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FARMS UNITE IN HORSE COUNTRY

by Michele MacDonald


After more than two years of working together privately and obtaining advice from organizations including the Walt Disney Co.'s Disney Institute, a group of America's leading Thoroughbred studs and nurseries on Jan. 14 unveiled plans for a landmark project to unlock their gates and promote horse breeding and racing to fans. Currently called Horse Country Inc. and funded by an initial \$10,000 pledge from each of 24 stakeholders, the project could take off with farm tours and other horse-related experiences this fall in conjunction with the first running of the Breeders' Cup at Keeneland Race Course. "This is just the beginning. We have a lot



Headley Bell
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to do," said Headley Bell of Mill Ridge Farm and Nicoma Bloodstock, one of nine board members of the organization, which was legally created in papers filed with the Kentucky Secretary of State in June 2014 as a 501(c)6 non-profit sports league. **Cont. p3**

From the desk of...



BILL OPPENHEIM

THREE MORE TOP 50'S

Last week we looked at the top 50 sires with 200+ year-starters ('runners') 2008-2014 by the signature APEX A Runner Index ([click here](#)). This week we'd like to look at three more Top 50's, as well as sires with first foals 2010 (4-year-olds of 2014) and 2011 (3-year-olds of 2014). As we mentioned last week, when you look at the quantity of A Runners since 2008, Coolmore's **Galileo** is really in a class of his own, with 149 A Runners (keep in mind one horse can be counted as a separate A Runner each year it reaches the relevant A Runner earnings threshold) ([click here](#)). Coolmore's Kentucky arm, Ashford, stands **Giant's Causeway** (114), who is nearly as far clear of the third-ranking sire of 2008-2014 A Runners, Juddmonte's **Dansili** (90). WinStar's **Speightstown** and Lane's End's **Smart Strike** are tied for fourth, with 89 each. The top 10 is rounded out by: Coolmore's **Montjeu** (died 2012, 85); a three-way tie among Darley's **Medaglia d'Oro**, Juddmonte's **Oasis Dream**, and Coolmore's now-retired **Danehill Dancer**, each with 78; and Gainesway's 2014 Leading North American sire, **Tapit** (76). **Cont. p5**

COBALT CRISIS DEEPENS IN AUSTRALIA

by Alix Choppin

Three of the top 10 trainers in Victoria are now subject to investigations into excess levels of cobalt chloride found in race-day samples taken from a total of five horses last October and November.

Melbourne Cup-winning trainer Mark Kavanagh was notified that the urine sample taken from Magicool (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) following the gelding's victory in the Listed UCI S. Oct. 4, had tested positive. The Flemington-based



Mark Kavanagh
 Racing Victoria photo

handler commented in a statement, "This has come as a complete shock to me as I have always placed great emphasis on integrity and operating within the rules of racing. We are, unfortunately, not the only stable in this situation. I am cooperating fully with the Racing Victoria Integrity Services Department to investigate how this could occur, and hopefully we will resolve the matter as soon as possible."

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Numbers Dip at KEEJAN

After a rock-solid Book 1 kept pace well from last year, Keeneland January saw declines during yesterday's Book 2 opener in Lexington. The session average of \$16,836, from 242 horses sold, was down 30.4%, from \$24,200. The median of \$8,250 was off 45%, from \$15,000. That tugged down the cumulative average, which stands at \$45,925--off 5% from a year ago. The cumulative median, \$23,000, is down 9.8%.



Keeneland Photo

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Race of the Week

Christie DeBernardis takes a closer look at Whispering Oaks Farm's Four Leaf Chief (Lookin at Lucky) ahead of Saturday's GIII Lecomte S. at Fair Grounds.

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Close Hatches to Tapit

Juddmonte Farms' Close Hatches (First Defence), likely to be named 2014 champion older mare Saturday, will visit leading sire Tapit this spring.

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Farms Unite in Horse Country cont.

"But we have built a base," Bell continued. "There was hardly a farm that we didn't get cooperation from after we approached them. It's been the most extraordinary experience. In my time in the industry, it's been the first experience of cooperation in which everybody has been united--ever. Either it's the timing or the need [for such promotional efforts]. Whichever it is, it is something everybody is excited about. They understand that it's going to take time, but they're willing to commit.

"I can say that we never once had a misunderstanding in the time frame, which is quite remarkable," he noted.

Bell's son, Price Bell, Jr., who also works with Mill Ridge and Nicoma, has been named president of the group.



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In addition to the Bells, other board members are Clifford Barry of Pin Oak Stud; Brutus Clay of Runnymede Farm; Luke Fallon, D.V.M., of Hagyard Equine Medical Institute; Allison Hancock of Claiborne Farm; John Phillips of Darby Dan Farm; Mary Quinn Ramer of Lexington Convention and Visitors Bureau, and Rusty Thompson of Darley America. Shannon Arvin of the law firm Stoll Keenon Ogden serves as secretary.

So far, other farms that have joined the group include Adena Springs, Airdrie Stud, Coolmore's Ashford Stud, WinStar, Lane's End, Gainesway, Crestwood, Diamond A, Keene Ridge, Mt. Brilliant, Siena, St. George, Stone, Stonestreet, Taylor Made and Winter Quarter, organizers said. Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital also has joined as an initial stakeholder.

Additionally, Breeders' Cup Ltd., Keeneland and Fasig-Tipton Co., The Jockey Club and the Kentucky Thoroughbred Association have indicated support and are lending expertise on organizing committees, said Price Bell. The project will aim to cultivate fans for the sport of racing by allowing the public access to farms and many of the sport's biggest stars on a regular basis.

"At our core, we're trying to share the beauty of the Thoroughbred, which is what inspires us every day," he explained. "We're all in this industry because of the horse, and for us, we feel that we can capture the best story of the horse. ... Here on the farms, we can share the story of the herd mentality ... and how the race is the manifestation of those herd dynamics."

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Clay said fans may find it difficult to connect with racing in part because the equine stars retire so quickly. So, like the University of Kentucky basketball team retains its fans even when players move on to the NBA, the farms will allow fans the chance to learn more about horses and become more emotionally invested in the sport.

"When we talk about Kentucky [basketball], it's our team. We have a stake in it. It's as if we own it. And we do own it," Clay said. "The question we always ask is why can't we make people fans of farms? And you do that by creating these emotional experiences when they come on to the farms and leveraging social media to get them connected and then technology to keep them connected. We will use that to actually draw them in to go to the races."

People who have visited farms and seen the sires of racehorses, as well as popular racemares and stallions now in breeding careers, and who also have had the opportunity to meet breeders and owners "will feel like they have a piece of it, they are emotionally connected," to racing, Clay said.

With the doors to farms open, Clay noted that "we want to talk about the aftercare and the veterinary care these horses receive, so we put a positive face on this industry and what we're about."

In an effort to stimulate widespread participation in its effort, the organization has sent out hundreds of letters to other Kentucky farms, equine professionals and horse-related groups and is working on various levels of membership opportunities. **Cont. p4**



Next steps for the Horse Country organizers as they move the project forward include development of branding, which may involve changing the name; development of a website that will be the primary channel for the public to use in booking visits to farms, and development of merchandising and other initiatives.

Leaders of the effort have also reached out to the office of Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear and Lexington Mayor Jim Gray, who both have indicated support, Headley Bell said.

In making their first public statements about the project, the group continued holding "coffee table" discussions at the Keeneland Sale pavilion during the January mixed sale this week, meeting with individuals and groups to define its initiative.

They also announced the hiring of Anne Sabatino Hardy, previously the editor of Lexington neighborhood newspapers owned by Smiley Pete Publishing, as executive director.

"Kentucky has a wealth of tradition and history in the equine industry, and visitors flock to our racing and sport facilities, but it's sometimes challenging to access the farms and clinics," Hardy said. "There is tremendous demand for experiences at those locations, and for encounters with the horse.

"We believe that opening the gates and providing memorable experiences will make true fans of our farms and clinics. It's exciting to see those who steward this beautiful land and care for these incredible athletes coming together to support that effort."

Coincidentally, leaders of the Horse Country project began forming the idea separately, without knowing about their efforts that were moving in the same direction. The Bells were working with the KTA while Clay, joined by Fallon and Phillips, was rallying support of other farm owners. At a KTA meeting, Dell Hancock of Claiborne asked if they could join forces, and afterward, the initiative gained momentum.

While initially there had been some discussion about free tours of farms, Clay pointed out that there should be a mechanism that would make the idea sustainable and not a financial burden to the farms. The group agreed that the tours should require payment, and members also began to explore other methods that have been utilized successfully by Kentucky's now-famous Bourbon Trail of distilleries.

A number of the first farms to join in the discussion paid for the Disney Institute to evaluate their idea. Two institute representatives traveled to Kentucky, toured 11 farms and two veterinary clinics and went to the races at Keeneland and, in Clay's words, "were blown away."

In short, Disney officials told the farm representatives that they clearly had a magic experience to sell to the public.

Nineteen representatives of farms then traveled to visit more with Disney officials in Orlando in June 2013. At that time, when the farm leaders clearly were swayed by the positive feedback from Disney, Clay said his initial euphoria was clouded by a worry about how they were going to make it become a reality.

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During a series of monthly meetings, farm officials beginning with the Bells of Mill Ridge, began to share how they tell their story to visitors, and soon, most in the group were highly enthusiastic as they began to realize the unique nature of their own farm stories. Additionally, by connecting the farms and horses in a networked community, the story of the roots of racing and the long and colorful story of America's sporting tradition becomes exponentially more compelling, Clay and Price Bell said.

Advice from others also was significant, as was the agreement for a payment mechanism and merchandising opportunities for sustainability.

"[Keeneland President] Bill Thomason was clear. He said for this to be successful, the farms need to own it," Clay recalled. "And if we build it ourselves and put in all this sweat equity, we have to ensure that it's going to succeed. But when you start anything, it doesn't always go exactly to plan, does it? To overcome that, you have people committed to making it successful. By having all these farms involved in this process, we own it and we build it together. And by golly, we're going to make sure it succeeds."

Looking ahead to the future, Headley Bell said if the group is not quite ready to begin offering tours through a website booking process by this fall, members will wait for the appropriate time. Until then, they will begin a testing process in pilot tour programs during the spring and summer.

Long term, Price Bell said he envisions being able to share the concept with horse communities in other states. "We're starting in Lexington due to the high concentration [of farms and horses], but we hope to build the playbook to give it our friends in Florida, Maryland and New York, because at its core, this is a fan development initiative. We look forward to working with everybody," he said.

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If you're a student of Giantetics, you know that Giant's Causeway's progeny run true to their genetics.

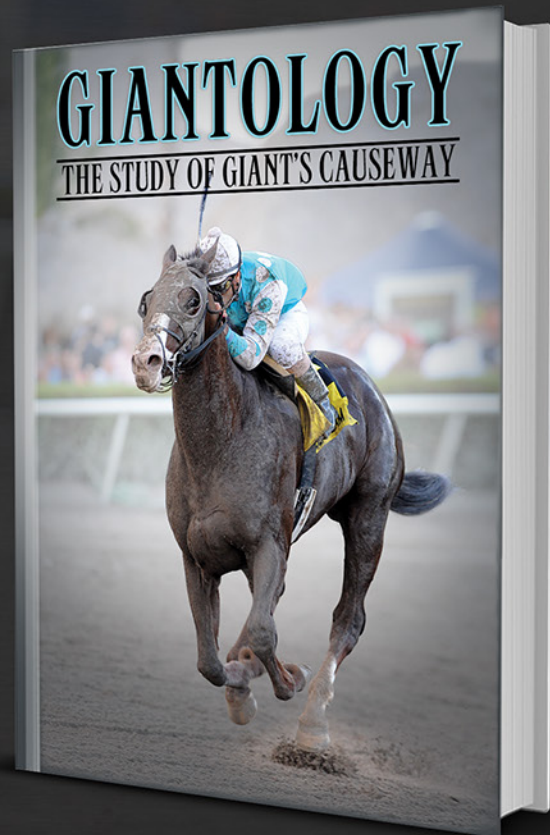
In fact, Giant Oak himself was a good two year old who won his first two starts before running second in the Kentucky Jockey Club Stakes (G2).

A Multiple Grade 1 winning Millionaire, Giant Oak blossomed into one of the Leading handicap horses in the country with wins in the Grade 1 Clark Hcp. and Grade 1 Donn Hcp. where he defeated 4 Grade 1 winners.

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The ABC Index is a calculation based on a sire's percentage of A, B, and C Runners combined, divided by the population's average of 8%. Fifteen sires with 200 or more year-starters 2008-2014 returned ABC Indexes of 2.00 or higher; 2.00 equals 16% of runners.

The former Ontario sire, **Niigon**, a son of Unbridled who died in 2012, actually registers the highest ABC Index among this group, at 2.70, which equals 21.60%



Ghostzapper
Adena Springs photo

of his runners ([click here](#)). Adena Springs' **Ghostzapper** is the leading active sire by ABC Index; his rating of 2.48 means that 19.84% of his runners achieve ABC status--in other words, just under 20%. He is the narrow 'active' leader over **Speightstown** (2.45, or 19.60% of runners). **A.P. Indy** (2.43) is number four, with **Galileo** (2.39) number five; that's 19.12% of 1,822 runners--we'll come

back to that. California's **Unusual Heat** (2.31) ranks sixth, ahead of **War Front** (2.30%, or 18.40% of runners); Adena Springs North's **Silent Name** (2.25); Lane's End's leading third-crop sire of 2014, **Curlin** (2.21); and another ex-Canadian sire, South Africa's

Drakenstein Stud's **Philanthropist** (2.19). The fact that three of the top 10 sires by this measurement stand or stood in Ontario is testimony to the strength, at least up until now, of their long season with good purses, due to slots and a synthetic surface.

Among sires with under 200 year-starters 2008-2014, the top three sires by ABC Runner Index are: New York's Keane Stud's **Frost Giant** (2.55); France's Haras de Colleville's **Kendargent** (2.36); and Kentucky's Spendthrift Farm's **Into Mischief** (2.35).

Not entirely surprisingly, **Galileo** (348) and **Giant's Causeway** (335) are clear leaders by the number of ABC Runners ([click here](#)); 348 is just under 50 ABC Runners a year, 335 equals nearly 48 a year. WinStar's **Distorted Humor** (276) and **Speightstown** (250) come next, ahead of **Smart Strike** (242), **Oasis Dream** (240), Spendthrift's **Malibu Moon** (238), **Danehill Dancer** (231), England's Cheveley Park Stud's veteran **Pivotal** (219), and a tie for 10th between **Tapit** and **Dansili** (217 each, an average of 31 ABC Runners a year). **Cont. p6**



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The impact of the 2008 world financial crisis really showed up in the Thoroughbred business in the reduction in number of sires which qualified for APEX ratings between the 'sire crop' which retired in 2009 (first foals 2010), of which there were 89, and the sires which retired in 2010 (first foals 2011), of which there were just 65--a fall of 25% to what must be the lowest number (65) in at least the last 30 years.



Into Mischief
Spendthrift photo

One sire in each crop finished the 2014 season with an A Runner Index over 4.00, which equates to 8% of runners. Among the F2010 sires ('third-crop sires' of 2010), Spendthrift's **Into Mischief** has registered an A Runner Index of 4.51, or 9.02% of runners ([click here](#)); if he sustains anything like that ratio as his crop sizes quadruple, he will be a very serious sire.

Among F2011 sires the standout is WinStar's **Pioneerof The Nile**, with a 4.24 A Runner Index (8.48% of runners). Historically, sires which score 4.00 are the truly elite 'World Top 12' sires.

Besides **Into Mischief**, the others among the top five F2010 sires by A Runner Index are: **Frost Giant** and Hill 'n' Dale's **Midnight Lute**, tied with 2.69 A Indexes; Lane's End's **War Pass** (2.33), who unfortunately sired just two crops before dying; and Darby Dan's son of City Zip, **Run Away And Hide** (2.11). **Frost Giant** (2.55) is of course the leading F2010 sire by ABC Index, ahead of: **Into Mischief** (2.35); **Curlin** (2.21); **Midnight Lute** (1.83); and **War Pass** (1.74) ([click here](#)).



Midnight Lute
Hill 'n' Dale photo

Midnight Lute (14) is the top F2010 sire by number of A Runners ([click here](#)), followed by **Into Mischief** and **Curlin** (tied with 12); former Spendthrift (now South Korean) stallion **Tiz Wonderful** (10); and Coolmore Ashford's **Majestic Warrior** and Darley GB's **New Approach** (nine each). **Curlin** is the runaway leader by number of ABC Runners, with 57 ([click here](#)); **Midnight Lute** (38), **Majestic Warrior** (36), **Tiz Wonderful** (33), and **New Approach** (32) round out the top five in that category. Cont. p7

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Among the 65 F2011 sires, **Pioneerof The Nile** is the dominant name: number one by A Runner Index (4.24) ([click here](#)) and number of A Runners (10) ([click here](#)); tied for first with Coolmore's



Pioneerof the Nile
Louise Reinagel

Mastercraftsman by number of ABC Runners (18 each) ([click here](#)); and narrowly edged by California's Vessels Farm's **Square Eddie** (1.92 to 1.91) by ABC Runner Index ([click here](#)). Adena Springs North's **Giant's Gizmo** (2.94) and **Square Eddie** (2.88) are two-three by A Runner Index,

followed by Florida's Getaway Farm's **Two Step Salsa** (2.31) and Ireland's Giltown Stud's **Sea The Stars** (2.30). Sea The Stars is also second to **Pioneerof The Nile**, with seven A Runners, and a narrow third, behind Pioneerof The Nile and **Mastercraftsman**, with 17 ABC Runners. France's top second-crop sire, Haras de la Cauviniere's **Le Havre**, is also among the top five by number of A Runners (5) and ABC Runners (14), and ranks sixth by A Runner Index (2.03).

[Click here](#) for the complete alphabetical tables of 89 F2010 North American and European sires and [here](#) for the 65 F2011 sires.

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	GIII Col. E.R. Bradley H.	FG
	GIII Lecomte S.	FG
Jan. 19	GII Santa Monica S.	SA
Jan. 24	GII Forward Gal S.	GP
	GII Holy Bull S.	GP
Jan. 31	GII Santa Monica S.	SA
	GIII Tampa Bay S.	TAM
	GIII Hutcheson S.	GP
	GIII Connally Turf Cup	HOU
	GI Las Virgenes S.	SA
	GII Arcadia S.	SA
	GII Palos Verdes S.	SA
	GIII Endeavour S.	TAM
	GIII Sam F. Davis S.	TAM
	Feb. 1	GII San Vicente S.
Feb. 7	GI Donn H.	GP
	GI Gulfstream Park Turf H.	GP
Feb. 14	GII Robert B. Lewis S.	SA
	GII San Antonio S.	SA
	GII San Marcos S.	SA
	GIII Withers S.	AQU
	GIII Toboggan S.	AQU
	GIII Fred W. Hooper H.	GP
	GIII Suwannee River S.	GP
	GII Santa Maria S.	SA
	GII Barbara Fritchie S.	LRL
	GIII El Camino Real Derby	GG
GIII Hurricane Bertie S.	GP	
Feb. 15	GIII Bayakoa S.	OP
Feb. 16	GII Buena Vista S.	SA
	GIII Southwest S.	OP
Feb. 21	GII Fountain of Youth S.	GP
	GII Risen Star S.	FG
	GII Mac Diarmida S.	GP
	GII Davona Dale S.	GO
	GIII Gulfstream Park Sprint Championship	GP
	GIII Fair Grounds H.	FG
	GIII Mineshaft H.	FG
	GIII Rachel Alexandra S.	FG
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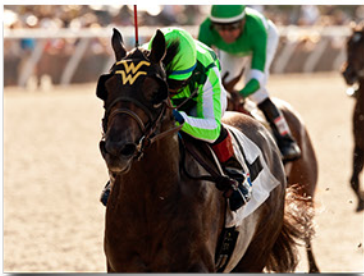
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Top 50 by Number of A Runners, 200+ Year-Starters
2008-2014 NA-EU Sires

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GALILEO	SADLER'S WELLS	1822	149
GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	STORM CAT	2099	114
DANSILI	DANEHILL	1427	90
SPEIGHTSTOWN	GONE WEST	1276	89
SMART STRIKE	MR. PROSPECTOR	1703	89
MONTJEU	SADLER'S WELLS	1405	85
MEDAGLIA D'ORO	EL PRADO	1250	78
OASIS DREAM	GREEN DESERT	1513	78
DANEHILL DANCER	DANEHILL	1670	78
TAPIT	PULPIT	1418	76

2015 APEX RATINGS

Top 50 by ABC Runner Index, 200+ Year-Starters 2008-2014

SIRE	HIS SIRE	ABC Index
NIIGON	UNBRIDLED	2.70
GHOSTZAPPER	AWESOME AGAIN	2.48
SPEIGHTSTOWN	GONE WEST	2.45
A.P. INDY	SEATTLE SLEW	2.43
GALILEO	SADLER'S WELLS	2.39
UNUSUAL HEAT	NUREYEV	2.31
WAR FRONT	DANZIG	2.30
SILENT NAME	SUNDAY SILENCE	2.25
CURLIN	SMART STRIKE	2.21
PHILANTHROPIST	KRIS S.	2.19
DISTORTED HUMOR	FORTY NINER	2.13

2015 APEX RATINGS

Top 50 by Number of ABC Runners, 200+ Year-Starters 2008-2014

SIRE	HIS SIRE	ABC's
GALILEO	SADLER'S WELLS	348
GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	STORM CAT	335
DISTORTED HUMOR	FORTY NINER	276
SPEIGHTSTOWN	GONE WEST	250
SMART STRIKE	MR. PROSPECTOR	242
OASIS DREAM	GREEN DESERT	240
MALIBU MOON	A.P. INDY	238
DANEHILL DANCER	DANEHILL	231
PIVOTAL	POLAR FALCON	223
TAPIT	PULPIT	219

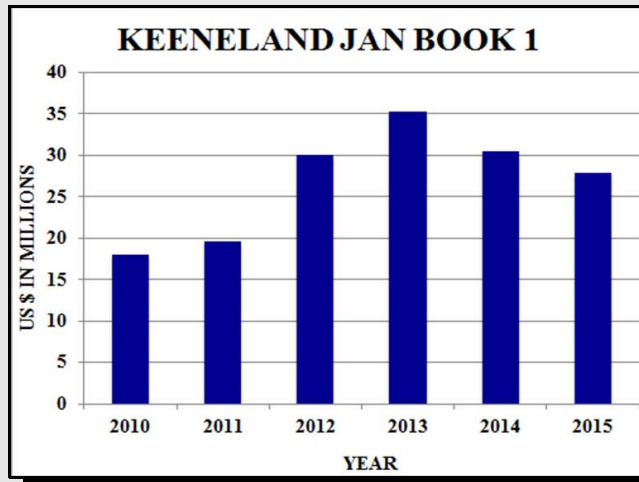
Top 10 by ABC Runner Index, Under 200 Year-Starters 2008-2014

SIRE	HIS SIRE	ABC Index
FROST GIANT	GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	2.55
KENDARGENT	KENDOR	2.36
INTO MISCHIEF	HARLAN'S HOLIDAY	2.35
VRONSKY	DANZIG	1.96
SQUARE EDDIE	SMART STRIKE	1.92
PIONEEROF THE NILE	EMPIRE MAKER	1.91
QUINTON'S GOLD	CARSON CITY	1.79
IDIOT PROOF	BENCHMARK	1.79
WAR PASS	CHEROKEE RUN	1.74
SOLDIER HOLLOW	IN THE WINGS	1.74

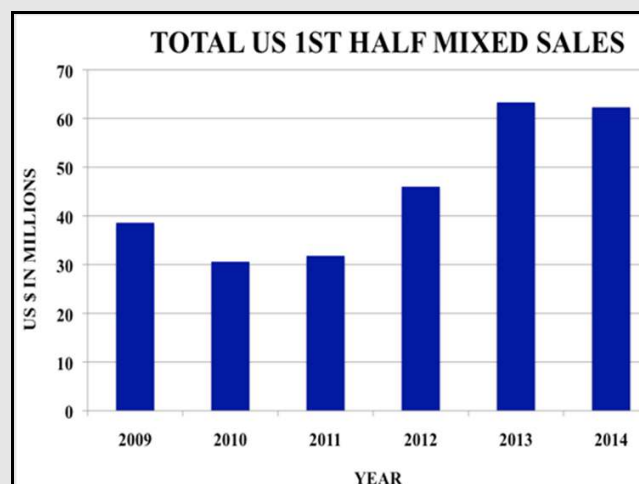
Weekly Sales Ticker

by Bill Oppenheim

"With the RNA rate leaping by 9%, from 20% to 29%, for the Keeneland January Book 1 gross to drop by 9% isn't surprising. The 2% gain in average suggests the market remains essentially stable. Usually a significant jump in not-solds in a stable market indicates consignors and their principals are either more confident, or not as scared, or both. Having said that, it seemed buyers were paying full retail, and that was certainly the case at the \$200,000+ level, no doubt due to a continuing shortage in the availability of top pedigrees." – Bill Oppenheim



YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2015	804	638	452	20.6%	70.9%	56.2%	\$27,798,400	\$61,501
2014	791	639	508	19.2%	79.5%	64.2%	\$30,509,100	\$60,057
2013	767	604	449	21.3%	74.3%	58.5%	\$35,345,100	\$78,720
2012	780	619	487	20.6%	78.7%	62.4%	\$30,115,300	\$61,838
2011	726	560	392	22.9%	70.0%	54.0%	\$19,600,200	\$50,001
2010	734	552	406	24.8%	73.6%	55.3%	\$17,993,800	\$44,320



YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2014	3,303	2,685	2,120	18.7%	79.0%	64.2%	\$62,906,600	\$29,673
2013	2,973	2,385	1,791	19.8%	75.1%	60.2%	\$63,360,300	\$35,377
2012	2,692	2,170	1,670	19.4%	77.0%	62.0%	\$46,012,300	\$27,552
2011	3,079	2,441	1,769	20.7%	72.5%	57.5%	\$31,809,450	\$17,982
2010	3,077	2,487	1,737	19.2%	69.8%	56.5%	\$30,589,700	\$17,611
2009	3,612	2,712	2,089	24.9%	77.0%	57.8%	\$38,578,400	\$18,467

Data compiled by Brianne Stanley



F2010 SIRE
Top 10 by A Runner Index

SIRE	HIS SIRE	A Index
INTO MISCHIEF	HARLAN'S HOLIDAY	4.51
FROST GIANT	GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	2.69
MIDNIGHT LUTE	REAL QUIET	2.69
WAR PASS	CHEROKEE RUN	2.33
RUN AWAY AND HIDE	CITY ZIP	2.11
STREET HERO	STREET CRY	2.02
LITERATO	KENDOR	2.00
HORSE GREELEY	MR. GREELEY	1.96
CURLIN	SMART STRIKE	1.86
TIZ WONDERFUL	TIZNOW	1.79
SPRING AT LAST	SILVER DEPUTY	1.79

F2010 SIRE
Top 10 by ABC Runner Index

SIRE	HIS SIRE	ABC Index
FROST GIANT	GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	2.55
INTO MISCHIEF	HARLAN'S HOLIDAY	2.35
CURLIN	SMART STRIKE	2.21
MIDNIGHT LUTE	REAL QUIET	1.83
WAR PASS	CHEROKEE RUN	1.74
FIRST DEFENCE	UNBRIDLED'S SONG	1.61
BIG BROWN	BOUNDARY	1.58
SAGEBURG	JOHANNESBURG	1.56
HEATSEEKER	GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	1.52
RUN AWAY AND HIDE	CITY ZIP	1.50

F2010 SIRE
Top 10 by Number of A Runners

SIRE	HIS SIRE	A's
MIDNIGHT LUTE	REAL QUIET	14
INTO MISCHIEF	HARLAN'S HOLIDAY	12
CURLIN	SMART STRIKE	12
TIZ WONDERFUL	TIZNOW	10
NEW APPROACH	GALILEO	9
MAJESTIC WARRIOR	A.P. INDY	9
SPRING AT LAST	SILVER DEPUTY	7
BIG BROWN	BOUNDARY	7
4 Tied with 6		

F2010 SIRE
Top 10 by Number of ABC Runners

SIRE	HIS SIRE	ABC's
CURLIN	SMART STRIKE	57
MIDNIGHT LUTE	REAL QUIET	38
MAJESTIC WARRIOR	A.P. INDY	36
TIZ WONDERFUL	TIZNOW	33
NEW APPROACH	GALILEO	32
BIG BROWN	BOUNDARY	31
HENRYTHENAVIGATOR	KINGMAMBO	30
STREET BOSS	STREET CRY	29
INTO MISCHIEF	HARLAN'S HOLIDAY	25
FIRST DEFENCE	UNBRIDLED'S SONG	22

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NORTH AMERICA'S LEADING ACTIVE YEARLING SIRE

Rank (by Avg. price)	'15 Fee	'14 Avg	'13 Avg
1 TAPIT	\$300,000	\$611,125	\$400,000
2 WAR FRONT	\$150,000	\$591,353	\$362,996
3 MEDAGLIA D'ORO	\$125,000	\$337,500	\$366,882
4 BERNARDINI	\$85,000	\$337,400	\$258,949
☆ 5 DISTORTED HUMOR	\$100,000	\$267,966	\$352,273
6 MALIBU MOON	\$95,000	\$239,098	\$205,671
☆ 7 TIZNOW	\$75,000	\$237,956	\$282,038
8 SMART STRIKE	\$100,000	\$208,702	\$279,429
9 KITTEN'S JOY	\$100,000	\$197,689	\$119,865
☆ 10 SPEIGHTSTOWN	\$80,000	\$182,988	\$176,875
11 GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	\$85,000	\$169,148	\$185,308
☆ 12 MORE THAN READY	\$50,000	\$168,667	\$121,517

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F2011 SIREs
Top 10 by A Runner Index

SIRE	HIS SIRE	A Index
PIONEEROF THE NILE	EMPIRE MAKER	4.24
GIANT GIZMO	GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	2.94
SQUARE EDDIE	SMART STRIKE	2.88
TWO STEP SALSA	PETIONVILLE	2.31
SEA THE STARS	CAPE CROSS	2.30
LE HAVRE	NOVERRE	2.03
ARCHIPENKO	KINGMAMBO	1.96
LEONNATUS ANTEAS	STORMY ATLANTIC	1.85
CHAMPS ELYSEES	DANEHILL	1.83
MAIMONIDES	VINDICATION	1.52

F2011 SIREs
Top 10 by ABC Runner Index

SIRE	HIS SIRE	ABC Index
SQUARE EDDIE	SMART STRIKE	1.92
PIONEEROF THE NILE	EMPIRE MAKER	1.91
IDIOT PROOF	BENCHMARK	1.79
GRAZEN	BENCHMARK	1.63
GIANT GIZMO	GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	1.47
LE HAVRE	NOVERRE	1.42
SEA THE STARS	CAPE CROSS	1.40
LEONNATUS ANTEAS	STORMY ATLANTIC	1.39
OLD FASHIONED	UNBRIDLED'S SONG	1.36
CREACHADOIR	KING'S BEST	1.36

F2011 SIREs
Top 10 by Number of A Runners

SIRE	HIS SIRE	A's
PIONEEROF THE NILE	EMPIRE MAKER	10
SEA THE STARS	CAPE CROSS	7
LE HAVRE	NOVERRE	5
GIANT GIZMO	GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	4
CHAMPS ELYSEES	DANEHILL	4
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	DANEHILL DANCER	4
SQUARE EDDIE	SMART STRIKE	3
TWO STEP SALSA	PETIONVILLE	3
OLD FASHIONED	UNBRIDLED'S SONG	3
DANDY MAN	MOZART	3

F2011 SIREs
Top 10 by Number of ABC Runners

SIRE	HIS SIRE	ABC's
PIONEEROF THE NILE	EMPIRE MAKER	18
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	DANEHILL DANCER	18
SEA THE STARS	CAPE CROSS	17
LE HAVRE	NOVERRE	14
COLONEL JOHN	TIZNOW	12
OLD FASHIONED	UNBRIDLED'S SONG	11
DANDY MAN	MOZART	11
CHAMPS ELYSEES	DANEHILL	10
ZENSATIONAL	UNBRIDLED'S SONG	10
INTENSE FOCUS	GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	10

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2. Carpe Diem (Giant's Causeway)	14
3. Calculator (In Summation)	14
4. Texas Red (Afleet Alex)	12
5. International Star (Fusaichi Pegasus)	11
6. Ocho Ocho Ocho (Street Sense)	10
7. Mr. Z (Malibu Moon)	10
8. American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile)	10
9. Daredevil (More Than Ready)	10
10. Dortmund (Big Brown)	10
11. Leave the Light On (Horse Greeley)	10
12. Lucky Player (Lookin At Lucky)	10
13. Upstart (Flatter)	6
14. Bold Conquest (Curlin)	6
15. Conquest Typhoon (Stormy Atlantic)	4
16. Imperia (Medaglia d'Oro)	4
17. Firing Line (Line of David)	4
18. Frosted (Tapit)	4
19. Nasa (Smarty Jones)	4
20. Rock Shandy (Lemon Drop Kid)	4

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C	Sun Song	430,000
C	Aspen Falls	350,000
C	Ballybleue	325,000
C	Stage Beauty	310,000
F	Mandawara	260,000
F	Satirical Lady	260,000
C	Mrs Slocombe	240,000
C	Cat's Pyjamas	200,000
C	First Look	180,000
C	Dantibes Rhythm	160,000
C	Little Diamond A	150,000
C	Spirited And Sexy	150,000
F	Zagalia	140,000
F	Schiffer	90,000
C	Danaupair Starlet	80,000

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KEENELAND JANUARY

Jan. 12 - 15
10 a.m.

DESPITE 'MISCHIEF,' KEEJAN NUMBERS DIP

By *Lucas Marquardt*

After a rock-solid Book 1 kept pace well from last year, Keeneland January saw declines during yesterday's Book 2 opener in Lexington. The session average of \$16,836, from 242 horses sold, was down 30.4%, from \$24,200. The median of \$8,250 was off 45%, from \$15,000. That tugged down the cumulative average, which stands at \$45,925--off 5% from a year ago. The cumulative median, \$23,000, is down 9.8%.



Roderick Wachman
Lucas Marquardt

The good news is that there was still significant trading yesterday. The session RNA rate was a

reasonable 21.2%--exactly what it was in 2014. The cumulative median is 26.6%.

Topping yesterday's session was a short yearling colt by Into Mischief who sold to J.S.B. Stable for \$150,000. The April Fool's Day-foaled bay is the first foal from the 8-year-old mare **Cayala** (Cherokee Run), a daughter of GSP **Chasethegold** (Touch Gold) and a half to GSP **Goldrush Girl** (Political Force). Under the third dam are two well-known Grade I winners: the Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile hero **Albertus Maximus** (Albert the Great) and last year's GI Champagne S. hero **Daredevil** (More Than Ready).

The colt was consigned by Roderick Wachman's Kingswood Stable as [Hip 1005](#). Kingswood co-bred the youngster in partnership with David Egan, who owns Corduff Stud in Kildare, Ireland.

"It's feast or famine, chicken or feathers, whatever you want to call it," said Wachman. "There are a lot of hoops to jump through, but when you're lucky enough to get it right, it's very, very good. It's based on all the flavors--the right stallion, the right type, vets, all of it. This was a nice colt by the right stallion."

The colt's mare Cayala has earned plenty of frequent flier miles over the years, and both Wachman and Egan earned some, too, in order to acquire her. A \$75,000 KEENOV weanling in 2007, Cayala was put back through at KEESEP, where Francoise Dupuis paid \$140,000 for her. Cayala began her career in Europe, making two starts before returning to the U.S. She broke her maiden for conditioner Jean-Pierre Dupuis in maiden special company over Hollywood's lawn in 2010. Cayala didn't make an impact in five subsequent races, and was returned to Europe yet again, where she concluded her career with two unplaced efforts at Dusseldorf.

When Wachman and Egan looked through the Tattersalls December Sale catalog in 2011, Egan recognized Cayala's name immediately--he's the one who pinhooked her as a foal to a yearling. They bought her as a broodmare prospect for 17,000gns (\$27,556).

Wachman and Egan booked Cayala on her fourth transatlantic flight, and after putting her in foal to Into Mischief, sent her through the ring at the 2013 Keeneland November Sale. She was bought back for \$52,000, however, a smart move considering she was carrying the colt who sold yesterday.

"I bred quite a few mares to Into Mischief that year," Wachman explained. "We sold three of them in foal and were very successful, but we didn't get her sold. Lucky enough, we got a good foal out of her, and the rest is history."

Wachman has been a big fan of Into Mischief from the Spendthrift stallion's start. At the 2011 Fasig-Tipton October Sale, he identified a colt from his first crop as a standout--a horse who sold for \$5,500 who was later named Goldencents.

"I saw Goldencents as a yearling, and I thought he was exceptional," said Wachman. "Myself and Ciaran Dunne vetted him at Fasig October, but we came off the horse because we didn't know where we'd be able to sell him. Ultimately, he went to Doug O'Neill, who we both know fairly well, and we found out early that he was a good one."

If Goldencents was the one who got away, Wachman enjoyed success with another Into Mischief colt: an unraced 2-year-old named Restrike. Wachman purchased Restrike for \$9,000 at the 2012 Keeneland November Sale, and re-sold him for \$140,000 at the '13 September Sale. Restrike sold once again last year, bringing \$285,000 at Barretts March. The winning bidder? Doug O'Neill's brother Dennis, who also bought Goldencents as a juvenile. **Cont. p12**



Into Mischief-Cayala
Lucas Marquardt



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Wachman enjoyed another big score yesterday care of Into Mischief. But as he astutely pointed out, there are downsides to successful bloodstock transactions.

"David's getting married this year, and I suppose he can't get away with a weekend at Salt Hill for the honeymoon now!" said Wachman.

Three Mares Break Six-Figure Barrier...

Three mares also eclipsed the six-figure mark yesterday, compared to five a year ago. They were led by the \$145,000 **Our Gal El** (Tapit--Shop Here, by Dehere), who sold to Cobble Drive Stables. Claiborne Farm consigned the unraced 4-year-old broodmare prospect as [Hip 821](#).

Our Gal El is a half to SW & GSP **Fifth Avenue** (Monarchos) and to SP **Shoptate** (Orientate). Her winning dam is a half to the GISW **Miss Shop** (Deputy Minister) and to the red-hot young sire **Trappe Shot** (Tapit), a Grade II winner on the track. Bred by Gainesway, Our Gal El was making her second trip through the Keeneland ring: Steve Young purchased her for \$275,000 at the 2012 September Sale.

Later in the Day, Twin Hopes Farm paid \$110,000 for **Grenoble** (Afleet Alex--Great Connection, by Dayjur), who sold from Doug Arnold's Buck Pond Farm as [Hip 1083](#). The winning Grenoble is from the immediate family of A.P. Indy and is a half to three stakes winners: **Guana (Fr)** (Sillery), **Great News (Fr)** (Bering {GB}) and **Lord Sinclair** (Mizzen Mast). Grenoble was claimed from owner Richard Pell and trainer Nick Zito for \$35,000 at Gulfstream Park early last January--Eddie Kenneally dropped the winning slip--and sold here on a Mar. 20 cover to Uncle Mo.

The last of the six-figure mares was the \$105,000 **Bella Traviata** (Indian Charlie--Deceit, by Danzig), who was purchased by Coronation Investments. Bella Traviata was consigned by Brent and Crystal Fernung's Journeyman Bloodstock as [Hip 991](#), and like Grenoble, was claimed in South Florida last year. The stakes-placed 5-year-old, a half to MSW & MGSP Afleet Deceit (Northern Afleet), was haltered by Kathleen O'Connell for \$30,000 at Gulfstream Park West in mid-October. She sold as a broodmare prospect.

Last year's session three was topped by the \$310,000 Lady Kierkegaard (Arch), who was acquired by Fleetwood Bloodstock.

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**KEENELAND JANUARY SALE
WEDNESDAY'S TOP BROODMARES**

Hip	Name	Status	Price (\$)
0821	Our Gal El	broodmare prospect	145,000
	<i>(4, Tapit--Shop Here, by Dehere)</i> Consigned by Claiborne Farm, agent Purchased by Cobble Drive Stables		
1083	Grenoble	i/f Uncle Mo	110,000
	<i>(5, Afleet Alex--Great Connection, by Dayjur)</i> Consigned by Buck Pond Farm (Douglas S. Arnold), agent Purchased by Twin Hopes		
0991	Bella Traviata	broodmare prospect	105,000
	<i>(4, Indian Charlie--Deceit, by Danzig)</i> Consigned by Journeyman Bloodstock (Brent & Crystal Fernung), agent Purchased by Coronation Investments		

WEDNESDAY'S TOP SHORT YEARLINGS

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
1005	colt	Into Mischief	Cayala	150,000
		<i>(\$52,000 RNA i/u '13 KEENOV)</i> <i>B-Kingswood Farm (Ky)</i> Consigned by Kingswood Farm, agent Purchased by J.S.B. Stable		
1086	filly	City Zip	Hasina	72,000
		<i>B-Dorothy A. Matz (Ky)</i> Consigned by Claiborne Farm, agent Purchased by North Face Bloodstock		
1088	filly	Run Away and Hide	Heat Street	70,000
		<i>B-Michael Riordan, Aaron Sones & Ron Kirk (Ky)</i> Consigned by Waterford-Millford Farm (Mr & Mrs Robert S. West, Jr), agent Purchased by TG Group		

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Take Note: Familiar Names in Millennium Draft...

While it's safe to say the sale topper won't come out of today's session at Keeneland January, Ro Parra's Millennium Farm brings some classy animals into the



Unbridled's Note
Lucas Marquardt

fourth and final day. They include several familiar names to racing fans, most notably the MGSW **Unbridled's Note** (Unbridled's Song--Siberian Fur, by Siberian Express). The 6-year-old, who was campaigned by Mike McCarty and trained by Steve Asmussen, was beaten just a

half-length in the GI King's Bishop in 2012 after a troubled trip, and came back two months later to be second by a half-length to **Mizdirection** (Mizzen Mast) in the GI Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint. A close-up fourth in the 2013 Turf Sprint, he was unable to crack the '14 field and instead ran third to **Chitu** (Henny Hughes) in the Damascus S. on the undercard. He sells as a racing or stallion prospect at the end of the day as [Hip 1600](#).

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KEENELAND JANUARY SALE

<u>SESSION TOTALS</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Catalogued	402	399
No. Offered	308	312
No. Sold	242	246
RNAs	66	66
% RNAs	21.4%	21.2%
No. \$100K+	4	4
High Price	\$150,000	\$310,000
Gross	\$4,074,300	\$5,953,300
Average (% change)	\$16,836 (-30.4%)	\$24,200
Median (% change)	\$8,250 (-45.0%)	\$15,000
<u>CUMULATIVE</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Catalogued	1207	1191
No. Offered	946	951
No. Sold	694	754
RNAs	252	197
% RNAs	26.6%	20.7%
High Price	\$2,200,000	\$775,000
Gross	\$31,872,700	\$36,462,400
Average (% change)	\$45,926 (-5.0%)	\$48,359
Median (% change)	\$23,000 (-9.8%)	\$25,500




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“With his race record and pedigree--he’s a half to the Grade I winner Spoken Fur--he’s a horse that a lot of people want,” said Millennium’s Zach Madden. “Since the catalogue came out, my cell phone’s been ringing off the hook from everywhere--just spin the globe and I’ve gotten a call from there. And there’s been domestic interest, too. Plus he’s still sound, so the buyer could go both ways.”



Zach Madden
Lucas Marquardt

Added Madden, “He stands over a ton of ground. He’s a bigger type of horse with a ton of leg and substance. You wouldn’t think he’s a sprinting type of horse, but he finished third in the King’s Bishop and second in the Breeders’ Cup. To me, anytime they do something atypical like that, it’s impressive.”

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Those looking for a hard-knocking racemare will be interested in another Millennium offering, the 5-year-old **Sister Ginger** (Student Council--Letters in Silver, by Silver Hawk). Bred and raced by Millennium in partnership with Little Brother Farm, Sister Ginger won Oaklawn’s Martha Washington S. in 2013--beating a few good ones in **Rose to Gold** (Friends Lake) and **Broken Spell** (Broken Vow)--and added the Indiana Grand S. on turf later in the season. Last term, Sister Ginger won the \$100,000 Shelby County S. In total, she’s earned over \$330,000 under Asmussen’s care.



Sister Ginger
Lucas Marquardt

“She’s an attractive mare who stands over a lot of ground,” said Madden. “She was bred in partnership with a longtime partner of ours, the Ackerley brothers, and she’s been a lot of fun. I know she’s given Mr. Parra a lot of joy; he’s a little sad to see her go.”

Sister Ginger, who breezed last Sunday, sells as a racing or broodmare prospect as [Hip 1280](#).

Today’s finale gets underway at 10:00 a.m. For more, visit www.keeneland.com.

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NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

A snapshot of how first-time in-foal mares & racing/broodmare prospects are selling at Keeneland January, categorized by their best on-track performance.

2015 -- Book 1

	Sold	Average	Median
Gill wnrns	4	\$182,500	\$192,500
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LECOMTE CHALLENGE FOR LOUISIANA-BRED

By *Christie DeBernardis*

Whispering Oaks Farm's **Four Leaf Chief** (Lookin at Lucky) gets a class test in Saturday's Gill Lecomte S. at the Fair Grounds and his performance will determine whether he continues in open company or returns to the state-bred ranks.

"We are just not quite sure he is good enough to continue in open company," Whispering Oaks Farm owner Carrol Castille said. "It's going to be a race-by-race situation. We will just have to wait and see."

A debut winner on the turf against open company at Evangeline Downs July 10, the Steve Flint trainee followed up with a victory in the Louisiana Cup Juvenile at Louisiana Downs Aug. 2. Fourth in the state-bred Evangeline Downs Star S. Aug. 30, he was subsequently shelved and returned with a victory in the state-bred Louisiana Legacy S. at Delta Downs Nov. 22. Cont. p16

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Four Leaf Chief closed out his juvenile campaign in an open one-mile optional claimer at the Fair Grounds Dec. 28, where he finished third behind fellow Lecomte contender War Story (Northern Afleet) after a wide trip and being bumped at the break.

"In his last performance, we thought he was much the best horse," Castille commented. "For the first half of the mile, he just kind of played around. He was 20 lengths out of it, but he came closing really strong." [\(Video\)](#)

The Louisiana native added, "He has done that before. In his stakes win at Delta, he played around for the first half-mile and then he finally got serious and



Four Leaf Chief
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was good enough to overcome it. In this type of company, we will have to get in the race right out of the gate." [\(Video\)](#)

Flint, Castille's personal trainer, put blinkers on Four Leaf Chief after his last start in an attempt to get him more focused and both trainer and owner have been

pleased with the colt's works since. He most recently breezed five furlongs at Castille's Evangeline Downs Training Center, which was built on the site of the old Evangeline Downs, in 1:04 Dec. 20.

"He is still a big kid at heart, so we put blinkers on him and it made a huge difference," Castille remarked. "He is like a totally different horse. He is focusing a whole lot more, so we expect a good performance out of him Saturday."

Despite the fact that Castille's Whispering Oaks Farm is one of the premiere breeding farms in Louisiana, Four Leaf Chief is not a homebred. Castille purchased the sophomore for \$65,000 at the 2013 Keeneland September Sale.

"It was a combination of him being a state-bred with open pedigree, so to speak," Castille said on the decision to buy the colt. "I actually purchased a couple of other horses there and [my other trainer Steve] Asmussen liked him a lot. We were able to get him for the right price."

He continued, "The way I look at it, being a Louisiana-bred is an insurance policy. Hopefully they are good enough to run in open company, but if not, we always have the Louisiana-bred program to fall back on. Also, the versatility of my two trainers gives me the ability to do both. I run the state-breds here with Flint and run the open-breds with Asmussen, who runs all over the country."

The owner of several telecommunications companies, Castille grew up around horse racing. He founded Whispering Oaks in 2001 and the farm is currently home to six stallions, headlined by Closing Argument and D'Wildcat.

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Whispering Oaks produces around 40 homebreds each year. Castille currently has 30 horses running and 32 2-year-olds in training, about 70% of which are Louisiana-breds.

"I buy both open horses and state-breds at the sales," Castille said. "Of course, I also run some of my homebreds and sell some. I stand two of the top stallions in the state in Closing Argument and D'Wildcat and I am the majority owner of both of them. We do really well with those. We breed anywhere from 120-150 mares a year at the farm, both in house and outside."

While Castille is no stranger to graded stakes success, having won the 2005 GIII Arlington-Washington Breeders' Futurity with Sorcerer's Stone (Gulch) and most recently the 2014 GIII Victory Ride S. with Street Story (Street Cry {Ire}), a win by Four Leaf Chief on Saturday would mark his first graded stakes success with a Louisiana-bred.

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CLOSE HATCHES TO TAPIT

Juddmonte Farms' **Close Hatches** (First Defence--Rising Tornado, by Storm Cat), likely to be named 2014 champion older mare at Saturday's Eclipse ceremony, will visit leading sire Tapit this spring. Of the decision to breed the multiple Grade I winner to Gainesway's super sire, Juddmonte's Garrett O'Rourke said, "Those are the easiest matings--there are only a few stallions good enough for her."

Trained by Bill Mott, Close Hatches won the 2013 GI Mother Goose S. and GI Cotillion S. and ended her sophomore season with a runner-up effort behind Beholder (Henny Hughes) in the GI Breeders' Cup Distaff.



Close Hatches
A Coglianese

After opening 2014 with wins in the GI Azeri S. and GI Apple Blossom H., the dark bay filly secured the position at the head of her division with a gritty victory over Princess of Sylmar (Majestic Warrior) in a historic renewal of the GI Ogden Phipps S. in June. She added the GI Personal Ensign S. to her resume two months later. On the board in 11 of 14 starts, Close Hatches retires with nine wins and earnings of \$2,707,300. Tabbed a ☆ **"TDN Rising Star"** ☆ after her seven-length debut win in 2013, Close Hatches' now 3-year-old half-sister Skywarn (Congrats) earned the same accolade in a maiden-breaking score at Churchill Downs last November.

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JOCKEY CLUB TOUR ON FOX BEGINS FEB. 7

The Jockey Club Tour on FOX Sports 1 will kick off its 2015 season with the GI Donn H. from Gulfstream Park and the GI San Antonio S. from Santa Anita Park Saturday, Feb. 7, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. EST, it was announced yesterday. The San Antonio is expected to include 2014 GI Kentucky Derby and GI Preakness S. winner **California Chrome** (Lucky Pulpit), GI Breeders' Cup Classic hero **Bayern** (Offlee Wild), and champion **Shared Belief** (Candy Ride {Arg}). All three



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competed in a controversial renewal of the Classic and are all 2014 Eclipse Award finalists for leading 3-year-old male, as well.

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The Donn is expected to attract 2014 Donn winner **Lea** (First Samurai) and GI Florida Derby winner **Constitution** (Tapit). The Feb. 7 telecast will also feature the GI Gulfstream Park Turf H. and GI San Marcos S. from Santa Anita Park. The Stronach Group, which owns and operates both tracks, will offer a Pick 4 wager covering all four races on the telecast. The complete 2015 schedule of races, dates and air times for The Jockey Club Tour on FOX Sports 1 will be announced at a later date. Greg Wolf, Richard Migliore, Andy Serling, Simon Bray and Alyssa Ali will once again handle the on-air duties for the series. "The ever-increasing national television presence of Thoroughbred racing, which now includes several races leading up to the Triple Crown and Breeders' Cup, as well as the FOX series, certainly helps build awareness of our sport," said James L. Gagliano, president and chief operating officer of The Jockey Club. "The Jockey Club Tour on FOX Sports 1 series, along with our wide-ranging fan development efforts conducted under the America's Best Racing brand, encourage consumer engagement, and we look forward to working with our track partners, our sponsors and the team at FOX Sports to once again bring some of our best racing events to new audiences."

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LIVE COVERAGE OF ECLIPSE AWARDS ON HRTV

HRTV will once again provide live coverage of the 44th annual Eclipse Awards Saturday, Jan. 17, it was announced by the National Thoroughbred Racing



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Association, *Daily Racing Form*, and the National Turf Writers and Broadcasters yesterday. The coverage of the Eclipse Awards, to be held at Gulfstream Park Racing and Casino in Hallandale Beach, Fl, will air from 8-11 p.m. EST. HRTV will also conduct interviews with personalities who figure prominently. Live coverage of the ceremony will also be available via HRTV.com, Racetrack Television Network, and DRF.com.

Jeannine Edwards of ESPN will host the ceremony. **Bayern** (Offlee Wild), **California Chrome** (Lucky Pulpit) and **Main Sequence** (Aldebaran) are the three finalists for the coveted Horse of the Year prize.

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EARLY TRIPLE CROWN NOMINATIONS DUE JAN. 17

The deadline for owners and trainers to make their horses eligible for the 2015 Triple Crown series is approaching quickly. The window to the early nomination phase for the GI Kentucky Derby, GI Preakness S. and GI Belmont S. will close Saturday, Jan. 17. The nomination of each horse must be accompanied by a fee of \$600 to make that individual eligible to compete in any or all races in the series. A late nomination period, which requires the payment of \$6,000 for each nominated 3-year-old, will open at 12 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, and run through Monday, Mar. 23. All Triple Crown nominations made by traditional mail during the early phase must be postmarked by the Jan. 17 closing date. Nominations can also be made online at www.TheTripleCrown.com, or via telephone with a designated representative from one of the three Triple Crown host tracks. The roster of early nominees to the 2015 Triple Crown races will be released on Saturday, Jan. 31 at 2 p.m. Three-year-olds that were not nominated for the Triple Crown series during either the early or late nomination phases have a final opportunity to become eligible for the races through the payment of a supplemental nomination fee. Due at the time of entry for either the Derby, the Preakness or the Belmont S., the supplemental fee process makes a horse eligible for the remainder of the Triple Crown series. A supplemental nomination at the time of entry to the Kentucky Derby requires payment of \$200,000. The fee is \$150,000 if paid prior to the Preakness or \$75,000 at time of entry to the Belmont S.

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4	Thegirlinthat song	My Golden Song	Bejarano	Hollendorfer	118
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Cobalt Crisis in Australia cont.

Fellow Flemington trainer Danny O'Brien had three horses returning positive swabs, including a pair of high-profile performers whose samples were both taken at Flemington, Nov. 1. The horses involved are Bondeiger (Aus) (War Pass), before he ran second in the G1 Victoria Derby, and Qatar Racing's G3 Geelong Cup hero Caravan Rolls On (GB) (Hernando {Fr}), prior to his eighth-place finish in the G3 Lexus S. The third positive test from the O'Brien stable was taken from a horse named De Little Engine (Aus), following a victory at Ballarat Nov. 22.

In a filmed interview, O'Brien told *Racing.com*, "Obviously we were disappointed and very surprised [when we heard the news], but the stewards came this morning and were great professionals in letting us know what the situation was. Three of our runners have got levels elevated above what is now the threshold for cobalt when they've been at the races. We are trying to ascertain how this has occurred. It certainly couldn't have occurred through our normal feeding and treatment practices, but we are forensically examining everything that's occurred with those horses in the time frame concerned, and we are trying, with the help of the stewards, to place these readings in the context of how they have got as high as they have."

Asked whether he was surprised that three high-profile stables found themselves facing similar problems at the same time, O'Brien replied, "Obviously there is a cluster and something may come to light to explain it. It is a dynamic area, the threshold is only new and it is a scenario that maybe some of the practices we are doing are not consistent with good maintenance going forward. We are examining everything, the vet is going through everything that he does, and we are hoping to get a resolution as quickly as possible to explain it and put it into context."

Racing Victoria (RV) chairman of stewards Terry Bailey issued a statement saying, "Following receipt of RASL's [Racing Analytical Services Ltd] report, we are conducting investigations into the circumstances that led to the elevated levels of cobalt being detected in race-day samples taken from horses from the Moody, Kavanagh and O'Brien stables.

It is now our priority to gather all the facts to determine the circumstances surrounding each case. We will not be putting a timeline on the completion of this process and will not be commenting on the specifics of each case whilst our investigations continue. Our investigations will determine whether any or all of the trainers will be charged with a breach of the Rules of Racing. They have the presumption of innocence and are free to continue racing at this time."

Bailey also pointed out that, should prohibited substance charges be laid by RV stewards, they would be heard by the independent Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board, not RV stewards. Late Wednesday evening (Eastern Australian time), the *Sydney Morning Herald* revealed that all three trainers had been interviewed by RV stewards during the day, and additional samples taken from the horses involved in the investigation.

The cobalt crisis seems likely to expand to Queensland after Racing Queensland general manager of integrity operations Wade Birch told *The Courier Mail* he had been informed of irregularities in several horses trained in the state.

"We have some current samples across both codes [Thoroughbred and harness racing] that have been identified as requiring further analysis," Birch told the paper, adding, "It is evident that it has been used in both codes."

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BHB Chief Executive Paul Bittar *Racing Post*

BHA Chief Executive Paul Bittar, who will leave his position at the end of the week and be replaced by Nick Rust, commented in a statement, "It is pleasing that 2015 will see record levels of prize money being distributed, off the back of what was a previously unmatched figure in 2014. Increases in prize

money help stimulate ownership and investment, bringing benefits to all participants and as such it is crucial to the health and wellbeing of the sport.

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Bittar continued, "An important contributory factor to the totals in 2014 and 2015 are the Prize Money Agreements with the Horsemen's Group and BHA that have been signed by the vast majority of racecourses. They have provided a framework for increased contributions. In addition, the 2015 figures showcase the sport's capability of attracting substantial investment from both domestic and international sponsors. However, despite progress in recent years, there are still challenges to be faced and the levels of prize money in Britain do not reflect a level that British Racing's international standing warrants. We are also conscious of longer-term forecasts, which show that there is work to be done unless a change in Levy legislation is realized. To this end, a consultation from Government regarding Racing's central funding model is imminent and of vital importance to the future health of the sport."

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3. Condo Commando (Tiz Wonderful)	11
4. By The Moon (Indian Charlie)	10
5. Peace And War (War Front)	10
6. Seduire (Elusive Quality)	10
7. Conquest Harlanate (Harlan's Holiday)	10
8. West Coast Belle (Tapit)	10
9. Cristina's Journey (Any Given Saturday)	10
10. Top Decile (Congrats)	8
11. Feathered (Indian Charlie)	7
12. Wonder Gal (Tiz Wonderful)	6
13. Brooklynsway (Giant Gizmo)	4
14. Skipalute (Midnight Lute)	4
15. Conquest Eclipse (Malibu Moon)	4
16. Calamity Kate (Yes It's True)	4
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Yesterday's Results:

8th-GPX, \$48,200, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$62,500), NW2X, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:23 1/5, ft.

CITY OF WESTON (h, 5, Holy Bull--How About Dattt, by Souvenir Copy), winner of the 2013 Gill Gallant Bob S., was fourth in a Gulfstream Park West optional claimer two back Nov. 27 and finished a non-factor ninth last time sprinting over the turf course here Dec. 21. In for the \$62,500 tag, the 26-1 shot pressed the pace from a head second through early splits of :22.94 and :46.11. Taking over just past the half-mile pole, the gray showed the way into the stretch and kept on going to register a 1 1/2-length victory.

★ **"TDN Rising Star"** ★ and 3-2 favorite Three Alarm Fire (Pyro) trailed the field early and came roaring down the center of the track to be second. Comebacking 2013 Gulfstream Park Derby hero and Triple Crown contender General a Rod (Roman Ruler) attempted a similar move just inside of the chalk, but could only manage fourth. "General a Rod is one of the best horses, but I decided to enter [City of Weston] with Paco [Lopez]," winning trainer Antonio Sano said, "Paco won the Gallant Bob with him in 2013. I told him, if you have room at the start, go ahead, and the horse won. I expect a good effort from this horse every time, every time. He's a good horse." Lifetime Record: GSW, 36-7-7-5, \$479,732. [Click for the brisnet.com chart or VIDEO.](#)

O-Cloud Nine Lumoni. B-Haras Gran Derby (FL). T-Antonio Sano.

9th-GPX, \$42,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$75,000), NW1X, 3yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:47, gd.

INDIANAUGHTY (c, 3, Indian Charlie--Be Fair {GSW & GISP, \$313,517}, by Exchange Rate) was third on debut at Kempton June 25 and earned his diploma going seven panels on the all-weather at Lingfield Aug. 12 for previous trainer Marco Botti. Receiving Lasix in this American debut for Dale Romans, the 9-2 shot broke slowly and ran near the back of the pack through modest early splits. Kicking into gear approaching the far turn, the dark bay came flying up the rail to be a close-up fifth entering the lane. Attempting to split rivals in the lane, Indianaughty was in a bit tight and bumped with Irish Strait (English Channel), but got through to take on leader U S Marshal (Badge of Silver). Those two battled stride-for-stride to the wire, with Indianaughty getting up for a head victory. There was a stewards' inquiry into the bumping incident with Irish Strait and, after reviewing the tapes, they declared that U S Marshal had drifted out and bumped Indianaughty, causing him to bump Irish Strait. U S Marshal was disqualified from second and placed fourth. Task Force Glory (Badge of Silver) was moved up to second and Irish Strait promoted to third. Sales history: \$100,000 RNA yrl '13 KEESEP; 45,000gns 2yo '14 TATAPR. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$30,196. [Click for the brisnet.com chart or VIDEO.](#)

O-Team Valor International. B-Dell Ridge Farm LLC (KY). T-Dale L Romans.

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+ **STRIKE TONE (g, 4, Street Cry {Ire}--Pleasant Chimes {MSW & MGSP, \$314,252}, by Pleasant Tap)** broke a step slower than the rest and raced in second to last through an opening quarter in :24.31. Beginning to find his stride, the 5-2 shot progressed up the outside to track from fourth and made a three-wide bid for control in the lane. The dark bay shook free of all rivals except Steel Sky (Even the Score) by mid-stretch and that duo battled to the wire, with Strike Tone earning the victory by a head. The winner's dam is a half-sister to MGSW Freefourinternet (Tabasco Cat). Sales history: \$180,000 wlng '11 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$24,000. [Click for the brisnet.com chart or VIDEO.](#)

O-Godolphin Racing LLC. B-Estate of Edward P Evans (VA). T-Kiaran P McLaughlin.

STALLIONS' FIRST FOALS



PAYNTER (Awesome Again--Tizso, by Cee's Tizzy), 2012 GI Haskell Invitational S. winner and earner of \$1,101,924, stands at WinStar Farm (\$25,000).

- Moon Meeting Too (Malibu Moon) produced a bay filly, owned by Curt Leake, at Elm Tree Farm in Kentucky Tuesday night.



Kathy Ritvo Keynote Speaker at ThoroFan Awards:

Heart transplant recipient Kathy Ritvo, the first female to train a GI Breeders' Cup Classic winner, will be the keynote speaker Friday morning at the ThoroFan



Kathy Ritvo & Mucho Macho Man

Awards Breakfast in Gulfstream Park's Ten Palms Restaurant. Presented by the nonprofit Thoroughbred Racing Fan Association, the breakfast will honor Michael Blowen, founder of Old Friends, the

Thoroughbred retirement organization with farms in Kentucky and New York. HRTV personality Caton Bredar will serve as host. "I've been very blessed," Ritvo said. "I've had a very blessed life, career, everything. I've been able to do what I love at the highest level, with the support of Patti and Dean Reeves and, of course, Mucho Macho Man. He's my man. We miss him here." Following Ritvo's speech, the program will honor Blowen and reveal the winner of the 2014 NTRA Moment of the Year. "I don't know Michael well, but to do that kind of work is amazing," she continued. "We train the horses and those guys figure out what their second jobs are. That's really important work." Tickets for the event are \$75 per person, which includes breakfast and seating for the day's races, or a table of eight for \$600. Registration starts at 9 a.m., with the buffet at 9:30 and the awards program at 10. Fans can also register at Thorofan.com/awards.

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Oaklawn Park - Hot Springs, AR
 Opens: Thursday, January 15
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 Racing Days: Thursday through Sunday
 Post Time: 1:30 p.m., except Saturdays = 1:00 p.m.
 Stakes Schedule: 30 stakes worth \$6.6 million
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Thursday, Oaklawn Park, post time: 5:21 p.m. EDT

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1 Lil Super Bear	Super Saver	Borel	Gustafson	20-1
2 Timeaday	Birdbirdistheword	Esquivel	Cox	15-1
3 Simply Confection	Candy Ride (Arg)	Court	Fires	15-1
4 Strawberry Baby	Warrior's Reward	Loveberry	Caldwell	12-1
5 Super Saks	Sky Mesa	Thompson	Lukas	30-1
6 Promise Me Silver	Silver City	Berry	Calhoun	8-5
7 Toutsie Rules	Roman Ruler	Bridgmhn	Stidham	4-1
8 Scadadle	Scat Daddy	Mello	Richard	15-1
9 Sarah Sis	Sharp Humor	Felix	Mason	7-2
10 Empressive Humor	Distorted Humor	Santana	Asmussen	8-1
11 Joy of the Saints	Saint Afleet	Vazquez	Chleborad	20-1

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TODAY'S INSIGHTS

9th-GP, \$45K, Msw, 3yo, f, 7 1/2FT, 4:32 p.m. ET

Hot-handed debut conditioner Wesley Ward is both trainer and owner of first timer **BOMBO GENESIS** ([Afleet Alex](http://Brisnet.com)). Picked up for \$100,000 at the 2013 Fasig-Tipton October sale, the bay is out of an unraced half-sister to champion sprinter Midnight Lute (Real Quiet). The filly has been working well in preparation for this debut, most recently breezing a best-of-16 five panels at Palm Meadows in 1:01 Jan. 5. Juddmonte Farms homebred **Right Decision** ([Bernardini](http://Brisnet.com)) makes her turf debut here following two failed attempts on the dirt last fall. Fourth on debut sprinting over the Belmont main track Oct. 19, the Bill Mott trainee was third in a one-mile test at Aqueduct Nov. 13. The bay's dam is a half to MGISW turf runner Bates Creek (Rahy) and MGISW multi-millionaire Sightseek (Distant View). The bay is in receipt of Lasix for the first time here and gains the services of Javier Castellano. [Click for Brisnet.com PPs.](http://Brisnet.com)

9th-OP, \$61K, Opt. Clm. (\$30K), 4yo/up, 6f, 5:48 p.m. ET

Daniel Dougherty's GI Preakness S. runner-up **RIDE ON CURLIN** ([Curlin](http://Brisnet.com)) joins the recent spree of comebacking Triple Crown contenders. One of just three horses to compete in all three legs of the Triple Crown, the now 4-year-old was last seen being eased in the GI Belmont S. June 7. Opening his sophomore campaign with a win here last year, the bay was third in both the Feb. 17 GIII Southwest S. and Mar. 15 GII Rebel S. here prior to a runner-up effort in this venue's GI Arkansas Derby Apr. 12. Ride On Curlin kicked off his Triple Crown campaign with a seventh in the GI Kentucky Derby May 3 and was the only one running at California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit) in the Preakness. "He's been off a long time, so I didn't have to train him too hard to get him fit to go short," trainer Billy Gowan said. "Plus, he set a track record going 5 1/2 [furlongs], so he's pretty fast, anyway. This seemed like a good spot back for him." Dougherty added, "I'd like to see him win. But, Hoppertunity didn't win the first time out and came back to win two big stakes races. You just don't know. Commissioner got beat last week. I just want to see him run good, but I certainly wouldn't mind getting a check." [Click for Brisnet.com PPs.](http://Brisnet.com)

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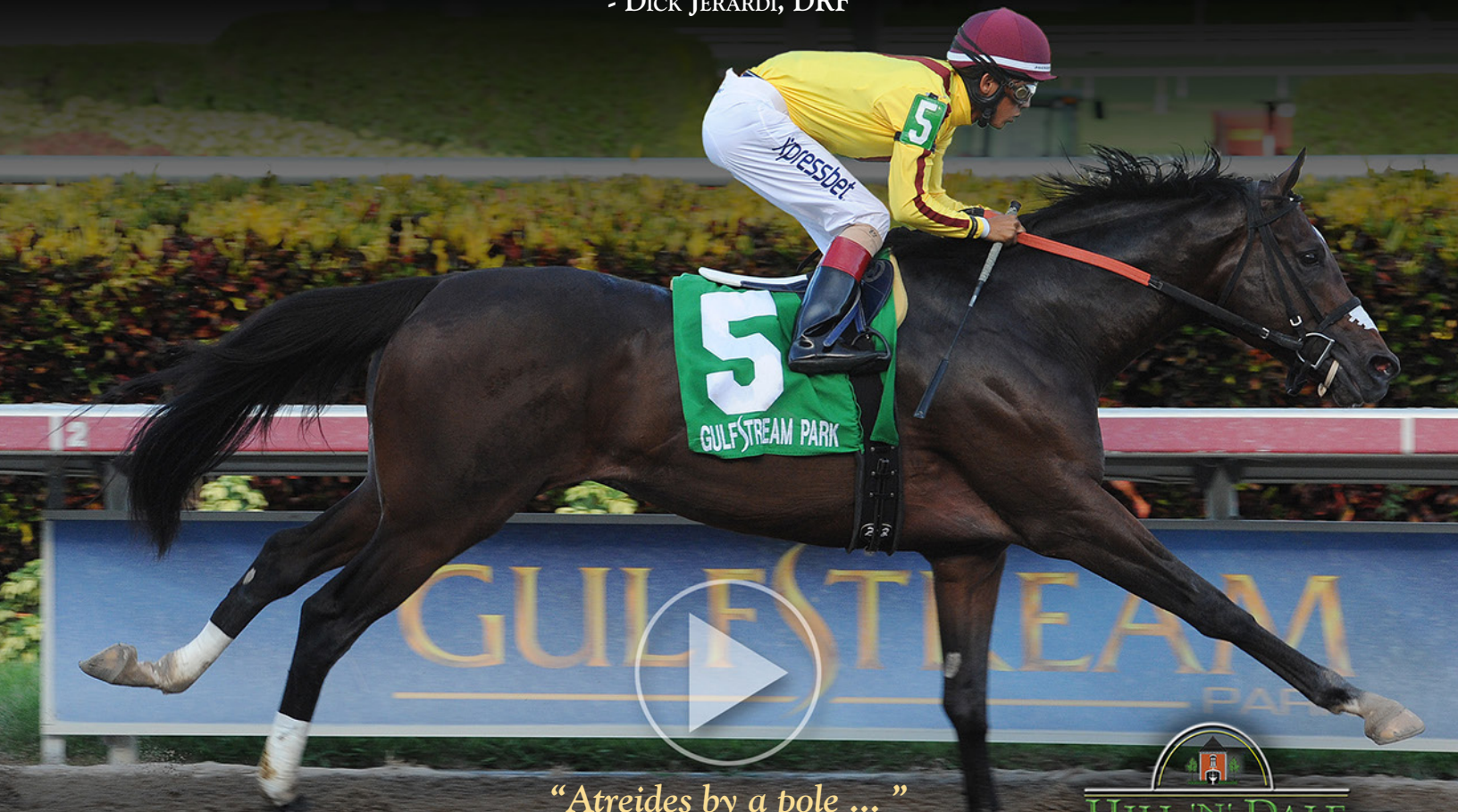
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- DESERT PARTY** (Street Cry {Ire}), Sequel, \$8K, 115/9/2
 9-GP, Msw, 7 1/2fT, +T'as d'Beaux Yeux, 10-1
GREELEY'S CONQUEST (Mr. Greeley), Midway KY, \$1K, 35/1/0
 5-OP, Msw, 6f, +Lessie Gibson
KANTHAROS (Lion Heart), Ocala Stud, \$5K, 74/18/1
 3-SA, Aoc, 6 1/2f, Jazzy Josh, \$95K BAR MAY 2yo, 7-2
LOOKIN AT LUCKY (Smart Strike), Ashford Stud, \$15K, 175/31/3
 3-SA, Aoc, 6 1/2f, Diamond Majesty, \$225K BAR MAR 2yo, 9-2
MAJESTICPERFECTION (Harlan's Holiday), Airdrie Stud, \$10K, 124/20/1
 7-OP, Msw, 1m, Perfectly
 9-GP, Msw, 7 1/2fT, Cosmic Harmony, \$20K KEE SEP yrl, 9-2
MIDSHIPMAN (Unbridled's Song), Darley, \$8K, 117/19/1
 5-OP, Msw, 6f, Thread of Life
MUNNINGS (Speightstown), Ashford Stud, \$10K, 165/28/3
 3-SA, Aoc, 6 1/2f, Clever Move, \$50K OBS OPN 2yo, 10-1
ORTHODOX (Pulpit), Peach Lane Farms, \$1K, 45/1/0
 1-DED, Msw, 1m, Orthodox River, 30-1
QUALITY ROAD (Elusive Quality), Lane's End, \$25K, 178/18/2
 7-OP, Msw, 1m, American Road, \$95K RNA OBS MAR 2yo
 1-DED, Msw, 1m, Royal Mile, \$100K OBS MAR 2yo, 3-1
SILVER CITY (Unbridled's Song), Valor Farm, \$2K, 33/8/1
 8-OP, Stk, 6f, Promise Me Silver
SUMMER BIRD (Birdstone), Japan, \$15K, 190/10/0
 7-OP, Msw, 1m, Mysterious Summer
SUPER SAVER (Maria's Mon), Winstar, \$20K, 203/17/4
 8-OP, Stk, 6f, Lil Super Bear, \$85K OBS APR 2yo
 5-OP, Msw, 6f, Queen Buxley, \$160K FTF MAR 2yo
 9-GP, Msw, 7 1/2fT, +Wealth Creation, \$250K OBS MAR 2yo, 5-1
TEMPLE CITY (Dynaformer), Spendthrift Farm, \$5K, 160/11/3
 5-OP, Msw, 6f, Jazz in the City
WARRIOR'S REWARD (Medaglia d'Oro), Spendthrift Farm, \$13K, 173/13/1
 7-OP, Msw, 1m, First Place Flirt, \$90K FTF MAR 2yo
 5-OP, Msw, 6f, Some Gave All, \$35K KEE SEP yrl
 5-OP, Msw, 6f, Warriorscoutoutplay, \$80K KEE SEP yrl
 8-OP, Stk, 6f, Strawberry Baby, \$15K KEE SEP yrl

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March Ride (Pentelicus)	2,000
Wagon Limit (Conquistador Cielo)	2,000

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Eclipse Awards Charity Autograph Session Saturday:

Legendary track announcer Tom Durkin, two-time Breeders' Cup-winning jockey Rosie Napravnik, and Old Friends retirement farm founder Michael Blowen will participate in an autograph session to benefit racing-related charities Saturday, 1:30-2:30 p.m., at Gulfstream Park Racing & Casino in Hallandale Beach, FL. Fans can meet and get autographs from all three for a minimum suggested donation of \$10. One hundred percent of proceeds will be shared between three nonprofit charities--Old Friends, the Gulfstream Park Thoroughbred Aftercare Program and the Permanently Disabled Jockeys Fund. The trio will be in town to appear at that evening's 44th Annual Eclipse Awards.

Philip Hanrahan to Step Down From NHBPA:

Philip Hanrahan, Chief Executive Officer of the National Horsemen's Benevolent & Protective Association, will step down in mid-February 2015, after the conclusion of the NHBPA Winter Convention in Carefree, Arizona, it was announced. "Phil has been an invaluable asset to the National HBPA," said Robin Richards, president of the organization. "He has always demonstrated a willingness to cultivate what is in the best interest of horsemen and women, and just as importantly, strived for the health, safety, and integrity of the horses with which we work. We are better for his efforts here, and I speak for all horsemen when I say that we wish him all of the best in his life and pursuits." During his three-year-tenure with the NHBPA, Hanrahan worked with many industry organizations, including the ARCI, ROAP and TOBA. He contributed greatly in transitioning The Claiming Crown from Canterbury Park to Gulfstream Park, where it has been held for the last two years. "While there are many racing related issues that will continue to be worked on after my departure, I believe we are moving in the right direction for horsemen and women in North America," Hanrahan said. "It has been my pleasure to work with the leadership of the NHBPA and the Affiliates. They are horsemen and women dedicated to the welfare of the horse and the integrity of the sport of horseracing. I wish all the members of the HBPA great success in their future racing endeavors."

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AQUEDUCT

Belle Gallantey (After Market), 4f, :51.76, 4/16

FAIR GROUNDS

General Election (Harlan's Holiday), 6f, 1:17.80, 2/2

West Coast Belle (Tapit), 4f, :51.20, 31/39

SANTA ANITA

Bad Read Sanchez (Warrior's Reward), 6f, 1:12.60, 2/28

Clubhouse Ride (Candy Ride {Arg}), 5f, :59, 1/54

Dortmund (Big Brown), 6f, 1:12.20, 1/28

Rousing Sermon (Lucky Pulpit), 6f, 1:16.80, 28/28



BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Impromptu, g, 3, [Eskendereya](#)--Magical Flash, by Miswaki. TAM, 1-14, (C), 1 1/16mT, 1:44 4/5. B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY). *\$11,000 HRA '14 OBSOCT. **1/2 to Take the Ribbon (Chester House), GSW & GISP, \$372,102; Flash Mash (Smarty Jones), SW-US & GSP-Fr, \$231,843; Glinda the Good (Hard Spun), MSW, \$226,758; Flash Forward (Curlin), SW, \$259,790; Bright Magic (Prized), MSW, \$212,393; Hot War (In Excess {Ire}), SW, \$165,130; Oysters (Prized), MSP, \$224,050.



This Boy's Sharp, c, 3, **Sharp Humor**--Shessuchastandout, by Afleet Alex. TAM, 1-14, (C), 5 1/2f, 1:04 4/5. B-W Kenan Rand Jr (KY).

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IN BRITAIN:

Peterhouse, c, 3, [Elusive Quality](#)--Dynaire, by Dynaformer. LIN, 1-14, 10f (AWT). B-Woodslane Farm LLC. *\$70,000 yrl '13 KEESEP.

Barwah, f, 4, [Discreet Cat](#)--Enfiraaaj, by Kingmambo. KEM, 1-14, 7f (AWT). B-Shadwell Farm LLC. *£3,000 HRA '14 TATFEB.



Yesterday's Results:

5th-KEM, £19,000, Cond, 3yo, 6f (AWT), 1:11.62, ft. **HAWKESBURY (GB)** (g, 3, [Shamardal](#)--Nahoodh {Ire} {G1SW-Eng & G1SP-Ire, \$454,894}, by [Clodovil](#) {Ire}), who was second to the subsequent G1 Dewhurst S. winner [Belardo](#) (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}) in the Listed Washington Singer S. over seven furlongs at Newbury in August, had been gelded since his subsequent second in a Newmarket conditions event over that trip in October. Keen early taking a tow from the leader [Merdon Castle](#) (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}), the 4-6 pick swept that rival aside approaching the furlong pole and was not extended to secure a convincing 2 1/2-length score. Lifetime Record: SP-Eng, 5-2-3-0, £27,622. [VIDEO, courtesy Racing UK.](#)

O-Godolphin. B-Darley (GB). T-Charlie Appleby.

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Yesterday's Results:

3rd-CAG, €29,000, Cond, 3yo, 8f (AWT), 1:38.85, ft. **SHANAWEST (FR)** (f, 3, [Kingsalsa](#)--[Anawest](#) {Ire}, by [Anabaa](#)), who finished up in 2014 with a second-place finish over nine furlongs on the all-weather at Lyon-la-Soie in November, was patiently ridden towards the back throughout the early stages. Delivered on the lead with 150 meters remaining, the 9-1 chance battled gamely to score by 3/4 of a length from [Lifeisforliving](#) (Fr) (Hold That Tiger). Despite being sent off at 1-2 and holding strong claims on form, Joseph Allen's **"TDN Rising Star"** [Romeo Lima](#) (Medaglia d'Oro) disappointed by finishing 1 1/4 lengths further behind in third. Tapped for speed on the home turn, he found an extra gear late on to stay on strongly without ever threatening. Lifetime Record: 7 starts, 3 wins, 4 places, €43,250. [Click for Equidia VIDEO.](#)

O-Raymonde Wingtans & C Scandella. B-Mme C Wingtans. T-Christian Scandella.

2nd-CAG, €24,000, Debutantes, 3yo, f, 8f (AWT), 1:39.45, ft.

+ **FOND WORDS (IRE)** (f, 3, [Shamardal](#)--[Nashmiah](#) {Ire} {MSW & GSP-Eng, \$209,033}, by [Elusive City](#)), a 150,000gns TATOCT yearling, raced close to the early pace before taking over passing the quarter pole. Kicking into a decisive advantage soon after, the 6-1 shot was all out to cling on by a nose from the strong-finishing [Toungi](#) (Ire) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €12,000. [Click for Equidia VIDEO.](#)

O-Godolphin SNC. B-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited (IRE). T-Henri-Alex Pantall.



IN AUSTRALIA:

Diametric (Ire), g, 6, [Dansili](#) (GB)--[Silver Rain](#) (Fr), by [Rainbow Quest](#). Randwick, 1-10, Hcp. (A\$85k), 1600mT, 1:35.10. B-Wertherimer et Frere. *Formerly [Opposite](#) (Ire). **€200,000 HRA '13 ARQARC. ***G1SP-Ger & SP-Fr. ****1/2 to [Baahama](#) (Ire) (Anabaa), SW & GSP-Fr, \$120,723. *****Won via DQ.



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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Dat II Do (GB), f, 3, **Bahamian Bounty (GB)**--Broughtons Revival (GB), by Pivotal (GB). LIN, 1-14, 7f (AWT), 1:26 4/5. B-Mr M E Broughton (GB). *6,500gns yrl '13 TATOCT; 1,400gns RNA wlng '12 TATDEC.

Asima (Ire), f, 3, **Halling--Sospira (GB)**, by Cape Cross (Ire). LIN, 1-14, 8f (AWT), 1:38 3/5. B-Darley (IRE).

High Dynamite (Fr), c, 3, **Kentucky Dynamite--Highborne (Fr)**, by Anabaa. CAG, 1-14, 8f (AWT), 1:38. B-Haras du Quesnay (FR). *€7,000 wlng '12 ARQDEC; €45,000 2yo '14 ARQMAY.

Middle East

Thursday, Meydan, post time: 12:40 p.m. EST

DUBAWI S.-Listed, \$150,000, NH/SH3yo/up, 1200m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Russian Sole (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Foley	Halford
2	United Color	Ghostzapper	Murphy	Selvrtnam
3	Touch Gold (Ire)	Oasis Dream (GB)	de Vries	Al Ketbi
4	Almargo (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Barzalona	bin Ghadyr
5	Caspian Prince (Ire)	Dylan Thomas (Ire)	Crowley	Carroll
6	Conveyance	Indian Charlie	De Sousa	Seemar
7	Reynaldothewizard	Speightstown	Mullen	Seemar
8	Muarrab (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Hanagan	Al Muhairi
9	Muaanid (GB)	Kheleyf	O'Neill	Watson

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SEEMAR FINED FOR LATKHAF 'POSITIVE'

Stewards at the Emirates Racing Authority yesterday fined trainer Satish Seemar a sum of Dhs15,000 for after Lathkaf (Pivotal {GB}) tested positive for the prohibited substances meloxicam, furosemide and phenylbutazone following an official gallop before the stewards Jan. 3. In his most recent trip to the post, a Jebel Ali handicap Dec. 12, Lathkaf was diagnosed with a cardiac arrhythmia and was to be subjected to an official veterinary exam before being allowed to race again. The 7-year-old performed satisfactorily and was reported to have normal cardiac activity after the gallop. Seemar subsequently pleaded guilty to having presented the horse under the mistaken belief that Lathkaf could undergo the gallop with medications that had been ruled by stewards as not beneficial to the treatment of an irregular heartbeat. In assessing the penalty, stewards took into account Seemar's guilty plea, his good disciplinary record and his 'personal circumstances.'

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