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JAPANESE DUO ON TOP OF THE WORLD

by Emma Berry

In 2006, Japan caught the attention of the wider racing world when Delta Blues (Jpn) (Dance In The Dark {Jpn}) and Pop Rock (Jpn) (Helissio {Fr}) finished first and second in the Melbourne Cup. There have been plenty more high-profile international raids in subsequent years, most notably the 6 1/4-length romp of **Just A Way (Jpn)** (Heart's Cry {Jpn}) in the G1 Dubai Duty Free on Meydan's World Cup night--a performance which has earned the 6-year-old the title of Longines World's Best Racehorse at a prestigious London ceremony Tuesday.

Once again, however, the Japanese star was backed up by a compatriot. His rating of 130 puts him just a pound clear of the Japan Cup winner **Epiphaneia (Jpn)** (Symboli Kris S), who beat Just A Way by four lengths in that Group 1 contest in November, for which he was rated 129.

Gallopers from Hong Kong, South Africa, Britain and Ireland tied for third place with **Able Friend (Aus)** (Shamardal)'s G1 Longines Hong King Mile victory, for which he was given a mark of 127, judged to be the equal of **Variety Club (SAf)** (Var)'s G1 Champions Mile success and the performances of Kingman (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) in the G1 St James's Place S. at Royal Ascot and **The Grey Gatsby (Ire)** (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) in the G1 QIPCO Irish Champion S., for which runner-up Australia (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) was given the same rating. Coolmore's dual Derby winner also ran to 127 when winning the G2 Juddmonte International S. at York. **Cont. p5**



JUST A WAY (JPN) -- Rating 130
O-Akatsuki Yamatoya; B-Shadai Corporation Inc; T-Naosuke Sugai
(h, 2009, Heart's Cry {Jpn}--Sibyl {Jpn}, by Wild Again)
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SOVEREIGN AWARD FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

The finalists for Canada's Sovereign Awards, which include 11 horse and five human categories, were announced yesterday by The Jockey Club of Canada. The Horse of the Year finalists and the winners in all categories will be announced at the 40th annual Sovereign Awards Party Apr. 10 at Woodbine Racetrack.

It came as no surprise that the winners of each of the three legs of the Canadian Triple Crown earned a chance at a Sovereign Award. Queen's Plate heroine **Lexie Lou** (Sligo Bay {Ire}), who finished second to dual Classic winner California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit) in Del Mar's G1 Hollywood Derby, made the top four in both the 3-year-old filly and female turf horse categories.



Lexie Lou
Michael Burns

Coltimus Prime (Milwaukee Brew), winner of the Prince of Wales S., and **Ami's Holiday** (Harlan's Holiday), victor of the Breeders' S., earned top spots in the sophomore male division. Those two face stiff competition in that category, however, from **Heart to Heart** (English Channel), winner of the GIII Jefferson Cup S. and GIII Commonwealth Turf S. at Churchill Downs, who is also a finalist in the turf male division. **Full list of finalists p3. Editorial cont. p4**

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Tom Albertrani

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Albertrani Looks For ‘First’ Holy Bull Win

Trainer Tom Albertrani sends out Godolphin homebred **First Down** (Street Sense), in hopes of securing his first victory in Gulfstream’s GII Holy Bull S. Saturday. The maiden winner is the least experienced horse in the field with just two prior starts.

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Possible Derby Runner for De Kock

South African-based trainer Mike de Kock could have his first-ever GI Kentucky Derby contender after nominating UAE 2000 Guineas Trial winner **Mubtaahij (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}) to the American Triple Crown. The bay is currently being pointed at the G2 UAE Derby Mar. 28, the only non-U.S. based qualifier for the Run for the Roses.



Mubtaahij

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Euro Charline

Racing Post

‘Charline’ Targets Dubai Turf

Team Valor’s **Euro Charline (GB)** (Myboycharlie {Ire}) is set to make her comeback in the G1 Dubai Turf Mar. 28. The 4-year-old filly has been sidelined since winning Arlington Park’s GI Beverly D. S. last August.

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 London Tower (Head Chopper)
 Mississippi Delta (Giant's Causeway)

Champion 2-Year-Old Colt
 Conquest Tsunami (Stormy Atlantic)
 Conquest Typhoon (Stormy Atlantic)
 Decision Day (Macho Uno)
 Phil's Cocktail (Philanthropist)

Champion 3-Year-Old Female
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 Lexie Lou (Sligo Bay {Ire})
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 Sweater Weather (Milwaukee Brew)

Champion 3-Year-Old Male
 Ami's Holiday (Harlan's Holiday)
 Coltimus Prime (Milwaukee Brew)
 Florida Won (Birdstone)
 Heart to Heart (English Channel)

Champion Older Female
 Hillaby (Distorted Humor)
 Silent Star (Silent Name {Jpn})
 Spring in the Air (Spring At Last)
 Strut the Course (Strut the Stage)

Champion Older Male
 Calgary Cat (Cowtown Cat)
 Lukes Alley (Flower Alley)
 Sharp Sensation (Sharp Humor)
 Sky Captain (Sky Mesa)

Champion Female Turf Horse
 Deceptive Vision (A. P. Indy)
 Executive Allure (Bold Executive)
 Lexie Lou
 Royal Fury (Langfuhr)

Champion Male Turf Horse
 Dynamic Sky (Sky Mesa)
 Escaper (Exchange Rate)
 Heart to Heart
 Sharp Sensation (Sharp Humor)

Champion Female Sprinter
 Cactus Kris (Cactus Ridge)
 Executive Allure (Bold Executive)
 Hillaby
 Spring in the Air

Champion Male Sprinter
 Calgary Cat
 Escaper
 Phil's Dream (Philanthropist)
 Sharp Sensation

Outstanding Broodmare
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 Eye of the Sphinx (Smart Strike)
 Star Guest (Ire) (Alhaarth {Ire})
 Uproar (Hail the Ruckus)

Outstanding Breeder
 Adena Springs, Sam-Son Farm,
 Paradox Farm, William Sorokolit

Outstanding Owner
 Gary Barber, Conquest Stable,
 John Oxley, Sam-Son Farm

Outstanding Trainer
 Mark Casse, Josie Carroll,
 Brian Lynch, Greg Tracy

Outstanding Apprentice Jockey
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In addition to securing a top spot in the outstanding owner category, Conquest Stables is represented by MSW **Conquest Tsunami** (Stormy Atlantic) and GII Summer S. hero **Conquest Typhoon** (Stormy Atlantic) in the 2-year-old male category, as well as MGSW **Conquest Harlanate** (Harlan's Holiday) in the juvenile fillies category.

Spring in the Air (Spring At Last), who earned the Sovereign Award for champion juvenile filly in 2012, has a chance to bring home two more this year for outstanding owner finalist John Oxley and outstanding trainer finalist Mark Casse. The bay made the final cut in both the older female and female sprinter categories thanks to a win in the GIII Hendrie S. and placings in the GIII Whimsical S. and GIII Seway S.

Gary Barber and Sam-Son Farm round out the owner category, while Josie Carroll, Brian Lynch and Greg Tracy oppose Casse in the outstanding trainer division. Adena Springs looks to add to their long list of wins in the outstanding breeder category, and will be challenged by Sam-Son Farm, who also boasts multiple wins in this category. William Sorokolit and Paradox Farm.

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ALBERTRANI LOOKING FOR TOUCHDOWN IN HOLY BULL

Godolphin will send out two homebreds for Saturday's GII Holy Bull S. in the highly touted GII Remsen S. runner-up **Frosted** (Tapit) and **First Down** (Street Sense). The latter, the most lightly raced horse in the field with just two starts under his girth, has much to prove, but his trainer Tom Albertrani is optimistically confident in the colt's ability. "He's been training very well since we came down to Palm Meadows this winter," the conditioner said. *Cont. p4*



Tom Albertrani
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Albertrani Looking for Touchdown in Holy Bull cont.

First Down graduated 3/4 of a length ahead of Frosted on debut going 6 1/2 panels Sept. 20 and finished fourth in the muddy Gil Nashua S. at Aqueduct Nov. 2.

“I was expecting even a better performance after his first race, but I think the muddy track had some effect on him that day,” Albertrani explained. “He probably got more of an education that day than in his first start, so hopefully, I can just attribute that to a bad track and he’ll come back around as he showed us in his first start.”

Albertrani is encouraged by First Down’s development and believes the added distance will not pose a problem.

“He’s been training really well and really aggressively lately,” the trainer offered. “Although he’s only had two races in him, we still want to see where this colt is at by running him here. We see a lot of positive signals and, hopefully, he’s a horse that has a lot of potential. I don’t see why he shouldn’t handle a mile and a sixteenth. Hopefully, he’ll be able to go even further, but this race this weekend should let us see where he is at.”

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A Daily Roundup of Racing Articles in Non-Industry Media

Ill. Gov. Rauner Wants to Take Closer Look at Gaming Industry

It sounds like Gov. Bruce Rauner might be warming up to the idea of expanded gambling in Illinois. Rauner says he doesn’t like to gamble, but he also recognizes the state is losing money to casinos in neighboring states. John Gregory, Illinois Radio Network



Longines World’s Best Racehorses cont. from p1

Just below this quintet was the joint-top-rated horse of 2013, **Treve (Fr)** (Motivator {GB}), who this time around was awarded 126 for her repeat victory in the G1 Qatar Prix de l’Arc de Triomphe. Having shared overall top billing with Black Caviar (Aus) (Bel Esprit {Aus}) the previous year, Criquette Head’s stable star remained top of the distaffers in 2014.

Longines has been the official partner of the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities (IFHA) since 2013 and this is the second time it has organised a ceremony to celebrate the horses who have performed best in a series of first-class international races in the opinion of a panel of international handicappers. This year’s awards lunch at Claridge’s in London’s Mayfair followed the inaugural gala dinner in Hong Kong in December 2013. *Cont. p6*



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Bernardini <i>A.P. Indy</i>	\$85,000	5.8%	3.5%
Tiznow <i>Cee’s Tizzy</i>	\$75,000	6.3%	2.7%
Awesome Again <i>Deputy Minister</i>	\$75,000	5.3%	1.3%

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Longines World's Best Racehorses cont.

Louis Romanet, Chairman of the IFHA, said, "The Longines World's Best Racehorse Rankings are the global standard that the international racing community turns to when assessing performance. The committee skillfully debates and decides on ratings. It's fitting that their hard work and the accomplishments of the top racehorses are on display at the Longines World's Best Racehorse Ceremony."

That's The Way...

Akatsuki Yamatoya's Just A Way gained the verdict over Grand Prix Boss (Jpn) (Sakura Bakushin O {Jpn}) in the G1 Yasuda Kinen at Tokyo in June to enhance his tally of wins for 2014, adding to his Group 1 triumph over the great Gentildonna (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) in the previous year's Tenno Sho.

A ¥12 million (approximately \$100,000) JRHA Select Sale yearling acquisition, the grandson of Sunday Silence was bred by Shadai Corporation from the Wild Again mare Sibyl (Jpn), a daughter of 1990 Coaching Club American Oaks and Black Eyed Susan S. heroine, Charon, the old sparring partner of the outstanding Go For Wand.

Having recently also been named Champion Older Colt or Horse at the Japan Racing Association Awards, it was announced this week that Just A Way will take up stud duties at the Shadai Stallion Station in Hokkaido alongside his sire Heart's Cry from next month. He will command a fee of ¥3.5 million (approximately \$30,000).

"This is the happiest moment of my life to receive this prize in London," said Akatsuki Yamatoya, who was joined at the awards ceremony by trainer Naosuke Sugai and jockey Yuichi Fukunaga. "The first time I came to London was when Just A Way's sire Heart's Cry ran in the King George at Ascot. I was just one member of the syndicate that owned him and now I have achieved my dream of owning a



really good horse outright."

The owners of all seven horses in the top three positions were presented with Longines watches.

Juan-Carlos Capelli, Vice President and Head of International Marketing for Longines commented, "This year's Longines World's Best Racehorse, Just A Way, is a fitting recipient, and his victories on the racecourse showcase performance at the highest level. Performance, along with tradition and elegance, are the values cherished by Longines." **Cont. p7**

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R	Horse	Cat	Surface	Race
130	Just A Way (Jpn)	M	T	Dubai Duty Free
129	Epiphaneia (Jpn)	L	T	Japan Cup
127	Able Friend (Aus)	M	T	HK Mile
127	Australia (GB)	I	T	Juddmonte International
127	Australia (GB)	I	T	Irish Champion (2nd)
127	Kingman (GB)	M	T	St James's Palace
127	The Grey Gatsby (Ire)	I	T	Irish Champion
127	Variety Club (SAf)	M	T	Champions Mile
126	Treve (Fr)	L	T	Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe
125	Bayern	M	D	Haskell
125	Bayern	M	D	Pennsylvania Derby
125	Bayern	I	D	Breeders' Cup Classic
125	Sea the Moon (Ger)	L	T	Deutsches Derby
124	California Chrome	M	D	Santa Anita Derby
124	California Chrome	I	D	Kentucky Derby
124	California Chrome	I	D	Preakness S.
124	California Chrome	I	D	BC Classic (3rd)
124	Game On Dude	I	D	Santa Anita H.
124	Gold Ship (Jpn)	L	T	Takarazuka Kinen
124	Main Sequence	L	T	Breeders' Cup Turf
124	The Fugue	I	T	Prince of Wales's S.
124	Toast of New York	I	D	BC Classic (2nd)
124	Wise Dan	M	T	Maker's 46 Mile

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EPIPHANEIA (JPN) – Rating 129
O-U Carrot Farm; B-Northern Farm; T-Katsuhiko Sumii
(h, 2010, Symboli Kris S–Cesario {Jpn}, by Special Week {Jpn})
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Top Seven Capsules cont. on next page

Consistency Rewarded...

While dazzling one-off performances linger long in the memories of racing fans, consistency throughout a season is a trait every bit as admirable, which makes **Bayern** (Offlee Wild)'s three winning performances to a mark of 125 especially worthy of merit. The Bob Baffert-trained colt, who races in the colours of Kaleem Shah, set those ratings in the G1 Haskell Invitational, GII Pennsylvania Derby and GI Breeders' Cup Classic. An equal rating was gained by Gestuet Gorlsdorf's **Sea The Moon (Ger)** (Sea The Stars {Ger}), who surged to a memorable 11-length victory in the 2014 G1 Deutsches Derby and has recently joined the stallion roster at Lanwades Stud in Newmarket. **Cont. p8**

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'STAR' MAKES RAMSEYS' DAY EVEN BRIGHTER

Just hours before Ken and Sarah Ramsey would take home Eclipse Awards for outstanding owner and breeder, their **International Star** (Fusaichi Pegasus) moved them closer to a 2015 repeat for top owner in the GIII Lecomte S. War Story



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ABLE FRIEND (AUS) – Rating 127
 O-Dr & Mrs Cornel Li; B-Ramsey Pastoral Pty Ltd;
 T-John Moore
 (g, 2009, Shamardal–Ponte Piccolo {NZ}, by Volksraad {GB})
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 Major Victories
[G1 Longines Hong Kong Mile](#)



KINGMAN (GB) – Rating 127
 O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd;
 T-John Gosden
 (c, 2011, Invincible Spirit {Ire}–Zenda {GB}, by Zamindar)
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[G1 St James's Palace S.](#) • [G1 QIPCO Sussex S.](#) •
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AUSTRALIA (GB) – Rating 127
 O-D Smith/Mrs J Magnier/M Tabor/Teo Ah Khing;
 B-Stanley Estate Co & Stud; T-Aidan O'Brien
 (c, 2011, Galileo {Ire}–Ouija Board {GB}, by Cape Cross {Ire})
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 Major Victories
[G1 Investec Derby](#) • [G1 Irish Derby](#) •
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THE GREY GATSBY (IRE) – Rating 127
 O-F Gillespie; B-M Parrish; T-Kevin Ryan
 (c, 2011, Mastercraftsman {Ire}–Marie Vision {Ire},
 by Entrepreneur {GB})
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 Major Victories
[G1 Prix du Jockey Club](#) • [G1 Irish Champion S.](#)



VARIETY CLUB (SAF) – Rating 127
 O-M & I Jooste; B-Beaumont Stud;
 T-Joey Ramsden)/Mike de Kock
 (h, 2008, Var–La Massine {SAF}, by Secret Prospector)
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 Major Victories
[G2 Godolphin Mile](#) • [G1 Champions Mile](#)

LONGINES WORLD'S BEST RACEHORSES – 2014



The winning connections of Just a Way (l to r): JRA President & CEO Masayuki Goto, trainer Naosuke Sugai, Longines VP and Head of International Marketing Juan-Carlos Capelli, Saki Yemoto, owner Akatsuki Yamatoya, IFHA Chairman Louis Romanet and jockey Yuichi Fukunaga



The winning connections of Epiphaneia (l to r): Louis Romanet, Fujiya & Yoko Takahashi, Masayuki Goto and Juan-Carlos Capelli



(l to r): Colleen & Derek Brugman (Variety Club), Juan-Carlos Capelli, Tisa Li (Able Friend), Louis Romanet, Charmaine Li (Able Friend) and Hong Kong Jockey Club CEO and IFHA Vice Chairman Winfried Englebrecht-Bresges



(l to r): Louis Romanet, Christy Grassick and Teo Ah Khing (Australia), Lord Grimthorpe (Kingman), Chris & Frank Gillespie (The Grey Gatsby), Juan-Carlos Capelli and IFHA Vice Chairman Brian Kavanagh



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Longines World's Best Racehorses cont.

Bayern's two closest pursuers in last year's highly charged Breeders' Cup Classic, **Toast Of New York** (Thewayouare) and **California Chrome** (Lucky Pulpit), were each given ratings of 124. For the latter, who on Saturday was named champion 3-year-old and Horse of the Year, his Classic placing was one of four performances which earned him that mark--the others being his victories in the first two legs of the Triple Crown and his GI Santa Anita Derby win. Also posting 124-rated performances in 2014 were Santa Anita H. winner **Game On Dude** (Awesome Again), Longines Breeders' Cup Turf hero and dual Eclipse Award winner **Main Sequence** (Aldebaran), G1 Prince Of Wales's S. victress **The Fugue (GB)** (Dansili {GB}), GI Maker's 46 Mile winner **Wise Dan** (Wiseman's Ferry) and **Gold Ship (Jpn)** (Stay Gold {Jpn}), for his success in the G1 Takarazuka Kinen at Hanshin in June.

Belardo Crowned Champion European 2-Year-Old...

Prince A A Faisal's G1 Dewhurst S. winner **Belardo (Ire)** (Lope De Vega {Ire}) has been named as the European Champion 2-Year-Old for 2014 with a rating of 119. Trained in Newmarket by Roger Varian, Belardo helped his sire gain champion freshman honours in Europe with his three wins from five starts, including the Listed Denford Stud S.

Just behind him on 118 was Godolphin's **Charming Thought (GB)** (Oasis Dream {GB}), whose victory in the G1 Middle Park S. sealed a hat-trick of victories from just four starts. **Ivawood (Ire)** (Zebedee {Ire}) was also beaten just once in four starts in 2014 and that nose defeat came at the hands of Charming Thought. The Richard Hannon trainee notched two Group 2 wins--in the Richmond S. and July S.--to earn him a rating of 117, which was on a par with G1 Racing Post Trophy and G2 Royal Lodge S. winner **Elm Park (GB)** (Phoenix Reach {Ire}). Tied with those two colts were the top-rated fillies, the prolific scorer **Tiggy Wiggy (Ire)** (Kodiac {Ire}), whose six triumphs include the G1 Cheveley Park S., and G1 Prix Marcel Boussac winner **Found (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire})--the latter being the champion 2-year-old of Ireland.

Commenting on the rankings, the British Horseracing Authority's Senior Handicapper for 2-year-olds, Matthew Tester, said, "Belardo had been twice beaten in Group races before his Dewhurst win which was on much softer ground than most of his rivals had experienced. His previous start saw him finish fourth to Estidhkaar who could, in turn, only finish fourth to him in the Dewhurst.

"Maybe Belardo simply needs soft ground to produce his best, but his rating reflects our caution about the race. If the Guineas is run on soft ground then we hope that he will impress again. A year ago we rated the same trainer's Kingston Hill a pound higher at 120 and he went on to finish second in the Derby before winning the St Leger."

He added, "Both Charming Thought and Elm Park improved with every run. Charming Thought seems to have plenty of speed, and I am not certain that he will be as effective over a mile."

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Tester continued, "Elm Park travelled much better during the race at Doncaster than he had at Newmarket. He certainly improved; but my impression was also that the flatter track at Doncaster allowed him to get more quickly into his rhythm."

Tiggy Wiggy and Found have been rated two pounds lower than previous champion fillies Zarkava (2007) and Finsceal Beo (2006). Anthem Alexander (Ire), one of two Royal Ascot Group-winning juveniles for Starspangledbanner (Aus) and conqueror of Tiggy Wiggy in the Queen Mary S., the was third best filly of 2014 on 114, while Moyglare Stud S. winner **Cursorry Glance** (Distorted Humor), who has recently suffered a training setback which rules her out of the QIPCO 1000 Guineas in May, has been assessed with a mark of 112.

Tester commented: "While there was no particularly outstanding performance among the colts last year, the fillies were a different story. They were a really strong bunch and Tiggy Wiggy blew me away in the Super Sprint.

"Found looked brilliant when winning the Marcel Boussac. She was stopped in her run, but still quickened up again to pull clear in the finish. She is beautifully bred, being the daughter of Red Evie, whose nine wins included the G1 Lockinge S. The sky is the limit for her and she is a worthy favourite for the 1000 Guineas."



Belardo *Racing Post*



European 2-Year-Old Classification Horses Rated 115 and Above

HORSE	RATING
Belardo (Ire) (Lope De Vega {Ire})	119
Charming Thought (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB})	118
Elm Park (GB) (Phoenix Reach {GB})	117
Found (Ire) (Galileo {Ire})	117
Ivawood (Ire) (Zebede {GB})	117
Tiggy Wiggy (Ire) (Kodiac {GB})	117
Gleneagles (Ire) (Galileo {Ire})	116
Richard Pankhurst (GB) (Raven's Pass)	116
The Wow Signal (Ire) (Starspangledbanner {Aus})	116
Dick Whittington (Ire) (Rip Van Winkle {Ire})	115
Estidhkaar (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire})	115
Hootenanny (Quality Road)	115
Kodi Bear (Ire) (Kodiac {GB})	115
Limato (Ire) (Tagula {Ire})	115
Vert de Grece (Ire) (Verglas {Ire})	115

Explaining the Process...

The Longines World's Best Racehorse Rankings is horseracing's equivalent to World Rankings by other major sporting organizations such as ATP Tennis Rankings, World Golf Rankings, FIFA World Rankings for soccer and IRB Rugby World Rankings. The Longines rankings are based on the ratings earned by horses running worldwide from North and South America, Europe, Middle East, South Africa, and Asia through to Australia and New Zealand. The ratings are compiled under the auspices of The International Federation of Horseracing Authorities (IFHA) by racing officials and handicappers representing the five continents who compile the ranking order by agreeing on the rating for each horse. The ratings are based on the performance of horses in elite races held during the designated period which takes into account the quality of opposition and achievements of each horse. Throughout the year the Longines rankings are published at regular intervals and the consolidated annual rankings are released in January. The annual rankings denote the champions in the various distance categories for example, sprint or mile, surface either turf or dirt/artificial and also the fillies and mares category.

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DE KOCK EYES KENTUCKY DERBY

Mike de Kock could be represented with his first-ever runner in the Run for the Roses after the South African trainer decided to enter UAE 2000 Guineas Trial winner **Mubtaahij (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}). The Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Maktoum color-bearer is now targeting the G2 UAE Derby on Dubai World Cup night, Mar. 28, the only qualifying race for the Churchill Downs showpiece outside the U.S.



Mubtaahij
Emirates Racing Authority

Mubtaahij had two runs in the UK as a juvenile and opened his account in good style at Meydan on New Year's eve in a dirt maiden. He doubled up in the UAE 2000 Guineas Trial, Jan. 15, winning by five lengths from his stablemate Ajwaad (Arg), with

favorite Maftool back in third.

De Kock commented on his website, "Mubtaahij has shown enough promise to be considered a good UAE Derby candidate. On the strength of that, and considering the entry deadline, we decided to put his name down. This is one of the greatest races in the world. It's a dream for all us, a first venture and we'll see how things unfold."

The South African conditioner added, "Mubtaahij will have to step up to the plate. We'll have to test him against the strongest in Dubai to see if he has the mettle to compete in a race like the Kentucky Derby but racing is made of dreams and we've done our initial bit to make the journey possible. Mubtaahij will probably have to win the UAE Derby to have a good chance of securing a run."

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SLIPPER SIBLINGS TRIAL AT ROSEHILL

The Rosehill trials Tuesday morning were dominated by a trio of Golden Slipper entries, who also share the distinction of being siblings to former Golden Slipper heroes.

Corumbene Stud's **Outreach (Aus)** (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), trained by Peter and Paul Snowden, was the first to score over 900m with jockey Hugh Bowman aboard, posting the fastest time of the day. The colt is a full brother to **Overreach (Aus)** (Exceed and Excel {Aus}), who landed the 2013 Golden Slipper for the same owner-breeder. The runner-up in this trial, more than three lengths clear from the rest of the field, was Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Maktoum's **Mawahibb (Aus)** (Magic Albert), a half-brother to last year's Golden Slipper hero Mossfun (Aus).

The following trial was won by Emirates Park's **Muheeb (Aus)** (Lonhro {Aus}), a half-brother to former Golden Slipper glory and up-and-coming sire Sepoy (Aus).

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EURO CHARLINE TO TARGET DUBAI TURF

Team Valor's **Euro Charline (GB)** (Myboycharlie {Ire}) is set to target the G1 Dubai Turf, formerly known as the Dubai Duty Free, after pleasing trainer Marco Botti in her morning exercise. The 4-year-old filly spent has not been seen since her victory in the G1 Beverly D. S., Aug. 16, having been sidelined through injury.

Team Valor CEO Barry Irwin said, "I consider this to be super news since it comes without any prompting from us. Because of the filly's injury, I did not want to put any pressure on Marco to run her in this race. I always figured, if it came up too soon for this year, that we could always point for it next year."

However, the Newmarket handler recently expressed confidence that Euro Charline would be ready for the 1800-meter Group 1, Mar. 28. "Euro Charline is going very well and I am pleased with her," Botti said. "She is moving well and is in great form at this time of the season." Euro Charline will be aiming to emulate fellow Team Valor color-bearer Ipi Tombe (Zim), who won the G1 Dubai Duty Free in 2003.

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Euro Charline
Racing Post

BLACK-TYPE PREVIEWS

Thursday, Meydan, UAE, post time: 9:40 p.m.

AL FAHIDI FORT -G2, \$250,000, NH 4yo/up, SH 3yo/up, 1400mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	1	Shaishee	Indian Charlie	Hanagan	Al Muahiri
2	2	Safety Check (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Buick	Appleby
3	3	Encipher	Elusive Quality	Ffrench	Al Raihe
4	4	Modern History (Ire)	Shamardal	De Sousa	Al Muahiri
5	5	Anaerobio (Arg)	Catcher in the Rye (Ire)	Soumillon	De Kock
6	6	Zahee (NZ)	Dylan Thomas (Ire)	Smith	De Kock
7	7	Red Ray (SAf)	Western Winter	Marcus	De Kock
8	8	Ertijaal (Ire)	Oasis Dream (GB)	O'Neill	Al Raihe
9	9	Eastern Rules (Ire)	Golden Snake	Foley	Halford
10	10	Decathlete	Medaglia d'Oro	Barzalona	bin Ghdayer

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BRIS Speed Ratings

Top Weekly Stakes Races

Horse	Sire	Race	BRIS Speed
Weekend Hideaway	Speightstown	Florida Sunshine Millions Sprint S.	110
Carve	First Samurai	Fifth Season S.	103
Hard Aces	Hard Spun	Louisiana H.	103
Micromanage	Medaglia d'Oro	Jazil S.	103
Captain Serious	Successful Appeal	Hollie Hughes S.	100
Kitten's Point	Kitten's Joy	Astra S.	100
Sr. Quisqueyano	Exclusive Quality	Florida Sunshine Millions Classic S.	98
String King	Crowned King	Colonel E. R. Bradley H.-G3	98
Dame Dorothy	Bernardini	Florida Sunshine Millions Distaff S.	97
Thegirlinthat song	My Golden Song	La Canada S.-G2	97
I'm a Chatterbox	Munnings	Silverbulletday S.	96
Sam's Sister	Brother Derek	Santa Monica S.-G2	96
Hip Four Sixtynine	Southern Image	Fremont S.	95
Mufajaah	Tapit	Pippin S.	95
Power Ped	Powerscourt (GB)	Cotton Fitzsimmons Mile H.	95
International Star	Fusaichi Pegasus	LeComte S.-G3	94
Willet	Jump Start	Interborough S.	94
A M Milky Way	Elusive Bluff	Groovy S.	93
Ghost Is Clear	Ghostzapper	Forego S.	93
Rock and Glory	Rock Hard Ten	Glendale H.	93
Far Right	Notional	Smarty Jones S.	92
Parc Monceau	Giant's Causeway	El Dorado S.	92
Noite d'Oro	Medaglia d'Oro	Marie G. Krantz Memorial H.	91

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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY...

January 20, 1972...Secretariat was shipped from Virginia to Florida to be trained by Lucien Laurin.

January 20, 1979...Odds-on favorite **Affirmed**, with Steve Cauthen aboard, finished second in the San Fernando S. at Santa Anita, beaten 2 3/4 lengths by Radar Ahead. It was their fourth consecutive defeat. Cauthen subsequently lost the mount on Affirmed to jockey Laffit Pincay, Jr., who rode the horse for the remainder of his four-year-old season, winning seven victories in as many starts. Affirmed was later voted Horse of the Year for 1979. Cauthen had ridden Affirmed to a Triple Crown sweep the previous year and the pair recorded 11 wins in their 16 races together.

January 23, 1994...Pat Day, at age 40, became the 10th rider in North American racing history to ride 6,000 winners when he rode Miss Popsnorkle to victory in the first race at Oaklawn Park.

January 24, 1974...Jockey **Chris McCarron** rode his first race, in which he finished last aboard Most Active at Bowie Racecourse.

▶ Central U.S.

Yesterday's Results:

2nd-HOU, \$20,000, Msw, 3yo, 5 1/2f, 1:05 1/5, ft. BUZZERLOB (c, 3, [Even the Score](#)--Perfect Wave, by Boston Harbor) faded to ninth after setting the pace at Remington Park Dec. 4, and was given a 6-1 chance to carry his speed farther this time around while receiving first-time Lasix. He did just that, posting a half in :46.84 and holding sway by two lengths at the line. The winner is a half to La Rocca (Tocet), MSW and MGSP, \$355,859. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$11,785. [Click for the brisnet.com chart.](#) O/B-Millennium Farms (KY). T-Steven M Asmussen.

▶ California

Monday Night's Results:

8th-GGX, \$33,389, Msw, 3yo, 6f (AWT), 1:10 2/5, ft. ULTRA FAME (c, 3, [Western Fame](#)--Ankha, by Desert Classic), a half to Ultra Blend (Richly Blended), GISW, \$1,015,646, nearly blew up the tote when he got reeled in late at 41-1 odds going a sixteenth shorter here Dec. 7. Backed as the 2-1 choice this time, the homebred broke inwardly, but quickly righted the ship to take command. He doled out splits of :23.07 and :46.36, and kept finding to don cap and gown by 3 1/4 lengths. Son of a Royal (Bertrando) completed the exacta. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$27,040. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#). O/B-Shirley Jean Streiff & Gary Ives (CA). T-Doug Utley.

INDUSTRY INFO

Pettigrew Named BC Senior VP, Marketing & Sponsorship:

Bryan Pettigrew has been named Senior Vice President, Marketing and Sponsorship for the Breeders' Cup. He will oversee marketing, business development and sponsorship sales for the World Championships at Keeneland Oct. 30-31.

Pettigrew will be based in Lexington, Kentucky, and begin his duties Feb. 2. He formerly served as the Senior Vice President of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association Advantage.

"We are proud to have selected a very talented, hardworking and proven sponsorship sales professional in Bryan Pettigrew," said Craig Fravel, Breeders' Cup president and CEO. "Bryan's creativity and proven success in developing strong relationships and effective marketing partnerships inside and outside Thoroughbred racing will be terrific assets to the Breeders' Cup."

"As someone with a strong passion for racing, I'm very excited to be joining the Breeders' Cup team," said Pettigrew. "Breeders' Cup's world-class racing, hospitality and international reach provide the opportunity for new sponsorships and marketing partnerships and I look forward to building on the momentum of the last few years."

Old Friends Retiree Passes Away:

Old Friends Farm resident **Escapedfromnewyork** (Aristotle) passed away Sunday at the age of 10 from a heart attack brought on by colic at Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital.

The bay arrived at Old Friends as an unnamed and unregistered 4-year-old. He was dubbed Escapedfromnewyork after the Kurt Russell film by Old Friends supporter Fred Jones in an online contest. Old Friends officially registered the horse through the cooperation of the Jockey Club. Around the farm the horse was endearingly known as Snake, which was Russell's character in the movie.

"Snake was a very brave little horse," said Michael Blown, Old Friends founder and president. "Despite his rough start in life he was affectionate and kind and a pleasure to be around. "

The unraced gelding was one of 177 Thoroughbreds found in various states of neglect in 2009 at Ernie Paragallo's Center Brook Farm in upstate New York. Paragallo, a prominent owner and breeder who raced champion sprinter Artax, was eventually charged with 33 counts of animal cruelty and sentenced to two years in jail and a \$33,000 fine.

"Our thanks go out to New York's Columbia-Greene Humane Society for the wonderful work they did to rescue all of the horses found at Center Brook and for allowing us to adopt this little horse", Blown continued. "It has been very rewarding to have given him six happy years."

South Carolina Thoroughbred Owners & Breeders Association Awards

2yo Filly Bred by a SCTOBA Member	Candy Castle (Windsor Castle)
2yo SC-Bred Filly	Cursive (Straight Talking)
3yo Colt	Shock Hazard (Dunkirk)
Older Female	Mshomecomingqueen (Kokand)
Breeder of the Year	Franklin G. Smith
Frank Whiteley Award for Outstanding Service	Cot Campbell
Stickman Courage Award	Doris Rabon
Special TCA Award of Merit	Kip Elser



Tuesday Cancellations
PARX
(track conditions)

• ON THE WORKTAB •

- BELMONT PARK**
Paulsilverlining (Ghostzapper), 4f, :54.45, 26/26
- GULFSTREAM PARK**
Barbados (Speightstown), 3f, :38.51, 1/4
- PALM MEADOWS**
Bern Identity (Bernstein), 3f, :37.75, 7/14
- Ultimate Shopper (Yes It's True), 4f, :50.30, 33/43

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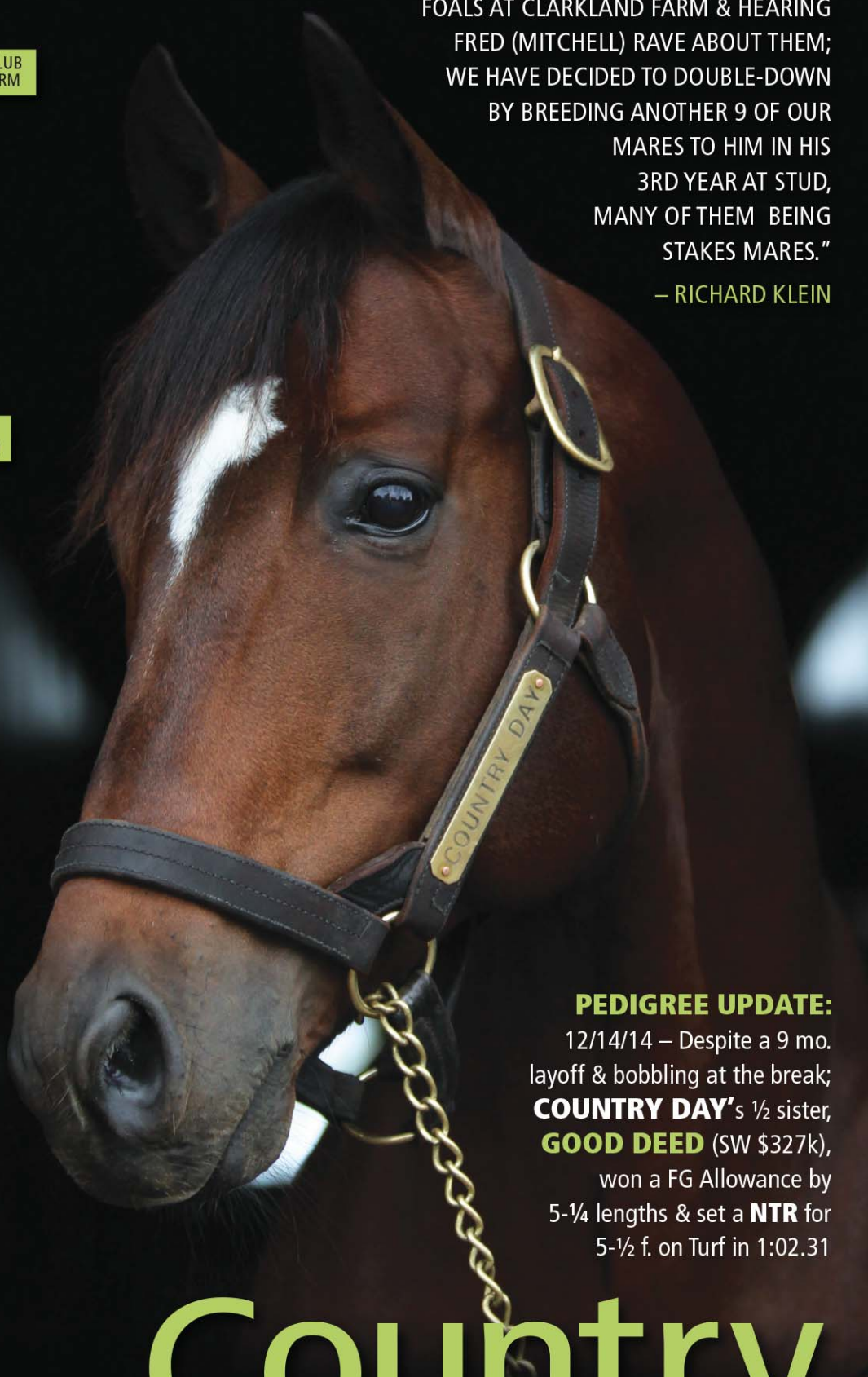
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PEDIGREE UPDATE:

12/14/14 – Despite a 9 mo. layoff & bobbling at the break; **COUNTRY DAY**'s ½ sister, **GOOD DEED** (SW \$327k), won a FG Allowance by 5-¼ lengths & set a **NTR** for 5-½ f. on Turf in 1:02.31

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CHARITABLE MAN (Lemon Drop Kid), Taylor Mountain Farm, \$4K, 79/6/0

4-CT, Alw, 6 1/2f, Too Much to Do, 3-1

GREELEY'S CONQUEST (Mr. Greeley), Midway KY, \$1K, 35/1/0

9-MVR, Msw, 6f, Lava Rocks, 6-1

LINE OF DAVID (Lion Heart), Spendthrift Farm, \$6K, 90/9/1

1-PEN, Msw, 1m, Precise Line, \$8K EAS SEP yrl, 7-2

MR. SILVER (Concorde's Tune), 5/1/0

9-MVR, Msw, 6f, +Silver Thunder, 6-1

MUNNINGS (Speightstown), Ashford Stud, \$10K, 165/29/4

6-CT, Alw, 6 1/2f, Carolina Speed, \$30K RNA OBS OPN 2yo, 7-2

UNITED STATES (A.P. Indy), 23/1/0

6-CT, Alw, 6 1/2f, Melvian Star, 15-1

WARRIOR'S REWARD (Medaglia d'Oro), Spendthrift Farm, \$13K, 173/15/1

4-CT, Alw, 6 1/2f, Warrior Forever, \$65K KEE SEP yrl, 9-2

BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

4th-MVR, \$22,700, 1-20, NW3L, (S), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:06, gd.

SPRING SONG (c, 4, [Spring At Last](#)--Rachel's Song, by Tale of the Cat) Lifetime Record: SP, 17-3-2-3, \$63,895. O-Danielle Agnello. B-Deborah Kopatz (OH). T-Michael C Pappada. * \$55,000 yrl '12 FTKOCT; \$25,000 2yo '13 OBSAPR.



CAMELOT (GB) (Montjeu {Ire}--Tarfah, by Kingmambo), European champion 2-year-old & 3-year-old, won the the G1 2000 Guineas & G1 Epsom Derby and earned \$2,990,639. Stands at Coolmore for €25,000.

● Mora Bai (Ire) (Indian Ridge {Ire}), a half-sister to MG1SW High Chaparral (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) and dam of G2 winner David Livingston (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), produced a colt Monday at Coolmore Ireland.

● Apparel (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}), a half-sister to G1SW Mount Nelson (GB) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}) and G2SW Monitor Closely (Ire) (Oasis Dream {GB}), produced a filly Sunday.

LIAISON (Indian Charlie--Gallop Gal, by Victory Gallop), 2011 GI CashCall Futurity, winner of 5 of 18 starts and earned \$767,288. Stands at Spendthrift Farm fo \$10,000, stands and nurses.

● Dakota Sis (Eddington) produced a bay filly Jan. 6 in Micanopy, Florida. The filly was bred by Y-Lo Racing Stables LLC.

OVERANALYZE (Dixie Union--Unacloud, by Unaccounted For), winner of the 2013 GI Arkansas Derby and 2012 GII Futurity S. and GII Remsen S. for earnings of \$1,046,381. Stands at WinStar Farm for \$10,000, s/n.

● 4M Ranch's Happy Destiny (Congrats) produced a chestnut filly at Red River Farm in Coshatta, LA Jan. 18.

ALTERNATION (Distorted Humor--Alternate, by Seattle Slew), winner of four graded stakes during his career including the GII Oaklawn H. in 2012, stands at Pin Oak Stud (\$7,500LF).

● Lady Is a Lioness (Leroidesanimaux {Brz}--Jeanne Jones, by Nijinsky II) produced a bay colt for owner/breeders Jim and Pam Robinson at their Brandywine Farm at 2:00 a.m. Jan. 20. The mare will be bred back to Into Mischief.

● "The foal was good sized and correct," commented Pam Robinson of Brandywine Farm. "He stood and nursed within 15 minutes of being born."

● "We're glad to hear that was his first foal," added Pin Oak Stud general manager Clifford Barry. "It's exciting for us here at Pin Oak for sure. Alternation is very much a homebred through and through. Pam seemed pretty excited this morning about the conformation of the foal and how well the foal looked. It was fun to hear the good news."

Saudi Arabia

Spring at Last to Saudi Arabia:

Twelve-year-old stallion **Spring At Last** (Silver Deputy--Winter's Gone, by Dynaformer) has been sold to H.H. Prince Sultan bin Mohammed bin Saud Al Kabeer and will stand stud in Saudi Arabia in 2015. A winner of the 2008 GI Donn H. for J. Paul Reddam and WinStar Farm, the dark bay retired to WinStar, and ranked second on the North American Freshman Sires list in 2012 thanks to the exploits of Grade I winner Spring in the Air and Grade II winners Spring Venture and Seaneen Girl. Spring At Last is a half to GISW Sharp Lisa (Dixieland Band) and MGSW Sharp Susan (Touch Gold).

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Gorlitz (GB), c, 3, **Showcasing (GB)**--Belle's Edge (GB), by Danehill Dancer {Ire}. CAP, 1-20, 3yo, 8f (AWT), 1:38.32. B-Christopher & Annabelle Mason (GB). *14,000gns wnlg '12 TATDEC; €19,000 RNA yrl'13 TATIRE; 10,500gns yrl '13 TATDEC.