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PACIFIC HEAT LOOKS TO STEP UP IN STARLET

by Jessica Martini

Pacific Heat (Unusual Heat), tabbed a 'TDN Rising Star' after a devastating debut win against state-bred foes at Los Alamitos in September, looks to step up to Grade I company and remain unbeaten when she returns to that track in Saturday's GI Starlet S. The filly, owned by Sharon Alesia, Mike Burns and Ciaglia Racing LLC, is now two-for-two after adding a 5 1/4-length victory against fellow Cal-breds in the Oct. 29 Golden Gate Juvenile Fillies S. going seven furlongs at Del Mar. She'll have to be supplemented to the Starlet, but the decision to run in the 1 1/16-mile race was an easy one for trainer Peter Eurton.

"Opportunity," Eurton said when asked about the decision to supplement Pacific Heat to the Starlet. "We may not see this race again at a track that she seems to love--she broke her maiden by 13 lengths, granted that was against Cal-breds. But she is bred to go longer and this is a chance to win a Grade I race against a field that doesn't have a [divisional leader] Songbird in it."

Pacific Heat prepped for the Starlet with a four-furlong work at Santa Anita Saturday in :48.60.

"I wasn't looking to overdo it too much," Eurton said of the work. "She is a filly that runs very fresh. She is a very competitive filly, so it's not like I have to reinvent the wheel here. She's been working pretty strong in her previous two works, so I just wanted to give her something to stretch her legs. I knew she was going to gallop out strong. I just wanted to keep her happy, that's all." *Cont. p3*

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Phipps homebred Browse (Medaglia d'Oro) became the latest TDN Rising Star with a dominant debut victory at Aqueduct Sunday.

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Total handle for Saturday's renewal of the Claiming Crown was over \$10 million, despite rainy conditions in Hallandale.

GOLDEN GATE RELEASES STAKES SCHEDULE

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Golden Gate released the stakes schedule for its upcoming Winter/Spring meeting. The 12-race schedule is highlighted by the GIII El Camino Real Derby.

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Which European stallion has the highest-earning foal crop of 2012?

Perhaps it's unsurprising that the likes of Galileo (Ire), Cape Cross (Ire), Shamardal, and Invincible Spirit (Ire) comprise the top four, but which young gun is going toe-to-toe with these heavyweights in fifth? Hint: It's an Irish-bred son of a stallion in the top four.

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Pacific Heat to Step up in Starlet (cont. from p1)

Pacific Heat topped the 2014 Barretts October Yearling Sale with a bid of \$175,000. Her half-sister is stakes winner and graded stakes placed Long Hot Summer (Street Boss), who topped the Barretts May sale when selling for \$260,000 in 2014.

"I think we got fortunate that there wasn't bigger money there," Eurton said of his October sale purchase. "But it was a lot of money for a California-bred Unusual Heat. Larry Zap brought her to me and I just fell in love with her. She already had a family behind her and she had size. It wasn't that difficult to buy her."

While he knew he had a talented filly on his hands, Eurton admitted he was surprised by the ease of Pacific Heat's 13 1/2-length debut romp.

"I thought she had talent," Eurton said. "I thought we'd be able to show it off on grass, pedigree-wise. She did things very easy. She wouldn't run away from horses. She'd just do what she needed to do. She was a perfect workmate at that time. I was expecting a good race, but I didn't expect that."

The Starlet will be Pacific Heat's first start past seven furlongs, but the stretch-out doesn't concern her trainer.

"I'd be more concerned about the company than the stretch-out," he admitted.

Bob Baffert could be represented by a pair of runners in the Starlet S. and the duo tuned up with six-furlong works at Santa Anita Sunday. Karl Watson, Mike Pegram and Paul Weitman's **Pretty N Cool** (Scat Daddy) covered the distance in 1:13.00.

Winner of the GII Sorrento S. and GII Matron S., **Pretty N Cool** finished last of five as the favorite in the Nov. 15 Desi Arnaz S. last time out.

Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings and Edward McGhee's **Treasuring** (Smart Strike) also worked six furlongs in Arcadia Sunday. The filly, runner-up in the Desi Arnaz, covered the distance in 1:14.20. Baffert won the Starlet three times when it was contested at the now-defunct Hollywood Park. His most recent victory in the race came in 2013 with **Streaming**, a full-sister to **Treasuring**.



Pretty N Cool |
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Also working at Santa Anita Saturday was Starlet nominee **Street Fancy** (Street Sense), who went six furlongs in 1:14.40. A debut winner at Santa Anita Oct. 18, the Agave Racing-owned filly was third in the Arnaz last time out. She is trained by Phil d'Amato, who could also be represented in the Starlet by maiden winner **Coppa** (Yesbyjimmy).

The list of Starlet possibles also includes a pair of fillies from the Jerry Hollendorfer barn: four-time stakes winner **Stays in Vegas** (City Zip) and Anoakia S. winner and Arnaz fourth-place finisher **Surfside Tiara** (Scat Daddy). Hollendorfer is already a two-time winner of the Starlet, having taken the race with **Blind Luck** in 2009 and **Killer Graces** in 2011.

Entries for the Starlet, which will be held at Los Alamitos for only the second time Saturday, will be taken Wednesday.

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CLAIMING CROWN HANDLE TOPS \$10M

The 17th edition of the Claiming Crown, held Saturday at Gulfstream Park, generated total handle of \$10,118,000--up 0.57% from 2014 despite rainy conditions which caused four races to be taken off the turf. Gulfstream was hosting the event for the fourth year.

"We're extremely pleased with the success of Saturday's Claiming Crown," said P.J. Campo, General Manager of Gulfstream Park and Vice President of Racing for The Stronach Group. "We had big fields and tremendous participation from horsemen throughout North America. We're confident the numbers would have been even more impressive with a fast track and firm turf course."

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by Dean A. Hoffman

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The pitch competition is titled the “Innovators Circle” and will be the opening session on Wednesday morning. Entrepreneurs will attempt to dazzle a panel of racing executives with new ideas designed to revive horse racing. The panelists will have the chance to question each person or group making a pitch, and audience members may also be permitted to ask questions. Creators of the presentation deemed most innovative and promising for horse racing will win a cash prize of \$15,000. Audience members will also get a chance to vote for their favorite pitch in the Innovators Circle. The “peoples’ choice” winner gets a cash prize of \$1,000.

The Innovators Circle is a presentation of gaming author Vin Narayanan and the technology firm Neomancer in conjunction with the Race Track Industry Program.

The Symposium on Racing & Gaming leaps out of the starting gate at 8:15 Tuesday morning with a fast-paced session titled “45 Ideas in 45 Minutes.” Speakers will offer concise suggestions for ways that racing can improve its product. Moderator Joe Harper, president and CEO of Del Mar Thoroughbred Club, will keep speakers to their one-minute limit, and attendees will receive a written synopsis of the ideas at the end of the session so that they need not take notes.

Those invited to present ideas are Steve Byk, host of “At The Races with Steve Byk”; Darryl Kaplan, editor of *Trot* magazine for Standardbred Canada; Steve Koch, Executive Director of the NTRA’s Safety and Integrity Alliance; Peter Rotondo, Breeders’ Cup Vice-President for Media and Entertainment; and Amy Zimmerman, The Stronach Group’s Director of Broadcasting. Later in the day attendees will hear from experts on the importance of holding laboratories that perform the post-race tests to the highest standards.

“Selecting an Official Testing Laboratory: Value is not the low-cost option” should be a lively session given concerns in this area recently. Steve Koch will both speak on this topic and also serve as moderator. The other speakers are Dr. Diane Benson, Executive Director and COO of the Racing Medication and

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Testing Consortium (RMTTC) and Dr. Mary Scollay, Equine Medical Director, Kentucky Horse Racing Commission.

It’s no secret that regular media coverage of racing has plummeted in recent years, so a Tuesday afternoon panel addressing that issue is sure to attract a large audience. It’s titled “Evolution of News Dissemination: How Racing Media is Adapting to Remain Relevant.”

Jim Mulvihill, Director of Media and Industry Relations for the National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA) will moderate this session. Speakers will be John Hartig, CEO of the *Daily Racing Form’s* Sports Information Group; Melissa Hoppert, Assistant Sports Editor/digital for *The New York Times*; and John Keitt, president, Publisher and CEO of *The Blood-Horse*.

Other Tuesday sessions will address the relevance of big data and fantasy sports to horse racing, digital marketing strategies, and attracting new owners.

On Wednesday, attendees will hear presentations on international simulcasting, insurance issues in racing, and the realities of fantasy sports.

The final session of the two days is titled “Fixing Racing” and will focus on what racing can do to stop manipulation of race outcomes. Cases from Pennsylvania, Texas, and Louisiana will be discussed and speakers will describe how it’s essential to find violators and remove them from racing. **Cont. p2**

Jane Murray, Director of Service for the Thoroughbred Racing Associations, handles the moderating duties on this hot topic. Attendees will hear from Dr. Jennifer Durenberger, COO, Racing Matters; Mary Ann Roberts, Staff Attorney, Oklahoma Racing Commission; and Lisa Underwood, who is associated with the law firm of Wyatt, Tarrant, & Combs, LLP.

The Racing & Gaming Symposium concludes Wednesday evening with an "Hasta La Vista Fiesta" for all participants.

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4th-AQU, \$60,000, Msw, 12-6, 2yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:18.44, ft.

+BROWSE, f, 2, by [Medaglia d'Oro](#)

1st Dam: Daydreaming (MGSW & MGISP, \$696,680), by A.P. Indy

2nd Dam: Get Lucky, by Mr. Prospector

3rd Dam: Dance Number, by Northern Dancer

O/B-Phipps Stable (KY); T-Claude R. McGaughey III. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$36,000.

Browse gained 'TDN Rising Star' status in her debut at Aqueduct Sunday afternoon. The Phipps homebred, who was given a 9-1 chance for trainer Shug McGaughey, stalked in midpack early, but steadily moved closer to the leaders from three wide down the backstretch. Browse continued to make substantial progress as she circled the field heading into the bend and made her bid for the lead as she turned for home. The

dark bay poked a head in front at the top of the lane and cruised home to win by an easy 6 1/4 lengths. Anydayismyday (Afleet Alex) completed the exacta. Browse is out of MGSW & MGISP Daydreaming, making her a half-sibling to millionaire turfster Imagining (Giant's Causeway), GISW, \$1,177,394; and Reflecting (Elusive Quality), MSP, \$296,123. Daydreaming is out of graded



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stakes winner Get Lucky (Mr. Prospector) and is a full-sibling to Grade I winner Girolamo and GSW & GISP Accelerator. Get Lucky is a full-sibling to champion Rhythm and Not For Love. This is also the family of GI Kentucky Derby winner

Super Saver (Maria's Mon); GSW Bretheren (Distorted Humor); GISW Got Lucky (A.P. Indy); GISW Bluegrass Cat (Storm Cat); and GSW Dramedy (Distorted Humor). Daydreaming is also responsible for a yearling filly by Distorted Humor and a weanling filly by War Front. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

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5th-AQU, \$67,000, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 12-6, 3yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:47.02, gd.

BULLHEADED BOY (c, 3, Bullsbay--Sister Dyer, by Pulpit)

showed an affinity for the turf with a pair of scores over New York-breds June 12 and July 9 at Belmont and ran fifth back on dirt in Saratoga's restricted Albany S. Aug. 28. A dull sixth in a 10-panel allowance over the sod at Belmont Sept. 26, he missed by a neck when second in the restricted Maryland Million Classic Oct. 17 and recently closed deceptively well to report home fifth in a course-and-distance optional claimer Nov. 14. **Cont. p3**

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Aqueduct Race 5 cont.

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8th-AQU, \$59,000, (S), Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 12-6, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:17.69, ft.

RECTIFY (c, 3, [More Than Ready](#)--[Averymerrymoment](#), by [Distorted Humor](#)) added blinkers to earn his second career victory with a rallying score over seven furlongs at Saratoga Sept. 7 and recently closed mildly to finish third in a 6 1/2-furlong dash for state-breds at Belmont Oct. 21. Given a 5-2 chance to return to the winner's circle in this spot, the dark bay

raced well off the pace behind a quarter-mile in :22.89 and commenced a wide rally entering the stretch. Rectify overhauled pace-setting Doctor Dempsey (Harlan's Holiday) in deep stretch to score by a length. The winner's dam is also responsible for the yearling filly Satisfy (Candy Ride {Arg}) and an unnamed weanling colt by Kitten's Joy. Lifetime Record: 8-3-1-1, \$146,965. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**

O-Parting Glass Racing (Thomas J. Gallo); B-Mia Gallo & Mary Kopley (NY); T-William I. Mott.

6th-AQU, \$55,000, (S), Msw, 12-6, 2yo, 1m, 1:37.38, ft. +CARDS OF STONE (g, 2, [Bustin Stones](#)--[Shuffle the Deck](#), by [High Yield](#)) drilled steadily at Belmont and Saratoga dating back to early September and was dismissed at odds of 38-1 for this barn that usually takes its time with young horses. Off to a sharp start, the gelding set the pace with a clear advantage through a half-mile in :46.91 and proved resolute in the lane to notch a 3 1/2-length victory over Cause for Surprise (Giant Surprise). The winner has a yearling full-sister and a weanling half-sister by Tizway. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$33,000. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**

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Sunday's Results:

6th-GP, \$42,000, Msw, 12-6, 2yo, f, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:47.28, ft.

+DARING BRIDE (f, 2, [Scat Daddy](#)--Darling Bride, by Unbridled), the 2-5 pick off a steady work tab, rated at the back of the five horse field through the opening stages off this affair which was rained off the turf. She moved up four wide down the backstretch to take closer account and was the widest of all as the field was splayed across the track evenly through a half-mile in :51.33. The dark bay moved alongside Determined Lady (Big Drama) as that duo began to pull away from the field heading into the bend and gained control on the turn. Daring Bride shook free of that rival in the stretch, ducked in toward the rail in the lane before being skillfully corrected, and pulled clear to a 6 3/4-length win. Determined Lady finished well clear of the others to secure place honors. The winner is a half to fellow Red Oak homebred Debonair Darling (Formal Dinner), MSP, \$193,020.

"We felt like she was a filly that wanted two turns, so that's why we went to the grass first time out," explained winning trainer Todd Pletcher. "A lot of the Scat Daddys are taking to the grass. We figured she'd been training well so we'd go ahead and give it a try off the turf and she handled almost everything well. She got a little green down the lane, which made me nervous for a moment there and sure made Johnny a lot nervous. She said, 'I thought we were supposed to be on the grass.'" Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$24,000. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O/B-Red Oak Stable (Brunetti) (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

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Sunday's Results:

8th-LRL, \$44,646, Alw, 12-6, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.29, ft.

DEMON BUSTER (g, 4, [Ghostzapper](#)--Cathrine's Hope, by In Excess {Ire}) made two starts under the care of Brian Lynch to begin his career and recently returned from an extended layoff to graduate from the maiden ranks with a victory for trainer Sean Smullen going 6 1/2 furlongs over the all-weather track at Woodbine Oct. 24. Transferred to this new barn following that effort, the 4-year-old registered a trio of five-furlong works over the local strip and was sent postward as the second choice at odds of 5-2. *Cont. p5*



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Laurel Race 8 cont.

Away without incident, the dark bay secured position tracking the pace in third behind a quarter-mile in :22.99 and momentarily dropped back as the dueling leaders spurred away on the final bend. Asked to pick up the chase, Demon Buster raced between horses to the head of the stretch and uncorked a stout rally to win going away by three lengths. Take Achance On Me (Forestry) completed the exacta. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$61,655. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

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Saturday Night's Results:

HOLIDAY INAUGURAL S., \$50,000, TP, 12-5, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:11.01, ft.

1--**SPANISH PIPE DREAM**, 123, f, 3, [Scat Daddy](#)--Doc's Leading Lady, by Doc's Leader. (\$125,000 Ylg '13 FTKJUL). O-Hat Creek Racing; B-Hurstland Farm Inc. & James H. Greene Jr. (KY); T-Wesley A. Ward; J-Albin Jimenez. \$29,140. Lifetime Record: 6-4-0-0, \$143,821.

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2--**Rachel's Ready**, 119, f, 3, [More Than Ready](#)--My Rachel, by Horse Chestnut (Saf). (\$210,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP). O-Carl F. Pollard; B-Hinkle Farms (KY); T-David R. Vance. \$9,400.

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3--**Fioretti**, 124, m, 5, Bernardini--Move Clickly, by Cherokee Run. (\$92,000 Ylg '11 KEEJAN; \$230,000 RNA Ylg '11 KEESEP; \$35,000 4yo '14 FTKHRA). O-Two Hearts Farm LLC & Don Janes; B-James G. Bell (KY); T-Anthony J. Hamilton, Jr.. \$4,700. Margins: NK, 2HF, 2HF. Odds: 5.20, 11.80, 1.40.

Also Ran: Aireofdistinction, Tetrad, Determined Yankee, Swept Ashore, Tippie Tap, Harlan's Honor, Cactus Joe, Donita's Ruler.

Spanish Pipedream returned to the races in sharp form with a score in the Saturday night feature. A first-out winner over the now-defunct all-weather track at Keeneland last April, she traveled across the Atlantic and ran fourth in the G2 Queen Mary S. at Ascot in June of that term. Away from the races for an extended break, the bay returned to annex a five-panel turf dash at Gulfstream Jan. 30 and this venue's six-panel Cincinnati Trophy S. Feb. 22. Last seen checking in fourth as the even-money choice in Woodbine's Star Shoot S. Apr. 12, she was a bit overlooked by the public as the third choice in wagering. Sent to the lead, Spanish Pipedream showed the way through a quarter-mile in :22.06, was confronted by Rachel's Ready in the lane but dug in determinedly to repel that rival's bid and earn a narrow victory. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

4th-TP, \$18,975, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 12-5, 2yo, 1m (AWT), 1:40.07, ft.

CELESTIAL INSIGHT (f, 2, [Scat Daddy](#)--Bai and Bai {MSW & MGSP, \$724,983}, by Falstaff) proved best in her grassy six-furlong unveiling at Belmont Park Sept. 19 and was given a brief respite following that effort. Hammered down to 2-5 favoritism for this first try at a route of ground, she settled off the pace behind a half-mile in :49.19 and launched a swift bid to seize the lead approaching the far turn. Opening up daylight turning for home, the filly widened to a much-the-best 7 3/4-length score over Scenic Route (Bellamy Road). The winner's dam won nine stakes events from five years at the races. Sales History: \$45,000 Ylg '14 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$57,240. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-The Elkstone Group LLC; B-Calumet Farm (KY); T-Wesley A. Ward.



Central U.S.

Sunday's Results:

2nd-FG, \$38,120, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 12-6, 2yo, f, 1mT, 1:38.89, fm.

LOU (f, 2, [Gio Ponti](#)--Skyward Exchange, by Exchange Rate) proved victorious on debut for trainer Paul Holthus, rallying to capture a five-furlong turf dash at Indiana Grand Sept. 16. Transferred to this barn following that effort, the gray chased a fast pace and flattened out to finish fourth in a 1 1/16-mile allowance test rained off the turf at Keeneland Oct. 24.

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Fair Grounds Race 2 cont.

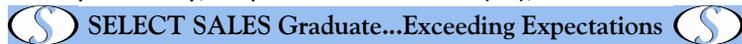
Returned to the turf for this first appearance in Louisiana, the 3-2 choice traveled wide around the opening bend and moved forward to press the pace from the outside through a half-mile in :48.94. Sent up to challenge on the final turn, he established full control at the head of the stretch and kicked clear to a four-length triumph. Siralen (Majestic Warrior) finished second best. Skyward Exchange produced the filly Super Good (Super Saver) this year and was bred back to Orb. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$44,900. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O/B-Thad Ackel (KY); T-Michael Stidham.

Saturday Night's Results:

4th-RP, \$33,000, Msw, 12-5, 3, 4, /5yo, 5 1/2f, 1:05.17, ft. GOTTA LOVE CANDY (g, 3, Candy Ride {Arg}--Jilted, by Runaway Groom) made his debut at Churchill in November 2014 and never factored in a 10th-place effort. Gelded for this return from an extended layoff, the dark bay was dismissed at odds of 40-1. Away to a sharp beginning, he set the pace through a quarter-mile in :22.67 and drew clear to pull off a 2 3/4-length upset score. American Road (Quality Road) was second best. The winner is a half to sire Run Away and Hide (City Zip), MGSW, \$224,684. Sales History: \$40,000 Ylg '13 KESEEP; \$33,000 2yo '14 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$19,739. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Gary K. Tussey; B-Spendthrift Farm LLC (KY); T-Aaron Shorter.



Saturday Night's Results:

SOVIET PROBLEM S., \$100,500, LRC, 12-5, (S), 2yo, f, 1m, 1:37.75, ft.

1--#ROO'S VALENTINE, 117, f, 2, by Vronsky

1st Dam: Black Valentine, by Cindago

2nd Dam: Jewel of the Night, by Giant's Causeway

3rd Dam: Jeweled Lady, by General Meeting

O/B-Kretz Racing, LLC (CA); T-Kristin Mulhall; J-Martin A. Pedroza. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-2, \$116,240.

2--Just Google Me, 120, f, 2, Stormin Fever--Lila Paige, by Cryptoclearance. (\$17,000 Ylg '14 BAROCT). O-C T R Stables LLC; B-Golden Eagle Farm (CA); T-Scott Rollins. \$20,000.

3--Run for Retts, 117, f, 2, Ministers Wild Cat--Mrs. Began, by Jump Start. O/B-Tommy Town Thoroughbreds, LLC (CA); T-Steven Miyadi. \$12,000.

Margins: HF, 9HF, 2 1/4. Odds: 2.50, 1.20, 11.90.

Also Ran: Baby Bea Scattin, Yodelsong, Lucky to Win, And in the End. Scratched: Patriotic Diamond.

Roo's Valentine hit the board in the first three starts of her career sprinting on dirt and recently broke through with a wire-to-wire score over state-bred maidens going one mile over the lawn at Del Mar Nov. 5. Taking solid public support for this return to the main track, the dark bay employed a similar strategy and went straight to the front, showing the way through a half-mile in :48.28. The filly held her advantage into the lane and had enough gas left in the tank to hold on for her first stakes victory. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

Sunday's Results:

2nd-LRC, \$45,250, Msw, 12-6, 2yo, f, 1m, 1:38.71, ft.

MRS. NORRIS (f, 2, Bernardini--Burmilla, by Storm Cat) outran her odds with a third-place finish on debut traveling 5 1/2 furlongs at Del Mar Sept. 6 and followed with a fourth-place run over a furlong longer at Santa Anita Sept. 26. Last seen completing the exacta behind GI Starlet S. probable Coppa (Yesbyjimmy) in another 6 1/2-panel dash at Del Mar Nov. 1, the bay was hammered down to 7-5 favoritism for this first try at a route of ground. Put in a bit of a tight spot soon after the break, she punched through an opening to assume command through a half-mile in a pressured :47.84. Breaking free from her pursuers on the far turn, Mrs. Norris met a new bid from Creme Run Wild (Tiznow) in the stretch, but quickly turned back that rival and strode clear to a 3 3/4-length success. The winner, a daughter of GI Honorable Miss H. winner Burmilla, is a half to Snowbell (Tapit), GSW, \$373,490. Burmilla produced a pair of fillies by Tiznow over the past two years and was bred back to Street Sense. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, \$48,920. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Godolphin Racing LLC; B-Darley (KY); T-Eoin G. Harty.



First-crop starters to watch: Monday, December 7

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2012 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*
DROSSELMAYER (Distorted Humor), WinStar Farm, \$18K, 96/5/0 6-PRX, Msw, 6f, Sweetest Yet, \$60K EAS SEP yrl, 15-1
EVERYDAY HEROES (Awesome Again), 16/1/0 5-ZIA, Msw, 6f, Navajo Code Talker, 8-1
TWIRLING CANDY (Candy Ride {Arg}), Lane's End Farm, \$15K, 92/21/0 5-PRX, Mcl, 6f, Kandy Andy, 5-2

First/second-crop starters to watch: Monday, December 7

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2011 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*
SUPER SAVER (Maria's Mon), WinStar, \$20K, 204/61/8 6-PRX, Msw, 6f, +Digger's Jigger, 6-1

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-RP, \$44,880, (S), Alw, 12-5, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:17.73, ft.

YES I'M A JEWEL (g, 3, [Yes It's True](#)--Jasmine and Jewels, by Rahy) Lifetime Record: 11-2-3-3, \$73,788. O-Danny Keene; B-Jim Wells (OK); T-Shea Stuart. \$53,000 2yo '14 OBSAPR.

7th-GG, \$33,690, 12-5, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:09.92, ft.

MARYNETTA (m, 7, [Noverre--Alaana's Song {Aus}](#), by Unbridled's Song) Lifetime Record: 47-14-7-6, \$155,655. O-Andy Mathis, Len Panian, Mike Schott & Shane Thompson; B-Trevor Roberts (CA); T-Andy Mathis.

7th-CT, \$27,000, 12-5, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:20.06, ft. **WE'LLSEEABOUTTHAT** (m, 5, [Graeme Hall--Keep a Knockin](#), by Pleasant Tap) Lifetime Record: 30-4-3-5, \$166,225. O-Russell McLellan; B-Strouds Lane Farm (ON); T-Clifford Tuomisto.

8th-CT, \$26,000, (S), 12-5, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 4 1/2f, :53.01, ft. **BELIEVE THE HEAT** (g, 4, [Latent Heat--Scythia](#), by Believe the Queen) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$31,164. O-Stephen A. Glessner; B-Stephen Glessner & Donna Tullner (WV); T-Christopher M. Keller. *\$7,000 RNA Ylg '12 EASSEP.

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8th-TP, \$20,400, 12-5, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.42, ft. **SWEETSOUTHERNDAME** (f, 4, [Colonel John--Southbound](#), by Southern Image) Lifetime Record: MSP, 18-3-4-1, \$113,338. O-Oak Bluff Stables & Blue Gray Stable; B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-Ben Colebrook. *\$190,000 RNA 2yo '13 FTKHRA; \$185,000 RNA 2yo '13 KEENOV; \$50,000 RNA 3yo '14 FTKHRA; \$27,000 RNA 3yo '14 KEENOV.

8th-TP, \$19,780, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 12-6, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:16.39, ft. **PLENTY ELUSIVE** (g, 5, [Elusive Quality--Plenty of Light {GISW, \\$510,420}](#), by Colony Light) Lifetime Record: 30-7-5-4, \$203,586. O-Willowbrook Stables Ltd. (Neiman) & Jerry Carden; B-Casner Racing LP (KY); T-Kim Hammond. *\$210,000 Ylg '11 KEESEP.

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+**Michael J.**, c, 2, [Dr. Caton](#)--Lady Ghost, by Horse Chestnut (Saf). TP, 12-5, 6f (AWT), 1:12.46. B-Thomas J. Young (KY).

Head Shrinker, f, 2, [Freud](#)--Cape of Good Hope, by Cape Town. AQU, 12-6, (S), (C), 6 1/2f, 1:20.01. B-McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds LLC (NY). *\$18,000 Wlg '13 EASDEC; \$35,000 Ylg '14 SARAUG; \$85,000 RNA 2yo '15 OBSMAR; \$25,000 2yo '15 EASMAY.

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I'm a Drama Mama, f, 2, [Kafwain](#)--Drama Cat, by Tale of the Cat. ZIA, 12-6, 6 1/2f, 1:17.98. B-Tommy Town Thoroughbreds LLC (CA).

Chaparella, f, 2, [Service Stripe](#)--Donna D (SP, \$100,344), by Dixie Union. RP, 12-5, (S), 1m, 1:39.86. B-Rusty Roberts (OK). *\$10,000 Ylg '14 HERDEC.

Key Cheyne, g, 2, [Smarty Jones](#)--Lady Cheyne (SP), by Affirmed. PRX, 12-6, (C), 6f, 1:13.72. B-Patricia L. Chapman (PA).

Northwest Passage, g, 3, [Canadian Frontier](#)--Smart Triad, by Smarten. CT, 12-5, 4 1/2f, :53.45. B-Laura McKinney (OH). *1/2 to What She Said (Whywhywhy), SP, \$183,645.

Desert Boot, g, 3, [Desert God](#)--Special Boot, by Storm Boot. ZIA, 12-6, (S), 1m, 1:39.08. B-Cleber J. Massey (NM).

Matty's Wondergirl, f, 3, [Stephen Got Even](#)--Matanah (GB), by Machiavellian. AQU, 12-6, (C), 1mT, 1:42.59. B-Edward Ross Lessell & Mary Jo Lessell (KY).

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Louise's Legacy, f, 4, [Medallist](#)--Sweetgeorgiabrown, by Mazel Trick. LRL, 12-6, 5 1/2f, 1:05.76. B-Louise McLean (VA). *\$12,000 RNA 3yo '14 OBSOPN. **1/2 to Gunfighter (Iron Deputy), MSW, \$461,107.

Explicable, f, 4, [Pioneerof the Nile](#)--Mythomania (SP-Fr), by Nureyev. GG, 12-6, 6f (AWT), 1:11.18. B-Reiley McDonald (KY). *\$120,000 Ylg '12 KEESEP. *1/2 to Inexplicable (Miswaki), MGSW, \$378,315.

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REDOUTE'S FILLY THE CHOICE IN DEAUVILLE



A filly by Redoute's Choice topped Arqana Sunday | Arrowfield

By Kelsey Riley

The first European yearlings by three-time Australian champion sire Redoute's Choice (Aus) were well received at this year's European yearling sales, with 26 selling for an average of \$308,137, and a filly foal from his final European crop ([lot 222](#)) proved a hot commodity early in the second session Sunday, selling to agent John McCormack for €160,000.

Like Saturday's opening session, trade continued to nearly mirror last year's figures Sunday. A total of 229 fillies, mares and foals changed hands yesterday for €6,028,500, compared to 226 sold on this day last year for €6,236,750. The average dipped 4.6% to €26,325, and the median was up 5% to €21,000. The clearance rate was up three points to 81.8%.

The cumulative gross of €21,377,500 is down 4.7% from last year, and the cumulative average of €56,704 is down 3.2%. The cumulative median remains the same at €30,000.

"It was a long day but quite a good day," said Arqana Managing Director Olivier Delloye. "We have figures that are quite comparable to last year's, and we have a slight increase in the clearance rate. We had quite a good sale on the Redoute's Choice filly to start the day and three Siyounis selling for over €60,000, which shows again the sire is in demand. The clearance rate is strong because vendors have adjusted to the market but also because of the good depth of buyers today. We had horses sold to the U.S., Australia, England, Ireland, Turkey, Eastern Europe and of course France, so it was quite well diversified.

It was nice to see some young French operations being very active all day long and buying some nice horses."

The Redoute's Choice filly, consigned by Haras d'Ommeel, is the fourth foal out of Zamid (Fr) (Namid {GB}), a half-sister to the dam of the Aga Khan's dual Classic and G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner Zarkava.

The bidding was set alight by Justin Casse, who attempted to scare off the opposition with an opening offer of €100,000, but he was eventually shut out by McCormack, who had the final say at €160,000. McCormack noted the filly was bought for an existing client and will stay in France.

"She was a great athlete, that was the biggest attraction," McCormack said. "The sire is very proven; he's done phenomenal things in Australia so we'll see if we can translate that here. And it's a good Aga Khan family. There's a bedrock there."

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He added, “She’ll stay in France because she’s French-bred so it makes sense. It’s for an existing client of mine who will race her.”

The 19-year-old Redoute’s Choice, who is based at Arrowfield Stud in Australia, shuttled to the Aga Khan’s Haras de Bonneval in France for two seasons. He stood for €70,000 in 2013 and €60,000 in 2014. Among his highlights at the yearling sales were a 725,000gns half-sister to this year’s European champion sophomore filly Legatissimo (GB) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) and a €950,000 son of G1 Prix Saint-Alary winner Vadawina (Ire) (Unfuwain).

The filly’s dam, Zamid, was bought by Crispin de Moubray for 30,000gns at Tattersalls December in 2010. She passed through the ring at this sale twice thereafter and was bought back for €80,000 in 2011 and €105,000 the following year.

Another Aga Khan sire, Siyouni (Fr), provided the second-highest price of the session for a foal when [lot 341](#), a filly consigned by Haras d’Ommeel, was hammered down to the SARL HSV Agency for €75,000. Siyouni, who will stand for €30,000 in 2016, had another filly sell for €60,000 and a colt sell for €65,000 Sunday. Siyouni’s current foal crop was bred on a €7,000 advertised fee.



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• No. Sold	229	226
• RNAs	51	62
• % RNAs	18.21%	21.52%
• High Price	€160,000	€190,000
• Gross	€6,028,500	€6,236,750
• Average (% change)	€26,325 (-4.61%)	€27,596
• Median (% change)	€21,000 (+5%)	€20,000

CUMULATIVE	2015	2014
• Catalogued	527	555
• No. Offered	469	494
• No. Sold	377	383
• RNAs	92	111
• % RNAs	19.62%	22.47%
• No. €500K+	3	5
• High Price	€900,000	€1,100,000
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Gr.3 Prix de la Grotte

2nd Gr.1 Coronation Stakes

3rd Gr.1 Prix Rothschild

KENDAM (Indian Rocket)

Gr.3 Prix Eclipse, 2nd Gr.3 prix d'Arenberg, 2nd Gr.3 Chartwell Fillies Stakes, 3rd Gr.1 Prix de la Foret

KENZADARGENT (Epistolaire)

LR Prix des Jouvenceaux, LR Miss Liberty Stakes, 2nd Gr.3 Vanteaux et Reservoirs

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ARQANA DECEMBER DAY TWO TOP MARES

Lot	Name	Status	Price (€)
264	Bright Sky (Ire)	i/f Australia	150,000
	<i>(m, 16, Wolfhound--Bright Moon, by Alysheba)</i>		
	Consigned by Haras du Bois Roussel		
	Purchased by Gerard Larrieu		
237	Underway	racing/b'mare prospect	130,000
	<i>(f, 3, Giant's Causeway--Alchemilla, by Deputy Minister)</i>		
	Consigned by Wertheimer & Frere		
	Purchased by Horse France		
429	Hestia (Fr)	i/f Le Havre	115,000
	<i>(f, 4, High Chaparral {Ire}--Perruche Grise {Fr}, by Mark Of Esteem {GB})</i>		
	Consigned by Haras de Meautry		
	Purchased by Coulonces Consignment		

ARQANA DECEMBER DAY TWO TOP FOALS

Lot	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (€)
222	f	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Zamid (Fr)	160,000
		Consigned by Haras d'Ombreville		
		Purchased by John McCormack Bloodstock		
341	f	Siyouni (Fr)	Gribatune (Fr)	75,000
		Consigned by Haras d'Ommeel		
		Purchased by SARL HSV Agency		
505	c	Siyouni (Fr)	Ticana (Ger)	65,000
		Consigned by Gestut Etzean		
		Purchased by Stamina Turf		

Bright Future...

The appearance of a champion in the sales ring is always bound to spark some interest, and while **Bright Sky (Ire)** (Wolfhound) ([lot 264](#)), at the age of 16, is well removed from her glory days on the track, she will now have the opportunity to pass on her genes in the paddocks of Haras de Bourgeauville after being snapped up by Chantilly Bloodstock's Gerard Larrieu for €150,000 in foal to fellow Classic winner Australia (GB).

The winner of the G1 Prix de Diane and G1 Prix de l'Opera in 2002, Bright Sky has produced six foals, including two winners, but was barren three of the last four years. She produced a filly by Pivotal (GB) in 2014 before coming up empty last year, and sold in foal to first-crop sire Australia.

"I have bought her for Amelie Ehrnrooth's Haras de Bourgeauville," Larrieu said. "She is a champion race mare with an exciting cover so we will hope that she can produce a good horse. I was reaching the limit of my budget."

Bourgeauville can draw hope from the fact that two of Bright Sky's sister have produced stakes horses. Her Group 3-winning half-sister Board Meeting (Ire) (Anabaa) produced this year's Listed Prix Michael Houyvet winner and group-placed Big Blue (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), and another half-sister, Buffalo Dance (Ire) (Sadlers Wells) has produced two stakes-placed winners in South Africa.

Bright Sky was consigned by Haras du Bois Roussel, who also sold the Monsun (Ger) mare **Sureyya (Ger)** to Castillon Bloodstock for €90,000 late in the session.



Bright Sky in her racing days | *Racing Post*

The draft of Wertheimer and Frere--who sell exclusively at Arqana--always draws plenty of interest, and Robert Nataf of Horse France found something to get excited about from that draft early in Sunday's session when going to €130,000 for [lot 237](#), the 3-year-old **Underway** (Giant's Causeway). Bred in the U.S. and a daughter of stakes winner Alchemilla (Deputy Minister), Underway could return to the U.S. after being covered in Europe.

"She may stay in France to be covered, and could be exported to the U.S. later," Nataf confirmed. "She's for an existing client."

Underway's page suggests she would fit right in in America.



Anna Drion | *Arqana*

Her second dam is the GII New York H. winner Aquilegia (Alydar), also the dam of group-winning sprinter and sire Bertolini (Danzig) and Alittlebitearly (Thunder Gulch), the dam of GI Breeders' Cup Classic and GI Haskell Invitational

winner Bayern (Offlee Wild).

Coulonces Consignment was in the headlines during Saturday's opening session as the consignor of L'Amour De Ma Vie (Dansili {GB}), the €600,000 second-top lot, and that operation's Anna Drion put on her buyer's hat midway through Sunday's session to pick up **Hestia (Fr)** (High Chaparral {Ire}) ([lot 429](#)) for €115,000. Drion was acting on behalf of Englishman Chris

Stedman for the 4-year-old mare from Haras de Meautry, who is carrying her first foal by the popular Le Havre (Ire).

Drion pointed to the fact that Hestia's damsire is Mark Of Esteem (GB), who is also the damsire of Le Havre's best progeny, the dual Classic-winning Avenir Certain (Fr).

"I really loved the pedigree; it just makes sense," said Drion. "She is by Mark of Esteem, who is also the damsire of Avenir Certain, so it just made a lot of sense. It's a beautiful family from a great farm as well."

Hestia's price marked a good return for her seller; Hestia was purchased privately by Mick Flanagan from his sale last year for €16,000.

The penultimate session of the Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale kicks off Monday at 11 a.m. local time.

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JUSTIN CASSE TAKES ON THE WORLD

by Sue Finley

In America, the name Casse has always been intrinsically linked with Florida and the 2-year-old markets, almost in the way the Head or de Chambure family names permeate Normandy and the French racing industry.

So at first, it comes as a bit of a surprise that one of the most active and enthusiastic participants in the international marketplace the past few years has been a young American bloodstock agent whose roots and home may be in Ocala, but



Justin Casse | Tattersalls

whose heart clearly more and more belongs to Europe, particularly France.

But dig a little deeper, and just behind the slight Southern U.S. accent and effacing manner, you find that Justin Casse may well have

been preparing to fill this niche in the market for a lifetime.

Casse, 35, is a graduate of Florida State University with a degree in international affairs with a concentration in European geography. He is the youngest son from one of America's great racing families; his father, Norman Casse, is the longtime director of the Ocala Breeders Sales Company; his brother, Mark, is a successful trainer who took this year's GI Breeders' Cup Mile with Tepin; and nephew Norman W. Casse is now following Mark into the training business, serving as his assistant.

Casse left Deauville Sunday after a nearly four-week European

swing which saw him make purchases at Goffs November, Tattersalls December and Arqana, and also serve as the underbidder on several other lots, including the session-topper from the last day of the mare sale at Tattersalls, Farandine (GB); and the session topper, a €160,000 Redoute's Choice foal Sunday at Deauville. He was also one of the bidders on the Tattersalls sales 2.7 million guineas topper Hanky Panky.



L to R, Justin, Norman, Tina, Colby and Mark Casse after Team Casse's two Breeders' Cup wins at Keeneland

"I always traveled from an early age with my dad," said Casse. "He was on the Cataloguing Standards Committee for OBS for years, and he always used to come over to London for that reason and I would always come with him. I went to school in Europe for a semester, in London, on a Florida State study abroad program. I've always loved Europe."

The diversification of his business and expertise in European markets has been a source of growth for Casse, whose first job post-college was as working as a groom for his brother, Mark. He followed that up with a stint at Paramount Sales and then started Casse Sales at the age of 24, selling horses for Eugene Melnyk, Kinsman Farms and Sez Who, among others. The first 2-year-old he sold, a Rahy filly for George Steinbrenner, brought \$500,000. It was his only entrant in the sale.

While he got his start as a 2-year-old specialist, he has expanded far beyond.

Casse first accompanied David Ingordo on a European trip four years ago, and started coming back on his own the following year.

"About four years ago I came over with David and helped him in Newmarket, and the following year, I went over to Newmarket again and got my head bashed in, basically, but thought I needed to go over and see France. I came over to France for the 2013 December sale, and ended up buying two fillies because the Euro has always been a little more favorable

than sterling. So starting last year, I thought, 'you know what? Why don't I just hit up all three spots?' It's a long trip, but it's a very worthwhile trip to go to all three."

This year, Casse represented four clients in Europe, listing the Steinbrenner family's Kinsman Stud, who were doing their first European buying, among them. "I bought seven horses between Ireland, England and France," he said. "In the three years since I've been coming to France, I've represented eight different people, so I guess what I've learned is that after initially coming over, if you expose yourself to the market and let Americans know that you're coming, you'll tend to pick up more business and represent more people over here."



Justin Casse | Fasig-Tipton photo

The trip proved worthwhile, indeed, this year. Casse purchased three at Arqana; a 2-year-old U.S. Ranger filly out of Wandering Star who is a half-sister to G1 Dewhurst S. winner War Command (War Front) from Ecurie des Monceaux for €100,000; a foal by Declaration of War, also from the Monceaux Consignment, for Kinsman for €40,000; and the 3-year-old filly Voyelle (Broken Vow) from Wertheimer et Frere for what seems a bargain €30,000; she has been twice placed at Deauville and is a half-sister to Olmadavor (A.P. Indy), a multiple graded stakes winner in the U.S.

From Tattersalls, he brings home Senses of Emirates (Bernadini), for 60,000gns, a 2-year-old filly who has run twice on the all-weather in the U.K. and whose dam is GI Ballerina H. winner Harmony Lodge (Hennessy); a Raven's Pass foal who is a half-sister to U.S. Grade II winner Ramazutti for 110,000gns; and a Dark Angel (Ire) colt, which he bought in partnership with two others under the New Providence Farm banner, for 45,000gns.

At Goffs, he picked up a colt by Showcasing (GB) for €43,000. Casse outlined plans for the group, most of which are headed home to America with him.

"The three I bought here at Arqana will all go to the United States," he said. "Of the seven horses I bought in Europe, five of them are going back to the United States, three of them are being bred to stallions in Kentucky, one foal may be pinhooked in the United States and one will race in the United States. I bought two foals, and they may stay in Ireland and be sold here."

Casse said he now plans to do the trip every year, and will also return to the Arqana August sale each August.

"Coming to Europe has allowed me to do business and create opportunities with people with whom I normally wouldn't have opportunities, because I'm one of a handful of Americans who come over here," he said. "I'm one of three or four Americans in France right now, so if someone needs something, I'm here. If you go to Keeneland or Fasig-Tipton or any bloodstock sale in the United States, every reputable bloodstock agent attends every sale, or owners can look at horses themselves. So this offers representation in a place where there are few choices. I guess that means they have to call me," he said with a smile.

But while Goffs, Tattersalls and Arqana all offer great business opportunities, it's clear that Deauville offers something more to Casse.

"The first time I came here, I thought 'which one of these places could I live in?' And I could live here in Deauville, even if I didn't speak French. The people are very nice, the food is amazing, there's so much to do and it's just very relaxed. Sometimes, I compare it to Saratoga on steroids. I'm not sure that's quite it, because there's a little more to do here than in Saratoga and there's more history and it's very charming. Charming is the best word I could choose to describe it."

Not content to be confined by Europe and America, Casse heads next to the Cape Premier Yearling Sale in Cape Town, South Africa Jan. 21-22 before heading back to Florida to prepare for the spring 2-year-old sales, where he has no fewer than 20 2-year-olds selling in which he is part-owner.

He counts as his biggest European success the purchase of Esentepe (Ire) in foal to Frankel (GB) last year at Tattersalls to top the first session at 525,000gns.

But Casse won't be resting on his laurels any time soon, concluding, "I believe that it's only a matter of time before that is eclipsed, given the growing number of relationships I've established in what I consider a short period of time."



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Arqana December Day Three Outs

553, 560, 562, 573, 574, 587, 591, 595, 606, 616, 620, 626, 679, 695, 713, 729, 744, 755, 776, 782, 787, 801



Sunday's Results:

PRIX MAX SICARD-Listed, €60,000, TLU, 12-6, 3yo/up, 12fT, 2:31.84, sf.

1--**#SATANICJIM (IRE), 127, h, 6, Pivotal (GB)--Infinity (Fr), by Bering (GB)**. (70,000gns Wlg '09 TATFOA; €32,000 Ylg '10 GOFORB; €185,000 2yo '11 ARMA; €23,000 RNA 4yo '13 ARNOV; €30,000 6yo '15 ARNOV). O-Mme Karine Perreau; B-Moorpark Stud & Cheveley Park Stud (IRE); T-Alain Couetil; J-Adrien Fouassier. €30,000. Lifetime Record: 39-7-3-6, €200,180.

2--**Garlingari (Ire), 131, g, 4, Linngari (Ire)--Garlinote (Fr), by Poliglote (GB)**. O-Mme Corine Barande-Barbe. €12,000.

3--**Up Todate du Casse (Fr), 127, g, 7, Tonitruant--Ti Ordalie du Casse (Fr), by Seurat (Ire)**. O-Francois Plouganou. €9,000. Margins: 1 1/4, 2HF, NO. Odds: 11.80, 4.20, 5.30. [Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

Former handicap regular Satanicjim was unable to make an impact when tested once at the highest level and had also failed to hit the board in six further black-type attempts, but repaid his recent purchase price in one hit with a career-high here. Lining up off an Oct. 19 conditions score at Deauville, he was settled at the tail of the field for the most part and made relentless headway under continued urging in the straight to assert superiority nearing the line. The chestnut is out of a half-sister to the MG1SW globetrotter Pride (Fr) (Peintre Celebre), from the family of G1 1000 Guineas victress Speciosa (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}).

6th-TLU, €27,000, Alw, 12-6, 3yo, 10fT, 2:10.33, sf.
LE BLUE ET NOIR (IRE) (c, 3, Bushranger {Ire}--Mrs Mason {Ire}, by Turtle Island {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 11-3-2-3, €59,450. O-Roberto Cocheteux Tierno; B-Airlie Stud (IRE); T-Xavier Thomas-Demeaulte. *€8,000 Wlg '12 GOFNOV; €3,500 Ylg '13 GOFSP; 7,000gns 2yo '14 TATHIT.

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CHAMPIONS CUP-G1, ¥184,320,000, Chukyo, 12-6, 3yo/up, 1800m, 1:50.40, gd

1--**SAMBISTA (JPN), 121, m, 6, Suzuka Mambo (Jpn)**

1st Dam: White Carnival (Jpn), by Misil

2nd Dam: Yellow Bloom (Jpn), by Park Regent

3rd Dam: Grand Dream (Jpn), by Toshio Boy (Jpn)

O-Hidaka Breeders Union; B-Grand Farm; T-Katsuhiko Sumii; J-Mirco Demuro. ¥97,444,000. Lifetime Record: 28-11-4-6.

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2--**Nonkono Yume (Jpn), 123, c, 3, Twining--Nonko (Jpn), by Agnes Tachyon (Jpn)**. O-Kazumasa Yamada; B-Shadai Farm. ¥38,984,000

3--**Sound True (Jpn), 126, g, 5, French Deputy--Kyoei Truth (Jpn), by Fuji Kiseki (Jpn)**. O-Hiroshi Yamada; B-Okada Stud. ¥24,492,000

Margins: 1.1/2, NK, HD. Odds: 65.40, 2.80, 11.60.

Also ran: Roi Jardin (Jpn), Hokko Tarumae (Jpn), Wonder Acute (Jpn), Copano Rickey (Jpn), Grape Brandy (Jpn), Namura Victor (Jpn), Grand City (Jpn), Nihonpiro Ours (Jpn), Danon Liberty (Jpn), Corin Berry (Jpn), Roman Legend (Jpn), Kurino Star-Oh (Jpn), Gun Pit (Aus).

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Sambista, a 6-year-old mare, overtook the field in deep stretch to win the G1 Champions Cup at Chukyo and pull off the 65-1 upset. Sambista was fourth in last year's running of the Champions Cup, which is the best any mare has ever finished



Sambista | Horsephotos

against males on the dirt in a Japanese Group 1 stakes. She has been in the trifecta in her last four races, having finished third in Kawasaki's G3 Sparking Lady Cup July 1, second in the G3 Breeders' Gold Cup at Mombetsu Aug. 13, first in

the G3 Ladies' Prelude S. at Ohi Oct. 1 and second in the G1 JBC Ladies Classic Nov. 3 last time out.

The dark bay stalked the pace along the rail in midpack of the stretched-out field during the opening accounts. She crept into contention nearing the far turn, angled out four wide at the top of the stretch and began her charge. The mare caught the leaders in the final furlong and edged clear for the win.

"I am really happy with the victory as I know that for a mare to win against male horses on the dirt surface, which requires considerable power, is not easy and none had finished better than fourth-place--Sambista was fourth last year--in the past JRA-Group 1 history," said winning trainer Katsuhiko Sumii. "Credit goes to [jockey Mirco] Demuro for such a super ride to keep her in contention after racing her with the fast-flowing pace, and I found myself screaming my head off when Sambista nailed the front in midstretch, then praying that the strong chargers from behind would not catch her. Although the mare showed that she was competitive in this race last year and was consistent throughout this season, I did have my worries as she was another year older and nearing the age of becoming a broodmare. Otherwise, she did not require much in terms of training. I will have to discuss her future with the owner, but she may have another couple of starts before retiring."

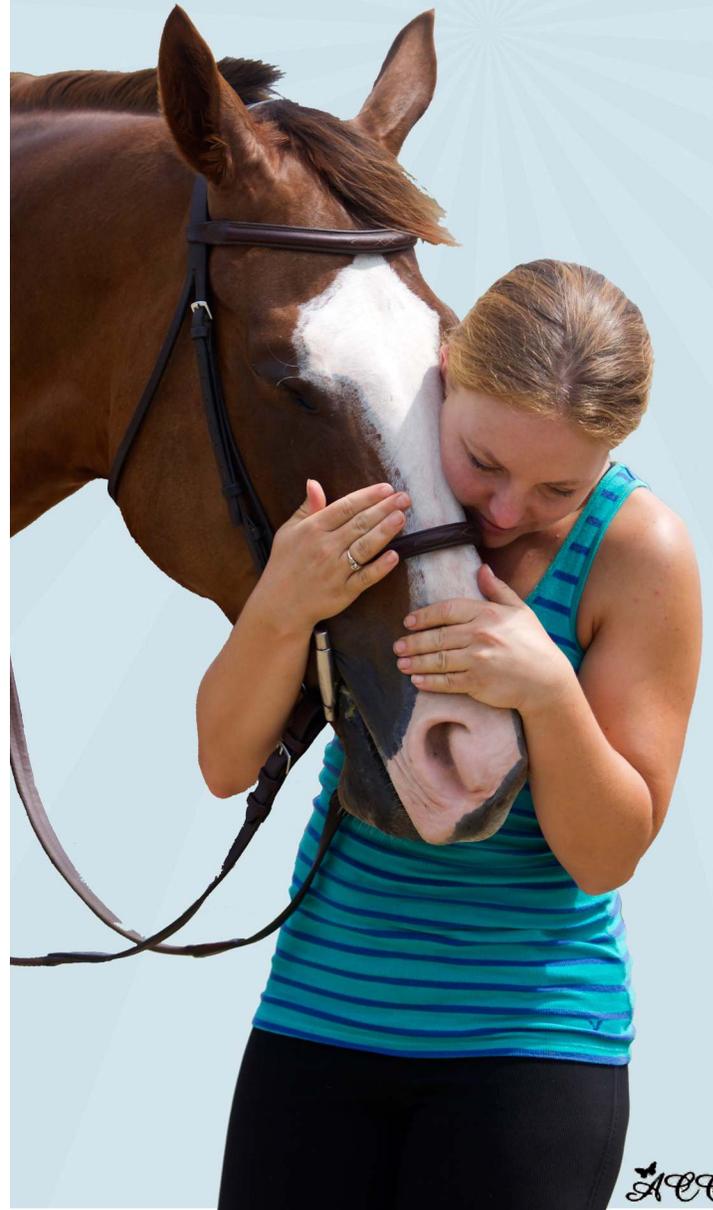
Jockey Mirco Demuro noted, "I'm really happy to have won this race. I rode her for the first time a few days ago on a regular exercise canter and gate test, and I felt that she was an honest mare. I wasn't given any specific instruction on how to ride the race, but studying her past performances, I did have some idea. The inside barrier number four certainly helped and she loaded smoothly, and after Mr. Sumii told me that a female runner had never fared better than fourth in a dirt Group 1, I really wanted to improve on that. We had a good start and was in a good position with Nihonpiro Ours [(White Muzzle {GB}) [who finished eleventh] and Copano Rickey (Gold Allure {Jpn}) [who finished seventh] in front of us. We had a little fright as our path was narrowed in both the third corner and going into the straight, but she really stretched well in the home straight and she was terrific. I thought that maybe our move was a little early when we overtook the two top Group 1 winners at midstretch and while a lot of horses started to tire, I was just urging her to stay. I really wanted to win, and she responded."

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