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SKIP DICKSTEIN

Nyquist (red shadow roll)

NO BELMONT STAKES FOR NYQUIST

By Lenny Shulman

Nyquist is out of consideration for the June 11 Belmont Stakes (gr. I), said trainer Doug O'Neill the morning of May 24.

"He is officially out," O'Neill said. "Right about the time we got his blood work back this morning, which showed an elevated white blood count, his temperature went back up. We just have to get strong with the antibiotics and get him right. He's under the weather now, which we all get once in a while. Thank God it's nothing leg-related.

"We'll live to fight another day."

Nyquist, the 2015 champion 2-year-old male, won the May 7 Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (gr. I) before being upset in the Preakness Stakes (gr. I) by Exaggerator. Nyquist had been undefeated in eight races before checking in third in the Preakness.

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This beautiful UNCLE MO filly caught the eye of trainer and agent Linda Rice after she breezed a co-fastest quarter-mile time of :21 ²/₅ during the under tack show.

NO BELMONT STAKES FOR NYQUIST

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O'Neill said Nyquist would ship back to his California base from Pimlico Race Course later this week or early next week, depending on when he receives a clean bill of health from his veterinarian. Future races have not yet been targeted for the son of Uncle Mo.

"We're not looking at anything yet," O'Neill said. "Let's get him right first. It's hard when you circle a date and they're not right. We'll do that, get a couple of works in him, and then set a target."

Dennis O'Neill, the bloodstock agent who selected Nyquist out of a 2-year-old sale last year, also visited with the colt the morning of May 24 in Baltimore.

"He looked good this morning—he had his head in the feed tub and was eating and looked bright-eyed, but off the blood work something isn't right," said O'Neill, the brother of Doug. "It also looks like he's lost some weight. This is the first race that looks like it really beat him up. I'm glad he's going home." **BH**



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SALES UPDATE

\$1 MILLION UNCLE MO FILLY TOPS MIDLANTIC SALE

By Ron Mitchell

With a \$1 million sale-topping Uncle Mo filly, the two-day Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2-year-olds in training sale concluded in Timonium, Md., May 24 with a record gross.

With an expanded catalog this year, Fasig-Tipton reported 337 horses sold for \$23,136,400, up from the \$22,659,000 for 255 sold last year. The \$68,654 average and \$32,000 median were well below the 2015 figures of \$88,859 and \$45,000, respectively. The average fell 22.7% and the median, 28.9%. The RNA rate was 25.9%, compared with 21.5% in 2015.

"Today was strong and it was good," said Midlantic sale director Paget Bennett. "Overall, I'm thrilled. I loved seeing another million-dollar horse because it's just so rewarding that people can bring that type of horse to this marketplace and feel confident."

Trainer Linda Rice, who bought the sale-topper on behalf of owner Chester Broman, said her attraction to the filly stemmed from her sire and her impressive pre-sale under tack workout that was one of the co-fastest of :21 2/5 for a quarter-mile.

"She is an Uncle Mo and worked brilliantly and galloped out well," Rice said. "We knew she was going to be expensive."

Consigned as Hip 490 by Pike Racing, agent, the filly is a half sister to grade II-placed Las-softhemohicans out of the Tale of the Cat mare Dream Street, who is a half or full sister to three stakes winners, including two-time champion sprinter Housebuster.

Bred in Kentucky by Tom VanMeter, Gaines-Gentry Thoroughbreds, and Fox Strauss, she was a Keeneland September buy-back on a

final bid of \$80,000. Al Pike privately purchased her for client Danny Saloom, with VanMeter retaining a piece of the filly.

"She's a great filly who just so happens to be by Uncle Mo," said Pike, who operates Pike Racing with his wife, Salley, and son Colt. "This is my first \$1 million horse. It's exciting."

The day and sale's second-highest price was \$825,000 for a colt sired by Friesan Fire, who stands for \$4,000 at the Pons family's Country Life Farm near Bel Air, Md.

Consigned by Scanlon Training and Sales, the colt was purchased by an unidentified client of James J. Crupi, who signed the sales receipt while accompanied by Dennis O'Neill.

"I just thought he was a lovely horse," Crupi said. The colt was one of six horses to breeze the eighth-mile

in :10, the fastest during the under tack show.

"I just really liked him from day one," said Dennis O'Neill, whose brother Doug will train the colt.

O'Neill thought the colt would cost less, but "sometimes you have to stretch" to get top horses. **BH**



LYDIA A. WILLIAMS

Hip 490, sold for \$1 million, is a filly by Uncle Mo out of Dream Street

Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2016

2YOs in Training Sale Top Hips Cumulative

Hip	Sex, Sire—Dam	Sale Price
490	f, 2yo, Uncle Mo—Dream Street Buyer: Chester Broman Consignor: Pike Racing	\$1,000,000
461	c, 2yo, Friesan Fire—Crafty Toast Buyer: Crupi's New Castle Farm Consignor: Scanlon Training & Sales	\$825,000
21	c, 2yo, Medaglia d'Oro—Kid Majic Buyer: Ruis Racing Consignor: Cary Frommer	\$600,000
162	f, 2yo, The Factor—Ramblin Rosie Buyer: Stonestreet Stables Consignor: Eddie Woods	\$510,000
112	Lunar Eclipse f, 2yo, Malibu Moon—Our Fantene Buyer: Steven W. Young, agent Consignor: De Meric Sales	\$500,000
463	c, 2yo, Speightstown—Czechers Buyer: I.B.S. Consignor: McKathan Bros.	\$500,000



SALES UPDATE

MIDLANTIC SALE COLT BOOSTS FRIESAN FIRE

By Ron Mitchell

When a Friesan Fire colt bred in Pennsylvania by Jim McGreevy's Hope Hill Farm was sold for \$825,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic sale of 2-year-olds in training, it was a shot in the arm for the stallion standing at the Pons family's Country Life Farm near Bel Air, Md.

"It is a big deal," Josh Pons said.

McGreevy is the brother of Tom McGreevy, bloodstock adviser to Rick Porter, whose Fox Hill Farm campaigned Friesan Fire in partnership with Vinery.

"We are a little farm in a developed area and it's not always easy. But we've been around since 1933," Jim McGreevy said.

By A.P. Indy, with a strong Australian female family, Friesan Fire swept Fair Grounds Race Course's three classic preps in 2009 but finished a troubled 18th in the Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (gr. I) and 10th in the BlackBerry Preakness Stakes (gr. I).

With a high percentage of 2-year-old winners in his first crop, Friesan Fire showed he can improve



Friesan Fire, by A.P. Indy, stands at Country Life Farm in Maryland for a fee of \$4,000

ELEN B. PONS

mares bred to him. His first stakes winner Morning Fire came from that crop.

"He showed he was moving his mares up, which is a sign of a good stallion," Pons said. "The smartest breeders in Maryland breed to him because they recognize the odds he overcame to be a success. He's not a show horse. He's a rugged son of A.P. Indy in a plain brown wrapper." **BH**

EXAGGERATOR ON HIS TOES IN MARYLAND

By Ron Mitchell

Preakness Stakes (gr. I) winner Exaggerator was in fine fettle the morning of May 24 when returning to the track at Pimlico Race Course for the first time since his impressive victory May 21.

Trainer Keith Desormeaux led the 3-year-old son of Curlin to the track and observed as Exaggerator galloped lightly around the wet track.

Shortly after his colt, who finished second in the Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (gr. I), returned to the barn, Desormeaux headed to the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic sale of 2-year-olds in training in nearby Timonium, Md.

"We're really pleased with him," assistant trainer Julie Clark said of Exaggerator, who was on his toes going to and from the track and while having his legs hosed afterward. "Even after two races back to back, he still doesn't look like he's lost any weight."

Clark said the schedule is for Exaggerator to jog twice around the track Wednesday, be walked Thursday, gallop Friday and Saturday, and then ship to



Exaggerator on the track at Pimlico in Maryland May 24

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Belmont Park on Sunday, May 29, to prepare for the Belmont Stakes (gr. I). **BH**

PREAKNESS RATINGS UP FROM 2015

By Blood-Horse Staff

This year's Preakness Stakes (gr. I) coverage averaged 9.4 million viewers, up a half a million over last year, according to NBC.

The May 21 coverage of Exaggerator dealing Nyquist his first loss enjoyed a 6% increase in viewers compared with 2015, when eventual Triple Crown winner American Pharoah captured the Baltimore classic. That broadcast averaged 8.9 million viewers.

This year's Preakness coverage is the third time in four years the middle leg of the Triple Crown has attracted more than nine million viewers. Oxbow's victory in 2013 drew an average of 9.7 million viewers while California Chrome's victory attracted 9.6 million. NBC said a stretch of viewership this high for the Preakness has not been seen in a decade.

Viewership for this year's Preakness peaked at 11.4 million from 6:45-7 p.m. ET. The race posted a 5.8 rating/14 share, with the rating up 5% from last year's 5.5 rating/13 share.

Baltimore was the top-metered market with a 19.7 rating/38 share. NBC reported that Baltimore's viewership was 17% higher than in 2015 and was the city's highest rating since 2009. The next highest-ranked market was Louisville, Ky., with a 14.6 rating/28 share, up 23% from last year.

NBC Sports Live Extra also delivered 3.1 million minutes of live streamed coverage of the Preakness—221% more than in 2015—that was seen by a record 115,000 unique users. **BH**



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NBC reports overall increases in Preakness viewership



LOUISE E. REMAGEL

Biondetti stands at Woodford Thoroughbreds in Florida

TWO HOMEBRED FIRST STARTERS FOR BIONDETTI

By Eric Mitchell

Two homebred fillies by freshman sire Biondetti will be making their first starts in a \$55,000 4 1/2-furlong maiden special weight at Gulfstream Park May 25.

La Zoraya, out of Bridge to Gold (Malabar Gold) races for Carlos Munoz, who owned and trained Bridge to Gold for her first 10 starts. Stakes-placed as a 2-year-old, Bridge to Gold has already produced three winners.

The other Biondetti is Miss Biondetti Rae, bred by her trainer Henry Collazo and co-owned with The Four Horsemen Racing Stable, also partners in her stakes-placed dam Miss Olivia Rae (El Corredor).

Also trained by Collazo, Miss Olivia Rae won once and placed four times in 10 starts at 2. She finished second in the 2010 OBS Championship Stakes (filly division) at 3.

Biondetti stands at John and Susan Sykes' Woodford Thoroughbreds in Florida for \$4,000.

Also making her debut in the race is Florida-bred Lu Lu Laura, a Circular Quay half sister to grade III winner and grade I-placed Uncle Vinny (Uncle Mo), stakes winner Legal Laura (Wildcat Heir), and one other winner. **BH**

ALWAYS SUNSHINE FINDS ANOTHER GEAR

By Frank Angst

Trainer Ned Allard believes Always Sunshine has taken things to another level in his 4-year-old season.

On May 21 Always Sunshine did just that in terms of Equibase Speed Figure with a 119 earned winning the Sagamore Spirit Maryland Sprint Handicap (gr. III) at Pimlico Race Course, the week's top figure and a career best for the West Acre colt.

Since December, Always Sunshine has won four of five starts and registered ESFs of 112 or higher four times.

"I was really up for this horse's race. He's such a nice horse. He's turned into a monster," Allard said. "He's one of those horses that trains like a good



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Always Sunshine with Frank Pennington won the Sagamore Spirit Maryland Sprint (gr. III)

Top 10 Equibase Speed Figures May 17-23

E	Horse	Finish	Race, Track, Distance, Date
119	Always Sunshine	1	Maryland Sprint H. (gr. III), PIM, 6f, 5/21
117	Lady Shipman	1	The Very One S., PIM, 5fT, 5/21
117	O B Harbor	1	Governor's S., EMD, 6.5f, 5/22
116	Second Summer	1	Californian S. (gr. II), SA, 9f, 5/22
114	Noble Bird	1	Pimlico Special H. (gr. III), PIM, 9.5f, 5/20
114	All Star Red	2	Maryland Sprint H. (gr. III), PIM, 6f, 5/21
114	Hard Aces	2	Californian S. (gr. II), SA, 9f, 5/22
114	Lieutenant Colonel	3	Californian S. (gr. II), SA, 9f, 5/22
113	Bradester	1	Majestic Light S., MTH, 8f, 5/21
113	Defer Heaven	1	AOC, MTH, 6f, 5/21
113	W. B. Smudge	1	AOC, CD, 6f, 5/19

horse, acts like a good horse, and now he has to go out and prove it. He's on his way to doing that."

As for the Preakness Stakes (gr. I), Exaggerator earned a career-best 107, rallying from eighth to win. The victory continues Exaggerator's trend of steady improvement. The Curlin colt has posted career-best ESFs in six of his past seven starts. **BH**

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Extreme Conditions as Exaggerator tops Nyquist in the slop at Pimlico

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EXAGGERATOR OWNERS: 'THIS ISN'T NORMAL'

Majority owners Matt Bryan, Ron Ortowski and Sol Kumin

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BROTHERS IN ARMS

Kent & Keith Desormeaux score with Exaggerator in the Preakness

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EXAGGERATOR'S BREEDER: 'GOOD PROBLEMS TO HAVE'

Joseph Murphy II, owner of the Preakness winner's dam, Dawn Raid

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SARATOGA GROUP REJECTS NYRA PLAN

By Tom Precious

The Concerned Citizens for Saratoga Racing, without specifically citing its sources, blasted plans May 24 for the future of the New York Racing Association that it claims are being circulated by Gov. Andrew Cuomo.

The group claims the governor's draft proposals allow for too many government appointees on the NYRA board, gives the governor say over who would chair the board, and reduces by some level proceeds from video lottery terminals that currently go for capital improvements at Aqueduct Racetrack, Belmont Park, and Saratoga Race Course.

The warning by the Saratoga group comes as Cuomo and lawmakers consider options for the future governance of the Thoroughbred racing corporation.

A decision to revert NYRA back to private control, or to extend the state control period for another year, must be made before the state legislature ends its 2016 session on June 16.

Maureen Lewi, chair of Concerned Citizens for Saratoga Racing, said the group has compiled a list of what it says are Cuomo's NYRA ideas from "various sources" over the past week.

"We decided to get it out now before too many things happen," Lewi said of the NYRA governance discussions taking place at the state Capitol.

The group said the governor wants to appoint five of 15 board members of a re-privatized NYRA, not including the one selection apiece that would come from the heads of the Assembly and Senate. The group claims Cuomo also wants to appoint the new chair and to divert an unknown amount of money that now goes to NYRA purses and breeding funds.

The group also says the Cuomo plan calls for providing "sweeping new powers to various public agencies" that would be able to "manipulate NYRA's budget and operations."

"Four years ago, this governor promised to return NYRA to a not-for-profit corporation in three years. This year, his plan is another means by which he is seeking to exert his control over NYRA and the future of our state's Thoroughbred racing industry," the group said in a statement. The group's members include John Hendrickson and Charles Wait, both former NYRA board members.

Cuomo has not formally released any plan for NYRA's future. Whatever emerges would be subject to negotiation with the legislature.

The heads of the Assembly and Senate racing committees outlined plans lawmakers are considering for the future of NYRA. Assemblyman Gary Pretlow last week said one Assembly plan calls for all current NYRA board members appointed by the governor to be removed while the NYRA-selected members could stay. His plan mirrored Sen. John Bonacic's with three members appointed by the governor and legislative leaders and a voting role for the horsemen and breeders group. **BH**



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New York Governor Andrew Cuomo

COMMANDING CURVE RETIRES TO SECOND CAREER

By Blood-Horse Staff

Commanding Curve will retire from racing to begin retraining for a second career with three-day eventing Olympic gold medalist rider Phillip Dutton, according to a May 24 release.

The 5-year-old Master Command gelding is best known for his fast-closing second to California Chrome in the 2014 Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (gr. I).

West Point Thoroughbreds' Commanding Curve retires sound following a ninth-place finish in a May 7 allowance race at Churchill Downs with overall earnings of \$609,378.

"He took his partners and our team on a great ride and gave us the thrill of a lifetime when he was rolling turning for home in the Derby," said West Point president Terry Finley. "We haven't been able to recreate the magic of Derby day on the racetrack, and owe it to him to retire sound with the ability to move on to a second career."

Commanding Curve broke his maiden in the fall of his 2-year-old season before finishing third in the 2014 Louisiana Derby (gr. II) As a 4-year-old he won



CHAD B. HARMON

Commanding Curve placed second in the 2014 Kentucky Derby to California Chrome

an allowance race at Churchill.

"He ran the race of his life on the day it mattered most and it took a world-beater in California Chrome to beat him," trainer Dallas Stewart said. "He's a big, strong horse with a great mind, and I'm excited to see what he can do in his second career." **BH**

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HONG KONG BREAKING NEW GROUND IN TESTING

By Blood-Horse Staff

Hong Kong Jockey Club scientists are making strides toward developing advanced tests that identify attempts to enhance racehorse performance by either pharmacological or non-chemical means.

An article posted on HKJC's website outlines how club-led research has been focused on using biomarker profiling to detect the misuse of steroidal aromatase inhibitors (steroids that inhibit aromatase activities).

Early findings of the research was first published in *Analytical Chemistry* in December 2015. More recent results will be presented at the 64th American Society for Mass Spectrometry Conference in San Antonio, Texas, in June.

"The efficacy of conventional drug testing is diminishing over time, and the Club is making significant progress toward a new way of equine doping control through our biomarkers project," stated Dr. Terence Wan, head of HKJC's racing laboratory. "Biomarkers monitoring is a revolutionary detection approach and has the potential to fill the gap where conventional drug testing either fails or encounters significant challenges."

A biological marker is an indicator of a physiological state resulting from biological or pathological processes, some of which are responses to external pharmacological (drug) or non-chemical interventions.

In order to cope with rapid drug development challenging the conventional "chemical testing" approach to doping control, biomarker monitoring focuses on the biological effects of drugs instead of testing for the residual presence of specific substances.

"Despite advances in analytical sciences, doping with proteins, peptides, and other emerging products of biotechnology, including individualized medicines tailor-made from one's genetic information, is most difficult to identify by conventional drug testing," Wan added. "This new approach has excellent potential to:

- Identify indirectly, and collectively, the misuse of numerous undetect-

able or difficult-to-detect substances;

- Improve the detection windows for fast-eliminating but long-acting substances;
- Perform longitudinal monitoring of biomarkers profiles of racehorses to identify any changes due to the effects of drugs or other forms of doping, the so-called biological passports;
- Identify the administration of naturally occurring (endogenous) prohibited substances;
- Differentiate between the surreptitious treatment with a banned substance by a certain route of exposure and the inadvertent exposure to the same substance by another route.

Andrew Harding, executive director HKJC Racing Authority, said this kind of research keeps HKJC at the forefront of doping control worldwide.

"Racing integrity is a key element to the success of racing in Hong Kong, and the Club's relentless effort in maintaining a high standard of racing control has been endorsed by international racing jurisdictions and is undoubtedly trusted by customers," said Harding. "The racing laboratory's ground-breaking work is a keystone in maintaining that trust."

The HKJC's research published in *Analytical Chemistry* shows that researchers could identify horses administered with steroidal aromatase inhibitors relative to the control group by monitoring the biomarkers in the urine samples, all without testing for the inhibitors themselves or their unique metabolites. **BH**



Hong Kong Jockey Club's Dr. Terence Wan, head of the racing laboratory

JAPAN CELEBRATES AT CHANTILLY

By Tom Hall

International flags unfurled at Chantilly in the Prix d'Ispahan (Fr-I) May 24.

A nine-horse field contested the middle-distance group I race over a heavy turf course, and at the end of the nine-furlongs, the Japanese contingent held pride of place.

A Shin Hikari, a 5-year-old gray son of Sunday Silence's successor son Deep Impact, took to the sodden conditions as Japan's leading jockey Yutaka Take guided him to a 10-length win over the Aga Khan's Dariyan, with Silverwave another 1 1/2 lengths back.

Bred and owned by K.K. Eishindo and trained by Masanori Sakaguchi, A Shin Hikari was not only making his 2016 debut but his first European start. He previously won graded stakes in Japan and took the Longines Hong Kong Cup (HK-I) last December.

Although bred in Japan and sired by a Japanese stallion, A Shin Hikari is all-American on the female side.

His dam, Catalina, is a Storm Cat half sister to Sir Beaufort (Pleasant Colony), who won the 1993 Santa Anita Handicap (gr. I). Three generations of the family were fostered in the crucible of Thomas Mellon Evans' Buckland Farm. **BH**



Japanese leading sire Deep Impact (Sunday Silence) sired race winner A Shin Hikari



Hip 108, a colt by Tapit out of grade I winner Champagne d'Oro at the 2015 Select Sale in Japan

INTERNATIONAL REPORT: JAPAN

JRHA SELECT SALE ANNOUNCE CATALOGS

By Eric Mitchell

The Japan Racing Horse Association announced May 24 it has cataloged 248 yearlings and 243 foals for the JRHA Select Sale July 11-12 at Northern Horse Park near New Chitose Airport on Hokkaido.

The sale includes the progeny of first-crop yearling sires Orfevre, Lord Kanaloa, and Novellist as well as the first foals by Just a Way, the world's highest rated horse in 2014.

Other top sires represented include proven stallions Deep Impact, Heart's Cry, King Kamehameha, and Screen Hero, all of whom have had top performers at recent international events, including A Shin Hikari, Real Steel, Duramente, Nuovo Record, and Maurice.

Cumulative results for the JHRA sale have seen regular gains in average price since 2011 and only one slip in median in the past five years, which occurred with a 1.2% decline in 2013. The overall results in 2015 produced a 7.4% gain in average to ¥33,435,279 (\$329,880) and a 13.6% rise in median to ¥25 million (\$246,655).

The 2015 yearling session was the strongest it has been since 2011, producing a 20.7% gain in average to ¥33,830,952 (\$333,783) and a 25% rise in median to ¥25 million.

Complete catalog pages with black-type information will become available on the JRHA website by May 29. **BH**



TAYLOR INFLUENCE EVIDENT AT PIMLICO

In the modern era few breeders can match Edward Plunket Taylor's record.

From his Windfields Farm divisions headquartered in Canada and for a time in Maryland came 48 champions and more than 360 stakes winners.

The most significant of those was possibly the most influential stallion of the 20th century: Northern Dancer.

Over the years Northern Dancer's appearance—and multiple appearances—in the pedigrees of major stakes winners has become an almost ubiquitous part of the warp and weft of the breed.

That said, the two sophomore stars of Pimlico's Preakness Stakes (gr. I) weekend, Go Maggie Go and Exaggerator, have pedigrees notable for complex relationships centered around Windfields Farm bloodlines.

Black-Eyed Susan Stakes (gr. II) heroine Go Maggie Go, who scored for the third time in four starts, is by Horse of the Year Ghostzapper. His grandsire, U.S. champion 2-year-old male and Canadian Horse of the Year Deputy Minister, is by Windfields-bred Vice Regent—champion sire in Canada 13 times.

Go Maggie Go's dam Magibel is by Tale of the Cat, a grandson of Storm Bird—like Vice Regent, a Windfields Farm-bred son of Northern Dancer. Go Maggie Go's second dam Marquetry Road is by Marquetry, a stallion out of a Vice Regent mare, and third dam, Road to Heaven is by another Canadian champion, Kennedy Road.

Not a Windfields-bred, Kennedy Road, nevertheless, was by Windfields-bred Victoria Park—a half brother to the dam of Vice Regent—out of a mare by Northern Dancer's sire, the Windfields-bred Nearctic, so "inside out" to Vice Regent.

Preakness Stakes (gr. I) victor, Exaggerator is a son of two-time Horse of the Year Curlin. Like Go Maggie Go's paternal grandsire Awesome Again, Curlin has Mr. Prospector and Deputy Minister close up in his pedigree: He's by Mr. Prospector's son Smart Strike out of a Deputy Minister mare.

Exaggerator's dam Dawn Raid is by Vindication. That short-lived champion 2-year-old was by Seattle Slew (a grandson of Boldnesian) out of a mare by Strawberry Road, whose grandsire is Windfields-bred champion Nijinsky II.

That parallels the pedigree of Exaggerator's granddam Embur Sunshine, a daughter of Boldnesian's son Bold Ruckus out of a mare by Nijinsky II's three-quarters brother The Minstrel.

In addition to being a three-quarters brother to Nijinsky II, The Minstrel is also closely related to Deputy Minister's sire Vice Regent. Both are by

Northern Dancer, and The Minstrel is out of a mare by Victoria Park, a half brother to Vice Regent's dam.

The story doesn't end there, however. Exaggerator's fifth dam is the Windfields-bred Chou Fleur. She is by Victoria Park out of Orchestrina, who, in turn, is by Nearctic out of another E.P. Taylor stakes winner Orchestra, a daughter of Vice Regent's broodmare sire Menetrier. **BH**



WINANTS BROTHERS

E.P. Taylor's stallion Northern Dancer

CURLIN, ch, 2004	Smart Strike, 1992	Mr. Prospector, 1970	Raise a Native
		Classy 'n Smart, 1981	Gold Digger
EXAGGERATOR dkb/br, c February 5, 2013	Sherriff's Deputy, 1994	Deputy Minister, 1979	Smarten
		Barbarika, 1985	No Class
DAWN RAID, dkb/br, 2005	Vindication, 2000	Seattle Slew, 1974	Vice Regent
		Strawberry Reason, 1992	Mint Copy
	Embur Sunshine, 1993	Bold Ruckus, 1976	Bates Motel
		Vevila, 1984	War Exchange
			Bold Reasoning
			My Charmer
			Strawberry Road
			Pretty Reason
			Boldnesian
			Raise a Ruckus
			The Minstrel
			Bon Debarras

RACE RESULTS

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STAKES RESULTS

PRIX D'ISPAHAN (FR-I)

Chantilly, 5/24, €250,000, 4yo/up, 9f, 1:53.29, hvy.

1—**A Shin Hikari (JPN)**, 128, gr h, 5.... €142,850
Deep Impact (JPN)—Catalina, by Storm Cat
O—EISHINDO CO LTD, B—KK EISHINDO (JPN),
T—SAKAGUCHI MASANORI, J—TAKE YUTAKA

2—**Dariyan (FR)**, 128, b c, 4 €57,150
Shamardal—Daryakana (FR), by Selkirk
O—H H AGA KHAN, B—S.A. AGA KHAN (FR),
T—DE ROYER-DUPRE ALAIN, J—SOUMILLON
CHRISTOPHE

3—**Silverwave (FR)**, 128, b c, 4 €28,575
Silver Frost (IRE)—Miss Bio (FR), by River Mist
O—HSPRIT, B—MLLE M-L COLLET, J COLLET
& MME M COLLET (FR), T—BARY PASCAL, J—
GUYON MAXIME

Sale History: 2014 ARQNOV, \$526,050, 2013
ARQOCT, (\$82,116 RNA).

Margins: 10, 1¾, ½. **Others:** VADAMOS (FR), MY
DREAM BOAT (IRE), NEW BAY (GB), MONDIALISTE (IRE),
WILD CHIEF (GER), ERUPT (IRE).

Tom Ridge S.

Presque Isle Downs, 5/23, \$100,000, 3yo, 6f (all-weather),
1:08.16, track fast.

1—**Noholdingback Bear** 🌿, 123, b c, 3 \$60,000
Put It Back—Pleasant Quality, by **Elusive**
Quality

O—Bear Stables, Ltd., B—Jerry Jamgotchian
(KY), T—Michael P. De Paulo, J—Eurico Rosa
Da Silva

Sale History: 2014 KEEJAN, \$25,000.

2—**Holding Gold**, 118, b c, 3 \$20,000
Lonhro (AUS)—In the Gold, by **Golden Missile**
O—Live Oak Plantation, B—Live Oak Stud (FL),
T—Mark E. Casse, J—Patrick Husbands

3—**Don't Be So Salty**, 114, b g, 3 \$10,000
Tiz Wonderful—Unbridled Salt, by Unbridled's
Song

O—Platinum Seven LLC, Guarino, Dan and
Boutelle, Julia C., B—John A DeVault III & Sue
S DeVault (FL), T—Gary C. Contessa, J—Taylor
B. Rice

Margins: 2¼, 6½, 2. **Others:** Torazo (\$5,000), Save
the Drama (\$2,500), Balk (\$1,500), Quijote (\$500),
Memories of Winter (\$500). **Scratched:** Montauk Cove,
Mykonos, Bobcat. [View Equibase Chart](#)

ALLOWANCE RESULTS

Indiana Downs, Race 6, ALW

5/24, \$34,000, 3yo/up, 8.5f (turf), 1:43.70, course firm.

1—**Paternal Pride**, 120, dk b/br g, 4, **Majesticperfection**—
Like My Dad, by Cozzene, \$20,400, O—H. V. Farms, Ltd.,
B—H. V. Farms, Ltd. (KY), T—Steven M. Asmussen, J—Ricardo
Santana, Jr.

Margin: 5, 9 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Parx Racing, Race 7, ALW

5/24, \$51,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 8.32f (dirt), 1:44.39, track
fast.

1—**Ignite**, 121, b m, 5, **Jump Start**—Perverse, by **Distorted**
Humor, \$42,840, O—Emerald Field Farm, B—Barlar, LLC
(PA), T—J. Guadalupe Guerrero, J—Hector Caballero

Margin: ½, 8 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Presque Isle Downs, Race 1, ALW

5/24, \$28,000, 3yo/up, 8f (all-weather), 1:38.20, track
fast.

1—**Chosen Heir**, 119, dk b/br g, 7, Wildcat Heir—Kombat
Kate, by Fit to Fight, \$16,800, O—Anne L. Walsh, B—Luis De
Hechavarría (FL), T—Ryan D. Walsh, J—Huber Villa-Gomez

Sale History: 2011 OBSAPR, \$55,000.

Margin: 4, 6 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

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MAIDEN RESULTS

Indiana Downs, Race 2, MSW

5/24, \$34,000, 3/4/5yo, 6f (dirt), 1:12.21, track fast.

1—**The Political Norm**, 122, gr/ro g, 4, Political Force—Peak
of the Storm, by Peaks and Valleys, \$20,400, O—White
Horse Ranch LLC, B—Richard M. Hammer DVM (IN), T—Erin
Thompson, J—Eduardo E. Perez

Margin: 2¾, 11 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Indiana Downs, Race 4, MSW

5/24, \$32,000, 3/4/5yo, f/m, 5f (turf), :58.47, course firm.

1—**Summer Vision**, 122, dk b/br f, 4, **Ghostzapper**—Stormy
Saratoga, by **Stormy Atlantic**, \$19,200, O—Richardson, J.
David and Chipman, Mike, B—J. David Richardson & Rose
Island Thoroughbreds (KY), T—Brian Knippenberg, J—Dick
Cardenas



Margin: head, 11 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Indiana Downs, Race 7, MSW

5/24, \$34,000, 3/4/5yo, 6f (dirt), 1:10.05, track fast.

1—**Chipsandslots**, 118, ch g, 3, **Lightnin N Thunder**—Salt
City Miss, by Salt Lake, \$20,400, O—Likens, Herbert and
Darlene, B—Herbert Likens & Darlene Likens (IN), T—Ralph
Martinez, J—Fernando De La Cruz

Margin: 3½, 11 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)



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TODAY'S ENTRIES

SWIFTLY SIRED FILLIES S.

Indiana Downs, Wednesday, May 25, Race 5
6f (dirt), \$100,000, 3yo f, 3:57 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	1	My Erin	Article of Faith	3/f	Marcelino Pedroza	120	6/1	Barbara J. Conner and Southwest Racing Stables (Genaro Garcia)
2	2	Text N Ride	Dr Large	3/f	Francisco C. Torres	116	20/1	Darlene and Herbert Likens and Ark Racing, LLC (Adam Kallick)
3	3	Easy Victory	Lost Victory	3/f	Albin Jimenez	122	6/5	Shawn Strain
4	4	Highly	Pass Rush	3/f	Angel Suarez	116	30/1	Zola Egbert
5	5	Express Run	Unbridled Express	3/f	Leandro R. Goncalves	116	15/1	Hillerich Racing, LLC (Ron Hillerich) and L.T.B., Inc. (Bernard S. Flint)
6	6	Good Guess	Goods	3/f	Eduardo E. Perez	116	30/1	Marion F. Gorham
7	7	Carmalley Chrome	Cat Dreams	3/f	Rodney A. Prescott	120	5/2	Tom Roche
8	8	Peyton's Pass	Pass Rush	3/f	Fernando De La Cruz	120	7/2	Mast Thoroughbreds, LLC (Henry Mast)

Breeders: 1–Barbara J. Conner; 2–Herbert Likens & Darlene Likens; 3–Circle S Ranch; 4–Christine Cagle; 5–LTB Inc & Hillerich Racing LLC; 6–Southern Indiana Racing Company, LLC; 7–Carmalley Valley Farm, LLC; 8–Crystal Chapple DVM.

Trainers: 1–Genaro Garcia; 2–Ralph Martinez; 3–Thomas M. Amoss; 4–James Egbert; 5–Bernard S. Flint; 6–Robert M. Gorham; 7–Michael W. Nance; 8–Robert M. Gorham.

SAGAMORE SIRED S.

Indiana Downs, Wednesday, May 25, Race 6
6f (dirt), \$100,000, 3yo, 4:25 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	1	Souped Up Warrior	Desert Warrior	3/g	Carlos Villasana	116	30/1	Mike L. Campbell
2	2	Givemeyourbestshot	Article of Faith	3/g	Alejandro L. Contreras	116	30/1	Brandi Garner
3	3	Containment	Pass Rush	3/g	Marcelino Pedroza	120	10/1	Swiftly Farms (Dana Myers)
4	4	Express Cash	Unbridled Express	3/g	Leandro R. Goncalves	116	10/1	Ed Wright Cattle Company (Ed Wright) and L.T.B., Inc (Bernard S. Flint)
5	5	Big Silver Hoss	Silver Mountain	3/g	Fernando De La Cruz	116	5/1	South Fork Creek Stables, Inc. (Deborah and Walter Owens)
6	6	Justice for Themob	Lantana Mob	3/g	Cheyanna Patrick	122	15/1	Cindy Patrick
7	7	El Coco Loco	Star Cat	3/g	Eduardo E. Perez	116	15/1	Julee R. Rodriguez
8	8	Strong Composition	Mancini	3/c	Albin Jimenez	116	9/2	Monarch Stables, Inc. (Frank Bertolino)
9	9	Derby Express	Unbridled Express	3/c	Malcolm Franklin	122	1/1	Sherri L. Greenhill
10	10	Easy Doer	Alluvial	3/g	Rodney A. Prescott	116	12/1	Clark and Robert C. Sturgeon

Breeders: 1–Mike Campbell; 2–Herbert Likens & Darlene Likens; 3–Swiftly Farms Inc.; 4–Ed Wright Cattle Co. & Bernard Flint; 5–South Fork Creek Stables, Inc.; 6–Kellie Nihiser; 7–Richard Snyder & Connie Snyder; 8–John O'Meara; 9–Greenhill Racing; 10–R. C. Sturgeon.

Trainers: 1–Tommy C. Short; 2–Michael E. Lauer; 3–Mort Shirazi; 4–Bernard S. Flint; 5–Gerald S. Bennett; 6–R. Gary Patrick; 7–Julee R. Rodriguez; 8–Anthony J. Granitz; 9–Jeffrey L. Greenhill; 10–Robert C. Sturgeon.

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2016 NORTH AMERICAN LEADING SIRES

Listed below is a comparison of statistics for only North American racing with all available statistics through May 23, 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..

Rank	Stallion	Sire, YOB	'16 Stud Fee	Farm	Chief Earner (Earnings)	'16 Earnings
1	Uncle Mo	Indian Charlie, '08	\$75,000	Ashford Stud, KY	Nyquist (\$3,505,600)	\$7,012,931
2	Tapit	Pulpit, '01	\$300,000	Gainesway, KY	Creator (\$740,000)	\$5,712,108
3	Candy Ride (ARG)	Ride the Rails, '99	\$60,000	Lane's End, KY	Gun Runner (\$1,040,000)	\$4,791,866
4	Curlin	Smart Strike, '04	\$100,000	Hill 'n' Dale Farms, KY	Exaggerator (\$1,988,000)	\$4,462,205
5	Malibu Moon	A.P. Indy, '97	\$95,000	Spendthrift Farm, KY	Stanford (\$819,400)	\$3,700,465
6	Giant's Causeway	Storm Cat, '97	\$85,000	Ashford Stud, KY	Brody's Cause (\$600,000)	\$3,366,039
7	City Zip	Carson City, '98	\$40,000	Lane's End, KY	Collected (\$382,500)	\$3,337,393
8	Bernardini	A.P. Indy, '03	\$100,000	Darley, KY	Lewis Bay (\$310,600)	\$3,263,898
9	Flatter	A.P. Indy, '99	\$30,000	Claiborne Farm, KY	Taris (\$398,560)	\$3,261,077
10	Medaglia d'Oro	El Prado, '99	\$150,000	Darley, KY	Songbird (\$480,000)	\$2,975,294

2016 BROODMARE SIRES

Listed below are the top 10 leading broodmare sires by 2016 Northern Hemisphere earnings through May 23, 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	521	980	9 (.9%)	153	Duramente (\$1,477,964)	\$15,582,609
2	Storm Cat	Storm Bird, '83	315	457	10 (2.2%)	219	Real Steel (\$3,671,319)	\$10,812,034
3	Not For Love	Mr. Prospector, '90	97	152	6 (3.9%)	24	California Chrome (\$6,210,000)	\$8,268,463
4	Forestry	Storm Cat, '96	162	233	5 (2.1%)	18	Nyquist (\$3,505,600)	\$6,481,881
5	French Deputy	Deputy Minister, '92	222	358	9 (2.5%)	66	Makahiki (\$547,301)	\$6,477,604
6	Unbridled's Song	Unbridled, '93	273	394	7 (1.8%)	86	Cherry Wine (\$467,800)	\$5,386,125
7	Giant's Causeway	Storm Cat, '97	237	327	7 (2.1%)	42	Gun Runner (\$1,040,000)	\$5,280,785
8	A.P. Indy	Seattle Slew, '89	269	404	9 (2.2%)	135	S'maverlous (\$308,984)	\$5,178,822
9	Brian's Time	Roberto, '85	234	421	4 (1.0%)	27	Dee Majesty (\$764,018)	\$4,685,648
10	Seeking the Gold	Mr. Prospector, '85	222	321	4 (1.2%)	132	Ertijaal (\$344,149)	\$4,412,841

2016 SIRES BY LIFETIME AEI

Listed below are the top 10 leading sires by lifetime Average Earnings Index (AEI) through May 23, 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	Uncle Mo	Indian Charlie, '08	\$75,000	Ashford Stud, KY	2	217	3.79	1.81
2	Pioneer of the Nile	Empire Maker, '06	\$125,000	WinStar Farm LLC, KY	4	272	3.02	1.61
3	Into Mischief	Harlan's Holiday, '05	\$45,000	Spendthrift Farm, KY	5	246	2.57	1.45
4	Tapit	Pulpit, '01	\$300,000	Gainesway, KY	9	936	2.37	2.10
5	War Front	Danzig, '02	\$200,000	Claiborne Farm, KY	7	459	2.35	2.23
6	Curlin	Smart Strike, '04	\$100,000	Hill 'n' Dale Farms, KY	5	417	2.31	2.22
7	Ghostzapper	Awesome Again, '00	\$60,000	Adena Springs Kentucky, KY	8	593	2.25	2.05
8	Medaglia d'Oro	El Prado, '99	\$150,000	Darley, KY	9	1009	2.11	2.30
9	Distorted Humor	Forty Niner, '93	\$100,000	WinStar Farm LLC, KY	15	1246	2.09	2.21
10	Awesome Again	Deputy Minister, '94	\$75,000	Adena Springs Kentucky, KY	15	1038	2.09	1.91