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$800,000 session-topping Quality Road filly (Hip 95) | *Tibor Szlavik*

By Christie DeBernardis & Jessica Martini

OCALA, FL--The Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's April Spring Sale of 2-Year-Olds sale got off to a good start Tuesday in Central Florida with steady trade and an increase in average and median over last year's opening session.

A total of 151 of the 210 juveniles offered sold for $15,083,000 compared to last term's opening session, when 185 of 222 youngsters to pass through the ring sold for a gross of $15,675,700. The average was up 17.8% from $84,734 to $99,887 and the median increased 14.6% from $48,000 to $55,000.

"We are off to a good start," said Tom Ventura, OBS President. "I am very pleased with how the day went. There was a lot of concern about how the buyers would react to the day that was affected by the weather on Monday's breeze show. The times were a little slower than the rest of the week. We do have a sophisticated buying base here and the results showed that. Our top five horses sold to five different buyers and there was good activity below that."

Fifty-nine 2-year-olds failed to sell for an RNA rate of 28.1%.

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NEW 'OPEN DOOR' CDI CHAIRMAN AIMS FOR 'HUGE SHIFT' IN INDUSTRY RELATIONS

Q&A with R. Alex Rankin, by T.D. Thornton

Insurance executive R. Alex Rankin's introduction to the Thoroughbred business came in 1982 when he bought a single broodmare and founded Upson Downs Farm in Goshen, Kentucky.

On Apr. 24, 2018, he took the helm as the newly elected chairman of the board of directors of Churchill Downs Inc. (CDI), the largest racing-related corporation in America.

In the three-plus decades in between, Rankin became increasingly involved in the industry, including serving as president and board member of the Kentucky Thoroughbred Association, president and director of the Kentucky Derby Museum, director of Breeders' Cup Limited, and director of Kentucky Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders. **Cont. p8**

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THOROUGHBRED DAILY **NEWS**

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Foaled on March 1 at Upson Downs Farm in Goshen, KY, this filly by American Pharoah out of Walkwithapurpose (Candy Ride {Arg}) strikes a pose for the camera. Named Maryland-bred Champion Three-Year-Old Filly of 2013, Walkwithapurpose was undefeated at Laurel Park, including a victory in the Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship S. This is her fourth foal and she will be bred to Union Rags in 2018. Click here to submit photos of your 2018 foals for consideration in the TDN. Please include sire, dam, owner, and photographer's name. | *Katlyn Lamp/Sagamore*

NEW GAMEPLAN FOR GRONK: BELMONT STAKES

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Gronkowski *(Lonhro {Aus}), ruled out of consideration for the GI Kentucky Derby with a minor infection, will resume training next week in preparation for a tilt at the GI Belmont S.*

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At the close of business during the 2017 opening session, 53 horses failed to meet their reserves for a buyback rate of 23.9%, but after post sales were included, the buy-back rate fell to 16.7%.

The session was topped by an $800,000 Quality Road filly (hip 95) purchased by Frank Fletcher Racing. She was consigned by Eddie Woods, who was Tuesday's leading seller with 11 horses bringing $2,040,000. Alex and JoAnn Lieblong bought the day's highest-priced colt in Hip 144, a $550,000 son of freshman sire Strong Mandate from the consignment of Randy Miles.

"The market seems fine," Miles said after the colt went through the ring. "I've had four horses sell so far and they all sold except for one. I think it is a good market. We've had some big ticket items sell, so it seems fine. We were a little worried early when we first got started. I'm having a good day so I'm not complaining."

Ten juveniles brought over $300,000 compared to 2017 when only five surpassed that number.

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• Catalogued	306	302
• No. Offered	210	222
• No. Sold	151	185
• RNAs	59	37
• % RNAs	28.1%	16.7%
• No. $300K+	10	5
• High Price	$800,000	$685,000
• Gross	$15,083,000	$15,675,700
• Average (% change)	$99,887 (+17.8%)	$84,734
• Median (% change)	$55,000 (+14.6%)	$48,000

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Fletcher Strikes for Quality Road Filly

Arkansas businessman Frank Fletcher, who has been a major factor in absentia at recent OBS sales, was on hand to personally sign the ticket at $800,000 to acquire a filly by Quality Road during Tuesday's first session of the April sale.

Frank Fletcher | *Coady*

"I've been buying colts down here for years and I decided I needed to get on the other side of the track a little bit and buy some ladies," Fletcher said. "She looked very good."

The dark bay filly (hip 95) is out of Betty Brite (Medaglia d'Oro), who is out of a full-sister to Tiznow. She was consigned by Eddie Woods and worked a quarter during last week's under-tack preview in :22 flat.

Fletcher, whose business interests include the Fletcher Auto Group, purchased a colt by Into Mischief for $400,000 at last year's OBS April sale and set a then-record at the June sale in 2015 when going to $575,000 for another son of the same sire.

"I haven't been here personally in two or three years, but I've bought a lot of horses here," Fletcher said. "I haven't been here since they started remodeling, but I love Ocala. This is a great place and hopefully I'll be able to buy two or three more horses at the sale."

He continued, "We are excited. It's always a gamble, it's a gambling business. But it's a fun business and I travel all over the country going to races--it's what I do for fun."

Bred by John Gunther, Eurowest Bloodstock and Celebre Investments, hip 95 RNA'd for $190,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale. After the buy-back, bloodstock agent Pete Bradley purchased a 50% interest in the filly from Gunther.

"She just kept getting better all along," Bradley said of the filly. "Eddie Woods and Angela did such a great job with her because she was backwards when we bought her. The frame was there and she had the natural talent, but they got her to be what she brought."

Of the filly's final price tag, Bradley said, "We knew she would sell well, but that was more than we had expected."

Quality Road, sire of last year's Eclipse champion 3-year-old filly Abel Tasman and champion 2-year-old filly Caledonia Road, was also represented Tuesday in Ocala by hip 127, a bay filly from the King's Equine consignment who sold for $310,000 to Susan Moulton. --*@JessMartiniTDN*

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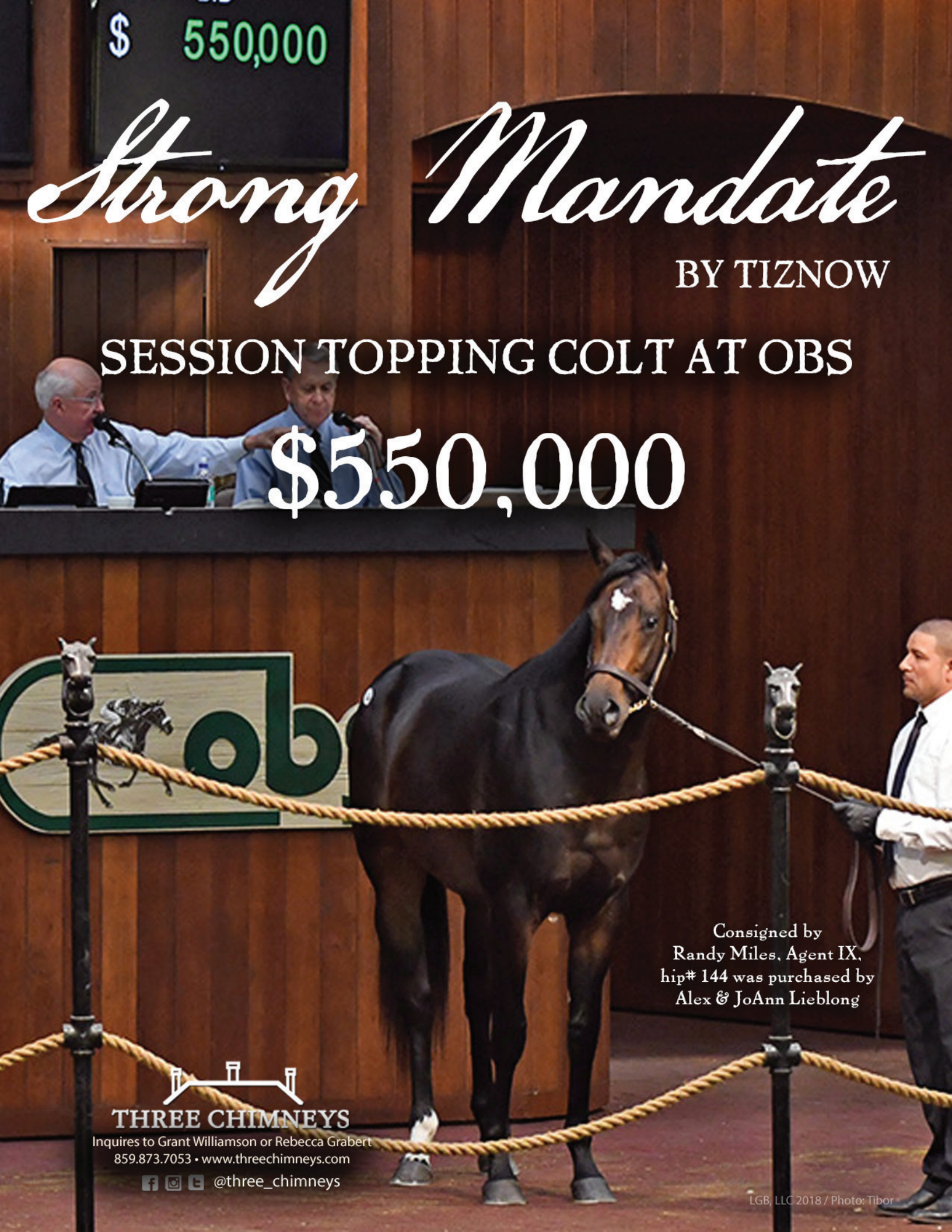
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Lieblong Strikes For Strong Mandate Colt

Alex Lieblong had his eye on Hip 144, a son of freshman sire Strong Mandate, before he ever stepped foot on the sales grounds and he was the last man standing at the end of a spirited round of bidding at OBS Tuesday to take the juvenile home for $550,000.

Alex Lieblong | *Keeneland*

"I liked everything about him," the Arkansas native said. "Anyone that can work :10 flat in that wind is a big step above. Bo [Hunt] breaks a lot of my horses, so when I am buying something off Bo I have complete faith. He did a great job with him and I got to watch the horse train. They've done right by the horse all along."

As for the price, Lieblong said, "I'll be honest with you, I thought he'd go a little higher, but I'm glad he didn't."

Lieblong plans to send his new purchase to Ron Moquett, who was seated alongside the owner when he signed the ticket.

"Ron will probably get that one," said Lieblong, who campaigned Grade I winners The Big Beast (Yes It's True) and Embellish the Lace (Super Saver) with his wife JoAnn. "I have to make sure I don't hurt anyone's feelings if I say that too quick. He's had a little illness, but he is getting over that, so this might speed up his recovery."

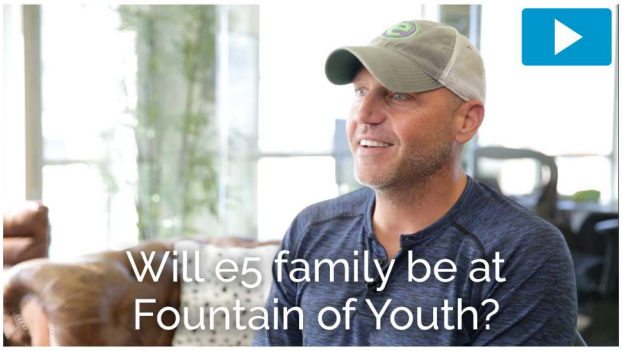
Hip 144 is from the first crop of GI Hopeful S. winner Strong Mandate (Tiznow), whose offspring have proven quite popular in the sales ring. He was represented by an $825,000 filly at last term's Fasig-Tipton Saratoga sale and a $775,000 colt at last month's OBS March sale.

"I love him," Lieblong said of the young stallion. "He's by Tiznow and I saw him when he won at Saratoga. For a Tiznow to be able to do that early, it pumps me up a little bit because I know the Tiznows are good later on, but when they start doing that early, it shows me a little more athleticism."

Consignor Randy Miles expressed similar sentiments about the Three Chimneys stallion.

"We've had three at the farm this year," he said. "They are all good, big, rugged horses and seem precocious. I like them."

Miles bought Hip 144 through his Royal Flush Racing partnership for $60,000 at last term's Fasig-Tipton October sale. Bred by Robert Lail, the dark bay is out of Callous Effect (Majestic Warrior) and hails from the family of Grade I winner Pharma (Theatrical {Ire}).



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"We stretched to buy him as a yearling because we liked him so much," Miles said. "We bought him from Brandywine at the October sale. We got him home and we have loved him ever since."

While Miles was not surprised by the colt's final prize, he was shocked when he saw who the buyer was.

"Bo works on these horses and Mr. Lieblong is a client of ours," Miles said. "We had no idea he was going to buy this horse. He fooled us. He watched the horse on the farm and saw him here at the barn, but when I saw he was signing the ticket, I was shocked. It was a good surprise. It's nice when your own people have faith in you, and he does. He has a lot of faith in what Bo does for him." --*@CDeBernardisTDN*

Daisy Dukes Produces for Eisamans

Barry and Shari Eisaman enjoyed sales success as breeders Tuesday in Ocala when a colt by Big Drama sold to Klaravich Stable for $475,000. The Eisamans bred the juvenile (hip 245) under their Eico Ventures banner out of the mare Daisy Dukes (Ghazi).

Barry Eisaman | *Photos by Z*

"We've had that mare since she was a weanling, so everything that she has done has been for us," Barry Eisaman said. "She's been a good mare. She's retired now."

Daisy Dukes is also the dam of Japanese stakes winner Surplus Singer (Songandaprayer). Her Big Drama colt, who worked a furlong in :10 flat last week, was a standout, according to Eisaman.

"He is an outstanding prospect," Eisaman said. "They got a wonderful, wonderful race prospect. That was a generous amount of money, but I think Big Drama might have been something that would maybe have held some people back. But this is a superior athlete. He's fast, healthy and correct." --*@JessMartiniTDN*

He's Had Enough Juveniles Proving Popular

The first crop of juveniles by He's Had Enough (Tapit), runner-up in the 2012 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile, are turning heads in the sales ring this spring. Lane's End Bloodstock, on behalf of West Point Thoroughbreds and Robert Masiello, went to $370,000 to secure hip 276 from the Grassroots Training & Sales consignment and about an hour later bloodstock agent Gary Young purchased a gray colt (hip 305) by the stallion for $320,000.

"He's had a bunch of good-moving horses," Young said of He's Had Enough, who stands at Woodford Thoroughbreds for $5,000. "I tried buying the one that Grassroots had earlier that was really nice and Ciaran Dunne had one at Barretts that was nice. The one that Ciaran had at Barretts and this one here were grays. The one that David McKathan [of Grassroots] had that I tried to buy about an hour earlier was chestnut. But they are good, long-striding horses. They don't look like they are going to be 5 1/2 furlong horses."

Dunne's Wavertree Stables sold a colt by He's Had Enough (hip 40) for $160,000 at last month's Barretts Spring Sale.

Of hip 305, who worked a quarter last week in :21 3/5, Young said, "I just really liked this horse. He looks like Tapit. And He's Had Enough looks like Tapit. We'll see."

Consigned by Eddie Woods, the gray colt was purchased by Quarter Pole Enterprises for $40,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton July sale. He is out of Elizabits (Forestry), a half-sister to the dam of graded stakes winner Onlyforyou (Malibu Moon).

Grassroots purchased hip 276 for $62,000 at the Fasig July sale. The chestnut, a half-brother to stakes wiinner Discreet Lover (Repent), worked a furlong in :10 flat last week.

Asked if he was surprised to have to pay that much for a son of the young stallion, Young said, "Before the 2-year-old sales started I would have been surprised, but there are other people who can tell you, he throws a good-moving horse. He was a nice horse as a racehorse, but he throws a nice-looking horse and a nice-moving horse. I hope we get to prove that right in about five months." --*@JessMartiniTDN*

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HIP	SIRE | DAM	PRICE ($)
95	**Quality Road--Betty Brite** *($190,000 RNA yrl '17 KEESEP)* *Breeder: John D. Gunther, Eurowest Bloodstock & Celebre Investments (KY)* *Consignor: Eddie Woods, Agent IX* *Purchaser: Frank Fletcher Racing*	**800,000**
23	**Arch--American Skipper** *Breeder: Thomas Coleman (FL)*	**475,000**

Consignor: Off the Hook LLC, Agent VI
Purchaser: Steven W. Young, Agent

199 **Bernardini--C Js Leelee** **410,000**
($75,000 yrl '17 FTKOCT)
Breeder: Godolphin, Carl Gessler, Jr. & Danny Wiginton (KY)
Consignor: Niall Brennan Stables, Agent XXVI
Purchaser: Mike Ryan, Agent

248 **Uncaptured--Dandy Dulce** **350,000**
($57,000 RNA yrl '17 FTKJUL)
Breeder: Michelle Redding (FL)
Consignor: SBM Training and Sales, Agent I
Purchaser: Alex & JoAnn Lieblong

TOP COLTS

HIP	SIRE | DAM	PRICE ($)
144	**Strong Mandate--Callous Effect**	**550,000**
	($60,000 yrl '17 FTKOCT)	
	Breeder: Robert H. Lail (KY)	
	Consignor: Randy Miles, Agent IX	
	Purchaser: Alex and JoAnn Lieblong	
245	**Big Drama--Daisy Dukes**	**475,000**
	Breeder: Eico Ventures, Inc. (FL)	
	Consignor: Eisaman Equine, Agent	
	Purchaser: Klaravich Stable Inc.	
276	**He's Had Enough--Discreet Chat**	**370,000**
	($62,000 yrl '17 FTKJUL)	
	Breeder: Woodford Thoroughbreds (FL)	
	Consignor: Grassroots Training & Sales, Agent III	
	Purchaser: L.E.B., Agent for West Point TB's & Robert Masiello	
320	**Yes It's True--A Prettydixie**	**320,000**
	Breeder: Joseph & Helen Barbazon (FL)	
	Consignor: King's Equine, Agent IX	
	Purchaser: Xavier International Bloodstock, Agent	
305	**He's Had Enough--Elizabits**	**320,000**
	($40,000 yrl '17 FTKJUL)	
	Breeder: Ledgelands & Andrew C. Ritter (KY)	
	Consignor: Eddie Woods, Agent II	
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John Servis | *Coady*

Hip 96: c, Shackleford–Be With Me, by Corinthian
Buyer: Oracle Bloodstock, agent for Hill, Corms & Flying P.
Consignor: Robert Brewer, agent
Price: $170,000

John Servis: "I thought he was a big leggy, well-balanced horse. He had a good walk and a very good video [:10 2/5]."

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Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price ($)
030	filly	The Factor	Another Romance	250,000

Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent XXXII
Purchased by Stonestreet Stables LLC
Gatewood Bell's Cromwell Bloodstock was able to acquire this filly for $35,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale.

037	colt	Yes It's True	A Prettydixie	320,000

Consigned by King's Equine, Agent IX
Purchased by Xavier International Bloodstock, agent Scott Dilworth purchased this colt for $52,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton July sale.

101	colt	Lookin at Lucky	Bikini Beauty	240,000

Consigned by Niall Brenna Stables, Agent V
Purchased by Head of Plains & Long Lake Stables
Dennis Miller signed the ticket at $45,000 to acquire this bay colt at the Keeneland September sale.

218	filly	Cairo Prince	Copelan's Angel	235,000

Consigned by Costanzo Sales
Purchased by Kenji Ryotokuji Holdings
South Side was the name on the ticket when this youngster sold for $60,000 at the 2016 Keeneland November sale.

246	colt	Jump Start	Dakota Sky	200,000

Consigned by Whitman Sales LLC, Agent V
Purchased by Mr B. LLC,
agent for Dr Michael Sigband/Mike Pageler
Paul Reich purchased this colt for $30,000 at last year's Keeneland September Yearling Sale.

281	colt	Strong Mandate	Diva's Tribute	250,000

Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent XXXVII
Purchased by Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners & ERJ Racing
Barton Thoroughbreds purchased Diva's Tribute (Henny Hughes), with this foal in utero, for $4,700 at the 2015 Keeneland November sale. Since that purchase, the mare's Jimmy Creed filly Spectator won the GII Sorrento S. and was third in the GI Del Mar Debutante and second in the GI Santa Anita Oaks. After producing foals by the Barton family's Champ Pegasus the last two years, Diva's Tribute will be bred back to Jimmy Creed this year.

TDN Q&A

Q&A with R. Alex Rankin cont. from p1

R. Alex Rankin | *Churchill Downs*

Rankin has been an independent director at CDI since 2008, and was voted into The Jockey Club in 2016.

Rankin recently spoke via phone with *TDN* to detail his aspirations for Churchill Downs, the GI Kentucky Derby, and CDI's other Thoroughbred properties. Rankin also discussed the corporation's image, and how he envisions his role in changing some Thoroughbred industry perceptions about it. An edited transcript follows.

TDN: That's a great story about how you started as a one-horse farm. How might your experience in building a breeding and racing operation from bottom up dovetail into your new corporate role?

AR: Learning the farm business from the bottom up, and knowing what it takes to have employees that love horses, I think will be of benefit. We've always felt if you've got happy employees, you've got happy horses, and that sort of thing can transfer over. And then getting into working as a director of the Kentucky Thoroughbred Association gave me valuable experience in understanding horsemen's issues, which is an offshoot of the breeding business. And I've seen a lot of horse insurance and farm insurance, so it's kind of a full circle. CDI's business appears to be a top-down business. But it's really bottom-up if you think about it.

TDN: What is the biggest upside to the corporation and what are the biggest challenges it faces?

Always Dreaming wins the 2017 Kentucky Derby | *Horsephotos*

AR: The biggest advantage right now is we have an incredible and exceptional management team that has been with the company for a number of years and understands racing as a core activity. And the Kentucky Derby is obviously an iconic asset that is very unique to a public corporation. We have diversified the business over the last 15 years through great acquisitions and great sales of businesses, and now we've kind of come back to the core.

The challengers are those that face any public corporation. As a public company, we need to continue to grow and find new ways to be efficient while striving to have an entertainment product that is second to none. So that's the day-to-day challenge in our business--maintaining a great culture and a momentum of growth, not only in financial results, but in the results of how our patrons and all our constituencies perceive us.

TDN: To many people in the sport, there are things they believe to be sacrosanct about the Derby that should never change. But in order to avoid being left behind in any endeavor there has to be change. Can you give examples of both that are important?

AR: We've recently made changes with the qualifying points system and the European and Japanese invites to try to bring the international eye on the Derby and to also try to capture some of the wagering opportunities in those markets. So those could be viewed by traditionalists as maybe a little "out there." But I think more to your point, you have to change the event in the context of 2018 and beyond, because you can't keep running the event like it was when it began. Matt Winn [who ran Churchill Downs from 1902 to 1949] was an innovator in his time, and we want to be innovators in our time. Our management team thinks about that all the time, that "push and pull" with what do we change at the margins so the event continues to be relevant and exciting.

TDN: One shift that doesn't seem too far off is a prime-time Derby under the lights. Will it be a reality any time soon?

AR: I don't think that is a front-of-mind issue right now. I think night racing on its own has been a great thing for our meets, and also for the Breeders' Cup. But for the Derby today, I would say that's not on the docket to consider.

TDN: Since 2000 CDI has put north of $125 million into its flagship plant, and the $60 million historical racing facility Derby City Gaming is set to open later this year. Please detail the short- and long-term visions for the Louisville properties.

AR: We just purchased a lot of property on the perimeter of the racetrack and expanded the footprint immensely all the way around, which should allow us to change the experience from a parking perspective and coming in and going out on big days. It's going to be more fan-friendly. We've expanded the property adjacent to the backstretch, which is going to give us all sorts of options, although we don't yet have any explicit plans. And then Derby City Gaming is on the old Sports Spectrum property, which before that was the old Louisville Downs harness track, about three miles away. We think that's going to be an incredibly productive facility. The purse allocations that it will generate for Churchill Downs will allow us to close the gap [compared to other gaming-enhanced tracks]. We need more quality racing, and good purses draw quality, as you know.

TDN: How about other Thoroughbred holdings? As CDI has expanded its portfolio, it's been accused of acquiring racetracks merely to gain footholds in the gaming industry, then the racing aspects are treated like a necessary evil. Are these valid criticisms?

AR: There obviously have been times when that criticism has been louder than others. But I think that today, my sense is--and I'm a pretty accessible person who likes to talk to people at all levels of the business--that the perception of Churchill Downs in the Thoroughbred industry today is as good as it's been in a number of years, and I credit the management team for creating a culture that drives that. There has been an emphasis on making certain that we are out in the industry on a full-time basis dealing with perceptions and what the concerns are, and I think that we are better positioned as a company for those efforts.

TDN: But what about the situation at a place like Calder Race Course? There are plenty of angry Florida horsemen who feel like they worked in unison with CDI to gain casino rights, then CDI leased the racing to a competitor while demolishing the grandstand and stables. What would be your message to them?

AR: That was a tough situation. We had two racetracks in close proximity to each other. When Gulfstream decided to run basically year round, eventually the racing product in Florida was going to be damaged significantly [if Gulfstream and Calder raced head to head], and I think any horseman would agree to that. The solution was really to decide where racing should be conducted or consolidated, and that decision got made after a long period of negotiations. The Calder casino still makes purse supplements to racing, so that has not changed. But if both racetracks [had opted to] run at the same time, it becomes a really tough business model for both.

TDN: Please give a status update for CDI's other Thoroughbred tracks.

AR: Arlington Park is a wonderful facility. But racing in Illinois is under some pressure right now. The real regulatory potential is gaming at horse tracks. Unfortunately we have not been able to accomplish any help in that respect from the state of Illinois. But Arlington is performing very well under some tough conditions. There's always the hope that we can get the regulatory situation straightened out to become competitive with all the venues that now have casino gaming.

At the Fair Grounds, we feel it's one of the top East Coast places for the winter horse population to go. We had a good meet there. We're doing some work on the turf course now. Obviously, the ability to have casino gaming there has helped that operation. The Fair Grounds is doing fine, and I think we've seen some resurgence in interest from a horsemen's perspective.

Presque Isle Downs in Pennsylvania will be a good addition to our racetrack lineup, and obviously it has the gaming aspect as well. I can't give you a lot of information right now until we close on the pending sale [likely in the fourth quarter of 2018].

TDN: Should CDI be considered in acquisition mode for other tracks right now?

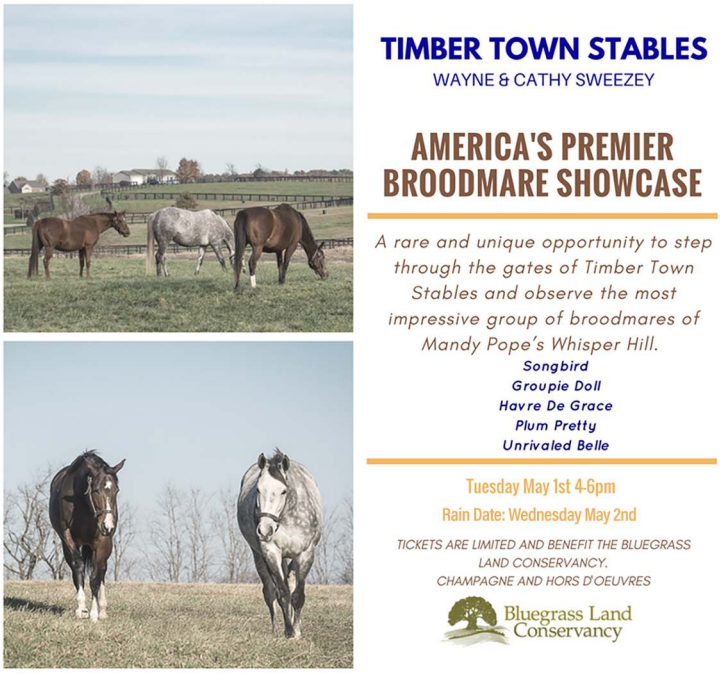
AR: I would say that with the management team that we have, and the way that they view the world, we're always going to have in our DNA the ability and desire to look at opportunities. It is part of our growth model, and organic growth in our business is very difficult. So I would continue to think it's something we would be active in.

TDN: You're a member of The Jockey Club, which is one of principal driving forces behind the proposed Horseracing Integrity Act that's been kicking around the federal legislature for three years now. A number of major racetracks have indicated their support for independent drug testing and oversight, but CDI is conspicuous in its absence from supporting H.R. 2651. Where do you personally stand on this issue?

AR: I've got an individual hat and a Churchill Downs hat, and they're aligned. We are continuing to work with all our constituents in the industry on this subject. We've made some headway in identifying kind of a list of best practices. And I think that we have been in communication and want to be in continued communication with The Jockey Club on this particular effort.

But Churchill Downs is a racetrack. Fair Grounds is a racetrack. Arlington is a racetrack. And we don't feel like it's our role to set policy. Our role is to listen to our constituencies, and try to help with gaining consensus on this issue. There's no question on anybody's mind at Churchill Downs, or in my mind as a breeder and owner, that integrity and medication uniformity is a good idea. It's just getting to the 'How,' and that's where we are.

TDN: You get the last word to bring up any topic you'd like to close out the interview.



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AR: I just want to get back to the question you had about the perception of Churchill Downs within the industry. I think that we as a company understand that we are lucky and honored to have the Kentucky Derby as an asset of the corporation. And this asset is a unique and awesome responsibility, [and we have to] continue to do the right thing by it. And I think that some people have been worried that we are too focused on [the Derby] and not on the industry as a whole.

We know that the Derby does not happen in a vacuum. There are prep races, there are 2-year-old races, there are breeders that supply the horses. A lot of things have to happen to get 20 horses in the starting gate at Churchill Downs on the first Saturday in May. So hopefully, our efforts with being more accessible to the industry and being willing to listen are going to be positives. And I think that's a huge shift in intentionality for our company, because we do not want that perception [of being a corporate behemoth], and we feel we do not deserve that. What the board wants and what management wants is for us to be more accessible and to be a listener and to understand the problems and not be isolationists.

But--we're not always going to do everything everybody wants all of the time. We're probably going to make decisions that people perceive negatively by virtue of us being a public company. But we do think now, in depth, about how these decisions are going to affect the industry as a whole, not just whether they're going to be good for Churchill Downs. It's a two-sided coin for us.

One of the things that we feel very strongly about is this whole idea of having a core open-door policy about how we deal with pretty much the entire Thoroughbred industry. The gaming industry is not coming to us and asking for that. But [horse industry people] do, and they deserve to have somebody to talk to, and they deserve to get their questions answered. And I think it's a big deal. I really do.

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STRONACH TO RECEIVE DINNY PHIPPS AWARD

Frank Stronach, the founder and honorary chairman of The Stronach Group and a leading Thoroughbred owner and breeder, will be presented with the Dinny Phipps Award at the Belmont Stakes Charity Celebration on Thursday, June 7, at the Bryant Park Grill in New York City, the Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation announced Tuesday.

Earle Mack, an active participant in Thoroughbred racing and breeding for more than five decades, created the award in 2017 to honor an individual or individuals who have demonstrated dedication to equine health. The Phipps family received the

Frank Stronach

inaugural Dinny Phipps Award at last year's charity celebration. All proceeds from the event benefit the ongoing research of the Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation to improve equine health for all breeds.

"Frank Stronach has been committed to improving all aspects of the horse racing industry since entering the sport more than 50 years ago," said Mack. "I am thrilled to bestow the Dinny Phipps Award to an individual who prioritizes the well-being of the equine in all areas from breeding to racing to racetrack management."

Dell Hancock, chairman of Grayson, added, "From his support of Grayson's work to his efforts to ensure the highest standards of health and soundness for his horses and all horses that compete at his racetracks, Frank Stronach epitomizes the essence of the Dinny Phipps Award, and he is extremely deserving of this accolade."

Additional information about the Belmont Stakes Charity Celebration can be obtained by contacting Nancy Kelly at nkelly@jockeyclub.com.

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GRONKOWSKI EYES BELMONT STAKES

Gronkowski (Lonhro {Aus}), ruled out of consideration for the GI Kentucky Derby with a minor infection, will resume training next week in preparation for a tilt at the GI Belmont S., owner Phoenix Thoroughbreds, Ltd., announced Tuesday. He has won four straight races, including the 32red Burradon S.

"Gronkowski the horse is recovering very well from a small infection, " said Tom Ludt, Vice President of equine operations

for Phoenix Thoroughbreds. “He’s extremely strong and we are excited about getting him to the U.S. to compete at the Belmont.”

The Phoenix race team also includes the dark bay’s namesake, New England Patriots all-pro tight end and two-time Super Bowl champion Rob Gronkowski.

“This horse is a fighter and a winner,” Gronkowski said. “As an athlete, I understand the need for rest and recovery time. I’m glad that he’s recovering quickly, and I look forward to meeting him soon and taking some selfies!”

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AHC STUDY SHOWS SIGNIFICANT GROWTH IN NEW YORK RACING INDUSTRY

Racing at Saratoga | *Coglianese photo*

The American Horse Council (AHC)’s Economic Impact Study published earlier this month found that New York State’s equine industry has grown by $1.1 billion and added nearly 10,000 new jobs since the New York Horse Racing and Agriculture Industry Alliance conducted a parallel study in 2012, it was announced Tuesday. With over 154,000 horses stabled in New York--39,000 of which are Thoroughbreds--the state’s equine industry is the second largest agribusiness in the state, generating $5.3 billion in economic impact, a 26% increase over the last five years and a 121% growth rate since a study was conducted in 2005.

The study found that Thoroughbreds account for the largest segment of the state’s horse population.

"We are a labor-intensive industry," said Joe Appelbaum, president of the New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, which represents more than 4,000 Thoroughbred owners and trainers. "That is particularly true of the racing industry, which boasts 80 jobs for every 100 racehorses. Horses are an invaluable asset for New York, and a thriving equine industry is vital to the state's economy."

The racing sector of the equine industry accounted for a total economic impact of $3.08 billion on the New York economy while supporting 19,704 jobs. The numbers take into account direct expenditures, such as breeding, maintenance, training, transportation and veterinary work, as well as indirect/induced economic expenditures, such as wagering infrastructure, broadcasting, concessions and track maintenance. The study found that New York’s racetracks offered purses of $289 million and generated $3.4 billion in handle annually.

"Once a confidence level was reached by Thoroughbred breeders and owners regarding our purses and incentive awards, our state-bred program positioned itself ahead of the rest of the national landscape," said Jeffrey Cannizzo, Executive Director of the New York Thoroughbred Breeders. "New York-breds are in demand in the marketplace, farms have reopened across the state and people are investing again in New York. This renaissance is creating hundreds of jobs and injecting needed revenue into communities across our state of New York."

The AHC study also examined the size of the state’s foal crop, finding that the 1,705 Thoroughbred foals on the ground in 2017 represented a 4.7% increase from 2016 and a 40% increase since 2011.

“The AHC Economic Impact Study clearly demonstrates that the investment made in Thoroughbred racing and breeding through our share of VLT revenue has borne fruit,” said Appelbaum. “We thank Governor Andrew Cuomo, Senator John Bonacic, Assemblyman Gary Pretlow and all of our representatives for their support, which has helped to make our industry strong."

The complete break-out report from the AHC Equine Industry Economic Impact Study can be found here.

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CONNECTIONS OF OAKS HOPEFUL TO DONATE PERCENTAGE OF PURSE TO RRP

Double Doors Racing, LLC, owners of GII Twinspires.com Fair Grounds Oaks winner **Chocolate Martini** (Broken Vow), have agreed to donate 5% of any earnings from the filly’s run in the GI Kentucky Oaks to the Retired Racehorse Project. The funds will go toward helping the organization’s mission of increasing the value and demand for Thoroughbreds once they retire from racing.

“Our love of horse racing stems from our love for the horses,” co-owner for Double Doors Racing Amanda DaBruzzo said. “As such, we recognize and appreciate that the real stars in horse racing are these tremendous athletes. Double Doors Racing is committed to ensuring that all horses, not just the champions,

have a bright future after their time on the track. We hope that our commitment to the Retired Racehorse Project will further their mission and this cause."

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NEWS ROUNDUP

OLD FRIENDS ANNUAL HOMECOMING MAY 6

Old Friends, the Thoroughbred Retirement Farm in Georgetown, Ky, will host its 14th Annual Homecoming event Sunday, May 6 from 1 pm to 5 pm. Tickets are $30 for the general public and $15 for Old Friends "Clubhouse" members (children 12 and under are free). Reservations can be made online at www.oldfriendsequine.org or by phone by calling (502) 863-1775. The day will include a barbecue buffet by Proud Mary, farm tours, live music by the Stormin' Norman Band, and live and silent auctions of racing memorabilia, prime collectible stallion halters, equine photography and artwork, jewelry, books, and more.

AMWAGER.COM TO SPONSOR NEW VOCATIONS ANNUAL OPEN BARN AND BBQ

AmWager.com will be sponsoring the New Vocations' third annual Open Barn and BBQ Friday, Apr. 27 at Mereworth Farm in Lexington, KY. New Vocations is a preeminent racehorse adoption organization that has been rehabilitating, retraining and rehoming former racehorses since 1992. "At the core of our business is a passion for horse racing, which has shaped our mission to do business in a way that has a positive impact. We are proud to support New Vocations in their continued success in bridging the gap between the racetrack and second careers," AmWager.com CEO Nelson Clemmens said.

SCHUSTER HONORED DURING ANNUAL ITOBA BANQUET

Jon Schuster, vice president and general manager of racing at Indiana Grand, was recently honored with the Hall of Distinction award at the annual Indiana Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association (ITOBA) banquet held Sunday, Apr. 15 at Indiana Grand. "I'm humbled and honored to be recognized by the folks in our game," said Schuster, who has been with Indiana Grand in leadership roles since its inception as Indiana Downs in 2002. "We value their support and partnership. I had been

alerted about a presentation, but I didn't know exactly what the award was, and it was a nice surprise."

BODYARMOR NAMED OFFICIAL SPORTS DRINK OF AMERICA'S BEST RACING

BODYARMOR Sports Drink has been announced as the official sports drink of America's Best Racing. "The partnership with America's Best Racing allows me to combine two of my passions: BODYARMOR and horse racing," said Mike Repole, co-founder and chairman, BODYARMOR. "We are excited to be the official sports drink of ABR and look forward to an exciting season ahead." Repole co-owns two race horses headed to the 2018 GI Kentucky Derby--**Vino Rosso** (Curlin) and **Noble Indy** (Take Charge Indy).

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307	F	Real Solution-Elusive Champagne	$30,000	Fasig-Tipton October 2017	Mike Ryan	De Meric Sales
308	F	Will Take Charge-Elusive Dame	$50,000	Fasig-Tipton October 2017	Champion Racing Stable	Robert Brewer
311	C	Will Take Charge-Endless Sea	$145,000	Keeneland November 2016	Rockingham Ranch	Cary Frommer
314	F	Flat Out-Equisize	$42,000	Fasig-Tipton October 2017	Jay McKee	McKee Bloodstock
316	F	Warrior's Reward-Escape With Me	$50,000	Fasig-Tipton ML Yearlings 2017	Eisaman Equine	Eisaman Equine
317	C	Lookin At Lucky-Esperanza d'Oro	$40,000	Fasig-Tipton ML Yearlings 2017	Lucky Boys	Harris Training Center
318	C	Street Boss-Ever So	$130,000	Fasig-Tipton October 2017	Bo Bromagen	Mayberry Farm
319	F	Uncaptured-Exact Moment	$5,000	OBS Winter Mixed 2017	Tanner Wingo	Envision Equine
323	C	Orb-Exiled Princess	$25,000	Keeneland September 2017	Second Chance Stable	Shadybrook Farm, Inc.
325	F	Verrazano-Expo Gold	$100,000	Fasig-Tipton October 2017	Bach Stables	Wavertree Stables, Inc.
326	F	Union Rags-Exquisite Cassie	$67,000	Keeneland September 2017	G S Inversiones Hipicas	Off the Hook
327	F	Pioneerof the Nile-Extra Sharp	$175,000	Keeneland September 2017	T M T S	Wavertree Stables, Inc.
328	C	Uncaptured-Fabiana's Flash	$60,000	OBS October Yearlings 2017	Anthony Costanzo	Costanzo Sales
329	C	Afleet Alex-Fabuleux Belle	$20,000	Keeneland November 2016	Cool Hill	Randy Miles
330	C	Big Brown-Faceineveryflower	$32,000	Fasig-Tipton ML Yearlings 2017	Dr. Trudy Sunshine	Barbazon Racing & B'stock
331	C	Congrats-Fair Rose	$50,000	Fasig-Tipton ML Yearlings 2017	Eisaman Equine	Eisaman Equine
332	F	Shackleford-Falling Springs	$75,000	Keeneland November 2016	Springland Farm	Parrish Farms
334	C	Verrazano-Fanfire	$65,000	Keeneland January 2017	Glencrest Farm	RiceHorse Stable
335	C	Jimmy Creed-Fantastic Cousin	$30,000	OBS October Yearlings 2017	De Meric Stables	De Meric Sales
336	C	Exchange Rate-Fantastic Shirl	$110,000	Keeneland September 2017	Anglo-American T'breds	Envision Equine
337	C	Congrats-Fantasy Forest	$90,000	Fasig-Tipton October 2017	Grand Oaks	Bobby Dodd
338	C	Twirling Candy-Fapindy	$25,000	OBS October Yearlings 2017	De Meric Stables	De Meric Sales
339	F	Street Sense-Fastbridled	$90,000	Fasig-Tipton Saratoga 2017	Deuce Greathouse	Wavertree Stables, Inc.
340	F	Will Take Charge-Fast Tigress	$100,000	Keeneland September 2017	Holly Springs Stable	Niall Brennan Stables
342	F	Tapit-Fencelineneighbor	$300,000	Keeneland September 2017	Hades Bloodstock	Niall Brennan Stables
344	F	Take Charge Indy-Field of Clover	$14,000	Keeneland September 2017	Chris Griffith	Big Easy
346	F	Run Away and Hide-Fifth Avenue Style	$18,000	Fasig-Tipton Turf Showcase 2017	Jonathan S. Thomas	De Meric Sales
347	C	Fed Biz-Fine Candy	$5,500	Keeneland September 2017	Edilberto Herrera	Nice and Easy T'breds
348	C	Gone Astray-First and Foremost	$17,000	OBS Winter Mixed 2017	Doble Jak Investments	Doble Jak
349	F	Yes It's True-First Class Fever	$20,000	Keeneland January 2017	Charles T. Zacney	Linda Vista Stables
350	C	Birdstone-First Freedom	$95,000	Fasig-Tipton July 2017	John Brocklebank	TIP T'bred Investment Poss.
353	F	Central Banker-Flash Act	$75,000	Keeneland November 2016	H. Hatch	Halcyon Hammock Farm
354	C	Oxbow-Flashy Four	$40,000	Keeneland September 2017	Korea Racing Authority	De Meric Sales
357	F	Flatter-Fleetheart	$35,000	Keeneland September 2017	Royal Flush Racing	Randy Miles
362	F	Will Take Charge-Flowerbomb	$150,000	Keeneland September 2017	Kinsman Farm	Wavertree Stables, Inc.
364	F	Cross Traffic-Follow My Luck	$45,000	Keeneland September 2017	Crow-Sharp Venture	Paul Sharp
366	C	Cross Traffic-Forestelle	$42,000	Keeneland September 2017	Adalberto Lozano	Off the Hook
367	C	Alpha-Forever Valentine	$18,000	OBS October Yearlings 2017	Jose Munoz	Jose Munoz
369	F	Bodemeister-Form Fitting	$10,000	Keeneland September 2017	Mason Springs	Kim Harrison
370	F	Street Boss-For Passion	$110,000	Keeneland September 2017	Grassroots Training & Sales	Grassroots Training & Sales
371	F	Noble Mission (GB)-Fort Afleet	$42,000	Keeneland September 2017	Don't Tell My Wife Stables	Mayberry Farm
372	C	Exchange Rate-Fortune Candy	$75,000	Keeneland September 2017	Craig L. Wheeler	Craig L. Wheeler

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373	G	Gemologist-Frangible	$140,000	Keeneland November 2016	Lots To Look At Stables	SBM Training and Sales
374	F	Street Sense-Frankie's Lady	$40,000	Keeneland September 2017	John C. Servis	Hidden Brook
377	C	Majesticperfection-Frisky Cheerleader	$10,000	Keeneland September 2017	Blackacre Farms	Shadybrook Farm, Inc.
378	F	Curlin-Front and Center	$125,000	Keeneland November 2016	Milfer Farm	De Meric Sales
380	F	Tizway-Funny Money	$25,000	OBS October Yearlings 2017	Richard Lowe	Best A Luck Farm
381	F	Fed Biz-Gal On the Go	$50,000	Keeneland January 2017	Maxis Stable	Costanzo Sales
382	C	Cairo Prince-Garden City	$500,000	Fasig-Tipton Sar.NYB Pref 2017	Waves Bloodstock	Wavertree Stables, Inc.
384	C	Awesome Again-Gay Duchess	$35,000	Keeneland September 2017	Craig L. Wheeler	Craig L. Wheeler
385	C	Uncle Mo-G Baby C	$115,000	Keeneland September 2017	Hal Hatch	Halcyon Hammock Farm
386	F	Congrats-G City Gal	$7,000	OBS October Yearlings 2017	Cool Hill Farm	Grassroots Training & Sales
390	F	Temple City-Get an Eye Full	$10,000	Fasig-Tipton October 2017	5 O'Clock Somewhere	Southern Chase Farm, Inc.
391	F	Power Broker-Ghostly Fast	$10,000	OBS October Yearlings 2017	John Ropes/Jolane Weeks	Niall Brennan Stables
392	C	Alternation-Ghost Town Kat	$37,000	Fasig-Tipton ML Yearlings 2017	Sunshine Equine	Mayberry Farm
393	C	Street Sense-Giant Leap	$160,000	Keeneland January 2017	East Hickman Bloodstock	SBM Training and Sales
394	F	Bodemeister-Giant's Princess	$25,000	Keeneland September 2017	Atlantic Stable	Off the Hook
396	F	Yes It's True-Ginger Light	$22,000	Fasig-Tipton ML Yearlings 2017	Jeanne Mayberry	Mayberry Farm
399	C	Tiznow-Gin Running	$120,000	Keeneland September 2017	Crow-Sharp Venture	Paul Sharp
401	C	Temple City-Glaslyn	$6,000	Keeneland November 2016	Beth Hancock	Ends Well
403	C	Speightstown-Glinda the Good	$200,000	Keeneland September 2017	Paul Roy	Niall Brennan Stables
404	C	Run Away and Hide-Glitter	$13,000	Fasig-Tipton October 2017	Joe Picozzi/Pick View	Pick View
406	F	Hat Trick (JPN)-Glory Chaser	$3,000	Keeneland September 2017	R 3 Racing	TIP T'bred Investment Poss.
407	F	Revolutionary-Go Ballistic	$37,000	Keeneland September 2017	Williston Mile	Wavertree Stables, Inc.
409	F	My Golden Song-Going Away Baby	$46,000	TTA Yearling & Mixed Sale 2017	East Hickman	SBM Training and Sales
410	C	Scat Daddy-Going to Kukaro	$160,000	Keeneland September 2017	Negan Racing	Mayberry Farm
411	C	Lemon Drop Kid-Gold d'Oro	$15,000	Keeneland September 2017	Cool Hill Farm	Randy Miles
416	F	Curlin-Golden Rock	$55,000	Fasig-Tipton October 2017	Michael Neatherlin	Richardson Bloodstock
418	F	Tapizar-Gold Mirage	$25,000	Keeneland November 2016	English Range Farm	Envision Equine
421	F	Jimmy Creed-Goodness Unbridled	$52,000	Keeneland September 2017	Rigney Racing	Cary Frommer
422	C	Goldencents-Goody Two Shoes	$8,000	Fasig-Tipton October 2017	Gabriel Dixon	Gabriel Dixon
424	F	Into Mischief-Gracewood	$95,000	Fasig-Tipton October 2017	Prescot Lane Stable	Niall Brennan Stables
425	F	Lemon Drop Kid-Grand Style	$20,000	Keeneland September 2017	Mike Ryan	De Meric Sales
427	F	Uncle Mo-Gravitar	$150,000	Keeneland September 2017	Bedford Brown	Eddie Woods
428	F	Revolutionary-Grazettes Muchacha	$15,000	Fasig-Tipton October 2017	Grassroots Training & Sales	Grassroots Training & Sales
429	C	Flashback-Greatest Reward	$40,000	Keeneland September 2017	Hal Hatch	Halcyon Hammock Farm
430	C	Will Take Charge-Greek Sister	$120,000	Fasig-Tipton October 2017	E J Stable	Hoppel's Horse & Cattle Co.
432	F	Overanalyze-Green Eyed Cat	$85,000	Keeneland September 2017	Cary Frommer	Cary Frommer
433	C	Morning Line-Grey Song	$20,000	Keeneland September 2017	Special Day Racing	Top Line Sales
434	F	Street Sense-Groovitude	$20,000	Keeneland September 2017	Michael Neatherlin	Richardson Bloodstock
436	F	Verrazano-Guilty Pleasure	$62,000	Keeneland September 2017	Why Do It Farm	De Meric Sales
437	C	New Year's Day-Hanna Lantana	$45,000	Fasig-Tipton Sar.NYB Pref 2017	Crow-Sharp Ventures	Paul Sharp
438	C	Shanghai Bobby-Happily Ours	$40,000	Fasig-Tipton Sar.NYB Pref 2017	Second Chance Racing	Sequel Bloodstock
444	F	Verrazano-Harlan Showgirl	$55,000	Fasig-Tipton October 2017	Olivia Lane	Mayberry Farm
445	C	Yes It's True-Hatta Flower	$60,000	Keeneland September 2017	Paul W. Schaffer/Pick View	Pick View
447	F	Flat Out-Headed Home	$17,000	OBS Winter Mixed 2017	Michelle Redding	Omega Farm
452	C	Cairo Prince-Heat Sweep	$67,000	Keeneland November 2016	Global Thoroughbreds	Brick City Thoroughbreds
453	C	Big Brown-Heavenly Humor	$10,000	Fasig-Tipton ML Yearlings 2017	RSB Farm	Mayberry Farm
454	F	Revolutionary-Heavens Above	$10,000	Fasig-Tipton October 2017	Ramiro Salazar	G. A. Thoroughbred Sales
455	C	Data Link-Heckuva Hunter	$65,000	Keeneland January 2017	John B. Penn	Rivera Training and Sales

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456	C	Paynter-Hedge Ratio	$4,000	Keeneland September 2017	Travis Murphy	Top Line Sales
457	F	Shakin It Up-Hedy Hopper	$30,000	Fasig-Tipton October 2017	Grassroots Training & Sales	Grassroots Training & Sales
459	C	Hard Spun-Hekaayaat	$185,000	Keeneland September 2017	Grace Thoroughbred Holdings	Eddie Woods
460	F	Super Ninety Nine-Helen Louise	$40,000	Fasig-Tipton ML Yearlings 2017	Julie Davies	Julie Davies
461	C	Algorithms-Hello Gypsy	$50,000	Keeneland September 2017	Redwings	Wavertree Stables, Inc.
462	F	Uncaptured-Hello Rosie	$42,000	OBS October Yearlings 2017	Hot Scot Racing Stable	Julie Davies
464	C	English Channel-Henna	$25,000	Keeneland September 2017	R 3 Stable	TIP T'bred Investment Poss.
466	C	Twirling Candy-Here Oui Go Again	$11,000	Keeneland November 2016	Global Thoroughbreds	Brick City Thoroughbreds
468	C	Data Link-Hidden Grove (GB)	$52,000	Keeneland September 2017	Scott Gelner	Top Line Sales
469	C	Overanalyze-Hidden Music	$30,000	Fasig-Tipton October 2017	White Owl Stable	Ocala Stud
471	F	Ghostzapper-High Button Shoes	$70,000	Keeneland September 2017	Windjammer Bloodstock	William B. Harrigan
472	C	Fed Biz-Higher World	$35,000	Fasig-Tipton July 2017	Redwings	Wavertree Stables, Inc.
473	F	Mission Impazible-High Flying Adore	$15,000	Fasig-Tipton NY Saratoga Fall 2016	Michelle Rafferty	Julie Davies
475	F	Into Mischief-High Quail	$20,000	Keeneland September 2017	Grassroots Training & Sales	Grassroots Training & Sales
476	F	Goldencents-High School Skinny	$67,000	Keeneland January 2017	Robertson Q.H.	Grassroots Training & Sales
477	C	Twirling Candy-Holiday Girl	$35,000	Fasig-Tipton October 2017	Candy Store Sales	De Meric Sales
478	F	Strong Mandate-Holy Reina	$100,000	Keeneland November 2016	Cromwell Bloodstock	Niall Brennan Stables
484	C	Shanghai Bobby-Humble Janet	$90,000	Fasig-Tipton October 2017	East Hickman/S B M	SBM Training and Sales
486	C	Warrior's Reward-Hysterical	$5,000	Fasig-Tipton October 2017	Omar Ramirez	Juan Hernandez
487	F	Uncaptured-I Am Sarah	$34,000	OBS October Yearlings 2017	Blue River Bloodstock	Blue River Bloodstock, Inc.
488	C	Afleet Alex-Ice Girl	$14,000	OBS October Yearlings 2017	DBH	Randy Miles
490	C	Freedom Child-Illusion of Speed	$20,000	Fasig-Tipton ML Yearlings 2017	Eisaman Equine	Eisaman Equine
491	F	Gemologist-Imagine	$28,000	Keeneland November 2016	OB Stables	Wavertree Stables, Inc.
492	C	Kitten's Joy-Imagistic	$110,000	Fasig-Tipton Turf Showcase 2017	Bradley Thoroughbreds	Eddie Woods
493	C	Tizway-Imanheiress	$4,000	Keeneland September 2017	Aureliano Noguez	Golden Noguez Stars
495	C	Stormy Atlantic-Immortal Life (Ire)	$70,000	Keeneland September 2017	Bradley Thoroughbreds	Eddie Woods
498	C	Paynter-Independent Grace	$48,000	OBS Winter Mixed 2017	Dennis Casper/Nick Palmer	Winners Circle T'breds
500	C	Revolutionary-Inlovewithlove	$100,000	Keeneland September 2017	Quarter Pole Enterprises	Eddie Woods
502	F	Will Take Charge-Inside Passage	$130,000	Keeneland September 2017	Stallionaire Enterprises	RiceHorse Stable
505	C	Exchange Rate-Introvert	$50,000	Fasig-Tipton October 2017	RiceHorse Stables	RiceHorse Stable
507	F	Oxbow-Ireland	$65,000	Keeneland September 2017	Apogee B'stock /J. Christian Hays	Eddie Woods
508	C	Take Charge Indy-Irish Smoke	$50,000	Fasig-Tipton ML Yearlings 2017	Three Diamonds Farm	Wavertree Stables, Inc.
509	C	Street Boss-Istamara (GB)	$32,000	Keeneland September 2017	Garry Simms Sr.	Wavertree Stables, Inc.
513	C	First Samurai-Jade Eyed	$60,000	Fasig-Tipton Sar.NYB Pref 2017	Imperial Bloodstock	SBM Training and Sales
514	C	Verrazano-Jasmine Gardens	$140,000	OBS October Yearlings 2017	De Meric Stables	De Meric Sales
515	C	New Year's Day-Java Jolt	$27,000	OBS Winter Mixed 2018	Gina Fennell/L G	L.G.
516	C	Astrology-Jax and Jill	$3,000	Keeneland November 2016	South Legacy Stables	Niall Brennan Stables
519	C	Super Saver-Jenny's Rocket	$150,000	Keeneland September 2017	Colts Neck Stable	Crupi's New Castle Farm
522	F	The Factor-Jinny Jump Up	$80,000	Keeneland September 2017	Say Jay Racing/Brook Hubbard	Eddie Woods
523	F	Verrazano-J J's Pattern	$10,000	Fasig-Tipton Turf Showcase 2017	Richard Guest	Gayle Woods
524	F	Overanalyze-Johns Lady Friend	$13,000	Keeneland September 2017	Raroma Stable/Zack Fisher	Flying Fish
525	F	Into Mischief-Joke	$50,000	Keeneland September 2017	J. Lester Wagner	Desert Thoroughbreds
526	F	Orb-Journeyofalifetime	$89,186	CTHS (BC Div.) 2017 Mixed Sale	Mike Whieldon	Tom McCrocklin
527	F	Fed Biz-J P's Flashy Honey	$60,000	Keeneland November 2016	H. Hatch	Halcyon Hammock Farm
528	F	To Honor and Serve-J's Hot Shot Lady	$12,000	Fasig-Tipton October 2017	James R. Layden	James Layden
531	C	Kantharos-Jungle Love	$9,000	Keeneland January 2017	De Meric & Machmer Hall	De Meric Sales
532	F	Overanalyze-Just for You	$20,000	Keeneland September 2017	Alan S. Kline/Parrish Farms	Parrish Farms
533	C	Algorithms-Just Joking	$42,000	Keeneland September 2017	Dragon Squared	Best A Luck Farm

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534	F	Malibu Moon-Just Joyful	$170,000	Fasig-Tipton July 2017	De Meric Sales	De Meric Sales
536	C	Bodemeister-Justmeandmyshadow	$115,000	Keeneland September 2017	SBS III/Tom McCrocklin	Tom McCrocklin
538	C	Munnings-Karakorum Fugitive	$40,000	Keeneland September 2017	Brick City Thoroughbreds	Brick City Thoroughbreds
539	F	Paynter-Karly Rae	$9,500	OBS October Yearlings 2017	Fabian Garcia	Fabian Sales
542	F	Congrats-Kay Ellen	$47,000	Keeneland September 2017	Albert Davis	Old South Farm
543	C	Mission Impazible-Kettle's Sister	$29,000	OBS October Yearlings 2017	Blas Perez Stables	Golden Legacy Stable
544	F	First Samurai-Key Quality	$45,000	Fasig-Tipton October 2017	Julie Davies	Julie Davies
545	C	Pioneerof the Nile-Kiddari	$80,000	Keeneland September 2017	Hades Stable	Niall Brennan Stables
547	F	Twirling Candy-Kind Turn	$120,000	Keeneland September 2017	Owls Bloodstock	Wavertree Stables, Inc.
549	C	Congrats-Knight of Thunder	$50,000	Keeneland September 2017	Geoff Nixon/Elise Handler	Top Line Sales
550	C	Paynter-Kosmo's Buddy	$87,000	Keeneland September 2017	Korea Racing Authority	De Meric Sales
553	F	Gio Ponti-Lac Du Printemps	$115,000	Keeneland September 2017	R 3 Stable/John Brocklebank	TIP T'bred Investment Poss.
554	F	Colonel John-La Defense	$23,000	Keeneland September 2017	Travis Murphy	Woodford Thoroughbreds
555	F	Bodemeister-L. A. Devine	$115,000	Keeneland September 2017	Mike Kapp	Scanlon Training & Sales
556	F	Speightstown-Lady Clara	$100,000	OBS October Yearlings 2017	East Hickman Bloodstock	SBM Training and Sales
558	C	Candy Ride (ARG)-Lady Godiva	$17,000	Keeneland September 2017	Cubby Taylor	Ocala Stud
559	F	Stormy Atlantic-Lady Guiseppina (Ire)	$6,000	Fasig-Tipton Turf Showcase 2017	Emarth Farm	De Meric Sales
562	C	Animal Kingdom-Lady of Akita	$185,000	Fasig-Tipton Turf Showcase 2017	De Meric Stables	De Meric Sales
563	C	Shakin It Up-Lady Pomeroy	$180,000	Keeneland September 2017	JSM Equine	Wavertree Stables, Inc.
566	F	Will Take Charge-Lady Zieg	$30,000	Keeneland September 2017	Royal Colors Racing	Stephens Thoroughbreds
567	C	Fed Biz-Lake Como	$75,000	Fasig-Tipton July 2017	Scanlon Training & Sales	Scanlon Training & Sales
569	F	Verrazano-Las Malvinas	$20,000	OBS October Yearlings 2017	Granpollo Stable	Potrero Stables
570	C	Discreetly Mine-Latin Tudor	$52,000	Fasig-Tipton October 2017	Billy Williams	Top Line Sales
571	C	Honorable Dillon-Latori	$14,000	Fasig-Tipton KY February 2017	Dean Purdom	Dean's List
573	C	Artie Schiller-Laurasia	$15,000	Keeneland September 2017	Bill Williams	Top Line Sales
574	F	Munnings-Laura's Pleasure	$60,000	Fasig-Tipton October 2017	Hartley/DeRenzo T'breds	Hartley/DeRenzo T'breds
575	F	More Than Ready-Lawn Party	$175,000	Keeneland September 2017	Mike Ryan	Niall Brennan Stables
576	C	Goldencents-Lazaria Lass	$20,000	Fasig-Tipton July 2017	JKD2 Farm	Randy Miles
577	C	Itsmyluckyday-Lazulite	$30,000	Fasig-Tipton July 2017	Creating Value Partnership	SBM Training and Sales
578	F	Violence-Lemondropsmypop	$15,000	Equine Sales of LA 2017 Yearlings	Mike Neatherlin	Richardson Bloodstock
579	F	Street Sense-Lemonette	$26,000	Fasig-Tipton October 2017	Hernan Gomez Soffia	Golden Legacy Stable
580	F	Uncle Mo-Lemon Lady	$100,000	Fasig-Tipton July 2017	FHMB	McKathan Bros.
582	C	First Samurai-Le Sang Royale	$50,000	Fasig-Tipton October 2017	Emerald Sales	Grassroots Training & Sales
583	C	Take Charge Indy-Lesson Plan	$37,000	Keeneland September 2017	Robert Brewer	Robert Brewer
586	C	Cross Traffic-Light of Dubai	$30,000	Fasig-Tipton October 2017	Valentine Jimenez	Wavertree Stables, Inc.
587	C	Quality Road-Lightshaft	$65,000	Fasig-Tipton October 2017	Mike Ryan	De Meric Sales
590	F	Big Brown-Lilsisterlightning	$4,000	OBS October Yearlings 2017	Isel Espinoza	Corona Leaders Cup
593	C	Cross Traffic-Lioness Lahr	$40,000	Keeneland September 2017	Michael Neatherlin	Richardson Bloodstock
595	C	Gemologist-Listen	$235,000	Keeneland September 2017	SBS III/Tom McCrocklin	Tom McCrocklin
596	C	Street Boss-Listen Boy	$92,000	Keeneland September 2017	Woodford Thoroughbreds	Woodford Thoroughbreds
597	C	Two Step Salsa-Little Black Book	$3,500	OBS October Yearlings 2017	J. J. Thoroughbreds	Empire Bloodstock
601	F	Maclean's Music-Lone Peak	$15,000	Keeneland January 2017	Paul W. Schaffer/Pick View	Pick View
602	C	Strong Mandate-Longride to Wisdom	$65,000	Keeneland November 2016	Three Chimneys Farm	Niall Brennan Stables
604	F	Yes It's True-Love At Noon	$75,000	Keeneland September 2017	Eric Sparks/David Meah	Harris Training Center
605	C	Fed Biz-Love My Empire	$30,000	Keeneland January 2017	East Hickman Bloodstock	SBM Training and Sales
609	F	Overanalyze-Lovin Sabrina	$30,000	Keeneland September 2017	Jean Jam Racing	Eddie Woods
612	F	Flat Out-Lucky M	$67,000	Keeneland September 2017	Grand Oaks	Bobby Dodd

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NORTH AMERICAN NON BLACK-TYPE STAKES

WILL ROGERS H., (NB) $55,000, WRD, 4-24, (S), 3yo, c/g, 1m 70y, 1:42.38, ft.

1--**ROOKIE SEASON, 117, c, 3, Notional--I Want Candy, by Candy Ride (Arg)**. O/B-Bad Boy Racing, LLC (OK); T-Scott E. Young; J-Floyd Wethey, Jr. $33,000. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $33,231.

2--**Call a Cop**, 118, c, 3, **Into Mischief**--Perfect Southerner, by Dixieland Band. ($22,000 RNA Ylg '16 KEEJAN; $26,000 RNA Ylg '16 OKCYRL; $60,000 Ylg '16 FTKOCT; $175,000 2yo '17 OBSMAR). O-Danny R. Caldwell; B-John James Revocable Trust (OK); T-Scott E. Young. $11,000.

WAR HORSE PLACE SALES GRADUATE

3--**Private Stash**, 120, g, 3, Liquor Cabinet (Ire)--Indian Sioux, by Indian Charlie. O-Jimmie D. Tompkins; B-Beth Caster (OK); T-J. Alan Williams. $6,050.

Margins: 12 1/4, NK, 1 1/4. Odds: 4.90, 6.30, 4.70.

Also Ran: Wildscore, Kirk of Diamonds, Cook, Bad Boy Brown.

Rookie Season showed pace before fading to finish ninth in a nondescript debut Mar. 31 at Oaklawn, but drilled five furlongs there in 1:00 4/5 (2/12) Apr. 13 and was made the fourth choice in this spot. Away in good order, the dark bay quickly established command and showed the way narrowly while traveling comfortably through splits of :23.24 and :47.25. Finally given his cue nearing the top of the stretch, the homebred scampered clear at will to win for fun while wrapped up late. Call a Cop got up in the shadow of the wire for second money. The winner has a juvenile full-sister named Okie Debutante and a yearling half-brother by Blueskiesnrainbows. His dam was bred to Pollard's Vision last season. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

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IN FRANCE:

Bugle Major, c, 3, **Mizzenmast**. See "*France*".

IN BRITAIN:

Corrosive, c, 3, **Uncle Mo**. See "*Britain*".

FIRST & SECOND-CROP RUNNERS

First-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, April 25

Farm and fee represent current information

Cairo Prince (Pioneerof the Nile), Airdrie Stud, $10,000
120 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
3-KEE, Msw 4 1/2f, ABYSSINIAN, 8-5
$70,000 KEE SEP yrl

Second-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, April 25

Alternation (Distorted Humor), Pin Oak Stud, $7,500
143 foals of racing age/19 winners/0 black-type winners
2-IND, Msw 5 1/2f, HOT N SWEET, 12-1

Awesome Patriot (Awesome Again), Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm, $3,500
103 foals of racing age/10 winners/0 black-type winners
3-KEE, Msw 4 1/2f, KOOL PATRIOT, 30-1

Flat Out (Flatter), Spendthrift Farm, $10,000
230 foals of racing age/32 winners/1 black-type winner
3-KEE, Msw 4 1/2f, BIG BRUISER, 30-1
$2,200 FTK OCT yrl
3-KEE, Msw 4 1/2f, INFANTRY, 12-1
$7,500 FTK OCT yrl

Holiday Promise (Harlan's Holiday), Stonewall Dominion Farm
13 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
4-IND, Msw 5 1/2f, BLACK NOVA, 7-2
2-IND, Msw 5 1/2f, WILLISTAYORWILLIGO, 9-2
$8,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl

Justin Phillip (First Samurai), Castleton Lyons, $12,500
124 foals of racing age/21 winners/1 black-type winner
8-TAM, Msw 5 1/2f, MOLLY'S GAME, 2-1

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Uncaptured	$6,000	10	$20,630
The Big Beast	$6,000	9	$17,167
Khozan	$6,500	5	$15,900
Awesome of Course	$5,000	4	$12,375

Source: BloodHorse.com, two or more sold through 4/24

First-crop yearlings
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2018 Fee: $4,500 S&N
Henny Hughes – Sea Gift, by A.P. Indy

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Morning Line (Tiznow), Lane's End Farm, $10,000
134 foals of racing age/21 winners/2 black-type winners
8-IND, Msw 5 1/2f, ANGEL GOODMORNING, 4-1
$12,500 OBS WIN yrl; $25,000 OBS AUG yrl
3-KEE, Msw 4 1/2f, BAYTOWN GLORY, 15-1
$10,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; $1,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl
6-IND, Msw 1m, THE K W SHUFFLE, 15-1
$35,000 KEE JAN yrl; $30,000 FTK JUL yrl

Overanalyze (Dixie Union), WinStar Farm, $10,000
193 foals of racing age/35 winners/5 black-type winners
4-IND, Msw 5 1/2f, MI LUNA, 6-1

Power Broker (Pulpit), SAU, $5,000
136 foals of racing age/20 winners/0 black-type winners
3-KEE, Msw 4 1/2f, LAND BROKER, 20-1
$12,000 FTK OCT yrl

Prospective (Malibu Moon), Ocala Stud Farm, $5,000
97 foals of racing age/18 winners/1 black-type winner
8-TAM, Msw 5 1/2f, LUNA QUEEN, 8-1
$10,000 RNA OBS OCT wnl; $8,500 RNA OBS AUG yrl; $21,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Soldat (War Front), Woodford Thoroughbreds, $5,000
158 foals of racing age/20 winners/0 black-type winners
6-IND, Msw 1m, SENOR GUAPO, 30-1
$8,000 RNA OBS WIN yrl

ADDITIONAL RACING

STAKES RESULTS:

GREAT LADY M. S., $55,000, WRD, 4-23, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09.90, gd.

1--**FIDDLERS TSUNAMI, 124, m, 5, Seeking a Home--Fiddlers Katami, by Roaring Fever**.
1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Blue Moon Stables; B-Patricia Clark & Mike & Marilyn Jean Duplissey (OK); T-Jody Pruitt; J-Kevin Roman. $33,000. Lifetime Record: 23-5-2-5, $184,370.

2--**Another Bond Girl**, 124, m, 5, Don't Get Mad--She's a Bond Girl, by Truluck. O/B-William H. Higgins & M. Brent Davidson (OK); T-M. Brent Davidson. $11,000.

3--**Sonic Run**, 124, m, 5, Song of the Sword--Millenium Beauty, by New Way. ($6,000 2yo '15 HEROCT). O-Larry Darter; B-Cowboy Stables,LLC (OK); T-Mindy J. Willis. $6,050.

Margins: 2, 4 3/4, HF. Odds: 1.10, 4.60, 9.60.

TRAO CLASSIC SPRINT S., (NB) $55,000, WRD, 4-24, (S), 3yo/up, c/g, 6f, 1:08.74, ft.

1--**WELDER, 124, g, 5, The Visualiser--Dance Softly, by Tiznow**. O-Ra-Max Farms LLC; B-Center Hills Farm (OK); T-Lyle D. Johnston; J-Travis Cunningham. $33,000. Lifetime Record: 17-10-3-2, $341,901.

2--**Topofthemountain**, 124, g, 6, Affirmatif--Snowlark, by Snowbound. O/T-Liz Horner; B-Peter Hladky (OK). $11,000.

3--**Taxman's Quest**, 124, g, 4, Euroears--Radiant Rose, by Dehere. O/B-Litsch Family, LLC (OK); T-Roger F. Engel. $6,050.

Margins: 5HF, 3HF, 2 1/4. Odds: 0.40, 6.50, 2.20.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-PRX, $48,000, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm ($25,000), 4-24, 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:46.02, ft.
PAPA ZULU (h, 5, Broken Vow--Page Dancer, by Hennessy) Lifetime Record: 17-3-1-6, $145,899. O-Gunpowder Farms LLC; B-C. & B. Kidder & N. Cole (KY); T-Kelly Rubley. *$35,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP. **1/2 to Congressional Page (Orientate), MSW & MGSP, $453,361.

Selected by *J. Stevens Bloodstock*

6th-WRD, $27,500, 4-24, (C), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:43.32, ft.
ALL ABOUT ASHLEY (g, 6, Colonel John--Nootka Island {SP, $136,143}, by El Corredor) Lifetime Record: 35-7-6-4, $256,222. O-Greg Frye; B-Hidden Lake Farm, LLC & Jeremy Peskoff (NY); T-Scott E. Young. *$29,000 Wlg '12 KEENOV; $45,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP.

WOODS EDGE FARM *GRADUATE*

8th-SRP, $24,700, (S), 4-23, 3yo/up, 7f, 1:24.85, ft.
PERTY DIRTY DUDE (h, 6, Elusive Jazz--Perty Gerty, by Peaks and Valleys) Lifetime Record: 31-6-6-11, $170,172. O-Jeff Stinson & Miguel Mungia; B-John Pinkerton (NM); T-Dick Cappellucci.

5th-TUP, $20,000, 4-23, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:35.82, fm.
MCKENZIE HONEY (f, 4, Parading--So Beautiful, by Arch) Lifetime Record: SW, 18-6-0-4, $133,510. O-Barbara Eakin, Jonathan Nance & Steve A. Smith; B-Animal Science Dept / U of K (KY); T-Jonathan Nance. *$3,500 Ylg '15 FTKFEB; $1,000 RNA Ylg '15 COYRL; $2,700 RNA Ylg '15 ARZNOV.

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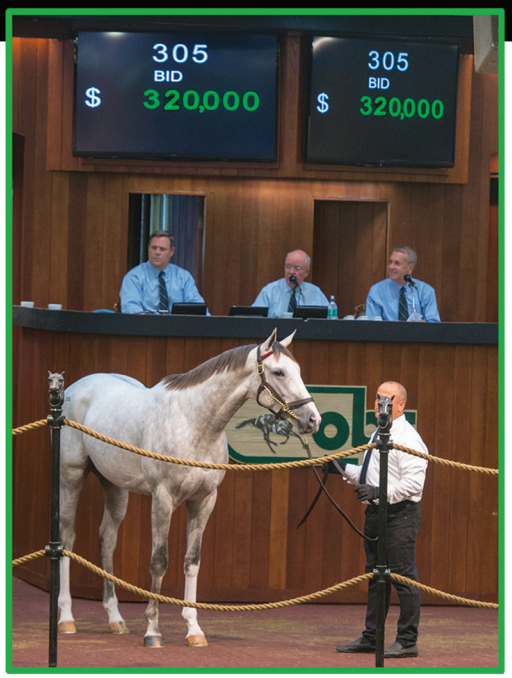

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Hip 305, colt, out of Elizabits
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Purchased by Gary Young, Agent

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Hogans Holiday, f, 3, **The Factor**--Hogan Beach, by Harlan's Holiday. IND, 4-24, 1m, 1:42.39. B-Hunter Valley Farm (KY). *$40,000 Ylg '16 KEEJAN; $85,000 Ylg '16 FTKOCT. **1/2 to Beach Flower (Flower Alley), SW, $203,296.

Tiz Red Wine, f, 3, **Tizdejavu**--Peekabootoyou, by Indian Charlie. MVR, 4-24, 6f, 1:13.07. B-Barr Inman (KY). *$1,200 Ylg '16 KEEJAN.

BROKEN VOW, Papa Zulu, h, 5, o/o Page Dancer, by Hennessy. AOC, 4-24, Parx Racing

COLONEL JOHN, All About Ashley, g, 6, o/o Nootka Island, by El Corredor. ALW, 4-24, Will Rogers

ELUSIVE JAZZ, Perty Dirty Dude, h, 6, o/o Perty Gerty, by Peaks and Valleys. ALW, 4-23, Sunray Park

NOTIONAL, Rookie Season, c, 3, o/o I Want Candy, by Candy Ride (Arg). Will Rogers H., 4-24, Will Rogers

PARADING, McKenzie Honey, f, 4, o/o So Beautiful, by Arch. ALW, 4-23, Turf Paradise

SEEKING A HOME, Fiddlers Tsunami, m, 5, o/o Fiddlers Katami, by Roaring Fever. Great Lady M. S., 4-23, Will Rogers

THE FACTOR, Hogans Holiday, f, 3, o/o Hogan Beach, by Harlan's Holiday. MSW, 4-24, Indiana Grand Race Course

THE VISUALISER, Welder, g, 5, o/o Dance Softly, by Tiznow. TRAO Classic Sprint S., 4-24, Will Rogers

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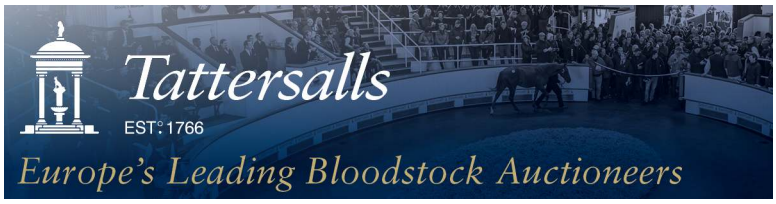

CLEMENT'S ENDURING LOVE FOR THE GAME

Nicolas Clement in Chantilly | *Emma Berry*

By Emma Berry

Never mind Emmanuel Macron. France has a new president and he's not one who has parachuted into his position of power in the blink of an eye.

In February, French racing lost its doyenne, Criquette Head-Maarek, whose retirement saw her yard sold to rising young trainer Henri-Francois Devin. Her responsibilities as the president of the French trainers' association, however, have been passed on to fellow long-serving Chantilly trainer Nicolas Clement, whose statesmanlike demeanour and 30 years with a licence stand him in good stead to represent his colleagues.

"Criquette was president for 20 years and I was part of the board for 15 years so she asked me to take over," says Clement during a pause between lots on one of the first warm mornings of the year in Chantilly. "Obviously my priority is training my horses but sometimes you have to get involved and there's a good team behind me, some young blood like Francis Graffard and Mikel Delzangles in Chantilly, and good people from the country like Philippe da Cruz and Etienne Leenders."

The giant magnolia tree in Clement's immaculate garden is struggling back into bloom, just as the 70 horses in the yard on the other side of the house are surrendering the last of their winter coats.

Both processes are encouraged, finally, by the appearance of the sun.

"It's a big continuity game, training," says Clement. "I love to see the offspring of stallions and mares we've previously trained. We're fortunate that four or five years ago we had some very nice Classic colts, like French Fifteen (Fr) who was second to Camelot (GB) in the Guineas, then [Poule d'Essai des Poulains winner] Style Vendome (Fr) came a year later, which was very satisfying as we bought him with Tina at the sales from Haras de Colleville for one of our longest standing owners, Comte Andre de Ganay."

'Tina' is the trainer's partner, the effervescent bloodstock agent Tina Rau, a graduate of the first Darley Flying Start course and German by birth but impressively multilingual, like Clement himself. The pair work closely at the sales and Rau's valuable input closer to home is clear as she tours the boxes, reciting the pedigrees of the horses within and their progress to date.

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QUALITY ROAD FILLY TOPS OBSAPR DAY 1

A filly by Quality Road topped the first day of the OBS Spring Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training, selling for $800,000 to Frank Fletcher Racing. **Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.**

Tina Rau and Nicolas Clement at BBAG | *Emma Berry*

Clement's Enduring Love For The Game Cont. from p1

Among the current intake are several youngsters by the aforementioned Style Vendome, the son of Anabaa now standing at Haras de Bouquetot with first 3-year-olds this season. That debut crop includes the Al Shaqab-bred Talbah (GB), who made a winning debut at Deauville in March before returning a month later to take third in the G3 Prix Imprudence.

"Talbah seems very promising," says her trainer. "She was great after her race but we won't go for the Guineas as she's only run twice. We'll try to go an easier way with a listed race in early May then the Prix de Sandringham in June at Chantilly, which is a Group 2 over a mile. Let's hope she lives up to expectations."

Representing the first crop of the Gestut Fahrhof-based Maxios (GB) is another 3-year-old who appears to have a bright future in Woodmax (Ger), an expensive purchase by Mayfair Speculators from the BBAG Yearling Sale who became one of his sire's first winners last season when saluting at Evreux and following up that success with a metropolitan win at Maisons-Laffitte. The neat dark brown colt ended his season with a fourth-place finish in the G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere just behind recent wide-margin G3 Craven S. winner Masar (Ire) (New Approach {Ire}), but struggled in his seasonal debut at Longchamp in the G3 Prix Djebel.

Clement says, "You need to write off Woodmax's race the other day as the ground was too heavy and he probably blew up, but he showed that he was very close to the top in the Lagardere. It's the same thing for him really. We're tempted to go for a listed race at the end of April then decide if we go for the French Guineas, or we might be tempted to go for the German Guineas. He might also be a good horse to travel. There are very good purses in America and a race like the Belmont Derby might be ideal for him, but we'll take one race at a time."

Clement, who trains from the yard previously run by his late father Miguel, has particularly close links to America though his brother Christophe, who eventually settled thousands of miles away from his Chantilly home and now has teams based primarily at Belmont Park in New York and Florida's Payson Park. The brothers liaise regularly, particularly on the subject of filtering horses to each other's stables.

"Christophe and I speak twice or three times a week, sometimes more depending on runners that I might have sent him or the other way round. We're very close and he tries to come here once or twice a year and I try to do the same," says Clement.

The older brother by two years, Nicolas Clement briefly entertained the idea of an alternative career before setting out on the path already trodden by his father and becoming, in 1988, the youngest person ever to hold a training licence in France. Prior to that, he put flesh on the bones of his experience with stud farm stints at Haras de Clarbec and Taylor Made in America, where he went on to work for a young John Gosden and then on to Gosden's former mentor, Vincent O'Brien. Eventually returning home, he studied at the hand of his father's old friend Francois Boutin, whom he describes as "a great trainer but an even better man."

He says, "At 18 I was going to be a vet but I lasted only two months at vet school because I got bored, there wasn't enough action. I wanted to be a trainer, I guess."

Clement continues, "I've been doing this for 30 years now but it seems like it was only yesterday that I started. There used to be an age limit of 25 to have a training licence in France but we had special authorisation for me to take it a year early and after that it went down to 21. I had the passion to train so I thought I'd give it a go and fortunately I love what I do. I still have the drive and the energy--I'm always looking towards the next runner or the next winner."

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Clement's string on the Piste de Lions | *Emma Berry*

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Clement's Enduring Love For The Game Cont.

Just two years into his training career, a colt arrived in his yard from Henry Cecil's stable who would give him the start every young trainer dreams about. Saumarez (GB) (Rainbow Quest) was in the process of switching ownership between Charles St George and Bruce McNall, and thanks to Clement's bravado, ended up winning the G1 Grand Prix de Paris and G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.

"I was very fortunate, thanks to Narvick International and Emmanuel de Seroux, who bought the horse for Bruce McNall, as he was supposed to move to Charlie Whittingham but as he was working so well I begged them to supplement him for the Grand Prix de Paris," he recalls. "It wasn't an easy thing for a young trainer to convince some senior owners and managers but they listened to the young trainer and the horse won by six lengths with Steve Cauthen. That got me going. Then he went on to win the Arc in the autumn."

> FRENCH RACING HAS GONE A STEP HIGHER IN THE QUALITY OF HORSES. WE HAVE SOME VERY GOOD TRAINERS AND GOOD AMBASSADORS.
> Nicolas Clement

Clement is a walking promotional tool for Chantilly, clearly still under the magical spell of France's premier training centre as he describes the benefits of the place he has called home for most of his life. Situated between the town of Chantilly and its neighbouring training hub of Lamorlaye, Clement has the best of both worlds, his horses being able to gain easy access to the gallops on Les Aigles and Les Lions.

"We've seen some changes here over the years but one thing that has not changed is that Andre Fabre was starting to lead the table when I first set up and he's still leading the table. We have to praise him because he's broken all the records in longevity and he's still teaching us a few things," Clement says with a smile.

"French racing has gone a step higher in the quality of horses. We have some very good trainers and some good ambassadors, the likes of Goldikova (Ire) going to the Breeders' Cup and also Talismanic (GB), but also horses like Dunaden (Fr) winning the Melbourne Cup and in Hong Kong, and Vazirabad (Fr) winning in Dubai. You can train at a very high level in this country, particularly in Chantilly, which is close to the airport for shipping the horses. But in the south there are some very capable trainers too, like Jean-Claude Rouget. It's a tough circuit." **Cont. p4**

Clement's Enduring Love For The Game Cont.

The subject of travelling horses is one to which Clement, with a varied international client base, frequently returns. And it's not just America in his sights.

"Racing has gone global. Our purse structure is good in France but sometimes it's better abroad for certain horses," he says. "With my close links with my brother sometimes I can send him some nice horses and target some US races but I would also be very keen to run in Australia. The Melbourne Cup is a race with a great reputation and it's a big aim for me. Year after year we've seen European horses do well there. I think in Chantilly we train horses to develop at a later stage. Of course you can train a 2-year-old here but they are given a bit more time here and in Britain and you end up with a horse like Gailo Chop (Fr) who is still doing well in Australia [at age seven]. We are building up an athlete. The 2-year-old year is important but we are looking ahead and ensuring that they can have a longer career."

With an eye on the long term, the trainer is not afraid to trade when the time is right, whether it's to give a horse an opportunity to race in another country or under a different code. Only last week at Fairyhouse, the steady preparation of a Clement stable graduate was seen to good effect when Saglawy (Fr) (Youmzain {Ire}) won the G2 Juvenile Hurdle for Willie Mullins, having previously been listed-placed on the Flat in France.

"I'm pretty open to ideas and I went to visit Willie Mullins last year, which really opened my eyes," says Clement. "I think you have to be open and progressive in your training. You should never say 'that's wrong'. There are many ways to train a racehorse. Some people canter four furlongs, five furlongs, interval training, others will go long. You have to take the best of everything and try to have a bit of a scientific approach and try to understand why something is working or not working. There's a lot of common sense needed in our game. The wellbeing of the horse is most important, making sure they are happy. I guess it's a bit of an instinct, and observation is a key thing, when to step up and when to step down."

He adds, "The time I spent in America was very good experience because you see so many different things, the leg work, the work pattern, which is very different to Europe. Wherever you are in the world around racehorses you can always learn."

No matter one's level of experience, a willingness to keep learning is paramount for success, but Clement has plenty to teach, too. His training colleagues in Chantilly and beyond appear to have found the perfect man to represent them, both at home and abroad.

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BARKAA BROTHER OFFERED AT OSARUS

In common with all European breeze-up sales this season, the Osarus sale, which takes place at La Teste de Buch racecourse today, has an increase in numbers catalogued. From 102 in the book and three supplementary entries, 15 had already been withdrawn at the time of writing but it's still a rise from the 62 offered last year, when just 36 sold for a total of €645,000 at an average price of €18,156.

La Teste Racecourse, site of the Osarus breeze show | *Emma Berry*

Paul Basquin's Haras de Saubouas has been the leading vendor at this sale since 2015 and last year sold the top two lots, headed by a Wootton Bassett colt at €77,000. At this ninth edition of the Osarus breeze-up, which moved to La Teste from Pornichet three years ago, Saubouas again has one of the biggest drafts, with 11 juveniles set to be tested in public for the first time. They include the sole lot in the sale by Reliable Man (GB), who recently transferred from Germany to France and is represented by a colt (lot 43) from the family of Anna Nerium (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), who last week added victory in the Listed European Free H. to her juvenile success in the G3 Dick Poole Fillies' S.

The largest consignment, however, is that from Haras de Saint-Arnoult and it's not just numbers alone that will bring potential purchasers to Larissa Kneip's boxes. Two of her offerings received a significant update a little over a fortnight ago when Barkaa (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}) won the G3 Prix Vanteaux at the opening meeting of ParisLongchamp. Cont. p5

Barkaa Brother Offered at Osarus Cont.

Lot 57 is Barkaa's half-brother and one of three juveniles in the sale from the first crop of Haras du Quesnay's Anodin (Ire). Just four lots later (61), a Siyouni colt from a half-sister to Barkaa's dam Dentelle (Fr) (Apeldoorn {Fr}) will go through the ring. A three-time provincial winner in France, Dentelle is also the dam of treble listed scorer My Old Husband (Fr) (Gentlewave {Ire}), whose 11 wins have come in France, Italy, Switzerland and Slovakia.

Anodin's fellow French freshman sires Joshua Tree (Ire) and Sommerabend (Ger) are also among those stallions with offspring catalogued, but the sole representative of Olympic Glory (Ire) has been withdrawn.

The horses will breeze on the turf at La Teste from 8.30am and the sale is set to start at 1:30 p.m.

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JOCKEY CLUB PATH LIKELY FOR LION

Last year's G2 Royal Lodge S. winner **Roaring Lion** (Kitten's Joy), third as the favourite in last week's G3 Craven S., looks likely to bypass the May 5 G1 2000 Guineas, with trainer John Gosden telling *At The Races*, "The way he trains, it looks like the Dante/Prix du Jockey Club will be a smart move for him."

The G2 Dante S. will be staged at York on May 17, and the G1 Prix du Jockey Club is at Chantilly on June 3.

Owned by Qatar Racing, Roaring Lion was also beaten a neck by Saxon Warrior (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) in last year's G1 Racing Post Trophy.

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BBAG TOPPER TABBED 'RISING STAR'

Enchanting Skies (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire}), who was the BBAGS €500,000 sale topper in 2016, was well away to stalk the pace in second after the initial strides of this unveiling. Nudged along to loom large in early straight, the 22-1 chance cruised to the fore approaching the final furlong and kept on strongly under minimal coaxing thereafter to easily best My Sister Nat (Fr) (Acclamation {GB}), herself a half-sister to recent GI Jenny Wiley S. heroine Sistercharlie (Ire) (Myboycharlie {Ire}), by 3/4 of a length.

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Enchanting Skies (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) strolls to a 3/4 length win in the fifth at ParisLongchamp on Tuesday. | *Scoop Dyga*

BBAG Topper Tabbed 'Rising Star' Cont.

She is the latest foal and eighth scorer produced by Listed Kolner Fruhjahrs Stuten-Preis placegetter Estefania (Ger) (Acatenango {Ger}), and is a half-sister to G1 Preis von Europa hero Empoli (Ger) (Halling), G3 Herzog von Ratibor-Rennen third Ebeltoft (Ire) (Lawman {Fr}) and the dual stakes-placed Eigelstein (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}). Her second dam Eirehill (Ire) (Danehill) is a winning half-sister to MG1SW multiple German and Italian highweight Elle Danzig (Ger) (Roi Danzig), herself the dam of seven stakes performers headed by MGSW G1 Preis der Diana runner-up Elle Shadow (Ire) (Shamardal).

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NEW TDN RISING STAR

5th-LCP, €25,000, Mdn, 4-24, unraced 3yo, f, 10 1/2fT, 2:18.53, gd.

ENCHANTING SKIES (IRE), f, 3, by Sea The Stars (Ire)
1st Dam: Estefania (Ger) (SP-Ger), by Acatenango (Ger)
2nd Dam: Eirehill (Ire), by Danehill
3rd Dam: Elegie (Ger), by Teotepec (GB)

Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €12,500.

1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Mayfair Speculators SARL; B-Gestut Ebbesloh (IRE); T-Andre Fabre. **Click for the Racing Post result or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Wednesday, Apr. 25, 2018:

FRANCE

Bungle Inthejungle (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Rathasker Stud
95 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
3-MAIS-LAFFITTE, 1000m, QUEEN MONACO (IRE)
€6,500 RNA Goffs November Foals Sale 2016; €5,000 Goffs Open Yearlings HIT Sale 2017

Gale Force Ten (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), Irish National Stud
98 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
3-MAIS-LAFFITTE, 1000m, AMBER WARNING (IRE)

Sommerabend (GB) (Shamardal), Haras de Saint Arnoult
42 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
3-MAIS-LAFFITTE, 1000m, TI CRUISE (FR)
€10,000 Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale 2016 - English Version

Gale Force Ten looks for a first win from Amber Warning (Ire) at Maisons-Laffitte on Wednesday. | *Irish National Stud*

OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

3.00 Catterick, Cond, £7,900, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f 6yT

Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum's homebred **TALAAQY (IRE) (Dansili {GB})** is a daughter of Listed Atalanta S. victress Shabiba (Seeking The Gold) and thus a half-sister to MGSW dual G1 Al Quoz Sprint placegetter Ertijaal (Ire) (Oasis Dream {GB}) and Listed Rockingham S. runner-up Odooj (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}). Returning off a six-furlong debut score for William Haggas at Yarmouth last October, she faces one dozen rivals including Clipper Logistics' hitherto unraced **Angels (Dark Angel {Ire})**, who is a half-sister to MGSP four-time stakes winner Magic Eye (Ire) (Nayef), representing the Tim Easterby yard.

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VINTAGE SILKS AVAILABLE ON BHA WEBSITE

Owners will now be able to sell their racing colours on the BHA website, the British Horseracing Authority announced on Tuesday. The initiative is part of the BHA's effort to liberalise owners' colours and make it easier for owners to sell their silks.

"Up until this point the BHA has received requests from owners who are looking to sell their colours via the annual auction at Sotheby's, where there are only ever a handful of lots available and the majority cannot be accommodated," said BHA Chief Operating Officer Richard Wayman. "The annual auction will continue and colours can of course be bought and sold privately, but hopefully the new website will be an easy option for owners to advertise and sell their colours if they wish to do so."

Wednesday, Epsom, post time: 2.45 p.m.
INVESTEC BLUE RIBAND TRIAL (IN MEMORY OF ANTHONY CANE)-Listed, £50,000, 3yo, 10f 17yT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	1	Crossed Baton (GB)	Dansili (GB)	Dettori	Gosden
2	6	Dee Ex Bee (GB)	Farhh (GB)	Doyle	Johnston
3	8	James Cook (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Moore	A O'Brien
4	7	Miles Christianus (Ire)	The Carbon Unit	Scott	Osborne
5	3	My Lord And Master (Ire)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	Tudhope	Haggas
6	4	Simpson (Ire)	Dragon Pulse (Ire)	Cosgrave	Walker
7	2	Technological (GB)	Universal (Ire)	Murphy	Margarson
8	5	Zabriskie (Ire)	Frankel (GB)	Heffernan	A O'Brien

All carry 127 pounds.

Boosted by the 2016 and 2017 triumphs of high rankers and subsequent Group 1 performers So Mi Dar (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) and Cracksman (GB) (Frankel {GB}), respectively, this event has been elevated to listed status for the first time and attracts an enticing cast for the latest incarnation, which offers a free ticket to the main event in June. The John Gosden and Frankie Dettori bromance has dominated recently with Christophermarlowe (Tapit) initiating the hat-trick in 2015, and the duo team up again with Khalid Abdullah's recent Kempton conditions winner **Crossed Baton** seeking a third-straight success having closed last term with victory in a Sandown novice event in September.

"Crossed Baton is in good form at home, he has come out of his win at Kempton in good shape and has had a straightforward time of things since that run," revealed racing manager Teddy Grimthorpe. "It was a nice performance last time out and this is another big step up for him. This is a nice race for him to go for and it fits in well in the calendar. He has been progressive in all three of his starts and his form has worked out strongly so we'll see how he gets on."

Aidan O'Brien, who has yet to join the contest's honour roll, saddles two with Ryan Moore taking the mount aboard Leopardstown maiden winner **James Cook**, a full-brother to G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, GI Breeders' Cup Turf and G1 Prix Marcel Boussac heroine Found (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), and Seamus Heffernan booked for Tipperary maiden scorer **Zabriskie**, who returns off a last-of-eight finish in October's G3 Autumn S. at Newmarket, undergoing a wind operation since that latest outing. Mark Johnston's Permian (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}) forced Cracksman to pull out all the stops in last year's edition and he is represented by **Dee Ex Bee**, who follows the same route as that ill-fated former stablemate and goes postward off a placed effort in the October's Listed Zetland S. at Newmarket.

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Tuesday's Results:
3rd-YAR, £5,800, Cond, 4-24, 3yo, 8f 3yT, 1:34.83, g/f.
WITHOUT PAROLE (GB) (c, 3, Frankel {GB}--Without You Babe, by Lemon Drop Kid), who registered a six-length debut score over this trip at Newcastle in his only prior start Dec. 16, raced in second for most of this seasonal return. Quickening to challenge Ostilio (GB) (New Approach {Ire}) passing the two pole, the 4-9 lock led soon after and was urged ever clear inside the final eighth to easily account for that rival by six lengths. "I've not ridden him before and he gave me a good feel," said jockey Frankie Dettori. "He's still a bit immature, but has got an engine. He's probably going to run in something decent next time so I wanted to teach him that once he passes the others he has to keep on running." The homebred bay is a half-brother to GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile-winning sire Tamarkuz (Speightstown), the hitherto unraced 2-year-old filly She's Got You (GB) (Kingman {GB}) and a yearling filly by Oasis Dream (GB). His dam Without You Babe (Lemon Drop Kid) is an unraced half-sister to MGISW sire Stay Thirsty (Bernardini), GI Belmont S. runner-up and MGISP sire Abdromeda's Hero (Fusaichi Pegasus) and GI Champagne S. third Superfly (Fusaichi Pegasus). Sales history: 650,000gns RNA Ylg '16 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, $11,262. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton**.
O-John & Tanya Gunther; B-John Gunther (GB); T-John Gosden.

2nd-YAR, £5,800, Cond, 4-24, 3yo, 8f 3yT, 1:36.90, g/f.
CORROSIVE (c, 3, Uncle Mo--Lovely Syn {MSW-US, $202,200, by Freud), a Sept. 27 last-out winner going seven panels at Kempton, was handily placed in third from the outset of this seasonal return. Shoved along approaching the final quarter mile, the well-backed 11-4 second favourite challenged with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining and was driven out to edge Stylehunter (GB) (Raven's Pass) by a half length. Cont. p8

2nd-YAR Cont.

His dual stakes-winning dam, who was bred to Constitution last year, is a granddaughter of GII New York H. and GIII Spicy Living H. placegetter Ginny Dare (Pilgrim), herself kin to four black-type performers including MGSW sire Classic Account (Private Account) and MGSW Lykatill Hil (Pilgrim). Sales history: $40,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP; 150,000gns 2yo '17 TATBRE. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, $13,413. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton**.
O-Vefa Ibrahim Araci; B-Joemar Racing Stables LLC (KY); T-Hugo Palmer.

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2nd-BRG, £5,800, Mdn, 4-24, 2yo, 5f 60yT, 1:04.52, g/f.
ITS THE ONLY WAY (IRE) (c, 2, Lilbourne Lad {Ire}--Whatever You Do {Ire}, by Barathea {Ire}) was positioned in a handy fourth through the initial fractions of this debut, the 2-1 pick was shaken up soon after passing the two pole and kept on strongly under continued urging inside the final furlong to overhaul Pocket Dynamo (Dialed In) nearing the line for a half-length success. Kin to a yearling colt by Gutaifan (Ire), he is the first scorer out of a half-sister to G2 Coventry S. third Rakaan (Ire) (Bahamian Bounty {GB}), from a family which features G1 Gran Criterium runner-up Line Dancer (GB) (Shareef Dancer). Sales history: €12,000 Ylg '17 GOFSPT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $5,230. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton**.
1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Ruxley Holdings & Mrs Maryse Doyle; B-Barnane Stud (IRE); T-Richard Hannon.

1st-YAR, £5,800, Mdn, 4-24, 2yo, f, 5f 42yT, 1:02.25, g/f.
CARRIE'S VISION (GB) (f, 2, Oasis Dream {GB}--Lacarolina {Fr} {GSW-Fr, $133,718}, by Charge d'Affaires {GB}) found cover in fourth after a sharp getaway. Pushed along with a quarter mile remaining, the 9-4 second choice challenged at the eighth pole and was ridden out late to deny The Last Party (GB) (Hellvelyn {GB}) by a neck. She is the first representative for G3 Prix Miesque and Listed Prix Six Perfections victress Lacarolina (Fr) (Charge d'Affaires {GB}), and is half to a yearling filly by Mastercraftsman (Ire). Her second dam Malinday (Fr) (Lord of Men {GB}) is a half-sister to G3 Prix de Meautry and G3 Prix de Seine-et-Oise winner Myasun (Fr) (Panis) and Listed Prix des Reves d'Or victress Matwan (Fr) (Indian Rocket {GB}), who in turn produced G2 Prix du Muguet second Matorio (Fr) (Oratorio {Ire}) and this month's G3 Prix Djebel third Batwan (Fr) (Kendargent {Fr}). Sales history: 50,000gns RNA Ylg '17 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $5,230. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton**.
1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Somerville Lodge Ltd; B-Gala Bright Bloodstock Ltd (GB); T-William Haggas.

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Tuesday's Results:
PRIX FINLANDE-Listed, €55,000, LCP, 4-24, 3yo, f, 9fT, 1:58.07, gd.
1--**SHAMTEE (IRE), 123, f, 3, by Shamardal**
1st Dam: Truth Beauty (Ire), by Dubai Destination
2nd Dam: Grecian Slipper (GB), by Sadler's Wells
3rd Dam: Helen Street (GB), by Troy (GB)
1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. (€240,000 Ylg '16 AROCT). O-Prime Equestrian SARL; B-SF Bloodstock LLC (IRE); T-Xavier Thomas-Demeaulte; J-Mickael Barzalona. €27,500. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, €50,500.
2--**Miss Sienna (GB)**, 123, f, 3, Equiano (Fr)--Candycakes (Ire), by Cape Cross (Ire). (€20,000 RNA Ylg '16 AROCT; €20,000 RNA 2yo '17 ARQMAY). O-Mrs Rebecca Hillen. €11,000.

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3--**Lunch Lady (GB)**, 123, f, 3, Shamardal--High Maintenance (Fr), by Highest Honor (Fr). O-Wertheimer & Frere. €8,250.
Margins: SNK, HF, 1 1/4. Odds: 7.90, 8.90, 1.70.
Also Ran: Beagling (Fr), Epouville (Fr), La Canche (Fr), Dark Rose Angel (Ire), Herecomesthesun (Ire). Scratched: Berea (Fr).

Shamtee, who ran sixth at Saint-Cloud in her Nov. 10 debut, opened her sophomore campaign with a win going one mile at Bordeaux-le Bouscat Feb. 24 and lined up for this black-type bow after doubling up over the same trip at Fontainebleau last time Mar. 22. Steadied at the tail of the field until taking closer order along the false straight, she made further headway into contention at the quarter-mile marker and kept on relentlessly under a late drive to claim a career high in the final stride.

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Shamtee | *Scoop Dyga*

Listed Prix Finlande Cont.

"We gave her an easy introduction at Saint-Cloud last year, she had a good winter and has never stopped improving," said winning trainer Xavier Thomas-Demeaulte. "I didn't know what to expect today because the form of her two wins were hard to fathom as both were run in heavy conditions. Today's race was obviously a lot stronger so her performance was very encouraging. She doesn't have any Classic entries so we'll see how she comes out of the race and will take our time before making any decisions."

Shamtee is the sole winner, from just two runners, out of a half-sister to three black-type performers including G3 Prix de Barbeville victress Magna Graecia (Ire) (Warning {GB}), herself the dam of Listed River Eden S. runner-up Taranto (GB) (Machiavellian), who in turn produced MG1SP G1 Prix Jean Prat hero Territories (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}). Her second dam Grecian Slipper (GB) (Sadler's Wells) is a half to MG1SW G1 Dubai World Cup-winning sire Street Cry (Ire) (Machiavellian), himself a full-brother to the stakes-placed Helsinki (GB), the dam of Shamtee's sire Shamardal. **Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

2nd-LCP, €25,000, Mdn, 4-24, unraced 3yo, c/g, 10 1/2fT, 2:16.47, gd.
BUGLE MAJOR (c, 3, Mizzen Mast--Conference Call {GB} {G1SP-Fr, $159,777}, by Anabaa) raced in third after the initial exchanges, but was shuffled back one spot at halfway. Turning for home in third, the 2-1 second choice was sent to the front with 350 metres remaining and was pushed out in the closing stages to comfortably assert by 1 1/4 lengths from Hush Writer (Jpn) (Rulership {Jpn}). He is a son of G1 Prix Marcel Boussac runner-up Conference Call (GB) (Anabaa), herself a half to the dam of MGSP Listed Kilvington S. victress Newsletter (Ire) (Sir Percy {GB}), and is thus a half-brother to G1 Grand Prix de Paris placegetter Teletext (Empire Maker). From a family which features G1SW sire Danehill (Danzig), he is also kin to the 2-year-old colt Seismic Wave (Tapit), a yearling colt by Tapit and a colt foal by Into Mischief. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €12,500. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**
1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms Inc (KY); T-Pascal Bary.

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CONDITIONS RESULTS:
7th-LCP, €33,000, Cond, 4-24, 4yo/up, 7fT, 1:20.89, gd.
STUNNING SPIRIT (GB) (c, 4, Invincible Spirit {Ire}--Stunning View, by Dynaformer) Lifetime Record: MGSP-Fr, 11-3-5-1, €113,650. O/B-George Strawbridge (GB); T-Freddy Head.

3rd-LCP, €28,000, Cond, 4-24, 3yo, 11fT, 2:24.28, gd.
BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (FR) (c, 3, Le Havre {Ire}--Beaumont {Fr}, by Trempolino) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, €22,250. O/B-Bloodstock Agency Ltd (FR); T-Yann Barberot.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

AQUIS BOOKS 'ARTIST' FOR EVEREST

Fresh off Monday's news that **Trapeze Artist (Aus)** (Snitzel {Aus}) will remain in training as a 4-year-old, the triple-Group 1 winner has been snapped up by Aquis Farm for its Everest slot this October. Second choice in the wagering behind last year's inaugural winner Redzel (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus}) in the A$13-million 1200-metre race, the Gerald Ryan trainee just landed the G1 All Aged S. on Saturday.

"I'm delighted to get a slot in The Everest with Aquis," owner/breed Bert Vieira told *The Sydney Morning Herald*. "I want to race him and show him off to the world and to get a spot in The Everest is the first part of that dream. Knowing Shane McGrath, the Aquis CEO, from his Coolmore days made the negotiations very easy and smooth and to be sharing this experience with Aquis will only make it better."

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RACING BOARD TO HEAR SMERDON CASE

The Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board will hear the charges against Robert Smerdon, with the former trainer having failed in his bid to challenge the hearing's jurisdiction. Smerdon, who faces 115 charges related to bicarb doping as part of the Aquanita Racing scandal, turned in his training license in March and announced he would not attend the Aquanita hearing, but Racing Victoria judge John Bowman deemed that because Smerdon was licensed at the time of the consequences, he would be tried as an industry participant.

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Stallion	Fee (A$)
Manhattan Rain (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus})	19,250
Turffontein (Aus) (Johannesburg)	8,800
War (Aus) (More Than Ready)	6,600
Glass Harmonium (Ire) (Verglas {Ire})	5,500

IN OTHER NEWS...

The Battle for Zoustar Widden and Woodside Studs will face-off in Sydney court this week and again in June on another matter over the likely Australian champion first-season sire Zoustar (Aus) (Northern Meteor {Aus}). ***Racing.com***

An Irish Horse Breeder Has a $150m Modigliani Nude to Sell Irish bloodstock billionaire John Magnier is selling an Amedeo Modigliani nude estimated at $150 million, the most for any work of art at auction this season, according to people familiar with the matter. **Katya Kazakina & Devon Pendleton, *Bloomberg.com***

CAPTAIN AL LEADS JOBURG OPENER

Champion sire Captain Al (SAf) provided the three top-priced lots during the first of three sessions of Bloodstock South Africa's National Yearling Sale in Johannesburg on Tuesday. Leading the way was Mauritzfontein Stud's colt who is the second produce of the champion 3-year-old filly Cherry On The Top (SAf) (Tiger Ridge). Lot 113 was bought by Jehan Malherbe's Form Bloodstock for R4,750,000 ($385,248/£275,699/€314,909).

The Hong Kong Jockey Club, fresh off busy stints buying horses for its International Sale in Australia and Europe, swooped for the second top-priced lot on Tuesday, Klipdrif Stud's Captain Al colt (lot 63) out of the stakes-winning Valor Red (SAf) (Western Winter), for R3,330,000. Kerry Jack Bloodstock signed for the session's priciest filly, Riverton Stud's daughter of Captain Al (lot 150) who is a half-sister to five winners including a stakes-placed horse. Her price tag was R2,900,000.

Also siring lots in excess of R2-million on Tuesday were fellow champion sires Dynasty (SAf) (2) and Silvano (Ger), as well as Silvano's son and first-crop sire Vercingetorix (SAf), winner of the G1 Jebel Hatta at Meydan in 2014.

Statistics will be provided upon the conclusion of the sale on Thursday.

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