in Irish racing is set to grow further throughout this year and beyond.

A relative newcomer to racing and with no family connections to the sport, Spratt started at page one in the racing manual and has absorbed a lifetime's knowledge in just over a decade.

Explaining his introduction to racing Spratt said, "I love the motto 'they say everything happens for a reason' and having had to take a year off college through illness I duly discovered the vagaries of watching and betting on horseracing as I recuperated."

Spratt's initial taste of ownership came via a horse called **The Salwick Flyer (Ire)** (Tagula {Ire}), who won a few races when trained in Scotland by Ian Semple in 2007. Spratt was living in Edinburgh at the time and when he returned to Ireland soon after, a certain Ger Lyons caught his attention.

"Ger was over-achieving with the calibre of horses he had at the time and I thought if I was going to have a horse in training in Ireland I wanted it with him," Spratt remembered.

Spratt ended up going to the Goffs UK Breeze Up Sale in 2009 and came home with a son of Invincible Spirit (Ire) that he bought off of Horse Park Stud for £30,000.

He said, "I came up here shortly after and told Ger I had bought a horse at the breeze ups and that I would be delighted if he would train it for me."

The horse would be called **Invincible Vibes (Ire)** and he made the best possible start when making a winning debut at Dundalk that summer, but his form took a nosedive and he never made the frame in eight subsequent starts for Spratt and Lyons.

That did not deter Spratt, who was barely 30 years of age at the time, and, having graduated with a Masters Degree in Finance, he decided that rather than embarking on a possible career as a stockbroker or similar, he would put his numerical acumen and passion for racing to the test and begin trading in horses. Simultaneously he also put his opinions from his avid form study to successful use in the betting markets. [Cont. p2](#)

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### STAKES FILLIES COULD REWARD DODSON AT KEEJAN

Jessica Martini speaks with Mark Dodson, who will offer two mares through the Eaton Sales consignment at Keeneland January--Sister Nation (Into Mischief) and Banree (Macho Uno).

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### Spratt & Lyons Pushing Forward Together Cont. from p1

"Around that time Ger had a lot of juveniles and was doing well with them, but I thought there was a bit of a gap in the market in that there were a lot of premier handicaps in the programme that Ger had little representation in and I decided to take a closer look at the horses in training sales," he said.

Since then, there have been some shrewd acquisitions from other yards, the majority sourced at Tattersalls in Newmarket.

**Sea Wolf (Ire)** (Amadeus Wolf {GB}) is a prime example. He was bought for 32,000gns in April 2016 rated 84 and a year later he was rated 108 having bagged a pair of premier handicaps and banked €120,000 in prizemoney for his new owner. Sea Wolf, now known as Mister Sea Wolf Down Under, is currently in sunnier climes having been transferred to Chris Waller's stable in Australia as part of a new experiment for Spratt.

"One of the reasons we sent Sea Wolf to Chris, is that I wanted to learn more about the Australian way of doing things, even down to how they communicate with owners due to their substantial number of syndicate ownerships," Spratt elaborated. "I retained half ownership of the horse and we also wanted to learn about their racing program and figure out what type of horse is suited to racing down there with an eye to the future. We all know stayers do well down there, so I wanted to send a 7f/1m horse. So far so good anyway, as he has finished second in a Group 3 last month and they love him. The European horses seem to have a slight class edge over the Australians and if they can adapt to the environment, there are excellent opportunities for them down there."

**Mawaany (Ire)** (Teofilo {Ire}), a 22,000gns purchase from the Shadwell draft at Tattersalls 18 months ago, is another who thrived under Lyons's regime since being picked out by Spratt. The 5-year-old's rating has crept steadily upward to 94 from 77 in the last year, courtesy of two wins and four places. He is another that could now benefit from Spratt's outward thinking.



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As well as running horses in his own colours, Spratt is also the driving force behind a new ownership syndicate called Gaelic Thoroughbreds, set up with his business partner Philip Burns who operates Gaelic Bloodstock.

"We're trying to introduce people to racing at a high level," he said. "Last year was our first year and it went well and we only have one slot left over for the 2018 2-year-olds, so we are happy with how it has been received. For a lot of people, racing is a bit daunting so we are trying to break down the trust barriers that could be preventing certain people from getting involved in the game."

Introducing owners at a high level is something Gaelic Thoroughbreds has already achieved, as one of their star performers from last year was the 102-rated **Would Be King (Ire)** (Lethal Force {Ire}). A €42,000 Goffs Orby yearling purchase from Buckley Bloodstock, Would Be King will begin his 3-year-old campaign as one of the highest-rated maidens in the country. Although winless in four juvenile starts, he performed to a high level on each occasion, finishing third to Beckford (GB) (Bated Breath {GB}) on debut, second to Brother Bear (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}) in a listed race, second to Gustav Klimt (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) back in a maiden, before finishing his season with a third to The Pentagon (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in the G3 JRA Tyros S. at Leopardstown. **Cont. p3**



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**Would Be King** | *Racing Post*

### **Spratt & Lyons Pushing Forward Together Cont.**

There is nothing like winners for a new syndicate though and they also came courtesy of **Celebration (GB)** (Equiano {GB}), **Silk Cravat (GB)** (Kyllachy {GB}) and **Il Piccolo Grande (Ire)** (Iffraaj {GB}), each one a HIT purchase by Spratt and Gaelic Bloodstock while **The Kid Bobby B (GB)** (Nathaniel {Ire}) showed he has a bright future when winning a maiden in Dundalk in October.

A recent impressive gesture from Gaelic Bloodstock will see Gaelic Thoroughbreds donate a percentage of their prizemoney from Jan. 1, 2018 onwards to the charity Sightsavers. Representatives of the charity were on hand at Glenburnie Stables on Wednesday to partake in a photo shoot to publicise the generous donation, which if **Would Be King** fulfils his potential in 2018 as a Classic prospect, could be significant.

Spratt, who keeps a share in all the Gaelic Thoroughbred horses, has already turned down offers to sell **Would Be King**, but he is only too aware of the upside of selling form horses to overseas jurisdictions. Last year, he sold the stakes winner **Doctor Geoff (Ire)** (Fast Company {Ire}) to Hong Kong for quite a bit more than he paid for him and while that strategy makes good business sense from one perspective, it also means you lose your star striker and that is something both Spratt and the Lyons team are aware of.

He said, "We are trying to consistently up the level of stock and ownership base in a bid to unearth proper Group 1 horses that both Ger and Colin deserve; the aim and the dream is to develop a stallion."

Spratt, who also has horses in training with Gordon Elliott and Johnny Levins, is a fully subscribed member of the Ger Lyons fan club. **Cont. p4**

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"Ger is finally getting the credit and recognition that I think he deserved years ago," said Spratt. "He's also starting to gain the client base he deserves, which I think is long overdue. In my opinion, if he was training in Newmarket he would have Classic contenders every year and pound for pound I think he's as good as trainer as there is."

He also acknowledges the surge in quality the yard has benefitted from in recent times. "If you came to the yard two years ago, the majority of horses were by stallions standing for 10 grand or less. Now you've got Acclamations, Scat Daddys, Invincible Spirits, Frankels, Kodiacs and Dark Angels among others so the quality has improved and that also augurs very well for the future."

Spratt comes across as articulate and intelligent, yet unassuming, and he has strong opinions on racing in Ireland and the areas in which it could improve. "I think Irish ownership is struggling," he said. "You go to Britain and you've got tracks like Ascot, York or even Chester where owners can be wined and dined in style. Racing is an expensive sport; a lot of owners are wealthy individuals who expect a certain level of comfort and style. They could spend several hundred thousand on a horse just so they can have a runner in Royal Ascot and experience the prestige that goes with that. We don't have that in Ireland which is a shame as we have amazing horse people here; to be fair Irish tracks are better than they were and are continually making progress, but the facilities still lack the standards that people who are investing big money in thoroughbreds expect."



Colin Keane, Sean Jones and Ger Lyons have enjoyed considerable success together | *Racingfotos.com*

He is also a big believer in quality over quantity especially when it comes to the racing programme, adding "I think the last thing we need is more racing in Dundalk. I would hate to see Irish all-weather racing going down a similar route to what has happened in Britain, where the prizemoney is poor and the racing is generally just betting fodder. I appreciate a lot of horses are getting balloted out, but isn't it great to see full fields with competitive racing and horses competing for decent prizemoney."

Spratt is rapidly becoming a major contributor to racing and in addition to his own horses and those under the Gaelic Thoroughbreds banner, he has also gone into partnership with Sean Jones on a significant number of now 2-year-olds that were sourced at last autumn's yearling sales.

"Sean and I first went into partnership with the legend that is Brendan Brackan (Ire) (Big Bad Bob {Ire}) [recorded a third successive win in the Listed Navigation S. at Cork last October] and anticipating the way we thought yearling prices were going to go the season just gone by we decided in advance to partner up," he recalled. "Sean is a total gent, honest and a family man and his colours have been synonymous with the Lyons stable for many years and I hope we can have plenty of success together. We can't

afford yearlings by the really expensive sires, so we try and focus on what we think are the best yearlings by the middle tier stallions. For example there's a Dandy Man colt that we bought in Donny from Mark Dwyer who is an absolute bull of a horse that we love, he cost accordingly but let's hope [he] is worth it."

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With probably the biggest and best team of horses to go to war with this year, Spratt is hoping his trainer can make the breakthrough as a regular visitor to the Group 1 winner's enclosure and in addition to the horses, he thinks the other pieces of the puzzle are also in place.

"They're a wonderful team; Ger, [his brother] Shane, Andrew [Duff], Martin [Horan] to mention just a few; they run a very professional yard," he said. "There are quality work-riders here and of course two jockeys that I can't speak highly enough of in Colin Keane and Gary Carroll. All the horses are mentally happy here, you see how well behaved the horses are and how they all lob around with heads in chests going about their work. 2017 was a racing season for the team to remember and they should be proud of themselves. From Brendan [Brackan] winning the Lincoln on the first day to the celebrations of Colin's championship on the final day of the season. There were no blips."

That last sentence sums up the 2017 racing year for Lyons and company and both him and his loyal band of owners have a lot to be excited about in 2018.

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## BRITAIN



### Thursday's Results:

**1st-NC, £6,400, Cond, 1-4, 3yo, 8f 5y (AWT), 1:41.48, st. COURT HOUSE (IRE) (c, 3, Dawn Approach {Ire})--Crossanza {Ire}, by Cape Cross {Ire}),** a Dec. 8 second going seven panels at Chelmsford last time, tracked the leaders in third for most of this one. Angled into the clear with three furlongs remaining, the 10-3 second choice hooked up with Kaser (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) entering the final quarter mile and was ridden out in the closing stages to deny that persistent rival by 1 3/4 lengths. The bay becomes the fourth scorer from as many runners for the unraced Crossanza (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}) and he is a half-brother to Listed Bosra Sham Fillies' S. victress Cape Factor (Ire) (Oratorio {Ire}) and a 2-year-old filly by Exceed and Excel (Aus).

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**1st-NC Cont.**

His third dam Angelic Sounds (Ire) (The Noble Player), a half to G1 Prix de la Foret-winning sire Mount Abu (Ire) (Foxhound), is also the granddam of G1 Cheveley Park S. and G1 Nearthic S. heroine Serious Attitude (Ire) (Mtoto {GB}). Sales history: €38,000 RNA Wlg '15 GOFNOV; €200,000 Ylg '16 GOFORB. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$7,412. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-HRH Princess Haya of Jordan; B-Nanallac Stud (IRE); T-J Gosden.

**4th-NC, £6,400, Cond, 1-4, 3yo, 12f 98y (AWT), 2:45.94, st. WINDS OF FIRE (c, 3, Kitten's Joy--Laureldean Gale {GSP-Fr}, by Grand Slam),** who ran third tackling one mile at Chelmsford last time Dec. 21, was sharply away to lead at steady tempo from flagfall in this stamina test. Coming under pressure when headed by Urban Soul (Ire) (Worthadd {Ire}) with three furlongs remaining, the 8-13 chalk regained control soon after passing the two pole and powered clear in the latter stages to score by six lengths from Dichato (Scat Daddy). The homebred bay is the second scorer for G3 Prix du Calvados second Laureldean Gale (Grand Slam), whose three black-type siblings include G3 Musidora S. victress Secret History (Bahri). Laureldean Gale is a granddaughter of stakes-winning G1 Test S. and G1 Ballerina S. placegetter Lake Valley (Mr. Prospector), from a family which includes G1 Man O' War S.-winning sire French Colonial (Tom Rolfe). Bred to Kitten's Joy once again last year, she has also produced a 2-year-old filly by Animal Kingdom and a yearling filly by Kitten's Joy. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$7,139. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Godolphin (KY); T-Charlie Appleby.



Winds of Fire | *Racing Post*

**4th-WOL, £6,200, Cond, 1-4, 3yo/up, 6f 20y (AWT), 1:14.40, st.**

**BREATHLESS TIMES (GB) (c, 3, Bated Breath {GB}--Bea Menace, by Mizzen Mast),** a Dec. 13 debut runner-up going six furlongs at Kempton last time, stalked the pace along the fence in fourth after the initial exchanges of this one. Improving one spot on the home turn, the 8-11 favourite quickened to challenge entering the final eighth and was shaken up in the latter stages to assert by 2 3/4 lengths from Grandfather Tom (GB) (Kheleyf). He is the latest representative and third scorer from as many runners for three-time winner Bea Menace (Mizzen Mast), herself out of a winning full-sister to G1 Woodford Reserve Turf Classic and G1 Manhattan H. runner-up and sire Requete (GB) (Rainbow Quest). His third dam Danthonia (Northern Dancer) is kin to seven black-type performers headed by European champion and MG1SW sire Xaar (GB) (Zafonic), and fellow sires Masterclass (The Minstrel) and Ile de Jinsky (Ile de Bourbon). Sales history: €1,000 RNA Ylg '16 TIRSEP; €6,000 2yo '17 GOFFEB; €150,000 2yo '17 GBMBR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$6,703. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Sheikh Juma Dalmook Al Maktoum; B-Chasemore Farm (GB); T-Roger Charlton.

**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

**3rd-WOL, £20,000, Cond, 1-4, 4yo/up, f, 7f 36y (AWT), 1:30.25, st.**

**SUMMER ICON (GB) (m, 5, Sixties Icon {GB}--Summer Cry, by Street Cry {Ire})** Lifetime Record: GSP-Ire, 33-3-3-9, \$85,853.

O-Allen, Porter, Voute Partnership 1; B-New Hall Stud (GB); T-Mick Channon. \*800gns Wlg '13 TATFOA.

**5th-NC, £6,400, Cond, 1-4, 4yo/up, 10f 42y (AWT), 2:09.73, st.**

**DESERT RULER (GB) (g, 5, Kheleyf--Desert Royalty {Ire} {MSP-Eng}, by Alhaarth {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 19-3-5-1, \$29,847. O-Highbeck Racing; B-Mrs J M Quay (GB); T-Jedd O'Keefe. \*15,000gns Ylg '14 TAOCT.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Volevo Lui (GB), c, 3, Farhh (GB)--Veronica Franco (Ity), by Lomitas (GB).** CHD, 1-4, 10f (AWT), 2:08.78. B-Razza Del Sole Societa Agricola SRL (GB). \*30,000gns Wlg '15 TATFOA; 50,000gns Ylg '16 TAOCT. \*\*1/2 to Vola E Va (GB) (Oratorio {Ire}), GSP-Ity, \$241,589; and Valuta Pregiata (GB) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}), GSP-Ity.

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## APPOINTMENTS

### Bryony Frost: Ambassador, Exeter Racecourse

- “We’re so pleased that Bryony has come on board at Exeter as our ambassador,” said Exeter’s General Manager Jack Parkinson. “She and her family are incredibly popular here and we’re very proud that we will be working closely with Bryony to bring both racing and non-racing folk alike an insight into life as a leading lady jockey.”
- The 22-year-old, born and bred in Devon, is only the second female jockey to win a Grade 1 over obstacles with Black Corton (Fr) (Laverock {Ire}) to win the G1 Kauto Star Novices’ Chase at Kempton.
- “To work with Exeter, which is just down the road from where I was born and brought up, is fantastic,” said Frost. “I’ve been coming here since I was a child and to be the ambassador is really cool. I’ve ridden a few winners at Exeter and it’s a great course where lots of my friends regularly go racing. I love riding there too.”
- Frost’s role will include a regular blog post on the racecourse’s website, as well as in the local papers. She will also be tasked with making appearances on family, ladies night and when her racing schedule allows.

## FRANCE



### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

- Colonia (Fr)**, f, 3, **Champs Elysees (GB)**--Clara Luna (Fr), by Muhtathir (GB). DVL, 1-4, 9 1/2f (AWT), 1:59.41. B-Haras d'Etream & Gestut Zur Kuste AG (FR). \*€14,000 RNA Ylg '16 AROCT; €17,000 RNA 2yo '17 ARQJUL.
- Beautot (Fr)**, c, 3, **Le Havre (Ire)**--Sallen (Ire), by Oratorio (Ire). DVL, 1-4, 9 1/2f (AWT), 1:58.26. B-Franklin Finance SA (FR).
- Mon Ami L'Ecoissais (Fr)**, c, 3, **Orpen--**Helen Fourment (GB), by Dutch Art (GB). DVL, 1-4, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:18.39. B-Jedburgh Stud & Cyril Humphris (FR). \*€18,000 Ylg '16 AROCT.
- Astrachem (Ire)**, c, 3, **Zebedee (GB)**--Daidoo (Ire), by Shamardal. DVL, 1-4, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:18.96. B-Reinhard Stockli & Manfred Wurtenberger (IRE). \*€32,000 Ylg '16 ARAUG.

## EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS

### IN THE UAE:

- Janzoon (GB)**, g, 4, **Dubawi (Ire)**--Adventure, by Unbridled's Song. Meydan, 1-4, Hcp. (£35k/€40k), 2000mT, 2:02.17. B-Andrew Rosen. **VIDEO**

**Hornsby (GB)**, g, 5, **Dubawi (Ire)**--Moonlife (Ire), by Invincible Spirit (Ire). Meydan, 1-4, Hcp. (£35k/€40k), 1400mT, 1:23.32. B-Darley. **VIDEO**

**Secret Ambition (GB)**, h, 5, **Exceed and Excel (Aus)**--Inner Secret, by Singspiel (Ire). Meydan, 1-4, Hcp. (£39k/€43k), 1600m, 1:38.78. B-Darley. \*1/2 to Crystal River (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), SW-Fr. **VIDEO**

**Montsarrat (Ire)**, g, 5, **Poet's Voice (GB)**--Flying Flag (Ire), by Entrepreneur (GB). Meydan, 1-4, Hcp. (£32k/€36k), 2200m, 2:19.06. B-Agricola Del Parco. \*1/2 to Laguna Salada (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), MSW-Ity, \$132,356. \*\*SP-Eng. \*\*\*45,000gns Wlg '13 TATDEF. **VIDEO**

### IN QATAR:

**Mango Tango (Fr)**, m, 5, **Siyouni (Fr)**--Alexandrina (Ger), by Monsun (Ger). Al Rayyan, 1-4, Hcp., 2000mT, 2:02.61. B-???. \*MGSP-Fr. \*\*€50,000 2yo '15 OSAAPR; €400,000 HRA '16 ARQARC. **VIDEO**

## WORLDWIDE NEWS

### ANGEL MAKES PERFECT START



Angel as a yearling | Magic Millions

As the most expensive yearling filly sold at the Magic Millions Gold Coast Sale last year at A\$1.2m (**lot 765**) and a half-sister to a dual Group 1 winner in Miracles Of Life (Aus) (Not A Single Doubt {Aus}), Thursday's Geelong debutante **Angel (Aus)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) had a lot to live up to.



Angel | *Racenet*

**Angel Makes Perfect Start Cont.**

The Hayes/Dabernig trained 2-year-old made a good impression however, comfortably beating her seven rivals in a five-furlong maiden under Mark Zahra. Despite being drawn wide, the Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings-bred was able to slot in to occupy second place soon after breaking, tracking the leader Riverina Dancer (Aus) (Kaphero {Aus}) before snatching command from that rival with a furlong to race. Zahra didn't have to get overly serious with the 3-2 favourite, who races for Coolmore and Stonestreet, and she opened up nicely to beat Deokyhe (Aus) (More Than Ready) by two lengths.

"She's still got a little bit to learn," Zahra told *Racing.com* after the race. "As soon as I got in front of the stablemate on the inside she wanted to look around the last bit, but you couldn't do much more than what she did on debut. She's definitely got a lot of scope. She's a big filly and she's learning all the time, so there's no reason why she can't go on with it."

Stonestreet purchased Angel's dam Dazzling Gazelle (Aus) carrying a full-sibling to Miracles of Life out of the Teeley Assets Dispersal during the 2014 Magic Millions Gold Coast National Broodmare Sale for A\$400,000. The resulting foal, the now 3-year-old filly Antelope (Aus) (Not a Single Doubt {Aus}), has captured a Wyong maiden on Oct. 22 and followed up with a half-length score at Newcastle on Nov. 11 from two starts for Vinery Stud. Dazzling Gazelle was barren to Snitzel (Aus) in 2016, but foaled a Redoute's Choice (Aus) colt on Aug. 31.

Miracles Of Life won the G1 Blue Diamond S. back in 2013 and her half-sister may well bid to emulate that feat at Caulfield next month.

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**L'ORMARINS QUEEN'S PLATE-G1**, R1,500,000 (£89,829/€101,030/A\$154,944/US\$121,412), 3yo/up, WFA, 1600mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	2	Legal Eagle (SAf)	Greys Inn	Tarry	Marcus	132
2	9	Captain America (SAf)	Captain Al (SAf)	Crawford	Orffer	132
3	4	Marinaresco (SAf)	Silvano (Ger)	Bass-Robinson	Domeyer	132
4	8	Sail South (SAf)	Sail From Seattle	Crawford	Cheyne	132
5	10	Hat Puntano (Arg)	Hat Trick (Jpn)	M G/A A Azzie	van Niekerk	132
6	7	Deo Juvente (SAf)	Trippi	Woodruff	Murray	132
7	11	Gold Standard (SAf)	Trippi	Kotzen	Fourie	132
8	1	Silicone Valley (SAf)	Jay Peg (SAf)	Puller	Dillon	132
9	5	African Night Sky (SAf)	Dynasty (SAf)	Snaith	Fayd'Herbe	132
10	12	Copper Force (SAf)	Royal Air Force (SAf)	Snaith	Hewitson	132
11	3	Fifty Cents (SAf)	Trippi	Snaith	Strydom	132
12	6	It Is Written (SAf)	Dynasty (SAf)	Snaith	May	132

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**CARTIER PADDOCK S.-G1**, R1,000,000 (£59,886/€67,342/A\$103,263/US\$80,942), 3yo/up, f/m, WFA, 1800mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	10	Nother Russia (SAf)	Tiger Ridge	de Kock	Zackey	132
2	8	Nightingale (SAf)	Silvano (Ger)	Bass-Robinson	Delpech	132
3	13	Silvan Star (SAf)	Silvano (Ger)	Kotzen	Fourie	132
4	15	Star Express (SAf)	Silvano (Ger)	Snaith	Murray	132
5	11	Goodtime Gal (SAf)	Royal Air Force (SAf)	Robinson	Byleveld	132
6	14	Louisiana (SAf)	Ideal World	Crawford	Orffer	132
7	9	Gimme Six (SAf)	Gimmethgreenlight (Aus)	Snaith	Fayd'Herbe	131
8	7	Safe Harbour (SAf)	Elusive Fort (SAf)	Tarry	Marcus	131
9	16	Orchid Island (SAf)	Silvano (Ger)	de Kock	v'd Merwe	131
10	12	Wind Chill (SAf)	Silvano (Ger)	Soma	Lerena	131
11	3	Whose That Girl (SAf)	Gitano Hernando (GB)	Bass-Robinson	Domeyer	131
12	2	Seattle Gold (SAf)	Sail From Seattle	Crawford	Cheyne	131
13	1	The High Life (SAf)	Horse Chestnut (SAf)	Drier	Dillon	131
14	6	Lady In Black (SAf)	Dynasty (SAf)	Drier	Veale	119
15	4	Fresnaye (SAf)	Western Winter	Ramsden	Strydom	119
16	5	Oh Susanna (Aus)	Street Cry (Ire)	Snaith	van Niekerk	119

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