





LUCK OF THE DRAW, OR LACK THEREOF, HAS LEA IN DONN by Alan Carasso

Claiborne Farm and Adele Dilschneider's Lea (First Samurai) has made seven of his 11 career starts on the turf, a surface over which he has never finished worse than third and includes a victory in the GIII

Commonwealth Turf S. at three in 2012. He even took



on Horse of the Year Wise Dan (Wiseman's Ferry) on a couple of occasions last season, finishing two lengths second in the GII Firecracker H. and third in

Bob Coglianese

the GII Fourstardave H. But the homebred is something other than an abject failure on the dirt, having posted two wins from four tries, including a 3 1/4-length score in the GIII Hal's Hope S. Jan. 11. Lea faces a steep hike in class and a formidable foe in the form of Eclipse Award winner Will Take Charge (Unbridled's Song) in Sunday's GI Donn H., but it is a chance connections are more than willing to take.

"We're excited to run Lea," said Claiborne Farm President Walker Hancock, son of farm owner Seth Hancock. "He's a personal favorite of mine. He's training very well and Bill [Mott] is very pleased with him and we're looking forward to Sunday." Cont. p3

O&A WITH CNBC'S ROBERT FRANK

The second season of CNBC's "Secret Lives of the

Super Rich" will conclude on Wednesday Feb. 5 with a profile of last vear's Fasig-Tipton August yearling sale in Saratoga. This is the second time the show is focusing on Thoroughbred racing this season. Last week, the show followed Justin Zayat and Bradley Weisbord as they prepared for the 2013 Breeders' Cup. Robert



Robert Frank CNBC.com

Frank, the show's host, spoke with the TDN's Michael Illiano about what he took away from covering the sale, as well as why his show has placed an emphasis on covering Thoroughbred racing. Cont. p9

BIG TURNOUT FOR CBA SYMPOSIUM Editorial and photos by Lucas Marguardt

Over 75% of North American auction revenue is attributable to members of the Consignors and Breeders Association (CBA), and yesterday, the organization held its inaugural Education Symposium in Lexington, Kentucky as a service to those members. The day-long forum was staged at Keeneland's sales pavilion, and

included no fewer than 18 experts presenting on everything from reproductive health, conformational issues and presale vetting to Thoroughbred aftercare.

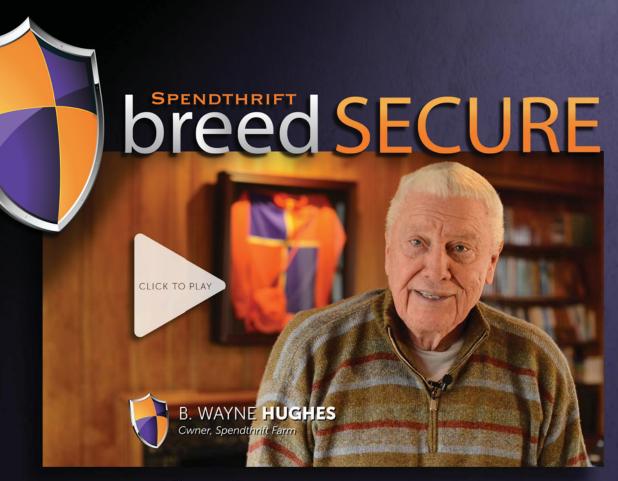


Sale Panel at the CBA Symposium yesterday

"The challenge to any organization is to remain relevant to its members," CBA President Craig Bandoroff of Denali Stud said to a crowd of roughly 300 people. "The purpose of this is to give something back to them."

The idea behind the symposium came from Paramount Sales co-founder and CBA board member Pat Costello. Costello was inspired by a similar event sponsored annually by the Irish Thoroughbred Breeders' Association. "The CBA does a lot of great work, and I'm not sure people are aware of how much work it does," said Costello. Cont. p4

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Columnist Bill Oppenheim reviews 21 APEX stallions whose numbers read well but are not all that expensive

to breed to.

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Guelph (Aus) Preps For Autumn Campaign

Darley's Guelph (Aus) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) tuned up for an Australian autumn campaign with a trial victory in Rosehill yesterday.



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Prohibit Racing Post

European Group Winners Retired

Group 1 winner Prohibit (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) and Xtension (Ire) (Xaar {GB}) both retired yesterday at the ages of nine and seven, respectively.

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Lea made the first 10 starts of his career for trainer Al Stall Jr., winning three of five tries at three, capped by the Commonwealth success. He was an allowance winner in five trips postward in a somewhat frustrating 4-year-old season in 2013 and was having his first run for trainer Bill Mott in the Hal's Hope.

"We gave him last winter off [2012 into 2013), but he only won one race last year, so he really didn't give himself the right opportunity to have this winter off," Hancock explained. "We gave him to Bill because we just thought there are more options at Gulfstream. This is to take nothing away from Al. Lea is where he is today because of Al Stall. But we thought he'd do a little better at Gulfstream than he would do at the Fair Grounds, so we decided to send him to Bill. We're obviously pleased with him at Gulfstream--he's one for one--so, it looks like it's working out well." Given his apparent preference for turf, Lea was entered for the El Prado S. Dec. 28, but was scratched when he drew the 14 hole.

"They start right there on the turn going a mile on the turf, so we thought that's not a good idea," Hancock related. "Then we were going to run him in the turf race on Hal's Hope day [GII Fort Lauderdale S.]. We were thinking about both races, and I was talking to Bill and he said, 'You know, I was looking at his numbers and his charts and he's actually run better numbers on the dirt. He had never run



Walker Hancock, Joel Rosario and Lea at Saratoga

on a fast dirt." Indeed, Lea's lone victory in 2013 was an off-turf allowance score in the Churchill slop June 1. "We thought we're more than likely going to draw fast dirt at Gulfstream this time of the year, so let's see how he does over it and it'll give us a good indicator for the rest of the year. Luckily it seemed like he liked it, so that's the direction we're going to go for now. If he didn't draw the 14 in the El Prado, we might not be having this conversation. Everything happens for a reason." **Cont. p4**





Feature Presentation cont.

NOBIZ LIKE SHOBIZ Wood Memorial-G1 Winner

Though his sire was best on the dirt and is responsible for the likes of MGSW Last Gunfighter, Lea's dam Greenery (Galileo {Ire}) was a two-time winner and twice stakes placed on the grass--at 11 furlongs, no less--for trainer Christophe Clement. Lea is her first foal, and Hancock is confident that the 5-yearold will handle this stretchout to nine furlongs.

"He's got Galileo on the bottom, so that will definitely help him out with the distance," Hancock stated. "I'm confident he can get a mile and an eighth."

Luis Saez was aboard Lea in the Hal's Hope, but he will back aboard Will Take Charge for the Donn. Joel Rosario, who broke Lea's maiden and won an allowance on him at Saratoga, takes over at the controls. Click here to share this story.

Big Turnout for CBA Symposium cont. from p1

Despite the forecast for late-day ice and snow, a big crowd turned out at Keeneland, including CBA members that came from Maryland, Virginia, Florida and beyond. "And we signed up probably 35 new members just because of the symposium," said the CBA's Nicole Gibson, who did much of the legwork putting the symposium together.

TDN TODAY Headline News..... 17 pages In addition to getting a chance to listen to the panelists, members were able to make contacts with the CBA's "preferred provider retailers"--businesses that offer discounts to CBA members. The preferred providers had representatives at tables in the pavilion hallways. "I talked to the providers, and each one of them said they acquired new clients just today," said Mulholland Springs' Martha Jane Mulholland, another who sits on the CBA board. "We had two banks here that actually want to pump money into the equine industry--how's that for a change?"

CBA Treasurer Callan Strouss of Lane's End Farm said he was struck by the outpouring of people. He said, "I've heard nothing but positive things about the quality of the speakers, and have had so many people ask if there will be a video of it they can watch on the internet."

There will, Strouss said. The CBA will post it on its site, <u>www.consignorsandbreeders.com</u>, in about a week.

Mulholland said that the CBA hopes to make the symposium an annual event. "We want to bring in new speakers and address new topics, and be able to keep up with legislative events," she said. "There are a lot of issues that will affect our sport going forward." **Cont. p5**

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Stronger Than You Think ...

Damon Thayer, a Republican state senator in Kentucky and a longtime supporter of the horse industry, opened the CBA symposium with an overview of Kentucky's racing and breeding sectors in relation to the state government.



"We have a stronger voice in Frankfort than you think," said Thayer, who noted the successes the industry has achieved in the state, such as reforms to raceday medication rules, sale integrity reforms, and the implementation of Instant Racing at Kentucky Downs and Ellis Park. Thayer said the

establishment of the Kentucky Thoroughbred Breeders' Incentive Fund, funded by a 6% sales tax on stallion nominations that previously went into the state's general fund, has helped Kentucky compete with states with programs bolstered by slots revenue. "I think it's our greatest success story," said Thayer, who said the fund has thus far distributed \$87 million worldwide.

The Best Start to Life...

In her presentation on optimizing a mare's reproductive health, Dr. Kristina Lu, a specialist in Theriogenology who has been at Hagyard-Davidson-McGee since 2005, said it was important to understand and treat endometritis--an infection of the uterus that is a common cause of poor fertility; and placentitis--an inflamation of the placenta that can cause aborted, stillbirth, or weak or premature foals.

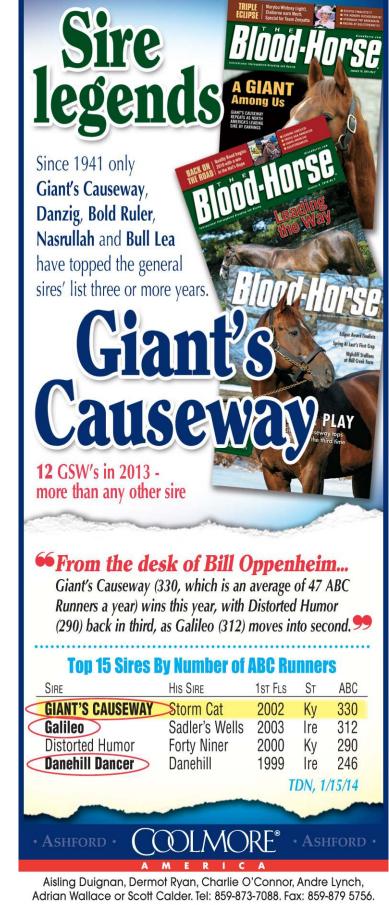
She was followed by Dr. Jaye McCracken, a field care associate at Hagyard and an expert on *Rhodococcus equi*, the ubiquitous bacteria that causes pneumonia in foals. McCracken said it was important to screen for the presence of *R. equi* in foals via ultrasound, saying it would, "give the foal the best start to life."

The lone study to examine success at the track for horses that were stricken with *R. Equi* as foals suggested performance was not ultimately affected, but McCracken pointed out that time lost with a sick foal, and the cost associated with treating it, can have a detrimental affect on a breeder's bottom line.

"We're trying to create a product who will present well at the sales," she said. "If you have a foal that's been sick for two months of his life, he's not going to match up well with a foal of a similar age when he's up here on the podium to sell."

McCracken said that ultrasound screening seemingly healthy foals at four, six and eight weeks can reveal lesions in a foal's lungs that, if left untreated, can grow dramatically and make a foal sick.

"A lot of foals will clear the lesions themselves, but it's impossible to tell, when looking at an ultrasound [of two horses with similarly sized lesions], which one will be fine and which one will get clinically sick," she said.





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McCracken said the disease is prevalent, noting that, from the eight farms she regularly visited last year, roughly 20% to 50% of the foals tested positive, depending on the farm.

Adena Springs' Eric Hamelback later asked if any correlation between spreading manure on fields and the prevalence of *R. equi* had been established. McCracken said she was unaware of any correlation, but said further examination would be beneficial.

Bad Foot, No Chance...

Angular and flexural deformities was the focus of a five-member panel that preceded the lunch break.



Bobby Langley

Bobby Langley, a farrier with over 35 years experience, talked about the importance of corrective shoeing in a foal's first 90 days, with an emphasis on a foal's first 60 days.

"You need to get the fetlocks where they need to be in the first 90 days," Langley said. "From a farrier's perspective, it

the rest of their lives. And not just for sale horses; for a

horse's ability to stay sound racing later in their careers. If a horse has a good foot, he has a good chance. If he has a bad foot, he has no chance." Rood and Riddle's Dr. Scott Morrison and Hagyard's Dr. Bryan Fraley addressed using splints, toe and heel extensions, soft shoes, check-ligament desmotomy, and similar methods to correct limb deformation, showing examples of foals with bad conformational defects and the different methods that were used to help correct them.

Hagyard's Dr. Dwayne Rodgerson and Lexington Equine Surgery co-founded Dr. Wes Sutter spoke on angular limb deformities--horses that toe in or out, or horses that have offset knees--caused, Rodgerson explained, by discrepancies in growth at the growth plates caused by physitis (also called epiphysitis). "If you get a discrepancy at the growth plate, the angle of that leg is going to change," said Rodgerson.

Rodgerson went over options to address these deformities, including the surgical insertion of a single transphyseal screw into a horse's knee. Sutter expanded on those options by comparing transphyseal screws with transphyseal bridging (screws and wires). The purpose of both procedures is the same--to inhibit growth on one side of the plate in order to let the other side catch up.

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What's In a Throat...

After an hour break for lunch, Rood and Riddle's Dr. Scott Pierce offered insights on endoscopy--the examination of a horse's upper respiratory track--and the different conditions that can negatively affect a horse's throat. These include laryngeal hemiplegia, severe chondritis/chondroma and epiglottic entrapment.

Pierce had several video examples of desirable traits, as well as a number of examples of those with structural defects.



Pierce cited a survey that showed why scoping was important. The survey tracked the success of horses based on the throat grades they received. Horses that received scores of Grade I and IIA earned, on average, \$68,231 and averaged \$11,982 per start. Grade IIB's earned \$52,449 and average \$9,202 per start. The best horse in IIB group was a Grade III winner, while there were, "numerous Classic winners and

Dr. Scott Pierce

Grade I winners--numerous." Horses with Grade III scores earned \$24,603 with an average of \$5,330 per start.

Horses with better grades also made the races much more frequently. Only 13.13% of those with Grade I scores failed to make a start from two to four. Those with Grade III scores, by contrast, didn't make the races 43% of the time.

Dr. Deborah Spike-Pierce took the crowd through the ins and outs of radiographs. Through a series of slides, she showed normal fetlock (ankle) and carpal (knee) joints, and the different flaws--cysts, chips, lesions, lucencies, and spurs--that can occur. She noted certain injuries that were especially undesirable--flaws in the lower knee joint, for instance--while other flaws, like pastern cysts, that discount horses at the sales, but which may not have a considerable affect on performance.

Pick of the Panels...

A panel of sale company executives talked about the current state of the marketplace, the evolving trend in regional breeding, and about the auction selection process. Keeneland Vice President of Sales Walt Robertson and Will Mayer, who oversees Keeneland's International Development Program, joined with Fasig-Tipton President Boyd Browning, Jr. and Vice President of Sales Bayne Welker, Jr. on a panel moderated by racing historian Edward Bowen.

As things were winding down, Bowen asked the panel about particular horses or sale transaction they were especially proud of. Several panelists declined to pick out any one horse, but Browning had no reservations selecting the sale of Horse of the Year **Havre de Grace** (Saint Liam) for \$10 million at Fasig-Tipton November in 2012.

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"We had a special relationship with her owner [Fox Hill Farm's Rick Porter], and it doesn't take a math wizard to figure out what 5% [sale commission] of \$10 million is," Browning laughed. "It isn't every day you make \$500,000 on a single transaction."

One of the highlights of the day was the bloodstock agent panel, comprised of Lane's End Bloodstock's David Ingordo, EQB's Patti Miller, McMahon and Hill's Mike McMahon and Maggi Moss's bloodstock advisor Jim Schenk. Bowen again moderated.

The panelists generally agreed they try to buy a horse for the person who will wind up training him or her. "John Shirreffs, for instance, likes one type of horse, while John Sadler likes a different type," said Ingordo, who said that he and his short-list team look for top physicals first and foremost. "You can't put tack on a pedigree page," he said.

Miller was among those who said she enjoyed buying at the 2-year-old sales. "The 2-year-old consignors, as a group, are very astute horsemen, and those horses are pre-selected and have obviously had a lot of vetting."

Schenk agreed. "The 2-year-old consignors are very good, but it's gotten harder to buy them, because everyone's buying 2-year-olds," he said.

McMahon said that, despite the recent growth and strength of the weanling market, he still finds value there. "And there is still a lot of room in the foal market," he said.

Postcards from the Edge...

James Hastie, executive director of the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance, talked about his organization's efforts to retrain and/or adopt out retired racehorses. The TAA both accredits aftercare facilities, and helps raise money to support accredited facilities. The TAA was recently honored with a Special Eclipse Awards for its work, and Hastie drew laughs when he explained that the TAA recently drew props from an unexpected source. PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals), which in the past has been extremely critical of Thoroughbred racing, sent a "thank you" card to the TAA, and flowers to The Jockey Club after it approved funding for the initiative.

To conclude the day, Keeneland's Vince Gabbert gave a legislative update. He said a decision from the Kentucky Supreme Court on the constitutionality of Instant Racing in the state is expected this spring, and could come as soon as the end of this month, and said that Keeneland continues to support the larger issue of expanded gaming in Kentucky only if a constitutional amendment guarantees a 10% share for the racing and breeding industry.

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HARLAN'S HOLIDAY	7.02%
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MACHO UNO	5.25%

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TDN: Could you tell us why you decided to feature this particular Fasig-Tipton sale in the season finale? RF: With "Secret Lives of the Super Rich" we really want to go into the subcultures and the markets that are most important to high-net-worth investors and Thoroughbred horses is an area that people involved with horses are so passionate about. It's money at its most primal and most sophisticated. So we wanted to profile both a race--which we did earlier in the season-and a sale. And the folks at Saratoga Springs were just terrific allowing us access and we knew some of the bidders going in, so it lined up with our schedule and its just a terrific sale visually. The characters there--the buyers, the owners--are just so warm and gracious with their time and were very helpful educating us about their world.

TDN: You mentioned you profiled a race earlier in the season with the Breeders' Cup. Why did you decide to cover this sale as well?

RF: We wanted to look at the world of horse racing through the prism of the owners and their passion for the sport. And most importantly, show that no matter how much money you have, wealth cannot guarantee you victory. It's that tension and drama and the fact that these people, in much of their lives, can solve any problem with their wealth. But in horse racing, there are a lot of other variables and we love that unexpected surprise in both the race and the auction. To us, the money is secondary to the characters, the drama and the beauty of the sport. It is one of the oldest passions of wealth going back centuries and the new money that wants a connection to the bloodline of old money often turns to Thoroughbred horses.

TDN: What impressed you about the team at Fasig-Tipton?

RF: They were so helpful in giving us a basic education on auctions and horses and giving us access to shoot the auction itself. It's a beautiful event. Saratoga Springs is a little known oasis of money, so we really wanted to go there. And they were the most gracious hosts we could ever ask for. We knew a few owners that were going to the sale and we agreed beforehand to follow them around.

TDN: The Thoroughbred auction market was particularly strong this year. Was that reflected in the bidding duels you captured?

RF: Absolutely. We tried to tell a story not only about this auction, but a broader economic story about how the wealthy have not only recovered from the financial crisis, but in some ways are doing better than ever.

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Thoroughbred horses were one of the last asset classes to recover from the recession because they are such a discretionary asset. And the fact that they have recovered so strongly recently was one reason that we wanted to focus on horses for the finale. Thoroughbred horses to me are a strong indicator that the wealthy are not only back financially, but also in terms of confidence and putting money at risk.

TDN: Who were some of the buyers you shadowed through the auction?

RF: Barbara Banke was kind enough to let us shadow her as she looked to acquire a couple of horses. We followed her and her partner George Bolton as they tried to buy a horse that was from the bloodlines of Curlin, which of course she owned [along with late husband Jess Jackson]. There was this amazing tension of whether she will get the horse and who else is bidding.

TDN: In the past couple of years this sale has been particularly robust. Do you attribute that to those broader economic factors you mentioned earlier? **RF:** Yes. We now have a record number of millionaires in America. They've not only recovered from 2006 and 2007, but the wealth of the wealthy is close to precrisis highs. And most of that is because of the stock market. The wealthy are disproportionally dependent on financial markets and I would say that there is a direct correlation between the stock market and the Thoroughbred market. That is probably the closest correlation for the Thoroughbred market of any other market. It's not the economy, it's not even the incomes of the wealthy. So if you want to look at where Thoroughbred horses will trade in the next three to six months, look at the stock market.

TDN CRITERIA

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Robert Frank Q&A cont.

TDN: This is one of the top sales on the annual sales calendar. Did you focus on any of the social aspects that accompany the sale?

RF: There are obviously parties and dinners and some wonderful fashions there, but we really wanted to focus on the horses and the passion for horses and the hunt. We love when you have two bidders that feel strongly about a horse and really want it and you know one of them is going to lose; and you know it's not just money that's at stake, there's ego as well. So we shied away from the social extra curricular activities. Maybe that is another show.

TDN: Anything else we can expect from the season finale?

RF: One of the things that interested us about horses is their market tends to mirror changes in American wealth. You always have new money coming in wanting the respect and success of old money. And that is part of the story we hope to try and tell as well-which is great for racing, because you always need new blood coming into the market. **Click here to share this Q&A.**

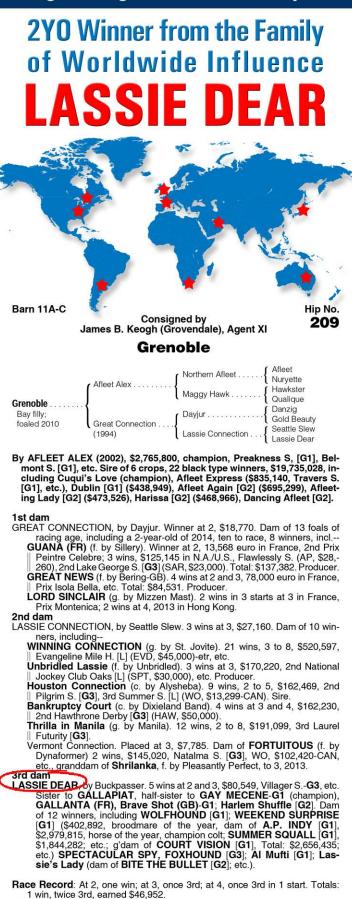


21 APEX SIRES: THE PRICE IS RIGHT

From the point of view of immediate practical application, the trouble with year-end sire statistics is that often the horses which you think look the best, and which the numbers confirm are the best, are all booked up by the time the statistics are published. We can't promise some of the sires we're reviewing today aren't also already full for 2014--in fact, we're sure a few of them are--but they all won't be. These are sires whose numbers we think all read pretty well but aren't all that expensive to breed to; their prices range from \$2,500 for Horse Greeley (Kentucky) and Circular Quay (Florida) to \in 20,000 for Holy Roman Emperor in Ireland, and \$25,000 for English Channel and Curlin in Kentucky.

The first group of nine are all sires with first foals 2005-2008, so they are 'mature' sires which all had 5-year-olds at least racing in 2013; in that first group of nine, four stand in Ireland, three in Kentucky, and one each in France and Maryland. Then we mention (again, in two cases), three F2009 sires which had their first 4-year-olds last year (two in Kentucky, Silent Name in Ontario), and first 5-year-olds in 2014; then another nine F2010 sires which had their first 3-year-olds last year, and now have their first 4-year-olds running. Of those nine, six stand in Kentucky and one each stands in Florida, New York, and France. We consider them in alphabetical order within each of the three groups. **Cont. p10**

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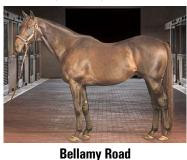
Broodmare prospect.



'PROVEN' SIRES: 1st FOALS 2005-2008

Azamour: Winner of four Group 1 races, ranging from a mile to 12 furlongs. He's proving to be a consistently useful sire: his A Runner Index (ARI, 2.34) is well above 2.00; and he has a 1.58 Index for ABC Runners, again quite consistent by age (1.53 for 2-year-olds, 1.55 for 3-year-olds, and he goes up to 2.11 for 5-year-olds +). His only Group 1 winner, the 2012 G1 Prix de Diane winner Valyra, was unbeaten in three starts but unfortunately died on the gallops after her Diane win; he also has three Group 2 winners in his first four crops of 3-year-olds, through 2013. He's just a very useful sire for an E8,000 fee.

Bellamy Road: He won the 2005 GI Wood Memorial with a monster 120 Beyer Speed figure, and, after his first crop of 2-year-olds included three black-type



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winners, including Grade II winner Position Limit, as a freshman sire in 2010, his 2012 crop numbered over 120 (including the top colt at Fasig July last year, at \$420,000) after his three intervening crops (2009-2011) totaled fewer than 110 foals. He moved to WinStar for 2012, which won't hurt his chances either. He still

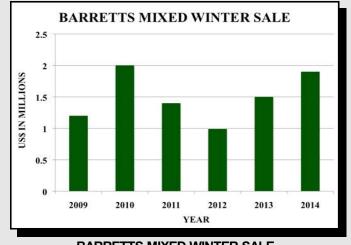
managed three A Runners last year and is positioned to get his name back in the news now, with three-figure crops in 2012 and 2013.

Clodovil: Winner of the 2003 G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulaines-French 2000 Guineas, by Danehill out of a Linamix mare, Clodovil retired to Rathsaker Stud in Ireland for the 2004 season. Agent Gill Richardson bought a filly from his first crop for just 19,000 guineas at Tattersalls. Named Nahoodh, she won the G2 Lowther S. for Jaber Abdullah and trainer Mick Channon, but by the time she won the G1 Falmouth S. at the Newmarket July meet as a 3-year-old, she'd been transferred to Mark Johnston for Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed, Sheikh Mohammed's son. Clodovil has always been under the radar commercially, but he's done well enough all the same--last year he had Gregorian, who won the G2 Hungerford S. for Princess Haya, trained by John Gosden.

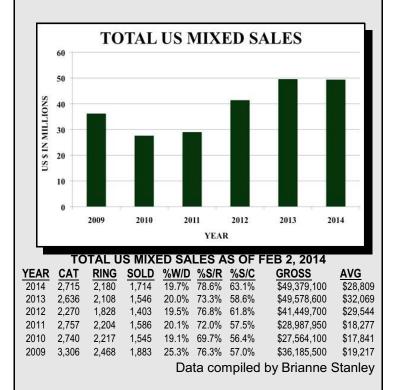
First Samurai: Having had the recently-retired Grade I winning 2-year-old Executiveprivilege in 2012, First Samurai had six A Runners in 2013, including the Grade I winning sprinter Justin Philip, now retired to Castleton Lyons, and the Grade II winner Last Gunfighter. Himself the winner of the GI Hopeful, the GI Champagne, and the GII Fountain of Youth, and from Giant's Causeway's first American crop, First Samurai's 2.27 ARI represents really good value. One of his 2013 A Runners, the now 5-year-old Lea, recently scored his second Grade III win when annexing the GII Hal's Hope S. at Gulfstream Park in his first start for trainer Bill Mott, and reportedly goes next for the GI Donn H Feb. 9.



"The four most prominent February Mixed Sales are due up in the next week. Tattersalls sells at Newmarket tomorrow, then Fasig-Tipton in Lexington Sunday and Monday. Arqana has their one-day sale next Monday also, then Goffs wraps up the February mixed sale market with a two-day sale next Wednesday and Thursday. Barretts last week showed respectable gains, further suggesting regional markets may be sharing in the recovery, too."



BARREITS MIXED WINTER SALE									
YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG	
2014	316	270	224	14.6%	83.0%	70.9%	\$1,944,900	\$8,683	
2013	289	239	184	17.3%	77.0%	63.7%	\$1,536,100	\$8,348	
2012	294	243	162	17.3%	66.7%	55.1%	\$982,500	\$6,065	
2011	408	347	256	15.0%	73.8%	62.7%	\$1,361,600	\$5,319	
2010	518	447	275	13.7%	61.5%	53.1%	\$2,013,000	\$7,320	
2009	315	272	202	13.7%	74.3%	64.1%	\$1,232,400	\$6,288	





Bill Oppenheim cont.

Footstepsinthesand: He is from Giant's Causeway's first and only Irish crop, and won the G1 English 2000 Guineas in his third, and final, lifetime start. He is only about average (1.10) for A Runners, but had 10 B Runners last year and must be just about the most useful E10,000 sire in Europe, with 78 ABC Runners so far (23 in 2013) in five crops through the end of 2013. A lot of people questioned his soundness because he only had three starts, but it seems like every time you turn around there's a 'Footsteps' showing good form in decent company, and they're plenty precocious too, as his 1.77 ABC Index for 2-year-olds attests. He's deservedly getting very popular now.

Great Notion: The best horse from Elusive Quality's first crop in 2002 was the European 2-year-old Elusive City, who was out of a Dayjur mare. Great Notion, also out of a Dayjur mare, won the Southwest S. at Oaklawn Park but ran his best races at Saratoga at three in 2003, finishing second in both the GII Amsterdam S. and the GI King's Bishop. He's never had a crop as big as 40 foals, and his six crops of racing age through 2013 averaged fewer than 25. Havelock, from his second crop, has won four graded races and even took a trip to England last year, where he ran in the G1 Diamond Jubilee at Royal Ascot and the G1 July Cup at Newmarket. Great Notion is proving to be a very useful Maryland sire and only stands for \$3,500.

Holy Roman Emperor: A dual Group 1 winner at two who gave Teofilo a scare in the G1 Dewhurst S, in 2006, Holy Roman Emperor was controversially retired to stud the next spring when Coolmore's George Washington proved infertile. Dual Group 2 winner Banimpire (Ire) was the best horse in his first crop, and his two subsequent crops have each included a Group 1 winner, shock G1 English 1000 Guineas winner Homecoming Queen and the French 2-year-old Group 1 winner, Morandi, both in 2012. In 2011 Holy Roman Emperor was the Leading Sire of 2-Year-Olds in Europe, his juveniles scoring in a series of sales races to grab the title from Acclamation, who had six group-winning 2-year-olds that year; Holy Roman Emperor had none. However, he is proving a very useful and prolific sire, with a 2.55 ABC Index for 2-year-olds, and 84 ABC Runners from four crops to race. They're precocious, they win races and quite a few of them make money.

Motivator: The 2005 G1 Epsom Derby winner from Montjeu's first crop has not had an easy time of it at stud, starting slowly and then having to miss the entire 2010 covering season (so no 2-year-olds last year) due to a tendon injury. By the end of 2011, the year his first 4-year-olds ran, there was a suggestion that he might be a decent sire after all, though more of older horses and stayers--his first 4-year-olds registered a 3.11 ABC Index that year. SWAGGER JACK

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In 2012 he broke through with his first Group 1 winner, Ridasiyna, who won the G1 Prix de l'Opera; then, in 2013 he became the Leading Sire in France, thanks to the unbeaten Treve, impressive winner of last year's G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. He's up to E15,000 this year--equal with Kendargent as the most expensive sire in France apart from Redoute's Choice-and is probably way past full, which fair enough considering he sired Europe's hands-down best horse of 2013.

Stroll: A Grade I and dual Grade II winner at nine furlongs on the grass, Stroll's third book, in 2007 (four

foals) was so small that Claiborne agreed to lease him to Italy for two years. Boom: they came out running. But he was unavailable to Kentucky breeders until he returned to Claiborne in 2010. His 2011 crop of 52 2-year-olds included 12 winners and the earners of over \$850,000 last year,



Stroll Claiborne Farm

including the dual Canadian Black-Type winning filly Skylander Girl, and three other B or C Runners. He's an absolute steal at \$5,000. **Cont. p13**



F2009 SIRES: 1st 4-Year-Olds 2013, 1st 5-Year-Olds 2014

Discreet Cat: Unbeaten in his first six starts, including the GII Jerome H. (Beyer 115) and GI Cigar Mile (Beyer 116), as a 3-year-old, in 2006. He led all F2009 sires with 11 A Runners in 2013, including the very high-class Grade I-winning 3-year-old turf filly Discreet Marq, and the 4-year-old GII Gulfstream Park H. winner, Discreet Dancer. With a 2.42 ARI he is beginning to look like he could be a bit more than a useful sire. Price and value are big considerations; who isn't looking for the horse who can throw really top-class horses while they are still selling for middle-range prices? Another year like he just had and Discreet Cat's \$20,000 ticket for 2014 could look a very good value.

English Channel: Click here to see last week's column.

Silent Name: We've also recently discussed him (click <u>here</u>), in the context of his 23 ABC Runners in 2013, which ranked him number four among F2009 sires in that category. Bred and raced by the Wertheimers and by Sunday Silence, he was a dual Grade II winner himself and is the sire of Silentio, a Grade II winner and a good third to Wise Dan in the GI Breeders' Cup Mile last year.

F2010 SIRES: 1st 3-Year-Olds 2013, 1st 4-Year-Olds 2014

Big Brown: The 2008 GI Kentucky Derby (Beyer 109) and GI Preakness winner. His stud fee has taken a major plunge, down to \$10,000. He doesn't yet have any Grade I or Grade II winners, although the \$1.3-million 2-year-old Darwin showed good form when defeating Gordon Lord Byron in a Group 3 in Ireland, and could progress further in 2014. What Big Brown has done, though, is sire 17 ABC Runners in 2013, third in this sire crop behind only Majestic Warrior and Curlin. It can go either way for sires with these kinds of figures at this juncture, but one fact for sure is he does have a high number of useful runners who could progress.

Circular Quay: Winner of the GI Hopeful S. at two and the GII Louisiana Derby and GII New Orleans H. in his next two seasons, he was a very decent racehorse who has made a very respectable start as a sire (one A Runner, six 3-year-old ABC Runners in 2013), and is standing for peanuts.

He has to be worth a look for Florida breeders at that price. His 10 yearlings sold last year averaged \$23,300, so he must be throwing reasonable-looking stock. He's got a good pedigree too.

Curlin: Click here to see last week's column.

Frost Giant: Originally trained by Aidan O'Brien, and a dual Group 3 winner in Ireland before being sold to IEAH Stables, for whom his big moment of glory came when he won the Gl Suburban H. as a 5-year-old in 2008. New York seems to like those ex-Coolmore relations to Giant's Causeway (think Freud, Giant's Causeway's full brother). Frost Giant is a very different type, but has made an equally sensational start in New York, with the eye-popping figures of 5.10 ARI and 3.57 ABC Index with his first crop of 3-year-olds in 2013. He's sure made an impressive start and he has a really impressive pedigree too.

Horse Greeley: Winner of the 2006 GII Del Mar Futurity, he has sired two Grade III winners in his first crop, including Clearly Now, winner of the GIII Swale and GIII Bold Ruler S. last year, when he earned over \$438,000. His second crop of 24 foals includes the three-time 2-year-old Canadian Black-Type winner Go Greeley, who earned over \$375,000. His yearlings last year averaged \$46,580, including a filly which sold for \$320,000 at the Fasig October Sale. Are you kidding? \$2,500? What a bargain.

Majestic Warrior: We forget sometimes, when we talk

about those big Coolmore numbers, that they can have big numbers and still be good. Yes, he's had a lot of foals, but he's also delivered the numbers, leading all 2013 second-crop sires with 19 ABC Runners, and he had a truly top-class filly in four-time GI winner Princess Sylmar, who would have been Champion 3-Year-Old Filly for sure if it hadn't been for Beholder



Majestic Warrior Coolmore

(who she did beat in the GI Kentucky Oaks). Winner of the GI Hopeful himself at two, out of the seven-furlong GI winner Dream Supreme, herself out of the seven-furlong GI winner Spinning Round, he's got a very classy pedigree too. **Cont. p14**

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Ready's Image: More Than Ready was the best horse sired by the legendary Argentine sire Southern Halo during his North American stint, and what was distinctive about More Than Ready was that he ran Beyer numbers of 105 twice as a 2-year-old in 1999, in the 5 1/2 furlong GIII Tremont S. and the six-furlong GIII Sanford S. at Saratoga; that is a stratospheric number for a 2-year-old at that time of year. Ready's Image duplicated More Than Ready's Beyer 105 in the Sanford, by then a Grade II, in 2007. He had only 35 foals in his first crop, but they include the good 2012 Canadian BTW 2-year-old Leinan and last year's GIII Pucker Up S. winner I'm Already Sexy. He's standing for just \$5,000 this year and it's a sire line well proven for speed and precocity.

Run Away And Hide: Unbeaten in three starts at two, including the GII Saratoga Special, and a son of the respected sire City Zip, a half-brother to Ghostzapper but by Carson City, Run Away And Hide has sired three graded stakes winners in his first two crops totaling 85 foals. He has a sparkling 3.21 ARI (four A Runners last year) and a 1.92 ABC Index, and also sports an eye-catching 3.06 ABC Index for 2-year-olds. Interestingly inbred 4x3 to Blushing Groom, he could well be standing for more than his current \$7,500 fee, and looks an excellent value at that price.

Sageburg: With Scat Daddy, Teuflesberg (sire of 2012 Gl Breeders; Cup Sprint winner Trinniberg) and Sageburg having made very good starts at stud, Johannesburg is proving rather more influential than might have been assumed. Sageburg's big win as a racehorse came in the 1850m. (9 1/4f.) G1 Prix d'Ispahan as a 4-year-old in 2008, but he jumped right out as a sire with Peace Burg. She won her first three races as a 2-year-old in 2012, including the G3 Prix d'Aumale, and she came back last year at three to win the G2 Prix de Sandringham. Now with nine ABC Runners total, Sageburg's 1.67 ARI and 1.88 ABC Index look very respectable, which makes him another young French sire to keep an eye on. **Click here to share this story.**

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JAPAN TO LAUNCH CHAMPIONS CUP

The Japan Racing Association will this year launch a new Group 1, the Champions Cup, to be contested at Chukyo Racecourse Dec. 7. Worth \$1.9 million and set to be run over 1 1/8 miles on the dirt, the Champions Cup takes the place of the G1 Japan Cup Dirt, which was run for the last time in 2013.

BRIS Speed Ratings Top Weekly Stakes Races

Horse	Sire	Race	BRIS Speed
Candyman E	Candy Ride (ARG)	Toboggan SG3	104
Heitai	Fusaichi Pegasus	LA Bred Premier Night Sprint S.	104
Wild Dude	Wildcat Heir	Palos Verdes SG2	102
Winning Prize (ARG)	Pure Prize	Arcadia SG2	101
Warm Breeze	Street Sense	Happy Ticket S.	100
Guys Reward	Grand Reward	Lambholm South Tampa Bay SG3	99
Samraat	Noble Causeway	Withers SG3	99
Sunbean	Brahms	LA Bred Premier Night Championship S	98
Wildcat Red	D'wildcat	Hutcheson SG3	97
Lion D N A	Lion Heart	Correction S.	96
Sittin at the Bar	Into Mischief	LA Bred Premier Night Matron S.	96
Harry's Holiday	Harlan's Holiday	96ROCK S.	95
Ide Be Cool	Ide	LA Bred Premier Night Prince S.	94
Awesome Bandit	Time Bandit	LA Bred Premier Night Gentlemen Starter S	9:
Fifty Acres	West Acre	LA Bred Premier Night Ragin Cajun Starter	
Homerun Berti	Forestry	Budweiser H.	92
Vinceremos	Pioneerof the Nile	Sam F. Davis SG3	93
Fashion Plate	Old Fashioned	Las Virgenes SG1	9
Tensas Harbor	Private Vow	LA Bred Premier Night Distaff S.	90
Wicked Tune	Concorde's Tune	Gulfstream Park Turf Sprint S.	8
Aragorn Ami	Aragorn (IRE)	Martha Washington S.	8
Joint Return	Include	Busher S.	8
Kiss to Remember	Big Brown	Battle of New Orleans S.	8

WHAT STYLE ADDED TO GOFFS FEBRUARY

Stakes-placed 4-year-old filly **What Style (Ire)** (Teofilo {Ire}) has been added to the Goffs February Sale, set for Feb. 12 & 13. A first-out winner as a juvenile at Leopardstown, What Style added her black-type in her second start a year later. She has been conditioned by John Oxx throughout her career, and will be offered by The Castlebridge Consignment as lot 461. She hails from the family of Group 1 winners Sholokhov (Ire), Intense Focus and Soldier of Fortune (Ire).

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Michael Crismale has been appointed as Chairman of the Australian Turf Club, which operates Sydney's four racecourses, after inaugural Chairman John Cornish stepped down. Laurie Macri, an ATC board member, has been elected to Vice-Chairman of the Board.

"John Cornish has been a strong and passionate leader and he has seen the ATC through some important and challenging projects, including the merger of the AJC and STC, redevelopment of Royal Randwick, the building of the new grandstand, and the early planning for a light rail network around the racecourse," Crismale said. "My board and I want to thank John for all his hard work. Laurie and I are greatly looking forward to working with all the board-new and old members-as well as Racing NSW, Club Members and all of our sponsors, stakeholders and customers as we take Sydney racing forward."

					2014	APEX	APEX	2013	2013	2013	Yearlings
SIRE	YR -	1st F 🚽	5 -	FARM -	FEE -	A Ind -	ABC -	A's	ABC's	No.	\$Average
AZAMOUR	2001	2007	IR	GILLTOWN	8000	2.34	1.58	6	14	62	44,630
BELLAMY ROAD	2002	2008	KY	WINSTAR	17500	1.75	1.43	3	6	67	45,250
CLODOVIL	2000	2005	IR	RATHASKER	12000	1.38	1.27	6	14	25	43,299
FIRST SAMURAI	2003	2008	KY	CLAIBORNE	15000	2.27	1.64	6	16	15	50,000
FOOTSTEPSINTHESAND	2002	2007	IR	COOLMORE	10000	1.10	1,53	3	23	40	53,943
GREAT NOTION	2000	2006	MD	NORTHVIEW	3500	1.26	1.79	1	8	1	7,500
HOLY ROMAN EMPEROR	2004	2008	IR	COOLMORE	20000	1.52	1.67	8	23	29	44,941
MOTIVATOR	2002	2007	FR	H DU QUESNAY	15000	1.70	1.54	6	13	19	87,650
STROLL	2000	2006	KY	CLAIBORNE	5000	1.66	1.24	1	4	10	33,600
DISCREET CAT	2003	2009	KY	DARLEY	20000	2.42	1.44	11	22	34	31,015
ENGLISH CHANNEL	2002	2009	KY	LANES END	25000	2.67	1.62	8	18	21	29,095
SILENT NAME	2002	2009	ON	ADENA	7500	2.45	2.38	5	23	2	48,500
BIG BROWN	2005	2010	KY	3 CHIMNEYS	10000	0.86	1.94	2	17	49	26,827
CIRCULAR QUAY	2004	2010	FL	JOURNEYMAN	2500	1.30	1.30	1	6	10	23,300
CURLIN	2004	2010	KY	LANES END	25000	0.66	1.56	2	18	42	85,096
FROST GIANT	2003	2010	NY	KEANE STUD	10000	5.10	3.57	4	8	4	27,375
HORSE GREELEY	2004	2010	KY	CLAIBORNE	2500	1.61	1.01	2	4	14	46,580
MAJESTIC WARRIOR	2005	2010	KY	ASHFORD	22500	1.13	1.48	4	19	44	57,795
READY'S IMAGE	2005	2010	KY	WALMAC	5000	1.59	1.39	1	6	21	23,698
RUN AWAY AND HIDE	2006	2010	KY	DARBY DAN	7500	3.21	1.92	4	8	9	42,444
SAGEBURG	2004	2010	FR	HDELA	8000	1.67	1.88	1	6	7	31,299

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RACETRACK ROUND-UP

Guelph Cruises in Trial...

Darley Australia's 3-year-old filly **Guelph (Aus)** (Exceed and Excel {Aus}), a four-time Group 1 winner last year, tuned up for an Australian autumn campaign with an easy trial victory at Rosehill in Sydney yesterday. Guelph, last seen publicly when winning the



G1 1000 Guineas Oct. 16, led throughout in the 900 meter trial, stopping the clock in :53.8 seconds three lengths the best. Winner of the G1 Flight S. last season and the G1 Sires' Produce S. and G1 Champagne S. in the first half of her juvenile year, Guelph is expected to resume for trainer

Guelph Racingandsports.com.au

COMING

DETAILS

Peter Snowden in the G2 Light Fingers S. Feb. 22, followed by the G2 Surround S. Mar. 3, according to *Racing and Sports*. Later season goals will likely include the G1 Coolmore Classic Mar. 22, the G1 Vinery Stud S. Apr. 5 and the G1 Queen Elizabeth S. Apr. 19.

Guelph's 2-year-old half-brother **Ghibellines (Aus)** (Shamardal) also won a Rosehill trial yesterday, completing a 900 meter heat in :54.6 seconds. It was the second trial win in a row for Ghibellines, who finished fourth in Randwick's Listed Breeders' Plate in his only racecourse outing Oct. 5.

FERDINAND'S BALL

Complacent Out for Autumn...

Complacent (Aus) (Authorized {Ire}), winner of last year's G1 Spring Champion S. and an Australian autumn Classic contender for Sheikh Mohammed, has been ruled out of an autumn campaign with a strained tendon, according to *Racing and Sports*.

"He was the best staying prospect I ever had," Snowden told the site. "It's a tragedy."

Snowden noted that he expected the 3-year-old to get sound given time, and Complacent is expected to resurface later in the year with John O'Shea, who takes over as Darley's head trainer at the end of April. Complacent, who is yet to finish worse than second in six starts, was last seen taking second in the G1 Victoria Derby Nov. 2.

RETIRED

GROUP 1 WINNER PROHIBIT RETIRED

Prohibit (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}– Well Warned {GB}, by Warning {GB}), winner of the 2011 G1 King's Stand S. at Royal Ascot, has been retired. The 9-year-old gelding has had an unfruitful winter campaign on the allweather circuit in the UK, and was most recently seen finishing a distant ninth in a Southwell handicap Jan. 21. **Cont. p16**



Prohibit Racing Post

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Prohibit Retired cont.

"He's been officially retired," trainer Robert Cowell told *PA Sport*. "The owners had a discussion and decided it was best to retire him. There are other roles for him in the equine world, and he can start a new chapter of his life."

Cowell continued: "He owes nobody anything. They paid quite a substantial fee for him [85,000gns at the Tattersalls horses-in-training sale in 2009], but were wonderfully rewarded. As well as a lot of big meetings domestically, he also took us to France and Meydan, and we enjoyed some great days. He was an absolute success story."

In the same season as his King's Stand victory, Prohibit also took the G3 Prix du Petit Couvert and finished third in the G1 Nunthorpe S. He retires with nine victories from 59 starts and earnings of \$827,108.

XTENSION RETIRED

Xtension (Ire) (h, 7, Xaar {GB}--Great Joy {Ire}, by Grand Lodge), who won the 2009 G2 Vintage S. for

trainer Clive Cox and later took back-toback runnings of the G1 Champions Mile after his sale to Hong Kong, has been retired from racing.

Bred by Paul McCartan, Xtension was a €15,000 TATIRE purchase in 2008 and became a prominent juvenile the following year,



Xtension winning the '11 Champions Mile *HKJC.com*

with a runner-up effort to Canford Cliffs (Ire) (Tagula {Ire}) in the G2 Coventry S. and a third to Beethoven (Ire) (Oratorio {Ire}) in the G1 Dewhurst S. surrounding his Vintage success. Fourth, beaten under three lengths in the 2010 G1 English 2000 Guineas, he was third in the G1 Prix Jean Prat before his export overseas. Trained in Hong Kong by John Moore for Mr. and Mrs. Steven Lo, Xtension outran his pedigree to be second in the 2011 Hong Kong Derby over 2000 meters, finishing 3/4 of a length behind hot favorite and subsequent two-time Horse of the Year Ambitious Dragon (NZ) (Pins {Aus}), before defeating the classy Lucky Nine (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) for the first of his two wins in the Champions Mile (video). Third in that year's G1 Hong Kong Mile, Xtension was a respectable fifth in the G1 Dubai Duty Free S. the following season, but atoned for that effort with a 17-1 upset of the 2012 Champions Mile (video), defeating Glorious Days (Aus) (Hussonet), Lucky Nine, Ambitious Dragon and favored Cityscape (GB) (Selkirk) after overcoming serious traffic in the stretch. Xtension retires with earnings of HK\$31,652,650 (US\$4,076,601). Stud plans are pending.

"He has been a great servant for his owner Steven Lo and trainer John Moore," commented Alastair Donald of the Sackville Donald agency, which brokered the original deal. "He is a very good-looking, well-balanced, scopey and correct horse with an amazing temperament." <u>Click here to share this story</u>.

BLACK-TYPE PREVIEWS

Thursday, Meydan, UAE, post time: 12:40 p.m. EST AL MAKTOUM CHALLENGE-R2-G2, \$250,000, NH4yo/up, SH3yo/up, 1900m (AWT)

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2	Dunaden (Fr)	Nicobar (GB)	Spencer	Delzangles					
3	Interpret	Distorted Humor	Doyle	al Muhairi					
4	Empire Storm (Ger)	Storming Home (GB)	O'Neill	Attwater					
5	Zain Shamardal (Ire)	Shamardal	Ffrench	al Raihe					
6	Zambucca (SAf)	Lundy's Liability (Brz)	Cosgrave	Seemar					
7	Prince Bishop (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Fallon	bin Suroor					
8	Hunter's Light (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Buick	bin Suroor					
9	Heavy Metal (SAf)	Silvano (Ger)	Hughes	Tarry					
10	Samurai Sword (GB)	Motivator (GB)	de Vries	bin Harmash					
11	Battle of Marengo (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Dettori	Oertel					
12	African Story (GB)	Pivotal (GB)	de Sousa	bin Suroor					
13	Artigiano	Distorted Humor	Barzalona	Appleby					
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All carry 126 pounds, bar Battle of Marengo, 125.



PETE ALAFOGINIS

Tuesday's issue of the *TDN* has an interesting picture. That being the commemorative plaques on the stable in France. The sire of Lianga, Dancer's Image, is

one whose roots can be traced to Peter Fuller along with his group of mares who resided in Maryland's Frederick County. Dancer's Image was a resident at Glade Valley Farm in Frederick. There with Martins Rullah, Solo Landing, Rollicking and Spring Double among others. Spring Double, the sire of Double Zeus shows



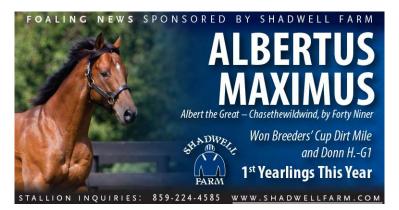
Commemorative plaques at Haras de Victot *Emma Berry*

up in recent graded winner Vinceremos' pedigree. Like soccer, racing's international impact is continually being shown. It is always a pleasure to view your *TDN* as it continues to represent racings many contributions both here in the U.S., as well as cultures throughout the globe. Now as I approach the age of 60, these pedigrees and articles are similar to a time line of our past experiences. Thank you for that.

PS: Thanks also for your article on Germany's contributions. They are one of Europe's most prosperous and populated and must enjoy your coverage of the sport.

Look for the K throughout the TDN graded stakes entries, denoting Keeneland sales graduates.





SIMMARD SIRES FIRST FOAL

Embracing Hearts (Sky Mesa) produced a foal by MGSW **Simmard** (Dixieland Band), his first, on Jan. 30 at Mill Creek Farm. The foal is owned and bred by Antonio Francesco. "Finally, all of our hard work is starting to pay off," said Francesco, also owner of Simmard. "For everyone involved, it's a long awaited dream-come-true to find out what can come from such a quality, sound horse." Simmard stands at Mill Creek Farm near Saratoga Springs, New York for \$2,800 this season.

IN OTHER NEWS... A Daily Roundup of Racing Articles in Other Media

To Vote Or Not To Vote? Sportswriters And Awards

"When the Eclipse Award winners were announced a couple of weeks ago, the response to the honorees was largely muted; 2013 was not a year in which the performances on the racetrack were likely to give rise to any controversy, and there was no polarizing Zenyatta/Rachel Alexandra, Zenyatta/Blame debate for Horse of the Year." **Teresa Genaro, forbes.com.**

Gamers gone wild

"After "Luck," the HBO series about freaky gamblers and creaky crooks, you had to wonder if there would ever be another story about horseplayers on any screen." **Jay Cronley, espn.com**.

After Frankel: the great foal game

"At 20 minutes before midnight on February 11, 2008, a 123lb equine star was born." Mitya Underwood, thenational.ae.com.

Eagle tops European entries for Triple Crown

"Free Eagle, the 14-1 third favourite for the Investec Derby, is among 12 European nominations for the US Triple Crown." **Peter Scargill,** *racingpost.com.*

Jockey Leandro Goncalves Working Way To Top

"As of the beginning of February, jockey Leandro Goncalves (pronounced gon-SALV-es) was still the only rider at Fair Grounds Race Course & Slots this season that could boast of a five-win day since the meeting began on Nov. 22." **Graham Ross, sportsnola.com**.



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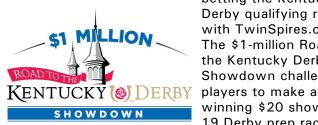




TWINSPIRES ROAD TO THE DERBY CONTEST RETURNS

Edited Press Release

TwinSpires.com, the official advance-deposit wagering service for Churchill Downs Incorporated and the GI Kentucky Derby, is offering its players an opportunity to turn \$20 into a \$1-million prize by



betting the Kentucky Derby qualifying races with TwinSpires.com. The \$1-million Road to the Kentucky Derby Showdown challenges winning \$20 show bet on 19 Derby prep races included in the "Road to

the Kentucky Derby" point series and the Kentucky Derby. If a player survives all 20 races with a winning \$20 show bet in which their horse finishes first, second or third in each race, they will win or share the \$1million top prize. The Road to the Kentucky Derby Showdown begins with this Saturday's GII Robert B. Lewis S. at Santa Anita.

"Making TwinSpires.com your home to bet the Kentucky Derby preps and the 140th Kentucky Derby could make you a millionaire," said Jeremy Clemons, TwinSpires.com Vice President of Marketing. "The Showdown is one of our most popular promotions of the year because anyone could make as little as a \$20 deposit into their TwinSpires.com account, get on a hot streak with show bets and walk away with a \$1-million prize."

TwinSpires.com is also offering an additional \$10,000 guaranteed cash prize pool and a chance to win tickets to the Kentucky Derby and Longines Kentucky Oaks. The Road to the Kentucky Derby Showdown is the official fantasy challenge for Churchill Downs Racetrack, the home of the Kentucky Derby. Eligible past participants in the track's former Road to the Roses fantasy challenge that sign up to become new TwinSpires.com customers can play the Road to the Kentucky Derby Showdown for free by entering the promotional code RTTR20. After a \$20 deposit is made, the new customer will receive a free \$20 credit to play the Road to the Kentucky Derby Showdown.

"We are excited to offer past Road to the Roses participants an opportunity to win \$1 million in the TwinSpires.com Kentucky Derby Showdown," said Ryan Jordan, General Manager of Churchill Downs Racetrack. "We are confident this game will provide the best gaming experience to fans of the Kentucky Derby." Click here for complete details and the race schedule.

Price of Doing Business:

Furniture store loses \$7 million after promising



money back if Seahawks won Super Bowl. -@SportsCenter

Kentucky

Lane's End to Host Breeders' Silent Auction:

Lane's End Farm will host their first ever Breeders' Silent Auction in conjunction with a stallion open house. This event will coincide with the Fasig-Tipton February Sale Feb. 8 to Feb. 10. Breeders can submit sealed bids for seasons to any Lane's End stallion, including ones with closed or nearly full books such as Curlin, Smart Strike and Candy Ride (Arg). "This is a great opportunity for breeders," said Lane's End Farm's Bill Farish. "For breeders wanting to breed to our stallions, including those with closed books, this is their chance to secure a season that may not be available, or potentially at a discounted price." Bidding begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 8 and ends at 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10.

INDUSTRY INFO

"The Jockey Club Tour on FOX" Airs Sunday:

Sunday will mark the beginning of increased television coverage of Thoroughbred racing with the debut of "The Jockey Club Tour on FOX" from 5:00-6:30 p.m. on FOX Sports 1. It will feature the 2014 debut of champion 3-year-old colt Will Take Charge (Unbridled's Song) in the GI Donn H. and the career finale of two-time champion female sprinter Groupie Doll (Bowman's Band) in the GIII Hurricane Bertie S. at Gulfstream Park.

"Racing As It Was Meant to Be" Exhibit in Kentucky: Edited Press Release

"Racing As It Was Meant to Be," an exhibit featuring nearly a century's worth of rare Thoroughbred racing memorabilia, begins Feb. 16. It will be presented by Keeneland Library and Hopewell Museum. Racing artifacts, images, original artworks and stunning trophies from the vaults of Keeneland Library chronicle the history of Keeneland and the Kentucky Association race track, which closed in 1933. Featured in the exhibit are autographed silks of famed owner Col. E.R. Bradley; the blanket worn by Horse of the Year Nashua during his retirement ceremony at Keeneland in 1956; and a set of china in the racing colors of Queen Elizabeth II that was designed for her visit to Keeneland in 1984. The exhibit runs through June 1.

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Tuesday Cancellations CHARLES TOWN PARX

CHAMPION, MILLIONAIRE, AND RECORD-SETTING 2YO SW NOW STANDING AT COLEBROOK FARMS



Photo: Dave Landry

Brilliant speed at 2, winning a 5½-fur. Woodbine MSW and the Bull Page S.-NTR at Woodbine, *6 furlongs in 1:08.84*.

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First/second-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, Feb. 5 Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2010 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/ BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available) COWBOY CAL (Giant's Causeway), Pin Oak, \$8K, 127/14/0 6-LRL, Aoc, 1 1/16m, Iron Punch, \$19K EAS SEP yrl, 9-2 IN SUMMATION (Put It Back), Ocala Stud, \$4K, 110/13/0 5-DED, Msw, 6 1/2f, Cry Summation, \$110K OBS MAR 2yo, 7-2 PARADING (Pulpit), Claiborne, \$4K, 100/9/0 8-CT, Alw, 6 1/2f, Rolling Road, 10-1 REAL ESTATE (High Yield), Mares Nest Farm, \$3K, 27/1/0 8-CT, Alw, 6 1/2f, Sharp Razor, \$10K EAS SEP yrl, 10-1 1-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, Caroline's Estate, 5-1 1-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, On a Tirade, 10-1 DTISTICE.COM PEDIGREES NICKINGS RACE RECORDS

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IN FRANCE:

Dye Fore, c, 3, Giant's Causeway. See "France."



8th-CAG, \in 24,000, Mdn, 3yo, 10f (AWT), 2:04 2/5, ft.

DYE FORE (c, 3, <u>Giant's Causeway</u>--Homebound {GSW-Fr, \$189,648}, by Dixie Union), runner-up over courseand-distance last time Jan. 14, settled going well just behind the leaders for most of this one. Easing to the front in early stretch, the 9-10 chalk drew clear in hand before gearing down late to easily best Flying Cape (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}) by two lengths. The winner's dam is a half-sister to last year's G2 U.A.E. Derby hero Lines of Battle (War Front). <u>Click for Equidia VIDEO</u>. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \in 18,000.

O/B-Joseph Allen (KY). T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

• ON THE WORKTAB •

PALM MEADOWS

Bourbon Courage (Lion Heart), 4f, :47.55, 1/29 Can'thelpbelieving (Ire) (Duke of Marmalade {Ire}), 5fT, 1:01.90, 12/18 Lent (Pulpit), 4f, :49.95, 17/29

PAYSON PARK

Coffee Clique (Medaglia d'Oro), 5f, 1:01.15, 6/23 Montana Native (Yes It's True), 5f, 1:04, 1/1 Za Approval (Ghostzapper), 3f, :37.20, 2/5

SANTA ANITA

Blueskiesnrainbows (English Channel), 4f, :47.40, 1/30 lotapa (Afleet Alex), 4f, :48.60, 7/30 Screen Goddess (Giant's Causeway), 5f, 1:02, 19/26

BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-HOU, \$22,500, Opt. Clm. (\$20,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, 1m70y, 1:43 4/5, my. REAL APPEAL DEAL (g, 4, <u>Successful Appeal</u>--Fantastic Caroline, by Fantastic Fellow) Lifetime Record: 17-4-3-1, \$88,783. O-Bryan Boone. B-St George Farm LLC (KY). T-Tim G Williams. *\$5,000 wlng '10 KEENOV; \$14,000 RNA yrl '11 KEESEP.

7th-HOU, \$21,500, NW1X, 4yo/up, 1m70y, 1:44, my. **SPECIAL TREE (g, 6, Special Rate--Fake Plastic Tree, by You and I)** Lifetime Record: 30-6-4-5, \$83,384. O-Inside Move Inc. B-Stephen Richard Baker (TX). T-Joaquin E Garza. *\$12,000 HRA '11 TEXDEC.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

- Overspent, c, 3, <u>Too Much Bling</u>--Pinwheel, by Kingmambo. HOU, 2-4, (S), 1m70y, 1:47 1/5. B-W S Farish & E J Hudson Jr Irrevocable Trust (TX). *\$40,000 yrl '12 TEXAUG.
- U R My Candy Girl, f, 4, <u>Candy Ride (Arg)</u>--Mrs Petoski (MSP, \$148,530), by Orientate. SUN, 2-4, 5 1/2f, 1:06 4/5. B-John Perrotta (KY).

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Dubawi Light (GB), c, 3, <u>Dubawi (Ire)</u>--Shesadelight (GB), by Shirley Heights (GB). LIN, 2-4, 8f (AWT), 1:38 2/5. B-S A R L Srl (GB). *€17,000 yrl '12 ITYSEP; 38,000gns 2yo '13 TATAPR. **1/2 to Shield (GB) (Barathea {Ire}), GSW-Eng.

Bretherton (GB), g, 3, <u>Exceed and Excel (Aus)</u>--Cliche (Ire) (SP-Eng, \$119,556), by Diktat (GB). SWL, 2-4, 6f (AWT). 1:16 1/5. B-Mr & Mrs J & S Davis (GB). *18,000gns wlng '11 TATDEC; £46,000 yrl '12 DONAUG; £100,000 2yo '13 DONAPR.

APPOINTMENTS

CHRISTINE HOSIER

- Christine Hosier has been appointed as the Stallion Season Sales and Bookings Manager at Sequel Stallions.
- Brings a wealth of industry experience to Sequel Stallions, including tenures at The Jockey Club, Claiborne Farm and Denali Stud, where she held the position of Director of Sales.
- "We are delighted to welcome Christine, who is so well respected in the industry to our team," said Sequel Stallions owner and founder Becky Thomas.