



FAST START TO KARAKA PREMIER SALE

New Zealand Bloodstock's National Yearling Sales Series has developed a reputation as one of the top sources for Group 1 performers in Australasia. As such, an international cast of buyers were out in full force at the first session of the Karaka Premier Yearling Sale yesterday, with fierce competition for quality resulting in gains in most key areas over this session last year. With 40 fewer horses catalogued than last year, the average of NZ\$161,332 (US\$134,556) was up 10.5% over last year's figure of NZ\$145,985 (US\$121,730), and the clearance rate of 77% improved on the 70% last year, with 158 of 205 offered finding new homes. The median dipped 2% to NZ\$177,500 (US\$147,997), and the aggregate rose to NZ\$25,490,500 (US\$21,253,140) from NZ\$24,817,500 (US\$20,692,873).

Top billing went to [lot 63](#), a colt by Fastnet Rock (Aus) (Danehill) out of the Peintre Celebre mare Celebria



Tom Magnier with the session-topping son of Fastnet Rock.
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(Aus). Consigned by Gordon Cunningham's Curraghmore Stud for John Camilleri's Fairway Thoroughbreds, the half-brother to multiple Australian Group 1 winner Gathering (Aus) (Tale of the Cat) and G3 Gold Coast Guineas-winning filly Florentina (Redoute's Choice {Aus}) was hammered down to Coolmore's Tom Magnier for NZ\$1,975,000 (US\$1,646,758)--the fifth-highest price ever achieved at Karaka.

"He was definitely one of the horses we wanted," said Magnier. "He is a very nice

colt with lots of quality, and the family is doing very well." **Cont. p4**



op/ed

by barry irwin

ATTENTION PRO LASIX ADVOCATES

California has become the battleground in the national debate among horsemen, vets and owners over Lasix.

Thanks to funding, energy and passion from the Thoroughbred Owners of California (which also has trainers on its board of directors) and Dr. Mark Dedomenico, the debate about whether to continue to use Lasix or ban it is reaching a fever pitch.

Last week, in my opinion, at what can best be described as the illegitimate offspring of a political convention and an infomercial, an invitation-only gathering created by the TOC and Dr. D pressed on with their pro-Lasix posturing.

It is nothing if not ironic that ground zero is California, because it has been eight years since the former administrative head of the California Horse Racing Board "retired" and left a once-proud industry in a shambles, where an environment in which cheating with illegal drugs thrived because of some highly questionable tactics.

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Leslie Martin

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Attention Pro Lasix Advocates cont.

New York has its drug cheats, but California has them too and, in all likelihood, more of them at the top of the standings. Dr. Rick Arthur has valiantly tried to rehabilitate the image of the CHRB and has made significant inroads in righting the ship. But California has a drug problem.

The drug problem in California is not Lasix.

The drug problem in California is any drug that is used on race day.

If Bute were allowed and not Lasix, then Bute would be the problem.

The problem is not Lasix per se, but that it is a drug.

When the public perceives that the industry in California or anywhere else in the nation has a drug problem, any drug that is used becomes the focal point and the problem.

Let's just say for the sake of argument that the TOC and Dr. D are 100 percent correct in every statement and claim they make about Lasix and that Lasix works in doing whatever they say it does.

The problem remains that Lasix is still a drug and racing has a drug problem.

Until we stop giving any drug to a horse on race day, we will not win the battle for the hearts and minds of our fan base and gain the number of new fans required to continue to play the game.

If we need to sacrifice 2% or 4% of 5% of the breed from every crop by retiring them early because they are chronic bleeders, this is the price we will have to pay in order to keep the game afloat.

We have a choice of continuing down the same path toward isolation in the world of racing and the world of sport, or biting the bullet, putting the syringes away and embracing a new drug policy in order to win over our fans.

So TOC and Dr. D, stop wasting your resources and energy trying to win a battle that in the end will sink our ship. I urge you to stop pouting and throwing tantrums because somebody is trying to take away your horse candy. It's time for you to get with the program embraced by the rest of the racing world.

People, racing has a drug problem. Too many of us are in denial. Let's kick the habit and move in lock step with other racing jurisdictions.

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Lot 63's second dam is Twyla (Aus) (Danehill), a member of one of the Southern Hemisphere's most important sire-producing families. Twyla is a three-quarter sister to accomplished sires Redoute's Choice and Al Maher (Aus) (Danehill), and a half-sister to Hurricane Sky (Aus) (Star Watch {Aus}), Umatilla (NZ) (Miswaki), and Shantha's Choice (Aus) (Canny Lad



Lot 63
NJB Photo

{Aus}), the dam of Group 1 winner and young sire Manhattan Rain (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}).

Widely regarded as the headline act for the session, the bidding on the bay colt opened at a bold NZ\$500,000 (US\$416,962).

Trainer Peter Moody and Te Akau Stud's David Ellis were reported to be the immediate underbidders,

with Sydney-based bloodstock agent James Harron also in the fray. Magnier said lot 63, his only purchase of the day, will enter training with David Hayes at Lindsay Park Stud in Victoria.

NJB PREMIER SALE -- MONDAY
TOP NINE LOTS

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (NZ\$)
63	c	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Celebria (Aus)	1,975,000
		<i>B-Fairway Thoroughbreds</i>		
		Consigned by Curraghmore Stud		
		Purchased by Tom Magnier		
103	f	Zabeel (NZ)	Destined (GB)	800,000
		<i>B-Frantic Bloodstock Ltd & Haunui Bloodstock Ltd</i>		
		Consigned by Haunui Farm		
		Purchased by NZB as Agent		
129	f	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Episode (Aus)	700,000
		<i>B-Raffles Dancer (NZ) Pty Ltd</i>		
		Consigned by Curraghmore Stud		
		Purchased by Mr. B Cummings		
42	c	High Chaparral (Ire)	Bombay (Aus)	480,000
		<i>B-M Ryan</i>		
		Consigned by Curraghmore Stud		
		Purchased by Hong Kong Jockey Club		
130	c	O'Reilly (NZ)	Escada (NZ)	460,000
		<i>B-Waikato Stud</i>		
		Consigned by Waikato Stud		
		Purchased by Hong Kong Jockey Club		
132	c	Encosta de Lago (Aus)	Ethereal (NZ)	425,000
		<i>B-P J & P M Vela Ltd</i>		
		Consigned by Pencarrow Stud		
		Purchased by Mr. D C Ellis		
173	c	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Gypsy Princess (Ire)	410,000
		<i>B-Orpendale, Chelsaus</i>		
		Consigned by Curraghmore Stud		
		Purchased by Mr. D C Ellis		
109	c	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Distinctly (Ire)	400,000
		<i>B-Linley Investments, Chelsaus</i>		
		Consigned by Curraghmore Stud		
		Purchased by Hong Kong Jockey Club		
216	f	Zabeel (NZ)	La Etoile (NZ)	360,000
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Kauai Katie
Forward Gal S. (G2)

Fiftyshadesofhay
Santa Ysabel S. (G3)

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Bell Secures Top-Priced Filly...

Former Racing NSW Chairman Alan Bell went to NZ\$800,000 (US\$667,100) to secure the session's second-most expensive lot and highest-priced filly. A daughter of perennial leading New Zealand sire Zabeel (NZ) (Sir Tristram {Ire}) out of the unraced Danehill mare Destined (GB), [lot 103](#) received a significant catalogue update when her 3-year-old half-sister Fix (NZ) (Ifraaj {GB}) finished second in the G1 NZB 1000 Guineas Nov. 17.



Lot 103, the session-topping Zabeel filly
NZB Photo

She has since won the G2 NZB Royal S., and finished second in the G2 Eight Carat Classic. She is also a half-sister to the multiple South African classic-placed Galileo's Destiny (NZ) (Galileo {Ire}).

"She's a world-class filly," said Bell of the

August foal from the draft of Haunui Bloodstock. "She's by a sire that is both a wonderful sire of race fillies, but a broodmare sire par excellence. She is that sharp type of Zabeel filly that won't take too much time to get rolling, so she's going to fit Aussie racing. She's going to run up to a mile and maybe beyond."

Bell noted that his new acquisition, whose second dam is G1 Cheveley Park S. winner Prophecy (Ire) (Warning {GB}), will join the yard of trainer Tim Martin.

With NZB acting as agent, Bell purchased three additional yearlings during the session for a total of NZ\$1.43 million (US\$1,192,362).

"The horses are great here," he commented. "I bought horses today that would be the equivalent of any sale anywhere in the world, and when you can do that, you want to come."

NZB Premier Bloodstock Sale
28 & 29 January 2013

Leading Vendors (by gross receipts)

Name	#Sold	Average (NZ\$)	Gross (NZ\$)
Curraghmore Stud	15	418,000	6,270,000
Cambridge Stud	22	137,727	3,030,000
Haunui Farm	10	208,000	2,080,000
Waikato Stud	12	161,250	1,935,000
Pencarrow Stud	8	179,375	1,435,000
Westbury Stud	9	146,111	1,315,000
Windsor Park Stud	12	84,583	1,015,000

Leading Buyers (by gross receipts)

Name	#Purchased	Average (NZ\$)	Gross (NZ\$)
NZB, agent	15	197,500	2,962,500
Hong Kong JC	6	352,500	2,115,000
T Magnier	1	1,975,000	1,975,000
D C Ellis	11	154,545	1,700,000
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Curraghmore on the Move...

Sir Patrick Hogan's Cambridge Stud has been a dominant player on the New Zealand breeding and sales scenes since its inception in 1975, and last year celebrated its 31st consecutive year as the leading vendor at the National Premier Yearling Sale. The celebrated nursery's reign, however, could this year be threatened by Gordon Cunningham's Curraghmore Stud, which, after the first day of trade yesterday, led the vendors standings by aggregate with NZ\$6,270,000 (US\$5,228,032) over Cambridge's NZ\$3,030,000 (US\$2,526,457).

By the time Curraghmore was established in 1994, Cambridge was already 12 years into its Karaka reign. Cunningham's nursery, located in the dairy farming region of Waikato, didn't take long to develop a reputation for producing top-class racehorses. Its sales graduates include G1 Melbourne Cup and G1 VRC Derby winner Efficient (NZ) (Zabeel {NZ}); G1 Ellerslie Sires' Produce S. winner Fully Fledged (NZ) (Align {Aus}); and G1 Spring Champion S. winner Sousa (NZ) (Galileo {Ire}). Yesterday, Curraghmore reached new heights when it sent lot 63, a son of Fastnet Rock bred by John Camilleri, through the ring to a session-topping final bid of NZ\$1,975,000 from Tom Magnier--the fifth highest price in Karaka history.

"Gordon Cunningham does a terrific job with all of the horses, and this one was no exception," Magnier commented after the purchase.

"He was a colt that I rated very highly from the first time I saw him, and I am grateful to John Camilleri for having given me the opportunity to sell him," Cunningham said.

In addition to the topper, Curraghmore was also responsible for the sale of 14 additional yearlings yesterday for an average of NZ\$418,000 (US\$348,515).

Cunningham said this is the best consignment his stud has offered to date.

"Regardless of figures, I knew that this was the best draft we have offered, and I am grateful to everybody that has bid on our horses and wish them the best of luck."

Curraghmore will offer eight yearlings today, including two by Fastnet Rock. Cambridge has 28 set to go under the hammer.

"I'm always thinking about stretching them out. We'll definitely give her a try at that. When we picked her out, the long-term plan was the [Kentucky] Oaks."

-trainer of Ruthless S. winner LADY BANKS, James Lawrence

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Hong Kong Jockey Club Tops Buyers Table...

The Hong Kong Jockey Club has been busy this year sourcing horses for its International Sales, to be held in March and December, and they showed no signs of slowing down yesterday, signing for six yearlings for a total of NZ\$2,115,000--good enough to top the buyers' table for the first session.

The most expensive amongst them was [lot 42](#), a colt by High Chaparral (Ire)--Bombay (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}), from the draft of Curraghmore Stud. Mark Richards of the HKJC went to NZ\$480,000 (US\$400,074) to secure the first foal from the listed winner Bombay, who is out of a full-sister to leading sire Fastnet Rock (Aus).



Mark Richards
HKJC.com

"He's a cracking colt," Richards commented. "He has a powerful hindquarter and a great temperament. He is from a fast Encosta de Lago mare who won at two, who is in turn out of a Danehill mare, and it's a quality family so he is an exciting colt." **Cont. p7**

Comments on today's paper

Email TDN management at suefinley@thetdn.com, and indicate whether the comment is private, or for publication.



Hong Kong Jockey Club Tops Buyers Table cont.

The HKJC signed for a total of three horses from Curraghmore, and two from Waikato Stud, including [lot 130](#), a brown colt by leading New Zealand sire O'Reilly (NZ), for NZ\$460,000. The colt is out of the Centaine mare Escada (NZ), making him a full-brother to G2 Stan Fox S. winner Rare Insight (NZ), and a half to Australian champion older filly Glamour Puss (NZ) (Tale of the Cat), and G1 Doncaster H. winner Vision and Power (NZ) (Carnegie {Ire}).



Lot 130, by O'Reilly

This buying spree came on the heels of a busy week in Australia at the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale earlier in the month, where the HKJC shelled out A\$2.1 million (US\$2,185,972) for eight yearlings.



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STALLION NEWS

Jackson Bend Will Not Stand the 2013 Season...

Journeyman Stud stallion Jackson Bend (Hear No Evil) will not stand his first season in 2013 and will be given more time to recover from injuries sustained during a freak training accident at Saratoga in August. "After observing him mounting and dismounting test mares this past week, the clinical impression was that it is not in this horse's best interest to breed the 2013 breeding season," said Dr. Philip Matthews, D.V.M., a specialist at Peterson & Smith Equine Reproduction Center in Ocala. "There was discomfort during the process, which is likely due to the lingering effect from his back injury suffered in the training incident last summer at Saratoga." Brent Fernung, owner of Journeyman Stud commented, "I'm disappointed that we will not be able to stand Jackson Bend this year, but we want to do what is best for him for the long haul. I'm looking forward to his continued recovery and fully expect him to be at Journeyman breeding a full book in 2014."



Jackson Bend
Horsephotos

A.P. Indy - Praise, by Mr. Prospector

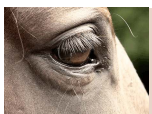
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 1--@ITSMYLUCKYDAY, 120, c, 3, by Lawyer Ron
 1st Dam: Viva La Slew (SP), by Doneraile Court
 2nd Dam: Viva La Viva, by Crafty Prospector
 3rd Dam: Viva Sec, by Secretariat
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Last week's leading sophomore contests set a rather sad tone, as three of the successful stallions are no longer with us.

Two of the races saw Breeders' Cup winners find the task of carrying top weight a little too much, with Juvenile Fillies heroine Beholder (Henny Hughes) going down to Bernstein's daughter Renee's Titan in the GII Santa Ynez S. Next came the Juvenile winner Shanghai Bobby (Harlan's Holiday), who was far from disgraced in losing the GIII Holy Bull S. to a race-fit Itsmyluckyday, a son of Lawyer Ron. Later in the day the GIII Santa Ysabel S. saw Fiftyshadesofhay boost the impressive total of graded winners by Pulpit.

Pulpit, of course, was the most recent casualty among these three stallions, having died as recently as last December, just short of his 19th birthday. Bernstein was 14 when he succumbed to complications of colic in October 2011, and a similar ailment also claimed Lawyer Ron in 2009, the big difference being that the champion older male of 2007 was only six at the time.

Itsmyluckyday, c, 2010

Lawyer Ron	Langfuhr	Danzig	Northern Dancer
		Sweet Briar Too	Pas De Nom
			Briartic
	Donation	Lord Avie	Prima Babu Gum
		Reddy Change	Lord Gaylord
			Avie
Viva La Slew 20-2-3-2 4Fls, 1GSW	Doneraile Court	Seattle Slew	Mr. Redoy
			Coin Changer
			Bold Reasoning
	Viva La Viva 10Fls, 1SW	Sophisticated Girl	My Charmer
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Caulfield cont.

One can only wonder what the future might have held for Lawyer Ron had he lived. He left only 146 named foals in his two crops, but they have already produced seven black-type winners. The most successful of them so far is the GI Del Mar Futurity winner Drill, who later showed his preference for sprinting when he took the GII San Vicente S. and the GIII Lazaro Barrera Memorial. Stealcas, another of Lawyer Ron's good sons, showed he stayed better than Drill by finishing third behind Paynter (Awesome Again) in the GI Haskell Invitational and by winning the GIII Ontario Derby.

The signs are that Itsmyluckyday is more in the mold of Stealcas than Drill, even though he was sufficiently precocious to make his debut on June 1 and sufficiently fast to win the Fasig Tipton Dash S. over five furlongs last summer. In gaining his stakes victories over a mile and 1 1/16 miles at Gulfstream Park this year, this graduate of the Liberation and Brandywine Farms has shown he can quicken off a fast pace. In time he should emulate Lawyer Ron, who thrived over 1 1/8 miles. As Lawyer Ron failed by only a neck to hold off Curlin in the Jockey Club Gold Cup, a mile and a quarter may even be within Itsmyluckyday's capacity, but I rather doubt it, as I will explain later.

Itsmyluckyday follows last year's Bashford Manor S. winner Circle Unbroken (Broken Vow) as the second American graded winner out of a mare by Doneraile Court.

This son of Seattle Slew didn't stay as well as his Triple Crown-winning sire, and both his graded wins were gained over a mile.

It was back in 2003 that Doneraile Court's first runners began to impress. He had been standing the Southern Hemisphere season in Chile, and John Sikura stepped in to syndicate the 7-year-old. The stallion justified Sikura's interest, as his 2003 coverings in Chile resulted in the excellent Cocoa Beach, winner of the GI Beldame S. and GI Matriarch S. after her move to the U.S. via Dubai. Doneraile Court's first Hill 'n' Dale crop contained Ariege, winner of the GI Santa Anita Oaks.



Itsmyluckyday in the Holy Bull
Leslie Martin

Itsmyluckyday comes from the same female line as Vicar. This Wild Again colt was one of the fancied contenders for the 1999 Kentucky Derby, after he'd gained Grade I wins in the Fountain of Youth and Florida Derby, but he managed to beat only one home at Churchill Downs.

Vicar's half-sister Sheepscot (Easy Goer) fared better at classic level, producing Astronomer Royal, winner of the French 2000 Guineas. Astronomer Royal was by Danzig, whose tough son Langfuhr sired Lawyer Ron, so this male line has supplied two of the family's best winners. **Caulfield cont. p10**

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Although Sheepsfoot also produced Navesink River, a mile-and-a-half Grade II turf winner, to Unbridled, it is fair to generalize that stamina has not been a noticeable asset of Itsmyluckyday's female line. His third dam, Viva Sec, showed little of the influence of her sire Secretariat, favoring her dam, the high-class sprinter Viva La Vivi (not to be confused with the colt's second dam Viva La Viva). Viva Sec's stakes successes, in the Dark Mirage S. and Grey Flight S., came over six furlongs. When Viva Sec's sister Viva Aviva was mated to Affirmed, to produce a filly whose sire and broodmare sire were both Triple Crown winners, the result was Viva Zapata, winner of one of France's top five-furlong sprints, the G2 Prix du Gros Chene.

Incidentally, Itsmyluckyday should still have plenty of miles in him, although he is already a veteran of nine races. Lawyer Ron raced 10 times at two and eight times at three on his way to a career total of 26 starts and Itsmyluckyday's dam Viva la Slew packed 18 starts into her busy juvenile career.

IN OTHER NEWS...
A Daily Roundup of Racing Articles in Other Media

Gambling in Ky faces uphill climb *The effort to expand gambling in Kentucky still faces an uphill battle in 2013. Proponents still plan on pushing a bill for a constitutional amendment to expand gambling but many lawmakers question whether there's enough support for it.*
Scott Wartman, nky.com

No players for state gaming commission *Gov. Andrew Cuomo's new Gaming Commission is set to begin work in four days, but no one knows who the commissioners or executive director will be for a body that could determine where New York's first non-Indian casinos will be built.*
James Odat, Albany Times Union

The wealth divide: lifestyles of the wealthy and not so famous *Patience and loyalty might be rare commodities within the closed shop that is the Hong Kong Jockey Clubs ownership ranks, but being exceptionally wealthy certainly isn't.*
Michael Cox, South China Morning Post

NEWS FROM THE GAMING WORLD:
Time is now for internet gaming in NJ, say 4 state Senators *New Jersey State Senate President Steve Sweeney and three other Democratic state Senators sent Governor Christie a letter on Thursday urging him to sign a bill that would legalize internet gaming in the state "while realizing hundreds of millions of dollars in tax revenue.*
John Brennan, NorthJersey.com

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From Start to Finish...

with Darley Flying Start's Sophie Ignarski

After a brief break for the Christmas period, the group reconvened in Dubai at the beginning of January, hitting the ground running as our arrival here coincided with the start of the Dubai International Racing Carnival. For the next three months Dubai will be our base, leading up to the jewel in the Carnival's crown, the Dubai World Cup.

From the peaceful solitude of our previous location in Australia's Hunter Valley, it has been quite a transition to the frenetic, fast-pace lifestyle here. As we have already learned, Dubai has undergone a rapid evolution in the last few decades, and as the city has gone from almost bare desert to a hub of business, trade and tourism, so too has horse racing. Built upon Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum's vision and passion, the sport has undergone a massive transformation; from the first race meeting held in 1981 at the dusty camel track, to the opulence and pure theatre of the Dubai World Cup at Meydan attracting an array of top-class international horses. Cont. p11



From Start to Finish Blog cont.

There is an oft-repeated saying here that 'in Dubai, anything is possible' and our time so far has definitely proven that the saying holds true. For any of us expecting to see cramped, city-like conditions for the many horses in training, we were in for a surprise during visits to several local conditioners, including Satish Seemar, John Hyde and Doug Watson at their respective operations in Dubai's Al Quoz district.



Trainees observe horses in training at Al Quoz

In this central location, the horses train against the arresting backdrop of Dubai's financial district that includes the world's tallest building, the Burj Khalifa. With vast expanses of lush grass and the hum of traffic on the nearby Sheikh Zayed Road barely audible, it is a peaceful oasis amidst a hive of city activity; in fact, tucked away from

the main road, the uninitiated might barely notice that such a spectacular facility even exists. With a local feed mill nearby and the top-class facilities of Dubai Equine Hospital on hand, the need of every horse is more than catered for, and it was easy to see how Dubai now stands as one of the major racing jurisdictions in the world.

As well as many stable visits, we've also had several opportunities to go racing here at Meydan, the glistening centerpiece of Dubai racing since its opening in 2010. While the lavishly appointed suites and boxes cater to the many corporate clients, the average racegoer is more likely to be one of Dubai's many construction workers or labourers, gathering with friends for the social occasion and visual spectacle. With no gambling permitted in Dubai, a hushed quiet of concentration is noticeable in the entrance foyer as racegoers hurriedly complete their 'Pick Six' selections with the hope of securing a valuable cash prize for their efforts. At one race meeting we attended, prizes ranged from a toaster to a brand new car, though the most-thrilled winner award probably went to a 9-year-old boy with a brand new iPad to show for his day at the races.

Our base for the next three months is the Emirates Academy of Hospitality Management situated in the prime location of Jumeirah, an area well known for its magnificent luxury hotels and stunning beaches. As well as being home for us while we're here in Dubai, the EAHM will also be the setting for a rigorous selection of business modules that we will undertake including finance, IT, marketing and HR; all as part of our preparation for the business plan project that marks the final months of the Darley Flying Start program. Over the next three months, we will also be working for an array of trainers and other racing operations including Mike de Kock, Godolphin, Dubai Racing Channel and International Stables. As the carnival builds towards its showpiece at the end of March, our time here is set to be very exciting indeed.

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WINSTAR "BREED TO WIN" INCLUDES NEW STALLIONS WinStar Farm has expanded its "Breed to Win" promotion to include its newly acquired stallions Kodiak Kowboy (Posse), Pure Prize (Storm Cat) and Street Hero (Street Cry {Ire}). The "Breed to Win" program will give breeders a chance to win a complementary 2013 breeding season with one of the 15 WinStar stallions standing for \$20,000 or under. "The promotion was designed to reward our breeders who support WinStar stallions that stand for a fee of \$20,000 or under, so it's only right to include our three exciting new stallions that meet that qualification," said Elliott Walden, President and CEO at WinStar. "It is also only right to honor the breeders who signed 2013 contracts for Pure Prize, Kodiak Kowboy and Street Hero prior to the stallions' transition to WinStar. We are committed to providing the best customer service in the industry, and the idea for the "Breed to Win" promotion is to show our breeders how much we appreciate them." The "Breed to Win" drawing will take place on Feb. 9. For more information visit www.WinStarFarm.com or call 859-873-1612.

Eastern U.S.

Yesterday's Results: 8th-PRX, \$48,000, Alw, NW1X, 3yo, 1m, 1:40, my. BATTIER (c, 3, Tale of the Cat--Whobabydatiz, by Boston Harbor) graduated against \$40,000 maiden claimers at this track last November and returned with a front-running 3/4-length tally in a Jan. 1 starter allowance. Sent off at 4-1, the bay colt settled off the pace, was angled to the outside for the stretch run and closed determinedly to just nip pacesetting Coach A.J. (Tale of the Cat) by a nose on the line. Battier was a \$13,000 FTMMAY juvenile. Click for the brisnet.com chart or Video replay. Lifetime Record: 4-3-1-0, \$72,200. O-Brahman Red LLC. B-Loren Nichols & Dr Joseph Tripi (FL). T-Pablo Andrade.

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PEDIGREE INSIGHTS... Get pedigree expert Andrew Caulfield's take on racing's newsmakers! You can find all of Caulfield's columns in the TDN Archive.

Central U.S.

Scholarships to be awarded on LA Premier Night: The Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association will award \$1,000 scholarships to two college students on Louisiana Premier Night at Delta Downs Feb. 2. The student must be enrolled full-time during the Spring or Summer semester, be in good academic standing and be present to win. "The Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association is pleased to make an investment in the future of our state by investing in the education process," said Roger Heitzmann, Secretary and Treasurer for the Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association. For more information call 1-800-772-1195 or visit www.louisianabred.com.

Yesterday's Results: 8th-HOU, \$19,000, Msw, 3yo, 5 1/2f, 1:05 1/5, ft. + RIGHT CHARLIE (c, 3, Indian Charlie--Right Place, by Peticionville) settled into a stalking third behind an opening quarter in :21.85 and stuck his head in front after a half in :46.05. The 5-2 shot inched clear to score by 1 1/4 lengths. Favored One More Flight (Night Flight) was second. Sales history: \$170,000 yrl '11 KEESep; \$47,000 RNA 2yo '12 FTMMAY. Click for the brisnet.com chart. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$11,160. O-Tom R Durant. B-Dixiana Farms (KY). T-Jack Bruner.

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INDUSTRY INFO

The Jockeys' Guild Rewards Industry Members: The Jockeys' Guild rewarded industry members for their exceptional contributions to the horse racing industry during a recent luncheon. Jockey Ramon Dominguez was honored with the Laffit Pincay Jr. for outstanding jockey and Jerry and Nany LaSala were given the Eddie Arcaro Award for their commitment to the industry through their efforts with the Permanently Disabled Jockeys Fund. "[They] have brought tremendous honor to the sport of horse racing," said Terry Meyocks, National Manager of the Jockeys' Guild. "Each has shown a lifelong commitment to excellence to racing, and they are extremely deserving of their accolades."

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IN BRITAIN:

+ **Henry the Aviator**, c, 3, [Henrythenavigator](#). See "Britain."

IN JAPAN:

Charlie Brave, c, 3, [Indian Charlie](#)--Catchoffthecentury, by Carson City. Tokyo, 1-26, Plate Race, 8f. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$131,868. O-Masamichi Hayashi; B-Mike Abraham; T-Tomohito Ozeki. *1/2 to Cat's Cat (Tabasco Cat), SW, \$168,513; and Spring Awakening (In Excess {Ire}), MSW & GISP, \$258,178. **\$130,000 wnlg '10 KEENOV; \$65,000 yrl '11 KEESEP; \$100,000 2yo '12 BESMAR.

AMERICA'S BEST SELLERS...TAYLOR MADE

Couronne Brillante, c, 3, [Mizzen Mast](#)--Primo Ordine (MSW-Jpn, \$1,556,786), by Afleet. Kyoto, 1-26, Novice Race, 9fT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$81,319. O-Toshiaki Date; B-Hidekazu Date; T-Teiichi Konno.

Tiz Tremendous, f, 3, [Tiz Wonderful](#)--Proof Positive, by Editor's Note. Chukyo, 1-26, Hakobera Sho, 7f. Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-0, \$220,440. O-Makio Okada; B-Morgan's Ford Farm; T-Masaru Sayama. *\$27,000 wnlg '10 KEENOV; \$15,000 yrl '11 KEESEP.

Sound Vigorous, c, 4, [Flashy Bull](#)--Berriesfromheaven, by Strawberry Road. Chukyo, 1-26, Plate Race, 9f. Lifetime Record: 11-2-1-1, \$214,286. O-Yuichi Masuda; B-Center Hills Farm; T-Akio Adachi. *1/2 to Berriestoheaven (Smoke Glacken), SW, \$128,875. **\$27,000 RNA wnl '09 KEENOV; \$47,000 yrl '10 KEESEP; \$30,000 2yo '11 OBSMAR.

IN ARGENTINA:

Second Bridge Mary, m, 6, [Salt Lake](#)--Cascassi, by Nijinsky II. San Isidro, 1-23, Cond., 1400m, 1:23.21. B-Luis Bravo. *1/2 to Teide (Mt. Livermore), MSW & MGSP, \$354,159.

ROOKIES

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9-SUN, Msw, 1m, Texas Rocket, 6-1

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EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS

IN JAPAN:

Uncoiled, c, 4, [Giant's Causeway](#)--Tanzania, by Alzao. Tokyo, 1-26, Shirafuji S., 10fT. Lifetime Record: 8-5-1-1, \$800,220. O-Taiki Farm; B-S.F.Bloodstock LLC; T-Yoshito Yahagi. *1/2 to Milwaukee (Fr) (Desert King {Ire}), SP-US & Fr, \$152,935; Amorama (Fr) (Sri Pekan), MGISW, \$794,353. **€160,000 yrl '10 ARQAU.

Britain

DBS APPOINTS NEW GENERAL MANAGER

Doncaster Bloodstock Sales has announced the appointment of John Wilson as its new General Manager, and the former steward and dual-purpose racehorse trainer will take up his new role on Feb. 20. Wilson registered many notable successes on the flat and over jumps, and at one point conditioned the talented but wayward Cal Norma's Lady (Ire) (Lyphard's Special), who is the dam of the 2005 G1 Cheveley Park S. victress Donna Blini (GB) (Bertolini), herself the dam of Japanese superstar Gentildonna (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}). He relinquished his training licence in 1991, but has remained a keen racegoer since. "I am thrilled that John is joining the DBS team as he brings passion, experience and a deep knowledge of bloodstock to us," commented DBS Chief Executive Henry Beeby. "His long business experience will be a considerable asset to DBS, whilst his excellent communication skills will be key to the role." Wilson added, "It is a tremendous opportunity and challenge to be joining DBS, one that I am thoroughly looking forward to. The history of the company's top-class service and personal attention to the bloodstock industry is famed worldwide. To be given the chance to be part of the future development of this exciting company is a great honor. I can't wait to get started."

Yesterday's Result:

Wolverhampton, 15.10, Mdn, £4,000, 3yo, 7f 32yds (AWT), 1:31.67, stn.

+ **HENRY THE AVIATOR** (c, 3, [Henrythenavigator](#)--Fashion Star {MGSP, \$214,759}, by Chief's Crown) raced keenly in a handy fourth through the early stages of this first airing. Taking closer order on the home turn, the 9-4 chalk came under pressure at the top of the stretch and kept on strongly for five tickles of the persuader to assert by a cozy 1 1/4 lengths from Bouyrin (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) nearing the line. The winner is a half to Eddington (Unbridled), GISW, \$1,216,769; and Star Crowned (Kingmambo), G1SP-UAE, \$600,966. Sales history: \$90,000 yrl '11 KEESEP; 130,000gns 2yo '12 TATAPR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £2,588. Click for [Racing Post chart](#). O-Crone Stud Farms Ltd; B-Summer Wind Farm; T-Mark Johnston.

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RUN AWAY AND HIDE	6.48	\$32,400	\$5,000
STREET BOSS	6.24	\$62,386	\$10,000
MAJESTIC WARRIOR	4.70	\$58,750	\$12,500
TIZ WONDERFUL	3.28	\$40,978	\$12,500
INTO MISCHIEF	3.24	\$24,278	\$7,500
CURLIN	2.80	\$69,935	\$25,000
BIG BROWN	2.16	\$75,605	\$35,000
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BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-HOU, \$21,000, NW2L, 3yo, 5 1/2f, 1:04 2/5, ft.
XANTHOS (c, 3, [Corinthian](#)--Dehere's Dream, by Dehere) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-0, \$39,454. O-Kathryn East. B-Fletcher Properties Inc (KY). T-Cash Asmussen. *\$39,000 yrl '11 TEXAUG.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Coco Toro, c, 3, [Chatain](#)--Diva Del Toro, by Aldebaran. HOU, 1-28, (S), 1m, 1:43 1/5. B-Macassar Corporation (TX).

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Cagnes-sur-Mer, 12.30, 1-28, €29,000, 3yo, 1 1/4m (AWT), 2:04.40, stn.

ALDO BERE (FR) (c, 3, [Hurricane Cat](#)--Relicia Bere {Fr}, by [Until Sundown](#)) Lifetime Record: 16 starts, 3 wins, 10 places, €85,050. O-Stephan Hoffmeister & Cedric Boutin; B-SNC Regnier & San Gabriel Investments Inc; T-Cedric Boutin.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Sand Boy (Ire), c, 3, [Footstepsinthesand \(GB\)](#)--Farbenspiel (Ire), by Desert Prince (Ire). Kempton Park, Britain, 1-28, Mdn, 3-5yo, 6f (AWT). B-P Kelly. *€40,000 wnlg '10 GOFNOV; £70,000 yrl '11 DONAUG.

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Suzanne Bouet (Fr), f, 3, [Rock of Gibraltar \(Ire\)](#)--Secrets (GB), by Anabaa. Cagnes-sur-Mer, France, 1-28, Mdn, 3yo, f, 1 1/4m (AWT). B-Gestut Romerhof. *€6,000 wnlg '10 ARQDEC; €24,000 yrl '11 BBASEP; €24,000 2yo '12 ARQMAY.

Face Surface (Ger), c, 3, [Turtle Bowl \(Ire\)](#)--Flower Bowl (Fr), by Anabaa. Cagnes-sur-Mer, France, 1-28, Mdn, 3yo, c/g, 1 1/4m (AWT). B-Berend van Dalssen. *€45,000 RNA yrl '11 ARQOCT; €120,000 2yo '12 ARQMAY.

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PALM MEADOWS
 Animal Kingdom (Leroidesanimaux {Brz}), 7fT, 1:27.73, 1/1
 Inglorious (Hennessy), 4fT, :48.12, 2/31
 Play it Loud (Unbridled's Song), 5fT, 1:01.49, 4/22
 So Many Ways (Sightseeing), 4f, :48.73, 8/39
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 Wilkinson (Lemon Drop Kid), 5fT, :59.60, 1/4

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