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The 2015 foal crops rose in England and Ireland

BRITISH, IRISH FOAL CROPS INCREASE

By Clive Webb-Carter

The recent release of Weatherbys Fact Book has confirmed that both the British and Irish foal crops increased in 2015.

The 2015 British foal crop increased 5.6% over 2014 to 4,569 registered foals, the highest since 2011 when 4,635 foals were registered. The number of active broodmares (both flat and National Hunt) increased from 8,284 in 2014 to 8,760, its highest level since 2012.

Ireland's foal crop increased 9.7% from 2014 to 8,780, the highest since 2009 when 10,167 foals were born. The 2015 Irish crop is virtually identical level to the 2000 crop when 8,793 were registered. The number of active Irish broodmares also increased in 2015 to 13,502, up 5% from the previous year and the highest since 2011.

With last year's foal sales showing signs of over-production at the lower end of the market, it will be interesting to see whether the larger numbers will have a greater impact on the yearling market. **BH**

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JOCKEYS' GUILD FOCUS: CONCUSSION PROTOCOL

By Charlie McCarthy

Jockey safety, specifically the development of a standard concussion protocol, written by individuals from the Jockeys' Guild and The Jockey Club, was the main focus the morning of Feb. 16 at the Jockeys' Guild 2016 Assembly in Hollywood, Fla.

Carl Mattacola, an athletic trainer who serves as director-professor of the Graduate Athletic Training Program at the University of Kentucky, gave a presentation titled, "Developing a Concussion Model in Horse Racing."

"The model program is based on protocols from different tracks and different sports," Mattacola said. "The other exciting component is that we're trying to launch a pilot program to put someone in place in some of the tracks in Kentucky that would be available to perform baseline testing and follow up with assessments."

Currently, the National Thoroughbred Racing Association has guidelines for racetracks. In most cases, paramedics are present to aid injured riders. Under the protocol, all riders are required to maintain an active account with the Jockey Health Information System.

The NTRA will assist tracks in locating specialists, physicians, or medical personnel certified to evaluate head injuries.

Injured jockeys will need to undergo a sports concussion assessment tool (SCAT3), which is a standardized procedure in evaluating athletes for concussion. Results then would be reported to the stewards.

If removed from all mounts on a day, a rider would have to be cleared medically before returning. The protocol calls for a standardized "return to ride" authorization form.

"Officially, I guess I've had two or three concussions," Hall of Fame jockey and Jockeys' Guild chairman John Velazquez said. "I've probably had a few more than that."

"The most difficult part right now is to recognize the symptoms, to have the proper help and medical staff with the assessments," he said. "The whole education is about how we learn to put the protocols in place here and minimize those problems."

With the help of TJC, Keeneland Race Course, and the NTRA, the guild has collected significant data about head injuries over the past several years.

Data includes more than 900 reported incidents the past three years. Of those, 36 involved concussions, with more racing concussions occurring on rides with fillies than with colts, and in five, six, and seven furlongs races rather than in longer races.

Unlike in Great Britain, where the British Horseracing Authority oversees the sport, lack of a national governing body presents challenges for indus-

try-wide initiatives.

Jockeys' Guild national manager Terry Meyocks sent a letter to 23 organizations explaining the initiatives—and research—and requesting support.

"It's important for everyone in the industry," Meyocks said. "We're not just trying to help the jockeys, but also the exercise riders. There's also liability for racetracks, and workers comp for owners and trainers that is affected." **BH**



SKIP DICKSTEIN

Jockeys' Guild chairman John Velazquez



JIM MCCUE, MARYLAND JOCKEY CLUB

Page McKenney, outside, edges Majestic Affair in Laurel Park's General George

PAGE MCKENNEY EARNS WEEK'S TOP FIG

By Frank Angst

Page McKenney, a \$16,000 claim who has gone on to pocket more than \$1 million, earned the week's co-top Equibase Speed Figure of 120 while winning the Feb. 15 General George (gr. III) by a head at Laurel Park—not a bad effort considering it was his first try at seven furlongs since January 2013. The 6-year-old Pennsylvania-bred gelding edged Majestic Affair who also earned a 120 ESF.

Page McKenney has now won four consecutive stakes and 16 of 43 starts; however, he had never earned a ESF higher than 116.

On the turf, Phipps Stable homebred Reload rallied from seventh to take the \$150,000 Tampa Bay Stakes (gr. IIIT) Feb. 15 at Tampa Bay Downs, earning the week's third best Equibase Speed Figure, 119.

The veteran son of Hard Spun won the Tampa Bay by a neck over longshot Take the Stand. Previously, Reload had twice registered 118 figures, including a victory in the 2014 Canadian Turf (gr. IIIT) at Gulfstream Park. **BH**

Top 10 Equibase Speed Figures Since Feb. 9

Rank	Horse	Finish	Race, Track, Distance, Date	E
1	Page McKenney	1	General George S. (gr. III), LRL, 7f, 2/15	120
1	Majestic Affair	2	General George S. (gr. III), LRL, 7f, 2/15	120
3	Reload	1	Tampa Bay S. (gr. IIIT), TAM, 8.5fT, 2/13	119
4	Take the Stand (ARG)	2	Tampa Bay S. (gr. IIIT), TAM, 8.5fT, 2/13	118
4	Karibu Gardens	3	Tampa Bay S. (gr. IIIT), TAM, 8.5fT, 2/13	118
6	Grand Tito	1	AOC, GP, 8.5fT, 2/13	117
6	Kid Cruz	1	John B. Campbell S., LRL, 9f, 2/13	117
6	Paulassilverlining	1	AOC, AQU, 6f, 2/11	117
6	Penwith	1	Royal Delta S. (gr. II), GP, 8.5f, 2/13	117
10	Defer Heaven	1	Trust Buster S., GP, 7f, 2/15	116
10	Souper Lucky	2	John B. Campbell S., LRL, 9f, 2/13	116
10	Sky Captain	4	Tampa Bay S. (gr. IIIT), TAM, 8.5fT, 2/13	116

LATEST HEADLINES FROM BLOODHORSE.COM

ALPHA BETTOR, MAST TRACK TO CALIFORNIA

Canadian champion Alpha Bettor and grade I winner Mast Track have joined the stallion ranks at Daehling Ranch near Elk Grove, Calif., Adena Springs announced Feb. 16.

1999 FLORIDA DERBY WINNER VICAR DIES

Vicar, the 1999 Florida Derby and Fountain of Youth Stakes (both gr. I) winner, died Jan. 24 at the Korean Racing Authority's Jeju Stud Farm as a result of a "throat obstruction," according to the KRA.

MORE EHV-1 POSITIVES AT SUNLAND PARK

As Sunland Park Racetrack & Casino proceeds with plans to resume live racing later in February despite an outbreak of equine herpesvirus, the New Mexico Livestock Board reported Feb. 15 there have been four new cases.

RISEN STAR CAN SERVE AS GAUGE FOR MO TOM

Trainer Tom Amoss said the field for the Feb. 20 Risen Star Stakes (gr. II) at Fair Grounds is one of the deepest he has seen at the Louisiana track, and he believes that's good for Mo Tom, who he trains for G M B Racing.

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR KY OAKS SURVIVORS

PARADE Churchill Downs Racetrack and charitable partners Feb. 16 announced that the online nomination process to select 142 breast and ovarian cancer survivors to walk in the 2016 Survivors Parade is open to the public.

PARTY CITED IN THE 'NEWS'

By Evan Hammonds

Party Cited, a 1989 daughter of Alleged—Dream Play, by Blushing Groom, popped up twice in graded stakes-winning pedigrees over the weekend.

A grade III winner, Party Cited is the dam of Composure (Touch Gold), who sold for \$3.6 million following a pair of grade I wins for Bob and Beverly Lewis. Composure, the dam of Godolphin's Feb. 13 Royal Delta (gr. II) winner Penwith, is a half sister to Uchitel (Afleet Alex), dam of Feb. 15 Southwest (gr. III) winner Suddenbreakingnews.

Bob and Mina Berger's Woodstock Farm near Lexington picked up Uchitel after she had RNA'd for \$65,000 at the 2011 Keeneland November sale.

"Dad really liked the way she was bred," said Woodstock general manager Ben Berger.

Suddenbreakingnews is the mare's second foal. Warrendale Sales sold the son of Mineshaft to Samuel Henderson for \$72,000 at Keeneland September in 2014.



COADY PHOTOGRAPHY

Suddenbreakingnews winning Oaklawn Park's Southwest Stakes

"He was a bilateral ridgling, so he was going to end up being a gelding, so he didn't bring as much at the sale as we had hoped," Berger said. **BH**



Ireland's beloved Shergar was stolen by masked gunmen on the night of Feb. 8, 1983, never to be seen again. With the anniversary of that crime comes this story of a heist that fascinates conspiracy theorists to this day.

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KENTUCKY DOWNS PHOTO



Total revenue from historical race wagering in Kentucky has cleared more than \$111 million over 52 months

KY HISTORICAL RACING REVENUE AT \$111M

By Tom LaMarra

Historical race wagering at three Kentucky facilities has generated about \$12.6 million for purses, \$10.4 million for the Kentucky Thoroughbred Development Fund, and \$900,000 for the Kentucky

Breeders' Incentive Fund since the first machines began operating in September 2011.

Kentucky Horse Racing Commission statistics through Jan. 31 show more than \$1.4 billion—\$1.21 billion at Kentucky Downs—has been wagered over 52 months. Total revenue, including net track commissions and the state's share via the 1.5% pari-mutuel tax, has cleared \$111 million.

Of the total bet, 92% is returned to bettors, which is similar to that used by casinos for slot machines.

Other facilities with historical racing machines regulated via KHRC pari-mutuel rules are Ellis Park and Red Mile, the latter jointly operated with Keeneland in Lexington. Historical race wagering began in Lexington Sept. 8, 2015, with \$55.9 million wagered through the end of January.

Purses earn 14% and the KBIF 1% of net racetrack commissions, thus far totaling \$90 million. The KTDF share comes from half of the 1.5% pari-mutuel tax. **BH**

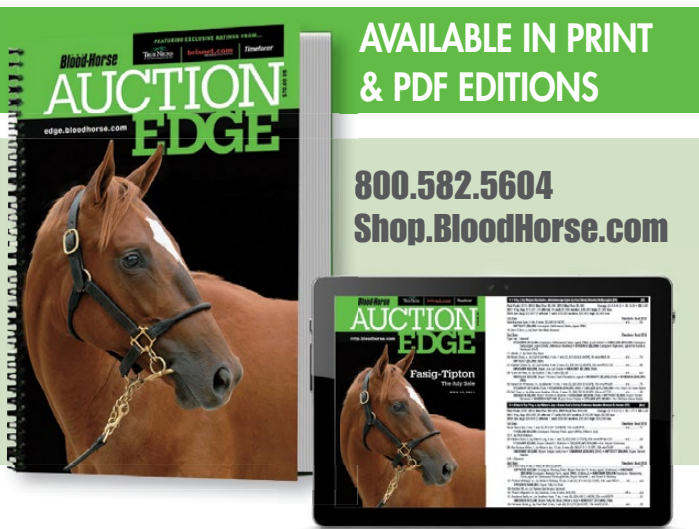
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FOR LAWYER RON, MORE THAN PEDIGREE

We must admit that when Lawyer Ron retired to stud, he wasn't a horse we thought had a major shot at success.

The opinion certainly wasn't a reflection on the chestnut's race record, which was outstanding by any measure. A minor stakes winner at 2, Lawyer Ron was one of the stars of spring at 3, capturing four straight stakes, including the Risen Star (gr. III), Rebel (gr. III) and Arkansas Derby (gr. II) en route to an unplaced effort in the Kentucky Derby (gr. I).

Given a break after the classic, he ran three more times that term, adding a win in the St. Louis Derby and a second in the Super Derby (gr. II). Following the Super Derby, Lawyer Ron was switched to the barn of Todd Pletcher, and at 4, with his tendency to be rank early somewhat improved, he earned a title as champion older horse, winning four races, including the Whitney (gr. I) by 4 3/4 lengths in track-record time and the Woodward (gr. I) by 8 1/4 lengths. He missed by a neck to the season's champion 3-year-old male and Horse of the Year, Curlin, in the Jockey Club Gold Cup (gr. I).

While Lawyer Ron's performance was more than adequate for a top-class sire, our reservations about his potential sprang from his pedigree. His sire, Langfuhr, a three-time grade I winner and champion Canadian sprinter who is still breeding at age 24, has been a wonderfully consistent sire of stakes winners—his total now stands at 88—but he wasn't the type of horse to

set the pulse racing as a sire of sires.

The real negative, however, was the distaff side of the pedigree: Lawyer Ron's dam was by Lord Avie, a champion 2-year-old, but a disappointing sire, and a look down the female line revealed Lawyer Ron was the only major stakes winner to emerge from the first four dams.

Retired to stand at \$30,000, Lawyer Ron was represented by 80 first-crop foals, 10 of whom won stakes, headed by Drill, whose trio of graded stakes victories included the Del Mar Futurity (gr. I). Lawyer Ron died following colic surgery in 2009

after standing a second season that yielded 67 foals.

Six of them have won stakes to date, headed by the prolific Itsmyluckyday, whose eight stakes victories are headlined by the Woodward, and graded winners Edge of Reality and Call Pat, who last weekend added a last-to-first win in the Bayakoa Stakes (gr. III) to her success in the Groupie Doll Stakes (gr. III) last year.

With 13 stakes winners (nearly 9%) to foals, and

five graded scorers, Lawyer Ron was developing the record of a major sire, and it will be interesting to see if either Drill (at stud in Florida) or Itsmyluckyday (standing in Kentucky) can pick up the mantle. **BH**



GONDY PHOTOGRAPHY

Call Pat (left), by Lawyer Ron, winning Oaklawn's Bayakoa.

LANGFUHR, b, 1992	Danzig, 1977	Northern Dancer, 1961	Nearctic
		Pas de Nom, 1968	Natalma Admiral's Voyage Petitioner
LAWYER RON ch, h March 1, 2003	Sweet Briar Too, 1986	Briartic, 1968	Nearctic
		Prima Babu Gum, 1980	Sweet Lady Briar Gummo Princess Babu
DONATION, b, 1995	Lord Avie, 1978	Lord Gaylord, 1970	Sir Gaylord Miss Glamour Gal
		Avie, 1963	Gallant Man Evilone
		Mr. Redoy, 1974	Grey Dawn II Near Gold
	Reddy Change, 1985	Coin Changer, 1971	Rambunctious Little Mortgage

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS

Sam Houston Race Park, Race 9, ALW


2/16, \$20,000, 3yo, 8f (turf), 1:38.45, course firm.

1–[Bonjour Baby](#), 117, b g, 3, [Sing Baby Sing](#)–Secret

Sweep, by End Sweep, \$11,820, 0–Alvin Wong, B–Tom

Durant (TX), T–Larry Stroope, J–Adrian B. Ramos

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2016 LEADING SIRES

Listed below are the top 10 leading sires by 2016 Northern Hemisphere earnings through February 15, 2016. 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 2016 Northern Hemisphere only.

Rank	Stallion	Sire, YOB	'16 Stud Fee	Farm	Chief Earner (Earnings)	'16 Earnings
1	Tapit	Pulpit, '01	\$300,000	Gainesway, KY	Mohaymen (\$214,830)	\$1,666,779
2	Medaglia d'Oro	El Prado, '99	\$150,000	Darley, KY	Mshawish (\$393,700)	\$1,287,007
3	Bernardini	A.P. Indy, '03	\$100,000	Darley, KY	Le Bernardin (\$160,310)	\$1,181,988
4	Congrats	A.P. Indy, '00	\$20,000	WinStar Farm LLC, KY	Polar River (\$195,000)	\$1,105,262
5	Unbridled's Song	Unbridled, '93	Died	N/A	Forever Unbridled (\$240,000)	\$949,516
6	Candy Ride (ARG)	Ride the Rails, '99	\$60,000	Lane's End, KY	Chocolate Ride (\$75,000)	\$909,898
7	More Than Ready	Southern Halo, '97	\$50,000	WinStar Farm LLC, KY	More Aspen (\$110,000)	\$907,174
8	Giant's Causeway	Storm Cat, '97	\$85,000	Ashford Stud, KY	Destin (\$128,000)	\$899,050
9	Flatter	A.P. Indy, '99	\$30,000	Claiborne Farm, KY	Kobe's Back (\$120,000)	\$851,586
10	Hard Spun	Danzig, '04	\$45,000	Darley, KY	Ghaamer (\$134,233)	\$800,735

2016 BROODMARE SIRES

Listed below are the top 10 leading broodmare sires by 2016 Northern Hemisphere earnings through February 15, 2016. All stallions whose daughters are represented by at least one Northern Hemisphere runner in 2016 are included. Cumulative stakes winners includes lifetime worldwide statistics; all other statistics are 2016 Northern Hemisphere only.

Rank	Stallion	Sire, YOB	Dams	Rnrs	SWrs (% Rnrs)	Cum. SWrs	Chief Earner (Earnings)	'16 Earnings
1	Sunday Silence	Halo, '86	437	688	1 (.1%)	149	Dance Director (\$164,915)	\$3,648,740
2	Storm Cat	Storm Bird, '83	214	263	2 (.8%)	215	Langley (\$182,080)	\$1,862,184
3	Brian's Time	Roberto, '85	195	301	1 (.3%)	24	Dee Majesty (\$170,967)	\$1,418,140
4	Seeking the Gold	Mr. Prospector, '85	148	185	0 (.0%)	130	Ertijaal (\$144,149)	\$1,367,463
5	A.P. Indy	Seattle Slew, '89	193	263	2 (.8%)	131	Lukes Alley (\$248,890)	\$1,360,423
6	French Deputy	Deputy Minister, '92	169	232	4 (1.7%)	63	Tara's Tango (\$144,000)	\$1,276,164
7	Unbridled's Song	Unbridled, '93	188	235	2 (.9%)	83	Life Imitates Art (\$61,870)	\$1,151,160
8	Deputy Minister	Vice Regent, '79	121	157	2 (1.3%)	214	Frosted (\$150,000)	\$1,030,286
9	Giant's Causeway	Storm Cat, '97	154	179	2 (1.1%)	37	Tsukuba Azuma 0 (\$65,099)	\$1,020,824
10	Sadler's Wells	Northern Dancer, '81	219	215	1 (.5%)	315	Rich Tapestry (\$120,000)	\$978,942

2016 SIRES BY LIFETIME AEI

Listed below are the top 10 leading sires by lifetime Average Earnings Index (AEI) through February 15, 2016. Only active stallions in North America (excluding stallions that were exported prior to the 2011 breeding season) with at least 150 named foals of racing age are included. All statistics are Northern Hemisphere only. AEI indicates how much purse money the progeny of one sire has earned in relation to the average earnings of all runners in the same years; average earnings of all runners in any year is represented by an index of 1.00. CI indicates the average earnings of progeny produced from mares bred to one sire, when these same mares were bred to other sires.

Rank	Stallion	Sire, YOB	'16 Stud Fee	Farm	Crops	Foals	AEI	CI
1	Pioneerof the Nile	Empire Maker, '06	\$125,000	WinStar Farm LLC, KY	4	257	3.19	1.60
2	Into Mischief	Harlan's Holiday, '05	\$45,000	Spendthrift Farm, KY	5	218	2.69	1.45
3	War Front	Danzig, '02	\$200,000	Claiborne Farm, KY	7	433	2.41	2.24
4	Uncle Mo	Indian Charlie, '08	\$75,000	Ashford Stud, KY	2	188	2.38	1.82
5	Tapit	Pulpit, '01	\$300,000	Gainesway, KY	9	914	2.35	2.09
6	Ghostzapper	Awesome Again, '00	\$60,000	Adena Springs Kentucky, KY	8	569	2.27	2.07
7	Curlin	Smart Strike, '04	\$100,000	Hill 'n' Dale Farms, KY	5	407	2.20	2.25
8	Awesome of Course	Awesome Again, '00	\$5,000	Ocala Stud Farm, FL	10	158	2.12	1.44
9	Medaglia d'Oro	El Prado, '99	\$150,000	Darley, KY	9	987	2.11	2.31
10	Distorted Humor	Forty Niner, '93	\$100,000	WinStar Farm LLC, KY	15	1216	2.11	2.22