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JAMES KEOGH: A WIDE REACH AND A KEEN EYE



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by Chris McGrath

Like a green twill through one of those immaculate tweed jackets of his, the horsemanship of James B. Keogh is woven deeper into the Bluegrass than might be superficially apparent. The dapper Irishman operates under the banner of Grovendale, but that Versailles farm, comprising 20 acres and ten boxes, is just his state capital: an administrative base, a symbol, a centre of gravity.

Keogh keeps a handful of his own mares there, but the spread of his business is instructive not only of its true scale but also of his professional standing. He has partners here, clients there; mares boarding all over. He'll be driving from Chip Muth's Glendalough Farm over to Sally Lockhart at Ballyrankin; and then on to one of the biggest farms of all, Ashford. The result, taking the last November Sale at Keeneland as a sample, might be 50 lots sold for an aggregate \$6,086,200: eighth in a consignors' table behind only marquee names: Taylor Made, Lane's End, Denali, Hill 'N' Dale, Gainesway, Paramount, Eaton.

The thread holding his consignment together will necessarily be stretched by keep costs. Yes, the system brings benefits, too: many of these host farms, after years observing his craft, end up selling other stock through his hands. But the ultimate dividend of paying keep runs deeper yet. "It keeps you very honest," Keogh declares, the wry emphasis of his County Clare tones entirely undiluted by 36 years in Kentucky. **Cont. p3**

JOSE FLORES DIES FROM PARX ACCIDENT INJURIES by T.D. Thornton

Jockey Jose Luis Flores, who suffered catastrophic neurological trauma when his mount suddenly fell and he was trampled by a trailing horse in a Parx Racing spill on Monday, died at 12:42 p.m. on Mar. 22 after being removed from life-support machinery at a Philadelphia hospital.

The all-time leading money-earning jockey at Parx never regained consciousness after the ninth-race spill on Mar. 19 and had been in a coma with no brain activity at Jefferson Torresdale Hospital. Flores's longtime agent, Dave Yannuzzi, confirmed the death to the *TDN*.

Flores, 56, is being remembered as a second-generation jockey from Peru who found success in the United States by adhering to a strict work ethic while being respectful, compassionate, and helpful to others in need in the Pennsylvania racing community, where he raced for the better part of three decades. **Cont. p6**

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It is no throwaway remark. "Everyone says this as a horse business," he said. "But really it's a people business, very much so. It's about how you treat people--on both sides, your clients and your customers. There's an awful lot of talk nowadays about honesty, but I feel very fortunate in the people who have recognized, over many years, that I've always approached the industry in a very personal, very honest way.

"Some of those I've been selling for, the likes of Sun Valley Farm, I've worked with for close on 25 years. And it takes a lot of the stress out of the sales if people know what to expect. We'll be having very frank conversations about these horses in June, July, August. Without being arrogant, there aren't a lot of surprises."



Al's Gal | Keeneland photo

Keogh likes nothing more than a rarefied form of pinhook, salvaging fillies from the racetrack when others have failed in their feed or care regime. Turning them back round will be a year's work, the chamois leather of experience working to and fro, day by day. But a more typical project would be around three months, a mare entrusted to Keogh for that critical burnishing before November.

"With all of them, it's a very hands-on approach," he stressed. "I'm very involved with the horses I sell, spending time with those mares and their babies on a daily basis. I love to see how that soundness comes through. You see these tremendous racemares, they all have that hardiness, the way they walk out over pebbles and stones and just crush them. Whereas those well-bred ones that never raced, they walk out there on tiptoes.

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"I love just getting into the intricacies of it, understanding the pedigrees and the issues; knowing your horse, knowing the minutiae. Some people are comfortable with a large volume, but volume has never been my thing."

But it is not just the equine nuances Keogh is paid to understand.

"We know all our customers, their likes and their dislikes," he explained. "Someone comes round the consignment and you know that man will not buy a small horse. And he asks to look at one. Over a period, as you build these relationships and people's trust, you will get to the point where you won't waste his time. There's a horse out there for everybody. But you'll respectfully say: 'That's not one for you. But I have this filly over here I'd say is exactly what you're looking for.' It's about fitting the person to the horse."

If Keogh might appear to be in his element in the sale of a mare like Al's Gal (English Channel), a Grade I winner sold for \$950,000 at Keeneland last November, he should not be pigeonholed. He will often be no less integral to the other end of the cycle, acting as adviser on the mating of some 50 to 60 mares.

"Really it all begins the day the ink goes on that paper," he says. "Because if you're not mating your mare to the right stallion, everything else is fated. A lot of feed, a lot of time, a lot

of energy will be going into something that's doomed from the start."

His own priority is to find the right physical match, but he accepts the need for commercial pragmatism—something that causes vexation in many a purist, but not in this one.

"The pool is so big, you can constantly tweak," Keogh reasoned. "You will be looking for pedigree plays, but always remembering that you need a horse to be accepted when it goes into the ring. People have expectations that need to be met."

"What does frustrate me is the number of people who buy nominations without inspection. There's a huge sheep factor, and it's one of the silliest trends out there: people following a fashion without taking into account that they're breeding a 17-hand mare to a 15.3 sire, and will probably end up getting neither of neither."

This kind of judgement has the deepest grounding. When the 21-year-old Keogh was offered a job in his homeland, at Airlie Stud, its owner Tim Rogers told him first to broaden his horizons in the United States. Keogh wrote to John Gaines, and was invited to Gainesway for six months. Captain Rogers came out for the November Sales and called on his protégé. He diagnosed the infatuation at once. "You're not coming home, are you?" he asked. "No sir," replied Keogh. **Cont. p5**

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That was 1982, and the six-month stint at Gainesway eventually extended until 1999.

"I just thought it the most exciting place I'd ever been," Keogh recalled. "In my first six months I was able to make noted on 176 stallions on 30 different farms. In those days, there were 56 standing at Gainesway alone. Yes, they had smaller books then--but every day we were breeding 100 mares. My very first morning we bred 50 straight up. I hadn't seen 50 mares bred in my life.



Vaguely Noble | *John Wyatt-Livingston Collection*

"And you're talking about legends: Vaguely Noble, Blushing River, Riverman, Irish River, Green Dancer. One that passed away that year was Bold Bidder, sire of Spectacular Bid and Cannonade. We had four of the top ten stallions in the world. But there were horses standing for everything from \$300,000 down to \$3,000. It was like doing an MBA in stud management. Marion Gross [stallion manager] and Joe Taylor [stud manager] were an amazing influence. Not alone was Joe a superb horseman, he was also a phenomenal teacher."

The mares, too, were of the most exalted calibre. Every day young Keogh found himself at the sprouting of a new branch in some of the modern breed's elite families: for Alec Head and Count Roland de Chambure, for Nelson Bunker Hunt, for the Aga Khan, for Elmendorf Farm, for Darby Dan. The yearling market had not quite entered its ultimate delirium, at the time, and most customers were still strictly breeding-to-race.

Keogh has seen many a giddy cycle in the ring since.

"There is clearly an appetite out there for the best 12 to 15 yearlings by any sire," he said. "But once that is tapped, you can get to be in a very tricky situation. Be it by any of these elite sires--a Tapit or a War Front or a Bernardini--it's no longer like the old days, when a total of 12 or 15 yearlings by the top sires would be offered every year at public auction.

It was rare for any stallion to have as many as 25 sold. So if you had an order for a Lyphard, and the elite buyers had picked out six or seven, then you either you took home that one that was a little bit crooked-or you went without.

"Another thing that's changed is that you see very few trainers attending the sales these days. At one time all those New York trainers were at all there, they had their clients and they were a real force: Mack Miller, LeRoy Jolley, John Nerud, P.G. Johnson. They had relationships with the consignors, they'd go back to them every year. And they'd say: 'Yep, he's not correct-but he looks like his sister, and she could run.'

"They knew what blemishes they could live with. Now you have these agents trying to buy the perfect horse. Nobody has in mind any more to expect this family to be back at the knee, or that one to be a little club-footed. And yet in many cases the perfect horses aren't the ones finishing up in the winner's circle."



James Keogh | *Keeneland photo*

Not that he is disenchanted with the modern environment. After all, whenever the market deceives itself that things are ever black and white, a correction looms. After a period of insularity on either side of the Atlantic, for instance, Keogh anticipates healthier transfusions to be renewed between turf and dirt influences.

"The only thing that's constant in our industry is change," he said. "Yes, in this country everything's about the first Saturday in May. But people with larger strings are taking a look at the excellent turf horses available here, like Kitten's Joy; they're looking at the purse structure; and I think they're beginning to shift. They'll look at horses like Air Force Blue coming over here, and change their thinking. A good horse is a good horse is a good horse."

James Keogh cont.

"People took a great dislike to Dynaformer. They weren't in the mould of what people perceived a racehorse should look like. But after a while they got tired of being beaten by Dynaformer, they had enough of being beaten by Broad Brush, and realised they'd better quit what they looked like. What is fashion, anyway? Is it in the sale ring--or at the winning post?"

Above all, he retains his faith in the abiding value of horsemanship. One of the first horses he was around, to help prepare for a yearling sale, was a colt by Lyphard out of Navajo Princess.

"Dancing Brave," he said with a sigh. "Such a pleasant horse to be around, and he'd overcome a tough start in life. He wasn't totally perfect, of course, in his conformation. But he was a real athlete. And he was bought by a real judge. Just shows you."

With all these horsemen, a James Delahooke or a James Keogh, it's about that eye: seeing the outlines before they are filled out. That can apply across the board. Every year, for instance, he converts three or four discarded Flat horses to the hunting field--no doubt cutting a rare old dash in a scarlet coat. He's riding one this season that used to be trained by Chad Brown, and reports that his mount has let down to be a smashing hunter.

"With horses, at day's end, it's all about the quiet time you spend around them," he concluded. "I love seeing that character develop. It's that attention to detail that's so important. But there's such a high standard round here, you always need to be looking for that edge. If you ever become complacent, the whole thing will pass you by."

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Jose Flores Dies cont.

Yannuzzi said doctors had explained earlier in the week to Flores's wife, the former jockey Joanne McDaid-Flores, that there was nothing they could do to keep Flores alive without the aid of life-support machinery. But McDaid-Flores wanted to wait to remove her husband from life support to give time for his elderly parents to arrive from Florida to see their son. Complicating matters, their difficult journey north had been delayed by a day because of the storm that swept up the Eastern seaboard on Tuesday and Wednesday.

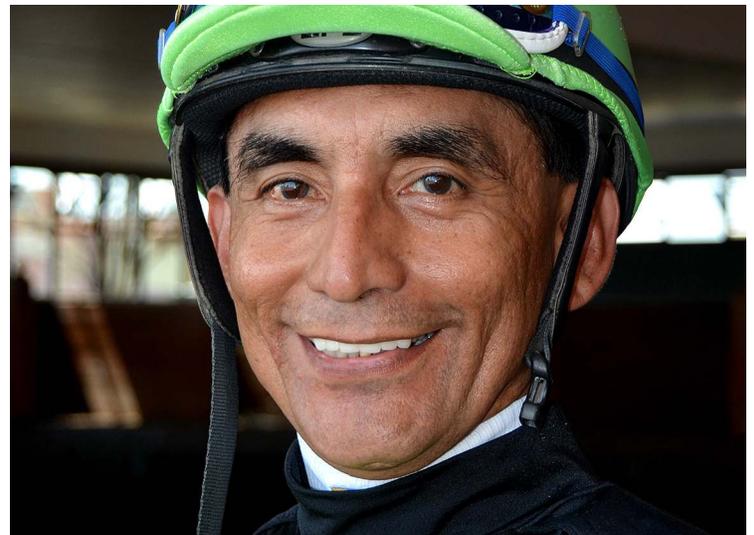
"His parents, I don't know how they got here in this storm, but they made it," Yannuzzi said. "Considering the circumstances, they're holding up better than I thought. Jose and his father were very close, and both parents were very proud of what he had accomplished. He bought them a house in Florida, and everybody in his extended family, he took care of."

Flores's family also wanted to respect his wish to be an organ donor, which also affected the timing of life-support removal.

"He was an organ donor, so they were harvesting some organs. They took him down to the operating room and turned [the life-support machinery] off after everyone in the family had paid their respects and seen him."

Flores grew up in Peru, where he often accompanied his father, a local jockey, to the races. He learned horsemanship and honed his riding skills at a farm before serving his apprenticeship, then moved to Panama in 1983, where he competed as a journeyman.

In 1987, Flores, then 25, made the jump stateside to Miami, where he rode at Calder Race Course, Hialeah Park, and Gulfstream Park. He tried his luck for brief stints at Tampa Bay Downs and Finger Lakes before settling at Penn National in the summer of 1990, where he won aboard his second mount and decided to stay. By 1992, he had won his first Penn National riding title, and for the rest of the decade would remain a dominant force in the local riding colony.



Jose Flores | *Equi-Photo*

Trainer Scott Lake was stabled at Penn National during that time frame too. But this was before Lake's stable evolved into a top nationally known outfit. He recalled via phone Thursday how much he appreciated Flores, then a top jockey, coming by his barn early every morning just to help out.

"I had like five horses, and my best horse ran in \$2,500 claimers," Lake said. "And he was first- or second-leading rider, riding everything for [bigger outfits]. But he'd be at my barn at five or six every morning and get on that horse and jog him the 'wrong way.' Then he'd go down and get on 15 or 20 more for [larger stables]. Back then, we paid our exercise riders eight dollars a head, and he knew he was saving me eight dollars [in exchange for the call in a race]. That's the kind of guy he was."

Jose Flores cont.

Lake expanded his outfit and moved to Philadelphia Park (since renamed Parx) in 1999. Several months after the move, he pitched Flores on switching his tack to Philly full time to be his first-call rider. Within a year, the partnership paid off, with Lake-trained horses mostly ridden by Flores making the stable the leading North American training outfit by wins in 2000, 2001, 2003, and 2006.

“As far as a person goes, he was tremendous. He’d do anything for you, treated everyone with respect. I don’t know anyone who ever had a bad thing to say about him,” Lake said.

Yannuzzi took over as Flores’s agent in 2003, and the two have been inseparable friends and business partners for the past 15 years. Yannuzzi agreed with Lake that Flores’s personality off the track was just as defining of the man as how he acted on horseback.

“Number one, he was a gentleman. He treated everyone well. Hotwalkers and grooms, they all liked him,” Yannuzzi said. “He was very generous with his money and his time. If he decided to ride your horse, it didn’t matter if it was if it was 3-1 or 35-1. If he accepted your mount, he rode hard. Definitely one of the hardest-working riders you will ever see in your life. He was 56, his financial status was excellent, but he just loved to be out there. In December, when we had that record cold, in a span of seven days, he was out there for six of them, just to gallop and jog horses. I said ‘Are you crazy?’ He said ‘I’ve got to go out--my people need me.’”

Flores was inducted into the Parx Hall of Fame in 2013. Equibase lists him with 4,650 wins from 28,684 starts with over \$64 million in earnings.

Jeff Bowen, a Thoroughbred owner who breeds and races as Gryphon Investments LLC, recalled via phone how Flores radiated a sense of trust and confidence that made Bowen believe his horses were always in good hands when they left the paddock with Flores in the irons.

“It’s heartbreaking,” Bowen said. “I have a lot of great memories with Jose. As a matter of fact, I’m standing here now looking at my trophy case. It’s got pictures of my horses winning

stakes or allowance races, and Jose is on every one of them. He was the kind of guy that whenever he was on one of my horses, I was confident that he was going to give him a great ride. And when we lost, he provided valuable feedback, whether it was good or bad, on how he thought the horse could improve or something we might do differently. My fondest memory is when we went five-for-five to start the career of my homebred mare Eighth Wonder (Pioneer of the Nile), including three stakes, with Jose in the saddle every time.”

Victor Molina, who rode for many years alongside Flores in Philly, told *TDN* that an entire generation of jockeys who came up through the ranks at Parx benefitted from Flores’s presence as a mentor.

“He rode for a lot of years, and he touched a lot of people. I think he did try to help everybody he could,” Molina said via phone. “I think a lot of jockeys probably wanted to be like him. He took his job seriously, but he was also a fun guy. I think he

loved being in the jockeys’ room, just being with and joking with the other riders. That was one of the things I got along the years--that he would get along with everybody.”

As a testament to that sentiment, scores of jockeys and members of the Parx backstretch community kept a vigil at the hospital in support of Flores and his family earlier this week.

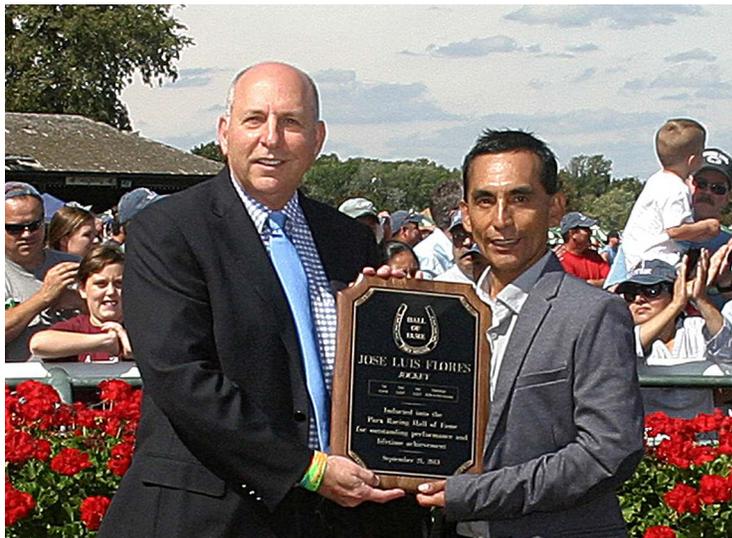
“The turnout at the hospital this week was huge,” Molina said. “I’m at the funeral home right now with his wife and some friends trying to help with arrangements, and I

know that it’s going to be a big turnout when we have the services.”

Visitation will be Tuesday, March 27, starting at 6:00 p.m. at Tomlinson Funeral Home, 2207 Bristol Pike, Bensalem, Pennsylvania. A memorial service will follow at the funeral home starting at 7:30 p.m.

Plans are also in the works to establish an online fundraising portal to assist Flores’s family and children. *TDN* will publish this information as soon as it becomes available.

Among his many extended family members and friends, Flores is survived by a 7-year-old son, Julian, and two adult sons, Junior and Juan.



Jose Flores is inducted into the Parx Racing Hall of Fame

Equi-Photo

ANTONUCCI HOPING FOR MORE GULFSTREAM SALE SUCCESS *by Jessica Martini*

Trainer Jena Antonucci teamed up with Alexandra and Brandon Rice for the first time in a pinhooking venture last year and the group enjoyed success right out of the gate when selling an Exchange Rate colt for \$550,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream Selected 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale. Antonucci is hoping for more of the same when the partnership returns to Gulfstream with a pair of juveniles next week. Through the RiceHorse Stables consignment, the group will offer a half-brother by Medaglia d'Oro to G1 Dubai World Cup winner Well Armed (Tiznow) (**hip 63**) and a New York-bred colt by Malibu Moon (**hip 45**).



Medaglia d'Oro--Well Dressed | *Thorostride*

"We were very blessed. We were very fortunate to have a great season," Antonucci said of their 2017 results. "The Rice team did a great job. We ended up coming out of the sales season with everything sold and sold well."

She added with a laugh, "We had no complaints, but it's a little more pressure for this year. It was the best-worst thing that could have happened."

The season certainly couldn't have started much better for the team a year ago. They purchased a gray colt by Exchange Rate for \$180,000 at the 2016 Keeneland September Yearling Sale and, reoffered at Gulfstream as **hip 54**, the 2-year-old sold to Godolphin for \$550,000. Now named Aqabah, he is stakes-placed in England.

Going into the yearling sales last fall, Antonucci said the team maintained the same focus that led to its spring success.

"We recognize that the industry is struggling through the middle when it comes to the business model of pinhooking, so we wanted to be selective and careful in trying to pick horses that would be a little bit more upper end to try and navigate our way through that," Antonucci said.

"This year we had the same mindset, to pick appealing sire power and conformationally correct, strong horses to reinforce their pedigrees."

Antonucci and partners came home from the sales with four pinhooking prospects. In addition to the two on offer at Gulfstream next Wednesday, they will sell one at the OBS April Sale and one at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic sale.

"We stayed very focused and very disciplined," Antonucci said. "It's easy in this environment to want to stretch a little more for this one or that one, but we wanted to have one big horse again and try to have very nice horses to support that horse."

In the name of her Bella Inizio Farm, Antonucci purchased a Medaglia d'Oro colt for \$235,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale. Out of Well Dressed (Notebook), **hip 63** is a half to, not only Well Armed, but also to graded stakes winner Witty (Distorted Humor) and Grade I placed Helsinki (Distorted Humor).

"He's a pretty impressive individual," Antonucci said of the strapping bay colt. "Obviously his pedigree speaks for itself. He's been all class from day one. He's been an absolute pleasure to watch grow up and we're hoping that he goes and does everything that his family says he is supposed to do."

Bella Inizio Farm purchased a colt by Malibu Moon for \$60,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton New York-bred Yearling Sale. **Hip 45** is out of Spring Elusion (Elusive Quality), a daughter of multiple stakes winner Autumn Slew (Slew o' Gold).

"The Malibu Moon is a really cool horse," Antonucci said. "He looks super fast. He's done everything right--early New York-bred 2-year-olds always have an appeal to them."



Jena Antonucci | *Eclipse Sportswire/Equestricon*

Antonucci has been around horses since she was three, working her way through hunter/jumpers, retraining off-track Thoroughbreds, breaking and training at Padua Stables and caring for broodmares and foals. She took out her trainer's license in 2010 and currently has around 30 horses in training.

Jena Antonucci cont.

"The training is my real job," she said. "That's what I do every day. I have been very lucky to experience all aspects of the business. I've found I'm a really competitive person by nature, so the racing really allows me to find that balance. I love shopping for young horses and watching the dream get built. I think it's a balance with that and staying diversified, mentally and financially, is important in this industry."

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

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McELROY JOINS EATON *by Lucas Marquardt*

At 41, Ben McElroy has already purchased a bevy of top-class runners. The Irish champion Pathfork (Distorted Humor), Kentucky Derby runner-up Firing Line (Line of David), and Breeders' Cup winner Hootenanny (Quality Road) are good examples. Now, McElroy is joining forces with an organization that has sold a bevy of them--Reiley McDonald's Eaton Sales--with an aim at building a bloodstock and consulting division at Eaton. McElroy, it was announced this week, has purchased a minority interest in Eaton Sales. The Lexington-based Irishman will not be active in the day-to-day running of Eaton or in managing the sales division. Instead, he'll concentrate on cultivating private and public sales and consulting Eaton's current clients in these areas.

"We already do some of that with our auction clients, but we really want to build up the bloodstock business, because the bloodstock and auction businesses feed so much off each other," said McDonald. "The thought is that they'll help each other grow."



Ben McElroy

McElroy will retain his existing client base.

Both Eaton and McElroy are coming off big years. Eaton could boast of a pair of Eclipse champion graduates--**Unique Bella** (Tapit) and **Caledonia Road** (Quality Road)--while McElroy was integral in the purchase the Coolmore partners' dual Grade I-winning juvenile filly **Moonshine Memories** (Malibu Moon). He also helped purchase the GII Best Pal S. winner **Run Away** (Run Away and Hide). McDonald said McElroy's acumen selecting racing stock will be a huge benefit to Eaton's clients.

"Ben has, on relatively limited budgets, nearly every year bought a Grade or Group 1 winner, it seems," he said. "Horses like Fashion Plate, Game Face, Sunset Glow and Swagger Jack. He's got an incredible eye, and he brings that extra bit of horsemanship to us."

McElroy jumps right into his new duties this weekend in Florida in advance of Wednesday's Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream Sale.

"That's something I had not been able to do, because I didn't have the time or expertise to do 2-year-old sales properly," said McDonald. "We have clients that want to buy horses, and Ben's the perfect guy to be working the 2-year-old sales and mining the racetracks for made resources."

McElroy buys not only for clients, but has for years run a successful weanling-to-yearling pinhooking operation. The BC Juvenile Turf winner Hootenanny, also a stakes winner at Royal Ascot, was one such pinhook.

In addition to being a top judge of horseflesh, McDonald said McElroy's business smarts and international experience were big draws.

"Ben will really improve on the information that flows through this company and make us that much effective in our bloodstock and consulting business," said McDonald. "We have quite a few international clients on the auction side of things, both sellers and buyers, but Ben brings another level of expertise to that. He does quite a bit of advisory work in Ireland, England and France. He's got a hell of a mind, and it's one of the reasons I wanted him to take an interest in the company. Between that and his horsemanship, I think it's a win-win for both of us."

Q&A With Ben McElroy

TDN: What was behind your decision to join with Eaton?

BM: Basically we started to discuss the prospect of doing more business together during the January Sale, as I had some client horses--Banree (Macho Uno) and Sister Nation (Into Mischief)--selling with Eaton. Reiley and I really thought both our businesses could really complement each other well, as I could use Eaton for selling my clients' horses, and Reiley could utilize me at the sales for purchasing horses or finding horses on the private market. **Cont. p10**

McElroy Q&A cont.

Reiley has built Eaton into a great brand over the years that has sold so many champions, Unique Bella and Caledonia Road the most recent examples. Its going to be a privilege to have my agency associated with Eaton.

TDN: You'll be representing some Eaton clients at the upcoming juvenile sales, including next week at Gulfstream. Talk a little about the idea of growing this aspect of Eaton.

BM: I will be mainly shopping for existing clients; quiet a few of these clients have horses with Simon Callaghan, and we've done really well together over the last few years with purchases such as Firing Line, Fashion Plate, Run Away, etc. Reiley has clients that are looking for fillies with residual value, so I will be keeping an eye out for those types. We may also do some racing partnerships on some top colts or fillies.

TDN: What's your view of the domestic private market for horses in training? How do you see Eaton fitting into this part of the market with you on board?

BM: Personally, I think the private market is very tough, as most people that own horses that break their maiden impressively, or run a big race, don't need to sell. So if they do sell, it can be for an exorbitant amount of money based on high expectations. I much prefer going to the public market and backing myself that I can buy a horse, or horses, that can lead to a good long-term good investment for my clients. I think over the years I have proven that. I will help Eaton's clients in either the public or private market when the opportunity presents itself.

TDN: With the addition of a bloodstock division, Eaton becomes much more of a one-stop shop for a client's needs. Does it give clients confidence to deal with one group of people for most or all of their interests?

BM: I think there is a real strong incentive, once you've cultivated the client, to make sure the process works as well from purchase date to sales date as possible. Otherwise, you're going to have an unhappy customer. Reiley and I will be able to take care of the client the whole way through the process with our experience, and I think that's what will make Eaton unique.

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HONEYBEE OR ASHLAND FOR AMY'S CHALLENGE

Amy's Challenge (Artie Schiller), who suffered the first defeat of her career when runner-up in the GIII Honeybee S. in her first try at two turns Mar. 10, is under consideration for the GII Fantasy S. at Oaklawn Apr. 13, but could make the trip to Kentucky for the GI Ashland S. Apr. 7

"I like another week here and I like the round pen here," trainer Mac Robertson said. "I like the Grade I there, and they finish at the sixteenth pole."

Perfect in her first three career appearances, including a defeat of the boys in the Shakopee Juvenile S. last September and the Dixie Belle S. in Hot Springs Jan. 20, the \$20,000 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky October yearling opened up by as many as eight lengths through enervating splits, but she could not last on the front end and was beaten just under two lengths by Cosmic Burst (Violence).

"A little keen," Robertson said after the Honeybee. "The first quarter was fine, but, obviously, you don't win races long going :23, :23, :23. She got a little sharp. She had been really sharp going into the race. I was afraid of that. It's never good when you open up that far away. Hopefully, she'll learn to relax a little."

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Officials at Barretts have announced that **12 supplemental entries** have been received for the company's Spring 2-Year-Old Sale to be held at Del Mar Wednesday, Apr. 4, beginning at 2 p.m. PDT. The under-tack preview is scheduled for 10 a.m. Monday, Apr. 2. A total of 170 horses are now cataloged for the single-session auction. ([Share this story](#))

BREEDERS' CUP ANNOUNCES RULES CHANGES FOR 2018 BCBC

Officials at Breeders' Cup Limited have announced a set of rules changes for the Breeders' Cup Betting Challenge (BCBC), to be held Nov. 2 and 3 at Churchill Downs and at participating simulcast and advance deposit wagering sites. The changes have been effected in consultation with the Breeders' Cup Wagering Committee, which was developed in order to provide tournament player input on the BCBC and related matters. The committee is co-chaired by Breeders' Cup Directors Craig Bernick and Mike Rogers, with Joe Appelbaum, Jonathon Kinchen, Paul Matties and Tom Quigley providing player input.

"We believe that these new rules will strengthen the overall structure and integrity of the BCBC and provide a fun and highly competitive environment for all players," said Bernick. "We greatly benefitted from the valuable input and deep expertise of the horseplayers on our committee and thank them for their time and effort to help us improve the BCBC and maintain its position as racing's premier live-money tournament. Additionally, we look forward to working with board members and the player representatives to improve and enhance more aspects of the Breeders' Cup wagering experience for our fan base."

Highlights of the rules changes include:

- **Focus on Championship Racing:** Players will be required to wager \$600 per race on a minimum of 10 of the 14 Breeders' Cup World Championships races over the two days (three of the five Breeders' Cup races on Friday and on seven of the nine Breeders' Cup races on Saturday).
- **Stronger Penalties:** If a player fails to make one required wager he/she will be penalized 10,000 points, and if a player fails to make more than one required wager he/she will be disqualified. Additionally, a player must wager a minimum of \$7,500 over the two-day tournament otherwise he/she will be disqualified.
- **Anti-Collusion Rules Reinforced:** The revised rules provide further details on how collusion between players is defined and interpreted. Among other things, the new language clearly states that all players must make their final selection independently of every other player in the BCBC and that they are prohibited from coordinating their play with other players. If Breeders' Cup or the host track determines, in their sole discretion, that collusion occurred, the participating player(s) will be disqualified. The BCBC will sanction an independent integrity official to assist in monitoring the tournament.

- **Unprecedented Transparency:** In an effort to provide complete transparency surrounding tournament play, following the conclusion of the BCBC, Breeders' Cup will publish all tournament wagers made by players who participated in the BCBC.

"As one of the horseplayer representatives on the Breeders' Cup Wagering Committee, I am encouraged by the positive changes made to the BCBC rules and believe they will result in a more competitive and transparent tournament," said Matties, winner of the 2016 NTRA National Horseplayers Championship.

The complete 2018 BCBC rules can be found at www.BreedersCup.com/BCBC/Rules.

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MONMOUTH, WOODBINE TO PARTNER ON CONTEST BONUS

Monmouth Park and Woodbine Entertainment will partner on a first-of-its-kind \$5-million bonus for any horseplayer that finishes in the Top 10 of the \$400 Monmouth/Woodbine handicapping contest June 30, then goes on to win the \$250 Monmouth/Woodbine contest Oct. 13 and the National Horseplayers Championship at the Treasure Island in Las Vegas in 2019.

"We pride ourselves on running the best handicapping contests in the country," said Brian Skirka, Monmouth Park's Marketing Manager and Contest Director. "That includes innovating new contest formats such as our Pick Your Prize Handicapping Challenge and bonuses such as this. A bonus of this magnitude is unprecedented and I thank the management of Woodbine Entertainment not only for their years of partnership with our contests but also for their partnership and support on this exciting bonus."

Monmouth will also host its \$2,000 Pick Your Prize Handicapping Challenge June 2. Last year's prizes included 17 NHC seats, five Breeders' Cup Betting Challenge seats and over \$65,000 in cash. Players can qualify at www.horsetourneys.com or www.drf.com or by contacting Skirka at bskirka@monmouthpark.com.

In total, Monmouth Park will host 13 handicapping contests in 2018--including the already-underway Simulcast Series Challenge. **Cont. p12**

Monmouth/Woodbine \$5M Contest Bonus cont.

The Oceanport track will award approximately 43 seats to the 2019 NHC over the next eight months. In addition, eight players will win full entry into the 2018 BCBC.

For the complete 2018 Monmouth Park handicapping contest schedule, log-on to www.monmouthpark.com.

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OAKLAWN RACING CLUB TO LAUNCH

Following in the mold of similar undertakings at Arlington Park, Churchill Downs and the Fair Grounds, officials at Oaklawn Park will launch the Oaklawn Racing Club Mar. 24.

The Racing Club will offer up to 200 shares priced at \$500 each in a horse to be purchased privately and trained by Oaklawn-based Arkansas native Ron Moquett, who will identify and purchase an unraced 2-year-old with the goal of making several starts as a juvenile before being pointed for a sophomore campaign at Oaklawn.

“One of the best parts of being a trainer is watching the proud moment an owner has after their horse wins a race,” said Moquett. “The Oaklawn Racing Club is a great way for a racing fan to get the experience of this without all the risks that can come with owning a Thoroughbred. We look forward to having a lot of fun with the group and their horse.”

Shares can be purchased through the Oaklawn website at www.oaklawn.com beginning at 9 a.m. Mar. 24. Only one membership per person.

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TIP ANNOUNCES 2017 PERFORMANCE AWARD

WINNERS Edited Press Release

The Jockey Club Thoroughbred Incentive Program (T.I.P.), which encourages the retraining of Thoroughbreds into other disciplines upon completion of careers in racing or breeding, today announced the winners and other placings from its 2017 performance awards program.

The performance awards recognize Thoroughbreds accumulating the most points at all horse shows in each of the award categories and divisions throughout the year.

Performance awards will be available once again in 2018 and will be based on results in shows from Dec. 1, 2017, through Nov. 30, 2018. The deadline for submissions is Dec. 20, 2018.

Over the next few weeks, the 2017 performance award winners' photos will be posted on the T.I.P. Facebook page at www.facebook.com/tjctip. The complete list of winners and participants is available at www.tjctip.com/PerformanceAwardsWinners.

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Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 6:21 p.m. EDT

TWINSPIRES.COM LOUISIANA DERBY S.-GII, \$1,000,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Bravazo	Awesome Again	Calumet Farm	Lukas	Stevens	122
2	Noble Indy 🍀	Take Charge Indy	WinStar Farm LLC & Repole Stable	Pletcher	Velazquez	122
3	Marmello	Concord Point	Olympia Star, Inc.	Yanakov	Gilligan	122
4	Givemeaminut	Star Guitar	Valene Farms LLC	Stewart	Castellano	122
5	Retirement Fund	Eskendereya	L and N Racing LLC	Asmussen	Bridgmohan	122
6	Hyndford 🍀	Street Cry (Ire)	Donegal Racing	Pletcher	Bravo	122
7	Snapper Sinclair 🍀	City Zip	Bloom Racing Stable LLC	Asmussen	Ortiz	122
8	Lone Sailor 🍀	Majestic Warrior	G M B Racing	Amoss	Graham	122
9	My Boy Jack 🍀	Creative Cause	Don't Tell My Wife Stables & Monomoy Stables	Desormeaux	Desormeaux	122
10	Dark Templar 🍀	Tapit	Newtown Anner Stud	Walsh	Geroux	122

Breeders: 1-Calumet Farm, 2-WinStar Farm, LLC, 3-Mikhail Yanakov, 4-Clear Creek Stud LLC, 5-Tommy Town Thoroughbreds, LLC, 6-Landaluce Educe Stable & Darley, 7-K & G Stables, 8-Alexander - Groves - Matz, LLC., 9-Brereton C. Jones, 10-KatieRich Farms

Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 4:39 p.m. EDT

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

Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 5:41 p.m. EDT

TWINSPIRES.COM FAIR GROUNDS OAKS S.-GII, \$400,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

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	McPeck	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, 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.

Saturday, Santa Anita Park, post time: 5:00 p.m. EDT**SANTA MONICA S.-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 7F**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Marley's Freedom 	Blame	Cicero Farms, LLC	Hess, Jr.	Van Dyke	120
2	Just a Little Hope	Flatter	Catherine Zoc	Hendricks	Roman	120
3	Paradise Woods	Union Rags	Steven Sarkowsky, Martin J. & Pam Wygod	Mandella	Prat	124
4	Skye Diamonds	First Dude	Allen Racing LLC, Bloom Racing Stables, LLC, Tom Acker & Jon Lindo	Spawr	Pereira	122
5	Selcourt	Tiz Wonderful	Medallion Racing, Keith Abrahams & Sandra Lazaruk	Sadler	Baze	122

Breeders: 1-Jack Swain III, 2-Catherine Zoc, 3-Herman Sarkowsky, 4-Dizney Double Diamond, LLC, 5-Keith Abrahams

Saturday, Santa Anita Park, post time: 7:00 p.m. EDT**SAN LUIS REY S.-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Rye	English Channel	Joseph P. Morey, Jr. Revocable Trust	Morey	Talamo	120
2	Itsinthepost (Fr)	American Post (GB)	Red Baron's Barn LLC	Mullins	Baze	124
3	Play Hard to Get	Purim	Clarke M. Cooper Family Trust, Purple Shamrock Racing & Ian S. Kruljac, Ian S.	Kruljac	Maragh	120
4	Saltini	Bernardini	Diamond A Racing Corporation	Mandella	Elliott	120
5	Oscar Dominguez (Ire)	Zoffany (Ire)	Hronis Racing LLC	Sadler	Franco	120
6	Aquaphobia	Giant's Causeway	Drawing Away Stable	Falcone, Jr.	Nakatani	120
7	Responsibleforlove (Ire)	Duke of Marmalade (Ire)	Team Valor International & Mrs. G. A. Rupert	Drysdale	Van Dyke	115
8	Colonist 	Pioneerof the Nile	Stonestreet Stables LLC	Hollendorfer	Prat	120
9	Hayabusa One (Fr)	Siyouni (Fr)	Team Valor International and Barber, Gary	Miller	Espinoza	120
10	Frank Conversation	Quality Road	Reddam Racing LLC	O'Neill	Gutierrez	120

Breeders: 1-H & E Ranch, 2-Julien Leaunes, 3-Catesby W. Clay Investment LLC, 4-Diamond A Racing Corp & Arturo Vargas, 5-Whisperview Trading Ltd, 6-Mr. & Mrs. M. Roy Jackson, 7-Patrick Grogan, 8-Springland Farm and HKN, 9-Dominique Lepagney, 10-Marc Keller



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Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 5:44 p.m. EDT

HUTCHESON S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Impact Player	City Zip	NK Racing	Pletcher	Saez	117
2	Belle Tapisserie 🌿	Tapizar	Thoroughbred Champions Training Center LLC	Mejia	Albarado	117
3	Madison's Luna 🌿	Tapit	Rigney Racing, LLC	Bauer	Leparoux	117
4	Tricks to Doo	Into Mischief	Lael Stable	Delacour	Ortiz, Jr.	121
5	My Chinumado 🌿	Into Mischief	Thoroughbred Champions Training Center LLC	Mejia	Perez	117
6	Soutache	Backtalk	GoldMark Farm	Nicks	Gaffalione	121

Breeders: 1-Colts Neck Stables LLC, 2-Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding, 3-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 4-D. C. Goff, 5-WinStar Farm, LLC, 6-GoldMark Farm, LLC

Sunday, Sunland Park, post time: 7:15 p.m. EDT

SUNLAND DERBY-GIII, \$800,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	All Out Blitz	Concord Point	Kaleem Shah, Inc.	Callaghan	Garcia	122
2	Dark Vader	Tale of Ekati	Alesia, Burns Racing, Ciaglia Racing & Christensen	Eurton	Elliott	122
3	New York Central 🌿	Tapit	China Horse Club, SF Racing, WinStar Farm et al.	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	122
4	Hollywood Star 🌿	Malibu Moon	Albaugh Family Stables LLC	Romans	Albarado	122
5	Peace 🌿	Violence	Spendthrift Farm & Town and Country Racing	Mandella	Van Dyke	122
6	Shane Zain 🌿	Medaglia d'Oro	Zedan Racing Stables Inc	O'Neill	Thompson	122
7	Prince Lucky	Corinthian	Daniel McConnell	Pletcher	Velazquez	122
8	Seven Trumpets 🌿	Morning Line	West Point Thoroughbreds	Romans	Contreras	122
9	Choo Choo	English Channel	Calumet Farm	Hollendorfer	Gutierrez	122
10	Dream Baby Dream 🌿	Into Mischief	Dream Baby Dream Racing Stable	Asmussen	Juarez, Jr.	122
11	Runaway Ghost 🌿	Ghostzapper	Joe Peacock	Fincher	Hebert	122
12	Fortified Effort	Ez Effort	Yother, Eikleberry, Matthews & Fleming	Eikleberry	Eikleberry	122

Breeders: 1-Kaleem Shah, Inc., 2-Schleprock Racing LLC, 3-SF Bloodstock LLC, 4-George Krikorian, 5-Grade I Bloodstock & Tony Holmes, 6-Don Alberto Corporation, 7-Daniel W. McConnell Sr., 8-St. George Farm, LLC, 9-Calumet Farm, 10-Pegasus Stud LLC, 11-Joe Peacock, 12-Fleming Thoroughbred Farm LLC



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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Kitten's Joy <i>(2001) by El Prado (Ire)</i>	4	7	3	5	--	--	99	24	\$128,340 <i>Oscar Nominated</i>	\$1,068,022
2	English Channel <i>(2002) by Smart Strike</i>	2	4	1	2	1	2	42	16	\$182,420 <i>Heart to Heart</i>	\$715,974
3	Artie Schiller <i>(2001) by El Prado (Ire)</i>	1	3	1	2	1	1	35	12	\$260,000 <i>Bowies Hero</i>	\$600,188
4	Scat Daddy <i>(2004) by Johannesburg</i>	2	4	1	1	--	--	66	14	\$70,671 <i>Conquest Sandman</i>	\$589,179
5	Blame <i>(2006) by Arch</i>	3	5	2	3	--	--	29	9	\$120,000 <i>Fault</i>	\$549,305
6	Giant's Causeway <i>(1997) by Storm Cat</i>	1	2	1	2	--	--	50	11	\$109,100 <i>Andina Del Sur</i>	\$430,200
7	Tapit <i>(2001) by Pulpit</i>	1	3	1	3	--	--	46	7	\$90,000 <i>Synchrony</i>	\$403,113
8	Candy Ride (Arg) <i>(1999) by Ride the Rails</i>	2	2	1	1	--	--	42	9	\$121,520 <i>Texting</i>	\$383,640
9	Uncle Mo <i>(2008) by Indian Charlie</i>	1	1	1	1	--	--	36	7	\$106,470 <i>Ultra Brat</i>	\$344,048
10	More Than Ready <i>(1997) by Southern Halo</i>	1	4	1	2	--	--	49	9	\$39,144 <i>Miss Southern Miss</i>	\$339,445
11	Mizzen Mast <i>(1998) by Cozzene</i>	1	3	--	1	--	--	33	10	\$120,240 <i>Galleon Mast</i>	\$335,493
12	War Front <i>(2002) by Danzig</i>	2	4	--	2	--	--	36	6	\$45,000 <i>Compelled</i>	\$321,465
13	Wildcat Heir <i>(2000) by Forest Wildcat</i>	2	3	--	--	--	--	34	5	\$72,850 <i>Rainbow Heir</i>	\$316,730
14	City Zip <i>(1998) by Carson City</i>	--	2	--	--	--	--	46	8	\$41,760 <i>Colosi</i>	\$299,114
15	Arch <i>(1995) by Kris S.</i>	--	2	--	2	--	--	33	5	\$68,600 <i>Daring Duchess</i>	\$287,063

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10th-GP, \$51,400, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 3-22, 4yo/up, 5fT, :55.56, fm.

POCKET CHANGE (c, 4, Unbridled's Song--Island School {MGSP, \$142,678}, by A.P. Indy) went wire-to-wire on debut over the Parx dirt Oct. 16 and repeated with another front-running score on the Aqueduct turf Dec. 3. Bet down to 4-5 favoritism to stay unbeaten here, the \$290,000 Keeneland September buy was outsprinted to the lead by longshot Focus On Me (Kantharos) and rated off that one in second through splits of :22.22 and :44.15. Finding his best stride past the furlong grounds, the chestnut gradually wore down the pacesetter to triumph by three-quarters of a length. The winner is the first foal of a dam whose subsequent produce is a juvenile filly by City Zip and a Candy Ride (Arg) filly foaled Feb. 1. Island School is a half-sister to Texting (Candy Ride), victress of the GIII La Prevoyante H. over this course earlier in the meet. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$97,200. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Gary & Mary West; B-Sarah S. Farish (KY); T-Jason Servis.

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7th-GP, \$48,000, (S), (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$12,500), 3-22, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:23.42, ft.

GREATREVIEWS (f, 4, Leroidesanimaux {Brz}--Flambe', by Fortunate Prospect) graduated fourth out going a one-turn mile at Aqueduct Dec. 7 before running sixth in her first try against winners there Feb. 1. Dispatched as the 12-5 second choice in this spot, the bay tracked favored Starship Reina (Cowtown Cat) from the outside through a :23.48 opening quarter. The homebred took charge from that one soon after turning for home and never looked back, drawing off to a 6 1/2-length score. Starship Reina was another 11 1/2 lengths clear of the rest of the field for second. Greatreviews hails from the same family of MGSW and MGISP Musket Man (Yonaguska) and is a half to Ron the Greek (Full Mandate), Ch. Imp. Older Horse-SA & MGISW, \$2,763,694. She is the latest foal out of Flambe'. Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, \$78,700. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Jack T. Hammer (FL); T-William I. Mott.

 **Foaled and Raised at LAMBHOLM SOUTH** 



8th-FG, \$42,000, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 3-21, 4yo/up, 5 1/2fT, 1:03.75, fm.

FLOROPLUS (c, 4, City Zip--Cap's Legacy, by Stroll) broke his maiden on debut for Randy Morse at Churchill Downs in September 2016 before moving to Bret Calhoun's barn and got his first victory against winners here off a 13-month layoff Nov. 30. The bay entered Wednesday off consecutive local fifth-place efforts Jan. 20 and in his first turf try Mar. 1. The 7-1 shot flashed some speed from his rail post before dropping back to stalk the pace in third. Swinging out entering the stretch, he struck the front passing the sixteenth pole and held off a late charge from Partly Mocha (Half Ours) to score by a half-length. Floroplus was a \$40,000 Keeneland September yearling purchase before posting a furlong breeze in :9 3/5 and reselling for \$585,000 at the OBS March sale. He hails from the same family as GISWs Albert the Great (Go for Gin) and Trumpet's Blare (Vice Regent). Cap's Legacy is also represented by a 3-year-old filly named Connie Ann (First Defence), a juvenile filly by The Factor and a weanling colt by Speightster. Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-0, \$81,210. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#).** O-Tom R. Durant; B-CFP Thoroughbreds LLC (KY); T-W. Bret Calhoun.

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5th-FG, \$40,000, (NW1X), 3-22, 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2fT, 1:03.36, fm.

BRIELLE'S APPEAL (f, 4, English Channel--Court of Appeal, by Deputy Minister) went gate-to-wire in her debut at Kentucky Downs Sept. 9 before fading to third last time out at Keeneland Oct. 15. The 13-10 favorite broke sharply and flashed her speed once again as she guided the field through a :22.27 first quarter. The bay was let loose turning for home and sprinted away in the final furlong before being wrapped up crossing the winner a 5 1/2-length winner. Missevenhthirteen (Flatter) chased the entire way and settled for second. Brielle's Appeal is a half to Authenticity (Quiet American), MGSW & MGISP, \$883,362. Court of Appeal, who is an unraced daughter of MGSW and GISP Appealing Missy (Lypheor {GB}), is responsible for a juvenile filly named Murrells Inlet (Super Saver) and visited Dialed In last season. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$108,700. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#).**

O/B-Dixiana Farms LLC (KY); T-Albert M. Stall, Jr.

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

7th-OP, \$81,000, Msw, 3-22, 3yo, 6f, 1:10.24, ft.

SHARE THE UPSIDE (g, 3, Maclean's Music--Mystic Silver, by Silver Deputy), 6-1 on the board took an awkward first step and got bumped shortly after, but quickly recovered up the rail to sit a half-length off of stablemate Will's Pioneer (Pioneer of the Nile) down the backstretch. Those two were still the leading duo passing the quarter pole before the homebred kicked in another gear inside the final furlong and pulled away to a 3 3/4-length graduation. Will's Pioneer held off favored Augie (Twirling Candy) to complete the exacta. The winner's third dam was GISW Header Card (Quack). Mystic Silver, a \$250,000 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga purchase in 2004, has a juvenile full-sister to Share The Upside named Book of Love and was bred back to their Hill 'n' Dale stallion last season. Sales History: \$75,000 RNA Ylg '16 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$48,600. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

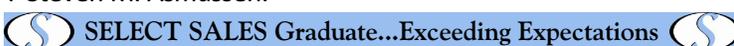
O/B-Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc (ON); T-Steven M. Asmussen.



3rd-FG, \$38,000, (S), Msw, 3-22, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:39.10, fm.

B'S TEN (f, 3, Soldat--An Absolute Ten, by Rock Hard Ten), ninth in her debut on the main track here Dec. 9, completed the exacta when trying the turf locally last time out Dec. 26. The 2-1 second choice settled in midpack around the first turn and was tucked in along the rail down the backside. The dark bay moved four wide entering the stretch after saving ground on the far turn and rallied home a 1 3/4-length winner. Agent Provocateur (Interactif) held on for second. This is the first foal out of An Absolute Ten, who also has a juvenile filly named An Absolute Trip (Guilt Trip) and a yearling colt by Jack Milton. She was bred to Sum of the Parts last year. Sales History: \$20,000 Ylg '16 OBSWIN; \$32,000 RNA Ylg '16 KEESEP; \$120,000 2yo '17 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$30,400. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

O-L. William & Corinne Heiligbrodt; B-Cloyce C. Clark (LA); T-Steven M. Asmussen.



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Otwo, g, 5, Medaglia d'Oro--Vacare (GISW, \$1,269,086), by Lear Fan. Al Rayyan, 3-22, Cond. (\$27k), 3200mT, 3:27.60. B-Double K LLC & Helen C Alexander (KY). *\$200,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP.

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 21 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
 6-TAM, Msw 5fT, CHARLOTTE DE BERRY, 20-1

Emcee (Unbridled's Song), Haras Santa Maria de Araras, \$7,500
 44 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
 7-AQU, Aoc 6 1/2f, MY ROXY GIRL, 5-2
 \$1,700 OBS AUG yrl

The Lumber Guy (Grand Slam), dead/retired/exported USA, \$5,000
 42 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
 6-AQU, Msw 6f, FINLEE, 30-1
 \$14,000 RNA FTN MIX wnl; \$5,000 OBS AUG yrl; \$21,000 EAS MAY 2yo
 6-AQU, Msw 6f, WILD WITCH, 15-1

Morning Line (Tiznow), Lane's End Farm, \$10,000
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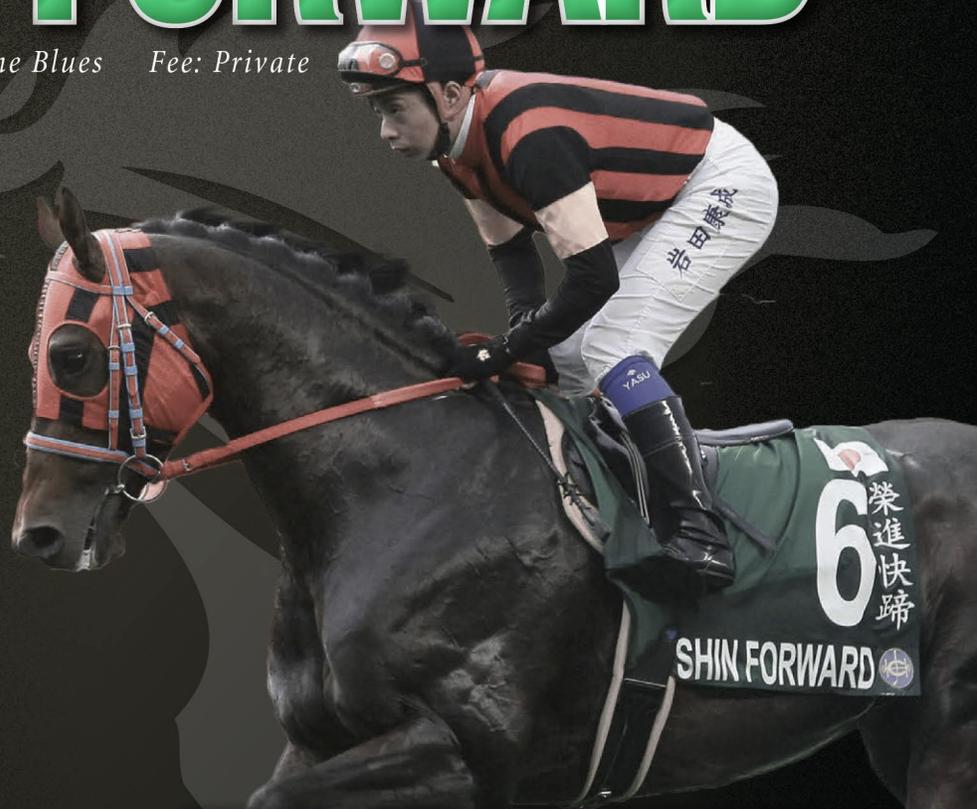
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 193 foals of racing age/33 winners/5 black-type winners
 5-AQU, Alw 6f, ANALYZE YOUR LUCK, 5-1
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 202 foals of racing age/37 winners/3 black-type winners
 3-CT, Msw 6 1/2f, JUST CHARGE IT, 7-2
 7-AQU, Aoc 6 1/2f, LETMETAKETHISCALL, 7-5
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 6-AQU, Msw 6f, TAKE CHARGE AUBREY, 8-1
 \$42,000 RNA SAR AUG yrl; \$20,000 EAS MAY 2yo

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 23 foals of racing age/3 winners/1 black-type winner
 5-AQU, Alw 6f, BELLEVILLE SPRING, 6-1
 6-AQU, Msw 6f, TRINNI NINJA, 8-1
 \$4,500 OBS WIN yrl
 7-AQU, Aoc 6 1/2f, VELVET TRINNI, 20-1



ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-GP, \$54,900, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 3-22, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:45.11, ft.

MAGALIE (f, 4, Maltese Dog--Bernadette's Song, by Strong Hope) Lifetime Record: 10-3-2-0, \$109,530. O-D P Racing LLC; B-Morgan Miller (FL); T-Patrick L. Biancone. *\$10,000 2yo '16 OBSOPN.

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1st-GP, \$54,600, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 3-22, 3yo, f, 5fT, :56.34, fm.

MIZ MAYHEM (f, 3, Yesbyjimmy--Forest Retreat, by Forest Camp) Lifetime Record: 10-3-2-2, \$112,220. O/B-Laurie Plesa (FL); T-Edward Plesa, Jr. *Full to Flay Mignon, MSW, \$116,828.

7th-FG, \$40,360, 3-22, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 5 1/2fT, 1:03.49, fm.
LAWTON (c, 4, Archarcharch--Greer Lynn, by Speightstown)
 Lifetime Record: 12-2-2-6, \$121,700. O-Tom R. Durant; B-Spendthrift Farm LLC (KY); T-W. Bret Calhoun. *\$95,000 Ylg '15 FTKJUL.

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8th-FG, \$45,000, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 3-22, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:43.49, ft.

PROMISE OF SPRING (f, 4, Drosselmeyer--Best of Times, by Mineshaft) Lifetime Record: 11-3-2-2, \$110,892. O-Best Of

Times Racing, LLC; B-Bottom Line Stables Inc., Rowland Hancock & Dick Walker (KY); T-Steve Margolis.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Unprovoked, f, 3, Justin Phillip--Betty Garr (MSP), by Out of Place. OP, 3-22, (C), 6f, 1:11.68. B-James M. Herbener Jr., Heather & Patrick Ford & Matt Herbener (KY). *\$28,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP.

Mercurial Miss, m, 5, Friesan Fire--Kathy B, by I'ma Hell Raiser. GP, 3-22, (C), 5fT, :56.99. B-Michael J Waller (PA).

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ARCHARCHARCH, Lawton, c, 4, o/o Greer Lynn, by Speightstown. ALW, 3-22, Fair Grounds

CITY ZIP, Floroplus, c, 4, o/o Cap's Legacy, by Stroll. AOC, 3-21, Fair Grounds

DROSSELMAYER, Promise of Spring, f, 4, o/o Best of Times, by Mineshaft. AOC, 3-22, Fair Grounds

ENGLISH CHANNEL, Brielle's Appeal, f, 4, o/o Court of Appeal, by Deputy Minister. ALW, 3-22, Fair Grounds

FRIESAN FIRE, Mercurial Miss, m, 5, o/o Kathy B, by I'ma Hell Raiser. MCL, 3-22, Gulfstream Park

JUSTIN PHILLIP, Unprovoked, f, 3, o/o Betty Garr, by Out of Place. MCL, 3-22, Oaklawn Park

LEROIDESANIMAUX (BRZ), Greatreviews, f, 4, o/o Flambe', by Fortunate Prospect. AOC, 3-22, Gulfstream Park

MACLEAN'S MUSIC, Share the Upside, g, 3, o/o Mystic Silver, by Silver Deputy. MSW, 3-22, Oaklawn Park

MALTESE DOG, Magalie, f, 4, o/o Bernadette's Song, by Strong Hope. AOC, 3-22, Gulfstream Park

SOLDAT, B's Ten, f, 3, o/o An Absolute Ten, by Rock Hard Ten. MSW, 3-22, Fair Grounds

UNBRIDLED'S SONG, Pocket Change, c, 4, o/o Island School, by A.P. Indy. AOC, 3-22, Gulfstream Park

YESBYJIMMINY, Miz Mayhem, f, 3, o/o Forest Retreat, by Forest Camp. AOC, 3-22, Gulfstream Park

PARISLONGCHAMP READY FOR UNVEILING



France Galop President Edouard de Rothschild speaks at a press conference on Thursday | *Scoop Dyga*

By Emmanuel Roussel

PARIS, France—"For those who love racing, ParisLongchamp is a dream come true. And for those who are discovering racing, it is a modern, elegant, trendy, new location. A place to go for a breath of fresh air, for walks, for a bite to eat or for music, to listen, discover and admire."

Such is the foreword signed by Edouard de Rothschild, president of France Galop and therefore the man in charge of French racing, to explain what lies behind the opening of a much-awaited flagship. ([Click here](#) for a recent *TDN* Q&A with France Galop's General Manager Olivier Delloye)

Around 200 people attended a press conference on Thursday morning held on the racecourse that will reopen its doors for racing on Apr. 8 and welcome the world at large on grand opening day three weeks later.

The marketing and promoting of ParisLongchamp is now in full-steam mode.

"For all of us in racing, the Longchamp racecourse is as Parisian as the Eiffel Tower," explained Edouard de Rothschild. "Racing fans know that Churchill Downs is in Louisville, that Epsom is very close to London. However, many people out there don't know that Longchamp is the main racecourse in Paris."

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SUNLIGHT A BEACON IN GOLDEN SLIPPER

Unbeaten in her last five starts, which includes victory in the lucrative Magic Millions 2YO Classic as well as the G2 Silver Slipper and the G2 Reising S., Tony McEvoy's star filly **Sunlight (Aus)** (Zoustar {Aus}) has the runs on the board to start favourite in Saturday's A\$3.5-million G1 Golden Slipper (1200m) and give the fillies back-to-back wins after She Will Reign (Aus) (Manhattan Rain {Aus}) achieved victory last year.

McEvoy also sends out **Oohood (Aus)** (I Am Invincible {Aus}), and he told *Racenet.com.au*, "This race is what the Australian racing industry is all about. It's without a doubt the most important race in the country for our industry. Sunlight is certainly up there with the good 2-year-olds I've been involved with. When you get a filly as good and as big and strong as the Miss Finlands or Sunlights, that two-kilo allowance is gold because they are as strong as the colts, they have as good a bone as the colts, they eat like a colt and go as fast as them."

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More than an introduction to the return of France's best racing to its Parisian home, the press conference was concentrating on the alternative attractions that ParisLongchamp will host on racing days and non-racing days--that is, 330 days a year.

Along with the France Galop president himself, the new racecourse's architect Dominique Perrault, and its "entertainer-en-chef", Laurent de Gourcuff, shared their visions for the new site.

Gourcuff's company Noctis, a French leader in entertainment specialising in high-end festive events and trendy catering, will

manage the two main restaurants of the course. The ParisLongchamp brasserie, situated next to the paddock, will offer "a choice of well-known classics of French gastronomy at affordable prices." It will remain open year-round.

The 500m2 rooftop restaurant that offers dramatic views across the treetops of the Bois de Boulogne and the skyline of the La Defense business quarter, however, will be open for private events on a few occasions only. Up-and-coming chef Jean Imbert's presence will be the highlight of culinary events.

"Seduced by the view and the location, the young chef decided to come here for the summer," said Noctis. "He puts the emphasis on France and its

gastronomic heritage and invites gourmets to come and try exquisite dishes, specially created for this absolutely unique location in Paris."

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ParisLongchamp Ready For Unveiling Cont.

Thursday nights at ParisLongchamp between May and July will become the "Jeuxdi by ParisLongchamp" nights, "events that mix evening racing with an after-work music festival," while the Paris Summer Stage held at ParisLongchamp "will become the focus of current artists who enjoy performing in this unique open-air concert hall that can accommodate 3,000 people. Several times during the year ParisLongchamp will organise social evenings featuring a selection of concerts, DJs, themed evenings, open-air cinema--and there are many bars to entertain music lovers and star gazers long into the night."

General manager of France Galop, Olivier Delloye, also introduced a new webapp dedicated to ParisLongchamp, helping racegoers, either newcomers or dedicated racing fans, to find their way around and get more from their experience on the track.

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JULIAN LLOYD DIES AT 67

Julian D. Lloyd, the lead class underwriter for Amlin Plus Horse Insurance of Lloyd's, died following a lengthy illness on Wednesday, Mar. 21. He was 67.

Born in February of 1951, Lloyd started out as a claims broker at Sedgwick Collins in 1971, the same year he married his wife Sallie, before switching to underwriting at the same firm, which later was known as Methuen. He then spent over two decades at insurance provider Hiscox, developing their bloodstock book. In July of 2011, Lloyd joined Amlin as a bloodstock underwriter.

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Julian Lloyd | Insurance Post



Nureyev at Walmac Farm in 1998 | [Racingfotos.com](#)

Julian Lloyd Dies at 67 Cont.

Very knowledgeable in the area of stallion insurance which he used to good effect with Nureyev (Northern Dancer) among others, Lloyd also served as chairman of the Lloyd Market Association's Livestock Business Panel.

"He was the first person I worked for as a Lloyd's bloodstock underwriter," remarked Amlin Plus Managing Director and Principle Underwriter David Ashby. "Julian was one of the first Lloyd's underwriters to really embrace a solid knowledge of horses with his insurance knowledge. He had horses at home and he worked in a polo stable and he worked with hunters. He put that knowledge of horses into his bloodstock underwriting. Some 20-odd years passed and he came back to work for me. He's still on our books as of yesterday [Wednesday]."

Ashby said, "You could argue he was lucky to be with us, because the first time he went to Australia, he was in a private plane flying up to the Hunter Valley which crashed. He was okay, and I'm not sure how badly it crashed, because the story may have grown in Julian's retelling. Julian was a pretty unique person really. He had his own view on life, but generally he was good fun and always enjoyed a party. His love of Land Rovers, tractors and diggers, etc. was well known."

"On a more serious note, he was always an advocate of leaving a legacy to the next generation," said Ashby. "I think that was achieved through his legacy of encouraging young talent and always having the time to explain and illustrate his points with relevant anecdotes."

The Lloyds moved to the Yorkshire area in 2005, where they purchased Garbutt Farm in order to be closer to family. Following renovations, they established the Garbutt Farm Bed & Breakfast on the Cold Kirby property near Thirsk. Lloyd split his time between Amblin in London and the North Yorkshire farm, where he raised both racehorses and sport horses, as well as English Longhorn cattle.

Lloyd is survived by his wife, Sallie and daughters Andrea, a lawyer; and Helen Lloyd-Herrington, who is married to trainer Michael Herrington. The latter duo utilize Garbutt Farm as the base for Michael Herrington Racing.

Funeral arrangements are pending.

"He was as cerebral and knowledgeable about his space as any one that I had ever met at the time," said Barry Weisbord. "People who did this at the time were like stockbrokers; the risks that they managed were paper transactions to them. To him, they were real animals and real people. He was as interesting and engaging a person as existed in the horse world, and he invented a new way of how London underwriters did things. By traveling all over the world to see his risks, he changed the way the business was done. He managed through much of his career some of the biggest stallion risks."

One of those risks was the aforementioned Nureyev, who broke his right hind leg in a paddock accident in May, 1987. While Walmac's owner, John T.L. Jones, focused his attention on how to save the horse through surgery at Hagyard-Davidson-McGee, Weisbord, part of Walmac's management team at the time, said, "It presented a real problem because at that time, mortality insurance only paid the farm if a horse was dead. No one had considered the possibility at the time that a stallion could survive but not be able to cover mares."

After Nureyev survived the surgery, Weisbord said he flew to London and met with Lloyd, who was creative enough to write a policy which covered that possibility and reduced the underwriting risk over time if he were able to successfully breed, which he ultimately was.

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FRANCE



Thursday's Results:

PRIX OMNIUM II-Listed, €55,000, FTB, 3-22, 3yo, c/g, 8ft, 1:43.70, sf.

1--FRANCESCO BERE (FR), 128, c, 3, by Peer Gynt (Jpn)

1st Dam: Monatora (Fr), by Hector Protector

2nd Dam: Mona Em (Ire), by Catrail

3rd Dam: Moy Water (Ire), by Tirol (Ire)

(€12,000 RNA Ylg '16 ARV2; €400,000 RNA HRA '17 ARQARC).

O-Mme Gerard Lesur & Didier Guillemin; B-SNC Regnier, F Regnier & T Regnier (FR); T-Didier Guillemin; J-Alexandre Gavilan. €27,500. Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-0, €97,500.

Listed Prix Omnium II Cont.

2--**Intellogent (Ire)**, 128, c, 3, Intello (Ger)--Nuit Polaire (Ire), by Kheleyf. O-Mme Fiona Jean Carmichael. €11,000.

3--**Nosdargent (Fr)**, 128, g, 3, Kendargent (Fr)--Nostaltir (Fr), by Muhtathir (GB). O-Bernard Giraudon. €8,250.

Margins: HF, 2HF, SHD. Odds: 2.00, 1.30, 6.40.

Also Ran: Mon Ami L'Ecoissais (Fr), Al Mashrab (GB).

Francesco Bere caused an upset when upstaging the subsequent G3 Prix des Chenes winner Stage Magic (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) and Listed Criterium de Lyon scorer Sully (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}) on his black-type bow in the Listed Criterium du FEE at Deauville in August and was only seen once thereafter when last of six in the G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere at Chantilly on Arc day at the beginning of October. Keen to be back in action, the bay tanked his way to the front from the outset and was comfortable there until joined and headed by Intellogent passing the furlong pole. Resilient under attack, he forced his way back to the lead soon after and stuck to his guns to forge another listed win.

Trainer and part-owner Didier Guillemin has an eye on the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains at Parislongchamp May 13.

"He proved last year that he has real quality and his effort in the Jean-Luc Lagardere was not too bad," he said. "He was in very good shape for this and won well. He hit a flat spot in the straight, but he usually does and he is tough and courageous. The aim is the Poulains and I'll have to see if he runs again beforehand or not." The dam, who also produced the Listed Prix de la Californie winner Hurricane (Fr) (Hurricane Cat), is a half to the G2 Flying Childers S.-winning sire Sir Prancealot (Ire) (Tamayuz {GB}). Her 2-year-old colt by Pedro the Great is named Gora Bere (Fr). **Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**



Francesco Bere has Classic aspirations | *Scoop Dyga*

PRIX LA CAMARGO-Listed, €55,000, FTB, 3-22, 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:43.90, sf.

1--**SULLY (FR)**, 126, f, 3, by Siyouni (Fr)

1st Dam: Shaama Rose (Fr), by Verglas (Ire)

2nd Dam: River Ballade, by Irish River (Fr)

3rd Dam: Alice En Ballade (Ire), by Tap On Wood (Ire)

(€37,000 Wlg '15 ARDEC; €35,000 RNA Ylg '16 AROCT).

O-Gerard Augustin-Normand & Alain Jathiere; B-L Kling & A Dambrines (FR); T-Rod Collet; J-Cristian Demuro. €27,500.

Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-1, €89,300.

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2--**Princesschope (Fr)**, 126, f, 3, Panis--Irish Choep (Fr), by Indian Rocket (GB). O-A Chopard & C Boutin. €11,000.

3--**Ghazawaat (Fr)**, 126, f, 3, Siyouni (Fr)--Reech Band (GB), by Choisir (Aus). (€650,000 2yo '17 ARMAY). O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum. €8,250.

Margins: 1, SNK, NK. Odds: 3.30, 15.00, 2.10.

Also Ran: Herecomesthesun (Ire), Princess Gold (Fr), Lilac Fairy (Fr), Prontamente (GB).



Sully | *Scoop Dyga*

Sixth in the Listed Prix Six Perfections over seven furlongs at Deauville in July and third behind this card's other notable winner Francesco Bere (Fr) (Peer Gynt {Jpn}) in the Listed Criterium du FEE at Deauville tackling this trip in August, Sully built on those experiences to break through at this level in the Listed Criterium de Lyon staying at a mile at Lyon-Parilly in September. Anchored in rear early by Cristian Demuro, the grey faced a wall of rivals in the straight and was unable to get out until passing the quarter pole. Once through a gap she showed the kind of acceleration in testing ground that separated her from her rivals to take over 150 yards from the finish and score cosily.

Listed Prix Camargo Cont.

Trainer Rod Collet is aiming high with Sully. “I can’t fault her—she’s a nice one and the form of her Deauville third is very good. She didn’t have the best trip today, but showed a nice turn of foot. She is in the Classics, including the [G1] Poule d’Essai des Pouliches [at ParisLongchamp May 13] and that is the plan.” The winner is the last representative of Shaama Rose, a relative of the G1 Futurity S. scorer Aqua d’Amore (Aus) (Danehill) and the G1 1000 Guineas heroine Las Meninas (Ire) (Glenstal), as she unfortunately died in 2016. **Click for the [Racing Post result](#).**

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7th-FTB, €28,000, Cond, 3-22, 3yo, 8fT, 1:45.80, sf.
SHAMTEE (IRE) (f, 3, [Shamardal](#)--[Truth Beauty {Ire}](#), by [Dubai Destination](#)), a €240,000 AROCT yearling, was off the mark at Bordeaux-le-Bouscat Feb. 24 and raced in a stalking third initially. Sent to the front with 300 metres remaining, the 8-1 shot dug in to hold Maroubra (Fr) (Lawman {Fr}) by a short neck. The dam, who also has a 2-year-old filly by Dream Ahead named Vivid Dream (Ire), is a half to the G3 Prix de Barbeville scorer Magna Graecia (Ire) (Warning {GB}), whose descendants include the G1 Prix Jean Prat hero and G1 2000 Guineas and G1 Prix Jacques le Marois runner-up Territories (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}). The third dam is the G1 Irish Oaks heroine Helen Street (GB) (Troy {GB}), responsible for the brilliant G1 Dubai World Cup and GI Stephen Foster H.-winning leading sire Street Cry (Ire) (Machiavellian). His listed-winning half-sister Historian (Ire) (Pennekamp) is the second dam of last year’s G2 Debutante S. third and leading Classic prospect for 2018, Mary Tudor (Ire) (Dawn Approach {Ire}), while his listed-placed full-sibling Helsinki (GB) went on to produce this filly’s sire Shamardal (Giant’s Causeway), the European champion 2-year-old colt and G1 Poule d’Essai des Poulains, G1 Prix du Jockey Club, G1 Dewhurst S. and G1 St. James’s Palace S.-winning sensation and influential sire. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €23,000. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Prime Equestrian S.A.R.L.; B-S.F. Bloodstock LLC (IRE); T-Xavier Thomas Demeaulte.

6th-FTB, €30,000, Mdn, 3-22, 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:48.80, sf.
CASTELLAR (FR) (f, 3, [American Post {GB}](#)--[Highphar {Fr}](#), by [Highest Honor {Fr}](#)), who was fifth on debut in a potentially smart encounter at Saint-Cloud in late October, broke smartly before being restrained to race behind the leading trio throughout the early stages. Travelling strongly into contention with 2 1/2 furlongs remaining, the 9-10 favourite was shaken up to pass Watayouna (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}) a furlong out and register a smooth two-length success.

The winner is a half-sister to last year’s G2 Prix Greffulhe and G3 Prix du Prince d’Orange scorer and G1 Prix du Jockey Club third Reoletos (Fr) (Whipper), MGSW & G1SP-Fr, \$445,322. With a 2-year-old full-sister to that stable star to come in Villalar (Fr), she is a daughter of the GII Garden City Breeders’ Cup H. and G3 Prix de Sandringham winner Pharatta (Ire) (Fairy King), who in turn is a half to the MGSW sire Crimson Tide (Ire) (Sadler’s Wells). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €16,350. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-SARL Darpat France (FR); T-Carlos Laffon-Parias.

1st-FTB, €27,000, Debutantes, 3-22, 2yo, 850mT, :51.00, sf.
ELDANZA (FR) (f, 2, [Never On Sunday {Fr}](#)--[Vilavella {Fr}](#), by [Shamardal](#)) was sent off the 9-10 favourite for this first 2-year-old race staged in France in 2018 and showed why with a professional attitude from the outset to gain the lead. Rampaging through the last furlong, the bay hit the line with four lengths to spare over Runway (Fr) (Excelebration {Ire}). The unraced dam is a half to the listed-placed Take Blood (Fr) (Take Risks {Fr}), connected to the GSP Great Blood (Fr) (Great Palm) and the GSW sire Boxing Day (Fr) (Deep Roots {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €13,500. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**
 O-Mathieu Daguzan-Garros & Didier Guillemin; B-Mat Daguzan-Garros & H Soler (FR); T-Didier Guillemin.



El Danza gallops to victory in the first French juvenile race of the season at Fontainebleau Thursday. | *Scoop Dyga*

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Assiro (GB), c, 3, **[Declaration of War](#)**--T’As D’Beaux Yeux (GB), by Red Ransom. FTB, 3-22, 8fT, 1:44.10. B-Gestut Zur Kuste Ag (GB). *€100,000 Ylg ‘16 ARAUG. **1/2 to Heuristique (Ire) (Shamardal), SW & G1SP-Fr, \$141,549.

Storming Out (Fr), f, 3, **[Reckless Abandon \(GB\)](#)**--Shomus, by Tiznow. LYS, 3-22, 2150m (AWT), 2:17.48. B-Imperial Bloodstock SARL & SCEA JLC (FR). *€30,000 RNA Wlg ‘15 ARDEC; €48,000 Ylg ‘16 ARAUG.

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CONDITIONS RESULT:

2nd-WOL, £5,800, 3-22, 3yo/up, 5f 21y (AWT), 1:01.37, st. DRAKEFELL (IRE) (c, 3, Canford Cliffs {Ire}--Cake {Ire} {SW & GSP-Eng, \$114,421}, by Acclamation {GB}) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, \$11,062. O/B-Des Anderson (IRE); T-Richard Hannon.

OBSERVATIONS on the European racing scene

8.30 Dundalk, Mdn, €12,000, 3yo, 10f 150y (AWT) CHATEAU LA FLEUR (IRE) (Frankel {GB}) is a significant debutante this early in the campaign, being a 900,000gns TAOCT purchase by Moyglare Stud. A daughter of the GSW and 2005 G1 Nassau S. runner-up Cassydora (GB) (Darshaan {GB}) from a fantastic Hesmonds Stud family, the February-foaled bay is therefore a full-sister to the G3 Prix d'Aumale scorer Toulifaut (Ire) and a half to Ballydoyle's MGSW stayer Ernest Hemingway (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}).

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Pastorale, a half-sister to Cape Cross, and the dam of Iffraaj, turned 30 on Thursday. Pastorale now enjoys her days at Ballymany Stud amongst a group of retired broodmares including her own daughter, Jathaabeh, and Porto Roca, dam of Dubai World Cup winner Monterosso. "Huge credit must go to the staff at Ballymany Stud," said Godolphin Ireland Stud Director Jimmy Hyland. "The daily care that they give the retired mares is second to none and despite her age Pastorale's great condition and health is a testimony to their love and respect of the horses in their care." | Photo by Caoimhe Doherty

WORLDWIDE NEWS

Sunlight A Beacon In Golden Slipper Cont. from p1

Drawing perfectly in barrier five, jockey Luke Currie has the option of going forward with the filly who races handy, and with some speed on her inside, including the hardest to beat in **Written By (Aus)** (Written Tycoon {Aus}), it should be a great race if the pair can come away to fight out the finish.



Sunlight | Bronwen Healy

One of only two unbeaten runners in the race, G1 Blue Diamond S. winner **Written By** has already assured his place at stud, as a Group 1-winning son of one of the hottest stallions in the land, but a win in the Golden Slipper will emulate Sepoy (Aus) (Elusive Quality) as the most recent winner of the juvenile Group 1 double. While he was not as dominant in his G2 Pago Pago win last weekend as he was in the Blue Diamond, trainer Grahame Begg has indicated that the colt was only given one hard gallop in between those two races, and will come into the Slipper ready to run the race of his life.

Somewhat of a surprise packet, unbeaten colt **Aylmerton (Aus)** (Siyouni {Fr}) was the subject of an ownership change during the week, and the Jean Dubois-trained colt is set to race in the Coolmore silks on Saturday. His last-start win over **Ef Troop (Aus)** (Spirit of Boom {Aus}), who had previously finished fourth to Sunlight in the Magic Millions, in the G2 Todman S. had many standing up and taking notice of the colt.

Tommy Berry, veteran of two Slipper wins, jets in from Hong Kong to ride Aylmerton and he told *Racenet.com.au*, "The thing that stands out to me the most about this colt is he's strong to the line, very gutsy. When Ef Troop came back at him the other day he really stuck his head out and to me he looks like he'll run further than 1200m; that's a given I reckon. He's got a lovely action, looks to travel really well, [and has] got a real nice style about him." **Cont. p8**

Sunlight A Beacon In Golden Slipper Cont.

With the expected wet track conditions for the meeting, the Chris Waller-trained **Fiesta (Aus)** (I Am Invincible {Aus}) has been the subject of some large pre-race bets due to her wet form. She was a half-length second behind another leading chance in **Seabrook (NZ)** (Hinchinbrook {Aus}) last start in the G2 Sweet Embrace S., and a win would give Star Thoroughbreds their second after Sebring (Aus) (More Than Ready) back in 2008.

Having finished closer to Sunlight than any other horse during her winning streak, the Hawkes Racing-trained \$1.7-million yearling and **'TDN Rising Star' Estijaab (Aus)** (Snitzel {Aus})--who is the most expensive runner in the race--loves to race forward, and if barrier 17 causes no issues for the filly, she could sit up handy and show plenty of fight when needed.

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Tommy Berry on Aylmerton

Gai Waterhouse is looking for her seventh win in the race, while co-trainer Adrian Bott is chasing his first, and they send out **Santos (Aus)** (I Am Invincible {Aus}), impressive in the G2 Skyline S. last time out, and the well-related colt will assure himself a home at stud if successful in the race.

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WINX LIKELY FOR QUEEN ELIZABETH

Winx (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}), who makes the second start of her campaign in Saturday's G1 George Ryder S., is likely to defend her G1 Queen Elizabeth S. title three weeks later at The Championships, trainer Chris Waller told *Racing.com*. Waller had initially said that if Winx travels to Royal Ascot in June--that decision will be made after the George Ryder--a freshener may be in the cards after the George Ryder, but the champion trainer is reconsidering.

"Early on we mentioned if she was going to campaign in England, or Europe, that we might pull up [and give her a break] after the George Ryder, but I think it's logical now to progress forward to the Queen Elizabeth in three weeks' time," Waller said. "I'll sit down with the owners after Saturday, and see how it fits in with the horse--the horse comes first. But the Longines Queen Elizabeth is certainly the target."

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SHE WILL REIGN AGAIN

One year ago, **She Will Reign (Aus)** (Manhattan Rain {Aus}) was sparking jubilant celebrations among her large group of owners when handing the Darby Racing partnership its first Golden Slipper, and the 3-year-old looks for her third Group 1 win in Friday evening's G1 William Reid S. at Moonee Valley. Winner of the G1 Moir S. in the spring over this unique course, the Gary Portelli trainee won first-up at Warwick Farm on Feb. 10 and while 10th in the G1 Oakleigh Plate four weeks ago, she was beaten just 2 1/2 lengths.

Looking to bounce back off a lengthy layoff is **'TDN Rising Star' Pariah (Aus)** (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), who is two-for-two first up. He won the G2 San Domenico S. in August before finishing second in the G2 Run to the Rose and a disappointing ninth in the G1 Golden Rose S.

Those two 3-year-olds, in addition to last year's G1 Blue Diamond S. winner **Catchy (Aus)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), enjoy a weight break from their elder rivals, which include **Secret Agenda (Aus)** (Not A Single Doubt {Aus}). The 5-year-old mare won the Listed Bob Hoystead H. first-up on Mar. 3 and has a good record over this distance and over the expected good going.

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'TDN Rising Star' Pariah returns in the William Reid | Bronwen Healy

WINX FOR RYDER HAT TRICK

Talk during the week that Godolphin's colt **Kementari (Aus)** (Lonhro {Aus}) may cause an upset over **Winx (Aus)** (Street Cry {Ire}) in the G1 George Ryder S. sees the last-start G1 Randwick Guineas winner start under double figure odds against the glamour mare, but really, she couldn't seriously be beaten...could she? [Cont. p9](#)

Winx for Ryder Hat Trick? Cont.

Aiming for her third consecutive victory in the George Ryder, and 24th straight win, there is no reason to think that Winx will not take the prize again and set herself up for the G1 Queen Elizabeth S. (2000m) followed by what could be an international campaign. Trainer Chris Waller was fielding queries this week about Winx going into the Ryder second-up this campaign as opposed to third-up this time last year, and he told *Racing.com* it could be a moot point.

"I remember this time last year we were questioning whether she'd be sharp enough to run against the better horses coming back in trip third-up that preparation, so I think she dispelled any doubt that year. And I think this year having just the one run into the race, she'd be close to the best she could be over the shorter distance before stepping up to the Queen Elizabeth in three weeks' time."

"She's a very adaptable horse, she's good fresh, she's good in the last run of her preparation--there's not many chinks in her armour."

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Chris Waller on Winx

While super impressive this time in, 3-year-old colt Kementari does look capable of running a big race, but the conditions of the race sees the colt carrying just one kilo less than Winx, something that really does not lean in his favour over the 1500m. Connections have indicated that this race is the ideal prep for the G1 Doncaster H. (1600m) in two weeks.

Last-start G1 Canterbury S. winner **Happy Clapper (Aus)** (Teofilo {Aus}) has obviously returned in fantastic order based on his victory over Global Glamour (Aus) (Star Witness {Aus}) fresh, with trainer Pat Webster always indicating that he is more than content in running second to the great mare, and the rising 8-year-old looks ready for another top-class effort on Saturday.

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GAILO TOUGH IN RANVET



Gailo Chop | Bronwen Healy

The first of a mammoth five Group 1 races set to be run on the Rosehill Gardens card on Saturday sees the Darren Weir-trained **Gailo Chop (Fr)** (Deportivo {GB}) look extremely hard to beat.

With wet track conditions set to meet the runners, the last-start G1 Australian Cup runner-up has six wins and a second from eight attempts on rain-affected going.

Beaten narrowly by the Hayeses and Dabernig-trained **Harlem (GB)** (Champs Elysses {GB}) in the Australian Cup, the Mark Walker-ridden 6-year-old could once again prove the hardest to defeat if he has come on from his 2000m Group 1 victory at Flemington.

Third last time out when over seven lengths from Winx (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}) in the G1 Chipping Norton S. (1600m), the Gary Moore-trained **Classic Uniform (Aus)** (Al Maher {Aus}) will appreciate stepping up to the 2000m of Saturday's race, a distance he won the G3 Craven Plate over last campaign.

In fine form of late, Nick Olive's **Single Gaze (Aus)** (Not A Single Doubt {Aus}), a Group 1 winner of the Vinery Stud S. over the track and trip during her 3-year-old season, comes up from Melbourne after her fifth in the Australian Cup and her honesty should keep her in the race for a very long way.

Another of the Hayes/Dabernig runners from the Australian Cup to impress was **Ventura Storm (Ire)** (Zoffany {Ire}), who appreciated the solid tempo set in the race, charging home for third at Flemington, and with the pace looking like it may be similar here, the 5-year-old could be working home well again.

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GALAXY IS IN HER TIME

With three Group 1 placings to her name, the Ben Smith-trained **In Her Time (Aus)** (Time Thief {Aus}) put the writing on the wall with a recent four-length barrier trial win that she is ready to resume with a top-class effort and looks capable of recording that elusive Group 1 win in The Galaxy S. (1100m) on Saturday.

Another who heads into the race first-up from a spell is the Kris Lees-trained Group 1 winner **Le Romain (Aus)** (Hard Spun {USA}). Never out of the top three from five first up runs, the 5-year-old comes into the race off two solid trial efforts and while he has never won at the track or the distance, he looks primed for a forward showing.

Jungle Edge (Aus) (Dubawi {Ire}) produced an outstanding effort when resuming this time in, finishing second to Redzel (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus}) in the G2 Challenge S. and come Saturday with a distinct liking for rain-affected tracks, we could see the rising 8-year-old capture his first elite-level win.

Narrowly defeated by Russian Revolution (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus}) in the G1 Oakleigh Plate on Feb. 24, **Snitty Kitty (Aus)** (Snitzel {Aus}) will be able to use her gate speed to take up the running and with a win on soft going in the past, the 4-year-old mare is likely to be in front for a long way and prove extremely hard to run down.

With the death of his sire recently, a fitting result would see Godolphin's 3-year-old colt **Viridine (Aus)** (Poet's Voice {GB}) become the first Group 1 winner for his sire. He carries just 50kgs and jockey Brenton Avdulla already has two stakes wins on the colt.

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CAPACITY FIELD FOR ROSEHILL GUINEAS

Eighteen, plus three emergencies, have accepted for Saturday's G1 Rosehill Guineas (2000m), with the dual Group 1-winning colt **Ace High (Aus)** (High Chaparral {Ire}) likely to start favourite. A winner at his only start over 2000m, when successful in the G1 Spring Champion S. at Royal Randwick on Oct. 7, trainer David Payne has always indicated we wouldn't see the best of his star colt until he was up to this trip, and coming into Saturday's race off a fourth behind Kementari (Aus) (Lonhro {Aus}) in the 1600m of the G1 Randwick Guineas, the only concern would be his apparent lack of wet form, having failed in all four attempts.

Successful over the 2040m last start in the G2 Alister Clarke S. at Moonee Valley, Darren Weir's front-running colt **Cliff's Edge (Aus)** (Canford Cliffs {Ire}) does have a win on soft going, and with the colt likely to jump and go forward from the inside gate connections will be hoping that by race six on the day that the inside portion of the track is not too chopped up.

The form from the G1 New Zealand Derby more than often carries across the Tasman and this year we have first, second, fourth, fifth and sixth all travelling over for the race. With solid wet form, New Zealand Derby winner **Vin De Dance (NZ)** (Roc de Cambes {NZ}) needed every inch of the 2400m last start to take the prize, and the slight concern here is dropping back to the 2000m, but he is clearly classy, and co-trainer Murray Baker knows what it takes to win the race, having trained outstanding colt Dundee (NZ) (High Chaparral {Ire}) to victory in 2013.

Surprising quite a few with his gallant fifth in the New Zealand Derby, beaten less than two lengths, the Chris Gibbs-trained **Endowment (NZ)** (Savabeel {Aus}) has the services of Damien Oliver here and from one of the widest barriers is likely to settle back and could be charging late once again at big odds.

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PING HAI ANOTHER 'STAR' FOR HIGHDEN PARK

by Alan Carasso

Libby and Sam Bleakley's boutique operation at Highden Park in Manawatu, New Zealand, located about two hours northeast of Wellington and some 300 miles southeast of Auckland, has been in existence for just seven years. But during that time, the operation has had wild success with its graduates, particularly those that have been exported to Hong Kong. The Bleakleys were on hand at Sha Tin last Sunday when **Ping Hai Star (NZ)** (Nom du Jeu {NZ}) became the second farm graduate in the last three years to take down the prestigious BMW Hong Derby ([video](#)).

"It was pretty impressive, a lot of people who have seen a lot of those races said it was one of the most impressive Derby wins they've ever seen in Hong Kong," Bleakley said by phone earlier this week. "It was desperately breathtaking and it looked like he could have pulled away even more if he'd wanted."

The Bleakleys were joined in Hong Kong by breeders Glenn and Lisa Morton, who also bred and raced Nom de Jeu. Bleakley recalled being smitten by Ping Hai Star from the time he was foaled Nov. 6, 2013.

"I am of the opinion that good horses are born good," she said. "We breed a few here and every now and then one is born and you say, 'Wow! This horse is top shelf.' I rang the owners at 2 a.m. when he was born and I said, 'Wow, guys, this is such a good foal.' He was born with so much natural muscle, he had a really lovely leg on him and as he grew out over the first few months, he had a beautiful temperament. He was always very calm, relaxed and intelligent. There's a lot of pressure with yearling preparation, but he just rose above and thoroughly enjoyed it. He really thrived on and to me, when they thrive in the yearling preparation—because we work them quite hard—that leads to them being something special on the track." [Cont. p11](#)



Ping Hai Star | HKJC photo

Ping Hai Another ‘Star’ for Highden Park Cont.

But those on hand at the 2015 NZB Select Yearling Sale weren’t exactly sold on lot 775, as he was led out unsold when bidding stalled out at just NZ\$40,000.

“I would put my hand up and say that he was one of the nicest yearlings I’ve ever taken out to the sale,” Bleakley said. “If anything, it was his sire. People were just put off by the sire, nobody wanted [his progeny]. I tell you I was blue in the face just saying to people, ‘shut the catalog and look at what’s in front of you.’ It doesn’t matter what it’s by. He might be by an unfashionable sire, you couldn’t tell me that this wasn’t going to be a nice horse. From there it was frustrating, because we select our draft for Karaka every year based on type. We are not about the fancy pedigree pages, we will only take a horse if it’s a nice type, and to me, I was disappointed no one else could see what I saw in him as a yearling.

“Being by Nom du Jeu, he just needed that extra time to get the very best out of him,” Bleakley continued. “Physically, you could have been swayed to push him a bit earlier than what he has been, but it worked out that they let him do things his way when he was ready. And I think being in the right hands along the way has made such a difference as well.”

Convinced that she had prepared a nice horse even if there were no takers at Karaka, Bleakley encouraged the colt’s owner to eschew racing at home and to send the horse overseas.

“Back at the farm here when we got him broken I spoke with the owners and said, ‘take him to Australia.’ Let’s put it this way: we have a banner that has all our top graduates on it and I [had] one for ‘Ted’ printed out, that’s how confident I was,” she said.

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Ping Hai Another ‘Star’ for Highden Park Cont.

Trained by Stuart Kendrick, the horse then known as Ted won a pair of races by a combined 11 1/2 lengths at the Sunshine Coast in February 2017 before being sold to Zeng Shengli and transferred to leading trainer John Size. The rest, as they say, is history, as Ping Hai Star was running his current winning streak to four with his barnstorming score in the Derby.

But Highden Park is no one-hit wonder. In addition to Ping Hai Star, they have raised the likes of 2016 Derby hero Werther (NZ), G1 Longines Hong Kong Mile winner Beauty Generation (NZ) and MGSW Amazing Kids (NZ).

Werther’s 3-year-old full-sister Milseain (NZ), a NZ\$300,000 graduate from the Highden Park draft at the 2016 Premier Sale, was also third in last Saturday’s G1 New Zealand Oaks. So what is the secret to all this success?

“I was born with a passion, actually I think it’s a little bit more than a passion,” she explained. “This is what I was always going to do. Luckily, my husband, who was a mechanic for a very long time and is only just picking up five years with horses, he is an absolute natural and has a bit of a gift with them as well. For us it’s all about selecting the right type of horse, educating them to



Libby Bleakley
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the highest standard, because a horse is nothing without a good brain.” Bleakley added, “From when they are foals, we teach them confidence and self-belief. You come to our farm, these foals that are just being weaned, they think they are the bee’s knees. If you’ve got a horse that believes in itself and thinks it can do anything, they can. As far as our topography, we have beautiful, rolling country, so our horses are raised on rolling hills, some of which can be quite steep. So right from the time they’re born, they’re building muscle, they’re building strong skeletal structure. I think there is something to both, in education and being raised on these hills. John Size was saying to us the day after the Derby that he couldn’t believe the graduates we’ve had and said, ‘there’s something in your ground!’”

And the Bleakleys see nothing but blue skies ahead.

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Libby Bleakley

“These horses are really the start of our business, these are the very first horses that have been born and raised on our farm and they’re doing that. The first ones out the gate are doing it for us, how fantastic!” she said, adding that the farm boards

about 15 mares. “We had a fantastic sales season at Karaka [in 2018], we ended up as the top vendor by average [in Book 1, led by a NZ\$500,000 full-sister to Werther and Milseain] and sold the [NZ\$200,000] top lot in the second book (lot 885). And I would say there are three horses from that draft that I would go ahead and have their name printed on our banner. We certainly have some nice ones

coming.”

Given the success in such short order at Highden Park, which one of us is to argue?

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JAPANESE GROUP 1 RACES – 2018

Date	Race	Track
Mar. 25	Takamatsunomiya Kinen	Chukyo
Apr. 1	Osaka Hai	Hanshin
Apr. 8	Oka Sho (1000 Guineas)	Hanshin
Apr. 15	Satsuki Sho (2000 Guineas)	Nakayama
Apr. 29	Tenno Sho (Spring)	Kyoto
May 6	NHK Mile Cup	Tokyo

Friday, Moonee Valley, Victoria, Australia, post time: 9:30 p.m. (6:30 a.m. EST/11:30 a.m.

GMT) WILLIAM REID S-G1, A\$500,000 (US\$385,235/£273,861/€314,110), WFA, 3yo/up, 1200mT

SC PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1 5	Rock Magic (Aus)	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Gangemi	Lane	129
2 10	Hellbent (Aus)	I Am Invincible (Aus)	Weir	Williams	129
3 6	Supido (Aus)	Sebring (Aus)	Kent	Mertens	129
4 3	Thronum (Aus)	Snitzel (Aus)	D & B Hayes/Dabernig	Zahra	129
5 2	Bons Away (Aus)	Bon Hoffa (Aus)	Purcell	Meech	129
6 8	Secret Agenda (Aus)	Not A Single Doubt (Aus)	Price	Oliver	124
7 9	Fuhryk (Aus)	Star Witness (Aus)	D & B Hayes/Dabernig	Baster	124
8 7	Pariah (Aus)	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	P & P Snowden	Shinn	123
9 1	She Will Reign (Aus)	Manhattan Rain (Aus)	Portelli	Melham	119
10 4	Catchy (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	D & B Hayes/Dabernig	Dunn	119

Saturday, Rosehill, New South Wales, Australia, 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

Saturday, Rosehill, New South Wales, Australia, post time: 2:45 p.m. (11:45 p.m. EST/4:45 a.m. GMT)

GEORGE RYDER S-G1, A\$1,000,000 (US\$770,975/£547,874/€627,719), WFA, 3yo/up, 1500mT

SC PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1 4	Happy Clapper (Aus)	Teofilo (Ire)	Webster	Shinn	130
2 3	Clearly Innocent (Aus)	Not A Single Doubt (Aus)	Lees	Berry	130
3 2	Crack Me Up (NZ)	Mossman (Aus)	Baker	Collett	130
4 6	Winx (Aus)	Street Cry (Ire)	Waller	Bowman	125
5 1	Invincible Gem (Aus)	I Am Invincible (Aus)	Lees	Purton	125
6 5	Kementari (Aus)	Lonhro (Aus)	Cummings	Avdulla	123

Saturday, Rosehill, New South Wales, Australia, post time: 2:05 p.m. (11:05 p.m. EST/4:05 a.m. GMT)

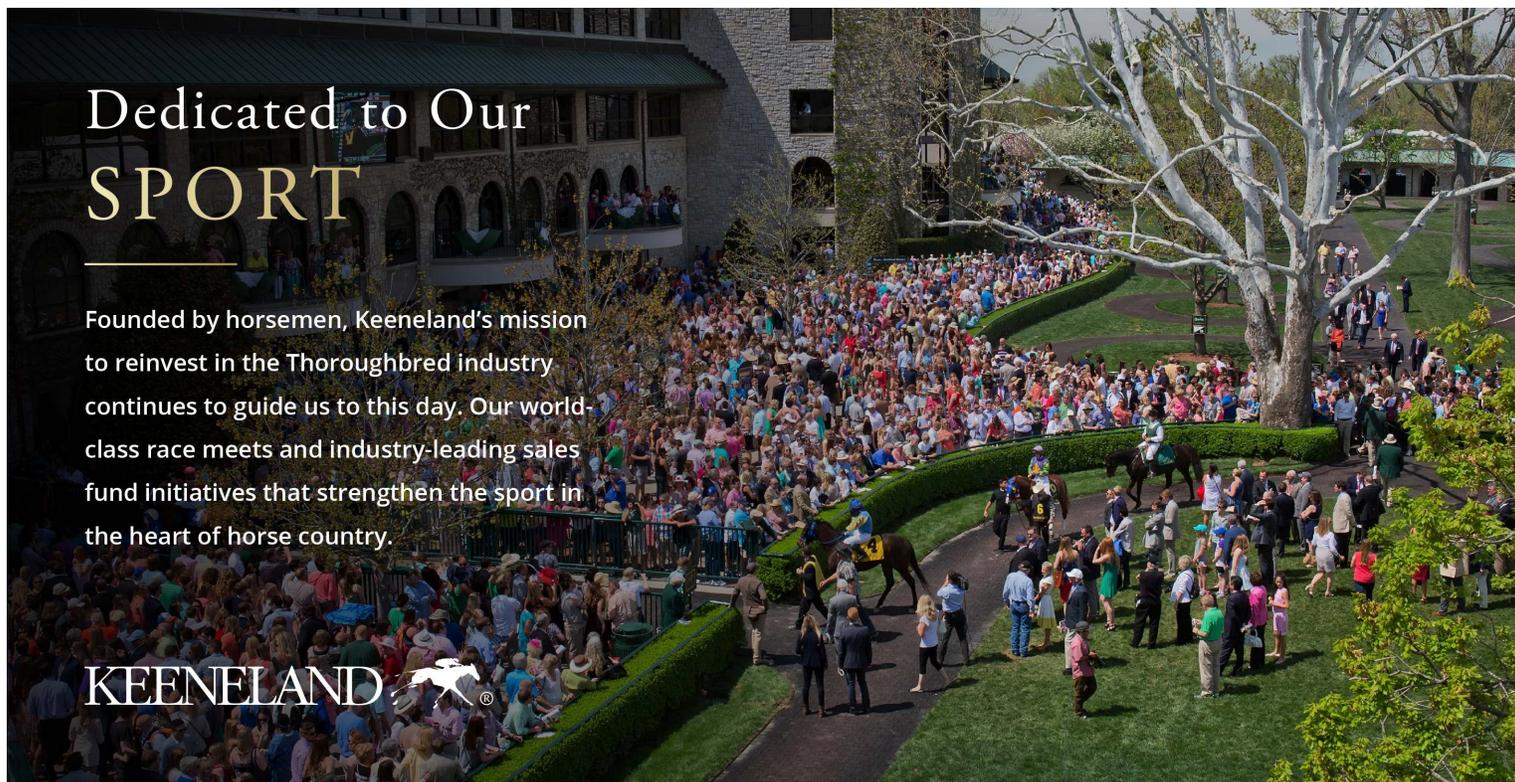
RANVET S-G1, A\$700,000 (US\$539,611/£383,733/€439,696), WFA, 3yo/up, 2000mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	4	Gailo Chop (Fr)	Deportivo (GB)	Weir	Zahra	130
2	3	Classic Uniform (Aus)	Al Maher (Aus)	Moore	Clark	130
3	6	Harlem (GB)	Champs Elysees (GB)	D & B Hayes/Dabernig	Walker	130
4	2	Prized icon (Aus)	More Than Ready	Lees	Bowman	130
5	9	Ventura Storm (Ire)	Zoffany (Ire)	D & B Hayes/Dabernig	Oliver	130
6	7	Sarrasin (GB)	Monsun (Ger)	Freedman	Purton	130
7	5	The Taj Mahal (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Howley	Melham	129
8	1	Single Gaze (Aus)	Not A Single Doubt (Aus)	Olive	O'Hara	125
9	8	Consensus (NZ)	Postponed	McKee	Collett	125

Saturday, Rosehill, New South Wales, Australia, post time: 4:50 p.m. (1:50 a.m. EST/6:50 a.m. GMT)

THE GALAXY H-G1, A\$700,000 (US\$539,611/£383,733/€439,696), 3yo/up, 1100mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	12	Le Romain (Aus)	Hard Spun	Lees	Bowman	128
2	7	Jungle Edge (Aus)	Dubawi (Ire)	Bell	Forrester	122
3	13	In Her Time (Aus)	Time Thief (Aus)	Smith	Purton	121
4	14	Secret Agenda (Aus)	Not A Single Doubt (Aus)	SCR	SCR	121
5	3	English (Aus)	Encosta de Lago (Aus)	Waterhouse/Bott	Clipperton	120
6	15	Takedown (Aus)	Stratum (Aus)	Moore	Berry	120
7	1	Ball of Muscle (Aus)	Dubawi (Ire)	Pride	Collett	117
8	9	Supido (Aus)	Sebring (Aus)	Kent	Williams	117
9	8	Thronum (Aus)	Snitzel (Aus)	D & B Hayes/Dabernig	McEvoy	116
10	6	Snitty Kitty (Aus)	Snitzel (Aus)	Dwyer	Clark	115
11	2	Derryn (Aus)	Hinchinbrook (Aus)	D & B Hayes/Dabernig	Adkins	115
12	4	Lady Esprit (Aus)	Bel Esprit (Aus)	Purcell	O'Hara	112
13	11	Viridine (Aus)	Poet's Voice (GB)	Cummings	Avdulla	110
14	5	Pariah (Aus)	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	SCR	SCR	110
<i>Emergency:</i>						
15	10	The Mission (Aus)	Choisir (Aus)	Perry	King	110



Saturday, Rosehill, New South Wales, Australia, post time: 3:25 p.m. (12:25 a.m. EST/5:25 a.m. GMT)

ROSEHILL GUINEAS-G1, A\$600,000 (US\$462,379/£328,708/€377,028), 3yo, 2000mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	11	Ace High (Aus)	High Chaparral (Ire)	Payne	Angland	124
2	3	Vin De Dance (NZ)	Roc de Cambes (NZ)	Baker/Forsman	Waddell	124
3	15	Age Of Fire (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Autridge/Richards	Collett	124
4	1	Cliff's Edge (Aus)	Canford Cliffs (Ire)	Weir	Allen	124
5	21	Mongolianconqueror (NZ)	Ocean Park (NZ)	Autridge/Richards	Bosson	124
6	20	Tangled (Aus)	Snitzel (Aus)	Waller	Walker	124
7	10	Capital Gain (Aus)	Ad Valorem	Butterworth	Melham	124
8	9	D'argento (Aus)	So You Think (NZ)	Waller	Bowman	124
9	4	Villermont (Aus)	All Too Hard (Aus)	Purcell	Shinn	124
10	17	Kaonic (NZ)	Savabeel (Aus)	Waller	Purton	124
11	12	The Lord Mayor (NZ)	Rock 'n' Pop (Aus)	Waller	McEvoy	124
12	19	Endowment (NZ)	Savabeel (Aus)	Gibbs	Oliver	124
13	8	Mission Hill (Aus)	Teofilo (Ire)	Baker/Forsman	Lane	124
14	14	Main Stage (NZ)	Reliable Man (GB)	Busuttin/Young	Zahra	124
15	6	Furore (NZ)	Pierro (Aus)	Lees	Avdulla	124
16	7	So You Win (Aus)	So You Think (NZ)	Waller	Williams	124
17	16	Condor (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Perry	Currie	124
18	5	Terwilliker (Aus)	Pierro (Aus)	A & E Cummings	Adkins	124
<i>Emergencies:</i>						
19	2	Mongolian Marshal (NZ)	High Chaparral (Ire)	Baker/Forsman	Berry	124
20	18	Yuralla Boy (Aus)	Dreamscape (Aus)	Howlett	No Rider	124
21	13	Tangmere (NZ)	Frankel (GB)	Waller	McEvoy	124

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