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By Steve Sherack

With a bolstered catalogue of 610 offerings, the new-look OBS March 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale begins its two-day run in Ocala, Florida, Tuesday. Both sessions kick off at 11 a.m.

Three horses reached seven figures during last year's record-setting and re-scheduled one-session auction, including the co-topping coverboy and GISW **Carpe Diem** (Giant's Causeway). Stonestreet Stables and WinStar Farm's \$1.6-million acquisition (consigned by Northwest Stud) and 'TDN Rising Star' began his 3-year-old season with an emphatic score in the GII Tampa Bay Derby.

In 2014, new highs were established for gross (\$37,627,500), average (\$187,201) and median (\$135,000) from a 411-strong catalogue. No fewer than 201 horses changed hands, good for a buyback percentage of 23%.

"It wasn't an easy decision because we had such a good sale last year," OBS President Tom Ventura said of changing to an open format in 2015. "But, after talking with the buyers and consignors about opening it up a little more, it seemed that the timing was right [to expand the sale]."

The three days of under-tack shows went off without a hitch last week, according to Ventura.

"I think we had ideal conditions for the breeze shows," Ventura commented. "The weather was nice, and even on the last day when the times were a little quicker, there was a bit of a tail wind most of the day. I think the horses had plenty of opportunity to strut their stuff out there."

He continued, "There was good attendance for the breeze shows and the barn area has been very active. It's a good sign. Hopefully, that'll translate into a good sale." **cont. p3**



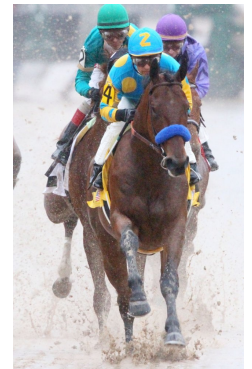
PEDIGREE INSIGHTS

by Andrew Caulfield

PEDIGREE INSIGHTS: AMERICAN PHAROAH

When Pioneerof the Nile retired to stud, his fee was no higher than \$20,000 (and was soon to fall to \$15,000). Even so, Churchill Downs on the first Saturday in May seemed likely to become embedded in the DNA of his best progeny. Pioneerof the Nile had himself made it to the GI Kentucky Derby, finishing second to Mine That Bird in 2009, and so had his sire Empire Maker, runner-up as the clear favorite in 2003. His grandsire Unbridled had fared better, accounting for Summer Squall and Pleasant Tap in 1990.

Unbridled's influence on the Kentucky Derby also extends to the 1990 winner Grindstone, who became the grandsire of Mine That Bird, the decisive conqueror of Pioneerof the Nile six years ago. Even Pioneerof the Nile's Argentine-bred broodmare sire Lord At War has made his mark, occupying the same position in the pedigree of the 2002 Derby winner War Emblem. **cont. p8**



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Sights from the barns on the Ocala Sales grounds

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Rookie Trainer Finding Fast Success

Danny Power looks at the success of Australian rookie trainer Archie Alexander, who stepped into the spotlight when he was announced as the new trainer of G1 Melbourne Cup aspirant Renew (Ire) (Dansili {GB}) last October.

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READY TO "SEIZE THE DAY" AT OBS MARCH

(cont. from p1)

Activity on the sales grounds has continued to pick up throughout the weekend, with all of the regular players in town, including bloodstock agents Alex Solis II and Jason Litt, Christina Jelm, David Ingordo, John McCormack, Nick Sallusto and Steve Young; and trainers Bob Baffert, Bret Calhoun, Chad Brown, Gary Contessa, Jerry Hollendorfer, John Sadler, Linda Rice, Mark Casse, Rick Violette, Ron Ellis, Steve Asmussen and Todd Pletcher. Coolmore's M.V. Magnier, Darley's Charlie Boden, Eclipse Thoroughbreds's Aron Wellman, WinStar Farm's Elliott Walden, and a large contingent of the West Point team have also been spotted making their inspections.

The response to the expanded format for 2015 has been extremely well-received from buyers and consignors alike.

"I was all for it," Casse commented. "I've said all along, you just never know what horses are going to go to the 2-year-old sales and do well. It had gotten to where I felt like some of the middle-range buyers were getting shut out with that [select] format. Now, I think, the more horses, the more people come, and the better the sale is. Hard work and doing your homework pays off in these bigger sales. I wish there were 4,000 [horses]."

Consignor Nick de Meric added, "I encouraged the board [to expand the sale] and everyone seemed to agree that it was time to make a change. I think the depth of the horses on offer are what keep a sale vibrant and healthy, and the wider your cross section of horses, the wider your cross section of buyers, and the healthier your sale."

Bloodstock agent and Director of Bloodstock Services at Hill 'n' Dale Donato Lanni applauds OBS for expanding to a three-day breeze show format.

"At the end of the day, when you sell horses, you have to cater to the buyer," Lanni said. "After eight or nine hours at a breeze show, you start to see double. I think it was much needed that they added a third session. With the breeze shows finishing early in the afternoon now, you can still get some work done after--look at the videos or look at the horses that breezed the day before. Before it was just a mad dash. I like it a lot. Three days of breezes and two days of sales--that's perfect." cont. p4

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Consignor Shari Eisaman concurs.

"I love having the three-day breeze show," she confirmed. "And I'm really going to love [the expanded format] if the people show up. There's a lot of 2-year-olds to sell and you can't sell them all in April, so this is good as long as we get the buyers here. The horses are here. You know OBS sells good horses. If you want a racehorse, this is where you've got to go."

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WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ... AT OBS MARCH

"There's been a great turnout--we've been very busy at the barns. OBS March and April are where you have to go if you're looking for a racehorse. Opening up the sale was a good idea. The buying public wants numbers, whether it's a broodmare sale, yearling sale, 2-year-old sale, etc. There's a good turnout of middle-market buyers here, too. And that's what you need to support the market." -consignor **Niall Brennan**

"I'm sure that for the people coming all the way from California and Europe to buy 2-year-olds in training, it's got to be a positive thing for them [to have more horses to choose from]. It's also a positive for the consignors. When you put a bigger group of horses together for people who are here to spend money, that's a good thing." -**West Point Thoroughbreds President Terry Finley**

"I think it's a good idea [expanding the sale] and I was a proponent of it, hence we have more horses here than we normally do. All the better sales have more product to sell because they bring more people. I think that's what we'll see here at the end of the day when we're done."

-consignor **Eddie Woods**

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Hip 12, c, Smart Strike--Carolyn's Cat, by Forestry
Consigned by Old South Farm LLC

This chestnut colt breezed in a snappy :9 4/5 and is a half-brother to last month's Gill Bayakoa S. winner and 'TDN Rising Star' Mufajaah (Tapit). His MGSW dam sold recently for \$450,000 in foal to Blame at Keeneland January. "He's a very nice horse," said consignor Albert Davis of the \$170,000 KEESEP RNA. "We have a good consignment across the board, but he's probably our star."



WHO'S LEADING WHO?
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Hip 25, f, Majestic Warrior--Champagne Royale, by French Deputy
Consigned by Imagine...

This :10 1/5 breezer is out of leading 2014 Broodmare of the Year candidate Champagne Royale, who was responsible for last year's GI Arkansas Derby winner and GI Kentucky Derby third Danza (Street Boss), as well as GI Gold Cup at Santa Anita hero Majestic Warrior (Rockport Harbor). He was a \$50,000 Keeneland November weanling and \$150,000 Fasig-Tipton October yearling. Champagne Royale brought \$825,000 in foal to Eskendereya at last year's Fasig-Tipton November Sale.

Hip 33, f, Congrats--Christie Village, by Deputy Minister
Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent LXI

Out of a half-sister to MGISW and 2013 Broodmare of the Year Take Charge Lady (Dehere)--the dam of champion Will Take Charge (Unbridled's Song), GISW Take Charge Indy (A.P. Indy) and the second dam of champion juvenile filly Take Charge Brandi (Giant's Causeway)--this chestnut was purchased in utero by Three Chimneys Farm for \$460,000 at the 2013 Fasig-Tipton February Sale. She breezed in :21 2/5.

Hip 34, c, Midnight Lute--Circumstance, by Vindication
Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent LII

"He's a beautiful horse and worked really well," said consignor Eddie Woods of this dark bay, who covered a quarter in :20 4/5. "He's a really nice horse."

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7	KANTHAROS	\$1,096,077	1	8	0	1	0
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10	WARRIOR'S REWARD	\$959,057	1	5	0	1	0
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Hip 62, c, Speightstown--Dance Swiftly, by Danzig
Consigned by Hartley/DeRenzo Thoroughbreds LLC, agent
 Out of a full-sister to Hall of Famer Dance Smartly and a half to Grade I-winning top sire Smart Strike, this bay was a \$200,000 Keeneland September yearling. He covered a furlong in :10 flat. "He's a standout for us," offered Dean DeRenzo. "He worked in :10 flat and has the pedigree and looks to go with it."

Hip 68, c, Scat Daddy--Deadly Diva, by Unbridled's Song

Consigned by Bobby Dodd, Agent III

Bobby Dodd went to \$160,000 to secure this colt as a Keeneland September yearling on behalf of Brad Grady's Grand Oaks. "He's a very serious horse," said Dodd. "If these people can see that in him, we're golden." The grey breezed in :10 flat.

Hip 139, f, Bellamy Road--For Royalty, by Not For Love
Consigned by Northwest Stud, agent

A \$155,000 Keeneland September yearling, this chestnut breezed a furlong in :9 4/5. "She worked beautifully and is a very straightforward filly," said Dr. Alfredo Licho of Northwest Stud, which consigned last year's co-topping, 'TDN Rising Star'-earning, Grade I-winning Carpe Diem (Giant's Causeway).

Hip 155, f, Scat Daddy--Global Finance, by End Sweep
Consigned by McKathan Bros., Agent III

Coolmore resident Scat Daddy was responsible for the \$1.4-million sale topper at Fasig-Tipton Florida, and the co-fastest furlong breeze in :9 3/5 here thanks to this daughter of MSW juvenile Global Finance. Scott and Evan Dillworth paid \$180,000 for the chestnut at Fasig-Tipton July.

Hip 161, f, Afleet Alex--Goldfield, by Yes It's True
Consigned by de Meric Sales, Agent II

Nick de Meric paid \$55,000 for this chestnut filly at Keeneland September, and sent her out to turn in a :9 4/5 breeze during the first under-tack session. "She is a standout, she had a fantastic breeze," said the consignor. "She's a big, strapping, masculine filly."

Hip 162, c, Malibu Moon--Goldilocks' Cat, by Seeking the Gold

Consigned by Thomas & Casse, agent

"He's got a swagger to him with the way he walks," said Justin Casse of this :10 1/5 breezer, who was a \$185,000 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga yearling. "He's done everything right. He's like a big baby [Apr. 27 foal]. I'm really curious to see what he'll look like by this time next year as a 3-year-old. I think he'll look like a man."

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Hip 170, c, Twirling Candy--Gowestforgold, by Java Gold

Consigned by Eisaman Equine, agent

A son of first-crop sire Twirling Candy (Candy Ride {Arg}) topped the Barretts March Select Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale, and Barry and Shari Eisaman are high on their son of the Lane's End stallion. "We really like our Twirling Candy colt," revealed Shari Eisaman. "He galloped out :33 flat [after a :10 1/5 breeze] and he's a big, long, stretchy two-turn horse. He should be one of the top horses in this sale."

Hip 174, c, Super Saver--Great Design, by Storm Cat

Consigned by Hartley/DeRenzo Thoroughbreds LLC, agent

This Maryland-bred is out of a half-sister to MGSW General Challenge (General Meeting) and GISW Notable Career (Avenue of Flags). He cost \$175,000 at Keeneland September and breezed in :9 4/5. "He's got a good pedigree and had a fast work," said Dean DeRenzo. "He's one of the top horses in the sale."

Hip 180, f, American Lion--Hannah's Holiday, by Kafwain

Consigned by Crupi's New Castle Farm, agent

From the first crop of MGSW American Lion (Tiznow), this \$40,000 Fasig-Tipton July yearling covered an eighth in :10 flat. "She's been very popular," said Jimmy Crupi, who consigned the Fasig-Tipton Florida topper.

Hip 248, c, Blame--Letter of the Law, by Stormy Atlantic

Consigned by Eisaman Equine, agent

"He's unbelievable," said Shari Eisaman of this \$70,000 KEESEP grad who went in :10 flat. "He's a little bit speedier than the Twirling Candy [hip 170]. He's another big, pretty colt."

Hip 277, f, Street Sense--Million Seller, by A.P. Indy

Consigned by King's Equine, Agent XV

From the female family of Grade I winners Maplejinsky, Sky Beauty, Violence, Tale of Ekati, Pleasant Home, Point of Entry, Pine Island, etc., this January foal worked in :10 2/5. "She's bred very nice and breezed well," said consignor Raul Reyes.

Hip 285, c, Bernardini--Misty Hour, by Miswaki

Consigned by SGV Thoroughbreds (Steven Venosa), agent

As a \$650,000 Keeneland September buy, this well-bred colt was the priciest yearling in the catalogue. Out of stakes-winning and graded stakes-placed Misty Hour, he is a half to MGSW India (Hennessy), as well as stakes winner Pilfer (Deputy Minister), the dam of Grade I winners To Honor and Serve (Bernardini) and Angela Renee (Bernardini). "He's a special horse," said consignor Steve Venosa. "You rarely come to a 2-year-old sale with a horse like that. Physically, he has all the tools and he has the pedigree to back it up. The way he walks around here, he's the man and he acts like it." The Mar. 29 foal covered a quarter mile in :21 1/5. "We just wanted him to stretch his legs down there and show people he's a two-turn colt," Venosa noted.

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Hip 287, c, Scat Daddy--Molly Peaches, by Meadowlake

Consigned by Wavertree Stables, Inc.
(Ciaran Dunne), Agent XVIII

"He worked fast and he's a pretty colt at the end of the shank," said Ciaran Dunne of this :9 4/5 worker and \$125,000 Keeneland September yearling. "Scat Daddy is the flavor of the month. We have high hopes for him."

Hip 291, f, Unbridled's Song--Montera, by Easy Goer
Consigned by Thomas and Casse,
agent for JSM Equine LLC

Purchased by Joe Minor's JSM Equine for \$125,000 at Keeneland September, this filly is a half to the graded-stakes winning dam of GISW Tiz Miz Sue (Tiznow), as well as MSW and MGSP Easyfromthegitgo (Dehere). She breezed in :10 1/5. "She's a beautiful-bodied filly and very laid back," offered Justin Casse. "She has a beautiful way of going and looks like a two-turn type."

PEDIGREE INSIGHTS: AMERICAN PHAROAH
(cont. from p1)

REBEL S.-GII, \$750,000, OPX, 3-14, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:45 3/5, sy.

1--**AMERICAN PHAROAH, 119, c, 3, by Pioneerof the Nile**

1st Dam: Littleprincessemma, by Yankee Gentleman

2nd Dam: Exclusive Rosette, by Ecliptical

3rd Dam: Zetta Jet, by Tri Jet

(\$300,000 yrl '13 FTSAUG). O/B-Zayat Stables (KY); T-Bob Baffert; J-Victor Espinoza. \$450,000. Lifetime Record: Ch. 2-year-old male, MGISW, 4-3-0-0, \$811,500. **Werk Nick Rating: A + + + *Triple Plus***.

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Pioneerof the Nile has wasted no time in proving that he has the potential to extend his sire line's impact on this great race. Cairo Prince, a colt from his first crop, was the early spring favorite for the 2014 Derby on the strength of an impressive record of three wins from his first four starts, including an impressive victory in the GI Holy Bull S. Unfortunately, Cairo Prince was found to have injured an ankle after he finished fourth as the hot favorite for the GI Florida Derby and is now covering his first mares at Airdrie.

Pioneerof the Nile's connections have every chance of being compensated for Cairo Prince's shortfall, as his second crop has produced an even more impressive candidate in American Pharoah.

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Whereas Cairo Prince received 118 on the Experimental Free H., American Pharoah was honored with co-top weight of 126 pounds with Texas Red (Afleet Alex) on the 2014 edition. This placed him four pounds above Carpe Diem (Giant's Causeway), five pounds above Dortmund (Big Brown), seven pounds above Daredevil (More Than Ready), eight pounds above El Kabeir (Scat Daddy), 10 pounds above Upstart (Flutter) and 11 pounds above International Star (Fusaichi Pegasus). Judging by his ultra-smooth display in Saturday's GI Rebel S., American Pharoah has lost none of his ability during the long absence since his victory in the GI FrontRunner S. cont. p9

AMERICAN PHAROAH, c, 2013

Pioneerof the Nile	Empire Maker	Unbridled	Fappiano
		Toussaud	Gana Facil
	Star of Goshen	Lord at War (Arg)	El Gran Senor
		Castle Eight	Image of Reality
Littleprincessemma 2-0-0-0 3 Fls, 1 Ch, 1 GSW,	Yankee Gentleman	Storm Cat	General (Fr)
		Key Phrase	Luna De Miel (Arg)
	Exclusive Rosette 17-3-0-3 12 Fls, 2 GSW	Ecliptical	Key to the Kingdom
		Zetta Jet 10 Fls, 1 SW	Her Native
			Storm Bird
			Terlingua
		Flying Paster	
		Sown	
		Exclusive Native	
		Minnetonka	
		Tri Jet	
		Queen Zetta	



Of course the Rebel's roll of honor features such names as Will Take Charge, Lookin At Lucky, Curlin, Smarty Jones, Victory Gallop and Pine Bluff, so it can be an excellent stepping stone. Also, American Pharoah's physique and his male line both suggest that he ought to be even more effective this year than last, which is an exciting possibility.

In assessing Pioneerof the Nile's career, it mustn't be forgotten that his first crop wasn't huge, numbering 86 named foals. Yet these 86 included the graded stakes winners Cairo Prince, Jojo Warrior, Vinceremos and Midnight Storm, plus the stakes-winning Conquest Top Gun. Another five were good enough to be placed at graded level, including the GI Preakness S. third Social Inclusion. All this adds up to a most encouraging start for a \$20,000 stallion.

As with many young stallions, Pioneerof the Nile wasn't as popular in his second and third seasons, with his book falling from 130 mares in 2010 to 91 in 2011 and 89 in 2012. He is therefore credited with no more than 220 foals in his first three crops, with American Pharoah coming from a second crop of around 60 named foals. His third crop is of a similar size, so he will do well to match the scale of success enjoyed by his first crop--that is until his subsequent crops reach the track. He covered 144 mares at a fee of \$15,000 in his fourth season, in 2013, followed by 131 at a fee of \$20,000 last year. The promise shown by his first two crops has propelled his fee up to \$60,000 this year and I'm sure demand will be high.

Although Pioneerof the Nile comes from a solid enough family, it isn't so strong that stallion success looked guaranteed. Perhaps the credit belongs to his sire Empire Maker, but I suspect that his broodmare sire Lord At War has also worked his magic.

I would be interested if anyone could give me some insight into Lord At War's character as a stallion. Looking at some old breeding statistics, I see that he covered 33 mares in 1987 for 13 live foals, 40 mares in 1988 for 22 foals and 64 mares in 1989 for 38 foals. Although his percentages were normal in some years, he is credited with having sired no more than 391 foals during a lengthy career (with his 44 black-type winners representing an excellent 11%). This makes me wonder whether his fertility was normal, or whether--perhaps--he wasn't the most enthusiastic coverer. The seed for this speculation was planted by War Emblem, a notoriously reluctant coverer who has a Lord At War mare as his dam.

Lord At War's daughters did very well with Empire Maker, another of them producing Icon Project, a Grade I winner over a mile and a quarter in the U.S. after showing that she stayed a mile and a half in Europe.

The top half of American Pharoah's pedigree may suggest that a mile and a quarter will pose no problem, but what about the dam's side? His dam Littleprincessemma isn't much help here, as she raced only twice, as a juvenile, and didn't show much sign of ability. However, the fact that Littleprincessemma realised \$135,000 as a weanling and \$250,000 as a yearling tells us that she had some talented siblings, as she was by a \$10,000 stallion. cont. p10

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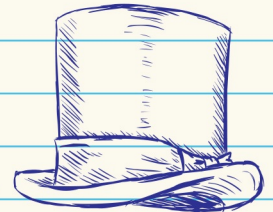
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Her sire Yankee Gentleman is a son of Storm Cat, as is Stormin Fever, who sired a pair of notable performers from Littelprincessemma's dam, Exclusive Rosette. The first, Storm Wolf, won the Gill Lazaro Barrera Memorial over seven furlongs as a 3-year-old. The second, Misty Rosette, also displayed plenty of speed, notably landing the GIII Old Hat S. over six and a half furlongs and finishing third in the GI Test S. over seven. This speed is hardly surprising, as one of Exclusive Rosette's main achievements was to cover Atlantic City's five-furlong turf course in :57.31.

Mention of Storm Cat reminds me that Empire Maker owed his Kentucky Derby second Bodemeister to a Storm Cat mare and the nine-furlong Grade I winner In Lingerie to another.

Stormin Fever and Yankee Gentleman were similar in that they both scored over a mile and a sixteenth even though they both enjoyed most of their success over shorter distances. Yankee Gentleman's sole stakes victory came in the Pirate's Bounty H. over six furlongs as a 4-year-old. This suggests that American Pharoah's ability to stay a mile and a quarter cannot be taken for granted, but he was very relaxed at Oaklawn Park, prior to putting in all of his best work in the final quarter, so I am optimistic about his prospects as the distances lengthen. Remember, it was one of Yankee Gentleman's close relations who produced Shared Belief, recent winner of the GI Santa Anita H. over a mile and a quarter.

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TATTS TO SPONSOR CURRAGH CLASSICS

Tattersalls has signed a deal to sponsor a trio of Group 1 events at The Curragh this year through 2017: the Irish 2000 Guineas, Irish 1000 Guineas and Tattersalls Gold Cup, all set to be contested this year over the weekend of May 23 and 24. The weekend will be branded as the Tattersalls Irish Guineas Festival.



James Doyle & Lady Cecil with Noble Mission after winning last year's Tattersalls Gold Cup
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Tattersalls will also contribute additional resources to boost the prize money of the Tattersalls Gold Cup to

€250,000 from €210,000, with the objective of attracting the top middle-distance horses in Europe.

"The Tattersalls Irish Guineas Festival promises to be one of the highlights of the European racing calendar," said Tattersalls Chairman Edmond Mahony.



ROOKIE TRAINER ALEXANDER FINDING FAST SUCCESS *by Danny Power*

When Archie Alexander was announced as the new trainer of G1 Melbourne Cup aspirant **Renew (Ire)** (Dansili {GB}) last October, not only were Australian media and racing fans Googling his name, but also



Archie Alexander
Racing and Sports

some of the owners involved in Renew as part of the OTI Racing partnership.

The whirlwind change of trainer from the internationally successful Marco Botti to the virtually unknown from Ballarat came in the last few days leading into the G1 Caulfield Cup last October, after the

imported gelding had finished 12th in the G2 Herbert Power H. over the same course and distance a week earlier. **cont. p11**



Alexander, aged 28 and only three months with a trainer's licence, was thrust headlong into the limelight at a time when the international racing focus is firmly on Melbourne. He saddled Renew to finish 16th behind Japanese stayer Admire Rakti (Jpn) (Heart's Cry {Jpn}) in the Caulfield Cup.

"Some of the owners were a bit nervous," Alexander admitted. "If you have a quarter of a horse with OTI and you want it to go to [Peter] Moody and all of sudden it's going to Archie, you wonder what's going on."

Within a few weeks, Renew ran second, beaten a half-head, in a Flemington plate race on Melbourne Cup day, and followed up two weeks later with a win in the Listed Sandown Cup over 3200 meters.

Alexander knows that he has been fortunate to be given an opportunity few young trainers get in 10 years, let alone at a stage when the ink on his licence was still wet.

"I owe everything to the support of Terry [Henderson] and Simon [O'Donnell] from OTI," he said.

Alexander, a much-traveled Yorkshireman, was working for Melbourne Cup-focused owner Lloyd Williams as a foreman at Macedon Lodge when Henderson and O'Donnell approached him to consider training a small string of their European imports from Ballarat, an hour's drive Northwest of Melbourne. Alexander clocked on as a trainer on July 11, 2014 with five horses, a trackwork rider and a groom. Nine months later, he has 30 horses--with room for three more--four trackwork riders, four ground staff and has recently employed the services of a foreman, former Moody employee Freddy Eccles-Williams.

Alexander's spring impact has resulted in Black Caviar's senior part-owner Neil Werrett sending him two horses; and one of Perth's biggest owners, Elio Galante, who has a share in the OTI-owned and Alexander-trained import Martinvast (Ire)

(Hurricane Run {Ire}), has sent the young trainer his smart galloper Amorino (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus}). Amorino has won twice in three starts for Alexander, including the G3 Shaftesbury Avenue S. at Caulfield Mar. 7 and last Saturday's Listed Super Saturday S. at Flemington.

Alexander noted he left school at 16 with one ambition--to be a horse trainer.

"It's in the family blood," he said. "Both my grandfathers were owners and my dad, Hamish, was a trainer before he started working as a bloodstock consultant for Goffs." Hamish Alexander has his place in history as the man who pinhooked 1991 Epsom and Irish Derby winner Generous (Ire) (Caerleon) as a weanling and sold him as a yearling.



OTI Racing's Terry Henderson (right) and Peter Moody
Racing and Sports

Alexander has been on the move and in a learning phase for most of the past 10 years. He worked for four years with champion trainer Criquette Head-Maarek in France before moving to the U.S., where he worked under Todd Pletcher for 12 months. In 2011, he spent a year in Australia with Anthony Cummings and Danny O'Brien before returning to Europe as a foreman at Ballydoyle in Ireland under Aidan O'Brien.



Alexander worked as a foreman under Aidan O'Brien at Ballydoyle
Racing Post

He believes he has taken a little bit from all those experiences. "You can't copy one person," he said. "With Criquette Head I learned the art of patience and under Aidan O'Brien it was work ethic and being part of a team, a combination of all the factors that bring success."

"I believe I now train about 50/50 Australian and European style," he added. "A lot of it has to do with the type of horses I am getting from OTI to train. I've learned to train by the clock and use trials to see where a horse is at, but at the same time I like to give my horses more strong, striding work than most Australians would on slow work mornings."

Alexander said his move to Australia hadn't gone down 100% well with his parents.

"Here's home, but it's not easy on the family," he explained. "They [Hamish and mother Belinda] came out over Christmas time. They know I have made the right choice, but it is a hard choice for them."

Alexander admits to being ambitious. "I'm going to throw everything at it while I am young and I have the energy," he said.

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RUPEE SORE AFTER NEWMARKET DEFEAT

Australian champion sprinter **Lankan Rupee (Aus)** (Redoute's Choice {Aus}) emerged from a sixth-place finish in Saturday's G1 Newmarket H. with a torn muscle and stifle inflammation, according to *Racing and Sports*, but trainer Mick Price has declared the 5-year-old will be ready to defend his G1 T J Smith title at The Championships at Royal Randwick Apr. 4.



Lankan Rupee's trainer Mick Price
Racing and Sports

"He has a torn, superficial off-front pectoral muscle and some stifle inflammation," Price told the site. "He did not run the race out, obviously, and while he seemed to vet up OK on Sunday morning the chiropractor's report was more detailed."

Lankan Rupee was also attempting to win the Newmarket for the second straight year, but that title instead fell to the 3-year-old **Brazen Beau (Aus)** (I Am Invincible {Aus}).

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CAVIAR CLEARED OF COBALT USE

Unbeaten champion mare **Black Caviar (Aus)** (Bel Esprit {Aus}), whose trainer Peter Moody is currently under investigation after a horse in his care returned elevated levels of cobalt, has been cleared for having abnormal levels of cobalt during her 2011 G1 T J Smith S. victory. A frozen urine sample taken after that victory was re-tested by Racing NSW as part of an investigation of a number of samples across various races.



Peter Moody
Racing and Sports

Moody has revealed that he asked Racing Victoria Chairman Rob Roulston to re-test all of Black Caviar's post-race samples for cobalt to ensure her reputation wouldn't be harmed.

"Basically my words were [to Roulston], 'You can kick me to death, but please don't harm her,'" Moody told *SEN's This Racing Life*. "I asked if they would look at her samples in regards to this current investigation and publicly announce the results."

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PARX JOCKEYS REFUSE MOUNTS

by Mike Kane

The months-long dispute over liability and insurance between jockeys and Parx Racing in suburban Philadelphia reached a critical point Monday when most riders refused to take assignments for the Saturday, Mar. 21 program.

Just three jockeys were named on the 87 horses entered in the nine-race card, the first live racing date after Parx's new on-track insurance policy takes effect on Thursday, Mar. 19. Sam Elliott, the track's director of racing and racing secretary, said the program could be held as scheduled if a resolution is reached in the next couple of days.

At issue is a mandate by Parx that jockeys sign a waiver containing language about the track's liability in order to be eligible to be covered by the \$1-million insurance policy. While some adjustments have been made this winter, Jockeys' Guild National Manager Terry Meyocks said Monday that a sticking point is the provision in the waiver that limits a jockey's ability to sue the track to Bucks County, where the Bensalem, Pennsylvania facility is located.

"The Parx jocks are unwilling to do that," Meyocks said.

Meyocks said that every racing jurisdiction outside of the four states where jockeys are covered by workmen's compensation--New York, New Jersey, Maryland and California--has on-track accident insurance in place.

"There are a couple of points here," Meyocks said. "One, we can't start negotiating waivers or conditions on the on-track accident policy. Two, you've got a lot of jocks who come in and ride at Parx during the course of a year. What happens if one falls through the cracks and doesn't sign it? He's not going to have insurance?"

Joe Wilson, the chief operating officer at Parx, was not in his office Monday and could not be reached for comment.

The jockeys and the track, owned by Greenwood Racing, have been at odds since November when Parx officials notified horsemen, including jockeys, that they would be required to sign the waivers in order to work at the track. That policy change came several weeks after Parx lost its initial appeal of a \$7.8-million judgement against it brought by the family of an exercise rider who was killed in a 2010. The track's appeal continues. That fatal training accident occurred when the horse was spooked by chickens on the backstretch.

According to Meyocks, the jockeys received weekly exemptions from the liability waiver until early March when the Guild and the jockeys were informed of the deadline to be eligible for insurance coverage.

Meyocks, the Guild's counsel, Mindy Coleman, and Regional Manager Herbie Rivera, Jr., were at the track over the weekend to talk with jockeys about their rights and present options. Guild officials also met with horsemen to talk about the risks involved without appropriate insurance in place.

According to a Guild press release on Monday, more than 50 jockeys at Parx and in the region began notifying the racing secretary, the clerk of scales and the Pennsylvania Horse Racing Commission stewards on Saturday that they would not accept mounts on or after Mar. 19 unless there is unconditional guarantees of insurance coverage.

Elliott said Parx took entries for Saturday, Mar. 21 on schedule Monday and left the 84 horses with no riders named as open mounts. He said that as a result of the issue one New York-based trainer decided not to enter two horses without naming riders.

Typically, Elliott said, the deadline for riders being named would be 9 a.m. Tuesday morning.

"We're going to be flexible on that," Elliott said. "We've spoken with Equibase and they have given us a time frame that it would have to be completed in. Our other choice would be to not take entries. If we hadn't taken entries, I'm not sure we would have be able to run if it does get settled."

Elliott, who is not involved in the negotiations, said that the racing office has until Thursday to finalize the Saturday program.

"We're all hopeful that they can come to some agreement," he said.

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LYNCH PUTS THE COMPETITION ON 'ALERT'

by Ben Massam

It's been an exciting winter for trainer Brian Lynch. With a number of proven graded stakes winners and promising maiden graduates already residing in his barn, it was **Power Alert (Aus)** (Alert {Arg})--an imported turf sprinter--who stole the show this past weekend at Gulfstream Park. The grey's victory in Saturday's Silks Run S. marked his second in as many stateside starts since being purchased by Lynch.

But it wasn't always such a smooth ride for Power Alert. The gelding showed signs of latent potential when winning four times from 13 tries on Australian soil for owners J.B. and A.M. Power and trainer Trevor Sutherland, but according to Lynch, he was hindered by both racing misfortune and his physical makeup.

"My brother works at a track in Wagga Wagga where the horse was being trained, and he happened to see him down there," said Lynch. "He always showed a lot of talent, but didn't have a lot of luck in running. He ended up bleeding down there. If they bleed once, they get [ruled off] 60 days, and if they bleed a second time, they get barred for life."

Lynch, an Aussie himself, acted quickly to capitalize on his brother's insight.

"Before he bled a second time, I was able to negotiate a deal with the guys that owned him, and I got him on a flight headed over here." **Cont. p2**



Power Alert
Kenny Martin



Equipped with Lasix and nearly nine months of recuperation time, Power Alert motored home to a 1 3/4-length score in a Dec. 21 allowance going five furlongs on the lawn at Gulfstream. With three rivals from that event returning to win their next starts, Power Alert added to that total with his triumph in the Silks Run over the same trip and surface.

The Australian-bred's immediate success in North America served to validate Lynch's investment, which was understandably once an uncertain proposition.

"It was a bit of a gamble, as you don't know if the form was going to hold up," he admitted. "But he had run at a few tracks in a few races I was familiar with, and I consider my brother a good judge of horses. He was adamant that the horse had talent, and I was confident that the Aussie form would stand up. Some of their good sprinters have been competitive in Japan and over at Ascot. So I think their sprint racing is pretty strong."

The trainer said he also believes that Power Alert received a valuable foundation of balanced Australian training that gives him an advantage in American turf sprint races loaded with early speed. Accordingly, the gelding has demonstrated an ability to relax behind a pacesetter in both of his recent triumphs at Gulfstream.

"At home [in Australia], we don't tend to send them out of the gate as hard, so they learn to settle a bit earlier and finish a bit stronger," Lynch noted. "That certainly plays to his favor, especially in sprint races, because [in North America] we program them to go gate-to-wire. The races tend to set up for late-running sprinters. His pedigree suggests he should run further, too—I just haven't had the chance to stretch him out over that sort of ground with the way the races come up at Gulfstream."

With that in mind, Lynch said he is looking forward to entering his trainee in some of the higher-profile sprint events on the turf in America and Canada. He is currently pointing Power Alert to a start in the GIII Shakertown S. over 5 1/2 furlongs at Keeneland Apr. 4. The conditioner also is eyeing a pair of \$300,000 six-furlong events later in the year, the GIII Jaipur S. at Belmont June 6 and the GII Nearctic S. at his seasonal home base of Woodbine Oct. 18.

"You surprise yourself at how many lucrative spots there are for a good sprinter on the grass," he remarked. "You look at the spacing of the races, and he can be a very productive horse."

In addition to Power Alert, Lynch has a 'TDN Rising Star' on his hands in Stronach Stables homebred **Unbridled Juan** (Unbridled's Song). The grey notched a dominant seven-length score in a one-mile maiden event at Gulfstream Mar. 7. The trainer said he expects further development from the colt in the coming months.



Brian Lynch
Woodbine Entertainment

"He came out of his race wonderful and is doing super," remarked Lynch. "Being a Canadian-bred, he'll be geared to the Queen's Plate S. [July 5 at Woodbine]. I'd like to try him in an 'a-other-than' allowance in the second book at Keeneland and take it from there. Ultimately, later in the year, I'd like to see him in races like the GI Haskell Invitational and the GI Travers S. I feel like he's that caliber of horse. His mother [MGSW Sugar Swirl] was such a good racehorse, so it's really cool to get a well-bred colt out of her that has his ability. I had a lot of fun [training] her."

Lynch saddled another Stronach homebred, **Shaman Ghost** (Ghostzapper), to a 12-1 upset victory over 1 1/16 miles this past Saturday at Gulfstream. Acknowledging that the bay appears to fit the profile of a true Classic-distance racehorse, the trainer said he looks forward to possibly running the Ontario-bred in events such as the 10-furlong Queen's Plate.

The conditioner also has made plans for the seasonal debuts of his most accomplished runners, GISW **Coffee Clique** (Medaglia d'Oro) and MGSW **Clearly Now** (Horse Greeley). The former will get her season underway in Gulfstream's GII Honey Fox S. Mar. 28, while the latter worked seven furlongs in 1:27.50 at Palm Meadows Monday in preparation for a likely return in the Apr. 4 GI Carter H. at Aqueduct.

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TODAY'S INSIGHTS

6th-GP, \$45K, Msw, 3yo, f, 1m, 3:30 p.m. ET

Glencrest Farm and JSM Equine's **DON'TFORGETABOUTME (Malibu Moon)**, a \$725,000 KEESEP yearling, makes her second start after tiring to fourth over track-and-trip Feb. 8. The Todd Pletcher trainee is a half-sister to MGISP Beautician (Dehere). Dell Ridge Farm homebred **Lady Serena (Bernardini)**, trained by Chad Brown, makes her first start since a well-beaten fourth in her debut at Saratoga last August. Out of Serena's Cat (Storm Cat), the filly is half to MGSWs Noble Tune (Unbridled's Song) and Honor Code (A.P. Indy). Her half-sister by Tapit sold for \$3 million as a weanling at last year's Keeneland November sale. [Brisnet.com pps](#)

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Eastern U.S.

Monday's Results:

7th-PRX, \$49,520, Msw, 3yo, 6 1/2f, 1:18 2/5, ft. ISLAND CAT (g, 3, Cowtown Cat--Amelia Island, by Hook and Ladder), seventh behind subsequent GII Gotham S. runner-up Tiz Shea D (Tiznow) on debut going 5 1/2 furlongs here Feb. 7, was third over six furlongs last time out Feb. 24. The 2-1 favorite jumped out to the early lead and was under a snug hold through fractions of :22.32 and :45.45. Asked for more at the top of the lane, Island Cat kicked clear to score by 3 1/2 lengths. Roxbury N Overton (Andiron) was second. The winner is a half-brother to Amelia's Wild Ride (D'wildcat, SW, \$224,140). [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$31,740. O/B-Red Oak Stable (Brunetti) (FL). T-Gregory D Sacco.

Kentucky

Danny Parkerson Passes Away:

Former Churchill Downs General Manager and Churchill Downs Incorporated Senior Vice President Danny Parkerson passed away Friday in Louisville. He was 72. Parkerson spent over four decades with Churchill Downs. He was named director of operations in 1985 and became senior vice president in 1991. He retired in 2000. Funeral services are scheduled for noon Tuesday, March 17 at Ratterman & Son Funeral Home, 7336 Southside Drive.

Keeneland Library Lecture Series Begins Mar. 24:

Keeneland's Library Lecture Series begins its 2015 season Mar. 24 with a presentation from Kentucky actor and playwright Walter May, who will perform for the first time in public a one-man show he created about legendary Turf writer Joe Palmer. The show is based on Palmer's book, *This Was Racing*, published in 1953, the year after Palmer's death at 48. The book is a collection of Palmer's columns edited and introduced by legendary sportswriter Red Smith. Among the columns are two specifically about Keeneland. The event begins at 6:30 p.m. ET at the Keeneland Library and will be followed by a reception with May.

The Library Lecture Series continues Apr. 14 when Glenye and Christopher Oakford discuss their book, *Iroquois Hunt: A Bluegrass Foxhunting Tradition*. Other events take place Apr. 29 at the Lyric Theatre & Cultural Arts Center in downtown Lexington, where Pellom McDaniels, III will present his book, *The Prince of Jockeys: The Life of Isaac Burns Murphy*, and June 2 when Milton Toby will talk about his book *Noor: A Champion Thoroughbred's Unlikely Journey from California to Kentucky*.

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ROOD & RIDDLE and EquiMarker Join Forces:

Rood & Riddle announced Monday that it will begin a partnership with the Lexington-based technology firm EquiMarker Analytics Corporation (EMA). EMA recently announced the development of the first Equine Metabolome Platform.

Metabolomics allows the researcher to identify the unique metabolic signature of each individual by measuring the actual chemistry of the organism through more than 200 biomarkers, according to a release from the two organizations. EMA uses several analytical techniques to create norms for a population with the Metabolome Platform and then compares them to an individual's biomarkers, which can have either positive or negative implications for the individual organism.

"Joining forces with Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital will allow EMA to develop the Equine Metabolome Platform with efficiency and effectiveness," said EMA founder Dr. Paul Rosevear. "Creation of the Metabolome Platform is the first step in the research process, and provides the basis for identification and quantification of equine metabolites, moving us towards our greater goal of making a constructive impact on the equine industry."

Rood and Riddle's Dr. Stephen Reed, DVM, added, "We are excited about this partnership and anticipate the use of these new techniques in investigation of equine diseases will lead to the development of better understanding of problems such as bone disorders like osteochondrosis and osteoarthritis, as well as potential for early detection of bone fractures. The breadth of opportunities utilizing this platform will include study of gastrointestinal disorders, equine metabolic syndrome, and infectious diseases. Changes of the metabolome may be detected in samples of blood, joint fluid and cerebral spinal fluid and even faeces. Early investigation will be dedicated to establishing the normal equine metabolome in horses of various ages as well as use of preserved samples of serum and cerebral spinal fluid to investigate disorders of the central nervous system such as equine protozoal myeloencephalopathy (EPM) and cervical vertebral stenotic myelopathy."

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TRF Begins Hay Drive:

The Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation's has launched its seventh annual Hay Drive campaign, according to a release. The goal of the campaign is to raise the funds necessary for TRF's yearly hay budget for the 900 horses in its programs. TRF expects its hay costs in 2015 to exceed \$220,000. "On average, a Thoroughbred will eat about 22 pound of hay daily," said TRF Herd Manager Sara Davenport. "It is one of our greatest annual expenses, so we are grateful for donations of any size during the Hay Drive."

"We are starting off with a nice boost, thanks to a large hay donation late last year from Gallagher Stud in New York and a \$50,000 pledge from the Geoffrey Hughes Estate." added Diana Pikulski, VP of External Affairs for the TRF. To learn more about the TRF's annual Hay Drive or to contribute a "virtual" bale of hay, please call (518) 226-0028, or visit <http://www.trfinc.org/hay-drive/>.

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Fiducia, f, 3, **Medaglia d'Oro**--Believe (Jpn) (Ch. Older Mare-Jpn, MSW & GSP-Jpn, \$3,836,795), by Sunday Silence. Hanshin, 3-15, Plate Race, 6fT. Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-0, \$149,587. O-Koji Maeda; B-North Hills Co Ltd; T-Shigeki Matsumoto. *Winning jockey Yutaka Take commented, "I thought she was a very good horse in her debut race. She can handle both grass and dirt and 1200 meters will be her best distance."

ROOKIES

First/second-crop starters to watch: Tues., March 17

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

AFFIRMATIF (Unbridled's Song), Caines Station, \$1000, 44/3/1

7-WRD, Msw, 6f, +Favorite Child, \$3K OKC YRL yrl, 6-1

AFLEET EXPRESS (Afleet Alex), Gainesway, \$5K, 49/6/0

7-WRD, Msw, 6f, How's the View, \$24K RNA TEX APR 2yo, 5-1

DESERT PARTY (Street Cry {Ire}), Sequel, \$8K, 115/16/3

6-GP, Msw, 1m, Amazing Party, 10-1

MIDSHIPMAN (Unbridled's Song), Darley, \$8K, 117/24/2

8-PRX, Alw, 6f, We Miss Anthony, 5-1

MUNNINGS (Speightstown), Ashford Stud, \$10K, 165/36/4

8-PRX, Alw, 6f, El Deal, \$57K KEE NOV wnl, 7-2

MUSKET MAN (Yonaguska), Elite Thoroughbreds, \$3K, 38/7/1

8-PRX, Alw, 6f, Here Comes Gary, 8-1

PHANTOM WILDCAT (Forest Wildcat), 5/0/0

7-WRD, Msw, 6f, Empress Wildcat, 5-2

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-SUN, \$32,285, NW3L, (S), 3yo/up, 1m70y, 1:41 3/5, ft.

EL NEGRO CABALLERO (g, 4, I'monfireforyou--La Luz Del Sol, by Apollo) Lifetime Record: 11-3-2-2, \$40,138. O-Derrick W Jenkins & C Weldon. B-Derrick Jenkins (NM). T-Gary W Cross.

3rd-SUN, \$28,200, NW3L, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:08 2/5, ft.

HE'S A BLING (g, 4, Too Much Bling--Prado Lady, by El Prado {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 11-3-6-0, \$96,214. O-Solitaire Stable, Skyler Kelley, Allen J Aldrich & Tom Mansor. B-Kathryn I East (TX). T-Henry Dominguez. *1/2 to Officer Prado (Officer), SW, \$119,815.

2nd-TUP, \$22,500, 3yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:03 4/5, ft.

AGGRESSIVE BEAUTY (f, 3, Midnight Lute--Live Oaks Legacy, by Gulch) Lifetime Record: SP, 3-2-1-0, \$29,181. O-Sawyer Cattle Company. B-T/C Stable LLC & Midnight Lute Syndicate (KY). T-Dan L McFarlane. *\$20,000 yrl '13 ARZOCT; \$35,000 yrl '13 KEESEP.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Air Assault, g, 3, **Air Commander**--Miss Conti, by Lightnin N Thunder. WRD, 3-16, 6f, 1:12 2/5. B-Center Hills Farm (OK). *\$500 yrl '13 HERDEC.

Rocket Boss, c, 3, **Air Commander**--Vermont Connection, by Alysheba. WRD, 3-16, 6f, 1:12 1/5. B-Center Hills Farm & Danny Hammock (OK). *\$8,200 yrl '13 OKCAUG. **1/2 to Fortuitous (Dynaformer), GSW, \$145,020.

• ON THE WORKTAB •

BELMONT PARK
 Sweet Reason (Street Sense), 4f (tr), :48.49, 6/84
 Wonder Gal (Tiz Wonderful), 5f (tr), 1:03.34, 21/28

FAIR GROUNDS
 I'm a Chatterbox (Munnings), 5f, :59.20, 1/20
 Tough Customer (Giant's Causeway), 5f, 1:01.20, 7/20
 Shook Up (Tapit), 5f, 1:01.00, 5/20

OAKLAWN PARK
 Mr. Z (Scat Daddy), 5f, 1:02.00, 3/15

PALM MEADOWS
 Danza Cavallo (Fr) (Sunday Break {Jpn}), 5fT, 1:01.30, 18/28
 Main Sequence (Aldebaran), 7fT, 1:27.00, 1/2
 Quadrivium (Henrythenavigator), 5f, 1:01.40, 8/23
 Social Inclusion (Pioneerof the Nile), 4f, :49.45, 4/12

PAYSON PARK
 I'll Take Charge (Indian Charlie--Take Charge Lady), 3f, :37.60, 3/8
 Lea (First Samurai), 4f, :49.00, 3/19
 Miss Besilu (Medaglia d'Oro), 4f, :50.60, 14/19

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NEW RULES FOR BRITISH JOCKEY TITLE

The parameters for Britain's champion jockey title have been changed so that the championship will start May 2--Guineas weekend at Newmarket--and conclude on Qipco British Champions Day at Ascot in October. The championships was previously contested from March through November. Announced yesterday by Great British Racing, the changes have been made to make the title race less of a grind on its participants, and to "provide a more compelling storyline for new and existing racing fans." For the first time ever the champion jockey title will also carry a prize reward; £25,000 to the winner, with prizes also for the runner-up, leading apprentice and jockey of the month, which will be run in association with Channel 4 Racing.

Richard Hughes, who has earned the title the last three years and will shoot for a fourth this year prior to retiring, spoke out in support of the new initiative Monday.

"Anything which helps to raise the profile of the sport and is of benefit for the weighing room is something that I'm all for," he said. "Over the last 30 years, the number of racedays has almost doubled and the sheer volume of racing has meant that the title battle is a real grind. It took me 20 years to win my first championship and I am certainly in no mood to give up my title now."

Three-time champion jockey Frankie Dettori added, "This makes complete sense. The profile of racing has changed. You need a good start and a good finish with the leading contenders present. Racing needs to make more of us jockeys and the rivalry between us to engage the public."

Trainer Mark Johnston, however, is against the changes, writing on his website, "You can now brace yourself for the departure of our top jockeys, to sunnier, more lucrative, climes in early October. They may, or may not, return for the Craven meeting [in April] but you can take it that the majority will only ride in Britain for six months of the year."

The flat trainers' championship will not be changed for 2015, and will be rewarded to the conditioner that has won the most prize money on turf and all-weather tracks from Nov. 9, 2014 to Nov. 7, 2015.

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CONDITIONS RESULTS:

2nd-COM, €34,000, 3-16, 3yo, 8fT, 1:46, vsf. LEADER WRITER (FR) (c, 3, Pivotal {GB}--Miss Emma May {Ire}, by Hawk Wing) Lifetime Record: SP-Fr, 8 starts, 3 wins, 3 places, €54,900. O/B-Guy Heald (FR). T-Henri-Alex Pantall.

5th-MPV, €27,000, 3-16, 3yo, 10f (AWT), 2:08, ft. MOT DE PASSE (FR) (c, 3, Slickly {Fr}--Colca {Ire}, by Desert Style {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 5 starts, 2 wins, 1 place, €23,900. O/B-Jean-Claude Seroul (FR). T-Frederic Rossi.

Australasia

GAINS AT MAGIC MILLIONS MARCH

Magic Millions' two-day March Yearling Sale got underway yesterday with encouraging results. The average was up 35.9% to A\$28,686, with 140 horses changing hands for A\$4,016,000 and a buyback rate of 21.5%. Last year, 121 horses were sold for A\$2,554,000 and a buyback rate of 35.8%.


"It's been a phenomenal start to the March Yearling Sale," said Magic Millions Managing Director Vin Cox. "The strength of the sale has been the middle market with consistent prices for quality lots all day. Racing in Queensland is in a really good space at the moment, which is reflective in the results. Having said that, we are very happy with the out-of-state participation."

The most expensive lot on the day was a colt by Real Saga (Aus) from Glenlogan Park. The bay's half-brother Siegfried (Aus) (Jet Spur {Aus}) won on the Gold Coast on Saturday. The Real Saga colt was purchased for A\$110,000 by new syndication group Australasian Thoroughbreds, and he will join his brother in the stable of trainer Toby Edmonds.

"We are a brand new syndication company--in fact our website only went live this week," said Jamie Bourke, director of Australasian Thoroughbreds. "We have purchased some lovely horses and this colt is a welcome addition to the team."

Australasian Thoroughbreds currently has a dozen horses including yearlings, 2-year-olds and 3-year-olds.

The second and final session of the sale kicks off tomorrow at 11 a.m. local time.

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SESSION TOTALS	2015	2014
• Catalogued	197	200
• No. Offered	187	190
• No. Sold	140	121
• RNAs	47	68
• % RNAs	25.1%	35.8%
• High Price	A\$110,000	A\$85,000
• Gross	A\$4,016,000	A\$2,554,000
• Average (% change)	A\$28,686 (+35.9%)	A\$21,107

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**MAGIC MILLIONS MARCH YEARLING SALE
SESSION ONE TOP THREE LOTS**

Lot	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (A\$)
153	c	Real Saga (Aus)	Classic Covet (Aus)	110,000
<i>B-Glenlogan Park Pty Ltd</i>				
Consigned by Glenlogan Park				
Purchased by Australasian Thoroughbreds				
142	c	Sequalo (Aus)	Bye Bye Diamonds (Aus)	90,000
<i>B-C D Enders</i>				
Consigned by Lyndhurst Stud Farm				
Purchased by Grandview				
95	c	I Am Invincible (Aus)	Zebitheia (Aus)	80,000
<i>B-Not available</i>				
Consigned by JD Thoroughbreds				
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SWEET RELISH, 9, Smoke Glacken--Sweet Eloise, by Sky Classic
Foal born Feb. 17, a colt by Ghostzapper.
Will be bred back to Awesome Again.
Owned and boarded at Pin Oak Stud.
Accomplishments: SW & GSP, \$196,630.

MAIL THE DESERT (IRE), 15, Desert Prince (Ire)--Mail Boat (GB), by Formidable
Foal born Feb. 19, a filly by Nathaniel (Ire)
Owned by and boarded at Newsells Park Stud.
Accomplishments: G1SW-Ire, G1SP-Eng & GSP-Ger, \$263,097.

RAINBOW VIEW, 9, Dynaformer--No Matter What, by Nureyev
Foal born Feb. 19, a colt by Tapit.
Owned by Augustin Stable.
Boarded at Stone Farm.
Accomplishments: Ch. 2yo Filly-Eur, Hwt. 2yo Filly-Eng, G1SW-Eng & Ire, GSW & GISP-NA, \$1,129,408.

SENADA, 8, Pulpit--Owsley, by Harlan
Foal born Feb. 19, a filly by Midnight Lute.
Owned by Roy & Gretchen Jackson.
Boarded at Stone Farm.
Accomplishments: SW & MGSP, \$215,021.

VALBENNY (IRE), 11, Val Royal (Fr)--Dark Indian (Ire), by Indian Ridge (Ire)
Foal born Feb. 19, a filly by Lonhro (Aus).
Will be bred back to Curlin.
Owned by Mr. & Mrs. Roy Jackson.
Boarded at Mill Ridge Farm.
Accomplishments: MGSW & MGISP, \$589,392.

HONEY RYDER, 14, Lasting Approval--Cuando Quiere, by Affirmed
Foal born Feb. 20, a colt by Animal Kingdom.
Will be bred back to Point of Entry.
Owned by and boarded at Adena Springs Farm.
Accomplishments: MGISW of \$2,784,160.

HOSTESS, 12, Chester House--Charge D'affaires, by Vice Regent
Foal born Feb. 21, a filly by Giant's Causeway.
Will be bred back to Scat Daddy.
Owned and boarded at Gallaghers Stud.
Accomplishments: MGSW, \$383,918.

CONFESSIONAL, 19, Holy Bull--Whisper Who Dares, by Green Dancer
Foal born Feb. 22, a colt by Alternation.
Will be bred back to Will Take Charge.
Owned and boarded at Pin Oak Stud.
Accomplishments: GISW, \$827,638.

BACHATA, 11, Kingmambo--Meadow Vista, by Meadowlake
Foal born Feb. 23, a colt by Broken Vow.
Will be bred back to Ghostzapper.
Owned and boarded at Pin Oak Stud.
Accomplishments: SW & GSP, \$163,925. Dam of Gold Medal Dancer (Medaglia d'Oro), SW & GSP, \$349,269.

NO SUCH WORD, 8, Canadian Frontier--Muskoka Ice, by It's Freezing
Foal born Feb. 24, a colt by Majesticperfection.
Will be bred back to Include.
Owned by B.C. Jones.
Boarded at Airdrie Stud.
Accomplishments: GISW, \$653,213.

EUPHONY, 10, Forest Wildcat--Strike it Up, by Smart Strike
Foal born Feb. 25, a colt by Elusive Quality.
Will be bred back to Alternation.
Owned by and boarded at Pin Oak Stud, LLC.
Accomplishments: GSW, \$589,636.

MY PRINCESS JESS, 10, Stormy Atlantic--Jewell of Jewels, by Pleasant Colony
Foal born Feb. 25, a filly by Tapit.
Will be bred back to Kitten's Joy.
Owned by Mr. & Mrs. Roy Jackson.
Boarded at Mill Ridge Farm.
Accomplishments: MGSW & MGISP, \$557,015.

