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CAN'T SPLIT 'EM IN EXPERIMENTAL FREE 'CAP

The Jockey Club has released the 2014 Experimental Free Handicap, with both the colts' and fillies' divisions ending in dead heats. Among 2-year-old males, officials could not settle on a single winner as GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile hero **Texas Red** (Afleet Alex) and **American**



American Pharoah
Benoit Photo

Pharoah (Pioneer of the Nile), who outpointed Texas Red to take down the divisional Eclipse Award, were joint topweights at the traditional 126 pounds. Bred by Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings, Texas Red posted his lone top-level victory in the Juvenile; while Zayat Stables' homebred American Pharoah

graduated in the GI Del Mar Futurity and added a smashing victory in the GI FrontRunner S. **Hootenanny** (Quality Road), who posted a mild upset in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf, and **"TDN Rising Star"** **Carpe Diem** (Giant's Causeway), the GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity winner and runner-up in the Juvenile, shared second spot on a weighting of 122 pounds. **Cont. p3**



BALDING STILL THE QUEEN OF KINGSCLERE

By Emma Berry

When your husband and son are both Classic-winning trainers and your daughter is one of the most famous television broadcasters in the country, it would be easy



Emma Balding
Emma Berry

to be overlooked, and one senses that Lady Emma Balding might actually prefer it that way. But it would be folly to underestimate her achievements as the doyenne of Kingsclere Stud, which sits right next door to Park House Stables in the Hampshire village from which the stud takes its name.

Balding's parents bought both properties in 1953 and her father, Peter Hastings-Bass, trained from Park House Stables until his premature death 11 years later. His assistant Ian Balding, later to become

Emma's husband, took over the training licence in 1964 and after almost four decades at the helm, handed the reins to their son Andrew in 2003. **Cont. p10**

2014 Experimental Free H. – Males

WT	HORSE	SIRE	BREEDER
126	American Pharoah	Pioneer of the Nile	Zayat Stables (KY)
	Texas Red	Afleet Alex	Stonestreet TB (KY)
122	Hootenanny	Quality Road	Barronstown (KY)
	Carpe Diem	Giant's Causeway	Coffee Pot Stable (KY)
121	Competitive Edge	Super Saver	WinStar Farm LLC (KY)
	Dortmund	Big Brown	Emilie Fojan (KY)
120	Luck of the Kitten	Kitten's Joy	K & S Ramsey (KY)
119	Daredevil	More Than Ready	M & B Chase (KY)
	Blofeld	Quality Road	Keats Grove Farm (KY)
118	Ocho Ocho Ocho	Street Sense	Siena Farms LLC (KY)
	Mr. Z	Malibu Moon	Richard Maynard (KY)
	El Kabair	Scat Daddy	Rustlewood Farm (FL)
	Firing Line	Line of David	Clearsky Farms (KY)
	Leave the Light On	Horse Greeley	All Gold Rcg LLC (KY)
117	Calculator	In Summation	Ocala Stud (FL)
	Conquest Typhoon	Stormy Atlantic	Josham Farms (ON)
	Imperia	Medaglia d'Oro	Darley (KY)
116	Daddy D T	Scat Daddy	Mike Abraham (KY)
	Lawn Ranger	U S Ranger	S & C Ricker (KY)
	Commemorative (GB)	Zamindar	Juddmonte Farms (GB)
	Faithful Creek (Ire)	Bushranger (Ire)	Tally Ho Stud (Ire)
	I Spent It	Super Saver	Dixiana Farms (KY)
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Changes Ahead for Withholding?



Alex Waldrop
Horsephotos

Horseplayers could soon rejoice if meetings between NTRA President Alex Waldrop, other racing officials and officials from the U.S. Department of the Treasury prove fruitful. At issue is an easing of the tax reporting and withholding requirements for horseplayers. "We had a very timely and productive meeting," said Waldrop. "Timely because the Treasury is in the process of reviewing the W2-G form itself, and productive because the individual with whom we spoke was knowledgeable about pari-mutuel wagering and struck an immediate rapport with our horseplayers."

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Could Lightning Strike Twice?



Catalina Red
Tampa Bay Downs

Chad Stewart oversees a barn of just 10 horses at Tampa Bay Downs. Fully 20% of those runners will look to strike gold in Saturday's GIII Sam F. Davis S. Catalina Red (Munnings) will try to stretch out to a route of ground for the first time, having won the Inaugural S. and Pasco S. at sprint distances in his two most recent trips to the post. Bandages (Any Given Saturday) may be better-pedigreed to handle the two turns this weekend, but spots his rivals much experience after breaking his maiden Dec. 27. Justina Severni talks to the trainer.

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Injury Report



Leave the Light On
NYRA photo

A pair of promising sophomores have been sidelined via injury and are officially off the Kentucky Derby trail. Leave the Light On (Horse Greeley), front-running winner of the GII Remsen S. last November, was found to have some swelling in his right hind ankle after working five furlongs last weekend and will undergo surgery, trainer Chad Brown confirmed Thursday. Also heading to the shelf is impressive GIII Hutcheson S. hero Barbados (Speightstown), who has emerged from that event with a knee chip, trainer Michael Tomlinson reported.

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Vercingetorix Returns a Winner

Winner of the 2014 G1 Jebel Hatta S. and runner-up to top-rated Just a Way (Jpn) (Heart's Cry {Jpn}) in last year's G1 Dubai Duty Free S., Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa al Maktoum's Vercingetorix (SAf) (Silvano {Ger}) suggested he'll be a major force in the newly renamed G1 Dubai Turf with a first-up victory in Thursday's G2 Al Rashidiya S. at Meydan.

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Experimental Free Handicap cont.

Champion **Take Charge Brandi** (Giant's Causeway), the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies upsetter and GI Starlet S. victrix, was joined on the traditional top filly weighting of 123 pounds by **Lady Eli** (Divine Park), who achieved that mark off her impressive victory in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf. Bred by the Charming Syndicate, Take Charge Brandi, trained by Wayne Lukas for Willis Horton, makes her sophomore debut in Saturday's Martha Washington S. at Oaklawn Park. Lady Eli, bred by Runnymede Farm Inc. and Catesby W. Clay, has recently returned to the barn of Chad Brown in South Florida.



Take Charge Brandi
Coady Photography

Condo Commando (Tiz Wonderful), who skipped the Breeders' Cup, but won the GI Spinaway S. and

GI Demoiselle S., was next on 121 pounds.

A total of 100 males and 88 fillies were assigned weights. Eligible for weighting were all 2-year-olds of 2014 that competed in graded or Listed stakes races run in the continental United States. Kentucky was the leading foaling state with 71 males and 59 females. Kitten's Joy was the leading sire of weighted horses with four males and two fillies.

Published annually since 1935, the Experimental Free Handicap assigns weights for a hypothetical race over a mile and a sixteenth. This year's weighting committee of racing secretaries included the Stronach Group's P.J. Campo, Ben Huffman of Churchill Downs and Keeneland, NYRA's Martin Panza and the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club's Thomas S. Robbins.

For a complete list of weighted horses and past performances, click [here](#).

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2014 Experimental Free H. – Females

WT	HORSE	SIRE	BREEDER
123	Lady Eli	Divine Park	Runnymede/Clay (KY)
	Take Charge Brandi	Giant's Causeway	Charming Synd. (KY)
121	Condo Commando	Tiz Wonderful	Spendthrift Farm (KY)
119	Feathered	Indian Charlie	Teresa Viola Stb (KY)
	Top Decile	Congrats	Clarkland Farm (KY)
	Wonder Gal	Tiz Wonderful	Apache Farm LLC (NY)
	By the Moon	Malibu Moon	Samantha Siegel (KY)
	Peace and War	War Front	Sally Andersen (FL)
	Sunset Glow	Exchange Rate	G Rankin/GLR Rnch (KY)
118	Maybellene	Lookin at Lucky	Colts Neck Stb (KY)
	Angela Renee	Bernardini	Siena Farms LLC (KY)
117	West Coast Belle	Tapit	G & M West Stable (KY)
	Cavorting	Bernardini	Swettenham Stud (KY)
116	Danette	Curlin	Gross/Gross/Mazzetti (KY)
	Conquest Eclipse	Malibu Moon	Tapestry/Spendthrift (KY)
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CONGRATS	1.17


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2014 Experimental Free Handicap – Sires (3 or more horses)

Sire	Colts	Fillies	Total
Kitten's Joy	4	2	6
Curlin	3	2	5
Sky Mesa	2	3	5
War Front	3	2	5
Big Brown	1	3	4
Congrats	0	4	4
Harlan's Holiday	2	2	4
More Than Ready	1	3	4
Stormy Atlantic	4	0	4
Super Saver	3	1	4
Temple City	4	0	4
Tiz Wonderful	1	3	4
City Zip	0	3	3
Distorted Humor	3	0	3
Indian Charlie	1	2	3
Lookin at Lucky	2	1	3
Majesticperfection	3	0	3
Munnings	2	1	3
Scat Daddy	3	0	3
Street Boss	3	0	3
Warrior's Reward	2	1	3



NTRA , TREASURY DISCUSS TAX WITHHOLDING REQUIREMENTS

By T.D. Thornton

The National Thoroughbred Racing Association has embarked upon a strategy shift in an effort to ease the burden of federal tax reporting and withholding requirements for horseplayers.

For roughly the past decade, the NTRA has been lobbying for legislative changes to Internal Revenue Code Section 3402(q)(3)(c), which requires tax withholding if winnings of more than \$5,000 are derived from base bets at least 300 times as large as the amount wagered.

This rule is unfair, the NTRA has argued, because it was conceived decades ago in an era when the daily double was the industry's most exotic bet.

That 300-1 standard is outdated, the NTRA claims, because withholding-triggering scores are often comprised of an increasingly complex array of wheels, boxes and strings of horizontal and vertical bets that by their very nature end up producing numerous losing wagers on the same ticket. **Cont. p5**



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Withholding Requirements cont.

To remedy the situation, NTRA president Alex Waldrop, several horseplayers, and an official from Churchill Downs met on Tuesday with an unnamed "high-ranking" United States Department of the Treasury official to try and change the rule so that the entire amount wagered--not just the amount bet on the winning combo--will determine whether 300-1 withholding is triggered.

"We had a very timely and productive meeting," said Waldrop. "Timely because the Treasury is in the process of reviewing the W2-G form itself, and productive because the individual with whom we spoke was knowledgeable about pari-mutuel wagering and struck an immediate rapport with our horseplayers."

Jeff Platt, president of the Horseplayers Association of North America, said he was not at the meeting, but supports the rule change.

"It's a no-brainer," Platt said. "The tax code is more favorable to the slots player than the horseplayer. The NTRA has had a team of lobbyists going after this for at least eight years and they haven't gotten anywhere. It's not the NTRA's fault. It's just that the Treasury Department has more important things, in their mind, to look at."

Waldrop said the NTRA strategy shift involves going straight to the Treasury, which has the power to interpret the tax code without changing it.

"We had been going at it by asking for a legislative change to withholding and reporting," Waldrop said. "But because of the unlikelihood of any meaningful tax reform in the near term, we decided to pursue an alternative course. We're asking for a modernization of the instructions to the form W2-G that must be filed by gamblers to report winnings."

Waldrop said that although he has numerous racing industry-related items he would like help with from the federal government, the NTRA has to be selective about picking its spots.

"We were there for one purpose," Waldrop said of Tuesday's meeting in Washington, D.C. "We were very specific about our intentions and our interests. We did not go in with a laundry list of concerns. This is the top of the list because of its unique ability to be dealt with outside of legislation or regulation."

Platt said his wish list has a different item at the top: The nationwide reduction of takeout.

"If there was one thing I could change with the sweep of a pen, I would make racing's takeout more favorable, competition-wise, with other forms of gambling," Platt said.

Platt gave the example that if you bet \$2 across the board on every single starter in America last year, you would have lost roughly 25% for each dollar wagered, largely because of high takeout and breakage.

Platt gave an example comparing horse race wagering to roulette, which is considered a "bad bet" because the American version of the game (with two table-busting zeroes) gives a 5.26% edge to the house.

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How to Make the A list:

- Avg. Over Past Three Seasons: -

- 25 SHs
- 13 SWs
- 131 Winners
- 13 2YO Winners
- \$6.3 Million Earnings

Year	SHs	SWs	Wnrs	2YO Wnrs	Earnings
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2013	19	10	144	21	\$6.75 Million
2014	28	11	126	8	\$6.15 Million



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Withholding Requirements cont.

“To make roulette the equivalent of losing 25 cents for each dollar wagered like in horse racing, you’d have to add 10 more zeroes to the wheel,” Platt said. “Who in their right mind would walk through a casino and say, ‘Oh, here’s a roulette table with 12 zeroes on it. I think I’ll stop and play here.’”



Alex Waldrop *Horsephotos*

Waldrop said takeout is “beyond the NTRA’s area of influence” because it is set by individual tracks and states.

“Our focus has been and will continue to be at the federal level,” Waldrop said. “Capitol Hill is where we have the most political influence and have built a strong political presence.”

Waldrop said he could not outline a timetable for the reporting/withholding reform.

“We don’t have a specific agenda going forward, but we’re encouraged because we now have an open dialogue with Treasury on a topic that is important to many in the industry,” Waldrop said.

STEWART LOOKS FOR SUCCESSFUL SATURDAY *by J.M. Severni*

Saturday’s Gill Sam F. Davis S. will be a big event for conditioner Chad Stewart, who will send out two horses from his 10-horse string in morning-line favorite **Catalina Red** (Munnings) and **Bandages** (Any Given Saturday). The former graduated by 7 1/4 lengths in Tampa’s Inaugural S. Dec. 6 before annexing the seven-panel Pasco S. in 1:21 2/5 to set a new track record Dec. 27. Bandages won second out going six furlongs on that same card.



Catalina Red
Tampa Bay Downs

“He’s doing great, he’s training super,” Stewart said of Catalina Red. “I couldn’t ask him to be doing any better.”

As for Bandages, the conditioner offered, “He’s doing very well, too. They’re both training extremely well going into the race.”

Of the added distance, Stewart explained, “We’re going to find out [if they can handle it]. Catalina Red’s pedigree says that he might not be able to go that far, but he sure acts like he will.” **Cont. p7**

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Chad Stewart cont.

Stewart, a native of Wisner, Nebraska, has been working in the industry since he was a teenager. Since 2001, Stewart has owned and operated Grace Full Oaks in Ocala with his wife, veterinarian Dr. Laurie Stewart. The Stewarts have about 90 horses on the farm and generally ship their 10 race horses to either Tampa or Gulfstream Park. They also have a small broodmare band--one of their most notable breedings was GI Breeders' Cup Sprint runner-up Tightend Touchdown (Pure Precision). Stewart also bred Bandages, having claimed his grandam in 1994 for Worldwide Thoroughbreds, and bred and trained his dam Beauty Is. The Stewarts also break and train young horses for clients and conditioners as well as lay-up horses.

"We enjoy the racing, we enjoy the breaking and training and seeing the babies go on to different trainers and do well--that's always neat," Stewart explained. "We have a lot of nice horses that come in for lay-ups. It's all very enjoyable. The broodmares are a lot of work, but we breed a few of our own every year."

Stewart said the operation strives to produce, break and train the best horses they can. "The goal for the farm is just to do the best that we can do and help people get their horses refreshed, getting babies that we can break and sent along to the track and see do well," he said. "We try to do the best that we can do and make our clients successful."

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LEAVE THE LIGHT ON OFF DERBY TRAIL

Gil Remsen S. winner **Leave the Light On** (Horse Greeley) has been taken off the Derby trail after sustaining an injury in a workout at the Palm Meadows training center over the weekend.



Leave the Light On
NYRA photo

"He worked 5/8ths of a mile on Sunday and he worked really well," trainer Chad Brown explained. "But he came out of the work with some swelling in his right hind ankle and x-rays revealed a problem there which will require minor surgery. We decided to just stop on the horse now and address it now

and, unfortunately, skip the triple crown, but the long-term prognosis on the horse is good."

Dr. Larry Bramlage of the Rood and Riddle Equine Clinic in Kentucky will perform the surgery next week.

"It will be about 60 days before he can go back under light tack," Brown continued. "But, as always, we'll let the horse determine when he's ready to resume training."

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- At 2** 1st Maiden, 8f, Curragh, *by 6 lengths.*
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- 1st **Dee Stakes-Gr.3**, 10½f, Chester, *by 4 lengths.*
- At 4** 1st **Mooresbridge Stakes-Gr.3**, 10f, Curragh.
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BARBADOS SIDELINED WITH KNEE CHIP

Suzanne Stables' **Barbados** (Speightstown) exited his GIII Hutcheson S. victory Jan. 24 with a knee chip, according to trainer Mike Tomlinson.



Barbados
Leslie Martin

"He came out of the Hutcheson with a small chip in the upper joint of the left knee," Tomlinson said. "It's not anything serious. He'll only be off 60 to 90 days and it's a very good prognosis. The chip will come out very nicely. Dr. Bramlage said it's a fresh chip and it just happened in the race."

We'll just get that done and bring him back in the fall."

"He has never taken a sore step," Tomlinson continued. "But, on Monday afternoon, we noticed a difference in the right and left knee, heat-wise. There was a little bit of pressure in the upper joint, so the next morning we looked him over close and decided we should go ahead and take a picture, and that's when the X-ray showed up."

Dr. Larry Bramlage of the Rood and Riddle Equine Clinic in Kentucky is scheduled to perform the surgery Feb. 3.

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THUNDER GULCH PENSIONED

Thunder Gulch (Gulch--Line of Thunder, by Storm Bird), the champion 3-year-old of 1995 and sire of 2001 Horse of the Year Point Given, has been pensioned from stud duties at Ashford Stud in Versailles, Kentucky, at the age of 23.

Bred by Peter Brant, the chestnut was a \$40,000 Keeneland July acquisition by Ken Ellenberg and was offered at the 1994 Keeneland April Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training before being sold to Michael Tabor later that season. A maiden winner at second asking, Thunder Gulch closed out his freshman campaign with a game victory in the GII Remsen S. and won the GII Fountain of Youth S. and GI Florida Derby in the winter of 1995, defeating Suave Prospect in a pair of thrilling finishes. Disappointing when fourth of six as the heavy favorite in that year's GI Blue Grass S., he was let go at 24-1 in the GI Kentucky Derby, but ran out a 2 1/4-length winner. **Cont. p9**



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Thunder Gulch Pensioned cont.

Third to his D. Wayne Lukas stablemate Timber Country (Woodman) in the GI Preakness S., he bounced back to score by two lengths in the GI Belmont S. before adding the GI Travers S. He retired to the breeding shed with nine wins from 16 starts and earnings of \$2,915,086.

As a stallion, Thunder Gulch shuttled to Australia, Japan and Argentina. He is the sire of 86 black-type winners and three champions from just over 1,900 runners to date, including Point Given, who failed to emulate his sire when he was an upset victim after racing too close to a hot pace in the 2001 Kentucky Derby, but went on to win the Preakness, Belmont, Haskell Invitational and Travers before his retirement to stud. Winner of nearly \$4 million in his career, Point Given currently resides at Brad Kelley's Calumet Farm.

Other Grade I winners sired by Thunder Gulch include GI Breeders' Cup Distaff winner Spain; Hopeful S. hero Circular Quay; Balance, a three-time winner at the highest level and a half-sister to Horse of the Year Zenyatta (Street Cry {Ire}); GI Vinery Madison S. victrix Shotgun Gulch; Sense of Style; J B's Thunder; Australian G1SWs Tempest Morn (Aus) and Tully Thunder (Aus); and Argentinian Group 1 winner Thunder One (Arg). His progeny have earned better than \$90 million to date.

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CHAPA POSTS \$10,000 BOND; TO BE ARRAIGNED FEB. 6 *By T.D. Thornton*

Jockey Roman Chapa has posted a \$10,000 surety bond with Harris County District Court in Texas and will be arraigned Feb. 6 on felony charges of "unlawful influence on racing" in conjunction with his alleged use of an electrical device at Sam Houston Race Park Jan. 17.

It was unclear from the court filings whether Chapa was arrested or turned himself in.

The database lists the 43-year-old jockey as being released on Wednesday, with the bond filed and receipted on Thursday.

According to probable cause paperwork filed Jan. 23 by Texas Department of Safety peace officer Jeffrey Green, Chapa "unlawfully, intentionally and knowingly" used an electrical device to stimulate Quiet Acceleration (Silent Picture) to a stakes win.

The alleged device came to light after close-ups of otherwise innocuous photographs of the win revealed what appears to be a tan, palm-sized device with protruding prongs in Chapa's partially closed left hand.

Chapa has been summarily suspended by SHRP stewards, but has been granted an appeal hearing by the Texas Racing Commission on Feb. 9.

Chapa has twice previously been suspended, in 1993 and 2007, for attempting to stimulate or frighten a racehorse into running faster.

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2	Serbian Syclone	Wildcat Heir	Trujillo	Miller	118
3	Jazzy Josh	Kantharos	Prat	Ppaprdmou	118
4	Texas Red	Afleet Alex	Desrmeux	Desrmeux	123
5	Punctuate	Distorted Humor	Garcia	Baffert	118
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UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

Date	Race	Track	
Jan. 31	GI Las Virgenes S.	SA	
	GI Arcadia S.	SA	
	GII Palos Verdes S.	SA	
	GIII Endeavour S.	TAM	
	GIII Sam F. Davis S.	TAM	
Feb. 1	GI San Vicente S.	SA	
	GI Donn H.	GP	
Feb. 7	GI Gulfstream Park Turf H.	GP	
	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	
	Feb. 14	GII Santa Maria S.	SA
		GII Barbara Fritchie S.	LRL
		GIII El Camino Real Derby	GG
		GIII Hurricane Bertie S.	GP



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THE QUEEN OF KINGSLERE cont. from p1

Many top-class horses have been trained in Kingsclere during the Baldings' reign, but Mill Reef remains the benchmark against which all are measured. His Derby victory in 1971 put his trainer firmly on the map and the great little colt's legacy--and that of his American owner/breeder Paul Mellon--still echoes down the years in the form of this season's Classic prospect for the Balding team, Elm Park (GB) (Phoenix Reach {Ire}).

As early as last June, the word from Park House Stables was that the best 2-year-old within its walls was the son of a former resident, Phoenix Reach (Ire) (Alhaarth {Ire}), a terrific flagbearer for both Ian and



Mill Reef statue at the National Stud
Emma Berry

Andrew Balding with his three Group 1 victories in Canada, Hong Kong and Dubai. At stud, however, he was woefully overlooked by breeders largely by dint of the fact that he committed the 'crime' of being hardy enough to remain in training until he was six and record all his victories over a mile and a half.

Elm Park duly made his debut at Sandown in a week when many eyes were fixed on Glorious Goodwood. Despite finishing more than five lengths adrift of the Godolphin winner in third place, his debut did not go unnoticed and he started favorite on his next start at Newbury a little over a fortnight later. Since Sandown, no horse has finished in front of Elm Park, with a perfect progression being made from Newbury maiden, to Salisbury listed success and then two consecutive group victories in the G2 Juddmonte Royal Lodge S. and G1 Racing Post Trophy.

For his first three races, he carried the famous black-and-yellow silks once worn by Mill Reef and bequeathed to Ian Balding by Paul Mellon. They are the colors now borne by every representative of the Kingsclere Racing Club, for whom Elm Park started his racing career before Sheikh Fahad Al Thani's Qatar Racing bought him prior to his first group win.

"Andrew and [his wife] Anna-Lisa had the idea of starting up the Kingsclere Racing Club and they lease the stud's homebreds from us," explains Emma Balding. "We tried selling foals and we tried selling yearlings, but it was never going to work for the type of horse we want to produce."

She added, "The club is geared up to pay half the costs and it works extremely well, as it has introduced a lot of new people to the yard and to racing. There are 25 members and 50 shares, so we retain half and the understanding is that if anything has to be sold in training, then it is."

Only once before had a club horse been sold and that to was to Sheikh Fahad. The horse in question was Side Glance (GB) (Passing Glance {GB}), subsequent winner of the G1 Mackinnon S. at Flemington in 2013. Apart from both being Group 1 winners bred at Kingsclere Stud and owned by the Sheikh, the other common factor for Side Glance and Elm Park is that their sires were both trained at Park House Stables, with Passing Glance having also been homebred.

Balding says, "We were lucky that Ian trained some very good horses that went to stud and we had nominations to them. It started with Mill Reef, and Mr. Mellon gave me a breeding right, then there was Selkirk, Robellino and Tagula. They've gradually died out, but we still have Passing Glance and Phoenix Reach."

"I have very few mares that can go to Passing Glance as so many of them are related to him," she noted.

"With Phoenix, I've sent really what I could so far and we've been incredibly lucky with him--not just Elm Park, but Rawaki (GB) is a good horse and then Whiplash Willie (GB) was also bred on the stud and he's pretty good.

We've been lucky that the stallions we've been able to use have actually been very good stallions. Dashing Blade was another one that we could use and did use--there wasn't anything terribly clever about our matings but now it's a bit more interesting." **Cont. p11**



Phoenix Reach and Sarah Taylor
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Queen of Kingsclere cont.

This modest statement overlooks the nurturing of the families through generations. Nowhere is this better illustrated than in the case of Elm Park. His first five dams all raced from Kingsclere, with his fourth dam, the Cambridgeshire H. winner Siliciana, being the first of the line to have been bred at the stud.

"Ian had a mare which he'd boarded with my mother to start with and she was an Aggressor mare who had won. He bought her from her owners to go to Silly Season, and she produced Siliciana," says Balding.

It's not just the Kingsclere females who dominate Elm Park's pedigree. Silly Season is one of six stallions to have been trained at Park House to appear in the first five generations of his breeding, along with Elm Park's sire Phoenix Reach, damsire Dashing Blade (GB), Selkirk, Elegant Air and Mill Reef, who appears twice. As already outlined, it is in fact Passing Glance's family which is prevalent in the Kingsclere paddocks, with his dam, 28-year-old Spurned, still resident in retirement alongside four of her daughters--Victoria Montoya (GB) (High Chaparral {Ire}), Casual Glance (GB) (Sinndar {Ire}), Inhibition (GB) (Nayef) and Hidden Valley (GB) (Haafhd {GB}).

"We inherited Spurned as a bad debt," recalls Balding. "She's by Robellino, who was bought by Ian as a yearling. We were offered a Storm Cat nomination when he first went to stud because he should have come here to be trained, but he failed his swabs so he stayed in America. So Mr. Young offered us a nomination and we sent Spurned out to America to be covered."

That mating resulted in her first foal, a filly named Overbrook, who was runner-up in the G3 Cornwallis S. and became the first of

seven black-type earners for her dam.

"Spurned has had an amazing career--her fillies haven't been as good as the colts, but I'm persevering," says Balding, who was persuaded by Andrew to buy into a different family with the purchase of Averami (GB) (Averti {Ire}) from Al Kazeem's owner/breeder John Deer. Her first five foals are all multiple winners with her two black-type horses, Side Glance and Rawaki, being by those old familiar Kingsclere names of Passing Glance and Phoenix Reach.

This year, however, the net is being cast a little wider. Averami is visiting Tweenhills new boy Charm Spirit (Fr), while Elm Park's dam Lady Brora (GB) is booked to Intello (Ger). Neither mare is currently in foal.

"Averami had a colic operation, which meant she was unable to be covered last year. Sheikh Fahad generously gave me two nominations for this year so she will be going to Charm Spirit and I've completely fallen in love with Dunaden (Fr), so I'll be using him as well," notes Balding. "I do a bit of yearling work for Andrew at the sales because it helps me to see stallions' produce. It also helps that we can train the horses here, as we can be ahead of the game with a stallion that's slightly out of fashion but has produced a horse we really like.

"For instance, Nayef's price has come right down but we absolutely love him," she explained. "Andrew loves training them and they are smashing-looking horses so we like to give him the benefit of the doubt because we've been very lucky with him."

She adds, "We couldn't afford to breed the way we do if we didn't have the support of Andrew training--we couldn't be so batty. You have to give everything a chance. Andrew's a bit of a dictator once they come into training, but he says I'm a dictator at the other end."

With Kingsclere Racing Club being involved in Elm Park only until the end of his 2-year-old season following his sale to Sheikh Fahad, the members now have his unnamed half-brother by Shirocco (Ger) to look forward to among this season's juvenile intake along with a Champs Elysees (GB) half-brother to Side Glance. Balding's sense of humor is revealed in the only one of the homebred 2-year-olds to have been named so far--a colt by Lord Of England, named Lord Huntingdon after her brother, the bloodstock agent and former trainer to the Queen.

She said, "Lord Huntingdon is out of Marijuana. He's just come into training for the club and he's very good looking, but he's awfully inclined to look at himself in the mirror all the time."

"Our club members are a lovely lot," she continued. "There are five or six social events every year and five or six gallops mornings, and they can also come to the stud to see the babies. They know perfectly well that 2-year-old runners are not going to be particularly plentiful, but the older horses keep everyone entertained. Chesil Beach (GB) has had a good year, so has Intransigent (GB), and there are guaranteed to be at least 12 horses running for the club each year."

Balding claims that her worry in using Mellon's famous colors for the Kingsclere Racing Club horses was that they wouldn't have a horse worthy of carrying them. In Elm Park, the colt she describes lovingly as a "laidback dreamy-drawers," they have already been nobly represented. While he may not be carrying those silks if he lines up for his intended Classic engagement at Epsom, he will still epitomize the sporting endeavors of his forebear Mill Reef and is more than worthy of perpetuating Paul Mellon's great turf legacy.



Emma Balding and Elm Park
Liam Norris

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CLASS PREVAILS IN AL RASHIDIYA

Vercingetorix (SAf) (Silvano {Ger}) made a big impression at last year's Dubai World Cup Carnival, winning the G1 Jebel Hatta S. on Super Saturday before missing only to Just A Way (Jpn) (Heart's Cry {Jpn}) when second in the G1 Dubai Duty Free on Dubai World Cup night, and the South African champion indicated he is likely as good as ever with an eye-catching first-up win in yesterday's G2 Al Rashidiya at Meydan. Finding an ideal position tracking the pace in fourth early and just off the heels and to the inside of his chief rival, Godolphin's **True Story (GB)** (Manduro {Ger}), Vercingetorix bided his time under jockey Christophe Soumillon as his stablemate **Sanshaawes (SAf)** (Ashaawes) set the tempo. Sliding outside of True Story as the field turned for home, Vercingetorix responded to near invisible urging from Soumillon, gliding to the lead and scoring geared-down by two lengths. True Story stayed on for second after traveling wide throughout and **Mr Pommeroy (Fr)** (Linngari {Ire}), who rode the rail throughout and sat one slot ahead of Vercingetorix early, was third. Trainer Mike de Kock said his charge is likely to follow the same path as last year to the World Cup card.

"I think he's a bigger and a stronger horse than he was last year, and I certainly think we have to aim him at the [G1 Dubai] Duty Free [now called the Dubai Turf] with the [G1] Jebel Hatta in between, the same sort of preparation as last year," de Kock said.



Vercingetorix
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Thursday, Meydan, Dubai

AL RASHIDIYA SPONSORED BY EMIRATES GLOBAL ALUMINIUM-G2, \$200,000, MEY, 1-29, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1800mT, 1:49.12, gd.

1--**VERCINGETORIX (SAF)**, 126, h, 5, by **Silvano (Ger)**
1st Dam: National Vixen (SAf) (MGSP-SAf), by **National Assembly**
2nd Dam: Royal Vixen (SAf), by **Peacetime**
3rd Dam: Scarteen (SAf), by **Sweet Song (GB)** (R1,400,000 yrl '11 EMPNAT). O-Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Maktoum; B-Klawervlei Stud (SAF); T-Mike de Kock; J-Christophe Soumillon. \$120,000. Lifetime Record: Ch. 3yo Colt & G1SW-SAf, G1SW-UAE & G1SP-HK, 9-7-1-1, \$1,731,201. **Werk Nick Rating: A + + + *Triple Plus***. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**True Story (GB)**, 125, g, 4, **Manduro (Ger)**--Tanzania, by Darshaan (GB). O-Godolphin; B-Darley (GB); T-Saeed bin Suroor. \$40,000.

3--**Mr Pommeroy (Fr)**, 125, c, 4, Linngari (Ire)--Amerissage, by Rahy. (€30,000 RNA yrl '12 ARQOCT; €250,000 HRA '14 ARQARC). O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-Rupert Pliersch (FR); T-S bin Ghadayer. \$20,000.

Margins: 2, 2HF, 3/4.

Also Ran: Sanshaawes (SAf), Mujaarib (Aus), Sociologa Inc (Arg). Scratched: Army Bulletin (Ire).

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A R1.4 million (about US\$121,000) Emperor's Palace National Yearling Sale purchase by Mike de Kock, Vercingetorix sailed unbeaten through his early tests in South Africa, a four-race run that culminated in the G1 Daily News 2000 of 2013. Set on the long quarantine journey to Dubai thereafter, Vercingetorix resurfaced with a turf handicap score at Meydan last February before annexing the Jebel Hatta. He was 6 1/4 lengths in the wake of Just A Way in the Duty Free, but boosted his merits nonetheless with Grade/Group 1 winners like Dank (GB) (Dansili {GB}), Hunter's Light (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), The Fugue (GB) (Dansili {GB}) and Trade Storm (GB) (Trade Fair {GB}) trailing him in. Vercingetorix finished third behind the home-team pair of Designs On Rome (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) and Military Attack (Ire) (Oratorio {Ire}) in the G1 QEII Cup at Sha Tin in April, with subsequent G1 Japan Cup winner Epiphaneia (Jpn) (Symboli Kris S) one slot behind him in fourth. Initial plans to press onto Singapore's international card in May were scrapped thereafter, and Vercingetorix was making his first start in nine months yesterday.

"After Hong Kong we were still thinking of Singapore, but he didn't come out of the Hong Kong race well and that's when we really had to back off him and start again," de Kock explained. "He's fairly fragile, so he's not a horse that's going to take that many runs."

The victory brought up a feature-race double on the card for jockey Christophe Soumillon.

"He is in great shape this year," said Soumillon. "He was a really good horse last year but he felt better tonight. He is exciting."

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Thursday, Meydan, Dubai

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ALUMINIUM-G2, \$200,000, MEY, 1-29, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1600mT, 1:37.22, gd.

1--@CLADOCERA (GER), 126, f, 4, by [Oasis Dream \(GB\)](#)

1st Dam: Caesarine (Fr) (SW-Fr), by Pivotal (GB)

2nd Dam: Carelaine, by Woodman

3rd Dam: Annoconnor, by Nureyev

O/B-Haras de la Perelle (GER); T-Alain de Royer-Dupre; J-Christophe Soumillon. \$120,000.

Lifetime Record: SW-Fr & SP-Eng, 6-3-1-0, \$188,127. **Werk Nick Rating: A + +**. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--Zurigha (Ire), 126, m, 5, [Cape Cross \(Ire\)](#)--Noyelles (Ire), by Docksider. (€21,000 wnlg '10 GOFNOV; 72,000gns yrl '11 TATOCT). O-Saeed H Altayer; B-Sir Nicholas & Lady Nugent (IRE); T-Richard Hannon. \$40,000.

3--Anahita (Fr), 126, f, 4, Turtle Bowl (Ire)--Nazlia (Fr), by Polish Precedent. (€42,000 yrl '12 ARQAUG; €180,000 HRA '14 ARQARC). O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-Antoine Fontaine (FR); T-S bin Ghadayer. \$20,000.

Margins: 2, 2, HD.

Also Ran: Victoria Regina (Ire), Energia Fribby (Brz), Slipper Orchid (Ire), Oh Star, Wee Jean (GB).

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The lightly raced Cladocera made it two Cape Verdi's for the trainer/jockey combination of Alain de Royer Dupre and Christophe Soumillon while earning her first group victory here. After breaking her maiden at first asking at Chantilly last April, Cladocera flashed her talent when garnering the Listed Prix des Lilas at Longchamp by two lengths June 3. She checked in last of 10, however, when stepped up to group level for the



Cladocera
DRC/Andrew Watkins

G3 Prix Chloe over nine furlongs back at Chantilly June 30, and fared little better when checking in 10th again in the G3 Prix de Lieurey at Deauville Aug. 15. Given an autumn holiday thereafter, Cladocera finished second, beaten a quarter-length by the highly

regarded colt Sloane Avenue (Candy Ride {Arg})--who goes for next month's GI Donn H.--in Kempton's Listed Hyde S. over the all-weather Nov. 19. Breaking well from gate six yesterday, Cladocera dropped back to settle slightly worse than midpack under Christophe Soumillon while traveling in the two path as Wee Jean (GB) (Captain Gerrard {Ire}) carved out the early pace while tracked by Oh Star (Tale of the Cat). Switching out for running room at the top of the lane, Soumillon and Cladocera inhaled their rivals, hitting the lead at the 200 meter mark and drawing away to win under wraps without Soumillon going to the whip.

"She is a nice filly," said de Royer-Dupre. "We will bring her back in a few weeks, but the targets have to be the really big races. Super Saturday and Dubai World Cup night are hopefully her main targets."

He added, "She will improve as she matures and did not enjoy a lot of luck in Europe, so to get this win is perfect and we hope she can progress. Soumillon said he was always happy, so hopefully she can build on this."

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FIGURES HOLD STEADY AT KARAKA

As the second session of Karaka's three-day Select Yearling Sale drew to a close, figures remained close to those recorded 12 months ago. The average price over the first two days of selling stood at NZ\$50,036, up 8% from last year's three-day cumulative average, while the median reached NZ\$36,750, a 5% gain on last year's three-day cumulative median with one day of trade left to go. The clearance rate was 74%, a similar figure to last year. Comparing just the first two days of selling this year to last, the average is up 7% to NZ\$50,036, and the median is down 2% to NZ\$36,750.

The highest-priced yearling on day two (lot [657](#)), at NZ\$210,000, represented the cross of two champion sires in New Zealand, being by O'Reilly (NZ), out of the winning mare Saheel (NZ) (Zabeel {NZ}). Legendary sire Zabeel, whose very last yearling to go through a sales ring fetched NZ\$160,000 at this week's Premier Sale, is a prolific broodmare sire with his daughters having produced 23 Group 1 winners to date.



Yesterday's session topper, lot 657
NZB

The Kirkwall Thoroughbreds offering was knocked down to Australian-based owner Colin Keane, whose horses all carry 'Eagle' in their name. The colt became the fifth horse to reach NZ\$200,000 at this year's Select Sale--last year, only one horse fetched NZ\$200,000 or more.

"He's a colt we picked out a couple of days ago and we liked him from the start," commented Pike. "He cost enough, but compared with what nice O'Reillys were selling for in [the Premier Sale], he was reasonably priced." The successful bidder continued, "It's a good cross with an extremely proven broodmare sire, and I've had some luck with O'Reilly's progeny in the past with the likes of [four-time Group 1 winner] Sacred Falls, so hopefully this one turns out something like him."

The second-highest price of the day was NZ\$190,000 paid by Queensland trainer John Morrissey for lot [833](#), a colt by Epsom Derby-winning sire Authorized (Ire) from Hallmark Stud. Hallmark is enjoying a stellar week, providing both Wednesday's record-breaking lot and the Karaka Million winner Hardline (NZ) (Showcasing {GB}). Having sold all 10 horses in their draft so far, the Te Kauwhata nursery currently dominates the vendors' standing by both aggregate (NZ\$1,171,000) and average (NZ\$117,100).


International buyers have been making their presence felt at Karaka, with the Hong Kong Jockey Club, Jamie Walter's Proven Thoroughbreds, John Morrissey and Henry Dwyer all featuring among the top 10 investors. One prominent international figure who signed the docket on his first-ever visit to New Zealand was Newmarket trainer Luca Cumani. The master of Bedford House Stables secured lot [840](#) in conjunction with local bloodstock agent Phill Cataldo. The pair went to NZ\$60,000 to secure the filly by Road to Rock (Aus) from Little Avondale Stud.

The final session of the NZB Select yearling sale takes place today, and the one-day Festival sale will follow Feb. 1.

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NZB SELECT SALE DAY TWO TOP LOTS

Lot	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (NZ\$)
657	c	O'Reilly (NZ)	Saheel (NZ) (Walking video)	210,000
<i>B-Kirkwall Thoroughbreds Ltd, C C E & Mrs I S Thompson Consigned by Kirkwall Thoroughbreds Ltd Purchased by Pike Racing</i>				
833	c	Authorized (Ire)	Babington (NZ) (Walking video) <i>B-Mr M Baker</i>	190,000
<i>Consigned by Hallmark Stud Purchased by Mr J Morrissey</i>				
710	c	Tavistock (NZ)	Stage Fright (NZ) (Walking video) <i>B-C C E & J W Thompson</i>	185,000
<i>Consigned by Rich Hill Stud Purchased by Regal Farm</i>				
753	c	Bel Esprit (Aus)	Tiger Storm (Aus) (Walking video) <i>B-J A & J M Anderson Pty Ltd</i>	140,000
<i>Consigned by Haunui Farm Purchased by The Hong Kong Jockey Club</i>				
653	c	Smart Missile (Aus)	Russe Princessa (Aus) (Walking video) <i>B-Hallmark Stud Ltd</i>	120,000
<i>Consigned by Hallmark Stud Purchased by Lisa Latta Racing Stables</i>				
671	f	Shocking (Aus)	Shahbab (NZ) (Walking video) <i>B-C C E & Mrs I S Thompson</i>	120,000
<i>Consigned by Rich Hill Stud Purchased by Big Red Farm</i>				



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High Price	NZ\$525,000	NZ\$200,000
Gross	NZ\$13,309,500	NZ\$14,175,000
Average (% change)	NZ\$50,036 (+7%)	NZ\$46,628
Median (% change)	NZ\$36,750 (-2%)	NZ\$37,500



Worldwide Report cont.

EARTHQUAKE PLEASURES IN TRIAL

Connections of last year's G1 Blue Diamond S. heroine **Earthquake (Aus)** (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), said they were happy with the filly's :45:82 zip in a 800-meter trial at Cranbourne Thursday. The 3-year-old filly was appearing in public for the first time since



Earthquake
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finishing unplaced in the G1 Coolmore Stud S. Nov. 1. David Charles, assistant trainer to John O'Shea in Melbourne, told *racing.com*, "She'll probably stay on the sprinting path, so we'll have a look at which [race] suits best. We couldn't be happier with the way she's progressed so far."

Chad Schofield, Godolphin's regular rider in Melbourne, commented, "Her trial was impressive. She jumped well, traveled outside the leader and was strong to the line. She ran a pretty slick time and pulled up without having much of a blow so I'm sure she's right where the stable wants her."

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This regally-bred filly by Camelot was born at Coolmore Stud in Ireland overnight Jan. 28. She is out of Cherry Hinton, a half-sister to Galileo and Sea the Stars, and she is therefore a 3/4 sister to G1 Irish Oaks winner Bracelet and G2 Rockfel S. winner Wading.

Photo courtesy Coolmore

RILEY FACING SUSPENSION

Victoria's Racing Appeals and Disciplinary (RAD) Board have confirmed the charges against Group 1-winning trainer Mark Riley, who now faces a three-year suspension. The RAD's investigation into the case of Gold For Kev (Aus), who returned elevated levels of TC02 (bicarb) following a pre-race test in July last year, came to a conclusion Thursday, with the Board holding



Mark Riley
Racing and Sports

Riley guilty of administering a prohibited substance.

Riley had denied administering alkalinizing agents to the horse--a practice commonly known as "milk-shaking"--yet the Board expressed displeasure by the trainer's evidence.

"Many of Mark Riley's responses to questioning by stewards and cross examination in the hearing before the Board were characterized by ambivalence, equivocation, obfuscation and

prevarication," the finding read, as reported on *racing.com*. "Riley's evidence that he would not have had the time to stomach tube the horse was contradictory and unpersuasive. Similarly, his evidence that horses in his stable were not stomach tubed between June 2 and July 15, 2014 did not survive cross examination intact."

The report concluded, "The Board, being comfortably satisfied that the prohibited substance was administered on race day by Mark Riley or a member of his staff, on his instructions, is comfortably satisfied to draw the inference that Riley's purpose was to affect the performance of Gold for Kev in the race."

According to the rules of Australian racing, Riley faces a three-year ban, unless he can produce evidence of mitigating circumstances.

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By STREET CRY (IRE) (1968), Black type winner, \$943,674. Sire of 5 crops, 428 foals, 287 starters, 41 black type winners, 160 winners, \$27,852,071. Sire of 9 producing daughters, 10 foals, 1 winner, including Tevyns Song (to 2, 2010, \$20,228).

1st Dam
VERTIGINEUX, by Kris S. Broodmare Of The Year: 2 wins at 4, \$60,480, in NAUS. Dam of 5 foals to race, 4 winners.

ZENYATTA (f, by Street Cry (IRE)), Champion, see records.

BALANCE (f, by Thunder Gulch), 6 wins, 2 to 4, \$1,048,491, in US. Won Santa Anita Oaks [G1], Santa Margarita Invitational Hcp [G1], Las Virgenes S. [G1], La Canada S. [G2], Sharp Cat S. [L] (HOL, \$10,000), 2nd Hollywood Starlet S. [G1], Vanity Invitational Handicap [G1], 3rd Ashland S. [G1], La Brea S. [G1], Clement L. Hirsch Handicap [G2], Milady Breeders' Cup Handicap [G2], Hidden Light S. [OR] (OSA, \$8,000).

OBS WINTER MIXED SALE WRAPS UP

The Ocala Breeders' Sales Company concluded its two-day Winter Mixed Sale Thursday with an open session followed by a selection of horses of racing age.

A Select Sales-consigned full-brother to last year's Northern Spur S. winner Bourbonize (Tiz Wonderful) attracted the highest bid during the open session and was hammered down to Mike Recio, agent for Rockbridge Bloodstock, for \$50,000. Cataloged as hip [341](#), the chestnut colt, bred in Kentucky by Troy Rankin, is a son of Brown Eyes (Halo's Image). The dam of four winners from as many to race, Brown Eyes is a half-sister to the multiple stakes winners Captain Video (Stalwart) and A Penny Saved (Pentelicus). Nick de Meric went to \$40,000 to land the open session's second most-popular offering. Offered by Beth Bayer, agent, hip [366](#) by Put It Back--Elle Meme (Zilzal) is not only a half-brother to treble G1 Hong Kong Mile hero Good Ba Ba (Lear Fan), but also to Ruban Bleu (Broken Vow), who sold for \$360,000 in foal to More Than Ready at Keeneland January earlier this month.

The final 120 horses in the catalog comprised the horses of racing age section, and hip [405](#), the newly turned 3-year-old Euro Exchange (Exchange Rate), led the way on a bid of \$90,000 from Justin Casse, who was representing his client Jim Stackpole. Originally a \$12,500 KEENOV weanling, the gray colt fetched \$110,000 as a KEESEP yearling in 2013. Hip 405, who clocked three furlongs in [:33 2/5](#), was consigned by Cutting Edge Equine, agent. Machmer Hall was on the docket as the buyer of hip [508](#), the 4-year-old filly Amazing Littlelady (Unbridled's Song), who sold for \$87,000 from the draft of Top Line Sales, agent.

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Eastern U.S.

Yesterday's Results:

FRANK WHITELEY JR S., \$100,000, LRL, 1-29, 3yo, 7f, 1:23 4/5, ft.

1--**MAJESTIC AFFAIR**, 122, g, 3, by [Majesticperfection](#)
1st Dam: Blumin Beauty (MSW, \$230,477), by Blumin Affair

2nd Dam: Goody Gumdrop, by Northern Baby
3rd Dam: Forewarn, by Procida

(\$42,000 RNA wlng '12 KEENOV; \$12,000 yrl '13 ARZOCT). O-James Covello, Thomas Coleman & Doheny Racing Stable; B-Doug Oliver (KY); T-Chad C Brown; J-Kendrick Carmouche. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 6-4-1-0, \$184,000.

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2--**Measured**, 116, c, 3, [Curlin](#)--Added Time, by Gilded Time. (\$60,000 RNA yrl '13 FTKOCT). O-Stoneway Farm. \$20,000.

3--**Notional Debt**, 116, c, 3, Notional--Top Marks, by Marquetry. (\$60,000 yrl '13 KEESEP). O-Call To Post Stables. \$10,000.

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Margins: 5 3/4, 1, HD. Odds: 0.20, 27.40, 6.10.

Majestic Affair was privately purchased from owner/trainer Doug Oliver by these connections and transferred to Chad Brown after an impressive debut win sprinting at Canterbury July 6. Eighth in the



Majestic Affair
Jim McCue

Gill Saratoga Special S. a month later, the chestnut captured a Parx allowance next out Oct. 13 and finished second to Gill Bashford Manor S. winner Cinco Charlie (Indian Charlie) next out in this venue's James F. Lewis III S.

Nov. 15. Kicking off this season with a victory in Aqueduct's six-panel Fred Cappy Capossela S. Jan. 2, the 1-5 chalk broke alertly and stalked the leading duo from a close up third through a half in :47.06. Taking control shortly after, the gelding was floated out three-wide on the turn for home, but was straightened out by pilot Kendrick Carmouche in the lane and effortlessly cruised clear to score a decisive victory. "He's not a very big horse but he's got a big stride and he gets over just about any surface he's been on without any problems," Carmouche said. "Chad [Brown] trains most of his horses to go long and I don't think this horse would have any problem going further. He won today in very easy fashion." [Click for the \[brisnet.com chart\]\(#\) or \[VIDEO\]\(#\).](#)

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No. Offered	169	282
No. Sold	141	209
RNAs	28	73
% RNAs	16.6%	25.9%
Gross	\$1,088,100	\$1,754,900
Average (% change)	\$7,717	\$8,397
Median (% change)	\$4,000 (-20%)	\$5,000
<u>RACING AGE</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Catalogued	121	205
No. Offered	84	125
No. Sold	70	98
RNAs	14	27
% RNAs	16.7%	21.6%
Gross	\$1,200,700	\$1,608,900
Average (% change)	\$17,153	\$16,417
Median (% change)	\$7,350 (-26.5%)	\$10,000



East Report cont.

7th-LRL, \$40,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:06 2/5, ft. + CATCHA RISING STAR (f, 3, Red Giant--Joan of Arc, by Roman Ruler), let go at 9-1 while running without Lasix, exchanged blows with even-money favorite Presli's Pulpit (Pulpit) at the head of affairs through an opening quarter in :22.99. Sticking her head in front on the backstretch, the dark bay finally shook free of the favorite in the final furlong and held off a late bid from Latest Thinking (Tale of the Cat) to secure a 1 1/4-length victory. Latest Thinking beat Presli's Pulpit out for second by a neck. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$22,800. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).** O/B-Albert Frassetto (KY). T-H Graham Motion.

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New York

Yesterday's Results:

7th-AQU, \$69,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$62,500), NW2\$X, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 3/5, ft. ISABELLE (f, 4, [Successful Appeal](#)--Merrill Gold {SP, \$150,904}, by Gold Fever) graduated at third asking in the mud at Belmont May 9 and captured that venue's state-bred Bouwerie S. just three weeks later. Sixth in the GIII Victory Ride S. there June 29, the bay scored again last time in a state-bred optional claimer going six furlongs in the slop at Saratoga Aug. 13 for previous trainer Lisa Lewis. Favored at 2-1 in this seasonal bow for Hall of Famer Bill Mott, Isabelle kept a watchful eye on the leader from second through moderate early splits. Two-wide turning for home, she outkicked pacesetter Atlantic's Smile (Stormy Atlantic) in the final strides for a 3/4-length victory. Sales history: \$100,000 yrl '12 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: SW, 7-4-1-0, \$221,400. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).** O-William C Schettine. B-Bluegrass Farm Partners & Jeffrey Tucker (NY). T-William I Mott.

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Friday, Aqueduct, post time: 4:14 p.m. EDT

REGO PARK S., \$125,000, 3yo, (S), 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Drama King	Nobiz Like Shobiz	Jara	Rodriguez	8-1
2	Agent Van Alden	Posse	Arroyo	Aro	30-1
3	Chasing Bubbles	Posse	Rodriguez	McPeck	10-1
4	Saratoga Dreamer	Elusive Quality	I. Ortiz	Clement	4-1
5	Regal Minister	Posse	J. Ortiz	Hennig	2-1
6	Deficit Hawk	Midnight Lute	Carmouche	Violette	9-5
7	Breakin the Fever	Roaring Fever	Gomez	Breed	12-1

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• **ON THE WORKTAB •**
PALM MEADOWS

Mawthooq (Distorted Humor), 5f, 1:02.05, 4/8
Princess Violet (Officer), 5f, 1:03.20, 6/8
Thank you Marylou (Birdstone), 5f, 1:01.45, 2/8

SANTA ANITA

Chitu (Henny Hughes), 4f, :46.60, 2/42
Enchanting Lady (Tale of the Cat), 6f, 1:12.20, 1/14
Ocho Ocho Ocho (Street Sense), 4f, :47.60, 5/42
Tara's Tango (Unbridled's Song), 4f, :48.80, 21/42

TODAY'S INSIGHTS

7th-GP, \$45K, Msw, 4yo/up, 7 1/2f, 3:30 p.m. ET

Any horse carrying the silks of Mandy Pope's Whisper Hill Farm is just about guaranteed to have a big pedigree and first time starter **TIZ MY WAY (Tiznow)** is no exception. The John Kimmel trainee is a full brother to 2011 GI Whitney H. and GI Met Mile winner Tizway, and a half to SW and MGSP Ticket to Seattle (Capote). The homebred's unraced dam is a half to MGISW Will's Way (Easy Goer) and GI Ashland S. victress Willa on the Move (Assert {Ire}). **Click for [Brisnet.com PPs](#).**

7th-FG, \$39K, Msw, 3yo, 6f, 5:24 p.m. ET

George Bolton's **APOCALYPSE (Candy Ride {Arg})** makes his career bow in this spot for trainer Neil Howard. Out of MGISW Twist Afleet (Afleet), the gelding is a half to MSW & MGSP A New Twist (Storm Cat) and MGSP Awesome Twist (Awesome Again). Larry Jones saddles another firster in Brereton Jones homebred **Ray Knows (Majesticperfection)**. The bay is a half to GI Del Mar Oaks heroine Summer Soiree (War Front), and his dam is a half to MGSW & GISP Mill Kilates (Gold Alert). He has been working well in preparation for this debut, most recently breezing a best-of-21 five furlongs in 1:00 3/5 here Jan. 22. **Click for [Brisnet.com PPs](#).**

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Kentucky

F-T Winter Mixed Supplemental Catalogue Available:

The supplemental catalogue for the Fasig-Tipton Winter Mixed Sale, which will be held Feb. 8-9 in Lexington, is now available online at [www.fasigtipton.com](#). The supplemental catalogue consists of hips 535-616.

Central U.S.

Yesterday's Results:

7th-OPX, \$60,000, Msw, 3yo, 6f, 1:12, ft. + TAPPIN VEGAS (c, 3, [Tapit](#)--Very Vegas {MSW, \$252,698}, by Storm Boot), dismissed at 9-1 for this first go off an unassuming worktab first at Turf Paradise and then locally, was hustled from the gate and took up a mid-pack position. Somewhat green down the backside, he advanced ominously along the rail on the turn for home. The grey tipped out for clear sailing in the stretch, and reeled in Swagner (Maimonides) to win by a comfortable length. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$36,000. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).**

O/B-Mercedes Stables LLC (KY). T-Robertino Diodoro.

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California

Yesterday's Results:

3rd-SAX, \$58,250, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$80,000), NW1\$X, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:09, ft.

RATTATAPTAP (f, 3, Tapit--Sindy With an S {GSW, \$330,959}, by Broken Vow) bested Popover (Lookin at Lucky), who went on to become a **TDN Rising Star** ⚡, in her 6 1/2-panel debut over the Del Mar synthetic Nov. 29. Immediately stepped up to black-



Rattataptap
Benoit Photo

type company next out, she finished eighth after a bad start in Santa Anita's GII Santa Ynez S. going 6 1/2 panels on the dirt Jan. 3. Sent off as the 9-5 second choice in this one, the gray seized the early advantage and never looked back. Bowling along on the lead, Rattataptap skipped clear in the lane to register

a 4 3/4-length victory over favored Tall and Sweet (Lemon Drop Kid). "She was comfortable on the lead and no one tried to rush her, so it was perfect," said winning rider Rafael Bejarano. "She feels like she has a very sensitive mouth, so I didn't want to take a hold of her too much. I wanted to make sure we got a good break because in her last race when she didn't, she had a terrible race." The winner is a half to GII La Jolla H. runner-up I'll Wrap It Up (Tapit), GSP, \$118,832. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$68,650. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).

O-Mark DeDomenico, Jerry Durant & Michael House. B-Gainesway Thoroughbreds (KY). T-Jeff Bonde.

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1st-SAX, \$58,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW1\$X, (S), 3yo, f, 6f, 1:10 1/5, ft.

BAD JU JU (f, 3, Desert Code--Ju Ju Baby, by Snow Ridge), fifth on debut over the Del Mar synthetic Nov. 7, returned with a vengeance to graduate by 9 1/4 lengths going 5 1/2 furlongs on the dirt at Los Alamitos Dec. 5. Sprinting up to seize the early lead, the 6-5 chalk doled out splits of :22.02 and :45.04 from just off the fence. Blazing along on the lead, Bad Ju Ju streaked home a never in doubt 2 1/2 length winner and galloped out well clear of runner-up Easter Fever (Stormin Fever). It was 10 1/4 lengths back to third-place finisher Racing for Chasen (Swiss Yodeler). Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$61,120. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).

O/B-Lo Hi Racing Stable & Richard Barton (CA). T-Michael Machowsky.

5th-SAX, \$57,250, Msw, 4yo/up, f/m, a6 1/2fT, 1:13 2/5, fm.

+ **HUMORISTICA (f, 4, Distorted Humor--Halfbridled {Ch. 2yo Filly, MGISW, \$959,400}, by Unbridled)**, let go at 8-1 in this debut, slipped through on the rail to take control following a speedy first quarter in :21.98. Clocking a half in :44.41, the dark bay showed the way into the lane and determinedly held off a valiant bid from Taylor Lane (Parading) to secure a half-length victory in 1:13.42. The winner is out of fellow Wertheimer and Frere homebred and Richard Mandella trainee Halfbridled, who was named Champion 2-year-old Filly in 2003 after winning the GI Del Mar Debutante S., GII Oak Leaf S. and GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies. Halfbridled only made two starts as a sophomore, finishing second in both the GI Santa Anita Oaks and GII Beaumont S. before being retired. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$33,600. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).

O/B-Wertheimer & Frere (KY). T-Richard Mandella.
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INDUSTRY INFO

Paulick Piece on Chapa Nominated for Bergstein Award:

A *Paulick Report* story on jockey Roman Chapa's alleged use of an electric device in a race at Sam Houston Race Park has been nominated for a Stan Bergstein Writing Award. On Jan. 18, Ray Paulick broke the story centering on a close-up photo of Chapa, twice penalized for the use of an electric device, that appears to show the presence of a foreign object tucked in his right hand. Stewards at Sam Houston were reportedly unaware of this photo until Paulick brought it to their attention. The Texas Racing Commission has 'summarily banned' Chapa, who has been charged with a felony. Team Valor CEO Barry Irwin said "Ray once again deserves credit for being on top of a story like this, and one has to wonder if he had not been on the case whether it would have come to light. Paulick won the Stan Bergstein Writing Award in 2013 and was nominated again last year. This year's award, offering a \$25,000 winning prize from Team Valor, covers the period from Nov. 2, 2014 to Nov. 1, 2015. A column by Chris Wittstruck for the United States Trotting Association website also has been nominated.



Javier Castellano was presented with the Key to the City of Hallandale Beach Wednesday by Mayor Joy Cooper.

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ROOKIES

First/second-crop starters to watch: Friday, January 30

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2010 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

AFLEET EXPRESS (Afleet Alex), Gainesway, \$5K, 49/5/0

3-CT, Alw, 6 1/2f, Lake Ponchatrain, \$1,000 KEE NOV wnl, 12-1

BLAME (Arch), Claiborne, \$30K, 152/9/0

9-OP, Msw, 6f, Tough N Trashy, \$67K EAS MAY 2yo, 9-2

KANTHAROS (Lion Heart), Ocala Stud, \$5K, 74/19/1

9-GP, Aoc, 5fT, Katie's Kiss, 12-1

MAJESTICPERFECTION (Harlan's Holiday), Airdrie Stud, \$10K, 124/21/2

7-FG, Msw, 6f, +Ray Knows, \$105K KEE NOV wnl, 3-1

NEKO BAY (Giant's Causeway), Elite Thoroughbreds, \$3K, 42/6/0

4-FG, Aoc, 1mT, Kondo Queen, \$12K ESL YRL yrl, 9-2

RIGHT RIGGER (Unbridled's Song), 6/1/0

6-SUN, Msw, 6f, Pink Power, 5-2

TIZDEJAVU (Tiznow), Crestwood Farm, \$5K, 95/8/1

9-OP, Msw, 6f, Tizsational, \$25K OBS OPN 2yo, 12-1

WARRIOR'S REWARD (Medaglia d'Oro), Spendthrift Farm, \$13K, 173/17/1

7-FG, Msw, 6f, No Small Rewards, \$220K KEE SEP yrl, 20-1

8th-DED, \$41,000, 1-28, NW3L, (S), 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:19 3/5, ft.

WILDCAT FRIENDSHIP (g, 4, Wildcat Heir--

Toasttofriendship, by Salt Lake) Lifetime Record:

9-3-1-2, \$81,625. O-Parting Glass Racing (Thomas J Gallo). B-Georgia Farms Inc (LA). T-Albert M Stall Jr.

*\$5,000 yrl '12 OBSJAN; \$15,000 yrl '12 KEESEP; \$50,000 2yo '13 OBSAPR.

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2nd-GGX, \$33,000, 4yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:10 3/5, ft.

STREAMSIDE (g, 6, E Dubai--Sweet Surrender, by Synastry) Lifetime Record: SW, 24-11-2-3, \$245,380.

O-Bowman, Bowman, Evans, Hunter, Jarmes, Peterson, Sohl, Sohl & Temple. B-Bill Bowman, Speech Partnership & Hurstland Farm (KY). T-Sergio Ledezma.

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6th-CTX, \$27,000, 1-28, NW1X, 4yo/up, 4 1/2f, :52 3/5, ft.

HEBERT HALL (g, 7, Officer--Gone Exclusive, by Gone West) Lifetime Record: 31-7-8-4, \$180,921. O/T-Jamen Davidovich. B-Alexander Schettine (KY).

7th-CTX, \$27,000, 1-28, NW3LX, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:28 1/5, ft.

DALLAS COWGIRL (f, 4, **Cowboy Cal--My Sister Sue {MSW, \$207,883}**, by Broken Vow) Lifetime Record: 7-3-2-1, \$64,617. O/B-Dr Steve & Debbie Jackson (KY). T-Flint W Stites.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Just Stormin, c, 3, **Freud**--Crypto Cream (SP), by Cryptoclearance. FGX, 1-29, (S), 1m, 1:41 2/5. B-Tom Curtis & Wayne Simpson (LA). *\$15,000 yrl '13 ESLSEP; \$55,000 2yo '14 ESLAPR.

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Talbot County, c, 3, **Giant's Causeway**--Delmarva (SP), by Unbridled's Song. GPX, 1-29, (C), 1 1/16mT, 1:43 3/5. B-R S Evans (KY).

Kingal, g, 3, **K One King**--M J's Gal, by Benchmark. FGX, 1-29, (S), a5 1/2fT, 1:05 2/5. B-Carrol J Castille (LA).

Loud Cat, g, 4, **Discreet Cat**--Unbridled Assay, by Unbridled's Song. OPX, 1-29, 6f, 1:11 2/5. B-Mr & Mrs John Toffan (KY). *\$27,000 yrl '12 KEESEP; \$240,000 2yo '13 OBSAPR.

Miss Lech, f, 4, **Giant's Causeway**--Mysterieuse Etoile, by Quiet American. GPX, 1-29, 7 1/2fT, 1:28 4/5. B-Sanford R Robertson (KY). *\$115,000 yrl '12 KEESEP. **1/2 to Guilt Trip (Pulpit), GSW, \$301,217.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-OPX, \$61,000, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10 3/5, ft.

DOUBLE OURS (h, 5, Half Ours--Double Bling, by Double Honor) Lifetime Record: 13-4-2-5, \$109,507. O-Bryan D Foster. B-Oliver B Brooks Jr. & Joseph & Helen Barbazon (FL). T-Brad H Cox. *\$17,000 wlng '10 OBSOCT; \$52,000 yrl '11 KEESEP; \$125,000 2yo '12 OBSMAR.

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6th-OPX, \$60,500, C, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12 1/5, ft. EASTER SHOES (m, 5, **Commander's Shoes--Mini Minou, by Bold Anthony**) Lifetime Record: 7-5-0-0, \$66,410. O-Martin Brothers Inc. B-Greg & Jeff Sheets (AR). T-William N Martin.

6th-AQU, \$57,000, NW1\$X, (S), 4yo/up, 1m70y, 1:44 3/5, ft.

FLEET FIRST (g, 4, **Afleet Alex--Schemer {MSP, \$245,422}**, by Concern) Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-0, \$73,604. O-Bona Venture Stables & Margaret Carrothers. B-Margaret Carrothers & Patricia Parker (NY). T-George Weaver. *\$50,000 yrl '12 FTNAUG.

INDIAN CREEK SALES GRADUATE

SGV THOROUGHBREDS GRADUATE

5th-LRL, \$42,000, NW1X, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:24 4/5, ft. KOWBOY KING (g, 4, **Kodiak Kowboy--Kivi, by King of Kings {Ire}**) Lifetime Record: 9-2-0-3, \$65,540. O-Harry & Tom Meyerhoff. B-Gerry & Mimi Brodsky (KY). T-Michael J Trombetta. *\$100,000 yrl '12 KEESEP. **1/2 to Regally Ready (More Than Ready), GISW, \$1,659,506.

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Yesterday's Results:

2nd-CAG, €29,000, Cond, 3yo, 8f (AWT), 1:35.64, ft. **WALEC (GB)** (c, 3, [Shamardal--Sail {Ire}](#) {SAW-Eng}, by Sadler's Wells), fourth last time in a decent conditions event over this track and trip Jan. 14, was sent off the 9-5 favorite and raced forward from his inside stall to gain an easy lead by halfway. Shaken up approaching the furlong marker, the €60,000 ARQOCT yearling was not asked a serious question to score by two lengths from Fond Words (Ire) (Shamardal). Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 2 wins, 1 place, €25,400.

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O-Simon Springer. B-Ecurie des Monceaux (FR). T-Philippe Sogorb.

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FLAT-BRED JUVENILES ADDED TO GOFFS FEB

A trio of 2-year-olds bred for the flat are amongst the late entries to the Goffs February Sale Feb. 11 and 12. [Lot 227A](#) is by Duke of Marmalade (Ire) out of Cape Vintage (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}), a daughter of G1 Irish Oaks winner Vintage Tipple (Ire) (Entrepreneur {GB}). [Lot 234A](#) is a Bushranger (Ire) half-brother to the stakes-placed Riotista (Ire) (Captain Rio {GB}), and [Lot 247A](#) is by Makfi (GB) out of the stakes-placed Moment of Time (GB) (Rainbow Quest {GB}).

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Code	Description
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1-6.....	Number of Races
\$.....	Monetary Condition
R.....	Distance Condition
3M, 6M, 9M, Y, Y+, L.....	Time Period (ex: NW2L = NW 2 races lifetime)
X.....	Other-than Condition (ex: NW3X = non-winners of 3 races other than maiden, claiming, or statebred)
C.....	Other Conditions Not Specified

Middle East

Yesterday's Results:

2nd-MEY, \$175,000, Hcp, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1000mT, 0:57.48, gd.

AHTOUG (GB) (h, 7, [Byron {GB}](#)--[Cherokee Rose {Ire}](#) {G1SW-Fr & Eng, \$383,146}, by [Dancing Brave](#)) opened last year's carnival with a victory over this track and trip, and his four subsequent starts resulted in three runner-up finishes sprinting down the straight, including behind the 2013 G1 Al Quoz Sprint winner



Ahtoug
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Shea Shea (SAf) (National Emblem {SAf}) in the G3 Meydan Sprint on Super Saturday, and in the main event on World Cup night Mar. 29. Ahtoug was not disgraced when fifth, beaten 2 1/4 lengths, by Sole Power (GB) (Kyllachy {GB}) in Royal Ascot's G1 King's Stand S. in June, but he

finished seventh and ninth, respectively, when dropped down to Group 3 level for the Coral Charge July 5 and the Hackwood S. July 19. Ahtoug appeared in need of the run when checking in sixth on seasonal debut over this track and trip Jan. 8, and the veteran enjoyed a tow into the race yesterday, stalking the pace as the field migrated towards the stand's side. Coming under pressure inside the 500-meter mark, Ahtoug had to call on all his reserves to pip Lancelot Du Lac (Ity) (Shamardal) by a head. The winner is a 1/2 to Bowman (Irish River {Fr}), GSW & G1SP-Fr, SW-Eng & SP-UAE, \$155,731, and to the dam of Group 1 winners Kirklees (Ire) (Jade Robbery) and Mastery (GB) (Sulamani {Ire}). [VIDEO](#). Lifetime Record: G1SP-UAE, 25-6-6-2, \$548,091.

O-Saeed H Al Tayer. B-Darley (IRE). T-Charlie Appleby.

7th-MEY, \$150,000, Hcp, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 2000mT, 2:02.61, gd.

HUNTER'S LIGHT (IRE) (h, 7, [Dubawi {Ire}](#)--[Portmanteau {GB}](#), by [Barathea {Ire}](#)), winner of the G2 Al Maktoum Challenge R2 and the G1 Al Maktoum Challenge R3 at the 2013 carnival, started just twice here last year, finishing fourth in the Al Maktoum Challenge R2 and a distant eight behind Just A Way (Jpn) (Heart's Cry {Jpn}) in the G1 Dubai Duty Free, and the veteran was making his first start since. Fast from the gates, Hunter's Light settled about three lengths off the pace while three wide from his wide draw. Swinging about six-wide off the bend, Hunter's Light charged to the lead inside the final 300 meters and won by 1 1/4 lengths going away under top weight from Elleval (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}). [VIDEO](#). Lifetime Record: G1SW-Ity & UAE, GSW-Eng, SW-Tur, G1SP-Ger, GSP-Fr, 25-10-2-3, \$1,150,263.

O-Godolphin. B-Darley (IRE). T-Saeed bin Suroor.

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Middle East Report cont.

1st-MEY, \$110,000, Hcp, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1900m, 1:59.87, ft.
I'M BACK (IRE) (h, 5, [Exceed and Excel {Aus}](#)--Paracel, by Gone West) became the first horse to win two races at this year's carnival when taking out the opener. A distant 12th in a six-furlong turf handicap in his lone



I'm Back
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start at last year's carnival, I'm Back was a distanced eighth in a Chepstow handicap Aug. 25, but improved to be second, beaten a half-length, when switched to the Tapeta and stretched out to this distance at Wolverhampton Oct. 4. I'm Back found the winner's circle for the first time since Oct. 2012 when winning under these same conditions Jan. 8. Part of a tussle for the early lead going into the first turn,

I'm Back was left on his own midway down the backstretch. Busker (Street Cry {Ire}) appeared a threat at the top of the lane, but I'm Back put that rival away and comfortably held off a late charge from the 10-year-old gelding Tiz Now Tiz Then (Tiznow) to win by 2 3/4 lengths. Busker checked in sixth. [VIDEO](#). Lifetime Record: 14-5-2-1, \$181,020. O-Saeed Manana. B-Darley (IRE). T-Saeed bin Suroor.

3rd-MEY, \$60,000, Hcp, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1600m, 1:39.22, ft.
ONE MAN BAND (IRE) (c, 4, [Pivotal {GB}](#)--Musicanna {GB} {SW & MG1SP-Eng, \$191,671}, by Cape Cross {Ire}) broke his maiden at fourth asking--and second time in Dubai--over 9 1/2 furlongs at Meydan Dec. 4, and was third behind Filfil (Hard Spun) when dropped back to this trip Dec. 31. One Man Band



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found the winner's circle once again over the mile at Meydan's non-carnival card Jan. 17, and made the successful transition to better company here. Rushing up to grab the lead from the inside gate under Richard

Hughes, One Man Band led Baarez (Hard Spun) by about three-quarters of a length through the early stages. That rival drew even with One Man Bend on the run into the turn, but the threat was short-lived, with Baarez retreating before they reached the quarter pole. One Man Band had to dig deep to hold off his old rival Filfil in the dying stages, but he prevailed by a short head. [VIDEO](#). Sales history: €95,000 wnlg '11 GOFNOV. Lifetime Record: 7-3-0-1, \$74,550. O-Sheikh Saeed bin Mohammed Al Maktoum. B-Richard A Pegum (IRE). T-Doug Watson.

5th-MEY, \$120,000, Hcp, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1400m, 1:25.61, ft.
MUAANID (GB) (g, 5, [Kheleyf--Rifqah, by Elusive Quality](#)) Lifetime Record: 10-3-0-1, \$122,975. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum. B-Shadwell Estate Co Ltd (GB). T-Doug Watson. *1/2 to Mustajeeb (GB) (Nayef), GSW & G1SP-Ire & GSW-Eng, \$255,506.

▶ Asia

STARKE GRANTED SHORT-TERM LICENSE

The Japan Racing Association has issued a short-term license to six-time German champion jockey Andrasch Starke. The license will run from Jan. 31 to Mar. 29. Starke, 41, famously partnered Danedream (Ger) (Lomitas {GB}) to five Group 1 victories including the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe and G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth II S., and also won the International Jockeys' Championship in Hong Kong on two occasions. He will be riding primarily for owner Katsumi Yoshida and his host trainer will be Ritto-based Yasutoshi Ikee.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY...

January 29, 1960...Future Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner **Carry Back** finished 10th in his first start ever, a three-furlong race for two-year-old maiden runners at Hialeah. Sired by Saggy, the only horse to defeat Citation during his three-year-old season, out of an undistinguished mare named Joppy, Carry Back became a popular runner and was dubbed, "the people's horse."

January 29, 1973...**Forego**, the Horse of the Year from 1974-76, broke his maiden by eight lengths at Hialeah in his second career start.

January 29, 2007...**Barbaro**, who broke down in the GI Preakness S. after running away with the GI Kentucky Derby, was euthanized at the New Bolton Center. The colt had been battling laminitis since July.

January 30, 1981...Jockey **Julie Krone** rode in her first race ever, finishing second by three lengths in a six-furlong sprint for \$3,500 maiden claimers at Tampa Bay Downs. Her mount, a 22-1 shot trained by Jerry L. Pace, was named Tiny Star.

January 30, 1992...For the second time in one month, jockey **Mike Smith** won six races in one day at Aqueduct Racetrack. His first six-winner day at Aqueduct occurred January 13.

January 31, 1958...Jockey **Bill Shoemaker** notched his 3,000th career win aboard Eternal Pere in the eighth race at Santa Anita.