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BAFFERT SEEKS SEVENTH CASHCALL WIN by Christie DeBernardis

Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert will seek his seventh GI CashCall Futurity victory Saturday at Betfair Hollywood Park with **Tap It Rich** (Tapit). Baffert boasts the most wins of any trainer in this 1 1/16-mile juvenile test, with the first being Real Quiet (Quiet American) in 1997 and the most recent being Liaison (Indian Charlie) in 2011.

"It is exciting," Baffert told the *TDN* yesterday. "Every time you run these young horses in these races, we are all thinking [GI Kentucky] Derby horse. There is a lot of history there. I won with Real Quiet, who won the Derby, and I won with others who did not do so well."

Tap It Rich enters this test as a strong contender for Baffert. The gray was tabbed a **"TDN Rising Star"** after a dazzling debut win going a mile at Santa Anita Oct. 12. He overcame a slow start and wide trip to draw away in the stretch and earn his diploma by 4 1/4 lengths while earning an 89 Beyer Speed



Tap It Rich

Benoit Photo

Figure for that effort.

The debut was dazzling enough to convince Baffert to run him in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile, where he was supported as the 6-1 co-second choice alongside GI Hopeful S. winner **Strong Mandate** (Tiznow). He finished a solid fifth in that test, but Baffert still went home a winner, thanks to stablemate New Year's Day (Street Cry {Ire}).

"Tap It Rich deserved a chance [in the Juvenile], the way he ran so well [on debut]," Baffert said. "He did not run all that bad. He needed it. He got something out of it."

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NEW YEAR'S DAY AWAITS 2014

While at least a dozen 2-year-old colts prepare for the GI CashCall Futurity this Saturday at Betfair Hollywood Park, GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile hero **New Year's Day** (Street Cry {Ire}) is enjoying a nice vacation.

"I decided to give New Year's Day a break after the Breeders' Cup to freshen him up and get him ready for the classic route," conditioner Bob Baffert told the *TDN* Tuesday. "He is a tough, durable horse. He is my ace in the hole as of now and he will not run again until February."

New Year's Day was a solid third on debut at Del Mar going 5 1/2 furlongs on the synthetic Aug. 17. He earned his diploma next out there when extended to a mile Aug. 31 and went on to upset to Breeders' Cup Juvenile in his next outing with a powerful late run to nup the heavily favored **"TDN Rising Star"** Havana (Dunkirk) Nov. 2.

Given his running style and past performances, Baffert believes he will relish more distance.

"Horses like New Year's Day, the further they go, the better they will be."



New Year's Day
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Christopher Kay
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Baffert Seeks Seventh CashCall (cont. from p 1)

Tap It Rich breezed a mile in 1:39.80 Dec. 8 at Santa Anita in his final work for the Futurity.

“He is doing very well,” Baffert remarked. “He is a little bit of a high strung horse like most Tapits are. He was relaxed his first race, but it woke him up a bit and got him on edge. Since the Breeders’ Cup, we have been trying to get him to relax and he has been doing better. We have been focusing on nice long, slow works and he has settled down a bit.”

Post positions, which will be determined today, are Baffert’s main concern about Saturday’s race.

“Post position is going to be very key, especially with a large field,” Baffert said. “I never say what position I want and don’t want because it is a jinx. The larger field makes it tougher for a horse like him that comes from off of the pace a little.”

Post position aside, Baffert is confident in his charge and believes if he is granted a clear trip, he will give his competitors a run for their money.

“I think he has a good chance,” Baffert commented. “The break will be very important. He isn’t a horse that just slides out of the gate, but he has a lot of speed. Hollywood is a short run to the first turn, so that turn will make or break you. Trip will be very important.”

A clear trip will be Baffert’s main goal for the grey colt in this test and he entrusts that goal to the colt’s regular rider, Hall of Famer Mike Smith, who will be seeking his second CashCall win in this renewal.

“I leave it up to Mike,” Baffert said. “All you can do if you have a good horse is get him ready, send him out there, get a good trip and run well. I want to get a race into him where he gets into a nice position and doesn’t have to take up.”

This will be the colt’s first time running on synthetic. All of his previous races and works have been over the Santa Anita dirt, but Baffert is not concerned.

“He will be fine with it,” the conditioner said. “He is a nice horse. He deserves to run in it. He looks great and came out of his works really nice.”

Baffert feels this race will benefit Tap It Rich in his development towards the ultimate goal of running beneath the Twin Spires on the first Saturday in May.

“To get to the Derby, you need a really good horse, to stay healthy, and to have racing luck,” Baffert remarked. “We are going to go race by race. When he reaches 1 1/8 miles, he is going to be even better. The further you go, the pace slows down. In this race, we are trying to win and teach him something and let him develop at the same time.”

OMISSION: Yesterday’s *TDN* omitted Dr. George Todaro from the ownership of GI CashCall Futurity hopeful **Shared Belief** (Candy Ride {Arg}). We regret the omission.

NEWS TODAY

SINGPOLI, XPRESSBET ENTER PARTNERSHIP

Singpoli Capital Corporation and Xpressbet LLC yesterday announced a strategic partnership designed to provide the Chinese American community with a racing wagering platform and news/entertainment outlet. YUPRacing.com will provide current racing news, feature stories, and videos covering significant races, horses, jockeys and trainers, as well as a wagering platform. In addition, the YUP Racing Club will provide networking for racing fans with events and community-based incentives.

“Horse racing and horse race wagering are extremely popular with the Chinese American community in Southern California, yet this population has largely been underserved mainly due to language barriers and cultural gaps,” said Kin Hui, CEO of Singpoli Capital Corporation. “YUPRacing.com, a web platform in simplified and traditional Chinese, will provide access for this community to learn about horse racing, get the latest news and entertainment, and place legalized wagers on the platform, which is powered by Xpressbet LLC.”

Wagering on YUPRacing.com will be available starting Dec. 26 and will be available on mobile devices in early 2014. The platform is currently only being offered to American-based clients.

‘ST NIC’ BATTLES ON

St Nicholas Abbey (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}) was yesterday described as in “great form” as he continues his fight against the odds attempting to recover from his catalogue of serious setbacks. Now suffering from laminitis as those closest to him manage his progress from a pastern fracture, the triple G1 Coronation Cup hero and six-time scorer at the top level was the subject of an upbeat bulletin from Coolmore. “St Nicholas Abbey remains in great form despite the ongoing complications of laminitis and he’s walking as good as can be expected,” a statement from the operation read. “We would hope to see progress in the laminitic foot over the next few weeks (hoping that he continues to grow the hoof), if this happens rehabilitation of the fractured leg can then progress.”

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In 2009, a few months after the World Financial Crash, three stallions retired to stud in Kentucky for fees above \$50,000: Curlin (\$75,000), Big Brown (\$65,000), and Henrythenavigator (\$65,000). Their first foals arrived in 2009, and are 3-year-olds this year. Since then, only four stallions have stood their first Northern Hemisphere seasons for \$50,000 or more, and two of them were veteran Australian imports: Coolmore brought Fastnet Rock up for €35,000 in 2010, and the Aga Khan did a deal to bring Redoute's Choice to his Haras de Bonneval in France in 2013 for €70,000. The other two--probably the two best horses seen in Europe or North America in the last 30 years--were Sea The Stars, who went to the Aga Khan's Irish stud, Gilltown, for €85,000, in 2010 (first foals 2011, 2-year-olds this year); and, of course, the unbeaten, incomparable Frankel, who stood his first season at Banstead Manor for £125,000 this year.

So the prices for retiring stallions have been depressed. As the market has sailed up 30% this year, you can bet young stallions will be retiring at higher prices, but, for the most part, it hasn't happened yet. Animal Kingdom, at Darley, is the highest-priced retiree in Kentucky for 2014 at \$35,000. Orb, Paynter, and Point of Entry will kick off at \$25,000, while Oxbow, Shanghai Bobby, and Take Charge Indy are all priced at \$20,000. Verrazano is still on the TBA list at this writing.

Seven European stallions will be retiring for the equivalent of \$20,000 or more next year, with another three due to debut at €10,000-€12,000. Coolmore houses the most expensive of the 10, **Declaration of War**



Declaration of War *Racing Post*

(War Front) for €40,000, along with 2012 G1 English 2000 Guineas and G1 Epsom Derby winner, **Camelot** (Montjeu), for €25,000. Darley retires **Farhh** (Pivotal) at Dalham Hall in England for £17,500 and **Dawn Approach** (New Approach) for €35,000 at Kildangan in Ireland. Newmarket's Cheveley Park Stud also gets two new boys, G1 Prix du Jockey Club (French Derby) winner **Intello** (Galileo) for £25,000, and Europe's best sprinter of 2013 not named Moonlight Cloud, dual G1 winner **Lethal Force**, from the first crop of Dark Angel's first crop. He'll stand for £12,500.

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The U.S. dollar seems a little weak these days: at this writing, one Euro is equal to \$1.37, and the British pound is trading at \$1.64. That makes Declaration of War's top retiring stud fee among all North American and European stallions the equivalent of \$54,800. By the sire phenomenon War Front, who is apparently Danzig reincarnated, Declaration of War was two-for-two for owner Joe Allen and trainer Jean-Claude Rouget as a 2-year-old in 2011. The Coolmore team, which has done quite a bit of War Front business with Joe Allen in the last few years (for example, G2 Coventry S. and G1 Dewhurst S. winner War Command this year), bought in to Declaration of War, and initially sent him to Todd Pletcher in the U.S.; however, after sustaining an injury there, he re-surfaced at Ballydoyle at the back-end of 2012. He made three starts for Aidan O'Brien at three, winning two, including the G3 Diamond S. over 10 1/2 furlongs at Dundalk, which took his record on all-weather surfaces to three-for-three. When he came back as a 4-year-old this year, after winning a one-mile listed race at Leopardstown and running a distant fifth as the favorite behind Farhh in the one-mile G1 Lockinge S., his next six starts were all in top Group 1 company at distances between eight 10 furlongs, and resulted in two wins (the one-mile Queen Anne S. at Royal Ascot and the 10 1/2-furlong Juddmonte International S. at York); and one second (to Al Kazeem in the 10-furlong Eclipse S.).


He had two thirds (to Toronado in the one-mile Sussex S. at Goodwood and the 10-furlong Breeders' Cup Classic on the dirt at Santa Anita, beaten a nose and a head by Mucho Macho Man and Will Take Charge); and one fourth, beaten two lengths by Moonlight Cloud in the one-mile Prix Jacques le Marois at Deauville. Trainer O'Brien compared him to Giant's Causeway and described him as incredibly tough --a fair assessment, since he ran in six Group 1 races in the span of 4 1/2 months, and six times ran Racing Post Ratings (RPR) of 122-124.



Camelot *Racing Post*

Camelot was Montjeu's fourth winner of the G1 Epsom Derby (following Motivator, Authorized, and Pour Moi), but he was his only Guineas winner--in fact, he was his only Group 1 winner at a mile as a 3-year-old or older. So it's fair to say, for a Montjeu, he had a lot of speed. We don't hear so much bleating any more about the top 3-year-olds not staying in training, and the big operations like Coolmore being more concerned about the almighty dollar than being sportsmen, but Camelot is an example of such well-intentioned decisions costing them money. **Cont. p6**





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For reasons I will never understand, because I am not a European native, after winning his first five starts, including the G1 Racing Post Trophy, G1 English 2000 Guineas, G1 Epsom Derby, and G1 Irish Derby, Coolmore decided to go for this so-called English Triple Crown last won by Nijinsky II (who was then beaten in the Arc) in 1972, and targeted Camelot for the G1 English St Leger. If that's a real Triple Crown, then I'm a banana. In the event Camelot was outstayed by Encke (Kingmambo), from the yard of ex-Godolphin trainer Mahmoud Al-Zarooni (and who has never run again). Camelot closed out his season with a tame seventh, on very soft ground, in the 2012 G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe won by Solemia. Having undergone colic surgery last October, Camelot wasn't the same horse at four this year, winning the G3 Mooresbridge S. at the Curragh before being beaten twice by Al Kazeem when second in the G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup and fourth in the G1 Prince of Wales's S. at Royal Ascot before being retired. If he's as good as he looked in his first five starts, his opening fee of €25,000 (about \$34,250) could prove a real bargain.

Darley also houses two of the seven retiring for \$20,000+ in Europe. More expensive of the two is Europe's top 2012 2-year-old Dawn Approach, one of two Classic winners (along with G1 Epsom Oaks winner Talent) from New Approach's first crop; he will stand at Kildangan (Ireland) for €35,000 (about \$47,950). Bred, owned, and trained by New Approach's trainer, Jim Bolger, and like him sold to Godolphin, Dawn Approach was already winning his fourth race when he captured Royal Ascot's G2 Coventry S. in June of his 2-year-old year. He only started twice more at two last



Dawn Approach *Racing Post*

year, winning both the G1 National S. in Ireland and the G1 Dewhurst S. in England, both at seven furlongs, and, like his sire, finished the year as the unbeaten champion 2-Year-Old of Europe. He won the G1 English 2000 Guineas by five lengths in his first start this year, but was then sent to contest the G1 Epsom Derby at 12 furlongs. He pulled like the proverbial train, ran no sort of race, and finished virtually tailed off. But Bolger brought him back 17 days later to win an epic battle with Toronado in the G1 St James's Palace S. at Royal Ascot. Toronado reversed the placings in the G1 Sussex at Goodwood, but after he bounced back from his Derby misadventure to win the St James's, he was unbeaten in eight starts up to a mile. Serious horse.

Farhh didn't have a lot of racing, but he made it count when he did. He won his only start at two and his only start at three (in October, 15 months later), then a small handicap at Thirsk in his first start at four, in 2012. **Cont. p7**

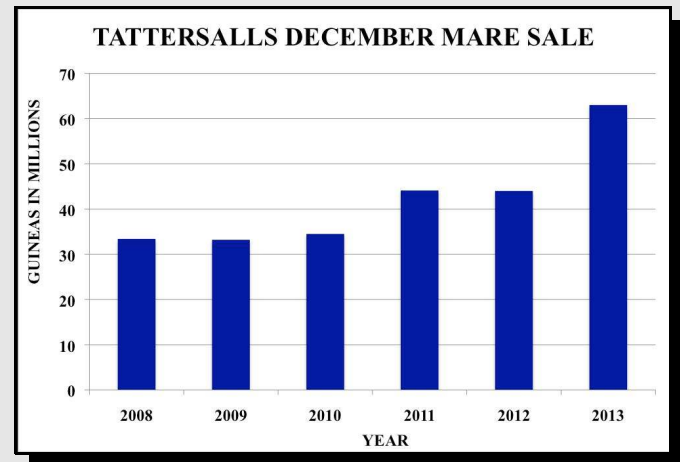
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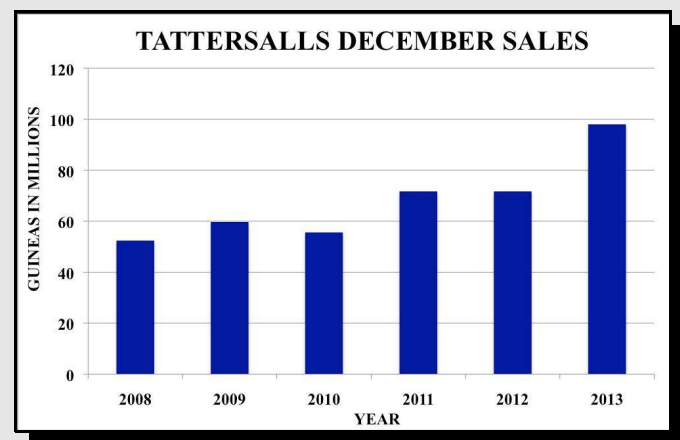
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2010	1,096	888	644	19.0%	72.5%	72.5%	34,544,800	53,641
2009	984	792	628	19.5%	79.3%	79.3%	33,197,700	52,863
2008	1,230	904	610	26.5%	67.5%	67.5%	33,355,150	54,681



TATTERSALLS DECEMBER TOTAL SALE (IN GUINEAS)

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
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2009	2,183	1,780	1,399	18.5%	78.6%	64.1%	66,251,602	47,356
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Data compiled by Brianne Stanley



Farhh ran four seconds and one third in his next five starts, all in Group 1s at a mile to 10 furlongs: third to So You Think in the G1 Prince of Wales's S. (10f) at Royal Ascot; second to Nathaniel in the G1 Eclipse S. (10f) at Sandown; second twice to Frankel, in the one-mile G1 Sussex at Goodwood (six lengths), and in the 10 1/2-furlong G1 Juddmonte International at York (seven lengths). He then closed out 2012 with a second to Moonlight Cloud in the one-mile G1 Prix du Moulin de Longchamp. Farhh came back to win both his starts at five this year:

by four lengths in the G1 Lockinge at Newbury in May; then, after a five-month layoff, he came back to win the G1 Champion S. over Cirrus des Aigles on British Champions Day. He had the form, did Farhh, and looks quite reasonably priced by the Darley team, at £17,500, at Dalham Hall in Newmarket.



Farhh *Racing Post*

Speaking of 5-year-olds, let's have a look at Al Kazeem, who was trained by Roger Charlton for his breeder John Deer. He has since been purchased for stud duties by the Royal Studs, which has put together a high-powered syndicate, which notably includes Sheikh Joaan bin Hamad Al-Thani. This is good: Al Kazeem was a really good horse, and deserves a serious shot at stud. A winner in his second start at two, he progressed at three to finish the season with



Al Kazeem *Racing Post*

three runner-up efforts in Group races at 11 to 12 furlongs, and came back at four to win the G2 Jockey Club S. at 12 furlongs at the Guineas meeting in May, but was then injured and had to miss the rest of the year. He then came back this year, after nearly a year's layoff, to beat Thomas Chippendale in the G3 Gordon Richards S. at Sandown, then went on a three-race 10-furlong tear, winning the G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup at The Curragh (over Camelot); the G1 Prince of Wales's S. at Royal Ascot; and the G1 Eclipse S. back at Sandown, on this occasion defeating Declaration of War. He was then third to Declaration of War at York, and second to The Fugue in the G1 Irish Champion S. before closing out with a soft-ground sixth in this year's 'Arc', won by Treve. By Dubawi out of a Darshaan mare and with his second dam by The Minstrel, he fits a lot of pedigrees and is sure to be popular at his £18,000 (about \$29,340) fee. **Cont. p8**

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Cheveley Park Stud, home of Pivotal and Medicean, has stepped up its stallion acquisition of late, and debuts two very promising prospects. The more expensive is the highly sought-after 3-year-old Intello, by Galileo out of GSW & MG1SP Impressionnante (Danehill)--a daughter of Occupansdiste (Kaldoun {Fr})--who won the G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest and G1 Prix de la Foret for the Wertheimers. Trained by the incomparable Andre Fabre, Intello won the G1 Prix du Jockey Club-French Derby at 2100 meters. (10 1/2 furlongs), but also placed third in the one-mile G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains (French 2000 Guineas) to Style Vendome, and third to Treve in the 'Arc' at 12 furlongs. He'll stand for £25,000 (about \$40,750), and the plan is for him to do two seasons at Cheveley Park, then return to the Haras du Quesnay in France for the next two seasons.



Intello
Racing Post

Also retiring to Cheveley Park is the crack sprinter Lethal Force. A shock 25-1 winner of the G2 Hungerford S. (seven furlongs) at three in 2012, he ran three races this year which stamped him as Europe's



Lethal Force
Racing Post

leading male sprinter, decisively winning the G1 Diamond Jubilee S. at Royal Ascot and the G1 July Cup at Newmarket (Society Rock second in both), before finishing 1 3/4-lengths second to Moonlight Cloud in the G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest at Deauville. That is

outstanding form. Lethal Force will stand for £12,000 (about \$20,375) and, given his speed and his sire line (Dark Angel is the best sire son of Acclamation), he should prove a really popular 'commercial' horse with breeders and pinhookers.

Three other stallions retire for either €10,000 or €12,000. At the latter price is **Style Vendome**, from Anabaa's last crop and the winner of this year's G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains for Sheikh Joaan. He will be one of the new stallions at the Sheikh's Haras de Bouquetot, along with **Planteur** (Danehill Dancer), winner of the G1 Prix Ganay and third in the G1 Dubai World Cup; he will stand for €6,000. At €10,000 will be **Reckless Abandon** (Exchange Rate), unbeaten winner of five races as a 2-year-old last year, including the G1 Middle Park S.--he will be at Kildangan for Darley; and dual G1 winner **Maxios** (Monsun), who we reviewed last week, one of four very promising stallions retiring to Germany for 2014. He goes to Gestut Fahrhof. **Click [here](#) for a table of stallions retiring to stud in 2014.** Bill Oppenheim may be contacted at bopp@erb.com (please cc TDN management at suefinley@thoroughbreddailynews.com). Follow him on Twitter at www.twitter.com/billoppenheim.

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SHARED BELIEF (A) (Candy Ride)	BHP	10 Nov	7F	99
GIANCARLO (Tapit)	CRC	07 Dec	6F	98
GROUPTHINK (Majestic Warrior)	AQU	07 Dec	6F	95
UNCLE SIGH (Indian Charlie)	AQU	07 Dec	6F	95

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1	Majestic Warrior	8	14	\$4,622,641
2	Midnight Lute	6	7	\$4,323,238
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Letters
TO THE EDITOR

BARRY IRWIN
CEO, Team Valor

I read Stephanie Preston's letter to the editor in Tuesday's TDN ([click here](#)).

My objection to the use of Lasix is not based on whether the product works as intended, but on the idea that no drugs should be allowed on race day.

Even if a scientific study proves that the drug is the greatest thing since sliced bread (not to mention "toasted" sliced bread, my personal favorite!), I am still against its use, based on the notion that if horses cannot compete without Lasix, I humbly suggest that racing is no longer a viable proposition on a sporting or humane level.

By studying Lasix's effectiveness, well-intended professionals such as Ms. Preston are simply playing into the hands of those folks who want to continue to drug our racehorses.

Bully for Preston for earning her doctorate, and good on her for wanting to help the breed, but I suggest that spending energy studying Lasix is counterproductive.

STEPHANIE PRESTON, Msc, PhD

Dear Editor: Mr. Irwin's opinion demonstrates that he and I have arrived at the same conclusion for different reasons using different methods. Instead of opinions alone determining industry policy, I am simply advocating the use of scientific methodology to evaluate opinions utilizing evidence-based medical research to arrive at policies that have validity. I welcome discussion combined with evidence anytime. Thanks for the opportunity to share.

A # will distinguish first-time stakes-winners, a @ will indicate first-time graded stakes-winners, a ▲ will denote a first-time Grade/Group 1 winner, a + will indicate first-time starters, an (S) will be used for state-bred races, a (C) will be used for maiden-claiming races and an (R) will be used for other restricted races.

SYNTHETIC SURFACES IN NORTH AMERICA

Track	All-Weather Surface
Arlington Park	Polytrack
Del Mar	Polytrack
Keeneland	Polytrack
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IN OTHER NEWS...

A Daily Roundup of Racing Articles in Other Media

[Time for racing leaders to get their heads out of the sand](#) The forces opposed to drugs in horse racing now have their poster child - or poster horse if you will. The recent Congressional hearing on the subject will not be the last time you hear the name Coronado Heights bandied about. **Tom Noonan, tenoonan.com.**

[Horse racing has problems, but trainer Bob Baffert isn't one of them](#) Horse racing has problems, which is like saying rain makes the grass wet. It is a sport in which the toothache never goes away. Conversely, it has its moments, its shots of adrenaline. **Bill Dwyre, Los Angeles Times.**

[Victor Carrasco keeps the future, and present, in focus](#) Victor Carrasco's ascent to the top of horse racing's apprentice rider ranks has been as rapid as it was unlikely. It's hard to imagine that less than a year ago, Carrasco booked a trip from Puerto Rico to Florida, equipped with nothing more than the dream of being a successful jockey. **Dan Tordman, theracingbiz.com.**

[Racing cops a bloodied nose](#) The colour, the excitement, the lure of easy money that draws crowds to horse racing are once again at the centre of the greatest threat to face the industry. **The Herald Sun.**

[My Sportsman: Jockey Gary Stevens](#) After a seven-year hiatus, Gary Stevens came out of retirement last January and has won 66 races in 2013 so far. **Tom Beech, SportsIllustrated.cnn.com**

UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

Date	Race	Track
Dec. 14	GI CashCall Futurity	BHP
	GII Hollywood Turf Cup	BHP
	GIII Native Diver S.	BHP
	GIII Sugar Swirl S.	GP
Dec. 15	GIII Valedictory S.	WO
Dec. 21	GIII Dania Beach S.	GP
Dec. 26	GI Malibu S.	SA
	GI La Brea S.	SA
	GII Sir Beaufort S.	SA
Dec. 28	GIII La Prevoyante H.	CRC
	GIII W.L. McKnight H.	CRC
	GIII Mr. Prospector S.	GP
	GIII Daytona S.	SA
Dec. 29	GIII Robert J. Frankel S.	SA
Jan. 4	GI Santa Ynez S.	SA
	GII San Gabriel S.	SA
	GII Jeroma S.	AQU
	GIII Marshua's River S.	GP
Jan. 5	GIII Old Hat S.	GP
	GII Monrovia S.	SA
Jan. 11	GII Ft. Lauderdale S.	GP
	GII San Pasquale S.	SA
	GIII Sham S.	SA
	GIII Hal's Hope S.	GP
	GII Strub S.	SA
Jan. 18	GIII Col. E.R. Bradley H.	FG
	GIII Lecomte S.	FG
	GII La Canada S.	SA

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Sire	2013 Yearling Avg.	2014 Stud Fee
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SYMPOSIUM KICKS OFF IN ARIZONA

by Sandra Lynn Childress

The 40th annual Global Symposium on Racing and Gaming opened Tuesday morning with remarks from Doug Reed, Program Director of the University of Arizona's Race Track Industry Program. Reed referenced that "global" is an important part of the name of the symposium, as attendance by international attendees has continued to increase since the event's inception. The first symposium started with 45 attendees. Since then, it has become the largest racing conference in the United States. UA's RTIP started with industry funding and Reed expressed gratitude for the industry's continued support and participation as the event is by sponsors and not university dollars. Special acknowledgment of Sport Tech, this year's Diamond Sponsor, and to new sponsor, Horse Races Now, as well as the other sponsors was made. Reed took time to recognize the symposium team: Chuck Sterling, Wendy Davis, Liz Braken, Betty Prewitt and Denise Pharris. He wrapped up his remarks by thanking the students for their volunteer work and asked those in attendance to take a moment to reach out to them as "your sharing equals teaching the future leaders of our industry."

He then introduced Shane C. Burgess, Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at the University of Arizona. Dean Burgess announced the School of Animal and Biomedical Comparative Sciences (<http://acbs.cals.arizona.edu/>) just launched.

"With 980 students currently enrolled, it is expected to reach 1,600 within two years and become the powerhouse school on campus. RTIP will be a core of it." Burgess then welcomed everyone on behalf of University President Ann Weaver Hart and senior vice president of academic affairs and Provost Andrew C. Comrie. His remarks noted that, "The world has changed with our new reality...big changes to education, multiple careers. People getting back into the industry or starting out new. This is an industry with a lot flux. This conference is a great place: job fair, mentors, capstone presentations."

Key Note Address from Kay

Dean Burgess then introduced Key Note speaker Christopher Kay, Chief Executive Officer and President of the New York Racing Association.

Kay's opening remarks focused on improving the guest experience and ways to attract and keep fans. "When we can connect people to the great people of this sport, we succeed," Kay said. "Focus on your guests...treat them as our guests. Our fans are the life blood of our industry."

He then presented evidence of the success of NYRA's new marketing strategy, with attendance at Aqueduct's fall meet up 2.3% so far this year, as well as in handle--Saratoga's summer meet had its second highest handle.

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While attendance was down at the Saratoga meeting, Kay said, "Attendance doesn't spend money. People do." Kay pointed out that merchandise purchases at Saratoga were up, with an increase of over 12% and 15.2% with the inclusion of special anniversary merchandise.

Kay's comments continued on focusing on those demographics which spend the money: 18-34-year-olds and women. He closed with, "We know that what is good for our guests, is good for the bottom line."

The first session of the day was a presentation on the Esquire Network reality show, HORSEPLAYERS. Those in attendance were treated to two extended clips that are in production, as well as the two-minute trailer that will debut in the coming weeks. As a reality show focused on the Esquire Network and Magazine's demographic of males, under 40, and an annual average income of \$117,000, the goal is to open up the world of racing and handicapping to those with disposable incomes.



Christopher Kay
Denise Pharris

The reaction by those present was enthusiastic. The second session was one on numbers. Our industry is driven by data and how each of us wants to interpret the figures. Horse owner, trainer, or handicapper--there is a different need for each. The panelists spoke on how each of their companies was trying to solve a unique problem on how to "digest the data." Whether it's change how you look at the numbers (jockey stats vs. horse stats) or using colors and simplified graphics for the new fan, there seemed to be a consensus by those on the panel, as well as in the audience, that the "phonebook of data" is too unwieldy, even for those in the industry.

The morning wrapped up with an awards luncheon. Wendy Davis presented the following awards:

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The John K. Goodman Alumni Award to Martin Panza, Senior Vice President, NYRA. This honor is bestowed upon one of the RTIP's many distinguished alumni who has made an outstanding contribution to the industry. The award is named in honor of John K. Goodman, a founding father of the Race Track Industry Program who has provided direction and support to the program since its inception.



**Wendy Davis, Martin Panza, Liz Braken, John K Goodman & Doug Reed
Denise Pharris**

Distinguished Student Award to Claudia Koehler:

The distinguished student award goes to the RTIP student or students who the faculty feels best embodies the qualities and performance that represent the goal of the Program--to bridge education with opportunity. The award recognizes academic and personal growth and achievement.

The Turf Publicists of America presented a \$2,000 scholarship to Randy Olsen. "It is more important than ever that our industry encourages the bright, young minds that could help to keep racing in the public eye for decades to come," TPA President Mandy Minger said in presenting the inaugural scholarship to the Californian junior.

Lastly, Chris Lincoln presented the Big Sport of Turfdom Award. While Gary Stevens was the recipient, he was a "late scratch" and unable to attend. His longtime friend Amy Zimmerman accepted the award on his behalf and read remarks from the Hall of Fame jockey.



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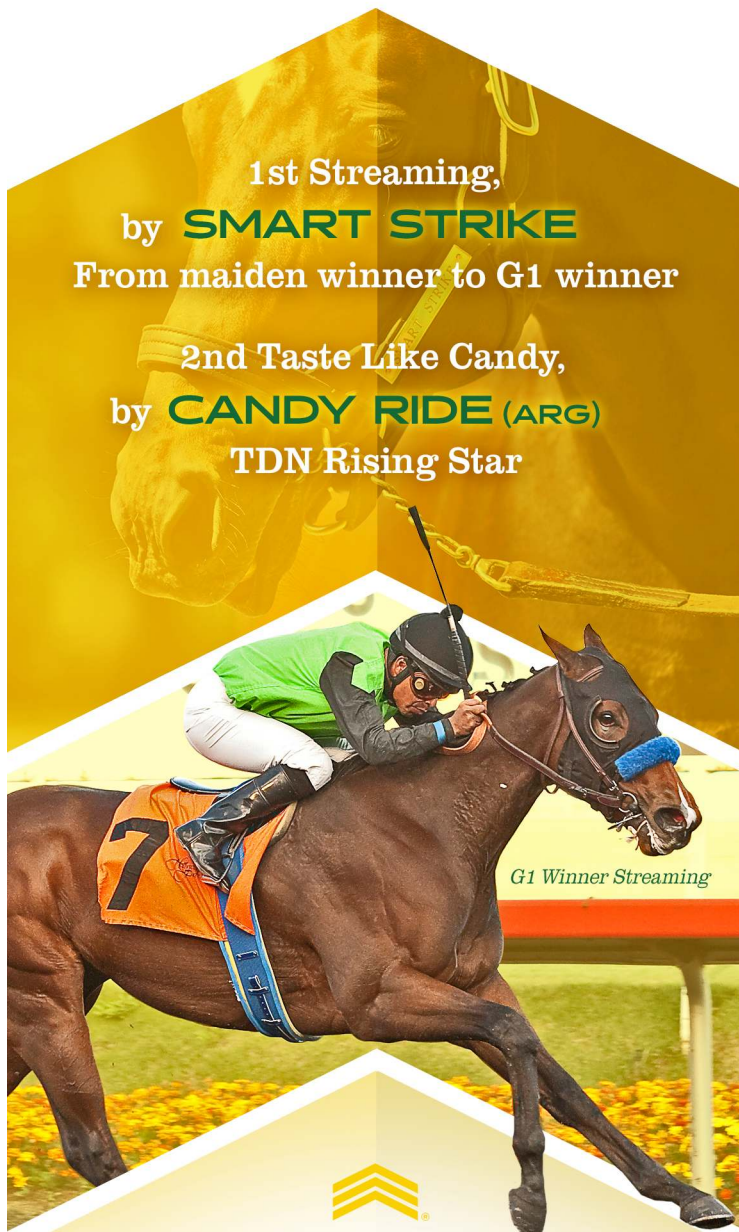
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FASIG TOPPER NICE SURPRISE

By Catlyn Spivey

Monday's Fasig-Tipton December Mixed Sale in Timonium, Maryland continued market success when multiple stakes winning three-year-old filly **Mystic Love** (Not For Love) topped the sale at \$100,000. Bill Reightler, who also consigned the filly, signed the ticket on behalf of Greenmount Farm's Angie and Sabrina Moore.



Mystic Love
Jim McCue

"Sabrina is Angie's daughter and Sabrina works the sale for us," explained Reightler. "An hour before the sale, Angie came to me and asked about the Not For Love filly that Sabrina was crazy about. She was talking about Mystic Love. I told her that she would be a great buy. She could race and would make a great broodmare. Angie told me she wanted to buy the filly, but asked me to not tell her daughter. I told her she would cost between \$75,000 and \$100,000. She had a lot of interest, and she prevailed."

Trainer Francis Campitelli conditioned Mystic Love in all ten of her starts, including wins in the Selima S. at Laurel and the Dania Beach S. at Gulfstream last year. She was most recently third in the Geisha S. at Laurel Park Nov. 9, resulting in lifetime earnings of \$196,310.

"I recommended they send her right back to Francis Campitelli," said Reightler. "So she went right back to Laurel Park. I think they are going to ship her to Florida to spend the winter at Gulfstream."

Reightler was intrigued by the daughter of Not For Love from the beginning and expected big things in the ring.

"I thought she was outstanding," he said. "A very nicely balanced 16.3-hand filly. She is perfectly conformed. Just a purely outstanding, athletic filly. She X-rayed and scoped clean and her pedigree had some depth to it. Hopefully, they will have a little fun racing her and she will be a nice broodmare."

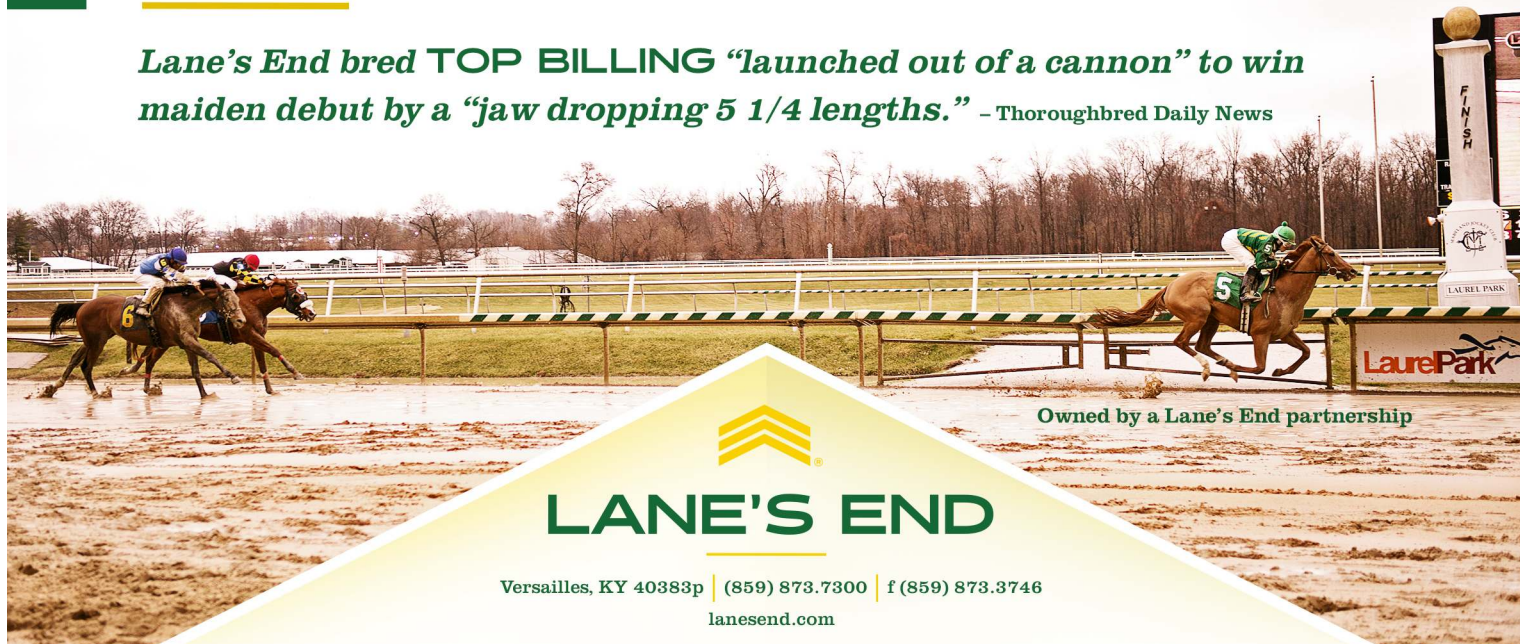
With the help of Mystic Love, the Fasig-Tipton December Mixed sale boasted gains across the board when compared to 2012. The average improved 38.8% from last year and the median was up 25%. A total of 133 horses sold for a total of \$1,516,700. Reightler was the sale's leading consignor and was satisfied with the current market in the Mid-Atlantic.

"I thought the market was fine," said Reightler. "Naturally we didn't have the sire power, so we could have used a few more Kentucky sires to get the commercial bidders interested. The horses that ticked all the boxes were competitive to buy. The median and average were up, so I thought we had a fine sale."

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“Instant Racing” Bill Under Review by NJ Legislature:

A New Jersey state Senate committee Monday released a bill giving approval for instant racing. The bill, which still needs the approval of both the legislature and Governor Christie, would pave the way for fans to place wagers on historic races. Right now, the only type of race that can be bet on is live racing in New Jersey. Instant racing has proven popular in Kentucky and Arkansas.

Meadowlands Racetrack operator Jeff Gural supported the bill in a statement to the Senate committee. “Instant racing allows for the horse racing industry to keep up with the times through the use of new technology,” Gural said in the statement. “As competition continues to mount on all borders, instant racing will help us to compete with our neighbors whose purses and breeding programs are enhanced by slots. Instant racing offers a possible new path towards a more sustainable future for New Jersey horse racing.”

Brookdale Farm’s Broodmare Nastique Has Died:

Brookdale Farm General Manager Fred Seitz Jr. reported the death of four-time Grade I stakes winner **Nastique** (Naskra--La Fantastique by Le Fabuleux) at Brookdale due to the infirmities of old age. “Nastique died just three weeks short of her 30th birthday. Her four Grade I stakes wins included the GI Ladies H, the GI Matriarch S., and the GI Delaware H. twice over three years of racing. As a broodmare she produced 12 foals; two stakes winners, and the dams of five SW’s,” commented Seitz. “Nastique was not only a top-class race mare, a wonderful broodmare, but also a loyal and faithful servant right to the end, acting as baby-sitter and companion to numerous fillies off the track and many weanlings. She will be missed and has been buried at Brookdale.”

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BETFAIR HOLLYWOOD PARK

Customer Base (Lemon Drop Kid), 5f, 1:01.20, 9/29
My Happy Face (Tiz Wonderful), 4f, :49.40, 13/30

PALM MEADOWS

Bourbon Courage (Lion Heart), 4f, :50.00, 16/28
Rydilluc (Medaglia d’Oro), 3f, :38.80, 1/5
Revolutionary (War Pass), 5f, 1:02.20, 7/12

FAIR GROUNDS

Prayer for Relief (Jump Start), 5f, 1:01.80, 5/18



Saturday Cancellations
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(due to inclement weather)

BRIS Speed Ratings

Top Weekly Stakes Races

Horse	Sire	Race	BRIS Speed
Point Finish	Point Given	Claiming Crown Iron Horse S.	106
Speaking of Which (IRE)	Invincible Spirit (IRE)	Tropical Turf H.-G3	103
Ullapool	Langfuhr	Garland of Roses S.	103
Broken Sword	Broken Vow	Bayakoa S.-G2	102
Deanaallen'skitten	Kitten's Joy	Tiara S.	100
Star Harbour	Indian Charlie	Sunshine State S.	100
Eighttofasttocatch	Not for Love	Broad Brush S.	99
Goodtimehadbyall	Quiet American	Rapid Transit S.	99
Centrique	Malibu Moon	Claiming Crown Glass Slipper S.	98
L. A. Weekend	Tribal Rule	Caballos Del Sol S.	98
Boat Trip	Harlan's Holiday	Hollywood Turf Express H.	97
Csaba	Kitten's Joy	Fred W. Hooper H.-G3	97
Joint Custody	Outflanker	Marylander S.	97
Willet	Jump Start	Touch of Love S.	97
Ribo Bobo	Louis Quatorze	Claiming Crown Express S.	96
Ultimate Destiny	Dance to Destiny	Sir Barton S.	95
Time Iz Flyin	Early Flyer	My DandyTexas Stallion S.	94
Jose Sea View	Badge of Silver	Display S.	92
Cool Cowboy	Kodiak Kowboy	Inaugural S.	91
Dreamin Big	Pure Prize	Holiday Inaugural S.	91
Hush's Storm	Attila's Storm	Johnie L. Jamison H.	91
Nevada Kid	Silver Train	Claiming Crown Jewel S.	91
Valiant Girl (GB)	Lemon Drop Kid	My Charmer H.-G3	91

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Kettle Corn Retired:

Multiple graded stakes winner **Kettle Corn** (Candy Ride {Arg}--Somethingbeautiful, by Lil E. Tee) has been retired to Fair Winds Farm in Waynesville, Ohio after suffering a ligament injury. The 6-year-old will stand for \$3,000 stands and nurses in a deal brokered by Conor Foley's Oracle Bloodstock. Kettle Corn, owned by Lee and Susan Searing's CRK Stable, won this year's GII San Diego H. as well as the 2011 GIII Native Dancer H. Kettle Corn placed in three Grade I events and earned a total of \$853,361, with eight wins from 26 starts. Most recently, he finished second to Game On Dude (Awesome Again) in the GI TVG Pacific Classic S. Aug. 25 at Del Mar.

Kimpton "Kim" Williams, owner of Fair Winds Farm, has high hopes for the colt. "I can't think of a more talented racehorse to ever retire to Ohio," said Williams. "We have already sold several Share the Upsides to some of our longtime clients and many friends and breeders from Kentucky have already contacted us about breeding to him ever since we finalized the deal late last month. We look forward to breeding many of our own mares to him as well."

Trainer John Sadler campaigned Kettle Corn in all his graded successes and is hopeful for his future. "Kettle Corn was a very talented horse who ran hard every time I put a saddle on him," he said. "I know the owners [CRK stable] and myself will be supporting him at stud."



ROOKIES

First-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, December 11

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2010 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*
BEHINDATTHEBAR (Forest Wildcat), Le Mesa Stallions, \$3K, 27/1/0
 3-DED, Msw, 6 1/2f, Only Alec, \$1,000 JF2 YO 2yo, 20-1
TWO STEP SALSA (Petionville), Get Away Farm, \$5K, 51/9/0
 3-DED, Msw, 6 1/2f, Uncle Carl, \$1,000 RNA ESL YRL yrl, 8-1

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At the close of play, Arqana Chairman Eric Hoyeau commented, "The year has concluded on a very positive note and is in line with the trend observed in the bloodstock market at the end of year. Figures have reached an unprecedented level, with a strong increase of 32% in turnover and a clearance rate of nearly 81%. Demand was very strong for all mare and foal profiles and the sale once again demonstrated its ability to maximise the value of quality horses, with 64 lots sold for €100,000 or more, compared to 40 last year; studs such as Wertheimer & Frere and The Aga Khan Studs were very aware of this, selling almost exclusively at Deauville."

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AMERICA'S BEST SELLERS...TAYLOR MADE

CORRECTION: Freshman sire **Parading** (Pulpit) was represented by his ninth winner when Nanchinnon broke his maiden at Nakayama in Japan Saturday. We regret the error.

France

HERMIVAL SALE HIGHLIGHTS DECEMBER FINALE

Arqana's Breeding Stock Sale came to a conclusion yesterday with a session that featured the one-time Classic placegetter **Hermival (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}), who led proceedings when selling for €130,000. Offered as hip **807b** by trainer Mikel Delzangles as a potential sire prospect, the 4-year-old was third behind Camelot (GB) (Montjeu {Ire}) in last year's G1 2,000 Guineas before finishing runner-up in the G1 St James's Palace S. in Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Thani's silks. Unable to win this term, he will stand in Morocco according to buyer Marc-Antoine Berghracht, who saw off competition from Philippe Jousset to purchase him on behalf of the Jockey Club, Societe Royale d'Encouragement du Cheval (SOREC). That organisation also secured the preceding lot, the 14-year-old **Shaanmer (Ire)** (Darshaan {GB}), for a mere €10,000.

"He's a lovely colt that was a top-class performer," Berghracht told the *Racing Post*, referring to Hermival. "I think he will make a great addition to the stallion ranks, where he will join the likes of Jan Vermeer, Chinchon and Russian Cross." As expected, the sale ended with record figures for the second year in succession, with the average of €38,532 up by 18% and the median of €13,000 rising by 8%.

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Catalogued	151	145
No. Offered	120	118
No. Sold	88	74
RNAs	32	44
% RNAs	26.7%	37.3%
Gross	€878,000	€728,500
Average (% change)	€9,977 (+1.3%)	€9,845
Median (% change)	€6,000 (-7.7%)	€6,500

<u>CUMULATIVE</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Catalogued	954	930
No. Offered	846	814
No. Sold	686	598
RNAs	160	216
% RNAs	18.9%	26.5%
Gross	€26,433,000	€19,561,500
Average (% change)	€38,532 (+17.8%)	€32,712
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December Sale cont.

He continued, "This superb breeding stock sale is the highlight of an outstanding season which generated a turnover of €105,420,200, a figure which experienced tremendous growth of 22%; 3,142 horses were presented for sale in 2013 and almost 79.5% of them changed hands for an average price of €42,219, up by 14.5% compared to last year. This success is mainly attributed it to all our vendors, and in particular to French breeders and professionals, who trusted us and whom we would like to thank. Overall, all our sales were able to attract a very international audience, particularly the December and August auctions. The latter, which posted a record average sale price of €134,622, can also boast being the only European Sale to have sold four 7-figure yearlings."

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-FLX, \$22,000, NW2L, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:50 2/5, ft.

ELTISH CHARMER (f, 4, Eltish--Three's a Charm, by Three Coins Up) Lifetime Record: 14-2-4-3, \$43,330. O-Edgar D Prindle. B-William Niarakis Jr (NY). T-Joseph E Marino.

9th-FLX, \$21,600, NW3YX, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:47 3/5, ft.

FOX RULES (g, 4, Roman Ruler--Shesastonecoldfox {MSW \$216,409}, by Foxhound) Lifetime Record: SW, 23-7-2-2, \$292,333. O-Langpap Stables. B-Dennis & Deborah Petrisak (NY). T-M Anthony Ferraro. *\$58,000 RNA wlng '09 FTKNOV. ** 1/2 to Elusive Fox (E Dubai), SP, \$168,950.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Zeruiah, f, 2, Wilko--Calico Flower, by Bertrando. MNR, 12-9, 6f, 1:14 4/5. B-Sun Valley Farm (KY). *\$9,000 wlng '11 KEENOV.

INDIAN CREEK SALES GRADUATE

Spotlight Miss, f, 3, Minister Eric--Spotlight Dance, by Miswaki. SUN, 12-10, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:18. B-Diamond A Racing Corp (NM). *\$2,000 yrl '11 RUIAUG.



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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Butte Montmartre (Fr), f, 2, Montmartre (Fr)--Dark Beauty (GB), by Singspiel (Ire). Marseille-Pont-de-Vivieux, France, 12-10, Mdn, 2yo, f, 1 1/4mT. B-Antoine Capozzi.

Sage Bird (Fr), c, 2, Sageburg (Ire)--Kangrina (GB), by Acatenango (Ger). Marseille Pont-de-Vivieux, France, 12-10, Mdn, 2yo, c/g, 1 1/4mT. B-EARL Elevage des Loges.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY...

December 11, 1983...John Henry became the first racehorse to surpass \$4 million in career earnings when he won the Hollywood Turf Cup.

December 12, 1942...1941 Triple Crown winner Whirlaway wins the first Louisiana H. His appearance at Fair Grounds was part of a war relief effort developed by the newly formed Thoroughbred Racing Associations.

December 13, 1986...Jockey Kent Desormeaux picked up his first stakes win, riding Godbey to victory in the Maryland City H. at Laurel.

December 15, 1973...Sandy Hawley became the first jockey in history to win 500 races in a single year when he rode Charlie Jr. to victory in the third race at Laurel Racecourse.

December 17, 1936...Crooner Bing Crosby announced plans to construct a new racetrack, to be called the Del Mar Turf Club.

December 17, 1993...Fire destroyed the 122-year-old grandstand of Fair Grounds, the nation's third-oldest racetrack.

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