



## RAVEN'S PASS FILLY ON TOP AT GOFFS

by Emma Berry

For those who thought they'd seen the star of the show on Tuesday at Goffs there was a surprise in store when Kilcarn Stud's Raven's Pass filly out of the 21-year-old sales queen Spirit of Tara (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) (lot [432](#)) rocketed past the first-day high to top the Orby Sale at €2 million.



Lot 432 | Sarah Farnsworth

Three yearlings fetched seven-figure sums during the second session, boosting turnover to €38,953,500, an improvement of 1%, albeit for 17 more horses sold than in 2014. Clearance rate fell fractionally to 86% for 373 horses sold from 434 offered, and the average and median

figures also both dropped, to €104,433 (-4%) and €62,000 (-11%) respectively.

The second session cleared €19,309,000 at an average price of €107,872 (-5%) and a median of €62,000 (-11%).

"Never before have we sold four seven-figure lots at a Goffs yearling sale, nor three in a single day, so we are naturally elated to have catalogued this quartet of truly illustrious yearlings and send our heartfelt thanks to Pat O'Kelly, Noel O'Callaghan, the Hanburys' Triermore Stud and Kirsten Rausing for entrusting us with their best yearlings," said Goffs Chief Executive Henry Beeby.

"As we have always said we cannot do anything without the support of leading Irish breeders and we are delighted to have repaid their confidence in our service by returning such good results." *Goffs cont. p9*



Sales-topping lot 432 | Racing Post

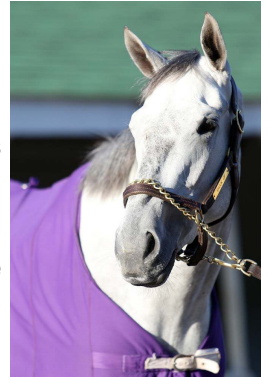
## TOTAL OF 4,476 CATALOGUED FOR KEENOV

Keeneland has catalogued 4,476 horses for its 2015 November Breeding Stock Sale to be held Nov. 2-13, just two days after the Oct. 30-31 Breeders' Cup World Championships. The catalog is currently available online and printed copies will go out Oct. 12.

"The intention of hosting the Breeders' Cup at Keeneland is to bring greater attention to Central Kentucky--the center of the Thoroughbred breeding industry in North America--and, therefore, by its proximity, be of direct benefit to the November Sale," Keeneland President and CEO Bill Thomason said.

Horses catalogued for the 2015 sale include 2,610 broodmares and broodmare prospects, 1,719 weanlings, 130 horses of racing age, and 17 stallions and stallion prospects. Horses of racing age will be offered Monday, Nov. 9, and Tuesday, Nov. 10, and include the annual consignment from WinStar Racing.

This year's sale will feature the dispersals of Regis Farms and Northwest Farms. Consigned by Three Chimneys Farm, the 41-horse Regis Farms dispersal includes 15 broodmares, six weanlings and 20 horses of racing age, all to be offered without a reserve. The highlights of the dispersal include "TDN Rising Star" and GI Kentucky Oaks runner-up **Shook Up** (Tapit) and Canadian champion **Sealy Hill** (Point Given), who sells in foal to Medaglia d'Oro. *Cont. p3*



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SIRE	EARNINGS	PER STARTER	2015 FEE
1. War Front	\$4,523,066	\$39,331	\$150,000
2. English Channel	\$4,187,077	\$34,892	\$25,000
3. Medaglia d'Oro	\$4,861,693	\$32,629	\$125,000
4. Kitten's Joy	\$6,485,602	\$29,347	\$100,000

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**Tonalist (Tapit) looks to defend his title in Saturday's GI Jockey Club Gold Cup S. at Belmont. Field p3 | Christie DeBernardis**

## Soaring Softly Passes Away

Champion **Soaring Softly** (Kris S.), winner of the inaugural GI Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf, passed away in a paddock accident at Darby Dan Farm Tuesday. She was 20-years-old.

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## Durkin Honored at TCA Dinner

Legendary track announcer Tom Durkin was the Thoroughbred Club of America's Honored Guest at its 84th Testimonial Dinner Tuesday night. Lucas Marquardt recaps some of the dinner's best moments.

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## Eskendereya to Japan

The Japan Bloodhorse Breeders' Association has purchased **Eskendereya** (Giant's Causeway) from Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings and will bring the 8-year-old to Japan to stand for the 2016 breeding season.

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**Keeneland November cont. from p1**

Bruce Gibbs Greenfield Farm will oversee the 42-horse Northwest Farms consignment, which includes MSW **Stopshoppingdebbie** (Curlin), who is in foal to Medaglia d'Oro; and SW **Goin to the Window** (Tapit), who sells in foal to War Front.

Other broodmare standouts entered for Keeneland November include 2014 Champion Juvenile Filly **Take Charge Brandi** (Giant's Causeway); recent GI Rodeo Drive S. heroine **Photo Call (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}); and fellow Grade I winners **Don't Tell Sophia** (Congaree), **Hard Not to Like** (Hard Spun and **Sam's Sister** (Brother Derek); and Canadian Horse of the Year **Lexie Lou** (Sligo Bay {Ire}).

The sale's first two sessions, which comprise Book 1, will begin at 11 a.m. ET. The remaining sessions start at 10 a.m. The entire sale will be streamed on Keeneland's [website](#).

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**JOCKEY CLUB GOLD CUP S.-GI, \$1,000,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/4m**

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Wicked Strong (K)	Hard Spun	Rosario	Jerkens	126
2 Coach Inge	Big Brown	I. Ortiz	Pletcher	126
3 Constitution	Tapit	Castellano	Pletcher	126
4 Effinex	Mineshaft	Alvarado	Jerkens	126
5 Looks to Spare	Pollard's Vision	Parker	DiPrima	126
6 Tonalist	Tapit	Velazquez	Clement	126

**Shadwell Turf Mile Stakes**

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**SHADWELL TURF MILE S.-GI, \$1,000,000, 3yo/up, 1mT**

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 War Envoy	War Front	Heffernan	O'Brien	123
2 Kelinni (Ire)	Refuse To Bend (Ire)	Lynch	Ryan	126
3 King Kreesa	King Cugat	Franco	Donk	126
4 Grand Arch (K)	Arch	Saez	Lynch	126
5 Dutch Connection (GB)	Dutch Art (GB)	Crowley	Hills	123
6 Heart to Heart	English Channel	Bridgmhan	Lynch	126
7 Grand Tito (K)	Candy Ride (Arg)	Prado	Delgado	126
8 Skyring	English Channel	Rocco	Lukas	126
9 Bobby's Kitten	Kitten's Joy	Smith	Brown	126
10 The Pizza Man	English Channel	Geroux	Brueggmnn	126
11 Jack Milton (K)	War Front	Espinoza	Pletcher	126
12 Tourist	Tiznow	Lezcano	Mott	126
13 Seek Again	Speightstown	Leparoux	Mott	126

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**CLAIBORNE BREEDERS' FUTURITY-GI, \$500,000, 2yo, 1 1/16m**

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Rated R Superstar	Kodiak Cowboy	Borel	McPeck	121
2 Uncle Jerry (K)	Uncle Mo	Graham	Harty	121
3 Hawkbill (K)	Kitten's Joy	Smith	Appleby	121
4 Gametown (K)	Street Sense	Leparoux	Casse	121
5 Brody's Cause (K)	Giant's Causeway	Lanerier	Romans	121
6 Sticksstatelydude (K)	First Dude	Hernandez	Burchell	121
7 Exaggerator (K)	Curlin	Dsrmeaux	Dsrmeaux	121
8 Sheikh of Sheikhs (K)	Discreetly Mine	Prado	Ward	121
9 Wild Man	Pulpit	Santana	Asmussen	121
10 Threefiveindia	Street Hero	Landeros	Lyster	121
11 Pinnacle Peak	Yes It's True	Espinoza	Stidham	121
12 Uncle Vinny (K)	Uncle Mo	Saez	Pletcher	121

**Foxwoods Champagne Stakes**  
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**Saturday, Belmont Park, post time: 4:18 p.m. EDT**  
**CHAMPAGNE S.-GI, \$500,000, 2yo, 1m**

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Magna Light (K)	Magna Graduate	Ortiz	Rodriguez	122
2 Greenpointcrusader (K)	Bernardini	Bravo	Schettino	122
3 Ready Dancer (K)	More Than Ready	Velazquez	Pletcher	122
4 Sail Ahoy	Bernardini	Rosario	McGaughey	122
5 Ralis	Square Eddie	Castellano	O'Neill	122
6 Rafting	Tapit	I. Ortiz	Motion	122
7 Tale of S'avall	Tale of Ekati	Velasquez	Tagg	122
8 Sunny Ridge	Holy Bull	Alvarado	Servis	122
9 Portfolio Manager (K)	Harlan's Holiday	Franco	Brown	122

**Flower Bowl Invitational Stakes**  
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**Saturday, Belmont Park, post time: 3:08 p.m. EDT**  
**FLOWER BOWL S.-GI, \$500,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/4mT**

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Stephanie's Kitten (K)	Kitten's Joy	I. Ortiz	Brown	121
2 Regardez (GB)	Champs Elysees (GB)	Rosario	Brown	119
*3 Rosalind	Broken Vow	Rosario	Brown	121
4 America (K)	A.P. Indy	Alvarado	Mott	119
5 Watsdachances (Ire)	Diamond Green (Fr)	Bravo	Brown	123
*6 Tiz So Sweet	Tiznow	N/A	Mott	119
7 Mutatis Mutandis (Ire)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	Velazquez	Walker	119
8 Curvy (GB)	Galileo (Ire)	Lordan	Wachman	121
9 Distorted Beauty	Invasor (Arg)	Ortiz	Levine	119
10 Danza Cavallo (Fr)	Sunday Break (Jpn)	Castellano	Brown	119

\*Main Track Only

**Saturday, Keeneland, post time: 4:35 p.m. EDT**  
**FIRST LADY S.-GI, \$400,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT**

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Crowley's Law (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Espinoza	Dascombe	124
2 Kiss Moon (K)	Malibu Moon	Lanerier	Vance	124
3 She's Not Here (K)	Street Cry (Ire)	Smith	Oliver	124
4 My Miss Sophia (K)	Unbridled's Song	Lezcano	Mott	124
5 Easter (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Heffernan	O'Brien	121
6 Solid Appeal (K)	Successful Appeal	Carmouche	Baker	124
7 Outstanding (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	O'Donoghue	O'Brien	121
8 Cara Marie (K)	Unbridled's Song	Albarado	Gorder	121
9 Sky Treasure (K)	Sky Mesa	Saez	Casse	124
10 Jealous Cat (K)	Tapit	Geroux	McCauley	124
11 Tepin	Bernstein	Leparoux	Casse	124

**Frizette Stakes**  
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**Saturday, Belmont Park, post time: 3:43 p.m. EDT**  
**FRIZETTE S.-GI, \$400,000, 2yo, f, 1m**

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 She's All Ready	Girolamo	Alvarado	Ryerson	120
2 Width	Blame	J. Ortiz	Clement	120
3 Nemoralia (K)	More Than Ready	Rosario	Noseda	120
4 Anna Rae (K)	Tiz Wonderful	Bravo	Englehart	120
5 Nickname (K)	Scat Daddy	Castellano	Asmussen	120
6 Desert Tune	Street Cry (Ire)	Velazquez	Albertrani	120
7 Where's the D (K)	Blame	I. Ortiz	O'Neill	120

**Santa Anita Sprint Championship**  
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**Saturday, Santa Anita Park, post time: 7:30 p.m. EDT**  
**SANTA ANITA SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIP S.-GI, \$300,000, 3yo/up, 6f**

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 San Onofre	Surf Cat	Solis	Headley	119
2 Masochistic	Sought After	Baze	Ellis	124
3 Glacken Too	Smoke Glacken	Maldonado	D'Amato	119
4 Kobe's Back	Flatter	Stevens	Eurton	119
5 Distinctiv Passion	With Distinction	Pedroza	Bonde	119
6 Wild Dude	Wildcat Heir	Bejarano	Hollendorfer	124
7 Indexical	Latent Heat	Gutierrez	Cecil	119
8 Gimme Da Lute	Midnight Lute	Garcia	Baffert	117



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**Saturday, Belmont Park, post time: 2:33 p.m. EDT**

**KELSO H.-GII, \$400,000, 3yo/up, 1m**

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Appealing Tale (K)	Tale of the Cat	Talamo	Miller	118
2 Honor Code	A.P. Indy	Castellano	McGaughey	124
3 Scarly Charly	Friends Lake	Ortiz	Hushion	113
4 Tamarkuz (K)	Speightstown	I. Ortiz	McLaughlin	118
5 Red Vine	Candy Ride (Arg)	Rosario	Clement	116
6 Mylute	Midnight Lute	Velazquez	Pletcher	114
7 Matterhorn (K)	Tapit	Bravo	Pletcher	116

**Thoroughbred Club of America Stakes**  
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**Saturday, Keeneland, post time: 4:00 p.m. EDT**

**THOROUGHBRED CLUB OF AMERICA S.-GII, \$250,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f**

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Heykittykittykitty	Tactical Cat	Santana	Moquett	120
2 Desert Valley	Desert Party	Albarado	Sharp	118
3 Judy the Beauty (K)	Ghostzapper	Smith	Ward	120
4 Sweet Whiskey	Old Fashioned	Geroux	Pletcher	120
5 Leigh Court	Grand Slam	Espinoza	Stidham	120
6 Spelling Again	Awesome Again	Bridgmohan	Cox	122
7 Fioretti (K)	Bernardini	Doyle	Hamilton	120
8 Brown Eyed Mary (K)	Pulpit	Lanerie	Sancal	120

**Saturday, Belmont Park, post time: 4:53 p.m. EDT**

**HILL PRINCE S.-GIII, \$500,000, 3yo, 1 1/8mT**

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Macher (K)	Purim	Luzzi	Adsit	116
2 Vision Perfect	Pollard's Vision	Cancel	Donk	116
3 Winter Springs (Fr)	Stormy River (Fr)	Alvarado	Brown	116
4 Jay Gatsby	Giant's Causeway	Jara	Jerkens	116
5 Takeover Target (K)	Harlan's Holiday	Ortiz	Brown	120
6 Courtier	Pioneerof the Nile	Trujillo	Mott	116
7 Royal Albert Hall (GB)	Royal Applause (GB)	Velazquez	O'Neill	116
8 Great Dancer (Ire)	Lord Shanakill	Bravo	Lawrence	116
9 Money Multiplier (K)	Lookin At Lucky	Castellano	Brown	116
10 World Approval	Northern Afleet	Rosario	Casse	118
11 Tale of Life (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	I. Ortiz	Motion	116
12 Nonna's Boy	Distorted Humor	DeCarlo	Pletcher	116
13 Good Luck Gus	Lookin At Lucky	N/A	Rodriguez	116

**Saturday, Keeneland, post time: 3:25 p.m. EDT**

**WOODFORD S. PRESENTED BY KEENELAND SELECT-GIII, \$150,000,**

**3yo/up, 5 1/2fT**

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Channel Marker (K)	Purim	Torres	Bauer	122
2 Mongolian Saturday (K)	Any Given Saturday	Geroux	Ganbat	120
3 Shore Runner	More Than Ready	Carmouche	Sharp	120
4 Amelia's Wild Ride	D'wildcat	Lezcano	Preciado	120
5 Undrafted (K)	Purim	Dsrmeaux	Ward	124
6 Something Extra (K)	Indian Charlie	Smith	Cox	122
7 Mongol Bull (K)	Hard Spun	Graham	Rainwater	120
8 Havelock	Great Notion	Rocco	Miller	120
9 Hogy (K)	Offlee Wild	Emigh	Becker	120
10 Quick Dagger	Northern Afleet	Landeros	Hartman	120
11 Sharp Sensation (K)	Sharp Humor	Espinoza	Baker	120
12 Stacked Deck	First Samurai	Saez	Minshall	120
13 Holy Lute (K)	Midnight Lute	Gonzalez	Cassidy	120
14 Speechify (K)	Harlan's Holiday	Brdgmhan	Nicks	120

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15 Summation Time	In Summation	Leparoux	Clement	120
16 Cyclogenesis (K)	Stormy Atlantic	Lanerie	Weaver	118

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**Saturday, Woodbine, post time: 4:29 p.m. EDT**

**DURHAM CUP S.-GIII, C\$150,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m**

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Are You Kidding Me	Run Away and Hide	Garcia	Attfield	123
2 Melmich	Wilko	Da Silva	Attard	121
3 Florida Won (K)	Birdstone	Husbands	Casse	123
4 Golden Sabre	Medaglia d'Oro	Wilson	Pierce	119
5 Turkish	Istan	Olguin	Attard	119
6 Midnight Aria (K)	Midnight Lute	Campbell	Gonzalez	119
7 Lukes Alley	Flower Alley	Contreras	Carroll	119

**Saturday, Santa Anita Park, post time: 6:30 p.m. EDT**

**EDDIE D S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, 6 1/2fT**

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Jimmy Bouncer	Square Eddie	Gutierrez	O'Neill	118
2 Majestic City (K)	City Zip	Bejarano	Baltas	123
3 Midnight Storm (K)	Pioneerof the Nile	Baze	D'Amato	118
4 Mr. Sexy	Unbridled's Song	Van Dyke	Papprdmou	118
5 Quick and Silver (K)	Dunkirk	Blanc	McCarthy	118
6 No Silent	Silent Name (Jpn)	Stevens	Mandella	118
7 Toowindytohaulrox	Harlan's Holiday	Pereira	D'Amato	118
8 Maltes (Brz)	Red Runner	Pedroza	Vienna	118
9 Chips All In (K)	North Light (Ire)	Quinonez	Brocklebank	118
10 Safety Belt (Arg)	Easing Along	Valdez	McAnally	118
11 Melatonin (K)	Kodiak Kowboy	Garcia	Hofmans	118



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## SOARING SOFTLY, 20, PASSES AWAY

Champion **Soaring Softly** (Kris S.--Wings of Grace, by Key to the Mint), winner of the inaugural GI Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf, passed away in a paddock accident Sept. 29 at age 20, Darby Dan Farm announced via Twitter Wednesday. An Eclipse Award winner as Champion Grass Mare in 1999 during a seven-for-eight season, the chestnut was campaigned by Darby Dan's Phillips Racing Partnership.

Despite breaking her maiden over the Aqueduct dirt as a juvenile and adding a Keeneland main track



**Soaring Softly** | Horsephotos

allowance victory at three to go with a fourth-place effort in the GI Acorn S., the Jimmy Toner trainee proved a revelation switched to the grass during her 4-year-old season in 1999. In addition to her Breeders' Cup victory, Soaring

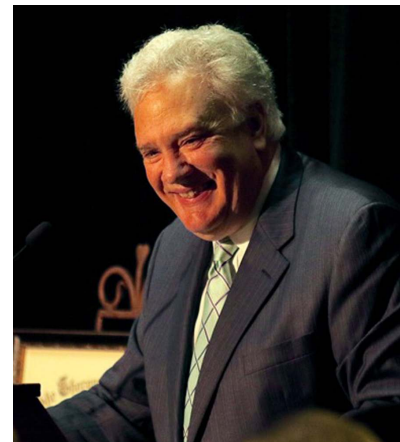
Softly captured the GI Flower Bowl Invitational H., GII New York H. and the GII Sheepshead Bay H., with the only loss being a fifth-place finish in the GII Diana H. at Saratoga. Closing from far off the pace, Soaring Softly justified favoritism in what turned out to be her career finale in the Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf at Gulfstream Park. She retired with a record of 16-9-1-3, and earned \$1,270,433.

Bred by Darby Dan's Galbreath/Phillips Racing Partnership in Kentucky, Soaring Softly was produced by GIII Boiling Spring H. winner Wings of Grace (Key to the Mint), herself a half-sister to top producer Battle Creek Girl (His Majesty), responsible for champion Wavering Girl (Wavering Monarch), and MGSWs Tricky Creek (Clever Trick), Parade Ground (Kingmambo), and GSWs Parade Leader (Kingmambo) and Speed Dialer (Phone Trick). A half-sister to GISW Plenty of Grace (Roberto), Soaring Softly foaled stakes winner Much Rejoicing (Distorted Humor) and the stakes placed Shine Softly (Aldebaran). She is also the second dam of MSW and GSP Spring to the Sky (Langfuhr). The last foal produced by the Darby Dan resident was a Medaglia d'Oro filly of 2014. She had been covered by Ghostzapper this spring.

## DURKIN HONORED AT TCA DINNER

*Editorial & Photos by Lucas Marquardt*

"Tom revolutionized race calling," longtime broadcaster Tom Hammond said this past Tuesday night. He wasn't referring to himself, of course, but to Tom Durkin, sitting a few feet away, below the lectern, in a crowded dining room at Keeneland Race Course. The occasion was the Thoroughbred Club of America's 84th Testimonial Dinner. The TCA was recognizing Durkin as its 2015 Honored Guest, and Hammond was explaining why. "Tom would determine the themes, the storylines, of a big race...and his recalls were like a story," he said. "They had a beginning, a middle and an end. When people listen to these calls years from now, they will be just as thrilled as we all were when we heard them live. They are timeless."



**Tom Hammond**

There aren't many fans who would argue with Hammond. When Durkin retired after 43 years in the booth last year, he left behind a celebrated body of work comprised of thousands of vignettes, most under a minute and fifty seconds. Those race calls, for the Breeders' Cup, the Triple Crown series, and, for the last 24 years of his career, at NYRA, became the very sound of racing for a generation of fans. At Tuesday's dinner, well over a hundred Lexingtonians gathered to say thanks.

Hammond gave some history on Durkin. A native of Chicago. A graduate of Saint Norbert in Wisconsin. ("Where he majored--and this is important--in drama.") A chart caller for the *Daily Racing Form*. A race caller at string of tracks whose names became familiar only deep into the progression.

In all, Durkin called races at 50 tracks in six countries, and, as a video highlight reel underscored, was on hand for some of racing's most memorable moments. Personal Ensign's last-gasp win over Winning Colors in the 1988 Breeders' Cup Distaff. Cigar's incomparable victory in the '95 Classic. The defeat of Curlin by the filly Rags to Riches in the 2007 Belmont.

"It's my pleasure to introduce the greatest racecaller of all time, Tom Durkin," Hammond wrapped. Again, who was going to argue? **Cont. p7**

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**Durkin Honored at TCA Dinner cont.**

For his part, Durkin, during a 15-minute speech, showed why he was so good at what he did. At turns infusing humor and poignance into his address, Durkin called himself the "luckiest SOB on the face of the earth" for being able to do sometime he loved for a living. "My career was enormously satisfying and a source of great happiness for me, and for you, I hope it was just kind of fun," he said. He then began...at the beginning. "I was born Irish. I was genetically purposed to love language, to tell stories," he said, before adding by way of example, "In the span of a few short years, St. Patrick himself was able to convert an entire race of pagans into devout Catholics simply by telling stories, and throwing in some doctrine now and then."

Over the years, Durkin kept a notebook of ideas and phrases to describe races. Six pages were dedicated to



**Tom Durkin**

pace. "From sizzling to somnolent--which I actually used twice--from torrid to tepid to torpid, that's just the Irish in me," he said.

Durkin elaborated on his personal history through a series of quick one-liners: "A guy named Jim is hitchhiking in Wisconsin on Highway

57. A guy named Marty picks him up. They start talking. Marty runs horse races at county fairs. Jim tells him that I'm the assistant announcer at Arlington Park. A big lie. I get the job calling races on weekends, but I'm still working at my uncle's golf club factory in Chicago. Miserable." Etc.

Durkin was calling races at the Meadowlands in 1984 when he was named, somewhat surprisingly, as the voice of an upstart new series called the Breeders' Cup. He was still searching for his comfort zone, announcing for a televised audience of millions, four years later when the event was held for the first time in Kentucky at Churchill Downs. The nerves were so intense, in fact, that Durkin resorted to a hypnotist, who in turn prescribed an under-the-spell suggestion whereby Durkin, at the mere sight of the Twin Spires, would relax, breath deeply, and "capture the drama."

It worked. "Nov. 5, 1988. I can say without fear of contradiction that that was the greatest racecard ever presented," said Durkin. "For all of us, that day provided more drama than any other day in American racing before or since. Angel Cordero, who just a few months before was inducted into the Hall of Fame, won the opening double in two million-dollar races. D. Wayne Lukas had an almost unprecedented day. He won three \$1 million races, and came within winning a fourth with Winning Colors. The French filly Miesque became the first two-time Breeders' Cup winner. Personal Ensign and Winning Colors in the Distaff: quite simply, one of the greatest races of all time. And, of course, the midnight Classic, won by Alysheba. You had to see it to believe it. Unfortunately, it was so dark, hardly anybody saw it, and that included me."

Durkin seamlessly segued into present day. "That was in Louisville, and now it's on to Lexington," he said. "Friends, enjoy and appreciate the Breeders' Cup of 2015, this defining moment for your beloved Keeneland. Enjoy it all, where the best of the best come to Keeneland, and American racing comes full circle. From the foals in the field to the finish line in just a few furlongs."

That concluded Durkin's speech, but maybe he had encapsulated things best earlier when he said, "The reason my career was successful can be summed up in one magnificent word: horses. Without their heroic displays, without their relentless desire to prevail, without their sheer beauty, without what those horses did, I just might as well have used my voice to recite the phone book for the last 43 years."

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**OP/ED: RACING IS NOT DELIVERING WHAT THE YOUNGER DEMOGRAPHIC CRAVES**

*by Dean Towers*

I know what you're saying: Oh boy, another column about young people and racing.

"They have short attention spans, so we need to give them action, like slot machines do."

"They like concerts and bands, and night clubs, so we have to change the on-track experience to meet these needs."

"Once we get them in the building, they will get the 'bug' just like we did when we were their age."

I promise you won't read anything like the above in the following as a solution. Scout's honor.

"Millennials" is a term we often read or hear, without really knowing what it means. Generally, a millennial is simply someone born between 1980 and 2000. In the U.S. alone, there are 87 million of them, and because they are soon to make up upwards of one third of all retail spending in the country, they are a big reason every new TV show seems to



**The millennial problem: why they don't gamble** | *Racing Post*

feature a millennial with amazing skills, working for the FBI, CIA, or something else that is totally unbelievable for almost anyone that age. Appealing to this demographic is big dollars--bigger than ever before.

Like WalMart or any other retailer, casino gambling (and horse racing for that matter) has been trying their best to attack the market. Getting these kids (I call anyone under 35 a kid, forgive me) to gamble is paramount. But, a funny thing has been happening. They aren't gambling like they used to. **Cont. p8**

**Op/Ed cont.**

Recently, Jeff Hwang, a gambler, president of a gaming company, and a member of this coveted demographic, penned an article for the Motley Fool titled, "[The Millennial Problem, Why We Don't Gamble.](#)" In the well-researched essay, Hwang explores the reasons why Las Vegas Strip gambling revenue now only makes up 37% of total strip revenues, despite Vegas doing a lot of the right things. Las Vegas, as many of you well know, has delivered young people into the building--with night clubs, concerts, and all the rest--but these folks are going for night clubs, concerts and all the rest. They are not gambling.

Hwang speaks about the hand-wringing that goes on in casino executive offices, and frankly a lot of it reads like exactly the discussions racing has about the same topic. Everyone seems to be looking for a solution to a problem in the abstract, without looking at the real, fundamental issue. This issue: The declining economics of being a gambler.

In a recently released report, "[Slot Market Assessment: Analysis of Industry Data](#)" the eroded value of the gambling dollar for slots was examined. As the following graph shows, industry low holds for slot machines have been creeping upwards.

In addition, new technologies have allowed for quicker slot game play, from around 10 spins a minute to 17 spins a minute. As Hwang notes, "in short, the slot player is losing more money faster than ever before."

What happens when you feel you are not getting a fair shake, and losing too much money at a game? You play less, of course, and that's exactly what's been happening. Again, from the same report, below is a graph showing the rise in disposable income, versus slot machine handle in the U.S.

Continuous shuffling machines combat any card-counting skill, and higher house edge games, like paying 6-5 for blackjack (a takeout rate hike from 3-2) are becoming commonplace. Again, like slot machines, there is less value in table games than ever before. You might at this point be asking, "what's that have to do with millennials?" That's a fair question. Well, when it comes to gambling, millennials are different than baby boomers and Gen X'ers in one big way: Knowledge.

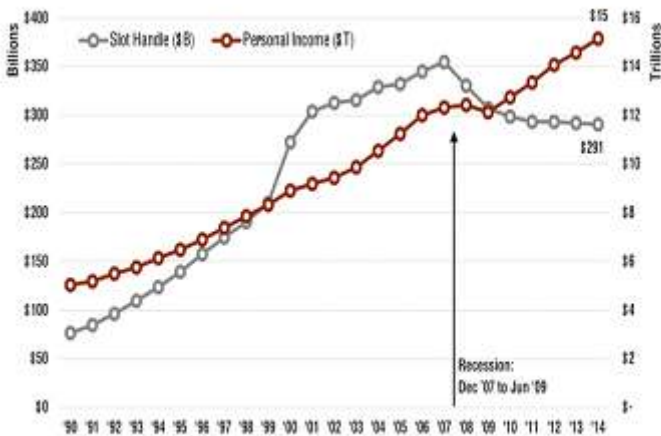


Hwang, "Millennials who have come of age during and after the poker boom of the 2000s, have the benefit of the Internet and all of the gambling knowledge that wasn't available to previous generations--are more knowledgeable and generally less stupid about gambling than any generation to come before us. Millennials (and the rest of America) are doing what you would expect people to do when they become more knowledgeable about gambling--gamble less in larger amounts for profit, and more in smaller amounts to hang out."

What we've noticed for some time, however, is that the proclivity for this demographic to gamble is flying high in record numbers. Skill based games--those games where there is a perceived edge--have grown in popularity. "Daily Fantasy Sports" or "DFS" is a term you have likely heard of, and unless you've been living under a rock, have seen commercials for. This type of gambling was virtually non-existent in 2010, but is pegged to grow to over a \$31 billion handle business by 2020. Per capita spending on Fantasy sports in 2014 was \$465, up from only \$95 a year in 2012. In a [recent survey](#), over half of players fall in the 25 to 35 age range, with 60% with an average household income of \$75,000 or more. Takeout in "DFS" averages about 8%.

This has been noticed, and still is, in horse racing. Betfair attracts millennials and has for years with their exchange and fixed-odds platform that appears to them to be beatable. The takeout is low, exchanges with win betting allow for more churn, and young people--craving the ability to keep a bankroll rolling over like in poker and "DFS"--have an outlet. In Australia this is also exemplified with the racetrack handle increases through fixed odds betting--a more modern, lower takeout form of horse racing wagering. **Cont. p9**

United States Aggregate Slot Handle and Personal Income



That's slots you say. What about table games? Well, those too are having issues. Blackjack, a game long played for a perceived "edge" either through card counting, perfect play, etc, has found itself in troubled waters. In 2013, blackjack revenues in Vegas accounted for only one-quarter of table games revenues, and in the state of Nevada in '13, there were 2,704 blackjack tables, compared to 3,682 in 2000.

Blackjack and other table games have been made harder and harder to beat, throwing salt on the wounds.

**Op/Ed cont.**

[In 2014, Tab Corp's fixed odds wagering revenues were up 26.5% to \\$511 million](#), with over 60% of this form of betting occurring on horse racing, not sports.

Although you might've been led to believe this narrative, this demographic does not dislike betting on horse racing, just like they don't dislike playing slot machines or anything else. What they dislike is playing a game that, with hard-work and top-shelf skill, they have no shot to beat. Horse racing--a wonderful gambling game with massive, built-in gambling edges if done right--needs to explore these potential benefits, whether it be through fixed odds, exchanges, lower takeout win pools and two-horse exotics, new delivery systems, or richer, malleable data.

In the end, I believe there is one major takeaway from the above, and it's as clear as day: Attracting millennials is not about bands, or action, or time between races. It's not about getting them into a building so they get the horse racing "bug." It's about betting value, and delivering smart, sophisticated gamblers a modern betting outlet they believe they have a chance to beat.

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**Family a Must for Moyglare...**

Fiona Craig was determined to add the member of Pat O'Kelly's prized family to the Moyglare Stud ranks but had to withstand a similarly dogged attempt by Tony Nerses, who finally gave way when the bidding reached €2 million.

Standing with Moyglare Stud's regular trainer Dermot Weld, Craig proclaimed, "Pedigree, pedigree, pedigree. What else can I say?"

Indeed, the grand-daughter of the stellar racemare and producer Flame Of Tara (GB) (Artaius) hails from a dynasty which has scaled some notable heights in recent decades and contains such flag-bearers as dual Classic winner Salsabil (Ire)--a full-sister to Spirit Of Tara--Marju (Ire) and Echo Of Light (GB). The latter, Spirit Of Tara's son from the sole crop of Dubai Millennium (GB), topped the 2003 Orby Sale when selling for €1.2 million, while her Dubawi filly, later named Irish History (Ire), prevailed at the 2010 sale at a price of €950,000.

Craig continued, "She's a lovely model too--for a mare of that age I was pleasantly surprised by what a strong, solid filly she was when she walked out of her box. Let's hope she wins races for us but she's an outcross so we can breed her back to speed-Danzig.

"I'd hoped not to have to pay that much for her but that's what you have to pay to get into a family like this," she added.

The sales-topper was the highlight of a successful sale for Kilcarn Stud, which also sold a colt by Invincible Spirit (Ire) out of Galileo's Group 3-winning daughter Prima Luce (Ire) for €580,000 to China Horse Club. Three horses sold realised €2,592,000 to make Kilcarn the leading vendor by aggregate.



**Moyglare's Malachy Ryan and Pat O'Kelly, breeder of hip 432**  
*Racing Post*

**The Start of a Heavenly Partnership...**

Frankel (GB) may have led the way on the opening day of the Goffs Orby Sale, but it was his sire Galileo (Ire), the reigning champion in Europe, who made his presence felt during the second session when a colt out of the juvenile Group 3 winner Sent From Heaven (Ire) (Footstepsinthesand {GB}) (lot [397](#)) brought the hammer down at €1.2 million.

Sheikh Fahad Al Thani and Steve Parkin, flanked by their respective advisors David Redvers and Joe Foley, looked down on proceedings from the gods of the sales ring and bettered every bid made by M.V. Magnier to ensure that the colt was theirs to race in partnership.



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"We felt he was the nicest colt here by a long margin," said Redvers of the late May colt, a second foal for the 1000 Guineas fourth Sent From Heaven and, like his dam, bred by Christopher and Bridget Hanbury of Triermore Stud.

**The Start of a Heavenly Partnership cont.**

“I hope he’ll look good value by next week,” he added, referring to the fast-approaching Tattersalls October Sale.

Joe Foley commented, “He looks like a real stallion prospect--he’s a beautiful son of Galileo.”

This is the second Galileo yearling purchased by Parkin at the Orby Sale after he went to €300,000 during the opening session for Airlie Stud’s half-sister to Intense Focus. He also owns fillies by Frankel and Makfi in partnership with Sheikh Fahad.



Sheikh Fahad (center) and David Redvers (right) following the sale of hip 398 | Sarah Farnsworth

**A Galileo for Aislabie...**

Just two lots after the sale-topper had left the ring, another Galileo yearling breached the seven-figure barrier, with Oliver St Lawrence ensuring his old Kentucky house-mate Fiona Craig this time had to settle for second place when bidding €1.05 million for Staffordstown’s filly out of the G3 Prix d’Arenberg winner Starlit Sands (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) (lot 434). Bought on behalf of Fawzi Nass, the Bahraini owner of Aislabie Stud in Newmarket, the filly is a half-sister to 3-year-old winner Scottish Strand (GB) (Selkirk) and a great grand-daughter of the Lanwades matriarch Sushila (GB) (Petingo {GB}).

“Fawzi was over in Ireland three weeks ago to look around the studs and he really liked her,” said St Lawrence, who manages Aislabie Stud. “Her dam was really fast and was only just beaten in the Queen Mary S., so she should be a 2-year-old.” (audio)

James Fanshawe will take charge of lot 355, a colt by Fastnet Rock (Aus) who was bought from Glenvale Stud by Suzanne Roberts for €380,000.

“He’s for an exiting Hong Kong-based owner with James,” said Roberts of the second foal of the Shamardal mare Question Times (GB), a half-sister to G3 Sceptre S. winner Sunday Times (GB) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}).

**A Pair of Aces for Jacques...**

Owner-breeder Yvonne Jacques, whose dual Grade 2 winner Grandeur (Ire) (Verglas {Ire}) was retired this week, selected two fillies who will eventually be added to her fledgling broodmare band, which is spread between England and Ireland.

Top of her two picks, both of which were bought through agent Cathy Grassick, was lot 465, a sister to G3 Fred Darling S. winner and Classic-placed Penkenna Princess (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}), who ended up costing €370,000 after Grassick entered a protracted duel with Michael Wallace.

“Oh my God, I can’t believe we outbid the China Horse Club,” said a relieved Grassick. “I have the best client--she said, ‘Go on, have one more bid’.”

The agent added: “Yvonne was looking for fillies with broodmare potential and she ticks all the boxes, she should be a good racehorse and a lovely foundation mare. There were two we really wanted in the catalogue and we managed to buy them both. The trainer for this one is to be decided.”

The Pivotal filly--who will join the sister to GI E. P. Taylor S. winner Tannery (Ire) (Dylan Thomas {Ire}) (lot 115) bought by Jacques for €100,000 during Tuesday’s session--was the highlight of the Grangemore Stud draft and proved something of a triumph for Guy O’Callaghan, who paid 62,000gns for her at Tattersalls in December.

The first to hug Grassick when the hammer fell at €370,000, O’Callaghan said, “We’ve had a great season. I’ve just been lucky to have really good horses. This filly was a pleasure to deal with the whole way through and I hope she’s very lucky for her new owner.”



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SESSION TOTALS	2015	2014
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• No. Sold	178	171
• RNAs	27	23
• % RNAs	13.2%	11.9%
• No. €500K+	4	2
• High Price	€2,000,000	€1,100,000
• Gross	€19,287,000	€19,555,500
• Average (% change)	€108,354 (-5.3%)	€114,360
• Median (% change)	€62,000 (-11.4%)	€70,000
CUMULATIVE	2015	2014
• Catalogued	487	450
• No. Offered	434	404
• No. Sold	372	356
• RNAs	62	48
• % RNAs	14.3%	11.9%
• No. €500K+	5	7
• High Price	€2,000,000	€1,500,000
• Gross	€38,931,500	€38,802,000
• Average (% change)	€104,655 (-4%)	€108,994
• Median (% change)	€63,500 (-9.3%)	€70,000

**GOFFS ORBY YEARLINGS  
WEDNESDAY'S TOP TEN LOTS**

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (€)
<a href="#">432</a>	filly	<a href="#">Raven's Pass</a>	<a href="#">Spirit of Tara (Ire)</a> <i>B-Kilcarn Stud</i> Consigned by Kilcarn Stud Purchased by Moyglare Stud Farm	2,000,000
<a href="#">397</a>	colt	<a href="#">Galileo (Ire)</a>	<a href="#">Sent From Heaven (Ire)</a> <i>B-Triermore Stud (Ire)</i> Consigned by The Castlebridge Consignment Purchased by David Redvers/Steve Parkin	1,200,000
<a href="#">434</a>	filly	<a href="#">Galileo (Ire)</a>	<a href="#">Starlit Sands (GB)</a> <i>B-Miss K Rausing (GB)</i> Consigned by Staffordstown Purchased by Oliver St Lawrence Bloodstock	1,050,000
<a href="#">349</a>	colt	<a href="#">Invincible Spirit (Ire)</a>	<a href="#">Prima Luce (Ire)</a> <i>B-Kilcarn Stud (Ire)</i> Consigned by Kilcarn Stud Purchased by China Horse Club	580,000
<a href="#">355</a>	colt	<a href="#">Fastnet Rock (Aus)</a>	<a href="#">Question Times (GB)</a> <i>B-Sweetmans Bloodstock (Ire)</i> Consigned by Glenvale Stud Purchased by S A Roberts	380,000
<a href="#">465</a>	filly	<a href="#">Pivotal (GB)</a>	<a href="#">Tiriana (GB)</a> <b>(62,000gns Wlg '14 TATDEF)</b> <i>B-Mill House Stud &amp; Cheveley Park Stud Ltd (GB)</i> Consigned by Grangemore Stud Purchased by Brian Grassick Bloodstock	370,000
<a href="#">291</a>	colt	<a href="#">Dark Angel (Ire)</a>	<a href="#">Miss Indigo (GB)</a> <i>B-Yeomanstown Stud (Ire)</i> Consigned by Yeomanstown Stud Purchased by Shadwell Estate Company	360,000
<a href="#">255</a>	filly	<a href="#">Invincible Spirit (Ire)</a>	<a href="#">Lethal Quality</a> <i>B-Irish National Stud (Ire)</i> Consigned by Irish National Stud Purchased by Peter & Ross Doyle	350,000
<a href="#">277</a>	colt	<a href="#">Born to Sea (Ire)</a>	<a href="#">Maskaya (Ire)</a> <i>B-Epona Bloodstock Ltd &amp; P A Byrne (Ire)</i> Consigned by Croom House Stud Purchased by SackvilleDonald	320,000
<a href="#">391</a>	colt	<a href="#">Oasis Dream (GB)</a>	<a href="#">Sanjida (Ire)</a> <b>(€320,000 in utero '13 ARQDEC)</b> <i>B-Sun Kingdom Pty Ltd (Fr)</i> Consigned by Irish National Stud Purchased by HKJC	320,000

**Shadwell Keep it in the Family...**

G2 July S. winner and young Tara Stud sire Alhebayeb (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) cost Sheikh Hamdan Al Maktoum 170,000gns at Tattersalls in 2011 and he had to dig a little deeper to secure his brother, lot [291](#), who was knocked down for €360,000 to the Shadwell supremo.

Offered by his breeder Yeomanstown Stud, the late April colt is a son of the Indian Ridge (GB) mare Miss Indigo (GB), who is also the dam of listed Scarborough S. winner Humidor (Ire) (Camacho {GB}).

Ross Doyle and Richard Hannon were busy throughout the Orby Sale with the agent going to €350,000 for lot [255](#), a daughter of Invincible Spirit (Ire) out of treble winner Lethal Quality (Elusive Quality) and consigned by the Irish National Stud.

"She's for an existing client and will go to Richard Hannon," said Doyle. "She's by a sensational stallion and we felt she was the best physical today. She seems to have a great temperament--every time we went to see her she just had her head down getting on with it." [audio](#)

The duo also bought lot [286](#), a son of Teofilo out of a half-sister to G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches winner Elusive Wave (Ire) (Elusive City) for €260,000. The colt, a half-brother to multiple winner Spiritual Star (Ire) (Soviet Star), was another successful pinhook for Tally-Ho Stud, who paid €52,000 for him in the same ring last November.

**A Great 'Walker' for Walker...**

The SackvilleDonald agency signed for 17 yearlings through the two days, including lot [277](#), a first-crop son of Born To Sea (Ire) bought by Alastair Donald for €320,000.

"I bought for the same overseas client yesterday and this horse is also going to Ed Walker," confirmed Donald of the half-brother to dual winner California (Ire) Azamour (Ire), who finished seventh in yesterday's listed Prix Charles Laffitte at Chantilly for John Gosden.

Sheikh Hamdan was the under-bidder on the Epona Bloodstock-bred colt offered by Denis Brosnan's Croom House Stud and hailing from the Ballylinch Stud family which includes last year's champion 2-year-old Belardo (Ire) (Lope De Vega {Ire}).

Donald added, "He's a gorgeous horse from a very good family. I've been impressed with the Born To Sea yearlings. This horse had a lot of quality and is a great walker."

Also heading overseas eventually is Camas Park Stud's Acclamation (GB) colt (lot [296](#)), one of four purchases by the Hong Kong Jockey Club at €300,000.

"It's a really good family and he's just a lovely horse," said buyer Mark Richards of the first foal of the Pivotal (GB) mare Moment Juste (GB), a half-sister to the stakes winners Imperial Stride (GB) (Indian Ridge {GB}), High Pitched (GB) (Indian Ridge {GB}) and Zero Tolerance (Ire) (Nashwan).

He continued, "He's very well-balanced and particularly correct. He has a lot of quality about him--I looked at him three or four times and each time I saw him I liked him more, which is unusual for me."

**International Element a Boost...**

China Horse Club led the buyers' table and helped to swell the Goffs coffers by €3,710,000 for eight yearlings purchased, headed by the €1.7 million session-topping daughter of Frankel (GB) and Alexander Goldrun (Ire).

The club's founder Teo Ah Khing commented on his Goffs experience, "We've been really impressed with the quality and organisation at Goffs. We've been coming here for the last few years and this year we decided to come and invest. I think we had to pay a premium for the Frankel filly--she walks well and looks perfect." **Cont. p12**

**International Element a Boost cont.**

He concluded, “The club itself was set up to promote the Thoroughbred all over the world. We have said before that America is our centre and we’d like to get more involved with our partners in the States and build up the club. We’ll participate in all the major sales in one way or another.”

That participation was certainly welcome at Goffs, with Henry Beeby pointing to the increased number of international visitors to the Orby Sale thanks to the efforts of Irish Thoroughbred Marketing.

He added, “Our sales-toppers have been the highlight of a trade that has been exceptional for the best-bred lots with sometimes frenzied bidding for those that stood out.

“That the four top lots have been bought by four different people clearly illustrates the depth of buyers for the best lots at Goffs and it is surely a most healthy sign that the sale is not reliant on any one group. It is fair to say, however, that the sale was not been as strong at all levels and, if you fell short of some very high standards, it was hard work in places. That is clearly shown by the dip in average and median and the fact that the clearance rate is a point shy of last year, albeit at a very respectable 86%.

“However the bare year-on-year statistics really don’t tell the whole story, as so many buyers have commented on a strong trade and a large number of vendors have enjoyed some really good results. The fact is that a deeper analysis of Orby shows a sale that has grown by 41% in just two years so we have essentially consolidated those gains.”

Goffs today hosts the single-session Sportsman’s Sale, which consists of 254 yearlings and starts at 10 a.m. For full results, visit [www.goffs.com](http://www.goffs.com).



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**GOFFS ORBY YEARLINGS - TUESDAY**

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (€)
<u>255</u>	filly	<u>Invincible Spirit (Ire)</u>	<u>Lethal Quality</u>	350,000

*B-Irish National Stud*

Consigned by Irish National Stud

Purchased by Peter & Ross Doyle

The BBA Ireland acquired this stakes-placed dam (by Elusive Quality) for \$36,000 in foal to Stormy Atlantic at the 2010 Keeneland November sale, and while that produce wasn’t a commercial smash, the full-sister to this offering fetched €375,000 at this sale two years ago and this filly kept the ball rolling Wednesday.

<u>286</u>	colt	<u>Teofilo (Ire)</u>	<u>Million Spirits (Ire)</u>	260,000
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*B-John Quigley*

Consigned by Tally-Ho Stud

Purchased by Peter & Ross Doyle

This colt, produced by a winning half-sister to G1 Poule d’Essai des Pouliches victrix Elusive Wave (Ire) (Elusive City), was making his second trip through the Goffs pavilion, having realized €52,000 as a weanling at last year’s November sale to the bid of Tally-Ho Stud. The Feb. 5 foal, also from the family of champion Zafeen, proved that was a shrewd idea 10 months ago.

<u>296</u>	colt	<u>Acclamation (GB)</u>	<u>Moment Juste (GB)</u>	300,000
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*B-Camas Park, Lynch Bages & Summerhill*

Consigned by Camas Park Stud

Purchased by HKJC

DeBurgh Equine went to 42,000gns to acquire Moment Juste (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), a half-sister to MGSW Imperial Stride (GB) (Indian Ridge {Ire}) and GSW High Pitched (GB) (Indian Ridge {Ire}) at Tattersalls’ Horses in Training Sale in the middle of 2012 and put the mare in foal to this sire early the next spring. The colt, from the family of Italian champion Count Dubois (GB), got mom off to a nice start as a producer Wednesday.

<u>355</u>	colt	<u>Fastnet Rock (Aus)</u>	<u>Question Times (GB)</u>	380,000
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*B-Sweetmans Bloodstock*

Consigned by Glenvale Stud

Purchased by S A Roberts

It took 50,000gns for the BBA Ireland to snap up Question Times (GB) (Shamardal) at the 2011 Tattersalls Autumn Sale before visiting this stallion for the first time in early 2012. That first produce, a filly, made €55,000 from Form Bloodstock at this event last year, but her next offspring by this dual-hemisphere sensation knocked it out of the park.

<u>423</u>	colt	<u>Zoffany (Ire)</u>	<u>Snowy Peak (GB)</u>	200,000
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*B-Denis Noonan*

Consigned by Cregg Stud

Purchased by Stephen Hillen

Cregg Stud landed this mare, a daughter of SW & G1SP Snow Princess (Ire) (Ela-Mana-Mou {Ire}) for 35,000gns at Tatts’ December sale in 2011 and after a blank season, produced this son of Zoffany. The latter is off to a spectacular start at the racetrack and this April foal could be having his picture taken next season.

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**JBBA PURCHASES ESKENDEREYA**

The Japan Bloodhorse Breeders' Association has purchased **Eskendereya** (Giant's Causeway--Aldebaran Light, by Seattle Slew) from Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings and the 8-year-old will stand in Japan for the 2016 breeding season.

"Mrs. Banke and Stonestreet have done a tremendous job of supporting Eskendereya from day one, and I don't believe they ever intended to sell him," said Taylor Made Stallions' Ben Taylor. "But the Japanese have always been very interested and came to see him every year. They recently submitted an offer that was accepted by Stonestreet."



**Eskendereya** | Taylor Made

Eskendereya entered stud at Taylor Made in 2011 and stood for \$17,500 during the 2015 season. The 2010 GI Wood Memorial S. winner has four crops and a total of 294 foals, 195 of which are of racing age with 46 winners. Out of his two crops of racing age, the chestnut has four black-type winners and five black-type placed progeny. His progeny have earned no less than \$2,853,317.

Eskendereya's top foals include MGSP 3-year-old filly Eskenformoney; stakes-winning juvenile fillies Sombree and Right There, most recently third in the GI Chandelier S.; and stakes-winning sophomores Conquest Pacemaker and Isabella Sings, who was second in the GIII Boiling Springs S. Sept. 5.

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[John Size's Contentment to embark on road to riches in Celebration Cup](#) The G3 Celebration Cup has been a great launching pad for horses headed towards Group 1 success in the past and John Size-trained Contentment gets his chance to add himself to that list at Sha Tin Wednesday. **John Size, South China Morning Post**

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# New York

**Wednesday's Results:**

**3rd-BEL, \$78,400, Alw** (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 9-30, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m (off turf), 1:37.33, sy.  
**FASHION FUND (GB)** (f, 4, [Oasis Dream {GB}](#)--**So Silk {GB}**, by **Rainbow Quest**), runner-up in last summer's Riskaverse S. at Saratoga, was making her first attempt on the main track after rain forced this one to come off the turf. The bay annexed a \$35,000 optional claimer at Gulfstream in March, but failed to visit the winner's circle in four subsequent attempts, including a fourth-place finish at the Spa Aug. 12. Off at odds of 4-1, Fashion Fund trailed the field of five for most of the way, still had plenty of work to do at the top of the stretch and came alive down the lane to inhale pacesetter Natalie Victoria (Indian Ocean) by 1 1/2 lengths. The winner is a half to Silk Sari (GB) (Dalakhani {Ire}), GSW & G1SP-Eng, \$363,251. Sales history: 155,000gns Ylg '12 TAOCT. Lifetime Record: SP, 16-3-2-5, \$241,499. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).  
 O-Andrew Rosen; B-Fittocks Stud Ltd & Arrow Farm Stud (GB); T-Claude R. McGaughey III.

# Eastern U.S.

**Wednesday's Results:**

**4th-DEL, \$34,500, Msw**, 9-30, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:12.95, ft.  
**SOCIAL BUTTERFLY** (f, 2, [Hold Me Back](#)--**Ceremonious**, by **A.P. Indy**), third with a troubled trip as the 2-1 favorite in her Canterbury unveiling Sept. 11, was off at 5-1 to get the money this time. Away in good order, she showed the way through fractions of :22.89 and :46.86, and kept on finding more to hold the late rally of 39-1 firster Beach Flower (Flower Alley) safe by a half-length. Sales history: \$40,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$140,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$23,480. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).  
 O-WinStar Farm LLC; B-TK Stables LLC (KY); T-Shannon Ritter.

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**Laurel to Host Marylandia:**

The Maryland Jockey Club and Laurel Park will host Marylandia, a day-long celebration on Jim McKay Maryland Million Day Oct. 17. It will feature craft beers and ciders, live music, free gifts, food trucks and the Maryland Million Day racing program featuring 11 races and \$1 million in purses.

For \$20 per person, patrons can enter Marylandia at Paddock Park and taste 10 craft beers and ciders from Flying Dog Brewery & Millstone and receive a Maryland Million beach towel, t-shirt, hat and program. Live

music will be provided by The Solicitors and DJ Landis Expandis. Fans can also enter Marylandia without a \$20 ticket to buy drinks and food and listen to the music.

Marylandia will also include a number of popular food trucks, such as Greek On the Street, The Great Cookie and The Smoking Swine. There will also be Whiskey Flights on the hour sold with Woodford Reserve, Jack Daniels and Old Forester.

"Maryland Million Day has always been a huge event and one of the biggest days in Maryland racing," said Maryland Jockey Club President and GM Sal Sinatra. "With the improvements to our building and the growing interest in Maryland racing, these events along with the great racing will make this year's Maryland Million Day a memorable event."

# Florida

**Senor Swinger Relocating to Florida:**

Multiple graded stakes winner **Senor Swinger** (El Prado {Ire}--Smooth Swinger, by Kris S.) will relocate to La Mancha Farm in Ocala, Florida for the 2016 breeding season, where he will stand as property of Michael V. Laurato for \$5,000 live foal. The gray was previously the property of Hartley/DeRenzo and Partners' PA Venture, who stood the stallion at Diamond B Farm, near Mohrsville, Pennsylvania.

The 15-year-old won 10 of his 37 starts, with seven of those wins being black-type, and earned \$964,537 during his five-year campaign. Senor Swinger is the sire of five crops with 78 foals, 56 starters and 21 winners with earnings of \$893,134.

# Central U.S.

**Wednesday's Results:**

**CROWN AMBASSADOR S.**, \$88,450, IND, 9-30, (S), 2yo, 6f, 1:11.54, gd.  
 1--**#DERBY EXPRESS, 118, c, 2, by Unbridled Express**  
**1st Dam: Pay the Toll, by Repriced**  
**2nd Dam: Tolltally Light, by Majestic Light**  
**3rd Dam: Toll Fee, by Topsider**  
 O-Sherri L. Greenhill; B-Greenhill Racing (IN); T-Jeffrey L. Greenhill; J-Malcolm Franklin. \$52,009. Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-1, \$119,929. \*1/2 to Aint She a Saint (Saintly Look), MSW, \$497,381; Needmore Cash (Saintly Look), SW, \$225,731.

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2--**Express Cash, 116, g, 2, Unbridled Express--Super Charge, by Sky Mesa.** O-Ed Wright Cattle Company & L. T. B. Inc.; B-Ed Wright Cattle Co. & Bernard Flint (IN); T-Bernard S. Flint. \$17,336.

3--**Big Silver Hoss, 116, c, 2, Silver Mountain--Cunningly, by Lit de Justice.** O/B-South Fork Creek Stables Inc. (IN); T-Mary E. Bennett. \$9,535. Margins: 7HF, 4, HD. Odds: 0.60, 2.30, 4.50.

**Crown Ambassador S. cont.**

Also Ran: I Think I Can, Cowboy Accent, Misparkle's Champ, Easy Doer. Scratched: Catch Bailey.

Derby Express, a well-beaten third in the Mountaineer Juvenile S. Aug. 1, entered off a local allowance tally Sept. 11. Well-supported at the windows here, he sat just off the leaders, snuck through an opening along the inside at the top of the stretch and kicked clear down the lane to win for fun. [Click for the Equibase.com chart.](#)

**HILLSDALE S.**, \$88,400, IND, 9-30, (S), 2yo, 6f, 1:12.30, ft.

1--**#JUSTICE FOR THEMOB, 116, g, 2, by Lantana Mob**  
**1st Dam: Soda Pop Justice, by Good Reward**  
**2nd Dam: Sister Crimson, by Sky Classic**  
**3rd Dam: Marianna's Girl, by Dewan**

O-Cindy Patrick; B-Kellie Nihiser (IN); T-R. Gary Patrick; J-Francisco C. Torres. \$51,449. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$76,609.

2--**Brothers Dryden, 116, g, 2, Greatness--Holly At Law, by Bernstein.** O-Irish Whisky II; B-L. J. Gaudreau (IN); T-Joseph D. Davis. \$17,150.

3--**Hayday, 114, g, 2, Mizzen Mast--Opal Haze, by With Approval.** O-Marion F. Gorham; B-Robert Gorham (IN); T-Robert M. Gorham. \$9,432.

Margins: 1 1/4, 3 3/4, HF. Odds: 6.00, 0.30, 17.70.

Also Ran: P T's Intomischief, Navigando, Grand Ginjo, Rebel Bull, Art Debut.

Justice for Themob, a debut winner at Indiana Sept. 1, returned 10 days later with a third-place finish against open allowance company. He came from last to first to upset the chalk while making his stakes debut here. [Click for the Equibase.com chart.](#)

**INDIANA STALLION S.**, \$88,250, IND, 9-30, (S), 2yo, f, 6f, 1:11.50, my.

1--**#EASY VICTORY, 116, f, 2, by Lost Victory**  
**1st Dam: Putyourmindatease, by Put It Back**  
**2nd Dam: Whatsonyourmind, by Jungle Express**  
**3rd Dam: Whata Mind, by Bends Me Mind**

O-Shawn Strain; B-Circle S Ranch (IN); T-Stephen V. Fosdick; J-Fernando De La Cruz. \$52,421. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$72,821.

2--**My Erin, 116, f, 2, Article of Faith--Tapper Time, by Pine Bluff.** O-Barbara Jean Conner & Southwest Racing Stables; B-Barbara J. Conner (IN); T-Genaro Garcia. \$17,474.

3--**Express Run, 116, f, 2, Unbridled Express--Miss Carmelite, by Mutakddim.** O/B-L. T. B., Inc. & Hillerich Racing LLC; B-LTB Inc & Hillerich Racing LLC (IN); T-Bernard S. Flint. \$9,610.

Margins: 6HF, 1 3/4, 3. Odds: 0.20, 6.70, 3.70.

Also Ran: Sunrise Countessa, Easy Attitude, Andele Sunrise. Scratched: Good Guess, Love Lucy.

Easy Victory, a runaway debut winner versus state-bred here Aug. 8, lived up to her name once again while making her stakes debut. She immediately cleared the field from her outside post and increased her margin throughout to make quick work of these. [Click for the Equibase.com chart.](#)

**CITY OF ANDERSON S.**, \$87,950, IND, 9-30, (S), 2yo, f, 6f, 1:13.29, gd.

1--**#SPECIAL TALENT, 118, f, 2, by Talent Search**  
**1st Dam: Lady Kilkeelan, by Lil's Lad**  
**2nd Dam: Temttatenfrustrate, by Nasty and Bold**  
**3rd Dam: Be Victorious, by Steeward**

O-Daniel Bell; B-Larry Goodwin (IN); T-Barbara I. McBride; J-Malcolm Franklin. \$51,715. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$73,815.

2--**Good Guess, 117, f, 2, Goods--Virginia Inn, by Smart Strike.** O-Marion F. Gorham; B-Southern Indiana Racing Company, LLC (IN); T-Robert M. Gorham. \$17,238.

3--**Shes Into Mischief, 116, f, 2, Into Mischief--Scarlet Bulletin, by Red Bullet.** O/B-Ronald R. Saunders (IN); T-Antonio Duran. \$9,481.

Margins: 3HF, 2HF, HD. Odds: 1.90, 5.70, 3.10.

Also Ran: Thunder Pie, Rain On Sunday, Slicktrickjustice, She's Going Strong. Scratched: My Erin.

Special Talent, a well-beaten fourth behind the unbeaten Easy Victory (Lost Victory) on debut Aug. 8, graduated by six lengths next out Sept. 8. Making her stakes bow in this one, she sat within striking distance in fifth, put in a four-wide move on the far turn and kicked clear in the stretch to record a career high. [Click for the Equibase.com chart.](#)

**1st-IND, \$32,000, Msw, 9-30, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:11.24, my. MIS ISLA (f, 2, Into Mischief--Cup Racer, by Value Plus)**

finished second after enjoying a six-length lead in the stretch in her Sept. 2 unveiling. Favored at 2-5 to go one better, she was hustled to the front and wasn't for catching. It was 14 lengths back to Covert Gem (Discreet Cat) in second. Sales history: \$35,000 Wlg '13 KEENOV; \$150,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$25,600. [Click for the Equibase.com chart.](#)

O-William & Corinne Heiligbrodt; B-Orange Grove Thoroughbreds Inc. (LA); T-Steven M. Asmussen.



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**2nd-IND, \$32,000, Msw, 9-30, 3, 4, /5yo, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:05.84, my.**

**+ GOLDEN HAZE (f, 3, Pomeroy--Sealed in Gold, by Carson City)** vied for early command from her outside draw and powered clear to graduate by three lengths at odds of 7-2. Favored Flying Jibe (Fusaichi Pegasus) completed the exacta. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$19,200. [Click for the Equibase.com chart.](#)

O-Marablue Farm LLC; B-Pegasus Stud LLC (FL); T-Kellyn Gorder.

**Gross Rises at Breeders Sales Company of Louisiana Yearling Sale:**

The Breeders Sales Company of Louisiana concluded its sale on a positive note Wednesday with 120 yearlings--of 220 catalogued--selling for a gross of \$1,658,600, an increase of 7.34% on the 2014 total of \$1,544,900, which also saw 120 yearlings find new

homes. Out of 189 offered, 69 horses did not attain their reserve, for an RNA rate of 36.5%. The average price of \$9,250 was down 28.1% from last year's average of \$12,874.

"This sale proved it is a good southwest regional sale," Tim Boyce, sales director of the BSCOL, said. "The buyers showed up from all over the United States and kept our consignors busy showing their yearlings since Saturday. We are satisfied with the outcome of this sale."

The sale was topped by a Half Ours filly ([Hip 168](#)) consigned by Clear Creek Stud LLC, Agent, who sold to Virginia Lazenby for \$66,000. Consigned by Pelican State Thoroughbreds, Agent, a filly by Into Mischief ([Hip 142](#)) brought the second highest price of \$65,000 from Roger G. Smith. Pelican State Thoroughbreds also consigned [Hip 212](#), a colt by The Factor, who was bought back for \$77,000.

"The sire power drove the sale along with the breeders who produced some outstanding yearlings," said Roger Heitzmann, secretary/treasurer of the Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association (LTBA). "We believe we gave buyers ample opportunities to find a horse for any program. We were fortunate to have Tim as our sales director and he really produced for us during his first year on the job."

Evangeline Downs will add two stakes to the 2017 stakes schedule specifically for yearlings sold at either this sale or the Equine Sales Company of Louisiana Sale. Both stakes will be restricted to 3-year-olds sold in 2015 or later.

Click [here](#) for the complete results.

## ROOKIES

### First-crop starters to watch: Thursday, Oct. 1

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2012 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs \* Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

[AMERICAN LION](#) (Tiznow), Darby Dan Farm, \$5K, 70/4/0

11-GP, Mcl, 5fT, +American Bride, \$5K OBS AUG yrl, 15-1

[ARCHARCH](#) (Arch), Spendthrift Farm, \$10K, 123/10/1

11-GP, Mcl, 5fT, +Prize Arch, \$32K RNA OBS OPN 2yo, 12-1

[BIG DRAMA](#) (Montbrook), Bridlewood Farm, \$10K, 68/7/1

9-GP, Msw, 6f, +R Kinsley Doll, \$75K RNA OBS MAR 2yo, 3-1

11-GP, Mcl, 5fT, +Plenty of Chrome, 20-1

[D' FUNNYBONE](#) (D'wildcat), Rockridge Stud, \$4K, 36/2/0

4-BEL, Mcl, 6f, D'bunnyphone, \$40K OBS APR 2yo, 12-1

[DUBLIN](#) (Afleet Alex), Keane Stud, \$8K, 70/1/0

4-PID, Msw, 6 1/2f, Holly's Star, \$11K EAS MAY 2yo, 15-1

### Rookies cont.

[EUROEARS](#) (Langfuhr), JEH Stallion Station-Oklahoma Division, \$3K, 27/2/0

4-RP, Msw, 6 1/2f, Eurotexan, \$16K TEX APR 2yo, 10-1

[GENERAL QUARTERS](#) (Sky Mesa), Crestwood Farm, \$9K, 38/1/0

9-GP, Msw, 6f, That's My Bai, 12-1

[GIROLAMO](#) (A.P. Indy), Darley, \$15K, 87/9/1

4-BEL, Mcl, 6f, Legend of Lorelei, \$27K SAR AUG yrl, 7-5

[GONE ASTRAY](#) (Dixie Union), Northwest Stud, \$5K, 69/5/2

9-GP, Msw, 6f, +Scotland Bay, \$14K RNA OBS OPN 2yo, 5-1

11-GP, Mcl, 5fT, +Starship Mischief, \$32K RNA OBS APR 2yo, 10-1

[ICE BOX](#) (Pulpit), Millennium Farms, \$8K, 71/1/0

4-RP, Msw, 6 1/2f, Ice Blue Vision, 20-1

[J P'S GUSTO](#) (Successful Appeal), Journeyman Stud, \$4K, 26/2/0

6-SA, Msw, 1m, Exactamente, \$67K OBS APR 2yo, 6-1

[VINEYARD HAVEN](#) (Lido Palace {Chi}), Woodford Thoroughbreds, \$3K, 9/0/0

9-GP, Msw, 6f, +Vintners Special, 8-1

### First/second-crop starters to watch: Thursday, Oct. 1

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2011 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/*

*BlackTypeWnrs \* Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

[SILVER CITY](#) (Unbridled's Song), Valor Farm, \$2K, 33/15/1

4-RP, Msw, 6 1/2f, +Finesse Success, \$5K TEX OCT yrl, 2-1

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### STAKES RESULTS:

[MERRILLVILLE S.](#), \$89,700, IND, 9-30, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.78, ft.

1--[CACTUS JOE](#), 124, f, 4, [Cactus Ridge--Jailhouse](#)

[Coffee](#), by [Doneraile Court](#). O-Randy Matthews & William Reynolds; B-Mr. & Mrs. Randal Daniel Matthews & Mr. & Mrs. Charles Michael Farrell (IN); T-Randy Matthews; J-Francisco C. Torres. \$50,591. Lifetime Record: 14-6-4-3, \$305,618.

2--[Joyous Lady](#), 121, f, 3, [Kela--D'arook](#), by [Roanoke](#).

O-Randy L. Klopp & Dennis Claramunt; B-Dennis & Cynthia Claramunt & Randy Klopp (IN); T-Randy L. Klopp. \$16,864.

3--[Comforter](#), 121, f, 3, [Nobiz Like Shobiz--Shepherd's](#)

[Girl](#), by [Rod and Staff](#). (\$16,000 2yo '14 EASMAY). O-Romar LLC; B-Jim Plemmons (IN); T-Paul E. Holthus. \$9,275.

Margins: 3/4, 2, 1 3/4. Odds: 3.30, 6.70, 2.00.

### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

[8th-BEL](#), \$85,000, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 9-30, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.93, sy.

[JULIE D](#) (f, 3, [Hear No Evil--Star in My Crown](#), by [Monsieur Cat](#)) Lifetime Record: 7-4-1-1, \$152,760.

O-Fortune Farm (Richard Nicolai) & Team Dunn; B-Jacks or Better Farm Inc. (FL); T-Jeremiah C. Englehart.

\* \$13,000 Wlg '12 OBSOCT; \$12,000 2yo '14 OBSOPN.

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**6th-BEL, \$62,000, (S), 9-30, (NW1&X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (off turf), 1:11.29, sy.**

**SLAM CHOWDER (f, 3, [Grand Slam--Kid Soup](#), by [Alphabet Soup](#))** Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-1, \$117,400. O-Richard Seale & Douglas S. Arnold; B-Michael Spielman (NY); T-Eddie Kenneally. \*\$15,000 Wlg '12 FTNMIX; \$15,000 RNA Ylg '13 SARAUG.

**7th-DEL, \$40,375, 9-30, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:46.12, ft.**

**GANSETT (f, 3, [Jump Start--Star Forty Nine](#), by [Luhuk](#))** Lifetime Record: 8-2-0-1, \$55,698. O-D. P. Racing; B-Dan Bearden (NY); T-Louis Albertrani. \*\$13,500 2yo '14 EASMAV.

**2nd-PID, \$39,800, 9-30, 3yo/up, 1m 70y (AWT), 1:41.06, ft.**

**GHOST HUNTER (g, 5, [Ghostzapper--Hartfelt {SW}](#), by [Kafwain](#))** Lifetime Record: 26-9-4-5, \$228,595.

O-Jagger Inc.; B-Adena Springs (KY); T-Jamie Ness. \*\$75,000 Ylg '11 FTKJUL; \$30,000 2yo '12 OBSOPN.

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**3rd-IND, \$34,000, 9-30, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y (off turf), 1:46.51, my.**

**DO IT LIKE KELA (f, 3, [Kela--I'll Do It My Way](#), by [Thunder Gulch](#))** Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-0, \$66,406. O-Hi Temp Horses & Cattle; B-Loretta F. McClintock (IA); T-Ray E. Tracy Jr.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Esther the Queen, f, 3, [Purim--French Link](#), by [Orientate](#). BEL, 9-30, (S), (C), 7f (off turf), 1:26.51. B-Dutchess Views Farm Inc. (NY).**



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**Wednesday's Result:**

**6th-SAL, £15,000, Alw, 9-30, 2yo, 6fT, 1:13.64, g/s. PROJECTION (GB) (c, 2, [Acclamation {GB}--Spotlight {GB}](#) {GSW-US & SW-Eng, \$313,632}, by [Dr Fong](#)),** who was fourth when last seen in the 6 1/2-furlong Weatherbys Hamilton £300,000 2-Y-O S. at Doncaster Sept. 10, started as the 5-2 pick and was settled with two behind early. Hitting the front with 1 1/2 furlongs to race, the £90,000 DNPRM yearling was driven out to score by a neck from Tabarrak (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}). Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, \$63,872. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-The Royal Ascot Racing Club; B-Highclere Stud (GB); T-Roger Charlton.

**1st-SAL, £7,000, Mdn, 9-30, 2yo, 8fT, 1:41.71, g/s. PARIS PROTOCOL (GB) (c, 2, [Champs Elysees {GB}--Island Vista {GB}](#), by [Montjeu {Ire}](#)),** second to the Coolmore-Botti project Knife Edge (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}) over seven furlongs at Ascot Sept. 5, started at 11-4 and stalked Stargazer (Ire) (Canford Cliffs {Ire}) in second early. Gaining the edge over that rival with a quarter mile remaining, the 55,000gns TAOCT yearling stayed on to score by 2 3/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$10,681. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). O-Macdonald,Wright,Creed,Jiggins & Miller; B-Meon Valley Stud (GB); T-Richard Hannon.

**2nd-SAL, £7,000, Mdn, 9-30, 2yo, 6f 212yT, 1:30.71, g/s.**

**ROYAL RESERVE (GB) (c, 2, [Duke of Marmalade {Ire}--Lady Hawkfield {Ire}](#), by [Hawk Wing](#)),** who was a promising fourth on his racecourse bow over this trip at Leicester Sept. 8, was backed into 9-4 favoritism and broke smartly before being restrained just off the early pace. Committed with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining, the 30,000gns TAOCT yearling was clear when eased late to record a snug length success from Mootaharer (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}). That half-brother to stable companion and triple Group 1 winner Muhaarar (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) was sent off the 5-2 second choice and made a highly encouraging debut effort. In rear of mid-division early, the Shadwell homebred ate up the ground late after meeting traffic and was staying on strongly at the line. The winner is a half-brother to Master Apprentice (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}), GSW-Eng. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$7,448. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Muir Racing Partnership - Chester; B-New England, Myriad & Watership Down (GB); T-William Muir.

**3rd-SAL, £7,000, Mdn, 9-30, 2yo, 6f 212yT, 1:27.51, g/s.**

**TAFTEESH (IRE) (c, 2, [Kodiac {GB}--Mudalalah {Ire}](#), by [Singspiel {Ire}](#)),** a €35,000 GOFNOV weanling and €120,000 GOFORB yearling, was third on debut at Thirsk Sept. 5 and raced towards the fore throughout the early stages. Gaining a slight lead despite running greenly passing the quarter pole, the 4-1 joint-second favorite held on to score by a neck from Galvanize (Medaglia d'Oro). Nawkhatha (Tapit), the daughter of the 2007 GI Gazelle S. winner Lear's Princess (Lear Fan), belied her 25-1 odds by racing near the pace and staying on strongly to be a further neck away in third. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$7,808. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Palmers Hill Farm (IRE); T-Simon Crisford.

**5th-KEM, £7,000, Alw, 9-30, 2yo, 8f (AWT), 1:40.58, st/sl.**

**PURE DIAMOND (GB) (f, 2, [Street Cry {Ire}--White Rose {Ger}](#) {Hwt. 2yo Filly & G1SP-Ger, GSW-Fr, \$181,327}, by [Platini {Ger}](#)),** who was disappointing when last of eight in Doncaster's G2 May Hill S. over this trip last time Sept. 11, was the 4-6 favorite

reverting to the Polytrack over which she had been so impressive when breaking her maiden here Aug. 1. Racing with one behind early, the homebred nipped up the inner in the straight, the grabbed the lead approaching the furlong marker and asserted to win by 3/4 of a length from Zodiakos (Ire) (Kodiak {GB}). Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$13,515. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

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

**2nd-NOT, £5,000, Mdn, 9-30, 2yo, f, 8f 75yT, 1:45.89, gd.**  
**+ ANDASTRA (GER) (f, 2, Kamsin {Ger}--Arpista {Ger}, by Chief Singer {Ire}),** a €190,000 BBAGS yearling, was the subject of notable support as the 5-2 joint favorite and quickly established a lead. Comfortably clear without being extended at the quarter pole, the bay was pushed out with hands and heels to record an impressive three-length success from Norse Magic (GB) (Norse Dancer {Ire}). The winner is a half-sister to Adelar (Ger) (Samum {Ger}), GSW-Fr & Ger, \$104,770; and to Aquatinta (Ger) (Samum {Ger}), GSW-Fr, \$132,392. Rocksavage (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), the daughter of Magnificent Style (Silver Hawk) and half-sister to Nathaniel (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) et al, was the other 5-2 joint-favorite, but was slowly away and was never a factor in ninth. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,900. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-H.H Sheikh Mohammed Bin Khalifa Al Thani; T-Ralph Beckett.

**3rd-NOT, £5,000, Mdn, 9-30, 2yo, f, 8f 75yT, 1:49.49, gd.**  
**+ STONEY BROKE (GB) (f, 2, Dansili {GB}--Alvee {Ire}, by Key of Luck),** sent off at 7-1, tanked her way into fourth without cover after the initial stages. Green when shaken up inside the final quarter mile, the homebred was cajoled without the whip and eventually picked up Shadow Spirit (GB) (Makfi {GB}) in the final strides to score by a head. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,900. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O/B-Merry Fox Stud Limited (GB); T-James R. Fanshawe.

**3rd-KEM, £5,000, Mdn, 9-30, 2yo, f, 6f (AWT), 1:13.50, st/sl.**  
**+ NEXT LIFE (GB) (f, 2, Oasis Dream {GB}--Silkwood {GB} {GSW-Eng, \$182,701}, by Singspiel {Ire}),** sent off the 3-1 chalk, was settled in mid-division initially before being pushed along at the top of the stretch. Forced to switch inside the errant Jameerah (GB) (Dansili {GB}) approaching the furlong pole, the homebred surged by that rival 100 yards later en route to a snug two-length success. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,900. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

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

**Britain Report cont.**

**4th-KEM, £5,000, Mdn, 9-30, 2yo, f, 6f (AWT), 1:14.23, st/sl.**

**BOUNCE (GB) (f, 2, Bahamian Bounty {GB}--Black Belt Shopper {Ire} {SP-Eng}, by Desert Prince {Ire}),** fifth on debut over this trip at Newbury Aug. 15, was sent off the 5-4 crowd's choice and shadowed the early leader Porta Rosa (Street Cry {Ire}). Sent past that rival with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining, the 32,000gns TAOCT yearling drew away to score by 4 1/2 lengths. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$4,900. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Landmark Racing Limited; B-Shortgrove Manor Stud (GB); T-Henry D. Candy.



**Wednesday's Results:**

**PRIX CHARLES LAFFITTE-Listed, €55,000, CHY, 9-30, 3yo, f, 10fT, 2:05.66, g/s.**

1--**#BILISSIE (GB), 126, f, 3, Dansili (GB)--Balladeuse (Fr) (GSW-Fr, \$168,432), by Singspiel (Ire).**

O/B-Wertheimer et Frere (GB); T-Carlos Laffon-Parias; J-Maxime Guyon. €27,500. Lifetime Record: 8 starts, 2 wins, 2 places, €56,100.

2--**Zamoura (GB), 126, f, 3, Azamour (Ire)--Move (GB),** by Observatory. (42,000gns Ylg '13 TAOCT). O-Ann Black, Mohammed Al-Qatami & Khalid Al-Mudhaf. €11,000.

3--**Moi Meme (GB), 129, f, 3, Teofilo (Ire)--Di Moi Oui (GB),** by Warning (GB). O-Scuderia Vittadini SRL. €8,250.

Margins: 3/4, NO, SHD. Odds: 31.00, 17.00, 5.80. Also Ran: Thank You Bye Bye (Fr), Pacific Angel (Ire), Cozy Girl (Fr), California (Ire), Prudente (Fr), Testa O Croce (Fr), Into the Mystic (Ire), Orcia (Ire), Pearl Diamond (Ger), Moonee Valley (Fr).

Since breaking her maiden in first-time blinkers in a Longchamp conditions event over a mile Apr. 20, Bilissie had taken some backward steps with a 12th in the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches over that same track and trip May 10 ahead of three more off-the-board efforts, including a last-out sixth in the Listed Prix Occitanie over 9 1/2 furlongs at La Teste de Buch Sept. 15. Finally showing the kind of ability that had prompted trainer Carlos Laffon-Parias to point her at the spring Classic, the bay belied large odds to break her black-type maiden in a competitive renewal. Anchored towards the rear early by Maxime Guyon, the homebred was holed up with nowhere to go for much of the straight, but when the gap appeared was able to slink through and steal the contest 75 meters from the post. [Click for the Racing Post result.](#) [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

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**1st-CHY, €34,000, Alw, 9-30, 2yo, 8fT, 1:37.76, g/s.**  
**CHARTREUSE (IRE) (f, 2, Lawman {Fr}--Bufera {Ire} {GSP-Fr}, by King's Best),** fourth over this trip at Longchamp last time Sept. 9, started at 10-3 and disputed the early lead before settling in second. Gaining control passing the quarter pole, the €100,000 GOFORB yearling stayed on strongly to score by five lengths from Elide (Ire) (Wootton Bassett {GB}). Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 1 wins, 2 places, €25,400. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)  
 O-Highclere Thoroughbred Racing; B-Citadel Stud (IRE); T-Freddy Head.

**5th-CHY, €29,000, Alw, 9-30, 2yo, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:19.46, st.**  
**QURBAAN (c, 2, Speightstown--Flip Flop {Fr} {GISP-US & SW-Fr, \$258,031}, by Zieten),** a \$300,000 KEENOV weanling, was off the mark over this trip on Deauville's all-weather circuit on debut Aug. 14 and quickly assumed a prominent position in second. Sent to the front passing the quarter pole, the 13-5 second choice drew away to score convincingly by two lengths from Nordic Dream (Ire) (Dream Ahead). Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 2 wins, €27,000. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)  
 O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Justin Carthy; T-Francois Rohaut.

 **Hip 60-** 1/2 bro sells at KEENOV w/Hunter Valley Farm 

**4th-LYP, €22,000, Alw, 9-30, 2yo, 8fT, 1:42.94, g/s.**  
**SIYOUNOR (FR) (c, 2, Siyouni {Fr}--Oranor {Fr}, by Starborough {GB}),** a €48,000 AROCT yearling and €300,000 ARMAY 2yo, was third on debut over this track and trip Sept. 13 and tanked his way to the front after the first quarter mile. Pushed clear in the straight, the 4-1 shot was in total command and was unextended to score by what appeared to be more than the official margin of 1 3/4 lengths from Corny (Fr) (Makfi {GB}). Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 1 win, 1 place, €13,400. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)  
 O-Al Shaqab Racing; B-Guy Pariente Holding (FR); T-Francis-Henri Graffard.

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### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**8th-CHY, €28,000, 9-30, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:16.88, st.**  
**DESERT BLANC (GB) (h, 7, Desert Style {Ire}--Lumiere Rouge {Fr}, by Indian Ridge {Ire})** Lifetime Record: GISW-US, GSW-Fr, 27 starts, 9 wins, 11 places, €457,814. O-Ecurie Jarlan; B-Haras du Mezeray (FR); T-Christian Baillet.

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Comedy Night (GB), c, 2, Royal Applause (GB)--Acicula (Ire),** by Night Shift. NOT, 9-30, 5f 13yT, :59.46. B-D. R. Tucker (GB). \*27,000gns Wlg '13 TATFOA; 30,000gns Ylg '14 TAOCT. \*1/2 to Elnawin (GB) (Elnadim), GSW-Eng & GSP-Ire, \$494,806.

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