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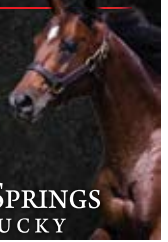
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## MINESHAFT MARE, UNCLE MO YEARLINGS PACE KEENELAND DAY 2

By Ron Mitchell

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The second session of the Keeneland horses of all ages sale Jan. 10 had more vibrancy than the opener, but at the end of the day the results were the same, with significant declines in all key categories.

Keeneland reported 221 head changed hands on the day for gross receipts of \$11,059,600, compared with \$13,020,400 for 193 during the comparable 2016 second session. The average fell 25.8% to \$50,043 from \$67,463 a year ago and the median was off 28.6% to \$25,000 from \$35,000.

The Jan. 10 RNA rate was 29.4%, compared with 26% in 2016.

Cumulatively, after Book 1 in which the better stock has been offered, the gross of \$21,573,600 is down 19%, the average has dropped 20.1% to \$56,181, and the \$30,000 median is off 14.3% from the 2016 two-day figures. The cumulative RNA rate is 33.8%; it was 29.5% at the same juncture last year.

"Mixed sales are hard to compare from year to year or session to session," Geoffrey Russell, Keeneland's director of sales operations said, putting the numbers in perspective. "Anything that had perceived quality sold very well."

With the sub-freezing temperatures of the previous three



KEENELAND PHOTO

**Joyfully was the Tuesday session topper when she sold for \$575,000**

days giving way to milder, albeit windy and wet conditions Tuesday, there were considerably more people on the sale grounds.

"It had a better feel today," Russell said of the atmosphere.

As the last major public auction before the start of the North American breeding season, the January sale provides a marketplace for some breeders wanting to move mares or bring in fresh stock to their operations. Others use the auction to market broodmare or racing prospects that are well-bred or in foal to fashionable stallions that would otherwise would have gotten lost in the numbers at Keeneland's marathon breeding stock sale last November.

Frances Relihan, representing Oussama Aboughazale's International Equities Holding, said the sale's leading buyer found the January market conducive to his buying program.

"There is value to be had because I think, in November, you had a larger buying base of people from around the world,"

she said. "When a lot of people reviewed the (January) catalog, I think there were certain buyers that didn't come to the sale. So from our standpoint it has been good because there was less competition for those good mares. But you still have to pay for them."

Consignor Kerry Cauthen of Four Star Sales said the uptick in activity Tuesday could have been a result of breeders adjusting their expectations.

"I feel like today has gotten more in line with our thinking and part of that comes from maybe a first bumpy day and people realign their thoughts," Cauthen said. "It's a typical January sale. When you bring up a good offering, it brings good money."

International Equities Holding, which purchased Delightful Joy for \$700,000 on Monday, bought the Day 2 topper, going to \$575,000 for Joyfully, a 5-year-old daughter of Horse of the Year Mineshaft consigned as Hip 389 by Paramount Sales.

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## MINESHAFT MARE, UNCLE MO YEARLINGS PACE KEENELAND DAY 2

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Joyfully, sold in foal to Triple Crown winner American Pharoah, is out of the winning Forestry mare Rejoicing and is a half sister to grade 3 winners Divine Oath and Auntie Joy.

Aboughazale said Joyfully would be bred to War Front this year.

"She (Joyfully) is just lovely and her foal looked very well," Aboughazale said. "I think it's a good buy."

Just before the mare went into the ring, her 2016 colt by Uncle Mo was hammered down to agent Mike Ryan, signing in the name of Key Palm Stable for \$370,000.

"It was a great price for both mare and foal," said Paramount's Pat Costello. "They were two lovely horses. Her first foal, the Uncle Mo was a cracker. He is a beautiful, big walking horse so he deserved to bring that price. He vetted out perfect and is a good colt. And the mare was absolutely beautiful and when they produce that kind of a foal, you know they're a good mare.

"I think he's a classic, two-turn horse," Ryan said of the Uncle Mo colt, the second-highest price paid for a yearling during the sale. "I believe he will get a mile and a quarter. He was head and shoulders above the rest (of the Keeneland just-turned yearlings). The stride on him is enormous. He gets over the ground so easily."

The day's second-highest price of \$460,000 was fetched by Chocolate Pop (Hip 686), an 11-year-

old mare in foal to Bernardini knocked down to Springhouse Farm from the Four Star offerings. Airoforce, a grade 2 winner who finished second in three graded stakes including the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf (G1T), was the Cuvee mare's first of four foals.

"She was the right kind," Cauthen said. "I think you could have seen anywhere between \$350,000 and I wouldn't have been surprised at \$500,000 or a bit more. It was just a matter of who decides to show up decide to compete. I saw a number of underbidders. It was a very fair and competitive market."

Late in the session, Ellen Charles went to \$385,000 to acquire a Maryland-bred son of Uncle Mo in the name of her Hillwood Stable, the highest priced short yearling of the auction so far.

Consigned by Warrendale Sales as Hip 745, the colt is out of the winning Salt Lake mare Gone to Utah, whose six winners from as many foals to race include stakes winner Away We Go and three stakes-placed runners. He was bred by Nicewonder Stable.

Charles, accompanied by trainer Rodney Jenkins, said she came to the January sale specifically to buy a yearling and was pleased that she was able to buy a son of Uncle Mo.

"He is just a really beautiful colt," the owner said. "I wanted an Uncle Mo and he seems like the right one."

Jenkins said he was keenly aware of the colt's female family, noting he had trained all the stakes horses, except one, produced from Gone to Utah.

Warrendale's Kitty Taylor said the colt far exceeded his reserve price, mainly because he was a Maryland-bred and was bought by an owner who races primarily in that state.

With 38 head sold for \$1,732,400, Paramount was the day's leading consignor. International Equities Holding bought four for \$1,080,000 to lead all buyers in that category and has landed a sales-leading 11 head so far for a total of \$2,251,000.

With four horses bringing \$920,000, Uncle Mo was the session's leading sire.

The Keeneland sale continues through Jan. 13, with daily sessions beginning at 10 a.m.

*Alicia Wincze Hughes contributed to this report* **BH**



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**Pete Bradley inspects a yearling on a considerably warmer Tuesday at Keeneland**

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## BREEDERS' CUP BANS ELLIS, MASOCHISTIC IN 2017

By BloodHorse Staff

As a result of the ruling by Santa Anita Park stewards disqualifying Masochistic from a second-place finish in the TwinSpires Breeders' Cup Sprint (G1) and redistributing the purse based upon a positive test finding for the anabolic steroid stanozolol, trainer Ron Ellis—and all horses directly or indirectly in his care—are ineligible to participate in the 2017 Breeders' Cup World Championships.

With a first violation of the prohibited substance rule in a Breeders' Cup race, rules also prohibit the transfer of horses in Ellis' barn to any other person associated with Ellis for the purpose of competing in the Breeders' Cup.

Under the convicted trainer rule, Masochistic is also ineligible to compete in the 2017 Breeders' Cup.

"Today's actions affirm our determination to conduct the Breeders' Cup under the highest standards of integrity and in a fair, competitive environment for all participants," said Breeders' Cup president and chief executive officer Craig Fravel. "Looking forward, we will be modifying our rules and protocols for out-of-competition testing to ensure that no horse testing positive for any anabolic steroid while in training or competition will be permitted to race in the Breeders' Cup.

"There is no place for the administration of steroids to horses in training and racing, and we will be working closely with regulatory authorities to give the full effect to that principle in the Breeders' Cup."

Ellis declined comment.

The applicable Breeders' Cup rules can be found on the Breeders' Cup members website on pages 82-83 of



ANNE M. EBERHARDT

**Masochistic and all other horses trained by Ron Ellis are ineligible to participate in the 2017 Breeders' Cup**

the 2016 Breeders' Cup Horsemen's Information Guide.

"The Jockey Club applauds Breeders' Cup Ltd. for its strong stance against anabolic steroids in Thoroughbred racing and training and fully supports measures that will help eliminate steroids from our sport," said James Gagliano, president and chief operating officer of The Jockey Club. "Until that happens, we ask that regulators in all 38 racing jurisdictions adopt the Racing Medication & Testing Consortium's model rule for out-of-competition testing. The rule mandates that horses treated with any anabolic steroid spend at least six months on a vet's list, therefore making them ineligible to race.

"We also hope that more racing jurisdictions make use of The Jockey Club's graded stakes out-of-competition testing grant fund, which has been available since 2014 but has been severely underutilized.

"In addition, The Jockey Club, through the Coalition for Horse Racing Integrity, will continue to advocate for federal legislation that will lead to the adoption of a national, uniform standard for drugs and medication in American Thoroughbred racing." **BH**

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## ABOUGHHAZALE: NEW FARM, SAME OBJECTIVE

By Alicia Wincze-Hughes

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Oussama Aoughazale stood in the Keeneland sales pavilion Jan. 10 and began by stating the obvious.

The mare he just went to \$575,000 to attain, a daughter of Mineshaft named Joyfully, was the kind that stood out for all the right reasons in the January catalog. In an auction where quality can be hard to come by, she had physical presence and pedigree in spades—as well as the added tick of being in foal to a certain Triple Crown winner.

"I just bought my farm here and we have to stock it up with nice mares," Aoughazale said. "We don't want to start half lame."

What has also been blatant during the first two days of the Keeneland January auction is how serious Aoughazale is about taking his love affair with Kentucky to another level. Under the name of his International Equities Holding, Aoughazale has been diligently shopping for mares to support his new Paris, KY-based operation, buying 11 lots for a total of \$2,251,000—including Joyfully, who topped Tuesday's activity with a bid of \$575,000—to lead all buyers during the opening sessions.

Aoughazale's presence in both the commercial landscape and the racing scene is nothing new. His Chilean-based Haras Sumaya bred and campaigned grade 1 winner Wild Spirit and he most recently retired his homebred multiple graded stakes winner Protonico to stand his first season at Taylor Made Farm.

A longtime client of the Seitz family's Brookdale Farm, the affable Aoughazale recently put down roots in the Bluegrass, purchasing the former Belvedere Farm near Paris with plans on refurbishing the grounds and establishing a broodmare band he hopes will maintain his longstanding hallmark of quality.

"I love horses, I love Kentucky. It's so beautiful here," Aoughazale said between purchases Tuesday. "Even now in the winter, it's beautiful. I fell in love with it 20 years ago. I fell in love with Kentucky, really that is why I'm here."



**Stud Sumaya (l-r): Jody Alexander, Dr. Carolina Rojas, Claudio Palma, Frances Relihan, and Oussama Aoughazale**

With bloodstock manager Frances Relihan and farm manager Jody Alexander lending their astute observations, Aoughazale is taking a quality over quantity approach to his bloodstock purchases. Both Joyfully and Delightful Joy, who International Equities Holding purchased for \$700,000 on Monday, are slated to go to Claiborne stallion War Front—whom Aoughazale owns a share in.

Supporting Protonico is the main objective, however, as Aoughazale estimates sending between 10-15 of his mares to the son of Giant's Causeway. Whether the offspring end up going through the sale ring or carrying Aoughazale's colors is still to be determined.

"It depends on the situation," he said. "Maybe Jody will tell me 'Keep this one,' because Jody will see them since they are born until they are 2. We'll see how things shape up."

One thing Aoughazale is steadfast about is that having his own Kentucky-based operation in no way means his longstanding relationship with Brookdale Farm is about to end.

Aoughazale's mare Kakadu, a half sister to Protonico, resides at Brookdale and had the distinction of foaling the first reported foal by 2015 Triple Crown winner American Pharoah on Jan. 3. Once his new farm gets its makeover and is at capacity, Aoughazale says the Seitz crew can still expect to handle members of his equine family.

"They are fantastic, they are my friends. Fred (Seitz) and Fred Jr.," he said. "They are honest and we'll always work together." **BH** [Share this story](#)





## SALES UPDATE

### BREHM SEES 'RED' BUYING BROODMARES

By Lenny Shulman

Texas resident Erich Brehm wasn't completely comfortable working his way around the frigid barns at Keeneland shopping for mares at the January sale, but he heated up once the bidding started and came away with five broodmares from Book 1 that are ticketed for his stallion Texas Red, who is standing his first season at stud this year at Pope McLean's Crestwood Farm near Lexington.

"What I learned is I do not like winter horse sales," joked Brehm. "I'm not one for running around a barn when it's five degrees out there."

Brehm hopes he has one of 2017's hot new stallions in Texas Red, a millionaire who crushed the 2014 Sentient Jet Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1) by 6 1/2 lengths and then took the following season's Jim Dandy Stakes (G2). Brehm, along with co-owners Dr. Gene Voss, Lee Michaels, Wayne Detmar, and trainer Keith Desormeaux, have retained 75% of the Afleet Alex colt, and will be giving him every chance to succeed in his second career.

"Bookings to 'Red' are going well," Brehm reported. "They had a stallion show and he really stood out among a good group of stallions. Being as big as he is and a Juvenile winner, he has a real chance."

Looking to increase those odds, Brehm signed Book 1 tickets for Ainsley, a black-type-placed winner by Officer in foal to Distorted Humor; Veronica's Lake, a black-type-placed winner by Salt Lake in foal to Flatter; Patriotic Viva, a black-type winner by Whywhywhy in foal to Stay Thirsty; Morakami, a black-type-placed winner by Fusaichi Pegasus in foal to Street Boss; and Tres Peach, a daughter of Mr. Greeley in foal to Shanghai Bobby.

Last November, Brehm picked up K D's Girl, a Curlin mare; and a War Front mare, but booked those two to Violence before it was announced Texas Red would be going to stud. The January sale mares will all go to Texas Red this year.



**Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1) winner Texas Red now stands at Crestwood Farm near Lexington**

"My game plan is, if I can get six to 10 nice juveniles in Keith's barn, he'll make the stallion. Plain and simple," said Brehm. "It's also important to put some nice babies in the market so the stallion has a solid selling average. So I may sell some and also might buy other (Texas Red) babies from other people."

"This is all new stuff to me, being in the mare business. We're taking a business approach to it and will see if we can do some good things. I think what we've accomplished at this sale is a good start."

Brehm has a company in Texas that grows heart tissue to repair cardiac injuries. For years he threw a Breeders' Cup party as his home in Sunnyvale, Texas, outside Dallas for a few dozen friends. In 2014, however, that party moved to Santa Anita Park, where 'Red' stormed home to take the Juvenile in the absence of a horse named American Pharoah, who would come back strong from injury the following year.

Texas Red retired with earnings of \$1,767,300. He is standing at Crestwood for \$7,500.

"We're contacting state breeder associations in Texas, Oklahoma, and Louisiana, with incentives for shipping mares up to him," said Brehm. "We're driving our own marketing a bit and giving him a chance to get some mares from our own region." **BH**


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## SALES UPDATE

### CANADA'S SAM-SON CONTINUES JANUARY SUCCESS

By Erin Shea

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For the past couple of years, Sam-Son Farm has found success with a relatively smaller consignment at the Keeneland January horses of all ages sale—and this season was no different.

The 45-year-old farm, which has a broodmare division in Ontario and a training center in Ocala, Fla., cataloged five fillies and mares as racing or broodmare prospects in this year's January sale. The farm sold three hips and had one out. Their top sale was Hip 537, Singwiththebirds, who was picked up by Hill 'n' Dale Bloodstock/Flintshire for \$75,000.

"(Singwiththebirds is) a very pretty filly," said Dave Whitford, broodmare and stallion manager at Sam-Son Farm. "She's got lots of family—her mom (Song of the Lark) is in foal to Medaglia d'Oro and has a Kitten's Joy foal that's coming along from 2016—there's lots of upside with that family.

"Up With The Birds will continue to race next year, (Singwiththebirds is) a half sister to him," he added, mentioning the 2013 Canadian Horse of the Year who is a homebred runner for Sam-Son. "He's put a lot of money in the bank for us over the last few years. We've got a lot of fillies coming along in the family, so we felt that we could let this one go. She's pretty and I think she'll make a great broodmare for somebody."

Whitford said their offerings this year fit well in the January sale, where the farm has typically sold in the past with some success. At the 2016 Keeneland January sale, they sold four fillies or mares, led by Fifth Avenue Bloodstock going to \$240,000 for stakes winner Ready for Romance.

"I think we would still go to Keeneland



Sam-Son broodmare and stallion manager Dave Whitford

November if we had the right mares," he said. "But we figured these mares would be better suited to January.

"Sometimes (their progeny) jump up and show promise and helps us make a decision on whether we keep one opposed to selling one, so we use that little extra time for that."

Sam-Son mostly keeps what they breed to race themselves, winning multiple Sovereign Awards for both outstanding owner and breeder in the process. Last year the farm ranked 59th by leading North American owners by earnings and notched a 21% win rate.

However, Whitford said the farm aims to keep their broodmare band on the smaller side, around 25 mares, and will occasionally sell mares to the public but will rarely sell weanlings or yearlings.

"(The mares sold are) usually finished racing," Whitford said. "But in our eyes, we've tried them, and we believe that we've gotten the best out of them...so we want to cut our losses and move on and make room for horses to come in.

"For a couple of years we sold some yearlings just to get our numbers down because they ballooned up on us. But since then and before then, we never sold any of our young stock. It's always breed to race, and we keep everything." **BH**

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## SKY'S THE LIMIT FOR UNCLE MO COLT

By Ron Mitchell

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An Uncle Mo colt agent Mike Ryan selected for Key Palm Stable at the Jan. 10 Keeneland January sale could prove to be a \$370,000 bargain.

"Sky's the limit for him," Ryan said. "I think he's a classic, two-turn horse. I believe he will get a mile and a quarter. He was head and shoulders above the rest (of the just-turned yearlings at Keeneland). The stride on him is enormous. He gets over the ground so easily."

Bred in Kentucky by Copper Water Thoroughbred Company and consigned by Paramount Sales, the colt is the first foal from the Mineshaft mare Joyfully, who is out of the winning Forestry mare Rejoicing and is a half sister to grade 3 winners Divine Oath and Auntie Joy. Just after her colt sold, Joyfully (in foal to American Pharoah) lit up the board when purchased by International Equities Holding for \$575,000.



KEENELAND PHOTO

**Hip 388, the Uncle Mo colt purchased by Mike Ryan for \$370,000 at the Keeneland January sale**

"He reminded me a lot of Nyquist," said Ryan, referring to the champion son of Uncle Mo he found as a \$230,000 yearling at the 2014 Keeneland September sale. "They both have that aura that good horses have. And Nyquist was out of a Forestry mare (Seeking Gabrielle), so it's the same cross."

Ryan did not know if the colt would be re-sold or retained by his client.

"As a yearling later in the year, I think he could be worth \$750,000 to \$1 million," he said. **BH**

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# QUICK AND SILVER LIVES UP TO NAME IN 2017 DEBUT

By Frank Angst

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Ellen and Peter Johnson's Quick and Silver opened his 6-year-old season in promising fashion, as the Dunkirk gelding registered a 2 1/4-length victory in an allowance race Jan. 8 at Golden Gate Fields and in the process earned the top Equibase Speed Figure of his career.

## Top 10 Equibase Speed Figures Since Jan. 3

E	Horse	Finish	Race, Track, Distance, Date
120	Quick and Silver	1	ALW, GG, 6f, 1/8
116	Gormley	1	Sham S. (gr. III), SA, 8f, 1/7
115	American Anthem	2	Sham S. (gr. III), SA, 8f, 1/7
115	Code Warrior	2	ALW, GG, 6f, 1/8
114	Blue Tone	1	San Gabriel S. (gr. III), SA, 9f, 1/7
112	Itsinthepost (FR)	2	San Gabriel S. (gr. III), SA, 9f, 1/7
111	Silent Bird	1	AOC, SA, 8f, 1/6
111	Texas Two Step	1	CLM, SA, 6.5f, 1/7
110	Oatfield	1	AOC, TAM, 8.18f, 1/4
110	El Huerfano	2	AOC, SA, 8f, 1/6
110	Twentytwentyvision	3	San Gabriel S. (gr. III), SA, 9f, 1/7

Trained in Northern California by William Delia, Quick and Silver tracked from second early under jockey William Antongeorgi III in Sunday's six-furlong test on the Golden Gate synthetic surface before taking command in the stretch and drawing away late. The performance earned a 120 Equibase Speed Figure, the top ESF of the past seven days and a 17-point improvement on Quick and Silver's final race of 2015.



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**Gormley's 116 Equibase Speed Figure for his Sham Stakes win was second-fastest of the week**

With four wins in his past five starts and a career-best ESF, Quick and Silver may be well-positioned to take a crack at his first stakes win in 2017.

Meanwhile the next two top ESFs of the past seven days were registered by newly turned 3-year-olds in the Sham Stakes (gr. III), where winner Gormley was awarded a 116 and American Anthem—second by a head—received a 115.

For Gormley the 116 was a career-best, a 12-point improvement on the 104 he earned winning last year's FrontRunner Stakes (G1). American Anthem entered the race off a 99 ESF earned in his maiden race debut win last month. **BH**

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Forego (right) joins John Henry (center) and Kelso (left) in October 1983 at Belmont Park

## THE MIGHTY FOREGO'S FINAL HURRAH

By Steve Haskin

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Last week I wrote about the 50th anniversary of Damascus and my introduction to Thoroughbred racing, and I feel it is only appropriate to write about the 40th anniversary of one of the most emotional and memorable races I've ever seen.

Six years after Damascus' retirement came a massive 17-hand gelding—The Mighty Forego—who defied all odds physically to become as great a weight carrier as the sport has ever seen, demonstrating feats of raw speed, versatility, endurance, and longevity, which have never been equaled, and most likely never will. He was as unique a Thoroughbred as ever set foot on a racetrack.

Forego's greatness first surfaced on May 18, 1974, the day of the Carter Handicap at Belmont Park. As I looked at the tote board, I couldn't believe the odds. Forego was favored at 7-5, despite dropping back to seven furlongs following victories in the 1 1/4-mile Widener and Gulfstream Park Handicaps.

His Carter foes included arguably the fastest horse in the country, Mr. Prospector, who had already set a track record of 1:07 4/5 at Gulfstream in 1973, a track record of 1:08 3/5 at Garden State Park in '74, and had won two other races in '74 in 1:08 1/5 at Gulfstream and 1:09 flat at Aqueduct.

To read the full column, visit [Hangin' With Haskin](#). **BH**

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with Alan Porter



## TRACING UNIQUE BELLA'S FAMILY LINE

By Alan Porter

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In a confusing season for juvenile fillies last year there was some sentiment that the most talented of the division may not have been one of the winners of the traditional top contests, but instead Shane's Girlfriend, who followed up a 5 3/4-length debut victory in a Santa Anita Park maiden, with a 13 3/4-length destruction of the field in the \$400,000 Delta Downs Princess Stakes (gr. III). Others were inclined to extend the envelope still further and award the palm to a filly who had yet to contest a stakes, this being Unique Bella, a 10 1/4-length maiden winner over 6 1/2 furlongs at Del Mar in November.

The Jan. 8 Santa Ynez Stakes (G2) at Santa Anita offered an opportunity for Shane's Girlfriend and Unique Bella to cross swords. Shane's Girlfriend, odds-on favorite, could do no better than third after battling for the lead in the early stages. But Unique Bella could scarcely have been more impressive, taking over before the head of the stretch and cruising home 7 1/2 lengths clear while running seven furlongs in 1:22.21. Post race, the general consensus was that Unique Bella is now the one to beat among the newly-turned 3-year-old fillies.

Although Unique Bella clearly has plenty of speed, there is no reason to think she won't be able to carry it well beyond the Santa Ynez trip. She's the latest in the legion of good runners for her sire, Tapit, whose offspring include Creator and Tonalist, winners of two of the last three runnings of the Belmont Stakes (G1) at 12 furlongs. Most of his best runners find nine furlongs within their compass.

Unique Bella's dam, Unrivaled Belle, never raced beyond nine furlongs. But she stayed that trip well enough to take the 2010 Breeders' Cup Ladies' Classic (G1) over Blind Luck and Havre de Grace.

TAPIT, gr/ro, 2001	Pulpit, 1994	A.P. Indy, 1989	Seattle Slew
		Preach, 1989	Weekend Surprise
UNIQUE BELLA gr/ro, f March 2, 2014	Tap Your Heels, 1996	Unbridled, 1987	Mr. Prospector
			Narrate
UNRIVALED BELLE, gr/ro, 2006	Unbridled's Song, 1993		Fappiano
		Ruby Slippers, 1982	Gana Facil
		Unbridled, 1987	Nijinsky II
			Moon Glitter
UNRIVALED BELLE, gr/ro, 2006	Queenie Belle, 1997		Fappiano
		Trolley Song, 1983	Gana Facil
		Bertrando, 1989	Caro
		Lady Argyle, 1987	Lucky Spell
			Skywalker
			Gentle Hands
			Don B.
			Fleet Polly

She won two other graded stakes, and was second in a quartet of grade 1 events. The family has been a Californian one for several generations, but goes back to one of the icons of the British turf, Pretty Polly—winner of 22 of 24 starts in the early years of the 20th century.

Unique Bella's branch of the family arrived in the United States mid-1950s in the shape of Badoura, who happened to be inbred 3x4 to Pretty Polly. The family was fairly quiet for a few generations, but began a revival with Unique Bella's fourth dam, Fleet Polly. To the cover of the useful Californian sire, Don B., a son of Fleet Nasrullah, she produced both the multiple stakes winner Truffles (fourth dam of Masochistic, one of the top sprinters of 2016), and Unique Bella's third dam, Lady Argyle. Lady Argyle continued the revival of fortunes for the family as dam of Canon Can, who took England's Doncaster Cup (G2) going 2 1/4 miles, and Unbridled Belle's granddam, Queenie Belle, heroine of the Princess Stakes (G2) and Lady's Secret Handicap (G2).

Unique Bella is inbred 3x3 to Unbridled through the dam of Tapit, and through her broodmare sire, Unbridled's Song. The same cross produced Golden Rod Stakes (G2) scorer West Coast Belle and last year's Spinaway Stakes (G1) victress Sweet Loretta, who has Unbridled as the sire of her second dam. **BH**

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## RACE RESULTS

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## ALLOWANCE RESULTS

### Parx Racing, Race 8, ALW

1/10, \$42,000, 4yo/up, 8f (dirt), 1:35.96, track fast.

1—**TR Crew**, 124, dk b/br c, 4, **Uncle Mo**—Saintly Action, by Saint Ballado, \$25,200, O—Everett, J. Christopher and Smart Angle, B—Smart Angle, LLP (PA), T—David G. Donk, J—Jose L. Ortiz

**Margin:** 8¼, 7 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Sunland Park, Race 6, AOC

1/10, \$35,800, 4yo/up, 5.5f (dirt), 1:02.69, track fast.

1—**Toews On Ice**, 122, dk b/br c, 4, **Archarcharch**—Wild Forest Cat, by **D'wildcat**, \$21,480, O—A and A Equine, Inc. and Roncelli, Gino, B—Lakland Farm (KY), T—Justin R. Evans, J—Ry Eikleberry

**Sale History:** 2015 BARMAR, (\$340,000 RNA), 2014 KEESEP, \$110,000.



**Margin:** neck, 7 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Sunland Park, Race 8, ALW

1/10, \$37,700, 3yo, 6.5f (dirt), 1:16.66, track fast.

1—**Underwood**, 119, b g, 3, Old Fashioned—Exotic Wishes, by A.P. Indy, \$22,620, O—Harry L. Veruchi, B—Jack Sims (IA), T—Justin R. Evans, J—Ry Eikleberry

**Sale History:** 2016 BARMAY, \$16,000, 2015 KEEJAN, (\$37,000 RNA).

**Margin:** 3¼, 7 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

## MAIDEN RESULTS

### Parx Racing, Race 3, MSW

1/10, \$50,000, 3yo, 8f (dirt), 1:36.69, track fast.

1—**Curtis**, 121, b c, 3, **First Defence**—**Love**, by **Louis Quatorze**, \$30,000, O—Richard Ciavardone, B—World Thoroughbreds Racing Inc. (KY), T—Robert Mosco, J—Jorge A. Vargas, Jr.

**Sale History:** 2016 OBSAPR, \$35,000, 2015 OBSJAN, \$3,500, 2014 KEENOV, \$4,000.

**Margin:** 4¼, 7 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Parx Racing, Race 5, MSW

1/10, \$50,000, 3yo, 6f (dirt), 1:09.96, track fast.

1—**El Dulzura**, 116, b c, 3, **Twirling Candy**—Renacere (ARG), by Pure Prize, \$30,000, O—Swilcan Stable LLC, B—Clearsky Farms (KY), T—Robert E. Reid, Jr., J—Silvestre Gonzalez

**Sale History:** 2016 FTMMAY, \$70,000, 2015 KEESEP, \$87,000.

**Margin:** ¾, 7 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Sunland Park, Race 4, MSW

1/10, \$21,500, 3yo, 6f (dirt), 1:11.62, track fast.

1—**Super Senior**, 120, dk b/br g, 3, **Super Saver**—One Accord, by El Gran Senior, \$12,900, O—Cleber J. Massey, B—Cleber J. Massey (KY), T—Joel H. Marr, J—Ken S. Tohill

**Margin:** 3½, 8 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

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### PIPPIN S.

Oaklawn Park, Saturday, January 14, Race 8  
8.5f (dirt), \$125,000, 4yo/up f/m, 4:38 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1		<a href="#">Streamline</a>	Straight Line	5/m	Chris Landeros	122	-	Nancy A. Vanier & Cartwright Thoroughbreds V LLC (William J Cartwright)
2		<a href="#">Terra Promessa</a>	Curlin	4/f	Jose L. Ortiz	122	-	Stonestreet Stables, LLC (Barbara Banke)
3		<a href="#">Miss Mo Kelly</a>	Congrats	5/m	Belen Quinonez	122	-	Tim Kindlon
4		<a href="#">Ruby Sioux</a>	Wilburn	4/f	Luis S. Quinonez	115	-	Jeanne Bruce
5		<a href="#">Ready to Confess</a>	More Than Ready	4/f	Joseph Rocco, Jr.	119	-	Pin Oak Stb (Josephine Abercrombie)
6		<a href="#">She Mabee Wild</a>	Mr. Mabee	5/m	Jon Kenton Court	122	-	Michelle A. Shaw

**Breeders:** 1–Nancy Vanier; 2–Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC; 3–Delfiner Partners; 4–Jeanne Bruce; 5–Pin Oak Stud, LLC; 6–Michelle Shaw.

**Trainers:** 1–Brian Williamson; 2–Steven M. Asmussen; 3–Paul E. Holthus; 4–Donnie K. Von Hemel; 5–Donnie K. Von Hemel; 6–Mark Danner.



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## 2016 NORTH AMERICAN LEADING SIRES

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Rank	Stallion	Sire, YOB	'17 Stud Fee	Farm	Chief Earner (Earnings)	'16 Earnings
1	Tapit	Pulpit, '01	\$300,000	Gainesway, KY	Creator (\$1,582,000)	\$16,616,498
2	Curlin	Smart Strike, '04	\$150,000	Hill 'n' Dale Farms, KY	Exaggerator (\$2,598,000)	\$12,304,291
3	Uncle Mo	Indian Charlie, '08	\$150,000	Ashford Stud, KY	Nyquist (\$3,575,600)	\$12,077,465
4	Candy Ride (ARG)	Ride the Rails, '99	\$60,000	Lane's End, KY	Gun Runner (\$1,970,880)	\$11,008,428
5	City Zip	Carson City, '98	\$50,000	Lane's End, KY	Catch a Glimpse (\$1,154,033)	\$10,035,012
6	Unbridled's Song	Unbridled, '93	Died	N/A	Arrogate (\$4,084,600)	\$9,706,685
7	Kitten's Joy	El Prado, '01	\$100,000	Ramsey Farm, Inc., KY	Camelot Kitten (\$868,865)	\$9,370,175
8	Bernardini	A.P. Indy, '03	\$100,000	Darley, KY	Cavorting (\$1,125,000)	\$9,254,906
9	Medaglia d'Oro	El Prado, '99	\$150,000	Darley, KY	Songbird (\$2,210,000)	\$9,193,628
10	Malibu Moon	A.P. Indy, '97	\$75,000	Spendthrift Farm, KY	Stanford (\$905,160)	\$9,173,458

## 2016 BROODMARE SIRES

Listed below are the top 10 leading broodmare sires by 2016 Northern Hemisphere earnings through December 31, 2016. All stallions whose daughters are represented by at least one Northern Hemisphere runner in 2017 are included. Cumulative stakes winners includes lifetime worldwide statistics; all other statistics are 2017 Northern Hemisphere only.

Rank	Stallion	Sire, YOB	Dams	Rnrs	SWrs (% Rnrs)	Cum. SWrs	Chief Earner (Earnings)	'16 Earnings
1	Sunday Silence	Halo, '86	552	1259	19 (1.5%)	158	Duramente (\$1,721,310)	\$32,883,156
2	Storm Cat	Storm Bird, '83	382	665	28 (4.2%)	234	Real Steel (\$4,048,673)	\$24,580,262
3	A.P. Indy	Seattle Slew, '89	344	635	22 (3.5%)	145	A. P. Indian (\$1,195,000)	\$17,367,873
4	Distorted Humor	Forty Niner, '93	238	403	15 (3.7%)	51	Arrogate (\$4,084,600)	\$17,063,051
5	Danehill	Danzig, '86	350	560	31 (5.5%)	175	Highland Reel (\$5,104,993)	\$16,573,025
6	Unbridled's Song	Unbridled, '93	349	620	25 (4.0%)	101	Tourist (\$1,633,750)	\$16,548,346
7	French Deputy	Deputy Minister, '92	264	522	11 (2.1%)	68	Makahiki (\$1,529,710)	\$15,263,291
8	Not For Love	Mr. Prospector, '90	138	247	12 (4.9%)	28	California Chrome (\$8,180,000)	\$15,158,556
9	Giant's Causeway	Storm Cat, '97	315	513	15 (2.9%)	49	Gun Runner (\$1,970,880)	\$13,827,406
10	Sadler's Wells	Northern Dancer, '81	488	756	22 (2.9%)	331	Flintshire (\$2,000,000)	\$13,020,848

## 2016 SIRES BY LIFETIME AEI

Listed below are the top 10 leading sires by lifetime Average Earnings Index (AEI) through December 31, 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	'17 Stud Fee	Farm	Crops	Foals	AEI	CI
1	Uncle Mo	Indian Charlie, '08	\$150,000	Ashford Stud, KY	2	247	3.00	1.70
2	Pioneerof the Nile	Empire Maker, '06	\$110,000	WinStar Farm LLC, KY	4	305	2.77	1.90
3	Curlin	Smart Strike, '04	\$150,000	Hill 'n' Dale Farms, KY	5	425	2.45	2.19
4	Tapit	Pulpit, '01	\$300,000	Gainesway, KY	9	961	2.39	2.11
5	War Front	Danzig, '02	\$250,000	Claiborne Farm, KY	7	467	2.36	2.30
6	Into Mischief	Harlan's Holiday, '05	\$75,000	Spendthrift Farm, KY	5	292	2.20	1.54
7	Ghostzapper	Awesome Again, '00	\$75,000	Adena Springs Kentucky, KY	8	612	2.17	2.04
8	Medaglia d'Oro	El Prado, '99	\$150,000	Darley, KY	9	1029	2.15	2.31
9	Distorted Humor	Forty Niner, '93	\$80,000	WinStar Farm LLC, KY	15	1265	2.06	2.19
10	Awesome Again	Deputy Minister, '94	\$75,000	Adena Springs Kentucky, KY	15	1063	2.03	1.90

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