

## THE MURKY REALITY OF FANTASY RACING

**Editor's note:** This is the second piece in a two-part installment about fantasy sports gaming and the racing industry. [Part one in yesterday's TDN](#) examined how the concept is considered both a threat and an opportunity for the sport.

By T.D. Thornton

The Stronach Group has always operated with a touch of iconoclastic flair, taking its corporate cue from maverick founder Frank Stronach. In the wake of increased regulatory scrutiny and a wave of critical press about the legality of daily fantasy sports (DFS) gaming, one of its executives, Scott Daruty, was blunt when testifying at an Oct. 21 California Horse Racing Board committee meeting on how if and when DFS is declared explicitly legal, Stronach tracks intended to pursue licenses to offer fantasy gaming.

Daruty's words stood in stark contrast to remarks made--or rather, not made--by other non-commenting racing entities in recent weeks. The New York Racing Association, which earlier in the year had entered into a partnership with DFS provider DraftKings, won't speak on the subject and now appears to be distancing itself from fantasy gaming. Churchill Downs, Inc., (CDI) has similarly rebuffed TDN's attempts to elicit a quote from any of its racino executives about the topic.



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But Daruty wasn't stopping at fantasy team sports gaming when it came to calling out perceived threats to Santa Anita and Golden Gate Fields, the tracks whose interests he was representing at the meeting, or Monarch

Content Management, the Stronach-controlled simulcast signal brokerage of which he is the president.

"I view fantasy horse racing as a very significant threat to our existing business model," Daruty said. "There's at least one business out there, DerbyWars is the name, they're effectively running an online advance-deposit wagering (ADW) company without paying anything back to the industry.

They don't pay house fees. They don't contribute to purses. This is an online business that every day on every race, including races from Santa Anita or Del Mar or Golden Gate Fields or any other track in California, they're offering their players a chance to bet money and win."

Daruty continued: "And granted, they're not betting on the outcome. They're not betting who is going to be the winner of the sixth race at Santa Anita. But what they're betting on is 'piece together enough races that we can hide under the fantasy umbrella.' And effectively what they're doing, in my opinion, is stealing our product." **Cont. p3**

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Mark Midland, the founder Horse Racing Labs, the Louisville-based company that owns DerbyWars, was not in the room at that CHRB meeting to defend his online fantasy horse racing site. Nor, when interviewed by *TDN* two weeks later, would he riposte in direct response to Daruty's parries.

But if he chose to, Midland would be a worthy verbal sparring partner for anyone in the racing industry who wished to debate whether DerbyWars and other fantasy horse racing products are thieving from the very sport they were ostensibly designed to help and support.

Over the past two decades, Midland has held executive positions with CDI, Louisiana Downs, and Youbet.com. He was a force behind

innovations like the Kentucky Derby Future Wager (1999), establishing 20-horse wagering in the Derby (2001), and the

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daily guaranteed Pick 4 at Hollywood Park (2003). In 2009, Midland helped launch Horse Racing Nation, an online fan site that now gets seven million visits a year, and he has often been invited to speak at various racing industry conferences to discuss the role of technology in recruiting and keeping customers.

"In 2011, we launched Derby Wars, because we saw the growth in fantasy sports, and we thought, 'Here's an opportunity to do horse racing contests better in a fun, engaging way,'" Midland said. "We see the growth in DFS as nothing but positive, both for Derby Wars per se, and for the industry."

Midland continued: "I would look at DFS as a rocket ship that's taking off. And to the extent that horse racing can be involved with it, I think it's a huge opportunity. If you look at the NFL, interest and ratings are skyrocketing, and it's because people are invested in the games, both season-long and in daily fantasy. I think horse racing in some ways has a more exciting game that just needs to be packaged a little better."

DerbyWars operates its horse racing contests similarly to DraftKings or FanDuel. A glance at the site's offerings for last Saturday, Nov. 21, showed no fewer than 60 different games based on racing from all around the country, searchable by categories such as Head 2 Head, High Stakes, \$5 and Under, NHC Qualifier, and Survivor. The site explicitly states that it does not offer any form of online betting. But DerbyWars' home page

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Games on DerbyWars

BetAmerica is an ADW site that recently introduced a fantasy gaming component. But according to Midland, "we see ourselves not only as a leader in terms of the best site and the biggest games, but also the strongest adherent to rules and guidelines as set forth by the Fantasy Sports Trade Association."

When faced with accusations that DerbyWars is taking something from the industry without paying for it, Midland points out that DerbyWars contests are skill-based games based on information that exists in the public domain. He added that the site does not in any way make use of "content," because DerbyWars does not stream any live or archived videos of races on its site.

"It's a game of skill because you're playing in a contest against other players," Midland said. "The picks that you make create the fantasy points that create a leaderboard that determines the outcome of the game. There's also additional skill involved in managing your picks as to where you are on the leaderboard. 'Gambling' is defined as wagering on a direct outcome, like wagering on a horse in a race."

But the bigger point that critics of DerbyWars are missing, Midland said, is failing to recognize that fantasy racing returns to the industry benefits not measured so much in dollars, but in terms of fan education, product exposure and cross-promotional marketing.

Midland said surveys of DerbyWars customers indicate that they split their available bankrolls 80/20 in favor of pari-mutuel wagering versus contest play. He added that for newcomers, learning about the sport on a smart phone with various social tutorials enabled can be a less intimidating introduction to betting than a day at the races at an actual track.

"It's much more readily adoptable for younger fans," Midland said. "We're also seeing great success with dormant fans. We've had many players at all levels who have given up on racing over the past five to 10 years, and have actually come back to racing through contests, opened ADW accounts, and become significant players."

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Corey Johnsen

"I think the law is clear. Once a race is run, it's in the public domain, and people can utilize those results," Johnsen said. "I think it's a good thing, and I would challenge anybody who has a racetrack signal that we need to have more fan-education strategies and marketing plans. If we all just guard our little fiefdoms, where's the development? There's got to be a balance there."

John Ford is the founder and president of BAM Software, which operates BetAmerica. He testified at the CHRB meeting that his company launched fantasy sports gaming in 2013 and that they "haven't made a dime off it yet." But that hasn't stopped BetAmerica from recently launching a fantasy horse racing portal, because "if I have a customer who's doing the work to enter a handicapping contest, he's likely to use that knowledge that he's gathered in creating that handicapping entry to then go make some pari-mutuel wagers and contribute to the pari-mutuel pool."

Ford continued: "We see it different from the big fantasy guys that are out there that are billion-dollar companies. We see fantasy [as an] opportunity for the industry to pull in and promote pari-mutuel wagering to these customers that are statistically involved in their sport...I can't overstate the significance that we believe fantasy offers for horse racing, because this is the group that we don't have, and they are looking at stats like you wouldn't believe."

Midland said he recognizes that for some bettors, a big "super Saturday" program filled with stakes races might be one reason to get excited about handicapping. For others, a Pick Six carryover or a guaranteed Pick Four pool might be their motivation to get involved. For midweek and night

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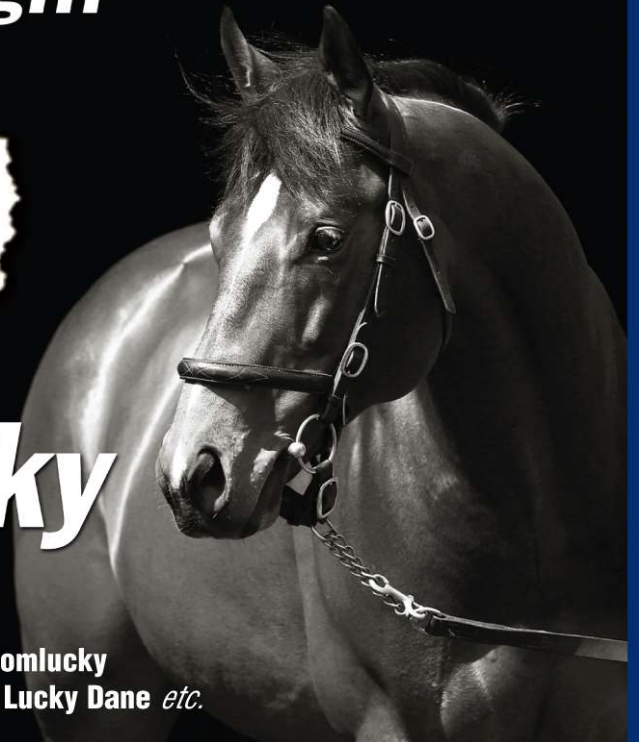
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racing on smaller circuits, he said the DerbyWars slate of contests should also be considered a viable path to pari-mutuel participation.

Midland gave the example of a DerbyWars partnership with Hawthorne Race Course on Tuesday afternoons in which a survivor-style contest for \$4 directs potential bettors to a track and time slot they otherwise might not consider playing.

"So for \$4, you might invest time to handicap the whole card, and then be interested in wagering on those races online," Midland said. "For \$4, several hundred players are handicapping seven or eight races on a Tuesday that they would not normally look at. There's tremendous upside from an engagement standpoint."

Daruty, based on his CHRB testimony, still doesn't buy that concept.

"It may very well be that [fantasy racing] could contribute to the industry," Daruty said. "And maybe if they were willing to pay host fees that go to the racetracks and to the horsemen, then maybe we would welcome them and say, 'Please offer your fantasy contests on our horse races.' As Mr. Ford said earlier, maybe that ends up bringing in a different demographic. It might be a good thing. But what I can say, in my opinion for sure, it's not a good thing if they're stealing our product and not paying us anything for it."

Daruty continued: "We think there are some arguments that can be made that even if fantasy sports is determined to be legal because it's a game of skill, that fantasy horse racing arguably is subsumed by the Interstate Horse Racing Act and other federal law that would, therefore, require regulator and racetrack and horsemen approval. So we're trying to fashion an argument to shut them down and prevent them from stealing our product... They're not paying the tracks that are running the races. They're not paying the horsemen who are putting on the show. And I think we've got to take a very hard look at that."

This brings up the important issue of whether any of racing's fledgling fantasy racing sites actually have any money to contribute to horsemen and racetracks. DraftKings and FanDuel, the major players in the DFS market, are both valued at over \$1 billion, yet neither is reportedly profitable. What's the financial picture like for DerbyWars?

Midland said Horse Racing Labs, the owner of DerbyWars, does not currently make money. "We do not because we invest any growth that we have into marketing, growing the company, and additional hires," Midland said. He added that the company employs 12 people, has been funded so far by "angel investors," and is actively seeking additional funding to grow faster.

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a start-up doesn't grow, it dies. So start-ups have extra motivation to become successful that an established corporate entity does not."

But there is another hard truth about start-ups, and it applies to the business models of all sorts of different companies in many diverse industries: Their ideas often make sense theoretically, but don't always come to fruition, or even deliver the desired results, in real life. Are the tracks that support fantasy racing getting the tangible results that entrepreneurs like Midland, Johnsen and Ford describe? And what about other entities that have dabbled in fantasy racing only to back out of it?



Survivor contests, like this one on DerbyWars, are popular fantasy games

John Hindman, the general counsel for Television Games Network (TVG), testified at the CHR meeting that the racing channel tried online fantasy horse racing about four or

five years ago, "and we discontinued it because it was not an efficient way of generating pari-mutuel customers."

Hindman elaborated: "Around the same time we also closed down a contest site that we had that were just free contests to get people used to the machinations of how to bet and how to play. We closed that at the same time, too, because I could literally have counted the active customers that we got in pari-mutuel wagering on my two hands."

Hindman said that in light of the subsequent boom of fantasy sports, TVG recently commissioned a new study to gauge customer interest. "And it was surprisingly low, the number of our customers who had tried daily fantasy, and lower than we thought it would be. And also there was no indication that those who had tried it had changed—that 85 percent of those who had tried it said that it hadn't changed their habits for pari-mutuel wagering at all."

John Walsh, the assistant general manager at Hawthorne, described to TDN more of a wait-and-see relationship that the Chicago track has with fantasy racing.

Walsh said he can definitely assert that Hawthorne has lost customer dollars to fantasy racing. But he views it like partnering with an ADW: Sure, Hawthorne would make more money if people came to the track and bet. But since ADWs are here to stay, and since customers seem to prefer them, he'd rather partner with ADWs—even if it means taking a lesser cut of handle—than fight them.

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Walsh said he feels similarly about partnering with DerbyWars. He likes the concept. He likes the affordability that customers enjoy. And the Hawthorne survivor contest fills every single Tuesday, which he hoped would lead to an increase in handle.

"But those survivor people, they bet the survivor [contest] and that's the extent of their wagering for the day," Walsh said. "It doesn't really turn them into [high-volume customers] betting on your own races. I don't think so. I haven't seen it."

But what Walsh has seen from fantasy contests in general is a new breed of horseplayers.

"I think what fantasy has done, kind of like poker tournaments did, is people now look to win a lot of money by risking a small amount of money," Walsh said. "Where before you might have been happy to bring a hundred to the track and head home with two or three hundred, now for that same hundred, people want to win ten or twenty thousand. Or get into the NHC contest. Something big."

Still, Walsh is willing to gamble that fantasy racing might provide measurable benefits down the road that aren't yet obvious.

"For DerbyWars, we'll definitely continue doing it. Because it's going to happen anyway, and why not at least see what's going on with them? Walsh said. "It's a way for newcomers to participate, to potentially learn that this sport is cool. Derby Jackpot is another very low-priced thing that people do get excited about. Now I don't know if those customers ever bet again after trying it, but three, four, five years down the road? Those two [companies] are something totally different that [racing] hasn't seen before. So why not help them? Those could turn out to be significant introductory paths to racing. The future is important."

That sentiment is something Midland has been trying to hammer home for quite some time now, long before he even conceived of DerbyWars.

"In my mind, one of the biggest problems in racing, if not the biggest problem, is the lack of innovation," Midland said. "Not only has racing completely missed the boat, there is nobody really working on it. Not only is there no 'hotbed of innovation' for racing, there is almost no innovation. And I think when you don't have innovation, how do you have growth? If I was a breeder or a track owner, that would be a very big concern. But nobody is actually investing in the future growth of racing."

"There was some reference at the CHRB meeting about DerbyWars being a threat to the revenue model. But the current model has gone from \$15 to \$10 billion [in handle] in a decade. There are already serious, serious issues with the current model. The decline is precipitous. So I think it's extremely critical to look for new opportunities for growth. Things are declining so fast that any new opportunity should be embraced as a positive opportunity." @thorntontd

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First retired to Padua's Florida stallion division, he was relocated to Three Chimneys Farm in 2004 and averaged over \$5 million in progeny earnings every year since his first crop hit the track. The sire of the winners of nearly \$59 million to date, Yes It's True bred no fewer than 117 mares in 2015.

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## RECEPTA CONTINUES A FIRM PARTNERSHIP

by Ben Massam

**Recepta** (Speightstown), the latest in a long line of successful filly and mare turf competitors for Darby Dan's Phillips Racing Partnership and trainer Jimmy Toner, will head west in search of firm ground in the GI Matriarch S. at Del Mar Sunday. Winner of the GIII Noble Damsel S. at Belmont Sept. 19, the 4-year-old is coming off a 12th-place finish in the wake of Tepin (Bernstein) in the Oct. 31 GI Breeders' Cup Mile over a giving Keeneland turf course--a condition that Phillips Racing manager John W. Phillips said was far from ideal.



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"We were in trouble as soon as it rained on Wednesday [of Breeders' Cup week]," Phillips

acknowledged. "She's training better and better, and she's more sound than she's ever been. That's why it was a bold reach to go from a Grade III to the Breeders' Cup, but she had trained so well. She likes firm going and that just didn't work, and we knew that was a real possibility."

Phillips said that the dark bay, who also annexed the one-mile De La Rose S. at Saratoga prior to her Noble Damsel triumph, came out of the Breeders' Cup in good order, leading the partners and co-owner Pam Gartin to search for a final race prior to Recepta's scheduled freshening over the winter months. After the experience over the rain-softened lawn in Lexington, climate played a major role in their decision to target the Matriarch.

"There was one other race, [the GIII Cardinal H. this past Saturday] at Churchill," Phillips said. "But the risk of getting soft ground was greater, so we thought going to California was a wiser option."

Although Recepta was already a stakes winner as a juvenile and graded stakes-placed as a 3-year-old, the owner added that he believes his filly continues to develop with age and maturity under the watchful eye of Toner.

"She'll do one more race this year, and then she'll come home and be on the shelf for several months to do some [rest and recovery]," said Phillips, who also manages family-owned Darby



Jimmy Toner and Phillips Racing Partnership in the winner's circle after Winter Memories's win in the GI Garden City S. | NYRA Photo

Dan Farm. "She's improved quite a bit and continues to improve, so we'll see where we are here in the Matriarch, and then give her a rest and start her over again at midsummer next year."

A glance at Recepta's pedigree speaks to the long-standing relationship between

Phillips Racing and Toner. The filly's dam, Honor Bestowed (Honor Grades), is a half-sister to MGISW Soaring Softly (Kris S.), who captured the GI Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf en-route to championship honors for the same connections in 1999. In more recent memory, the pair campaigned another trio of multiple Grade I stakes winners in Memories of Silver (Silver Hawk) and her daughter Winter Memories (El Prado {Ire}), as

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# FROM THE GARY AND MARY WEST COLLECTION AT HILL 'N' DALE

## FLASHBACK

Tapit - Rhumb Line by Mr. Greeley

## NEW YEAR'S DAY

Street Cry (IRE) - Justwhistledixie by Dixie Union

## POWER BROKER

Pulpit - Shop Again by Wild Again





Dear Fellow Breeders,

Our commitment to the Team West stallions remains unwavering. An update on our trio of Team West stallions:

Flashback has been well received, becoming one of the most popular freshman sires in the country, with a mare in foal to him selling for \$370,000 at Keeneland November. A son of TAPIT, his 2016 fee is \$7,500. He stands alongside Breeders' Cup Juvenile Champion New Year's Day (stud fee \$5,000), whose sire Street Cry has sired 100 stakes winners who have earned in excess of \$100 million.

New Year's Day's half-brother, the undefeated Mohaymen, just won the G2 Nashua Stakes after selling for \$2.2 million as a yearling last September.

Finally, there is Grade 1 Winner Power Broker, by sire of sires Pulpit, also standing for \$5,000. The tremendous value of this trio of sires goes well beyond price with our four part plan to support breeders who breed to our stallions:

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Gary West



## FLASHBACK

\$7,500 • By Tapit, out of Rhumb Line

### Brilliant Grade 2 Winner by Leading Sire Tapit

A striking individual by leading sire Tapit, Flashback won the Robert B. Lewis Stakes (G2) in impressive fashion by 6 1/4 lengths in his second career start, a race won by leading Third-Crop Sire Pioneerof the Nile. Flashback continued to showcase his exceptional talent when narrowly defeated as the favorite in the \$750,000 Santa Anita Derby (G1) while sustaining an injury.

Flashback is a full-brother to Multiple Grade 1 Winner Zazu who sold as a broodmare for \$2,100,000. In foal mares sold for up to \$370,000.

**Breeders' Bonus Total:** \$4,500,000  
**Agents' Bonus:** \$50,000



## NEW YEAR'S DAY

\$5,000 • By Street Cry (IRE), out of Justwhistledixie

### Breeders' Cup Juvenile Winner

On Racing's Greatest Day, in front of 58,795 patrons on track and over 2 million viewers on NBC, New Year's Day, by the recently deceased Champion Sire Street Cry, defined himself as the 2013 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Champion defeating five Grade 1 Winners.

New Year's Day was an Eclipse Finalist and the highest weighted 2YO, at 126 lbs, on the 2013 Exp. Free Hcp.

His half-brother, Mohaymen, is an undefeated winner of the Nashua (G2) and a \$2,200,000 yearling co-sales topper.

**Breeders' Bonus Total:** \$4,500,000  
**Agents' Bonus:** \$50,000



## POWER BROKER

\$5,000 • By Pulpit, out of Shop Again

### Grade 1 Winner by Pulpit

Grade 1 FrontRunner Stakes Winner at two, by sire of sires Pulpit. As a three-year-old, he won the \$500,000 Grade 2 Indiana Derby, 4/5ths off the track record.

Power Broker was the highest-selling yearling colt by his sire in 2011. He broke his maiden in the Grade 1 FrontRunner Stakes at Santa Anita by 6 1/2 lengths and was runner-up to Multiple Grade 1 winning Millionaire Verrazano in the \$1,000,000 Grade 1 Haskell Invitational, ahead of Preakness Stakes Winner Oxbow. Earner of over \$850,000.

**Breeders' Bonus Total:** \$4,500,000  
**Agents' Bonus:** \$50,000

## TEAM WEST GUARANTEE (TWG)

### STUD FEES CAN BE PAID OUT OF WEANLING OR YEARLING PROCEEDS

Stud fees can be paid out of weanling or yearling proceeds with the first \$7,500 going to breeders for weanling sales and the first \$15,000 going to breeders for yearling sales. Alternatively, if foal is retained and not sold as a weanling or yearling, the full stud fee is due and payable December 31st of 2018.

#### WEANLING EXAMPLE

STALLION	AUCTION PRICE	STUD FEE DUE
Flashback	\$7,500	\$0
Flashback	\$10,000	\$2,500
Flashback	\$15,000+	\$7,500 (full fee)
Power Broker / New Year's Day	\$7,500	\$0
Power Broker / New Year's Day	\$10,000	\$2,500
Power Broker / New Year's Day	\$12,500+	\$5,000 (full fee)

#### YEARLING EXAMPLE

STALLION	AUCTION PRICE	STUD FEE DUE
Flashback	\$15,000	\$0
Flashback	\$20,000	\$5,000
Flashback	\$22,500+	\$7,500 (full fee)
Power Broker / New Year's Day	\$15,000	\$0
Power Broker / New Year's Day	\$17,500	\$2,500
Power Broker / New Year's Day	\$20,000+	\$5,000 (full fee)

## TEAM WEST GUARANTEE BONUS (UP TO \$5,500,000 FOR BREEDERS, UP TO \$150,000 FOR AGENTS)

### \$1,000,000 BREEDERS' BONUS

To win: You must be the owner of the mare at the time of purchase of the season resulting in the mating that produced: (1) the 2019 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Colts Winner; (2) the 2019 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Winner; (3) the 2019 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Winner and/or (4) the 2019 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf Winner sired by Flashback, New Year's Day or Power Broker.<sup>1</sup> The same person/entity can win a total of \$4,000,000.<sup>2</sup>

### \$500,000 BREEDERS' BONUS

To win: You must be the owner of the mare at the time of purchase of the season resulting in the mating that produced: the first U.S. 2017 foal crop Grade 1 Winner sired by Flashback, New Year's Day or Power Broker (no time restriction). Grade 1 Winners by all three sires are eligible for the bonus and the same person/entity can win all three (\$1,500,000 total).<sup>3</sup>

### \$50,000 AGENTS' BONUS

To win: You must be the agent of record for the season purchase of the first U.S. 2017 foal crop Grade 1 Winner sired by Flashback, New Year's Day or Power Broker (no time restriction). Grade 1 Winners by all three sires are eligible for the bonus and the same agent can win all three (\$150,000 total).<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> In the event of a dead-heat in any of the above described races by horses sired by any of the 3 West Stallions, any such bonus will be divided pro-rata among the successful owners of the mares at the time of purchase of the season resulting in the mating that produced such horses.

<sup>2</sup> For purposes of this bonus, the owner of the mare at the time of purchase of the season resulting in the successful mating that produced such winner(s) will be entitled to the bonus payment notwithstanding the fact that the mare(s) carrying the successful foal(s) may have been sold while such successful foal(s) were in utero and another entity may actually be listed as the breeder on such foal(s)' Jockey Club Certificate for Foal Registration.

<sup>3</sup> The provisions listed in Footnotes 1 and 2 also apply to this bonus payment.

<sup>4</sup> In the event of a dead-heat in any such race by horses sired by any of the 3 West Stallions, the agent's bonus will be divided pro-rata among the successful agents.

All restricted to the 2016 breeding season / foals of 2017 and can be any three of the West Stallions. Your stud fee must be paid in full when due to be eligible. Neither Gary nor Mary West are eligible to win any of these bonuses.

## TEAM WEST TRIFECTA (IF YOU BREED TO ALL THREE)

In 2016, if you breed one mare to all three West Stallions, the fee is \$13,000 (based on \$5,000 for Flashback, \$4,000 for New Year's Day and \$4,000 for Power Broker). Team West Guarantee applies.

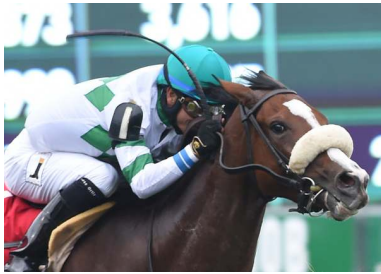


well as Wonder Again (Silver Hawk). According to Phillips, the enduring nature of the owner-trainer partnership is unique, but not necessarily planned.

“Every time I turn around, we have another daughter whose dam [Toner] trained,” Phillips reflected. “It wasn’t really by design as much as it was dictated by success. It’s worked out really well, and he understands me very well--what I’m looking for in terms of a broodmare band, the patience that I would prefer a trainer to have, and the style of racing that is consistent with the pedigrees we have. It’s been a great association and, God willing, we will continue it for years to come.”

As for the possibility of another female turfer coming along to compete at the highest level for Phillips and Toner?

It’s hardly a stretch to speculate that the 2-year-old filly **Time and Motion** (Tapit) may be waiting to carry the torch. Although the bay remains a maiden after three starts, she closed fastest of all to secure third-place honors in the GIII Miss Grillo S. Sept.



Time and Motion | NYRA Photo

27 and recently rallied stoutly from post 14 to finish a deceptively close fifth behind Catch a Glimpse (City Zip) in the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf Oct. 30. Consistent with the patient approach of her connections, Phillips said that Time and Motion is

currently resting up ahead of her 2016 campaign.

“She’s at the farm now and we’ll have a game plan for her,” he explained. “For now, she’s going to take 60 days, a couple of months, and just relax on the farm. She’ll go down to the training center in Florida right after the January sales.”

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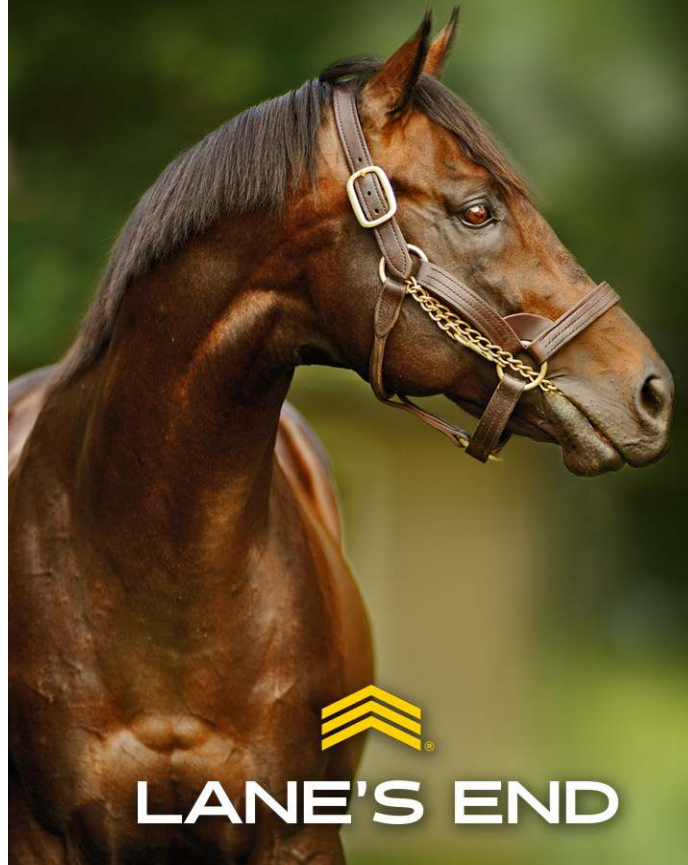
“For the first time in years, Nebraska horse tracks in 2016 are expected to host more live race days than they did the prior year.” **Nicholas Bergin, Lincoln Journal Star**

# MINESHAFT

## A TOP SON OF A.P. INDY

SIRE	2015 BTW%*
FLATTER	4.78
<b>MINESHAFT</b>	<b>3.07</b>
MALIBU MOON	2.56
BERNARDINI	2.32
CONGRATS	1.62
MAJESTIC WARRIOR	1.02

\*TDN Stats as of 11/23/15



LANE'S END

## COMMISSIONER TO STAND AT WINSTAR

WinStar Farm homebred **Commissioner** (A.P. Indy--Flaming Heart, by Touch Gold) will stand stud at the Versailles, Kentucky farm for a fee of \$7,500 S&N upon the completion of his 2015 season. The 4-year-old will participate in WinStar's "Dream Big" program which offers breeders the opportunity to earn a lifetime breeding right to the stallion after producing two live foals from his first books.



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"Commissioner has always been one of our favorites from the time he was born," said Elliott Walden, WinStar President & CEO. "We bred him to win a Classic, and he nearly pulled it off when Tonalist nailed him at the wire in the Belmont.

Commissioner is such an exceptional-looking individual and full of the class that his genetics suggest. He has a similar race profile to A.P. Indy stallions Flatter and Congrats. We believe he's a great opportunity through our 'Dream Big' program, and, really, the last chance to participate in an A.P. Indy."

Runner-up to "TDN Rising Star" Tonalist (Tapit) in last term's GI Peter Pan S. and GI Belmont S., Commissioner won Gulfstream's GIII Skip Away S. Mar. 28 and captured the GIII Pimlico Special S. May 15. Last seen finishing fourth in Keeneland's GI Fayette S. Oct. 30, the Todd Pletcher pupil is being pointed at Saturday's GI Hawthorne Gold Cup. The bay currently has a record of 14-4-3-2 and earnings of \$812,237.

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## FLAY NAMED TO MUSEUM BOARD

Prominent owner and breeder Bobby Flay has been named to the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame's Board of Trustees. The appointment was announced by Museum president Gretchen Jackson Monday. The award-winning chef owns a number of restaurants, has published cookbooks and hosts cooking shows on the Food Network, Cooking Channel and NBC. Flay has campaigned the likes of More Than Real, Mrs Kipling, Super Espresso, Her Smile, Dame Dorothy and America. He is also a member of the New York Racing Association's Board of Directors.



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**NOT HOLDING BACK**

**2 STAKES HORSES ON SATURDAY**

2yo filly **JET BLACK MAGIC** won \$400,000 Delta Downs Princess S. (G3) at Delta Downs. [\[watch race\]](#)

*Owner: Carl R. Moore | Trainer: Bret Calhoun  
Breeder: Clear Creek Stud*

Earlier in the day **My Miss Venezuela** ran 3rd in the Orleans S. in her second straight stakes-placed performance.

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**Friday, Churchill Downs, post time: 5:35 p.m. EST**

**CLARK H.-GI, \$500,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Keen Ice ☼	Curlin	Lanerie	Romans	120
2	Looks to Spare	Pollard's Vision	Lebron	Umarov	113
3	Mr. Z ☼	Malibu Moon	Santana	Lukas	114
4	Frivolous	Empire Maker	Court	Oliver	115
5	Protonico	Giant's Causeway	Leparoux	Pletcher	117
6	Hoppertunity ☼	Any Given Saturday	Garcia	Baffert	121
7	Shotgun Cowboy	Kodiak Cowboy	Berry	Trout	113
8	Effinex	Mineshaft	Smith	Jerkens	122
9	Race Day ☼	Tapit	Velazquez	Pletcher	122

Owners: 1-Donegal Racing (Jerry Crawford), 2-O'zbekiston Racing (Otabek Umarov), 3-Calumet Farm (Brad Kelley), 4-G. Watts Humphrey, Jr., 5-Sumaya U. S. Stables (Oussama Aboughazale), 6-Mike Pegram, Karl Watson and Paul Weitman, 7-C. R. Trout, 8-Tri-Bone Stables (Ira and Bernice Cohen), 9-Matthew Schera

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**2016 Kentucky Derby Sire Future Wager Pool 1**  
Thursday, Nov. 26-Sunday, Nov. 29

#	Horse	Morning Line Odds
1	Awesome Again	50-1
2	Bernardini	30-1
3	Blame	30-1
4	Candy Ride (Arg)	30-1
5	Curlin	30-1
6	Distorted Humor	20-1
7	Eskendereya	30-1
8	Ghostzapper	30-1
9	Giant's Causeway	20-1
10	Hard Spun	30-1
11	Harlan's Holiday	30-1
12	Kitten's Joy	30-1
13	Malibu Moon	20-1
14	Medaglia d'Oro	20-1
15	Pioneerof the Nile	15-1
16	Scat Daddy	30-1
17	Street Sense	30-1
18	Super Saver	50-1
19	Tapit	15-1
20	Tiznow	20-1
21	Unbridled's Song	20-1
22	Uncle Mo	20-1
23	War Front	20-1
24	Mutuel Field-All Others	1-1

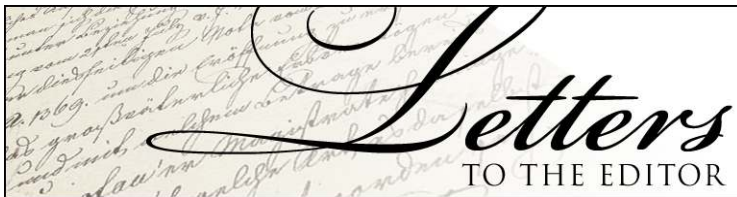
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**2016 Kentucky Derby Future Wager Pool 1**  
Thursday, Nov. 26-Sunday, Nov. 29

#	Horse	Morning Line Odds
1	Airoforce (Colonel John)	20-1
2	Annual Report (Harlan's Holiday)	30-1
3	Brody's Cause (Giant's Causeway)	15-1
4	Cocked and Loaded (Colonel John)	30-1
5	Conquest Big E (Tapit)	50-1
6	Drefong (Gio Ponti)	30-1
7	Exaggerator (Curlin)	30-1
8	Flexibility (Bluegrass Cat)	30-1
9	Gift Box (Twirling Candy)	30-1
10	Greenpointcrusader (Bernardini)	30-1
11	Gun Runner (Candy Ride {Arg})	30-1
12	Matt King Coal (Cool Coal Man)	20-1
13	Mohaymen (Tapit)	15-1
14	Mor Spirit (Eskendereya)	20-1
15	Nyquist (Uncle Mo)	10-1
16	Rated R Superstar (Kodiak Kowbody)	50-1
17	Riker (Include)	30-1
18	Sail Ahoy (Bernardini)	30-1
19	Sunny Ridge (Holy Bull)	50-1
20	Swipe (Birdstone)	15-1
21	Synchrony (Tapit)	30-1
22	Toews On Ice (Archarcharch)	30-1
23	Unbridled Outlaw (Unbridled's Song)	30-1
24	Mutuel Field-All Others	7-5

\*Morning Line Odds by Mike Battaglia





# Letters

TO THE EDITOR

**Lloyd G Wickboldt, MD:**

In reading the charges and fines against trainer Steve Asmussen in the [Nov. 24 issue of TDN](#), I was upset to read that the administration of the thyroid hormone, thyroxine, T4, (a thyroid hormone molecule with 4 attached iodine atoms), was being referred to as a thyroid "supplement". A supplement, in the truthful sense of the word, is/are the building blocks, which when administered to an animal/human allows the body to make its own natural chemicals and structures. Adding iodized salt, table salt to a feed would be a supplement as the iodine in the salt would be available once absorbed by the body to be used to make tetra iodinated thyroxine, Thyroid Hormone, also called T4. When T4 is released from the thyroid gland it circulates through the blood stream to all cells where it is taken into the cell cytoplasm, de-iodinated one time to Tri-iodothyronine, T3, the metabolically active form of thyroid hormone at the cellular level, where it has effects on cellular metabolism of sugars, fats and proteins as well as on cell oxygen utilization. On cardiac/heart cells, thyroid hormone, T4/T3, is a STIMULANT.

To administer Thyroxine exogenously, (given from the outside vs being produced naturally on the inside by the thyroid gland, endogenous production) is to administer a DRUG and that should only be done if the animal is confirmed by TSH (thyroid stimulating hormone) testing to be Thyroid deficient. In such a case, the TSH level is elevated by the following negative feedback loop mechanism. ( When thyroid hormone production by the thyroid gland is deficient there is not enough circulating T4 in the blood stream to tell the hypothalamus of the brain to not release, TSHRH (thyroid stimulating hormone releasing hormone) from the hypothalamus to the pituitary gland, so under the influence of TSHRH, the pituitary gland then releases, TSH, or thyroid stimulating hormone, to circulate to the Thyroid gland, rev up its production of T4 which will normalize the blood deficiency previously existing and the T4 which is normalized will negatively feed back to the hypothalamus, telling it to stop TSHRH release, all is balanced.

Here is the problem. In the athlete, which has normal thyroid gland function, the gland is producing T4, plus when it is given exogenous T4, (drug), plus-plus, the horse is then subjected to the oxygenating (aerobic), and anerobic stresses of a RACE, what happens? The cardiac cell, heart cell, subjected to all this excessive metabolic demands may not be able to fill its Oxygen debt obligation, and a "heart attack" occurs. The horse drops



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dead on the track! Have we seen this before? My guess, is that we have? If this has truly not been documented to have occurred in the past, with continued practice of the administration of thyroxine to Euthyroid horses (horses with normal thyroid gland function), it will be documented. There is simply too much stress to be placed on any animal's body to not have catastrophic consequences.

I'd conclude by acknowledging what I as a MD, (Board Certified in Internal Medicine and Dermatology), and Thoroughbred breeder and owner have discovered from "hanging around the barn and engaging in all forms of training conversations". There is a significant measure of naivete amongst horseman surrounding the concept of giving a dietary supplement to improve health and performance, verse administering an actual drug for medically necessary reasons. To those who may not be as familiar with pharmacology, the words of Attorney Clark Brewster on pg 3, clm2, lns 18,19, "In addition, Brewster said, it needs to be established whether the administration of thyroid supplement counts as a "drug.", absolutely perpetuates confusion over this topic and obstructs the goal of "cleaning up" the Thoroughbred industry's image.

I hope my letter helps improve understanding on the topic and leads to better care and protection of the horses.

# New York

**Tuesday's Results:**

**7th-FL, \$23,000, Msw, 11-24, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:13.34, ft.**  
**SACRED SEASON (f, 2, [Giolamo](#)--Seasons Wise, by Wiseman's Ferry)** finished third on debut against open company here Nov. 10 and was hammered down to even-money favoritism for this second attempt against fellow Empire-breds. The dark bay broke on top and ticked off early splits of :22.88 and :47 flat while under pressure from Ohmygollysmolly (Cosmonaut). Shrugging off that rival in the lane, Sacred Season skipped clear and held off the rallying Ohmygollysmolly for a 3/4-length success. She is the 19th winner for her freshman sire (by A.P. Indy). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$16,100. [Click for the Equibase.com chart.](#)  
 O/B-Little Flower Farm LLC (NY); T-Mark L. Tasso.

# Eastern U.S.

**Wednesday, Penn National, post time: 6:54 p.m. EDT**

**SWATARA S., \$100,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m**

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1 Grasshoppin	Cat Thief	Alvarado	Serey	10-1
2 Kobel	Sequoyah	Castillo	Lebarron	8-1
3 Stormin Monarcho	Monarchos	McCarthy	Jacobson	7-2
4 Page McKenney	Eavesdropper	Karamanos	Eppler	5-2
5 Kid Cruz	Lemon Drop Kid	J. Ortiz	Rice	9-2
6 Guns of Steel	First Defence	Otero	Houghton	15-1
7 Catron	Distorted Humor	Castellano	Pletcher	3-1
8 Admirals War Chest	Elusive Charlie	Hole	Caiazzo	12-1

**Wednesday, Penn National, post time: 7:22 p.m. EDT**

**FABULOUS STRIKE H., \$200,000, 3yo/up, 6f**

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1 Majestic Hussar	Majestic Warrior	Marquez	Campbell	12-1
2 Risk Factor	Stormy Atlantic	Carrasco	Lake	10-1
3 Fabulous Kid	Congrats	McCarthy	Jacobson	8-1
4 Ben's Cat	Parker's Storm Cat	Pimentel	Leatherbury	3-1
5 Favorite Tale	Tale of the Cat	Castellano	Preciado	2-1
6 Scarly Charly	Friends Lake	J. Ortiz	Hushion	12-1
7 Galiana	Stonesider	Lezcano	Rodriguez	12-1
8 Jack's in the Deck	Love of Money	Boyce	Graham	8-1
9 Amelia's Wild Ride	D'wildcat	Lezcano	Preciado	5-1

# Kentucky

**Keeper Hill Dies:**

**Keeper Hill** (Deputy Minister--Fineza, by Lypheor {GB}), who gave trainer Bobby Frankel the first of his two victories in the GI Kentucky Oaks in 1998, passed away Nov. 20 at the Chandler family's Mill Ridge Farm in Lexington. She was 20 years old.

Bred in Kentucky by Phyllis Wyeth's Chadds Ford Stable, in partnership with owners Mill Ridge, Dr. John Chandler, JAMM Ltd., and Shug McGaughey, Keeper Hill, a \$250,000 graduate of the 1997 Keeneland April Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training, won the GI Las Virgenes S. by open lengths and was runner-up in the GI Santa Anita Oaks prior to



**Keeper Hill's stallion son Keep Up**  
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her neck defeat of Banshee Breeze (Unbridled) beneath the Twin Spires. Kept in training at four, the bay added a victory over Banshee Breeze in the GI Spinster S. and retired with earnings of over \$1.6 million. Eleven of her 12 stakes wins or placings were in Grade I events.

As a broodmare, Keeper Hill produced the Alex Clarkson-trained Keep Up (Unbridled's Song), who overcame a bowed tendon to carry the Mill Ridge silks to a 30-1 upset in the 2012 GIII River City H. at Churchill Downs. The 8-year-old now stands at the farm.

"You can only dream about winning a race like the Kentucky Oaks, and Keeper Hill fulfilled that dream," said Mill Ridge Farm's Headley Bell. "For our partners and Mill Ridge family it was an honor to associate with her all these years."

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**Hats Off Day Donates to Kentucky Horse Park:**

Hats Off Day, Kentucky's day to celebrate the horse industry, has announced that it's made major contributions to the Kentucky Horse Park Foundation and the Kentucky Equine Humane Center. "It's extremely gratifying to be part of an event that not only raises awareness of Kentucky's signature industry, but also financially supports two organizations that are vital to the success of the equine industry of our commonwealth," Dr. Tom Riddle of Rood & Riddle, the managing partner of Hats Off Day.

Laura Klumb, executive director of the Kentucky Horse Park Foundation said, "The generous donation made through Hats Off Day will have a tremendous impact on the Kentucky Horse Park and we cannot be more grateful to be named a charitable beneficiary of this wonderful event. Our deepest thanks to Rood & Riddle, Central Bank, Zoetis, and all of the other sponsors that supported Hats Off Day in 2015."

## ▶ Florida

### Florida-Bred Stakes Program Worth \$4.5 Million at Gulfstream:

Gulfstream Park, the Florida Thoroughbred Breeders' and Owners' Association and Florida Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association have announced that the 2016 Florida-bred stakes program will be worth \$4.5 million. The Sunshine Millions card, which will consist of six restricted races, will be highlighted by the \$1.05 million Sunshine Millions and \$2.9 million Florida Sire Stakes.

"This joint agreement between Gulfstream Park, the FTBOA and the FHBPAA shows our continuing commitment to Florida Thoroughbred racing and breeding as well as our promise to strengthen the industry during the summer," said P.J. Campo, Vice President of Racing for The Stronach Group and General Manager of Gulfstream. "By making the Sunshine Millions a series restricted to Florida-breds, we hope to build momentum and support the Florida breeding and racing program. We will continue building a cohesive program that serves Gulfstream throughout the year."

## ▶ Western U.S.

### Wednesday, Zia Park, post time: 4:51 p.m. EDT

#### ZIA PARK DERBY S., \$200,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1 Pain and Misery	Bob and John	Gomez	Dominguez	6-1
2 Mobile Bay	Lone Star Special	Prado	Arceneaux	3-1
3 Witt Six	Drums of Thunder	Cabrera	Gourneau	12-1
4 Fear the Cowboy	Cowboy Cal	Cotto	Loza	8-1
5 Bold Conquest	Curlin	Santana	Asmussen	9-2
6 International Star	Fusaichi Pegasus	Garcia	Maker	5-2
7 Where's the Moon	Malibu Moon	Tohill	Marr	10-1
8 Streaks Bro	Elijah's Song	Duran	Cross	15-1
9 Dewey	Pleasantly Perfect	Juarez	Green	20-1

### Wednesday, Zia Park, post time: 5:17 p.m. EDT

#### ZIA PARK OAKS, \$300,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1 Scat Means Go	Scat Daddy	Santana	Asmussen	6-1
2 Calamity Kate	Yes It's True	Prado	Breen	2-1
3 Sweet Opportunity	Distorted Humor	Quinonez	Von Hemel	4-1
4 Tosha Talifero	Cactus Ridge	Cabrera	Van Berg	8-1
5 Lavender Chrissie	Scat Daddy	Lanerie	Romans	5-1
6 Naomi	Ecclesiastic	Reyes	Woolley	12-1
7 Never Ends	Successful Appeal	Garcia	Hollendorfer	3-1

## ▶ Canada

### Wild Strike Tops CTHS Winter Mixed Sale:

Wild Strike, an 8-year-old mare by Smart Strike, topped the Canadian Thoroughbred Horse Society's Winter Mixed Sale at Woodbine Sales Pavilion Saturday. The mare, who was consigned by Richard Hogan, agent for the complete dispersal of Bear Stables, Ltd., went to John Gillis for \$70,000. She is in foal to Bear's Kid. Wild Strike is out of the Unbridled's Song mare Cry of the Wild, and is a half-sibling to stakes winner Decision Day (Macho Uno). Her second dam is the graded winner and GISP Haunting (Kris). In total, 114 horses sold for a gross of \$716,950. The average of \$6,289 was up from the 2014 figure of \$3,391. The median was \$2,500.

## INDUSTRY INFO

### TCA to Honor Bourbon Lane Stable:

The Thoroughbred Charities of America will honor Bourbon Lane Stable, founded and managed by McMahon & Hill Bloodstock, with its Allaire duPont Leadership Award and The Jockey Club's Thoroughbred Incentive Program will receive the group's TCA Industry Service Award at the 26th Annual Select Stallion Season Auction Jan. 9 at the Keeneland Entertainment Center. "Bourbon Lane Stable and the Thoroughbred Incentive Program have made tremendous contributions to Thoroughbred aftercare," said Dan Rosenberg, president of TCA. "Bourbon Lane is a shining example of responsible ownership and TIP has successfully worked to increase demand for off-track Thoroughbreds by incentivizing and rewarding owners. Both of their efforts speak to the mission of Thoroughbred Charities of America and for that we are very appreciative."

**TAA Holiday E-Card Fundraiser:**

The Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance has begun a holiday campaign that will allow supporters to share a holiday e-card that features of photograph from equine photographer Barbara Livingston, while donating to aftercare. "The holiday season is a time to reflect upon and appreciate all that we have," stated Stacie Clark Rogers, TAA operations consultant. "We wanted to provide our supporters with a way they could contribute to aftercare while also sharing the holiday spirit with their loved ones." Those interested in donate can visit [thoroughbredaftercare.org](http://thoroughbredaftercare.org).

# ROOKIES

**First-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, November 25**

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

- ADMIRAL ALEX** (Afleet Alex), 5/1/0  
5-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Admiral Gianni, \$7K EAS MAY 2yo, 6-1
- ALBERTUS MAXIMUS** (Albert the Great), Shadwell Farm, 51/3/1  
5-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Legend of Toro, 12-1
- BANK HEIST** (Maria's Mon), Kaz Hill Farm, \$3K, 10/1/0  
2-PEN, Stk, 6f, Behrnik's Bank, 2-1
- COURT VISION** (Gulch), Spendthrift, \$10K, 53/9/0  
5-AQU, Aoc, 1 1/16mT, B Three, \$80K EAS MAY 2yo, 3-1
- 5-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, Song and a Vision, 12-1
- D' FUNNYBONE** (D'wildcat), Rockridge Stud, \$4K, 36/3/0  
5-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, Jalisco, \$8K OBS WIN 2yo, 15-1
- FLAGSHIP** (El Prado {Ire}), 9/1/0  
1-MVR, Msw, 5 1/2f, Gabe's Flag, \$1,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl, 10-1
- GENERAL QUARTERS** (Sky Mesa), Crestwood Farm, \$9K, 38/2/0  
1-PEN, Msw, 6f, +Goodbye Princess, \$22K EAS SEP yrl, 12-1
- PADDY O'PRADO** (El Prado {Ire}), Spendthrift Farm, \$15K, 106/11/0  
5-AQU, Aoc, 1 1/16mT, The Name's Paddy, \$15K OBS OPN 2yo, 20-1
- WILBURN** (Bernardini), Spendthrift Farm, \$7K, 106/13/0  
5-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, Will to Go, \$25K OBS APR 2yo, 5-2

**First/second-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, November 25**

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

- DISCREETLY MINE** (Mineshaft), Lanes End, \$10K, 182/64/2  
1-PEN, Msw, 6f, +Imalwayshotforyou, \$15K RNA E '15 KEE JAN, 12-1
- LINE OF DAVID** (Lion Heart), Spendthrift Farm, \$6K, 90/24/2  
10-ZIA, Stk, 6f, Dirt Monster, \$275K KEE APR 2yo, 4-1
- MIDSHIPMAN** (Unbridled's Song), Darley, \$8K, 117/48/6  
2-PEN, Stk, 6f, Roman's Middy, \$35K OBS MAR 2yo, 6-1
- MOCHA JOE** (Medaglia d'Oro), Slate Farm Hill, \$2K, 4/0/0  
5-CD, Msw, 1mT, +Drunkonmocha, 20-1
- RIGHT RIGGER** (Unbridled's Song), 6/4/1  
5-ZIA, Stk, 1m, Ten Penny Cents, 5-1
- SONG OF NAVARONE** (Sultry Song), 13/4/0

- 5-ZIA, Stk, 1m, Terras Song, 10-1
- SOUTHWESTERN HEAT** (Gone West), A & A Ranch, \$3K, 40/18/1  
5-ZIA, Stk, 1m, Dmrestlesswarrior, 15-1
- TIZDEJAVU** (Tiznow), Crestwood Farm, \$5K, 96/26/1  
6-HAW, Msw, 6f, +Wildwood Dejavu, \$17K KEE NOV wnl, 7-2

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**IN JAPAN:**

**Arch King**, c, 2, **Archarcharch**--Profitability (MSP-US), by Cherokee Run. Tokyo, 11-22, Novice Race, 7f. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$63,415. O-Silk Racing; B-Spendthrift Farm LLC; T-Tetsuya Kimura. \*\$45,000 yrl '14 FTKJUL; \$120,000 2yo '15 BAFEB. \*\*1/2 to Carolina Jasmine (Line Of David), SP-US.

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**Lani**, c, 3, **Tapit**--Heavenly Romance (Jpn) (SW & G1SP-Jpn, \$3,527,120), by Sunday Silence. Kyoto, 11-22, Novice Race, 9f. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$65,854. O-Yoko Maeda; B-North Hills Co Limited; T-Mikio Matsunaga. \*1/2 to Awardee (Jungle Pocket {Jpn}), GSW-Jpn, \$1,422,466; and Amour Brillier (Smart Strike), SW-Jpn, \$1,094,573. \*\*The gray colt traveled with the leading group before pulling away to win by 3 1/2 lengths. Winning jockey Yutaka Take said, "He was tense before the race but jumped quickly from the gate today. He was very aggressive mentally and has high potential."

**Victasia**, m, 6, **Bluegrass Cat**--Toroca (GSW-Ity, MG1SP-Eng, G1SP-Ire, \$233,366), by Nureyev. Kyoto, 11-22, Alw, 6f. Lifetime Record: 29-3-6-3, \$553,821. O-Toshiyuki Maehara; B-Dr. Masatake Iida; T-Teruhiko Chida. \*\$200,000 yrl '10 KEESEP. \*\*1/2 to Satono Principal (Bernardini), GSP-Jpn, \$1,182,638.

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**IN SOUTH KOREA:**

**+Triple Five**, g, 2, **Girolamo**--High Falutin Gal (Ire), by Silver Deputy. Busan, 11-22, Hcp. (\$48k), 1000m. B-Parker Lightfield Farm LLC (NY). \*18th winner for freshman sire (by A.P. Indy). \*\*\$5,000 RNA Ylg '14 FTNAUG; \$30,000 Ylg '14 FTKOCT.

**You Are Star**, f, 2, **Old Fashioned**--Nkosazana, by Sir Shackleton. Seoul, 11-22, Hcp. (\$61k), 1200m. B-Beverly Steen & Joe Mroz (KY). \*\$15,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP, \$35,000 2yo '15 FTMMAY.

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**+Jangsan Blade**, g, 2, **Tale of Ekati**--Regal and Fleet, by Seattle Slew. Seoul, 11-22, Hcp. (\$48k), 1000m. B-Charles Fipke (KY). \*\$30,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP.

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**Cheongu, c, 3, Old Fashioned**--So Much Fun, by Speightstowntri. Seoul, 11-22, Hcp. (\$96k), 1400m. B-Capistrano Bloodstock LLC (NY). \*\*\$11,000 Ylg '13 FTNAUG; \$25,000 2yo '14 FTMMAY. \*\*Making his Class 1 debut off a third to Choegang Schiller (Artie Schiller) in the Asia Challenge Cup Aug. 30, Cheongu dictated terms and was in hand late to score by three lengths as the 9-10 chalk. His record now stands at five wins from eight trips to the post. [VIDEO](#)

**IN PERU:**

**Storm Stefi, f, 2, Mineshaft**--Prankster, by Ghostzapper. Monterrico, 11-22, Cond., 2000mT. B-WinStar Farm LLC (KY). \*\$57,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP. \*\*Trying the grass and stretching out in distance for the first time while facing a field of Southern Hemisphere 3-year-olds, the bay tracked from second down the backstretch, wrested command exiting the final turn and stayed on nicely to break her maiden by four lengths. The winner is owned by Stud Dona Licha, who maintains an American string in California with trainer Peter Miller. [VIDEO](#)

**Sensacionale, c, 3, Broken Vow**--Maria's Quest, by Maria's Mon. Monterrico, 11-21, Cond., 2000mT. B-Kennelot Stables Ltd (KY). \*\$3,200 Wlg '12 KEENOV.

**Mr. Lipton, c, 4, Medaglia d'Oro**--Saywaan, by Fusaichi Pegasus. Monterrico, 11-19, Hcp., 1300m. B-Shadwell Farm LLC (KY). \*\$27,000 Ylg '12 FTKOCT.

**Rocketazo, h, 5, Spring At Last**--Evil's Causeway, by Giant's Causeway. Monterrico, 11-22, Premio Batalla de Tarapaca-Listed, 1800mT. B-Donarra Thoroughbreds LLC (FL). \*GSW-Per. \*\*1/2 to Southern Causeway ( Southern Image), SW, \$171,408. \*\*\*\$5,000 Ylg '11 KEESEP; \$24,000 2yo '12 OBSJUN.

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**IN JAPAN:**

**Regalo (Jpn), c, 2, Bernardini**--Santa Teresita (G1SW-US, \$503,666), by Lemon Drop Kid. Kyoto, 11-21, Alw, 9f. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$123,984. O-Toshio Terada; B-Shadai Farm; T-Ryuji Okubo. \*\$1,750,000 i/u '12 FTKNOV.



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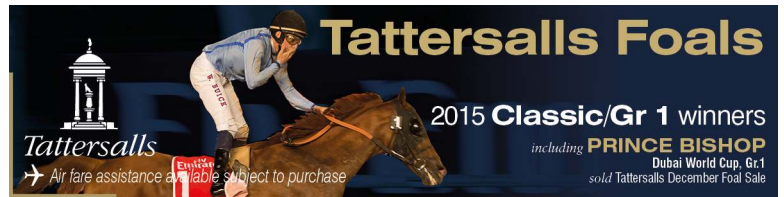
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**6th-MVR, \$25,300, (S), 11-24, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:15.37, ft. JOHNNY LONGSHOT (g, 3, Pacific Waves--Millys Sister {SW}, by Piker) Lifetime Record: 10-2-2-2, \$38,895. O-M. Y. Stables Inc.; B-South River Ranch Inc (OH); T-Anthony Lowry. \*Full to Plain Ol' Willard, MSW, \$265,049; and half to Sniffy (Repriced), MSP, \$247,570.**

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Sunny Daze, f, 2, Pure Prize**--Sun Bolt, by Bright Launch. MVR, 11-24, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:09.00. B-Deborah Kopatz (OH).  
**Benny's Diamond, f, 3, Benny the Bull**--Drippingindiamonds, by Pembroke. PRX, 11-24, 7f, 1:27.89. B-Gregg James (FL).



## From The Lady Trainer

with Gai Waterhouse

### AUSTRALIA'S SURF & TURF

The Magic Millions Sale, which is held between Jan. 6 and 10, takes place a long way away from the Surf and the Turf of Del



Mar, but I must say that there are a number of similarities. First and foremost, there is a real holiday vibe about the place. My owners aren't quite as concerned with booking their ski trip to Aspen in January as they are with booking their holiday to the Gold Coast in Queensland. From the moment the Melbourne Carnival is over, the only thing people can talk about is when they are heading up to 'the Coast,' the wonderful cocktail parties, the magnificent

white sandy beaches and of course the Magic Millions Sale and race day (which takes place Sat., Jan. 9). The real jewel in the crown is to have a runner on the Saturday, whether it is in the \$2-million Magic Millions 2-Year-Old Classic, the \$2-million 3-Year-Old Guineas or the \$1-million Magic Millions Cup, the Sprint, the Trophy or the Fillies and Mares Handicap. Each of these races are worth a million dollars-plus and each are restricted to graduates of the Magic Millions Sale.

My team and I have traveled to three different states inspecting the yearlings catalogued for the sale and I can honestly say that the quality this year has surpassed all others.

Cont. p2



The Gold Coast: Australia's 'Turf Meets the Surf' | Magic Millions

### STABLE MUSINGS WITH ROGER VARIAN

By Chris McGrath

So much for the theory that Flat trainers spend the British winter in hibernation. On Monday, Roger Varian had three winners from four runners on the Polytrack at Chelmsford, and was pleasantly surprised to buy a half-brother to Harbour Watch (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}) for 100,000 guineas at the December Yearling Sale. There is no standing still, plainly, for a trainer who has rapidly established himself as a worthy successor to his late mentor, Michael Jarvis, since taking over at Kremlin House Stables in 2011.

Varian Stable Musings cont. p3

### In TDN America today...

#### RECEPTA HEADS WEST FOR MATRIARCH

Recepta (Speightstown), the latest in a long line of successful filly and mare turf competitors for Darby Dan's Phillips Racing Partnership and trainer Jimmy Toner, will head west in search of firm ground in the GI Matriarch S. at Del Mar Sunday. Ben Massam reports.

Story in today's TDN America.

### 2015 Leading European Third Crop Sires

(IN ORDER OF WORLDWIDE EARNINGS - EUROPEAN CROPS ONLY)

STALLION	GWS	EARNINGS €	2016 FEE €	APPROX STG £
1 MASTERCRAFTSMAN	7	4,428,486	35,000	25,000
2 FASTNET ROCK	7	4,051,076	Private	Private
3 Sea The Stars	5	3,116,329	125,000	90,000

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Housebuster (USA)

Have It Out (USA)

Covered by AUSTRALIA (GB). Last Service May 19th; believed in foal.  
Pregnancy Certificate available, see Conditions of Sale.

**WATERWAY RUN (USA)**, won 4 races at 2 and 4 years, 2014 at home and in U.S.A. and £142,867 including Sakhee Oh So Sharp Stakes, Newmarket, **Gr.3** and Beaugay Stakes, Belmont Park, **Gr.3**, placed 5 times including second in Hillsborough Stakes, Tampa Bay Downs, **Gr.3**, Florida Sunshine Millions F&M Turf, Gulfstream Park, **R.** and third in Perfect Sting Stakes, Belmont Park.

#### 1st Dam

PRINCESS CONSORT (USA), ran in U.S.A. at 3 years;

dam of **five winners** from 5 runners and 5 foals of racing age including-

**WATERWAY RUN (USA)** (f. by Arch (USA)), see above.

**King of New York (USA)** (c. by Street Boss (USA)), won 2 races at 3 years, 2015 in U.S.A. and £110,581 and placed 8 times including third in Curlin Stakes, Saratoga, **R.** and fourth in American Derby, Arlington Park, **Gr.3**.

**HIDDEN CANDY (USA)**, won 3 races at 4 years, 2015 in U.S.A., £54,439 and placed 5 times.

#### 2nd Dam

**CAMELLA (USA)**, won 7 races at 2 to 5 years in U.S.A. and £242,418 including Rosenna Stakes, Delaware Park, **L.**, New Castle Handicap, Delaware Park, **L.**, Robert G Dick Mem. Breeders' Cup Stakes, Delaware Park, **L.** and Silver Spoon Stakes, Delaware Park, placed 10 times including second in Vinery Matchmaker Stakes, Monmouth Park, **Gr.3** and third in Lake George Stakes, Saratoga, **Gr.3**;

dam of **four winners** from 6 runners and 6 foals of racing age including-

**AUTEUR (USA)**, won 4 races at 3 to 5 years in Canada and in U.S.A. and £119,641.

#### 3rd Dam

**Have It Out (USA)**, won 2 races at 3 years in U.S.A. and placed 4 times including second in Revidere Stakes, Monmouth Park;

dam of **five winners** from 6 runners and 7 foals of racing age including-

**CAMELLA (USA)**, see above.

**STONE CANYON (USA)**, won 11 races in U.S.A. including Ruidoso Thoroughbred Championship Stakes, Ruidoso Downs, placed 23 times including second in Jersey Derby, Monmouth Park, **Gr.3**.

**Mamalik (USA)**, won 3 races at 3 and 4 years at home and in U.S.A., placed second in Prix Abu Dhabi Airport Duty Free Jean Prat, Chantilly, **Gr.1** and third in Keeneland Assoc. Sh. Maktoum Challenge 1, Nad Al Sheba, **L.**; sire.

The next dam **Quarrel Over (USA)**, won 5 races at 2 and 3 years in U.S.A., placed second in Alcibiades Stakes, Keeneland, **Gr.2**, Lamb Chop Handicap, Belmont Park, Pollyanna Stakes, Arlington, third in Golden Rod Stakes, Churchill Downs, **Gr.3**, Post-Deb Stakes, **Gr.3** dam of **ten winners** from 13 runners and 14 foals of racing age including-

**SUIVI (USA)**, won 4 races in U.S.A. including Del Mar Oaks, Del Mar, **Gr.2**, placed second in Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup Stakes, Keeneland, **Gr.1**; dam of winners.

**SUFFRAGETTE (USA)**, 3 races in U.S.A. including Audubon Oaks, Ellis Park, **L.**, placed third in Regret Stakes, Churchill Downs, **Gr.3**.

**Rowans Park (USA)**, winner in U.S.A., third in W L McKnight Hcap, Calder, **Gr.2**.

**Momentous (USA)**, winner in U.S.A., second in Prairie Meadows Oaks, **L.**

**QUARREL OVER HALO (USA)**, won 2 races in U.S.A. and placed 3 times; dam of winners.

**QUITTANCE (USA)**, won Prix Isola Bella, M'-Laffitte, **L.**; grandam of **American Nizzy (FR)**, winner in France, placed third in Prix du Calvados, Deauville, **Gr.3**.

Timely Quarrel (USA), ran once in U.S.A.; dam of winners.

**MR NIGHTLINGER (USA)**, won Aegon Turf Sprint Stakes, Churchill Downs, **Gr.3**, Shakertown Stakes, Keeneland, **Gr.3**, Arlington Sprint Handicap, Arlington, **L.**; sire.

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**Gai Waterhouse: Australia's Surf & Turf cont.**

I currently hold the record as the trainer who has won the most Golden Slippers (a Group 1 event for 2-year-olds, over 1200 meters in March. Worth A\$3.5 million, it is the richest 2-year-old race in the world), equaling the feat with my late father T J Smith, and each of those winners who passed through a sale ring were purchased at Magic Millions, many of whom



**Golden Slipper winner Vancouver**  
*Racing and Sports*

were sold on for tens of millions of dollars. My three most recent examples, **Vancouver** (Medaglia d'Oro x Skates), **Pierro** (Lonhro x Miss Right Note) and **Sebring** (More Than Ready x Purespeed) were purchased for A\$185,000, A\$230,000 and

A\$130,000, respectively, and each were champion 2-year-old colts of their years.

Each of these aforementioned colts was inspected by me on their farms two to three months before the sale commenced and then again up at the sales ground in January. I love to see their development over that period and then once I have created my shortlist, my team and I will do our due diligence with regards to vetting and valuations. I often get asked what it is I look for and why many others aren't looking through the same lens. Well, firstly, I can tell you that I do not want to know any part of a horse's pedigree when I inspect him or her, as I think that it colors your opinion. As I always say, a horse cannot read its page and I am looking for athletes who can be successful on the track, not horses for the breeding barn. In saying that, if a horse makes my shortlist due to its physicality, I might value it lower if it were out of an old mare than if it were out of a young mare. I regularly say to the farm managers who try to entice me with a 20-year-old stakes-producing mare, 'Would you rather I have a baby or my gorgeous young daughter Kate?' We all know the answer to that one, but they are very polite in their responses. Of course there are always exceptions to the rule, which is why I like to inspect the yearlings with no knowledge of their pedigrees. Vancouver broke all of 'the rules,' but he was just so athletic and had the most wonderful attitude. I knew I had to buy him the moment he walked out of his stable.



**Gai inspecting yearlings**

I pay a great deal of attention to the way a horse carries itself and its demeanor. If a horse is going to become a champion, it is going to stride out of its stable like it owns the sales complex whether it's his first or his 50th parade of the day. It is worth noting that it can be very hot and humid up at the Gold Coast at that time of year, but in my experience the top-class racehorse cops it on the chin and gets on with the job. That's the exact type of racehorse I want in my stable.

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Everyone is welcome to the sales in Australia, irrespective of your knowledge of conformation or pedigrees. There are many of us on whom you can count on for advice. It is a wonderful time and opportunity to meet and to catch up. I urge all of you to consider making the trip Down Under. I know you will find it worthwhile and I look forward to meeting you at the Gold Coast, Australia's version of 'Where the Surf Meets the Turf'. In the meantime, don't miss [Gai TV](#).

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*Gai Waterhouse is arguably Australia's most recognized trainer internationally. Gai has trained over 130 Group 1 winners since earning her trainer's license in 1992, including six Golden Slipper winners. Gai was inducted into the Australian Racing Hall of Fame in 2007. She pens a monthly column for the TDN.*

Stable Musings With Roger Varian cont. from p1

Trainer of eight Group 1 winners already, at just 35 years of age, Varian now presides over one of the most powerful strings in Newmarket. His rise reflects an exemplary balance between personal modesty and professional assurance, which proved equal even to the furor that accompanied the arrival of 35 horses removed by Sheikh Obaid al Maktoum--including



Roger Varian at his Kremlin House Stables | *Racing Post*

Postponed (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), winner of the G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S.--from the yard of Luca Cumani.

But it is horses with rather less obvious credentials that *TDN* sought in the first of a short series designed to keep readers ahead of the curve in 2016: one that

might not have had the rub of the green this year, perhaps, and another that maybe remains unexposed after just getting started.

Varian places **Battersea (GB)** (Galileo {Ire}) squarely in the former category. "I'm sure we didn't see the best of him this season," he said. "He was a highly progressive 3-year-old last year, but was slow to get going this time round after a setback early on and ended up only running three times. Two of those runs, in the Old Newton Cup at Haydock and then a good race at Goodwood, were on good-to-soft going, which wouldn't get the best out of him--he's a top-of-the-ground horse. And I then thought he was very unlucky when second in the Mallard at Doncaster's St Leger meeting, slammed on the inside for a couple of furlongs. So for one reason or another he missed out this year, and he's now rising five, but with his pedigree--he's out of Gino's Spirits (GB) (Perugino), making him a half-brother to Gitano Hernando (GB) (Hernando {Fr})--he could be the sort to come strong next year."

As a trainer who tries to get horses progressing from a solid base, meanwhile, Varian is able to choose from several 2-year-olds that have encouraged him in the little they have been asked to do at this early stage. "One would be **Mytimehascome (GB)** (Montjeu {Ire}," he said. "She's out of Vital Statistics (Indian Ridge {GB}) and ran fifth in a backend fillies' maiden over seven furlongs at Newmarket. Her work has been quite smart and she could be a nice filly next year. Another that just had one run at the backend was **Shabeeb** (Smart Strike). He ran sixth in a mile maiden at Newbury, and I'd say he's a nice prospect for middle distances."

Both those two were held up by immaturity, whereas **Taneen** (Speightstown) was able to break his maiden at Newmarket in August following a debut third at Salisbury. "He was a Keeneland September purchase, for \$350,000, and won impressively over six furlongs on the July Course," Varian said. "He just had a little hold-up afterwards, so we couldn't aim him at a good race--but I felt he won his maiden like quite a smart colt, so I hope he might be one to look forward to."

Both Shabeeb and Taneen are owned by Sheikh Hamdan, on whose behalf Varian signed for the colt by Shamardal out of Gorbard (Woodman) at Tattersalls on Monday. "Going back to my years with Michael Jarvis, he often used to pick up a nice horse at this sale," he said. "I thought this one was a lovely type, by as good a stallion as there is around, and obviously the page is strong."

As the yearling sales season drew to close, Varian was satisfied with his overall recruitment. "I hope we've bought well," he said. "We've a long way to go with all of them but, looking at the young horses at home, we're particularly pleased. The sales were strong but I thought if you persevered, and put in the work, you could buy for most people. It was possible to find horses at medium and lower prices that you could be happy with."

As a postscript, *TDN* is also asking trainers to nominate a horse from another stable that has caught their eye this year for the 2016 Classics--other, that is, than the inevitable Air Force Blue (War Front). "I know Foundation (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}) was unlucky in the Racing Post Trophy but you couldn't help but like the way it was won by **Marcel (Ire)** (Lawman {Fr})," Varian said. "Pete [Chapple-Hyam] has got a brilliant record at training good horses, and I can't see any reason why this one shouldn't be competitive in a middle-distance Classic, be it the French or English Derby."

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## FRESHMEN TO THE FORE AT TATTERSALLS

By Emma Berry

The first foals of Swiss Spirit (GB) were well received last week in Ireland, and his popularity appears to have continued through to Tattersalls with a colt from Whitsbury Manor Stud--where the son of Invincible Spirit (Ire) stands--taking top billing during a short opening session of foals Tuesday. Out of the Intikhab mare Laminka, the late February colt ([lot 313](#)) was bought for 30,000gns by Timmy Hillman of Castledillon Stud. He said, "For me he was a real stand-out today. He's a cracker of a foal and he will be back for resale. I've liked what I've seen so far by the sire and bought another of his foals last week at Goffs." **Cont. p4**

Another freshman on the leaderboard was Herringswell Manor Stud's son of the late Green Desert, Mazameer (GB), whose colt out of the winning Grand Lodge mare Big Mystery (Ire) ([lot 293](#)) fetched 25,000gns to a bid from Matthew Houldsworth of Howson & Houldsworth Bloodstock. Consigned by Eclipse Bloodstock, the colt is a half-brother to two multiple winners



**Lot 313, the session-topping Swiss Spirit colt | Tattersalls**

and was bought as a pinhook. "I went to view the stallion recently and really liked him. I fell in love with him, he is a lovely horse and it is rare now to get a son of Green Desert at stud," Houldsworth commented.

Mazameer, who stands under Will Barrons's Kingfisher Stallions banner, will be joined at Herringswell next season by another former Shadwell representative in Anjaal (GB) (Bahamian Bounty {GB}), winner of the G2 July S. for Richard Hannon.

With the foal crop having risen this year by 5% in Britain and 10% in Ireland, there was a much greater demand for sales slots at both Goffs and Tattersalls, leading to 375 more foals catalogued across both sales and extra sessions at each. The 'curtain-up' day at Tattersalls heralded a gentle start to a sale which will build to a crescendo on Friday. Of the 98 offered, 65 weanlings were marked as sold (66%) for an average of 4,892gns and median of 3,000gns. Turnover for the day was 318,000gns.

**Tattersalls December Foal Sale Day Two Outs**

349, 350, 353, 354, 363, 367, 368, 369, 381, 383, 386, 394, 402, 415, 422, 427, 428, 438, 449, 464, 474, 478, 480, 512, 514, 517, 532, 536, 540, 541, 554, 558, 572, 594, 618, 638, 642, 646, 647

Brook Stud's Big Bad Bob (Ire) half-sister to juvenile winner Granny Alice (GB) (Intikhab) ([lot 328](#)) was the joint-top filly along with a first-crop daughter of Finjaan (GB) ([lot 251](#)), each of whom brought 20,000gns. A son of the veteran Royal Applause (GB), whose legacy at stud continues to grow through his son Acclamation (GB) and grandsons Dark Angel (Ire) and Equiano (Fr), Finjaan stands just outside Newmarket at Gazeley Stud. His daughter out of the unraced Exceed And Excel (Aus) mare Alzabra (GB)--who hails from the same family as the great Attraction (GB) (Efisio {GB})--was another on the list for the Howson & Houldsworth team and was selected from the Jamie Railton draft.

Park Paddocks will come alive significantly earlier Wednesday, with the second session of foals set to start selling at 9:30 a.m.

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**FUTURE FUNDING AGREED FOR GBRI**

Great British Racing International has received an extension of its funding for a minimum two years, and will be funded directly by Racing Enterprises Limited in 2016 and 2017. GBRI had previously been funded by REL, the Horserace Betting Levy Board and the British Horseracing Authority; however, due to industry funding challenges, REL will take on all GBRI funding for the next two years.

"[A] business review demonstrated that much had been achieved by GBRI since its launch in 2013," said Chris McFadden, chairman of REL. "The activities of GBRI have proven to be significant in attracting and maintaining international investment and a powerful marketing platform on which to promote the global excellence of British racing and bloodstock. With limited financial means, the GBRI team has done a terrific job in creating value for the industry."

Carter Carnegie, who was recruited on a two-year contract as International Executive to launch GBRI, will conclude his role at the end of December but will continue to serve the organization on a consultancy basis. James Oldring has been appointed Operations Director of GBRI in addition to his responsibilities at QIPCO British Champions Series.

Among the programs created by GBRI in its first two years are Team British Racing, which promotes owners and trainers of British runners overseas; and the GBRI Members Club, which provides hospitality to overseas owners and is a partner in the Goffs London Sale. GBRI also acts as a concierge service to foreign investors in British bloodstock and racing.

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## BOOSTS TO COUNTRY, PROVINCIAL RACING

Country and provincial racing in New South Wales, Australia, will enjoy a prize money boost of A\$21 million from July 2016 as part of the state's wagering tax parity announced last week ([click here](#)). The increases, which account for more than 60% of the proceeds from the second and third years of parity, will see prize money for country races climb to approximately A\$69



**Racing NSW Chairman**  
John Messara | Bronwen Healy

million per year, an increase of 120% since 2011. Racing NSW will also introduce Showcase Country Race Meetings and from next July, will commit A\$1 million per year to a new traineeship and apprenticeship scheme for youth in regional New South

Wales. Racing NSW has also committed about A\$50 million--from accumulated race field fees--to capital works at country and provincial tracks.

"On behalf of the Baird Government I am delighted to announce that from 2016/17, minimum prize money for Country TAB meetings in NSW will be increased by A\$5,000, or 33%, to A\$20,000 per race," said Troy Grant, Deputy Premier and Minister for Racing. "In addition, minimum prize money for Provincial meetings will be increased by A\$5,000 to A\$27,000, a rise of 23% per race. Further, racing in Country NSW will benefit by the introduction of Country Showcase Meetings to be staged throughout the state. Approximately 40 meetings each year will be upgraded to carry premium prize money of A\$30,000 per race."

Racing NSW Chairman John Messara added, "While our first year's receipts from parity are earmarked to fund The Championships and Highway races, we are pleased to announce this significant rise in Country TAB and Provincial prize money from July 2016. Country prize money of A\$20,000 per TAB race along with the new Showcase meetings make for the biggest-ever injection of prize money into Country racing."

"On behalf of the Board of Racing NSW, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Premier Mike Baird and our Racing Minister and Deputy Premier, Troy Grant, for embracing parity and placing Australia's largest racing jurisdiction on a level playing field with Victoria over the next few years," Messara added. "Wagering tax parity is vital for the sustainability of racing in this state. The challenge is now to ensure NSW has a competitive, vibrant and innovative racing industry."

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### Tuesday's Results:

**3rd-SOU, £5,000**, Alw, 11-24, 2yo, 7f (AWT), 1:29.25, st.  
**GOOD TRIP (IRE) (c, 2, Dansili {GB}--Counterclaim {GB} {GSP-Ity & SP-Fr, \$168,238}, by Pivotal {GB})**, off the mark with a strong staying performance over an extended mile maiden at Nottingham on debut Nov. 4, was hammered into 2-5 and raced close to the early pace. Sent to the front approaching the quarter pole, the homebred drew away under hand riding to record an easy 11-length success. Good Trip's third dam, Dust Dancer (GB) (Suave Dancer), produced Gill Lake Placid winner Spotlight (GB) (Dr Fong) as well as Tyranny (GB) (Machiavellian), the dam of G1 Keeneland Phoenix S. winner and Europe's leading freshman sire Zoffany (Ire) (Dansili {GB}). Counterclaim has a yearling filly by Invincible Spirit (Ire) and a colt foal by Dawn Approach (Ire). Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$9,880. [Video](#), [sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

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

### SHEIKH FAHAD'S ROBINS FARM FOR SALE

Sheikh Fahad's Robins Farm, which has been the base for trainer Olly Stevens the past three years, is on the market to be sold, according to *Racing Post*. Stevens announced in August he would retire from training at the end of this year to focus on raising his family.

"Robins Farm has been a lucky place for us, providing some memorable moments and successes over the last three years," said David Redvers, racing and bloodstock advisor to Sheikh Fahad. "However, with Olly's decision to cease training coinciding with some changes in strategy for Qatar Racing, we took the view that the time is right to put it on the market."

Stevens trained Sheikh Suhaim Al Thani's Listed Windsor Castle S. winner Extortionist (Ire) (Dandy Man {Ire}) from Robins Farm.

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**12.00 Lingfield, Mdn, £5,200, 2yo, 8f (AWT)**

**NEXT STAGE (GB) (Dubawi {Ire})** debuts for Godolphin's Saeed bin Suroor stable in the white cap, with the first colors sported by the Charlie Appleby-trained fellow newcomer **Nachi Falls (GB) (New Approach {Ire})**, but significantly the Meon Valley Stud product cost 800,000gns at Tattersalls October. Out of a half to the Group 1 performer Dash To the Top (GB) (Montjeu {Ire}), the chestnut is a descendant of one of his breeders' finest campaigners in Milligram (GB).

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**Tuesday's Results:**

**PRIX HEROD-Listed**, €55,000, CHY, 11-24, 2yo, 7ft, 1:31.63, hy.

1--**LA CRESSONNIERE (FR), 125, f, 2, Le Havre (Ire)--Absolute Lady (Ire), by Galileo (Ire)**. O-Ecurie Antonio Caro & Gerard Augustin-Normand; B-Franklin Finance SA (FR); T-Jean-Claude Rouget; J-Cristian Demuro. €27,500. Lifetime Record: 4 starts, 4 wins, €81,000.

2--**Fourioso (Fr), 125, c, 2, Footstepsinthesand (GB)--Moojeh (Ire)**, by King's Best. (€14,000 Wlg '13 ARDEC; €30,000 Ylg '14 ARAUG). O-Ecurie Normandie Pur Sang (FR). €11,000.

3--**Jet Setting (Ire), 121, f, 2, Fast Company (Ire)--Mean Lae (Ire)**, by Johannesburg. (€7,000 Wlg '13 GOFNOV; 12,000gns HRA '15 TA15). O-Adrian Paul Keatley. €8,250.

Margins: 2HF, SHD, 5. Odds: 0.60, 8.00, 23.00.

Also Ran: Post Var (Fr), Pastrida (Fr), Athas An Bhean (GB), Rougeoyant (Fr).

Stepping up off two wins in lowly contests over seven furlongs at Clairefontaine July 25 and over an extended mile at Craon Sept. 20 to annexe the Listed Prix Isonomy over a mile at Deauville Oct. 22, La Cressonniere made light work of this latest test to defy a penalty and extend her perfect tally. Settled in third early as Fourioso provided a suitably generous tempo, the bay was pushed out to take control approaching the furlong pole and drew away with a strong staying effort in the testing conditions. [Click for the Racing Post result.](#) [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)



**PRIX TANTIEME-Listed**, €52,000, CHY, 11-24, 3yo/up, 8ft, 1:45.09, hy.

1--**MOMAYYAZ (IRE), 128, f, 4, Elusive Quality--Surrealism (GB), by Pivotal (GB)**. O-Godolphin SNC; B-Darley (IRE); T-Henri-Alex Pantall; J-Mickael Barzalona. €26,000. Lifetime Record: GSP-Fr & SW-Ger, 15 starts, 4 wins, 4 places, €71,858.

2--**Stillman (Fr), 131, c, 4, Vespone (Ire)--Kikinda (Fr)**, by Daliapour (Ire). (€12,000 Ylg '12 ARNOV; €145,000 HRA '14 ARARC). O-Luigi Roveda. €10,400.

3--**Coco Sun (Fr), 123, m, 5, Marchand de Sable--Carola (Pol)**, by Gairloch (GB). O-Sven Goldmann. €7,800.

Margins: SNK, 5, HD. Odds: 7.30, 8.80, 12.00.

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**Prix Tantieme cont.**

Formerly with Saeed bin Suroor, Momayyaz made the switch to France at the start of the year and remained consistent before breaking through in black-type company when winning the Listed Grosser Sparkassenpreis over this trip at Dusseldorf Aug. 23. Fourth in the nine-furlong Listed Prix Bertrand de Tarragon at Maisons-Laffitte Sept. 24, the bay was caught close home when second in Saint-Cloud's G3 Prix Perth again at this distance on her latest start at the beginning of November. Tucked away in mid-division on the fence throughout the early stages, the homebred worked her way through the pack and steadily ground down Stillman to gain a hard-fought lead yards from the line.

**1st-CHY, €25,000, Mdn, 11-24, 2yo, c/g, 7f (AWT), 1:25.92, st. MATEY (FR) (c, 2, Slickly {Fr}--Madeleine's Blush, by Rahy)**, runner-up over this course and distance on debut Nov. 2, stalked the leading duo early and took a while to pick up on the inner in the straight. Working his way to the front in the last 25 meters, the 11-5 second choice battled to score by a neck from Pradesh (Ire) (Elusive Quality). The winner is a half-brother to Menardais (Fr) (Canyon Creek {Ire}), MSW & MGSP-Fr, \$167,329. Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 1 win, 1 place, €17,500.

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O-Mme Georges Sandor; B-G Sandor & Mme G Sandor (FR); T-Pia Brandt.

**3rd-CHY, €25,000, Mdn, 11-24, 2yo, f, 7f (AWT), 1:26.49, st. GARALIYA (IRE) (f, 2, New Approach {Ire}--Grand Vadla {Fr} {MSW-Fr}, by Grand Lodge)**, only eighth when favorite for a debutantes affair over this track and trip Nov. 2, was a shade over 3-1 as the second favorite and raced in a prominent second initially. Game when tight for room making her final move on the inner, the homebred--whose dam is a half to the GI Breeders' Cup Mile hero Val Royal (Fr) (Royal Academy)--worked her way to the lead with 50 meters remaining en route to a short-neck verdict over Firouzeh (Exchange Rate). Also appearing under Garaliya's second dam are G1 Queen Anne S. winner Valixir (Ire) (Tremolino) and Group 1-winning fillies Vazira (Fr) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) and Valyra (GB) (Azamour {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 1 win, 0 places, €12,500. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-His Highness The Aga Khan; B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC (IRE); T-Alain de Royer-Dupre.

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**NOMINATIONS ANNOUNCED FOR HRI AWARDS**

Nominations have been released for the 2015 Horse Racing Ireland awards, which will be presented Dec. 7 at Leopardstown Racecourse. There are seven categories including the flat category (nominees Aidan O'Brien, David Wachman, Dermot Weld, Pat Smullen and Colin Keane) and the Horse of the Year category, which sees Classic winners Gleneagles (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and Legatissimo (Ire) (Daneshill Dancer {Ire}) pitted against top National Hunt nominees. Flat jockey Seamie Heffernan is nominated for the Outstanding Achievement award.

"The list of nominees for the 2015 Horse Racing Ireland Awards demonstrates the continuing strength-in-depth of Irish racing and allows us to celebrate the achievements of our jockeys, trainers, racecourses and others who have contributed so much to the reputation of the sport," said HRI Chief Executive Brian Kavanagh. "I would like to congratulate all the nominees and look forward to celebrating their achievements at Leopardstown on Monday, Dec. 7."

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- 2014 Designs on Rome (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire})
- 2013 Akeed Mofeed (GB) (Dubawi {Ire})
- 2012 California Memory (Highest Honor {Fr})
- 2011 California Memory (Highest Honor {Fr})
- 2010 Snow Fairy (GB) (Intikhab)
- 2009 Vision d'Etat (Fr) (Chichicastenango {Fr})
- 2008 Eagle Mountain (GB) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire})
- 2007 Ramonti (Fr) (Martino Alonso {Ity})
- 2006 Pride (Fr) (Peintre Celebre)
- 2005 Vengeance of Rain (NZ) (Zabeel {NZ})
- 2004 Alexander Goldrun (Ire) (Gold Away {Ire})
- 2003 Falbrav (Ire) (Fairy King)
- 2002 Precision (Fr) (Anabaa)
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