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HRTV & TVG MERGE

By T.D. Thornton

Wednesday's acquisition of HRTV by TVG will not result in immediate changes over the next 30-45 days, but as the merger is phased in, viewers can expect side-by-side channels that offer complementary programming similar to the way sports networks ESPN and ESPN2 operate on a larger scale.

Under the terms of a jointly announced \$47.8 million deal (plus future handle-based considerations), Betfair subsidiary TVG will assume control of HRTV, which is owned by the Stronach Group. Broadcast operations will be consolidated from the TVG studio complex in Los Angeles. Betfair will own 100% of the equity in the unified television operation, and TVG now has the rights to carry Stronach-owned tracks like Santa Anita and Gulfstream Park for the next seven years.

The transaction does not include XpressBet, the Stronach-owned advance-deposit wagering company. It will remain separate from Betfair's TVG wagering platform.

"From TVG's point of view, they're consolidating the TV stations. They'll be running two TV stations in parallel," said Alon Ossip, chief executive officer of the Stronach Group. "From our point of view as racetrack owners, it makes sure our races will be seen nationally. It's very important that we expand our pie rather than fighting for the same pie."

According to a joint press joint release, TVG telecasts roughly 27,000 races per year while HRTV shows 16,000, "with significant overlap and many races on tape delay due to scheduling conflicts." TVG officials estimated that the combined networks would be able to broadcast live approximately 40,000 races per year.

"We actually show hundreds of races every year on tape delay because we have so many content commitments," TVG chief executive officer Kip Levin said at the California Horse Racing Board's monthly meeting on Wednesday. "So this gives us more shelf space, and a way to figure out how to do this with a bigger spotlight on premium content."

Keith Brackpool, the Stronach Group's director of West Coast operations, explained to the CHRB that "the main high-definition channel will feature the premium racing, and the [racing from lower-tier tracks] will go off at a slightly faster rate on the second channel. We intend to keep two channels going. The branding of those two channels will be discussed over time."

Ossip said his preference would be a rebranding to "TVG1 and TVG2," but that "TVG will decide" on renaming. **cont. p3**

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CAPE VERDI RE-MATCH IN BALANCHINE

Haras de la Perelle's eye-catching G2 Cape Verdi S. winner **Cladocera (Ger)** (Oasis Dream {GB}) faces eight rivals in the G2 Balanchine S. over an extra 200 meters. The Alain de Royer Dupre trainee, who is the highweight here, produced one of the most visually impressive performances of this year's Dubai World Cup Carnival when powering clear to a two-length victory in



Cladocera

Dubai Racing Club / Andrew Watkins

the Cape Verdi, without Christophe Soumillon even going to the whip. She will be looking to present French-based trainers and Juddmonte sires with a second straight victory in the Balanchine, following a win by Pia Brandt's L'Amour De Ma Vie (Dansili {GB}) last year. **cont. p8**

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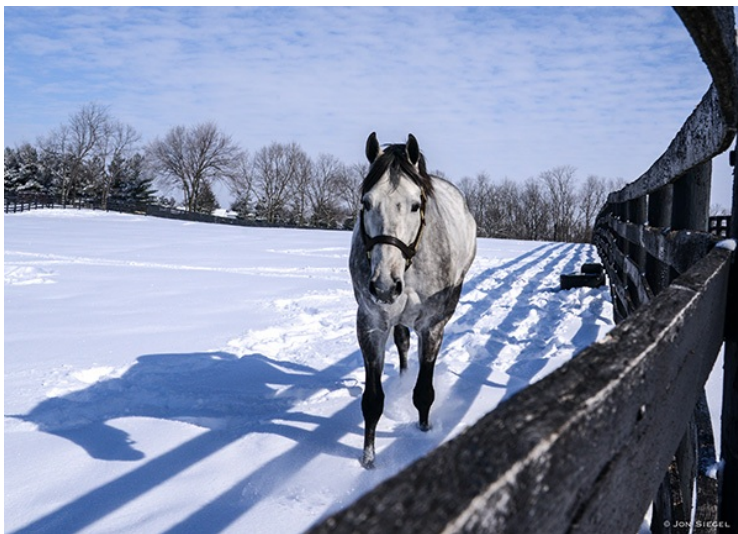
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Brocklebank Ready for Barretts

Jessica Martini talks to horseman John Brocklebank, who has catalogued 11 horses to the Barretts Selected 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale.

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Carasso in Singapore

Managing Editor Alan Carasso has fled the New Jersey cold to attend the China Equine Cultural Festival in Singapore. He recaps his first day in Singapore and sits down with Michael Wallace of the China Horse Club for a Q & A.

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“There are two points: To show more races and to show them in the proper light,” Ossip said. “It’s going to be a lot more professional than it ever was before.”

When asked if on-air hosts would continue to nudge viewers toward the TVG betting platform, Ossip indicated that would likely be the case, but he envisioned it would be “a little less over the top.”

According to the release, TVG is currently available in 36.5 million U.S. homes and HRTV is available in 19.5 million US homes.

Although the two companies are spinning the merger in a positive light, it remains to be seen whether the consolidation of two broadcast networks devoted exclusively to horse racing into one entity will benefit consumers in the long run.

According to the independent media watchdog site www.freepress.net, “the more independent outlets a community has, the more different viewpoints will be presented on the air. But what happens when there’s no one left to compete? When one company owns everything...it can cut staff and not worry about getting scooped by a competitor.”

Then again, the flip side of this argument is that the racing industry is often accused of not working toward unification, and that squabbling between exclusive rights holders is what often holds back the growth of the sport.

Ossip said “these two channels never competed.” He framed the merger in terms that suggested the Stronach Group would be able to free up resources that had previously been spent on keeping its television network running.

TVG, too, will be freeing up resources: In the last 12 months, under previous agreements, TVG paid \$4.3 million in rights fees to HRTV related to television content. According to the release, the merger eliminates the need for TVG to pay separate television fees.

“The Stronach Group will be focusing on what we’re good at, TVG will be focusing on what they’re good at,” Ossip said. “By doing this, we think there will be a much better product on the television stations. It gives us the ability to use a lot more of our resources at the track level. Everything at the end of the day comes down to enhancing the customer experience.”

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JACARANDA HAS BIG SHOES TO FILL

By *Christie DeBernardis*

Barry Schwartz's undefeated **Jacaranda** (Congrats) has some pretty big shoes to fill, but the talented sophomore is already well on her way.

A half-sister to GI Donn H. and GI Florida Derby hero Constitution (Tapit), the chestnut is set to make her seasonal bow in Saturday's GII Davona Dale S. at Gulfstream.



Jacaranda
A. Coglianese

"It was a great thing to see when [Constitution] won the Florida Derby and his win [in the Donn] sets him up as one of the top handicap horses in the country," Schwartz said. "It's very nice to have in the pedigree. I have a lot of confidence

in Jacaranda and [her dam Baffled] is obviously quite a producer."

Schwartz's Three Ring (Notebook) went from winning the 1996 Davona Dale to running in the GI Kentucky Derby. The chestnut finished 19th to the talented Charismatic in the Run for the Roses, but captured the GI Acorn S. next time out.

"We have nominated Jacaranda to the Triple Crown because we thought that highly of her," Schwartz said.

"The last horse I won the Davona Dale with, Three Ring, I ran in the Derby. She didn't do well [in the Derby], but won the Acorn next out."

Schwartz, who owns Stonewall Farm in Granite Springs, New York, purchased Jacaranda for \$250,000 as a yearling at the 2013 Keeneland September sale. That price seemed like a steal a few months later when Constitution was tabbed a ☆ **"TDN Rising Star"** ☆ following his good-looking debut at Gulfstream last January. He followed up that effort with an impressive allowance tally over eventual Grade I winners Tonalist (Tapit) and Wicked Strong (Hard Spun), and a Grade I victory.

"We look at a lot of horses," Schwartz said. "We go as a group. I go with my trainer Mike Hushion, my farm manager Peter Moore, Black Swan Stables' John Destefano, who is a former trainer, and my wife. [Jacaranda] was a very attractive filly. We have to all agree before we buy and everybody liked her."

The former CEO and co-founder of Calvin Klein added, "Hushion was really always very high on her. When we have a good one, he usually knows early on and he has a good record of always being right."

Jacaranda proved Hushion correct from the get go with an impressive victory in her 6 1/2-furlong unveiling over a muddy strip at Belmont Sept. 21. Let go at odds of 5-1, the chestnut got off to a rough beginning and fought rider Jose Ortiz to tug her way to the lead after a first quarter in :22.21. Once in the clear, she rolled home under a hand ride to graduate by five lengths.



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Jacaranda Has Big Shoes to Fill cont.

The filly was equally impressive next out when scoring a front-running 3 1/2-length victory in the one-mile Gll Tempted S. at Aqueduct Nov. 2.

“The big surprise was her maiden race because she had a terrible start and a really bad trip, and just blew those horses away,” Schwartz commented. “In the Tempted, she just jumped right out of there and went wire to wire.”

Jacaranda was scheduled to make her next start in Aqueduct’s 1 1/8-mile Gll Demoiselle S. Nov. 29, but was scratched when she spiked a fever the day before the race.

“She spiked a fever the day before the Demoiselle and that was it for her 2-year-old year,” Schwartz remarked.

“Unfortunately the timing was bad. It was late in the year and there was nowhere else to run. Mike headed down to Florida kind of early in December and she has been there with him since.”

Jacaranda has been working lights out at Palm Meadows Training Center this year, including several bullet works.



Barry Schwartz
A. Coglianese

The chestnut breezed a best-of-27 five panels in 1:00 Feb. 9 and completed a half-mile in :51.50 last time Feb. 16.

“She has trained very well in Florida and we are expecting a very big effort out of her Saturday,” Schwartz said with enthusiasm.

If her pedigree, past performances, recent works and owner’s confidence are any indication, Jacaranda could be poised to take her record to three-for-three Saturday. [CLICK HERE TO SHARE THIS STORY](#)



Barretts

Sale of Selected 2-Year-Olds in Training

Monday, February 23 • 2 p.m. (PT)
Preview Day: Friday, Feb. 20 • 10 a.m.

BROCKLEBANK EAGER FOR BARRETT'S

by Jessica Martini

John Brocklebank, who has catalogued 11 horses to the Barretts Selected 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale, is anxious to get the juvenile sales season started.

“I can hardly wait for breeze show day,” Brocklebank said ahead of the Barretts preview show scheduled for Friday in Pomona. “I’m excited because of the group of horses that we have. They’ve kind of ripened at the right time.” **cont. p6**

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Brocklebank Eager for Barretts cont.

Brocklebank is particularly high on a pair of horses he will be pinhooking with longtime client and friend Bill Peeples.

"We've probably been working together for 25 years or so," Brocklebank said of Peeples, a California banking executive. "He is a star human being. We started in the Quarter Horse world and kind of migrated with each other because we both wanted to explore the possibility of doing

Thoroughbreds. After a while, we found ourselves buying horses together and that led to a friendship. It's evolved to now we are not only business associates, but we're real good friends. I guess we get the best of both worlds that way."

Peeples, who has campaigned stakes winners Cover Gal (Falstaff) and Let Em Shine (Songandaprayer), has impressed Brocklebank.

"He does his homework," Brocklebank said. "Most owners don't really have an opinion on horse conformation, but he packs a pretty good opinion. So when I'm at the sales, I don't mind bouncing an idea off him... 'What do you think about that one?' I always feel like I can get a really useful opinion from him."



Let em Shine
Horsephotos

Brocklebank continued, "I wish my horses had as much heart as he does because he stays in the game. Even though he has been rewarded, he can also take a hit, which is good since I always say this game is not for the thin-skinned."

Peeples decided to bulk up his pinhooking prospects last year and Brocklebank already notices a difference.

"We decided, on his pinhook division, that he wants to deal more in quality rather than quantity," Brocklebank explained. "And I think that is maybe what I'm seeing this year. The quality sure seems to be showing its true colors."

That quality will be on display at next week's Barretts sale when a pair of six-figure yearlings go through the sales ring. [Hip 46](#), a son of GI Kentucky Derby winner Super Saver, has the highest yearling purchase price in the Barretts catalogue. The youngster sold for \$220,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale. [Hip 104](#), a colt from the first crop of GI Arkansas Derby winner Archarcharch, topped the 12th session of last year's September sale when selling for \$110,000. **cont. p7**



John Brocklebank
Benoit

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GR.1 WINNER AT 4 YEARS

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“Both of these horses that he’s bought, the Archarcharch and the Super Saver, are really great,” Brocklebank said. “I try not to crow about them because you always seem to shoot yourself in the foot, but I want to just climb a mountain and just scream how good they are doing.”

The Super Saver colt is out of Kiss the Breeze (Kafwain), a half-sister to graded stakes-placed Kiss to Remember (Big Brown), and from the family of Grade I winners Spun Sugar and Daaher.

“The Super Saver has a huge shoulder and is kind of a big-walking horse with a real presence,” Brocklebank said. “He looks kind of like Affirmed--that kind of a look.”

The Archarcharch colt is the first foal out of graded-stakes placed Wild Forest Cat (D’wildcat).

“The Archarcharch, if I grow up, I would like to look like him,” Brocklebank said. “He has a really pretty head and he has an unbelievable body. To look at him, you would think, ‘Wow, that looks like a champion sprinter.’ But being around the horse, he is such a relaxed kind of an animal that to me, he looks as if he’ll get the ground quite easily.”



Brother Derek
Horsephotos

Brocklebank’s successful graduates include Brother Derek (Benchmark), a \$150,000 Keeneland September yearling turned \$275,000 Barretts March juvenile who went on to win the 2005 GI Hollywood Futurity and 2006 GI Santa Anita Derby; as well as River’s Prayer (Devon Lane), a \$15,000 Barretts October yearling who went on to win the 2007 GI Princess Rooney H. The gray mare sold as a broodmare prospect for \$1.5 million at the 2007 Keeneland November sale. Brocklebank compared both juveniles to those Grade I winners.

“They are both May babies, but they haven’t bothered once about what they are doing,” he said. “They’ve jumped through every hoop that we’ve pointed them at. In the past, like with River’s Prayer and Brother Derek and some of the good ones we’ve had in the past, they kind of train the same way. They never really vary it, they just went out and did their work. That’s how these two are acting.”

Brocklebank is currently based in St. George, in Southwestern Utah. “It only took us 30 years to figure out it’s a little easier to not train in two feet of snow,” the Utah native laughed. “A bad day here is 40 degrees.”

Of 70 juveniles currently at his training center, Brocklebank estimates he will pinhook some 50 head this spring and he is expecting to see strong demand.

NTRA REPORT FROM CAPITOL HILL

H-2B VISA PROGRAM USERS FACE CHALLENGES IN 2015

Racehorse trainers that use the H-2-B visa program to hire non-agricultural temporary seasonal foreign nationals face a potential shortage of available workers and possible wage rate increases for fiscal year 2015.

Congress limits H-2B visas to only 66,000 issued each fiscal year and further divides the year in half (October 1 – March 31; April 1 – September 30) to manage the program. Earlier this month, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) announced that it had received a sufficient number of petitions to reach the cap for the first half of FY 2015. Thus, USCIS will reject new petitions received after January 26 that request an employment start date prior to April 1. [Click here](#) for more information on this cap.

Additionally, the Department of Labor (DOL) has announced that it will no longer issue prevailing wage determinations based on employer provided wage surveys. Information from the DOL’s Occupational Employment Statistics database will instead be used and is expected to lead to higher labor costs for H-2B employers.

The NTRA is addressing these challenges through its involvement with the H-2B Workforce Coalition. [Click here](#) for a February 17 Coalition letter to Sen. Thad Cochran (R-MS), Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee.



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“I think the supply and demand is kind of kicking in,” he said. “And, I’ve always felt this way, if I was going to buy a racehorse, I think the pinhookers--and I might be biased--but I think the pinhookers are the best horsemen that walk around. And just to let them go out and cherry pick a bunch of horses and then you cherry pick from there, I think is the only way [to buy a racehorse]. Even horses like Bayern, who won the [GI Breeders’ Cup] Classic, he is a great example of that. The pinhookers kind of draft in the ninth round, but it seems like their horses are always bringing down the Grade Is.”



River’s Prayer
Horsephotos

The veteran horseman thinks horses prepared for juveniles sales have an advantage. “The way you prepare a 2-year-old to run, I think scientifically, is the correct way,” he said. “I know this is going to make a lot of people mad, but age has nothing to do with it. There is only one way to make an athlete and that is to prepare him and that is probably through stressing the bone at an earlier age. They seem to be able to grow a better bone density at a younger age than they do if you let one mature on his own. That’s actually a scientific fact, but sometimes people kind of roll their eyes at the way we think. But I think the proof is in the pudding.” **cont. p8**



While he is excited by his draft at the impending juvenile sales, Brocklebank also has big plans for his St. George base.

“We want to try to go year-round,” he explained. “We can economically train a little more inexpensively than say right there in California. And here we can work all day, where you have to be done by 10 in the morning there. We’re trying to figure out if we can offer year-round training so people can get the first part of it economically and then, after we start the horse, give him up to trainers. Basically, we’re going to try to hold on to them, start them one time and then give them up after that.”

As for his 70 juveniles, those who don’t make it to the 2-year-old sales will likely find new homes in other ways.

“We kind of toyed with the idea of even getting a trainer’s license and trying to run from here,” he explained. “We might have to start training a few and then go to these paddock sales--we really enjoy that. But like everybody else, we’re trying to figure out the combination to the lock.”

But the Barretts sale, which will be held a week earlier this year, is first on the agenda.

“Barretts is a sale that you can’t ignore,” Brocklebank said. “They get too darn many good horses out of it. I love California and I love selling out there. [The earlier date] is a bit of a concern, but they’ve never let me down in the past and they feel good about their position. I hope they are right.”

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CAPE VERDI RE-MATCH IN BALANCHINE
(cont. from p1)

Six of Cladocera’s Cape Verdi pursuers re-oppose in the Balanchine, including the runner-up, Richard Hannon Jr’s **Zurigha (Ire)** (Cape Cross {Ire}). While the 5-year-old was defeated on level weight three weeks ago, she will be hoping to reverse the tables courtesy of her weight advantage this time around. The master of Everleigh stables said on his website, “Zurigha has already had two runs and we were delighted how well she shaped when second to Cladocera in the Cape Verdi last time.” “Cladocera is a good mare, but we now get a three-pound pull for a couple of lengths, so there should not be much between the pair and Zurigha has been looking good at morning exercise,” the trainer added of his charge who is, somewhat surprisingly, officially rated higher than her main opponent--105 against 102.

French import **Anahita (Fr)** (Turtle Bowl {Ire}), a listed performer in her home country who cost Anthony Stroud €180,000 at Arqana’s 2014 Arc Sale, ran a pleasing third in the Cape Verdi, another couple of lengths behind Zurigha. Anahita is now trained by 23-year-old rookie trainer Salem bin Ghadayer, a former endurance rider who was recently appointed as private trainer to Sheikh Hamdan Bin Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Dubai’s Crown Prince. Bin Ghadayer’s new career has been off to a highly promising start despite the fact that his stable only consists of six horses, including a win in the G2 Al Maktoum Challenge Round II courtesy of Frankyfourfingers (Fr) (Sunday Break {Jpn}).

The only Balanchine contenders not to have prepped in the Cape Verdi are Marco Botti’s **Energia Fox (Brz)** (Agnes Gold {Jpn})

and Turkish raider **Suzi Gold (Tur)** (Banknote {GB}). The former, like Botti’s other runner **Energia Fribby (Brz)** (Agnes Gold {Jpn}), sports the famous colors of Swedish-born, Brazilian-based Stefan Friborg, which Gloria de Campeao (Brz) (Impression {Arg}) carried to victory in the 2010 G1



Suzi Gold and connections
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Dubai World Cup. Energia Fox raced in Brazil until the summer of 2014 when she was transferred to the UK. A third at the listed level on Lingfield’s all-weather track has been her career best so far, and she ran a distant seventh to Satish Seemar’s Toolain (Ire) (Diktat {GB}) in her Meydan debut Jan. 22. The 4-year-old **Suzi Gold (Tur)** (Banknote {GB}) is an exciting candidate who will be making her first start outside Turkey. The Kamil Arda trainee is a star in her native country, having won eight of her 16 outings including the Presidency Cup, a local Group 1, on her last public appearance Oct. 26. Connections have been upbeat about their champion’s chances, notably stressing her ability to run well returning from a lay-off.

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2	Victoria Regina (Ire)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	Crowley	Simcock
3	Energia Fox (Brz)	Agnes Gold (Jpn)	Hanagan	Botti
4	Anahita (Fr)	Turtle Bowl (Ire)	Barzalona	Ghadayer
5	Suzi Gold (Tur)	Banknote (GB)	Yildirim	Arda
6	Oh Star	Tale of the Cat	O’Shea	Al Ketbi
7	Energia Fribby (Brz)	Agnes Gold (Jpn)	de Sousa	Botti
8	Zurigha (Ire)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Hughes	Hannon
9	Cladocera (Ger)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Soumillon	de Royer-Dupre

All carry 125 pounds bar Cladocera, 129 pounds.



STRONG JAPANESE SQUAD DUBAI BOUND

Japan is likely to send out a strong contingent to compete on Dubai World Cup day Mar. 28 at Meydan with no less than six horses expected to line up for the \$29.25 million meeting, according to local reports. The Dubai World Cup itself is looming for **Epiphaneia (Jpn)** (Symboli Kris S), the emphatic winner of the G1 Japan Cup Nov. 30 and disappointing fifth to Gentildonna (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) in the G1 Arima Kinen a month later. He is likely to face his compatriot **Hokko Tarumae (Jpn)** (King Kamehameha {Jpn}), who will have the advantage



Hokko Tarumae
Japan Racing Association

of being highly experienced on dirt. The 6-year-old won his last three starts, including the G1 Champions Cup (former Japan Cup Dirt) and G1 Tokyo Daishoten, on the same surface.

Another possible World Cup contender, although he has also been nominated for the G2 UAE Derby, is Paul Fudge's **Tap That (Jpn)** (Tapit), an ¥80 million yearling purchase out of Art Princess (Officer), who won first time out last September and followed up with a second place behind **Dear Domus (Jpn)** (Jungle Pocket {Jpn}) in the Zen Nippon Nisai Yushun, a local Group 1 on dirt. The pair could re-oppose in the UAE Derby as Dear Domus has also been given an entry.

Harp Star (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), who finished a one-paced fifth in last Sunday's G2 Kyoto Kinen, remains on course for the 2400-meter G1 Sheema Classic, as does **One And Only (Jpn)** (Heart's Cry {Jpn}). Last year's G1 Tokyo Yushun [Japanese Derby] winner will need to bounce back from his recent form-- he was last seen when finishing down the field in the G1 Arima Kinen.

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SINGAPORE: DAY ONE....AND A HALF

by Alan Carasso

OK, let me get one thing out in the open, straight away. I am not Lucas Marquardt, OK? I don't look like him (he's prettier), I don't have his sense of humor (he's funnier and wittier) and I don't write as well (as in nowhere near as well). Now that I've successfully tempered expectations...

Let me start out by saying (not sure my bosses know this, but maybe), I was slightly hesitant to make this trip. For a variety of reasons, primarily because I don't especially enjoy being 10,000+ miles away from my wife and three kids. I miss them, I'm a sap, what can I say? Secondly, not so long ago, I freaked out about being trapped on a plane for 14 hours to Hong Kong and I balked. OK, there were some mitigating circumstances, but still, the prospect of a long flight to Tokyo and THEN a nearly eight-hour flight here had me, well, slightly jittery.



The Singapore Flyer adorns the waterfront

In the end, it was all much ado about nothing. My 90-minute drive to Newark was far less comfortable than either of the two flights, which were VERY cozy and comfy (thanks to United, not to mention Sue and Barry) and, to be honest, went much faster than I could have ever predicted. And thankfully, there was no need to pit stop in Anchorage this time. A prior trip to Hong Kong in 2000 was punctuated with an unexpected, turbulence-induced diversion to and subsequent layover in that quaint Alaska port of call. I digress.

Narita International welcomed me with dreary skies and rainy runways, but I was most entertained by some of the sights in the terminal, including a worker from a duty free shop holding a sign that read 'the end of a queue' so people would know exactly where they had to stand to pay for those \$30 cartons of smokes or Japanese sponge cakes. Then, another duty free shop closer to my gate was blaring "You Give Love a Bad Name" so loud that I felt I'd never left the Garden State. There was also the small sushi kiosk that gave their blessing to people who wanted to take their food to go (sign read, 'it's OK to leave'), but the best was the window at something of a snack bar offering ham and cheese sandwiches and hot coffee. cont. p10



Good to the last drop?



There's nothing especially weird about that, other than the fact that the plastic representations of each made a) the sandwiches look very similar to the ones we gave my son a couple of years ago and b) the 'hot' coffee on display was a demi-tasse filled with coffee beans. This tickled my funny bone.



Hainanese Chicken Rice

There was also the restroom. Those that have the misfortune of working with me on a daily basis know that I am not averse to potty humor, and there was something about the restroom at Narita that, well, 'warmed' the cockles

of my heart. And other parts of my body. You see, this particular loo (never seen--or felt--this before) was heated. I've seen seats that are lined with plastic for one's convenience, but not one that you could cook an egg on. No, it wasn't like that, though there was a warning that it could cause minor burns. No, I am NOT making this up.

If you've never been to Singapore (first time for me), Changi Airport is one of the more beautiful and welcoming facilities in the world, I'd have to imagine, even if you begin to perspire the very second you hit the terminal. We flew in past the Singapore Flyer, at 165 meters (or something around 500 feet!) tall the world's largest observation wheel. It was close to 1 a.m. when we landed, so it was illuminated and was a fun way to be greeted. The one very minor complaint is that as of about a year ago, the cabbies--none of them--do not accept VISA. My driver didn't exactly know why. AMEX and MasterCard yes, though I think he told me there was a 10% surcharge for MC. Weird, I know. Only applies to the cabs, you can use it elsewhere. So, not a bad idea to exchange some cash upon arrival. Also, there is a S\$10 night surcharge. But, as I said, minor details.

I didn't sleep a lot on the flights, just enough to recharge, but still I worried I'd have some trouble falling asleep, even though it was well into the 3 a.m. hour. I brought along some ZZ Quil and miraculously got about six hours. Flipped on the UK/UT game (snooze) Wednesday morning and then ventured out for the first time, as I'm not entirely sure what kind of leisure time I'll have the balance of the week. I made a plan to focus on Chinatown, appropriate enough, I thought, given that Thursday is the Chinese New Year celebration.



Chinatown

Many small businesses are closed and many others will close at midday Thursday. In any event, upon recommendation from Pat Cummings, I checked out the Maxwell Road Food Center, a covered market of sorts, with small food and drink purveyors. When I am abroad, I like to indulge in the local specialties, and one that I'd read about was Hainanese Chicken Rice. The dish emanates from the island of Hainan and many of the inhabitants migrated to Singapore. Now, if your food HAS to be aesthetic as well as tasty, this probably isn't for you. Whole chickens are boiled, a la the chicken soup in Jewish delis, until cooked, then the chicken is de-boned (in most cases, anyways), chopped and laid across a heaping serving of basmati-like rice. There were three sauces from which to choose. The first was something of a teriyaki/soy reduction, there was a ginger/coconut sauce and then a spicy (my mouth is still reeling) red curry/ginger/garlic sauce. Those sauces give an otherwise bland dish some life. Oh, and maybe the best part is that the meal, coupled with the equivalent of a banana/strawberry/pineapple smoothie, set me back less than \$6! I left feeling satisfied that I'd experienced it AND that I didn't wait an hour or more as some chose to. I suppose there is a reason they decided to do that. But at the end of the day, how much better can that guy's chicken and rice be than that other guy's, right?

After finally finding my way out of the Orchard MRT (subway)--by the way, a phenomenal, clean, efficient network--I made my way back to what I am calling home between now and 5:45 a.m. Monday. Even better, that 80% chance of rain they were talking about never materialized.

Now the 'bad' news. Just got a call from Michael Wallace. The ride to Kranji leaves the hotel at 4 a.m. Thursday morning. I think I'm going to bed. Now.

Good night from what my phone is telling me is the Ardmore Flats section of Singapore.



A bustling MRT station

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TDN & A

Though still in its relative infancy, the China Horse Club has become an increasingly important entity on racetracks and in sales pavilions around the world. Earlier this year, the CHC purchased a stake in the Peter Moody-trained **Dissident (Aus)** (Sebring {Aus}) and the



The China Horse Club's Michael Wallace (right) following their purchase of the second-highest priced yearling, a \$1.05 million Fastnet Rock (Aus) filly at Magic Millions
Sharon Chapman/Fast Track Photography

4-year-old validated his new part-owner's confidence as he went on to win his fourth Group 1 event in the C.F. Orr S. at Caulfield. **Dissident** is expected to race through the end of the 2015 racing season before retiring to stud at Newgate Farm. The CHC has also been represented in Australia by Group 1 winner **First Seal (Aus)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus})

and in Singapore by Longines Singapore Gold Cup hero **Tropaios (GB)** (Excellent Art {GB}). The Club, whose founder Teo Ah Khing raced and retains an interest in the stallion career of dual Derby hero **Australia (GB)** (Galileo {Ire}), acquired two of the top three lots at the Arqana Arc Sale for €2.12 million (two of those purchases, the French-bred **Auvray** and **Orbec** race this weekend in Singapore). They also made a serious commitment to establishing an American base at last year's November sales in Lexington, acquiring no fewer than 11 horses for better than \$7.2 million at the two auctions. The CHC is represented at the sales by Michael Wallace, a New Zealand native with worldwide experience, having worked at various times for Coolmore in Ireland, for Darley in Newmarket and for Vinery in Kentucky. Wallace jetted in to Singapore Wednesday ahead of this weekend's CECF Singapore and affiliated races and was gracious enough to field a series of questions from the *TDN's* Alan Carasso:

TDN: What is your background/how did you get involved with/interested in horses?

Michael Wallace: I have been surrounded by the industry my entire life, my grandfather was an equine veterinarian and developed our family farm, Ardsley Stud. My father has continued this on to this day. I was brought up on the farm and was completely immersed in all facets on the industry as we grew up. I gained a Bachelor of Commerce Degree in Finance [from the University of Otago, New Zealand], but the passion for the industry won out and after working at various operations around the world, I developed by own bloodstock agency.

TDN: How did you link up with the China Horse Club?

MW: I had developed my own independent bloodstock agency and, as part of this, one of our main clients is leading Singapore trainer Michael Freedman. When the CHC made a decision a couple of years ago to develop a presence in Singapore, Michael was their trainer of choice. Through this mutual relationships, I met with [China Horse Club founder] Mr. Teo [Ah Khing] and the CHC management team



CHC Founder Teo Ah Khing and General Manager Eden Harrington

including Eden Harrington, whom I knew from earlier days in Australia and his time with Darley Flying Start. A relationship was forged through these meetings and, as the CHC portfolio grew, the role as their racing and bloodstock manager was developed for me in early 2014.

TDN: What are the Club's objectives?

MW: The China Horse Club is a lifestyle, business and Thoroughbred racing club and our priorities are in that order--lifestyle comes first. One of our objectives is to provide our members with unique experiences, and this weekend's CECF Singapore is part of that process. We are also driven to make a contribution to the industry in China, and we do that in several ways, including with scholarship programs to help talented young men and women. We are also motivated by charity and the promotion of art, artists and Chinese culture. A Chinese Equine Cultural Festival embodies all of these elements, and guests in Singapore will see that this weekend with the CECF Singapore. And while our home is China, we are without borders, it is our goal to have an international presence and to involve our members, and the Chinese at large, in the sport globally.

TDN: What is your approach as it relates to sales? Is your focus on pedigree or the physical or a combination of both?

MW: My approach to sales is to service and offer the best opportunities to our members, while building a balanced and strong long-term bloodstock portfolio. Like most, we are looking for the supreme athlete. We work hard at identifying these horses, while carefully analysing the statistics and external factors available to us to optimise this possibility. We are striving to target fillies who can firstly perform on the track or have already shown a certain level of performance. These fillies have long-term residual breeding value and, once their racing days are done, they will join our breeding program. **cont. p12**



The G1 Flight S. winner, First Seal (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), is a prime example of this. We have formed great partnerships to also purchase portions of colts at yearling sales, with the hopes of developing stallions. We were fortunate to be able to partner with Coolmore on a Galileo colt, which turned out to be the acclaimed Australia (Ire). We have also targeted astute commercial prospects for our members and [recent G1 C. F. Orr S. victor] Dissident (Aus) (Sebring {Aus}) is a suitable example.

TDN: Are you inclined to purchase either colts or fillies or is there no preference?

MW: It's about keeping a balanced portfolio, not just of colts and fillies at yearling sales, but also racing stock with proven performance. We need to service the members' needs and desires within the industry. Members are always looking for opportunities to race a



The CHC's Magic Millions top filly and second-highest priced yearling
Kelsey Riley photo

leading yearling colt or filly, buy into a Melbourne Cup prospect, target a colt on the track for stallion potential or to acquire a leading mare to campaign around the world. We target opportunities based on the goals of our individual members.

However, the overarching goal involves exposing mainland Chinese to the great carnivals and race days of the world. To be able to enjoy and participate in the global industry and to be pioneers in bringing the Chinese thoroughbred industry to a standard where it can contribute on the international marketplace.

TDN: As we know, Mr. Teo raced Australia in partnership with the Coolmore team and retains an interest in his stallion career. Do you have that in the back of your mind when looking at adding fillies to the portfolio?

MW: It's certainly part of the equation but we are not limited to Australia in the stallion pool. We have holding in the four time Group 1 winner, Dissident, who won the G1 C. F. Orr S. last weekend in Melbourne in great style. We also have a share in a Group 1 winning colt in America which is very exciting and will be announced shortly. It's hoped by the time these fillies are coming off the track and entering our breeding program that our stallion portfolio will have grown even further. We have supported Australia heavily in his first season at Coolmore Ireland and will continue this when he shuttles to Australia. We will support all of our stallions strongly in the breeding shed and sale ring.

TDN: The CHC made a giant splash at the mixed sales in America last November. What attracted you to the American-bred runners that you acquired at Fasig-Tipton and Keeneland?

MW: We acquired a great group of high quality mares at these sales, five mares off the track which are all stakes winners. We will see three of these in the CECF Singapore Cup in **Parranda** (English Channel), **My Option** (Belong to Me) and **Bajan** (Speightstown). *lotapa* was an elite performer. She will form a cornerstone of our American breeding program with our other Grade I winner Last Full Measure. *lotapa* is visiting War Front. Last Full Measure was brought in foal to War Front and visits *Tapit*



Parranda *Adam Coglianese*

this year. These two mares provide a great foundation for us to make a contribution in the US breeding industry. We also picked up a nice cross-section of race-performed and strong-pedigreed broodmares to send to Ireland to be covered by Australia. It provides us an opportunity to send different genetically pooled and physical types to him so we can form an idea on what will be best suited in the long term.

TDN: You began shopping the Australian yearling market a few years ago. What is it about the industry in Australia that motivates the CHC to be so active there?

MW: Like any organisation, we need to do our homework and we look to participate in different markets for many reasons. However, one staple is that we participate in markets where our members like to go. We want to give them reasons to travel to countries or cities that they enjoy. Australia is one such region. In terms of market appeal, the Australian market is very buoyant, racing culture is engrained in society. It's something that is appealing. The prize money is great, there are world-class horses, jockeys, trainers and breeding farms. Its location to China is also advantageous. We feel Australia offers a level playing field where, as new participants, we are welcomed and encouraged to compete and participate in the industry as a whole.

TDN: Having purchased a couple of horses at Tattersalls last October, are there any plans to delve into the American market, either yearlings or 2-year-olds?



MW: We have some mares for racing and breeding in America already, a very nice select group including Grade I winners *Lotapa* (Afleet Alex) and *Last Full Measure* (Empire Maker). We also see some of our USA team coming to compete in the CECF Singapore Cup. As far as yearlings and 2-year-olds go, we are always looking and analysing opportunities. I'm sure, in time, that these sales will provide these and we will become involved further.

TDN: What led you to select Christophe Clement as your U.S.-based trainer?

MW: Our ethos is that we are very much a team. We want all of our trainers to be part of that team, we want them to contribute in many ways, training and managing our portfolio of horses is the first step. Christophe is exceedingly professional, he is outgoing and he is a team player. His record is also imposing. He is a master trainer. We also have horses with his brother, Nicolas, in France. Nicolas is a team player as well and has been instrumental in singling out performers such as *Tropaios* (GB) (Excellent Art {GB}), who won the Longines Gold Cup for us in Singapore; and *Tabreed* (GB) (*Sakhee*).

Editor's Note: Tabreed broke her maiden in France for John Hammond before being acquired by Nicolas Clement for CHC and has placed twice at Grade III level in the U.S. for Christophe Clement, including a last-out second to stablemate Irish Mission (Giant's Causeway) in the GIII La Prevoyante H. at Gulfstream Park Dec. 27. Tabreed will be retired after a start in Saturday's GIII The Very One S. at Gulfstream.

TDN: Talk a little bit about the CECF Singapore and the excitement it is creating within the Club.

MW: The CECF Singapore Cup is a landmark event, not just for CHC, but we hope for Singapore and the industry as a whole. This event is designed to increase participation from mainland Chinese owners, to have them involved in a major event and to ensure that one of them will be on the winners' podium at a major international racing centre. The importance of that in trying to grow interest in the sport in China cannot be underestimated. All markets have particular requirements, China is no different. China is at a formative stage at present and events like the CECF Singapore are an important platform to promote Chinese owners and Chinese owned horses. Racing is a wonderful sport, we want to introduce a new audience to this sport, an audience that has not paid too much attention to international racing to date. This weekend we have captains of every major thoroughbred industry flying into Singapore and that is very exciting. We want the international industry to play a role in this process. Welcoming China, the world's biggest market, the world's largest economy and the world's most populous nation, into this sport cannot be done by one club--it must be a group effort.



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Hopefully this weekend will inspire different industries and different businesses to see how they can play an active role going forward. The first step is being here and witnessing this first hand and that step is being taken.

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BLACK-TYPE PREVIEW

Saturday, Flemington, Australia, post time: 4:35 p.m.
BLACK CAVIAR LIGHTNING S.-G1, A\$500,000, 3yo/up, 1000mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	6	Lankan Rupee (Aus)	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Newitt	Price
2	4	Watermans Bay (Aus)	Eternity Range	Arnold	Morton
3	3	Fab Fevola (Aus)	Falvelon (Aus)	Payne	Binaisse
4	1	The Quarterback (Aus)	Street Boss	Allen	Griffiths
5	5	Deep Field (Aus)	Northern Meteor (Aus)	Winks	Hawkes
6	2	Brazen Beau (Aus)	I Am Invincible (Aus)	Williams	Waller

**All horses carry 128 pounds, bar Brazen Beau, 122.

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Eastern U.S.

Pimlico Releases Stakes Schedule, Announces Incentives:

Pimlico Race Course has released spring stakes schedule, which will be highlighted by the GI Preakness S. May 16, with an undercard that will include the GI Black-Eyed Susan, GI Longines Dixie S. and GI Pimlico Special S. There will also be a number of incentives that weekend. Pimlico will offer a \$50,000 bonus to each owner and trainer who runs a horse in the Pimlico Special that has won a previous Triple Crown event. If a horse has won two Triple Crown events, the bonus will be \$100,000 to both the trainer and owner. Pimlico will offer bonus money totaling \$100,000 to trainers who run in a minimum of five stakes and starter races during Preakness weekend. The trainer with the most points will receive \$50,000, second \$25,000, third \$12,000, fourth \$7,000, fifth \$4,000 and sixth \$2,000.

"The stakes schedule for Pimlico, as well as the new bonus opportunities, show our commitment to Maryland racing, its breeders, owners and horsemen, and our great fans," said the Maryland Jockey Club's Vice President and General Manager Sal Sinatra. "We believe there is great potential and growth in Maryland Thoroughbred racing. Obviously, we're excited about Preakness weekend and the tremendous support we get from the state of Maryland, the people of Baltimore, the surrounding communities, and the horsemen. We believe the bonuses offered during Preakness weekend, as well as those with our turf starter handicap series, will make this a memorable spring."

For the complete spring stakes schedule, visit <http://www.pimlico.com/horsemen/stakes-schedule>.

Will Rogers Downs Adds Twilight Racing:

Will Rogers Downs has announced that for their 2015 Spring Meet, which begins Mar. 16, the track will host twilight racing each Saturday starting April 4. "We are excited about changing up Saturday tradition," said Jesse Ullery, racing secretary for Cherokee Casino Will Rogers Downs. "We're beginning a new a twilight racing series. It will begin our Saturday races a little later and finish near dusk with live entertainment. Imagine a Saturday evening party to close out the races."

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- ◆ **Maiden Special Weight Races:** purses of \$18,000/up
- ◆ **Maiden Claiming Races:** purses of \$18,000/up & a minimum claiming price of \$40,000

Kentucky

Nominations Open for Kentucky Oaks Survivor Parade:

Nominations and voting are now open for breast and ovarian cancer survivors to walk in the 2015 Longines Kentucky Oaks Survivors Parade, Churchill Downs, Bright Pink and Horses and Hope announced yesterday. The parade is an annual event where survivors walk down the Churchill Downs homestretch just before the running of the GI Kentucky Oaks, which will be held this year on May 1st.

The 141 survivors will be selected using a national online voting process that will continue through Mar. 31. Each person selected will receive two tickets to the Oaks. The parade, which is being held for the seventh time this year, is part of the Churchill Downs' Longines Kentucky Oaks Pink Out through which the track conducts fundraising, provides outreach and helps drive awareness.

"The Survivors Parade and Pink Out traditions on Longines Kentucky Oaks Day help to raise awareness and support for critical health issues facing women," said Ryan Jordan, General Manager of Churchill Downs Racetrack. "Our partnership with Bright Pink makes it possible for Churchill Downs, our business partners and our guests to make a difference in this ongoing fight on both a national and local level."

Nominations can be made by clicking [here](#).

KentuckyOne Health to Sponsor Breeders' Cup Festival:

KentuckyOne Health will be the title sponsor of the 2015 Breeders' Cup Festival Week. KentuckyOne Health, the largest health system in Kentucky, will sponsor the live music, hospitality and events that will be held the week before the Breeders' Cup in Lexington. "KentuckyOne Health is excited to partner with the Breeders' Cup Festival Week," said Jeff Murphy, Vice President of Marketing for KentuckyOne Health. "It's a match that just makes sense. Excellence is a cornerstone value for our entire organization, and the Breeders' Cup delivers the best of the best of a Kentucky tradition. This is just one of many ways KentuckyOne supports and promotes quality of life in the Commonwealth." Kip Cornett, chairperson of the Breeders' Cup Festival Week committee, stated, "Festival Week will provide local and international fans a wide range of events showcasing the spirit, tradition and excitement of the Breeders' Cup experience and Thoroughbred racing in Lexington and Central Kentucky. We are delighted that KentuckyOne Health has taken the lead to make sure our guests can enjoy a world-class experience while they are here with us. And we look forward to announcing even more partners in our efforts soon."



INDUSTRY INFO

NBC Sports Radio to Broadcast Triple Crown:

NBC Sports Group will provide live radio coverage of all three Triple Crown races on NBC Sports Radio. The station will offer two hours of live coverage from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. for each race, produced in partnership with Horse Racing Radio Network (HRRN), and distributed by Westwood One. NBC will also be providing television coverage on NBC and NBCSN, as well as NBC Sports Live Extra.

"We are excited to extend NBC's award-winning coverage of the 'Sport of Kings' to the radio airwaves," said Rob Simmelkjaer, Senior Vice President of NBC Sports Ventures. "NBC Sports Radio listeners all around the nation can now join our millions of TV viewers to enjoy the drama of these great races."

"The Westwood One team is proud to partner with NBC and the Horse Racing Radio Network to provide the thrilling description of the Triple Crown of Thoroughbred racing to fans across America," said Bruce Gilbert, Senior Vice President, Sports, Cumulus and Westwood One.

Eclipse Acquires Comfort:

Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners has acquired **Comfort**, a 3-year-old son of Indian Charlie who graduated at the Fair Grounds Feb. 12. "Our partners are always in the market for a colt with upside potential," said Eclipse President, Aron Wellman. "Comfort's performance last week at Fair Grounds indicated to me that he's a progressive colt with the tools to rise through the ranks in the 3 year-old division as the season progresses."

TODAY'S INSIGHTS

8th-GP, \$45K, Msw, 4yo/up, 1m, 4:30 p.m. ET

Charles and Maribeth Sandford LLC's \$1-million KEESEP yearling **CHIVALROUS (Street Cry {Ire})** makes his belated debut here for trainer Pat Byrne. The 4-year-old is out of Tizso (Cee's Tizzy), a full sister to Hall of Famer Tiznow and Grade II winners Budroyale and Tizdubai who is already responsible for Grade I winner Paynter (Awesome Again) and GSW Tiz West (Gone West). Live Oak Plantation's **Crowned Heart (Ire) (Distorted Humor)** went for \$500,000 at the same 2012 Keeneland September sale. The Eddie Plesa, Jr. pupil is a half to champion juvenile filly Dreaming of Anna (Rahy) as well as multiple Grade II winners Lewis Michael (Rahy) and Justenuffumor (Distorted Humor). This is the family of top sire Kitten's Joy (El Prado {Ire}), MGISW Precious Kitten (Catienuis), last year's GI King's Bishop S. runner-up Fast Anna (Medaglia d'Oro) and recent GIII Sam F. Davis second-place finisher Divining Rod (Tapit). [Brisnet.com PPs](#)

ROOKIES

First-crop starters to watch: Thursday, February 19

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2011 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

DESERT PARTY (Street Cry {Ire}), Sequel, \$8K, 115/13/2

1-CT, Alw, 6 1/2f, Courageous Linc, 12-1

DISCREETLY MINE (Mineshaft), Lane's End, \$10K, 181/23/1

9-OP, Alw, 1 1/16m, Discreetly Yours, \$35K KEE SEP yrl, 20-1

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

4-GP, Msw, 7f, Express Jet, \$30K OBS AUG yrl, 9-2

MUNNINGS (Speightstown), Ashford Stud, \$10K, 165/34/4

6-FG, Aoc, 5 1/2fT, Gallery, \$30K OBS APR 2yo, 5-2

1-CT, Alw, 6 1/2f, Carolina Speed, \$30K RNA OBS OPN 2yo, 5-1

QUALITY ROAD (Elusive Quality), Lane's End, \$25K, 178/21/3

6-FG, Aoc, 5 1/2fT, Quality Indeed, 5-1

SUPER SAVER (Maria's Mon), WinStar, \$20K, 203/23/4

8-OP, Alw, 1 1/16m, Super Stroke, \$57K OBS OPN 2yo, 10-1

6-TAM, Msw, 6f, Super Beau, \$60K RNA OBS OPN 2yo, 9-2

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

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



Thursday Cancellations AQUEDUCT

• ON THE WORKTAB •

BELMONT

Noble Moon (Malibu Moon), 3f, :37.75, 12/33

Sweet Reason (Street Sense), 3f, :38.01, 19/33

Wonder Gal (Tiz Wonderful), 4f, :51.16, 35/61

GOLDEN GATE

Shared Belief (Candy Ride {Arg}), 4f AWT, :51.80, 14/15

BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

5th-TUP, \$22,500, C, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:15 4/5, ft.

J P ROCKER (g, 4, Rocky Bar--Famous Gal {MSW, \$121,304}, by Western Fame) Lifetime Record: SP, 12-5-3-1, \$93,369. O/B-John Pendergast (AZ).

T-Joseph E Johnson. * 1/2 to Tribal Gal (Tribal Rule), MSW, \$340,535.

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Yesterday's Result:

5th-KMP, £11,500, Hcp, 3yo, 8f (AWT), 1:38, ft. FESTIVE FARE (GB) (c, 3, [Teofilo {Ire}](#)--[Al Joza {GB}](#), by [Dubawi {Ire}](#)), who graduated in a one-mile Lingfield maiden on debut Jan. 24, traveled sweetly in third for most of this second go. Nudged along in the straight to make his bid approaching the two pole, the 4-5 chalk was in control entering the final eighth and stretched clear in impressive fashion to score by 4 1/2 lengths from Caprior Bere (Fr) (Peer Gynt {Jpn}). Sales history: 150,000gns yrl '13 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, £10,544. [VIDEO, courtesy Racing UK.](#) O-Godolphin. B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd (GB). T-Charlie Appleby.

Middle East

Umgiyo Steps up in Trip and Class:

Mick de Kock's **Umgiyo (Aus)** (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), a smooth handicap winner in his Meydan debut Jan. 22, bids to maintain his form at a superior level as he lines up for the Dubai Millennium S., which will be his first attempt at 2000 meters. Prior to that eye-catching effort, the Australian-bred had not saluted the judge since his debut in a 1400-meter maiden back in May 2013. The colt seemingly failed to confirm his early potential after a seven-race losing streak, including a drop down to conditions level. His final start in South Africa saw him finish seventh in the GI S.A. Classic, after which he was spelled for nine months.

The 4-year-old has showed some significant improvement since his switch to Dubai, and his Racing Post Rating has hiked from 92 to 107 on the back of his most recent performance. Mike de Kock has reported his charge to be training well, and said on his website, "This is a good test for Umgiyo and we'll see how good he is. He goes over this trip for the first time and into a really competitive field, but the manner of his win here in January was promising and his pedigree suggests he'll see it out. I don't think he'll be found lacking when it matters."

Dubai Millennium S. cont.

Umgiyo faces nine opponents, the highest-rated of which is Godolphin's **Hunter's Light (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}), another impressive handicap winner at Meydan three weeks ago. The mount of James Doyle was making his seasonal reappearance since running eighth to Just A Way (Jpn) (Heart's Cry {Jpn}) in the G1 Dubai Duty Free. David Simcock saddles the former French-trained **Calling Out (Fr)** (Martaline {GB}) to his first start in the colors of Mrs. Fitry Hay. Stephen Hillen forked out €350,000 for the colt at the Arc sale on the back of his third-placed effort behind the multiple Group 1 scorer Cirrus Des Aigles (Fr) (Even Top {GB}) in the G2 Prix Dollar that same day.

Calling Out had previously filled the same place in the G3 Prix du Prince d'Orange three lengths ahead of **Mr. Pommeroy (Fr)** (Linnari {Ire}), who re-opposes here. The fellow French import and €250,000 Arc sale purchase has showed promise since his arrival in the yard of Salem bin Ghadayer, running second at handicap level in his Meydan debut before checking in third behind a dominating Vercingetorix (SAf) (Silvano {Ger}) in the G2 Al Rashidiya.

Thursday, Meydan, Dubai, post time: 11:30 p.m. ET DUBAI MILLENNIUM S.-Listed, \$200,000, NH 4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 2000mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WGT
1	Ducab (Ire)	Dansili (GB)	Buick	Harmash	125
2	Calling Out (Fr)	Martaline (GB)	Crowley	Simcock	124
3	Bank Of Burden (K)	Hawk Wing	Graberg	Petersen	127
4	Robert T. Painter (Ire)	Whipper	Hughes	O'Meara	125
5	Hunter's Light (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Doyle	Suroor	125
6	Genius Boy (GB)	New Approach (Ire)	de Vries	Harmash	125
7	Umgiyo (Aus)	Danhill Dancer (Ire)	Soumillon	de Kock	125
8	Mr Pommeroy (Fr)	Linnari (Ire)	Barzalona	Ghadayer	124
9	Elusive Time (Ire)	Elusive City	Murphy	Kodama	125
10	Enrgia El Ggnte (Brz)	Point Given	Fallon	Petersen	125

Destination Europe to Host Qatar Event:

Destination Europe, the strategic alliance between Europe's major marketing bodies for the racing and breeding industry--namely the European Breeders' Fund (EBF), Irish Thoroughbred Marketing (ITM), the French Racing and Breeding Committee (FRBC), Great British Racing International (GBRI) and German Thoroughbred Marketing (GTM)--will host a function at Doha racecourse during HH The Emir 24th International Equestrian Sword Festival. The event will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 25--Qatar International Day--at Doha racecourse, and cater to all local owners, trainers, breeders and bloodstock agents who would be interested in knowing more about buying, racing or breeding in Europe.

"We are very excited about this event and would like to thank the Qatar Racing and Equestrian Club for their help in making it happen," Alix Choppin, marketing executive and co-ordinator for Destination Europe, explained. "In a matter of years, Qatar has become a huge supporter of the European racing and breeding industry. We are keen to nurture this solid relationship that has developed between Europe and Qatar."

"Moreover, the Al Thani family's passion for racing is having a great ripple effect over the whole country, which is causing new participants to emerge and we want to introduce them to the countless assets of our racing and breeding," she continued. "Horsemanship is deeply embedded in the Qatari culture, as are such values as tradition, excellence and preservation, which make up the base frame of the European thoroughbred industry."

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Australasia

Backfriars and Oratorio Colts Top Perth Book 2:


A smaller catalogue for Book 2 of the Magic Millions Perth Yearling sale resulted in a lower turnover and higher average price than a year ago. There were 188 youngsters offered in Book 2 this year, 25 less than in 2014, and 123 changed hands, resulting in a clearance rate of 75%, which was almost on a par with last year. The day's aggregate was A\$2,865,000, down 9.5%, while the average price progressed 9.9% to reach A\$23,293.

A pair of colts by Scenic Lodge's Blackfriars (Aus) and Mungrup Stud's Oratorio (Aus), two of the leading sires in Western Australia, shared top billing at A\$90,000. [Lot 325](#), Scenic Lodge's Blackfriars-Trish Glee colt was sold to Glen Kettlewell. While [lot 329](#), the Oratorio-Umashadow colt from Queenslea Park Thoroughbreds draft was knocked down to local trainer David Harrison. The Blackfriars colt is the seventh living foal of the twice-winning and Sydney-placed mare Trish Glee (Aus) (Success Express). The bay colt was presented at the sale by Muchea-based Scenic Lodge--the farm that has been responsible for the majority of Blackfriars' big race winners.

Lot 329, the Oratorio colt, was presented at the sale for Mungrup Stud Clients by Queenslea Park Thoroughbreds of West Pingelly. He is the fifth living foal of the unraced Umatilla (Aus) (Umashadow {Aus}), a half-sister to Group 1 winning juvenile Pride of Rancho (Aus).

"It was a completely different feel today from start to finish, with good competitive bidding right from the outset with the local owners and trainers rallying on day two," Magic Millions Managing Director Vin Cox noted. "To have two horses top the market at \$90,000 is a reflection of the competition today. That said, there's some work to be done with the Western Australian industry to ensure the industry as a whole remains relevant."

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SESSION TOTALS	2015	2014
• Catalogued	188	213
• No. Offered	165	196
• No. Sold	123	148
• RNAs	42	48
• % RNAs	25.5%	24.5%
• High Price	A\$90,000	A\$75,000
• Gross	A\$2,865,000	A\$3,138,000
• Average (% change)	A\$23,293 (+9.9%)	A\$21,203
• Median (% change)	A\$20,000 (0%)	A\$20,000

SALE TOTALS	2015	2014
• Catalogued	397	415
• No. Offered	359	388
• No. Sold	247	311
• RNAs	112	77
• % RNAs	31.2%	19.8%
• High Price	A\$340,000	A\$250,000
• Gross	A\$9,287,500	A\$12,419,000
• Average (% change)	A\$37,601 (-5.9%)	A\$39,932
• Median (% change)	A\$30,000 (-3.2%)	A\$31,000



MAGIC MILLIONS PERTH YEARLING SALE TOP LOTS - BOOK TWO

Lot	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (A\$)
329	c	Oratorio (Aus)	Umashadow (Aus) <i>B-Mr. LN Piper</i>	90,000
Consigned by Queenslea Park Thoroughbreds Purchased by David Harrison				
325	c	Blackfriars (Aus)	Trish Glee (Aus) <i>B-Scenic Lodge Thoroughbred Stud</i>	90,000
Consigned by Scenic Lodge Purchased by Glen Kettlewell				
388	f	Trade Fair (GB)	Crecy (Aus) <i>B-Blackwatch Stud</i>	72,500
Consigned by Blackwatch Stud Purchased by John Chalmers Bloodstock				
227	c	Dick Turpin (Ire)	Hot Business (Aus) <i>B-Mungrup Stud</i>	70,000
Consigned by Mungrup Stud Purchased by John Chalmers Bloodstock				
318	c	Hard Spun	Tarcoola Sunshine (Aus) <i>B-Mr. A Olive</i>	60,000
Consigned by Gold Front Thoroughbreds Purchased by Morton Racing				



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More Cobalt Positives in Queensland:

Racing Queensland has confirmed that eight of the nine samples sent to Perth for confirmatory cobalt testing have returned results which are in excess of the approved threshold. According to the procedure in such cases, the samples will now be sent to Sydney for referee analysis. Racing Queensland General Manager of Stewarding and Integrity Wade Birch said two of the samples came from the thoroughbred code and six from harness racing. Names of the concerned trainers have yet to be disclosed.

“We received the results of those tests and as required under the Australian Rules of Racing, they will be sent for referee analysis to a laboratory in Sydney,” Birch told Racing and Sports Wednesday. “We understand there is demand from the industry for us to reveal the names of those implicated, however due process requires a referee analysis be conducted before individuals can be named,” he added. “This is the case with all swabbing procedures, irrespective of the prohibited substance.”

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CONDITIONS RESULTS:

5th-CAG, €24,000, 2-18, 4yo/up, 10f (AWT), 2:04.32, ft.

ZACK HALL (FR) (g, 8, Muhtathir {GB}--Halawa {Ire}, by Dancing Brave) Lifetime Record: MSW & GSP-Fr, 31 starts, 11 wins, 14 places, €295,595. O-Mathieu Offenstadt, Sylvain Fargeon, Patrick Offenstadt & Mikel Delzangles. B-Zakaria Hakam (Fr). T-Francois Rohaut. *€56,000 HRA '10 ARQFEB; €130,000 RNA HRA '11 ARQARC. ** 1/2 to Afaf (Fr) (Spectrum {Ire}), GSP-Fr, \$188,280.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Bhadawa (Ire) f, 4, Iffraaj (GB)--Trois Heures Apres (GB), by Soviet Star. LIN, 2-18, 6f 1y (AWT), 1:11.93. B-Diomed Bloodstock Ltd (Ire). *37,000gns yrl '12 TATOCT. ** 1/2 to Rising Talent (Ire) (Bering {GB}), SP-Fr, \$157,964.



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