

KEENELAND JANUARY SALE STARTS MONDAY



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by Jessica Martini

The Keeneland January Horses of All Ages Sale begins its five-day run Monday morning in Lexington with the first of two Book 1 sessions. The auction follows on the heels of a strong renewals of the company's November Breeding Stock Sale and September Yearling Sale and Keeneland officials look for those results to continue on in January.

"The September Sale and the November Sale both went very well," commented Keeneland's Director of Sales Geoffrey Russell. "The top end was very, very strong in November and we just hope that the market continues along. Overall, I thought the November sale was solid, so if that continues on into the January sale that would be great."

Six weanlings sold for seven figures during the November sale.

"I thought the foal market was very strong in November from start to finish," Russell confirmed. "But I thought the overall comment on the market, both mares and foals, is that the market is still selective. The buyers are selective--it doesn't make any difference what level of the market you are talking about, they have criteria and if they don't see the criteria, they just move on." **Cont. p3**



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A FEDERAL CASE OVER ONLINE CONTESTS: IS 'RICO' A REACH IN DERBYWARS LAWSUIT? By T.D. Thornton

When six racetracks owned by The Stronach Group sued the parent company of DerbyWars in a California federal court Dec. 2, the litigation came as no real surprise to anyone who has been following the recent and rapid rise of contest and tournament-style online gaming in the horse racing industry.

Much like the larger nationwide debate over the legality of fantasy team sports gaming, there are no clear answers to myriad gray-area questions about online horse racing contests. Are entities that collect entry fees and pay back prize money based on the aggregate use of individual race results usurping money from racing's traditional pari-mutuel profit model? Or are online contests bolstering interest and propping up betting handles by engaging customers who would otherwise not be wagering? **Cont. p8**

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2015 champion juvenile elect Nyquist (Uncle Mo) drilled six panels in 1:14 (10/22) Sunday at Santa Anita as he prepares for his sophomore debut in that venue's Feb. 15 GII San Vicente S. "He worked great, he went super," said trainer Doug O'Neill. "He went out seven eights in 1:28 and change. Benoit Photo

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The January catalog includes 624 broodmares, 181 broodmare prospects, 729 yearlings, 251 horses of racing age and 11 stallions and stallion prospects. The sale features three dispersals: that of the estate of Eric A. Delvalle, consigned by Brandywine Farms, agent; the estate of Sarah J. Leigh, Denali Stud, agent; and the dispersal of Steve Marshall's Black Rock Thoroughbreds, Blake-Albina Thoroughbred Services, agent.

The 6-year-old mare Up (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) topped last year's January sale when selling for \$2.2 million to Ran Jan Racing. The mare's weanling filly by War Front was the auction's second-highest price, selling for \$800,000 to bloodstock agents Jason Litt and Alex Solis on behalf of LNJ Foxwoods.

In all, 948 head sold at the 2015 January sale for a gross of \$35,305,500. The average was \$37,242 and the median was \$16,000.

All five sessions of the January sale begin at 10 a.m.



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24, Code Variance, 12, Awesome Again--Ava Knowsthecode, by Cryptoclearance

Consigned by Buckland Sales (Zach Madden), by Agent X

This bay, who sells in foal to To Honor and Serve, is a half-sister to GISWs Justin Phillip (First Samurai) and Greenpointcrusader (Bernardini); MGSW Keyed Entry (Honour and Glory); and GSWs Algorithms (Bernardini) and Successful Mission (Successful Appeal).

48, yrl, c, War Front--Exogenetic, by Unbridled's Song

Consigned by Greenfield Farm (B.D. Gibbs Farm LLC), Agent VI

This son of top sire War Front is a half-brother to GSW & GISP Super Ninety-Nine (Pulpit) and MSW Elusive Horizon (Elusive Quality). His dam is a half to MGSW Exogenous (Unbridled).

56, yrl, c, Pioneerof the Nile--Flat Screen, by Pulpit

Consigned by Bureson Farms, Agent

This son of Pioneerof the Nile, who has gained a lot of attention as a stallion since siring Triple Crown winner American Pharoah, is a half-brother to GSW Native Bombshell (War Front).

Bloodstock agent Mersad Metanovic said, "This colt has a good walk, good bone, nice physical and a good shoulder."

66, yrl, f, Malibu Moon--Funfair, by More Than Ready

Consigned by Bluewater Sales LLC, Agent XXVI

Out of SW Funfair, the dark bay hails from the family of MGSW millionaire Dynever (Dynaformer). "Hip 66 is a very good example of her sire," Bluewater's Meg Levy said. "She has a beautiful head and neck, a very elastic walk, good top line, and long hip. She has stood out in this consignment. She is very elegant and has a lot of class. The nick she is bred on is the same as [MGSW and 'TDN Rising Star' Kauai Katie (Malibu Moon)."

97, yrl, f, Scat Daddy--Issues, by Awesome Again

Consigned by Bluewater Sales LLC, Agent XXVI

This dark bay is a full to SW Daddy D T, who finished third in the 2014 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf; and SW & GSP Amarish.

"The Issues filly is a good mover," Metanovic commented.

"She has a good physical, nice walk and is a filly everyone would love to have."



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138, yrl, f, Orb--Miss Atlantic City, by Stormy Atlantic

Consigned by Mullholland Farm, Agent

Out of MSW Miss Atlantic City, the chestnut hails from the female family of GISW Cotton Blossom (Broken Vow) and GSW Vicarage (Vicar). "One of the best physicals in sale," Metanovic remarked. "She has a good walk, is a good mover and has a great shoulder." Consignor Joe Mullholland added, "She has been very popular. She has a lot of leg and a lot of length to her. She has a good walk and I had no problems raising her."

163, My Limit, 15, Wagon Limit--Piney Woods, by Valid Appeal

Consigned by Bill Murphy, Agent XI

My Limit got a major catalogue update Dec. 26 when her dual Grade II-winning daughter Birdatthewire (Summer Bird) came flying late to capture Santa Anita's GI La Brea S. The dark bay mare sells in foal to Giant's Causeway. Click [here](#) for more.

284, yrl, f, Street Cry (Ire)--Trickski, by Peteski

Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent XCVIII

The dark bay filly is a half-sister to 2007 GI La Brea S. heroine Dearest Trickski (Proudest Romeo). "The Trickski filly has a good physical, good walk and is well-bred," Metanovic said.

298, yrl, f, Uncle Mo--Wags Empire, by Empire Maker

Consigned by Bluewater Sales LLC, Agent XXIII

This daughter of 2015's leading freshman sire Uncle Mo is out of an unraced daughter of GSW Wacky Patty (Formal Dinner). "The Uncle Mo is a big, scopey, correct and pretty filly," Bluewater Sales's Meg Levy said. "She looks very much like the good Uncle Mos I've seen. She has a good head on her shoulders and she is out of a good Empire Maker mare, which will make her very popular as a pinhook and racing prospect. Uncle Mo seems to be the name of the month. She's been popular so far."

308, Wickedly Smart, 4, Smart Strike--Wickedly Wise, by Tactical Cat

Consigned by St. George Sales, Agent XXV

The gray miss, who sells as a racing or broodmare prospect, is a half-sister to GISW Wickedly Perfect (Congrats) and SW Wicked Mizz (Mizzen Mast). She recently graduated at fourth asking on the synthetic at Wolverhampton Oct. 30 before coming across the pond.

327, yrl, c, Scat Daddy--Antepova, by Stravinsky

Consigned by Hunter Valley Farm, Agent

This son of the late Scat Daddy is a full-brother to Madidi, a two-time winner in Japan. "He's a very nice physical and certainly by the right sire," Hunter Valley Farm's Fergus Galvin commented. "His full-brother looks like he is going to be stakes caliber in Japan. He has not won two out of three starts. He has been our most popular baby here at the farm."



Fasig-Tipton Grad Eclipse Finalist

AIROFORCE
Two-Year-Old Male

Fasig-Tipton

BLACK ROCK TO DISPERSE AT KEEJAN

By Christie DeBernardis

Just two months after Nat Rea of Regis Farms dispersed his stock at the Keeneland November sale to pursue opportunities in the oil business, that same industry has lured away the head of another growing breeding and racing operation. Steven Marshall of Black Rock Thoroughbreds has decided to sell off most of his stock at this week's Keeneland January sale to focus on his duties as founder and president of Western Energies Production.

"Horse racing has been a passion for me and required a lot of focus as well," Marshall remarked. "It has always been a business. I came from the oil business and with the price of oil where it is, it is really time for me to put my chips back on the table and more importantly my focus on the oil business. So, I made the decision over the last couple months and I'm really going to focus my energies back in oil."

Marshall is also selling his Versailles, Kentucky farm, but he is not getting out of the game completely as he will still retain part ownership in undefeated 2015 GIII Withers S. winner Far From Over (Blame), who was sidelined with an injury following that win. **Cont. p5**



Steven Marshall

Black Rock cont.

He also still owns a share of his 2012 GI CashCall Futurity S. winner **Violence** (Medaglia d'Oro), who stands at Hill 'n' Dale, and will keep one broodmare he has become especially fond of named Wonder Lady (Deputy Minister), who has two offspring in the dispersal.

"We will keep our stallion prospect named Far From Over, who got injured on the Derby trail," Marshall said. "He is on his way back to the racetrack and we will continue to own and race him. He will come back in the spring."

The 47-year-old added, "We still own a major stake in our stallion Violence. I'll spend my time watching those babies run. I

think at this point, it's a good time for a pause. I am sure that we will forever be somewhat involved in racing. You'll likely see me back as a farm owner when the time is right and when I have time to focus on it. "

Blake-Albina will consign the 15-head dispersal, which includes nine broodmares (six



Violence | Benoit Photo

of whom are in foal to Violence), five yearlings and one stallion prospect.

"[Partner Nick Sallusto and I] purchased Violence as a yearling for Mr. Marshall and he raced him and retired and retained a portion of him as a stud, so we have a lot of preference towards the stallion," said Hanzly Albina, who along with Sallusto co-managed all aspects of Marshall's operation including racing, breeding and sales. "He's a beautiful horse. A lot of these mares work very well on the cross and size, and the physical attributes are a good match."

Of the five yearlings, Albina believes [Hip 668](#), a Violence filly out of Wonder Lady, is the star of the group. Wonder Lady is a half-sister to MGISW Pure Clan (Pure Prize) and MGSW Greater Good (Intidab). She also has already produced a stakes-winning filly in Yes She's a Lady (Yes It's True).

"The Wonder Lady foal is an outstanding example of Violence," Albina commented. "Wonder Lady had a half-million-dollar Unbridled's Song filly sell two years ago [at

Keeneland September] named Dontwasteurpretty. She is also from the Pure Clan family, which is a very nice family."



Hip 668 | Blake-Albina

Fasig-Tipton Grad Eclipse Finalist

SONGBIRD
Two-Year-Old Female

Fasig-Tipton

The Black Rock dispersal also includes a half-brother to GSW Funny Proposition (Medaglia d'Oro) in [Hip 453](#), a Violence colt out of **Humorous Miss** (Distorted Humor--Starry Miss, by Star de Naskra), who precedes her son into the ring as [Hip 452](#) and is back in foal to Violence.

"The Violence--Humorous Miss is a half to a Grade II winner by Medaglia d'Oro, so we know the cross works and that's a very nice horse," Albina offered.

The other three yearlings in the dispersal are [Hip 373](#), a Take Charge Indy filly out of **Citizen Emma** (Proud Citizen--Kamaal, by Irgun), who is catalogued as [Hip 372](#); [Hip 404](#), a Violence filly out of **Easy Action** (Crafty Prospector--Topsy Girl, by Raise a Cup), who sells as [Hip 403](#); and [Hip 574](#), a Violence filly out of **Ready Love** (More Than Ready--He Loves Me, by Not for Love), who is offered as [Hip 573](#).

Ready Love, who sells in foal to Majesticperfection, is one of just two mares in the group not in foal to Violence.



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"The plan was to alternate some mares," Albina said. "We didn't want to have all the mares in foal to Violence in one year. We really like Majesticperfection as a sire and we thought he was on the upswing. We actually booked that mating prior to the [GI Kentucky] Oaks [won by Lovely Maria {Majesticperfection}], so we are obviously very happy with that."

The other mare not in foal to Violence is **Forbidden Kiss** (Touch Gold--Rabiadella, by Dynaformer), who sells as [Hip 424](#) and is in foal to top turf sire Kitten's Joy. Her dam is a MGSW and she is a half to three black-type winners.

"Forbidden Kiss has been a very fruitful mare for us," Albina remarked. "She foaled our first stakes horse we produced off the farm, Can't Happen Here. He is a Desert Party we sold post sale and he went on to be [GSP at Keeneland in the GIII Bourbon S.]. She also had a Macho Uno [named Silver Romeo] who sold for \$185,000 as a yearling [at KEESEP] and went on to sell for \$370,000 as a 2-year-old [at OBSAPR]. He's made a few starts, but hasn't won yet."

As for the stallion choice, Albina said, "We really like Kitten's Joy. We've had some really good luck with him. We sold one of his (A Shin Kildare) for half a million dollars out of a mare called **Bala** (With Approval) [[Hip 694](#)], who is also in the sale. She's a nice With Approval mare and the dam of a GISP filly. We wanted to switch it up a bit for a little variety."



Hip 707 | Blake-Albina

The physical standout of the broodmare contingent is another offspring of Wonder Lady, the 4-year-old **Blue Bird Lady** (Congrats), who is offered as [Hip 707](#). The unraced chestnut, who is carrying her first foal by Violence, was bred by Black Rock.

"Blue Bird Lady was a yearling we decided to keep," Albina remarked. "She is a very beautiful Congrats filly. We had a price on her as a yearling and if we didn't get it, we were just going to race her. She had some issues and we just decided to retire her and breed her. She has the look of a broodmare. She is just a beautiful filly. She will be one of the standouts physically at the sale, especially being from the Pure Clan family. I think she will do very well."

Another notable member of the broodmare band is the 6-year-old Citizen Emma. A \$72,000 KEESEP yearling purchase by Black Rock, the bay showed early promise under the care of trainer Todd Pletcher, but was retired after two starts at Saratoga.

"Citizen Emma, we bought her as a yearling, and she actually was a really talented racehorse," offered Albina. "She was in Todd Pletcher's barn and he considered her one of his best young horses. She made her first start at Saratoga and finished second. She had a lot of talent, but like a lot of them faced some issues. She is a beautiful bodied filly and had talent, but was just unlucky and I think she will make a great broodmare."

Not only will Citizen Emma be followed into the ring by her Take Charge Indy filly, but she foaled earlier than expected and will now enter the sales ring with her newborn Violence filly at her side.

"Citizen Emma had a filly by Violence [Jan. 6], so she will have a foal by her side," Albina said. "People will be able to see what they are getting into before they spend their money."

Thisonesforricky (Empire Maker--Fabulous Ballet, by Moscow Ballet) is catalogued as [Hip 627](#) in foal to Violence. She is a half-sister to GISW Leave Me Alone (Bold Badgett), who produced "TDN Rising Star" and 2015 GI Spinaway S. runner-up Tap To It (Tapit). **Cont. p7**



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"She is a beautiful Empire Maker mare and I think she should do well too," Albina commented. "She is very nice physically and I think with Empire Maker returning to the United States it will make her even more desirable."

The other Black Rock broodmare on offer is the 5-year-old **Crafty Sarah** (Crafty Friend--Shine on Sarah, by Secreto), who sells as [Hip 391](#) in foal to Violence.

Rounding out the dispersal is 8-year-old stallion prospect **Silver Medallion** (Badge of Silver--Another Vegetarian, by Stalwart). A half-brother to GISW Sweet Talker (Stormin Fever), [Hip 719](#) is a three-time Grade III winner, with two of those victories coming for Black Rock and Pletcher.

"He's just been turned out. Mr. Marshall has had him in a paddock behind his house here," Albina said. "He has been living the good life being turned out and we wanted to try and get him a good home and a second career. We had a couple offers [to stand him], but they weren't enough money and at the time Mr. Marshall would rather have him at the farm than stand him just anywhere. Now, it's a different situation. He's dispersing his stock, so it's a different situation than before. We actually toyed

with standing him here, but standing a stallion in Kentucky is very tough."

As is evident from the quality of this dispersal, Marshall's Black Rock Thoroughbreds enjoyed quite a bit of success in its short six-year run, which he credits to Albina, Sallusto and Ron Blake. Marshall may be closing the book on breeding for a while, but he still plans to keep his foot in the door of the racing industry.

"We've had a tremendous run," Marshall remarked. "It's been a great experience for me even in the hardships with some of the bigger horses getting hurt. The city of Lexington and the state of Kentucky has treated my family and I tremendously and we have had nothing but a great experience. One of the key pieces of everything that we've done is Todd Pletcher. We have been very fortunate to have the best trainers in the world, but specifically Todd Pletcher has been a great gift. Most of the credit goes to Nick Sallusto, Hanzly Albina and Ron Blake. Those guys have done a tremendous job and the team that we have put together has just been second to none. The reason for our success in a relatively short amount of time is those guys, who have become family."



Silver Medallion | Blake-Albina

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The Stronach-owned tracks (Santa Anita Park, Golden Gate Fields, Gulfstream Park, Laurel Park, Pimlico Race Course and Portland Meadows) have raised legitimate concerns about whether contest sites are profiting from the racing product without contributing revenue back to the industry. And although DerbyWars is hardly the only online tourney operator, the Stronach tracks are aiming to establish a precedent by going after Horse Racing Labs, LLC, because its DerbyWars game is well established as the highest-profile racing contest site in the country.



But here's the aspect of the lawsuit that did come across as a mild shock: The most serious--and potentially most financially damaging--complaint in four-count civil case in the United States Central District Court of California alleges that "bets" made through DerbyWars constitute "racketeering activity" that violates the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO).

How is it that a sweeping and powerful 1970 federal statute designed to combat the Mafia has come into play in civil business between two racing-related companies? And how might that allegation factor into either a court trial or settlement negotiations?

Scott Daruty, the president of simulcast signal broker Monarch Content Management, LLC (which is owned by The Stronach Group) said in a phone interview that he was not at liberty to discuss specific litigation strategies. He did add, however, that the Stronach legal team felt "very strongly" that they have a solid complaint, and that "this is the exact type of case--illegal gambling--that RICO was set up for."

Via email, DerbyWars founder Mark Midland declined a request to comment on the lawsuit.

TDN asked two independent attorneys who specialize in civil RICO claims to examine the lawsuit and to put the racketeering allegation in the proper legal context while offering their opinions on how the case might play out.

Jeffrey Grell is a Minneapolis-based attorney and author of the book Grell on RICO. He also operates the website www.ricoact.com and teaches a RICO course at the University of Minnesota Law School. **Cont. p9**

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Paul Batista is a Manhattan-based trial attorney and author of the book *Civil RICO Practice Manual*. He often appears on CBS news as a legal affairs commentator.

In separate phone interviews, the first point that each lawyer emphasized is that the “organized criminal” stigma of being named as a defendant in a civil RICO lawsuit is no longer accurate. Despite the statute’s original intent, RICO today is only rarely used to go after stereotypical “godfather” figures. In the 46 years since the law’s inception, federal prosecutors now have more specific statutory tools to target Mafia-like racketeers. Instead, RICO has evolved as a key component in civil litigation, and is most often asserted by the purported victims of white-collar crimes, such as mail and wire fraud.

“I can understand why people in the Thoroughbred business would be surprised by the inclusion of a RICO claim,” Batista said. “But RICO has never applied just to organized crime families or what we consider the Mafia. It applies in any and all types of settings, including corporate board rooms, securities firms, banks, you name it, so long as there are allegations that the companies or the individuals running the companies committed what are known as ‘predicate acts.’”

There are no restrictions on who can be named as a defendant, Batista said, ticking off the names of corporate and government institutions that have been accused of violating RICO, such as Bank of America, Merrill Lynch and the U.S. Department of Defense.

“Even the Catholic Church has been named as a RICO defendant,” Grell added.

The Stronach tracks’ legal team presumably had many legal ways to state its case. Why go the RICO route?

“The main reason RICO is used is because it gets [the press] talking,” Grell said. “If they had just brought an ‘interference with contractual relations’ claim or a claim like they’re also making under the Interstate Horse Racing Act or something else, nobody cares. But you bring RICO, then all of a sudden the media gets involved and people start taking notice. There’s a lot more publicity, and it becomes a much bigger deal than it probably really is.”



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“Unlike 99% of the other lawsuits in America, if these plaintiffs can prove that they were injured economically as a result of RICO action by the defendants, the judge has an obligation--it’s not discretionary--to multiply [damages] by three,” said Batista. “So a lot of [plaintiffs] will try to include RICO claims in what might not otherwise sound like an appropriate RICO action.”

Grell concurred: “Generally speaking as a lawyer, the strategy is to throw everything that you can at your opponent, including the kitchen sink, and see what prevails.”

From a legal standpoint, RICO claims are also time-consuming, which can impose a financial burden on anyone forced to defend them.

“Just by pleading it, you’re necessarily increasing the costs of litigation for your opponent,” Grell said. “If you feel as though you’ve got a bigger war chest than your opponent, that could be a good advantage to have.”

Grell explained that there are at least seven elements in any civil RICO claim. One of them is proving a pattern of racketeering activity under the 60 or so criminal activities that fall under the statute--and each one of those crimes has multiple elements and sub-elements that also must be proven. There’s a distinction, he said, between doing something outside the law and intending to do so. **Cont. p10**

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"You have to have a criminal intent to violate the law," Grell said. "In the business context, lots of times RICO claims can be difficult to prove because there is at least an argument as to why the defendants' conduct is lawful."

With specific regard to the Stronach tracks' lawsuit, both lawyers noted technical deficiencies in the RICO component of the complaint. Both attorneys zeroed in on the fact that in order to make a successful RICO claim, a plaintiff has to show that the defendant or defendants constituted an "enterprise" that controlled the allegedly criminal aspects of the business.

"This complaint doesn't identify an enterprise. It names a defendant. But that's not sufficient," Batista said. "Without criticizing the plaintiff's lawyers, they left out a critical element of alleging an enterprise, which again, means more than just naming one defendant, which is all that they've done... They would have to say or make an effort to identify how those other people or corporations ran the DerbyWars business."

Grell agreed: "That's just an absolute error...The statement expressly states 'The Defendant is the enterprise itself.' Based on this statement alone, almost all judges will hold that the RICO claim is not actionable."

Grell also said the complaint does not cite the correct RICO statutory provisions.

"I think what they were intending to bring was a 1962(c) claim, which is when you're injured by the acts of racketeering activities themselves," Grell said. "From my perspective, as a person who does this every day, the complaint wasn't written very well. And in my opinion, it's got some pretty fundamental problems."

A section in a separate "compliance with RICO order" that the Stronach tracks filed on Dec. 28. that reads "Plaintiffs' claims are based on gambling, not on the predicate offense of wire fraud, mail fraud or fraud in the sale of securities," stood out to Batista.

"It is beyond me why the plaintiffs did not add violations of the federal wire fraud and mail fraud criminal laws as RICO predicate acts," Batista wrote in a follow-up email. "It is obvious, if one were to accept the plaintiffs' theories as true, that the fantasy game defendant would have utilized the wires to implement the fraud. Even though the federal criminal wire fraud statute is more than 100 years old, modern courts have concluded that it reaches email and text messages if they play even a marginal role in implementing a fraudulent scheme." **Cont. p11**



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Batista said that under federal law, a plaintiff has one chance to amend a complaint. But if the defendant answers the complaint by making a motion to dismiss it, the plaintiff no longer has the “automatic right” to amend the original complaint.

So far, the parent company of DerbyWars has yet to file an answer with the court. It was recently granted an extension to file until Jan. 22.

“And you know what’s going to happen on Jan. 22, as sure as night follows day and the sun is going to come up in the morning?” Batista asked rhetorically. “There’s going to be a motion to dismiss the racketeering claims.”

Batista said it’s a “safe bet” that in federal district court, 90 to 95% of civil RICO cases will get thrown out.

“Given the way this is currently pled, if I were a judge, I would dismiss it,” Grell said. “And it’s not that some of the pleading issues can’t be fixed. Maybe they can state an actual claim. I just don’t think that the complaint right now is actionable.”

Grell and Batista agreed that in general, if RICO claims do survive a motion to dismiss or a motion for summary judgment, most claims get settled out of court because there is too much at stake on both sides to let the case go to trial.

“There’s too much potential for jury confusion, which creates risks for both sides,” Grell explained. “And obviously, the defendant faces the additional risk that if the jury is confused and believes the plaintiff, the defendant is not just going to get to hit with actual damages, but treble damages. Then again, the plaintiff doesn’t want to be left with an empty bag.”

Beyond the RICO allegation, three other complaints in the suit allege violations of the Interstate Horse Racing Act, the California Business & Professions Code, and a statute called Intentional Interference With Prospective Economic Advantage.

“I remain skeptical, for the reasons we discussed, that [the plaintiffs’] horse will cross the RICO finish line,” Batista said. “I wish both sides well. But there’s going to be one loser, and there’s going to be one winner, just like a horse race.”

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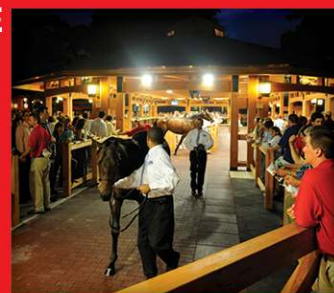
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"I just thought he suffered from greenness in the Juvenile," Casse said. "He's still learning and he was between horses. I thought his last race, when he won at Churchill, he got a lot out of it." Conquest Big E most recently worked four panels in :48 flat (2/76) at Palm Meadows Saturday. As for Casse's other leading 3-year-olds, GI Kentucky Jockey Club winner and GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf runner-up **Airoforce** (Colonel John) will head to Tampa Bay Downs, while Keeneland maiden winner **Conquest Windycity** (Tiznow) will resurface at Oaklawn. Plans for GIII Bourbon S. third **Siding Spring** (Warrior's Reward) are still up in the air. "We think we have three or four or five legitimate Derby horses," Casse added. "But you know how that goes--you need a lot of luck. Now, from this point on, it's holding your breath, because any little thing that goes wrong puts them out of the picture."



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The world is a much smaller place than it used to be. One American stud at the forefront of its contraction is one of Kentucky's most historic properties, Spendthrift, which is maintaining its proud tradition of pioneering links to the antipodes.

Three members of Spendthrift's Kentucky roster have been covering at the stud's Australian arm during the past few months. When the trio of Can The Man (Into Mischief), Jimmy Creed (Distorted Humor) and Warrior's Reward (Medaglia D'Oro) returned to Kentucky for the forthcoming season, they were accompanied on the trip by the fourth member of Spendthrift's Australian roster, their colleague **Hampton Court** (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), who is now available to American breeders for the forthcoming breeding season.

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Back in the 1950s when Australasian bloodstock was a closed book to most people in the Northern Hemisphere, Leslie Combs II broke the mold, standing two Australian champions at Spendthrift simultaneously: Bernborough (Aus) (Emborough (GB)) and Shannon (Aus) (Midstream (GB)). Both were successful, with Bernborough's offspring headed by the likes of Berseem, Bernwood, First Aid and Hook Money, and Shannon's stock including the mighty Clem, conqueror of Round Table in track record time in the Washington Park Handicap in 1958.


Leslie Combs would have been proud of the direction which Spendthrift, now under the stewardship of B. Wayne Hughes, has taken more recently, establishing an Australian division at the former Yallambee Stud at Romsey in Victoria. The stallions sent there from Kentucky have been carefully selected to produce horses suited by Australian conditions, and similar thought has gone into the decision to bring Hampton Court to Kentucky.

From an international point of view, Hampton Court's most obvious selling point is his sire: the great Redoute's Choice, who currently ranks as Australia's most notable sire of sires and who can be regarded as the greatest of all the many great stallions sired by Danehill—who himself ranked as the best stallion sired by Danzig.

Redoute's Choice is much more than merely an Australian celebrity, as was shown by the reception which he received when he shuttled to the Aga Khan's Haras de Bonneval in 2013 and 2014, when he ranked as easily the most expensive stallion in France. His first European yearlings duly proved extremely popular in 2015, selling for up to €950,000 in France and 725,000gns in England. Furthermore, sons of Redoute's Choice conceived in Australia to Northern Hemisphere time have done very well. These include Elzaam (Aus), a six-length sprint winner in stakes company in England in 2011 and now a stallion at Ballyhane Stud in Ireland.

So popular is Redoute's Choice that only good mares can find a place in his book. Hampton Court duly comes from an excellent family, his Canadian-bred dam (Roses 'N' Wine) (Broken Vow) being related to triple Melbourne Cup winner Makybe Diva (GB)

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(Desert King (Ire)), 20-time Irish stakes winner Famous Name (GB) (Dansili (GB)) and U.S. Grade II winner Tres Borrachos (Ecton Park). It is, of course, particularly eye-catching that he comes not only from the same family as Makybe Diva and Famous Name, but also from the same sire-line, all three horses being by sons of Danehill.

This strong pedigree, combined with his attractive physique, saw Hampton Court knocked down for A\$500,000 at Inglis' Sydney Easter Yearling Sale in 2013.

Having joined the stable of Gai Waterhouse, Hampton Court went on to live up to his price tag. One of the smartest 2-year-olds in Sydney in the 2013/'14 season when he won over 1400 meters before putting in several solid performances in Group company, he came into his own the following spring. Having recorded his first black-type victory by taking the Dulcify H. over 1600 meters at Randwick, he became a Group 1 winner a week later by taking the Spring Champion S. over 2000 meters at the same track, beating the Group 1-winning filly First Seal (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) by 2 1/4 lengths in track record time. He continued to race through the '14/'15 season, and ended up retiring sound after 15 races. **Cont. p16**

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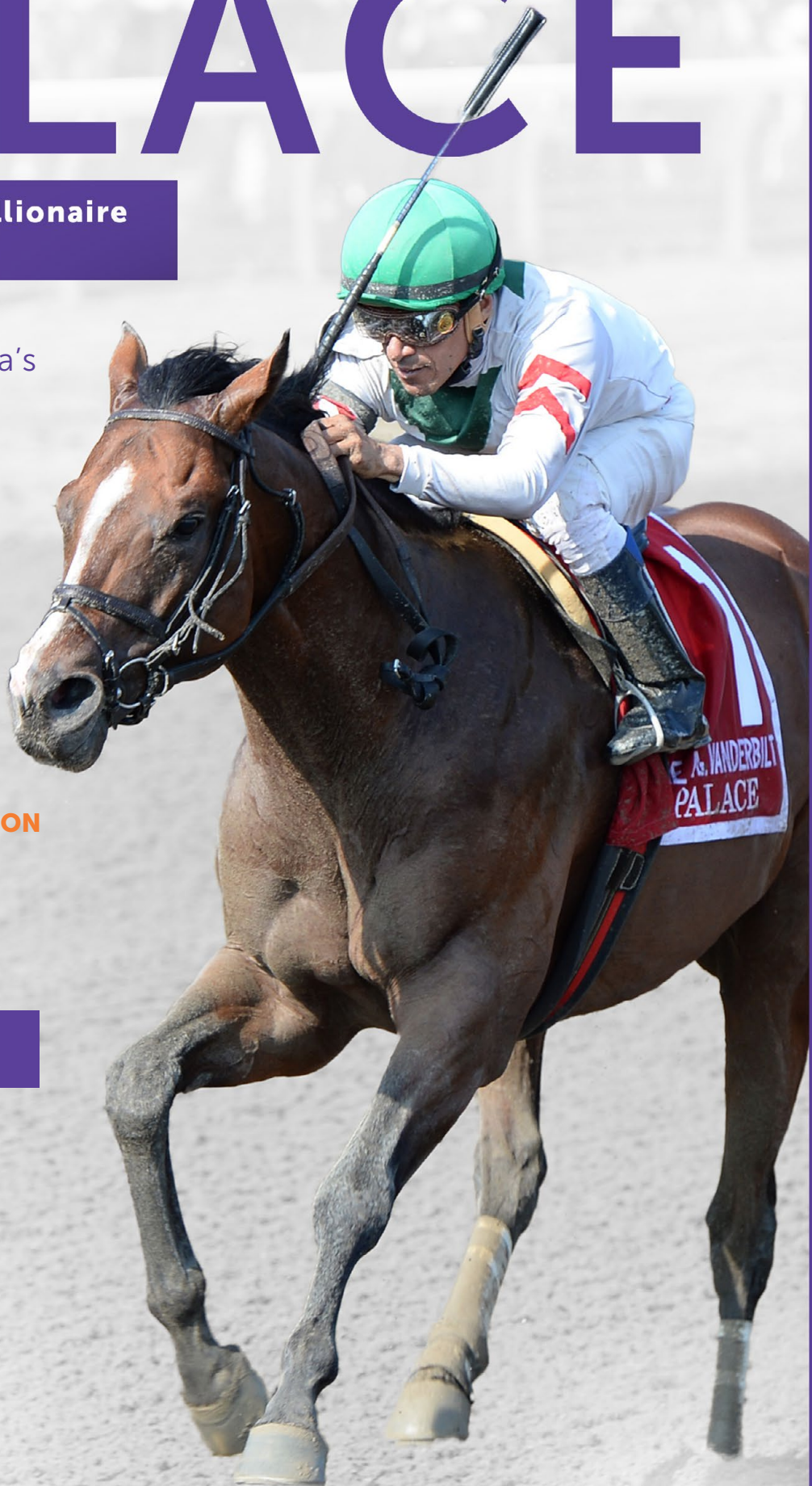


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Hampton Court spent his first season at stud at Spendthrift Australia in 2015 at a fee of A\$8,800 (inc. GST) or at A\$11,000 (inc. GST) on Spendthrift's well-received "Share The Upside" program. He proved popular in Victoria, and it seems certain that he will find favour in Kentucky, too, where the "Share The Upside" deal is also available for him, as is Spendthrift's Breed Secure Program. Attractively priced at \$6,000 (stands and nurses) or \$7,500 (Share the Upside) he is being given every chance of making the grade, and of cementing Spendthrift's position as a dual-hemisphere pioneer.

It is to be hoped that Hampton Court will get plenty of help in that respect in years to come from other Australian-bred horses. Having found its American stallions relatively hard to sell to Australian breeders during the past season, Spendthrift has shown the strength of its resolve to cement its position as a dual-hemisphere operation by buying some well-bred colts at the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale in Queensland.

Spendthrift's yearling purchases at the Gold Coast include an A\$800,000 Fastnet Rock half-brother to Starspangledbanner (Aus) and a A\$625,000 Street Cry (Ire) half-brother to Aloha (Aus). These colts will race for Spendthrift in Australia--and either or both would eventually fit in very nicely on the Spendthrift dual-hemisphere roster if they make the grade on the track.



Spendthrift's Ned Toffey (left) and B. Wayne Hughes at Magic Millions
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TCA LIVE AUCTION RAISES \$737,500

By Lucas Marquardt

The Thoroughbred Charities of America raised \$737,500 through a live auction at its annual Select Stallion Season auction and dinner at the Keeneland Entertainment Center on Saturday night, capping off a successful week that included an online season auction. Up for bid for no-guarantee seasons to Blame, Bodemeister, Candy Ride (Arg), Carpe Diem, Curlin, Into Mischief, Malibu Moon, Medaglia d'Oro, Speightstown, and Super Saver. Topping the event was the Medaglia d'Oro season, which was hammered down for \$235,000 and came with a 2017 breed-back season if the mare doesn't get in foal, or fails to produce a live foal. Medaglia d'Oro stands at Darley for a fee of \$150,000.

"I think we did great tonight," said TCA President Dan Rosenberg. "The Medaglia d'Oro season was obviously huge, and we are so grateful for Darley's perennial strong support. They've been right there behind us for years."

Also on offer was a two-year lease to a Dodge vehicle, a John Deere lawn tractor, a Triple Crown tickets package, an African vacation package, and an Equine Air Transportation package from Tex Sutton.

Tom Durkin emceed the event, at which Bourbon Lane Stable was honored with the Allaire du Pont Leadership Award. The award recognized the work Bourbon Lane's partners undertake to find second careers or suitable homes for any horse that raced in the stable colors, regardless of whether the horse was retired racing in those colors. Managing partners Mike McMahon and Jamie Hill invited a dozen or so Bourbon Lane partners on stage with them to accept the award, and gave them credit for being willing and responsible horse owners.

The TCA Industry Service Award was given to The Jockey Club's Thoroughbred Incentive Program (TIP), which provides awards for Thoroughbred-only divisions and classes at horse shows and competitions across the U.S. and Canada. Established in 2011, the TIP is funded by an annual contribution by The Jockey Club.

Rosenberg said both awards were well-deserved.

"At the beginning of the TCA, very few people in the industry admitted there was a problem," he said. "Twenty-six years ago, no one really gave a second thought to these horses when their careers were over. Then we started talking about unwanted horses and rescue, and now we're talking about aftercare and re-purposing. I think the TIP program being a recipient of our award tonight is really significant, along with the Retired Racehorse Project, in creating a demand for Thoroughbreds in the sport horse world. When I was growing up in the show world, if you weren't riding a Thoroughbred in the ring, you weren't getting a medal. And then, essentially, the Warmblood people out-marketed us, and Thoroughbreds started being

undesirable. It used to be that if you had a horse who wasn't very fast but who was sound, someone would come and say, 'Hey, that's a good-looking horse--would you take \$5,000 for it?'

The auction's platinum sponsor, at a donated cost of \$30,000, was LNJ Foxwoods, the racing and breeding operation run by Jaime Roth and her parents Larry and Nanci Roth. All were present at the dinner.

"They're incredible," said Rosenberg. "They contacted me and said they'd like to be involved, and asked what we needed. I said, 'Well, right now we need a platinum sponsor.' And they said yes--and that was it. They're terrific people who obviously really care about their horses and all horses. They'll continue to be involved in a very meaningful way, not merely contributing money, but rolling up their sleeves and helping."

Rosenberg also gave credit to the TCA Board of Directors. "This works because we have a great board," he said, noting that 95% of the TCA's expenditures go to program services. "Our board cares passionately about horse welfare and we're able to keep our administrative expenses so low because our board members are willing to work so hard at this."

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Sunday's Results:

8th-GP, \$38,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 1-10, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:50.41, gd.

PULLED THE GOALIE (f, 3, Parading--Bag of Stars, by Devil's Bag) returned immediate dividends on her bargain \$15,000 purchase price with a rallying score going six furlongs on debut over the Woodbine all-weather track July 24 and subsequently ran second behind eventual GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf heroine Catch a Glimpse (City Zip) in a grassy seven-furlong dash there Aug. 22. The chestnut flashed brief foot before tiring to finish 10th in the distant wake of Catch a Glimpse and **'TDN Rising Star'** Gamble's Ghost (Ghostzapper) in Woodbine's GII Natalma S. Sept. 12. After closing out her juvenile campaign with an eighth-place run behind 'TDN Rising Star' Ami's Mesa (Sky Mesa) in the Glorious Song S. back on the synthetic track Nov. 21, she shipped south and posted four workouts in preparation for this 2016 bow. Unhurried in the early stages, the filly made steady headway along the rail as longshots About Face (Blame) and Estelle (Distorted Humor) sparred through fractions of :24.90 and :50.09. Shuffled back in traffic on the far turn as Gliding By (Artie Schiller) made a sweeping move to the front, Pulled the Goalie waited patiently for a seam and kicked it into high gear turning for home. Fully extended, she got up in the shadow of the wire to nip Conquest Bebop (Scat Daddy) by a nose. Gliding By held on to round out the trifecta. The winner's dam was most recently bred to Line of David. Sales History: \$20,000 Wlg '13 KEENOV; \$15,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$61,066. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**

O-Donato Lanni; B-Richard Forbush (KY); T-Daniel J. Vella.

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9th-GP, \$38,000, Alw, 1-10, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:45.40, sy.

COMING ATTRACTION (f, 4, [Tapit](#)--On Parade {GSP}, by Storm Cat) ran well in the first three appearances of her career on dirt, but did not find the winner's circle. Switched to the turf, she showed steady improvement in three subsequent starts, culminating with a decisive graduation going 1 1/16 miles over the lawn at Saratoga Aug. 1. Fourth in a Spa allowance over the same trip Aug. 29, the gray continued her upward trajectory with a third-place run behind **'TDN Rising Star'** Tammy the Torpedo (More Than Ready) in another grassy test at Belmont Oct. 18. Finishing ahead of two next-out allowance winners in that contest, Coming Attraction was bet down to 6-5 favoritism in this event washed off the turf course. The homebred stalked the pace along the rail through a half-mile in :48.71 and waited for running room as the pack condensed on the final bend. Diving through an opening on the inside, she muscled clear with good energy and crossed the wire an easy 4 3/4 lengths in front of Love's Illusion (Tapit). The winner is a half to Parading (Pulpit), MGSW, \$530,046--the sire of 8th race winner Pulled the Goalie; and Protesting (A.P. Indy), GSP, \$213,050. Coming Attraction's dam is also responsible for the juvenile filly Parade (Tapit) and was most recently bred to War Front. Lifetime Record: 9-2-2-3, \$122,693. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**

O/B-Phipps Stable (KY); T-Claude R. McGaughey III.

11th-GP, \$40,000, Msw, 1-10, 3yo, f, 7f (off turf), 1:25.73, sy.

DADDY'S GREAT BAY (f, 3, [Scat Daddy](#)--Great Deep Bay, by Mr. Greeley) closed well to check in third behind recent Gulfstream allowance winner Sophia's Song (Bellamy Road) on debut in a 6 1/2-furlong tilt over the synthetic at Woodbine Nov. 14.

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Gulfstream Race 11 cont.

The \$115,000 KEESEP yearling acquisition shipped south to join her trainer's winter string in South Florida and posted two maintenance works at Palm Beach Downs ahead of this return to action. Given a 7-2 chance when the race was moved from to the main track due to heavy rain, the chestnut broke alertly and asserted herself as the pacesetter through a quarter-mile in :23.20. Turning back a brief bid from favored Caffeine (Medaglia d'Oro) turning for home, Daddy's Great Bay widened under moderate urging and posted a blowout 7 1/4-length score over first-timer La Canela (Congrats). The winner is a half-sister to Jamaican Smoke (Latent Heat), GISP, \$183,970. Her second dam is a half-sister to MGISW Stop Traffic (Cure the Blues), herself the dam of GISW Cross Traffic (Unbridled's Song). This is also the same family that produced MGSW Gouldings Green (Charismatic). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$28,615. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Jim & Susan Hill; B-Wayne G. Lyster (KY); T-Reade Baker.

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Sunday's Results:

LADIES H., \$98,000, AQU, 1-10, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:44.91, sy.

1--**SAYTHREEHAILMARY'S**, 115, m, 5, Repent--Just Call Me Angel, by Devil's Bag. O/B-Very Un Stable (NY); T-John Morrison; J-Manuel Franco. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 22-6-5-4, \$437,600. *1/2 to Afleet Alexandra (Northern Afleet), SW, \$256,553.

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2--**Mei Ling**, 118, m, 5, Empire Maker--Lochinvar's Gold, by Seeking the Gold. (\$500,000 Ylg '12 KEESEP). O-Barry K. Schwartz; B-Larry D. Williams (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher. \$20,000.

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3--**Wonder Gal**, 120, f, 4, Tiz Wonderful--Passe, by Dixie Union. (\$210,000 2yo '14 OBSMAR). O-Treadway Racing Stable; B-Apache Farm LLC (NY); T-Leah Gyarmati. \$10,000.

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Saythreehailmary's made a steady ascent up the class ladder and became a stakes winner in her most recent start, capturing the Bay Ridge S. going 1 1/16 miles over the inner track Dec. 12. She rated off the pace behind a half-mile in :49.39, angled out to the three path down the backstretch and was floated about five wide on the bend. She took control from Mei Ling down the foggy straight and kept on for a hard-fought win. "She got a perfect trip," said winning trainer John Morrison. "Manny [Franco] couldn't have ridden her any better. She likes the inner track, we can't argue with her record here so it was nice. She's just been doing great. She started turning around in October and has been getting better ever since. I kind of thought she was on top of her game today and she was. It was an open stake now and Joe [Gioia, of Very Un Stable] is also the breeder, so it helps. He still also owns the mare so this helps everything." [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

5th-AQU, \$57,000, (S), Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 1-10, 3yo, 1m 70y, 1:45.24, sy.

INSIDE STRAIGHT (c, 3, [Super Saver](#)--Dance Alexa, by Southern Halo) was well-backed from day one, going off as the favorite in his first two starts including a wire-to-wire graduation over six furlongs at Saratoga Aug. 19. The bay took similar heavy support

in the Aspirant S. at Finger Lakes Sept. 18 and could do no better than third. Sixth in Belmont's one-mile Sleepy Hollow S., he closed fast to complete the exacta in a grassy optional claimer here Nov. 19. Inside Straight was last seen losing his rider at the start of a two-turn optional claimer here Dec. 11, and saw his typical public support waver in this spot at post-time odds of 5-1. Saving ground off the pace behind a half-mile in :48.93, the colt gained a narrow advantage turning for home and forged clear to post a 1 3/4-length victory. Previously unbeaten Cards of Stone (Bustin Stones) held best of those close to the early pace to report home second. The winner, who sold for \$160,000 as a KEESEP yearling, is a full to Conquest Superstep, SP, \$150,700; and a half to Dance Daily (Five Star Day), GSW, \$184,426. Dance Alexa produced a filly by Gemologist last year. Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-1, \$106,445. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

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6th-AQU, \$55,000, (S), Msw, 1-10, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:13.49, sy.
FLATTERYWILLGETYOU (f, 3, [Flutter](#)--Tres Chaud, by French Deputy) rallied to finish third on debut here Dec. 20 as a 27-1 shot. The 8-5 pick for her second go, Flatterywillgetyou was away well and sat just off the early pacesetter through a half-mile in :46.62. She gained command at the top of the lane and pulled away en route to a 2 1/2-length victory. First-time starter Chocolate Smoothie (Ghostzapper) completed the exacta. Sales history: \$75,000 Wlg '13 FTNMIX. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$38,500. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).**

O-Everything's Cricket Racing; B-First Class Thoroughbreds, LLC (NY); T-Linda Rice.

1st-AQU, \$53,900, (S), Msw, 1-10, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:44.66, sy.
STORM CELL (f, 3, [Haynesfield](#)--Horticulture, by Forest Wildcat) took a significant step forward to graduate on a rainy Sunday afternoon in Ozone Park. A non-factor fifth on debut going 5 1/2 furlongs here Dec. 20, he was pounded down to 1-2 favoritism in this heat, facing a number of rivals with far more previous racing experience. Away in good order, the chestnut set the pace over the sloppy track through composed fractions of :25 flat and :49.13. Racing in the clear turning for home, she held well and reported home 4 1/4 lengths ahead of runner-up Boomerang Becky (Majestic Warrior). Purchased for \$90,000 as a SARAUG yearling, the winner becomes the 13th winner for her freshman sire (by Speightstown). Storm Cell has an unnamed juvenile half-sister by Tizway. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$34,650. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).**

O-Matthew Schera; B-Toby Sheets & James Bredin (NY); T-Carlos F. Martin.

Purchased by Jake Ballis

Kentucky

Sunday's Results:

8th-TP, \$18,543, Msw, 1-10, 3yo, f, 1m (AWT), 1:42.69, ft.
QUALITY STREET (f, 3, [Tizway](#)--Silent Siren, by Quiet American) raced in last of 12 in the early stages of his Dec. 20 trip-and-track debut but rallied to cross the wire fifth that day. Dismissed at odds of 15-1 for this second try, he raced in midpack behind a half-mile in :49.99 and rallied to score by 3/4 of a length despite racing greenly through the lane. Make It Maria (Proud Citizen) was second best. The winner is the seventh for her freshman sire (by Tiznow). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$11,455. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).**
 O/T-Byron G. Hughes; B-Spendthrift Farm LLC (KY).

Central U.S.

Sunday's Results:

8th-FG, \$39,000, Alw (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 1-10, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:39.14, yl.

LU RAE'S LUCKY SKY (g, 4, [Lookin At Lucky](#)--Carolina Sky {MSW, \$174,922}, by Sky Classic) added to his notably consistent docket with a third career tally Sunday afternoon. A May 23 maiden winner over the Louisiana Downs turf after a prior series of near misses, the chestnut captured a one-mile grass allowance there July 11. He recently ran second at this level going a sixteenth longer Nov. 26 and was let go at odds of 5-1 in this spot. The gelding raced in fourth in the early stages, rallied wide into the stretch and got up to win by 1 3/4 lengths over Trend (Sligo Bay {Ire}). Carolina Sky produced a filly by Curlin in 2014 and a filly by Point of Entry last year. Lifetime Record: 8-3-3-1, \$75,380. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).**

O-Danny Bockmon & David Hutcherson; B-Danny Bockmon & Jody Huckabay & David Hutcherson (KY); T-Morris G. Nicks.



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9th-FG, \$40,000, Msw, 1-10, 3yo, 6f, 1:12.51, ft.

JENSEN (c, 3, [Haynesfield](#)--Spun Lake, by Hard Spun) was runner-up on debut Dec. 17 and was made the 4-5 pick here. The Jones homebred stalked the pace from the inside early through a quarter-mile in :22.35, kicked into gear in the stretch and chased down Victory Arch (Archarcharch) late to win by 1 1/2 lengths. The colt's win comes on the heels of another homebred winner for trainer Jones and his wife Cindy with first-time starter Sapphire Seas (Proud Citizen) Saturday. Jensen is the 14th winner for his freshman sire (by Speightstown). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$32,000. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).**
 O/B-Larry & Cindy Jones (KY); T-J. Larry Jones.

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Saturday Night's Results:

BIG DRAMA S., \$75,000, DED, 1-9, 3yo, 7f, 1:27.04, ft.

1--**SEA VOW**, 122, g, 3, by Private Vow

1st Dam: Victory At Sea (SW, \$261,443), by Hazaam

2nd Dam: Hostile Fleet, by Hostage

3rd Dam: Liki (Fr), by Targowice

O/B-Ronald Webb (LA); T-Joseph M. Foster; J-Alexander Castillo. \$45,000. Lifetime Record: MSW, 6-4-1-0, \$218,240.

2--**Drakarys**, 118, c, 3, [Artie Schiller](#)--Whimsical Miss, by Distorted Humor. (\$30,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP). O-Bronce LLC; B-T/C Stable, LLC (KY); T-Eleuterio Martinez, Jr. \$15,000.

3--**Mr. N**, 117, g, 3, Mr. Nightlinger--My Comrade, by Dixie Union. (\$13,500 Ylg '14 OKCYRL). O-Carl R. Moore Management LLC; B-Cres Ran, LLC (OK); T-W. Bret Calhoun. \$7,500.

Margins: 2, 3, NK. Odds: 2.00, 11.50, 12.60.

Also Ran: Texas Jambalaya, Cash Bonus, Wild Man.

Sea Vow graduated at second asking going 5 1/2 furlongs at Louisiana Downs in September and became a state-bred stakes winner two appearances later with a wire-to-wire score in the



Sea Vow | Coady Photography

one-mile Louisiana Legacy S. here Nov. 21. The bay recently cut back to six panels and made it two in a row in the restricted Louisiana Juvenile S. at the Fair Grounds Dec. 12, and was sent postward as the second choice behind Kentucky invader Wild Man (Pulpit) for this foray into

open company. Away to an alert beginning, the gelding set the pace in the clear through a half-mile in :47.95 and was never truly threatened in a clear-cut victory. Wild Man trailed the field throughout and checked in sixth. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

California

Sunday's Results:

8th-SA, \$61,088, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 1-10, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:16.44, ft.

LILY POD (f, 4, Bernstein--Count to Eleven, by Grand Slam)

graduated in her fourth start here in October, and was second in an optional claimer on the Del Mar turf Nov. 14. Most recently, she was fourth in a Los Alamitos optional claimer Dec. 13. The 2-1 second choice established the early lead through a quarter in :22.22, maintained that advantage and added it on in the stretch to win by 3 1/4 lengths. Conquest Flatterme (Flatter) rounded out the exacta. Sales history: \$36,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP.

The winner's second dam is GSW Snit (Fit to Fight), making her dam a half to GSW Blind Date (Not for Love). Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-2, \$106,160. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-A.C. Hebert & Queen Bee Racing, LLC; B-Caldara Farm Inc. & William R. Hilliard Jr. (KY); T-Richard Baltas.

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1st-SA, \$56,250, (S), Msw, 1-10, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:40.43, ft.

CHEEKABOO (f, 3, [Unusual Heat](#)--Sandy Cheeks, by Souvenir Copy) was a runner-up on debut facing open company down the hill here Oct. 3, and filled out the exacta again in a Cal-bred maiden test over a grassy mile Nov. 5. Hammered down to 2-5 for this return from a brief respite, the chestnut bided her time racing off the pace behind a half-mile in :49.58 and launched a wide rally to post a decisive 4 1/4-length triumph. First-timer All That Heat (Unusual Heat) was second best. Purchased for \$55,000 as a BAROCT yearling, the winner has an unnamed juvenile full-brother and a yearling half-brother by Lucky Pulpit. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, \$57,520. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Sharon Alesia, Mike Burns & Ciaglia Racing LLC; B-Madeline Auerbach, Richard Rosenberg & Barry Abrams (CA); T-Peter Eurton.

8th-GG, \$28,505, Msw, 1-10, 3yo, 6f (AWT), 1:10.42, ft.

BOLDLY TRUE (g, 3, [Yes It's True](#)--Celebrian, by Dance Master) finished fourth on debut going five furlongs here June 5 and returned from an extended layoff as the 5-2 choice. Prominent throughout, the gelding pressed the pace through a quarter-mile in :22.57 and held off a late bid from Access This (City Zip) to score by a neck. The winner attracted progressive interest in the sales ring, selling for \$33,000 as an OBSWIN yearling and \$45,000 as an OBSAUG yearling before ultimately going for \$110,000 as an OBSMAR juvenile. The winner's dam is a half to GSW and GISP Concave (Colonel John). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$18,960. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Dang, Gatto Racing, LLC, Hollendorfer, Melen, Pageler, Sigband & Taub; B-Set-Hut LLC, Jay Goodwin & Nathan Granger (LA); T-Jerry Hollendorfer.

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Saturday Night's Results:

8th-GG, \$33,026, Msw, 1-9, 3yo, f, 6f (AWT), 1:11.23, ft.
BREAKAWAY DIXIE (f, 3, Marino Marini--Grey Lassie, by Siberian Summer) was a bit compromised by a pedestrian early pace on debut here Dec. 12, but still managed to rally for place honors in that 5 1/2-panel dash. Given a 6-1 chance and drawn to the far outside for this second trip to post, the gray raced in mid-pack behind a quarter-mile in :22.28. Rallying three wide on the turn, she got up to score by a half-length over Vaazzee (Lucky Pulpit). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$27,040. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).
 O/B-Randy Randazzo & Paul Conley (CA); T-Ed Moger, Jr..

ROOKIES

First/second-crop starters to watch: Monday, January 11

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2011 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*
ALBERTUS MAXIMUS (Albert the Great), Shadwell Farm, \$1, 92/4/2
 1-MVR, Msw, 6f, Alphonse, 12-1
FLYING FIRST CLASS (Perfect Mandate), Still Creek Farm, \$2, 4/0/0
 1-MVR, Msw, 6f, Lukeyontheloose, 5-1
WILBURN (Bernardini), Spendthrift Farm, \$7K, 210/23/1
 1-MVR, Msw, 6f, Wilbur's Way, \$50K OBS APR 2yo, 9-2

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STAKES RESULTS:

PEPSI COLA S., \$85,000, SUN, 1-10, (S), 3yo, 6f, 1:10.49, ft.
1--#JONESEY WHO, 122, g, 3, by Quinton's Gold
1st Dam: Rama Lassie (SW), by Hadif
2nd Dam: Ramachandra, by Jerimi Johnson
3rd Dam: Rama Lass, by Jaipur
 O-Sam E. & Latane Stevens; B-Sam E Stevens (NM); T-Joel H. Marr; J-Ken S. Tohill. \$51,000. Lifetime Record: SW, 5-3-0-0, \$87,200. *Full to That's Who, MSW, \$773,762.
2--Dmrestlesswarrior, 122, g, 3, Southwestern Heat--Restless Tizzy, by Lesters Boy. O/B-Derrill Riggan (NM); T-Clifford C. Lambert Sr. \$18,700.
 (DH) 3--**Dyno Dom, 122, g, 3, Dominique's Cat--Alice's Thunder, by Thunder Gulch. O-Judge Lanier Racing; B-McKenna Thoroughbreds LLC (NM); T-Miguel L. Hernandez. \$5,950.**
 (DH) 3--**Back Seat Hero, 122, g, 3, Diabolical--Back Seat Charm, by Silver Charm. O/B-J. Kirk & Judy Robison (NM); T-Henry Dominguez. \$5,950.**
 Margins: 5, 1HF, NK, NK. Odds: 5.20, 65.20, 53.20, 6.50.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

6th-SA, \$61,882, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 1-10, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:16.55, ft.
CADET RONI (f, 4, Colonel John--Exemption, by Forestry)
 Lifetime Record: 10-3-1-2, \$101,500. O-Al & Sandra S. Kirkwood,; B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-Mark Glatt. *\$48,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP; \$105,000 2yo '14 BARMAR.
8th-LRL, \$42,000, 1-10, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:46.90, my.
UNDERSTANDING (m, 6, Eddington--Stand On Top {GSP}, by Peaks and Valleys) Lifetime Record: 18-3-1-4, \$121,332. O-Helen M. Polinger; B-Fedwell Farms (NY); T-Timothy L. Keefe. *\$19,000 RNA Ylg '11 SARAUG; \$30,000 2yo '12 EASMAP.

7th-FG, \$42,000, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 1-10, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11.22, ft.

COUNTY CORRECTIONS (g, 6, Tiz Wonderful--Gwinnett, by Vindication) Lifetime Record: 22-6-2-2, \$153,832. O-Ragnar Korthase; B-Dr. William M. Hovis & Taylor Brothers Properties LLC (PA); T-Jon M. Cowan. *\$10,000 Ylg '11 KEESEP; \$80,000 2yo '12 OBSAPR.



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1st-FG, \$41,000, (S), (NW2L)/Opt. Clm (\$30,000), 1-10, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:12.66, ft.

OUR LADY ALLIE (f, 3, Private Vow--Our Fan Allie, by Lear Fan)
 Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$40,600. O-Midwest Thoroughbreds, Inc.; B-Joyce Pickett (LA); T-Thomas M. Amoss. *\$1,000 Ylg '14 ESLYRL.

6th-GG, \$36,065, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 1-10, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:09.50, ft.

LIGHT ONE (f, 4, Comic Strip--Light Whitening, by Popular)
 Lifetime Record: SP, 11-4-2-2, \$127,171. O-Gatto Racing LLC, Dean, Gray, Gray, Hollendorfer, Robertson & Russo; B-William T. Gray (CA); T-Jerry Hollendorfer.

9th-DED, \$31,310, 1-9, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:20.41, ft.
SIERRA VICTOR (c, 4, Any Given Saturday--Sharp Minister, by Deputy Minister) Lifetime Record: 10-3-2-0, \$50,462. O-Maggi Moss; B-Monticule (KY); T-Thomas M. Amoss. *\$80,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP. **1/2 to Isn't He Clever (Smarty Jones), MSW, \$940,995; Sharp Writer (Capote), SW & GSP, \$212,450; and Dijeerr (Danzig), GSW, \$314,491.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

My Dinah Lee, f, 3, Discreetly Mine--Dinah Lee, by Dynaformer.
 GP, 1-10, (C), 1 1/16mT, 1:49.03. B-William M. Backer Revocable Trust (VA). *\$60,000 Ylg '14 FTKOCT.

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+Harbor Pilot, c, 3, **Trappe Shot**--Harbor Princess, by Boston Harbor. GP, 1-10, (C), 6f, 1:11.64. B-Curt Leake (LA). *\$82,000 Ylg '14 OBSAUG; \$62,000 RNA 2yo '15 EASMAY. **1/2 to Tensas Harbor (Private Vow), MSW, \$515,450. ***12th winner for freshman sire (by Tapit).

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Harlan's Howling, g, 4, **Harlan's Holiday**--Cape of Bradford (SW, \$139,377), by Cape Town. TP, 1-9, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:18.16. B-Ed Few (KY). *\$130,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP.

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Hold My Purse, c, 4, **Hold Me Back**--Absolutely Cindy (MSW, \$194,957), by Arch. TP, 1-10, 1m (AWT), 1:40.75. B-Keth Kinmon (KY).

Moonie, f, 4, **Square Eddie**--Moonfest, by Irish River (Fr). SA, 1-10, (S), 6f, 1:11.25. B-Reddam Racing LLC (CA).

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Date	Race	Track
1/16	GII La Canada S.	SA
	GIII Lecomte S.	FG
	GIII Col. E.R. Bradley H.	FG
1/18	GIII Toboggan S.	AQU
	GIII Megahertz S.	SA
1/23	GII Santa Monica S.	SA
1/30	GII Forward Gal S.	GP
	GII Holy Bull S.	GP
	GII Swale S.	GP
	GIII Sweetest Chant S.	GP
	GIII Wither S.	AQU
	GIII John B. Connally Turf Cup	HOU
	GIII Houston Ladies Classic	HOU
2/6	GI Donn H.	GP
	GI Gulfstream Park Turf H.	GP
	GII Las Virgenes S.	SA
	GII San Marcos S.	SA
	GII San Antonio S.	SA
	GIII Robert B. Lewis S.	SA
	GIII Suwannee River S.	GP
	GIII Fred W. Hooper H.	GP
2/7	GII Palos Verdes S.	SA

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MARKET AWARENESS KEY FOR NEW ENGLAND STUD



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By Chris McGrath

As the most avowedly commercial of those stud managers to have contributed to an ongoing *TDN* series, detailing mating plans for some of Europe's top mares, Peter Stanley offers a valuable shift of perspective. For the routine ups and downs of breeding, raising and selling thoroughbreds are gaining an extra steepness, to the manager of New England Stud, from what he perceives as a giddy variation in stallion fees.

"We aren't all sheep," Stanley stressed. "The trouble is that when we go to market we tend to find that the trainers and agents all want the same few stallions - and the nomination fees of those stallions, as a result, are becoming extremely expensive. It's a very unhealthy situation. It narrows the gene pool, for one thing, and obviously it also makes it hard for breeders to achieve any kind of significant return. People are just looking for fashionable crosses, designed for the marketplace, rather than trying to produce racehorses. There are plenty of stallions out there, with fair fees and a very respectable record of upgrading mares, who you fear to use because you know they're going to struggle in the market. It's a fairly ridiculous situation, really." **Cont. p2**

TYCOON COLT ON TOP AT MAGIC MILLIONS

By Kelsey Riley

The prices dropped a tempo for Book 2 of the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale Sunday, but the vibrant trade seen throughout the week for Book 1 continued apace. A total of 199 yearlings were sold Sunday for A\$12,333,500, compared to 180 sold for A\$9,805,000 on the same day last year. The average was up 12.4% to A\$61,977, and the median climbed 25% to A\$50,000. The clearance rate was down to 81.2% from 87.8% 12 months ago. A colt and filly each commanded a A\$230,000 price tag to be co-toppers for the session.

Written Tycoon (Aus) had his name in the headlines Saturday when his son Capitalist (Aus) ran out an impressive winner of the Magic Millions 2YO Classic, and Mornington trainer Mark Riley will certainly be hoping the sire can make it a double next year after he went to A\$230,000 for [lot 824](#), a colt by Written Tycoon, Sunday. **Cont. p3**

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Stanley juggles various pragmatic solutions at his family's



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Newmarket farm. Its mares tend to be owned in partnership, for instance, while foal-share schemes also help to prevent undue exposure in using stallions at unnerving fees. "That way, even if things don't work out, at least you have only wasted a year of a mare's life," Stanley reasoned. "It can get very scary if you have to write off a huge nomination fee as well. With some mares, of course, you can only take a punt. I suppose the challenge is to identify a stallion on the way up, who has proven himself

at a level without being given maximum opportunity."

Tamayuz (GB) (Nayef), Camacho (GB) (Danehill) and Champs Elysees (GB) (Danehill) are among those he can envisage breaking through in this way, while he applauds Shadwell for pitching the initial fees of Mukhadram (GB) (Shamardal) and now Muhaarar (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) at a realistic level. "Both very good-looking horses by very good stallions, and both well priced," he said. "I believe Muhaarar has been inundated as a result, so I'm extremely pleased that we've been able to get access to him for one of our good mares."

The lady in question is All For Laura (GB) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}), previously dam of the Group 2 winner Misheer (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}). She is scheduled to visit the Nunnery Stud rookie after delivering a foal to New Approach (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), due later this month--itself, in turn, a reflection of Stanley's regard for the 2008 Derby winner.

Sure enough, two of the younger mares on the stud--Da'Quonde (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}) and Illandrane (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire})--are on their way to New Approach this spring. "I'm a big fan," Stanley confirmed. "He's gone a little quiet, but I refuse to believe that any horse can have a first crop like that and not bounce back. And at least it has brought his fee down a little."

The New Approach foal she is carrying was only one of many things about Padmini (GB) (Tiger Hill {Ire}) that made her seem a rare bargain at 65,000 guineas at Tattersalls a few weeks ago.

Winner of her one and only start for Godolphin, she is a daughter of the top-class Petrushka (Ire) (Unfuwain).

"She's had a bit of misfortune, with only one foal on the ground so far, and Petrushka has largely been disappointing as a broodmare," Stanley acknowledged. "But sometimes it's the daughters of these champion racemares that end up keeping the line going--and Petrushka does have a very good family behind her. The bottom line is that we've bought a very good-looking mare carrying a New Approach foal for less than the sire's fee [at the time]. As you can imagine, people have been falling over each other to get involved."

Another new recruit is Stirring Ballad (GB) (Compton Place {GB}), a multiple winner for George Strawbridge acquired at the same sale, in foal to Lawman (Fr) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) for 230,000 guineas. "She's from a very good Oppenheimer family and the most beautiful model, physically, an absolute queen," Stanley enthused. "She was just one of those you fall in love with the moment you see her. She could be a pretty exciting foundation mare, and as such we're going to be giving her every chance. It's hardly a commercial decision to go to Invincible Spirit (Ire) (Green Desert) at his current fee. But it's a mating that could make the mare, if she can throw a foal that walks like she does."

Certainly Stanley believes that if ever it is worth soaking up a big nomination fee, it is with a young mare. "At least by giving them a chance with proven, top-class sires, you soon learn what you're dealing with," he explained. On the same principle, Making Eyes (Ire) (Dansili {GB}) has produced a colt by Invincible Spirit and will next proceed, after delivering a foal by his son Kingman (GB), to Dark Angel (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}). "She's an exciting mare," Stanley said. "A stakes winner by a very influential stallion, and her yearling is very nice."

Among the more established mares at New England, Ruby Rocket (Ire) (Indian Rocket {GB}) is adapting the formula that produced her son, the G1 Prix de l'Abbaye winner Maarek (GB) (Pivotal {GB}). "She's in foal to Siyouni (Fr) (Pivotal {GB}) and will be going back to him," Stanley reported. "He's an exciting young stallion, extremely good value in my book, who could become very interesting when his better mares come through. The chance of having a three-parts brother to a Group 1 winner made it a pretty obvious match."

And then there is the venerable Wosaita (GB) (Generous {Ire}), who is now 21 years old but raised no less than 490,000 guineas inside two months at Tattersalls this autumn - more or less evenly divided between a yearling filly by Sepoy (Aus) (Elusive Quality) and a colt foal by Sea The Stars (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}). "That warmed the cockles of my heart," Stanley said. "She's been a wonderful mare and, having sold her foal so well, the obvious thing was to send her back to Sea The Stars."

Her Group 3-winning daughter Whazzis (GB) (Desert Prince {Ire}), incidentally, is in foal to Shamardal (Giant's Causeway) and next visits Zoffany (Ire) (Dansili {GB}). "His jump in fee is fairly dramatic but he does look as though he might just go all the way," Stanley said.

"This mare has done us proud and she deserves us to throw the dice. She has had a couple of lovely foals by Dubawi (Ire) (Dubai Millennium {GB}) sold privately to Sheikh Mohammed: a colt, now three, who looks a useful prospect after winning his last two starts, and then a most gorgeous sister."

Like all commercial breeders, Stanley must tread a high wire between affordability and marketability. It's a variation on the paradox that as many people complain about excessive stallion fees as about the over-production of foals. "I think over-production is a word that has to be used carefully," Stanley said. "There is demand for nice horses, but the reality is that keeping a horse in training is so expensive that spending less on the initial investment can be a false economy. At the lower end, then, there just won't be the demand. I guess the market is a lot more professional than it used to be, and getting rid of lesser horses is increasingly difficult. If you breed a horse with a fault, or end up having backed an unfashionable stallion, you end up writing off pretty much the entire investment."

Stanley's management portfolio also includes the Stanley House Stud of his brother, Lord Derby. Unfortunately, attempts to breed

another sibling to Australia (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), the Derby winner produced by the great Ouija Board (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}), have proved frustrating.



Lord Derby with Ouija Board, left, and her daughter, Australia's sister Filia Regina | Emma Berry

"Sadly Ouija Board absorbed her pregnancy to Galileo at 40 days," Stanley reported, in a melancholy sequel to the loss of her foal from her previous visit to the Coolmore champion. "But she'll be returning to him again, hopefully for a nice early cover, and we'd love to think she will produce another sister to Australia. Meanwhile we're delighted that Filia Regina (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) has been scanned carrying a filly by Dubawi. Filia Regina has already got a big, strapping Oasis Dream colt, but it's exciting to know that there's a filly on her way who will be able to take the family forward."



TYCOON COLT ON TOP AT MAGIC MILLIONS

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Lot 824 is out of Rate The Choice (Aus) (Redoute's Choice



Lot 824 with Woodside Park's Matt Tillet | Magic Millions

{Aus}), and his third dam is also the third dam of Group 1 winner Murtaajill (Aus) (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}) and Magic Millions 2YO Classic winner Bradbury's Luck (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), both of whom are now at stud, as well as Skates (Aus) (Danehill), the dam of G1 Golden Slipper

winner Vancouver (Aus) (Medaglia d'Oro) who was also represented this week as the dam of the A\$1.5 million Pierro (Aus) colt bought by Coolmore Friday. The bay was consigned by Woodside Park, which also stands Written Tycoon.

"He's a very, very nice horse," Riley enthused. "He's a well-grown, well-developed horse for a Nov. 15 foal. He's very precocious, and has a lot of Bradbury's Luck and Redoute's Choice about him, and a lot of the stallion about him as well."

Riley also praised the sire, one he said had been on his radar for a while.



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% RNAs	19	13
High Price	230,000	220,000
Gross	12,333,500	9,863,000
Average (% change)	61,977 (12.4%)	55,101
Median (% change)	50,000 (25%)	40,000

“Written Tycoon, you couldn’t be happier with him,” he said. “We have another five mares in foal to him as well so we’ve got a lot banking on Written Tycoon, but he’s a precocious horse. If he doesn’t run it’ll be a criminal shame.”

Riley said he didn’t think yesterday’s result inflated the price of the colt. Written Tycoon stood the 2015 season for A\$19,800, a hike of A\$6,050 from his 2014 fee on the back of the success of Rich Enuff (Aus), his winner of the G2 Danehill S. and G3 Caulfield Guineas Prelude in September of 2014. Rich Enuff went on to finish second in the G1 Caulfield Guineas. Written Tycoon currently sits seventh on the general sires’ table and has 73 winners this season, putting him third to only Not A Single Doubt (Aus) and Fastnet Rock (Aus) in that category.

“I think everyone’s known about the Written Tycoons, that they’re going to be good horses,” Riley said. “He’s a stallion to be really reckoned with because he hasn’t had the opportunity until now. He’ll keep getting very good winners.”

Lot 824 was Riley’s first buy of the week, and his first from this sale since he bought the ill-fated Group 3-winning juvenile Of The Brave (Aus) (Starspangledbanner {Aus}) here for A\$170,000 in 2014.

“The last horse I bought here was Of The Brave, we paid A\$170,000 for him,” Riley said. “He was a little cheaper than this horse but it’s a hard thing to come to this sale and get exactly what you want. It’s an old saying to always go home with the

one you want, not the one you thought you wanted, and he’s the horse I’ve waited four days for.”

Riley said the few remaining shares in the colt would likely go to former owners of Of The Brave.

“There’s still a bit left in him at this



Steven O’Dea (left) and
Jamie Walter | Magic Millions

stage but I’ve had a lot of owners that lost Of The Brave that are interested in coming in on the next one and this is him, so onwards and upwards.”

Jamie Walter’s Proven Thoroughbreds--a syndicate that races in three States across Australia--grabbed a slice of the Magic Millions 2YO Classic Saturday when its Candika (Aus) (Sebring {Aus}) took the A\$180,000 third prize. Walter was out at Magic Millions Sunday reinvesting those winnings, and he picked up a A\$200,000 Snitzel (Aus) colt ([lot 829](#)) to go into training, like Candika, with Steven O’Dea, as well as a colt by Choisir (Aus) for A\$120,000.

Another owner to pick up a check on Saturday’s raceday and reinvest Sunday was Sylvana Surace, whose husband Ricky Surace operates B2B Bloodstock. Surace picked up a A\$100,000 bonus for Zelady’s Night Out (Aus) (Myboycharlie {Ire}), the second all-female-owned horse across the line as part of the Racing Women’s bonus, and B2B Bloodstock signed for Sunday’s most expensive filly, [lot 888](#), at A\$230,000. The Newhaven Park offering is by Sebring (Aus) out of G1 Queensland Oaks winner Allow (Aus) (Rahy), whose three foals to race are all winners. The family traces back to European Group 1 winners Fragrant Mix and Alpina Rose.

Barry Bowditch of Magic Millions conducted the bidding and signed the ticket on behalf of B2B, and he said, “She was nearly a main-sale filly, being a Sebring out of a Group 1 winner, so he’s pretty happy to have her. I’m assuming she’ll go to [trainer Tony] Gollan, but I can’t confirm that. He had the Myboycharlie filly in the race yesterday and he’s been pretty active here at the sale.”

MAGIC MILLIONS GOLD COAST YEARLINGS SUNDAY’S TOP SIX LOTS

Lot	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (A\$)
824	colt	Written Tycoon (Aus)	Rate The Choice (Aus) B-Woodside Park Stud Pty Ltd Consigned by Woodside Park Stud Purchased by Mark Riley	230,000
888	filly	Sebring (Aus)	Allow (Aus) B-Newhaven Park Stud Consigned by Newhaven Park Stud (as agent) Purchased by B2B Bloodstock	230,000
809	colt	Sebring (Aus)	Permissive (Aus) B-Rothwell Park Consigned by Rothwell Park (as agent) Purchased by St George Racing	220,000
829	colt	Snitzel (Aus)	Rose Of Mulan (Aus) B-Mr S Gillard Consigned by Yarraman Park Stud (as agent) Purchased by Proven Thoroughbreds/Steve O’Dea	200,000
880	filly	Stratum (Aus)	Wynyard Hall (Aus) B-Mileshan Nominees Pty Ltd Consigned by Goodwood Farm (as agent) Purchased by RIFA Mustang Pty Ltd	200,000
963	colt	Pierro (Aus)	Emilydelago (Aus) B-Lauriston Thoroughbred Farm Consigned by Attunga Stud (as agent) Purchased by Spicer Thoroughbreds	200,000

A Sebring For Singapore...

International participation on the buying bench continued Sunday, with [lot 809](#), a Sebring (Aus) colt from Rothwell Park, headed to New Zealand--and likely later Singapore--after being bought by St. George Stable for A\$220,000. Agent Gary Carvill signed the ticket on behalf of Paul Hickman of St. George Stable. Hickman is a British businessman based in Singapore and a client of trainer Stephen Gray. St. George has around 15 horses in training.



Lot 809 | Magic Millions

“He’ll go back to New Zealand and he’ll go through the process and we’ll see how he measures up, then we’ll make a decision whether he goes to Singapore and if he’s good enough he might even race in Australia,” Carvill explained. “He’ll tell us what’s going to happen. The horse will probably end up in Singapore but we’ll let him tell us.”

Lot 809 is out of the 2-year-old stakes winner Permissive (Aus) (Snippets {Aus}), who has produced two winners and is herself out of a half-sister to Group 1 winner and sire Danzero (Aus).

Internationals Spend Big...

The Gold Coast yearling sale proved a truly international event, with buyers from 13 different countries signing for horses. American investment included the A\$1.4 million top-priced filly bought by John Sikura through agents Hubie de Burgh and James Harron. Spendthrift bought four for A\$2.085 million; Stonestreet bought a Sebring (Aus) filly ([lot 423](#)) for A\$470,000; Stone Farm and Speedway Stable made their first investments in the country, each buying one lot; and WinStar Farm bought a handful of horses in partnership with the China Horse Club.

European participation included Shadwell’s eight bought for A\$2.765 million. Dermot Farrington bought seven with various partners; McKeever Bloodstock bought two for A\$355,000; and David Redvers bought a Harbour Watch (Ire) colt for A\$145,000.

There will be a break in action on the Gold Coast Monday, with the sale set to wrap up Tuesday with Book 3 of the Gold Coast Yearling Sale and the Summer Racehorse Sale.

A SALE TO REMEMBER FOR SLEDMERE

By Kelsey Riley

The leading vendor list at the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale reads like a who’s-who of well-established Australian nurseries, and one that seems well on its way to becoming a household name is Royston and Catriona Murphy’s Sledmere Stud, which filled the number 10 position for Book 1 with A\$3,090,000 in revenue for just 12 horses brought to the ring, all of which were sold.

“Our aim at any sale is to have a 100% clearance rate,” said

Royston Murphy.

“We try to place our horses where we know they’ll suit the sales and we try to make sure we can get the most out of them. We want to be seen as sellers; we’re not bringing horses here to bring them home or just get



Royston and Catriona Murphy | Kelsey Riley

them eligible for races. We’re here to get them sold and achieve the best we can for our clients.”

Royston and Catriona have been at the reins of Sledmere for only a handful of years, but the farm has a long history of success in Scone in the Hunter Valley. The 700-acre property was established by Guy Raymond after the first World War and was managed by his daughter Ann Raymond, Catriona’s aunt. The Raymonds bred top-level winners like Great Britain, Red Fury, Tranquil Star and Rimfire on the nursery.

Catriona--who did stints with Darley Australia and Hagyard’s in Kentucky--began managing the farm for Ann Raymond about five years ago and after Raymond died two years ago, Royston--an Irishman who worked at Windfields Farm in Canada during its heydays--left his post as manager of Segenhoe Stud to run the farm with his wife. He explained the horse population--which gets up to about 180 during the breeding season--is largely comprised of boarders, but said he and Catriona would like to expand their own broodmare band of about 20.

“We take a lot of clients from around Australia and New Zealand for the breeding season because we’re located right in the heart of where all the main stallions are,” Royston explained. “We get about 180 mares for the season and we consign for Magic Millions, [Inglis] Easter and also the [Inglis] Classic sale--those are our three main sales for the year and we generally try to have 15 to 20 horses for each of those sales.”

The star sellers for Sledmere this week included [lot 484](#), a Savabeel (Aus) colt bought by Prime Thoroughbreds for A\$510,000--a new record price for his sire. That Savabeel was one of four brought to the sale by Sledmere for Waikato Stud, which stands

Savabeel, and they sold for a combined A\$1.24 million.

Sledmere also sold a Pierro (Aus) colt for A\$410,000 ([lot 609](#)), a Snitzel (Aus) colt for A\$375,000 ([lot 278](#)) and an All Too Hard (Aus) colt for A\$370,000 ([lot 348](#)).



Lot 484, A\$510,000 Savabeel colt | Magic Millions

The Murphys said those strong results

are attributable to their team, which has been essential in the success as the farm undergoes a development phase.

"The farm itself has been under redevelopment for the last few years," Royston explained. "We're a long way through it now, to be set up to the standard we want to be. It's a bit of a building phase for us and this year we were lucky to be entrusted with horses from a few good friends and clients from New Zealand, especially Waikato; it's our first time selling for them and we've had some great results for them. They sent us six horses and they all sold and we sold the highest-priced Savabeel that went to auction."

The Murphys praised Magic Millions for making the sale a success, saying they were busy showing on the grounds and at Sledmere before shipping.

"Magic Millions got about 30 people to come out and inspect on the farm, which was an indication it was going to be a big sale," said Catriona. "There's been a lot of support from overseas, which has been great."

"The market is phenomenal," Royston added. "The credit goes to Magic Million for what they've done and the interaction with the auctioneers pre- and post-sale has been phenomenal. The optimism from everyone coming into this sale was phenomenal and I think it fed off to the buyers as well. There just seems to be a great confidence in our market in Australia at the moment."

Catriona noted the injection of prize-money into sales races not just for juveniles but older horses as well has helped increase the diversity of horse on offer at Magic Millions.

"It was always known for the precocious early 2-year-olds up here but now that they've got the races with the big prize-money for the older horses, you don't have to come up here and buy a 2-year-old; you can come up here and buy any type of horse," she said.

As for what's next for Sledmere, the farm is riding the wave of its first Group 1 winner under the Murphys' management. Politeness (Aus) (Street Sense) won the G1 Myer Classic in October, and she is out of Berengaria (Aus) (Commands {Aus}), who was bought by the Murphys for A\$55,000 carrying Politeness at the 2010 Magic Millions National Sale. She was the first mare the couple bought under their new regime and her Street Cry (Ire) colt will be offered at Inglis Easter.

Royston said a long-term plan for the farm could include the addition of stallions.

"Maybe down the track with the support of some of our major clients we'll look to move into the stallion market but that's down the track at the moment," he said. "It's a very expensive market to get into at the moment."

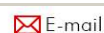
Given the current track record of Sledmere, one could reasonably back the Murphys to enjoy success for years to come.



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Leading Sires by Average

Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale Book 1
(Three or more sold)

Sire	Offered	Sold	Average
Exceed And Excel (Aus)	13	11	364,545
Snitzel (Aus)	51	48	330,000
Fastnet Rock (Aus)	32	30	328,333
Street Cry (Ire)	17	14	323,214
Redoute's Choice (Aus)	17	16	272,500
Savabeel (Aus)	6	5	271,000
*Pierro (Aus)	38	37	262,568
More Than Ready	15	13	231,154
Starspangledbanner (Aus)	5	5	225,000
*All Too Hard (Aus)	43	38	221,842

*Denotes first-season sire

First-Season Sire Averages

Pierro (Aus)	48	37	262,568
*Dalakhani (Ire)	2	2	230,000
All Too Hard (Aus)	43	38	221,842
Animal Kingdom	6	4	207,500
Delago Deluxe (Aus)	10	10	169,000
Reliable Man (GB)	3	3	156,667
Excelebration (Ire)	6	3	138,333
Your Song (Aus)	21	17	95,441
Bullet Train (GB)	4	4	85,000

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1st Dam: Dream Moment (GB), by Machiavellian

2nd Dam: Dream Ticket, by Danzig

3rd Dam: Capo Di Monte (Ire), by Final Straw (GB)

(¥39,000,000 Wlg '13 JRHAJUL.) O-Masaaki Kumeta;

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Pistolet Bleu (Ire). O-Yoichi Aoyama; B-Shadai Farm;

¥15,186,000.

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Seattle Beauty (Jpn), by Taiki Blizzard. O-Shigeru Morinaka;

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Hong Kong Sprint

2015	Peniaphobia (Ire) (Dandy Man {Ire})
2014	Aerovelocity (NZ) (Pins {Aus})
2013	Lord Kanaloa (Jpn) (King Kamehameha {Jpn})
2012	Lord Kanaloa (Jpn) (King Kamehameha {Jpn})
2011	Lucky Nine (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire})
2010	J J the Jet Plane (Jet Master {SAF})
2009	Sacred Kingdom (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus})
2008	Inspiration (Aus) (Flying Spur {Aus})
2007	Sacred Kingdom (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus})
2006	Absolute Champion (Aus) (Marauding {NZ})
2005	Natural Blitz (Aus) (Maroof)
2004	Silent Witness (Aus) (El Moxie)
2003	Silent Witness (Aus) (El Moxie)
2002	All Thrills Too (NZ) (St Covet {Aus})
2001	Falvelon (Aus) (Alannon {Aus})
2000	Falvelon (Aus) (Alannon {Aus})



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