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by Steve Sherack

'TDN Rising Star' Lady Shipman (Midshipman)--currently being aimed at the \$1-million G1 Al Quoz Sprint on the G1 Dubai World Cup program at Meydan Mar. 26--will be transferred to the barn of Kieran McLaughlin for her 4-year-old season, according to owner/breeder Randy Lowe.

A painful second, beaten only a neck, against older males in the GI Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint at Keeneland Oct. 31, the six-time stakes winner was previously campaigned by Kathleen O'Connell.

"I thought that he was the best trainer with the experience to go to Dubai with," revealed Lowe, a retired insurance executive, while in the midst of relocating to Las Vegas. "He's an awfully good trainer."

McLaughlin topped the standings at the now defunct Nad al Sheba three times earlier in his career before returning to the United States in 2003. The former assistant to Hall of Famer D. Wayne Lukas campaigned Horse of the Year Invasor (Arg) (Candy Stripes) to wins in the 2006 GI Breeders' Cup Classic and 2007 Dubai World Cup. McLaughlin won Grade I races with Cavorting (Bernardini), Frosted (Tapit) and Wedding Toast (Street Sense) in 2015.

"I don't think we've tapped into her full abilities yet," Lowe continued. "No disrespect to Kathleen in any such way, but I think sometimes you've got to look beyond the box. We have given the horse a break since the Breeders' Cup and I thought if we were ever going to make a trainer change that now was the time to do it." **Cont. p3**

## WINNINGEST HORSE HONOR TWICE AS NICE FOR UP & COMING OHIO TRAINER

by T.D. Thornton

When you look up the "winningest horse," the honor traditionally defaults to the Thoroughbred that has bankrolled the highest purse earnings. In 2015, the trainers of the highest-earning individual horses in North America, from the top of the list down, read Bob Baffert, Mark Casse, Shug McGaughey and Kieran McLaughlin.

Given the strength of their stables and the elite levels of the sport at which they compete, it's no shock--year in and year out --to see those trainers at or near the top of that list.

But when you rank the winningest Thoroughbreds in terms of actual trips to the winner's circle, a different style of horse--and a different type of trainer--emerges. **Cont. p3**

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## NY STREAMING OF LIVE RACES TO CONTINUE

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## A DREAM COME TRUE

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*Dac (Distorted Humor) gave owners Jose and Amanda Sarinana their first stakes winner Saturday when the 4-year-old gelding took Turfway Park's Prairie Bayou S. The stakes win was a career highlight for both Dac and the Sarinanas. Jose Sarinana, who has worked as the farm manager for the Wertheimers for five years, believed Dac just needed time to develop... J.M. Severni has the story.*

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**New Barn for Lady Shipman cont.**

Lady Shipman, who lowered Saratoga’s Mellon turf course record for 5 1/2 furlongs against older fillies and mares in the Smart N Fancy S. last summer, is slated to join McLaughlin’s South Florida string by the first of the new year. Currently in training with Ryan Barbazon at Stroud’s Lane Farm in Ocala, the chestnut will likely return in the five-furlong \$75,000 Ladies Turf Sprint S. at Gulfstream Park Feb. 6.

Lowe added that Lady Shipman’s dam Sumthingtotalkabt (Mutakddim), currently in foal to Poseidon’s Warrior, will be bred to Pioneerof the Nile in 2016. Her soon-to-be 2-year-old by Leroidesanimaux (Brz) will be offered at the Fasig-Tipton March Sale.

“I’m very excited to watch her run again,” Lowe concluded. “She’s training with as much enthusiasm as she did before. Of all the 30 years I’ve been around racehorses, including when [former mentor] John Mabee had horses like Best Pal and General Meeting, I can now understand how excited he was. This is something I’ve only dreamed about achieving, and to actually experience it, is in a whole world of its own.”

Click [here](#) for a recent feature on Lowe and Lady Shipman prior to the Breeders’ Cup. -@SteveSherackTDN

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**T.D. Thornton cont.**

With no disrespect to American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile), who earned \$8.28 million in 2015 under the care of conditioner Baffert, it can arguably be a tougher task for a horse to lead the continent in total number of wins than to amass the most purse earnings.

This is because the annual battle for most victories is largely fought among tenacious, gritty claimers and starter-allowance stalwarts. These warriors tend to compete at the lower levels of racing’s class echelon not for a lack of heart, but because they are not the most physically gifted. Holding these types of runners together for months on end requires lots of hands-on horsemanship and more than a little luck.

That’s why it’s amazing to see that a single trainer--27-year-old Elliot Sullivan--conditions not one, but both of the top two Thoroughbreds in terms of wins in the continental United States with a bit more than a week to go in 2015. **Cont. p4**



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Sullivan, based in Ohio, calls himself “blessed” to have both Tribal Custom (Tribal Rule), a 5-year-old mare with 11 victories, and Chella (Where’s the Ring), a 4-year-old filly with 10 wins, under his shed row.

[Note: Two other horses, Aranzadi (Bluegrass Cat) and Limoncillo (PR-Harbor Master), also have 11 wins each in 2015. Both compete at Camarero Race Track in Puerto Rico, where year-round racing is limited to an island-bound horse population. Hence the “continental U.S.” distinction in describing Sullivan’s feat.]

“When you win the amount of races that Tribal Custom and Chella have won in a calendar year, those horses deserve respect,” Sullivan said. “I have a lot respect for horses at the cheaper level. I mean, I don’t think I’ve ever even seen, in person, a horse with the physical attributes of an American Pharoah. Not where I race.”

Sullivan is in his seventh year as a licensed trainer, but has a lifetime of experience around the backstretch. He grew up in Ohio, where his father, Don Sullivan, trained horses on and off between 1989 and 2008. His mother, Heidi Harper, was a jockey between 1989 and 1993. Aunts and uncles in his extended family have owned Thoroughbreds for decades, and a cousin, Joe Ambrosia, currently manages the training division at Live Oak Stud in Ocala.

Not only are his top two distaffers running well, but Sullivan is having his own breakout season so far in 2015, with a 79-45-49 record and \$724,748 in earnings from 279 starters. He is second in terms of wins at the current Mahoning Valley Race Course meet.

He obtained both Tribal Custom and Chella via modest claims earlier this year, but that’s where the similarities end between the two stars of his stable.

“Chella is a great horse to get along with,” Sullivan explained. “Anyone could take care of her as far as being around her. She’s very sweet. She’s the kind of horse you want to be around. She does nothing wrong, doesn’t bite, is easy to handle. She has a lot of class.”

“Tribal Custom is the total opposite. She can be vicious at times. That’s how you know she’s doing good--she’ll attack people walking down the shed row. She’s a totally different mindset than Chella. Chella doesn’t bother anyone. Tribal Custom is more of a savage. She wants to get at anything that’s in her way. She’s got a real strong-minded attitude.

“But,” Sullivan summed, “they both like to win.”

Chella first caught Sullivan’s eye last spring. The Ontario-bred dark bay had already won three races at Woodbine before shipping south to win three straight on the Mahoning Valley-Mountaineer Park circuit. **Cont. p5**

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Sullivan thought she was a bargain and dropped a claim slip on his own behalf when Chella showed up for \$10,000 Apr. 1, 2015 at Mahoning. But when he took possession of his new filly after a second-place finish as the beaten odds-on favorite, it was almost as if Sullivan was the victim of an April Fool’s Day joke.

“The day I claimed Chella she was actually placed on the vet’s list,” Sullivan said. “When I got her she was a real muscle-sore horse. So she was kind of a project from the beginning.”

But the challenge of getting a horse with talent healthy enough to win is the type of project Sullivan seems to have a knack for.

“We do a lot of therapeutic things. I use magnetic blankets. We ice our horses every day. They get done up in four bandages--just a lot of work,” Sullivan said. “They give us a lot, so we put a lot into them.”

Three weeks after claiming her, Sullivan entered Chella in a Mahoning starter-allowance and she won convincingly. When his stable shifted to Thistledown, Chella, a sprint specialist who can race on the lead or press from just off it, racked up two straight wins in starter/optional claimers. By the midpoint of 2015, she had won four races on the year and Sullivan had tripled her purchase price in purse earnings.

Around this time Sullivan became enamored with Tribal Custom, a chestnut California-bred who had started out her career with wins at Hollywood Park before ending up in West Virginia. On May 26, Sullivan had entered one of his better \$12,000 claimers, Sonny Short Stack (City Zip) in a turf sprint at Mountaineer, figuring she would be solid as the 6-5 favorite.

“It was Tribal Custom’s second start on the grass, and she beat Sonny Short Stack,” Sullivan said. “I had a lot of aspirations for my horse, and she beat me in the last few jumps going 4 1/2 furlongs, which really isn’t [Tribal Custom’s] distance at all. I really took a liking to her then and said, ‘This horse is really something on the grass. I’ve got to get her.’”

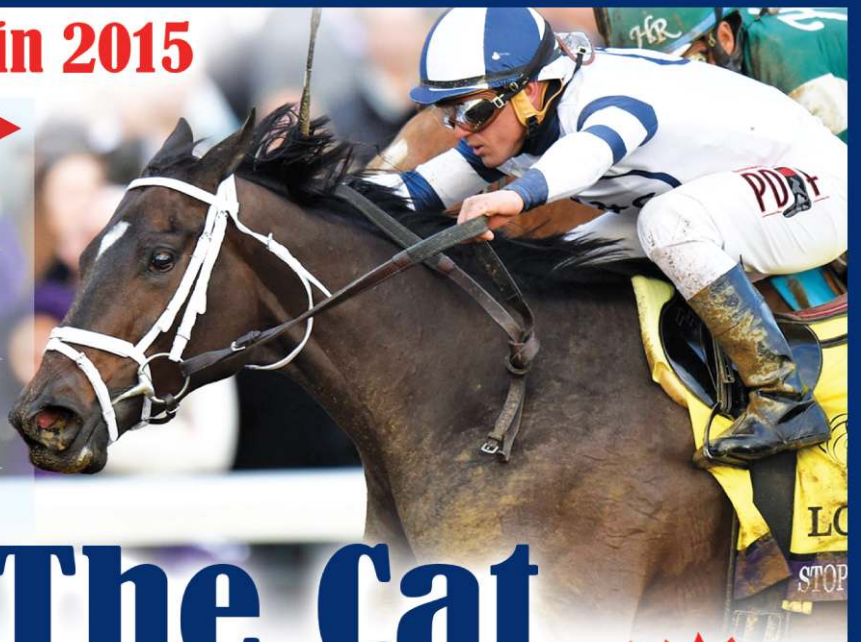
Sullivan didn’t go after Tribal Custom when she won her next start, a dirt sprint, for \$12,500. But after a third-place allowance try, he recommended to one of his main clients, Gabes Stable LLC (the owner of Sonny Short Stack), that they try and claim her when she dropped in for \$7,500 on July 11. Tribal Custom got the win, and Sullivan got the mare.

“And then she won three straight for me on the turf,” Sullivan recalled. “And now she’s undefeated lifetime on the grass, six for six.”

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- FAVORITETALE** Smile Sprint S. [Gr.2], Gulfstream Park  
3<sup>rd</sup> Breeders’ Cup Sprint [Gr.1], Keeneland  
3<sup>rd</sup> Alfred G Vanderbilt H. [Gr.1], Saratoga
- APPEALINGTALE** Kelso H. [Gr.2], Belmont Park  
Pat O’Brien S. [Gr.2], Del Mar  
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While Tribal Custom was beating up on starter and optional claiming foes on the Mountaineer lawn, winning several times by five or six lengths to run her seasonal win total to 10 by late September, Sullivan was having a hard time finding races for Chella, who by that point had racked up seven wins on the year.

“You always wonder how far a horse is going to take you every time they win a bunch of races in a row, and it gets tougher and tougher,” Sullivan said. “But Chella got to where races wouldn’t go for her in Cleveland. Nobody locally would run against her. I even nominated her for a few starters at Penn National and they would never go, so that’s how I ended up taking her to Kentucky.”

Sullivan himself is no stranger to the Bluegrass State. Earlier in his career, he lived there for four years. Although the difficult circuit did not reward him in terms of wins and purse earnings, Sullivan said he gained immense knowledge by observing how meticulously the nationally known, high-class stables operated.

“I started taking things a lot more seriously,” Sullivan said. “I learned a lot while I was there. Now I’m at the barn seven days a week, and it’s a 24/7 thing. We’re a very hands-on stable. We’re very thorough with everything.”

On Sept. 13, Chella dusted a starter-allowance field of nine at Churchill Downs as the 6-5 favorite. On Oct. 11, she fired right back with a sharp score at Keeneland over similar competition while bet down to 9-10 odds. It’s not often that an Ohio-based outfit pulls off a Churchill-Keeneland double with the same horse.

A seven-length starter romp at Mahoning Nov. 2 was victory No. 9 in 2015 for Chella. On Nov. 23, Sullivan took an ambitious stakes shot on his home track in the \$75,000 Mahoning Distaff S., but Chella was overmatched from the outermost post and finished fifth, snapping her eight-race undefeated streak.

On Dec. 3, with the grass season finished in his part of the country, Sullivan ran Tribal Custom in synthetic-track sprint at Turfway Park for win No. 11 on the year.

Two days later, on Dec. 5, Chella aired as the 1-20 favorite in a \$5,000 starter at Mahoning for win No. 10 in 2015.

Tribal Custom will go for win No. 12 this Sunday at Turfway, drawing post 11 in a 14-horse starter-allowance.

“She’s going into it pretty good. I expect her to be tough,” Sullivan said, adding that he is mulling one more start for Chella this year if he can find a suitable race.

When asked to speak about the accomplishment of having the one-two winningest horses in the continental U.S., Sullivan comes across as a self-deprecating horseman. He does concede that the feat is “pretty cool,” but is quick to credit his stable help and the support of patient owners.

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Although he owns Chella himself, Sullivan said he would rather see Tribal Custom get the year-end accolades.

“It means more to me for Tribal Custom, because it means more for me for my client to get that honor,” Sullivan said. “Chella’s had such an amazing year for me. But I’d rather train the winningest horse for someone that I work for.”

As for 2016, Sullivan said, “Tribal Custom has another year of starter eligibility next year. Chella does not. They’ve both earned a break. They’re both pretty close to going to shelf to get a little time off.”

Their vacations are likely to come at Sullivan’s farm in Berlin Center, about 10 miles down the highway from the Mahoning backstretch. He has room for about nine layups and five broodmares. His two yearlings just shipped to Florida to be broke and to start galloping; both will return in the spring.

As for Sullivan himself, he’s not sure where he’ll be racing once the Mahoning meet ends Apr. 23. He’s summered at Thistledown the last three years, but is keeping his options open for 2016.

“I’m kind of in a building process. I don’t have anything big, but I have some mares that we bred this year,” Sullivan explained. “I really enjoy where I’m at right now--the claiming game. But everyone has aspirations of going beyond that, and I would say that I do too.”

Concluded Sullivan, “I let it go where it takes me. It’s been a great ride, you know? Racing’s taken me to a lot of great places, and I’m grateful and blessed for it.”

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Lee Park, the director of communications for the New York State Gaming Commission (NYSGC), confirmed in a Tuesday email

that the streaming agreement was in place for next year.

Jim Mango, Buffalo Raceway's chief operating officer, told *TDN* that he held off on signing based on "principle."

His chief concern, Mango said, was that the original intent of the agreement protected Buffalo Raceway against the threat of competing advance-deposit wagering (ADW) companies streaming races to online customers within his track's geographic area. In his interpretation, Mango said, the protection against this form of competitive disadvantage is no longer happening.

Mango underscored that he is not against the concept of streaming ADW video per se, but that he would like Buffalo Raceway to be able to negotiate compensation from competitors, such as nearby Western Regional OTB, that stream video to potential or former Buffalo Raceway customers.

Buffalo Raceway shares a fairgrounds property in the town of Hamburg, with a Delaware North casino licensee that operates 900 gaming machines. Mango said Buffalo Raceway cannot afford its own ADW portal to stream live video.

"The reality of this thing is, Buffalo Raceway's simulcast operation on the ground is getting slaughtered," Mango said. "It's been happening for a whole lot of reasons other than live streaming video. But live streaming video is a big one. We are the little guy. We have the most consequences in this region when it comes to live streaming video."

But, according to a new amendment of the agreement, Mango's stand on principle will be a moot point because a change to the 2016 document sent out by the NYSGC mandates that it will still be binding for all parties "notwithstanding that any party declines to sign" the amendment.

"Either way, me signing it or not, I think the situation is the same," said Mango.



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The collaborative streaming agreement among New York pari-mutuel licensees dates to December 2010, when New York City Off-Track Betting Corp. ceased operations. As a way to compensate for lost OTB revenue and to give state residents easy access to live racing on the Internet, an agreement was forged pursuant to Racing, Pari-Mutuel Wagering and Breeding Law sections 1003 and 1012.

"The whole point is to have a single agreement instead of multiple agreements between NY-based tracks, OTBs, etc..." Park explained in an email.

Mango said in a separate interview earlier this month that his track initially signed off on this type of arrangement in 2010 and for subsequent annual renewals. But Buffalo Raceway's revenues began to decline precipitously in 2013 when Batavia Downs Gaming, which is 55 miles away and owned and operated by Western Regional OTB, built a bet-taking and race-streaming web portal.

Batavia Downs and Buffalo Raceway currently split the annual calendar in that region for live harness racing (Buffalo runs Jan.-July; Batavia runs July-Dec.). But when Batavia is open "I don't receive one nickel of revenue, and my business on-track has been reduced dramatically," Mango told *TDN* Dec. 8.

In light of this relevantly new form of competition, Mango said he wanted to revisit the live streaming video agreement. Mango said he requested, and was granted, a meeting with NYSGC officials to talk about why he was holding off on signing the 2016 amended agreement.

"I was given the opportunity to meet with the gaming commission last week to discuss my concerns, for which I am grateful," Mango said Tuesday. "It was my sincere hope that the new interpretation of the law, if any, would give Buffalo Raceway the regional protection that I believe was originally intended in the law and seemingly acknowledged by the language in the original live streaming video agreement that was signed by all parties from 2010 through 2014."

But even after the meeting, Buffalo Raceway and the NYSGC still had different interpretations of the law.

"I understand that the NYSGC has a difficult job to do administering over the many license holders, each of which has their own regional concerns. Buffalo Raceway will certainly respect the decisions made; however, the [new] amendment is definitely a 'win' for Western Region OTB at Buffalo Raceway's expense...I thought that we should be able to negotiate this in our region. [The way] I interpreted the original law, I was entitled to a negotiation here. [The NYSGC] has a different interpretation now."

Park clarified in a series of emails that statewide streaming of live races would continue uninterrupted. This includes the streaming of Buffalo Raceway's races that go through another licensee's ADW portal.



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The only manner in which not signing the streaming agreement affects Buffalo Raceway, Park explained, is that the track cannot “in-home simulcast, which it does not do anyway” and “if the track wanted to in the future it would now not be allowed. Buffalo Raceway can still export its signal, as those are part of simulcasting agreements.”

Mango reiterated that it was never his intent by not signing the agreement to halt online streaming of races in New York.

“I am pleased for the tracks and patrons that live streaming video will not be interrupted in the state for any period of time,” Mango said.

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## DREAMS COME TRUE FOR THE SARINANAS

by J.M. Severni

**Dac** (Distorted Humor) gave owners Jose and Amanda Sarinana their first stakes winner Saturday when the 4-year-old gelding took Turfway Park’s Prairie Bayou S. The stakes win was a career highlight for both



**Dac** | Coady Photography

Jose Sarinana, who has worked as the farm manager for the Wertheimers for five years, believed Dac just needed time to develop.

“He was more of a gift than a purchase,” Sarinana said of how he acquired

Dac. “He was hurt as a weanling and the Wertheimers had him. He just needed time. He went to Florida where they started him under saddle, but he still needed about six months. I asked if I could come up with some money to take him, and they gave him to me.”

Sarinana gave Dac time to develop as a 2-year-old and planned on starting him during his 3-year-old season. His wife, Amanda, worked Dac under saddle and the chestnut was ready for his debut in November of last year, but bucked a shin before his final work.

“We could race him, but I thought it would be better to put him away for a few months until the spring and start him at Turfway,” Sarinana said.

When Dac debuted at Turfway in March, he was third and graduated at Indiana Downs July 28. He returned to the winner’s circle in a turfy allowance there Oct. 13 and was runner-up in a Churchill optional claimer Nov. 8 and fourth in the GIII River City H. Nov. 26.

“It was an amazing feeling,” Sarinana said of his first stakes win. “It’s a dream come true. Out of all the people in this business, I only have one horse and I am lucky enough to have a stakes horse.”

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# Florida

### Amira’s Prince to Pleasant Acres:

**Amira’s Prince (Ire)** (Teofilo {Ire}--Twice the Ease {GB}, by Green Desert) will stand his first season at stud at Pleasant Acres in Florida. His fee will be \$5,000 stands and nurses. The bay carried the colors of Wachtel Stable, Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, Gary Barber and Brous Stable to wins in the 2013 GII Mervin H. Muniz Jr. H. at Fair Grounds and GII Mac Diarmida S. at Gulfstream Park.

“I am a passionate breeder of turf horses, and, to me, this horse ticks all of the boxes,” said Joe Barbazon, owner of Pleasant Acres. “He is by a champion juvenile from the most prolific sire line in the world, and he is from an outstanding female family. On top of it all, this is a gorgeous animal.”



**Amira’s Prince** | Coglianese

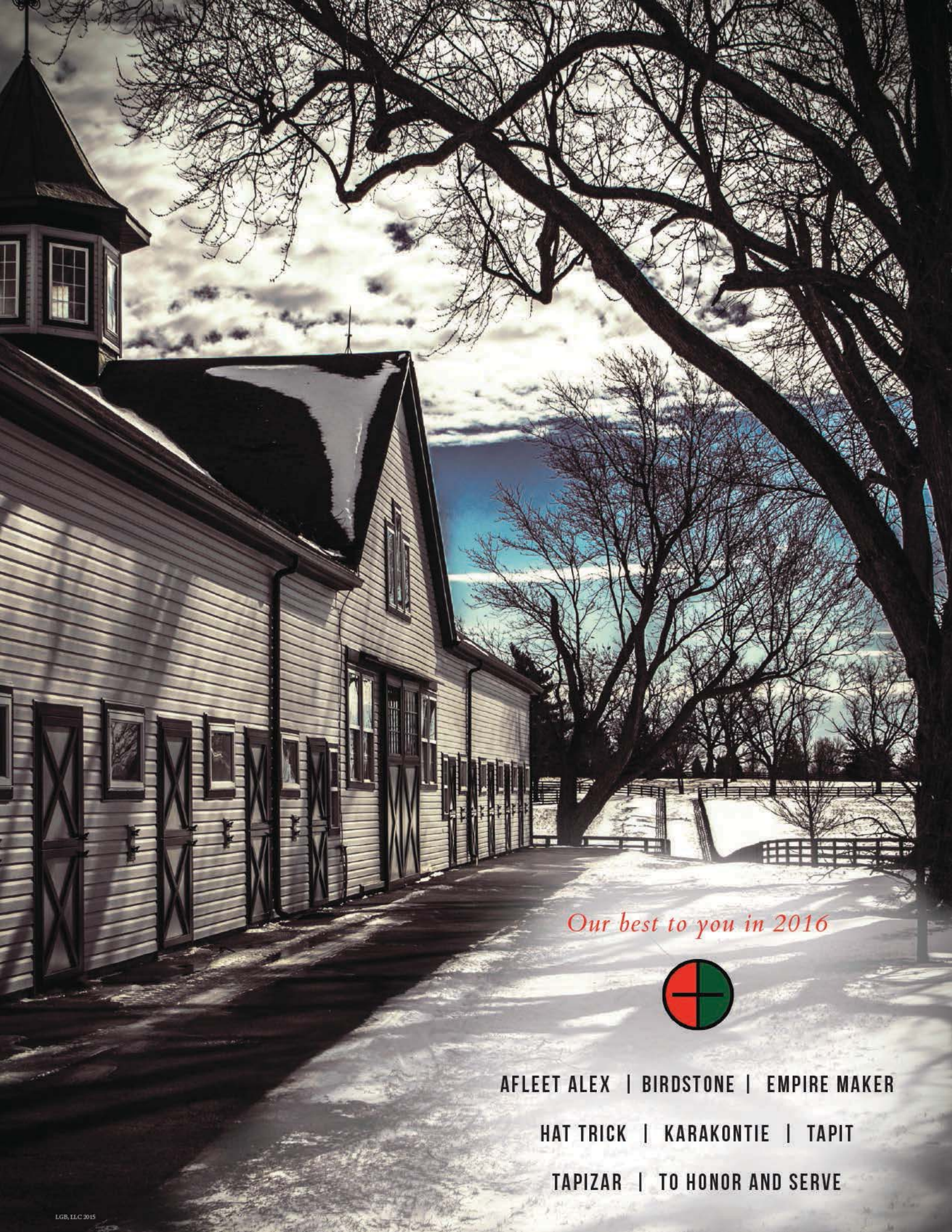
Amira’s Prince, also third in the GI Gulfstream Park Turf H., retired with a record of 15-5-3-2 and earnings of \$542,920. Bred in Ireland by Gigginstown House Stud, the 150,000gns TATOCT yearling annexed his maiden win at The Curragh in 2012 before relocating to these shores later that season.

“When Amira’s Prince was on top of his game, he was one of the best turf horses in the country over the last couple of seasons,” Hall of Fame trainer Bill Mott said. “He was a bit of a hard-luck horse, and that kept him from winning a Grade I.”

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### Tampa Bay Downs Joins TAA:

Tampa Bay Downs has joined the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance community, it was announced Tuesday. The racetrack has signed on to provide a per start matching donation to the TAA beginning with its current 2015-16 race meet. Horse owners have the opportunity to contribute \$5 per start to the TAA through their Horseman’s Bookkeeper Account for each horse that starts in a race at Tampa Bay Downs. The track will then match the contributions made by owners. “We are delighted to join the growing number of racetracks that share the TAA’s mission to treat Thoroughbred athletes with the respect and compassion they deserve after their racing careers end,” stated Peter Berube, Tampa Bay Downs vice president and general manager. “Tampa Bay Downs is dedicated to providing each horse a safe retirement home and the opportunity to transition to a new career after they leave the track.”



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Jimmy Bell, TAA and Darley America president, added, "Tampa Bay Downs has demonstrated their deep commitment to Thoroughbred aftercare through this great initiative and should be highly commended for doing so. We are very grateful to the owners who will be making the \$5-per-start donation and to Tampa Bay Downs for matching those donations. We hope more horsemen and racetracks throughout the country will continue to follow the example set by Tampa Bay Downs along with Churchill Downs, Ellis Park, Keeneland, and Turfway Park who signed on earlier this year."

**Borell to Train for Drawing Away Stable:**

Maria Borell has been hired as a trainer by Drawing Away Stable, the ownership group announced on its Facebook page Tuesday morning. Borell, the former trainer of GI Malibu S. headliner **Runhappy** (Super Saver), was fired by owner James McIngvale shortly after the 3-year-old's impressive win in the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint at Keeneland Oct. 31. Drawing Away stable's team of trainers also includes: Abigail Adsit, Jena Antonucci, Paul Barrow, Jorge Navarro, Phil Serpe and John Toscano Jr. "Maria has been involved with horses from the time she could walk, riding jumpers, galloping Thoroughbreds and ultimately training Thoroughbred racehorses," the post read. "Maria is a multiple graded stakes winning trainer, most notably, winning the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint with Runhappy. Maria will begin acquiring, training and entering horses for Drawing Away Stable immediately at Gulfstream Park."



**Maria Borell**

Continental Club down the lane and finished a neck in front on the wire. Sales history: \$3,500 Wlg '12 KEENOV; \$15,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: SW, 7-3-0-0, \$82,037. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)** O-Judy Miller; B-Liberation Farm & Brandywine Farm (KY); T-J. R. Caldwell.

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**3rd-DED, \$38,000, (S), Msw, 12-22, 2yo, f, 5f, 1:01.06, my. LADY LUTIE (f, 2, [Midnight Lute--Jolie Camellia, by Artax](#))** registered a belated rally to finish fourth on debut going five furlongs here Nov. 27. The 5-2 second choice rated off the pace down the backstretch and improved her position heading into the turn. Lady Lutie split foes at the top of the lane, chased down Social Doll (Half Ours) by midstretch and kicked clear to a 2 3/4-length victory. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$25,080. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)** O/B-Riceland Racing Stables LLC (LA); T-Enis Mouton.

**Maimonides to Hand Ride Stables in Ohio for 2016:**

**Maimonides** (Vindication--Silver Swan, by Silver Deputy), the Grade I-placed juvenile and half-brother to El Corredor and Roman Ruler, will stand the 2016 breeding season at Hand Ride Stables in Dublin, Ohio. Owned by Zayat Stables, Maimonides's fee has been set at \$2,500 S&N. "We are excited for the opportunity to stand Maimonides and think it's a great fit for the Ohio accredited program," said William Francis, who co-owns Hand Ride Stables with Daniel Leader. "Ohio breeders are looking for speedy 2-year-olds and they should get that with him." A \$4.6-million yearling purchase by Zayat Stables, Maimonides finished third in the 2007 GI Hopeful S. at Saratoga, his final career start for Hall of Famer Bob Baffert.

**Western U.S.**

**Tuesday's Results:**

**1st-SUN, \$20,500, Msw, 12-22, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.14, ft. SUPER ACCORD (c, 3, [Super Saver--One Accord {MSW, \\$153,169}](#), by El Gran Senor)** finished third in his debut at Zia Park Sept. 26 and was runner-up last time out by a neck there Dec. 7. The 4-5 pick rated just off the pace between foes early and moved between horses to take the lead midway down the backstretch. Super Accord remained in charge down the lane and finished 3 3/4 lengths clear of Bull Case (After Market). The winner is a half to More Accord (More Than Ready), SW, \$146,032. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$20,620. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)** O/B-Cleber J. Massey (KY); T-Joel H. Marr.

**Central U.S.**

**Tuesday's Results:**

**7th-DED, \$34,570, Alw, 12-22, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 5f, :59.45, my. STRAWBERRY BABY (f, 3, [Warrior's Reward--Kendall Hill, by Theatrical {Ire}](#)),** a first out winner who went on to annex the Prairie Gold Lassie S. in July, was out of the money in three stakes starts before finishing fourth in a Remington Park allowance Dec. 2. The 2-1 second choice pressed the pace from the outside early before dropping a few lengths back behind freewheeling leader Continental Club (Behindthebar). Strawberry Baby rebid for the lead on the turn, battled with

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# California

## Contest Winners Meet Runhappy at Santa Anita:

Local fans and social media contest winners were treated to a morning full of their favorite jockeys, breakfast at famed Clockers' Corner and some one-on-one time with GI Breeders' Cup Sprint winner **Runhappy** (Super Saver) this past Saturday at Santa Anita Park. Santa Anita created the hashtag #SAMakesMeHappy and asked fans to share photos of their favorite moments at The Great Race Place. Five winners were then chosen at random from Facebook, Instagram and Twitter and were asked to attend. The winners and their guests indulged in breakfast at Clockers' Corner, earned a "Swag Bag" full of gifts, passes for the season and a 2016 calendar. After watching Runhappy train during the last set of the morning for his Southern California debut in opening day's GI Malibu, the entire group was allowed on the backside for a meet 'n' greet with the champ and his entire team.

## INDUSTRY INFO

### Thoro-Graph Offers Holiday Giveaway:

Thoro-Graph will be offering all its online data for free during its annual holiday giveaway from Dec. 26 through Dec. 31. Users will need to have or create a Thoro-Graph account to take advantage of the offer. Information for Saturday is currently available. Visit [www.thorograph.com](http://www.thorograph.com) for more information.

## ROOKIES

### First-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, December 23

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2012 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs \* Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*  
**ADIOS CHARLIE** (Indian Charlie), Ocala Stud Farm, \$4K, 23/3/0  
 7-GP, Msw, 6 1/2f, +Outzap, \$70K OBS MAR 2yo, 5-2  
**ARCHARCHARCH** (Arch), Spendthrift Farm, \$10K, 123/16/2  
 2-TAM, Msw, 1m, True Arch, \$75K OBS MAR 2yo, 2-1  
**CAPE BLANCO (IRE)** (Galileo {Ire}), JBBA Shizunai Stallion Station, \$18K, 165/12/0  
 10-TAM, Msw, 1mT, Lady of the Canyon, \$30K KEE NOV wnl, 20-1  
**FIRST DUDE** (Stephen Got Even), Double Diamond Farm, \$8K, 98/16/1  
 10-TAM, Msw, 1mT, Ella's Dreaming, 30-1  
**FLAGSHIP** (El Prado {Ire}), Byerpatch Farm, \$2K, 9/1/0  
 4-MVR, Msw, 6f, Dontransomtheship, \$1,000 FTK OCT yrl, 30-1  
**GIANT OAK** (Giant's Causeway), Millennium Farms, \$8K, 40/2/1  
 4-MVR, Msw, 6f, Tune Up, 15-1

**GIO PONTI** (Tale of the Cat), Castleton Lyons, \$20K, 110/8/0  
 10-TAM, Msw, 1mT, Stormy Bay, \$15K OBS OPN 2yo, 15-1  
**REGAL RANSOM** (Distorted Humor), Darley, \$8K, 48/7/0  
 4-MVR, Msw, 6f, Fast Justice, \$55K RNA OBS APR 2yo, 3-1  
**TRAPPE SHOT** (Tapit), Claiborne Farm, \$10K, 96/8/0  
 2-TAM, Msw, 1m, Under and Over, \$70K KEE SEP yrl, 12-1  
 2-TAM, Msw, 1m, +One More Shot, \$100K FTK OCT yrl, 4-1  
**WILBURN** (Bernardini), Spendthrift Farm, \$7K, 106/17/0  
 10-TAM, Msw, 1mT, Wilburn's Princess, \$34K OBS WIN yrl, 8-1

### First/second-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, December 23

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2011 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs \* Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*  
**LINE OF DAVID** (Lion Heart), Spendthrift Farm, \$8K, 90/26/3  
 7-GP, Msw, 6 1/2f, +Hy Sweet Candy, \$45K RNA OBS APR 2yo, 20-1

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### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**8th-DED, \$40,000, (S)**, Alw, 12-22, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 7 1/2f, 1:33.98, my.  
**MIDWAY MINE (g, 6, Midway Road--Ruby Be Mine {SP}, by Rubiano)** Lifetime Record: 51-11-12-4, \$162,575. O-Envy Us III, Racing Stables LLC; B-Moonlake Farms (LA); T-Karl Broberg. \*\$42,000 2yo '11 TEXAPR. \*\*1/2 to Ruby's Big Band (Bowman's Band), MSW, \$319,865.  
**3rd-MVR, \$25,300, (S)**, Alw, 12-22, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:15.31, my.  
**LAVA ROCKS (f, 3, Greeley's Conquest--Mt. St. Helens, by Mt. Livermore)** Lifetime Record: 16-2-3-1, \$54,764. O-Jack Cannon; B-Judith L Mears (OH); T-Glenroy Brown.

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## 33 EUROPEAN VALUE SIRES



Leroidesanimaux is one of Lanwades 'Value Sires' | Horsephotos by Bill Oppenheim

Whereas in the U.S., we used \$25,000 as our stud fee cutoff for consideration in our 'value sire' edition, for European sires we are using a cutoff of 15,000 (whether Sterling, which is worth more, or Euros). We begin with England, where Kirsten Rausing's Lanwades Stud has advertised itself as "the independent option," in contrast to what she characterizes as the behemoths of Darley and Coolmore. But maybe she should just go as the "good value" option, because all four Lanwades stallions make this list. **Leroidesanimaux** is a very well-bred horse (as it turned out), who was a top-class grass miler in America and is the sire of Animal Kingdom. He hasn't had a strong commercial profile but is a great "owner-breeder's horse." **Aussie Rules** doesn't have sensational overall numbers but is a little bit of an 'under-the-radar' sire. **Archipenko** has one of the best pedigrees on the planet, being by Kingmambo out of Bound, a stakes-winning, Grade I-placed Nijinsky three-quarter sister to Nureyev and half-sister to Fairy Bridge, the dam of Sadler's Wells. He's very much holding his own as a sire; with his first foals now 4-year-olds, he has seven black-type winners and 11 black-type horses from 124 foals of racing age. And Lanwades's newest addition, **Sea The Moon**, is by Sea The Stars out of a Monsun mare, who is a full-sister to three Classic winners. He was a runaway winner of the G1 German Derby and Germany's third-straight favorite for the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe when injury intervened. [cont. p2](#)

## FERGUSON TO FOCUS ON GODOLPHIN

John Ferguson, bloodstock advisor to Sheikh Mohammed and a rapidly growing presence in British jumps racing, is to hand in his national hunt training license at the end of the 2016 jumps season in April to devote his time solely to the global Godolphin operation. The news, announced Tuesday on the Godolphin website, coincides with a merging of the Godolphin/Darley racing and breeding empire, currently numbering 2,000 horses-in-training and 2,500 breeding stock. Darley, under which all Sheikh Mohammed's bloodstock holdings formerly operated, is now to be used solely as a brand to promote stallions, with the global operation being re-branded under the Godolphin banner, of which Ferguson is to be chief executive and racing manager.

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in **TDN America** today...

### NEW BARN FOR LADY SHIPMAN

'*TDN Rising Star*' **Lady Shipman** (Midshipman)--currently being aimed at the \$1-million G1 Al Quoz Sprint on the G1 Dubai World Cup program at Meydan Mar. 26--will be transferred to the barn of Kieran McLaughlin for her 4-year-old season, according to owner/breeder Randy Lowe.

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## 33 European Value Sires: England cont.

Speaking of being under the radar, Newsells Park's **Equiano**, whose first foals are 3-year-olds this year, looks a little under the radar to us at £7,000 for 2016. He ranks sixth on the European Second-Crop Cumulative Sire List, with three group

SWs including Strath Burn, a Group 3 winner who was beaten a short head in the G1 Haydock Sprint Cup. He also has 25 2-year-old winners this year, two of them black-type winners and five black-type horses.

Darley always has some interesting prospects, one of which is the reverse

shuttler **Sepoy**, an Australian-bred sprinter by Elusive Quality, who ran truly world-class numbers winning 10 of his first 11 starts in Australia. His first Australian yearlings sold at Magic Millions last January and he had two of the top three sold, including the A\$1.2-million saletopper, to Spendthrift Farm. His 55 yearlings sold 'up north' averaged the equivalent of \$113,581. Darley also stands **Farhh**, one of three horses whose chances of sire success are enhanced by their having had the best losing form against Frankel (the other two are Nathaniel and Excelebration). Farhh's last seven races were all in Group 1



Under the radar: Equiano | Newsells Park

company: as a 4-year-old, he was second four times and third once in five Group 1 starts, including two seconds (at respectable margins, six and seven lengths) to Frankel; at five he ran twice and won twice, at a mile and 10 furlongs. From 10 career starts he had five wins, four seconds,



Farhh | Darley photo

and one third. Six foals from his first crop averaged the equivalent of \$69,037 at the recent sales.

**Toronado** is one of several young stallions standing at stud who raced under the Al Shaqab banner of Qatari Sheikh Joaan Al Thani. Most of them stand at their Haras Du Bouquetot in France, but Toronado is at England's National Stud. He was three-for-three at two, including the G2 Champagne S. at Doncaster, for his original owner, and for Sheikh Joaan he won the G1 Sussex S. at three and the G1 Queen Anne S. at four, also running second in three other Group 1's, all at a mile. Among sires retiring to stud in England for the 2016 season, the drums

are beating for Cable Bay, a son of Invincible Spirit who was a real seven-furlong specialist. He won two group races at that distance this year as a 4-year-old, including the G2 Challenge S. at Newmarket. He had run second in the corresponding race last year as a 3-year-old, while as a 2-year-old he had been second to War Command in the G1 Dewhurst S. He's getting a big thumbs up from all the judges I know who have been to see him.

## FRANCE

**Dalakhani** is not hugely in favor these days--especially with commercial breeders, as he has an amazingly low 0.13 ABC Index for 2-year-olds--but 15 of his 31 A Runners (48%) are G1/G2 winners, which is very high since 21% is the norm; such a high

proportion usually reflects class. He has moved from Gilltown in Ireland to the Aga Khan's French stud, Haras Du Bonneval. Being by Darshaan, he also figures to do well as a broodmare sire.

**Youmzain**, at Haras du Quesnay, is best known for being runner-up in the 'Arc' three times (to Dylan Thomas, Zarkava, and Sea The Stars) and didn't actually have the most commercial profile, but his first crop, now three, includes the Group 2-winning filly Sea Calisi, and the second includes Suits You, who won the Chesham S. at Royal Ascot and was sold to Hong Kong for a packet. Youmzain stands for only €4,000.

There are a number of promising sires who have gone to stud in France; a bit like New York state, they are following the money (in the French-bred program). Even if it doesn't attract a rush of outside stallions, it keeps the ones there who you'd like to see there. French Freshman sires of 2016 will include **Rio De**



Rajsaman stands at Cauviniere for €6000

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**La Plata**, who won the 2007 G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere, France's top race for 2-year-old colts, and won two other Group 1's and placed in another five, including the Poule d'Essai des Poulains--French 2000 Guineas. He was tough, sound (30 starts over six seasons), and consistent (ran RPRs

of 118-119 10 different times), and 22 yearlings from his first crop averaged the equivalent of \$48,916, so the buyers liked them well enough. He must surely be the last major son of Rahy to go to stud. [cont. p3](#)



Haras du Quesnay's Youmzain | Racing Post

# Weekly Sales Ticker

by Bill Oppenheim

"From 2012 to 2013, the North American Mixed Sale market jumped by \$66-million, or 32%, from just under \$210m to \$276.4m. Since then the number catalogued is up by 15%, but the gross has dropped by \$11-million (4%), and the clearance rate from the catalogues has dropped by 7.5%. In Europe the 2012-2013 jump was even greater, 45%, from €138m to over €200m; since then the gross has dropped by 8%, the average by 11%".

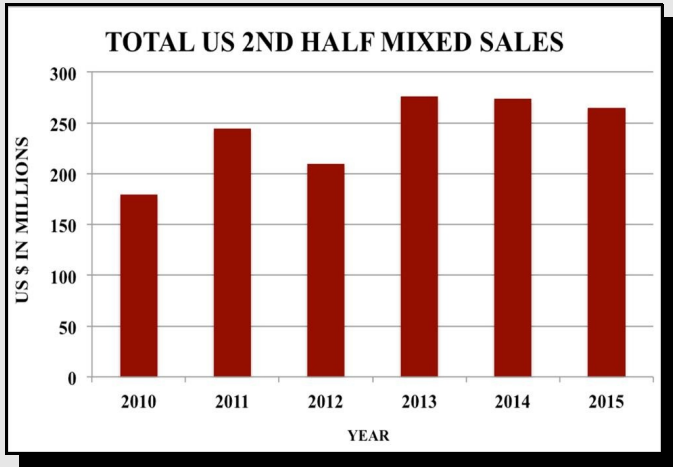
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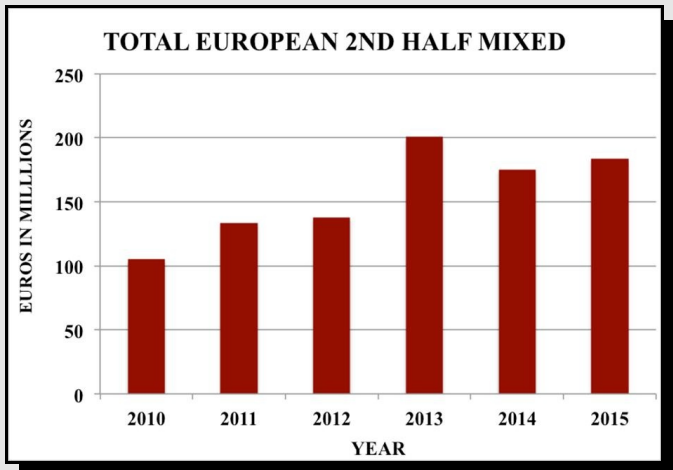
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"Combined, the North American & European (second-half calendar year) mixed sales jumped from \$381-million in 2012 to \$526-million in 2013; since then they have dropped by \$60-million, or 11%, and by 12% in average as the clearance rate from the catalogues dropped by 7.5%. As there has been an 8% gain in the overall combined market since 2013, it seems the mixed sale market has not kept pace with the rise in the yearling sector, which is up by \$90-million since 2013".

- Bill Oppenheim

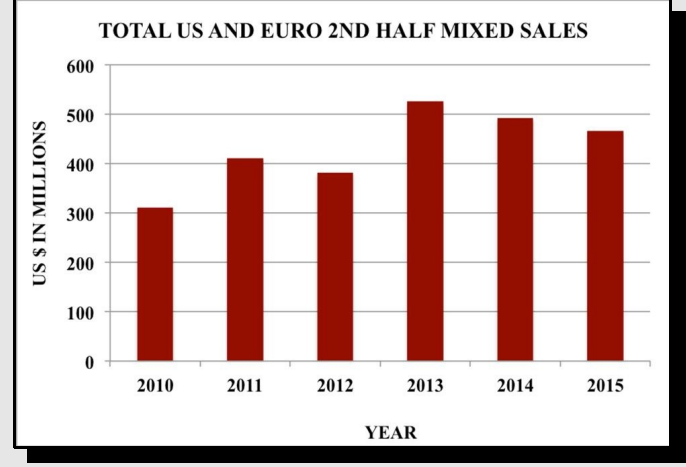


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2015	5,140	3,949	2,924	23.2%	74.0%	56.9%	\$265,014,300	\$90,634
2014	4,910	3,928	3,007	20.0%	76.6%	61.2%	\$273,839,500	\$91,067
2013	4,452	3,557	3,002	20.1%	84.4%	67.4%	\$276,430,800	\$92,082
2012	4,962	3,978	3,039	19.8%	76.4%	61.2%	\$209,803,500	\$69,037
2011	4,864	3,923	3,062	19.3%	78.1%	63.0%	\$244,490,500	\$79,847
2010	5,902	4,683	3,535	20.7%	75.5%	59.9%	\$179,636,100	\$50,816

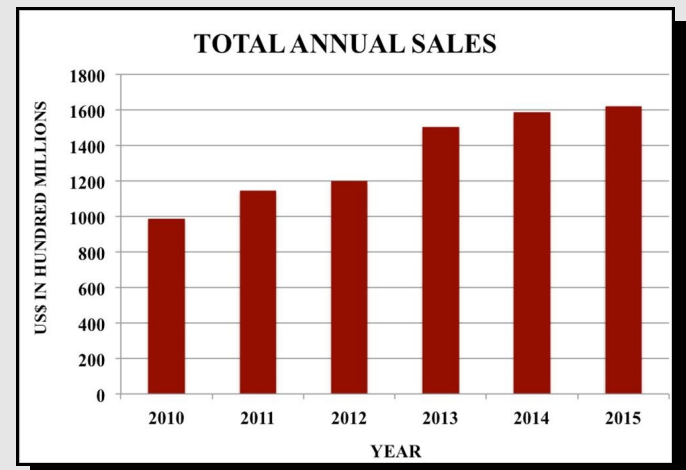


YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2015	5,278	4,534	3,435	14.1%	75.8%	65.1%	€183,906,180	€53,539
2014	4,873	4,169	3,336	14.4%	80.0%	68.5%	€175,357,584	€52,565
2013	4,806	4,114	3,341	14.4%	81.2%	69.5%	€200,782,372	€60,096
2012	4,744	4,008	3,109	15.5%	77.6%	65.5%	€138,013,546	€44,392
2011	4,496	3,792	2,757	15.7%	72.7%	61.3%	€133,153,879	€48,297
2010	4,511	3,770	2,674	16.4%	70.9%	59.3%	€105,429,506	€39,428

Data compiled by Brianne Stanley



YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2015	10,418	8,483	6,359	18.6%	75.0%	61.0%	\$466,262,893	\$73,323
2014	9,783	8,097	6,343	17.2%	78.3%	64.8%	\$492,352,261	\$77,621
2013	9,258	7,671	6,343	17.1%	82.7%	68.5%	\$526,625,343	\$83,025
2012	9,706	7,986	6,148	17.7%	77.0%	63.3%	\$381,804,210	\$62,102
2011	9,360	7,715	5,819	17.6%	75.4%	62.2%	\$410,414,162	\$70,530
2010	10,413	8,453	6,209	18.8%	73.5%	59.6%	\$311,011,749	\$50,090



YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2015	36,260	29,474	22,921	18.7%	77.8%	63.2%	\$1,621,229,882	\$70,731
2014	35,798	29,622	23,468	17.3%	79.2%	65.6%	\$1,587,948,435	\$67,664
2013	32,647	27,129	21,914	16.9%	80.8%	67.1%	\$1,502,245,904	\$68,552
2012	32,594	27,055	21,143	17.0%	78.1%	64.9%	\$1,197,817,046	\$56,653
2011	33,653	27,630	21,103	17.9%	76.4%	62.7%	\$1,145,986,157	\$54,304
2010	36,078	29,848	21,741	17.3%	72.8%	60.3%	\$988,003,307	\$45,444

Data compiled by Brianne Stanley

### Oppenheim: 33 European Value Sires cont.

The same can certainly be said of **Rajsaman**, undoubtedly the last son of a serious class influence, Linamix, to go to stud. Rajsaman upset Siyouni in the 2010 G3 Prix De Fontainebleau and went on to win three more group races, including the 2011 G2 Prix Daniel Wildenstein, in which he defeated Rio De La Plata. He stands at Haras De La Cauviniere, the team which brought you Le Havre, so that's another plus.

In 2014, four stallions retired to Germany at stud fees of €5,000 or more, whereas none retired in France. One of the four, Dabirsim, from the first crop of Hat Trick, was unbeaten in five starts at two in France in 2011, including the G1 Prix Morny and the G1 Lagardere, which made him the undisputed Champion 2-Year-Old Colt in France. He did his first two seasons in Germany, but moves for 2016 to Haras de Grandcamp. France has two strong candidates who retired to stud this year: one is Goldikova's full brother, **Anodin** (Anabaa), who improved at four in 2014 to place in four Group 1's, including the Queen Anne (third to Toronado and Verrazano), Jacques Le Marois (second to Kingman), and the Breeders' Cup Mile (second to Karakontie). The other is **Olympic Glory** (Choisir), bought by Al Shaqab after two Group 2 wins at two, and for whom he won not only the -- yep, you guessed it, the Lagardere -- but also three more Group 1's, including, in his final career start, a red-hot edition of the 1400-meter Prix de la Foret, which the clock said he won in 1:17.73. It was a career best for a horse who had always been thought better with give in the ground, because you don't break 1:18 for 1400 meters unless the ground is fast. Olympic Glory went to the owner's Haras de Bouquetot. A total of 14 mares sold in foal to him this autumn, for an average equivalent to \$56,277.

Retiring for 2016 to Haras de Montaigu in Nonant-Le-Pin is **Prince Gibraltar** (Rock of Gibraltar), who won the G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud at two; the G2 Prix Greffulhe at three; and the G1 Grosser Preis von Baden this year at four; he was also third to The Grey Gatsby in the G1 Prix du Jockey-Club -- French Derby and second in the G1 Grand Prix de Paris at three. Overall he won or placed in nine Group 1 or Group 2 races. Also retiring for 2016 is **The Wow Signal**, another Al Shaqab buy, who goes to Bouquetot. He won the G2 Coventry and the G1 Morny (defeating Hootenanny) at two, and is especially interesting as he is by Starspangledbanner, who was clearly cut out to be a very good sire, but pretty clearly has big fertility issues.



Dual Group 1 winner Prince Gibraltar stands for €5000 at Montaigu | Montaigu

### GERMANY

Germany's leading sire the past few years, since the passing of Monsun, has been Soldier Hollow, a grandson of Sadler's Wells, by In The Wings. He's the sire of **Pastorius**, who defeated subsequent G1 King George and Queen Elizabeth S. winner Novellist twice when both were 3-year-olds, and won the G1 Prix Ganay in France as a 4-year-old, defeating Maxios. Soldier Hollow's second crop included (Our) Ivanhowe, the only horse to defeat Sea The Moon, in the 2014 G1 Grosser Preis von Baden, and subsequently third in Australia in the G1 Caulfield Cup this October. However, as Soldier Hollow's 2016 fee is listed as Private (he was €15,000 in 2015) he's ineligible for inclusion in the feature, but we can mention another son of In The Wings, **Adlerflug**, who has sired three GSWs and eight graded stakes horses from only 89 foals in three crops, including 2015 Group 1 winner Ito. Clearly In The Wings is a line that does well in Germany.

We mentioned earlier that four stallions went to stud for €5,000+ stud fees in Germany in 2014, whereas none retired that year in France. Two of them, Dabirsim and Pastorius, we've mentioned above. The two others are **Maxios**, who stands alongside Pastorius at Gestut Fahrhof, and **Reliable Man**, who stands at Gestut Rottgen. Maxios is a Group 1-winning half-brother to 'Arc' winner Bago, by Monsun out of a Nureyev daughter of Coup de Genie, herself a champion full-sister to Machiavellian. Maxios could just about be described as the first really syndicated, commercial sire in Germany. Fahrhof brought him to Newmarket for a stallion parade at the 2014 December Sale, and to Deauville for their December Sale this year. He's had the most international commercial exposure before having runners of any horse who's stood in Germany, ever, and the project is looking quite promising so far, as he had 12 foals from his first crop sell, from 12 offered at the mixed sales, for an average equivalent to \$79,131, and a median equivalent to \$57,596, just about five times his €10,000 stud fee. That's a strong commercial performance in any country. Reliable Man is a very interesting prospect himself: by Dalakhani, he won the 2011 G1 Prix du Jockey-Club -- French Derby, in only his third lifetime start, and concluded his career in Australia, where he won the G1 Queen Elizabeth S., also at 10 furlongs. He's a popular sire in both hemispheres, because he's a group 1 winner in both hemispheres -- and a Classic winner 'up north.'

The BBAG yearling sale in Baden-Baden attracts more and more 'internationals' every year, and in 2016 it could be one of the hottest yearling sales in Europe, because it will feature the first yearlings by the four 'new' sires mentioned above: Maxios, Reliable Man, Dabirsim, and Pastorius. That sale will be September 2, 2016 -- the Friday before U.S. Labor Day. That will definitely be on my 2016 sales calendar. It will maybe be their best sale ever; it will certainly be their most interesting, and Baden-Baden, by the way, is a gas. [cont.p4](#)

## IRELAND

**Clodovil**, the 2003 G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains -- French 2000 Guineas winner, by Danehill out of a Linamix mare, has had to do it the hard way, with decidedly moderate mares for the most part, and has become a dependable



**Coolmore's Footstepsinthesand** | Coolmore photos

"lower mid-range" proven sire. The same could be said for **Big Bad Bob**, who has 'stood the raise' with bigger crops beginning in 2012. **Footstepsinthesand** is another in this price range who has proven a very useful sire. It's very difficult to find proven sires standing in the €10,000 range, but these three Irish stallions are among the best values in Europe at that level.

**Tamayuz** costs slightly more but appears to be cut from the same cloth. He's by Nayef but out of a Nureyev mare, and was one of the top 3-year-old milers in Europe in 2008, defeating Raven's Pass in the G1 Prix Jean Prat, and defeating Natagora in the G1 Prix Jacques Le Marois. He's proving a useful sire of sprinters and milers, his best so far being 2014 G1 Haydock Sprint Cup winner G Force.

For 40 years, the Irish Thoroughbred industry benefitted from a tax exemption on stallion nomination revenue which was instituted in 1969 and in the opinion of many observers was a huge reason why Coolmore and others started standing top stallion prospects in Ireland and was instrumental in the sustained growth of the whole Irish industry. Whether the revocation (or expiration) of that tax break, combined with the grounding of the Celtic Tiger, has contributed to a shift of top prospective stallions to England, France, and even Germany, is open to debate. But one thing we can observe: Darley is based in England; Juddmonte is based in England; Shadwell is based in England; Tweenhills is in England; and the Al Shaqab stallions are

based even more in France, as well as England.

Coolmore is the only operation at that level based in Ireland, and they have a number of promising younger stallions standing at €15,000 and under.

Three of their sires with first 2-year-olds in 2016



**Excelebration has first 2yos in 2016** | Coolmore photos

look particularly interesting: **Excelebration** (Exceed An Excel; 53 yearlings sold, average equivalent to \$89,725), as mentioned is

one of three horses whose proximity to Frankel on the racecourse tips them as potential good sires (the other two: Nathaniel and Farhh); **Power** (Oasis Dream; 48 yearlings, avg \$59,794), winner of the G2 Coventry S., the G1 National S., and the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas; and So You Think (High Chaparral; 32 yearlings, avg \$59,020), winner of 10 Group 1 races -- five in Australia, five in Europe. He ran RPR's of 127-129 11 times, which really is a remarkable record of top-class consistency at the highest level.

The 2013 G1 Epsom Derby winner **Ruler of the World** (Galileo) is by consensus a very classy individual standing his second season in 2016 for a very reasonable €10,000 fee, especially considering his half-brother Duke of Marmalade had such a (belated) breakthrough year; and Coolmore also stands **War Command**, the 2013 G2 Coventry S. and G1 Dewhurst S. winner by War Front. Among those retiring to Coolmore for 2016 is **Ivawood** (Zebedee), a top sprinting 2-year-old of 2014 who ran third to Gleneagles in both the G1 English and Irish 2000 Guineas. The consensus here is, what he might lack in pedigree he more than makes up for in looks; he's worth the trip to go and see, you won't be disappointed, and you'll probably book your mare on the spot. Another really interesting debutante for 2016 is **Gutaifan**, who has

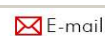
been bought from Al Shaqab by Morristown Lattin, to stand alongside his sire Dark Angel. It's all evolving form, as like his sire he's only raced at two and will be covering at three next year, but he won two group 2 races, the Robert Papin and Flying Childers, and was second to 'stablemate' (well, same owners) Shalaa in the G1 Prix Morny. That looks like very good form.



**Gutaifan (2)** | Racing Post

### NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR (KENTUCKY):

A good word was put in for Calumet Farm's **Oxbow**, the 2013 G1 Preakness S. winner by Awesome Again. He had five foals sell for an average of \$89,000, which is good, but our correspondent tells us they have some very good-looking ones on the farm, and Calumet will be racing a lot of them. He's officially \$17,500. And, we are told, don't forget about **Successful Appeal**, at Walmac for just \$10,000. His 12th crop are now 2-year-olds, and he's the sire of 45 black-type winners (a high 7% of foals) and 88 black-type horses, including the Grade I-winning 3-year-old filly this year, Her Emmenency.



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### 33 VALUE SIRES IN EUROPE

Stallion	Year	Sire	Fflsyr	Stands	Farm	2016	A Runner Index
Leroidesanimaux	2000	Candy Stripes	2007	Eng	Lanwades	14,000	1.68
Aussie Rules	2003	Danehill	2008	Eng	Lanwades	7,000	0.67
Archipenko	2004	Kingmambo	2011	Eng	Lanwades	10,000	1.05
Equiano	2005	Acclamation	2012	Eng	Newsells Park	7,000	0.35
Sepoy	2008	Elusive Quality	2014	Eng	Dalham Hall	15,000	
Farhh	2008	Pivotal	2015	Eng	Dalham Hall	8,000	
Sea the Moon	2011	Sea the Stars	2016	Eng	Lanwades	15,000	
Toronado	2010	High Chaparral	2016	Eng	National Stud	15,000	
Cable Bay	2011	Invincible Spirit	2017	Eng	Highclere	6,500	
Dalakhani	2000	Darshaan	2005	Fr	H De Bonneval	15,000	1.70
Youmzain	2003	Sinndar	2012	Fr	H du Quesnay	4,000	1.22
Rajsaman	2007	Linamix	2014	Fr	H De La Cauviniere	6,000	
Rio De La Plata	2005	Rahy	2014	Fr	H du Logis	5,500	
Dabirsim	2009	Hat Trick	2015	Fr	H De Grandcamp	9,000	
Anodin	2010	Anabaa	2016	Fr	H du Quesnay	7,500	
Olympic Glory	2010	Choisir	2016	Fr	H De Bouquetot	15,000	
The Wow Signal	2013	Starspangledbanner	2017	Fr	H De Bouquetot	8,000	
Prince Gibraltar	2011	Rock of Gibraltar	2017	Fr	H De Montaigu	5,000	
Adlerflug	2004	in the Wings	2011	Ger	G Harzburg	5,500	0.71
Maxios	2008	Monsun	2015	Ger	G Fahrhof	10,000	
Pastorius	2009	Soldier Hollow	2015	Ger	G Fahrhof	6,500	
Reliable Man	2008	Dalakhani	2015	Ger	G Rottgen	6,000	
Clodovil	2000	Danehill	2005	Ire	Rathasker	10,000	1.47
Big Bad Bob	2000	Bob Back	2007	Ire	Ir Nat'l Stud	9,000	1.00
Footstepsinthesand	2002	Giant's Causeway	2007	Ire	Coolmore	10,000	1.23
Tamayuz	2005	Nayef	2010	Ire	Derrinstown	12,500	1.36
Excelebration	2008	Exceed and Excel	2014	Ire	Coolmore	15,000	
Power	2009	Oasis Dream	2014	Ire	Coolmore	8,000	
So You Think	2006	High Chaparral	2014	Ire	Coolmore	12,500	
Ruler of the World	2010	Galileo	2016	Ire	Coolmore	10,000	
War Command	2011	War Front	2016	Ire	Coolmore	15,000	
Gutaifan	2013	Dark Angel	2017	Ire	Morristown	12,500	
Ivawood	2012	Zebedee	2017	Ire	Coolmore	9,000	



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**Ferguson to Focus on Godolphin cont.**

Ferguson has trained 70 winners in Britain this season, currently more than any other trainer and his team of horses, the majority of whom were originally recruited from Godolphin, are set to re-join Charlie Appleby in Newmarket.

Commenting on the new structure Ferguson said, "It is an exciting new chapter in the Godolphin story. Our long-term objective is to improve on Godolphin's results on the racetrack. I feel honored to be appointed chief executive and racing manager, but I realize that it will require more of my time and attention."

On his highly successful stint as a jumps trainer Ferguson added, "I will miss the training. Jump racing has always been one of my sporting passions, and I love the involvement. I am very grateful to Sheikh Mohammed for giving me the horses to send jumping in the first place. In fact, he wanted me to continue, but I could see that Godolphin must always be a priority and



Sheikh Mohammed and John Ferguson pictured at Newmarket | *Racing Post*

requires my undivided attention. It makes sense for the racing and breeding operations to merge. One is sourcing the other, and a well-planned, common strategy can only strengthen both. We must ensure that Godolphin continues to represent excellence in racing, and that the brand serves as a constant reminder of the vibrancy and energy of Dubai."

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**HOLLAND RETURNING TO BRITAIN**

Daryll Holland has been appointed stable jockey to the powerful yard of Charlie Hills for the 2016 flat season. The 43-year-old has spent the last two years riding in South Korea and Mauritius and the Group 1-winning jockey is delighted at the prospect of coming home to join a stable with such ammunition as Hills's.



Daryll Holland | *Racing Post*

Speaking to the *Racing Post*, Holland said, "I enjoyed my time abroad, but this is a golden opportunity. I started with the Hills family when I was 15 and

hopefully I can end my career with them."

Charlie Hills enjoyed a wonderful 2015, mainly thanks to the exploits of **Muhaarar (GB)** (Oasis Dream {GB}), and said, "Having a stable jockey is something we were thinking about for a while. Daryll's got plenty of big-race experience, is good on 2-year-olds and he'll give very good feedback on the horses."

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**FAHEY CLOSING IN ON WINNERS RECORD**

Richard Fahey saddled winner number 232 in Britain for 2015



Richard Fahey trained more winners than any other British trainer this year | *Racing Post*

Tuesday, three behind the record of 235 winners set by Richard Hannon Sr. in 2013. However, it will take a very healthy strike rate with the Yorkshire-based trainer's remaining runners for Fahey to equal or beat that record, with only a limited number of flat fixtures available before the end of the year.

Whatever happens, it has been another highly successful season for Fahey, as his runners banked over £3.8m in prize-money. He trained a pair of Group 2-winning juveniles for Godolphin in **Ribchester (Ire)** (Iffraaj {GB}) and **Birchwood (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}). His handling of **Gabrial (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}) is also worthy of special mention. Gabriel began the season in March when beating subsequent GI Ricoh Woodbine Mile S. winner Mondialiste (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in the Lincoln H. at Doncaster, and, even though the 6-year-old failed to win in 12 further runs, through Fahey's brave and astute placing, he earned just over £340,000 in prize-money, predominantly from Group 1 placings in the Qatar Sussex S. and the QIPCO Queen Elizabeth II S.

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**DUBAI BECKONS FOR MARNANE SQUAD**

Tipperary trainer David Marnane is no stranger to Dubai, having spent a number of years there as assistant to both Kieran McLaughlin and Doug Watson. Since setting up as a trainer in his own right, Marnane has always been keen to target the Dubai Carnival and he has done so with considerable success. Two of



David Marnane | *Racing Post*

his current stable stars-- **Elleval (Ire)** (Kodiac {GB}) and **Jamesie (Ire)** (Kodiac {GB})-- have already won at Meydan and both are on target for another trip next month along with stable companion **Seanie (Ire)** (Kodiac {GB}).

"Elleval is on track for his fourth Carnival, he loves it there having won twice at Meydan already and there are plenty of options for him," said Marnane. "He ran a good race in the GI Arlington Million and he could start off either in a nine furlong handicap on the first night or else wait for the Listed Singspiel S. the following week." **cont. p7**

**Dubai Beckons for Murnane Squad cont.**

Jamesie was a winner at last year's Carnival and having finished second on his last three starts, he should arrive in Dubai at the top of his game.

"Jamesie is thriving on his racing and is better than ever," continued Murnane. "He could start off in a six or seven furlong handicap, but he is also qualified for the All-Weather Championships back in England in March, so he will also be aimed at that. Seanie is in good form, but he is getting a little bit hard to place but he owes us nothing and as he was invited we will definitely bring him over."

All three horses are owned by Damien Lavelle, who has enjoyed memorable success in Dubai for an owner with a small string of horses.

"Damien is a lucky owner, but he puts a lot into the game and he certainly gets a huge amount of enjoyment out of the Carnival, lets hope that continues in 2016," concluded Murnane.

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**APPOINTMENTS**

**John Morrey: Appointed to Tattersalls Ireland Board Of Directors**

- Morrey has been part of the Tattersalls team in Newmarket since 2002 and became Property Director in 2013.
- Roger Casey, Managing Director of Tattersalls Ireland said, "I greatly welcome John to our board. The addition of the sales portfolio that we now operate at Cheltenham and Ascot has brought with it an additional workload, especially in the area of establishment and property. John's expertise in this field along with his experience of running sales at Newmarket, and his love of National Hunt racing, make him a perfect fit for our Board at Tattersalls Ireland."
- John Morrey added, "I am thrilled to be joining the Tattersalls Ireland Board as Property Director. Everyone at Tattersalls Ireland takes enormous pride in the sales complex and facilities and it is a privilege to be entrusted with the task of maintaining the very high standards that are synonymous with the company name."

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**Tuesday's Results:**

**3rd-WOL, £5,000, Mdn, 12-22, 2yo, 7f 32y (AWT), 1:27.53, ft. ALWAYS WELCOME (c, 2, [Elusive Quality](#)--No Matter What {GISW-US & SW-Fr, \$185,726}, by Nureyev)** finished runner-up in all three prior starts, including at Southwell last time Dec. 8, and broke well to lead into the early first turn here. Maintaining control thereafter, the 6/4 chalk was stoked up at the top of the straight and ridden out inside the final furlong to score by a cozy 1 1/4 lengths from War Glory (Ire) (Canford Cliffs {Ire}). The homebred chestnut is a half to Rainbow View (Dynaformer), Ch. 2yo Filly-Eur, Hwt. 2yo Filly-Eng, Hwt. 3yo Filly-Ire at 6.5-9.5f, G1SW-Eng & Ire, GSW-US & GISP-Can, \$1,129,814; Just As Well (A.P. Indy), GSW & MGISP-US, \$859,582; Utlely (Smart Strike), GSW-US, GSP-Can & SP-Eng, \$466,598; and Winter View (Thunder Gulch), GSW-US, \$328,909. He is also kin to a colt foal by Tapit, and his GI Del Mar Oaks-winning dam No Matter What, who is a half-sister to sire E Dubai (Mr. Prospector) from the family of GI Breeders' Cup Classic victor Raven's Pass (Elusive Quality), was covered by Quality Road this year. Lifetime Record: 4-1-3-0, \$9,818. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O-George Strawbridge; B-Augustin Stable (KY); T-John Gosden.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Go On Go On Go On (GB), f, 2, [Medicean \(GB\)](#)--Piranha (Ire), by Exceed And Excel (Aus). WOL, 12-22, 5f 216y (AWT), 1:13.79. B-Richard Kent & Robert Percival (GB). \*£23,000 Ylg '14 DNSIL.**  
**Busy Street (GB), g, 3, [Champs Elysees \(GB\)](#)--Allegro Viva, by Distant View. SOU, 12-22, 12f (AWT), 2:38.01. B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB). \*18,000gns 3yo '15 TAJUL. \*\*1/2 to Canticum (GB) (Cacique {Ire}), GSW-Fr, \$203,886.**  
**+Flowers On Venus (Ire), g, 3, [Raven's Pass](#)--Chelsea Rose (Ire) (Hwt. 3yo Filly-Ire at 9.5-10.5f, G1SW-Ire & G1SP-Ity, \$527,260), by Desert King (Ire). WOL, 12-21, 5f 216y (AWT), 1:13.24. B-Mrs A J Donnelly (IRE). \*€220,000 Wlg '12 GOFNOV; £12,500 3yo '15 DONNOV. \*\*1/2 to Thawaany (Ire) (Tamayuz {GB}), GSW & G1SP-Fr, \$262,616.**

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**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Coach Me (Fr), c, 3, [Le Havre \(Ire\)](#)--Sparkle Green (Fr), by Green Tune. MRV, 12-22, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:31.11. B-Ecurie Thierry Duvaldestin (FR). \*€6,000 2yo '14 ARQFEB.**

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## VELAZQUEZ HEADED TO AUSTRALIA TO RIDE, PROMOTE ANIMAL KINGDOM

By Bill Finley

You won't find John Velazquez at Gulfstream Park Saturday, Jan. 9, but at the Gold Coast Turf Club in Queensland, Australia, where he'll be riding on the Magic Millions Raceday card. Velazquez's appearance at the Australian racetrack is part of a promotional tour arranged by Arrowfield Stud, the Australian home for stallion Animal Kingdom (Leroidesanimaux {Brz}). Arrowfield is bringing in Velazquez and Animal Kingdom's trainer Graham Motion to help Australian buyers become better acquainted with the horse and his accomplishments on the racetrack. The Magic Millions festivities also include one of Australia's top yearling sales, the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale.

"The first of Animal Kingdom's Australian crops is about to be sold in the coming year, in 2016, and the first of those who will be sold will be at the Magic Millions sale in Queensland at the Gold Coast in a couple of week's time," said Arrowfield Chairman John Messara. "We thought it would be a great idea if Graham Motion and John Velazquez came over to be our guests at the Magic Millions and talk about the horse and how great he was. Australians, while they have a far more global view of racing than they had in the past, the horse didn't race here and they won't know a whole lot about the horse. To have these two guys here who were such a big part of his success will help to orientate people."

Motion will not be racing any horses while in Australia.

Agent David Raphael will be lining up mounts for Velazquez and said he will be riding on the Jan. 9 card only.

"If we can get him a couple of nice rides for the day, well, that's what it's all about," Raphael said. "It is a bit early to say exactly who he will be riding. We have him locked in for one, potentially two, mounts. We are also trying to get him a ride in the Magic Millions 2-year-old race."

Velazquez, who won the 2011 GI Kentucky Derby aboard Animal Kingdom and has long been considered one of the outstanding riders in North America, has ridden in the United

Arab Emirates, Great Britain, Saudi Arabia, Venezuela, Puerto Rico and Japan, but this will be his first appearance in Australia.

"I have never ridden in Australia or have been there, so this is definitely a trip I am looking forward to," Velazquez said. "It's one of those places where I've always wanted to ride. The opportunity came up and I am very excited about it. I definitely want to go over and win a race. Anywhere I go, it's important for me to win a race and not just to have a ride around the track. Hopefully, I'll get some good mounts and win something."

Despite Velazquez's many accomplishments, Raphael admitted he's not that well known in Australia.

"They really don't know much about him," he said. "Other than the Breeders' Cup, we don't get much American racing coverage over here and the Breeders' Cup comes around the same time as the [G1] Melbourne Cup. People know of him and have heard of him, but not like they know Frankie Dettori. Frankie has ridden in Australia so many times and we watch the races out of

Europe. John is certainly at the same level as Frankie, but a lot of the trainers here honestly don't know who he is."

Velazquez, 44, was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2012 and is the leading all-time money-winning jockey in American racing history with more than \$345 million in earnings. He has won more than 5,450 races and is the regular stable rider for America's top trainer, Todd Pletcher. He has won a Kentucky Derby, booted home two GI Belmont S. winners and 11 Breeders' Cup events.



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The yearling sale begins Jan. 6 and Velazquez and Motion will arrive in time to attend the functions surrounding the sale and meet and greet yearling buyers. Eight offspring of Animal Kingdom will be sold at the Magic Million sale.

Animal Kingdom won five of 12 career starts and earned \$8,387,500. Besides the Kentucky Derby, his other standout win came in the 2013 G1 Dubai World Cup.

"Animal Kingdom was one of the most special horses I have ever ridden," Velazquez said. "For him to go from grass to dirt to Polytrack and win everywhere on many different tracks is incredible. He was definitely a very good horse. To win the Kentucky Derby for me was very emotional. It was an incredible feeling. What a great horse. He just gave you everything every time he went out there."

Velazquez continued, "He was such a versatile horse. I understand his success as a sire has a lot to do with what kind of mares he's going to get, but I think he will make a great sire. I am not a breeding expert, but for him to be so versatile and so talented, I think he has to throw something beautiful."