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FELONY WARRANT ISSUED FOR CHAPA

By T.D. Thornton

Jockey Roman Chapa remained at large Tuesday despite the issuance of a Texas felony warrant for his arrest for allegedly using an illegal electrical device to stimulate Quiet Acceleration (Silent Picture) to a stakes win at Sam Houston Race Park Jan. 17.

"It is an open warrant but he is not in custody," said Tebben Lewis, a spokesperson for the Harris County Sheriff's Office. "He is not in our jail. I don't know if he is on the run or anything. I know there is an active open warrant out for him, but that's all I know."

The use of an outlawed electrical device to frighten a horse into running faster is nothing new in horse racing, but the way Chapa's alleged misdeed came to light certainly is.

According to probable cause paperwork filed by Texas Department of Safety peace officer Jeffrey Green, Chapa essentially implicated himself by contacting the track photographer the day after his stakes win, demanding the removal of what appeared to be a fairly standard inside-rail photograph from the SHRP website because it was a "bad" picture.

Jack Coady, the track photographer, initially told Chapa he had no idea what the jockey was talking about. But upon closer inspection, an enlarged portion of that photograph revealed what appears to be a tan, palm-sized device with protruding prongs in Chapa's partially closed left hand where the underside of his fist meets the reins. **Cont. p3**



Chapa aboard Quiet Acceleration
Richard King/Coady Photography

THE SYDNEYSIDERS HAVE GONE MAD

by Gai Waterhouse

Up until the advent of 'The Championships' in 2014 and the revamping of the 10-furlong [2000-meter] G1 Queen Elizabeth S., the richest race in Sydney was the G1 Golden Slipper S. for 2-year-olds. I know that many in the Northern Hemisphere can't believe that in a racing-mad country like Australia, one of our biggest races would be a scamper over six furlongs for 2-year-olds.

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Lauren King

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Nothing But 'Net' at Karaka



David Ellis and hip 429
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For the fourth-consecutive year, a yearling by Fastnet Rock (Aus) topped the New Zealand Bloodstock Premier Yearling Sale at Karaka, with David Ellis's Te Akau Racing going to NZ\$800,000 to secure a daughter of the Coolmore stalwart consigned by Lyndhurt Farm.

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By Jan. 19, SHRP security officials were on the case and copies of the photograph depicting the area of detail were circulating online after the *Paulick Report* broke the story. Chapa was “summarily suspended” by the SHRP stewards and hasn’t ridden since.

That same day, Green interviewed Chapa at the SHRP security office. “I showed the defendant the photograph of the defendant holding the machine in the defendant’s left hand...The defendant immediately stated that the photograph had been photo-shopped and someone was trying to frame him,” Green wrote.

Chapa reportedly told Green that he knew what an illegal stimulating device looked like and what it was used for, and even admitted to having been caught using one in 2007. Chapa was suspended five years by New Mexico officials for that offense, but was granted a probationary license to return to riding in 2011. He had previously been suspended 19 months in Texas in 1993 for carrying an electrical device.

“The defendant also gave me verbal consent to look at his cell phone, and I observed a copy of the photograph in his recently deleted files,” Green wrote. “The defendant did not have an answer as to why it was on his phone when I asked.”

Green’s investigation led to the warrant being filed Jan. 23. The specific charge is “unlawful influence on racing.”

Neither Chapa, nor his agent, Toby Cathey, could be reached via phone for comment.

Robert Elrod, the public information officer for the Texas Racing Commission, said the legal charges against Chapa will not have an effect on the commission’s ongoing investigation into the alleged use of the stimulating device. He said Chapa has appealed his suspension, and a hearing (to deal with the suspension appeal alone) has been scheduled for Feb. 9.

Elrod said he could not recall an instance in which someone in Texas was convicted of an unlawful influence on racing.

Chapa’s specific charge states that he intended to “use” the device to affect the outcome of the race. How stiff a criminal penalty he might face appears to hinge on whether prosecutors can prove actual use of the device. **Cont. p4**

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On the Texas Racing Commission website, Section 14.10 of the Texas Racing Act lists the possession of an electrical device as a Class A misdemeanor. Possession with "intent" to influence the outcome of a race is a state jail felony. Actual "use of" is a third degree felony.

The difference is substantial: In Texas, Class A misdemeanors are punishable by up to one year in jail, a fine of up to \$4,000, or both jail time and a fine. State jail felonies are punishable by 180 days to two years in state jail and a fine of up to \$10,000. Third degree felonies are punishable by two to 10 years imprisonment and a fine of up to \$10,000.

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F-T FLORIDA CATALOG RELEASED

Fasig-Tipton has released the catalogue for its 2015 Florida Sale of 2-year-olds in training, which will be held at Gulfstream Park for the first time this year Wednesday, Mar. 4. A total of 175 juveniles have been entered in the one-day auction, which begins at 4:00 p.m. Selling will take place in Gulfstream's walking ring. The under tack show will be held Monday, Mar. 2 at 10:00 a.m. "For more than 60 years, Fasig-Tipton has conducted a premier sale of 2-year-olds in South Florida," said Fasig-Tipton president Boyd Browning. "In 2015, we are thrilled to be returning to the Miami area and moving into a new home at Gulfstream Park during its prestigious winter championship meet. The location and facilities at Gulfstream are ideal for conducting a world class 2-year-old sale." Browning continued, "Buyers will find outstanding quality at a variety of price ranges in this year's catalogue, as well as have the added benefit of watching sale horses train over a track that they could very well race over later this year... This year's sale is an event not to be missed by any major buyer." Among last year's Florida Sale graduates are Consumer Credit (More Than Ready), winner of Saturday's GIII Sweetest Chant S. at Gulfstream; and Khozan (Distorted Humor), a \$1-million half to Grade I winners Royal Delta (Empire Maker) and Crown Queen (Smart Strike) who earned the **TDN Rising Star** for a smashing success for Al Shaqab Racing and Todd Pletcher on the same card. For the catalog, visit fasigtipton.com or download it from the equineline app. Print catalogs will be available Feb. 2.

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DETTORI TO RIDE AT GP DONN DAY

Frankie Dettori will be at Gulfstream Park Feb. 7 to ride at least two horses in graded stakes events on the GI Donn H. day card, including **Sandiva (Ire)** (Footstepsinthesand {GB}) for Al Shaqab Racing in the GIII Suwanee River H. Javier Castellano rode the 4-year-old filly last out in her winning effort in the Dec.



Frankie Dettori
Racing Post

20 Tropical Park Oaks. Dettori will not replace Castellano aboard Al Shaqab's **Mshawish** (Medaglia d'Oro) in the GI Gulfstream Park Turf H. that same day, according to Al Shaqab's U.S. Advisor, Bradley Weisbord. "Although Frankie Dettori is the retained rider for Al Shaqab, we discussed as a team the need to keep

Javier on Mshawish due to the fact that he is a difficult horse to ride and because Javier has built a great rapport with him and we didn't want to change anything on the eve of a Grade I, particularly when they're two-for-two together and two-for-two at Gulfstream," Weisbord explained. "He's America's best rider, the Eclipse Award winner, and Gulfstream's leading rider, and we decided to leave him aboard. Frankie has always been known as a team player and he is very understanding of the situation." According to a story in the *Racing Post*, Dettori will be aboard **Sloane Avenue** (Candy Ride {Arg}) for trainer Jeremy Noseda in the Donn the same day. Sloane Avenue has won two of five starts in Great Britain with Dettori aboard, and finished next-to-last in his one U.S. attempt in the GIII Hill Prince at Belmont in October. "Sloane Avenue is by Candy Ride out of an A.P. Indy mare, so it's an American dirt pedigree," Noseda told the *Racing Post*.

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BAGELS, DONUTS AND STEVE BLASS

by *Steve DeCaspers*

While jockeying for elbow room on a cramped Southwest flight home on Monday afternoon, I couldn't help but wonder what the travel experience would have been like had I played as well as John O'Neil, who won the \$800,000 top prize at the NTRA/Daily Racing Form National Handicapping Championship.



Would I have changed airlines and upgraded to first class? Or would I have contacted Breeders' Cup partner Sentient Jet and arranged for private

transport home? Better yet, could I have bartered an endorsement for flight time? **Cont. p6**

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Alas, my experience was the exact opposite of the 74-year-old winner. I made 30 bets over the course of two days and didn't see a single one of my choices finish in the top two. Prior to this weekend, I believed that every NHC participant would be guaranteed at least one story of a bad beat, DQ or a situation when faced with a choice between two contenders, you "zigged" when you should have "zagged."

I had none. My NHC was the handicapping equivalent of driving through Kansas--eight-hour days without a single exciting moment. If there was a competition where the goal was to find the horse who gets shuffled back early, looms on the turn and flattens to fourth, I would have dominated it.

While my personal performance at the NHC would best be summarized in chart comments as "Dwelt, raced greenly, failed to menace," the event itself was a pleasure to be a part of. Here are a couple of reasons why:

Organization

My highest compliments go to the NTRA, *Daily Racing Form* and Treasure Island for event management in the huge crowds, high stakes and any number of things that could have gone wrong. From registration to the final table, the best of Thoroughbred racing was on display regarding technology, communication and customer service.

The Horseplayer Vibe

While many racing events are about the grandeur of the sport and the regal power and beauty of the Thoroughbred, those sentiments are absent at the NHC. Instead, a potent cocktail of strong opinions, sharp personalities and vocal reactions--either in celebration or dismay--creates an environment that the convenience of online play from your living room can never match.

Competitive Camaraderie

As a first-time starter at the NHC, I was surprised by what a social event it was. I observed many happy reunions of players who had clearly formed a friendship at past tournaments, and experienced first hand the strange compulsion to start tracking the play of and rooting for players seated nearby. Despite my heads-down focus on the past performances, even I made some friends and hope to see Wes from Dallas and Al from Miami next year. **Cont. p7**



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That doesn't mean there weren't some areas for improvement the NHC can and should address for next year. Two issues stood out to me:

Mandatory Races.

There's significant debate over which of the many handicapping tournament formats the NHC should take, but the organizers seem settled on some combination of mandatory and optional races. I'm willing to accept the format as it is, but making over half of the 30 contest plays in the first two days on mandatory races felt like overkill. The NHC should examine reducing the number of mandatories to five, which would retain that element of the competition, but also give players more flexibility to choose their spots.

Las Vegas Mutuel Clerks.

Although we are encouraged by the NTRA to eschew our ADWs for the weekend and bet through Treasure Island, the process was often painful thanks to the absence of automatic betting machines and the often frustrating lack of experience and urgency displayed by the mutuel clerks. I'm confident that most of the horseplayers in that room would be willing to play through Treasure Island if there were automated machines and a generous rebate/comp policy. I didn't see the former (perhaps it's a union thing?) or hear anything about the latter.

I also didn't encounter particularly long lines at the betting windows when I did tempt fate and make a cash wager. Betting machines and 5% rebates would go a long way toward improving handle at the NHC next year.

No article about my historically bad NHC result (I was one of seven entries that finished with zero after two days) would be complete without some sort of examination of my performance. Some angles I've explored include:

Perfect Thursday Caused Terrible Weekend.

Like a horse working :57 and change five days before the big race, did I leave my race on the training track with a flawlessly executed "Enjoy Thursday" strategy?

In my life, I've never done anything like the solo ride in Red Rocks Canyon where the worker who dropped me off at the trailhead wasn't exactly brimming with confidence that he'd see me at our rendezvous point two-hours later. I was overwhelmed by every part of it-- from the natural beauty of the canyon to the burning in my legs and lungs during the five-mile climb to the 4800-foot peak. The descent was exhilarating and I "ate up well" afterward at Bobby's Burger Palace, leading to a good night sleep on the eve of the tournament.

The Verdict: Unlikely to have impacted my performance. Maybe if I hadn't cleaned out my feed tub...maybe. Cont. p8



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Day 1 Strikeout Made Day 2 Comeback Impossible.

Was all lost after my Day 1 performance, making an evaluation of my entire tournament performance moot?

Oh, how I wish this was true! But after meeting Lawrence Kahlden, a fellow NHC first timer who struck out on Day 1, I know that Day 1 performance is not a predictor of Day 2 results.

The St. Petersburg, Florida resident and I shared predictable feelings after Day 1. "I was ready to give up," said Kahlden. "I was so disgusted!"

Kahlden's Day 2 strategy included a change of scenery and a re-focusing on his strengths. "I decided to go down to the sportsbook by myself where there was better light and read the *Form*. And I wanted to focus on the races that I really liked--the non-winners of two claimers and the races from my home track of Tampa Bay Downs."

Kahlden caught a 9-1 shot in the 3rd at Tampa Bay and, in one of those restricted claiming races from Oaklawn, came up with a 21-1 shot that was up in the final strides. He won the Day 2 prize, vaulted himself into sixth place to begin Day 3, and ultimately finished 12th. Perhaps I should have handicapped with more light?

The Verdict: No impact. Kahlden's performance proved a Day 1 donut isn't fatal.

I Have a Horseplayer Verison of Steve Blass Disease.

A cautionary tale that every Western Pennsylvania-raised boy knows, Steve Blass Disease afflicted its namesake, the ace pitcher for the Pittsburgh Pirates in the early 1970s. After leading the team to the World Series title in 1971 and another strong season in 1972, Blass began to inexplicably lose control over his ability to throw strikes in 1973. While Secretariat was winning the Triple Crown, Blass--in the physical prime of his career - posted the statistically worst pitching season in baseball's modern era, with a 9.85 ERA and a -4.0 WAR.

"I had no control over it, nor did I understand it," said Blass in 2012 on PBS's *This American Life*. "I would sit in my backyard 2...3...4 o'clock in the morning thinking, 'My God, what's happened to me? What is this? Has someone put a curse on me or something?'"

After going another 0 for 10 in Sunday's consolation tournament (albeit with 2 short priced selections running second), I began to feel like Blass. Fortunately, in Vegas, I had plenty of things to distract me at 3 in the morning.

Verdict: Highly possible. Are there any horseplayer psychologists out there willing to do pro bono work?

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Regardless of what ailed my horseplaying abilities this weekend, my first NHC experience was an eye-opening one. As expected, the atmosphere was incredible and the competition was fierce. I had viewed making the NHC as an informal goal this year, and only committed to playing a couple of qualifying tournaments in an effort to qualify. Now, my desire to go back is stronger than ever. In fact, there's a qualifying tournament at www.nhcqualify.com next week.

I wonder if I can get in touch with Steve Blass before spring training starts? Perhaps he would have some advice.

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The G1 Dubai World Cup, the world's richest horse race with purse money of \$10 million, attracted a total of 296 horses, including two dozen from the United States. Despite the return to dirt, that number is down from the 30 horses entered in 2014, though American participation is all but guaranteed this time around. There were no U.S.-based horses in last year's World Cup. Cont. p10

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The 10-furlong test has been mooted as a possible destination for the top seven horses home in last year's GI Breeders' Cup Classic, including the victorious **Bayern** (Offlee Wild), **Toast of New York** (Thewayyouare)--winner of the G2 UAE Derby on the DWC undercard in 2014--and recently anointed U.S.



California Chrome, Toast of New York and Bayern could rendezvous again in the desert *Horsephotos*

Horse of the Year **California Chrome** (Lucky Pulpit). Other Stateside runners possible for the World Cup include the aggrieved **Shared Belief** (Candy Ride {Arg}) and GI Belmont S. winner **Tonalist** (Tapit). Godolphin has also nominated **African Story** (GB) (Pivotal {GB}) for a possible defense of his title, while other foreign participation could come--somewhat surprisingly--from G1 Japan Cup hero **Epiphaneia** (Jpn) (Symboli Kris S) and the now Saudi Arabian-based **Ron the Greek** (Full Mandate).

Epiphaneia could also opt for the \$6-million G1 Dubai Sheema Classic and could be joined in that race by his compatriot **Gold Ship** (Jpn) (Stay Gold {Jpn}), **Harp Star** (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) and **Last Impact** (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}). Gentildonna (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) annexed last year's Sheema Classic. Dual Eclipse Award winner **Main Sequence** (Aldebaran) is slated to take in the Sheema Classic, while the globetrotting **Red Cadeaux** (GB) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}) and last year's top sophomore galloper **The Grey Gatsby** (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) also feature prominently. One notable absentee from the first stage is former Sheema Classic winner and 2014 runner-up **Cirrus des Aigles** (Fr) (Even Top {Ire}).

Horses based in Hong Kong won two sprint races at last year's DWC meeting, courtesy of **Amber Sky** (Aus) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) in the G1 Al Quoz Sprint and **Sterling City** (Aus) (Nadeem {Aus}), who defeated fellow Hong Konger **Rich Tapestry** (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) in the G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen. Though Amber Sky and Sterling City are off form and could miss their respective title defenses, Rich Tapestry is penciled in for a return trip to the Golden Shaheen, and could be joined in the gate by **Peniaphobia** (Ire) (Dandy Man {Ire}). That 4-year-old won the Centenary Sprint Cup up the Sha Tin straight this past weekend, but could try the dirt for the first time in the Shaheen. **Bundle of Joy** (Aus) (Magic Albert {Aus}), runner-up to Peniaphobia, is possible for the Al Quoz, but is not among the first-stage entrants.

Fresh off another tour-de-force in the G1 Stewards' Cup at the weekend, **Able Friend** (Aus) (Shamardal) is possible for the G1 Dubai Turf S., as is **Military Attack** (Ire) (Oratorio {Ire}), the beaten favorite in last year's World Cup. **Designs on Rome** (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}), most recently victorious in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Cup, was not entered for the 1800-meter test, but holds an entry for the Sheema Classic.

"I believe this is the strongest group of entries we have had for the Dubai World Cup meeting in its 20-year history," commented Martin Talty, the Dubai Racing Club's international manager. "The strength of the USA challenge is evident, with the first seven over the line in the Breeders' Cup Classic as well as Main Sequence. Match that with the best from Asia, a region that has shown to be among the leaders, [and it] proves how strong the depth is this year."

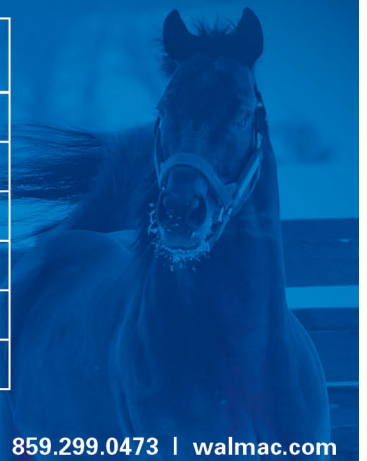
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CAPE VERDI S.-G2, \$200,000, NH4yo/up, SH3yo/up, f/m, 1600mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Victorial Regina (Ire)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	Crowley	Simcock
2	Zurigha (Ire)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Hughes	Hannon
3	Anahita (Fr)	Turtle Bowl (Ire)	Barzalona	bin Ghadayar
4	Energia Fribby (Brz)	Agnes Gold (Jpn)	de Sousa	M Botti
5	Wee Jean (GB)	Captain Gerrard (Ire)	Hanagan	Channon
6	Cladocera (Ger)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Soumillon	de Ryr-Dupre
7	Slipper Orchid (Ire)	Verglas (Ire)	Foley	Halford
8	Oh Star	Tale of the Cat	de Vries	Al Ketbi

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

AL RASHIDIYA S.-G2, \$200,000, NH4yo/up, SH3yo/up, 1800mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Mr Pommeroy (Fr)	Linngari (Ire)	Barzalona	bin Ghadyr	125
2	Vercingetorix (SAf)	Silvano (Ger)	Soumillon	de Kock	126
3	Army Bulletin (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Hardie	bin Ghadyr	125
4	Sociologa Inc (Arg)	Include	Foley	Kodama	125
5	Sanshaawes (SAf)	Ashaawes	O'Neill	de Kock	126
6	Mujaarib (Aus)	Nadeem (Aus)	Hanagan	de Kock	126
7	True Story (GB)	Manduro (Ger)	Doyle	bin Suroor	125

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THE SYDNEYSIDERS HAVE GONE MAD cont. by Gai Waterhouse

In Australia, most of our 2-year-olds are purchased between January and April. Then we have 12 months with them before the Golden Slipper. Getting horses ready for this race, with so little time with them is one of the truly challenging tasks any trainer could face. Winning the race is another story. Currently for the 2015 Golden Slipper, there are 1,248 first acceptors. Of these I have 109 nominated. Of course not all 109 will make it. In fact, the most I have ever had in the race was five out of a field of 16. These numbers do demonstrate that the race is indeed getting harder and harder to win every year. After five Golden Slipper winners and numerous place-getters, I am perhaps not a bad source to ask for a little inside info on this matter.



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My winning years to date have been 2001 with the filly JHa Ha (Aus) (Danehill) (I also managed to get home the trifecta this year); 2004 with a gelding named Dance Hero (Aus) (Danzero {Aus}) (the super sire Fastnet Rock finished fourth); 2008 with the colt Sebring, 2012 with another colt, the great Pierro, and in 2013 with a very speedy filly named Overreach (Aus) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}).

The serious stuff with the 2-year-olds starts in August, which is about eight months before the race. When the youngsters start to come in, I have to make a very important decision about each one. Summarizing for just a moment, I have to decide if an individual is



Gai Waterhouse and stable jockey Tommy Berry

precocious or not. All five of my Golden Slipper winners have been early runners and managed to compete in the earliest sets of trials in their respective years. These trials generally take place in mid-September. One winner was hindered by the equine influenza that swept through Sydney some years ago, but he still competed as soon as racing in Sydney was back on. So the first secret is precocity. **Cont. p12**



Waterhouse cont.

The second crucial ingredient is balance. We all know that a horse requires a certain amount of balance for us to select it at the sales, then for it to succeed at the races. The best horses seem to, like the best athletes, be born with near-perfect balance. Have a look at Roger Federer hit a

tennis ball. He hits the ball, and his head is where the ball used to be. He has swatted it back, and his balance is maintained so he is ready for the next shot. Over



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the years, I have managed to be able to adjust a training schedule in order to maximize a 2-year-olds chances of developing better balance. I work my 2-year-olds over short, sharp distances sometimes solo, sometimes with a mate or even in a threesome. This way they learn to be competitive, eye-balling each other as the air exhales out of their nostrils and they get the feeling of being truly competitive. I am also always very mindful of making sure my 2-year-olds jump well. It gives them the edge, essential for winning any Group 1 event.

After I have determined a 2-year-old has the balance and the precocity required to start their careers, it has come October, and the traditional starting point for

2-year-olds in Australia: the Gimcrack S. for fillies and the Breeders' Plate for the colts and geldings, both of which are contested over five furlongs. After these races,

there are some great five-furlong [1000-meter] races in Melbourne over the spring [October and November], and before we know it, it's Magic Millions time on the Gold Coast, a race for 2-year-olds that is worth A\$2 million. After the Magic Millions is done and dusted, we really turn our minds to the Slipper. It's now when the 2-year-olds that ran in the spring start to come back in from their summer spells, and it is now where the final piece of the puzzle is deciphered--are they good enough?

All five of my Slipper winners showed themselves to be very good by the end of summer [February]. So with regards to my winners, there was no problem with their precocity, their balance or their talent, it was just a matter of final tuning before the big day. This is where the fun starts.

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Even if a horse has ticked all the boxes, you can't cotton wool it in preparation for the Slipper. The horse has to stay in work and it needs to race leading up to the Slipper. It simply does not work to leave a youngster in its box as to protect it for its grand final. Not only is the Slipper a Classic race for us in New South Wales, but it's worth a lot of money, and a colt that runs well in the Slipper instantly becomes a stallion prospect, so I must leave no stone unturned in their preparation.

All five of my winners won good races in the weeks before the Slipper and were then given a short freshen-up into the race itself [between two and three weeks]. These 2-year-olds came back from their summer spells in winning form, but you certainly don't want them to peak too early, especially when they have been purposely trained to produce their best on Slipper day. Then in the two weeks before the Slipper, I have found that one really good gallop or even a quiet trial is the only really serious piece of work required. I concentrate on constantly keeping the 2-year-olds fresh.

So there we have it. These are the 'non-negotiables' that are required in my mind to win the Slipper. As I am putting pen to paper for my first article for *TDN*, it is late summer and I am working feverishly with my Slipper horses as we speak. I have a good idea which of my 2-year-olds will be in the line-up on Slipper day 2015.

Gai

Gai Waterhouse is arguably Australia's most recognized trainer internationally. Gai has trained 126 Group 1 winners since earning her trainer's license in 1992, including five Golden Slipper winners. Gai was inducted into the Australian Racing Hall of Fame in 2007. She will be penning a monthly column for the TDN.

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NOTHING BUT 'NET' AT KARAKA

It took a while, but for the fourth consecutive year, the New Zealand Bloodstock Premier Yearling Sale at Karaka was topped by a youngster by Coolmore's sensational Fastnet Rock (Aus). At about the midway point of Tuesday's second and final session, a Waikato Stud-consigned bay colt (lot [340](#)), produced by a full-sister to the recently deceased dual-hemisphere stallion High Chaparral (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), took over as the sales-topper when DGR Thoroughbred Services' Duncan Ramage proved successful on a single bid of NZ\$600,000.



David Ellis and hip 429
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As the sale neared its conclusion, an October-foaled filly (lot [429](#)) continued a wildly successful streak for her breeder SF Bloodstock when selling to David Ellis's Te Akau Racing for NZ\$800,000. SF Bloodstock also supplied the A\$1.05 million daughter of Fastnet Rock--Response (Aus) (Charge Forward {Aus}), who topped the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale earlier this month.

From a catalogue that was a bit more than 5% leaner versus 2014, turnover was down by 4.6%, but the average of NZ\$150,881 advanced by 4.4%, while the median price of NZ\$120,000 bettered last year's figure by 9.1%.

"It was pleasing to see the Premier Sale finish strongly," commented NZB Co-Managing Director Petrea Vela. "As is often the case, the second day was overall a stronger day of selling, and to post figures ahead of last year's Sale is a very pleasing result. [Monday] was a very special day with Sir Patrick leading through the last yearling to be sold at auction by the great Zabeel, which has no doubt made this year's sale more memorable. It was great to see David Ellis again to the fore, together with a notable increase in strength from the Australian bench, with its overall spend increasing from last year. It is testament to the quality of horses produced in New Zealand that we see buyers coming back to Karaka to purchase them and we wish them all the very best of success with their purchases."

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Median (% change)	NZ\$120,000	NZ\$110,000
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NZB PREMIER YEARLING SALE TUESDAY'S TOP NINE LOTS

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (NZ\$)
429	filly	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Il Quello Veloce (NZ) (walking video) B-SF Bloodstock LLC (Aus) Consigned by Lyndhurst Farm Purchased by Te Akau Racing	800,000
340	colt	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Dance on By (Ire) (walking video) B-B Lindsay Consigned by Waikato Stud Ltd Purchased by DGR Thoroughbred Services	600,000
251	filly	High Chaparral (Ire)	Alma Star (Aus) (walking video) B-G Harvey Consigned by Westbury Stud Purchased by Paul Moroney Bloodstock	500,000
436	colt	Savabeel (Aus)	Invermoray (NZ) (walking video) B-Mrs S L Frost & Mrs R A Ramage Consigned by Curraghmore Stud Purchased by Hong Kong Jockey Club	425,000
287	colt	So You Think (NZ)	Better Alternative (NZ) B-L J Anselmi & M J Moran Consigned by Windsor Park Stud Purchased by Cameron Cooke/Kennewell Racing	420,000
249	colt	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Allez France (Aus) (walking video) B-Katom (Aus) Consigned by Curraghmore Stud Purchased by Hong Kong Jockey Club	400,000
367	colt	Savabeel (Aus)	Eloa (NZ) (walking video) B-Little Avondale Trust Consigned by Little Avondale Stud Purchased by T K Moore	400,000
374	filly	O'Reilly (NZ)	Etoile du Nord (NZ) (walking video) B-Waikato Stud Ltd & D A R Williams Consigned by Waikato Stud Ltd Purchased by Dean Hawthorne Bloodstock	400,000
435	filly	More Than Ready	Insouciant (NZ) (walking video) B-Pencarrow Thoroughbreds Ltd Consigned by Pencarrow Stud Purchased by A Penfold	400,000



'Fast' and Furious...

From 13 youngsters through the ring, Fastnet Rock (Aus) was the Premier Sale's leading sire by an average of NZ\$331,538, led by the eventual sales-topping daughter of Il Quello Veloce (NZ) (Captain Rio {GB}). Prepared by Mark and Shelley Treweek's Lyndhurst Stud, the Australian-bred filly is out of the champion 2-year-old in New Zealand in 2007-2008, a full-sister to the Listed winning Donna Cattiva (NZ) and a 3/4-sister in blood to the top sprinter Terravista (Aus) (Captain Rio {GB}), winner of the G1 Darley Classic at Flemington last November. It was the second time in recent memory that an offering from the small Cambridge operation topped the Karaka sale after offering an NZ\$800,000 son of Encosta de Lago (Aus) back in 2009.

"We're really proud of it because we're a small set-up," Lyndhurst's Mark Treweek, who was offering the filly on behalf of Henry Field's Newgate Stud, told Australian Associated Press. "We put a lot of work in and it's really good to get the results for the clients when they trust us with their horses that can be worth so much money."

Te Akau Racing's David Ellis outlasted Australian trainer David Hayes to put a filly at the top of the sale for the first time in 10 years. Ellis, who at one time consigned a sales-topper at Karaka, was leading buyer for the 10th consecutive year, signing for 32 horses and gross receipts of over NZ\$3.5 million.

"She is a gorgeous filly, the best I've seen at this Sale in 10 years," Ellis commented. "She was bought for a syndicate I put together and we plan to aim her at the New Zealand Bloodstock Filly of the Year Series, with the [G1] 1000 Guineas in mind. I thought it was a strong sale with sound quality, and the good ones sold well. I am going to be out at the Select Sale tomorrow to continuing purchasing for Te Akau Racing."

Karaka Highlights 'Chaparral' Legacy...

The late High Chaparral (Ire) had a hand in three of the day's top five highest-priced horses. In the name of his DGR Thoroughbred Services, Duncan Ramage took home the dearest of the trio with his single NZ\$600,000 for lot 340. Also by Fastnet Rock, the Australian-bred bay is out of Dance on By (Ire), herself a full-sister to the G1 Epsom Derby and G1 Irish Derby hero, a two-time winner of the G1 Breeders' Cup Turf and dual Eclipse Award recipient in the U.S. The Aug. 10 foal was consigned by Waikato Stud on behalf of his breeder B. J. & J. Lindsay.

"It's not our policy to buy the top priced horses that are going through the sale but I think you'll pay more for the same horse at Easter," admitted Ramage. "Raised by a farm like Waikato Stud that produces Group 1 winner after Group 1 winner, out of a Sadler's Wells mare, on a cross that produces 27% stakes winners and the mother happens to be a full-sister to a champion in High Chaparral. By and large we've had to pay a bit but they haven't been overpriced. We're going to stay on for the Select Sale, it's been a few years since we have."

The Chittick Family's Waikato Stud successfully defended its leading vendor title, with 40 horses sold for NZ\$6,860,000.

Ramage accounted for 11 purchased on behalf of Australian interests for gross receipts of NZ\$2.26 million. Five of those were bought in partnership with trainers Bart and James Cummings. Overall, the total Australian spend was better than NZ\$20 million (45.4% of the total turnover) for 127 horses (42.6%), an increase of 8% over last year.

High Chaparral himself was responsible for the third-highest price of the session when Paul Moroney Bloodstock went to NZ\$500,000 for lot [251](#) early on.

Consigned by Westbury Stud, the elegant bay was produced by a half-sister to the dam of the outstanding Atlantic Jewel (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) and her Group 1-winning 3/4-sister Commanding Jewel (Aus) (Commands {Aus}). Moroney signed the ticket, his most expensive of 10 purchases, on behalf of Sir Owen Glenn.

Given the results of the Gold Coast sale and now the Karaka sale, So You Think (NZ) will have every chance to emulate his sire in terms of importance. After averaging A\$223,529 for 17 yearlings sold at Magic Millions a few weeks ago, the Coolmore sire was represented by five youngsters to sell over the last two days for an average of NZ\$190,000, good for third behind Fastnet Rock and Redoute's Choice (Aus), the latter of whom had just three yearlings sell.

Lot [287](#) was the dearest of the five to sell by So You Think, the 2009 G1 Cox Plate hero who won no fewer than five Group 1s in England and Ireland when under the care of Aidan O'Brien in 2011 and 2012. Consigned by Windsor Park Stud, the Oct. 30 foal, a half-brother to 2014 G1 Victoria Derby hero Preferment (NZ) (Zabeel {NZ}), fetched a final bid of NZ\$420,000 from Melbourne bloodstock agent Cameron Cooke for South Australian businessman Luke Koumi, owner of the Magic Millions 3YO Guineas winner Deiheros (Aus) (Bob Hoffa {Aus}).

The national yearling sales continue today with the Select Sale, source of seven Group 1 winners last season, beginning at 11 a.m. For full results and catalogs, visit www.nzb.co.nz.



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The Ocala Breeders' Mixed Sale and Horses of Racing Age Sale will begin its two-day run today in Ocala, Florida. The 511 catalogued hips will sell during the consignor preferred session (hip 1-194) Wednesday and the open session (195-393) and horses of racing age portion (393-511) Thursday. "We look forward to having a good sale," said OBS sales director Tod Wojciechowski. "This time of year has been growing each year and it seems like it's a great opportunity for people to come down out of the north and get out of the weather. With the addition of the racing age sale, it's been a unique addition to the mixed sale."

With the addition of the horses of racing age sale, Wojciechowski explained that the sale has expanded the buying bench. "I think each year we've added new clients," he said. "Adding the horses of racing age sale has been a process, but it's been a good process. The retention of customers and the addition of new ones has been good."

"So far, the traffic has been good. We've just concluded our breeze show and there some mixed horses still shipping in," Wojciechowski explained. "The optional breeze show is unique advantage for the racing age sale--we're the only company that offers an optional under tack show. Particularly, we have some unraced 3-year-olds who have an opportunity to show their ability."

The sale will begin at 10:30 a.m. and can be streamed online at www.obssales.com.

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Yesterday's Results:

OBS SPRINT S., \$50,000, OTC, 1-27, 3yo, f, 6f AWT, 1:08 4/5 (NTR), ft.

1--**#LADY SHIPMAN, 120, f, 3, by [Midshipman](#)**

1st Dam: Sumthingtotalkabt, by Mutakddim

2nd Dam: Nannetta, by Falstaff

3rd Dam: Twinkling, by Effervescing

(\$35,000 RNA 2yo '14 OBSAPR). O-Ranlo Investments LLC; B-Randall E Lowe (KY); T-Kathleen O'Connell; J-Eduardo O Nunez. \$30,000. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-1, \$80,400. *2nd SW for sophomore sire (by Unbridled's Song).

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2--**Happy to Go, 120, f, 3, Saint Anddan--Arctic Dove, by Dove Hunt.** (\$8,000 wlng '12 OBSOCT; \$8,000 yrl '13 OBSAUG). O-Raul Bahena. \$10,000.

3--**Cool Comfort, 120, f, 3, Big Brown--Singing Sensation, by Coronado's Quest.** (\$60,000 yrl '13 KEEJAN; \$45,000 RNA yrl '13 KEESEP; \$115,000 2yo '14 OBSAPR). O-Ten Broeck Farm Inc. \$5,000. Margins: 8, NO, 5HF. Odds: 0.40, 2.20, 8.30.

Also Ran: Polly My Love, Gold Value. Scratched: Hangover Saturday, Perpetual Novena, R Sassy Lass, Vandelita.

Lady Shipman, tabbed as a **TDN Rising Star**

off a double-digit maiden win while sprinting over the Gulfstream West turf at second asking Nov. 15, switched to the synthetic in style with a dazzling score here. Heavily favored in this one after adding a grassy \$75,000 optional claimer at Gulfstream going five furlongs Jan. 1, the chestnut pressed the early leader from second through an opening quarter in :21.60. She gained a narrow advantage on the far turn and opened daylight in the stretch to win her third straight for fun. The final time of 1:08.80 established a new track record for six furlongs. The final clocking for the male division of this race, won in wire-to-wire fashion by It's Not Me (D'wildcat) one race later on the card, was completed in 1:09.60. Winning owner Ranlo Investments also campaigned Lady Shipman's dam Sumthingtotalkabt, a five-time winner of \$172,123. Lady Shipman RNA'd for \$35,000 after breezing a bullet eighth unblinker in :9 4/5 at last year's OBSAPR sale. [Click for the \[brisset.com\]\(http://brisset.com\) chart.](#)

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OBS SPRINT S., \$50,000, OTC, 1-27, 3yo, c/g, 6f AWT, 1:09 3/5, ft.

1--**IT'S NOT ME, 122, g, 3, by D'wildcat**

1st Dam: Jovetta, by Elusive Quality

2nd Dam: Lori Sezme, by Sezyou

3rd Dam: Lori's Way, by Assagai Jr.

(\$30,000 yrl '13 OBSAUG; \$50,000 2yo '14 OBSJUN). O-White Wabbit Wacing LLC & Marco Thoroughbred Corp; B-Karen Silva (FL); T-Jorge Navarro; J-Edgard J Zayas. \$30,000. Lifetime Record: 8-4-0-1, \$123,335.

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2--**Charlie's Brother, 122, c, 3, With Distinction--Rockandrollqueen, by Deputy Commander.** (\$25,000 yrl '13 OBSAUG; \$35,000 RNA 2yo '14 OBSJUN). O-Stanley S Moles & Starr Stables LLC. \$10,000.

3--**Social Request, 122, r, 3, [Lookin At Lucky](#)--Silver Lilly, by Silver Deputy.** (\$75,000 yrl '13 KEESEP; \$100,000 2yo '14 OBSAPR). O-Rontos Racing Stable Corp. \$5,000.

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It's Not Me--claimed by these connections for \$16,000 out of a winning maiden effort at Gulfstream West for Champion Equine LLC and trainer David Braddy last October--won his next two attempts, including a game tally at 7-1 over Brother Bobo (Kantharos) and subsequent Mucho Macho Man S. winner and GII Holy Bull S. third Bluegrass Singer (Bluegrass Cat) in the Buffalo Man S. in Miami Nov. 29.

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He tired to finish a well-beaten third behind next out Gill Hutcheson S. hero Barbados (Speightstown) in Gulfstream's Spectacular Bid S. last time Jan. 3. Making his first attempt over a synthetic surface here, It's Not Me raced on the engine beneath Edgard Zayas through blazing early fractions of :21.40 and :43.60, and wasn't for catching in the stretch. [Click for the brisnet.com chart.](#)

OBS CHAMPIONSHIP S., \$100,000, OTC, 1-27, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:46 4/5, ft.

1--**#ARCTIC OCEAN**, 120, f, 3, by [Concord Point](#)

1st Dam: **Silk Sails (SW, \$133,509)**, by **Ocean Crest**

2nd Dam: **Ailsa**, by **Crafty Prospector**

3rd Dam: **Picture Pretty**, by **Crimson Satan** (\$32,000 yrl '13 KEESSEP; \$27,000 RNA 2yo '14 FTFMAR; \$33,000 2yo '14 OBSJUN). O-John L Moirano, Nehoc Stables & Alan Sokol; B-Lantern Hill Farm (KY); T-Gary C Contessa; J-Rafael Manuel Hernandez. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 7-2-3-0, \$125,340. *1/2 to New York City Girl (Forest Camp), SW, \$124,960; Incansable (Master Command), GSW-Per. **2nd stakes winner for sophomore sire (by Tapit).



2--**Save Rock and Roll**, 120, f, 3, [Super Saver](#)--Miss Mary Pat, by Service Stripe. (\$55,000 RNA wIng '12 KEENOV; \$60,000 yrl '13 KEESSEP; \$50,000 2yo '14 OBSMAR). O-Leonard C Green & Crush Racing Stable. \$20,000.



3--**Back Flip**, 120, f, 3, [Super Saver](#)--For Royalty, by Not for Love. (\$200,000 2yo '14 OBSAPR).

O-Bortolazzo Stable LLC. \$10,000.

Margins: NK, 2, HF.

Also Ran: Titanium Jo, Rue Royale, B Rockett, Magnificent Margo, Jersey Jules, Danube River, More Than Rainbows, Our Sister Ania.

Scratched: Quality Rocks.

Arctic Ocean graduated as the even-money pick in a \$75,000 maiden claimer going two turns at fourth asking over the Big A lawn Oct. 31, then was a well-beaten eighth behind Saturday's Gill Sweetest Chant S. heroine Consumer Credit (More Than Ready) in the grassy Wait a While S. at Gulfstream West Nov. 29. She was last seen placing second in an off-the-turf \$75,000 optional claimer in the Gulfstream slop Jan. 11. Drawn widest of all in post 11 for this synthetic debut here, Arctic Ocean was settled in eighth through fractions of :24.20 and :47.20. The Todd Pletcher-trained Back Flip dueled her way clear to hit the front in the stretch. Save Rock and Roll, however, took over from that one after making a dramatic sweeping move on the turn from 10th. Arctic Ocean had other ideas and came with the final move in deep stretch to nail the game runner-up just in time. [Click for the brisnet.com chart.](#)

OBS CHAMPIONSHIP S., \$100,000, OTC, 1-27, 3yo, c/g, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:46 2/5, ft.

1--**FIRESPIKE**, 122, c, 3, by **Flower Alley**

1st Dam: **Fairy Valley**, by **Dixieland Band**

2nd Dam: **Valse Musette**, by **Halo**

3rd Dam: **Miss Dancer**, by **Legend Dancer**

(\$17,000 RNA wIng '12 KEENOV; \$55,000 RNA yrl '13 OBSAUG; \$70,000 2yo '14 OBSAPR). O-Skychai Racing LLC, Charles Kevin Warner & Sand Dollar Stable LLC; B-Carlos Rafael, Michael Bossio & Cherie Abner (FL); T-Michael J Maker; J-Joel Rosario. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-1, \$183,259.

2--**Big Yum**, 122, c, 3, [Kantharos](#)--Hi Avie, by Lord Avie. (\$47,000 RNA 2yo '14 OBSAPR). O-Murray Stroud. \$20,000.

3--**Prince Vincenzo**, 122, c, 3, Exclusive Quality--Christmas Lights, by Citidancer. (\$32,000 2yo '14 OBSAPR). O-DiBello Racing LLC. \$10,000.

Margins: 2 1/4, NK, HF.

Also Ran: Toasting Master, Bordini, Royal Squeeze, Andy Po Po.

FireSPIKE was along in time after a rough voyage at third asking over the Saratoga lawn Aug. 30, then was thrown to the wolves for his first attempt versus winners, finishing a distant seventh while making his dirt debut in Keeneland's GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity Oct. 4. He delivered as the chalk in the Juvenile Turf S. versus Florida-breds at Gulfstream West Nov. 8, then was sixth after a wide trip as the favorite in the Pulpit S. there last time three weeks later. Trailing the field of seven through an opening quarter in :25.60 here, jockey Joel Rosario remained patient down the backstretch. FireSPIKE began to advance entering the far turn and turned it on nicely down the lane while racing a bit greenly to report home as a much-the-best winner. [Click for the brisnet.com chart.](#)



Tuesday Cancellations
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Wednesday Cancellations
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STALLIONS'
FIRST FOALS

FORT LARNED (E Dubai--Arlucea, by Broad Brush), a winner of the GI Breeders' Cup Classic, GI Whitney H. and the GI Stephen Foster H., stands at Adena Springs South (\$12,500 S&N).

● Belvedera (Awesome Again--Forever Land, by Badger Land) produced a bay colt for Calloway Stables in Murray, Kentucky Jan. 26. It was her first foal.

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LETHAL FORCE (IRE) (Dark Angel {Ire}--Land Army {Ire}, by Desert Style {Ire}), winner of the G1 Diamond Jubilee S. at Royal Ascot and the G1 July Cup in 2013, stands at Lanwades Stud (£10,000LF).

- **Midnight Fantasy (GB)** (Oasis Dream {GB}--Midnight Shift {Ire}, by Night Shift) produced a bay colt at Lanwades Stud Jan. 22. She is a half-sister to Group 3 winner Miss Anabaa (GB) (Anabaa) and is from the same family as G1SWs Owington (GB) (Green Desert) and Dick Whittington (Ire) (Rip Van Winkle {Ire}).
- "He is a powerfully built and well balanced colt with a good shoulder, who looks sure to be a strong and precocious individual," said Chris Richardson, Managing Director of Cheveley Park Stud.

RATTLESNAKE BRIDGE (Tapit--Prall Street, by Cherokee Run), second in the G1 Travers S., stands at Hartley DeRenzo Thoroughbreds (\$7,500).

- **La Raine of Terror** (Gen Stormin'norman--Sweet Young Thing, by Horatius) produced a colt for John Barberino at Hartley DeRenzo Thoroughbreds at 3:00 a.m. Jan. 26. She will be bred back to Rattlesnake Bridge.

ROOKIES

First/second-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, Jan. 26
*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2010 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*
DISCREETLY MINE (Mineshaft), Lanes End, \$10K, 181/21/1
 7-TAM, Aoc, 1mT, Lord Tyrion, \$110K FTK HRA 2yo, 10-1

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IN BRITAIN:

Ian's Memory, c, 4, **Smart Strike**--Rite Moment (MGSW-US, \$399,303), by Vicar. SOU, 1-27, 8f (AWT).
 B-Woodford Thoroughbreds. *\$235,000 yrl '12
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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-HOU, \$22,500, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:43 2/5, fm.
FLY THE RED EYE (g, 7, **Early Flyer**--Rare and Sixy, by **Rare Brick**) Lifetime Record: MSP, 54-11-16-10, \$237,263. O-David Moad. B-Brent Davidson. T-Karl Broberg.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Ish Rules, c, 3, **Ish Ar**--Heavenly Rules, by Moses Tablet. HOU, 1-27, 1mT, 1:38. B-P & D Racing Stable (OK). *1/2 to No Rules Now (Toolighttoquit), MSP, \$188,697.

Reality, c, 3, **Super Saver**--Dianehill (Ire) (SW & MGSP, \$426,551), by Danehill. HOU, 1-27, 1mT, 1:37 4/5. B-WinStar Farm LLC (KY). \$80,000 wlng '12 KEENOV; \$72,000 RNA yrl '13 FTKOCT; \$150,000 2yo '14 OBSMAR; \$40,000 HRA '14 KEENOV. **1/2 to Splash Point (Street Cry {Ire}), GSW-UAE, \$171,161.

Jessicas Arch, g, 3, **Twentyeighttwelve**--Valid's Honor, by Valid Expectations. HOU, 1-27, (S), 6f, 1:13 4/5. B-Myrna Loy Smith (TX).

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULT:

3rd-PAU, €24,000, 1-27, 3yo, 1950m (AWT), 2:03 1/5, ft.
MARSILE (FR) (c, 3, **King's Best**--Madeleine's Blush, by **Rahy**) Lifetime Record: 4 starts, 2 wins, 1 place, €23,200. O-Eduardo Fierro. B-G Sandor (FR). T-Mlle A Imaz Ceca. *€30,000 yrl '13 ARQOCT. *1/2 to Menardais (Fr) (Canyon Creek {Ire}), SW & GSP-Fr, \$121,538.