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Champion **Shared Belief** (Candy Ride {Arg}--Common Hope, by Storm Cat) passed away suddenly Thursday after a bout with colic. He was rushed to UC Davis Thursday morning where he underwent emergency surgery, but veterinarians were unable to save him, according to co-owner Jim Rome. The dark bay had just recently returned to training after sustaining a hip fracture during the GII Charles Town Classic Apr. 4. (Click [here](#) for a video of his final gallop at Golden Gate Dec. 2).

"Thoroughbred racing is a sport filled with the highest of highs and the lowest of lows," Rome said in a statement. "Some of the most thrilling and surreal moments of our entire lives have



Jim Rome kisses Shared Belief  
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occurred in this sport. Unfortunately, today we have suffered our most devastating. We have lost Shared Belief. He seemed to display signs of colic this morning, so our vets rushed in to treat him. They immediately sent him to UC Davis so he could get

the best medical attention available, as quickly as possible. Emergency colic surgery was performed, but doctors were unable to save him. We are still awaiting results of an autopsy. We are all absolutely devastated." **Cont. p3**

## Q & A: BILL NADER

By Bill Finley

*Bill Nader is coming home. A former senior vice president and chief operating officer at the NYRA tracks, he left in 2007 to take the job as the executive director of racing for the Hong Kong Jockey Club. Recently, Nader announced that he would be leaving Hong Kong to return home. He says he will end his tenure with the HKJC in January and will likely return to the U.S. in February. The TDN sat down with Nader to find out why he is leaving Hong Kong and what he plans to do upon his return.*

**TDN:** After nine years working at what is widely viewed as one of the best racing operations in the world why did you now decided to leave and return to the U.S.?

**BN:** This is very a difficult job to walk away from because I like Hong Kong, I like living here, I like the people, I love the organization. **Cont. p4**

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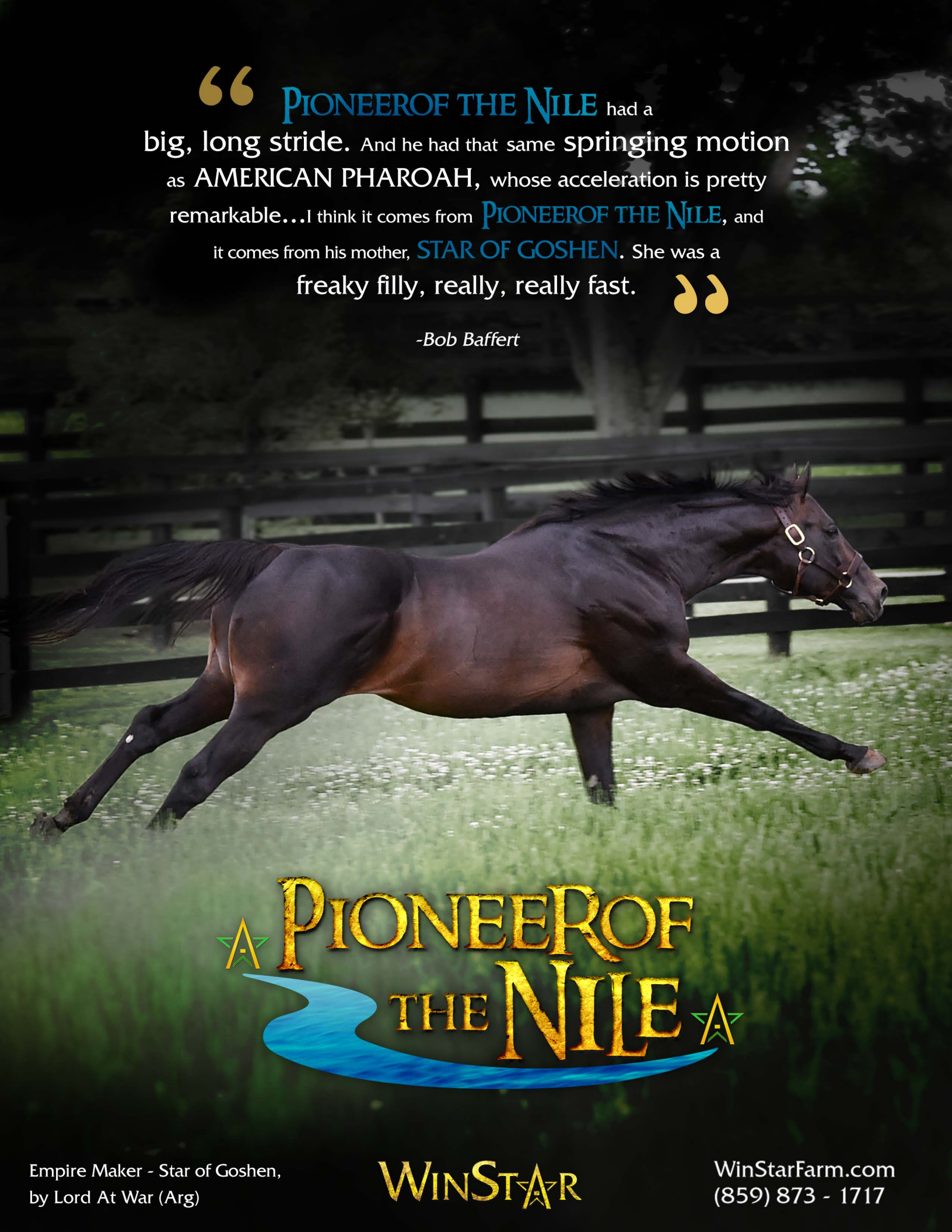
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*Two-time G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner Treve (Fr) (Motivator {GB}) looks to be taking retirement well within her stride at Sheikh Joann al Thani's Haras de Bouquetot*  
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## STRONACH TRACKS SUE DERBY WARS

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Six racetracks owned by The Stronach Group collectively sued the parent company of DerbyWars in a California federal court Dec. 2. The tracks involved are Santa Anita, Golden Gate, Gulfstream Park, Laurel Park, Pimlico and Portland Meadows.

## STARLET FIELD TAKING SHAPE

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The field for the Dec. 12 GI Starlet S. at Los Alamitos is beginning to come together. According to racing secretary Bob Moreno, six early possibles include: **Coppa** (Yesbyjimminy), **Kiss N Scat** (Scat Daddy), **Pacific Heat** (Unusual Heat), **Stays in Vegas** (City Zip), **Street Fancy** (Street Sense) and **Treasuring** (Smart Strike).

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### **Which European stallion has the highest-earning foal crop of 2012?**

Perhaps it's unsurprising that the likes of Galileo (Ire), Cape Cross (Ire), Shamardal, and Invincible Spirit (Ire) comprise the top four, but which young gun is going toe-to-toe with these heavyweights in fifth? Hint: It's an Irish-bred son of a stallion in the top four.

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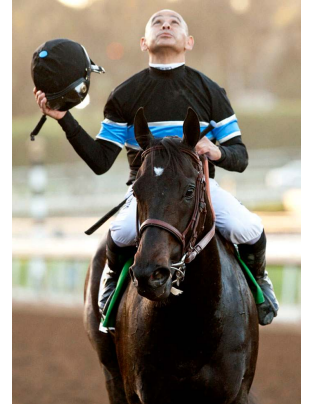
**Shared Belief Succumbs to Colic cont. from p1**

Rome continued, “Shared Belief was a once in a lifetime horse. A champion, fighter and unbelievable talent who impacted and changed all of our lives. The little horse that feared no one and could do anything. He absolutely loved his job and to compete and run. As heartbreaking as this is, we all consider ourselves so fortunate to have been a part of this amazing animal’s life. He was a super horse from day one. He would end up winning 10 of 12 starts, including five Grade I’s and an Eclipse Award. The Big Horse was a champion in every sense of the word. There will never be another like Shared Belief. Our hearts are broken. RIP.”

Bred by Pam and Martin Wygod, Shared Belief was privately purchased by Rome’s Jungle Racing LLC, KMN Racing LLC, Jerry Hollendorfer, Jason Litt, Alex Solis II and George Todaro after his debut victory at Golden Gate in 2013. The gelding followed suit with wins in the 2013 GIII Hollywood Prevue S. and GI CashCall Futurity to clinch the Eclipse Award for top 2-year-old male.

Forced to miss the first half of his sophomore season due to foot issues, Shared Belief returned with an allowance victory at Golden Gate at the end of May 2014 and captured the GII Los Alamitos Derby in his first start on dirt six weeks later. Defeating a field of talented older horses that included MGISW Game on Dude (Awesome Again) in Del Mar’s GI Pacific Classic last August, the son of Candy Ride bested his elders once again next time out in Santa Anita’s GI Awesome Again S.

Suffering his first defeat after being interfered with at the start of the 2014 GI Breeders’ Cup Classic, Shared Belief registered an impressive run to finish fourth and went on to annex the GI Malibu S. last December. He kicked off his 4-year-old season with a defeat of dual Classic winner California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit) in Arcadia’s GII San Antonio Invitational S. Feb. 7 and added a victory in the GI Santa Anita H. to his illustrious resume a month later. Shared Belief amassed \$2,932,200 from a lifetime record of 12-10-0-0.



**Shared Belief & jockey Mike Smith | Benoit Photo**

The dark bay was a half-sibling to graded winner Little Miss Holly (Maria’s Mon), as well as stakes placed Double Major (Bertrando) and Major Hope (Lemon Drop Kid). He hailed from the family of Yankee Gentleman, Half Ours and Key Phrase. Common Hope has a yearling filly by Henrythenavigator, a weanling filly by Victory Gallop and was bred back to Candy Ride.

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**BN:** *It was not an easy decision to come back but I do miss my family. It's been nine years, so I thought this was an appropriate time to come back. But I know that when I walk away from here I am going to miss it terribly. The trade off is to be closer to family, and I thought the time was right to make the move back home.*

**TDN:** You said leaving Hong Kong will be very difficult to do.

Can you elaborate? What makes working there so special?

**BN:** *Here, the organization we have, the team we have, the resources we have, those are all great advantages. The business model, which was established well before I came, whoever was the architect who came up with way racing is structured here was absolutely brilliant. This is the best possible model there is. Another thing that makes this such a great place is the passion for racing. It's like Saratoga is, but every day. The news*



**Bill Nader | Michele MacDonald**

*coverage, the passion, the relevance of the sport, it's all so contagious. That's why it so difficult to walk away from it.*

**TDN:** Have you decided what you'd like to do upon your return? Has anyone reached out to you yet and offered you a job?

**BN:** *I am not sure what I'm going to do other than come home and just take a break. I haven't really reached out to anyone. People know I am leaving--that's been pretty well publicized. But I haven't made any real effort to lock down anything going forward. I would like to take a break and how I deal with that mentally and physically we'll have to see. I may try to develop a hobby. I'm not a very good tennis player, but maybe I'll take some lessons or buy a set of golf clubs. Do whatever guys do. I've been here nine years and have not played one round of golf. I would like to explore a different lifestyle and then like to see what opportunities might be there for me and then get back to work. Whatever I wind up doing I'd like to try to establish a better balance between work and free time and my personal life. For the last 20-plus years the jobs I have had have been pretty demanding.*

*I have had a couple of offers, but none from the States. There have been some really good offers, but I'm not interested. I want to come home and if that were not the case I couldn't have had a better job than the one I had in Hong Kong. Cont. p5*

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**Q & A: Bill Nader cont.**

**BN:** *I wouldn't mind working outside of racing to see what's there. That might not happen because my entire career has been in racing. But with the job here and with the job in New York you're running very big companies. Here, within the racing division, there are 1,200 people. So running a big company and managing a lot of people is a skill set I have, maybe something that I can put to use outside of racing. I am wide open to anything, but there's nothing at all that I can point to right now so far as to what my next job might be.*

**TDN:** While understanding that a lot of the things that are done in Hong Kong racing could never be done in U.S. racing, what have you learned while in Hong Kong that could make you a better racetrack executive upon your return to the U.S.?

**BN:** *It would be hard to duplicate a lot of the things we do here in the U.S. But in broad terms there are some things that can be brought to US racing. There is no magic potion, but the key points are good decision making, good use of resources, understanding customer needs and providing the best possible experience, respecting all stakeholders, working collaboratively with government, information delivery, transparency and integrity.*

*One thing I benefitted from here in my nine years was to learn better organization and management skills so far as how to deal with situations and how to deal with people and how to deal with complex issues. We are running the whole show here; we are the entire industry and that's a great advantage. American racing doesn't have the resources the Hong Kong Jockey Club has, but you learn the best way to allocate those resources you do have to derive the best outcome. A big part of that is finding ways to insure that integrity at all levels is at the very highest level and giving the customer the best possible experience.*

*In America, you have to deal with special interest groups and sometimes there are politics and restrictions in play and you have to find your way through those things. Being here, I've definitely improved in my ability to do my job. Being in New York was great but this takes it to a new level.*

**TDN:** After having what is about as close to perfect as it gets when it comes to a racing job, do you think working in the American racing industry again would frustrate you?

**BN:** *I would be frustrated. But I would know that going in. While working here has been great, we do not have free reign to do whatever we want. Cont. p6*

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**Q & A: Bill Nader cont.**

*BN: When I came in we had 78 race days a year and had to campaign strongly and lobby government to go to 83. It was a much more difficult process than I imagined. I don't want people to think the Hong Kong Jockey Club can do whatever it wants to do. It isn't all peaches and cream here, but the structure and business model is still the best in the world. So, yes, I am sure there will be things that will frustrate me if I start working in American racing again. But I would not be blind to it. I spent 14 years at NYRA and the years I was there things were pretty tough. I am going to be careful about which jobs I would consider. For me at this stage it has to be something I would really want to do. I think my next job will be my last job.*

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**STRONACH TRACKS SUE DERBYWARS; SEEK DAMAGES & PRECEDENT AGAINST FANTASY RACING** *By T.D. Thornton*

Six racetracks owned by The Stronach Group collectively sued the parent company of DerbyWars in a California federal court Dec. 2. The two most serious of four allegations are that "bets" made through the Louisville-based online fantasy horse racing portal constitute "racketeering activity" that violates the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO), and that DerbyWars is "indisputably a form of wagering" that operates without the tracks' consent in violation of the Interstate Horse Racing Act (IHA) of 1978.

Two other complaints in the suit allege violations of California Business & Professions Code (section 17200), which regulates "unfair or fraudulent" business acts, and Intentional Interference With Prospective Economic Advantage, which is a law that covers third-party disruptions of profitable business relationships.

The Stronach-owned tracks (Santa Anita Park, Golden Gate Fields, Gulfstream Park, Laurel Park, Pimlico Race Course and Portland Meadows) are demanding a jury trial, at which they will seek monetary, punitive, and exemplary damages, plus injunctive relief, against Horse Racing Labs, LLC, the owner of DerbyWars. **Cont. p7**

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**Stronach Tracks Sue Derby Wars cont.**

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Of the four charges, the RICO allegations are potentially the most devastating, because as a law designed to combat organized crime, RICO victims--once liability and the extent of harm are established--are entitled to mandatory triple damages.

The legality of daily fantasy sports gaming--and under that wide umbrella, the narrower sector of racing-specific fantasy game play--has exploded as a polarizing topic nationwide over the past six months.

In late November, *TDN* ran a two-part story on the subject: Part 1 of the series examined whether fantasy gaming represented a threat or an opportunity for the racing industry. Part 2 contrasted the views of proponents of fantasy racing (who frame the game play as a means to market the sport while growing interest and educating customers) against those who oppose it (chiefly on the grounds that fantasy gaming usurps the racing product while not directly contributing to the sport’s revenue stream).

The Stronach tracks’ lawsuit was not entirely unexpected. At an Oct. 21 California Horse Racing Board committee meeting, Scott Daruty, an executive with The Stronach Group, called fantasy racing a “very significant threat to our existing business model” while testifying that “we’re trying to fashion an argument to shut them down and prevent them from stealing our product.”

On Thursday, the day after the Stronach tracks made good on that threat by filing the lawsuit in the United States Central District Court of California, Daruty explained to *TDN* the reasoning behind the litigation and why it targeted only DerbyWars and not any other fantasy racing entities or contest sites.

“It’s something we’ve had our eye on for awhile,” Daruty said. “And as it was growing, not just at DerbyWars, but proliferating with similar entities doing similar types of things, we thought this is good time to bring our lawsuit. We’re very confident that it’s going to give clarity to the law, and then we can act accordingly, not just with DerbyWars, but with all other operators.”

Mark Midland, the founder Horse Racing Labs, emailed a statement in response to a request for a phone interview.

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“I have dedicated my entire career to advance the sport of horse racing,” the statement read, in part. “This passion and love for the sport is shared by our entire team. As the industry has acknowledged time and time again, the sport is in dire need of new ideas and innovation to ensure growth for the future. More than 70 million Americans are participating in fantasy sports, and contests are an opportunity that needs to be explored for horse racing...The claims in the lawsuit serve to call into question all contests in horse racing.”

Daruty said that unlike in New York, where the state attorney general has moved to protect the interests of licensed, legal betting entities by attempting to shut down daily fantasy sports sites like FanDuel and Draft Kings, The Stronach Group saw no government entity willing to step up on behalf of its racetracks. The collective belief of the tracks, the lawsuit alleges, is that fantasy racing sites are operating as illegal, unlicensed bet-takers whose “games of skill” assertions go against the spirit and the intent of the IHA, the Federal Wire Act, and the Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act (UIGEA).

“As a private company, we’re mindful of the time and expense and other resources that need to be dedicated to this,” Daruty said. “It would seem to make sense to us to look to the biggest operator first, and try to establish what the precedent is going

to be moving forward, and from that point let the precedent filter out to everybody else, as opposed to trying to take on the whole world at one time.”

In early November, Midland told TDN that DerbyWars is fantasy horse racing’s “leader in terms of the best site and the biggest games.” But he asserted that fantasy racing does not constitute gambling because its entry-fee-for-cash-prize contests are modeled on a “tournament” or “leaderboard” style of play that is based on a series of race results that exist in the public domain, and that winners of such contests are not determined by the direct outcomes of individual races.

Midland further explained that critics of fantasy racing are missing a key point: That games like DerbyWars return to the industry benefits not measured so much in dollars, but in terms of fan education, product exposure and cross-promotional marketing.

Midland also asserted at that time that Horse Racing Labs does not turn a profit from DerbyWars.

“Obviously, there is a difference of opinion, with the fantasy operators thinking the eyeballs they bring to the sport should be compensation enough, as opposed to us thinking that other forms of wagering generate direct revenue to our sport,” Daruty said. “We think that fantasy [gaming] should do the same.”

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**Stronach Tracks Sue Derby Wars cont.**

Daruty said that prior to filing the lawsuit, the Stronach tracks attempted “high-level discussions” with DerbyWars to reach a resolution about how fantasy racing might be able to become a sanctioned part of the revenue stream, but the talks yielded “nothing specific as to trying to resolve all issues moving forward.”

Midland did not respond to an emailed request prior to deadline for this article asking for his side of the story about negotiations with Stronach officials.

A copy of the lawsuit, which was first posted online by the Paulick Report and is available to view [here](#), outlines the litigation strategy the plaintiffs will need to prove in order to prevail in court. Chief among the allegations are:

1) DerbyWars is “not in compliance with federal or state laws because the consents required under the IHA have not been given”; 2) DerbyWars does not hold a license permitting it to accept wagers from California, Florida, Maryland, or Oregon (the locations of the five plaintiff tracks); 3) DerbyWars “does not come within” the fantasy sports carve-out set forth in the UIGEA; 4) The actions DerbyWars “have (and continue to) directly cause damages to plaintiffs by depriving them of the compensation to which they are entitled” and;

5) “DerbyWars used and invested income that was derived from a pattern of racketeering activity in an interstate enterprise under state and federal law.”

The racketeering accusation appears to be the most difficult aspect of the lawsuit to prove, but because the complaint is made under the RICO law, it carries the steepest potential for penalization with its “mandatory treble damages” stipulation.

According to the 2010 book “Civil RICO: A Definitive Guide,” the original 1970 purpose of RICO sought “the eradication of organized crime in the United States” and to “curb the infiltration of legitimate business organizations by racketeers.” Increasingly though, RICO has been used as a litigation cudgel in civil complaints, leading to jurisprudential criticism that the statute’s lucrative triple-damages clause causes it to be over-used outside of its intended purpose.

The 2011 book “Understanding White Collar Crime” points out that unlike in criminal cases, where RICO must be proven “beyond reasonable doubt,” in civil cases, the burden of proof for RICO is a “preponderance of the evidence,” and that a “substantial majority of civil RICO cases are resolved in favor of the defendants prior to trial.”

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**FIELD FOR STARLET TAKING SHAPE**

The field for the Dec. 12 GI Starlet S. at Los Alamitos is beginning to come together. According to racing secretary Bob Moreno, six early possibles include: **Coppa** (Yesbyjimminy), **Kiss**



**Pacific Heat** | Benoit Photo

**N Scat** (Scat Daddy), **Pacific Heat** (Unusual Heat), **Stays in Vegas** (City Zip), **Street Fancy** (Street Sense) and **Treasuring** (Smart Strike).

The unbeaten Pacific Heat, tabbed as a 'TDN Rising Star' after posting a double-digit debut win here Sept. 25,

remained perfect with an easy decision in Del Mar's Golden State Juvenile Fillies S. Oct. 29 ([video](#)).

The bay, trained by Peter Eurton, makes her first start beyond seven furlongs and against open company in the Starlet.

Four-time stakes winner Stays in Vegas enters riding a hot hand. Trained by Hall of Famer Jerry Hollendorfer, she returns to dirt after annexing the grassy Surfer Girl S. at Santa Anita Oct. 10 and Pike Place Dancer S. at Golden Gate Nov. 1 ([video](#)), respectively. **Cont. p11**



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**Field for Starlet Taking Shape cont.**

Kiss N Scat, second behind stablemate Stays in Vegas in the Pike Place Dancer, romped by 13 lengths as the 1-10 favorite in an optional claimer over the Golden Gate all-weather most recently Nov. 26 to provide Hollendorfer with career win number 3,000.

The blue-blooded Treasuring, a maiden winner going 5 1/2 furlongs at Los Alamitos at third asking Sept. 19, outran her 11-1 odds to finish second in Del Mar's Desi Arnaz S. last out Nov. 15. Her second dam is Broodmare of the Year Better Than Honour (Deputy Minister), who produced a pair of GI Belmont S. winners in champion Rags to Riches (A.P. Indy) and Jazil (Seeking the Gold).

Impressive Nov. 1 Del Mar debut winner Coppa and Desi Arnaz third Street Fancy round out the sextet.

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**GULFSTREAM CHAMPIONSHIP MEET OPENS**

Gulfstream Park's 85-day Championship Meet kicks off Saturday in Hallandale with a record \$11.61-million stakes schedule highlighted by the Apr. 2 GI Florida Derby.

Two-time Eclipse Award winning jockey Javier Castellano enters the meet seeking a record-extending fifth straight riding title at the track.



Javier Castellano | A Coglianese

"It would be awesome," Castellano said of the feat, which Gulfstream has already christened the 'drive for five.' "I always try to keep going, to make new goals, and mentally that helps me be motivated to be one of the best jockeys in the country. It is another chapter in my life. I would like to put another goal under my belt. I'm looking forward to it, big time."

During the 2014/2015 Gulfstream meeting, Castellano led all jockeys with 114 wins and earnings of \$4.7 million. Among his 11 graded stakes wins at the meet were Constitution (Tapit)'s victory in the GI Donn H. and Mshawish (Medaglia d'Oro)'s triumph in the GI Gulfstream Park Turf H. **Cont. p12**



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**Gulfstream Championship Meet Opens cont.**

Castellano kept the momentum going after heading north at the conclusion of the Gulfstream meeting. The Venezuelan won Belmont’s spring-summer meet and finished second in the Saratoga standings. Castellano leads all North American jockeys in wins, having topped 300 for the fourth straight year, and money earned, breaking his own single-season record initially set at Gulfstream Park in December 2013.

“I have to give credit to my agent, Matt Muzikar—he handles the business so well,” Castellano said. “We always want to ride the best horse in the race, of course, but you don’t want to hurt any feelings. It’s like being a father and having kids. You don’t want to say this kid is better than another, because the bottom line is they’re all your kids. Same thing with the horses. I love the horses, and we don’t want to hurt any feelings because all the horses are competitive. Matt does a very good job with that and he deserves a lot of credit.”

Castellano admitted he will face stiff competition in his attempt to win a fifth Gulfstream riding title.

“I know it’s not easy,” he said. “You’re competing against the best jockeys in the country, and there are a lot of good local riders that have the business all year. To be competitive, you have to ride different levels of horses, all kinds of horses, to be number one. You have to come every day always ready, mentally and physically. I’m thankful to have so much support, especially the owners and trainers that give me the opportunity. South Florida has always been very good to me. I am very appreciative for that.”

The championship meet, which runs through Apr. 3, opens Saturday with the 17th renewal of the \$1.1-million Claiming Crown.

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**1,796 HORSES IN KEEJAN CATALOG**

Keeneland has cataloged a total of 1,796 horses for its 2016 January Horses of All Ages Sale to be held Jan. 11-15. The catalog includes 624 broodmares, 181 broodmare prospects, 729 yearlings, 251 horses of racing age and 11 stallions and stallion prospects. The online catalog will be available Tuesday and print catalogs will be mailed the week of Dec. 21.

“The January Sale is noted for high-quality broodmare prospects and short yearlings, and it gives breeders some final opportunities to obtain stock as breeding season nears,” Keeneland Director of Sales Geoffrey Russell said. “We look for the upcoming sale to be a solid auction that continues the strengths of the market seen during the November Breeding Stock Sale.”



Sky Flight, one of four Stakes Winners in seven days for Sky Mesa, wins his second stake in the \$100,000 Artie Schiller Stakes at Belmont going a mile on the turf.

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The auction also features two dispersals: that of the estate of Eric A. Delvalle, consigned by Brandywine Farms, agent; and of the estate of Sarah J. Leigh, Denali Stud, agent.

“Gerald Leigh was arguably one of the finest breeders I have known in my lifetime, and his accomplishments were recognized internationally,” said Denali Stud’s Craig Bandoroff. “His daughter, Sara Jane, followed in his footsteps and had great passion for the breeding business. The high regard the industry has for the Leigh's horses was clearly displayed in Newmarket this week, highlighted by Seta (GB) selling for 1.1 million guineas. Denali Stud is honored to be handling the North American portion of the dispersal at Keeneland January.”


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# New York

## Sir Prize Birthday Euthanized at 35:

**Sir Prize Birthday** (Singh--Prize Du Nord, by Vent du Nord), the oldest member of the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation's herd at age 35, was euthanized Wednesday afternoon at the Wallkill Correctional Facility in New York.

"Wednesday morning, he wasn't walking straight and was wobbling quite a bit," said Wallkill Farm Manager Jim Tremper. "We were watching him all day and in the afternoon, he lay down and didn't want to get up. He had had enough."

Sir Prize Birthday raced a total of 206 times with a record of 39-38-32 and earnings of \$308,182. He joined Wallkill in 1998.

"He always had to be first to the feed tub, first to everything," Temper said. "But he was only aggressive around other horses. Around people, he was easy. In fact, he was so easy that for years we used him as a starter horse for new inmates."

## Japan to Stand at Waldorf Farm:

Barry Schwartz's **Japan** (Medaglia d'Oro--Maya, by Capote) will stand his first season at stud at Waldorf Farm in North Chatham, New York. His introductory fee for 2016 will be \$7,500 S&N.

"Japan was the most talented horse I have owned in my 37 years in racing, and he was just beginning to scratch the surface of his ability prior to his injury while training up to the [GI] Travers this summer at Saratoga," said Schwartz. "He's a gorgeous individual by one of the best sires around in Medaglia d'Oro, and we believe he had enormous potential that went unfulfilled on the track. We believe it so much that my partners and I will be supporting Japan with some of our best mares, because this horse has a big shot at realizing that potential as a sire."



Japan | Christie DeBernardis

Bred by Emory Hamilton, Japan is a full-brother to MGSW and MGISP millionaire Al Khali. He also hails from the female family of MGISW Verrazano (More Than Ready), GISWs Somali Lemonade (Lemon Drop Kid) and Keen Ice (Curlin) and GSW juvenile Harmonize (Scat Daddy).

Trained by Hall of Famer Bill Mott, the dark bay made just five starts, following a third-out maiden win at Churchill Apr. 30 with a victory in Belmont's Easy Goer S. June 6. He was last seen finishing third in Saratoga's Gil Jim Dandy S. Aug. 1. The sophomore retired with a record of 5-2-1-1 and earnings of \$189,000.



Coming off an eight-length romp that earned her TDN Rising Star status, Ami's Mesa, the 100th winner this year for Sky Mesa, kept her record immaculate with a decisive win in the Glorious Song Stakes at Woodbine.

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"Japan was quite impressive training up to the Travers, and I was looking forward to the opportunity to face American Pharoah because he was doing so well," said Mott. "He always worked like a good horse and was just figuring out the game before his injury. He was a horse that was only going to get better and better, and he had the potential to be any kind."

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# ▶ Central U.S.

**Thursday's Results:**

**4th-FG, \$37,000, Msw, 12-3, 2yo, f, 5 1/2ft, 1:04.37, fm.**  
**+CASH BACK (f, 2, [Congrats--Hidden Assets {GSW, \\$298,313}](#), by Mt. Livermore)**, was away well and shared pacesetting duties down the backstretch. The 8-1 chance gained a narrow advantage in upper stretch and edged clear to finish 1 3/4 lengths clear of Molly O'Shea (Cape Blanco {Ire}). The Klein homebred is a half-sibling to Country Day (Speightstown), MSW & MGSP, \$503,829; Good Deed (Broken Vow), MSW & GSP, \$385,353; Due Date (El Prado {Ire}), MSW & MGSP, \$276,788; and Cash Control (Pioneerof the Nile), GSP, \$172,740. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$22,200. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O/B-Bert, Elaine & Richard Klein (KY); T-Brad H. Cox.

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**Iowa Online Stallion Season Auction Begins Saturday:**

Breeding seasons to more than 180 stallions from 16 states will be up for bid in an online auction for the Iowa Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners Association Stallion Stakes from Dec. 5-12. The proceeds will fund three stakes races for all 2017 offspring of stallions whose seasons are sold at this auction: The 2019 Iowa Stallion Futurity and two 2020 races for 3-year-olds, one for colts and one for fillies.

Since 2008, the Stallion Futurity and Stallion Stakes have each averaged more than \$90,000 in purses. 2015 was the first time the program offered a race for 3-year-old fillies. The three races in 2015 had total purses of \$207,375. A \$5,000 bonus will be paid to the winner of any of the three races if the foal is conceived from a breeding season purchased at the auction.

"Frequently, you might get the stallion for a lesser price than you normally get," said Deb Leech, president of the ITBOA. "If I live in Oklahoma and there's an Oklahoma stallion I want to breed to, I may get him for less than I'd get breeding to him in another way."

Stallions offered include Shackleford, Mucho Macho Man, Tale of Ekati, To Honor and Serve, Artie Schiller, Drosselmeyer, Mr Speaker and Sidney's Candy. Stallion donations are still being accepted. A \$5,000 bonus will also be paid to the stallion donor of the winning horse in each race.

The auction closes at 7 p.m. central time Saturday, Dec. 12. [Click here](#) for more information.

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# ▶ California

**Thursday's Results:**

**7th-LRC, \$50,250, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 12-3, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:08.67, ft.**

**UNFORGETTABLE U (f, 4, [Tale of the Cat--Naseem {SW}](#), by Point Given)** last found the winner's circle three back in a Del Mar optional claimer Sept. 7. Since then, she's finished fourth in the GIII L.A. Woman S. Oct. 4 and in an optional claimer over the Del Mar turf Nov. 22. Back on the dirt here, the 6-5 pick was wide in second through the opening quarter before taking command down the backstretch. The bay kicked clear on the bend and cruised home the easy 9 1/2-length winner. Finest City (City Zip) completed the exacta. Lifetime Record: SW, 12-3-3-0, \$145,258. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O/B-Mojallali Stables, Inc. (KY); T-Richard Baltas.

**5th-LRC, \$46,000, Msw, 12-3, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:04.46, ft.**  
**SWIFT LADY (f, 2, Awesome of Course--The Church Lady, by Valid Wager)**, a debut second at Del Mar Sept. 7, was supported as the 5-2 favorite to get it done here. Swift Lady was parked four wide and just off the pace during the opening stages. She revved up around the turn to contest the lead, battled alongside two rivals down the lane, gained a short lead in the final furlong and held off a late rally from La Galy (Warrior's Reward) to win by 3/4 of a length. Sales history: \$170,000 2yo '15 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$41,000. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Baoma Corporation; B-Ciaran Dunne & Amy Dunne (FL); T-Bob Baffert.

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### 6th-LRC, \$45k, Msw, 2yo, 5 1/2f

Stonestreet, Magnier, Tabor and Smith's **FREEMARK** (Smart Strike) is set to make his debut for trainer Bob Baffert at Los Alamitos Race Course in this spot. Bred by Mr. and Mrs. W.K. Warren, Jr., Freemark was purchased for \$800,000 at this year's OBS March Sale after breezing a quarter in [9 4/5](#). The chestnut is out of MGSW Carolyn's Cat (Forestry) and is a half-sibling to GSW Mufajaah (Tapit). The firster is given a 4-1 chance on the morning line. Warren's Win ([Medaglia d'oro](#)), the first foal out of GI Alabama winner Careless Jewel (Tapit), will also make his debut. Purchased by Chris Drakos for \$150,000 as a KEESEP yearling, he is trained by Jesus Mendoza. [TJCS PPs](#).

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## ROOKIES

### First-crop starters to watch: Friday, December 4

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2012 Fee, # foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs \* Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*  
**TWIRLING CANDY** (Candy Ride {Arg}), Lane's End Farm, \$15K, 92/19/0

6-LRC, Msw, 5 1/2f, Iron Rob, \$90K OBS APR 2yo, 5-1  
 6-DED, Alw, 7f, Gianna's Dream, \$42K OBS AUG yrl, 3-1

### First/second-crop starters to watch: Friday, December 4

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**MUNNINGS** (Speightstown), Ashford Stud, \$10K, 165/75/13  
 6-LRC, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Pete's Play Call, \$90K KEE SEP yrl, 6-1  
**THORN SONG** (Unbridled's Song), Harris Farms, \$3K, 69/7/0  
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**Jeeraan**, g, 5, [Distorted Humor](#)--Jaish, Seeking the Gold.  
 Meydan, 12-3, Hcp. (\$45k), 2000m, 2:05.16. B-Shadwell Farm LLC ( KY).

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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**6th-AQU, \$68,400**, (S), Alw, 12-3, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m (off turf), 1:40.68, gd.

**LEGALLY BAY** (m, 5, [Read the Footnotes--Try N Sue {MSW, \\$236,590}](#)), by [Sir Harry Lewis](#)) Lifetime Record: 31-2-6-7, \$183,959. O/B-Coffee Pot Stables (NY); T-Marialice Coffey.

**8th-AQU, \$57,000**, (S), Alw, 12-3, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.31, gd.

**SHANGALA** (f, 3, [Roaring Fever--Queen in Waiting, by Sea Salute](#)) Lifetime Record: 17-8-2-4, \$143,824. O/B-Carl Buhr (NY); T-Debra A. Breed.

**8th-RP, \$44,880**, (S), Alw, 12-2, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:45.62, ft.

**MISS OREO** (f, 3, [Rock Hard Ten--Derby Lane's Song, by Unbridled's Song](#)) Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-1, \$54,417. O/B-Walter M. Jones (OK); T-Carlos A Padilla.

**8th-DED, \$38,960**, Alw, 12-2, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:21.89, ft.

**ZARB'S BRITE LITE** (f, 3, [Zarbyev--Steve's Brite Lite, by Father Steve](#)) Lifetime Record: 8-2-2-3, \$62,105. O-Lynn Soileau; B-Robert Hewlett (LA); T-Shelton J. Zenon, Sr. \*\$1,500 Ylg '13 BSCYRL.

**2nd-RP, \$36,300**, Alw, 12-2, (NW2X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.18, ft.

**DANCINANIMAUX** (f, 3, [Leroideosanimaux {Brz}--Full of Dance, by Dance Brightly](#)) Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-0, \$69,527. O-Wayne Sanders & Larry Hirsch; B-Michael & Deena Mandara (FL); T-W. Bret Calhoun. \*\$14,000 Ylg '13 FTKOCT.

**3rd-PEN, \$30,149**, Alw, 12-2, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:05.98, sy.

**TRUE COST** (m, 5, [Aisle--Truly Extravagant, by Is It True](#)) Lifetime Record: 22-6-2-7, \$99,563. O-John W. Tucker; B-Anne N. Tucker (VA); T-Flint W. Stites.

**6th-CT, \$27,000**, Alw, 12-2, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:50.41, sy.

**REKHA DIAMOND** (f, 3, [Corinthian--Every Trick {SP, \\$129,469}](#)), by [Grand Slam](#)) Lifetime Record: 14-3-3-3, \$67,948. O-Camilla Farms, Inc.; B-Corinthian Syndicate & R. L. Glosson (KY); T-Ronney W. Brown. \*\$2,500 Wlg '12 KEENOV; \$25,000 Ylg '13 FTKOCT.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Extinct Charm**, c, 2, [American Lion](#)--Als Delight (SP, \$113,818), by Wayne County (Ire). AQU, 12-3, (C), 1m (off turf), 1:40.41. B-Fountain Spring Stable (NY). \*\$33,000 Wlg '13 FTNMIX; \$27,000 RNA Ylg '14 SARAUG; \$55,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR.

**Shehasit Too**, f, 2, [City Weekend](#)--She Could Be Good (SP), by Daylight Savings. CT, 12-2, (S), 4 1/2f, :54.21. B-Harry D. & Ronald C. Waite (WV).

**Dreams to Reality**, f, 2, [Lookin At Lucky](#)--Dream Sweeper (SP), by Salt Lake. AQU, 12-3, (C), 1m (off turf), 1:40.59. B-Dr. Rod Orr (KY). \*\$32,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP.

**Genuine Luck**, f, 2, [Lookin At Lucky](#)--Proper Form, by Deputy Minister. GG, 12-3, 1m (AWT) (off turf), 1:40.56. B-Dash Goff (KY). \*\$27,000 RNA Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$35,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR. \*\*1/2 to Mountain Range (Mountain Cat), SW, \$428,314; Irish Presence (Midnight Lute), SW & GSP, \$163,994.



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**Mud Light**, c, 2, **Jazil**--Lisieux (SP, \$111,474), by Steady Growth. RP, 12-2, 6f, 1:11.57. B-Patricia Ziefle (KY). \*\$17,000 Wlg '13 KEENOV; \$19,000 RNA Ylg '14 OBSAUG; \$52,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR. \*\*1/2 to Never Retreat (Smart Strike), ch. grass mare--Can, GISW, \$1,298,769.

**Cherokee Dynasty**, c, 2, **Ministers Wild Cat**--Cherokee Kiss, by Cherokee Run. LRC, 12-3, (S), (C), 5 1/2f, 1:05.95. B-Tommy Town Thoroughbreds, LLC (CA). \*1/2 to Top Kisser (Old Topper), GSW, \$407,100.

**Cactus Cocktail**, f, 3, **Cactus Ridge**--Sazerac Song, by Phone Trick. DED, 12-2, 6 1/2f, 1:21.20. B-Dream Walkin' Farms, Inc. (KY).

**Charming Notion**, f, 3, **Great Notion**--Im No Cynic, by Two Punch. CT, 12-2, 6 1/2f, 1:22.60. B-Mark & Veronica O'Donnell (MD).

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**Galanthus**, f, 3, **Pollard's Vision**--Bellflower (SP), by Cherokee Run. PEN, 12-2, 1m 70y, 1:47.20. B-Arrowwood Farm, Inc. (PA).

**Royal Force**, f, 3, **Political Force**--Deputy Royal, by Deputy Minister. DED, 12-2, (S), 5f, 1:00.85. B-J. Adcock (LA). \*\$26,000 Ylg '13 ESLYRL.

**Slingshot**, f, 3, **Two Punch**--Cornbread N Honey, by The Name's Jimmy. FL, 12-3, 5 1/2f, 1:08.14. B-Clyde Dean Cranwell (NY).

**MALIBU S. - RECENT WINNERS**

Yr	Winner	Sire	Trainer	Time
'14	Shared Belief	Candy Ride (Arg)	Hollendorfer	1:20.69
'13	Shakin It Up	Midnight Lute	Baffert	1:20.69
'12	Jimmy Creed	Distorted Humor	Mandella	1:20.36
'11	The Factor	War Front	Baffert	1:19.89
'10	Twirling Candy	Candy Ride (Arg)	Sadler	1:19.70
'09	M One Rifle	One Man Army	Headley	1:21.05
'08	Bob Black Jack	Stormy Jack	Kasparoff	1:20.20
'07	Johnny Eves	Skimming	Robbins	1:21.08
'06	Latent Heat	Maria's Mon	Frankel	1:21.39
'05	Proud Tower Too	Proud Irish	Gonzalez	1:21.62
'04	Rock Hard Ten	Kris S.	Mandella	1:21.89
'03	Southern Image	Halo's Image	Machowsky	1:22.65
'02	Debonair Joe	Ole	Silva	1:22.40
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## LUXURY BRANDS, INDEED

by Sue Finley



Gerard and Alain Wertheimer at Keeneland | Horsephotos

'Luxury brands' has been the theme of Arqana's campaign for the 2015 December Breeding Stock sale, and there is no consignment for whom the description is more fitting than that of Wertheimer et Frere. The brothers, Alain and Gerard, of course, are the owners and operators of the world's leading global luxury brand, Chanel, and have enjoyed enormous success on the track and in the breeding shed as well. Since 2009, Wertheimer et Frere homebreds have won an astonishing 29 Group 1 races, five of them this year alone by the remarkable Solow (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}). The brothers sell exclusively at Arqana, and offer 14 fillies and broodmares here in December.

The manager of Wertheimer et Frere, Pierre-Yves Bureau, said that buyers had come to trust the brand, recognizing that their sales offerings were the result of careful management and not the selling off of undesirables.

"I think that people know now that we are selling because we have big numbers that we need to sell daughters or sisters, and that we are not selling what we don't like," said Bureau. "We are selling because we have plenty of the same family and a lot of people have success with these fillies and mares."

Bureau cited Mondialiste (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) as a prime example. "We sold him at the 2014 July sale (for €190,000), and he went on to be a Group 1 winner this year, so well done," he said. "We have fillies out of training and broodmares, and it's important for us as well so they will be mated differently by different people." **Cont. p2**

## TATTERSALLS FINALE SEALS SUCCESSFUL YEAR

by Emma Berry

As suitcases were packed and the European sales caravan prepared to roll on for its annual end-of-season hurrah in Deauville, Tattersalls' Park Paddocks quieted considerably on Thursday after more than 2,000 horses of all ages had paraded through the famous sales ring throughout the last fortnight.

Last year's record annual turnover for the company of more than 263 million gns could not quite be matched this time around, but the 2015 tally was still in excess of 262 million gns--almost 85 million of which was bid over the last 10 days--making it the second-most successful year in Tattersalls' trading history. A low-key final session was headed by the 32,000gns purchase by Blandford Bloodstock of Lamps Of Heaven (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) (lot [2543](#)) from the Tweenhills draft. **Cont. p5**

in **TDN America** today...

### CHAMPION SHARED BELIEF DIES OF COLIC

*Shared Belief (Candy Ride {Arg}), the US champion 2-year-old male of 2013, died Thursday at the University of California-Davis following a bout with colic.*

**Story in today's TDN America.**

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**Arqana December cont.**

He also noted that hard work on the part of the sales company and national pride played a part in their allegiance to Arqana.

“First, we are worldwide, but we are a French operation,” he said. “Arqana has been doing a great job over the past years to have this sale as strong as possible. It’s convenient for us to be very close, but we are very happy with what they are doing and we think it’s important to support the market.”

“It is, of course, a great privilege that leading owner-breeders trust Arqana to sell their mares and fillies out of training every year,” said Arqana’s directeur generale, Olivier Delloye. “The Wertheimers have enjoyed tremendous success in the last few years with champions like Goldikova (Ire), Intello (Ger) and Solow (GB). That obviously enhanced the value of their families and it’s great to be selling some members of their best bloodlines this weekend.”

This weekend’s best of the best includes [lot 128](#), the Green Tune mare **Polygreen (Fr)**. “She sells in foal to Invincible Spirit (Ire), a sire who is very popular, and we think she’s going to be our star,” said Bureau. “She has already produced a Black-type runner (the Listed winner and multiple Group-placed Evaporation (Fr) {Red Ransom}), and so she should be popular.”

The draft also includes: [lot 34](#), the American-bred three-year-old filly **Voyelle (Broken Vow)**, a daughter of the US Grade I winner Corrazona, and a half-sister to Canadian stallion Olmodovor (A.P. Indy); [lot 65](#), **Dream Girl (GB)** (Oasis Dream {GB}) from the family of French Classic winner Falco (Pivotal {GB}), selling in foal to Intello (Ger); [lot 165](#), **Reprint (Ire)**, a three-year-old filly whose second dam is Group 1 winner Occupandiste (Ire), the dam of Mondialiste (Ire) and whose Impressionnante produced Prix du Jockey Club winner Intello; [lot 178](#), **Pickaway (Ire)** (Pivotal {GB}), a half-sister to stallions Silent Name (Jpn) (Sunday Silence) and Galiway (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), who just took up residency at Haras de Colleville, and full-sister to Salto, the GI Criterium International runner-up, from the immediate family of Gold Away.

Their Saturday draft also features [lot 182](#), **Secretina (GB)** (Galileo {Ire}), an unraced half-sister to G1 winner Plumania (Anabaa), whose half-sister brought €600,000 here two years ago; [lot 192](#), three-year-old filly **Clarmina (Ire)** (Cape Cross {Ire}), a half-sister to Prix Marcel Boussac and Prix Saint-Alary champion Silasol (Ire) (Monsun {Ger}). “She’s a very very nice-looking filly. I think she’s going to be very popular,” offered Bureau. [Lot 197](#), Delicate (GB) Zamindar, a full-sister to Marcel Boussac third Zantenda wraps up Saturday, while Sunday, they offer [lot 251](#), **Last Gold**, a three-year-old filly from the family of Goldikova and Anodin, among others. **Cont. p3**

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## SEASON AUCTION TONIGHT AT ARQANA

by Sue Finley

An auction of sought-after stallion seasons and season options will be held in the Arqana sales ring in Deauville tonight, Friday, at 5:30 p.m. to raise money to help combat a mega-landfill project in Nonant-le-Pin, France, in the heart of Normandy's breeding region.

The sale is organized by Arqana and the Association Sauvegard des Terres d'Elevage (the Association for the Safeguard of Breeding Lands).



**A nomination to sold-out Siyouni is up for grabs Friday night at Arqana**

as top jumps stallions Saint Des Saints (Fr) and Martaline (GB). Martaline and Siyouni are already booked full for 2016.

Up for auction are nominations to: Anodin (Ire), Camelot (GB), Dalakhani (Ire), Evasive (GB), Galiway (GB), Iffraaj, Le Havre (Ire), Makfi (GB), Maxios (GB), Muhtathir (GB), Olympic Glory (Ire), Planteur (Ire) and Siyouni (Fr); as well

The auction also offers an option to breed to Kingman (GB) at the 2015 fee.

The auction will be followed by cocktails, offered by caterer Henri Morel.

The dump, which would become the largest dumping ground for used automobile parts in France, with the capacity for 2.3 million tons of car parts and industrial waste--opened among the most sought-after breeding ground in France, bordering several existing farms. It was only operational for two days in October, 2013, before protestors blocked the entrance. The funds from the auction will help to fund the legal battle that has waged ever since, which has required an annual budget of around 500,000 euros. Several times, the courts have sided with those seeking to block the project, including in 2014 when an order was issued to close the site permanently. The order was later overturned on a breach in procedure. The initial case has been reopened, with a decision due early in 2016.

Most recently, France's Minister of Ecology, Segolene Royal, has taken up the cause, declaring that the site creates a "grave and imminent danger" to the water table.

"The company's resistance is determined due to the interests at stake, and we now need support more than ever, to end the work that we have started," read a press release issued by the association. "The survival of a region and its inhabitants, strongly involved in breeding activities (more than 150 stud farms in the direct perimeter of the landfill) is at stake. Furthermore, the land on which the landfill would be placed is located immediately above the ground table that irrigates the department right up to Caen and Deauville, hence the risk of regional water pollution is added to that of the immediate land and air pollution."

Those unable to attend the auction sale may still arrange to donate to the cause by calling +33 6 86 07 20 46 or emailing [ericpuerari@wanadoo.fr](mailto:ericpuerari@wanadoo.fr).

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**TREVE WELL AS DUBAWI DATE BECKONS**

*By Kelsey Riley*

Excitement and promise for the future was in the air in Deauville Thursday as the mares and foals slated for Arqana's December Sale began parading for prospective buyers. Down the road about a half-hour outside the seaside town at Sheikh Joaan's Haras de Bouquetot, a similar anticipation hangs in the air as dual G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner **Treve (Fr)** (Motivator {GB}) prepares to embark on her next career as a broodmare.

A six-time Group 1 winner, including the 2013 and 2014 renewals of the Arc, Treve would be a standout in any



**Treve at Haras de Bouquetot Thursday** | Kelsey Riley

broodmare band, but the praise is considerably high considering the stars dotting Bouquetot's 350 acres. Treve arrived at Bouquetot shortly after wrapping up her career with a fourth-place finish in this year's Arc, and as she prepares for a date with Darley's leading sire

Dubawi (Ire) early next year, she remains in the company of **Shahah (GB)** (Motivator {GB}), her Crique Head-Maarek stablemate who also served as her pacemaker in this year's Arc.

"Treve's routine is very simple at the minute," said Bouquetot's Benoit Jeffroy. "Since she's arrived she's been being turned out with her friend Shahah, who she knows. They were turned out in a very small paddock for the first three weeks and now they're going out to a bigger paddock. They go out at 8 a.m. and come in at 4 p.m."

Indeed, Treve and Shahah--both rugged and growing long coats in preparation for winter--appeared quite content in their new routine, taking a break from grazing to move to the fenceline in tandem to accept rubs from their visitors. Jeffroy explained the pair won't be separated any time soon; Shahah will travel to England with Treve in the New Year and will also stay at Darley for a date with Treve's Arc conqueror Golden Horn (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}).

"Treve will travel to England by the end of January," Jeffroy said. "So she's just getting ready for the season. She's relaxing and she's been under lights and has a rug on now, so we're just waiting."

Treve will likely spend much of the early part of 2016 abroad, waiting until she is safely in foal to travel back to Bouquetot.

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**Love of my life? Or star of the show? Hip 162, L'Amour de Ma Vie (Dansili), figures to set off some fireworks Saturday when she sells at the Arqana December sale. Consigned by The Coulonces Consignment, the graded stakes winner is the only mare in foal to Galileo to come to market this year in Europe Sue Finley photo**

“We keep our mares where the stallion is until 60 days’ pregnancy and then they come back, so hopefully she gets in foal quickly and she’ll be back here in the late spring,” Jeffroy added.

The arrival of the dual Arc winner at the stud was no doubt a high point in the young life of Bouquetot, which was bought by Sheikh Joaan in late 2012 and has since undergone significant development. One of the first projects was the building of the stallion barn--now the home to the likes of Style Vendome (Fr), Planteur (Ire), Olympic Glory (Ire) and The Wow Signal (Ire)--and a foaling unit was also added in addition to all the property’s fencing.

Bouquetot’s horse numbers have also swelled with each passing year; Jeffroy noted Bouquetot’s initial foal crop of five--which are 2-year-olds of 2015--was followed by a crop of 15, then 35. The Bouquetot team has 60 mares to foal next year and 80 to breed.

“Hopefully we can now get more land and grow,” Jeffroy said. “Our first foals are 2-year-olds and we have five of them. One is already a winner and one seems exciting for next year.”

Jeffroy also offered updates on a few of the mares Al Shaqab has purchased from America in recent years. The 2012 GI Breeders’ Cup Filly & Mare Turf winner **Zagora (Fr)** (Green Tune {Ire}), a \$2.5 million Fasig-Tipton November purchase just days after that win, has a 2-year-old colt by Frankel (GB) who is in training with Andre Fabre, a Galileo (Ire) yearling filly, is in foal to Toronado (Ire) and will visit Dubawi next year.

“She’s a sweet mare, she’s very easy--one of the nicest mares we have on the farm,” Jeffroy said.



**Mizdirection at Bouquetot**  
Thursday | Kelsey Riley

Another Breeders’ Cup victress--the dual GI Turf Sprint winner **Mizdirection** (Mizzen Mast), a \$2.7 million Fasig-Tipton November purchase in 2013--was also quick to accept pats from her admirers Thursday. Her first foal, born this year, is by New Approach (Ire). She is currently in foal to

Olympic Glory and is likely to visit Galileo next year.

Triple Grade I winner **Harmonious** (Dynaformer), a \$2.8 million Keeneland November buy in 2012, drew high praise from Jeffroy.

“She has a cracking yearling by Dubawi that’s going into training with Jean-Claude Rouget,” he noted. “She has a cracking foal by Frankel and she’s in foal to Galileo, and she’s going to Olympic Glory. She’s a nice mare; every year she gives us nice foals.”

Jeffroy noted the operation has a strong policy to support its stallions.

“We’re very keen to support our own horses,” he said. “Our policy is pretty much to breed a third of our mares to outside stallions and two-thirds to our stallions. We give them a big chance with good mares.”

Other American transplants of the Bouquetot broodmare band include **Scarlet Strike** (Smart Strike) and **Eden’s Moon** (Malibu Moon). Another new addition this year will be the French-trained **Al Naamah (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), a dual Group 3-placed winner who had her finest moment when setting a world-record yearling price of 5 million guineas at Tattersalls October in 2013. Jeffroy noted the team would like to send Al Naamah to leading young French sire Siyouni (Fr).

Bouquetot has grown in leaps in bounds in its first three years of existence, and Jeffroy noted that growth is not yet finished, with Al Shaqab’s high volume of well-bred race fillies set to join the breeding ranks in the coming years.

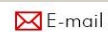
“For the last three years it’s been all about building--the place, the team, the broodmare band, the stallion station and the stallions--and now we’ll start to have the results in the next two or three years,” Jeffroy said. “It’ll be exciting in the next few years, with all the mares we bought in America to breed to European stallions. It’ll be very interesting to see what happens the next two years.”



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### Tattersalls December cont. from p1

The 3-year-old filly, who won over five furlongs on the Southwell fibresand last month, is out of Star Studed (GB) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}), a sister to Land Of Dreams (GB), the dam of champion sprinter Dream Ahead.

Thursday’s turnover was down by 39% on the same session for last year, with just 120 of the 186 lots offered finding a buyer for a clearance rate of 65%, average price of 5,396gns (-28%) and median of 3,650gns (-36%).

For the four-day mares’ section as a whole, however, the median rose by 8% to 28,000gns, while the average fell slightly, by 3%, to 68,402gns. Clearance rate for 908 fillies and mares offered was 75% for total turnover of 46,513,500gns, a drop of 4%.

As the curtain fell on yet another busy year for Tattersalls, the company’s Chairman Edmond Mahony reflected, “Annual turnover in excess of 260 million guineas, second only to last year’s record, and the highest price for a broodmare at public auction anywhere in the world this year brings the Tattersalls sales season to a successful conclusion. [Cont. p6](#)

# TREVE at Haras de Bouquetot



Treve with Shahah



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**Tattersalls December cont.**

Mahony continued, “The Tattersalls December Sale is an annual focal point for the global bloodstock business, a showcase for the best bloodstock to be found in Europe, and as ever, we have welcomed buyers from every continent in the world to Park Paddocks over the past two weeks. Individual December Sale highlights have included the 2.7 million guineas sale of the outstanding broodmare Hanky Panky ([video](#)), the 2.1 million guineas paid for European champion Tiggy Wiggy, and the highest priced foal sold in Europe this year. Looking at the Tattersalls sales season as a whole, we can also reflect on record turnover for yearlings with more than 130 million guineas spent at the October Yearling Sales, and the highest-priced auction yearling in the world for the fourth consecutive year. None of these highlights would have been possible without the wonderful support we have received from the consignors and to see vendors from Britain, Ireland France and America all amongst the top 10 lots this week is a tribute to the enduring global reputation of the December Sale.”

The chairman issued a note of caution, however, for those operating at the lower end of the market, where, as foal crops rise steadily, it becomes harder to trade profitably.

“While international demand for quality Thoroughbreds remains strong, it would be wrong to gloss over some warning signs at the less commercial end of the market,” Mahony opined. “The number of horses we have offered this year has increased by more than 500 and such, a significant rise has resulted in a more selective market, particularly at the lowest levels. Matching supply with demand is always a delicate balance and we will be aiming to manage the numbers carefully in 2016.”

**David Batten Retires after 45 Years at Tattersalls...**

The end of the 2015 December Sales was a poignant milestone for Tattersalls’ Sales Manager David Batten, who retires at the end of this year after more than 45 years with the company.

Edmond Mahony honoured his long-term colleague, saying, “The conclusion of every Tattersalls sales season is a time for us to express our gratitude to all of our clients for their continued support. This year I would also like to pay tribute to David Batten, who has been a key member of the Tattersalls bloodstock sales team for more than 45 years and has organised the December Sale for more than two decades. David retires at the end of this year having made a huge contribution to the firm and we wish him well for a long and happy retirement.”

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SESSION TOTALS	2015	2014
• Catalogued	242	233
• No. Offered	186	168
• No. Sold	120	141
• RNAs	66	27
• % RNAs	35.5%	16.1%
• Gross	647,500gns	1,055,900gns
• Average (% change)	5,396gns	7,489gns
• Median (% change)	3,650gns	5,700gns

CUMULATIVE	2015	2014
• Catalogued	1117	1096
• No. Offered	908	882
• No. Sold	680	685
• RNAs	228	197
• % RNAs	25.1%	22.3%
• No. 500Kgns+	10	13
• High Price	2,700,000gns	4,500,000gns
• Gross	46,513,500gns	48,290,695gns
• Average (% change)	68,402gns	70,497gns
• Median (% change)	28,000gns	26,000gns

**GBRI SUCCESS LEADS TO FUNDING EXTENSION**

Great British Racing International (GBRI), the body set up in order to promote British racing to an international audience, has recently been granted a new two-year funding term after a successful first two years in operation.

Carter Carnegie oversaw the implementation of a number of initiatives by the group in his role as International Executive and is set to continue to be involved as a consultant as GBRI enters its second term under the guidance of Operations Director James Oldring.

Reflecting on a ground-breaking first couple of years for the operation, Carnegie said, “In two years we’ve created a successful platform to promote British racing to an international marketplace. We’ve earned the right to continue but there are lots of funding challenges facing British racing today so it was decided that [the British racing’s stake-holder-funded] Racing Enterprises Limited (REL) would allow GBRI to move under its auspices.”

He continued, “Owing to good planning and management by the GBRI staff over the last two years, we’ve carried over more than £400,000 from our inaugural budget and with a top up from REL, that has allowed GBRI to continue for at least another two years.” [Cont. p7](#)

**GBRI Success cont.**

Looking ahead, Carnegie, Oldring and the team have identified core areas on which to focus, including the continuation of their involvement as a partner with Goffs in the London Sale on the eve of Royal Ascot, in what Carnegie describes as “a really appropriate curtain-raiser for Ascot week for the international community.”

GBRI will also aim to build on a good start for its members’ club, which is in association with the RCA, and which aims to assist overseas owners with horses in training in Britain.

“Over 30% of that group have contacted us for help in organising a day at the races and it’s important to recognise the investment made in British racing by people overseas,” says Carnegie.

The continued promotion of ‘Team British Racing’, with its eye-catching branding of British horses and trainers competing on international stage, a good working partnership with the FRBC and ITM under the umbrella organisation Destination Europe, and offering a “bespoke concierge service during and outside the sales season” are all initiatives on which GBRI have been working over the last two years and which will continue to be developed.

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**Thursday's Results:**

**2nd-KEM, £4,500, Mdn, 12-3, 2yo, 6f (AWT), 1:13.35, ft.**  
**TAILWIND (GB) (c, 2, Dubawi {Ire}--Time Saved {GB}, by Green Desert),** a debut runner-up going a shade over seven panels at Wolverhampton last time Nov. 13, was sent straight to the front in this second go. Maintaining control throughout, the 3-10 lock remained hard on the steel when clear approaching the final eighth and was pushed out in the closing stages to hold the late thrust of Mazzini (GB) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) by a neck. The winner, who RNA'd at 550,000gns as a TAOCT yearling, is a half to Plea Bargain (GB) (Machiavellian), GSW-Eng & GSP-Fr, \$230,618; Lay Time (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), GSW-Eng, \$136,395; Jira (GB) (Medicean {GB}), SW-Eng, \$124,702; and Dubai Time (GB) (Dubai Destination), GSP-Fr, \$507,737. A yearling half-sister by New Approach (Ire) made 230,000gns from Ballyhane Stud at this year's Tattersalls October sale. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$5,720. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)  
 O-R Barnett; B-W & R Barnett Ltd (GB); T-Roger Varian.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:**

**Kakashan (Ire), f, 2, Kodiak (GB)--Barracade (Ire), by Baratheia (Ire).** KEM, 12-3, 7f (AWT), 1:27.04. B-Patrick Cassidy (IRE). \*65,000gns Wlg '13 TATFOA; 250,000gns Ylg '14 TAOCT.


**EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS**

**IN THE UAE:**

**One Man Band (Ire), c, 4, Pivotal (GB)--Musicanna (GB) (SW & G1SP-Eng, \$191,737), by Cape Cross (Ire).** Meydan, 12-3, Hcp. (\$46k), 1600m, 1:35.68. B-Richard A Pegum. \*€95,000 Wlg '11 GOFNOV.

**Can You Conga (GB), g, 5, Piccolo (GB)--Takes Two to Tango (GB), by Groom Dancer.** Meydan, 12-3, Hcp. (\$37k), 1200m, 1:12.90. B-G Reed. \*30,000gns HRA '13 TATOCT; 9,500gns HRA '14 TATHIT.

**Famous Warrior (Ire), g, 8, Alhaarth (Ire)--Oriental Fashion (Ire) (GSW-Ity, SW-Fr & SP-Eng), by Marju (Ire).** Meydan, 12-3, Hcp. (\$34k), 1400m, 1:24.98. B-Hadi Al Tajir. \*1/2 to Green Coast (Ire) (Green Desert), MGSP-UAE, \$537,330; and Bulbul (Ire) (Shamardal), GSP-Ire. \*\*MSP-Ire.

**AN INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE**

*with James Willoughby*



**DO SIRES PASS ON SYNTHETIC-TRACK**

**ABILITY?** *By James Willoughby*

IT is fairly well accepted on both sides of the Atlantic that there are dirt sires and there are turf sires.

According to received wisdom, the identity of a horse's sire provides a likelihood that it will be more effective on dirt or turf. Sadler's Wells, for instance, was regarded as a sire of predominately turf runners and A. P. Indy of dirt runners.

Assuming some genetic potential for this tendency really exists, we might ask if there is such a thing as a Polytrack sire; in other words, controlling for all other variables as best we can, is there something in the genotype of a horse inherited through the male line which makes it more suited to synthetic tracks than turf?

This question is particularly apposite for owners, trainers and punters in Britain and Ireland at this time of year. All-weather racing is proliferating, and the all-weather tracks at Kempton, Lingfield, Wolverhampton, Chelmsford and Dundalk all feature surfaces from the Polytrack family (also known as synthetics).

So, does a horse's sire give you strong information about whether to keep it going during the winter, rest it or sell it?

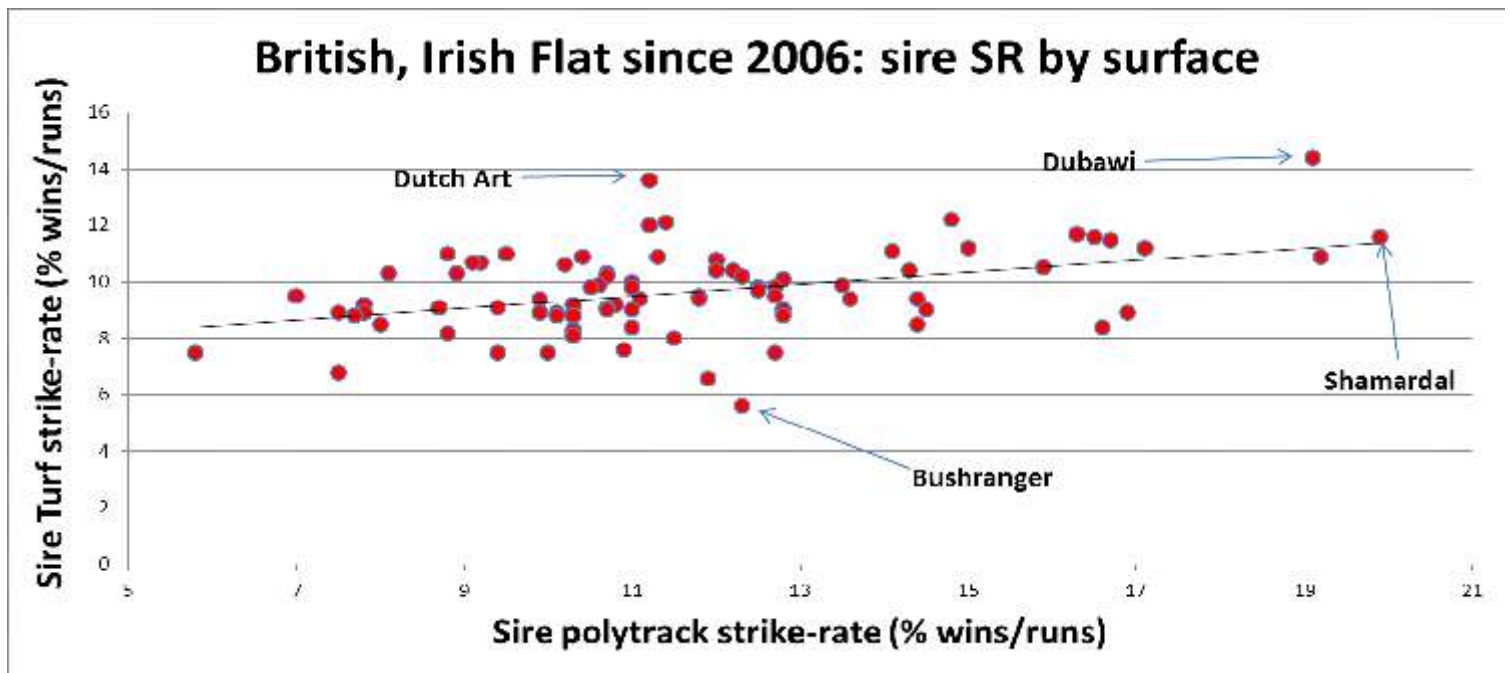
The difficulty in answering this question lies in the difference between scientific experimentation and statistical inference.

Say if you were researching the effectiveness of a new drug. You could select half of your test subjects as the treatment group and half as the control group. So long as there were no systematic differences between the characteristics of people in one group and the other, you could observe the difference in outcomes between patients who got the drug and those who did not and draw a safe conclusion about its effectiveness.

Using data from British and Irish Flat racing from the last 10 years, and sires with at least 500 qualifying runners on turf and on the polytrack family of surfaces, Figure 1 shows a plot of strike-rate on the Polytrack family of surfaces (along the x-axis) and strike-rate on turf (along the Y-axis). Each point is a sire.

The main features of the graph are as follows:

- Strike-rates on Polytrack are generally higher than on turf, especially among quality sires. All-weather racing is less competitive than turf and opportunities are much richer to



Unfortunately, manipulating the variables and forming an understanding of cause and effect is not possible for the horse racing statistician. To determine whether there are turf sires and synthetic sires involves making inferences from groups who have biased characteristics. Galileo's runners on the all-weather, for example, are a group of horses with significant differences from his turf runners. Principally, they are not so good. You don't spend multiple hundreds of thousands on covering fees or auction prices and aim a Galileo at the all-weather.

Failing to account for this pitfall when making comparisons between groups is called *selection bias*. In this case, what we could do to offset selection bias is throw every horse out of the sample who hasn't run **at least once on turf AND at least once on Polytrack**, and compare the performance of these runners across the two surfaces by sire.

place horses to advantage. All-weather maidens are also commonly used now for backward 2-year-olds who return to the turf at three. Field-sizes can often be smaller;

- There is only a weak relationship between turf strike-rate and Polytrack strike-rate, denoted by the shallow trend line and the wide dispersal of points;
- Halfway along each x-axis, the points are more widely spread than at either end of the axis (this is known in statistics by the wonderful term heteroscedasticity). There is more variance between expected strike-rate on turf and Polytrack for middle-ranking sires than for sires who are either exceptional or moderate overall.

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**James Willoughby cont.**

- Some interesting points are picked out. **Shamardal** has a 19.9% strike-rate on Polytrack and a 11.6% strike-rate on turf among qualified runners, but the point representing him lies on the trendline because this is the expected difference between strike-rates on the two surfaces for good sires. By contrast, the point representing **Dubawi** is well above the line, indicating his runners are more effective on turf.

- **Dutch Art** has a higher turf strike-rate than expected from his Polytrack strike-rate. In general, his runners are better suited to turf. By contrast, **Bushranger** shows the opposite pattern. His runners have a higher strike-rate on Polytrack than could be expected from their turf exploits.

In summary:

Sires **with a higher strike-rate on turf** than expected from polytrack include: Dutch Art, Dubawi, Motivator, Montjeu, Teofilo, Halling, Rock of Gibraltar and Azamour;

Sires **with a higher strike-rate on polytrack** than expected from turf include: Bushranger, Exceed And Excel, Elusive City, Medicean, Kheleyf, Tagula, Intikhab and Bertolini.

Membership of one group does not exclude a sire from proficiency in the other, however. Moreover, there are no strong trends between the sire-lines from which sires descend.

Despite this, the record of sires on turf and Polytrack is so skewed—even when allowing for the noise inherent in measuring strike-rate—to believe it really likely there is a greater propensity among some sires to get horses suited to the Polytrack family of surfaces.

**2nd-MEY, cont.**

Polar River turned in an absolutely stunning debut performance, trouncing a group of mostly older males by 13 1/2 lengths. Drawn on the fence in the field of 12 runners, the bay filly jumped on terms and argued what appeared to be a good pace while inside of a rival into the turn. Still holding more or less a share of the lead as they turned for home with 450 meters to race, Polar River delivered a powerful turn of foot, covering her final two furlongs in :22.66, according to Trakus data. The final time was 0.23 seconds off the track record set by Secret Circle (Eddington) in last year's G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen. "She is very useful," said winning jockey Sam Hitchcott. "It was a very good performance, especially first time out. It would be nice to think she will build on this and hopefully she is a filly with a big future." The winner's multiple stakes-placed second dam is responsible for the talented Louisiana-bred duo of Tortuga Straits (Gold Tribute) and Tortuga Flats (Wild Zone), who between them won 13 black-type races and better than \$1.4 million. Bayou Tortuga is the dam of a yearling filly by Flatter that made \$100,000 at this year's Keeneland September sale, while the mare's weanling son of The Factor was knocked down for \$200,000 at the Keeneland November sale. Sales history: \$25,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$40,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$20,421. [Click for the Racing Post chart or Equine.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#) [VIDEO.](#) O-Valentin Bukhtoyarov & Evgeny Kappushev; B-Bob McCann, Mark Kelder & Doug Richards (KY); T-Doug Watson.

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# Australasia

## TBA LAUNCHES WELFARE PROGRAM

Officials at Thoroughbred Breeders Australia (TBA) have announced the launch of a program to prioritise and promote the welfare of Thoroughbreds. The initiative will see the national body and all state breeding associations adopt a set of guidelines as well as the appointment of welfare officers in each state. The guidelines are believed to be the first such protocols adopted by a national breeding body anywhere in the world.

“We already have a very high standard of care for our horses in the breeding industry, but I believe it is important for the TBA to highlight the message that welfare needs to be at the heart of what we do,” commented TBA President Basil Nolan. “We are fortunate that Australia has the second largest breeding industry in the world, but we always need to look to ways to protect our future and I believe this initiative assists in that aim.”

The guidelines include:

- Horses should be provided with appropriate amounts of food and have access to quality drinking water.
- Handling should accommodate the horse’s behaviour and should be done in a calm manner.
- Horses should not be forced into positions or situations that cause unnecessary pain, harm or injury and no horse should be abused.
- Horses should not be subjected to submissive techniques that injure or harm.
- Sick and injured horses should be given appropriate care and medical attention in a timely manner in keeping with best practice. Where necessary, veterinary advice should be sought.

TBA chief executive Tom Reilly said: “We consider that experienced people from within the thoroughbred industry, whether they’re former farm managers or veterinarians, will want to pass on their experience and advocate on this issue as welfare officers.

He added: “As the peak body in the breeding industry it’s important we take a leadership role and make clear the standards that are expected of all participants.”

People with concerns should contact 1300 TBA WELFARE (1300 822 935 3273) if they have any concerns about a Thoroughbred breeding stock.

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