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by J.M. Severni

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"Everything went great," said trainer John Terranova. "He worked fantastic and went really well throughout. We were all pleased, and it looks like he's in great shape right now."

El Kabeir, winner of the GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. as a 2-year-old and the GIII Jerome S. and GIII Gotham S. earlier this year, was third in the GI Twinspires.com Wood Memorial S. before scratching from the GI Kentucky Derby with a foot abscess. He returned to the races with a fifth in the GIII Bold Ruler H. at Belmont Oct. 31 and annexed the City of Laurel S. last time Nov. 14.

"We didn't really know what to make [his Bold Ruler] effort too much," Terranova explained. "We breezed him and wheeled him back in two weeks to head down to Laurel. We just scratched our heads at the Bold Ruler, we didn't really know to make of it--it did come up a very strong race for him coming off a layoff against older horses."

"He was sound, happy, feeling good, so we came back in the City of Laurel and he won that with a gutsy effort. It was maybe not his best race yet, but he managed to win it and came out of it really well. We're thinking the Malibu is our next start, and we just wanted to see how he'd breeze back. We're getting ready to ship him out to California in a couple of days."

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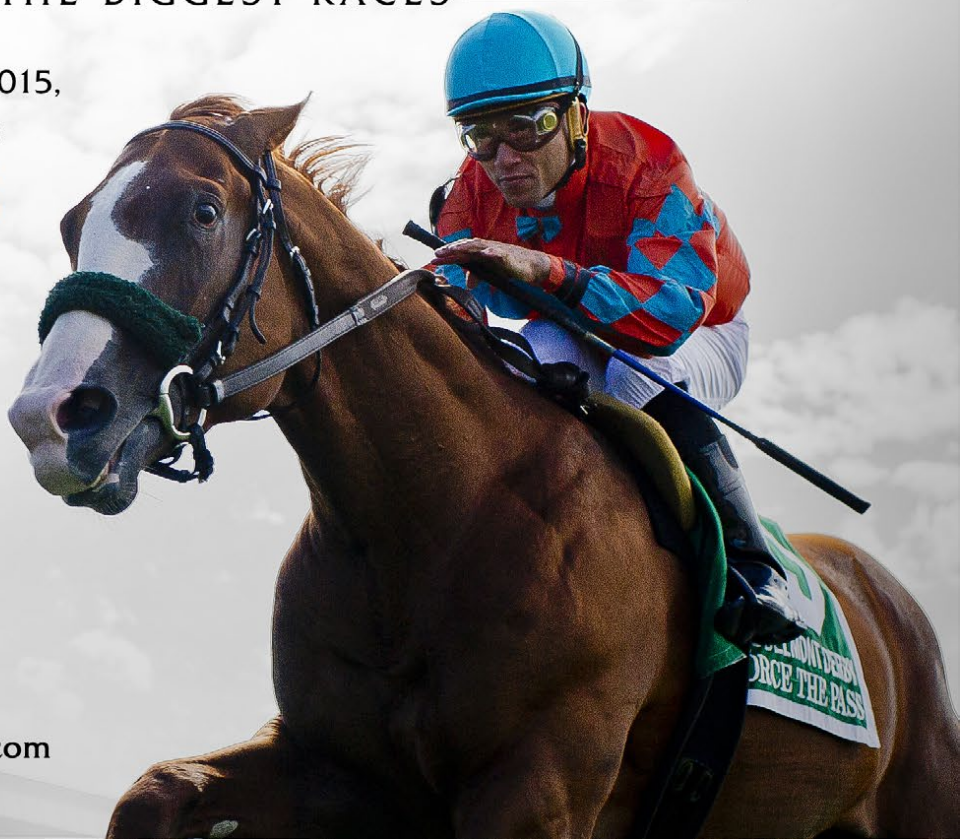
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Which North American stallion is the current leading sire of 2-year-olds?

If you think it's Scat Daddy, Tapit, or Bernardini, you'd be extremely close. But at the moment, there's just one more name ahead of these seasoned veterans.

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KAZAMIAS 'BANKING' ON TALENTED FILLY

by Ben Massam

Penn National Race Course is known by many as a track that fills its cards with races for older horses and claimers, but to those who followed racing at the oval during the month of November, it is hard to deny that a juvenile star was born. Peter Kazamias's **Behrnik's Bank** (Bank Heist), a homebred in the truest sense of the word, has led wire-to-wire to capture her first two starts by a combined 31 1/2 lengths--never threatened and never asked by jockey Edwin Gonzalez.



Behrnik's Bank | Lauren Wink

Conditioned by Dimitrios Synnefias, the filly romped by 18 1/2 lengths in her Nov. 4 unveiling [\[VIDEO\]](#) and recently scored by 13 lengths in hand in the Blue Mountain Juvenile Fillies for Pennsylvania-breds on Thanksgiving eve [\[VIDEO\]](#), stopping the clock .78 seconds faster than GI Breeders' Cup

Sprint third-place finisher Favorite Tale (Tale of the Cat)'s victory two races later. With plenty to be thankful for, Kazamias said he plans to bring the filly to the Empire State for her next start.

"She came out of the [last] race really good," the owner said. "We're looking for the New York Stallion Series Fifth Avenue S. at Aqueduct Dec. 20."

According to Kazamias, Behrnik's Bank showed ample ability during every stage of her development process, including her workouts in company at his Rising Sun Farm prior to her career debut. Nevertheless, he said the connections approached the race with a guarded sense of optimism.

"I never really worked her six furlongs, we only went five-eighths with her [prior to her first start]," explained Kazamias. "She worked very good with other horses and she beat them easily. Sometimes you just don't know until you put them in a race, but she was impressive since day one. We figured she was going to win that race, we knew that. But she proved it was not a fluke when she ran in the stakes and did the same thing."

Equipped with confirmation of the dark bay's ability, Kazamias said his goal is to remain patient and allow Behrnik's Bank to gradually climb the class ladder.

"We're just trying to keep her sound and good and comfortable, and just move her through the next races," Kazamias continued.

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Bill Oppenheim
TDN - 12/5/15

“We might look at [the Busanda S. at Aqueduct Jan. 23] going one mile and 70 yards, but we want to see how she comes out of the [Dec. 20] race, obviously, and we will see where we go from there. I can tell you I’m looking for a mile race after the New York Stallion race. I want to start stretching her out. The filly is built like one that is better going long anyway. She doesn’t have a sprinter body--she’s got a body that looks like she can go long. I’m dying to try her out over a distance.”

Behrnik’s Bank became the first winner for freshman stallion Bank Heist (Maria’s Mon), a half-brother to champion Midnight Lute (Real Quiet), who stands at the breeder’s Kaz Hill Farm in Middletown, New York. The filly’s dam, Behrnik (Chimes Band), was a hard-knocking mare claimed by Kazamias for \$25,000 in the twilight of her 45-start career. While the mating seems unlikely to produce an immensely talented runner on a surface level, Kazamias said he has had faith in Bank Heist since the day he acquired him.

“It’s an amazing thing to raise the filly, to train the filly and have her turn out as good as we think she is,” he said. “It’s a blessing, and it’s really good for the stallion. I’ve always thought he’s good and I’ve bred a lot of mares to him.”

Kazamias recently reaffirmed his confidence in Bank Heist in the aftermath of Behrnik’s Bank’s success, significantly raising his second-year stud fee from \$2,500 to \$10,000. The dark bay was purchased for stud duty at Kaz Hill after notching one win from six starts for trainer Todd Pletcher and owners George Bolton and Gulf Coast Racing. Kazamias noted that he was captivated by the horse’s one victory in which he smoked a field of maidens at Saratoga, earning a 94 Beyer Speed Figure.

“I really liked the race he won very impressively--:21, :44, 1:09 at Saratoga--so I knew the speed was there,” recalled Kazamias. “I figured he got hurt and that’s why they got rid of him, but I always thought he would produce good horses.”

If patience is the goal with Behrnik’s Bank and other members of Bank Heist’s first crop, Kazamias added he is resisting the urge to showcase their talent to attract more external interest. The stallion has roughly 60 foals on the ground to date, and the Cyprus native said he plans on breeding 50 mares to him in 2016.

“They’re working really good, very fast,” he acknowledged. “So I’m just taking my time with them. I’m not looking to run them tomorrow to prove anything--I’m doing whatever is right by the horses. I just sent about 20 of [Bank Heist]’s babies out to Ocala to be broken, so I really do believe in him.”

Thanksgiving provided another thrill for Team Kaz when Gaston and Anthony Grant’s **Green Gratto** captured the GIII Fall Highweight H., providing his stallion Here’s Zealous (Dehere)



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with his first graded stakes success. Yet another Kazamias success story, Here's Zealous was claimed for \$50,000 by the horseman in 2005 as a stallion prospect in the penultimate race of his 31-start career.

Winner of the GIII Gravesend H. in 2001, the chestnut has passed on speed and consistency to his offspring. On paper, Kaz Hill-bred Green Gratto has reached a level of achievement comparable to his sire, while other runners have enjoyed success at smaller tracks like Penn National.

"Here's Zealous produces horses that have tremendous speed," commented Kazamias. "We do great out [at Penn National]. We run a lot of horses out there that are Pennsylvania-breds [and] I'm actually thinking of moving him out to Pennsylvania [permanently]. He does very well with his speed and producing babies with a lot of speed."

With a full stable of runners sired by Bank Heist and Here's Zealous, Kazamias and trainer Synnefias compete their regional racing stock out of their Rising Sun training facility in New Egypt, New Jersey. The farm is complete with a five-furlong training track.

"Basically, we train off the farm and run everywhere-- Pennsylvania, New York, [New Jersey]," concluded Kazamias. "I feel the horses do a little bit better there. They're more comfortable and relaxed. We have paddocks, so we take good care of them."

If the success of Behrnik's Bank is any indication of what is to come, Kazamias's operation is poised for a memorable 2016.

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BROWSE EXITED DEBUT WIN WELL

by J.M. Severni

Phipps Stable homebred **Browse** (Medaglia d'Oro) has exited her 'TDN Rising Star' debut at Aqueduct Sunday in good order, according to trainer Shug McGaughey.

"She came back great," McGaughey said Monday afternoon. "She came out of it good and is on her way to Payson Park as we speak."



Browse | NYRA

Browse, who took her unveiling by 6 1/4 lengths at odds of 9-1 ([video](#)), is out of multiple graded stakes winner Daydreaming (A.P. Indy), making her a half-sibling to millionaire turfer

Imagining (Giant's Causeway); and Reflecting (Elusive Quality). Daydreaming is out of graded stakes winner Get Lucky (Mr. Prospector) and is a full-sibling to Grade I winner Girolamo and graded winner Accelerator. Get Lucky is a full-sibling to champion Rhythm and Not For Love. This is also the family of GI Kentucky Derby winner Super Saver (Maria's Mon); graded winner Bretheren (Distorted Humor); Grade I winner Got Lucky

8 juvenile winners in the last 4 weeks including:

- Dolphus** (half-brother to Rachel Alexandra), won on debut for Joe Sharp at Fair Grounds ▶
- Luckbe Tanya** Won impressively on second start for Mark Casse at Woodbine
- Mama's Sugar** Won at Del Mar for Peter Miller by 6¼ L.
- Dreams to Reality** Won on second start at Aqueduct for Michael Dilger by 7¾ L.

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(A.P. Indy); Grade I winner Bluegrass Cat (Storm Cat); and graded stakes winner Dramedy (Distorted Humor).

Although she is a half-sibling to GI Man o' War S.-winning Imagining, McGaughey never really considered running her on the turf.

"She's always trained well on dirt, I've never even had her on the turf," the conditioner explained. "I never had any doubt that she would run well on the dirt."

Although McGaughey was pleased with the effort, all indicators from her training suggested she'd would run well.

"We thought she would run good," he noted. "I was a little surprised that she didn't break a little bit faster than she did, but I wasn't surprised at the effort."

Browse, who is already on her way to south Florida, will ideally face allowance company at Gulfstream, according to McGaughey.

"It'll be an allowance race at Gulfstream," the conditioner said of Browse's next race. "I'd like to run her in an other-than going a mile against 3-year-old fillies after the first of the year. We'll see how she gets down here and give her a bit of a break, just to get her over the race and the ship, and we'll go from there."

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JockeyTalk360.com

Congratulations to last week's JockeyTalk360.com Jockey of the Week Javier Castellano, who won four of the Claiming Crown races Saturday, including the Claiming Crown Jewel S. aboard Royal Posse (Posse), the Iron Horse aboard Runs With Bulls (Flashy Bull), the Rapid Transit aboard Stallwalkin' Dude (City Place) and the Glass Slipper aboard Moonshine Promise (Will He Shine).

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Every December we struggle to find the perfect gift for our friends and relatives who are horse racing fans during the holiday season. There's nothing wrong with a nice calendar, a gift subscription or a Breyer American Pharoah--in fact, we've got a whole list of them right here--but sometimes it's nice to spice it up a little for the holidays. With that in mind, here is our list of perfect holiday gifts that should be created but are not currently available. In some cases, we've even sounded a call to action. *America's Best Racing*

[NJ proposes company-paid celebrity internet gambling players](#)

New Jersey is proposing another way to boost its Internet gambling market: letting casino companies hire and fund celebrities to play online poker with the public. The state Gaming Enforcement Division unveiled a proposal Thursday to let Internet gambling licensees hire celebrities and provide them money with which to gamble. *Associated Press*

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12/5 – May Grad VORTICITY wins Marylander S.

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Turf writers Steve Haskin and the late Raleigh Burroughs have been elected to the National Museum of Racing's Joe Hirsch Media Roll of Honor. The Media Roll of Honor was established in 2010 to "recognize individuals whose careers have been dedicated to, or substantially involved in, writing about Thoroughbred racing, and who distinguished themselves as journalists."

Haskin was a senior correspondent for *The Blood-Horse* from 1998 to 2015 and still writes for the publication on a limited basis. Prior to *The Blood-Horse*, Haskin worked for *Daily Racing Form* for over 30 years.

"I have long admired Steve's engaging writing as well as his knowledge and respect for the history of thoroughbred racing," said Edward L. Bowen, chairman of the Hirsch selection committee. "He ranks with the best who have ever written on racing."

Burroughs served as editor of *Turf and Sport Digest* for 19 years and *The Maryland Horse* for eight years. From 1953-1989 he also penned a weekly column for *The Chronicle of the Horse*.

"Discovering *Turf and Sport Digest* as a teenager on a drug store's publication stand helped me learn to love horse racing," recalled Bowen. "It was gratifying to get to know Mr. Burroughs years later. He had a way with the language and an attitude about the interconnections of horses and people that was of the ilk of Joe Palmer."

RAMSEYS HONORED WITH OUTSTANDING BREEDERS

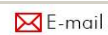
Kenneth and Sarah Ramsey have been awarded with the fifth annual John Deere Award as outstanding breeders of the 2015 Breeders' Cup Challenge Series and the Breeders' Cup World Championships. The Ramseys, who also won this award in 2011, earned 40 points in Breeders' Cup Challenge and World Championships races, finishing six points ahead of Coolmore with 34 points. The Ramseys were bolstered by the help of Stephanie's Kitten (Kitten's Joy) who won the GI Flower Bowl Inv. as well as the GI Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf; and Big Blue Kitten (Kitten's Joy), who secured the GI United Nations S. and GI Joe Hirsch Turf Classic.

"It's quite a feat to do it again," said Ken Ramsey. "It validates our program because we are not a big breeder. To pull this off with one stallion means I'm super lucky, but to do it twice, it makes me think we're doing something right, considering the competition."

"We congratulate Ken and Sarah Ramsey on becoming the first two-time winners of the John Deere Award," said Craig Favel,

Breeders' Cup President and CEO. "The performances of both Stephanie's Kitten and Big Blue Kitten in the World Championships and in the Challenge series are a testament to the Ramseys' commitment to excellence in both breeding and racing over the years. We also thank John Deere for their commitment as a Breeders' Cup partner, and along with NTRA Advantage, their recognition of the significant contribution of the breeders to the Breeders' Cup program through this award."

Tom Elliott, product marketing manager of John Deere stated, "We're extremely pleased to recognize Ken and Sarah Ramsey as Outstanding Breeders for the John Deere Award. Their dedication to excellence in breeding is unsurpassed and we congratulate them on winning this award."

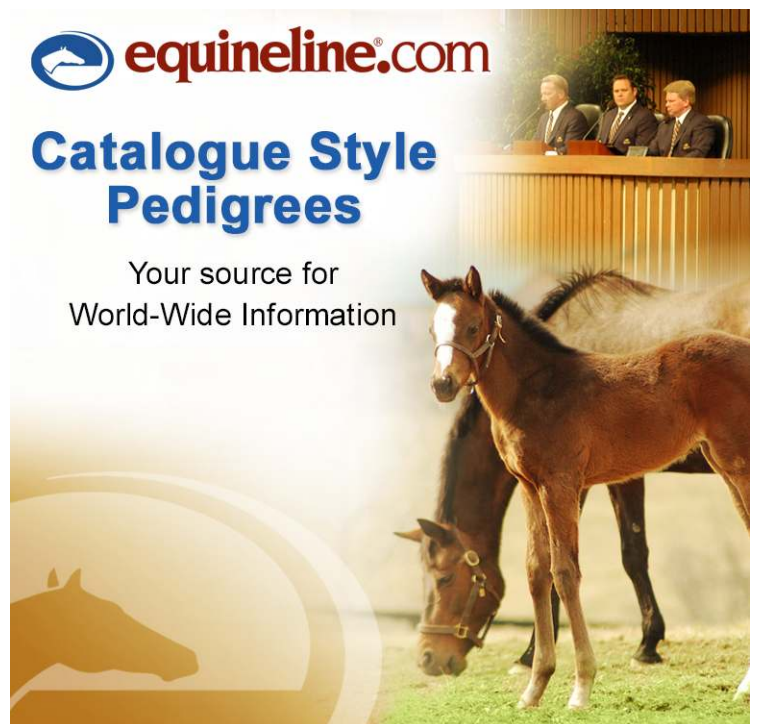


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FOLLOW ME CREV (g, 3, [Quality Road](#)--Vicki Vallencourt {MSW, \$356,014}, by Regal Classic) Lifetime Record: 14-3-3-3, \$123,440. O-Holly & David Wilson; B-Lynn B. Schiff (KY); T-Vladimir Cerin. *\$27,000 RNA Ylg '13 FTKJUL; \$30,000 Ylg '13 FTKOCT; \$75,000 2yo '14 OBSOPN.

8th-PRX, \$42,600, (S), 12-7, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 7f, 1:26.56, ft.

THOROUGHbred FUEL (g, 4, [Talent Search](#)--Juilette Girl, by Roman Ruler) Lifetime Record: 6-2-3-1, \$97,860. O/B-Golden Oak Farm LLC (Stepanoff) (PA); T-Cathal A. Lynch.

8th-FG, \$38,000, (S), (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$12,500), 12-6, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:38.09, fm.

CHARLIE'S AFFAIR (g, 3, [My Pal Charlie](#)--Seaside Affair {SW, \$229,476}, by Sea of Secrets) Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-3, \$86,980. O-Farm d'Allie Racing Stable; B-Stewart M. Madison (LA); T-Allison Ramsay-Banks. *\$30,000 Ylg '13 BSCYRL.

8th-GG, \$34,863, 12-6, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:09.56, ft.

TRIBAL DUDE (g, 5, [Tribal Rule](#)--Ava G, by Afternoon Deelites) Lifetime Record: 21-4-4-4, \$120,870. O-Gary Gomes, William E. Morey, Randy Morris & Michael Nentwig; B-Venneri Racing Inc. & Flintridge Stables (CA); T-William E. Morey.

3rd-MVR, \$25,300, (S), 12-7, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:46.50, ft.

JEZABEL'S CHARM (f, 3, [Canadian Frontier](#)--Sam's Sunny Halo {SW, \$407,204}, by Prospector's Halo) Lifetime Record: 9-2-2-1, \$44,900. O-Mark D. Kuntz; B-Gregg Neuman (OH); T-Mike L. Rone. *\$14,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP.

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8th-FL, \$20,400, (S), 12-7, (NW3BX), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:45.60, ft.

PATRIOT STAR (g, 4, [Patriot Act](#)--Kokoro, by Came Home) Lifetime Record: MSP, 24-9-4-3, \$134,470. O/T-Michael S. Ferraro; B-Stonewall Farm (NY).

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

King of Cool, g, 2, [Dome](#)--Kingdom Bound (SP, \$113,680), by In Excess (Ire). ZIA, 12-7, (S), 6f, 1:10.58. B-G Chris Coleman (NM).

Miss Avalon, f, 2, [Jump Start](#)--Dune Drive Avalon, by Holy Bull. PRX, 12-7, (S), 6f, 1:14.64. B-SMD Ltd. (PA). *1/2 to Seventeenohsix (Dance With Ravens), SP, \$200,673.

Irish Reward, f, 2, [Warrior's Reward](#)--Silver Stef, by Stevie Wonderboy. PRX, 12-7, (C), 6f, 1:15.51. B-Equus Farm (KY). *\$30,000 Ylg '14 FTKOCT.

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Fontanetto Po, f, 3, [Dunkirk](#)--Flirtatious Miss, by Mr. Greeley. Hanshin, 12-5, Plate Race, 7fT. Lifetime Record: 9-3-3-2, \$320,488. O-Kazumi Yoshida; B-Buck Pond Farm, Inc; T-Sei Ishizaka. *1/2 to Best Warrior (Majestic Warrior), GSW & G1SP-Jpn. **\$300,000 2yo '14 BARMAR; \$95,000 RNA yrl '13 KEESEP.

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Dragon Kingdom, c, 4, [Roman Ruler](#)--Earlybird Road, by Cherokee Run. Nakayama, 12-5, Plate Race, 9f. Lifetime Record: 8-2-3-1, \$178,049. O-Yoshiro Kubota; B-Stonehaven Steadings; T-Yoshitaka Ninomiya. *\$140,000 2yo '13 OBSMAR; \$50,000 yrl '12 KEESEP.



UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

Date	Race	Track
12/12	GI Starlet S.	LRC
	GIII Rampart S.	GP
12/19	GI Los Alamitos Futurity	LRC
	GIII Mr. Prospector S.	GP
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	GIII Sugar Swirl S.	GP
	GIII W.L. McKnight H.	GP
1/2	GIII Hutcheson S.	GP
	GIII Old Hat S.	GP
	GIII Dania Beach S.	GP

HARAS DE LA CAUVINIERE A 'CERTAIN' SUCCESS



Haras de la Cauviniere's Mathieu Alex with Le Havre | Kelsey Riley

By Kelsey Riley

In a time of positive transformation for the French breeding industry, the 2009 G1 Prix du Jockey Club winner Le Havre (Ire) (Noverre) has proven one of the greatest success stories. The former Gerard Augustin-Normand colorbearer was responsible for 13 stakes horses last year including Augustin-Normand's G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches and G1 Prix de Diane winner Avenir Certain (Fr) and G2 Prix Chaudenay victor Auvray (Fr), both of which hail from Le Havre's first crop and were therefore bred on a €5,000 stud fee. This year, Le Havre covered 199 mares at €20,000, and next year he will stand for €35,000.

The success of Le Havre and Cauviniere has not occurred by accident or a stroke of luck. Farm owners Sylvain and Elisabeth Vidal, as well as Mathieu Alex, who joined the management team in 2011, had accrued a wealth of international knowledge in the Thoroughbred business before opening the doors of the modern-day Cauviniere in 2006. Sylvain Vidal spent stints with the Niarchos family, Lane's End Farm in Kentucky and at Coolmore in Ireland, and it was in the latter role that he had Alex as a co-worker.

The Vidals purchased Cauviniere, a 250-hectare property between Lisieux and Orbec in Calvados, in 2006. The property, one of the oldest stud farms in France with history dating back about 200 years, had a 20-year hiatus in management prior to the Vidals's purchase, and they rebuilt much of the infrastructure including barns and fences. **Cont. p2**

PEDIGREE INSIGHTS

by Andrew Caulfield

SHONAN PANDORA: FAMILY RUNS DEEP



You didn't need to look very hard to appreciate why Galileo's daughter Hanky Panky created so much excitement at Tattersalls a week ago, when she sold for 2,700,000gns (more than \$4,250,000). The 5-year-old's many attractions included that she's a daughter of a multiple champion sire; she's a half-sister to another

multiple champion sire in Giant's Causeway; and she is in foal to Dubawi, a stallion destined one day to become champion sire. Then there's the fact that she is closely related to Gleneagles, a dual Classic winner with all the qualities needed to take high rank as a stallion. **Cont. p8**

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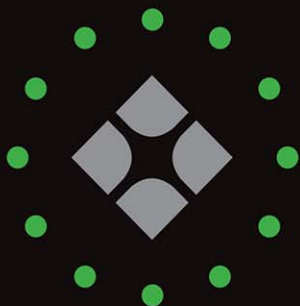
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Haras de la Cauviniere a 'Certain' Success

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The farm now has four separate yards--a broodmare unit, two yearling yards and a stallion yard. The Vidals were supported from the start by Augustin-Normand, a financial analyst and president and chairman of Richelieu France.

"The land was very good, because some very good show jumpers were bred here, but Sylvain and Elisabeth were more Thoroughbred-oriented, so they slowly developed it," Mathieu Alex explained. "When Sylvain met Mr. Augustin-Normand, it was a big step forward."



The stallion yard at Cauviniere | Kelsey Riley

Le Havre was retired to Cauviniere in 2010, and Alex noted that Augustin-Normand, as well as Cauviniere and its client-base, strategically threw their support behind him from the start.

"Le Havre arrived and Sylvain and Mr. Augustin-Normand had a strategy that they had to buy mares to support him, and then everything went on and on."

La Cauviniere is now home to three stallions. Air Chief Marshal (Ire) is a sprinting son of Danehill Dancer (Ire), who Alex pointed out is a stallion he admired from his time at Coolmore. He was represented by his first 3-year-olds this year and his second-crop 2-year-olds included stakes winner Rougeoyant (Fr), raced by Augustin-Normand. Air Chief Marshal will stand for €5,000 in 2016.

Group 2-winning miler Rajsaman (Fr) (Linamix {Fr}) is the youngest member of the roster, and his first yearlings have been well received in sales rings this year, making up to €67,000 off a €4,000 stud fee. Alex noted that they have made the rare decision to increase Rajsaman's 2016 fee despite the fact he hasn't had runners, simply due to demand: Rajsaman bred 219 mares this year from 300 applications.

Those numbers are not typical for a French stallion--Alex noted a good book size for a French sire would typically be around 80--but the team at Cauviniere are rewriting the rulebook in many ways. Alex pointed out that another tactic in Cauviniere's plan to make its stallions is to market them more heavily than is typically done in France--skills perhaps picked up on the team's overseas forays.

"I think it's working because of the numbers, and I think it's very important to welcome people any day," Alex said. "This game is difficult and quite expensive, so you have to welcome [the clients], keep the horses looking well and take care of your clients." **Cont. p3**



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Alex did not rule out the Cauviniere stallion roster growing in the future, but he said it is important to stay at a number that allows the team to support each stallion heavily.

“You need to support them with some very good mares,” he said. “We’re lucky enough to have some very good clients on the farm and we’re buying some mares for these stallions to try to



Rajsaman | Kelsey Riley

get the best mares possible. We keep as many of the progeny as we can in training and send them to the best French trainers and hope for the best, and we also buy yearlings by our stallions every year.”

“We’re trying to do

a lot of marketing, and it’s our job to try to get the best mares to the stallions,” Alex added. “The marketing is very important, but also its important to support the stallions and believe in them. We could stand 10 more stallions, but we like the ones we have and they’re a lot easier to sell when you like them and believe in them. We’ve been very lucky with Le Havre; he gave us a great start.”

Covering books in the 200-plus range is demanding on a stallion, and Alex noted they try to let the stallions live as naturally as possible and spend much time on pasture.

“They’ll go out at 8 a.m. and come in at 3 or 4 p.m.,” he said. “During the breeding season, they would cover their first mare at 6:45 a.m., then at noon, later in the afternoon and at night, if necessary. They’re young stallions so they can do it, and they don’t do the dual-hemisphere.”

Alex said, however, that shuttling wouldn’t be out of the question in the future.

“The door is open and we’d be keen to try to get Le Havre to New Zealand,” said Alex, who pointed out that he spent time with shuttlers in New Zealand in his Coolmore role. “He’s been very busy the last few years so we just said we’d be careful with him.”

While Le Havre will stay home for the time being, he is expected to get about 50 mares from outside France in 2016. He will also get the support of some of Europe’s most prolific breeders going forward; Le Havre was syndicated after Avenir Certain won the Prix de Diane last year, and his new ownership group includes the Aga Khan, the Wildenstein family, the Wertheimer brothers, the Niarchos family, Newsells Park Stud and Cheveley Park Stud. Augustin-Normand remains the majority owner.

“It’s important to try to guarantee some very good support every year,” Alex said, also pointing out that Le Havre presents something of a rare opportunity. “He’s a great outcross--that Noverre, Blushing Groom line--there’s not much left of it here in Europe.”

The future is bright for Le Havre, Cauviniere, and the country they inhabit. Alex noted that France’s enviable premiums program has caused the quality of stallions in the country to improve, and has therefore drawn a higher-quality broodmare population. All this has helped business at Cauviniere.

“France has fantastic premiums, so we have some foreign clients that were interested in boarding mares here, so that’s [helped us] develop,” he said. “We now have 120 mares on the property, including 40 owned by Mr.



Weanlings at Cauviniere | Kelsey Riley

Augustin-Normand and 30 by the farm.”

Alex added, “We’re very lucky now to have some very good stallions in France, so the stallions will bring a lot of energy into the country and attract outside mares. And because of the incentives most the foals will be born in France, so the whole system benefits from it.”



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HISTORY, TRADITION BLEND WITH A NEW FUTURE AT MONTAIGU

by Sue Finley

At the last two sales at Arqana, October and December, things got a little simpler at the former Haras de la Rebourriere et de Montaigu, or at least for those English-speaking salesgoers looking to remember the name of the popular French consignor. In October, the farm and consignment reverted to its original name and will now be simply known as Haras de Montaigu.



Sybille Gibson

Other changes are afoot as well at the century-plus owned family operation. Montaigu, long known for breeding its own and raising and selling for a select group of clients, will now add to that list of services that of a consignor for outside clients as well.

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And a fifth generation of the family has come on board to work in the family business. Sybille Gibson, the daughter of owner-manager and famed horsewoman and agent Aliette Forien, the wife of Gilles Forien, former director of Agence FIPS, has returned to the farm as marketing manager after decades away from Montaigu.

Gibson was born on the farm which was started by her great, great grandfather, Gabriel Guerlain. Guerlain was one in a long line of master perfumers for the family business, the famous French perfume line Guerlain, one of the oldest cosmetics, skincare and perfume houses in the world.

"The stud farm opened in 1903, was taken over by my great-grandfather, Jacques, and then my grandfather, Claude, who was an eminent member of the Societe d'Encouragement, and then my mother, who transformed the name Haras de Montaigu to Haras de la Reboursiere et Montaigu," Gibson explained.

Now the Reboursiere name will be comprised of Aliette and Gilles's private broodmares, while the commercial Thoroughbred operation will revert to simply Montaigu.

Gibson's return to Montaigu is something of a homecoming. "I was born on the farm and I was there until I was 13 years old when I went to Paris. I've always loved horses, but I never worked in the business because I started a job in Paris immediately after my exams. I had the chance to work immediately, and so I took it."

She married the English trainer Richard Gibson, who was stabled at Chantilly, had children, and then, she said, "to be honest, I asked myself for about 20 years, do I take over after my mom, or not? And one day, it became obvious. But it took me years to decide."



Aliette and Gilles Florian



Haras de Montaigu will revert to its original name

Under Aliette's reign, the operation has enjoyed near constant success; they are perennially among the top consignors at Arqana, and sold and raised dual Group 1 winner Prince Gibraltar (Fr) (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}), who returns to the farm as a stallion this year. At the 2014 Arqana August sale, they consigned a million-euro yearling when Anthony Stroud purchased a daughter of Galileo (Ire)--Dance Secretary (Ire).

They stand four commercial stallions: the top jumping stallion Martaline; No Risk At All, who has covered a mix of over 130 flat and National Hunt mares in each of his first three years at stud and whose first 2-year-olds will race next year; Literato, a son of Kendor (Fr), who also stood at Montaigu and who was the G1 Champion S. winner whose runners tend toward precocity--all the runners from his 2012 foal crop won or placed at two--and Prince Gibraltar, who Montaigu offered at the Arqana August



Sales goers are now greeted with the much simpler Haras de Montaigu

sale in 2012 but who did not attain his reserve and who raced for his breeder, Jean-Francois Gribomont. The latter takes up stud duties this year at the farm, and is a dual Group 1 winner, having won the Criterium de Saint Cloud at two and the Grosser Preis von Baden at four. He is in the process of being syndicated and he will stand for €5,000, said Gibson.

Her grandfather, Claude, was the first to choose to work strictly with horses and never regretted not being in the family business, said Gibson. "Claude loved the earth. His roots and my roots and my mom's roots are in the earth. So this was what he chose instead of the perfume."

The farm comprises 360 acres about an hour and 15 minutes south of Deauville in the town of Nonant-Le-Pin. There are 16 full-time employees.

"One day, I will be fifth generation running the company," said Gibson. "We are not transforming the business, because for many years we have been among the top five vendors at the sales, we produced a number of Group 1 winners, we don't want to change that. We've got a very good team who has been with us for a very long time and who are very specialized and motivated. But with my entry into the company, I would like to define our new business so that people know that we consign our own stock, and our client's stock, but I would like to let people know that we are also very pleased to consign outside horses. Our only aim is the highest quality service, to produce good horses and to satisfy our faithful clientele." *Cont. p5*

"This is what we are looking to develop," said Gibson. "We know how to do it, we have excellent yearling preparation, and we have had very loyal clients for years, and so why not do it as consignors?"

And at least now, for new English-speaking clients, the name will be a lot easier to spell.

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SIYOUNI STARS ON ARQANA DAY THREE

By Kelsey Riley

Siyouni (Fr), Europe's leading second-crop sire, was the star of the show at the Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale's cumulative session Monday, siring four of the top-five-priced foals, including a session-topping filly sold to Fairway Partners for €52,000.

Figures for the session remained largely on course from last year's. The clearance rate dropped marginally (1%) to 74%, and 200 horses changed hands for €2,237,900 (193 were sold for €2,203,500 on this day last year). The average was also down a tick (2%) to €11,190, while the median dipped 3% to €7,750. The



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cumulative clearance rate is up 1.3% to 78%, and the median is also slightly up (5.2%) at €20,000. The cumulative average is down 4.3% to €40,928, and thus far 577 horses have sold for €23,615,400, down

4% from this time last year.

The Siyouni filly ([lot 559](#)), a May foal from the Haras d'Engerville consignment, established the session-leading price early in the session when hammered down to Hubert Guy on behalf of the Fairway Partners, including Fairway Consignment principal Charles Briere, for €52,000.

"We were beaten several times yesterday so we stretched our budget a little for this filly," said Guy. "We are this year again teaming up with Charles [Briere] to buy foals that will be re-offered as yearlings. We thought this one would make in the region of €40,000, but the sire is really on fire. We hope that she can make it to the Deauville August Sale."

A daughter of Raven's Pass ([lot 760](#)) took second billing on the day among foals when selling to the Hayden Partners for €50,000 from La Motteraye consignment. A Siyouni colt ([lot 622](#)) purchased by Patrick Monfort proved the most expensive colt foal of the day at €46,000, and Siyouni was also responsible for a filly ([lot 665](#)) that cost Emerald Bloodstock €40,000.

Siyouni stood for €7,000 in 2014, when this foal crop was conceived. This year he stood for €20,000, and after siring this year's triple Group 1 winner Ervedya (Fr), he is up to €30,000 in 2016.

The session's joint-highest priced mares made €50,000. [Lot 723](#), Picayune (Ger) (Manduro {Ger}), was sold to Kern Lillingston agency in foal to Linngari (Ire), while [lot 754](#), the unraced 3-year-old filly Rima (Ire) (Marju {Ire}), sold to MAB Agency from the Aga Khan draft.

The final session of the Arqana December Yearling Sale, which has a strong National Hunt presence, begins Tuesday at 11 a.m. local time.



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SESSION TOTALS	2015	2014
• Catalogued	295	284
• No. Offered	270	257
• No. Sold	200	193
• RNAs	70	64
• % RNAs	25.9%	24.9%
• High Price	52,000	86,000
• Gross	2,237,900	2,203,500
• Average (% change)	11,190 (-2%)	11,417
• Median (% change)	7,750 (-3.1%)	8,000
CUMULATIVE	2015	2014
• Catalogued	823	840
• No. Offered	739	751
• No. Sold	577	576
• RNAs	162	175
• % RNAs	21.9%	23.3%
• High Price	900,000	1,100,000
• Gross	23,615,400	24,642,750
• Average (% change)	40,928 (-4.3%)	42,783
• Median (% change)	20,000 (+5.3%)	19,000

CORRECTION: Monday's TDN incorrectly listed Hestia (Fr) (High Chaparral {Ire}) ([lot 429](#)) as being a private purchase at last year's Arqana December Sale. This is incorrect; she had never before been sold. We regret the error.

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Americans Active In Deauville...

With the sale taking on a more local flavor on the final day of trade Tuesday, it is safe to reflect on the participation of Americans in Deauville at the Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale. John and Leslie Malone's Bridlewood Farm made the greatest impact when purchasing the sale-topping mare Embellishment (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) ([lot 177](#)) for €900,000, however, they were far from the only active Americans. Agent Justin Casse signed for three horses for €170,000 ([click here](#) for feature); WinStar Farm bought the filly Pickaway (Ire) ([lot 178](#)) from the Wertheimer and Frere consignment for €285,000 through agent John McCormack; Gordian Troeller and Jim Cassidy bought the filly Amboseli (Medaglia d'Oro) ([lot 8](#)) for €70,000; Calumet Farm bought Noisy Feet (Tapit) ([lot 214](#)), in foal to Starspangledbanner (Aus), for €175,000 through agent Mick Flanagan; and also in attendance were the likes of Jacob West, making his first visit, and Steve Young, Simon Callaghan, Leonard Powell, Christophe Clement and Runnymede Farm principals, who were also selling.

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HRI Award Winners Announced:

The 2015 Horse Racing Ireland Awards were announced Monday during a reception at Leopardstown Racecourse. Winners of the 13th annual awards were as follows: Horse of the Year Award: Don Cossack and Faugheen (joint); National Hunt Award: Willie Mullins; Flat Award: Pat Smullen; Contribution to the Industry Award: Des Scahill; Outstanding Achievement Award: Jonathon Burke; Point-to-Point Award: Enda Bolger; Racecourse of the Year Award: Leopardstown.

"The reputation of Irish racing and breeding is built on the achievements of the extraordinarily talented people in our industry," commented Brian Kavanagh, HRI chief executive. "The HRI Awards allow us to celebrate these trainers, jockeys and horses who give us so much to be proud of and I wish all our winners and nominees continued success in 2016."

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HWPA Derby Awards Winners Honoured:

Alastair Down earned his record fourth Writer of the Year award during the 49th annual Horserace Writers and Photographers Association (HWPA) Derby Awards Lunch, held in London Monday and supported by the Qatar Racing & Equestrian Club.

The complete list of Monday's honorees:

- International Trainer of the Year: John Gosden
- Qatar Racing & Equestrian Club Arabian Award: Gill Duffield
- Picture of the Year: Patrick McCann
- John Oaksey Trophy for Racing Reporter of the Year: Graham Dench
- Owner of the Year: Anthony Oppenheimer
- George Ennor Trophy for Outstanding Achievement: Norman Gundill
- Jockey of the Year: Frankie Dettori
- President's Award: American Pharoah
- Trainer of the Year: John Gosden
- Peter O'Sullivan Trophy for Broadcaster of the Year: John Hunt
- Photographer of the Year: Dan Abraham
- Clive Graham Trophy for Racing Writer of the Year: Alastair Down

Monday's Results:

3rd-LIN, £4,000, Mdn, 12-7, 2yo, 8f 1y (AWT), 1:37.60, ft. ENNAADD (GB) (c, 2, King's Best--Zayn Zen {GB} {SW & GSP-Eng}, by Singspiel {Ire}), runner-up over this course and distance last time Oct. 27, broke in the front rank and stalked the paces in third for most of this one. Looming large off the home turn, the 5-4 chalk led approaching the final eighth and surged clear in the closing stages to easily account for Imperial Aviator (GB) (Paco Boy {Ire}) by six lengths. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$5,814. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O-Sheikh Ahmed bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd (IRE); T-Roger Varian.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Alshaqee (GB), c, 2, Equiano (Fr)--Impressible (GB), by Oasis Dream (GB). CHD, 12-7, 5f (AWT), :58.85. B-Newsells Park Stud (GB). *£16,000 Ylg '14 DNPRM; 50,000gns Ylg '14 TATYEA. **Full to Dark Reckoning (GB), GSW-Eng.



Sunday's Results:

3rd-BRE, €5,100, Mdn, 12-6, 2yo, 8fT, 1:49.12, sf/hy.
NIMROD (IRE) (c, 2, [High Chaparral {Ire}](#)--Night of Magic {Ire} {GSW-Ity & GSP-Ger, \$305,237}, by Peintre Celebre) finished runner-up in all three prior starts, including at Hannover last time Oct. 25, and raced in third for most of this one. Nudged along to close in early stretch, the 1-2 favorite challenged entering the final eighth and was ridden out late to assert by a half length from Berghain (Ire) (Medicean {GB}). The homebred bay, who is out of the G2 Oaks d'Italia heroine Night of Magic (Ire), is a half to G1 Preis von Europa victress Nightflower (Ire) (Dylan Thomas {Ire}), G1SW-Ger, \$346,012, and hails from the family of G1 Deutsches Derby winners Nutan (Ire) (Duke of Marmalade {Ire}) and Next Desert (Ire) (Desert Style {Ire}). Night of Magic has since produced a yearling colt by Lawman (Fr), already named Native Fighter (Ire), and a filly foal by Invincible Spirit (Ire). Lifetime Record: 4-1-3-0, €7,400. O-Stall Nizza; B-Jurgen Imm (IRE); T-Peter Schiergen.

8th-BRE, €5,100, Alw, 12-6, 3yo, 12fT, 2:54.45, sf/hy.
ICICI (GER) (f, 3, [Shirocco {Ger}](#)--Ioannina {GB} {Hwt. Older Mare-Ger at 11-14f, SW & G1SP-Ger}, by Rainbow Quest) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, €7,500. O-Gestut Auenquelle; B-Gestut Schlenderhan (GER); T-Jens Hirschberger. *€12,000 3yo '15 BBAGBZ.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Lagoa (Ger), f, 2, [New Approach \(Ire\)](#)--Limeira (GB), by Bertolini. BRE, 12-6, 6fT, 1:20.98. B-Stiftung Gestut Fahrhof (GER).

Wiesenblume (Ger), f, 3, [Halling](#)--Wurfschiebe (Ger) (Hwt. Older Mare-Ger at 11-14f & MGSW-Ger, \$168,943), by Tiger Hill (Ire). BRE, 12-6, 8fT, 1:49.60. B-Gestut Ravensburg (GER).



IN JAPAN:

Morgiana (Jpn), f, 3, [Dubawi \(Ire\)](#)--Samaaha (GB), by Singspiel (Ire). Nakayama, 12-5, Maihama Tokubetsu, 6f. Lifetime Record: 8-3-2-2, \$370,732. O-Silk Racing; B-Northern Farm; T-Tetsuya Kimura.

Campbell Junior (Aus), c, 3, [Encosta de Lago \(Aus\)](#)--Melito (Aus) (MG1SW-Aus), by Redoute's Choice (Aus). Nakayama, 12-5, Plate Race, 8fT. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, \$209,268. O-Kazumi Yoshida; B-Katom Chelsaus Wynaus & China Horse Club Investment Holdings Ltd; T-Noriyuki Hori. *A\$400,000 yrl '14 MMLJAN.



PERFECT REFLECTION CAPS IDEAL DAY

by John Berry

It is a special occasion any time that full-siblings win black-type races on the same card. When one of those siblings scores in Group 1 company--as **Perfect Reflection (Aus)** (More Than Ready) did at Ascot (WA) on Saturday--then the achievement is very notable indeed.

Perfect Reflection deserves particular credit because her victory made her the first 3-year-old filly to win the G1 Kingston Two Classic in that 2200-metre race's 40-year history. Earlier in the afternoon, her 4-year-old full-sister **Ideal Image (Aus)** had taken the Jungle Dawn Classic, a Listed race over 1400m. The siblings are with different trainers (Ideal Image with Adam Durrant, Perfect Reflection with Grant Williams), but both are raced by their breeders Bob and Sandra Peters, for whom their dam Reflected Image (Aus) (Bluebird) has been a terrific servant since they bought her at the Inglis Easter Yearling Sale in Sydney in 1998.



Perfect Reflection
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The Peters' first dividends from their purchase of Reflected Image came during her racing days. They brought her back to their home state of Western Australia, where she became one of Perth's top fillies of the 1999/2000 season. She won four races at distances between 1300m and 2400m, with the best of her victories coming in the G2 Western Australian Oaks over 2400m. They then retired her to stud as a 4-year-old in the spring of 2000, when she was covered by Honour and Glory.

After Reflected Image had been at stud for nearly a decade, it seemed as if her breeding career was going nowhere very fast. The filly who had resulted from that Honour and Glory covering, Western Sunset (Aus), had won a couple of minor races. Reflected Image's fourth foal Risktaker (Aus) (Orientate) had also won at the provincials (as well as being placed in town) and her fifth foal New Image (Aus) (More Than Ready) had won in Perth as a 2-year-old in the 2008/09 season to become the mare's first metropolitan winner. However, with no stakes performers to show from six foals of racing age, Mr and Mrs Peters entered the mare for Inglis' Easter Broodmare Sale in Sydney in April 2010. **Cont. p8**

As the sale loomed, though, they had a change of heart, and withdrew her from the auction. Since then, Reflected Image's breeding record has turned itself inside out.

It is fair to guess that the reason for the Peters' change of heart might have been that New Image seemed to be improving. Only three months after that sale, that filly started to fulfil the promise which she must have been showing: in July, she became her dam's first stakes performer by taking the Belmont Oaks, a Listed race at Belmont in Perth over 2000m. The following term New Image doubled her tally of black-type victories by taking the Matchmaker Classic over 1400m as an autumn 4-year-old in March 2011.

Since then, Reflected Image's record has got better and better. Mr and Mrs Peters have stuck to their strategy of keeping the mare in the east and bringing her offspring to race in the west. Key components in the success of this strategy have been two American stallions who have been among this century's most successful shuttlers to New South Wales: the aforementioned More Than Ready (who has compiled a magnificent record from his many seasons at Vinery NSW) and Elusive Quality, whose visits to Darley NSW yielded plenty of good horses. The fact that both stallions have sired at least one Golden Slipper winner speaks for itself. More Than Ready is responsible for both Sebring (Aus) and Phelan Ready (Aus), and Elusive Quality for Sepoy (Aus).

At the time of that Inglis Broodmare Sale in April 2010, Reflected Image was dam of three unraced offspring by Elusive Quality: a 2-year-old gelding, yearling colt and weanling filly. In time, the yearling became his mother's second stakes winner by taking the Belmont Classic over 2200m as a 3-year-old towards the end of the 2011/12 season. Now the aforementioned More Than Ready sisters, Ideal Image and Perfect Reflection, have taken Reflected Image's tally of black-type winners to four.

Reflected Image's dam Superb Prospect (Superbity) is typical of many of the mares who have been imported into Australia from the United States in recent decades, being a member of a tough family which had yielded plenty of stakes performers without having being an immediate source of superstars. She herself had been a good and very tough racemare in her homeland, winning 11 races including the Castle Forbes S. at Meadowlands. Her dam Prospector's Charm (Mr. Prospector) had been a good producer, breeding eight winners, and was a half-sister to the stakes winners Herecomesthebride, Acharmer, Rosy Spectre and Vivid Gold.

After coming to Australia for her breeding career, Superb Prospect conformed to type. She is (posthumously, nowadays) dam of eight winners including the Group 2 winner Reflected Image, while her many winning grandchildren now include one Group 1 winner and another six who have scored in Listed company.

PEDIGREE INSIGHTS

by Andrew Caulfield

SHONAN PANDORA: FAMILY RUNS DEEP

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But that's not all. In a shrinking European gene pool, Hanky Panky has a pedigree which offers plenty of scope. Although she is a granddaughter of the ubiquitous Sadler's Wells, she has only one line of Northern Dancer. In other words, she has none of the Danzig blood which is so widespread in Europe, no Nureyev and no Storm Bird/Storm Cat.

Mr. Prospector also appears just once and will be back in the fifth generation of her progeny's pedigrees.

Perhaps the most striking aspect of her five-generation pedigree is that she is inbred 5x5x4 to Hail To Reason, via Bold Reason, Halo and

Roberto. This made me wonder what the world's top breeders would be prepared to pay for the recent [G1 Japan Cup](#) winner Shonan Pandora in the unlikely event of her ever coming on the market. As a daughter of Deep Impact, she comes from the Halo branch of the Hail To Reason male line, her grandsire being the revolutionary Sunday Silence.

Like Hanky Panky, Shonan Pandora has three distant lines (5x5x5) to an outstanding stallion, in this instance Northern Dancer. This is very normal in today's industry and at least none of the lines are through Sadler's Wells, Danzig or Storm Bird (they are via Lyphard, Vice Regent and Northern Taste). Nor will you find Mr. Prospector or Seattle Slew in Shonan Pandora's pedigree.

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Shonan Pandora | Horsephotos

SHONAN PANDORA (JPN), f, 2011

Deep Impact (Jpn)	Sunday Silence	Halo	Hail to Reason	
		Wishing Well	Cosmah	
	Wind in Her Hair (Ire)	Alzao	Understanding	
		Burghclere (GB)	Mountain Flower	
Cutie Gold (Jpn) 5-0-1-1, \$28,062 4Fls, 1GSW	French Deputy	Deputy Minister	Lyphard	
		Mitterrand	Lady Rebecca	
	Golden Sash (Jpn) 5-0-1-0, \$22,486 19Fls, 1GSW 1SW, 1SP	Dictus (Fr)	Busted (GB)	Vice Regent
			Dyna Sash (Jpn) 9Fls, 1Ch, 1GSW	Mint Copy
		Hail to Reason	Sanctus (Fr)	Hold Your Peace
			Royal Sash (GB)	Laredo Lass

And, again like Hanky Panky, the Japan Cup winner has some close links to top performers, including one who enjoyed considerable success as a stallion. For a start, her second dam, the Dictus mare Golden Sash, was a sister to Soccer Boy, a champion Japanese 2-year-old. Golden Sash kept up the family's good work when she visited Deep Impact's sire Sunday Silence to produce the durable Stay Gold, who died earlier this year at the age of 21.

Stay Gold thoroughly merits the description "durable," as he raced every year from two to seven, making a total of 50 starts. Despite having so many miles on the clock, he enjoyed his most rewarding season as a 7-year-old, when he defeated the future GI Breeders' Cup Turf winner Fantastic Light to take the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic. He later added the G1 Hong Kong Vase over the same mile-and-a-half distance. That last victory came just three weeks after Stay Gold had contested his fourth consecutive Japan Cup, achieving his best placing of fourth. Timeform rated him 127.

Although Stay Gold initially wasn't as widely used as Japan's most sought-after stallions, there is every chance that he has left a very valuable legacy. Five of his sons became Group 1 winners in Japan and among them were three which were sent to Paris as part of Japan's quest for that elusive first victory in the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe--a race which, incidentally, was the setting for one of the two defeats suffered by Deep Impact during his 14-race career.

With a little bit of luck, Stay Gold would have ended that quest. His son Nakayama Festa was the only one to make a race of it with the Derby winner Workforce in the 2010 Arc, going down by just a head. Then Stay Gold's Triple Crown-winning son Orfevre finished second in 2012 and 2013 and was unlucky not to win on his first venture. You may remember him appearing to have the race at his mercy when he quickened impressively into the lead. Unfortunately he idled, hung right and was caught close home by the unconsidered Solemia. The next to try was the multiple Group 1 winner Gold Ship, who contested the 2014 Arc, but this quirky character could get no closer than seventh after being given a lot to do.

Orfevre, a brother to another champion in Dream Journey, is now part of the Shadai stallion team and looks set to carry on Stay Gold's excellent work.

To get back to Shonan Pandora, she also has another distinguished close relative in Stay Gold's sister Les Clefs d'Or. This daughter of Sunday Silence was a winner at JPN-G2 and JPN-G3 levels and her current 3-year-old is Beruf. This colt became the first graded winner by the runaway King George winner Harbinger when he took the G3 Keisei Hai at the start of the year.

In addition to the Japan Cup, Shonan Pandora has also won last year's G1 Shuka Sho, which is the last leg of the Fillies' Triple Crown, so she is the latest in a lengthy line of top fillies and mares sired by Deep Impact, following the likes of Gentildonna, Harp Star, Mikki Queen, Ayusan, Beauty Parlour, Verxina, Lachesis, Marcellina, Shonan Adela, Joie de Vivre and Marialite.

Incidentally, Deep Impact isn't the only son of Sunday Silence who has been in form in recent weeks. Sambista, who became the first filly or mare to win the Champions Cup (formerly Japan Cup Dirt) is by Suzuka Mambo. And Dressed In Hermes, winner of the GIII Cecil B. Demille S. at Del Mar, is the latest good turf horse by the Gainesway-based Hat Trick.

It is going to be fascinating to see how Hat Trick's 2013 crop develops. There is every reason for thinking that Dressed In Hermes will be followed by several more very useful performers. At 84 named foals, this crop is comfortably Hat Trick's largest, sired after his first crop began to make such an impact in 2011. It was Dabirsim, the champion French 2-year-old, who first put Hat Trick on the map, but this very encouraging first crop of 71 named foals later added three more graded winners, thanks to King David (GI Jamaica H.), Bright Thought (GI John Henry Turf Championship) and Howe Great (GIII Palm Beach S.). All four of these graded winners thrived on turf.

With his second, third and fourth crops numbering only 42, 20 and 21 named foals, respectively, Hat Trick was always going to be hard pressed to add immediately to his spoils. However, there was a further Grade III turf winner, Three Hearts, in his second crop and a Group 1-placed 2-year-old in his fourth. Dressed In Hermes is his second stakes winner from his fifth crop, so there is good cause for optimism.

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HONG KONG SPRINT HOPEFULS ON TRACK

North American contenders **Mongolian Saturday** (Any Given Saturday) and **Green Mask** (Mizzen Mast) took to the track at Sha Tin Monday morning to prep for Sunday's G1 Hong Kong Sprint. GI Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint winner Mongolian Saturday went 800 meters over the turf in :53.8.



Mongolian Saturday |
HKJC photo

Trainer Ganbat Enebish was pleased with the move.

"He behaved himself this morning and everything is good," Enebish commented.

His Breeders' Cup victory is Mongolian Saturday's only graded stakes win to date, although he was runner-up in this year's GIII Turf Monster H., GIII Parx Dash H. and GIII Woodford S.

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Green Mask, third in the Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint, also went 800 meters over the turf, covering the distance in :47.3. It was the 4-year-old's second work in Hong Kong and jockey Joao Moreira, aboard for Monday's drill, saw improvement from the first local work.

"He feels more confident in what to do," said Moreira. "Last week, I had to give him some whacks to get him going, which I didn't have to do today. He definitely worked better. It seems they have him ready to go for the big race."



Green Mask | HKJC photo

Trained by Wesley Ward, Green Mask is making his second international trip. The gelding was third in the G1 Al Quoz Sprint at Meydan in March.

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Sunday, Club Hípico de Santiago

CLASICO LAS OAKS-G1, 12-6, Club Hípico de Santiago, P17,400,000, 3yo, f, 2000mT, 1:57.69, fm.

1--**WAPI (Chi)**, 56k, f, 3, by [Scat Daddy](#)

1st Dam: **We Can Leave (Chi) (G1SP-Chi)**, by **Seeker's Reward**

2nd Dam: **Weekend Leave**, by **Polish Navy**

3rd Dam: **Home Leave**, by **Alydar**

O-Stud Vendaval; B-Haras Paso Nevado; T-Juan C. Silva; J-Gonzalo Ulloa; P12,000,000. Lifetime Record: 10-6-1-0, P104,422,000. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++**. ***Triple Plus***.

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2--**Yansel (Chi)**, 56k, f, 3, [Rock of Gibraltar \(Ire\)](#)--Yacata (Chi), by Stormin Fever. O/B-Haras Don Alberto; T-Patricio Baeza; P3,000,000.

3--**Bauxita (Chi)**, 56k, f, 3, [Scat Daddy](#)--Bacana (Chi), by Dushyantor (Ire). O-Stud Vendaval; B-Haras Paso Nevado; T-Rodrigo Sánchez; P1,500,000.

Margins: 3, 3/4, 5. Odds: 1.10.

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