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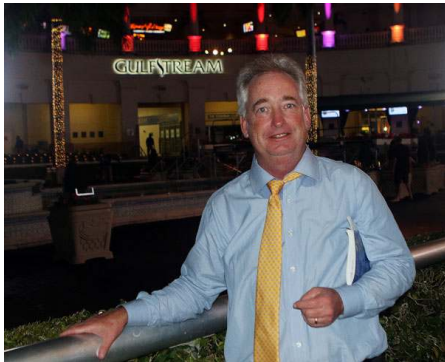


FASIG-TIPTON MAKES GULFSTREAM HOME

by Jessica Martini

Fasig-Tipton's Florida 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale returned to South Florida with its inaugural run at Gulfstream Park Wednesday and sales officials were quick to call the boutique auction's flashy new home a success.

"We couldn't be any more pleased with the results of the inaugural sale at Gulfstream Park," Fasig-Tipton President Boyd Browning, Jr. said Wednesday night. "I'd like to thank the management and staff at Gulfstream Park. We had a vision and they had a vision to try to create something special here. It's never easy in the first year in a new venue. It's been a transitional year in



Boyd Browning Jr. F-T photo

the 2-year-old marketplace in 2015 and they worked hard to accommodate us to make something special. I think what you saw tonight was the beginning of a major North American marketplace for quality 2-year-olds."

After three years away from South Florida, Browning acknowledged the change in venue created a buzz around one of the country's premier juvenile sales that should make the auction a must-do destination for years to come.

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A BAKER'S DOZEN FOR THE BIG 'CAP

Only once since 1989 has the winner of the GI Santa Anita H. carried as much as 125 pounds to victory-- Game On Dude in the second of his three wins in 2013--but **Shared Belief** (Candy Ride {Arg}) will look to do just that in the \$1-million richest event of the winter/spring meeting at the Arcadia oval. That seven-



Shared Belief arrives for the Big 'Cap
Benoit photo

figure purse has much to do with the connections of 12 other horses deciding to toss their hat into the ring, but the 10-furlong affair very much goes through the Jerry Hollendorfer runner, who registered a very satisfying victory over Horse of the Year California

Chrome (Lucky Pulpit) in a much-anticipated get-together in the GII San Antonio Invitational S. Feb. 7. With that rival staying at Los Alamitos to continue preparations for the G1 Dubai World Cup, Shared Belief figures an odds-on gamble despite the bulky field. Were he to stub his toe, Hard Aces (Hard Spun) looks poised to take advantage as he makes his first start off a private purchase for Hronis Racing and trainer John Sadler. The bay, previously trained by Larry Jones for Dreamchaser Thorobreds, exits a big-figure win in the Louisiana H. Jan. 17, but faces a dramatically different cast from a class perspective this time around. **See p14**

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| • No. Offered | 132 |
| • No. Sold | 89 |
| • RNAs | 43 |
| • % RNAs | 32.6% |
| • No. \$500K+ | 14 |
| • High Price | \$1,400,000 |
| • Gross | \$20,095,500 |
| • Average | \$225,792 |
| • Median | \$130,000 |

IN THIS ISSUE

Dear Stakeholders,

The New York Thoroughbred Breeding and Development Fund is mailing out more than a million dollars in awards earned during January and February at Aqueduct Racetrack. Registered NY-breds generated 568 awards for breeders, owners and stallion owners during the weather-shortened meet.

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A perfect Florida sunset and a festive atmosphere at Wednesday's Fasig-Tipton Florida Sale at Gulfstream Park *Fasig-Tipton photo*

Will IRS Changes Impact Racing?

The Internal Revenue Service filed a "notice of proposed rulemaking" and opened a 90-day public comment period on Wednesday that deals with changes to the reporting of gambling winnings. But the proposed changes, as currently written, do not specifically include pari-mutuel wagering. T.D. Thornton takes a look.

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Sophomore Super Saturday

Saturday's program at Meydan may officially be referred to as Super Saturday, but the same could be said for live racing in the United States, where no fewer than 13 graded stakes events are scheduled. Among those are a trio of 3-year-old tests going two turns, including the GII Tampa Bay Derby, featuring Ocean Knight (Curlin); the GII San Felipe S., which somewhat unexpectedly drew TDN Rising Star Dortmund (Big Brown); and the GIII Gotham S., for which TDN Rising Star El Kabeir (Scat Daddy) should be favored. Also in the sophomore ranks, Daredevil (More Than Ready) makes his seasonal debut in the GII Fasig-Tipton Swale S. at seven furlongs, a race pushed back a week by torrential rain in the Greater Miami region last Saturday.

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F-T Florida cont.

“There was some electricity and excitement around here tonight and it was a welcome opportunity to sell quality horses in a quality facility,” Browning said. “We are happy with the results tonight, but probably more important the vision that we have and the opportunities that we have over the next 20 years, not only for this sale, but I think it can be an important event for the industry.”

Coolmore’s M. V. Magnier signed for the night’s top-priced lot, a colt by Scat Daddy, who sold on a final bid of \$1.4 million. Magnier also signed for a Tapit colt at \$900,000 and teamed up with Barbara Banke’s Stonestreet to secure a colt by Bernardini for \$900,000 to give the Irish operation the sale’s top three lots.

With the addition of 47 horses from the Adena Springs consignment who all galloped at the sale’s under-tack preview Monday, Fasig-Tipton declined to provide comparison figures to last year’s Florida sale.

“With the inclusion of 47 Adena Springs horses that galloped and were frankly a little bit different variety of pedigrees then you would have expected to find in this catalogue, we didn’t think the results were going to be comparable and that was a decision that was made a month ago,” Browning explained. “I think this was a transitional year and I didn’t think it was fair from any perspective to compare this year’s average to last year’s average because I don’t think they are comparable. The gross--we had more horses this year--so I didn’t think that was comparable.”

In all, 89 juveniles grossed \$20,095,500 and averaged \$225,792. The median was \$130,000. With 43 horses reported not sold, the buy-back rate was 32.6%.

“I think what we saw was a healthy 2-year-old marketplace tonight,” Browning reflected. “It’s not easy. I don’t think we’ve said at any sale in the last three to five years it’s been easy. But we found a competitive marketplace--men and women willing to pay for quality horses. We saw very, very competitive bidding from a wide variety of bidders. There was a wide variety of buyers at all levels and that is probably the most encouraging thing for this sale today and for the overall marketplace. It’s a healthy marketplace. I don’t think there are many buyers who said, ‘We stole that one.’”



Sales-topping hip 130 F-T photo

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| Majestic Warrior | \$17,500 |



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F-T Florida cont.

“And I don’t think there are many consignors saying that was really easy tonight,” Browning continued. “It’s kind of the marketplace we’ve been dealing with, whether it’s yearlings, broodmares or 2-year-olds. It’s a fair marketplace. It’s not easy, but there is balance between buyers and sellers.”

Adena Spring’s draft of 47 horses included three horses over \$200,000, led by an Awesome Again colt out of Ginger Brew who sold for \$275,000 to Fabio Mazzarella.

“There were no big surprises--we were surprised on the high side on a few and a couple of others I think we got pretty fair market value for some of our better horses considering they just galloped into the sale,” said Adena Springs’ Jack Brothers. “I think the reception was very good and I think this is going to be a strong venue here going forward.”

Asked if he expected similar Adena consignments at future Florida sales, Brothers said, “It’s hard to say year by year. I’m sure Frank [Stronach] will want to be supportive of the sale going forward and I think this is going to be a good springboard for future success here.”

Scat Daddy Tops Coolmore Buying Spree

by Jessica Martini

In a busy span of some 20 hips, Coolmore’s M. V. Magnier signed for the Florida sale’s top three lots, with a colt by Scat Daddy leading the way at \$1.4 million.



Hip 130 Fasig-Tipton photo

Out of Alittlebitearly (Thunder Gulch), [hip 130](#) is a half-brother to last year’s GI Breeders’ Cup Classic winner and ‘TDN Rising Star’ Bayern (Offlee Wild). The juvenile was consigned by Jim Crupi’s Crupi’s New

Castle Farm and worked a furlong Monday in [:10 1/5](#).

As the press descended on Magnier, bloodstock agent Jamie McCalmont started the question-and-answer session off with an old stand-by. “What did you like about him,” the Brit laughed.

“He is a very fantastic mover,” Magnier obliged. “His brother is a very good horse. His mother can obviously produce a good horse, let’s hope she has done it again, and Scat Daddy is going very well in all parts of the world.” Fasig-Tipton Florida cont. p5



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3yo colt

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[watch race]

3yo filly

ESKENFORMONEY,

\$225,000 yearling for StarLadies Racing is a Kentucky Oaks (G1) hopeful after two wins and a close third in the Davona Dale S. (G2) at Gulfstream.

[watch race]

3yo filly

ISABELLA SINGS,

Siena Farm homebred & G2-placed performer won her seasonal debut in a Gulfstream Allowance on 2/26.

[watch race]

3yo colt

RAIN WIND AND FIRE,

won on debut in a maiden race at Lingfield in England on 2/24 for Jeremy Nosedá.

[watch race]

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Fasig-Tipton Florida cont.

Coolmore campaigned 2013 G1 Prix Morny and 2014 GI Breeders' Cup Sprint runner-up No Nay Never (Scat Daddy) and Magnier is hoping this colt will follow in those same footsteps.

"If he is anything like No Nay Never, we'll be laughing," Magnier said.



Jim Crupi F-T photo

Crupi's New Castle Farm purchased the colt for \$450,000 from Gainesway's consignment at last year's Keeneland September sale. The operation also used that pattern for pinhooking success last year, selecting Tennessee (Giant's Causeway) from Gainesway for \$150,000 at the 2013 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga sale and reselling the colt for \$1.15 million to Coolmore's Demi O'Byrne at the 2014 Barretts March sale through Steve Venosa's SGV Thoroughbreds consignment.

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WEDNESDAY'S TOP LOTS

| Hip | Sex | Sire | Dam | Price (\$) |
|------------|-------|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| <u>130</u> | colt | <u>Scat Daddy</u> | <u>Alittlebtearily</u> (\$450,000 yrl '14 KEESEP) B-Helen Alexander (KY) Consigned by Crupi's New Castle Farm Purchased by M V Magnier | 1,400,000 |
| <u>111</u> | colt | <u>Bernardini</u> | <u>Temporada</u> (\$400,000 yrl '14 KEESEP) B-Ron Magers & Robert Marcocchio (KY) Consigned by Northwest Stud Purchased by Stonestreet & M V Magnier | 900,000 |
| <u>120</u> | colt | <u>Tapit</u> | <u>West Coast Swing</u> (\$370,000 RNA yrl '14 KEESEP) B-WinStar Farm (KY) Consigned by Thomas & Casse, agent for JSM Equine Purchased by M V Magnier | 900,000 |
| <u>109</u> | filly | <u>Hard Spun</u> | <u>Swaythisaway</u> (\$175,000 yrl '14 FTSAUG) B-Nursery Place (KY) Consigned by Crupi's New Castle Farm Purchased by Let's Go Stable | 850,000 |

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- 55** colt **Smart Strike** My Miss Storm Cat 800,000
 (\$325,000 RNA yrl '14 KEESEP)
B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings (KY)
 Property of Secure Investments
 Purchased by Live Oak Plantation
- 172** filly **Giant's Causeway** Embur's Song 800,000
 (\$290,000 yrl '14 KEESEP)
B-Fares Farm LLC (KY)
 Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent V
 Purchased by Katsumi Yoshida
- 34** colt **Pioneerof the Nile** Lady Bonita 685,000
 (\$70,000 wnlg '13 KEENOV; \$135,000 RNA yrl '14 FTKJUL)
B-Maximo Figueredo (KY)
 Consigned by McKathan Bros, agent
 Purchased by Bob Baffert, agent
- 29** colt **Eskendereya** Im a Dixie Girl 650,000
 (\$85,000 yrl '14 FTKOCT)
B-Elkstone Group (PA)
 Consigned by Wavertree Stables Inc (Ciaran Dunne), Agent II
 Purchased by Bernard Schiappa/M Petersen
- 152** colt **Harlan's Holiday** Invitation 625,000
 (\$140,000 wnlg '13 FTKNOV; \$400,000 yrl '14 FTKJUL)
B-Fred W Hertrich III (KY)
 Consigned by Northwest Stud
 Purchased by Maverick Racing LP
- 64** colt **Harlan's Holiday** Pension 600,000
B-Gainesway Thoroughbreds (Ky)
 Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent XIV
 Purchased by Darley Stud Management LLC

- 141** colt **Uncle Mo** Call Mariah 600,000
 (\$120,000 yrl '14 KEESEP)
B-Judy Hicks, Kathryn Nikkel & Sanford Robertson (KY)
 Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent LXXVI
 Purchased by Antonio Sano
- 40** filly **Tapit** Livin Lovin 575,000
 (\$325,000 RNA yrl '14 KEESEP)
B-Gainesway Thoroughbreds (Ky)
 Consigned by Hartley/De Renzo Thoroughbreds, agent
 Purchased by Haruya Yoshida
- 147** filly **Smart Strike** Christies Treasure 525,000
 (\$100,000 yrl '14 KEESEP)
B-Alpha Delta Stable (KY)
 Consigned by Hoby & Layna Kight, agent
 Purchased by Zayat Stables LLC
- 82** colt **Distorted Humor** Satans Quick Chick 500,000
 (\$250,000 yrl '14 KEESEP)
B-River Bend Farm (Ky)
 Consigned by Hoby & Layna Kight, agent
 Purchased by Third Street Stable

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Stonestreet, Coolmore Team Up Again

by Jessica Martini

Powerhouse owners Stonestreet and Coolmore, who joined up to purchase Stanford (Malibu Moon) for \$550,000 at last year's Barretts March sale, teamed again during Wednesday's Florida sale, going to \$900,000 to purchase a colt by Bernardini from the Northwest Stud consignment.



John Moynihan, M.V. Magnier and Barbara Banke Fasig-Tipton photo

Northwest Stud consignment. **Hip 111**, a \$400,000 Keeneland September yearling purchase, is out of Temporada (Summer Squall) and is a half to stakes winners Third Chance (Kafwain) and Banner Bill (Rockport Harbor). He worked a furlong Monday in **:10 1/5**.

"They liked the horse and we liked the horse, so we decided to team up," Stonestreet's John Moynihan explained.

Of the juvenile, Moynihan added, "I thought he worked fabulous. He is a horse that is immature. He's going to run two turns and he went :10 1/5 as easy as a horse can do it. We are excited about him."

Stanford will go postward Friday in Gulfstream's Islamorada H.

Stonestreet has already had success buying from Northwest Stud. Barbara Banke's operation purchased Carpe Diem (Giant's Causeway) for \$1.6 million at last year's OBS March sale. The TDN Rising Star won last year's GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity and was second in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile. He goes postward in Saturday's GII Tampa Bay Derby and is drawn alongside fellow Stonestreet colorbearer Ocean Knight (Curlin).

"They bought a horse from us last year--they are trusting us again and I think they have another very, very nice horse," said Northwest stallion director Dr. Alfredo Lichoa. "Hopefully it will work out the same as Carpe Diem. We're very happy with the sale."

Lichoa couldn't have been more pleased with the Florida sale's new venue at Gulfstream Park.

"This is the best place to be," he said. "Now we need to bring our best horses here all the time. Everybody is here--you can't ask for anything better."



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F-T Florida cont.

Coolmore Goes for Tapit Colt

by J.M. Severni

Coolmore rounded out their trifecta of top-sellers with [hip 120](#), a colt by Tapit, who they scooped up for



Consignor Becky Thomas oversees hip 120 *F-T photo*

\$900,000. The bay is the third foal out of stakes winning and graded stakes placed dam, the **TDN Rising Star West Coast Swing** (Gone West). He covered a furlong in [:10 2/5](#) at the under tack show.

“He’s a nice horse, he comes from a good family and the

lads really liked her,” said Coolmore’s M.V. Magnier.

Bred by WinStar, he RNA’d for \$370,00 at Keeneland September. Joe Minor’s JSM Equine then purchased him privately. He was consigned by Thomas & Casse in this inaugural 2-year-old consignment for the partnership.

“This colt brought a good, fair price for this type of horse,” said Minor. “I have to thank Justin [Casse] and Becky [Thomas] and their whole team, they really did a good job. Justin picked him out. I appreciate the buyers, he’s a special horse--they don’t look much better than that. I wish him a good career.”

Giant’s Causeway Closes Sale on a High Note

by J.M. Severni

[Hip 172](#), one of the last horses through the ring, provided some late-session fireworks when the hammer dropped at \$850,000 on a bid from Katsumi Yoshida. The Giant’s Causeway filly is the first foal out of Sovereign Award-winning mare Embur’s Song (Unbridled’s Song), another **TDN Rising Star**. She was consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent V and breezed in [:10 2/5](#) Monday. “She’s a very elegant horse, I loved everything about this horse,” said Kiyofumi Sugaya, who signed on behalf of Yoshida.

“She’s a collector’s item, in my opinion, she’s a beautiful filly,” Brennan offered. “We were hoping she’d sell really well. She’s at the end of the sale, and obviously, that’s a little bit of a difficult mark. It’s like chicken or feathers--are people really there? In this case they were. She was well over reserve and there were several people



Hip 172 on the move *F-T photo*

who really wanted her and I’m very happy that Katsumi Yoshida got her, they’ve bought very good horses from me in the past, so we’re really happy that they’ve got her. She’s got a great home and I think it was a smart buy for them looking down the road for their program.”

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|----------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1 Curlin (\$35,000) | 12 |
| 2 BIG BROWN (\$8,500) | 11 |
| 3 Tiz Wonderful (Sent to Korea) | 10 |
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Fasig-Tipton Florida cont.
Let's Go Gets Hard Spun Filly
 by J.M. Severni

Let's Go Stables was extended to \$850,000 to secure [hip 109](#), a Crupi's New Castle Farm-consigned Hard Spun filly Wednesday. The racing syndicate, which is headed by brothers-in-law Kevin Scatuorchio and Bryan Sullivan, could have quite the week at Gulfstream Park, with their co-owned colt Daredevil (More Than Ready) set to contest the GII Fasig-Tipton Swale S. Saturday. Wednesday's is the most expensive purchase for Let's Go Stables, who has campaigned a number of notable male runners the past few years including multiple Grade I winner Verrazano (More Than Ready), multiple graded stakes winner Divine Oath (Broken Vow) and graded stakes winner El Padrino (Pulpit). Let's Go currently has seven horses in their stable--six of which are colts--including three juveniles that were purchased at Keeneland September.

The filly is the first foal out of the unraced Scat Daddy dam Swaythisaway, a half-sister to group placed Mutakddim (Seeking the Gold) and Grade I-placed



Todd Pletcher Fasig-Tipton photo

Smooth Charmer (Easy Goer). She is from the family of Get Lucky, Girolamo, Super Saver and Bluegrass Cat. Bred by Nursery Place, Crupi's New Castle Farm purchased the filly for \$175,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga sale. Her breeze in [:10 1/5](#) sealed the deal for the Let's Go-Todd Pletcher braintrust.

"I thought she had the best work of the sale, just an outstanding breeze," the conditioner noted. "She was really impressive moving over the track and she's a beautiful filly. She has a good Phipps family pedigree."

Kevin Scatuorchio stated, "She separated herself at the breeze show. We weren't necessarily looking for a filly or a colt, she just happened to be number one on our list. Todd really loved her and she had a good breeze and gallop out. She has a strong family from the second dam on down, so there weren't any question marks in her pedigree. We came to this sale looking to buy, not just any horse, but the right horse, and she happened to be the one. We're excited and our partners are going to be thrilled. She's a great addition to the stable and we're looking towards a pretty fun year."

Stars on the Track...And in the Ring

Three of Wednesday's top lots are related to or were produced by TDN Rising Stars. Hip 130 is a half to TDN Rising Star [Bayern](#), while hips 120 and 172 are out of Rising Stars [West Coast Swing](#) and [Embur's Song](#), respectively.

NTRA REPORT FROM CAPITOL HILL

NTRA RECOGNIZES LEGISLATIVE SUPPORTERS

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A Smart Strike for Live Oak
 by Jessica Martini

Bruce Hill, general manager for Charlotte Weber's Live Oak Stud, signed the ticket at \$800,000 to secure [hip 55](#), a full-brother to champion juvenile filly My Miss Aurelia (Smart Strike) from Tami Bobo's Secure Investments consignment.

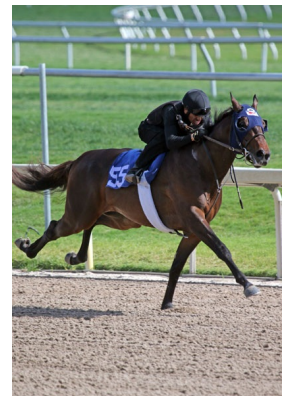
"The typical answer is he ticked all the boxes," Hill said when asked about the juvenile's appeal. "He has the pedigree, the work, the soundness, the vet work, and the conformation. He just did everything for us. Mrs. Weber was very pleased with that."

The dark bay colt, out of My Miss Storm Cat (Sea of Secrets), worked a furlong in [:10 3/5](#), but Hill said the time wasn't as important as how the colt looked doing it.

"We loved the work," Hill said. "We loved the way he did it. We don't watch the clock very much, but the work was just beautiful."

Eddie Plesa, who conditions Saturday's GII Swale S. contender Souper Colossal for Live Oak, will train the youngster.

The sale was gratifying for Bobo, who purchased the colt privately after he RNA'd for \$325,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale. **Cont. p10**



Hip 55
 Fasig-Tipton photo



F-T Florida cont.

“Going in, I felt like I brought a really good colt here--I knew I had a really good colt,” Bobo said. “I felt like anyone here was going to respect him if they watched him train. I think Fasig-Tipton puts on a great sale and I wanted to bring a quality product here.”

Bobo continued, “Mentally this colt is a 4-year-old. He is a strong colt that I trained during the break when it was extremely busy. And nothing seems to rattle him. I look for a huge career for this colt. I think Live Oak will be very proud of the purchase. I think the colt will do right by them.”

The colt’s work didn’t concern his consignor.

“I felt like the horsemen were going to find him,” Bobo said. “I’m proud of them for finding the horse with a :10 3/5. I know sometimes they get lost in the bullet works. I’m glad that people are starting to see that your class horses that are going to the Derby and going to the big races are these class, two-turn horses. This colt is just exceptional and I feel honored to have had him. And I know that I am passing on a product that is ready to go on. I do buy two-turn Derby type horses, so I don’t bring speedballs in. I’m not a consignor that is known for speed. I sell class horses and that is the quality of horse that I buy and that is what I like to sell.”

In her sixth year of selling under the Secure Investments banner, Bobo said she will pinhook 22 juveniles this spring.

“I don’t do large numbers,” she explained. “I don’t work for the public. I do my own horses and I have one partner on some of my horses.”

More Pioneerof the Niles for Baffert

by J.M. Severni

Trainer Bob Baffert went back to the Pioneerof the Nile well yesterday when he signed the \$685,000 ticket on [hip 34](#), a Pioneerof the Nile colt. Baffert trained the multiple Grade I winning Zayat colorbearer during his racing career and now conditions his 2-Year-Old champion and dual Grade I winning son American Pharoah. Baffert was successful with another Pioneerof the Nile offspring in ‘TDN Rising Star’ and multiple graded stakes winner Jojo Warrior. Hip 34 covered a furlong in [:10 2/5](#) at the breeze show Monday.



Bob Baffert *F-T photo*

“I liked hip 29 and him,” Baffert said of his purchases. “They were just two big two-turn horses with speed.” As for his sire, Baffert stated, “He throws brilliance.” Baffert declined stating who he signed for.

Bred by Maximo Figueredo, the second foal out of dam Lady Bonita (Smart Strike) was purchased by Carrie Brogden and Michelle Redding as a Keeneland November weanling.

“As a rule, I try not to buy anything with two young parents,” Brogden explained. “But my partner Michelle Redding and I loved him, we were gaga over him. So Michelle, my mom and I bought him for \$70,000---and this is before Pioneer was Pioneer. We were in the back walking ring after we bought him feeling all happy with ourselves. And my husband--who knew he was on our shortlist, but had no idea we bid on him---was like who were those dumbasses that bought that Pioneerof the Nile for \$70,000? We brought him down to Michelle Redding’s and she did a fantastic job--she’s one of my closest friends and best partners.”



Hip 34

Fasig-Tipton photo

Brogden added, “We decided to go to the July sale and Pioneer was doing well, but he hadn’t become the breakout stallion that he did by September. He had a lot of action and had a lot of vets, but we were pretty proud of him and we really wanted \$140,000 for him. We ended up RNAing him for \$135,000 and that didn’t work. The McKathans approached us about buying him, so finally, we came to an agreement to sell him for \$120,000 and Michelle and I retained a leg of him. He’s a spectacular mover, he never turned a hair. The rest is history. They called me in January and I asked how he was doing--I don’t see them when they leave my farm until they come to the sales--and JB McKathan said ‘he breathes a different air, he’s just a different kind of horse. I knew the whole time they were high on him. WinStar was the underbidder--and I love breeding over WinStar--and Bob Baffert bought him and he couldn’t be in better hands. I’m thrilled--the underbidder was amazing, the buyer was amazing. So after he sold, I got a text from my husband ‘It’s a good thing those crazy people bought that horse for \$70,000 as a baby.’”

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F-T Florida cont.

Eskendereya Colt Half of Early Baffert Exacta

by Jessica Martini

Trainer Bob Baffert kick-started the Fasig-Tipton Florida sale, purchasing a colt by Eskendereya for \$650,000 on behalf of Bernie Schiappa and Michael Lund Petersen. Baffert, who was in action just a few hips later to secure a Pioneer of the Nile juvenile for \$685,000, admitted the flashy colt's work in [:10 1/5](#) was a main selling point.

"We liked his work--he worked really well," Baffert said of [hip 29](#). "He went fast and he got over the track well. And that's what we are looking for--fast horses who look good."

Baffert said the colt's price tag was no surprise.

"They are going to be high--good horses now cost more money," he said. "It's like anything. Anything at

the top level is going to cost. That's part of the game. If he breaks his maiden, you won't be able to buy him for that."

The colt was consigned by Ciaran Dunne's Wavertree Stables. Dunne purchased the youngster for \$85,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton Kentucky October sale.

"He is a lovely horse," Dunne said. "We were very proud of him and when we brought him down here, he didn't disappoint us. He showed himself like a champion. We've been doing this a long, long time and he is the most vetted horse



Consignor Ciaran Dunne
Fasig-Tipton photo

we've ever sold. I think everybody loved him."

Of the colt's bargain yearling price, Dunne added, "We were just lucky. He was a lovely horse when we bought him. He stood over a lot of ground, he was attractive and he moved well. Just at the time we bought him, everyone was down on the stallion. The stallion has had a bit of a revival and this colt produced, as a 2-year-old, everything you hoped he would when we watched him walk as a yearling."

In addition to Sunday's new "TDN Rising Star" Frosty Friday, Eskendereya was also represented by GII Davona Dale third-place finisher Eskenformoney.

Dunne produced another pinhooking score just a little later when [hip 41](#), a colt by Quality Road, sold for \$260,000 to Richard Scibelli. The dark bay was a \$100,000 purchase at last fall's Fasig-Tipton Midlantic sale.

"I didn't actually go to Maryland," Dunne admitted. "I had Murette Farrell look at him for me. We are very thankful to her. It was the same thing with him--when he came in we were delighted. He was a very backwards sort of a horse and he's probably a horse who has a lot of improvement in him."

The juvenile was originally targeted for Keeneland's cancelled April sale.

"He was originally slated to go to Keeneland and when that went by the wayside, we jammed on him a little to get him here," Dunne admitted. "So I would say he is a horse that they are going to be delighted with in 60 days."

Also from the Wavertree consignment, [hip 86](#), a son of Court Vision sold for \$300,000 to West Point Thoroughbreds. The colt was a \$147,000 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky July yearling purchase.

Dunne felt the early Fasig results were more of the same.

"We were unbelievably busy at the barn," he said. "It probably didn't translate into the amount of vetting that we thought we were going to get, but by the same token we got plenty. I think it is business as usual. The good horses are going to sell well. It's going to be very hard underneath."

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FASIG-TIPTON FLORIDA SALE

| Hip | Sex | Sire | Dam | Price (\$) |
|--------------------|------|--------------------------|--------------|------------|
| 16 | colt | Uncle Mo | Gentle Words | 275,000 |

Property of Secure Investments
Purchased by Alex & JoAnn Lieblong

Tami Bobo's Secure Investments went to \$50,000 to secure this bay colt as a short yearling at Keeneland January. He failed to meet his reserve at \$35,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Fall Yearling sale, but proved plenty popular this time around after a [:10 2/5](#) breeze.

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|--------------------|------|------------------------------|-------------|---------|
| 41 | colt | Quality Road | Magger Bags | 260,000 |
|--------------------|------|------------------------------|-------------|---------|

Consigned by Wavertree Stables Inc (Ciaran Dunne), Agent III
Purchased by Richard Scibelli

A \$100,000 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic yearling, this Maryland-bred son of last year's leading freshman sire Quality Road provided a nice return on investment following a [:10 2/5](#) work.

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|--------------------|------|--------------------------|---------------|---------|
| 58 | colt | Uncle Mo | Naughty Mambo | 300,000 |
|--------------------|------|--------------------------|---------------|---------|

Consigned by McKathan Bros, agent
Purchased by Katsumi Yoshida

J.B. and Kevin McKathan saw fit to extend to \$120,000 for this colt out of a half sister to juvenile GISW Negligee (Northern Afleet) at Keeneland September. He fired the furlong bullet in [:10 flat](#), and will be heading to Japan after catching the eye of Northern Farm's Katsumi Yoshida.

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|---------------------|------|--------------------------|-------------|---------|
| 141 | colt | Uncle Mo | Call Mariah | 600,000 |
|---------------------|------|--------------------------|-------------|---------|

Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent LXXVI
Purchased by Antonio Sano

W.D. North Thoroughbreds invested \$120,000 in this colt at Keeneland September, and saw a five-times return on investment on a big day for freshman sire Uncle Mo. This colt, whose dam is a half to GISW Albertus Maximus (Albert the Great) and last year's GI Champagne S. winner and Saturday's GII Swale S. favorite Daredevil (More Than Ready), worked in [:10 2/5](#).

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Nothing But Net cont.

145 colt **Mineshaft** **Chelsea Ballad** **340,000**
 Consigned by Crupi's New Castle Farm
 Purchased by Katsumi Yoshida

It was a banner day for Jimmy Crupi's New Castle Farm, as the Ocala-based operation sold two of the top four lots and additional juveniles for \$460,000 and \$350,000. For some icing on the cake, this low-striding \$150,000 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga buy more than doubled his value after a [:10 2/5](#) breeze.

147 filly **Smart Strike** **Christies Treasure** **500,000**
 Consigned by Hoby & Layne Kight, agent
 Purchased by Zayat Stables LLC

Hoby and Layna Kight were able to find a solid bargain when scooping up this Smart Strike filly for just \$100,000 at Keeneland September, and saw the chestnut's value skyrocket after a [:10 1/5](#) breeze. That was the couple's second solid pinhook of the day, as they also sold [hip 82](#)--a \$250,000 KEESEP yearling--for \$500,000 earlier in the session.



INTEREST SOLD IN FAR FROM OVER

By Steve Sherack

Black Rock Thoroughbreds' unbeaten **Far From Over** (Blame--Alchemist, by A.P. Indy)--an improbable winner of the Feb. 7 Gill Withers S. ([video](#)) in his second career start after stumbling badly at the break, will have a pair of additional co-owners when lining up next for the GI Twinspace.com Wood Memorial S. at Aqueduct Apr. 4.



Far From Over
 NYRA/Denny Donohue

Steven Marshall, the president of Western Energy Production company, has sold a 25% interest in the \$550,000 KEESEP yearling graduate to James Covello (click [here](#) for a TDN feature) and Sol Kumin of Madaket Stable. Marshall also campaigned 2012 GI CashCall Futurity

hero and current Hill 'n' Dale stallion Violence (Medaglia d'Oro).

"I am very grateful to Steve for allowing us to buy into the horse," Covello, an equity research analyst for Goldman Sachs, said. "Steve is a good friend and I am an investor in some of his other ventures and am thrilled to partner with him again on this deal. I couldn't be more excited to see how this horse's career progresses given the brilliance he showed in his second start, especially in light of the fact that he's a May 9 foal with a pedigree that suggests he should get much better as he gets older. It's a cliché, but it's true that he's the kind of horse that keeps you up at nights so I guess I better go buy some more Ambien!"

Far From Over, produced by a graded stakes placed daughter of GI Go For Wand H. heroine Aldiza (Storm Cat), was also a game winner in his two-turn debut at Aqueduct Dec. 12. He is trained by Todd Pletcher.

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WILL IRS RULE CHANGES LEAVE RACING AT THE GATE? By T.D. Thornton

The Internal Revenue Service filed a "notice of proposed rulemaking" and opened a 90-day public comment period on Wednesday that deals with changes to the reporting of gambling winnings. But the proposed changes, as currently written, do not specifically include pari-mutuel wagering.

The IRS's "unified agenda" on this matter, as detailed on the [Federal Register](#) website, only deals with "Winnings From Bingo, Keno, and Slot Machines."

To remedy this, National Thoroughbred Racing Association President Alex Waldrop said he will spearhead an intensely focused awareness campaign over the next three months to get rule makers to recognize the burden of federal tax reporting and withholding requirements for horseplayers.



Alex Waldrop
 Horsephotos

"There are no guarantees that they will see things our way," Waldrop said. "We've still got some work to do. But we are confident that if

the IRS and Treasury Department understand the way the current reporting and withholding obligations are unfair and burdensome to horseplayers, racetracks and even the IRS, they will give us positive consideration."

Waldrop said the caveat for the racing industry may come in the form of an invitation for public comment buried midway through the supplemental section of the rule change that reads:

"These proposed regulations apply to reporting of gambling winnings from bingo, keno, and slot machine play. The Treasury Department and the IRS are aware that taxpayers required to report winnings from pari-mutuel gambling may have concerns similar to those addressed in these proposed regulations...The Treasury Department and the IRS intend to amend the regulations under 31.3402(q)-1 in a manner consistent with these proposed regulations...In addition, comments are requested regarding whether the aggregate reporting method should be available for gambling winnings other than winnings from bingo, keno, and slot machine play."



IRS Changes cont.

When queried by the *TDN* as to how worried the racing industry should be that the term “pari-mutuel” only appears once in the supplemental section and not at all in the actual language of the proposed changes, Waldrop said it’s important to understand that just being included in the “public comment” section is the direct result of a recent NTRA strategy shift.

In previous years, the NTRA had lobbied for amendments to the tax code. But in January, Waldrop and a group of industry officials and horseplayers met directly with an undisclosed “high-ranking” Treasury official to plead the case for gambling tax changes, because that department has the power to interpret the code without altering the underlying statutes.

“What happened here is these [proposed] changes had already been in the works for years by the time we went to the Treasury,” Waldrop explained. “So once we began raising the issues with Treasury and the IRS, they decided to include us in this notice and commentary period. We are, perhaps [being considered] after the fact. But we feel good that we made our case at the right time, in front of a group of regulators who look ready to make changes in this area. So we think it’s well positioned.

“If you try to do make wholesale changes to the tax code, that really requires legislative changes,” Waldrop continued. “What we’re trying to do is work within the confines of existing legislation to get modernization and clarification of existing regulations. If we start taking on things like eliminating withholding or increasing the reporting requirements, what we’ll run afoul of is statutory enactments, and we don’t want to get in that situation.”

An NTRA press release gave the following example of how tax rules might be changed to “lessen racing’s competitive disadvantage against other forms of gaming”:

“The amount wagered by a Pick Six player who hits with one of 140 combinations on a \$1 minimum wager would be \$140, which is the total amount bet into the Pick Six pool. Currently the amount wagered is calculated using only the \$1 bet on the single winning combination. By understating the amount wagered in this manner, the IRS is imposing significant additional reporting and withholding obligations on horseplayers while creating unnecessary paperwork for the IRS.”

Waldrop said he will be asking supporters within the industry to remain focused instead of venting general frustrations with the tax code.

“These don’t need to be random comments, and they don’t need to be comments in general about all [of racing’s] problems with taxation, because there are a myriad of issues we could raise,” Waldrop said. “We’re very targeted. What we’re trying to get the IRS to do in the context of this regulation is very narrow, with a focus on the very specific issues that are in play here.”

Citizens may comment online [here](#) until June 1. A public hearing has been scheduled for June 17.

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‘BRANDI’ SKIPS HONEYBEE FOR REBEL

There has been a lot of buzz surrounding champion **Take Charge Brandi** (Giant’s Causeway) as the racing world waited for her connections to decide whether she



Take Charge Brandi
Coady Photography

would make her next start in Oaklawn’s GIII Honeybee S. Saturday or face the boys for the first time in the GII Rebel S. Mar. 14. The ‘**TDN Rising Star**’ name was absent from the Honeybee field, which drew today, so according to her owner Willis Horton it is on to the Rebel.

It appeared that the filly was likely Rebel bound Monday after breezing five furlongs at Oaklawn in 1:01.80. Following the work, Horton said it had been “pretty much” decided she would go to the Rebel and trainer D. Wayne Lukas was shopping for a jockey.

“I really want to find out how good she is,” Horton said. “If she can beat the boys, I think her better chance of doing that is early than later in the year, because the boys will start really gaining. I’m just wanting to take a chance on beating the boys. I’m just trying to build her resume up.”

Lukas has maintained since December that the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies upsetter was GI Kentucky Oaks bound, and neither Lukas nor Horton have announced any changes to that plan.

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‘BEAST’ POINTS FOR COUNT FLEET

Alex and JoAnn Lieblong’s ‘**TDN Rising Star**’ **The Big Beast** (Yes It’s True) exited his Oaklawn allowance victory Mar. 1 in good order and will make his next start in that venue’s GIII Count Fleet Sprint H. Apr. 9.

“It’s all just turned out very, very good for us,” trainer Tony Dutrow said. “Those horses [in the allowance] made him run. I’ve got nothing but respect for those horses that tried him.”

Sunday’s race was the first start for **The Big Beast** since his victory in Saratoga’s GI King’s Bishop S.

Aug. 23. The hulking bay exited the race with an ankle chip and did not return to training until the fall.

Dutrow had been pointing his charge toward the Hot Springs S. Saturday, but preferred a fourth-level allowance Mar. 1. The allowance did not go, but racing secretary Pat Pope adjusted the conditions and brought it back as an addition to the card.



The Big Beast
Adam Coglianese

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Black-Type Previews cont.

Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 3:00 p.m. EST

FASIG-TIPTON SWALE S.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo, f

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | TRAINER | WT |
|----|----------------------|-----------------|------------|------------|-----|
| 1 | Daredevil (K) | More Than Ready | Castellano | Pletcher | 123 |
| 2 | Souper Colossal (K) | War Front | Lopez | Plesa Jr | 121 |
| 3 | X Y Jet | Kantharos | Rios | Navarro | 117 |
| 4 | Ready for Rye (K) | City Zip | Saez | Albertrani | 117 |
| 5 | Twotwentyfive A | Awsme of Crse | Hernandez | Gold | 121 |
| 6 | Senor Grits | Elusive Quality | Lanerie | Wilkes | 117 |
| 7 | Social Request (K) | Lookin At Lucky | Bravo | Sanchez | 117 |
| 8 | Bluegrass Singer (K) | Bluegrass Cat | Prado | Vitali | 121 |

Saturday, Aqueduct, post time: 4:50 p.m. EST

GOTHAM S.-GIII, \$400,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | TRAINER | WT |
|-----|------------------------|------------------|-----------|------------|-----|
| 1 | Combat Diver | Line of David | Russell | Contessa | 116 |
| 2a | Dontbetwithbruno (K) | Tiz Wonderful | Franco | Pletcher | 116 |
| 3 | Classy Class (K) | Discreetly Mine | Alvarado | McLghln | 116 |
| 4 | El Kabeir | Scat Daddy | Lopez | Trranva II | 123 |
| 5 | Lieutenant Colonel (K) | Colonel John | Carmouche | Brown | 116 |
| 6 | Tiz Shea D (K) | Tiznow | Rice | Mott | 116 |
| 7 | Toasting Master | Congrats | Arroyo | Romans | 116 |
| 8a | Uninfluenced | Indian Charlie | Jara | Pletcher | 116 |
| 9 | Tencendur | Warrior's Reward | Velasquez | Weaver | 116 |
| 10a | Blame Jim | Sharp Humor | Ortiz | Pletcher | 116 |

Saturday, Aqueduct, post time: 2:20 p.m. EST

TOM FOOL H.-GIII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 6f

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | TRAINER | WT |
|----|------------------|------------------|-----------|------------|-----|
| 1 | West Hills Giant | Frost Giant | Franco | Trranva II | 115 |
| 2a | Elevated | Jump Start | Cruz | Schoenthal | 112 |
| 3 | Dads Caps | Discreet Cat | Ortiz | Rodriguez | 123 |
| 4 | Green Gratto | Here's Zealous | Jara | Smith | 115 |
| 5 | Salutos Amigos | Salute the Sarge | Velasquez | Jacobson | 125 |
| 6a | Sonny Inspired | Artie Schiller | Russell | Schoenthal | 114 |
| 7 | Maleeh (K) | Indian Charlie | Alvarado | McLaghln | 114 |

Saturday, Tampa Bay Downs, post time: 4:23 p.m. EST

FLORIDA OAKS-GIII, \$200,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | TRAINER | WT |
|----|-----------------------|------------------|--------------|-----------|-----|
| 1 | Nicky's Brwn Miss (K) | Big Brown | Saez | Capilupi | 116 |
| 2 | Aliquippa (K) | Yes It's True | Coa | Bradley | 116 |
| 3 | Quality Rocks | Rock Hard Ten | Lezcano | Mott | 116 |
| 4 | Tiger Ride | Candy Ride (Arg) | Gallardo | Gorder | 116 |
| 5 | Afleet Mary (K) | Afleet Alex | Centeno | Sano | 116 |
| 6 | Lismore | Tiznow | Ortiz Jr | Weaver | 116 |
| 7 | Consumer Credit (K) | More Than Ready | Zayas | Brown | 120 |
| 8 | Bugle (K) | War Front | Leparoux | Kenneally | 116 |
| 9 | Distorted Type (K) | Distorted Humor | Morales | Bennett | 116 |
| 10 | Season Ticket (K) | Lemon Drop Kid | De La Cruz | Casse | 116 |
| 11 | Get Down Kitten | Kitten's Joy | Rosario | Maker | 116 |
| 12 | Don't Leave Me | Lemon Drop Kid | Contreras | Pierce | 116 |
| 13 | Include Betty (K) | Include | Homeister Jr | Proctor | 116 |
| 14 | Mrs McDougal (K) | Medaglia d'Oro | Velazquez | Brown | 116 |



Stronach & McConnell



Stronach & Wasserman Schultz



Cummings, Stronach & Roth

Frank Stronach, accompanied by former congressman Toby Roth, was on Capitol Hill yesterday to discuss topics including tax reform and his U.S. racing operations. He met with Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, Democrat National Committee Chairwoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz (who represents Gulfstream Park), Congressman Elijah Cummings (who represents Pimlico) and Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Preibus.

Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 4:30 p.m. EST

PALM BEACH S.-GIII, \$150,000, 3yo, 1 1/16mT

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | TRAINER | WT |
|----|-----------------------|------------------|-------------|-----------|-----|
| 1 | Nutty Fuffy | Johar | Valdivia Jr | Van Culin | 116 |
| 2 | Call Me Crazy (K) | Lemon Drop Kid | Saez | Ritvo | 116 |
| 3 | Decision Day | Macho Uno | Prado | Carroll | 116 |
| 4 | Bears Personality (K) | Awesome Again | Lopez | Baker | 116 |
| 5 | Night Prowler | Giant's Causeway | Castellano | Brown | 116 |
| 6 | Croninthebarbarian | Stroll | Bravo | Simms | 116 |
| 7 | Felifran (K) | Discreet Cat | Lanerie | Delgado | 116 |
| 8 | Eh Cumpari (K) | Elusive Quality | Caraballo | Dilger | 116 |
| 9 | Divisidero (K) | Kitten's Joy | Hernandez | Bradley | 116 |

Saturday, Tampa Bay Downs, post time: 4:53 p.m. EST

HILLSBOROUGH S.-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | TRAINER | WT |
|----|------------------------|------------------|--------------|-----------|-----|
| 1 | Ball Dancing (K) | Exchange Rate | Zayas | Brown | 122 |
| 2 | Stephanie's Kitten (K) | Kitten's Joy | Velazquez | Brown | 122 |
| 3 | Pink Poppy | Tiznow | Vega | Hennessy | 118 |
| 4 | Principessa Ava (Ire) | Ad Valorem | Saez | Sheppard | 118 |
| 5 | Lots o' Lex | Kitalpha | Homeister Jr | Aschinger | 116 |
| 6 | Maria Maria (K) | Curlin | Gallardo | DiVito | 116 |
| 7 | Speed Seeker | Heatseeker (Ire) | Rodriguez | Scott | 120 |
| 8 | Night Song | Midnight Lute | Contreras | Tarrant | 116 |
| 9 | Filimbi | Mizzen Mast | Rosario | Mott | 122 |
| 10 | Lori's Store (K) | El Prado (Ire) | Centeno | Wolfson | 116 |
| 11 | St. Borealis | War Chant | Morales | Maker | 116 |
| 12 | Sparkling Review | Lemon Drop Kid | Leparoux | Colebrook | 122 |

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"If we had no choice but to run in the stake, we would have," Dutrow said. "But we really didn't want to ask the 'Beast' to run a superior race first time out in over six months."

A troubled second in his Oaklawn debut last March, The Big Beast was third next out at Belmont after hitting the gate and enduring a very wide trip May 3. A decisive graduate in Elmont next out June 8, the bay was tabbed a Rising Star after an impressive allowance victory at the Spa July 26 prior to his success in the King's Bishop.

BREEDERS' CUP TICKETS SELL FAST

Tickets for the 2015 Breeders' Cup at Keeneland Race Course in Lexington went on sale yesterday afternoon, and by the end of the day, some 25,000 tickets had been sold through 5,500 unique transactions. Business was brisk, as several would-be buyers experienced long waits in 'queues' and in some cases were booted from the site due to the heavy traffic. Most of the reserved seating for the two days of action Oct. 30 and 31 were sold out within hours, however officials at the Breeders' Cup hastened to add that some general admission tickets remained available for both days and there was limited availability in the trackside Bourbon Lounge at the top of the stretch. There is also seating remaining in the Entertainment Center and the Keene Barn. Total ticketing for the 2015 Breeders' Cup is projected at 77,000 for the two days (tickets for The Hill & The Meadow are per car, and allow access of all occupants of the car, so the estimated attendance is 42,000-45,000 each day). After today's public sales, 60,000 of those tickets have been sold, leaving approximately 17,000 available.

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Saturday, Santa Anita Park, post time: 8:00 p.m. EST

SANTA ANITA H.-GI, \$1,000,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/4m

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | TRAINER | WT |
|----|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----|
| 1 | Cool Samurai | First Samurai | Gryder | Shirreffs | 114 |
| 2 | Diamond Bachelor (K) | War Front | Pedroza | Biancone | 114 |
| 3 | Sr. Quisqueyano | Exclusive Quality | Talamo | Walder | 115 |
| 4 | Dynamic Sky | Sky Mesa | Nakatani | Casse | 117 |
| 5 | Shared Belief | Candy Ride (Arg) | Smith | Hlindrfr | 125 |
| 6 | Moreno | Ghostzapper | Gonzalez | Guillot | 121 |
| 7 | Patrioticandproud (K) | Proud Citizen | Trujillo | Casse | 116 |
| 8 | You Know I Know | Simon Pure | Van Dyke | Sadler | 115 |
| 9 | Crimson Giant | Formal Gold | Boulanger | Stutts | 114 |
| 10 | Imperative (K) | Bernardini | Desrmeux | Ppaprdmu | 117 |
| 11 | Bronzo (Chi) | Fusaichi Pegasus | Baze | Drysdale | 117 |
| 12 | Catch a Flight (Arg) | Giant's Causeway | Stevens | Mandella | 114 |
| 13 | Hard Aces | Hard Spun | Espinoza | Sadler | 115 |

Saturday, Santa Anita Park, post time: 7:30 p.m. EST

FRANK E. KILROE MILE S.-GI, \$400,000, 4yo/up, 1mT

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | TRAINER | WT |
|----|---------------------|-------------------|----------|-----------|-----|
| 1 | Talco (Fr) | Pivotal (GB) | Gonzalez | Sadler | 118 |
| 2 | Hay Dude (GB) | Dubawi (Ire) | Dsrmeaux | D'Amato | 118 |
| 3 | Winning Prize (Arg) | Pure Prize | Bejarano | Drysdale | 120 |
| 4 | Holy Lute (K) | Midnight Lute | Baze | Cassidy | 118 |
| 5 | Mr. Commons | Artie Schiller | Garcia | Shirreffs | 118 |
| 6 | Silentio | Silent Name (Jpn) | Prat | Mandella | 118 |
| 7 | Mega Heat | Unusual Heat | Nakatani | Eurton | 118 |
| 8 | Summer Front (K) | War Front | Espinoza | Clement | 118 |
| 9 | Home Run Kitten | Kitten's Joy | Stevens | Hofmans | 118 |
| 10 | Ring Weekend (K) | Tapit | Van Dyke | Motion | 118 |
| 11 | Za Approval | Ghostzapper | Smith | Casse | 118 |
| 12 | Dimension (GB) | Medicean (GB) | Talamo | Murphy | 118 |

Saturday, Santa Anita Park, post time: 6:00 p.m. EST

SAN FELIPE S.-GII, \$400,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | TRAINER | WT |
|----|--------------------|-----------------|------------|----------|-----|
| 1 | Lord Nelson (K) | Pulpit | Bejarano | Baffert | 118 |
| 2 | Ocho Ocho Ocho (K) | Street Sense | Smith | Cassidy | 120 |
| 3 | Dortmund (K) | Big Brown | Garcia | Baffert | 123 |
| 4 | The Gomper (K) | Sky Mesa | Baze | Ellis | 118 |
| 5 | Kenjisstorm | Stormy Atlantic | Delgadillo | Ppaprdmu | 118 |
| 6 | Prospect Park | Tapit | Dsrmeaux | Sise Jr | 118 |
| 7 | Bolo | Temple City | Espinoza | Gaines | 118 |
| 8 | Pulmarack | Lucky Pulpit | Van Dyke | Hlindrfr | 118 |
| 9 | Sir Samson | Smart Strike | Talamo | Koriner | 118 |
| 10 | Pain and Misery | Bob and John | Prat | Mandella | 118 |

Saturday, Tampa Bay Downs, post time: 5:23 p.m. EST

TAMPA BAY DERBY-GII, \$350,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | TRAINER | WT |
|----|---------------------|------------------|-----------|------------|-----|
| 1 | Divining Rod | Tapit | Garcia | Delacour | 116 |
| 2 | Ocean Knight | Curlin | Ortiz Jr | McLaughlin | 120 |
| 3 | Carpe Diem (K) | Giant's Causeway | Velazquez | Pletcher | 122 |
| 4 | Ami's Flatter | Flatter | Contreras | Carroll | 116 |
| 5 | My Johnny Be Good | Colonel John | Gallardo | Harty | 116 |
| 6 | Souper Colossal (K) | War Front | Rosario | Plesa Jr | 120 |
| 7 | Great Stuff (K) | Quality Road | Goncalves | Wilkes | 116 |
| 8 | Moonlight Bandit | Malibu Moon | Lezcano | Casse | 116 |
| 9 | Danzig Moon (K) | Malibu Moon | Leparoux | Casse | 116 |

Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 5:00 p.m. EST

GULFSTREAM PARK H.-GII, \$300,000, 4yo/up, 1m

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | TRAINER | WT |
|----|-------------------|----------------|------------|---------|-----|
| 1 | Honor Code | A.P. Indy | Castellano | McGhy | 116 |
| 2 | Wicked Strong (K) | Hard Spun | Maragh | Jerkens | 120 |
| 3 | East Hall | Graeme Hall | Saez | Kaplan | 115 |
| 4 | Loverbil | Not for Love | Marquez Jr | Navarro | 113 |
| 5 | Private Zone (K) | Macho Uno | Pedroza | Navarro | 122 |
| 6 | Valid (K) | Medaglia d'Oro | Lopez | Vitali | 117 |

Saturday, Santa Anita Park, post time: 7:00 p.m. EST

SAN CARLOS S.-GII, \$250,000, 4yo/up, 7f

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | TRAINER | WT |
|----|-----------------------|-----------------|----------|------------|-----|
| 1 | Chitu (K) | Henny Hughes | Garcia | Baffert | 118 |
| 2 | Outside Nashville (K) | Broken Vow | Dsrmeaux | Hlindrfr | 118 |
| 3 | Majestic City (K) | City Zip | Baze | Ellis | 118 |
| 4 | Conquest Two Step | Two Step Salsa | Talamo | Casse | 123 |
| 5 | Kobe's Back | Flatter | Stevens | Eurton | 118 |
| 6 | El Nino Terrible (K) | Malibu Moon | Perez | Miller | 118 |
| 7 | Wild Dude | Wildcat Heir | Bejarano | Hlindrfr | 118 |
| 8 | Midnight Hawk | Midnight Lute | Espinoza | Baffert | 118 |
| 9 | Blues Blaster | Redattore (Brz) | Sanchez | Dillenbeck | 118 |



Saturday, Oaklawn Park, post time: 5:38 p.m. EST
HONEYBEE S.-GIII, \$150,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | TRAINER | WT |
|----|-------------------|------------------|------------|----------|-----|
| 1 | Desert Valley | Desert Party | Spieth | Broberg | 115 |
| 2 | Oceanwave | Harlan's Holiday | Bridgmohan | Catalano | 117 |
| 3 | Super Saks | Sky Mesa | Thompson | Lukas | 115 |
| 4 | Bootsy's Girl | Summer Bird | Hill | Gorder | 115 |
| 5 | Pangburn | Congrats | Castanon | McPeek | 119 |
| 6 | Indian Annie | Indian Charlie | Santana Jr | Asmussen | 117 |
| 7 | Purr | Bluegrass Cat | Johnson | Hartlage | 115 |
| 8 | Sarah Sis | Sharp Humor | Felix | Mason | 117 |
| 9 | Promise Me Silver | Silver City | Berry | Calhoun | 117 |

THOROUGHBRED RACING ECONOMIC INDICATORS FOR FEBRUARY 2015

| Indicator | U.S. Wagering* | U.S. Purses | Race Days |
|-----------|-----------------|---------------|-----------|
| Feb 2015 | \$763,403,451 | \$60,854,668 | 277 |
| Feb 2014 | \$792,403,983 | \$62,460,190 | 281 |
| % Change | -3.66% | -2.57% | -1.42% |
| YTD 2015 | \$1,575,985,375 | \$126,881,597 | 583 |
| YTD 2014 | \$1,592,793,471 | \$129,716,108 | 586 |
| % Change | -1.06% | -2.19% | -0.51% |

Stats provided by Equibase Company
 *Includes worldwide commingled wagering on U.S. races.



BELARDO HEADS 83 ENTRIES FOR 2000

GUINEAS A total of 83 colts have been entered for the G1 2000 Guineas, to be run at Newmarket's Rowley Mile racecourse May 2. The Classic contest was the highest-rated 3-year-old race in the world in 2014 according to figures disclosed Tuesday by the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities. The top seven 2-year-old colts of last season on official ratings were given an entry, headed by European Juvenile Champion **Belardo (Ire)** (Lope de Vega {Ire}), winner of the race that has proved the best signpost to Guineas glory, the G1 Dewhurst S.



Belardo
Racing Post

Next on the ratings list come **Charming Thought (GB)** (Oasis Dream {GB})

and **Ivawood (Ire)** (Zebedee {GB}), who were only separated by a nose in the G1 Middle Park S. over six furlongs, and **Elm Park (GB)** (Phoenix Reach {Ire}), the impressive winner of the G1 Racing Post Trophy over a mile. The Andrew Balding-trainee is set to begin his 2015 campaign in the Classic.

"He is a Group 2 winner over the course and distance [in the G2 Royal Lodge S.] and we are all in agreement that the Guineas is the best first race for him--it ticks a lot of the boxes," Balding said before adding, "I am delighted with him. He has developed well physically over the winter and has been cantering for a while now."

Foreign trainers account for almost 30% of the entries and no current trainer has a better record in the race than the six-time winner Aidan O'Brien. The Ballydoyle wizard is represented by 10 entries, headed by **Gleneagles (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), the G1 National S. scorer who was later disqualified from first place in the G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere, and **Highland Reel (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), who has not been seen since his ready success in the G2 Vintage S. at Goodwood in July. The French challenge is led by the unbeaten beneficiary of that Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere disqualification **Full Mast (Mizzen Mast)**, while America is represented by the Wesley Ward-trained **Hootenanny (Quality Road)**, runner-up to fellow entry **The Wow Signal (Ire)** (Starspangledbanner {Aus}) in the G1 Prix Morny last August and subsequent winner of the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf.

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FABRE AIMING FOR REPEAT IN 1000 GUINEAS

One year on from annexing the G1 1000 Guineas with Miss France (Ire) (Dansili {GB}), 26-time French Champion trainer Andre Fabre is out to land a repeat victory with G3 Prix d'Arenberg winner and G1 Cheveley Park S. third **High Celebrity (Fr)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) Sunday, May 3. High Celebrity is one of 29 overseas-trained hopes among the 63 entries for the £410,000 Group 1 contest which closed Tuesday.

"High Celebrity has done well over the winter and I am happy with her, she was already well developed as a 2-year-old but she has put on weight," Fabre said. "She had a rest at a stud farm and has been back with me for a month and a half," the conditioner added. "We are aiming her at Newmarket and the plan is to run her at Maisons-Laffitte in the



High Celebrity
Scoop Dyga

G3 Prix Imprudence, the same prep race that we used for Miss France. It fits in nicely to her training program as it is a full month before the Guineas."

Fabre continued, "She was a bit surprised by the undulations when she finished third in the Cheveley Park and her jockey could never really get her on the bridle. But the experience of the Rowley Mile will have done her good and I am confident that she will handle it better next time." The master of Chantilly has also given G3 Prix Thomas Bryon scorer **Alea lacta (GB)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) an entry for the Newmarket classic, but indicated that she was more likely to stay in France. **Cont. p17**



Subsequent European joint-champion juvenile filly **Tiggy Wiggy (Ire)** (Kodiac {GB}) and G2 Queen Mary S. heroine **Anthem Alexander (Ire)** (Starspangledbanner {Aus}), are the two fillies High Celebrity chased home in the Cheveley Park S. and the trio could clash again in the 1000 Guineas. Outside of Anthem Alexander, Ireland has three more strong 1000 Guineas candidates in G1 Prix Marcel Boussac winner and joint highest-rated juvenile filly **Found (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), **Together Forever (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), who took the G1 Fillies' Mile over course and distance, and Godolphin's **Lucida (Ire)** (Shamardal), who finished fifth in the Fillies' Mile but had earlier made a big impression when landing the G2 Rockfel S. The Fillies' Classic could also witness the presence of American raider **Sunset Glow** (Exchange Rate). Trained by Wesley Ward, Sunset Glow finished second in the G3 Royal Albany S. at Royal Ascot on her previous British trip and subsequently returned home to notch a Grade I success in the Del Mar Debutante S. prior to running second to Lady Eli (Divine Park) in the G1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf.

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HUGHES TO RETIRE AT END OF SEASON

Richard Hughes, who was crowned British Champion jockey for the last three seasons, has revealed that he will retire from the saddle at the end of 2015 and take up training in Stockton, Hampshire. The Irish-born 42-year-old was in Newmarket Wednesday to attend a trainer's course at the British Racing School and told *Racing Post*, "I feel physically like I could ride for another five years. My weight is fine and my hunger is



Richard Hughes
Racing Post

as strong as ever. I still have a huge desire to ride as many winners as I can but I know I can't ride forever. However, I know I can train nearly forever and I want my children to grow up in a training yard in the same way I did."

Hughes's most successful season so far was in 2013 when he notched 208 wins, a staggering 21% of his rides, including his first ever British Classics, the 1000 Guineas with Sky Lantern (Ire) and Oaks on

board Talent (GB). He enjoyed a highly fruitful association with the Juddmonte stable in the early 2000s, riding Zenda (GB), American Post (GB) and Nebraska Tornado (GB) to French Classic glory, as well as partnering the great Oasis Dream (GB) to success in the G1 July Cup and G1 Nunthorpe S. among other Group 1 wins. In recent years, Hughes has notably been on board most runners sent out by his father-in-law Richard Hannon Sr., and the successful teamwork has continued under Richard Hannon Jr., with big-race winners including Toronado (Ire), Olympic Glory (Ire), Tiggy Wiggy (Ire) and the aforementioned Sky Lantern. His current tally at the highest level is in excess of 40 wins.

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'PANTHER' PREPS FOR GOLD CUP

Brown Panther (GB) (Shirocco {Ger}) is firmly on course for the G2 DRC Gold Cup at Meydan at the end of this month after pleasing connections in a routine spin after racing at Wolverhampton Monday. It is almost four years since Tom Dascombe's stayer reduced part-owner and ex-footballer Michael Owen to tears with a victory at Royal Ascot and there were similarly joyous scenes in the winner's enclosure at The Curragh last autumn after he delivered the Group 1 prize he had long promised in the G1 Irish St Leger. The 7-year-old did not figure on his final start of 2014 in the G1 Breeders' Cup Turf, but Dascombe reports his stable star to have returned from his winter break as good as ever and is confident his boundless enthusiasm remains intact ahead of Dubai World Cup night Mar. 28.

"He just had a canter round Wolverhampton with a pony, just to take the freshness out of him more than anything," said Dascombe. "He seems in great form at the moment and, all being well, we're on course to run in the Gold Cup. We've been delighted with him since he came back into work. He doesn't actually go anywhere during the winter, we just turn him out for a bit and then bring him back and he's a horse that seems to really thrive on exercise."



Brown Panther
Racing Post

Richard Kingscote has steered Brown Panther to nine of his 10 career triumphs and although he has been sidelined since suffering a horrific fall at Wolverhampton in November, he is set for an imminent return as he aims to get race fitness under his belt before his Dubai mission.

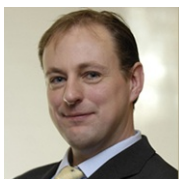
"Richard rode the horse [at Wolverhampton] and unless something goes wrong in the next couple of weeks, he'll ride him in Dubai," added Dascombe. "We've jocked him up on a couple at Wolverhampton this weekend, so hopefully he'll be back in action then."

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INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

by JAMES WILLOUGHBY

When Sheikh Mohammed's bloodstock adviser John Ferguson took out a licence to train over jumps, this code of racing popular in Britain and Ireland suddenly became more interesting. Watching blue-blooded ex-Maktoum family horses in regular conflict with jumping types promised to be a novelty, even to those of us with limited interest in so-called National Hunt racing.



John Ferguson *Racing Post*

Ferguson had his first runner over jumps in 2010, since then he has built up a thriving operation at his Bloomfields property at Cowlinge, near Newmarket. Next week, he has several fancied runners at the Festival at

Cheltenham, the annual showpiece of jumps racing at which many of the code's championships are decided.

Many of the horses Ferguson trains would have had a limited shelf-life at the top level of the sport on the Flat. They may also have been ill-served by the confines of racing at the Classic distances. But the perception among many jumps-racing traditionalists is that they would lack the toughness necessary for jumping obstacles and running long distances, often in the mud.

| Year | Runs | Wins | Win% | BFxWins | A/E |
|---------------|------------|------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| 2010 | 5 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.29 | 0.00 |
| 2011 | 35 | 13 | 37.1 | 7.69 | 1.69 |
| 2012 | 105 | 21 | 20.0 | 23.12 | 0.91 |
| 2013 | 211 | 48 | 22.8 | 48.39 | 0.99 |
| 2014 | 220 | 57 | 25.9 | 52.26 | 1.09 |
| 2015 | 47 | 13 | 27.7 | 13.93 | 0.93 |
| Total: | 623 | 152 | 24.4 | 145.68 | 1.04 |

Table 1: John Ferguson career training record

To a large extent, the prior belief of some about Ferguson's horses requires updating. The evidence summarized in Table 1 from the racing database Proform (www.proformracing.com) proves they have outrun expectation.

The important column is "A/E" or Actual Winners divided by Expected Winners. This is a key metric which sums the win probabilities of all Ferguson's horses according to the exchange betting platform Betfair (www.betfair.com) (BF xWins) and divides the total into the winners realized on the track (Wins). The resulting ratio in the bottom-right corner of the table indicates that the sample of runners contains 4% more winners than expected by the wisdom of the jumping crowd's betting volume.

In other words, it constitutes counterfactual evidence to the notion that the horses selected for jumping by Ferguson, even if not lacking in speed and class, would be held back by lack of toughness.

Using the same statistical dimensions as in Table 1, we can analyze Ferguson's horses by their sire. You could be forgiven for glancing at Table 2 and thinking it represented Godolphin

winner at Royal Ascot, but these numbers are derived from racing over hurdles, fences and in so-called National Hunt Flat races which are confined to horses intended as jumping prospects.



Cheltenham Crowds *Racing Post*

The sample sizes in Table 2 are less than those required for statistical significance, but it is interesting to see how well Ferguson-trained horses by Dubawi and Monsun have done, compared with expectation, as reflected in the A/E statistic explained above. How about we now look at the records of these sires over jumps for all trainers in Britain and Ireland, while considering they may have distaff backgrounds disjoint from the set of Ferguson-trained horses.

| Sire | Runners | Wins | Win% | BFxWins | A/E |
|-------------------|---------|------|-------|---------|------|
| Cape Cross | 58 | 16 | 27.59 | 14.17 | 1.13 |
| Dubawi | 43 | 13 | 30.23 | 9.68 | 1.34 |
| Street Cry | 40 | 9 | 22.50 | 8.18 | 1.10 |
| King's Best | 29 | 5 | 17.24 | 4.04 | 1.24 |
| Singspiel | 24 | 8 | 33.33 | 6.47 | 1.24 |
| Authorized | 24 | 9 | 37.50 | 7.80 | 1.15 |
| Monsun | 23 | 9 | 39.13 | 6.33 | 1.42 |
| Dubai Destination | 23 | 6 | 26.09 | 5.77 | 1.04 |
| Shirocco | 19 | 2 | 10.53 | 3.77 | 0.53 |
| Teofilo | 19 | 6 | 31.58 | 4.84 | 1.24 |
| Tiger Hill | 19 | 4 | 21.05 | 3.39 | 1.18 |
| Motivator | 18 | 5 | 27.78 | 5.93 | 0.84 |

Table 2: John Ferguson-trained horses by sire, leaders by number of runs

Collectively, the set of horses by the sires in Table 3 have a solid, yet unremarkable record over jumps. Of course, this is hardly surprising: the motivation for their use as stallions was to produce horses for races on the Flat, so it is likely there is a proliferation of cast-offs and failures within the sample. Therefore, to make generalizations about their potency as jumps stallions would be to fall for one of the many problems that racing statistics tend to have: selection bias. Ferguson-trained horses, while far from being unblemished, gleaming specimens at the zenith of their athletic potential, are actually more carefully chosen for their new role.



James Willoughby cont.

On this point, Ferguson is applying a specific set of criteria for horses who enter training at Bloomfields. He has an understanding of the elements of a pedigree which imply jumps-racing toughness and feels this is



Watching the races *Racing Post*

important. Table 1 shows that his strike-rate has increased over the last four years (not seasons) yet his A/E stat is smaller. Maybe this is just noise; maybe the market is gaining more respect for his runners.

Ferguson has yet to saddle a winner at the Cheltenham Festival, though the likes of Qewy (by Street Cry), Parlour Games (Monsun) and Devilment (Cape Cross) are among those with chances this time, and, if Ferguson is correct, they may be better equipped to deal with strongly run races on the stiff track with its famous hill.

| Sire | Runners | Wins | Win% | BFXWins | A/E |
|-------------------|---------|------|-------|---------|------|
| Cape Cross | 898 | 98 | 10.91 | 95.56 | 1.03 |
| Dubawi | 308 | 63 | 20.45 | 46.64 | 1.35 |
| Street Cry | 330 | 41 | 12.42 | 35.79 | 1.15 |
| King's Best | 1519 | 157 | 10.34 | 160.52 | 0.98 |
| Singspiel | 698 | 73 | 10.46 | 81.88 | 0.89 |
| Authorized | 212 | 40 | 18.87 | 34.22 | 1.17 |
| Monsun | 590 | 83 | 14.07 | 86.29 | 0.96 |
| Dubai Destination | 765 | 83 | 10.85 | 91.50 | 1.04 |
| Shirocco | 299 | 52 | 17.39 | 41.96 | 1.24 |
| Teofilo | 108 | 16 | 14.81 | 15.83 | 1.01 |
| Tiger Hill | 741 | 62 | 8.37 | 79.91 | 0.78 |
| Motivator | 403 | 54 | 13.40 | 52.58 | 1.03 |

Table 3: Leading sires of John Ferguson-trained horses, record for all trainers over jumps

It's certainly worth noting one factor which has formerly influenced the fate of Ferguson runners: the going. Dividing all races in which he has had a runner according to the speed of the surface, as calculated by Proform, Table 4 shows the trainer's results.

| PF Going | Run | Wins | Win% | BFXWins | A/E |
|--------------|-----|------|-------|---------|------|
| Fastest | 170 | 48 | 28.24 | 42.13 | 1.14 |
| Good | 164 | 39 | 23.78 | 37.28 | 1.05 |
| Good to Soft | 119 | 28 | 23.53 | 26.49 | 1.06 |
| Softest | 170 | 37 | 21.76 | 39.76 | 0.93 |

Table 4: Ferguson-trained runners conditioned by Proform-calculated surface speed

The results follow intuition--every intern in every pedigree department in the racing world should have been able to predict them.

The softer it gets, the more Bloomfields horses tend to lose their edge--those who act well on soft ground, arguably, for they are tested too severely for stamina. A total of 37 horses still managed to win on the softest surfaces on which jump racing takes place, softer than anything suitable for Flat racing, but they do so at a lower strike-rate and A/E ratio than under faster conditions. Extrapolated to the punishing environment of Cheltenham, it is clear that horses with pedigrees like Ferguson's don't want the additional demands of the mud.

Whether you love the Festival or wouldn't draw the curtains if they ran the Cheltenham Gold Cup in your back garden, there are some interesting insights into the Thoroughbred accessible by its study. Some horses don't or couldn't reach their full potential on the Flat and are suited by the more rugged conditions of racing over jumps; some horses are actually good at both disciplines. Few are better placed to understand the elements of a pedigree that might predispose a useful horse on the Flat to become a champion over jumps, after the manner of, say, the legendary Istabraq, who was Maktoum-family bred and won three G1 Champion Hurdles at Cheltenham for trainer Aidan O'Brien.

Ferguson might not have won big races at the Cheltenham Festival yet, but it won't take him long to figure out how to improve his chances. If a Bloomfields horse comes along which passes the racecourse test of heart, affinity and stamina, it will certainly have the ability.

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HIT THE SKY (IRE), 13, Cozzene--Cerulean Sky (Ire) by Darshaan (GB)
Foal born Feb. 8, a filly by Dubawi (Ire).
Mare visiting: Invincible Spirit (Ire)
Owned by Cotton House Bloodstock
Boarded at Knocktoran Stud, Ireland
Accomplishments: Dam of Royal Bench (Ire) (Whipper), GSW-Fr and G1SP-HK, \$1,052,028; Memphis Tennessee (Ire) (Hurricane Run {Ire}), GSW-Eng & G1SP-Ire, \$374,897; and Mayhem (Ire) (Whipper), SW & GSP-Fr, \$165,889.

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Wednesday, Ellerslie, New Zealand
BARFOOT & THOMPSON AUCKLAND CUP-G1,
 NZ\$500,000 (NZ\$379,076), ELL, 3-4, 3yo/up, 16fT,
 3:21.74, gd.

1--▲**ROCK DIVA (NZ), 115, f, 4, by Lucky Unicorn (Aus)**
1st Dam: Bohemian Blues (NZ), by Blues Traveller (Aus)
2nd Dam: Winter's Tale (NZ), by Icelandic (Ire)
3rd Dam: Gay Sonnet (NZ), by Solaboy
 (NZ\$200,000 yrl '12 NZBPPE). O-Raffles Dancers
 (NZ) Pty Ltd; B-Mrs M R & V Trillo; T-Tony Pike;
 J-Mark du Plessis. NZ\$300,000. Lifetime Record:
 15-3-2-4, NZ\$432,989. *1/2 to Shamrock (NZ)
 (O'Reilly {NZ}), Ch. 3yo Filly-Aus, MG1SW-Aus. [Click](#)
[for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#) **Werk Nick**
Rating: A.

2--**King Kamada (NZ), 117, g, 5, Shinko King (Ire)--**
Marsanne (NZ), by General Nediym (Aus).
 (NZ\$45,000 2yo '11 NZBRTR). O-Kamada Racing;
 B-Argonaut Racing & Breeding Ltd & Ms D J Martin;
 T-Lisa Latta. NZ\$87,500.

3--**Pondarosa Miss (NZ), 122, f, 4, High Chaparral (Ire)--**
Bak da Princess (NZ), by Danske (NZ). (NZ\$70,000
 RNA yrl '12 NZBPPE). O-S A Fletcher, D B & P G
 Hollinshead, C R & R J Hoyes, G R Hunt, W M
 Jensen, M McCullough, L & T Ropiha, Mrs K M Scott,
 Three In One; B-D B & P G Hollinshead; T-Peter
 Hollinshead. NZ\$42,500.

Margins: 3/4, 1 1/4, 1 1/4. Odds: 3.90, 7.00, 8.40.
 Also Ran: Show the World (NZ), El Soldado (NZ),
 Benzini (Aus), Graphic (NZ), She's Insatiable(NZ), Blood
 Brotha (NZ), Go Joeli (NZ), Surpass (NZ), Duquesa (NZ),
 Lion Red (NZ), Blizzard (NZ), Quest (NZ), Colonel
 Carrera (NZ), Delveen (Aus). Scratched: Perfect Start
 (NZ), Sworntoperfection (NZ), Tokomutu Judge (NZ).
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[catalogue-style pedigree.](#) [VIDEO.](#)

Friday evening, Randwick, Australia, post time: 11:30 p.m. EST
GIRVAN WAUGH RANDWICK GUINEAS-G1, A\$600,000
 (US\$468,814), 3yo, 1600mT

| SC | PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | TRAINER |
|----|----|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------|------------|
| 1 | 1 | Hallowed Crown (Aus) | Street Sense | Bowman | B/J Cumngs |
| 2 | 7 | Preferment (NZ) | Zabeel (NZ) | Collett | Waller |
| 3 | 2 | Shooting to Win (Aus) | Northern Meteor (Aus) | Shinn | Snowdens |
| 4 | 3 | Scissor Kick (Aus) | Redte's Chce (Aus) | Angland | Messara |
| 5 | 8 | Sweynesse (Aus) | Lonhro (Aus) | McDonald | O'Shea |
| 6 | 5 | Kermadec (NZ) | Teofilo (Ire) | Scr | Scr |
| 7 | 6 | Rhodin Drive (Aus) | Reset (Aus) | Cassidy | Markwell |
| 8 | 4 | Sworn to Silence (NZ) | Keeper (Aus) | Purton | Heys |

All carry 125 pounds.

Saturday, Flemington, Australia, post time: 12:30 a.m. EST
AUSTRALIAN GUINEAS-G1, A\$500,000 (US\$380,809), 3yo, 1600mT

| SC | PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | TRAINER |
|----|----|----------------------|----------------------|-------------|------------|
| 1 | 6 | Rommel (Aus) | Commands (Aus) | S Parnham | N Parnham |
| 2 | 1 | Petrology (Aus) | Fastnet Rock (Aus) | Hall | Hys/Dbrng |
| 3 | 5 | Admiral (Aus) | Mossman (Aus) | Dunn | Campbell |
| 4 | 16 | Testa Shadow (Aus) | Testa Rossa (Aus) | Scr | Scr |
| 5 | 4 | Stratum Star (Aus) | Stratum (Aus) | B Rawiller | Weir |
| 6 | 11 | Chivalry (Aus) | Street Cry (Ire) | Lane | Kavanagh |
| 7 | 10 | Wandjina (Aus) | Snitzel (Aus) | Prebble | Waterhouse |
| 8 | 12 | Merion (NZ) | O'Reilly (NZ) | Arnold | Moroney |
| 9 | 8 | Kermadec (NZ) | Teofilo (Ire) | N Rawiller | Waller |
| 10 | 7 | Alpine Eagle (Aus) | High Chaparral (Ire) | Whyte | McEvoy |
| 11 | 13 | Firehouse Rock (Aus) | Fastnet Rock (Aus) | Walker | Hys/Dbrng |
| 12 | 15 | Lucky Liberty (Aus) | Statue of Liberty | Payne | Dwyer |
| 13 | 3 | Minnesinger (Aus) | Lonhro (Aus) | Williams | Freedmans |
| 14 | 17 | Rod's Opinion (Aus) | God's Own (Aus) | King | J Hickmott |
| 15 | 2 | Fontein Ruby (Aus) | Turffontein (Aus) | C Schofield | Smerdon |
| 16 | 4 | Sweet & Speedy (Aus) | Street Cry (Ire) | Nolen | Moody |
| 17 | 9 | Manapine (Aus) | Manhattan Rain (Aus) | Winks | Blackiston |

All carry 125 pounds, bar Fontein Ruby & Sweet and Speedy, 120.

Saturday, Randwick, Australia, post time: 12:10 a.m. EST
GIRVAN WAUGH RANDWICK GUINEAS-G1, A\$500,000
 (US\$380,809), 3yo/up, 1300mT

| SC | PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | TRAINER |
|----|----|------------------------|-----------------------|----------|------------|
| 1 | 8 | Sacred Falls (NZ) | O'Reilly (NZ) | Purton | Waller |
| 2 | 4 | Criterion (NZ) | Sebring (Aus) | Bowman | Hys/Dbrng |
| 3 | 9 | Tiger Tees (NZ) | Dubawi (Ire) | Reith | Pride |
| 4 | 7 | Fontelina (Aus) | Testa Rossa (Aus) | Avdulla | A Cumngs |
| 5 | 2 | Hooked (Aus) | Casino Prince (Aus) | Shinn | Thompson |
| 6 | 5 | Leebaz (NZ) | Zabeel (NZ) | Berry | Hawkeses |
| 7 | 6 | Royal Descent (Aus) | Redte's Chce (Aus) | McEvoy | Waller |
| 8 | 3 | Catkins (Aus) | Dubawi (Ire) | Cassidy | Waller |
| 9 | 1 | Cosmic Endeavour (Aus) | Northern Meteor (Aus) | McDonald | Waterhouse |

All carry 130 pounds, bar Royal Descent, Catkins & Cosmic Endeavour, 126.

UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

| Date | Race | Track |
|-------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Mar. 7 | GI Frank E. Kilroe Mile | SA |
| | GI Santa Anita H. | SA |
| | GII Tampa Bay Derby | TAM |
| | GII Gulfstream Park H. | GP |
| | GII San Carlos S. | SA |
| | GII San Felipe S. | SA |
| | GII Swale S. | GP |
| | GIII Palm Beach S. | GP |
| | GIII Gotham S. | AQU |
| | GIII Tom Fool H. | AQU |
| | GIII Florida Oaks | TAM |
| Mar. 8 | GIII Hillsborough S. | TAM |
| | GIII Honeybee S. | OP |
| | GIII Las Flores S. | SA |
| | Mar. 14 | GI Santa Margarita S. |
| GII Azeri S. | | OP |
| GII Rebel S. | | OP |
| GIII Razorback H. | | OP |
| Mar. 21 | GII Inside Information S. | GP |
| | GII Royal Delta S. | GP |
| | GII San Luis Rey S. | SA |
| | GIII Bourbonette Oaks | TP |
| | GIII Spiral S. | TP |
| | Mar. 22 | GIII Sunland Derby |

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New York

Robert Lake Passes Away:

By Mike Kane

Retired trainer Robert Lake, a stalwart in New York for four decades, died Wednesday at the age of 82 at Saratoga Hospital.

Lake settled in Saratoga Springs in 1999 after a 49-year career that began July 7, 1950, when the 17-year-old won with the first horse he saddled, Big Fly, at Pleasanton, CA. He was born Aug. 18, 1932 in San Francisco. His introduction to racing came as 7-year-old selling newspapers at the old Tanforan Racetrack. After gaining experience as a trainer in his home state, Lake moved to Chicago and then on to New York in the early 1960s.



For most of his career, Lake operated a public stable, but for five years in the 1970s, he was the private trainer for Alfred G. Vanderbilt. Among the top runners he handled for Vanderbilt was North Sea, who won the GII Westchester H., the GIII Paumonok H., the Minuteman H. and the Jennings H. and placed in three other stakes in a span of 10 months. In the 1972 Minuteman at Liberty Bell Park in Philadelphia, he defeated that year's Preakness winner, Bee Bee Bee.

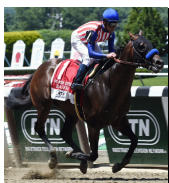
Among the other successful horses that Lake trained were Vanderbilt's Scrimshaw, winner of the 1972 Bernard Baruch; Timber Cat, who won the Lawrence Realization in 1992; multiple stakes winner Brenda Beauty; former claimer Daisy Petal, who became a stakes winner; Bravely Bold, whom he claimed for \$25,000 and developed into a graded stakes winner with earnings of \$488,000; Vanderbilt's Dundee Marmalade, who won the 1974 GII Westchester, beating a field that included the Allen Jerkens-trained Prove Out.


Robert Lake II confirmed his father's death and said he had been hospitalized for about six weeks with pneumonia. Lake, a resident of Mechanicville, NY, in recent years, is survived by his wife Diane and his son. A memorial service will be held at a later date, Lake II said.

While Lake never saddled a Kentucky Derby starter, two young horsemen who had worked for him, Nick Zito and David Cross, trained Derby winners. Brothers Tom and Lou Albertrani also worked for Lake before becoming head trainers.

Robert Lake II said his father consistently finished in the top 10 in the New York trainers' standings and won at a high percentage in stakes races because he was careful to place his horses where they belonged.

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Purse Increase at Fair Grounds for Rest of the Meet:

As a result of an increase in pari-mutuel handle and increased slots and video poker revenue in 2015, Fair Grounds has announced a 10% increase in overnight purses for the remainder of the racing season. The increase will go into effect Mar. 7.

"I am pleased to announce this purse increase," said Fair Grounds Track President Tim Bryant. "We are appreciative of all of our owners and horsemen for the help they have given us to produce an attractive live racing product to which bettors and racing fans have responded positively."

TODAY'S FEATURED VIDEO REPLAYS

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Four Seasons (Ire) captures his sophomore debut in the fifth race at Lingfield Park.

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ROOKIES

First/second-crop starters to watch: Thursday, March 5

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

BLAME (Arch), Claiborne, \$30K, 152/10/1

7-OP, Msw, 6f, Battleofburlington, \$200K FTS AUG yrl, 6-1

9-FG, Msw, 5 1/2f, Seeking Paradise, \$77K FTK JUL yrl, 3-1

BULLSBAY (Tiznow), Northview, \$3K, 37/4/1

9-LRL, Aoc, 6f, Last Confession, 5-2

ESKENDEREYA (Giant's Causeway), Taylor Made, \$18K, 194/20/0

7-OP, Msw, 6f, Dr. Shipley, 10-1

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

9-LRL, Aoc, 6f, Whateveryouwant, \$33K OBS OPN 2yo, 9-5

LOOKIN AT LUCKY (Smart Strike), Ashford Stud, \$15K, 175/34/3

9-DED, Alw, 6 1/2f, Lucky Stranger, \$85K KEE SEP yrl, 7-5

MIDSHIPMAN (Unbridled's Song), Darley, \$8K, 117/22/2

7-OP, Msw, 6f, Whoop Ti Do, \$42K KEE SEP yrl, 8-1

TALE OF EKATI (Tale of the Cat), Darby Dan Farm, \$15K, 127/18/1

1-FG, Msw, 1 1/16m, Tale of Verve, \$440K KEE APR 2yo, 2-1

7-OP, Msw, 6f, London by Night, \$170K KEE SEP yrl, 12-1

THE PAMPLEMOUSSE (Kafwain), R San Miguel, \$3K, 35/1/0

3-SA, Msw, 1mT, Thermodynamics, \$72K RNA OBS APR 2yo, 5-2

WARRIOR'S REWARD (Medaglia d'Oro), Spendthrift Farm, \$13K, 173/20/1

9-OP, Aoc, 6f, Lady Paislee, \$57K KEE SEP yrl, 5-1

9-OP, Aoc, 6f, Star of Gallantry, \$30K OBS OPN 2yo, 10-1



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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-MNR, \$25,100, 3-3, 3yo/up, f/m, 5f, :57, my.
LADY HENRIETTA (m, 5, Forest Danger--Condeleezza S., by Alydeed) Lifetime Record: SW, 22-6-6-4, \$109,247. O-Retlia Stables. B-ET Buckley (KY).
 T-Donald T Blankenship. *\$8,500 yrl '11 FTKOCT; \$7,000 HRA '15 KEEJAN.

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+ **Balkani**, c, 3, Dalakhani (Ire). See "France."

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Yesterday's Results:

5th-LIN, £11,500, Hcp, 3yo, 7f (AWT), 1:23.99, ft.
FOUR SEASONS (IRE) (c, 3, [Dubawi {Ire}](#)--[Please Sing {GB}](#) {GSW-Eng, \$171,208}, by [Royal Applause {GB}](#)), a 200,000gns TATDEC weanling, was returning from a winter break having scored over this course and distance in November and enjoyed a perfect stalking trip on the inner throughout the early stages. Angled out for his run at the top of the stretch, the 10-11 crowd's choice rolled to the front approaching the furlong marker and was pushed out to assert for a comfortable 1 3/4-length verdict over Anonymous John (Ire) (Baltic King {GB}). Lifetime Record: 8-4-0-1, £28,935. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).
 O-Godolphin. B-Mr M E Wates (Ire). T-Charlie Appleby.

JCR Increase Purse Contributions:

Jockey Club Racecourses will contribute nearly £20 million in prize-money in 2015, an increase of more than 60% since 2009. Despite staging 24 fewer fixtures than last year, an estimated loss of around £1 million, total prize-money is expected to exceed £43 million.

Paul Fisher, group managing director of Jockey Club Racecourses said, "We continue to prioritize prize-money because it's the lifeblood of our sport and I hope this move will be well received by horsemen who can support us in return through entries. Like any commercial operator we make a finite amount of money. The loss of fixtures was a blow because our people have worked really hard to grow our revenues, so given the chance today's commitment would be even bigger, as every penny we generate we put back into British racing."

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Yesterday's Results:

6th-FON, €25,000, Cond, 3yo, c/g, 11fT, 2:29.80, vsf.
 + **BALKANI** (c, 3, Dalakhani {Ire}--[Underwater {GSP-Fr}](#), by [Theatrical {Ire}](#)), sent off the 17-10 favorite, was rushed up to race prominently in second throughout the opening stages and soon had the call in front. Driven in early stretch and headed by Cosmic Vision (Fr) (Vision d'Etat {Fr}) with a quarter mile remaining, the homebred benefitted from that rival's wayward drift to get back to the lead 100 yards out and assert for a 1 1/4-length success. The winner is a half-brother to Investissement (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}), GSP-Fr, \$156,541. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €12,500. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).
 O/B-Wertheimer et Frere. T-Freddy Head.

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'Go Racing Kids Club' Education Day Held by HRI:

A total of 285 kids in fifth and sixth class of primary school attended 'Go Racing Kids Club' Education Day held by Horse Racing Ireland at Limerick Racecourse. Jockey Ken Whelan and local Limerick Racecourse General Manager Conor O'Neill were on hand to explain the day to day routine of racing and how Limerick Racecourse prepares for a raceday. All the pupils received a 'Go Racing Kids' Club goodie bag at the end of the day after being entertained by Annemarie Cullen from 'Front Runner-Racing Club for Kids' with racing games, puzzles and quizzes. "I was absolutely delighted to welcome primary school children from the local community to Limerick Racecourse and give them an insight into horseracing," said O'Neill. Added Whelan, "It was a great opportunity for the school kids to visit their local track. I couldn't believe how much they knew about racing and they had lodes of great questions about what is involved in being a jockey."

Australasia

Inglis Premier Closes With Record Figures:

The upward figures observed during the three-day Session I of the 2015 Inglis Premier Yearling Sale continued into Session II Wednesday, resulting in new record average, gross and clearance rate. Of the 143 lots offered Wednesday, 115 lots sold for a combined A\$3,680,500, while the A\$32,004 average demonstrated a 4% increase from last year's sale. The median also rose 4% to A\$26,000, and the clearance rate for the session reached a record 80%. The gross for the four-day Inglis Premier Sale as a whole is up to a record A\$48,651,000 for 584 yearlings sold at an overall clearance rate of 83%. *Cont. p3*



Inglis Premier Closes With Record Figures cont.

"We couldn't be more pleased about the records set by Premier, and the rewards it has given to those vendors who have supported the sale," Inglis Victorian Director Peter Heagney said.

Two lots shared top billing at A\$100,000 Wednesday, both being knocked to Inglis as Agent: a filly from Grange Thoroughbreds ([lot 660](#)) by Hinchinbrook (Aus) out of Dashoff (Aus) (Dash For Cash {Aus}), and a colt by Stryker (Aus) from the Pivotal (GB) mare Pintle (Aus) ([lot 724](#)), consigned by Three Bridges Thoroughbreds. Twenty-two lots by 17 different sires sold for A\$50,000 or more during Session II, including the progeny of Victorian-based stallions Wanted (Aus), Master Of Design (Aus), Bel Esprit (Aus), Skilled (Aus), Turffontein (Aus), Moshe (Aus) and Reward For Effort (Aus).

Victorians dominated the bidding with Champion trainer Darren Weir in conjunction with John Foote Bloodstock leading the way, having outlaid A\$371,000 for eight lots in Session II.

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**INGLIS PREMIER YEARLING SALE
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| Lot | Sex | Sire | Dam | Price (A\$) |
|---------------------|-----|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 660 | f | Hinchinbrook (Aus) | Dashoff (Aus) <i>B-Donnybrook Thoroughbreds Pty Ltd (Aus)</i> Consigned by Grange Thoroughbreds Purchased by Inglis As Agent | 100,000 |
| 724 | c | Stryker (Aus) | Pintle (Aus) <i>B-Mrs. CMH Bryant (Aus)</i> Consigned by Three Bridges Thoroughbreds Purchased by Inglis As Agent | 100,000 |
| 767 | f | Wanted (Aus) | Top Billing (NZ) <i>B-Mr. J Woods (Aus)</i> Consigned by Rosemont Stud Purchased by Sheamus Mills Bloodstock (FBAA)/Hawkes Racing | 90,000 |
| 686 | c | Duporth (Aus) | Heyington Honey (Aus) Consigned by Rosemont Stud Purchased by Mitchell McEvoy Racing Pty Ltd | 85,000 |
| 692 | c | Master of Design (Aus) | Lady of Dormello (Aus) <i>B-Mr. A Sangster (Aus)</i> Consigned by Glenelg Park Purchased by Proven Thoroughbreds | 85,000 |
| 697 | c | Star Witness (Aus) | Long Long Ago (Aus) <i>B-Ascot Heath Pty Ltd (Aus)</i> Consigned by Henley Park Purchased by Laurel Oak Bloodstock Pty Ltd (FBAA) | 85,000 |




Yesterday's Results:

EMPRESS HAI-Listed, ¥59,500,000 (US\$496,732), Kawasaki, 3-4, 4yo/up, f, 2100m, 2:17.10, sy.
 1--**#AMOUR BRILLER, 121, f, 4, Smart Strike--**
Heavenly Romance (Jpn), by Sunday Silence. O-Koji Maeda; B-North Hills Co Ltd; T-Mikio Matsunaga; J-Suguru Hamanaka; ¥35,000,000. Lifetime Record: 13-5-1-1.
 2--**Wild Flapper (Jpn), 123, m, 6, Ghostzapper--Smok'n Frolic, by Smoke Glacken.** O-Teruya Yoshida; B-Shadai Farm; ¥12,250,000.
 3--**Katie Barows (Jpn), 121, m, 5, Manhattan Cafe--** (Jpn)--Hot Mambo, by Kingmambo. O-Hirotosugu Inokuma; B-Masaki Ishigooka; ¥7,000,000.
 Margins: 3, 4, 3. Odds: 2.80, 0.30, 14.20.

OBSERVATIONS
on today's European racing scene

3.20 Deauville, Debutantes, €25,000, 3yo, c/g, 7 1/2f (AWT)
EXTREMIS (IRE) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) debuts for the Wertheimers and Freddy Head in this intriguing early-season affair and is a notable as a son of the operation's 2003 G1 Prix Saint-Alary winner Fidelite (Ire) (In the Wings {GB}). Among the opposition is Ecurie I M Fares' **Crossthewire (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire})**, a Jean-Claude Rouget-trained half-brother to the MGISW Grand Couturier (GB) (Grand Lodge).

5.25 Deauville, Cond, €34,000, 3yo, 9 1/2f (AWT)
JAY GATSBY (Giant's Causeway) sticks to conditions company for the time being as Jean-Claude Rouget takes it steady with the Joseph Allen blueblood. The half-brother to War Front (Danzig) and Teammate (A. P. Indy) was back with a win at Cagnes last month and faces his sternest test to date facing the likes of Ballymore Thoroughbred Ltd's **Devil's Eye (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire})**, an Andre Fabre-trained son of the MGSP Danse Grecque (Hold That Tiger).



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| • Catalogued | 159 | 159 |
| • No. Offered | 143 | 141 |
| • No. Sold | 115 | 108 |
| • RNAs | 28 | 33 |
| • % RNAs | 19.6% | 23.4% |
| • High Price | A\$100,000 | A\$110,000 |
| • Gross | A\$3,680,500 | A\$3,337,000 |
| • Average (% change) | A\$32,004 (+4%) | A\$30,898 |
| • Median (% change) | A\$26,000 (+4%) | A\$25,000 |
| Cumulative | | |
| • Catalogued | 782 | 775 |
| • No. Offered | 704 | 686 |
| • No. Sold | 584 | 554 |
| • RNAs | 120 | 132 |
| • % RNAs | 17.05% | 19.24% |
| • High Price | A\$560,000 | A\$450,00 |
| • Gross | A\$48,651,000 | A\$40,654,181 |
| • Average (% change) | A\$63,945 (+12.03%) | A\$57,080 |



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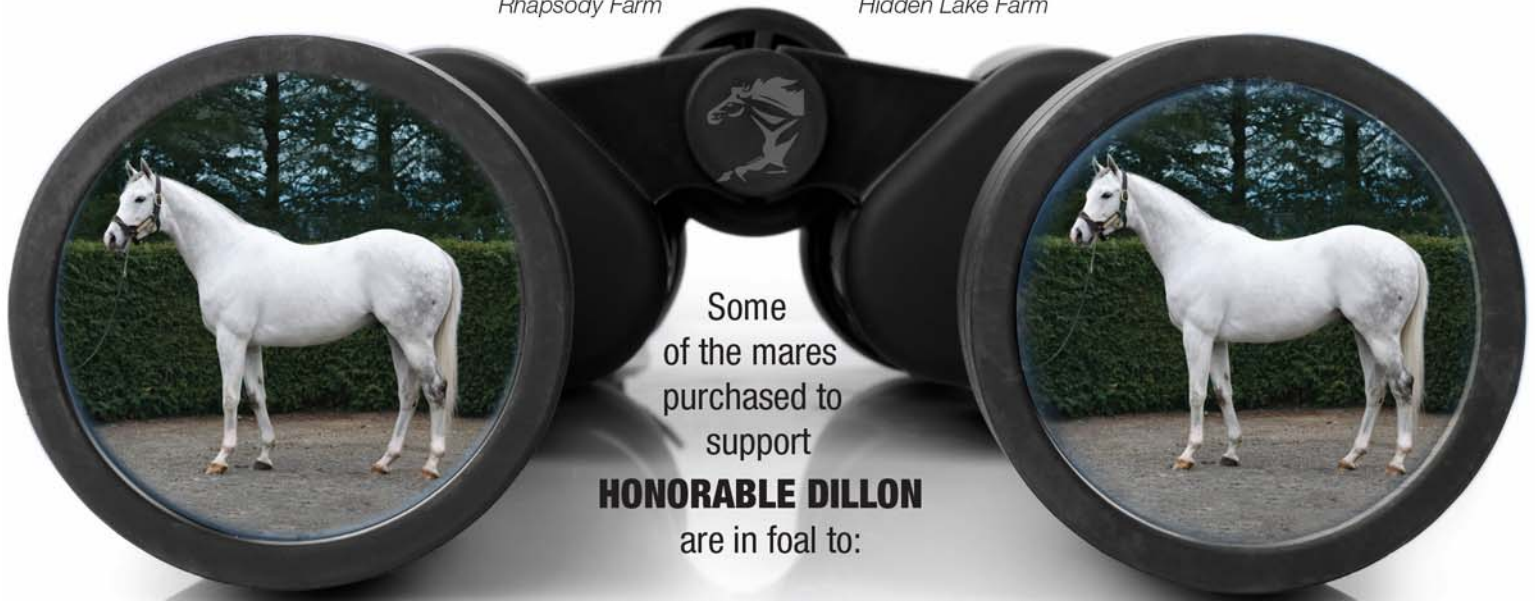
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HANDICAP RESULT:

3rd-KMP, £19,000, 3-4, 4yo/up, 10f (AWT), 2:07 3/5, ft.

TRYSTER (IRE) (g, 4, Shamardal--Min Alhawa {MSP-Eng}, by Riverman) Lifetime Record: 6-4-0-1, £41,952. O-Godolphin. B-Herbertstown House Stud (Ire). T-Charlie Appleby. *150,000gns yrl '12 TATOCT. **1/2 to Mutasallil (Gone West), SP-UAE, \$279,198.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

4th-FON, €28,000, 3-4, 4yo/up, 6fT, 1:11 1/5, vsf. SORRY WOMAN (FR) (m, 5, Ivan Denisovich {Ire}--Oppamattox {Fr}, by Munir {GB}) Lifetime Record: SP-Fr, 33 starts, 7 wins, 16 places, €157,650. O-Ingrid Pantall, Ecurie Eric Pechadre, Raymond Paquier & Swan Rey. B-Charkassan Racing Stud (FR). T-Henri-Alex Pantall. *€7,000 yrl '11 ARQNOV. **1/2 to Belle de Lune (Fr) (Ski Chief), GSP-Fr & SP-US, \$159,542.

4th-NAN, €22,000, 3-3, 4yo/up, 11fT, 2:41 3/5, hy. EVASON (GB) (c, 4, Galileo {Ire}--Soneva {MGSW-Fr & GSW-UAE, \$329,926}, by Cherokee Run) Lifetime Record: 6 starts, 3 wins, 2 places, €23,100. O-Claudia Jungo. B-Aleyrion Bloodstock Ltd (GB). T-Christophe Ferland. *€300,000 yrl '12 ARQAUG.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

El Valle (Fr), c, 3, Dobby Road (Fr)--Dohibane (Fr), by Danehill. FON, 3-4, 5 1/2fT, 1.03 4/5. B-Valerie Dissaux (Fr). *SP-Fr.

+ Bella Donna Borget (Fr), f, 3, Early March (GB)--Jasmine des Bordes (Fr), by Epervier Bleu (GB). FTB, 3-4, 11fT, 2:32 2/5. B-Mme O Goupil (Fr). *1/2 to Rollex Borget (Fr) (Khalkevi {Ire}), SW & G1SP-Fr, \$128,541.

Fawley (Ire), c, 3, Makfi (GB)--The Wise Lady (Fr) (MGSP-Fr), by Ganges. MPV, 3-4, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:31 1/5. B-Suc P Lepeudry (Ire). *€11,000 yrl '13 ARQOCT. **1/2 to Good Bye My Friend (Fr) (Kendor {Fr}), MSP-Fr, \$283,521; to Melodyman (Fr) (Green Tune), SW-Fr, \$112,283; and to Ming Zhi Cosmos (Fr) (Duke of Marmalade {Ire}), GSW-Ity & SP-Sin, \$158,322.

Ventriloquist (GB), g, 3, New Approach (Ire)--Illusion (GB) (MSP-Eng), by Anabaa. LIN, 3-4, 7f (AWT), 1:25. B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd (GB).

Velociter (Ire), g, 3, Zebedee (GB)--Polly Jones, by Lear Fan. KMP, 3-4, 8f (AWT), 1:39 1/5. B-Paul Larkin Jr (Ire). *€35,000 yrl '13 TATIRE.

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