

### 'DUDE' DRAWS RAIL FOR CLARK

Friday's GI Clark H. at Churchill Downs looks to be a nice post-Thanksgiving treat with **Game on Dude**



**Game on Dude**  
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(Awesome Again) facing off against **Will Take Charge** (Unbridled's Song). Both horses are looking for redemption following the GI Breeders' Cup Classic where the former never factored as the 8-5 favorite to end his six graded stakes winning streak, and the latter was nosed out on the line. The speedy Baffert trainee drew the rail and plans to ship from his home base in California today. "They've weighted him like he's

Horse of the Year, so I guess that's a compliment," Baffert said of the draw. "I'm glad [Churchill Downs racing secretary Ben] Huffman [who assigned the weights] isn't down on the horse like everyone else is."

The D. Wayne Lukas trainee looks to cap off his impressive sophomore campaign and solidify his standing as top 3-year-old with a win Friday. Victorious early in the season in the Smarty Jones S. and GII Revel S., he finished out of the money in all three Triple Crown races. However, the big chestnut has been nearly unstoppable since with wins in the GI Travers S. Aug. 24 and GII Pennsylvania Derby Sept. 21 before his Breeders' Cup effort. Will Take Charge, who is stabled at Churchill Downs, worked five furlongs in 1:01.00 in his final move before the weekend's race. "I think he's already sealed [Champion 3-Year-Old]," Lukas said. "I would rather take the position that the Clark is a significant race with Grade I status and a nice purse, and an opportunity to showcase our horse again. I almost wish there was more to the season, because he is good right now. It's a prestigious race in many ways. It's a Grade I and if we could get another Grade I against older competition around two turns, I think it would be significant."

**Friday, Churchill Downs, post time: 5:35 p.m. EST**  
**CLARK H.-GI, \$500,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m**

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1	Game on Dude	Awesome Again	Smith	Baffert	126
2	Finnegans Wake	Powerscourt (GB)	Leparoux	Romans	116
3	Bourbon Courage	Lion Heart	Lanerie	Gorder	117
4	Golden Ticket	Speightstown	Albarado	McPeck	120
5	Prayer for Relief	Jump Start	Santana	Asmussen	118
6	Easter Gift	Hard Spun	Rosario	Brown	116
7	Will Take Charge	Unbridled's Song	Saez	Lukas	123
8	Our Double Play	Grand Slam	Torres	Bauer	113
9	Jaguar Paw	Giant's Causeway	Brdgmhn	Lyster	115

### LINE OF BATTLE SOLD TO HONG KONG

**Lines of Battle** (War Front), who won this year's G2 UAE Derby for Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith, Sue Magnier and Joe Allen, was recently sold and will continue his career under the care of trainer Tony Cruz in Hong Kong racing as Helene Super Star. A listed winner at two for Aidan O'Brien, the son of Black Speck (Arch) took the UAE Derby by 1 1/2 lengths in his



**Lines of Battle** *Racing Post*

sophomore debut before finishing a well-beaten seventh behind Orb (Malibu Moon) in the GI Kentucky Derby. He was runner-up to subsequent G1 Irish Derby hero Trading Leather (Ire)

(Teofilo {Ire}) in the Listed Silver S. at The Curragh June 9 and was last spotted finishing eighth in the G1 Prix Jean Prat at Chantilly June 30. According to the Hong Kong Jockey Club website, Helene Super Star resumed a regular training regimen in early October and had a series of light workouts over the Sha Tin all-weather before recording a ninth in his first barrier trial on turf up the 1000-meter straight Nov. 19 ([video](#)).

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*Racing Post photo*

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**Lines of Battle Sold to Hong Kong (cont. from p1)**

Helene Super Star will begin his Hong Kong racing career on a domestic rating of 92, making him eligible for Class 1 and Class 2 handicaps. A longer-term goal for the new gelding could be the BMW Hong Kong Derby, restricted to Northern and Southern Hemisphere 4-year-olds Mar. 16.



**Dunaden to Shoot for Second Vase...**

Pearl Bloodstock's **Dunaden (Fr)** (Nicobar {GB}), an excellent fifth behind Gentildonna (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) in the G1 Japan Cup last weekend, will replace Autumn Gold (Ger) (Ransom O'War) in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Vase, a race he won in 2011.



Dunaden

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Trainer Sean Woods told Hong Kong Jockey Club officials that he was disappointed with Autumn Gold's effort

when 11th to Endowing (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) in the G2 Jockey Club Cup Nov. 17. Dunaden defeated **Red Cadeaux (GB)** (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}) by a nose in the 2011 G1 Melbourne Cup, but was fifth to the Ronald Arculli runner in last year's Vase. "Given the news about Autumn Gold, we are delighted to be able to add a horse of the quality of Dunaden to the Hong Kong Vase," said Bill Nader, Executive Director of Racing at the Hong Kong Jockey Club. "Dunaden is a three-time Group 1 winner, an international star and a past winner of the Vase, so it is great that he now has an opportunity to come back and try to reclaim his crown--his participation further raises the standard of an already high-class Hong Kong International Races day."

In other International Races developments, trainer Jeremiah Englehart confirmed that Mike Smith will have the call aboard **King Kreesa** (King Cugat) in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Mile. The Hall of Fame jockey also has the call on **Little Mike** (Spanish Steps) for Dale Romans in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Cup. Both horses departed New York Tuesday and were expected to arrive in Hong Kong at 8:25 a.m. Hong Kong time Wednesday morning. Trainer Richard Gibson reported that Mizani (Ire) (Bachelor Duke) was found to have bled following a Tuesday morning barrier trial and would not take his spot in the field for the G1 Longines Hong Kong Cup. Gibson will be represented in that 2000-meter test by Hong Kong Derby hero **Akeed Mofeed (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}).

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# BLACK-TYPE PREVIEWS

**Saturday, Hawthorne, post time: 6:43 p.m. EST**

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Mister Marti Gras	Belong to Me	Perez	Block	115
2 Derby Kitten	Kitten's Joy	Hill	Maker	114
3 Last Gunfighter	First Samurai	Bravo	Brown	120
4 Hattaash (K)	Strong Hope	Esquivel	Winebaugh	113
5 Alpha	Bernardini	Castro	McLaughlin	118
6 Fordubai	E Dubai	Sanchez	Geier	113
7 Prayer for Relief (K)	Jump Start	Emigh	Asmussen	117
8 Suns Out Guns Out (K)	Empire Maker	Torres	Romans	115
9 Street Spice	Street Sense	Canchari	Geier	113

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**Thursday, Churchill Downs, post time: 4:21 p.m. EST**

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Flashy American (K)	Flashy Bull	Lanerie	McPeck	118
2 Ice Cream Silence	Street Sense	Leparoux	Arnold II	114
3 Fiftyshadesofhay (K)	Pulpit	Smith	Baffert	120
4 Owl Moon	Ghostzapper	Torres	Romans	112
5 Magic Hour	Awesome Again	Hernandez	Wilkes	115
6 My Option	Belong to Me	Perez	Block	114
7 Wine Princess (K)	Ghostzapper	Bridgmhan	Margolis	117
8 Molly Morgan (K)	Ghostzapper	Castanon	Romans	114
9 Don't Tell Sophia (K)	Congaree	Rocco	Sims	122

## UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

Date	Race	Track
Nov. 28	Gil Falls City H.	CD
	Gill Fall Highweight H.	AQU
	Gill Vernon O. Underwood S.	BHP
Nov. 29	GI Clark H.	CD
	Gil Go For Wand H.	AQU
	Gil Citation H.	BHP
	Gill Berkeley H.	GG
Nov. 30	GI Cigar Mile	AQU
	Gil Demoiselle S.	AQU
	Gil Remsen S.	AQU
	Gil Golden Rod S.	CD
	Gil Kentucky Jockey Club S.	CD
	Gil Hawthorne Gold Cup	HAW
	Gil Kennedy Road S.	WO
	Gill Comely S.	AQU
	Gill Generous S.	BHP
	Gill Miesque S.	BHP
Dec. 1	GI Hollywood Derby	BHP
	GI Matriarch S.	BHP
	Gil Bessarabian S.	WO
	GI Hollywood Starlet S.	BHP
Dec. 7	Gil Bayakoa S.	BHP
	Gill Fred W. Hooper H.	CRC
	Gill My Charmer H.	CRC
	Gill Tropical Turf H.	CRC
	GI CashCall Futurity	BHP
	Gil Hollywood Turf Cup	BHP
Dec. 14	Gill Native Diver S.	BHP
	Gill Sugar Swirl S.	GP

# SHADWELL SIREN FOALS ON OFFER AT TATTERSALLS 2013

Sire	Lot	Dam	Sex	Vendor
Wednesday 27th November				
AQLAAM	253	QUOTATION	c.	Batsford Stud
SAKHEE	269	FOLLY BRIDGE	c.	Oakgrove Stud
NAYEF	320	PALE BLUE EYES	f.	Gazeley Stud
AQLAAM	324	INFLAMMABLE	f.	Northmore Stud
SAKHEE	329	FUSCHIA	c.	Oakgrove Stud
AQLAAM	331	GWYNETH	f.	Lavington Stud
AQLAAM	352	BLAENAVON	c.	Usk Valley Stud
SAKHEE	387	UVINZA	c.	Jamie Railton
AQLAAM	388	MISS CAMBRIDGE	c.	Clover House Stud
AQLAAM	403	ABSOLUTE PRECISION	f.	Gazeley Stud
AQLAAM	425	ASWAAQ	c.	Selwood Bloodstock
AQLAAM	440	MILLINSKY	c.	Trickledown Stud
HAAFHD	457	FIERY ANGEL	c.	Voute Sales Ltd.
AQLAAM	479	CURTAINS	f.	Mill House Stud
Thursday 28th November				
NAAQOOS	533	MAKAASEB	c.	Jamie Railton
AQLAAM	608	ERMYN EXPRESS	f.	Strington Farm
AQLAAM	670	MME DE STAEL	f.	St Simon Stud
AQLAAM	704	MISS DUTEE	c.	Trickledown Stud
AQLAAM	744	SWISH	c.	Castletown Stud
Friday 29th November				
AQLAAM	978	ENTRECHAT	c.	Car Colston Hall Stud
Saturday 30th November				
AQLAAM	1102	TANASIE	f.	Minster Stud
AQLAAM	1153	JAKARTA JADE	c.	Dukes Stud
AQLAAM	1175	SWEET LEMON	c.	Trickledown Stud

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**NAYEF** Gulch - Height Of Fashion  
A leading sire of 3YOS in Europe in 2013 including Stakes winners **TASADAY**, **VALIRANN** and **SPARKLING BEAM**.  
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**MAWATHEEQ** Danzig - Sarayir  
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**KENTUCKY VALUE SIRES**

In 2012, according to The Jockey Club's 'On-Line Fact Book,' around 15,000 of the 34,000 mares bred in the U.S. were bred in Kentucky. That's 44% of the mares covered--four out of nine, and not far off half--and, as the market shrunk and the number of mares bred and foal crops contracted in spite of the growth of racing in 'slots' states, the breeding has become even more centralized in Kentucky.

For 2014, there are 13 'elite' sires slated to stand in Kentucky for \$75,000+; the median age of these stallions is 16, and in fact only four of the 13--Tapit (age 13), Kitten's Joy (13), War Front (12), and Bernardini (11)--are under the age of 14, foaled in 2000 or later. War Front and Bernardini are the youngest in terms of crops sired; their oldest foals are 5-year-olds of 2013 (1st foals 2008), with four crops racing. There are no stallions standing in Kentucky for \$75,000+ with fewer than four crops racing.

What's odd is that there are actually considerably fewer sires--five--standing in Kentucky for between \$40,000-\$70,000 than there are standing for \$75,000+. There is some evidence which suggests this year's 30% spike in prices, heralding the end of the Global Economic Crash and Recession, has been a little top-heavy, but there has been such a shrinking of numbers in what we might describe as second- and third-tier pedigrees that it's difficult to make any kind of 'top-heavy' assertion with any confidence. In any case, there are only five Kentucky sires standing in what we could call the \$40,000-\$50,000 'second tier'--again here, average age 16, but median age 17. See the attached table for a list of the 18 Kentucky sires priced at \$40,000 and up for 2014.

It seems rather an amazing fact that, of 108 stallions in Kentucky with first foals 3-year-olds or younger (F2010) encompassing six crops of sires (F2010-F2015), not a single one of these 108 stallions will be standing for as much as \$40,000 in 2014: Union Rags (F2014, so first mares in foal) and Animal Kingdom (retiring in Kentucky 2014, so F2015) top the expense charts at \$35,000 each. Blame, Australian import Lonhro, and Bodemeister are all repeating at \$30,000, and the other 103 are at \$25,000 or lower. Of course, there are also a number of sires with 4-year-olds and up standing for \$35,000 and under--maybe 40 of those--but it's very striking that all the aspiring young sires, in North America at least, are rather thrown in the stud fee pot together. Breeders have plenty to choose from--as long as they're willing to gamble, with at least some of their mares, on unproven sires.

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Another factor which breeders should consider: historically, stud fees after the first year of a recovery do not rise nearly so much as they do thereafter. So 2014 looks like the year to go out on what may seem now like a limb, but in a year or two may look conservative.

So, on the subject of 'value sires' in Kentucky--well, rule number one is that they have to stand for \$35,000 or less; anything above that, they don't need any recommendation from us, the stud fee speaks for itself. Of the 150 or so stallions due to stand for \$35,000 and under in 2014, we've highlighted 14; seven of the 14 do have runners (all 3-year-olds and up at least in 2013), seven do not.

When the first foals from the sire crop of 2006 raced in 2008 and 2009, we dubbed the top sires of that group a 'fearsome foursome'--and that didn't even include

Birdstone, who had 2009 Classic winners Mine That Bird and Summer Bird in his first crop, Of that fearsome foursome, Tapit now stands for \$150,000; Medaglia d'Oro



**Candy Ride** *lanesend.com*

for \$100,000; and Speightstown for \$80,000. The fourth member of that group is Lane's End's **Candy Ride**; with an A Runner Index (through July 22) of 2.93 and currently ranking 24th on the [TDN Year-to-Date General Sire List](#), with 2013 progeny earnings over \$6.7-million including 12 black-type winners (BTW) and 23 black-type horses (BTH), he has to be good value at his 2014 stud fee of \$35,000. He stands for roughly a third of what the other three average.

Claiborne's **Stroll** was a good grass horse by Pulpit, trained by Bill Mott, and won four graded races at nine furlongs on the grass, including one Grade I and two Grade II's, as a 3- and 4-year-old in 2003-04. Retired cheaply to Claiborne, his first three Kentucky crops (2006-2008) had 36, 20, and four foals, respectively, and by the time it became clear, around 2009, that this was a very good low-budget sire (last A Runner Index reading 1.94), he was already on a two-year lease to Italy for the 2008-2009 breeding seasons (foals of 2009-2010). His first crop back has 56 foals, and includes 11 winners, four stakes horses, including the dual Canadian stakes-winning filly, Skylander; Stroll has basically picked up where he left off before he went to Italy. Claiborne was about the first to announce their fees this year, and, War Front (special case) excepted, really kept the raises to a minimum--for example they keep Stroll at \$5,000 for 2014. That is a real bargain.

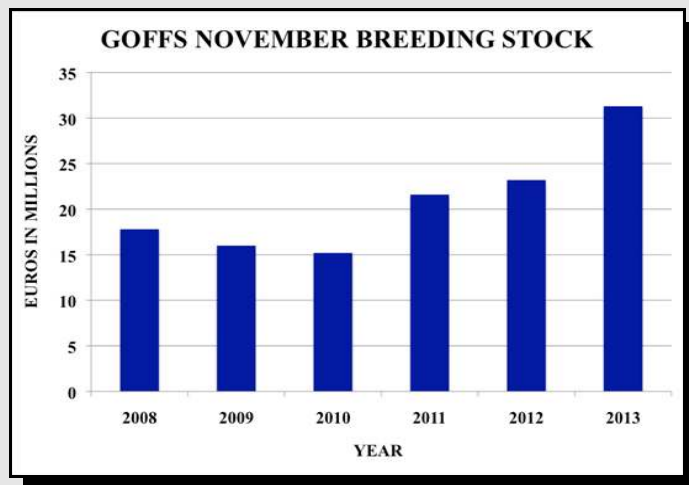
**TDN WEEKLY SALES TICKER**

by Bill Oppenheim



"Including the Paulyn Dispersal, Goffs November Mixed Sale nearly doubled in gross from last year, accounting for about \$28-million of the -- so far - \$96-million (41%) increase in gross revenues for the 2013 Mixed Sales, with Tattersalls' December Sale only just underway. The top graph shows the steady revenue increase at Goffs November since 2010 without the Paulyn horses; the bottom graph shows the revenue growth in all mixed sales to date since 2010 (the Evans and Palides dispersals at Keeneland in 2011 totaled \$57-million)."

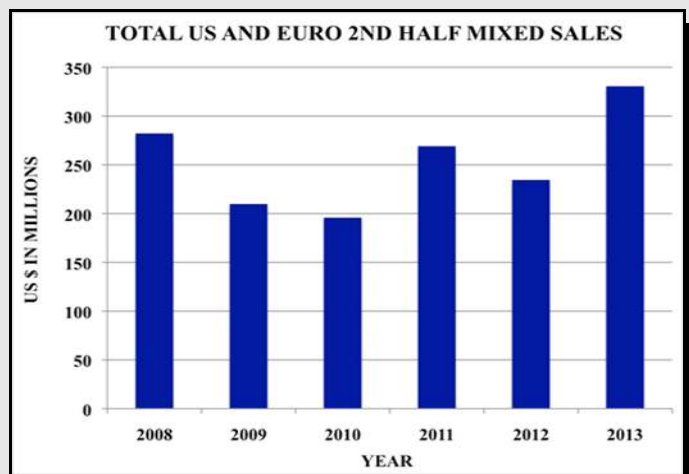
-- Bill Oppenheim



**GOFFS NOVEMBER BREEDING STOCK SALE**

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2013*	1,436	1,249	1,049	13.0%	84.0%	73.1%	€44,050,300	€41,993
2013	1,412	1,225	1,025	13.2%	72.6%	72.6%	€31,316,300	€30,552
2012	1,384	1,168	847	15.6%	74.8%	63.2%	€23,158,350	€26,497
2011	1,257	1,062	769	15.5%	72.4%	61.2%	€21,583,800	€28,067
2010	1,289	1,082	709	16.1%	65.5%	55.0%	€15,166,400	€21,391
2009	1,387	1,139	778	17.9%	68.3%	56.1%	€16,009,700	€20,578
2008	1,866	1,506	815	19.3%	54.1%	43.7%	€17,798,100	€21,838

\*Includes the Paulyn Dispersal



**TOTAL US & EUROPEAN 2ND HALF MIXED SALE OF NOV. 25, 2013**

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2013	5,260	4,287	3,635	18.5%	84.8%	69.1%	\$330,601,911	\$90,950
2012	5,531	4,450	3,375	19.5%	75.8%	61.0%	\$234,543,560	\$69,494
2011	5,331	4,357	3,402	18.3%	78.1%	63.8%	\$269,092,709	\$79,098
2010	6,170	4,995	3,727	19.0%	74.6%	60.4%	\$195,795,265	\$52,534
2009	6,242	4,794	3,635	23.2%	75.8%	58.2%	\$209,774,188	\$57,710
2008	7,764	5,884	3,925	24.7%	67.2%	50.6%	\$282,166,503	\$71,890

Data compiled by Brianne Stanley



**Oppenheim cont.**

Claiborne raised **First Samurai** (first foals 2008) from \$10,000 to \$15,000, but he's still a very good buy at \$15,000, I would say, given his 2.68 A Runner Index. Justin Philip broke through for a Grade I win in the Alfred G. Vanderbilt H. this year, and of course last year he had the top Grade I 2-year-old filly, Executiveprivilege. He does have a small crop of upcoming 2-year-olds, but he's since been rediscovered by the marketplace, so his commercial 'lapse,' if any, is somewhere between 'short-lived' and 'over'. There are so many promising young stallions without runners standing for \$15,000, it means First Samurai compares favorably in that he also costs \$15,000, but is a legitimate proven sire. By the way, the other complete standout Claiborne stud fee for 2014 is Horse Greeley (first foals 2010, 1.89 A Runner Index through July) at \$2,500; look him up.

One of the biggest-money gambles a breeder could take right now is WinStar's **Congrats**, the leading North American Freshman Sire of 2010, who is about to stand his fourth season in Kentucky, the last three (including 2014) at a \$35,000 fee. Here's the story: Congrats started in Florida, had two Grade I-winning 2-year-old fillies (Turbulent Descent and Wickedly Perfect) in his first crop of 2-year-olds, and transferred from Vinery Florida to Vinery Kentucky for the 2011 season.

His current crop of 2-year-olds, his fourth and last in Florida, was sired on a \$4,500 stud fee, yet still ranks him in the top 30 among North American 2013 juvenile sires. Since then he has a crop of over 150 yearlings--his first Kentucky crop--sired at \$15,000; 74 yearlings



**Congrats**

*winstarfarm.com*

from that crop averaged \$78,874 at the yearling sales (per *TDN* Instatistics), with a \$60,000 median. He's since sired two crops at \$35,000 (and moved to WinStar). Congrats's European

counterpart, Iffraaj, who was leading European Freshman Sire in 2010, had a huge season this year, including Group 1 winners Chriselliam and Rizeena, with his fourth crop of 2-year-olds. If ever a horse was poised to get famous again, it is Congrats; he could not have had a better opportunity than he's had the last three years, so if you want to bet his first Kentucky crop will run big in 2014, this will be his last season at \$35,000--one way or the other.

**2013 LEADING 1<sup>ST</sup> CROP SIRES**

#	STALLION	WNRS	GSWS	SHS	EARNINGS
1	<b>Dunkirk</b>	14	2	6	\$1,082,054
2	Colonel John	7	1	5	\$645,076
3	Pioneerof the Nile	12	1	2	\$598,601

*bloodhorse.com, 11/26/13*



**HAVANA (DUNKIRK) - 1<sup>ST</sup> CHAMPAGNE STAKES-Gr.1**

**2013 LEADING 2<sup>ND</sup> CROP SIRES**

#	STALLION	SWS	SWNS	EARNINGS
1	<b>Majestic Warrior</b>	8	14	\$4,497,740
2	Midnight Lute	6	7	\$4,251,593
3	Curlin	5	9	\$4,075,677

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**Oppenheim cont.**

Of the sires which had their first foals in 2009, 4-year-olds this year with three crops racing, the two sires with the highest number of graded/group SW are Darley's Teofilo (10), who stands for €50,000 at Kildangan, in Ireland, and Ashford's **Scat Daddy** (9),



**Scat Daddy** *coolmore.com*

who remains at \$30,000 in Kentucky. This sire group was dominated by a \$200-million 2007 Darley spending spree, of which Teofilo looks to have been the best bet. Scat Daddy was relatively unconsidered by

comparison, but his accomplishments are impressive, highlighted by this season's unbeaten G2 Norfolk S. and G1 Prix Morny winner No Nay Never. I'm surprised Scat Daddy has remained at \$30,000; at that price I rate him one of the best buys in Kentucky for 2014.

Two more "best buys" had their first foals in 2010 and their first 3-year-olds racing this year: Hill 'n' Dale's **Midnight Lute** (\$25,000) and Spendthrift's **Into Mischief** (\$20,000).

Midnight Lute had no fewer than 13 3-year-old ABC Runners by the third week in July, including five 3-year-old A Runners and three graded SW. In other words, his 3-year-olds exploded onto the scene in top company. He's a great buy for \$25,000, I have to think. The same goes for Into Mischief at \$20,000; he only had about 42 foals in his first crop but six are black-type winners, including Grade II winner Vyjack and dual Grade I winner (Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile, Santa Anita Derby) Goldencents. He goes for an ultra-competitive GI Cigar Mile H. this weekend.

**Unproven Sires: Market Picks...**

The point about the seven sires highlighted above is that they are in competition with over 100 unproven sires at various stages of getting ready to have runners. These sires that are already proven represent value exactly because, by comparison, they have positive form. For guessing about unproven sires, I've really been guided more by 'the market' and how stallions come out, commercially, in comparison to others from their own sire 'group'--stallions which all have first foals the same age. So, sires which had their first yearlings selling in 2013 are most meaningfully compared with the whole group of sires from the same year; same for sires with their first weanlings selling, etc.

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Of the 15 or so viable North American commercial stallions which had their first yearlings sell this year, three really stood out in the marketplace: Claiborne's **Blame** (39 sold, \$183,666 average), who was the leading North American or European first-year sire on average; Taylor

Made's **Eskendereya** (47, \$129,659), who finished a surprising second on average among eight major North American and European prospects who all averaged over \$80,000; and WinStar's 2010 GI



**Eskendereya** *taylormadestallions.com*

Kentucky Derby winner **Super Saver** (65 sold), whose \$100,803 average was over five times his entering stud fee. All three of these horses, the market declared, sired above-average individuals in comparison to the rest of their North American sire group. Now getting ready to stand their fourth seasons, Blame's stud fee has dropped \$5,000, from \$35,000 to \$30,000; Super Saver's, still \$20,000, hasn't dropped at all. Eskendereya's stud fee, on the other hand, has dropped over 40%, from \$30,000 to \$17,500 for 2014; coupled with the knowledge that his \$129,659 yearling average should be interpreted as a positive market indicator, maybe that makes Eskendereya an even more interesting bet. But my reading of the market is that all three have received positive indicators.

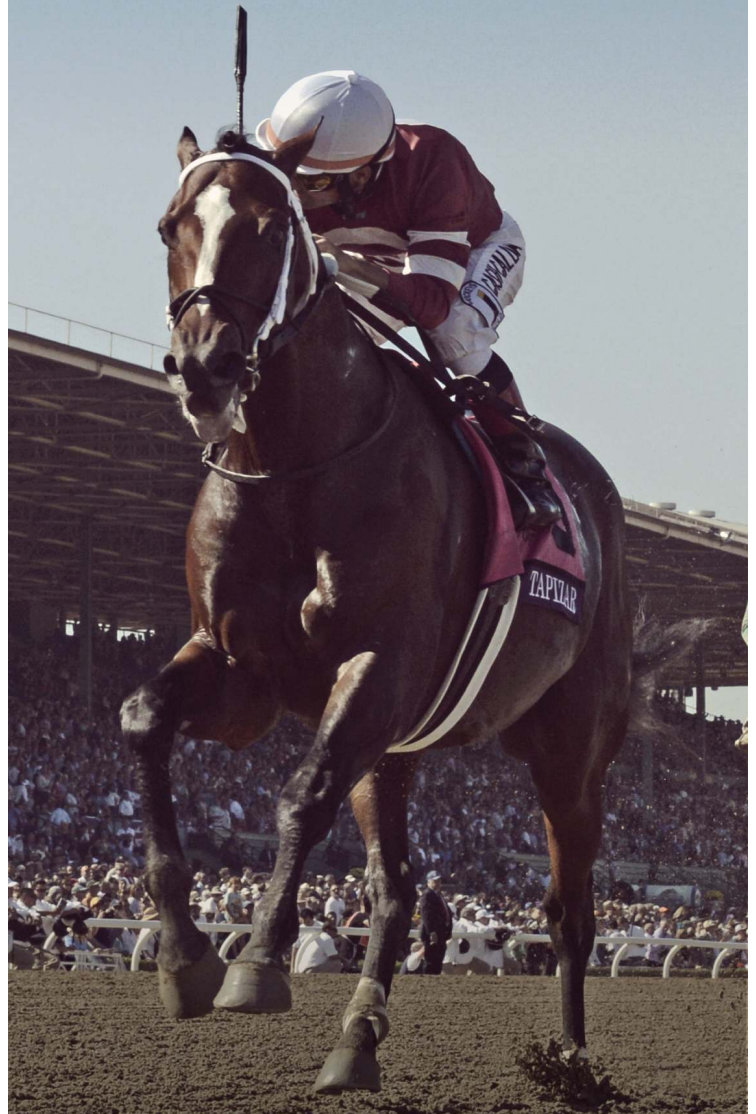
There are another 15 North American stallions whose first weanlings have just sold, of which Lonhro, a successful sire in Australia who Darley has brought in, and Ashford's Uncle Mo are the only two which will be standing for more than \$15,000 in 2014. Lonhro only had three weanlings sell, which averaged \$156,667, while Uncle Mo, the super-impressive 2010 North American 2-Year-Old Champion, was the top first-year (F2013) sire by weanling average, as expected, with 15 averaging \$129,800. As mentioned in a previous column, the strength of the sale meant virtually this entire group of sires had a very high median-to-average ratio, whereas a high ratio is usually rare enough that it signals the stallion is throwing uniformly good-looking stock.

Even given the high performance by the whole group, here again we can note three stallions which seem to have done especially well: Castleton Lyons' **Gio Ponti** (average \$125,778; median \$120,000), though having just nine sell is not ideal--you'd rather see between 15-20, however his numbers did look pretty reliable; WinStar's **Sidney's Candy** (14 sold, average \$85,786; median \$81,000); and, somewhat surprisingly, Claiborne's **Trappe Shot**, who had 19 sell, for an average of \$71,000 and a median of \$70,000--seven times his entering stud fee.

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Again, you would say the market has given a big thumbs-up on these three sires. Gio Ponti will be standing for \$15,000 next year (down from \$20,000), while Sidney's Candy and Trappe Shot will remain at their original fees of \$15,000 and \$10,000, respectively.

All we really learn, usually, from covering sire averages is to find out what level of mare was bred to a

certain sire--for example, Frankel's covering sire average of \$1,253,811 so far. But there is one sire whose numbers made me pick my head up and do a double-take: Lane's End's **The Factor**, who had 18 mares in foal



**Gio Ponti** *castletonlyons.com*

average \$94,667. It's more of a hunch than anything else--after all, when you look at first yearling or first weanling averages, there are actual horses by that sire in existence. But that average might just be a very early indicator that the market likes this horse.

Two groups you'll notice I haven't touched: F2011 sires with their first 2-year-olds, and those sires retiring in 2014. If Cairo Prince can follow up his win in the GII Nashua S. in this weekend's GII Remsen S., his sire, WinStar's **Pioneer of The Nile**, would take a big step forward. And as for the sires retiring in 2014, right now I'd better love them all.

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**18 KENTUCKY SIRES STANDING in 2014 for \$40,000+****By Age of Oldest Foals**

<b>SIRE</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>1st Foals</b>	<b>2014 \$Fee</b>	<b>Farm</b>
<b>SMART STRIKE</b>	<b>1992</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>Lane's End</b>
<b>DISTORTED HUMOR</b>	<b>1993</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>WinStar</b>
<b>AWESOME AGAIN</b>	<b>1994</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>75,000</b>	<b>Adena Springs</b>
ELUSIVE QUALITY	1993	2000	50,000	Darley
ARCH	1995	2000	40,000	Claiborne
<b>MALIBU MOON</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>95,000</b>	<b>Spendthrift</b>
<b>GIANT'S CAUSEWAY</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>85,000</b>	<b>Ashford</b>
MORE THAN READY	1997	2002	50,000	WinStar
<b>TIZNOW</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>75,000</b>	<b>WinStar</b>
<b>STREET CRY</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>Darley</b>
<b>TAPIT</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>150,000</b>	<b>Gainesway</b>
<b>MEDAGLIA D'ORO</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>Darley</b>
<b>SPEIGHTSTOWN</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>80,000</b>	<b>WinStar</b>
<b>KITTEN'S JOY</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>Ramsey Farm</b>
GHOSTZAPPER	2000	2007	50,000	Adena Springs
<b>WAR FRONT</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>150,000</b>	<b>Claiborne</b>
<b>BERNARDINI</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>Darley</b>
STREET SENSE	2004	2009	40,000	Darley

**BOLD = \$75,000+ (13)**

LIGHT = \$40,000-\$70,000 (5)

**14 KENTUCKY 'VALUE' SIRES STANDING in 2014 for \$35,000 & Under****By Age of Oldest Foals**

<b>SIRE</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>1st Foals</b>	<b>2014 \$Fee</b>	<b>Farm</b>
<b><i>With Runners</i></b>				
CANDY RIDE	1999	2006	35,000	Lane's End
STROLL	2000	2006	5,000	Claiborne
CONGRATS	2000	2008	35,000	WinStar
FIRST SAMURAI	2003	2008	15,000	Claiborne
SCAT DADDY	2004	2009	30,000	Ashford
MIDNIGHT LUTE	2003	2010	25,000	Hill 'n' Dale
INTO MISCHIEF	2005	2010	20,000	Spendthrift
<b><i>Without Runners</i></b>				
BLAME	2006	2012	30,000	Claiborne
ESKENDEREYA	2007	2012	17,500	Taylor Made
SUPER SAVER	2007	2012	20,000	WinStar
GIO PONTI	2005	2013	15,000	Castleton Lyons
SIDNEY'S CANDY	2007	2013	15,000	WinStar
TRAPPE SHOT	2007	2013	10,000	Claiborne
THE FACTOR	2008	2014	15,000	Lane's End

**Eastern U.S.**

**Yesterday's Results:**

**6th-PRX, \$47,000, Msw, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:13 1/5, ft.**  
**+ CHOCOLATE CHIPPI (f, 2, D'wildcat--Chippi, by Trippi)**, sent off at 9-2, was away well and quickly sprinted to the lead in the two-path. The bay showed the way into the stretch where she kicked clear to don cap and gown by 2 1/2 lengths. Sales history: \$30,000 yrl '12 OBSAUG. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$27,000. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).  
 O-GoldMark Farm LLC. B-William Sorren (FL). T-Cathal Lynch.

**8th-PRX, \$46,500, Alw, NW1X, 2yo, 6f, 1:11, ft.**  
**CHARLEYMILLIONAIRE (c, 2, Sky Mesa--Casino Transaction {SW, \$143,030}, by Carson City)** graduated on second asking in a five-furlong state-bred test at Monmouth Park Aug. 25. He ran second next out there in the state-bred Jersey Juvenile S. Oct. 5 and was sixth last time here in a one-mile allowance Nov. 3. Released at 7-1, the bay stalked the pacesetting Gig Em (Rockport Harbor) from second while running two-wide. Drawing alongside that leader in the stretch, Charleymillionaire had plenty left in the tank and cruised clear late to score by 1 1/2 lengths. Lifetime Record: SP, 5-2-2-0, \$78,100. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).  
 O/B-Red Oak Stable (NJ). T-Gregory Sacco.

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**Wednesday, Penn National, post time: 6:54 p.m. EDT**

**SWATARA S.**, \$150,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1 Mezzano	Mizzen Mast	Elliott	Goldberg	12-1
2 Edge of Reality	Lawyer Ron	Pennington	Dutrow	4-1
3 Norman Asbjornson	Real Quiet	Potts	Mancilla	8-1
4 Stephanoatsee	A.P. Indy	Serpa	Motion	8-1
5 Managed Account	Malibu Moon	Centeno	Ness	6-1
6 A.P. Cino	Indy Wind	Albright	Rojas	30-1
7 Ponzi Scheme	SundayBreak (Jpn)	Russell	Gonzalez	10-1
8 Saratoga Snacks	Tale of the Cat	Rosario	Sciacca	5-1
9 Taptowne	Tapit	Hernandez	Glyshaw	3-1
10 Suns Out Guns Out	Empire Maker	Rocco Jr.	Romans	8-1

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**Wednesday, Penn National, post time: 7:22 p.m. EDT**

**FABULOUS STRIKE H.**, \$250,000, 3yo/up, 6f

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1 Moonstruck Cowboy	Two Punch	Coddington	Locke	15-1
2 Ben's Cat	Parker's Storm Cat	Pimentel	Leatherbury	5-2
3 Back Forty	Speightstown	Cintron	Robertson	8-1
4 Good Morning Diva	Lion Heart	Rocco Jr.	Hiles	9-2
5 Filled With Wonder	Stormin Fever	Potts	Brown	15-1
6 City of Weston	Holy Bull	Catillo	Sano	7-2
7 Ribo Bobo	Louis Quatorze	Lopez	Servis	2-1

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## New York

### Bill Parcels Buys into Giant Finish:

National Football League Hall of Fame coach Bill Parcels has joined the ownership of the New York-bred colt **Giant Finish** (Frost Giant). The graded stakes-placed 3-year-old, who had previously been trained by Tony Dutrow, has been transferred to the Gary Sciacca stable. “[Parcels] is excited about Giant Finish,” the conditioner commented. “He likes the Frost Giants and he believes this is a good one with a great future. “[Giant Finish] looks fantastic. He’s a big sonofagun and the time off has helped him.”

### Wednesday, Aqueduct, post time: 3:43 p.m. EDT

**TIME FOR A CHANGE S.**, \$100,000, 3yo, 1m

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1 Smooth Bert	Smooth Jazz	Luzzi	Gyarmati	12-1
2 Long River	A.P. Indy	Ortiz Jr.	McLaughlin	7-2
3 Irsaal	More Than Ready	Saez	McLaughlin	6-1
4 Souper Knight	Midnight Lute	Lezcano	Trombetta	15-1
5 Vegas No Show	Hard Spun	Alvarado	Breen	8-1
6 Micromanage	Medaglia d’Oro	Castellano	Pletcher	9-5
7 Battier	Tale of the Cat	Velasquez	Pletcher	5-2
8A Midnight Taboo	Langfuhr	Maragh	Pletcher	9-5

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## Western U.S.

### Wednesday, Zia Park, post time: 4:51 p.m. EDT

**ZIA PARK DERBY S.**, \$200,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1 For Cash	Stephen Got Even	Cardoso	Greenwood	12-1
2 Carve	First Samurai	Santana Jr.	Asmussen	9-2
3 Clone	Fusaichi Pegasus	Shepherd	Cross	12-1
4 I Stand Alone	Dance With Ravens	Ashford	Eikleberry	30-1
5 Indycott	A.P. Indy	Tohill	Hartman	15-1
6 Show Some Magic	Any Given Saturday	Gomez	Dominguez	5-1
7 Broadway Empire	Empire Maker	Franco	Diodoro	4-5
8 Real Heat	Unusual Heat	Juarez	Hone	10-1
9 Unbridled Giant	Giant’s Causeway	Sterling	Green	15-1

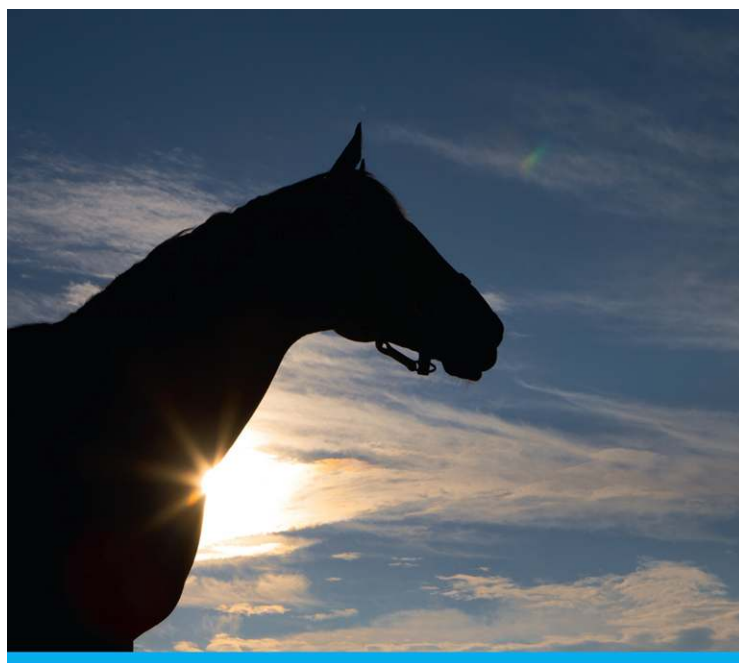
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### Wednesday, Zia Park, post time: 5:17 p.m. EDT

**ZIA PARK OAKS**, \$300,000, f, 3yo, 1 1/16m

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1 I Am Miss Brown	Big Brown	Thompson	Von Hemel	12-1
2 Key to My Warrior	Majestic Warrior	Arboleda	Fincher	15-1
3 Unusual Way	Unusual Heat	Maldonado	Bonde	2-1
4 Midnight Flute	Midnight Lute	Sterling	Green	12-1
5 Sister Ginger	Student Council	Santana	Asmussen	9-2
6 Gold Medal Dancer	Medaglia d’Oro	Quinonez	Von Hemel	3-1
7 Lady of Luck	Curlin	Eikleberry	Evans	20-1
8 Oscar Party	Dixie Union	Flores	Cassidy	7-2
9 Comic Kitty	Comic Strip	Cardoso	Mikkelson	20-1

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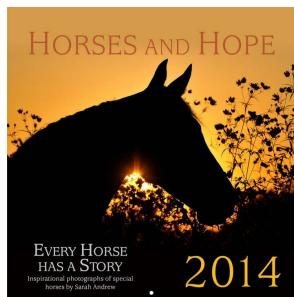
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# INDUSTRY INFO

## Horses and Hope Calendar Now Available:



The team behind the popular Horses and Hope calendar will raise funds again this year with a 2014 calendar benefitting One Horse At A Time, an equine advocacy group that awards grants to equine rescues and individuals in need in the equine industry.

Award-winning equine photographer Sarah K. Andrew and designer Gina Keesling of Hoofprints.com will again collaborate on this collection of over 100 photos of horses at equine rescues, in auction houses, and in their adoptive homes. The 2012 calendar, Horses and Hope: My Year at the Auction, and the 2013 calendar, Horses and Hope: Faces of Rescue, raised over \$80,000 for One Horse At A Time, Inc. (OHAAT), a 501(c)(3) organization based in Nicholasville, Kentucky. With the funds received from the 2012 and 2013 calendars, OHAAT awarded gelding and emergency medical grants, hosted gelding clinics, and distributed emergency feed for more than 600 horses.

“Those of us who have these calendars know how special they are,” said OHAAT co-founder Penny Austin. “Not only are they a work of art, they are an incredible teaching tool, but most of all, they are a resounding testament to the power of each one of us doing just one thing--and how each of our ‘just one thing’ combined with everyone else’s has the power to move mountains.”

Red Bank, NJ resident Sarah Andrew took the calendar’s photos at farms and rescues in Connecticut, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. Since January 2010, Andrew has worked with a network of volunteers and photographed over 5,000 horses who needed homes or were at risk of entering the slaughter pipeline.

Gina Keesling of Alexandria, Indiana designs and publishes the calendars. Founded in 1986, her HoofPrints.com offers farrier, equine, and canine art and products.



## BRIS Speed Ratings Top Weekly Stakes Races

Horse	Sire	Race	BRIS Speed
Grand Contender	Strong Contender	Delta Mile S.	101
Potomac River	English Channel	River City H.-G3	101
Comandante	Frost Giant	New York Stallion Series S.	99
Rise Up	Rockport Harbor	Delta Downs Jackpot S.-G3	98
Hip Four Sixtynine	Southern Image	Sam's Town S.	97
Rousing Sermon	Lucky Pulpit	On Trust H.	96
Boss Barney's Babe	Street Boss	Orleans S.	95
Miss Mischief	Into Mischief	Pearl City S.	95
Okie Ride	Candy Ride (ARG)	Silver Goblin S.	94
Tamarando	Bertrando	Real Quiet S.	94
Z Rockstar	Rockport Harbor	Silver Goblin S.	94
Class Included	Include	Treasure Chest S.	92
Empire Dreams	Patriot Act	New York Stallion Series S.	92
Lexie Lou	Sligo Bay (IRE)	South Ocean S.	91
String King	Crowned King	Mr. Sulu S.	91
Tepin	Bernstein	Delta Downs Princess S.-G3	91
Rockin Home	Rocky Bar	Arizona Breeders' Futurity	90
Miss Narcissist	Freud	New York Stallion Series S.	88
Zensational Bunny	Zensational	Glorious Song S.	88
Vicki's Dancer	Disco Rico	New York Stallion Series S.	86
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All Woman	Half Ours	Louisiana Jewel S.	78

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For further information about the Horses and Hope calendar, contact Gina Keesling at 800-741-5054 or visit <http://www.hoofprints.com>.

### Film "50-1" to Open in the Spring:

The Hollywood film "50-1" about the 2009 Kentucky Derby winner Mine That Bird will open in theaters Mar. 21, according to director, producer and co-writer Jim Wilson. "I had been waiting for a great racehorse story for a very long time," Wilson said. "But when I watched what unfolded at the 2009 Kentucky Derby, I was stunned. I've always been a fan of true underdog stories and after meeting the owners, trainer and finally Bird himself, I was hooked. This story had all the cinematic elements you could ask for. It's been a real adventure and one I am proud to share with the world." Wilson, an Oscar-winning producer, also owns racehorses.

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## APPOINTMENTS

### Nancy Cox

- Appointed dean of the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment
- Cox will replace Scott Smith, who has held the position since 2001.
- "We are fortunate to have found someone with the rare combination of skills, intellect and reputation of Dr. Nancy Cox," said University of Kentucky Provost Christine Riordan. "She is widely known and highly regarded throughout Kentucky for her knowledge and relationships with agriculture, political, and civic leaders. At the same time, she is renowned nationally in helping lead the research and administrative efforts of one of the country's premier colleges of agriculture, including an extension service treasured throughout the Commonwealth."

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## ROOKIES

### First-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, November 27

Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2010 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/  
BlackTypeWnrs \* Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

**DIABOLICAL** (Artax), A&A Ranch, \$4K, 44/13/1

5-ZIA, Stk, 1m, That's the Idea, 2-1

5-ZIA, Stk, 1m, Chili Con Queso, 10-1

**ON EAGLES WINGS** (Gone West), Beau Ridge Farm, \$1000, 6/2/0

7-CT, Alw, 4 1/2f, Roy's Eagle, 8-1

**TALENT SEARCH** (Catienus), Ramsey Farm, \$3K, 31/6/0

7-PEN, Msw, 6f, Talent Seeker, 7-2

1-PEN, Stk, 6f, Total Talent, \$20K EAS SEP yrl, 5-1

**ZENSATIONAL** (Unbridled's Song), Hill N Dale, \$15K, 82/7/1

5-DED, Msw, 6 1/2f, Zenderella, \$12K TEX AUG yrl, 9-5

### First/Second-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, November 27

Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2009 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/  
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**BIG BROWN** (Boundary), Three Chimneys, \$65K, 151/46/4

8-ZIA, Stk, 1 1/16m, I Am Miss Brown, \$25K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 12-1

**CURLIN** (Smart Strike), Lanes End, \$75K, 219/57/5

8-ZIA, Stk, 1 1/16m, Lady of Luck, \$42K E '13 KEE JAN, 20-1

**INDY WIND** (A.P. Indy), 35/12/1

3-PEN, Stk, 1 1/16m, A. P. Cino, 30-1

**MAJESTIC WARRIOR** (A.P. Indy), Ashford, \$20K, 175/62/7

8-ZIA, Stk, 1 1/16m, Key to My Warrior, \$70K KEE SEP yrl, 15-1

**MIDNIGHT LUTE** (Real Quiet), Hill N Dale, \$20K, 196/59/7

8-ZIA, Stk, 1 1/16m, Midnight Flute, \$65K FTK JUL yrl, 12-1

8-AQU, Stk, 1m, Souper Knight, \$310K FTS AUG yrl, 15-1

**PRIVATE VOW** (Broken Vow), Red River Farms, \$2K, 97/34/1

6-ZIA, Stk, 6f, Morgan Alyssa, \$5K LTB AUG yrl, 5-1

**STREET HERO** (Street Cry {Ire}), Vinery, \$5K, 79/23/3

2-PEN, Stk, 6f, Reign Suzanne, \$10K CAN SEP yrl, 12-1

**STUDENT COUNCIL** (Kingmambo), Millennium, \$18K, 119/43/3

8-ZIA, Stk, 1 1/16m, Sister Ginger, 9-2

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## France

### Yesterday's Results:

**5th-CHA**, €34,000, Cond, 2yo, c/g, 1 3/16m (AWT), 1:56.76, stn.

+ **BOOKRUNNER** (c, 2, [Tiznow](#)--Take the Ribbon {GSW & GISP-US, \$372,102}, by Chester House) settled off the pace in seventh for most of this first go. Making headway on the home turn, the 14-1 chance seized control passing the two pole and was cajoled clear thereafter to score by five lengths from Auvray (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}). [Click for Equidia VIDEO](#). Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €17,000.

O-John D Gunther, Tanya Gunther & Tony Chedraoui; B-Eurowest Bloodstock Services (KY); T-Mikel Delzangles.

**7th-CHA**, €34,000, Cond, 2yo, f, 1 3/16m (AWT), 2:00.74, stn.

**DELHI** (GB) (f, 2, [High Chaparral {Ire}](#)--Dream Day {GB} {GSP-Eng}, by Oasis Dream {GB}), who hit the board going one mile here last time Oct. 31, raced in third until going to the front after three furlongs. Maintaining control thereafter, the 7-5 chalk was shaken up when threatened briefly with 300 meters remaining and surged clear under minimal urging in the latter stages to defeat Waris (Fr) (Verglas {Ire}) by an easy four lengths. Sales history: €110,000 yrl '12 ARQAUG. [Click for Equidia VIDEO](#). Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 1 win, 1 place, €21,350.

O-Ecurie Skymarc Farm & Ecurie des Monceaux; B-Newsells Park Stud (GB); T-Pascal Bary.

## OBSERVATIONS

on today's European racing scene

### 12.00 Lingfield, Mdn, £4,500, 2yo, 1m (AWT)

Niarchos Family homebred **TACTICUS** (A.P. Indy), a Lady Cecil trainee, is out of the 2003 Listed Prix de Bagatelle victress Visions of Clarity (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), and is thus a half-brother to the G1 Vincent O'Brien National S. winner Pathfork (Distorted Humor). His nine rivals include Juddmonte Farms' once-raced **Hooded** (Empire Maker), who is a Roger Charlton trained son of the regally-bred 1996 G1 Prix Marcel Bousac and 1997 G1 Irish Oaks runner-up Yashmak (Danzig).

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## EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS

## IN HONG KONG:

**Designs on Rome (Ire)**, g, 3, [Holy Roman Emperor \(Ire\)](#)--Summer Trysting, by Alleged. Sha Tin, 11-24, Hcp. (\$258k), 1600mT, 1:35.56. B-Moyglare Stud Farm Ltd. \*G1SP-Ire. \*\*1/2 to Sights On Gold (Ire) (Indian Ridge {Ire}), MGSW-Eng, G1SP-HK, SW & MGSP-Ire, GSP-UAE, \$743,989; and 3/4 to Simple Exchange (Ire) (Danahill), GSW-US, SW & GSP-Ire, SW-Eng, GSP-Ger, \$306,505. \*\*\*€18,000 RNA yrl '11 GOFSP.

A maiden winner at Naas at third asking for trainer Patrick Flynn in August 2012, Designs on Rome was runner-up to Dawn Approach (Ire) (New Approach {Ire}) in the G1 National S. the following month before being sold to race in this jurisdiction. Winner of a 1600-meter handicap July 7, the bay resumed with a useful fourth going a mile Oct. 12 and was backed as the 2-1 second choice while carrying 129 pounds. A touch slow from the stalls, Designs on Rome was ridden quietly towards the back of the pack by Karis Teetan and looked to be off the bridle approaching midway. Niggled at on the turn, he came away from the fence in upper stretch, but had traffic inside and out. He managed to bull his way through nearing the final furlong and exploded once into the clear to score by a short head ([video](#)). Trainer John Moore is looking forward to a possible run towards the Hong Kong Derby Mar. 16. "He ran well today and is a horse who needs 2000 meters," he commented. "He got idle in the middle of the race, came off the bridle and dropped back a bit, and Karis had to wake him up to keep him in contact. He got to the line very nicely under the weight. He missed a little bit of work after his last run and is not 100% fit yet, and March is still a long way off. He gave us a very good run considering he's still not at his peak."



**Designs on Rome (2) gets home**  
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## ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**10th-ZIA**, \$28,600, 11-25, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW2X, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:40 3/5, gd.

**TAP THE GOLD (g, 4, [Tapit](#)--Salem Heart, by Touch Gold)** Lifetime Record: SP, 16-3-5-3, \$95,746. O-Cal & Marjorie Martin. B-Phil Owens (KY). T-Cal Martin. \*\$50,000 yrl '10 KEESEP. \*\*1/2 to Hearts on Fire (Lion Heart), GSP, \$151,755.

**9th-MNR**, \$22,200, 11-25, NW2L, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:05 1/5, ft.

**MUCHACHA MACHO (f, 3, [Macho Uno](#)--Virden {GSW, \$194,768}, by Tactical Cat)** Lifetime Record: 15-2-2-2, \$42,835. O-Ladonna Janey. B-Hargus & Sandra Sexton & Silver Fern Farm LLC (KY). T-Enrique Calderon. \*\$9,000 yrl '11 KEESEP; \$58,000 2yo '12 FTMMAY.

**8th-FLX**, \$20,600, NW3BX, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:08 4/5, ft.  
**ROCK STAR CHARLIE (g, 4, E Dubai--Charlies Paradise {MSW, \$260,803}, by Winrightt)** Lifetime Record: 26-7-7-1, \$150,938. O/T-M Anthony Ferraro. B-Waterville Lake Stables Ltd LLC (NY). \*\$30,000 yrl '10 FTMOCT. \*\*1/2 to Tagano Charlies (Saint Ballado), SP-Jpn, \$522,736; Bad Big Al (Distorted Humor), SP, \$178,821.

## ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Alone Again**, f, 3, **Bandini**--Stony Lonesome, by Apalachee. MNR, 11-25, 5 1/2f, 1:06 2/5. B-William Backer (VA).  
**Knight Flame**, g, 3, **Flame Thrower**--Knight Olympienne, by Olympic Native. ZIA, 11-26, 5f, :59. B-Oak Hill Farm (CA). \*\$4,000 yrl '11 BESOCT. \*\*1/2 to The Borg Queen (Fruition), SP, \$186,340.

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EUROPE

## CONDITIONS RESULTS:

**FRANCE, 2nd-CHA**, €34,000, 2yo, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.49, stn.

**ANDHESON THERUN (IRE) (c, 2, Captain Rio {GB}--Harvest Joy {Ire} {SP-Eng}, by Dagers Drawn)** Lifetime Record: SP-Eng, 7 starts, 3 wins, 1 place, €33,469. O-Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Thani; B-John Hutchinson (IRE); T-Francis-Henri Graffard. \*€18,000 wnlq '11 GOFNOV; £34,000 yrl '12 DONAUG.

**FRANCE, 1st-CHA**, €34,000, 3yo, 1 3/16m (AWT), 1:58.71, stn.

**CALVIN WILLIAMS (FR) (c, 3, Carlotamix {Fr}--Quellaffaire {Fr}, by Charge d'Affaires {GB})** Lifetime Record: 12 starts, 4 wins, 6 places, €84,350. O-Jean-Andre Zay, Georges Benmussa & Elie Lellouche; B-Michel Chartier (IRE); T-Elie Lellouche.

## ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Resolute (GB)**, g, 2, **Pivotal (GB)**--Coy (Ire) (SW-Eng), by Danahill. SWL, 11-26, 7f (AWT), 1:29.60. B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd. \*50,000gns yrl '12 TATOCT.

**Better Value (Ire)**, g, 3, **Ad Valorem**--Varmint Lady (Ire), by Orpen. SWL, 11-26, 8f (AWT), 1:44 2/5. B-J L Hassett (IRE).

**Jaladee (GB)**, g, 3, **Cape Cross (Ire)**--Atamana (Ire), by Lahib. WOL, 8f 141yds (AWT). B-Darley. \*1/2 to Mulaqat (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}), GSW-Eng, \$288,630.

**Caterina de Medici (Fr)**, f, 4, **Redoute's Choice (Aus)**--Night Dhu (GB), by Montjeu (Ire). SWL, 11-26, 12f (AWT). B-Azienda Agricola Il Tiglio di Amelia Prevedello. \*€320,000 RNA yrl '10 ARQAUG; 30,000gns HIT '13 TATFEB.

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