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## DANCING RAIN IN FRONT AGAIN

By Emma Berry and Kelsey Riley

In front of a ring packed to bursting point, the dual Classic winner **Dancing Rain (Ire)** (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) became the 4 million guineas (US \$6,869,087) topper of the first session of the Tattersalls December Mares' Sale, and will join Sheikh Mohammed's broodmare band after being bought with a single bid from Darley supremo John Ferguson.

Despite the crush of onlookers, only the sound of the Oaks winner's hooves could be heard above the hushed



**Dancing Rain**  
Emma Berry

solicitation of auctioneer Edmond Mahony as he challenged the crowd for an opening bid for

[lot 1533](#). Grant Pritchard-Gordon obliged at 2 million guineas, with David Minton and Pinar Araci quickly joining the fray. Araci, taking

telephone instruction and sitting with Rob Speers, appeared to have won the day until Ferguson emerged in his favored spot in the gangway to land the deciding play.

"We haven't bought mares at public auction for a while, but at the end of the day, Sheikh Mohammed felt that this was one--that ridiculous expression--that ticks all the boxes," said Ferguson of the Clairemont Stud-consigned mare who was the first in the UK to be offered in foal to Frankel (GB).

The first-day appearance of Dancing Rain--who, at 4 million guineas became the second-highest broodmare ever sold in Europe behind Magical Romance (GB) at 4.6 million guineas--created a 64% rise in the turnover of 18,693,000gns. With 203 of the 246 lots offered sold for a 2% climb in clearance rate to 83%, the median and average were also boosted significantly, the former to 42,000gns (+40%) and the average to a whopping 92,084gns (+51%).

"When you've got an Oaks winner who is beautiful and who is from the family of a Derby winner, you've got an enormous amount going for you," Ferguson continued. "This is a game whereby all you're trying to do is reduce the odds and give yourself every chance of winning Classic races and winning the Derby. By buying a mare like that, whether it be through her or one of her daughters, you are just reducing the odds--you're making it more possible than if you don't buy her. And for an operation like ours, you can have lots of mares, but you have to have the jewels. To Sheikh Mohammed, she was a jewel." **Cont. p3**

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### MONDAY'S TOP LOTS AT TATTERSALLS

Hip	Name	Status	Price (Gns)
<a href="#">1533</a>	<b>Dancing Rain (Ire)</b> <i>(m, 5, Danehill Dancer {Ire}--Rain Flower {Ire}, by Indian Ridge {Ire})</i>	<b>if Frankel (GB)</b>	<b>4,000,000</b>
	Consigned by Clairemont Stud Purchased by John Ferguson Bloodstock		
<a href="#">1543</a>	<b>Fiesolana (Ire)</b> <i>(f, 4, Aussie Rules--Tidal Reach, by Kris S.)</i>	<b>Racing Prospect</b>	<b>960,000</b>
	Consigned by Ballyphilip Stud Purchased by Flaxman Stables		
<a href="#">1537</a>	<b>Drops (Ire)</b> <i>(m, 4, Kingmambo--Alexandrova {Ire}, by Sadler's Wells)</i>	<b>if Frankel (GB)</b>	<b>750,000</b>
	Consigned by The Castlebridge Consignment Purchased by Silfield Bloodstock		
<a href="#">1538</a>	<b>Lady Wingshot (Ire)</b> <i>(f, 4, Lawman {Fr}--Nassma {Ire}, by Sadler's Wells)</i>	<b>Racing Prospect</b>	<b>650,000</b>
	Consigned by The Castlebridge Consignment Purchased by Tony Nerves		
<a href="#">1575</a>	<b>Ladys First (GB)</b> <i>(f, 4, Dutch Art (GB)--Like a Dame {GB}, by Danehill)</i>	<b>B'mare Prospect</b>	<b>650,000</b>
	Consigned by Musley Bank Stables (Richard Fahey) Purchased by Blandford Bloodstock		
<a href="#">1407</a>	<b>Lady Clair (Ire)</b> <i>(m, 7, Danehill Dancer {Ire}--Bex, by Explodent)</i>	<b>if <a href="#">Henrythenavigator</a></b>	<b>525,000</b>
	Consigned by Goldford Stud Purchased by John Warren Bloodstock		

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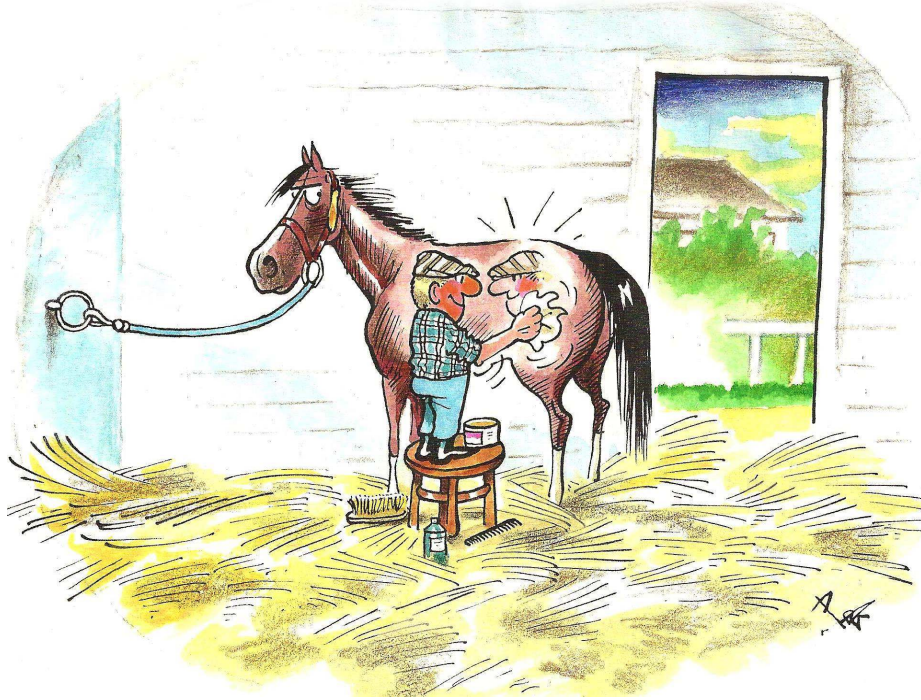


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TDN special correspondent Lucas Marquardt kicks off a big race week with his first report from Hong Kong, where the International Races will take place Sunday at Sha Tin.

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Pedigree columnist Andrew Caulfield considers the historical productivity of the GII Remsen S., and makes the case for its return to Grade I status while discussing this year's winner and 'TDN Rising Star' Honor Code (A.P. Indy).

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**Tattersalls cont.**

“I have to say that obviously, on paper, she looked the part, but I just loved two things about her: the fact that she’s such a beautiful, straightforward mare, and secondly, I was lucky enough to have dinner with William and Maureen Haggas on Saturday night, and they were telling me what a pleasure she was to train,” Ferguson added. “So you’re dealing with a straightforward mare who is a Classic winner, from a family of a Derby winner, and of course she’s in foal to Frankel. That’s obviously an attractive covering.”

**Saying Goodbye to a Great...**

For all involved at Clairemont Stud, which is owned in partnership by Dancing Rain’s owners Martin and Lee Taylor with Liam and Jenny Norris, the great mare has provided plenty of memorable moments. Her star turn in the ring is just the latest, to add to a first Classic



**Martin & Lee Taylor & Liam & Jenny Norris with Dancing Rain**  
*Emma Berry*

success at Epsom, followed by a German Oaks victory and a leading role on the inaugural QIPCO British Champions’ Day. Parting with her was never going to be easy, as was evident in the emotion in the voice of Liam Norris, who first set

eyes on her as a yearling at Goffs, where the relation of Derby winner Dr Devious (Ahonoora {GB}) and Group 1 heroine Maybe (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) was purchased for €200,000.

“What can I say really? Having bought her as a yearling and then brought her here today with all these people, it’s quite a lot to take in,” he said. “I love her to bits, she’s a queen, and Jenny has just done a wonderful job with her. She’s a beautiful mare and she’ll have a great home. I don’t suppose we’ll ever experience anything like this again.”

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No. Sold	203	186
RNAs	43	43
% RNAs	17.5%	18.8%
High Price	4,000,000gns	1,700,000gns
Gross	18,693,000gns	11,369,500gns
Average (% change)	92,084gns (+50.6%)	61,126gns
Median (% change)	42,000gns (+40%)	30,000gns



**Fiesolana to the Max...**

The Niarchos family announced Sunday the retirement of their G1 Prix d'Ispehan and G1 Prix du Moulin winner Maxios (GB) (Monsun {Ger}) to Andreas Jacobs's Gestut Fahrhof in Germany for next season, and they wasted no time recruiting a high-profile future mate for the 5-year-old when making the winning bid of 960,000gns for Group 2 winner **Fiesolana (Ire)** (Aussie Rules) ([lot 1543](#)) at



**Fiesolana**  
Tattersalls

Tattersalls last night.

"She's a lovely filly and a tough racemare, and will have a long-term date with Maxios," confirmed Alan Cooper, racing manager to the Niarchos family's Flaxman Holdings.

Purchased for a mere €35,000 by Italian agent Federico Barberini at Goresbridge in Ireland in May 2011, Fiesolana began her career in Italy, breaking her maiden in Naples for trainer Jean-Claude Rouget before relocating to France the following season. A conditions winner in that country, she came to life this year when transplanted to Ireland, winning the G3 Ballyogan S. for Willie McCreery in June before adding the G3 Brownstone S. at Fairyhouse two weeks later. She took Tipperary's G3 Fairy Bridge S. in August before collecting a career high in Newmarket's G2 Dubai Challenge S. Oct. 12. Cooper noted that the mare could race on before being bred.

"We're going to think about that, it's not impossible," he said. "We've been watching her throughout the year. I watched the [Dubai Challenge], and she had a lot of guts and determination, and the team here liked her very much. She's a lovely filly."

Fiesolana has the page to match her rising reputation on the track, being a half-sister to GII Honeymoon Breeders' Cup Invitational and G3 Premio Dormello winner Innit (Ire) (Distinctly North).

**Mason 'Drops' Winning Bid...**

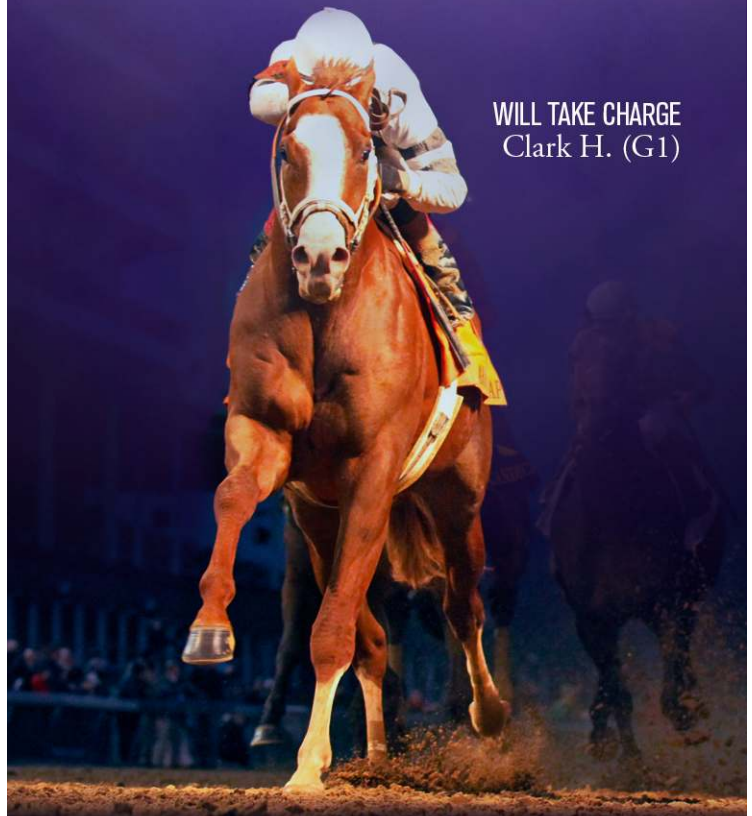
The demand for mares carrying the first crop of Frankel continued just four lots after Dancing Rain lit up the board when [lot 1537](#), the 4-year-old **Drops (Ire)** (Kingmambo) was hammered down to Silfield Bloodstock's Charlie Mason for 750,000gns. The first foal from the Champion European 3-year-old filly and triple Oaks victress Alexandrova (Ire), Drops, from the draft of the Castlebridge Consignment, was the only other mare of the session offered in



**Drops**  
Tattersalls

foal to the dual Cartier Horse of the Year. Eight others will be offered throughout the week. **cont. p5**

**TAKING CHARGE OF YEAR-END HONORS**



**WILL TAKE CHARGE**  
Clark H. (G1)

From January at Oaklawn to November at Churchill Downs, WILL TAKE CHARGE has proven his championship mettle time and time again.

The Keeneland September sale graduate's recent victory in the G1 Clark Handicap followed a win in the G1 Travers Stakes that started his ascent to the top of 3-year-old division.

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**Tattersalls cont.**

“She was bought for an existing client of mine, and she’ll be staying in England,” Mason said. “She has one or two mares with me at the moment, and horses in training with various trainers, and she deserves a lot of success. I hope this mare will be part of it.”

Mason noted that the Frankel covering played a big part in the decision to buy the mare, and that the resulting foal, regardless of gender, will be retained by the new owner to race.

“If his foals are half as good as he was, we’ll be laughing,” he said.

While Drops went winless in four outings in the Derrick Smith, Susan Magnier and Michael Tabor silks--placing third in her final start at Ballinrobe last July--her pedigree well warrants a shot in the breeding shed.

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<b>Hip</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Sire</b>	<b>Price(gns)</b>
<a href="#"><u>1459</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Reqaaba (GB)</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Exceed and Excel (Aus)</u></a>	<b>165,000</b>
Bred by Manor Farm Stud Consigned by Grove Stud, Ireland			

Purchased by Prince Sultan bin Mohammed Bin Saud Al-Kabeer Brendan and Vanessa Holland’s Grove Stud had to go to just 55,000gns at Tattersalls July to pick up Reqaaba, a 3-year-old half-sister to Group 3 winner Mood Music (GB) (Kyllachy {GB}). Reqaaba won a Windsor handicap just over a month after that purchase and, after finishing third in a Newmarket handicap Sept. 26 and ninth in Newmarket’s Listed Fillies S. Oct. 5, was re-sold for a significantly higher sum yesterday.

<b>Hip</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Sire</b>	<b>Price(gns)</b>
<a href="#"><u>1535</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Merry Jaunt</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Street Sense</u></a>	<b>360,000</b>
Bred by Juddmonte Farms Inc Consigned by The Castlebridge Consignment Purchased by J Warren Bloodstock			

Cormac McCormack spent 85,000gns on this half-sister to Group 3 winner Treble Jig (Gone West) at this sale last year. While Treble Jig has continued to ply his trade with four further victories in Dubai since that purchase, Merry Jaunt, in foal to High Chaparral (Ire), received the timeliest of updates last night when half-brother Seek Again won the GI Hollywood Derby, thus increasing her value.

<b>Hip</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Sire</b>	<b>Price(gns)</b>
<a href="#"><u>1515</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Ellbeedee (Ire)</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Dalakhani (Ire)</u></a>	<b>220,000</b>
Bred by Jon and Sarah Kelly Consigned by Ballylinch Stud, Ireland Purchased by Tony Nerses			

Ellbeedee went through this ring a year ago, receiving a final bid of 62,000gns from Newsells Park Stud. Covered by Ballylinch Stud’s Lawman (Fr) earlier this year, Ellbeedee’s page received a significant boost when Just the Judge (Ire), by Lawman out of a daughter to her half-sister, won the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas, making her significantly more expensive yesterday.

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**Tattersalls cont.**

Also featuring on her page is Magical Romance (Ire) (Barathea {Ire}), Alexandrova's G1 Cheveley Park S. winning half-sister whose 4.6-million guineas winning bid at this sale in 2006 stands as a European record for a broodmare; and Chicquita (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}), this year's G1 Irish Oaks winner who set Goffs alight last week when selling for an Irish record of €6-million.

**Blue Diamond Takes a Shot...**

Imad Al Sagar and Saleh Al Homaizi have been steadily gathering a decent array of broodmares for their recently purchased Blue Diamond Stud, and the former owners of Derby winner Authorized (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}) struck twice on Monday. Top of the list was Group 3 winner **Lady Wingshot (Ire)** (Lawman {Fr}) ([lot 1538](#)), a three-parts sister to listed-winning sprinter Bahama Mama (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), who was hammered down at 650,000gns.

"She's a very good filly, a proven performer, with excellent conformation and very balanced. We think Lawman is a real up-and-coming sire," said Al Sagar, who was at the sale with advisor Tony Nerses.

Their fondness for Lawman was also evident in the purchase of **Ellbeedee (Ire)** (Dalakhani {Ire}) ([lot 1515](#)), who was sold in foal to the Ballylinch sire for 220,000gns. Al Sagar added: "It's a cross we like--she has a lovely page and is a lovely individual. Let's hope she will pass that on to her progeny."

Lawman has worked well with the family before--his Classic-winning daughter Just The Judge (Ire) is out of a daughter of Ellbeedee's half-sister Uncharted Haven (GB) (Turtle Island {Ire}).

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**First Lady to Blandford...**

While the Parks Paddocks pavilion had largely emptied after the buzz of a few hours earlier, G3 Atalanta S. winner **Ladys First (GB)** (Dutch Art {GB}) set the sale alive again late in the session when notching the co-fourth highest price of the day when knocked down to Blandford Bloodstock for 650,000gns.



**Tom Goff**  
Tattersalls

A 16,000gns weanling at this venue four years ago, Ladys First was picked up by Helen and Norman Steel the following year at Goffs September, and was raced by that pair, under the care of trainer Richard Fahey, to a pair of black-type victories, highlighted by her Atalanta win in August. Ladys First also finished second to Duntle (Ire) (Danehill Dancer

{Ire}) in the G2 Duke of Cambridge S. at Royal Ascot. She was offered as [lot 1575](#) by Fahey's Musley Bank Stables as the property of Helen Steel.

"We thought she was the best physical of the fillies off the track today," said Blandford Bloodstock's Tom Goff, who declined to say who the mare was purchased for.

"She's an absolute queen; she's just a lovely filly. She's a nice mixture of Dutch Art and Danehill, and she has a nice back pedigree. She's just a beautiful physical specimen with poise, quality, action, and she's very correct."

The first foal out of the winning Like a Dame (GB) (Danehill), Ladys First is from the family of multiple French group winner Animatrice. Goff noted that the 4-year-old was "almost certain" to go to stud in Ireland next year, but said the decision had not yet been confirmed.

**Strength In Depth to Eclair Family...**

**Lady Eclair (Ire)** (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), the sole offering from Goldford Stud on behalf of Martin Lightbody's Netherfield House Stud, was the first to breach the half-million mark when knocked down for 525,000gns to John Warren, buying on behalf of Newsells Park Stud. **cont. p7**

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In her racing days, Lady Eclair ([lot 1407](#)) was talented enough to beat globetrotter Red Cadeaux (GB) by a neck when winning the Listed Chester Handicap. Sold carrying her third foal by Henrythenavigator, her offspring have already proved popular at this sale, with her Canford Cliffs (Ire) filly foal selling for 180,000gns in the same ring just last week, while last year's foal, a filly by Dubawi (Ire), was sold for 150,000gns.

"I liked her foal last week," said Warren. "She was a tough, sound mare and there's great depth to the family."

Lady Eclair's dam Bex (Explodent) and granddam Bay Street (GB) (Grundy) are both Group 3 winners, while her full-sister Savethisdanceforme (Ire) is also a listed winner. Other half-siblings include French Group 2 winner Crimson Quest (Ire) (Rainbow Quest) and the listed-winning duo of Ballarat (Ire) and Hijaz (Ire), both by Sadler's Wells.

**Don't Forget Forgive...**

As the ring started filling up ahead of the appearance of Dancing Rain, Adrian Nicoll of BBA Ireland, buying for New Zealander Peter Vela, went to 475,000gns for the 4-year-old Highclere filly **Forgive (GB)** (Pivotal {GB}) ([lot 1523](#)).

"She'll be staying here at New England Stud so she can go to a top commercial stallion," Nicoll said. "It's a good, fast family--we thought she might make 400,000gns."

John Deer has been shopping for mares to send to his homebred Al Kazeem (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), who is about to stand his first season at the Royal Studs, and he added an attractive future mate to the list early on Monday morning when his stud manager Tim Lane signed for **Poplin (GB)** (Medicean {GB}) ([lot 1318](#)) at 320,000gns.



**Adrian Nicholl**  
*Tattersalls*

Bred, owned and trained by Luca and Sara Cumani, the 5-year-old is a descendant of the Fittocks Stud foundation mare Souk (Ire) (Ahonora {GB}), from a family that constantly throws up plenty of good winners, including this season's G1 Irish Oaks winner and recent €6-million

Goffs purchase Chicquita (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}).

"She has an amazing pedigree, her page speaks for itself really," Lane said of the listed-placed Poplin. "She'll be going to Al Kazeem. Mr. Deer has eight breeding rights to him, so we're buying one or two mares."

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**Overseas Buyers Active...**

Patricia Boutin and Henri Bozo spent €550,000 on Group 1 winner Alpine Rose (Fr) (Linamix {Fr}) for Ecurie des Monceaux at Arqana in 2008, and the team has been handsomely rewarded by the mare's first two foals--by Sea The Stars (Ire) and Galileo (Ire)--selling as yearlings for €1.2 million and €1 million, respectively. The duo struck for another member of the family at Tattersalls on Monday when securing the Montjeu (Ire) mare **Silent Ninja (GB)** ([lot 1391](#)) for 115,000gns from Kirtlington Stud's draft.

Bred by Ben and Matryn Arbib, the 5-year-old is out of Alpine Rose's listed-winning sister Farfala (Fr).

New Zealand's Raffles Farm has been a regular buyer at the December Sale, and manager Bruce Sherwin returned this year, with agent Guy Mulcaster, to snap up [lot 1329](#), **Stella Senza Cielo (Ire)** (Elusive City) for 100,000gns. The 5-year-old's year-younger half-brother is the Hong Kong-based Gold-Fun (Ire) (Le Vie Dei Colori {GB}), winner of the G2 Jockey Club Mile at Sha Tin on Nov. 17 and a contender for Sunday's G1 Longines Hong Kong Mile. Their dam Goodwood March (GB) (Foxhound) is one of 10 mares in the catalogue in foal to Frankel, and sells tomorrow as [lot 1812](#). Offered by Houghton Bloodstock, Stella Senza Cielo is in foal to Kyllachy (GB).

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**[1794](#), Saoire (GB), m, 13, Pivotal (GB)--Polish Descent (Ire), by Danehill**

*Consigned by The Castlebridge Consignment*

Saoire, winner of the 2005 G1 Irish 1000 Guineas, has generated some monster payouts with her offspring, including prices of €550,000, €475,000 and €425,000 in recent years. Lately, her colt foal by Galileo (Ire) realised 325,000gns when going through the ring here on Friday. She comes under the hammer herself this time around and is offered with the sole Galileo (Ire) covering in the sale.

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**1803, Rosdhu Queen (Ire), f, 3, Invincible Spirit (Ire)--Green Minstrel (Fr), by Green Tune**

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Offered as a broodmare prospect, and one of just two juvenile Group 1 winners in the book, Rosdhu Queen was a speedball on the track, but will employ a gentler pace here to get the trip of several laps around the Park Paddocks ring. She remained unbeaten throughout a four-race 2-year-old campaign and closed last year with victories in the G2 Lowther S. and G1 Cheveley Park S. Untested beyond seven furlongs, she was a creditable fifth in June's G1 Diamond Jubilee S. at Royal Ascot.

**1826, Belle de Crecy (Ire), f, 4, Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)--Bloemfontain (Ire), by Cape Cross (Ire)**

*Consigned by Brook Stud*

Primed to go under the hammer as a filly in training, Belle de Crecy set the seal on conditioner Johnny Murtagh's rookie season by annexing the Sept. 14 G2 Blandford S. at the Curragh, and finishing second in the Oct. 19 G1 Qipco British Champions Fillies & Mares S. at Ascot. Out of a winning mare, she is a granddaughter of the G1 Yellow Ribbon Invitational H. and G1 Pan American H. winner Carotene (Great Nephew), and is also a half-sister to the 2009 G2 Park Hill S. victress The Miniver Rose (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}).

**1830, Immortal Verse (Ire), m, 5, Pivotal (GB)--Side of Paradise (Ire), by Sadler's Wells**

*Consigned by Mount Coote Stud*

Looks set fair to light up session two, and possibly the entire gathering, and is offered on behalf of John Moore and Charles Noell's Merriebelle Stable by the renowned Kilmallock nursery. The 5-year-old bay is a granddaughter of Kilfrush Stud foundation mare Mill Princess (Ire) (Mill Reef), and is out of a stakes-winning sibling to a swathe of black-type performers which includes Last Tycoon (Ire). On the track, Immortal Verse reached the pinnacle twice when garnering the 2011 G1 Coronation S. and G1 Prix Jacques Le Marois, defeating Goldikova (Ire) (Anabaa) and a stellar cast in the latter. She sells carrying her first foal, which was conceived on her first service to Dansili (GB). "I think she is the perfect package, an absolute one-off and an enormous opportunity," stated Mount Coote's Luke Lillingston.

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Hello from Hong Kong! I'll be here for the remainder of the week in the run-up to Sunday's International Races at Sha Tin Racecourse, where I'll be both blogging and *video* blogging. Exciting. A couple of things to kick off: the whole exercise is meant to be



Hong Kong Island waterfront

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informal, and my goal, in addition to helping the *TDN* cover the International Races, is to give people who have never been to Hong Kong a feel for what the city is like, and what the racing is like. It's my first time here--first time

anywhere in Asia, really--and so if you're a Hong Kong regular, you'll probably find all this pretty boring.

A quick brush up on Hong Kong history and geography. Situated along the South China Sea on the eastern edge of the Pearl River Delta (Macau is on the other side), Hong Kong comprises 426 square miles and is broken down into three regions--Hong Kong Island, the Kowloon Peninsula, and the New Territories. The New Territories--which stopped being so around 1899--make up about 87% of the landmass, though when most people think Hong Kong, they think Kowloon and Hong Kong Island. Iconic photos of Hong Kong often center around Victoria Harbour, a narrow body of water that separates the southern portion of Kowloon with the northern portion of Hong Kong Island. I couldn't find anything on its width, except from the website [dredgingtoday.com](http://dredgingtoday.com)--seriously--that said it was now half as wide as it used to be (currently 910 meters, according to the good people at [dredgingtoday.com](http://dredgingtoday.com)). No bridge connects Kowloon and Hong Kong Island; there are three tunnels, as well as several ferries, however.

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**Hong Kong cont.**

China originally ceded Hong Kong Island to the British after the First Opium War in 1842, and both Kowloon and the New Territories were added before the turn of the century.



**A-Happy Valley, B-Sha Tin**  
Map courtesy Google Maps

Hong Kong grew from a simple trading port into what today is one of the most densely populated cities in the world. With

just over 7 million people here, there are some 17,000 souls per square mile.

In 1997, Hong Kong returned to Chinese sovereignty, and is now considered a “Special Administrative Region,” along with Macau (a former Portugese colony). The Chinese have, for the most part, allowed Hong Kong a high level of autonomy, at least economically.

As you probably know, Hong Kong has two tracks--Sha Tin and Happy Valley.

The latter is nestled behind the skyscrapers that line Hong Kong Island’s northern coast, and is also home to the Hong Kong Jockey Club headquarters. It’s about as metropolitan a setting for a racetrack as you can get. Belmont or Ozone Park, by way of comparison, feel like rural retreats. Sha Tin, on the other hand, sits well into the northeastern portion of Kowloon. It’s still a heavily populated area, but has a much more residential vibe.

Hmm. Think I’ve geeked out a bit too much on all this. We’ll keep it more racing-centric tomorrow. The links in the video box below are ALL racing, and go over the two American horses here--**Little Mike** (Spanish Steps) and **King Kreesa** (King Cugat)--as well as the Euros **Cirrus des Aigles** (Fr) (Even Top {Ire}), **Dunaden** (Fr) (Nicobar {GB}) and **Neatico** (Ger) (Medicean {GB}). Advanced apologies on pronunciations...

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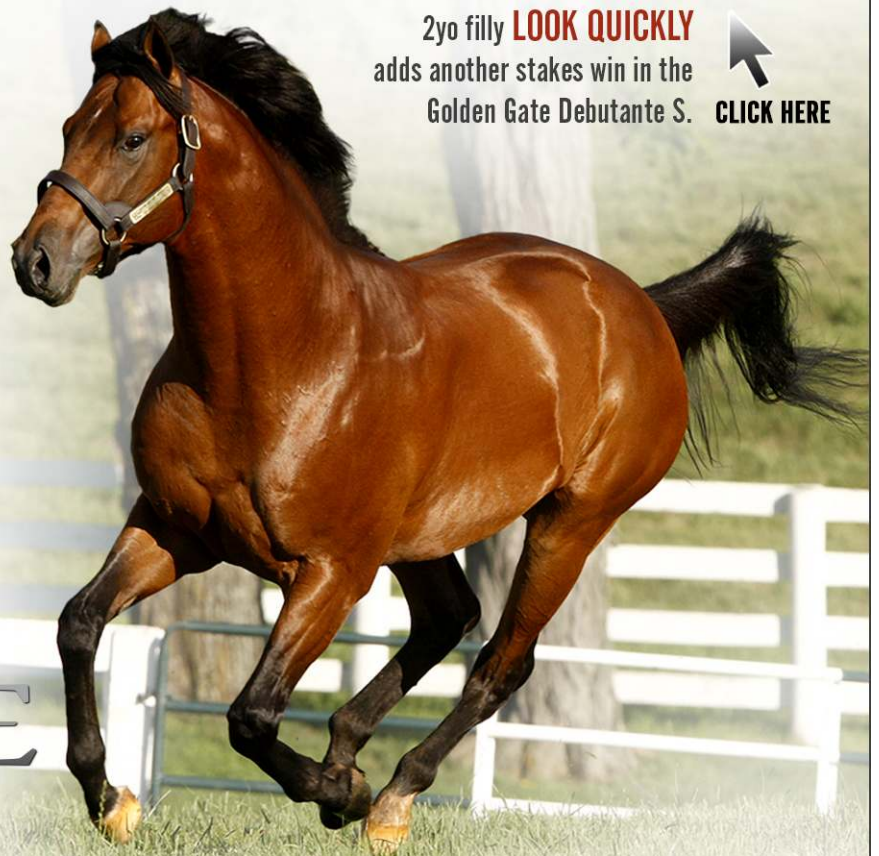
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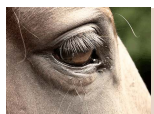
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BY ANDREW CAULFIELD

**REMSEN S.-GII**, \$400,000, AQU, 11-30, 2yo, 1 1/8m, 1:52 4/5, ft.

1--#**@HONOR CODE**, 116, r, 2, by **A.P. Indy**

1st Dam: **Serena's Cat** (SW, \$131,391), by **Storm Cat**

2nd Dam: **Serena's Tune**, by **Mr. Prospector**

3rd Dam: **Serena's Song**, by **Rahy**

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As Honor Code deprived Cairo Prince of his unbeaten record in the last stride of the GII Remsen S., I couldn't

help thinking back to what I wrote after the 2008 Remsen. In reviewing the impressive history of Aqueduct's nine-furlong contest, I mentioned that the Remsen had provided five Derby winners in the space of the previous 50 years, thanks to Carry Back, Northern Dancer, Pleasant Colony, Go for Gin and Thunder Gulch.

*"Of course only the last*

*two won the Remsen after the GI Breeders' Cup [Juvenile] came into existence," I pointed out, "but the last 25 editions of the Aqueduct contest also feature such notable winners as Java Gold (GI Travers S., GI Whitney H.), Scan (a dual Grade I winner at three), Pine Bluff (GI Preakness S.) and Coronado's Quest (GI Haskell Invitational and GI Travers S.)."*

I went on to mention that the most recent winners were Bluegrass Cat (GI Haskell Invitational and second in the Kentucky Derby and Belmont), Nobiz Like Shobiz (GI Wood Memorial) and Court Vision (a GI Hollywood Derby winner who was later to take the GI Breeders' Cup Mile). Not bad going, I suggested, for a race which was downgraded from GI to GII as long ago as 1987.

I added that if 2008's impressive winner, Old Fashioned, were to develop into a top-class 3-year-old, then perhaps the Graded Stakes Committee would have to consider restoring the Remsen to Grade I.

Unfortunately Old Fashioned's career was over by the following April. So what about the other recent editions of the Remsen? The next winner, Buddy's Saint, also proved fragile, but the 2010 race saw To Honor And Serve lead all the way for a two-length victory over Mucho Macho Man.



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To Honor And Serve duly went on to take the GI Cigar Mile H. at three and the GI Woodward S. at four, while Mucho Macho Man--third in the 2011 GI Kentucky Derby--finally got his just deserts when he edged out Will Take Charge to take the GI Breeders' Cup Classic.

O'Prado Again, the 2011 winner, failed to win again, but is being given the chance to add to El Prado's record as a sire of sires.

The 2012 race saw Overanalyze narrowly get the better of Normandy Invasion. Both these colts made it to the Kentucky Derby after Overanalyze had comfortably won the GI Arkansas Derby and Normandy Invasion had finished second in the GI Wood Memorial. Normandy Invasion ran the better at Churchill Downs, finishing fourth to Orb after leading into the final eighth.

Although the Remsen's overall record is a bit mixed (as are those of most races), I fully expect to see Honor Code and Cairo Prince strengthen the argument for its being restored to Grade I status. Honor Code, after all, had failed by only a neck to catch the speedy Havana in the GI Champagne S. and Havana went on to be a fine second in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile.

In assessing Honor Code's performances, it is impossible for our expectations not to be magnified by his illustrious bloodlines. His story also has a touch of nostalgia and glamor, stemming from the fact that he is one of the 36 foals in the final crop by Horse of the Year and two-time champion sire A.P. Indy. Wouldn't it be great if Honor Code were to become his sire's first Kentucky Derby winner, when there are already Kentucky Derby winners with either a sire or a dam by the Lane's End stalwart.

Although A.P. Indy is himself beginning to run short of representatives, there have been numerous reminders this year of his vast influence.  
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**HONOR CODE, c, 2011**

<b>A. P. Indy</b>	Seattle Slew	Bold Reasoning	Boldnesian
		My Charmer	Reason to Earn
	Weekend Surprise	Secretariat	Poker
		Lassie Dear	Fair Charmer
<b>Serena's Cat</b> 12-4-2-0 4 Fls, 2 GSW	Storm Cat	Storm Bird	Bold Ruler
		Terlingua	Seomethingroyal
	Serena's Tune 14-7-0-0 4 Fls, 1 GSW 1 SW	Mr. Prospector	Buckpasser
		Serena's Song 12 Fls, 4 GSW	Gay Missile
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Besides the graded victories of Honor Code, Take Charge Indy, Dreaming of Julia and Eldaafer, there was that weekend in September when there were Grade I successes for his stallion sons Majestic Warrior, Mineshaft and Full Mandate, plus Grade II wins for two other sons. Last weekend was pretty rewarding, too, with Flatter being responsible for the GI Cigar Mile winner Flat Out and Full Mandate for the GIII Miesque S. winner Full Ransom. Not to be left out, A.P. Indy took his total of black-type winners to 146 (12% of his output) when Long River took the Time For A Change S.

Honor Code is one of eight black-type winners sired by A.P. Indy from Storm Cat mares. These eight come from a sample of 82 foals, for a 10% strike rate, and the 82 also include six graded-placed performers. Best of Honor Code's predecessors was that fine filly Love and Pride, winner last year of the GI Personal Ensign H. and GI Zenyatta S.

There could possibly have been another Grade I winner from this cross in Jump Start. Although sizeable and imposing, Jump Start was precocious enough to win a maiden over 5 1/2 furlongs at Churchill Downs in June and the GII Saratoga Special over an extra furlong in August. Trainer D. Wayne Lukas speculated after the Saratoga Special that the Overbrook homebred "could take us to the Promised Land" but the youngster suffered serious damage to his left fore in the 2001 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile.

We have also seen A.P. Indy's sons Pulpit and Mineshaft sire high-class sons from Storm Cat mares, the former siring Sky Mesa and the latter Dialed In. Of course Storm Cat also had his moments with A.P. Indy's broodmare daughters. One produced Bluegrass Cat, the Remsen S. winner who went on to be second in the Kentucky Derby, and another produced Mr Sidney, a Grade I-winning turf miler.

Honor Code's pedigree is all the more likeable because of the presence as his third dam of that truly remarkable filly Serena's Song. This top-notch daughter of Rahy was tough enough to make 10 starts at two, another 13 at three and then 15 in her final year. She wasn't always kept to her own sex, either. One of her ventures against the males came in the Kentucky Derby, but she fared better in the Haskell Invitational, which she won.

Serena's Song's 38-race career had no harmful effects on her prospects as a broodmare, as she produced five stakes winners, four of them at graded level. Significantly three of her graded winners were by Storm Cat, the best of them being Sophisticat, a \$3.4-million yearling. She proved worth the money, finishing third in the G1 French 1000 Guineas before landing the G1 Coronation S.

Serena's Song's other stakes winner, the Mr. Prospector filly Serena's Tune, gained her three stakes successes from five to six and a half furlongs. Serena's Tune also visited Storm Cat to produce Honor Code's dam Serena's Cat, winner of the Klassy Briefcase S. over 5 1/2 furlongs as a 4-year-old. cont. p14



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Honor Code is her second foal, the first being Noble Tune, runner-up in last year's GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf.

With fast daughters of Storm Cat and Mr. Prospector as Honor Code's first two dams, there have to be theoretical concerns about the ridgling's stamina potential. However he has already won over a mile and an eighth (admittedly in a slowly run race) and his style of running suggests he should be suited by a mile and a quarter. This wouldn't be too surprising, as his sire won the GI Belmont S. and Honor Code is inbred 3x4 to Triple Crown hero Secretariat.

Coincidentally, this family currently has a high-class 2-year-old on each side of the Atlantic. The very smart English filly Rizeena, winner of the G2 Queen Mary S. and G1 Moyglare Stud S., has a sister to Serena's Song as her third dam and her pedigree also contains Storm Cat, as her dam is by Storm Cat's son Statue of Liberty.

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 10-ZIA, Alw, 6f, Cataflying, \$16K RUI MIX yrl, 9-5  
**ROMAN EMPEROR** (Empire Maker), Gallegos del Norte, \$2K, 5/0/0  
 6-ZIA, Msw, 5 1/2f, Roll So Gold, 2-1

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### IN JAPAN:

**A Shin Ranger**, c, 3, **Read the Footnotes**--Dixie Talent, by Dixie Union. Nakayama, 11-30, Aqualine S., 6f. Lifetime Record: 10-4-1-1, \$525,980. O-Eishindo Inc; B-Shirl Penney; T-Hidemasa Nakao. \*\$27,000 yrl '11 OBSJAN; \$475,000 2yo '12 OBSMAR.

**Lavandou**, f, 4, **Rock Hard Ten**--Saramy, by Personal Hope. Chukyo, 12-1, Plate Race, 7f. Lifetime Record: 11-3-4-0, \$288,137. O-Masanobu Habata; B-Cloverleaf Farms Inc; T-Hideaki Fujiwara. \*\$60,000 yrl '10 KEESEP; \$160,000 RNA 2yo '11 FTFMAR. \*\*1/2 to Babaganush (Capture the Gold), SW-US, \$197,786; Springs Road (Repent), MSP-US, \$184,650; and Wildcat Heiress (Wildcat Heir), SW-US, \$124,572.

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## France

### REPLY RETIRED, TO STAND IN FRANCE

Last term's G1 Irish 2000 Guineas third **Reply (Ire)** (Oasis Dream {GB}--Cap Coz {Ire}, by Indian Ridge {Ire}) has been retired and will stand at Haras d'Ayguemorte near Bordeaux, France, according to *Racing Post*. His fee has been set at €2,000 for the 2014 season. Successful in the £300,000 Weatherbys Insurance 2yo S. for Aidan O'Brien, the €500,000 ARQ AUG purchase then hit the board in the G1 Middle Park S. to close out his freshman season, and earned his black-type stripe in this semester's Owenstown Stud S. at Naas.

### 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Horserace Writers & Photographers Association Awards

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## Britain

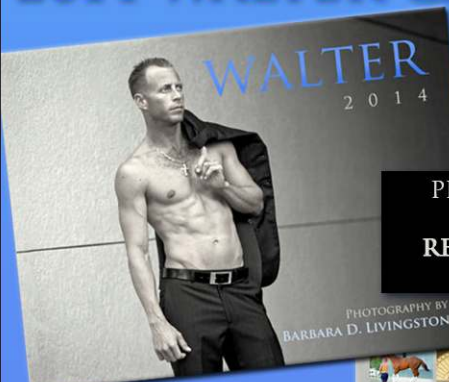
### Yesterday's Results:

**3rd-KMP, £4,000, Mdn, 3yo/up, 8f (AWT), 1:39 3/5, ft.**  
+ **CLOUDSCAPE (IRE)** (c, 2, **Dansili {GB}**--**Set the Scene {Ire}**, by **Sadler's Wells**) raced off the pace in rear through the early fractions of this debut. Making headway under pressure in the straight, the 14-1 chance quickened to lead just inside the eighth pole and was punched out late to comfortably assert by three lengths from Sufranel (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). **VIDEO, courtesy Racing UK.** Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £2,588. O-Lady Rothschild. B-Carwell Equities Ltd (IRE). T-John Gosden.

**4th-KMP, £4,000, Mdn, 3yo/up, 8f (AWT), 1:40 4/5, ft.**  
+ **WESTERN HYMN (GB)** (c, 2, **High Chaparral {Ire}**--**Blue Rhapsody {GB}**, by **Cape Cross {Ire}**) settled in rear until turning for home in this first go. Stoked up approaching the final quarter mile, the 6-1 chance quickened into third passing the furlong marker and surged clear under minimal urging to easily best Be My Gal (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) by 2 3/4 lengths. **VIDEO, courtesy Racing UK.** Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £2,588. O-RJH Geffen and Rachel Hood. B-Newsells Park Stud (GB). T-John Gosden.

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### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**8th-PRX, \$48,000, NW1X, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:39 2/5, ft.**  
**SET TO GO (g, 3, [Sky Mesa](#)--Swift Girl, by Unbridled)**  
 Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-2, \$62,720. O-Barbara Hopkins.  
 B-Colts Neck Stables, LLC (KY). T-Ramon Preciado.  
 \*\$170,000 RNA yrl '11 KEESEP. \*\*Full to Sky Diva,  
 GISW, \$484,000; and 1/2 to Quick Little Miss (Freud),  
 MSW & MGISP, \$287,080.



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**9th-MNR, \$22,200, 12-1, NW2L, 2yo, 6f, 1:14 1/5,**  
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**JUST A MORGAN (g, 2, Spanish Steps--Bond Beauty,**  
**by High Yield) Lifetime Record: 8-2-0-0, \$39,256.**  
 O-Dwight Preston. B-Loven Hartman Thoroughbreds,  
 LLC (IN). T-Tommy C Short. \*\$4,200 yrl '12 INDOCT.

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Angel On a Cloud, g, 2, Bold N' Flashy--Alpha Angel, by**  
**Alphabet Soup. MNR, 12-1, 5 1/2f, 1:08 1/5. B-Ellah**  
**Bloodstock Inc (ON). \*C\$7,000 yrl '12 ONTSEP.**  
 \*\*1/2 to Tree Pose (Old Forester), SW, \$237,399.

## APPOINTMENTS

### PETER O'BRIEN

- Appointed General Manager of Segenhoe Stud in Australia
- O'Brien has worked at Coolmore in Jerry's Plains for nearly 30 years and has been stud manager there since 1996
- Kevin Maloney, Chairman of Segenhoe Stud, said: "We have a wonderful property, facilities and team at Segenhoe, and Peter's decision to join us is a very exciting opportunity. His reputation in the industry is exceptional."
- O'Brien said: "While it was a very difficult decision to leave Coolmore after nearly three decades, the opportunity to work with Kevin Maloney, his family, and the team at Segenhoe Stud led by Racing Manager Bill Mitchell was a new and exciting challenge that was impossible to turn down."

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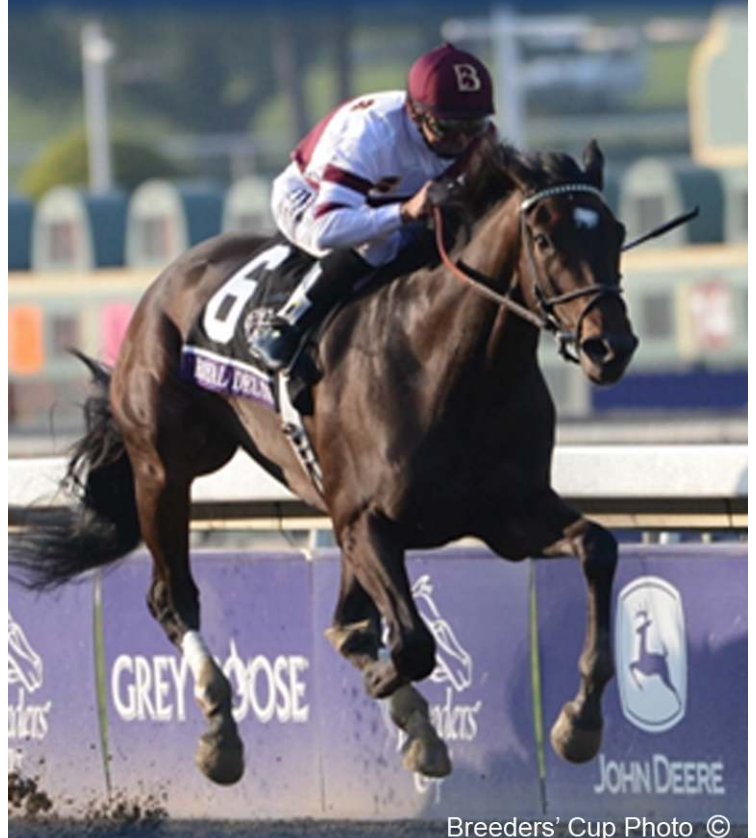
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