



Shared Belief won five grade Is, earned \$2,932,200

SHARED BELIEF DIES AFTER COLIC SURGERY

By Lenny Shulman

hared Belief, champion 2-year-old male of 2013, died Dec. 3 after being felled by a bout of colic. Shared Belief, attempting to return from a hip fracture, was in trainer Jerry Hollendorfer's barn at Golden Gate Fields.

According to co-owner Alex Solis II, Shared Belief trained well the morning of Dec. 3 but, after being returned to his stall, broke out in a sweat and became unresponsive. Quickly transferred to the University of California-Davis School of Veterinary Medicine, he was diagnosed with a possible rupture. Surgery could not save him.

"He wasn't a big horse, but he turned out to be bigger than life, the kind of special horse you dream about," said Solis.

Bred in Kentucky by Pam and Marty Wygod, the gelded son of Candy Ride won 10 of 12 starts and \$2,932,200, including five grade I events.

Said co-owner Jim Rome, "Today we have suffered a devastating loss. As heartbreaking as today is, we consider ourselves so fortunate to have been a part of this amazing animal's life."

Claire Novak contributed to this story. BH

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KEENELAND JANUARY SALE: 1,796 LOTS

By Evan Hammonds



Six-year-old Up, in foal to War Front, sold for \$2.2 million at the 2015 **Keeneland January sale**

eeneland announced Dec. 3 its 2016 January sale will catalog 1,796 horses over five days, from Jan. 11-15. Last year's four-day run cataloged 1,610 horses.

Comparisons of breeding stock sales are difficult from year to year, but last year's sale, where 1,267 horses went through the ring, brought in \$35,305,500. Nearly a third of that total—\$3 million—was for two horses. The 6-year-old mare Up, in foal to War Front, sold to Ran Jan Racing and Jan Vandebos, for \$2.2 million. Up's short yearling filly by War Front sold to agents Alex Solis II and Jason Litt for \$800,000.

The 2016 catalog includes 729 short yearlings. During this year's sale 324 short yearlings sold for an average of \$31,847.

The auction also features two dispersals: the estate of Eric A. Delvalle, consigned by Brandywine Farms, agent; and the estate of Sarah J. Leigh, Denali Stud, agent. BH

LATEST HEADLINES FROM BLOODHORSE.COM

RECORDS, HANDLE GROWTH FOR WOODBINE IN **2015** The Toronto racetrack reported an 11.3% rise in total handle; set records on its three biggest days. IAPAN TO STAND AT WALDORF FARM IN NY Japan, a stakes-winning son of top sire Medaglia d'Oro, will enter stud in 2016 at Waldorf Farm near

North Chatham, N.Y.

THE LEADING SIRE IN AMERICA UNBEATEN MOHAYMEN **EASILY TAKES REMSEN (G2)** Mohaymen, a \$2.2 Million yearling co-sales topper, is currently one of the favorites for the 2016 Kentucky Derby (G1) JAINESWAY ON. PERFORMANCE.

'SELECTIVE' TATTS MARE SALE OFF 3%

By Evan Hammonds

A low-key final session closed the curtain on Tattersalls' December mare sale Dec. 3, with gross receipts of 647,500 guineas (\$1,033,410) for the 120 sold. Last year's comparable session saw 141 sell for 1,055,900 guineas. Sophomore Lamps of Heaven, by Invincible Spirit, was



Lamps of Heaven, the top-selling lot on the final day of the Tattersalls December Mare sale Dec. 3

the session-topper at 32,000 guineas (\$50,235).

The four-day mare sale grossed 46,513,500 guineas (\$74,235,545) for 680 mares. The 68,402 guineas (\$109,170) average fell 3.0% from last year's 70,497

guineas. The median rose from 26,000 guineas to 28,000 (\$44,688) guineas. Top prices at the sale came for brood-mare Hanky Panky in foal to Dubawi (2.7 million guineas, \$4,268,376) and champion Tiggy Wiggy (2.1 million guineas, \$3,319,848)

"Selective," a term used throughout U.S. sales at all segments of the market for the last two years was also at play at Tattersalls.

"While international demand for quality Thoroughbreds remains strong, it would be wrong to gloss over

Tattersalls Limited 2015 December Mare Sale, Day 4 Top Hips

Hip	Sex, Sire—Dam	Sale Price
2543	Lamps of Heaven (IRE) f, 3, Invincible Spirit (IRE)—Star Studded (GB) Buyer: Blandford Bloodstock Consignor: Tweenhills Farm & Stud	\$50,235
2606	Shalabina (GB) f, 3, Nayef—Shibina (IRE) Buyer: Emerald Bloodstock Consignor: Musley Bank Stables	\$40,816
2480	Queen of Skies (IRE) m, 6, Shamardal—Attractive Crown Buyer: Silfield Bloodstock Consignor: Houghton Bloodstock	\$32,967
2473	My Heart's Deelite m, 16, Afternoon Deelites—Frozen Rope Covering Sire: Poet's Voice (GB) Buyer: C. Gordon-Watson Bloodstock Consignor: Catridge Farm Stud	\$32,182
2400	Indiana Blues (GB) m, 14, Indian Ridge (IRE)—Blue Siren (GB) Buyer: G.R. Bailey Consignor: Littleton Stud	\$28,257
2416	Poppo's Song m, 14, Polish Navy—Bridled Song Covering Sire: Farhh (GB) Buyer: C. Gordon-Watson Bloodstock Consignor: Silfield Bloodstock	\$28,257
2484	Panettone (IRE) m, 6, Montjeu (IRE)—Tea Break (GB) Covering Sire: Mayson (GB) Buyer: Corsend Farm Consignor: Clover Leaf Stud	\$28,257

some warning signs at the less commercial end of the market," reflected Tattersalls chairman Edmund Mahony. BH

WOODBINE MOVES IN A NEW DIRECTION

By Myra Lewyn

Woodbine plans to run 25 right-handed turf races in 2016, becoming the first North American track to do so in the modern era.

Jim Lawson, Woodbine Entertainment Group president and chief executive officer, devised the idea to attract more horses and new fans to the Ontario track. Race conditions, a strategy to fill the races, and purse money are among details still in the planning stages.

Track officials believe a portion of Woodbine's underutilized turf course would fit well with clockwise racing. If the program is successful, another finish line for a longer stretch might be added.

North America's counterclockwise racing tradition started when Kentucky frontiersman William Whitley laid out a circular racetrack near Crab Orchard, Ky., in 1788.



Woodbine plans to conduct 25 turf races run clockwise in 2016

According to legend Whitley so despised all things British the annual fall races at his Sportsman Hill were run counterclockwise on a clay track rather than clockwise on turf as at many English tracks.

Belmont Park ran clockwise races when it opened in 1905 but returned to left-handed racing in 1921. BH

BETFAIR AGREES ON FUNDING FOR BHA

By Ron Mitchell

Pollowing the Dec. 3 announcement that Betfair has become the first betting entity to agree to a new three-year funding arrangement for racing in Great Britain, the British Horseracing Authority said other operators would likely follow suit.

As an authorized betting partner, effective April 2016, Betfair will contribute an agreed percentage of its racing revenues from its exchange and sports book for three years. In return, Betfair—and other companies that follow suit—will receive benefits from being associated with the BHA.

Betfair and other betting companies already make payments through the Levy, but those funds have been shrinking as more wagering is conducted through electronic platforms—a majority of British betting operators do not pay into Levy on digital



Betfair comes to terms with the British Horseracing Authority on funding racing

business, most of which are offshore- based. The new funding scheme seeks to correct that.

If no action had been taken, BHA estimated Levy payments would drop to £53 million by 2017-18, down from more than £105 million in 2004-05. BH

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SEQUEL STALLIONS NEW YORK SETS 2016 FEES Freud, this year's second-leading sire in New York who topped the list in 2014, will stand for \$10,000 in 2016 at Sequel Stallions New York near Hudson.

TRF'S SIR PRIZE BIRTHDAY EUTHANIZED AT AGE 35 Sir Prize Birthday, the oldest member of the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation's herd,

was euthanized Dec. 2 at the Wallkill Correctional Facility in Wallkill, N.Y., at age 35.

FRANK DE FRANCIS MEMORIAL GRADED FOR 2016 The Maryland Jockey Club announced Dec. 3 that the \$350,000 Frank De Francis Memorial Dash has been upgraded to grade III for 2016 by the American Graded Stakes Committee.





INTERVIEW



Jim Lawson, CEO of Woodbine Entertainment Group

MARKETWATCH INTERVIEW: JIM LAWSON

By Eric Mitchell

MarketWatch spoke with Jim Lawson, who took over as CEO of Woodbine Entertainment Group in May, about the growth of turf racing at the Toronto racetrack.

Blood-Horse Daily: Woodbine has decided to offer at least one turf race to be run clockwise on each Saturday from May 24 through November 2016. What are the opportunities in growing turf racing?

Jim Lawson: First, we have one of the best turf courses in North America, maybe the world, with the E.P. Taylor course that is a spectacular 1 1/2 miles. That clubhouse turn doesn't get used much except for races of 1 1/4 miles and 1 1/2 miles, which we rarely do with our overnight racing. As a result, a good portion of the turf course doesn't get used so that is why we looked at running clockwise.

Next, we are in competition for horses and growing turf racing is a good way to attract more horses and it fits very well with the change of our main track (from Polytrack) to Tapeta. Because of the biomechanics, horses that run well on turf also run well on Tapeta so our scratch rate from turf to the main track will likely be around 10%, which is much lower than the industry average.

Finally from a wagering perspective, we average 1.2 more horses in our turf races, so the correlation between our larger field size and more wagering is obvious. But we also know that it is not just field size. Our major wagerers tell us they prefer wagering on turf versus dirt—about 35% higher on turf. Skilled players love the variables and the challenges of figuring out turf races—the pedigree, the surface, and even riders who know how to figure out that turf course.

We are looking at adding another turf course. There are a fair number of hurdles to make that happen, but we would like to see the day when we are running six races a day on the turf.

BH Daily: Woodbine is replacing one synthetic surface for another. Was there a push to replace the synthetic with a dirt surface?

JL: The synthetic we had in place for eight years was, quite frankly, getting tired. It was actually clumping up in cold weather. We conducted a long consultation with horsemen, analyzed it from a business perspective in terms of scratches and training time that concluded the Tapeta surface was best. The push to dirt was not that strong. There were a number of vocal people but the majority of our horsemen favored Tapeta. Surface experts will tell you a safe track is a consistent track. I'm not saying a dirt track can't be consistent, but we know Tapeta is. BH

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS

Aqueduct, Race 6, ALW

12/3, \$68,400, 3yo/up, f/m, 8f (dirt), 1:40.68, track good. 1-Legally Bay, 122, dk b/br m, 5, Read the Footnotes-Try N Sue, by Sir Harry Lewis, \$41,040, 0-Coffeepot Stables, B-Coffee Pot Stables (NY), T-Marialice Coffey, J-Kendrick Carmouche

Margin: 234, 11 starters. View Equibase Chart

Aqueduct, Race 8, ALW

12/3, \$57,000, 3vo/up, f/m, 6f (dirt), 1:12.31, track good. 1-Shangala, 122, dk b/br f, 3, Roaring Fever-Queen in Waiting, by Sea Salute, \$34,200, O-Carl Buhr, B-Carl Buhr (NY), T-Debra A. Breed, J-Angel S. Arroyo

Margin: 1/2, 9 starters. View Equibase Chart

Charles Town, Race 6, ALW

12/2, \$27,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 8.5f (dirt), 1:50.41, track slop-

1-Rekha Diamond , 117, b f, 3, Corinthian-Every Trick, by Grand Slam, \$16,740, O-Camilla Farms, Inc., B-Corinthian Syndicate & R. L. Glosson (KY), T-Ronney W. Brown, J-Jose Montano

Sale History: 2013 FTKOCT, \$25,000, 2012 KEENOV, \$2,500.

Margin: 31/2, 5 starters. View Equibase Chart

Charles Town, Race 7, AOC

12/2, \$27,000, 3vo/up, 7f (dirt), 1:27,22, track sloppy. 1-Stone Crazy , 123, gr/ro g, 5, Monarchos-Causeway Lady, by Giant's Causeway, \$17,550, O-Worcester Investments LLC, B-John C. Oxley (KY), T-Wayne Potts, J-Xavier Perez

Sale History: 2011 KEESEP. \$40,000. Margin: 21/2, 4 starters. View Equibase Chart

Delta Downs, Race 8, ALW

12/2, \$30,500, 3yo/up, f/m, 6.5f (dirt), 1:21.89, track fast. 1-Zarb's Brite Lite, 117, ch f, 3, Zarbyev-Steve's Brite Lite, by Father Steve, \$23,700, O-Lynn Soileau, B-Robert Hewlett (LA), T-Shelton J. Zenon, Sr., J-Brandon Menard Sale History: 2013 BSCSEP, \$1,500.

Margin: 134, 6 starters. View Equibase Chart

Fair Grounds, Race 7, AOC

12/3, \$42,000, 3yo/up, 8.32f (dirt), 1:42.29, track fast. 1-Teniente Coronel **(**B), 120, b g, 4, Colonel John-Latin Lynx, by Forest Wildcat, \$25,200, O-Rush, Joel and Ali, B-Haymarket Farm LLC (KY), T-Brad H. Cox, J-Florent Geroux **Sale History:** 2012 KEESEP, \$325,000.

Margin: head, 5 starters. View Equibase Chart

Fair Grounds, Race 8, ALW

12/3, \$38,000, 3yo/up, f/m, a5.5f (turf), 1:04.61, course firm.

1-Betsy Boots, 118, dk b/br f, 3, Scat Daddy-Thigh High Boots, by Storm Boot, \$22,800, O-Sprick, Cheryl and

smartphone app

Bremer, Richard, B-Richard Bremer & Cheryl Sprick (IA), T-Karl Broberg, J-Roberto Morales

Margin: neck, 11 starters. View Equibase Chart

Los Alamitos Race Course, Race 7, AOC

12/3, \$50,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (dirt), 1:08.67, track fast. 1-Unforgettable U, 122, dk b/br f, 4, Tale of the Cat-Naseem, by Point Given, \$30,000, 0-Mojallali Stables, Inc., B-Mojallali Stables, Inc. (KY), T-Richard Baltas, J-Edwin A. Maldonado

Margin: 91/2, 6 starters. View Equibase Chart

Penn National, Race 3, ALW

12/2, \$29,500, 3yo/up, f/m, 5.5f (dirt), 1:05.98, track slopру.

1-True Cost, 120, dk b/br m, 5, Aisle-Truly Extravagant, by Is It True, \$17,700, O-John W. Tucker, B-Anne N. Tucker (VA), T-Flint W. Stites, J-Francisco Garcia

Margin: 41/4, 7 starters. View Equibase Chart

Remington Park, Race 2, ALW

12/2, \$36,300, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (dirt), 1:12.18, track fast. 1-Dancinanimaux, 120, ch f, 3, Leroidesanimaux (BRZ)-Full of Dance, by Dance Brightly, \$21,576, O-Sanders, Wayne and Hirsch, Larry, B-Michael Mandara & Deeana Mandara (FL), T-W. Bret Calhoun, J-C.J. McMahon

Sale History: 2013 FTKOCT. \$14.000. Margin: 34, 9 starters. View Equibase Chart

Remington Park, Race 8, ALW

12/2, \$44,880, 3yo/up, f/m, 8.32f (dirt), 1:45.62, track

1-Miss Oreo, 120, dk b/br f, 3, Rock Hard Ten-Derby Lane's Song, by Unbridled's Song, \$25,654, 0-Walter M. Jones, B-Walter M. Jones (OK), T-Carlos A Padilla, J-Iram Vargas Diego

Margin: 2, 11 starters. View Equibase Chart

MAIDEN RESULTS

Charles Town, Race 1, MSW

12/2, \$25,000, 2yo, f, 4.5f (dirt), :54.21, track sloppy. 1-Shehasit Too, 122, ch f, 2, City Weekend-She Could Be Good, by Daylight Savings, \$14,760, O-Waite, Harry D. and Waite, Ronald C., B-Harry D. Waite & Ronald C. Waite (WV), T-Timothy Shanley, J-Jerry Villegas

Margin: 21/2, 10 starters. View Equibase Chart

Charles Town, Race 3, MSW

12/2, \$25,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6.5f (dirt), 1:22.60, track slop-

1-Charming Notion, 114, gr/ro f, 3, Great Notion-Im No Cynic, by Two Punch, \$14,940, 0-Bull Run Racing, B-Mark O'Donnell & Veronica O'Donnell (MD), T-Patrick E. Jenkins, .J-Kevin Roman

Margin: 21/4, 7 starters. View Equibase Chart

Nenotes Keeneland Sales Graduate

Delta Downs, Race 5, MSW

12/2, \$28,500, 3/4/5/6yo, f/m, 6.5f (dirt), 1:21.20, track fast.

1–Cactus Cocktail, 120, ch f, 3, Cactus Ridge–Sazerac Song, by Phone Trick, \$17,100, 0-Dream Walkin Farms. Inc., B-Dream Walkin' Farms, Inc. (KY), T-Harlan Davis Boutte, J-Eddie Martin, Jr.

Margin: 81/4, 10 starters. View Equibase Chart

Fair Grounds, Race 4, MSW

12/3, \$37,000, 2yo, f, a5.5f (turf), 1:04.37, course firm. 1-Cash Back, 120, b f, 2, Congrats-Hidden Assets, by Mt. Livermore, \$22,200, 0-Klein, Richard and Bertram, B-Bert Klein, Elaine Klein & Richard Klein (KY), T-Brad H. Cox, J-Shaun Bridgmohan

Margin: 134, 12 starters. View Equibase Chart

Golden Gate Fields, Race 7, MSW

12/3, \$26,000, 2yo, f, 8f (all-weather), 1:40.56, track fast. 1-Genuine Luck (, 120, b f, 2, Lookin At Lucky-Proper Form, by Deputy Minister, \$15,600, O-Kim Beegle, B-Dash Goff (KY), T-Sean McCarthy, J-Leslie Mawing

Sale History: 2015 OBSAPR, \$35,000, 2014 KEESEP. (\$27,000 RNA).

Margin: 134, 9 starters. View Equibase Chart

Los Alamitos Race Course, Race 5, MSW

12/3, \$45,000, 2yo, f, 5.5f (dirt), 1:04.46, track fast. 1-Swift Lady, 122, b f, 2, Awesome of Course-The Church Lady, by Valid Wager, \$27,000, O-Baoma Corporation, B-Ciaran Dunne & Amy Dunne (FL), T-Bob Baffert, J-Martin Garcia

Sale History: 2015 OBSJUN, \$170,000. Margin: 34, 9 starters. View Equibase Chart

Penn National, Race 1, MSW

12/2, \$28,500, 3yo/up, f/m, 8.32f (dirt), 1:47.20, track sloppy.

1-Galanthus, 122, ch f, 3, Pollard's Vision-Bellflower, by Cherokee Run, \$20,520, O-Tom Coulter, B-Arrowwood Farm, Inc. (PA), T-Rodrigo Madrigal, Sr., J-Ernesto Oro

Margin: 234, 5 starters. View Equibase Chart

Remington Park, Race 6, MSW

12/2, \$33,000, 2yo, 6f (dirt), 1:11.57, track fast. 1-Mud Light ®, 120, ch c, 2, Jazil-Lisieux, by Steady Growth, \$19,596, O-Clark O. Brewster, B-Dr. Patricia Ziefle (KY), T-Steven M. Asmussen, J-Ramon A. Vazquez

Sale History: 2015 OBSAPR, \$52,000, 2014 OBSAUG, (\$19,000 RNA), 2013 KEENOV, \$17,000.

Margin: 31/4, 9 starters. View Equibase Chart



TOP JOCKEYS

Listed below are the top 10 leading jockeys by 2015 North American earnings through December 2, 2015. Racing statistics are 2015 North American only.

Rank	Name	Starts	Wins	Places	Shows	Earnings	Win%	WPS%
1	Javier Castellano	1,402	312	233	213	\$27,041,793	22%	54%
2	Irad Ortiz, Jr.	1,292	277	200	186	\$22,350,884	21%	51%
3	John R. Velazquez	962	183	140	132	\$19,912,007	19%	47%
4	Joel Rosario	1,046	160	187	139	\$17,117,894	15%	46%
5	Jose L. Ortiz	1,248	219	230	164	\$16,180,829	18%	49%
6	Victor Espinoza	482	88	80	66	\$15,642,683	18%	49%
7	Luis Saez	1,188	187	163	149	\$11,544,554	16%	42%
8	Jose Lezcano	790	124	92	99	\$10,749,465	16%	40%
9	Rafael Bejarano	959	210	158	138	\$10,650,389	22%	53%
10	Junior Alvarado	879	138	112	128	\$10,434,603	16%	43%

Data provided by **EQUIBASE**

TOP TRAINERS

Listed below are the top 10 leading trainers by 2015 North American earnings through December 2, 2015. Racing statistics are 2015 North American only.

Rank	Name	Starts	Wins	Places	Shows	Earnings	Win%	WPS%
1	Todd A. Pletcher	1,035	241	150	151	\$25,284,633	23%	52%
2	Chad C. Brown	737	195	125	98	\$19,819,567	26%	57%
3	Bob Baffert	347	79	61	48	\$15,701,851	23%	54%
4	Mark E. Casse	876	156	142	127	\$13,576,559	18%	49%
5	William I. Mott	678	124	108	84	\$11,205,213	18%	47%
6	Jerry Hollendorfer	1,036	207	185	141	\$11,177,234	20%	51%
7	Steven M. Asmussen	1,425	243	240	213	\$10,502,652	17%	49%
8	Kiaran P. McLaughlin	366	91	45	48	\$9,368,214	25%	50%
9	Christophe Clement	486	99	86	63	\$9,156,105	20%	51%
10	H. Graham Motion	665	97	101	89	\$7,666,717	15%	43%

Data provided by **EQUIBASE**

2015 SIRES OF TWO-YEAR-OLDS

Listed below are the top 10 leading sires of 2-year-olds by 2015 Northern Hemisphere 2-year-old earnings through December 2, 2015. Only stallions that stand, will stand, or stood in North America (excluding stallions that died or were exported prior to the 2011 breeding season), and have runners in North America are included. Racing statistics are for Northern Hemisphere 2015 2-year-olds only.

Rank	Stallion	Sire, YOB	'15 Stud Fee	Farm	2YOs	Rnrs	Wnrs	'15 Earnings
1	Uncle Mo	Indian Charlie, '08	\$25,000	Ashford Stud, KY	165	65	25	\$3,554,289
2	Scat Daddy	Johannesburg, '04	\$35,000	Ashford Stud, KY	154	77	32	\$2,941,821
3	Tapit	Pulpit, '01	\$300,000	Gainesway, KY	109	55	25	\$2,118,691
4	Bernardini	A.P. Indy, '03	\$85,000	Darley, KY	126	54	14	\$2,034,999
5	Medaglia d'Oro	El Prado, '99	\$125,000	Darley, KY	105	25	10	\$1,931,393
6	War Front	Danzig, '02	\$150,000	Claiborne Farm, KY	66	27	12	\$1,842,964
7	City Zip	Carson City, '98	\$40,000	Lane's End, KY	112	53	17	\$1,663,528
8	Curlin	Smart Strike, '04	\$35,000	Lane's End, KY	85	26	9	\$1,435,216
9	Colonel John	Tiznow, '05	\$10,000	WinStar Farm LLC, KY	111	41	14	\$1,245,048
10	Giant's Causeway	Storm Cat, '97	\$85,000	Ashford Stud, KY	130	49	12	\$1,150,244