



'GORDON' MEYDAN RETURN DELAYED



Gordon Lord Byron | Racing Post

Tom Hogan's veteran globetrotter **Gordon Lord Byron (Ire)** (Byron {GB}) has been forced to skip his intended appearance at Meydan today after picking up a minor injury. The setback is not serious and Hogan hopes to have the 9-year-old back on track next Thursday. The Dr Cyrus Poonawalla and Morgan Cahalan owned gelding hasn't troubled the judge in his last few starts but Tipperary based Hogan believes the Dubai environment is just what is required to spark his stable star back into form.

"Things didn't go right in his last couple of runs," said Hogan. "He got good ground at the Curragh last July and he ran really well to win the Group 2 Minstrel S. He needs good fast ground now. He has not got the legs to pull it out on slow or dead ground. It is a great surface out here and he should love it. There are plenty of nice horses out here, but hopefully we can be competitive," he added. Although rated 118 at his peak in 2014 that figure dropped to 107 last summer until two consecutive victories at Tipperary and The Curragh in the aforementioned G2 Friarstown Stud Minstrel S. showed Gordon Lord Byron was still a force to be reckoned with. Whatever else he may achieve in the future is surely a bonus, as the rags-to-riches gelding has already banked over £1.7m for connections in a career that has netted Group 1 victories in Britain, France and Australia.

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'RIVER' SET TO FLOW IN AL MAKTOUM

The Dubai World Cup Carnival kicks off at Meydan Racecourse Thursday with the feature race on the evening's opening card being the G2 Al Maktoum Challenge. A field of 10 go to post for the \$250,000 contest headed by last year's winner Le Bernardin (Bernardini). His head defeat of Layl (Street Cry {Ire}) in the 2016 renewal was his last victory and the 8-year-old will have to improve on his recent fourth placing behind Fitzgerald (Elusive Quality) in the Listed Dubai Creek Mile Dec. 15 to defend his crown. Tadhg O'Shea again takes the ride on the Ali Rashid Al Rayhi trainee, and he commented, "He ran well enough on his reappearance and is delighting us at home. We actually had a poor draw last year but this time we have a great one which is a real bonus. We are very pleased with his preparation and expect a big run in what looks a hot race." 'TDN Rising Star' Polar River (Congrats) looked just that at last year's Carnival. Her 13 length demolition of Promising Run (Hard Spun) in the Listed

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IN TON AMERICA TODAY

HEIDER STABLE FIRING ON ALL CYLINDERS

TDN Editor in Chief Jessica Martini chats with Scott Heider, who is set to offer Savings Account (Medaglia d'Oro), a mare he owns in partnership with Craig Bernick, at next week's Keeneland January Sale. Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.



EUROPEAN NEWS

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SON OF DEEP IMPACT RETIRES TO FRANCE

French breeders will have the option of using a son of Japanese star sire Deep Impact (Jpn) (Sunday Silence) with the arrival of **Martinborough (Jpn)** (ex Halwa Song, by Nureyev) at Haras de Grandcamp for stud duties later this month. The Northern Farm-bred Group 3 winning 8-year-old was purchased



Martinborough | JRA Photo

through Broadhurst Agency's
Laurent Benoit who
commented, "I've spent two
years looking for a potential
deal to bring a son of Deep
Impact here. Martinborough is
extremely well-bred on the
dam's side as well and carries
the blood of Nureyev and

Blushing Groom (Fr). It is certainly their speed which accounts for the fact that he proved best at around 2,000 metres, all of which makes him more than interesting." Martinborough will stand for a fee of €4,000 and will join another recent arrival to Grandcamp in Dream Ahead (Diktat {GB}) who transfers from Ballylinch Stud.

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WORLDWIDE NEWS

River Set To Flow in Al Maktoum Cont. from p1

UAE Guineas preceded a win in the G3 UAE Oaks before finding only Lani (Tapit) too strong in the G2 UAE Derby on World Cup night. She reappeared with a fourth placing in a conditions race at Meydan Nov. 17 and her trainer Doug Watson is expecting a more prominent showing this evening. "She needed that first run when she was carrying a penalty and has been working very nicely since," said Watson. "Obviously she is taking on older colts and geldings but she receives weight this

time and should make a bold show." Another intriguing contender is Godolphin's

Emotionless (Ire)

(Shamardal). The Charlie
Appleby trained 4-year-old
looked a Group 1 colt in the
making when winning the G2
Champagne S. at Doncaster in
2015 but injury intervened in



Emotionless | Racing Post

the meantime and he has disappointed on all three subsequent starts, most recently when finishing seventh of nine behind Thikriyaat (Ire) (Azamour {Ire}) in the G3 Bonham's Thoroughbred S. at Goodwood in July. It will be interesting to see if a switch to Dubai and to the dirt will spark a return to form and his trainer is quietly optimistic that it will. "He has been here since November and has thrived," said Appleby. "He has been working really well on our dirt surface at home and we could not be happier. His pedigree offers every hope dirt will suit him and he is a very happy horse at the moment. He had problems last year and can hopefully bounce back."

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Thursday, Meydan, UAE, post time: 8:50 p.m.
AL MAKTOUM CHALLENGE R1 PRESENTED BY ELEGANCE IN
FOLIESTRIAN-G2 \$250,000 NH4vo/up \$H3vo/up 1600m

All carry 126 pounds, bar Polar River, 121.

EQ	UESTRIAN-G2, \$250,000,	, NH4yo/up, SH3yo/u	o, 1600m	
PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Le Bernardin	Bernardini	O'Shea	Al Rayhi
2	Munaaser (GB)	New Approach (Ire)	Crowley	Al Rayhi
3	Lindo Amor (Arg)	Dynamix	Soumillon	de Kock
4	Cool Cowboy 🛪	Kodiak Kowboy	Hitchcott	Watson
5	Gold City (Ire)	Pivotal (GB)	Mullen	Seemar
6	Long River	A.P. Indy	Barzalona	bin Ghadayer
7	Polar River 🛪	Congrats	Dobbs	Watson
8	Fitzgerald	Elusive Quality	Fresu	binHarmash
9	Frankyfourfingers (Fr)	Sunday Break (Jpn)	O'Donoghue	bin Ghadayer
10	Emotionless (Ire)	Shamardal	Buick	Appleby

Dubai Fields cont.

Thursday, Meydan, post time: 9:25 p.m. (12:25 p.m EDT) SINGSPIEL S. PRESENTED BY LONGINES PERFORMANCE IN EQUESTRIAN-

Listed, \$175,000, NH4yo/up, SH3yo/up, 1800mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Ertijaal (Aus)	Hard Spun	Crowley	de Kock	126
2	Light the Lights (SAf)	Western Winter	Soumillon	de Kock	126
3	Silent Attack (GB)	Dream Ahead	Cosgrave	bin Suroor	125
4	Long Water	Elusive Quality	Hitchcott	Al Alawi	126
5	Dormello (Ire)	Dansili (GB)	Hayes	Selvaratnam	126
6	Championship (Ire)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	O'Donoghue	bin Harmash	126
7	Need to Know (SAf)	Western Winter	O'Shea	Al Rayhi	126
8	Earnshaw	Medaglia d'Oro	Barzalona	bin Ghadayer	126
9	Maftool	Hard Spun	O'Neill	Al Mheiri	126
10	Gabrial (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Buick	Fahey	126
11	Sanshaawes (SAf)	Ashaawes	Fayd'Herbe	de Kock	126
12	Quel Avantage (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Doyle	Bouresly	126

DEATH OF MG1SW SHOOT OUT

Five-time Group 1 winner Shoot Out (Aus) (High Chaparral {Ire}) has died at the age of 10 from complications arising from a bout of colic. Originally trained by John Wallace, Graham and Linda Huddy's gelding enjoyed a marvellous 3-year-old campaign



Shoot Out | Racing And Sports

in 2010 capped by wins in the G1 Royal Randwick Guineas and the G1 Australian Derby. He then went without a win for almost 18 months and was subsequently transferred to trainer Chris Waller, He rediscovered his winning

form in 2012, winning the G1 Chipping Norton S. at Warwick Farm and Randwick's G1 George Main S. before landing his fifth top level victory in the following year's Chipping Norton S. "He was a very good horse. I can only take claim for the second part of his career but prior to coming to me he was a superstar," Chris Waller told Racing.com. "I was lucky enough to be involved with him at the end of his career. He was a tough horse. One of those old genuine weight-for-age horses. He was unlucky not to have won a few more. He carried big weights in Doncasters and ran into good horses and always ran a good race. You always wish you had a stable full of horses like him," Waller added. Shoot Out proved not only a high class racehorse but a durable one also, having retired back in September 2013 with a race record of 37-10-5-6 for earnings of A\$3,231,950.



AL QUOZ ADDED TO SPRINT CHALLENGE

The Global Sprint Challenge has been amended to include the G1 Al Quoz Sprint on Dubai World Cup night as the second leg of the challenge. The race distance has been increased 200m to 1200m and the race replaces the G1 Golden Shaheen in a move that now sees all 10 legs of the challenge run on turf. The GSC includes races from UAE, Hong Kong, Australia, England and Japan and kicks off with the A\$750,000 G1 Black Caviar Lightning at Flemington Feb. 18. Commenting on the change to the series Leigh Jordan GSC committee chairman said, "The Global Sprint Challenge brings together the premier sprint races from around the world and offers prize-money and bonuses in excess of \$12 million to connections of horses that target and perform well in these races." He continued, "The Al Quoz Sprint is another quality addition to the series and boasts a truly international honour roll befitting of a leg of the Global Sprint Challenge. The revamped 1200-metre Al Quoz replaces the Golden Shaheen, also run on Dubai World Cup night, which will see the entire Global Sprint Challenge conducted on turf tracks." Last year's Al Quoz was won by Australia's **Buffering (Aus)** (Mossman {Aus}) while the 2015 winner Sole Power (GB) (Kyllachy {GB}) is reportedly targeting the race scheduled for Mar. 25 for the seventh consecutive year.

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Saturday, Kenilworth, South Africa, post time: 4:40 p.m. L'ORMARINS QUEEN'S PLATE S.-G1, R1,500,000 (£89,411/€105,112/ A\$151,478/US\$110,140), 3vo/up, 1600mT

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Abashiri (SAf)	Go Deputy	G Lerena	Azzie
2	Silicone Valley (SAf)	Jay Peg (SAf)	Dillon	Puller
3	Legal Eagle (SAf)	Greys Inn	Marcus	Tarry
4	Fifty Cents (SAf)	Trippi	Cheyne	Snaith
5	Sail South (SAf)	Sail From Seattle	Fourie	Crawford
6	Bold Rex (SAf)	Bold Silvano (SAf)	Simons	de Kock
7	French Navy (SAf)	Count Dubois (GB)	Marwing	Tarry
8	Captain America (SAf)	Captain Al (SAf)	Orffer	Crawford
9	Midnite Zone (SAf)	Trippi	Byleveld	Crawford
10	Marinaresco (SAf)	Silvano (Ger)	v Niekerk	Bass-Rbnsn
11	The Conglomerate (Aus)	Lonhro (Aus)	Strydom	Ramsden
Αl	carry 132 pounds, bar Bold	Rex, 121.		

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Saturday, Kenilworth, South Africa, post time: 4:00 p.m. MAINE CHANCE FARMS PADDOCK S.-G1, R1,000,000 (£59,551/

€70,059/A\$100,843/US\$73,325), 3yo/up, f/m, 1800mT

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER			
1	Star Express (SAf)	Silvano (Ger)	Strydom	Snaith			
2	Safe Harbour (SAf)	Elusive Fort (SAf)	Marwing	Tarry			
3	Silver Mountain (SAf)	Silvano (Ger)	v Niekerk	Bss-Rbnson			
4	Whose That Girl (SAf)	Gitano Hernando (GB)	Byleveld	Bss-Rbnson			
5	Tahini (SAf)	Silvano (Ger)	Khumalo	Tarry			
6	Bela-Bela (SAf)	Dynasty (SAf)	Marcus	Snaith			
7	Final Judgement (SAf)	Judpot	Fourie	Kotzen			
8	Icy Fire (SAf)	Western Winter	Orffer	Crawford			
9	Nightingale (SAf)	Silvano (Ger)	Domeyer	Bss-Rbnson			
10	Sail (SAf)	Philanthropist	Veale	Drier			
11	Goodtime Gal (SAf)	Royal Air Force (SAf)	G Lerena	Robinson			
12	Chevauchee (Aus)	High Chaparral (Ire)	Cheyne	Crawford			
All	All carry 132 pounds, bar Safe Harbour, Sail, Final Judgement & Whose That						
Girl	, 120.						

Wednesday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong

JANUARY CUP H.-G3, HK\$3,000,000 (£315,410/€368,968/ *A\$536,338/US\$386,859*), Happy Valley, 1-4, 3yo/up, 1800mT, 1:49.83, gd.

1--@HARBOUR MASTER, 123, g, 7, by Mizzen Mast

1st Dam: Geographic, by Empire Maker 2nd Dam: Dokki, by Northern Dancer 3rd Dam: Alluvial, by Buckpasser

O-Mr & Mrs Chow Kay Yui; B-Millsec Ltd (KY); T-John Moore; J-Zac Purton; HK\$1,710,000. Lifetime Record: 45-9-2-4, HK\$10,806,260. *Formerly Market Town. Werk Nick Rating: A. *Triple Plus*. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

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2--Circuit Land, 126, g, 6, Mizzen Mast--Storm Dove, by Storm Bird. (80,000gns HRA '14 TATHIT). O-Ngo Tai Tak; B-Juddmonte Farms Inc (KY); T-C S Shum; HK\$660,000.



3--Packing Dragon (NZ), 113, g, 5, Mastercraftsman (Ire)--Golden Gamble (NZ), by Oregon. (NZ\$190,000 Ylg '13 NZBPRE). O-Money Wong Man Yi; B-E P Lowry; T-Ricky Yiu; HK\$345,000. Margins: SHD, NK, NK. Odds: 10-1, 10-1, 22-5. Also Ran: Basic Trilogy (NZ), (DH) Romantic Touch (Aus), (DH) Renaissance Art, Gonna Run (Fr), Helene Super Star, (DH) Horse of Fortune (SAf), (DH) Flame Hero (NZ), Twin Delight (NZ). Click for the HKJC.com chart and VIDEO. HKJC.com PPs. Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.

The tight-turning track at Happy Valley is not every horse's cup of tea, but Harbour Master has always thrived at the city venue and recorded the most important victory of a productive career in Wednesday's G3 January Cup, leading home an Americanbred 1-2 for Juddmonte Farms' Mizzen Mast (Cozzene).

Trained by Charlie Hills to one win from five European starts, the horse formerly known as Market Land had recorded three of his seven Hong Kong wins at the Valley, including a Class 1 success on three days' rest Oct. 26. Sixth to Horse of Fortune (SAf) (Stronghold {GB}) in the G3 Sa Sa Ladies' Purse H. Nov. 6 and in back of Gonna Run (Fr) (Hurricane Run) in a Sha Tin Class 1 Nov. 27, he made some late ground into fifth in a Dec. 17 Class 2 over the Sha Tin all-weather track.



Harbour Master | *HKJC photo*

Drawn widest in this field of 11, Harbour Master was snagged straight back to last by Zac Purton and quickly moved down to the inside as the well-backed Packing Dragon burned some fuel to get across and lead under his feathery weight passing the winning post for the first time. The pace was genuine enough, but Romantic Touch (Aus) (Northern Meteor {Aus}) added fuel to the fire with a sharp middle move to take command with just about 600m to race. Packing Dragon punched right back to head the January Cup field into the stretch, while Purton was no better than eighth with plenty of traffic to negotiate at that stage. Packing Dragon boxed on gamely and was ultimately grabbed by Circuit Land close home, but Purton was able to weave his way through atop Harbour Master and managed to get his head down on the line first.

"It was certainly a messy race, there was a lot happening at different stages," Purton said of Harbour Master, a close third in the 2015 January Cup. "I didn't have much option from the gate --had to ride him a little bit conservatively."

January Cup H. cont.

I was able to track up a little bit, but then there were a few moves and a lot happening and I just had to wait and bide my time. When the split came, he showed a good turn-of-foot and a good will to win. He'd been working well so I expected him to run well."

Pedigree Notes:

Harbour Master is the latest success for a Juddmonte-bred son of Mizzen Mast in Hong Kong, as the sire's Giant Treasure (ex Palisade, by Gone West) won the 2016 G1 Stewards' Cup after a runner-up effort to Maurice (Jpn) (Screen Hero {Jpn}) in the 2015 G1 Longines Hong Kong Mile. Harbour Master is out of an unraced daughter of Dokki (Northern Dancer), herself a half-sister to Slew O' Gold and the dam of MGISW and dual US Classic-placed Aptitude (A.P. Indy). Dokki was also responsible for GISW Sleep Easy (Seattle Slew). Slew O' Gold's half-brother Coastal (Majestic Prince) won the 1979 GI Belmont S., while further down the page are GISW Real Solution (Kitten's Joy) and his SW & GSP full-sister Ava's Kitten. Geographic is the dam of a now 2-year-old full-brother to Harbour Master named Mapped and a yearling filly by Noble Mission (GB). The mare was most recently bred to Declaration of War. --Alan Carasso

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2016 LEADING JAPANESE SIRES BY EARNINGS (US\$1 = \frac{\pmathbf{1}}{17.48}) Winners Earnings (x 1000) Sire Starters (Leading Earner) Deep Impact 476 192 ¥7,493,078,000 (Sunday Silence {USA}) Satono Diamond King Kamehameha 525 237 ¥4,584,209,000 (Kingmambo {USA}) Yamakatsu Ace Daiwa Major 444 203 ¥2,923,256,000 (Sunday Silence {USA}) Major Emblem 399 Heart's Cry 162 ¥2,742,313,500 (Sunday Silence {USA}) Cheval Grand Stay Gold 446 197 ¥2,703,032,500 (Sunday Silence {USA}) Oju Chosan Kurofune (USA) 405 194 ¥2,126,375,000 (French Deputy {USA}) White Fugue ¥2,030,252,000 Gold Allure 383 180 (Sunday Silence {USA}) Copano Rickey Manhattan Cafe 343 150 ¥2,020,754,500 (Sunday Silence {USA}) Queen's Ring Neo Universe 329 141 ¥1,796,659,500 (Sunday Silence {USA}) Sounds of Earth South Vigorous (USA) 388 224 ¥1,692,327,500 Smart Avalon (End Sweep {USA}) Source: www.jbis.jp

AUSTRALIAN-BRED WINNERS

IN HONG KONG:

Issac (Aus), g, 4, Hinchinbrook (Aus)--Leyenda (Aus), by Hurricane Sky (Aus). Happy Valley, 1-4, Hcp. (A\$149k), 1200mT, 1:10.54. B-F J Moses (NSW). *Sent off the 9-10 favorite to follow up on a smart first Hong Kong success over this course and distance Dec. 14, Isaac was bustled along to attend the early pace from between rivals. Shaken up at the head of the lane by Zac Purton, the A\$40,000 Inglis Classic Yearling purchase



Isaac makes it two in a row

HKJC photo

showed a decisive turn of speed to put the race to bed, scoring by an emphatic 2 1/4 lengths. "He looks like he has a future," said winning trainer John Moore. "He's quickened, and the way he's done that has shown us that he really is better than this grade, which is what Zac said after he galloped him the other

day. He said to me, 'this one's better than Class 4' and it looks like he's right." The conditioner added, "That was a bit of a surprise, from my point of view. When he came to us he was very light but he's developed nicely--physically, he's really improved. Hinchinbrook is one of the up-and-coming sires on the Australian scene and this horse has proven tonight that he's still well-placed, even going up to Class 3 next time." VIDEO

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HEIDER STABLE FIRING ON ALL CYLINDERS



Scott Heider & Craig Bernick | Joe DiOrio

by Jessica Martini

The Heider family's three-decade involvement in racing, which dates back to the \$14,000 purchase of the future multiple graded stakes winner Answer Do as a yearling back in 1987, has expanded to a global enterprise which encompasses every facet of the industry.

"We buy at auction, we race, we breed, we sell," explained Scott Heider. "We do a little bit of everything. We race in North America and we race in Europe."

Heider, a real estate developer based in Omaha, Nebraska, takes full responsibility for the family's foray into the sport of kings.

"I'm a University of Southern California graduate and when I was at USC, I was attending the races at Santa Anita, Hollywood and Del Mar," he explained. "I fell in love with the sport out there and as soon as I graduated, I convinced my father that we should try to get into the business. It took me a little while, but he reluctantly agreed."

Charles Heider, an investment banker and confidant of legendary financier Warren Buffett, and his son had instant success and the sport became a bonding point for the two men. *Cont. p3*

DESPITE QUARANTINE, INFECTED HORSE ALLOWED TO EXIT FAIR GROUNDS

by T.D. Thornton

Even though the entire stabling area at Fair Grounds Race Course is under a restricted-movement quarantine for multiple outbreaks of equine herpesvirus type 1 (EHV-1), when a fifth horse tested positive for the non-neurogenic type of EHV-1 on Jan. 3, the animal was allowed to be shipped off the backstretch to an attending veterinarian's private farm, a spokesperson for the Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry (LDAF) confirmed Wednesday.

A Fair Grounds press release sent out on Tuesday evening described that infected horse as a Steve Asmussen trainee housed in Barn 47. Attempts to reach Asmussen for an update on the horse's condition and an explanation as to why it left the grounds were unsuccessful early Wednesday evening.

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What a catch! Photographer Tod Marks won the 2016 Media Eclipse Award for Photography on Wednesday for a picture of the stretch run of the Sloan Hurdle at the Iroquois Steeplechase meet in Nashville, TN. Story on Regional Report P2. | Tod Marks

RR1 SHACKLEFORD COLT A RISING STAR AT GULFSTREAM

Malagacy (Shackleford) trounced a field of overmatched maidens Wednesday at Gulfstream Park, earning 'TDN Rising Star' honors. Bill Finley catches up with trainer Todd Pletcher and bloodstock agent Steve Young to discuss the promising colt.

TODAY'S GRADED STAKES

11:50a Al Maktoum Challenge R1-G2, MEY







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Heider Stable Firing on All Cylinders (cont. from p1)

"As the racing gods sometimes make these things happen, the first horse we bought at auction, at Fasig-Tipton, was a horse named Answer Do, who we ran from age two through six and he won over \$750,000 and was the California champion sprinter. So we thought, 'Well, this has got to be the best game in the world.' That was more than 20 years ago, but it certainly got us

world.' That was more than 20 years ago, but it certainly got us off on the right foot. And it actually turned out to be something that we loved doing together, father and son, and our interest just grew from there."

Four years ago, the Heiders partnered with Craig Bernick of Glen Hill Farm to purchase a filly by Medaglia d'Oro for \$310,000 out of the 2012 Keeneland September Yearling Sale. The gray, named Savings Account, went on to become a stakeswinning earner of \$418,475. She was third in the 2015 GI Zenyatta S. and second in the 2013 GIII Miesque S.

While the partnership between Bernick and the Heider family has flourished and now includes both racing and breeding prospects across the globe, their association with Savings Account will end when, if all goes well, the 6-year-old mare goes through the sales ring as hip 121 during Monday's first session of the Keeneland January Horses of All Ages Sale.

Heider admits the decision to sell the hard-knocking mare was an emotional one.

"She was the first horse that my father and I partnered with

Craig on and I actually named her after my father," Heider said. "My father passed away last year, so this was a tough decision."

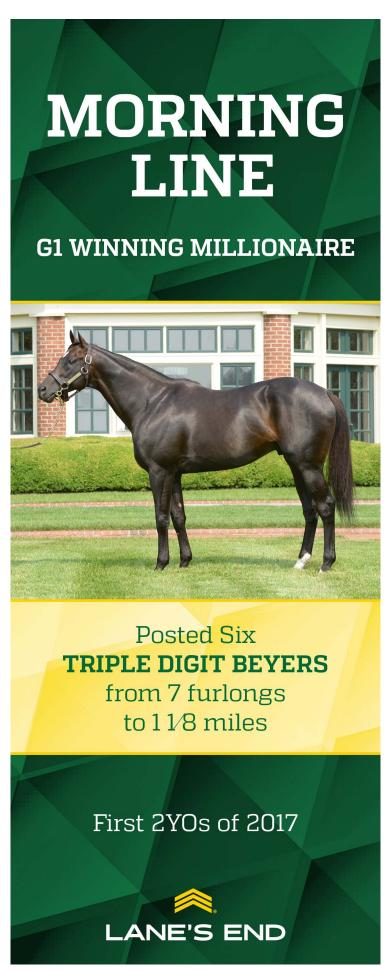
Savings Account is a daughter of stakeswinning Wild Hoots (Unbridled's Song), a full-sister to GI Wood



Savings Account | Coady Photography

Memorial S. winner Buddha. Heider thinks she'll find an appreciative audience at Keeneland.

"She is really nicely bred and she stands about 16.3 [hands]," Heider said of Savings Account. "She is really a beautiful mare and she is so honest. I don't think, in the 20-plus years that we've been in the business, that we've had a horse who has more frequent-flyer miles than she does. She has gone back and forth across the country I don't know how many times, but she has won at something like seven different racetracks. She is very honest and a big beautiful mare. It was a tough decision to sell her because she is exactly the kind of mare that you'd like to keep and give a chance. But honestly, what it comes down to is,



you can't keep them all. I've got an emotional tie to this one that's a little different than some of the others because I named her after my father, but we have made the decision to sell her."

Saving Account does have a hurdle to clear before she can keep her date with the Keeneland sales ring. Although she has been stabled at Glen Hill Farm in Ocala for the last three weeks, she had previously been stabled at Fair Grounds, which is under quarantine after an EHV-1 outbreak. Currently Kentucky is not allowing horses who have been at Fair Grounds to ship into the state, but Heider is hoping the mare will still make it to auction.

"We're doing everything we can to make it happen. We certainly want her in the sale next week," Heider said Wednesday.

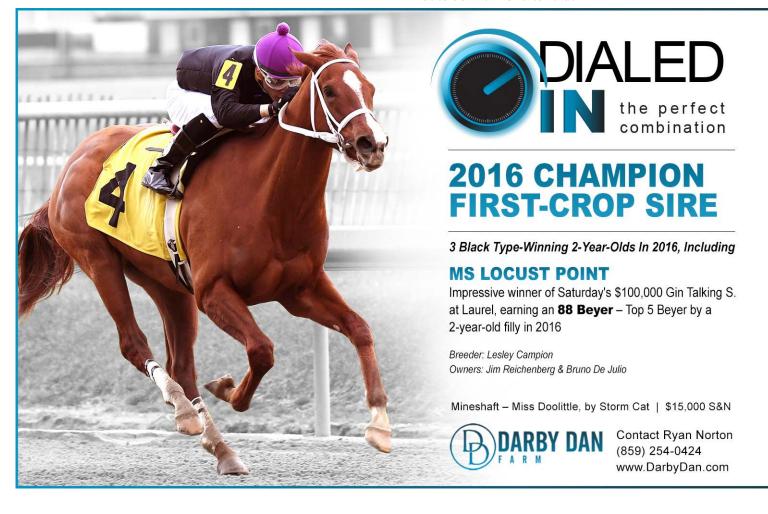
One filly that the Heider family will be keeping, at least for another year, is recent Fair Grounds allowance winner **Hip Hop N Jazz** (Speightstown), who had been entered in the January sale as <u>hip 362</u>.

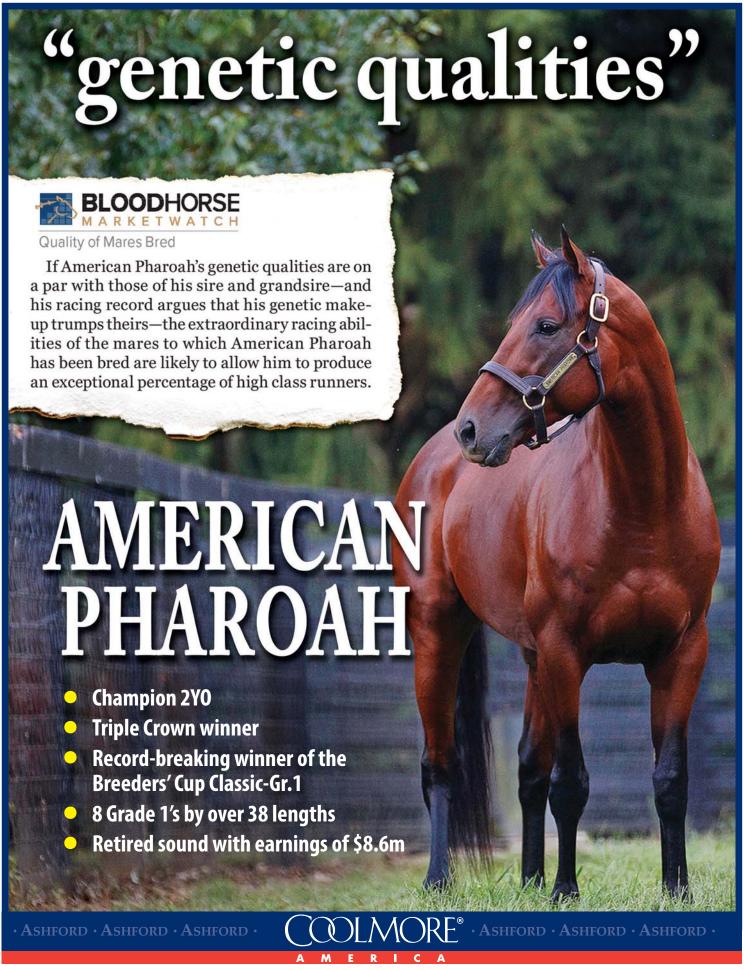
A Heider homebred, Hip Hop N Jazz opened her career with a pair of East Coast wins in the spring of 2015 before a promising third-place effort in the GIII Delaware Oaks. But the filly was sidelined over a year after that race.

"When she came out of the Delaware Oaks, she was a little off behind, but we couldn't find anything wrong," Heider explained. "We gave her the nuclear scan and X-rays and everything and we just could not figure it out, so she got a six-month vacation at Glen Hill. We brought her back and she was getting ready to be entered this past summer and she had that little hitch in her rear end again and again we couldn't pinpoint what it was. So we gave her 30 days of light training and thought we'd give her one more shot. But at the same time, we decided to send her to Hill 'n' Dale and, as an insurance policy, get her bred so we didn't miss the season. So we bred her to The Factor and once that was done we sent her to Fair Hill, which is where all our horses are with Tom [Proctor] in the spring, summer and fall. She went back into light training and we all kind of crossed our fingers and, I don't know what it was about the breeding season, but she has been completely sound ever since. She did not get in foal, which was initially a disappointment, but then as the summer went on and she started to train like she had when she was three, we thought we might get lucky."

Returned to the races in September, Hip Hop N Jazz reeled off three straight runner-up efforts before a confident 2 3/4-length allowance victory over the Fair Grounds turf Dec. 26.

"She's come back really good," Heider revealed. "She's going to be nominated to stakes at Sam Houston and Fair Grounds, but we'll probably send her to Sam Houston towards the end of the month. The January sale was an insurance policy, but the goal with her now is to race her this year and then make a decision what to do with her after that."





While the family stable started out primarily buying racing prospects at auction, it has become increasingly more involved in breeding and, in partnership with Bernick and John Sikura's Hill 'n' Dale Farm, are developing a first-class broodmare band.

"When we got into the sport, we bought all our horses at auction and raced them and I had a great deal of fun doing that,"

Heider said. "Probably after about 10 years, I became really intrigued about bloodlines and wanted to learn more about them and I did. We decided to dabble in the breeding end and, not too much differently than the first horse we bought at auction, the first mare we bought was a Storm Bird mare, her name was Storm Teal. She was a Coolmore mare that we bought at Keeneland and she was very good to us and she ended up having some nice stakes winners and we sold some very nice yearlings out of her. So we thought, 'This is kind of fun.'"

Heider continued, "We manage our numbers and never have more than half a dozen mares at any one time. We try to be pretty selective."

The Heider broodmare band includes Lacadena (Fasliyev), purchased for \$1.3 million at the 2015 Keeneland November sale and currently in foal to leading sire Tapit. In August, Sikura, Bernick and Heider purchased Grade I winner Taris (Flatter) and the filly will be bred to Curlin this spring.

The trio also purchased a group of well-bred Coolmore fillies

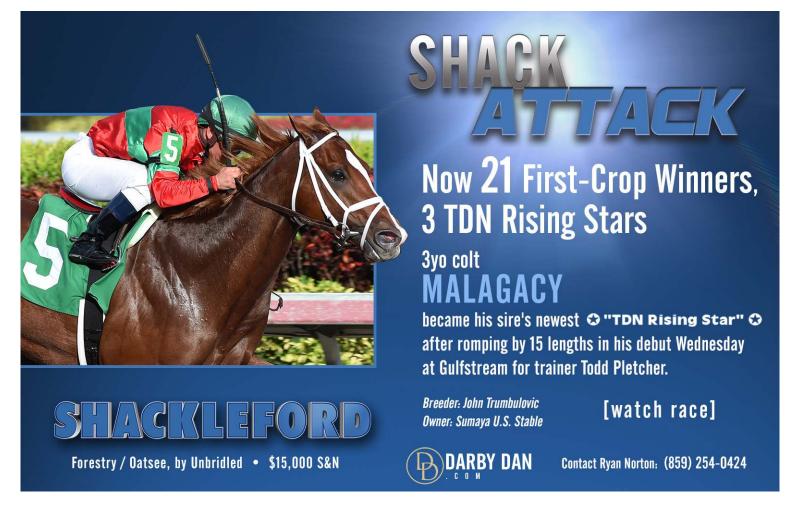
over the summer, with How (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), a full-sister to champion and five-time Group 1 winner Minding (Ire); GSW Most Beautiful (GB) (Canford Cliffs (Ire); and GSP Earring (Ire) (Dansili {GB}), a daughter of GISW Together (Ire) (Galileo (Ire)) all joining trainer Tom Proctor's barn. Earring came up a nose short when second in the GIII Long Island H. for her new connections last November and Most Beautiful was third in the GIII Senator Ken Maddy S. on the Breeders' Cup undercard.



Escobar | Racing Post photo

Heider is keen to have a presence in Ireland, both for racing and breeding.

"They just produce a really good horse in our opinion," Heider said of the Irish breeding industry. "We of course love the U.S.-



breds, that is where we mostly race and breed. But there is something about the Irish horse. They breed a good animal, a really good racehorse. We're very aware of that and we feel like it's important to have some kind of presence over there, so we're doing a little bit more of that now."

Among recent European acquisitions is the 3-year-old Take a Deep Breath (GB) (Bated Breath {GB}). Trained in Ireland by Michael O'Callaghan, the now 3-year-old was second for Bernick and Heider in last year's G3 Silver Flash S. and is currently in training at Tampa Bay Downs. On behalf of Bernick and Heider, O'Callaghan will also be training a 2-year-old Dark Angel filly and a yearling daughter of Zoffany (Ire) out of Group 1 winner Yesterday (Ire) (Sadler's Wells).

On the European breeding front, the partnership will be sending multiple stakes-placed Bobbi Grace (Ire) (Big Bad Bob {Ire}) to be bred in Ireland. The 5-year-old is a half-sister to the promising Escobar (Ire) (Famous Name {GB}).

"We're going to send her back to Ireland to be bred to Exceed and Excel (Aus)," Heider said of Bobbi Grace. "Escobar got quite a bit of print as a juvenile. He's a stakes winner and will be pointed to some of the Classics over there. So we are sending her back and we'll make some decisions on her depending on what Escobar does this summer in Europe."

With some well-bred yearling fillies still waiting in the wings, the future looks bright for the Heider family's broodmare band.

"Craig and I have some really exciting yearling fillies," Heider said. "We have a War Front filly out of a mare named Ruby Tuesday (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) [a half-sister to Quarter Moon (Ire) and Yesterday (Ire) and a full to Betterbetterbetter {Ire}], who is from a really prolific family. We'll race her and hopefully have a lot of fun with her and the goal would be to have her in the broodmare band."

In that same racing-with-an-eye-towards-breeding program will be a War Front yearling half-sister to Uncle Mo (Indian Charlie) and a Tapizar filly who is a half to champion Songbird (Medaglia d'Oro). Both War Front yearlings were high-priced RNAs as weanlings at last year's Keeneland November sale; the daughter of Ruby Tuesday for \$975,000 and the filly out of Playa Maya at \$1.25 million.

Heider is quick to recognize his family's racing success as a team effort and gives plenty of credit to Sikura, Bernick and bloodstock agent Donato Lanni, as well as longtime trainer Tom Proctor.

"We've been very fortunate since we've been in the business and we've had some nice luck breeding and racing horses," Heider said. "I think at the end of the day, it comes down to the people working with you and for you. This is year 15 that we've been with Donato Lanni and I couldn't be more proud of what he's accomplished. And we were boarding our mares and our

horses at Hill 'n' Dale really from the start when John bought the farm and we couldn't be any more proud of John and what he's accomplished."

Of Bernick, Heider said, "I've been friends with Craig for five or six years and we've been partnering on horses now for three years. I would say, Craig is probably one of the sharpest people I know on the ownership side of the game."

The Heider family, which currently has about 12 horses in training in the U.S., has had horses with Proctor for the past decade.

"I sought Tom out," Heider revealed. "I was closely watching his record and I had a really good feeling--when a trainer has three or four 6-year-olds in his barn and they are all still racing, you have to think he is doing it right. I contacted Tom, at the time he was in Chicago, and my father and I hit it off right away with him. I would say Tom has been absolutely integral to everything that we have done in the last decade."

Heider and Bernick invested in a barn at Fair Hill a couple of years ago and that has facilitated the partnership's increased presence in Europe.

"The decision to buy a barn at Fair Hill two years ago has proven to be an incredibly good decision," Heider said. "It probably also fuels our fire to look for horses in Ireland and Europe and participate and breed with some European stock, because Fair Hill is the closest thing to a yard as you'll find. And that has really set the program. We have an awful lot of turf horses and Tom trains turf, dirt, everything, but the Fair Hill barn fits into the program so well."

The Heider family's breeding and racing operation does a little bit of everything, but Scott Heider is enjoying the ride.

"We love the sport and love what we're doing," Heider said. "We wouldn't change anything about it, we love it all."

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STALLIONS' FIRST FOALS

The first foal by WinStar Farm's **CARPE DIEM** (Giant's Causeway) was born Sunday, Jan. 1 at Ocala Stud in Ocala, Florida. Bred by Centaur Farm, the colt is out of the seven-time stakes-winning mare Evelyn's Dancer (Songandaprayer). "He's a nice-sized colt with good bone and plenty of leg," said Centaur's Brad Heath. "He looks like a winner."

PEGASUS WORLD CUP

Click here to view a "13th Jockey" promotional video for Gulfstream Park's upcoming GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational Jan. 28, featuring UFC champion Conor McGregor.

Despite Quarantine, Infected Horse Allowed to Exit Fair Grounds (cont. from p1)

When the TDN asked the LDAF why an exception was made to the "no horses in or out" protocol, Veronica Mosgrove, the LDAF press secretary, wrote in an email, "This situation is fluid. Since the horse was being treated for another condition, the LDAF allowed moving the horse to the attending veterinarian's private isolation facility. I'm told this is a case by case situation. After consulting with the USDA Veterinary Services, the LDAF allowed the move....The attending veterinarian will be enforcing the mandated protocols and biosecurity measures."

Although Mosgrove did not detail the separate condition that

the horse was being treated for, a national Equine Disease Communication Center (EDCC) outbreak alert dated Jan. 4 reported that "a horse in barn #47 spiked a fever and was tested PCR negative for EHV-1 on blood sample and positive for EHV-1 non-neuropathogenic or wild type strain on nasal samples. The horse had recently undergone a throat surgery and had a history of EIPH but no neurological signs were present."

According to the EDCC, there are now four individual Fair Grounds barns under guarantine (Barns 14, 36, 47 and the receiving barn), plus four horses that have been individually moved to "isolation" quarantine. So in essence, there are restricted barns on the property in addition to the "no horses in or out of the backstretch" quarantine.

"Due to the nature of the receiving barn where day riders are required to check in, the Fair Grounds is now under movement restrictions with no horses allowed to enter or leave," the EDCC reported on Tuesday. "Racing will continue at the track. Movement restrictions are also in place at Delta Downs in Vinton, Louisiana, due to the day racers that visit both tracks. Racing will continue at Delta Downs also."

In March 2016, a similar outbreak of EHV-1 touched off a 17-day quarantine of nearly 500 horses at Payson Park Thoroughbred Training Center in Florida. Other outbreaks in 2016 resulted in backstretch guarantines of varying durations at Sunland Park in New Mexico, Parx in Pennsylvania, and Fonner Park in Nebraska.

In attempts to safeguard the transmission of EHV-1, other racing jurisdictions have swiftly mandated safeguards against the transmission of the disease by placing restrictions on ship-ins.

On Wednesday, the EDCC reported that "the Kentucky Office of State Veterinarian is directing that no horse that has resided or been on a Louisiana race track or training center since Dec. 10, 2016, shall be allowed entry onto a Kentucky racetrack at this time. Any horse that has been in these environments must come with certification that they have been removed a minimum of 30 days to qualify for entry onto a Kentucky racetrack in addition to their meeting standard health requirements."

On Monday, Oaklawn Park announced that "no horses that have been in Louisiana in the last 30 days will be permitted on the grounds" until further notice.

"We are being overly cautious because our main concern is for the safety and well-being of the more than 1,200 horses already

> stabled on our grounds," said David Longinotti, Oaklawn's director of racing.

> The Delta Downs overnight for Jan. 12 included a notice that read, in part, "Assuming that no cases of EHV-1 are identified at Delta Downs, we plan to lift the quarantine and resume normal activities on Monday, Jan. 9. Starting on that date, Delta Downs will require a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) and proof of vaccination for the EHV-1, for any horse that enters our premises. This inspection must be conducted within 48 hours prior to the



Fair Grounds | Lynn Roberts/Hodges Photo

horse's arrival. This requirement will remain in place until further notice."

Delta Downs also announced that a pair of \$100,000 stakes races originally scheduled for this Friday and Saturday, the Azalea and Pelican S., will be rescheduled for Jan. 13 and 14, respectively, because of EHV-1 shipping restrictions that would have resulted in too many scratches.

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Shining 'Chrome': All-time leading North American earner California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit) worked five furlongs in 1:00.20 (12/37) Wednesday morning at his Los Alamitos home base, continuing his preparation for a start in the inaugural running of the GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational at Gulfstream Park Jan. 28. The move is expected to be the 6-year-old's final work at Los Al prior to shipping to Florida Jan. 6. "This horse is training better than he ever has," said trainer Art Sherman. "It's amazing how good he's doing." | Gary Tasich



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NEOLITHIC CONFIRMED FOR PEGASUS CUP

Starlight Racing's **Neolithic** (Harlan's Holiday) will compete in the inaugural \$12-million GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational Jan. 28 at Gulfstream Park, the racing partnership confirmed Wednesday. Conditioned by Todd Pletcher, the dark bay romped by nine lengths in a 1 1/16-mile allowance race in Hallandale Dec. 14. Starlight founder and co-managing partner



Neolithic | Lauren King

Jack Wolf also serves as the CEO of the Pegasus World Cup.

"The race is shaping up to be one for the ages with the likes of California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit) and Arrogate (Unbridled's Song)," said Wolf. "But, Neolithic showed

some real talent and class with his win at Gulfstream Park last month and has been training great since that race. We are excited to be part of such a big day for horse racing."

The newly turned 4-year-old--who will race under the ownership of Starlight Pegasus Partners--bounced back well from his victory with a bullet four-furlong breeze in :48.60 (1/30) at Palm Beach Downs on New Year's Eve. The colt is a son of Harlan's Holiday, who carried the Starlight colors to wins in Gulfstream's GI Florida Derby and GI Donn H., the predecessor to the Pegasus World Cup.

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UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

<u>Date</u> 1/14	Race GII Fort Lauderdale S. GIII Hal's Hope S. GIII Marshua's River S.	<u>Track</u> GP GP GP
1/21	GIII Lecomte S. GIII Col. E.R. Bradley H.	FG FG
1/28	GI Pegasus World Cup GIII W.L. McKnight H. GIII Hurricane Bertie S. GIII La Prevoyante H.	GP GP GP
1/29	GIII Houston Ladies Classic GIII John B. Connally Turf Cup	HOU HOU

Saturday, Santa Anita Park, post time: 7:30 p.m. EST

SAN GABRIEL S.-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Blue Tone 🖛	Birdstone	Engelberg or Schroeder Farms LLC or Steeper	Hess, Jr.	Desormeaux	120
2	Point Piper	Giant's Causeway	Gatto Racing LLC, Hollendorfer or Russo, Et Al	Hollendorfer	Gutierrez	122
3	Flamboyant (Fr)	Peer Gynt (Jpn)	Bienstock or Winner	Gallagher	Prat	122
4	Syntax (Ire)	Haatef	Matthew Schera	D'Amato	Talamo	120
5	Itsinthepost (Fr)	American Post (GB)	Red Baron's Barn, LLC	Mullins	Baze	120
6	Conquest Daddyo 🖛	Scat Daddy	Hronis Racing, LLC	Sadler	Contreras	120
7	A Red Tie Day	Indygo Shiner	Bloom Racing Stable, LLC	Baltas	Nakatani	120
8	Quick Casablanca (Chi)	Until Sundown	Pablo Gomez	McAnally	Ulloa Perez	122
9	Twentytwentyvision	Pollard's Vision	Ellen & Peter O. Johnson	Mandella	Smith	120
10	Perfectly Majestic 🛪	Majesticperfection	Griffin Thoroughbred Stables or Schroeder Farms, LLC	Hess, Jr.	Espinoza	120
11	Ring Weekend 🖛	Tapit	St. Elias Stable or West Point Thoroughbreds	Motion	Van Dyke	125
12	Some in Tieme (Brz)	Shirocco (Ger)	Some In Time, Inc	Lobo	Pereira	122

Breeders: 1-Far View Stables, 2-Barronstown Stud, 3-SNC Regnier & San Gabriel Inv. Inc., 4-Ringfort Stud, 5-Julien Leaunes, 6-James Everatt, Janeane Everatt & Arika Everatt-Meeuse, 7-Dapple Bloodstock & Gryphon Investments LLC, 8-Haras Matancilla, 9-Peter O. Johnson, 10-Brereton C. Jones, 11-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd., 12-Haras Santa Maria de Araras

Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 1:00 p.m. EST

OLD HAT S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo, f, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Sand Shark 🛪	Hard Spun	Repole Stable	Pletcher	Rosario	116
2	Bode's Dream 🖛	Bodemeister	St. Elias Stable	Pletcher	Velazquez	120
3	Atenea (Ecu)	Sahara Heat	J. Stables LLC	Morales	Lezcano	120
4	Summer Luck 🛷	Lookin At Lucky	Gary Barber	Casse	Castellano	116
5	Wildcat Kate	Kantharos	San Basilio, LLC	O'Connell	Nunez	116
6	Sister Nation 🖛	Into Mischief	Mark Dodson	De Paulo	Saez	116
7	Sailor's Valentine 🖛	Mizzen Mast	Semaphore Racing LLC and Homewrecker Racing LLC	Kenneally	Lanerie	116

Breeders: 1-Clearsky Farms, 2-SF Bloodstock LLC, 3-Haras Eva Maria, 4-Imperious Stable &Lookin at Lucky Syndicate, 5-El Batey Farm LLC, 6-Marvin Little Jr. & William Lynn, 7-Curtis C. Green

Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 1:30 p.m. EST

DANIA BEACH S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo, 7 1/2fT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Kitten's Cat	Kitten's Joy	Kenneth L. and Sarah K. Ramsey	Sharp	Saez	120
2	Shiraz	Tale of the Cat	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Lopez	116
3	Minister's Strike	English Channel	Debby M. Oxley	Casse	Leparoux	116
4	Leverkusen 🛷	Divine Park	Carlos Munoz	Negrete	Panici	116
5	Squadron	Midshipman	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners	Pletcher	Castro	120
6	Hey Mike 🖛	Cape Blanco (Ire)	Michael M. Hui	Maker	Gaffalione	116
7	Made You Look 🛷	More Than Ready	Let's Go Stable and Three Chimneys Farm	Pletcher	Castellano	122
8	Clyde's Image 🖛	Get Stormy	Sullimar Stable	Bush	Rosario	116
9	Field Trip	Field Commission	Four Horsemen Racing Stable & Lady Lindsay Racing Stables	Collazo	Alvarez	116

Breeders: 1-Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey, 2-Lambholm, 3-Debby Oxley, 4-Brereton C. Jones, 5-Angela M. Ingenito, 6-Michael Hui, 7-The Robert and Beverly Lewis Trust, 8-Barr Inman, 9-Four Horsemen Stable, Inc.

Saturday, Santa Anita Park, post time: 4:30 p.m. EST

LAS CIENEGAS S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4vo/up, f/m, 6 1/2fT

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Cadet Roni 🖛	Colonel John	Al & Sandee Kirkwood	Glatt	Bejarano	122
2	Paquita Coqueta (Chi)	Scat Daddy	Paquita LLC	Mandella	Prat	120
3	Lajatico (GB)	Equiano (Fr)	Calara Farms, R3 Racing, or Wonderland Racing Stables, Et Al	O'Neill	Van Dyke	120
4	Prize Exhibit (GB)	Showcasing (GB)	DP Racing	Cassidy	Smith	120
5	Watch This Cat <a>	Eskendereya	Bederian, Kamberian or Nakkashian	Baltas	Nakatani	120

Breeders: 1-WinStar Farm, LLC, 2-Haras Puerta de Hierro, 3-Meon Valley Stud, 4-Mrs R. F. Johnson Houghton, 5-Hinkle Farms

Saturday, Santa Anita Park, post time: 6:30 p.m. EST

SHAM S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo, 1m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	American Anthem 🖛	Bodemeister	China Horse Club, S F Bloodstock LLC or Winstar Farm, LLC	Baffert	Smith	119
2	Term of Art 🖛	Tiznow	Calumet Farm	O'Neill	Talamo	124
3	Bird Is the Word 🖛	Birdstone	Heart Racing Stable	Almeida	Ulloa Perez	119
4	Colonel Samsen 🛪	Colonel John	Casner Racing, LP, Wachtel Stable, or Barber, et al	Harty	Prat	121
5	Gormley 🛪	Malibu Moon	Mr. & Mrs. J. S. Moss	Shirreffs	Espinoza	124
6	Big Hit 🖛	Super Saver	Gary & Mary West	D'Amato	Gonzalez	119
7	Blabimir 🖛	Tapizar	Reddam Racing, LLC	O'Neill	Gutierrez	119

Breeders: 1-WinStar Farm, LLC, 2-Whisper Hill Farm, LLC, 3-Machmer Hall, 4-CJ Thoroughbreds & Casner Racing LP, 5-Castleton Lyons & Kilboy Estate, 6-Hargus Sexton, Sandra Sexton & Silver Fern Farm, LLC, 7-Brandywine Farm.

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ONCE ENTERED FOR TAG, MALAGACY A NEW 'RISING STAR' AT GULFSTREAM

By Bill Finley

Todd Pletcher might just have been the happiest person at Gulfstream Park yesterday, and not just because he unveiled a 3-year-old colt who appears to have immense potential in 'TDN



Todd Pletcher *Horsephotos*

Rising Star' Malagacy

(Shackleford). Pletcher dodged a major bullet as he originally entered the horse in a \$75,000 maiden claiming race, and if Malagacy didn't spike a fever, Pletcher might just have lost a horse who could be worth seven figures for a fraction of his real value.

Even the best trainers can get fooled sometimes. Malagacy was originally entered in a maiden claimer on Dec. 16 at Gulfstream.

"He wasn't lighting up the track prior to being entered for that race," Pletcher said. "He spiked a temperature the

day following entries, so we had to scratch. His last two works were much better, so we decided to go in a maiden special weight."

The bettors were fooled, as well, sending the colt off at odds of 5-1, unusually high for a Pletcher-trained first-time starter. He broke sharply under Javier Castellano, maintained a narrow lead entering the far turn and then took off. He won by 15 lengths in the time of 1:03.60. The race was run in the slop.

"Obviously, he ran as well today as a horse can run," said Steve Young, who bought the horse on behalf of Sumaya US Stables for \$190,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale in 2016. "Off today's race, yes, he is obviously worth at least \$1 million. I think we all thought he would run well. But I don't think anybody is going to tell you they thought he was going to win by 15 lengths. He trained real well during the month of December and we thought he was going to fire. But it was one of those Miami maiden races where you might like your horse, but you don't know who you are running against."

One of the reasons Pletcher may have misjudged the horse early on is that he is training his young horses over a quirky surface at Palm Beach Downs. Observers there say the track is severely biased toward the inside and that when horses work in

tandem, it's hard to gauge how much the bias affected the works.

According to the *Daily Racing Form's* clocker report, Malagacy worked on even terms in his last work with another Pletcherfirster, Diamond Jim (Gemologist), and raced on the outside of his stablemate. Diamond Jim also competed in Wednesday's race at Gulfstream and finished sixth, beaten 28 lengths. Ironically, Diamond Jim's odds were lower, at 7-2.

"At Palm Beach Downs right now it's really hard to know how good a horse is," Young said. "There's a lot of uncertainty regarding horses coming out of there."

Whenever Pletcher pops an impressive maiden this time of year at Gulfstream thoughts turn to the GI Kentucky Derby. Young preferred to take a cautious approach.

"He has to do it again to get to that point where you're thinking about something like the Derby," he said. "He is a big, strong horse, but he needs to do it again."

Shackleford stands at Darby Dan Farm for a fee of \$15,000. Young said he found a lot to like in the horse's pedigree (he is out of a Dehere mare), when he saw him at the sale.

"I think Shackleford is like a lot of sires in the modern era," he said. "There is a rush to judgment whereas in the old days a horse would probably get two, three crops before everybody had an opinion about him. Now, if a horse doesn't have eight winners by the end of Saratoga people are knocking him. Shackleford was a big, strong horse and this one looks a lot like his father. He's a sire that is very capable of throwing a good horse."

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Malagacy | Lauren King

SCHEINMAN, VOSS, MARKS WIN MEDIA **ECLIPSE AWARDS**

The National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA), Daily Racing Form and National Turf Writers and Broadcasters (NTWAB) have awarded the 2016 Media Eclipse Awards for Writing to John Scheinman in the Feature/Commentary category and Natalie Voss in the News/Enterprise category and the Eclipse Award for Photography to Tod Marks, it was announced Wednesday. Scheinman's piece, "Andrew Beyer: Rebel with a Cause," and Voss's "Something's Wrong With My Brain'--The Lurking Danger of Concussions for Jockeys," both appeared on the Paulick Report website, while Marks's photo of the stretch run of the Sloan Hurdle at the May 14 Iroquois Steeplechase meet appeared in the July/August issue of Chronicle of the Horse Untacked.

Scheinman, a freelance writer-editor and former turf writer at the Washington Post, earns his second Eclipse Award after previously capturing the Feature/Commentary writing Eclipse in 2014 for "Memories of a Master: The Determined Life of Dickie Small." His profile of Andy Beyer examines the career of the acclaimed turf writer, horseplayer and creator of Beyer Speed Figures.

"It is extremely gratifying to win the Eclipse Award having written about a person who had such a profound influence on my approach to horse racing in Andy Beyer," said Scheinman. "When I found out that Andy would no longer be writing for the Washington Post or Daily Racing Form, all I heard was silence. I thought that this was an injustice to a towering figure in our sport that also spoke to the decline of coverage of horse racing. I had thought about writing this story for a long time."

This is the first Eclipse Award for Voss, who serves as Features Editor at the *Paulick Report*. In her piece, Voss explores the problems and effects of repeated head trauma in jockeys--as well as ways to mitigate the risk of severe injuries.

"I am still completely overwhelmed and honored to win an Eclipse Award," said Voss. "As someone who loves this sport, this was a difficult topic to write about, but sometimes in order to make things better, you have to shine a light on something that's hard to see."

Marks joins Voss as a first-time recipient. In addition to his work for the Chronicle of the Horse, Marks regularly contributes to The Saratoga Special and serves as the regular photographer for the National Steeplechase Association. His winning photo captures fallen jockey Kieran Norris diving toward his loose whip as a competitor flies past him.

"This is an immense honor and I am deeply touched," said Marks. "It's fair to say I am humbled, overwhelmed, and stunned. Like many of my fellow photographers, I am driven by my admiration for these magnificent, quirky creatures who give

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their all."

All three winners will receive their trophies at the 46th Annual Eclipse Awards dinner and ceremony on Saturday, Jan. 21 at Gulfstream Park.

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FLORIDA

Wednesday's Results:



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7th-GP, \$38,000, Msw, 1-4, 3yo, 5 1/2f, 1:03.60, sy.

+MALAGACY, c, 3, by Shackleford

1st Dam: Classiest Gem, by Dehere 2nd Dam: Classiest Carat, by Pleasant Colony

3rd Dam: Halo Dancer, by Halo

Malagacy--scratched out of a \$75,000 maiden claimer at Gulfstream Dec. 16--fired a best-of-four five-furlong bullet workout in 1:01 at Todd Pletcher's Palm Beach Downs base Dec. 30 and was a bit chilly on the board at odds of 5-1 considering his connections for his debut here. Cont. p3



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The chestnut was hard ridden from the stalls and vied for early command as three of them went at it through an opening quarter in :22.25. He put away the favored first-time starter The Hardest Way (Uncle Mo) on the far turn, straightened for home in complete command, and ran up the score in the stretch to graduate by 15 lengths, good for 'TDN Rising Star' honors. Longshot Into Belief (Into Mischief) rallied from the back for second.

The winner's unraced dam Classiest Gem, purchased by Twilight Stables for \$17,000 at the 2014 KEENOV sale, is also represented by a 2015 Shackleford filly and a 2016 Revolutionary gelding. Classiest Gem is a half-sister to Canadian champion Impossible Time (Not Impossible {Ire}).

Sales history: \$45,000 Wlg '14 KEENOV; \$130,000 Ylg '15 OBSAUG; \$190,000 2yo '16 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$22,800. Click for the Equibase.com chart, or the freeEquineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Sumaya U.S. Stable; B-John Trumbulovic (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

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6th-TAM, \$20,250, Alw (NW1X), Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 1-4, 3yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:44.14, gd.

PROFITEER (c, 3, War Front--Hit It Rich {MGSW, \$521,810}, by Smart Strike), a debut fourth with trouble over the Belmont lawn Sept. 17, was up late to score by a neck there most recently Oct. 8. Adding Lasix for his sophomore debut, the 1-5 chalk was always drafting nicely on the outside in third. He made a three-wide bid for the lead on the far turn, but made his supporters sweat a bit from there, just getting up in the dying strides to take it by a neck. My Bariley (Mizzen Mast) turned in a game second at 26-1. Profiteer is the first foal from three-time grassy, graded winner Hit It Rich, who has since produced colts by War Front in 2015 and 2016. Hit It Rich was bred back to Malibu Moon. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$60,750. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O/B-Stuart S. Janney III (KY); T-Claude R. McGaughey III.

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Malagacy (Shackleford) runs away to 'TDN Rising Star' honors in his debut at Gulfstream.

2nd-TAM, \$20,000, Alw (NW1X), Opt. Clm (\$16,000), 1-4, 4yo/up, 1m 40y, 1:40.59, ft.

OATFIELD (c, 4, Candy Ride {Arg}--A. P. Double Cat, by A.P. Indy), a maiden breaker in an Ellis off-the-turfer in late July, was third behind the promising December Seven (Street Sense) in a 1 3/16-miles allowance at Churchill most recently Nov. 12. Favored at 4-5 here, he sat a stalking trip on the outside from second, drew alongside the pacesetting Sammy's Mineshaft (Mineshaft) at the top of the stretch and forged clear down the lane to take it by 1 3/4 lengths. Sales history: \$340,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-2, \$56,878. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Donegal Racing; B-Irving Cowan (KY); T-Jordan Blair.

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1st-GP, \$38,000, Msw, 1-4, 4yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :57.99, gd. CRAZY ABOUT JAZZ (f, 4, Big Brown--Soaring Emotions, by Kingmambo) ran into some traffic woes when a debut third sprinting on the Belmont lawn July 13 and returned with a second-place finish over that course traveling seven furlongs in Elmont Oct. 26. Not much of a secret at 2-5 this time, she was sent to the front, raced under pressure through an opening quarter in :22.47, began to shake free in the stretch and had 1 3/4 lengths over Caffeine (Medaglia d'Oro) on the wire. Crazy About Jazz is a half-sister to Souper Colossal (War Front), MSW & MGSP, \$427,640. Soaring Emotions has 2-year-old and 3-year-old colts by Gio Ponti and was most recently bred to Karakontie (Jpn). Sales history: \$13,000 RNA Wlg '13 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$45,300. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O/B-Moyglare Stud Farm Ltd (KY); T-Christophe Clement.

CALIFORNIA

CARMA to Benefit from Equine Sports Therapy Promotion:

Eclipse Equine Sports Therapy Center, which treats California-based Thoroughbreds, has created a special promotion for 2017 to benefit California Retirement Management Account (CARMA), a nonprofit dedicated to funding aftercare for California-raced horses, it was announced Wednesday. In the New Year, for each new Thoroughbred racehorse that receives a minimum 30 days treatment from the state-of-the-art therapy center, Eclipse will donate \$200 to CARMA. With this promotion Eclipse hopes to raise funds and awareness about importance of aftercare. Cont. p4

"After a successful 2016 working with several top trainers and their horses, Eclipse would like to give back to the industry, said Angie Hager-Scully, owner of Eclipse. "Our commitment to the well-being of Thoroughbreds is unwavering, whether they are beginning their racing career or retiring."

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NOTABLE US-BRED AND -SIRED RUNNERS IN JAPAN

Thursday, January 5, 2017

KIELE (Distorted Humor) is a 3-year-old daughter of G1 Tenno Sho winner Heavenly Romance (Jpn) (Sunday Silence), making her a half-sister to G2 UAE Derby winner and GI Belmont S. third Lani (Tapit) and to the top Japanese dirt horses Awardee (Jungle Pocket {Jpn}) and Amour Briller (Smart Strike). Masa Ebina rides for Mikio Matsunaga, while leading jockey Keita Tosaki takes the

call on Winchester Farm-bred Elmiro (Eskendereya), who hails

from the female family of G1 St Leger winner Shantou (Alleged).

3rd-NKY, ¥11,400,000 (*US\$96k*), 3yo, Newcomers, 1800m

3rd-KYO, ¥13,720,000 (US\$117k), **3yo**, Allowance, **1800m MATERA SKY** (Speightstown) has yet to finish worse than second in three tries on the dirt, including a latest second in the Kantsubaki Sho (1400m) at Chukyo Dec. 3. The half-brother to UAE MSW Nawwaar (Distorted Humor) tries a distance of ground for the first time. Bred by Lynch Bages Ltd., Matera Sky was a \$140K KEESEP weanling turned \$350K KEESEP yearling.

4th-KYO, ¥14,250,000 (US\$121k), 4yo/up, Allowance, 1800m HURRICANE BAROWS (Uncle Mo) makes his 4-year-old debut with a win and a pair of seconds in three starts on the main track, including a close second off a 6 1/2-month absence at Chukyo Dec. 18. Out of a half-sister to Sovereign Award winner Negligee (Northern Afleet), the \$120K KEESEP yearling matured into a \$300K FTFMAR purchase in 2015. The bay colt was bred in Kentucky by Dr. Naoya Yoshida.

6th-KYO, ¥11,400,000 (US\$96k), 3yo, Newcomers, 2000mT
Winchester Farm is also the breeder of AIR SHAMAL Giant's
Causeway), who gets the services of Yutaka Take for his
introduction to racing. A son of Chez La Femme (Afternoon
Deelites), the March foal hails from the same Storm Cat sire line
as the Winchester-bred GSW Air Khalifa (Discreet Cat), a debut
second before graduating in his next appearance. --Alan Carasso

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ROOKIES

First-crop starters to watch: Thursday, January 5

Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2013 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/
BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

CALIBRACHOA (Southern Image), Red River Farms, \$2K, 33/2/0
6-DED, Alw 5f, Smart Prospector, \$27K OBS OPN 2yo, 6-1

STAR GUITAR (Quiet American), Clear Creek Stud, \$4K, 80/3/0
6-DED, Alw 5f, Stars R Out, 20-1

THUNDER MOCCASIN (A. P. Warrior), Pegasus T.C. Inc., \$2.5K, 18/0/0

6-GP, Msw 6f, Wild Poison, 20-1

Second-crop starters to watch: Thursday, January 5

Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2012 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/
BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available) Please
note: from Jan. 1-Apr. 30 all starters will be listed here. From June 1-Dec. 31, only
offspring that are first-time starters or starting in a stakes race will be listed here.

ADIOS CHARLIE (Indian Charlie), Ocala Stud Farm, \$3.5K, 121/31/2
5-GP, Aoc 5fT, R Sweet Exchange, \$37K RNA OBS OPN 2yo, 6-1
CUSTOM FOR CARLOS (More Than Ready), Clear Creek Stud, \$3K,
133/38/3

2-FG, Msw 7 1/2fT, Neon Sky, 10-1

Rookies cont. p5

APPOINTMENTS

Sean Tugel: Director of Bloodstock Services, WinStar Farm; Liam O'Rourke: Stallion Season Sales Team, WinStar Farm

- "Sean has been an integral part of our team, and his path in this business is indicative of what characteristics we look for in our team: hard work, character, a learning attitude, and growth as a horseman. Liam brings a great attitude with a knowledge of the smaller breeders, and his focus will be to help us grow our client base. I am excited to see how these two will enhance the future of WinStar Farm," said Elliott Walden, WinStar President and CEO.
- Tugel has been with WinStar for over five years, working as the Assistant Racing Manager and on the Stallion Seasons Sales team. A graduate of Ashford University with a degree in Operational Business Management, Tugel has previously worked at Hill 'n' Dale Farms and Pauls Mill before joining WinStar in 2011.
- O'Rourke joins WinStar after spending four years in season sales for Adena Springs, as well as a recent stint as Stallion Services Manager at Millennium Farms.



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Rookies cont.

GIO PONTI (Tale of the Cat), Castleton Lyons, \$20K, 309/50/3 4-FG, Msw 5 1/2fT, Pontifical, \$180K KEE SEP yrl, 3-1

GONE ASTRAY (Dixie Union), Northwest Stud, \$4.5K, 180/50/4 6-GP, Msw 6f, Flaget Braves, 2-1

MISREMEMBERED (Candy Ride {Arg}), BG Thoroughbreds, \$7.5K, 75/23/1

2-FG, Msw 7 1/2fT, Remembermis, \$40K FTK OCT yrl, 9-5 TIZ THE ONE (Tiznow), Red River Farms, 77/22/0

2-FG, Msw 7 1/2fT, T' Cadeau, 15-1

TRAPPE SHOT (Tapit), Claiborne Farm, \$10K, 272/58/2 4-PEN, Aoc 1m, Optimistic Outcome, \$120K KEE SEP yrl, 3-1

BREEDERS' EDITION

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

6th-GP, \$41,000, Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 1-4, 4yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :57.48, gd.

PRETTY PERFECTION (m, 5, Majesticperfection--

Suchaprettygirl, by Mazel Trick) Lifetime Record: 11-4-0-3, \$110,050. O-Stoneway Farm; B-Brereton C. Jones (KY); T-Kelly J. Breen. *\$155,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP.

1st-PEN, \$33,300, (S), 1-4, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:12.44, ft. FUNDY'S TIDE (g, 5, Notional--Musical Touch, by Touch Gold) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$47,180. O-South of Fifth Racing; B-Frank Hopewell & Runner's Dream Farm Inc (PA); T-Michael Lerman. *\$23,000 Ylg '13 EASSEP.

8th-SUN, \$26,900, 1-3, (NW2L), 4yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:44.91, gd. FUSAICHI SAMURAI (g, 5, Street Cry {Ire}--Egyptian Queen, by Storm Cat) Lifetime Record: 12-2-7-0, \$113,125. O-A & A Equine Inc. & Wayne Baize; B-Reiko & Michael Baum (KY); T-Justin R. Evans. *\$260,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP. **1/2 to Global View (Galileo {Ire}), MGSW, \$470,227.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

My Man Archie, g, 3, Archarcharch--Cat Teezer, by Cat Thief. MVR, 1-4, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:09.59. B-Pine Ridge Thoroughbred Farm (OH). *\$1,500 Ylg '15 FTKOCT.

Fahan Mura, f, 3, English Channel--Celtic Cross, by Giant's Causeway. GP, 1-4, (C), 1mT, 1:39.54. B-Michael J. Moran (PA). *\$90,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP.

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Rank	Stallion	BTW	втн	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Dialed In	3	3	1	1			40	19	\$771,000	\$1,543,136
	(2008) by Mineshaft FYR	R: 2014 Cı	ops: 1 St	ands: Da	rby Dan I	Farm KY (\$	\$15,000)			Gunnevera	
2	Union Rags	3	4	2	3	2	2	53	18	\$295,360	\$1,470,913
	(2009) by Dixie Union FY	/R: 2014 (Crops: 1 S	Stands: Lo	ane's End	Farm KY	(\$35,000))		Dancing Rags	
3	Tapizar	1	3		2			57	15	\$183,060	\$1,071,862
	(2008) by Tapit FYR: 201	4 Crops:	1 Stands:	: Gainesv	vay Farm	KY (\$15,0	100)			Tip Tap Tapizar	
4	Bodemeister	1	3		1		1	56	15	\$180,105	\$993,948
	(2009) by Empire Maker	FYR: 201	4 Crops:	1 Stands	: WinStar	r Farm KY	(\$30,000)		Bode's Dream	
5	The Factor	2	4	1	1	1	1	53	14	\$259,580	\$936,577
	(2008) by War Front FYR	R: 2014 Cı	ops: 1 St	ands: Laı	ne's End I	Farm KY (\$	\$25,000)			Noted and Quot	ed
6	Gemologist	2	4	2	3	1	1	48	13	\$285,345	\$920,906
	(2009) by Tiznow FYR: 20	014 Crop	s: 1 Stand	ds: WinSt	ar Farm l	KY (\$15,00	00)			Yellow Agate	
7	Creative Cause	1	3					52	17	\$118,680	\$900,219
	(2009) by Giant's Causew	vay FYR:	2014 Cro	ps: 1 Sta	nds: Aird	rie Stud K	Y (\$15,00	0)		Theonewewaited	dfor
8	Maclean's Music	2	7		1			40	20	\$90,960	\$867,399
	(2008) by Distorted Hum	or FYR: 2	2014 Crop	s: 1 Stan	ds: Hill 'r	n' Dale Far	ms KY (\$	6,500)		Made Me Shiver	
9	Stay Thirsty	1	4		1			56	17	\$113,265	\$810,288
	(2008) by Bernardini FYF	R: 2014 C	rops: 1 St	ands: As	hford Stu	d KY (\$10,	.000)			Thirstforlife	
10	Shackleford	1	2	1	1			55	20	\$162,091	\$746,507
	(2008) by Forestry FYR: 2	2014 Cro _l	os: 1 Star	ds: Darb	y Dan Fa	rm KY (\$2	0,000)			Wellabled	
11	Dominus	2	4		1		1	21	9	\$224,621	\$669,938
	(2008) by Smart Strike F	YR: 2014	Crops: 1	Stands: S	pendthri	ift Farm K	Y (\$3,500)		All Right	
12	Mission Impazible	1	3					22	8	\$179,102	\$653,108
	(2007) by Unbridled's Soi	ng FYR: 2	2014 Crop	os: 1 Star	nds: Sequ	el Stallion	s New Yo	rk NY (\$7	,500)	Silver Mission	
13	To Honor And Serve	1	4					41	13	\$83,748	\$648,739
	(2008) by Bernardini FYF	R: 2014 C	rops: 1 St	ands: Ga	inesway	Farm KY (\$15,000)			State of Honor	
14	Astrology	2	3	1	1			42	15	\$150,000	\$629,521
	(2008) by A.P. Indy FYR:	2014 Cro	ps: 1 Sta	nds: Tayl	or Made	Stallions I	KY (\$6,50	0)		Arella Rockstar	
15	Algorithms	1	4		1			39	12	\$82,948	\$558,446
	(2009) by Bernardini FYF	R: 2014 C	rops: 1 St	ands: Cla	aiborne F	arm KY (\$.	5,000)			Vanish	