



HOPES BANNED FOR COBALT ADMINISTRATION



Shannon Hope has been banned for five years | *Racing and Sports*

Co-trainers Lee and Shannon Hope have been banned three and five years, respectively, by the Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board after being found guilty of administering cobalt to three horses in their care. The case of the father-son training team is the first of four cases involving cobalt to be heard in the state of Victoria, with hearings for high-profile trainers Peter Moody, Mark Kavanagh and Danny O'Brien still to come.

The Hopes had said the cobalt positives occurred naturally through their feed, supplement and medical regime, but they changed their plea last month to guilty for administering, or causing to be administered, a prohibited substance. Shannon Hope received a harsher penalty because, since he was in charge of the feeding and medication program, he was determined to be "more culpable" of the two, according to *Racing.com*.

"I've been advised not to say anything," Lee Hope told *Racing.com*. "We'll have to wait and see [on an appeal]."

The Hopes trained the winners of seven group races this year, and won the G1 Vinery Stud S. and G2 Stocks S. with Fenway (Aus) (High Chaparral {Ire}).

The hearings for O'Brien and Kavanagh are to begin Nov. 30, and Moody's Dec. 14.

SHOWCASING FILLY STARS AT GOFFS

Goffs staged the second session of its November Foal Sale Tuesday, with a daughter of Showcasing (GB) leading the way with a final bid of €62,000.

Taking into consideration this year's extra day of selling—with the sale extended to five days due to recent strong trade and demand for spaces—trade was solid for the session. A total of 173 youngsters sold for €2,517,200 at an average of €14,550 and a median of €10,000. Those figures will rise as the quality of stock improves over the next two days. **Cont. p2**



Lot 288, Showcasing filly | *Goffs*

in **TDN America** today...

APBs

Steve Sherack catches up with the connections of GI Kentucky Derby runner-up *Firing Line*, turf superstar *Lady Eli* and GIII Withers S. winner *Far From Over*.

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Showcasing Filly Stars At Goffs cont.

Topping trade Tuesday was [lot 288](#), a filly by Showcasing (GB) consigned by Alexandra Whitehead's Altenbach Bloodstock and hammered down to Kilmoney Cottage Stud for €62,000.

The bay is the fourth foal out of the winning Corking (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}), herself a half-sister to triple Hong Kong stakes winner Sobriety (Ire) (Namaqualand) and Violet (Ire) (Mukaddamah), the dam of GII San Clemente winner and GI La Brea S. second Starlarks (Ire) (Mujahid). All three of Corking's previous foals had gone through this ring, but the Showcasing filly proved the most expensive. Corking was covered this year by first-year Coolmore sire No Nay Never.

Tuesday's second most expensive foal was the first lot through the ring, a colt from the first crop of dual Group 1-winning sprinter Lethal Force (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) who was consigned by Rathasker Stud and bought by Ballintober Stud for €60,000.

[Lot 228](#) is the fourth foal out of Western Eyes (Ire) (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}), who has produced two winners from two to race.

First-year sires were responsible for the next two highest prices: [lot 384](#), a son of G2 Derby Italiano winner Worthadd (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) out of Malayan Mist (Ire) (Dansili {GB}), fetched €56,000 from Pier House



Lot 384, colt by Worthadd | Goffs

Stud; while [lot 236](#), a colt by Darley reverse-shuttler Epaulette (Aus) (Commands {Aus}) out of Zoumie (Ire) (Mark Of Esteem {GB}), made €54,000 to the bid of Peter and Ross Doyle.

The third session of the Goffs November Foal Sale begins Wednesday at 11 a.m.

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NH YEARLINGS LEAD ARQANA TUESDAY

The Arqana Autumn sale wrapped up its first of two yearling sessions Tuesday with figures trending ahead of last year and National Hunt offerings dominating procedures. A total of 131 horses sold Tuesday--two more than this day a year ago--for €2,409,500, up from €2,011,500 last year. The average was up 17.9% to €18,393, while the median stayed the same at €11,000. The buyback rate was 29% Tuesday, up from 21.8% on this day last year.

Over the first two days, 298 lots have been sold for €7,369,500, compared to 296 sold for €6,470,000 at this stage last year. The cumulative average has jumped 12.9% to €24,730, while the median is up 9% to €12,000.

The Newmarket-based Highflyer Bloodstock purchased the two most expensive lots of the day, jumps prospects by Kapgarde (Fr) ([lot 400](#)) and Saint des Saints (Fr) ([lot 376](#)), for €115,000 and €105,000, respectively, for owners Dai Walters and James Potter.

Highflyer also purchased [lot 426](#), a son of Poliglote, for €70,000, giving the agency three of the top four lots of the day. At the end of the day, Highflyer had signed for 13 yearlings for €534,000.

The Arqana Autumn sale concludes Wednesday with a final session of yearlings.

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SOUMILLON CONTRACT EXTENDED

Jockey Christophe Soumillon's contract as first rider to the Aga Khan has been extended a further two years to 2017, according to *Racing Post*, which also reports Alexis Badel has signed on as backup to Soumillon.

Soumillon, who was previously retained rider to the Aga Khan before taking a four-year hiatus beginning in 2009, enjoyed a successful year on the track for his boss, partnering the likes of triple Group 1 and Classic winner Ervedya (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}); G1 Dubai Sheema Classic winner Dolniya (Fr) (Azamour {Ire}); and G1 Prix Royal-Oak winner Vazirabad (Fr) (Manduro {Ger}).



Christophe Soumillon | Racing Post

Badel rode the Aga Khan's Candarliya (Fr) (Dalakhani {Ire}) to victory in the G3 Prix Minerve in August and Karakter (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}) to win the Listed Prix Francois Mathet in March, and he also partnered Middleham Park Racing's Donjuan Triumphant (Ire) (Dream Ahead) to win the G2 Criterium de Maisons-Laffitte in October.

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SELLING DECEMBER 1ST AT TATTERSALLS
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Brendon McCullum trades old bat to meet thoroughbred racehorse Black Caviar *Brendon McCullum, New Zealand captain, has given his old bat to the owners of racehorse Black Caviar. Cricket Country*

SEVEN ADDED TO TATTS DECEMBER

Three mares, two foals, one yearling and a stallion prospect have been added as wildcard entries to the Tattersalls December Sale, which begins Nov. 23. Added to the breeding stock sale are Group 3 producer **Pivotalia (Ire)** (Pivotal {GB}) ([lot 1711A](#)); listed winners **Persona Grata (GB)** (Sir Percy {GB}) ([lot 1720A](#)) and **Indigo (Fr)**



Gatewood | Racing Post

(Falco) ([lot 2278A](#)); and stallion prospect **Gatewood (GB)** (Galileo {Ire}) ([lot 1794A](#)), a Group 3 winner in France and Australia.

A Galileo colt out of Walzerkoenigin (Kingmambo) ([lot 1204A](#)) was announced as a

wildcard addition to the foal sale last week, and he is joined by ([lot 692A](#)), a Nathaniel (Ire) filly out of La Surama (GB) (Sakhee) tracing back to a stout German family. The lone yearling to be added to the sale is a Raven's Pass colt out of Tupelo Honey (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) ([lot 132A](#)), a half-sister to G2 Beresford S. winner David Livingston (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and from the family of High Chaparral (Ire).

The Tattersalls December sale of yearlings, foals and breeding stock runs Nov. 23 to Dec. 3.

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Tuesday's Results:

2nd-LIN, £6,000, Mdn, 11-17, 2yo, 8f 1y (AWT), 1:38.66, ft. KUMMIYA (GB) (g, 2, [Dansili {GB}](#)--[Balisada {GB}](#) {G1SW-Eng, \$287,124}, by [Kris {GB}](#)), who ran last of 15 going one mile at Newbury last time Oct. 23, was steadied in mid division after an alert exit here. Quickening to seize an opening along the fence approaching the final eighth, the 20-1 outsider ran on strongly under whipless rousting in the closing stages to comfortably account for Always Welcome (Elusive Quality) by 1 3/4 lengths. The homebred is a half to Galactic Star (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), SW & MGSP-Eng, \$184,950; and El Salvador (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), MSP-Ire, \$207,992. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$5,900. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-A E Oppenheimer; B-Hascombe & Valiant Studs (GB); T-Roger Charlton.

TIMEFORM

Aidan O'Brien's Top Rated 2-Year-Olds

| Horse | Rating | Year |
|--------------------------|--------|------|
| Minardi | 119p | 2000 |
| Beckett (Ire) | 116 | 2000 |
| Hemingway (Ire) | 115p | 2000 |
| Johannesburg | 127 | 2001 |
| Rock of Gibraltar (Ire) | 118 | 2001 |
| Hawk Wing | 116p | 2001 |
| Tomahawk | 118 | 2002 |
| Hold That Tiger | 117p | 2002 |
| Brian Boru (GB) | 117p | 2002 |
| One Cool Cat | 118p | 2003 |
| Troubadour (Ire) | 114 | 2003 |
| Colossus (Ire) | 114 | 2003 |
| Ad Valorem | 121p | 2004 |
| Oratorio (Ire) | 119 | 2004 |
| Footstepsinthesand (GB) | 114p | 2004 |
| Horatio Nelson (Ire) | 123+ | 2005 |
| George Washington (Ire) | 118p | 2005 |
| Rumplestiltskin (Ire) | 116 | 2005 |
| Holy Roman Emperor (Ire) | 125 | 2006 |
| Eagle Mountain (GB) | 118 | 2006 |
| Admiralofthefleet | 116p | 2006 |
| Listen (Ire) | 117p | 2007 |
| Henrythenavigator | 115 | 2007 |
| Lizard Island | 114 | 2007 |
| Mastercraftsman (Ire) | 120 | 2008 |
| Rip Van Winkle (Ire) | 115p | 2008 |
| Westphalia (Ire) | 110 | 2008 |
| St Nicholas Abbey (Ire) | 126p | 2009 |
| Jan Vermeer (Ire) | 119p | 2009 |
| Beethoven (Ire) | 117 | 2009 |
| Roderic O'Connor (Ire) | 119p | 2010 |
| Zoffany (Ire) | 116 | 2010 |
| Seville (Ger) | 116p | 2010 |
| Wrote (Ire) | 118p | 2011 |
| Maybe (Ire) | 117p | 2011 |
| Camelot (GB) | 117p | 2011 |
| Kingsbarns (Ire) | 120p | 2012 |
| Battle of Marengo (Ire) | 116p | 2012 |
| George Vancouver | 116 | 2012 |
| War Command | 120p | 2013 |
| Australia (GB) | 116p | 2013 |
| Giovanni Boldini | 115p | 2013 |
| John F Kennedy (Ire) | 116p | 2014 |
| Found (Ire) | 115p | 2014 |
| Smuggler's Cove (Ire) | 115 | 2014 |

Turf annual ratings for all horses that were Aidan O'Brien-trained on their last 2-year-old start. For more on Timeform, click [here](#).

3rd-LIN, £6,000, Mdn, 11-17, 2yo, 8f 1y (AWT), 1:38.99, ft. BAYDAR (GB) (c, 2, [Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}](#)--[Splashdown {GB}](#) {SW-Eng}, by [Falbrav {Ire}](#)), a debut second over this trip at Haydock last time Oct. 16, broke well and soon led in this one. In command throughout, the 4-9 lock increased his advantage rounding the home turn and was pushed out in the straight to easily best [Gabster \(Ire\)](#) ([Iffraaj {GB}](#)) by a geared-down 3 3/4 lengths. The winner, an 85,000gns TAOCT yearling, is a half to [Aktabantay \(GB\)](#) ([Oasis Dream {GB}](#)), GSW-Eng, \$121,545. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$7,389. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Vefa Ibrahim Araci; B-Fittocks Stud (GB); T-Hugo Palmer.

OBSERVATIONS

on today's European racing scene

5.55 Kempton, Mdn, £6,600, 2yo, 7f (AWT)

SOOFIAH (GB) (King's Best), a Saeed bin Suroor incumbent, is a full-sister to the 2013 G1 Jebel Hatta and G1 Dubai Duty Free victress [Sajjhaa \(GB\)](#). Opposition to the [Godolphin](#) colorbearer includes [Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum's](#) fellow firster **[Amanaat \(Ire\) \(Exceed and Excel {Aus}\)](#)**, who is a [John Gosden](#) trained half-brother to the 2010 GI Yellow Ribbon S. runner-up [Turning Top \(Ire\)](#) ([Pivotal {GB}](#)).

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CAGNES RENOVATIONS COMPLETE

Renovations to the Polytrack at Cagnes-sur-Mer have been completed, according to *Racing Post*, which also reported the project cost €650,000, including an investment from the racecourse executive and France Galop. The decision was made to revamp the track in February after it was found the fibres and binding of the Polytrack had deteriorated. Cagnes's Polytrack is only used for racing in January and February, and its 2016 meeting will begin Jan. 16.

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Tuesday's Result:

1st-ANG, €33,000, 11-17, 2yo, 10fT, 2:08.52, vsf.

MAGARI (FR) (c, 2, [Denon--Shakila {GB}](#), by [Cadeaux Genereux {GB}](#)) Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-2, €51,200. O-Gerard Augustin-Normand; B-Mathieu Daguzan-Garros & Frederic Bragato (FR); T-Henri-Alex Pantall.

Asia

JAPAN TRIP LOOMS FOR GUN PIT

Gun Pit (Aus) ([Dubawi {Ire}](#)), the highest-rated dirt horse in Hong Kong, will prep for a possible start in the ¥196-million (*US\$1.59 million*) G1 Champions Cup (formerly Japan Cup Dirt) in a Class 1 handicap over the Sha Tin 'all-weather' surface Wednesday evening (Wednesday morning U.S. time).

Drawn gate three, the 5-year-old gelding, perfect in six starts on the dirt, will carry 132 pounds over the 1650-meter trip and will be partnered by [Zac Purton](#) for trainer [Caspar Fownes](#).

Though he is unraced since a Class 2 victory over the course and distance July 1, he has trialled nicely, including a 1200-meter hit-out Nov. 10 in which he found the line strongly to finish a short-head runner-up ([video](#)). Former Hong Kong Horse of the Year [Designs on Rome \(Ire\)](#) ([Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}](#)), who makes his first start of the season in Saturday's G2 BOCHK Jockey Club Mile, was about three lengths further behind in fifth.

"Caspar's given him a good grounding," said Purton, who has ridden the gelding in three of his four barrier trials since late September. "He's only going to have this one run and obviously if he wins or runs very well it looks like he's going to Japan after this.

Purton continued, "Caspar had to make sure he had the miles in his legs and he's done that. He's drawn a nice gate; he's been jumping well in his trials, so he should be able to take advantage of that. I just hope they run along at a nice speed. With a big weight that he's got it's nice to just breeze into it instead of having to sit and sprint, so if everything falls into place for him, hopefully he'll get it done. I wouldn't say he's at his top, but he's getting there and this run should top him."

Gun Pit was quoted as the 1.8 (4-5) favorite overnight, with 1.0 (money back) in the place pools. Post time is 9:45 p.m local time (8:45 a.m. U.S. Eastern time). [Click for the HKJC.com PPs.](#)

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GETTING 'FIRED' UP FOR NEXT SEASON

by Steve Sherack

Firing Line (Line of David)--a game runner-up to Triple Crown hero American Pharoah (Pioneer of the Nile) in the GI Kentucky Derby--is aiming for a spring return.



Arnold Zetcher | Sherackatthetrack

The handsome bay was eased after stumbling at the start over a very sloppy going when last seen finishing seventh in the GI Preakness S. at Pimlico May 16. He's currently enjoying some downtime at WinStar Farm in Kentucky, according to

owner Arnold Zetcher.

"He came out of the Preakness not as good as we would've hoped," Zetcher commented. "[Trainer] Simon [Callaghan] felt that we had to give him some time off after that and he's doing really well now. The plan is to bring him back to Simon [in California] in a month or so."

A pair of painful second-place finishes to **'TDN Rising Star'** Dortmund (Big Brown) in both the GI Los Alamitos Futurity and GIII Robert B. Lewis S., Firing Line finally broke through with a 14 1/4-length romp while establishing a new track record in the GIII Sunland Derby Mar. 22 ([video](#)).

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PAT VALENZUELA RARING TO GO

By Bill Finley

He's 53, hasn't ridden in 22 months and his career has been interrupted repeatedly by substance-abuse related suspensions, but Pat Valenzuela predicted he will be as good, if not better, than ever when he returns to riding this week in Louisiana.

Valenzuela, who has not ridden since January 2014, has been granted a jockey's license by the Louisiana Racing Commission. He is scheduled to ride two horses Thursday night at Delta Downs, but both are on the also-eligible list. If neither gets in, Valenzuela will make his comeback aboard Memories of Winter (Hard Spun) in Saturday's GIII Delta Jackpot. The horse is a legitimate contender in the race, meaning Valenzuela's first ride back could lead to a trip to the winner's circle in a \$1-million race. He does not have any mounts on Friday's card at Delta.

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AUSTRALIAN TRAINERS FACE COBALT BANS

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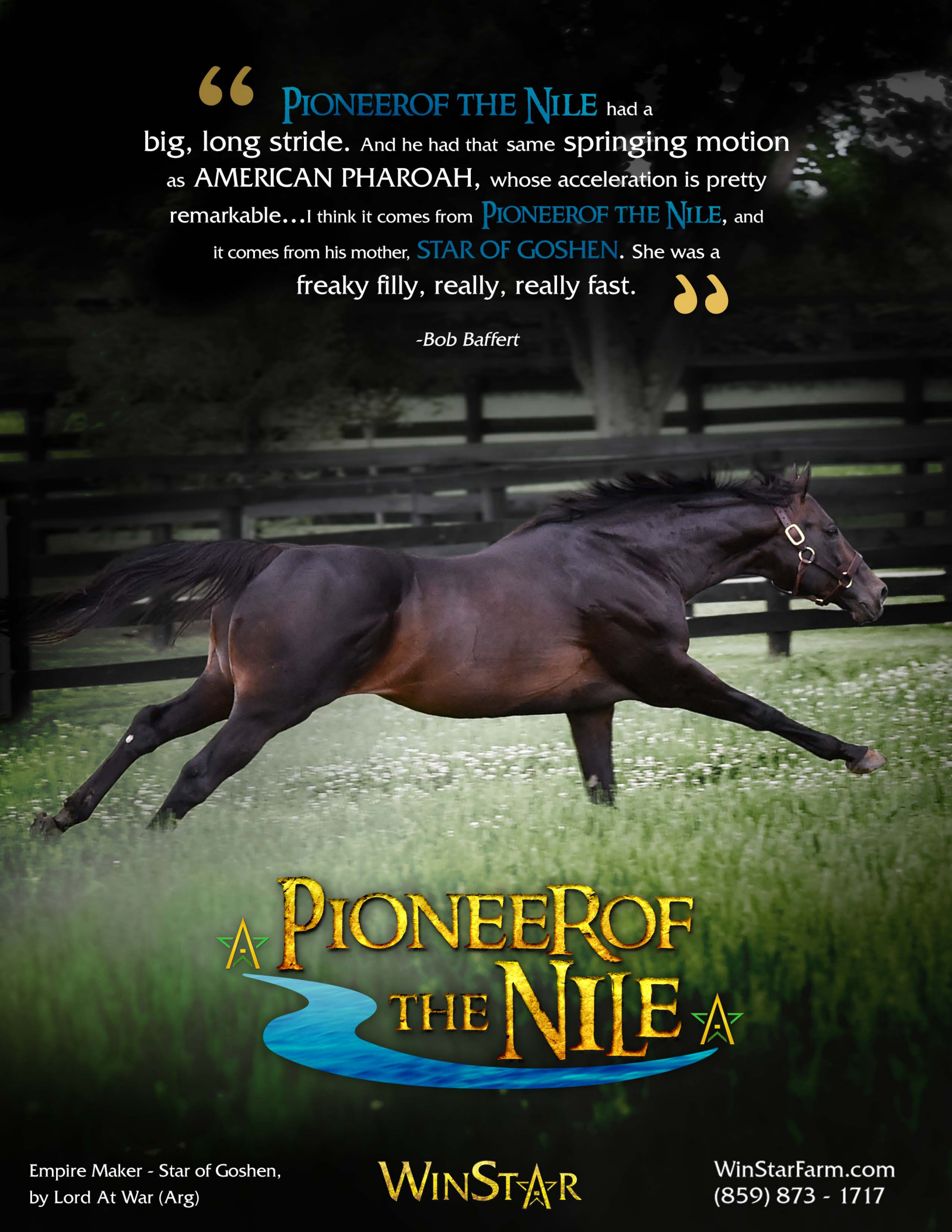


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Sarah Andrew

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Steve Sherack also provides an update on unbeaten GIII Withers S. winner Far From Over (Blame), who has been galloping at WinStar Farm ahead of a return to the races.

IN SHARPER FOCUS: EIGHTH WONDER

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Eighth Wonder (Pioneerof the Nile) ran her record to three-for-three with a dominant score in the Donna Freyer S. at Parx Sunday. Justina Severni chats with her owner and trainer to find out what makes the filly so wonderful.

from **thetdn.com**

Keeneland November is in the books. What FF2016 Sire was the top sire of in-foal mares?

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Firing Line (cont. from p1)

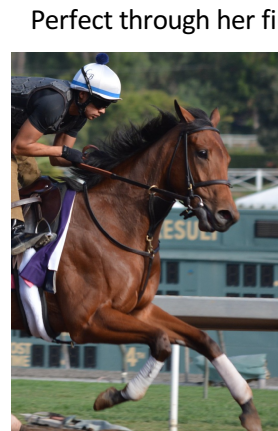
“He should be ready to run in probably late March or April, that’s probably what we’re looking at,” Zetcher continued. “We’re very excited about him and expecting him to come back even better. I think he was the second-best 3-year-old this year, and all of the signals are that he’s looking even better. If that’s the case, we’ll be looking at all the big races for older horses in 2016.”

Firing Line, bred in Kentucky by Clearsky Farms, was produced by 2003 GI Vanity H. runner-up Sister Girl Blues (Hold for Gold), a half-sister to Gil Dwyer S. winner and Gil Peter Pan S. runner-up Mint Lane (Maria’s Mon). He went through the auction ring three times--\$65,000 KEENOV weanling; \$150,000 FTKJUL yearling; and \$240,000 KEEAPR 2-year-old (Click [here](#) for catalogue page), respectively. -@SteveSherackTDN

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LADY ELI NEARING A RETURN TO TRAINING

The unbeaten 3-year-old filly turf superstar **Lady Eli** (Divine Park) is nearing a return to training, according to co-owners Sol Kumin and Jay Hanley of Sheep Pond Partners.



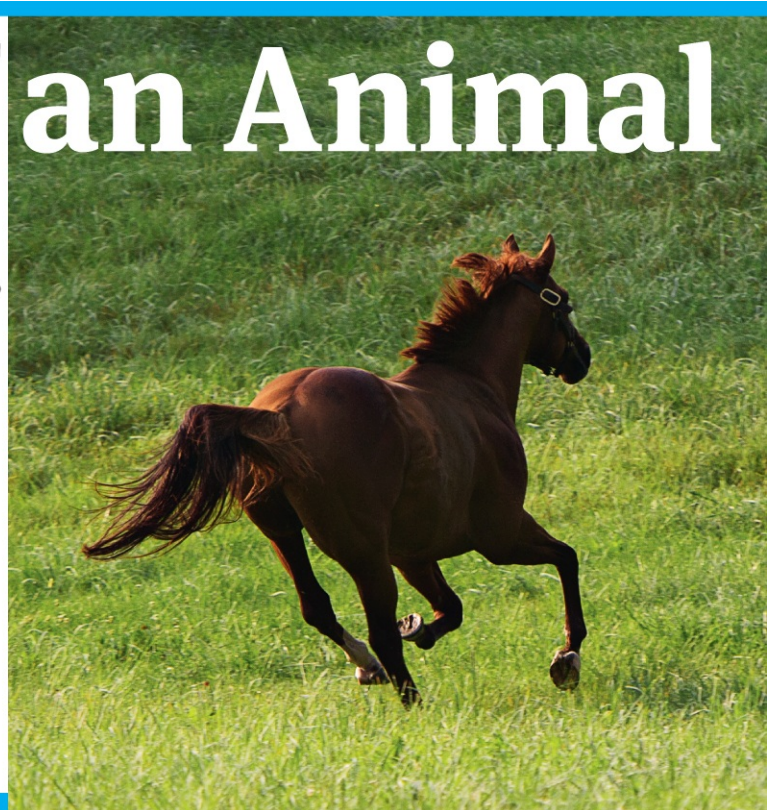
Lady Eli | Sherackatthetrack

Perfect through her first six attempts--including the GI Belmont Oaks Invitational S. most recently July 4 and the 2014 GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf at Santa Anita--Lady Eli has continued to make significant progress from her well-documented battle with laminitis at Dell Ridge Farm in Kentucky.

“Since her arrival at Dell Ridge, we have received positive reports from both Dez Ryan and Dr. Fraley, so we are cautiously optimistic that she will be able to ship to Palm Meadows sometime between now and the end of the year,” Hanley reported. “Assuming that Lady Eli is well enough to ship to Florida this year, she will reunite with [trainer] Chad [Brown] and, from there, Sol [Kumin] and I will work closely with him in both monitoring her health and in formulating a plan going forward.” **Cont. p4**

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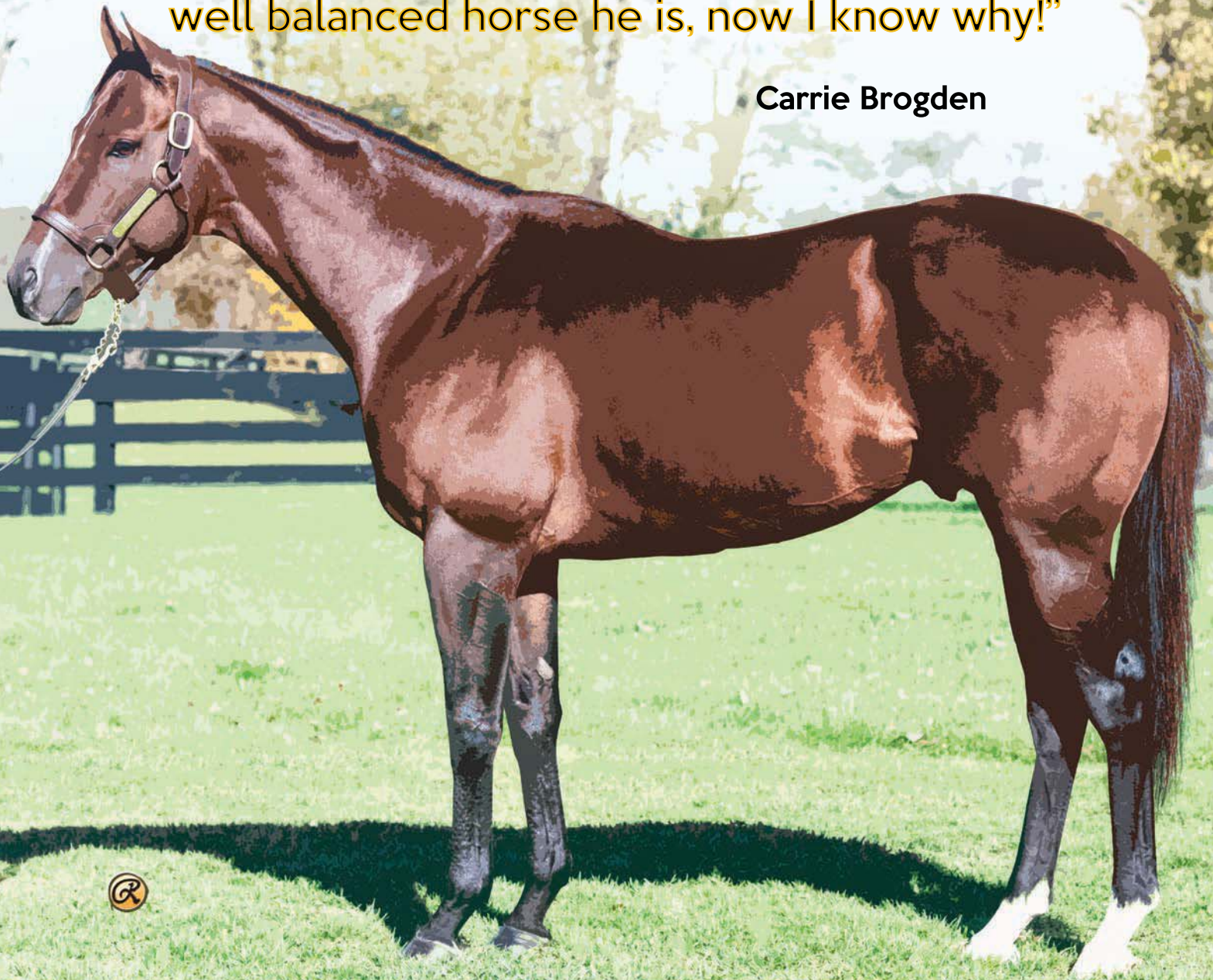
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Lady Eli cont.

Lady Eli, a \$160,000 KEESEP yearling and \$160,000 KEEAPR juvenile (click [here](#) for catalogue page), was bred in Kentucky by Runnymede Farm Inc. and Catesby W. Clay. Produced by the winning Saint Ballado mare Sacre Coeur, she is a half-sister to MGSW Bizzy Caroline (Afleet Alex).

“We are obviously very hopeful that Lady Eli can make a return to racing, but there is long, long road to travel before that could ever happen,” Hanley warned. “For now, we are overjoyed to have her alive and, seemingly, comfortable.”

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NOT THAT ‘FAR FROM’ A RETURN

Unbeaten **Far From Over** (Blame--Alchemist, by A.P. Indy), sidelined with a non-displaced condylar fracture to his left hind leg while preparing for a start in the GI Wood Memorial S. this spring, is on the comeback trail.



Far From Over | *Joe Labozzetta/NYRA*

An improbable last-to-first winner over ‘TDN Rising Star’ El Kabeir (Scat Daddy) after a horrific stumble at the start in Aqueduct’s GIII Withers S. at second asking Feb. 7 ([video](#)), the \$550,000 KEESEP yearling graduate (click [here](#) for catalogue page) is expected to rejoin trainer Todd Pletcher in early February for a spring campaign.

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Far From Over cont.

“He’s at WinStar and has been galloping back for about a month,” said Nick Sallusto, advisor and racing manager for Steven Marshall’s Black Rock Thoroughbreds LLP. “We want to try and be ready for the spring races. We thought initially about trying to get ready for the [GI] Donn [H. at Gulfstream Park], and the more we thought about it, it made more sense to just give him a little more time and get ready for a spring/summer/fall campaign.”

Far From Over, bred in Kentucky by Alexander Groves Matz LLC, was produced by a graded stakes placed daughter of GI Go For Wand H. heroine Aldiza (Storm Cat). The May 9 foal was also a game front-running winner in his two-turn debut at the Big A last December. It was announced in March that Sol Kumin’s Head of Plains Partners and Jim Covello had purchased a 25% minority interest in Far From Over, who earned a 96 Beyer for his aforementioned score in the Withers. Marshall, the president of Western Energy Production company, also campaigned 2012 GI CashCall Futurity hero and current Hill ‘n’ Dale stallion Violence (Medaglia d’Oro).

“He’s developed *really* well,” Sallusto concluded. “He seems to have made a full recovery from the injury. We’re optimistic and excited to see if we can finish what we started.”

-@SteveSherackTDN

TEAM AMERICAN PHAROAH WINS BIG SPORT OF TURFDOM AWARD

The connections of Triple Crown winner **American Pharoah** (Pioneerof the Nile) have been honored with the Turf Publicists of America’s 2015 Big Sport of Turfdom Award, the TPA announced Tuesday. The award recognizes a person or group of people who enhance coverage of Thoroughbred racing through cooperation with media and racing publicists. “Team American Pharoah” --led by owner Ahmed Zayat, trainer Bob Baffert, jockey Victor Espinoza and Zayat Stables racing manager Justin Zayat--were dominant winners of the award, which was voted on by the nearly 150 active members of the TPA, a trade organization of Thoroughbred racing publicists and marketing executives.

“Owning and campaigning American Pharoah has been an honor, a privilege and the thrill of a lifetime,” said Ahmed Zayat. “What topped it off was sharing American Pharoah with the fans. Indeed he is America’s horse and we are very grateful on behalf of Team Pharoah to accept this prestigious award.”

The Big Sport of Turfdom will be presented at the Race Track Industry Program Awards Luncheon on Dec. 8 at the Loews Ventana Canyon Resort in Tucson, Ariz.

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Valenzuela Raring to Go (cont. from p1)

"I have been exercising horses since the summer and I feel really good and my weight is good," Valenzuela said. "I feel mentally, physically and spiritually strong and I think I can ride as well, if not better, than I have in the past. People tell me I look better than I have in years. I'm going to do the best I can and do my best for the horsemen and betting public."

Valenzuela's latest stint on the sidelines began in January 2014 after he failed to appear to ride his scheduled mounts on consecutive days at Santa Anita. Two months later he was suspended by the Santa Anita stewards who recommended he never again be given a license of any kind. Valenzuela said at the time that he would not ride again.

The California Horse Racing Board relented and granted Valenzuela an exercise rider's license in August and Valenzuela was told his situation would be reviewed Oct. 31. CHRБ spokesman Mike Marten said that Valenzuela has not applied for a California jockey's license, but Valenzuela said he is under the impression California was not going to reinstate him.

Instead, he went to Louisiana and was granted a license. He will start off at Delta Downs, but plans to move to the Fair Grounds a few days after the Jackpot.

"It feels awesome to be back," he said. "I am expecting to visit the winner's circle many times. That's the only thing I plan to do over the next few months and for the rest of my career. I am planning to go to Louisiana on Thursday and start riding for [trainer] Mr. Karl Broberg, who gave me a great opportunity to come back and ride some of his horses. Trainers Morris Nicks and Merrill Scherer and a whole family of trainers there have embraced me and pledged to support me. Fair Grounds will be my main base."

He has not ruled out returning to California.

"I want to make the commitment to Louisiana racing and stay there as long as I can and I have to just stick with that right now," Valenzuela said. "If the California Horse Racing Board decides to give me a license, I will let the Louisiana horsemen know in plenty of time if I make plans to return to California. My family is in California, my mother is there and the horsemen there have embraced me."

"I think I've done everything they've asked and deserve a California license, but that's up to the board. I have a Louisiana jockey's license and I will go there and try to win as many races as I can."

Some may be skeptical that Valenzuela can stay out of trouble, but he said he has been sober for quite some time.



Pat Valenzuela | Benoit

BRIS Speed Ratings

Top Weekly Stakes Races

| Horse | Sire | Race | BRIS Speed |
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| Tommy Macho | Macho Uno | Discovery H.-G3 | 102 |
| Absolutely Cool | Absolute Harmony | Luke Krutbosch S. | 100 |
| Big Louie D | Stormy Atlantic | Christopher Elser Memorial S. | 100 |
| Isabella Sings | Eskendereya | Mrs. Revere S.-G2 | 100 |
| Gentlemen's Bet | Half Ours | Frank J. De Francis Memorial Dash S. | 98 |
| Hot City Girl | City Zip | Safely Kept S. | 98 |
| Page McKenney | Eavesdropper | Richard W. Small S. | 98 |
| The Pickett Factor | Gold Tribute | Gold Cup S. | 97 |
| Awesome Speed | Awesome Again | James F. Lewis III S. | 96 |
| Eighth Wonder | Pioneerof the Nile | Donna Freyer S. | 96 |
| Toews On Ice | Archarcharch | Bob Hope S.-G3 | 96 |
| Miss Mischief | Into Mischief | Bessarabian S.-G2 | 93 |
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"My sobriety is great," he said. "I feel awesome and feel like there's nothing I have to hide," he said. "Everybody knows my past. The [latest] suspension was not related to sobriety, so I don't understand why [the CHRБ] is denying me a license, but that's their decision. I am clean and sober. I feel great, I feel awesome. I am taking it one day at time and trying to do best I can on a daily basis."



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DONNA FREYER S., (NB) \$76,000, PRX, 11-15, (C), 2yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:18.81, ft.

EIGHTH WONDER, f, 2, [Pioneerof the Nile](#)

1st Dam: Cheeksandpeanuts, by Pioneering

2nd Dam: Magestic Willowa, by Magesterial

3rd Dam: Willowa, by Son Ange

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Those who watched Eighth Wonder's romp Sunday in the restricted Donna Freyer S. at Parx will agree that the 2-year-old filly is, in fact, a wonder. In her three career starts--a special weight at Parx Sept. 19 ([video](#)), an allowance there Oct. 27 ([video](#)) and Sunday's restricted stake--the Gryphon Investments homebred has won by a combined 22 lengths. This line and Eighth Wonder's connections run deep. Gryphon Investments'

Jeff Bowen bred and raced Cheeksandpeanuts and conditioner Dee Curry trained the dam and a number of her offspring, including Key Lime Baby (Champali), who was third in the 2009

GII Cotillion S. Eighth Wonder is by WinStar stallion Pioneerof the Nile and out of Pioneering mare Cheeksandpeanuts, who was similarly brilliant in her first three career starts with an 11 3/4 length debut win as a sophomore and victories in the restricted Wonder Delight and Foxy J.G. S.

Cheeksandpeanuts was third in a Delaware optional claimer and retired after that start.

Bowen has had a lifelong interest in racing, which began when his uncle would take him to the now-shuttered Liberty Bell Racetrack in Northeast Philadelphia. Bowen, who is now a small business owner, said about 16 years ago he, "claimed a horse for \$20,000 and she went on to win over \$200,000 and I got the bug from that." Bowen currently has three horses in training and a broodmare band of six, which he is looking to expand. Gryphon Investments breeds to race as well as sell. "I mainly breed to sell, but if there's a family I'm interested in, I like to keep the mares," Bowen said of his operation.

Bowen said his decision to send the mare to Pioneerof the Nile was an easy one, having admired the horse during his racing career.

"I was a big fan of Pioneerof the Nile as a 2-year-old," Bowen explained. "As a commercial breeder I recognize the importance of speed and precocity. I like the fact that he could carry his

speed two turns. "

Bowen was hopeful the breeding between Pioneerof the Nile and his already-established mare would produce something special.

"Everything that her dam has thrown has been a winner," he said. "I wasn't too surprised, but I was pleasantly surprised, with how well she's done. "

Curry is similarly pleased with the filly's performance and with how she exited the romp.

"She came out of the race perfect, she wasn't even tired," Curry explained. "It didn't take much out of her at all, she seemed to have bounced out of that race in the best possible way."

Curry, a native of Roswell, New Mexico, spent much of her youth in Europe where her great-uncle was a steeplechase rider. Curry worked her way up the backside ladder after returning to the States as a teenager and currently has 14 horses in her string at Parx. Bowen, who has three horses with Curry, was one of the

trainer's first owners.

"He's just been phenomenal to stick by me from day one," Curry said. "He's given me nothing but support and trusts all my decisions and we've done quite well together."

Curry noted that she knew Eighth Wonder would be special from her early training with Dean Keller's stable in Summerton, South Carolina.

"When this one came along, Dean had told me this one would be special," Curry said. "Her [4-year-

old] full-brother [Cu Chulainn] was pretty special--we've actually given him some time off and he'll come back in the spring--but Dean had said to me, 'I've got the filly and she's better than him and she's got a little bit of a better training mind, let's get her started early because she's special.' I couldn't wait. The breeding alone with Pioneerof the Nile, I was just so excited to get her after American Pharoah--I couldn't wait, so I said, 'Let's bring her in early in case she is that special.' When she came in and did some galloping, you just knew she was the real deal. After Sunday's race, she really is everything I thought she was."

As for what's next for Eighth Wonder, she'll get 60 days of rest on the farm before revving up for her sophomore campaign.

"We're taking it one day at a time," Bowen said. "She looks like she's of the quality that can go on and run in some bigger races next year. We're going to rest her up for the short term and look at some of the bigger races in the spring." --by J.M. Severni



Eighth Wonder | *Equi-photo*

▶ Eastern U.S.

Monmouth Park Director of Racing Mike Dempsey to Retire:

Mike Dempsey, Monmouth Park's Director of Racing, will retire at the end of the calendar year after 36 years with the Oceanport racetrack. Dempsey, 60, was initially hired as the claims clerk for Monmouth Park in 1979 and concludes his career with achievements such as bringing the Breeders' Cup to Monmouth in 2007 and drawing Triple Crown hero American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile) to this year's GI William Hill Haskell Invitational.

"Mike has been a valued asset to New Jersey racing for decades," said Bob Kulina, president of Darby Development LLC, operators of the racetrack. "More importantly though, he's been a good friend and a valued colleague. His accomplishments speak for themselves and he will be sorely missed by me and the entire Monmouth Park team."

Dempsey, who grew up in Monmouth County near the racetrack, says he will continue his involvement at Monmouth Park on a less formal level.

"I've been truly fortunate to call Monmouth Park my second home and to work with great people for so many years," Dempsey said. "I can now look forward to coming to Monmouth as a fan and enjoying many afternoons with my friends at this facility that has given so many wonderful memories."

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Hebbronville (Majesticperfection), 5f, 1:01.60, 5/12

FAIR GROUNDS


Southern Girl (Tapit), 4f, :50.20, 8/21

SANTA ANITA PARK

Baruta (Brz) (Crimson Tide {Ire}), 7f, 1:28.20, 1/2

Curlin's Fox (Curlin), 6f, 1:13.80, 4/6

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"We are very happy to be able to offer visitors to Old Friends a fun new way to make a donation, while also giving them a token of their visit," commented Michael Blowen, president and founder of Old Friends. "It may be just a fantasy to have an exacta with War Emblem and Silver Charm, but it is a great way to remember a day spent with these amazing champions."

Sportech Racing // Digital, a division of Sportech PLC provides wagering technology solutions to licensed racetracks, off-track betting networks, Internet wagering operators and casinos.

"When we were approached by Old Friends to help them carry out their vision for this fund raising concept, we were very happy to help," commented Muchele Fischer, Vice President of Sales and Business Development for Sportech. "Old Friends is doing vital work in the area of Thoroughbred retirement, and we at Sportech are pleased to offer our technologies and services in support of their mission."

Rolex KY Three-Day Event to Benefit TAA:

The Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance has been named the official charity of the 2016 Rolex Kentucky Three-Day Event Presented by Land Rover. Rolex Kentucky is donating \$10,000 to TAA in support of its work to retire, retrain and rehome Thoroughbreds. The Rolex Kentucky Three-Day Event will return to the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington April 28- May 1, 2016.

"The Rolex Kentucky Three-Day Event has a long-standing policy of supporting the local community and we consider it very important for us to give back and assist non-profit organizations," said Stewart Perry, President of Equestrian Events, Inc., organizer of the Rolex Kentucky Three-Day Event. "This partnership with TAA is especially exciting for us because it allows us to support many equine organizations, not only in Kentucky, but across the entire country."

Kentucky Horse Park Holiday Schedule

- Nov. 25-26: Closed
- Nov. 27-29: Open, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- The Southern Lights holiday drive will be open from 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. every day until Dec. 31. Holiday Festival attractions are open every night except Nov. 26 and Dec. 24-31.
- For more KHP information, please call 859-233-4303 or visit www.KyHorsePark.com

Central U.S.

Tuesday's Results:

3rd-HAW, \$31,080, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 11-17, 2yo, 1m 70y (off turf), 1:41.99, sy.

RUNNINGFROMTHEFEDS (c, 2, Three Hour Nap--Smooth Diva, by Smooth Jazz) made up some late ground to be a debut third against fellow Illinois-breds over the Arlington all-weather Sept. 25 and was a distant second in open company going six furlongs at Hawthorne Oct. 9. Off the mark in the slop back against state-breds here on Halloween, the chestnut was the 2-1 crowd's pick to add to his haul in similar conditions for his first attempt routing. The juvenile quickly cleared the field and cut out fractions of :23.71 and :47.18, while saving ground against the fence. Cashel Rock (Cashel Castle) tried to make a race of it rounding the far turn and got to within two lengths, but Runningfromthefeds built on his advantage down the lane to win by 7 1/4 lengths over that foe. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, \$41,486. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).**

O-Sugar Daddy Stable & Daniel Rodriguez; B-Leo Rodriguez (IL); T-Leo Rodriguez.

Yes We Can Food Drive Collects Record Amount:

Oaklawn Park held its fourth annual Yes We Can Food Drive to collect canned and other non-perishable food items for local Hot Springs charities, resulting in a record amount of over 15,000 donations gathered. Last year's drive collected a total of 10,000 items.

"We had an overwhelming response this year," said Oaklawn Director of Marketing Kim Baron. "We have found that our patrons and Team Members both really look forward to this promotion every year and we're delighted to be able to help such worthy charities as Jackson House and First United Methodist Community Food Pantry."

Every patron who donated received two entries for a cash drawing that will be held Nov. 15.

INDUSTRY INFO

OwnerView Creates Award for New Owners:

OwnerView will honor a new Thoroughbred owner with its first ever New Owner of the Year Award to be presented at the Thoroughbred Owner Conference at Gulfstream Park Jan. 11-14, the organization announced Tuesday. Nominees for the initial award must have owned horses for less than three years, have had interest in a stakes winner during the 2015 calendar year and have had a verifiable owner's license.

"There are awards for owners who have been in the industry for a long time, but we wanted to recognize someone who is new to the sport and is making a difference in the industry," noted Gary Falter, vice president of operation for OwnerView. "The Thoroughbred Owner Conference, which is intended for new and long-time owners and will be held during the week leading up to the 45th Annual Eclipse Awards Dinner, is the perfect venue to honor such an individual."

The deadline for nominations, which can be submitted by anyone including current owners, is Dec. 7. The nominees will be reviewed by a selection committee, which will consider both on-track performance and humanitarian activities. To submit a nomination, contact Gart Falter at 859-224-2803 or via email at gfaller@jockeyclub.com.

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IN SOUTH KOREA:

Gwankbok Chilsip, c, 2, **Bluegrass Cat**--Fillie By the Bay, by Elusive Quality. Seoul, 11-15, Hcp. (\$47k), 1200m. B-Gerry Reid & WinStar Farm LLC (NY). *Won for the second time in two starts as the 1-5 favorite. **\$30,000 Ylg '14 KEEJAN; \$50,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR.

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Os Hwadap, c, 2, **Friesan Fire**--Meg's a Lady, by Menifee. Seoul, 11-15, Hcp. (\$77k), 1000m. B-Hope Hill Farm & Elizabeth P Whelan (PA). *Remained perfect in his three starts, scoring by 2 1/2 lengths as the 3-2 favorite and now has earnings in excess of \$94,000. **\$30,000 Wlg' 13 FTMDEC; \$25,000 Ylg '14 OBSAUG; \$50,000 2yo '15 FTMMAY.

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Doraonpogyongseon, c, 2, **Kantharos**--Smartybegone, by Smarty Jones. Busan, 11-13, Hcp. (\$60k), 1200m. B-GoldMark Farm LLC (FL). *\$14,000 Ylg '14 OBSAUG; \$50,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR.

Sinhang, c, 2, **Sky Mesa**--Miss Rebound, by Speightstown. Busan, 11-15, Hcp. (\$47k), 1000m. B-Jean M & Patrick Honny (KY). *Won by 10 lengths as the 9-5 second favorite. **\$25,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR.

Commander Ko, g, 3, **Arch**--Athena's Gift, by Fusaichi Pegasus. Seoul, 11-15, Hcp. (\$60k), 1800m. B-Richard L Lister (ON). *1/2 to We Miss Artie (Artie Schiller), GISW, \$738,843. **\$55,000 RNA Ylg '13 KEESEP; \$75,000 RNA Ylg '13 FTKOCT; \$22,000 2yo '14 OBSJAN.

Supreme Magic, f, 3, **Lookin At Lucky**--Thru N'Thru, by Stormy Atlantic. Busan, 11-13, Hcp. (\$73k), 1000m. B-Michael E Pegram, Karl Watson & Paul Weitman (KY). *\$27,000 2yo '14 OBSJUN.

ROOKIES

First-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, November 18

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

ARCHARCHARCH (Arch), Spendthrift Farm, \$10K, 123/11/1 9-AQU, Msw, 1mT, +Arch Or Nothing, \$40K KEE SEP yrl, 30-1

MT WAVERLY (Mt. Livermore), 5/0/0

6-HAW, Msw, 6f, +Audrey and Annie, 15-1

SMOKIN GLOCK (El Prado {Ire}), 3/1/0

7-HAW, Aoc, 6f, Prairie Chick, 6-1

TIZ THE ONE (Tiznow), 33/7/0

3-DED, Msw, 6 1/2f, +Blue Tizzy, 10-1

First/second-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, November 18

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

TALE OF EKATI (Tale of the Cat), Darby Dan Farm, \$15K, 129/44/2 3-DED, Msw, 6 1/2f, +Ekati Warrior, 10-1

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8th-PRX, \$42,800, (S), 11-17, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:07.01, ft. **ALICE'S GIRLS** (f, 3, **Any Given Saturday**--Jet Away Jane {MSW, \$543,937}, by **Unbridled Jet**) Lifetime Record: 13-2-0-1, \$60,310. O-James A. Shannon, Jr.; B-Golden Oak Farm LLC (PA); T-Cynthia G. Reese. *\$40,000 Ylg '13 EASSEP.

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7th-PRX, \$42,400, (S), 11-17, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:44.89, ft.

UP ALL NIGHT (f, 4, El Corredor--Sparkling Forest, by Forest Wildcat) Lifetime Record: 20-2-3-3, \$65,240. O-Jane E. White; B-Walnut Green, LLC & Dan Ryan (PA); T-Donald R. White. *1/2 to Drum Roll (Majestic Warrior), GSP, \$130,230.


10th-ZIA, \$32,255, (S), 11-16, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.92, ft. SILVERUP WHO (g, 3, Suave Prospect--Silverup, by Prenup) Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-0, \$50,632. O/B-Sam E. & Sammy L. Stevens (NM); T-Joel H. Marr. *1/2 to Ol Winedrinker Who (Sligo Bay {Ire}), MSW, \$670,703.

6th-MVR, \$26,700, (S), 11-17, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:15.01, ft. MAGNA REX (g, 3, Magna Graduate--Money Card {MSW, \$302,487}, by Left Banker) Lifetime Record: 10-3-3-0, \$77,762. O-Michael Hall; B-Elisabeth H. Alexander (OH); T-Wayne D. Mogge. *\$50,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP; \$90,000 RNA 2yo '14 BARMAR; \$125,000 2yo '14 BARMAY.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Chica Zoom, f, 2, Patriot Act--Dawnie Wonder, by Victory Gallop. FL, 11-17, 1m 70y, 1:47.74. B-Dutchess Views Farm, Inc. (NY). *\$5,000 Wlg '13 FTNMIX. **Won by 10 lengths.

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