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OBS BANS LOUISIANA HORSES FROM UPCOMING SALE

By Ron Mitchell

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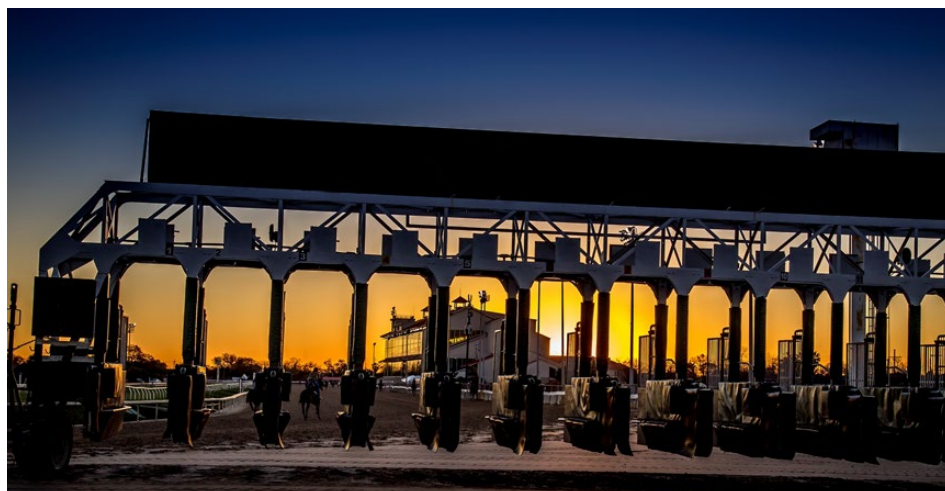
The equine herpesvirus outbreak at Fair Grounds Race Course & Slots continues to have repercussions throughout the industry, with the Ocala Breeders' Sales Co. becoming the second major sales company to restrict horses from Louisiana.

Ten horses stabled at Fair Grounds in New Orleans have reportedly tested positive for EHV-1 and a quarantine is in place, precluding any horses from entering or leaving the track.

Following similar action taken by Keeneland for the January horses of all ages sale currently underway, OBS will not allow any horse that has been in Louisiana since Dec. 10 onto its grounds for the Jan. 25-26 winter mixed sale. In an advisory to consignors, OBS said the restrictions apply to horses entered in the mixed portion of the sale, as well as those consigned as racehorses.

"OBS appreciates the burden this restriction places on some of our consignors and their owners for this sale, but we feel it is important to take these measures in order to provide as safe a sales environment as possible for both buyers and sellers for the January sale, as well as our upcoming sales in March, April, and June," the memorandum stated. "Additionally, by joining facilities both in Florida and other states, we hope to assist in preventing the spread of this disease, thereby ending this current outbreak quickly. We apologize for

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OBS will follow Keeneland's lead in restricting horses from Louisiana after an outbreak of equine herpesvirus at Fair Grounds

any inconvenience."

OBS said sale entry fees will be refunded for any horses forced to withdraw due to the restrictions, and reminded consignors to make sure all other horses in their consignment have completed all vaccinations, including EHV-1.

"It is unfortunate, but we believe it is important to join the rest of the industry to try to contain this situation and also to protect the horses in our sale," said OBS sales director Tod Wojciechowski.

Wojciechowski said he is uncertain how many horses will be impacted by the sales company's action, but noted it included "some nice yearlings, racehorses, and broodmares."


Some horses withdrawn from the Keeneland sale due to restrictions on horses from the Bayou state have been supplemented to the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky winter mixed sale Feb. 6-7 in Lexington.

Mark Taylor of Taylor Made Sales Agency said Cinnamon Spice, a Candy Ride mare who has won or placed in six of nine starts, was among two horses withdrawn from Keeneland that have been supplemented to the

Fasig-Tipton sale. Although Taylor Made's veterinarian believes both horses that were at Fair Grounds are outside the incubation window, Taylor said both horses are quarantined at the farm.

Included among additional horses withdrawn from Keeneland due to the restrictions were Uchenna, a grade 3 winner in Canada; Savings Account, a stakes-winning, grade 1-placed daughter of Medaglia d'Oro; and Queen Jolene, a daughter of Bernardini from the family of champion Stevie Wonderboy.

After the Office of the Kentucky State Veterinarian imposed an embargo on any horses that have been at a Louisiana track or training facility since Dec. 10 from shipping to any track or training facility in Kentucky, Keeneland placed restrictions on any horse that had been in Louisiana following that date.

In addition to some of the horses withdrawn from Keeneland being supplemented to the Fasig-Tipton sale, Keeneland assisted potential buyers in arranging to see horses stabled on Central Kentucky farms. **BH**  **Share this story**

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TAPITURE'S FIRST FOAL IS A FILLY The filly out of Set'n On Ready was born Jan. 11

COMPETITIVE EDGE'S FIRST REPORTED FOAL ARRIVES Ashford Stud's grade 1-winning juvenile Competitive Edge sired his first foal the morning of Jan. 11. The chestnut colt is out of the Corinthian mare Spiritual Union and is owned by Erv Woolsey and Ralph Kinder.

DAREDEVIL SIRES FIRST FOAL AT SUGAR MAPLE FARM WinStar Farm's Daredevil sired his first reported foal Jan. 10, when a filly was born at Sugar Maple Farm in Poughquag, N.Y.

TEXAS CHROME AIMING FOR OAKLAWN HANDICAP Multiple graded stakes winner Texas Chrome will target the \$750,000 Oaklawn Handicap (G2) April 15 for his 4-year-old debut, trainer J.R. Caldwell said Jan. 10.

TOMMY MACHO RETURNS TO GULFSTREAM FOR HAL'S HOPE Just as he was rounding into top form, the bay son of Macho Uno emerged from a race with a knee chip that required surgery and kept him away from the races for eight months.

GRADE NOT REINSTATED FOR OFF-TURF LAS CIENEGAS The American Graded Stakes Committee has reviewed the off-the-turf renewal and has determined that the original grade 3 status will not be reinstated for this renewal.

CANTERBURY PARK ANNOUNCES 2017 STAKES SCHEDULE Canterbury Park's 2017 Thoroughbred stakes schedule will include 32 races and more than \$2 million in purses, it was announced Jan. 10 by racing officials at the Shakopee, Minn. track.

NTRA OFFERS PATH FOR PUBLIC COMMENT TO TREASURY The National Thoroughbred Racing Association announced that a system has been established for individuals to submit an e-mail comment directly to the United States Treasury Department.

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ADDITIONAL EHV-1 POSITIVES AT FAIR GROUNDS

By BloodHorse Staff

Three additional horses tested positive for equine herpesvirus Jan. 10 at Fair Grounds Race Course & Slots, the Louisiana oval reported the following day. All three were positive for the EHV-1 non-neurogenic type, also called the "wild type" strain.

One horse in Barn 4, trained by Merrill Scherer, returned a positive test after originally returning negative results Jan. 7. Barn 4 has been placed under a mandatory 14-day quarantine.

Another horse in Barn 47, trained by Kenneth Hargrave, returned a positive test after originally returning negative results Jan. 7. Barn 47's 14-day quarantine period has been reset.

A horse in Barn 30, trained by Tim Glyshaw, spiked a fever late Jan. 9 and returned a positive test after having blood pulled Jan. 10. Barn 30 has been placed under a mandatory 14-day quarantine.

Fair Grounds has been dealing with the outbreak since Dec. 26, when an unraced 2-year-old filly was euthanized as a result of the infection. Oaklawn Park



A total of 10 horses have tested positive for equine herpesvirus at Fair Grounds

and the state of Kentucky have placed restrictions upon horses traveling from Louisiana. Keeneland and the Ocala Breeders' Sales Co. both required withdrawal of Louisiana-based horses from their respective January sales.

Under the guidance of the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and the USDA, Fair Grounds officials continue to monitor the situation closely and will follow all protocols as directed by those two governing bodies. **BH**

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SALES UPDATE

KEENELAND JANUARY SALE EVEN WITH LAST YEAR

By Ron Mitchell

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As the Keeneland January horses of all ages sale moved into Book 2 during the Jan. 11 third session, the takeaway was the same as during the first two sessions: quality sells.

"That is where everybody is at the moment," said Geoffrey Russell, Keeneland's director of sales operations, in analyzing the session that finished virtually unchanged from the comparable day a year ago but is down significantly from last year through the first three days. "It is an expensive business to be in, so people are tending to gravitate to less numbers and higher quality. It's been the theme for the sales season (in) 2016-17."

As breeders move their programs to the upper end of the market, there is less demand for the horses that are being offered in lower price ranges. As a result, many breeders will assess their portfolios and decide whether some mares should be taken out of production or they should breed to race rather than sell, Russell said.

"We're going through a cycle at the moment that we all need to take note of," Russell said. "I think people will be evaluating their breeding stock before the 2017 breeding season and decide if they need to breed the mares or not. Or if you are going to breed, breed to race."

"There is no harm in breeding to race. Racetracks are looking for horses every day, so breed to race. Just because you breed a horse does not mean it needs to come to a horse sale. People need to understand there are certain horses that are sales horses and do very well at sales and there are certain horses that aren't commercial product but still can race very successfully. You need to evaluate your horses and say, 'These are my commercial horses and these are the ones I will sell, and these probably won't meet the market, so I'll put them in training.' But people don't want to put them in training because it is an expensive experience."

The day's average of \$17,340 for the 197 horses that grossed \$3,415,900 was only slightly down from the session average of \$17,351 in 2016, when 220 head grossed \$3,817,300. The median fell 5.6% from \$9,000 to \$8,500.

Cumulatively, 581 horses were sold during the first three days, for total receipts of \$24,989,500. At the same point a year ago, a total \$30,468,900 was paid for 595 horses.

This year's average is tracking 16% below 2016 (from \$51,208 to \$43,011) and the cumulative median of \$20,000 is down 9% from \$22,000.

From 1,174 cataloged, 299 horses have been withdrawn, with the 294 buybacks representing 33.6% of the total through the ring.

Same as a year ago, two mares sold in excess of six figures Wednesday.

"It was good to have two mares break \$100,000. It showed there was still money here for the good horses," Russell said.

Fifth and Madison, a winning 4-year-old daughter of Street Sense, topped the session when sold for \$135,000 to Mayday Branham, with Doug Branham signing on behalf of his Hurricane Hills Farm.



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Horses walk the pavilion in the Keeneland sale area

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Consigned as Hip 1118 by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Fifth and Madison is half sister to stakes winners Fordubai and Fast Alex, and was purchased by Starlight for \$250,000 from the Gainesway consignment to the 2014 Keeneland September yearling sale.

The day's second-highest price of \$125,000 was fetched by Bubbles and Babies, a 6-year-old A.P. Indy mare acquired by Canadian-based Josham Farms.

Consigned as Hip 1050 by Catherine Parke's Valkyre Stud, the mare was in foal to Street Boss on a last service date of March 22, 2016. Produced from the Darley Alcibiades (G1) winner Dream Empress, Bubbles and Babies was a \$335,000 Keeneland September yearling purchase in 2012.

"She's a beautiful mare and we're very happy to have her, although she is a little more expensive than we thought she would be," said Josham's Ted Burnett, who said she was the first horse they acquired during the sale. "We're looking for mares and this is the first one in the price range we wanted to buy in with the pedigree we're looking for."

Burnett said the mare will be shipped to Ontario to foal and then will return to be bred to a Kentucky-based stallion.

Parke said the mare was being sold because the breeder owns the dam and a half sister.

"She checked all the boxes. She had the pedigree, had the physical... she's by A.P. Indy," the consignor said.

Hunter Valley Farm sold the two highest-priced yearlings during the session, with an Orb colt (Hip 1064) bringing \$95,000 and an Awesome Again colt (Hip 966) going for \$80,000.

The gray son of Orb bred in Kentucky by Paget Bloodstock and Galtee Bloodstock was purchased by K.M.C.F.F. His dam, the stakes-placed Langfuhr mare Cherryblossomemiss, is a half sister to multiple grade 2 winner Imperialism and was purchased for \$90,000 at the 2015 Keeneland November sale while carrying the colt.

The first foal out of The Best Option, a Pleasant Tap mare who earned more than \$220,000, the Awesome Again colt bought by Mary Sue Stables was bred by Dennis Crooks, Terry Young, and Adena Springs.

With 36 horses sold for \$812,700, Taylor Made was the session's leading consignor. Trainer Keith Desormeaux bought five for \$179,000 to top the buyers' list. The leading covering sire, with three mares selling for \$161,000, was Verrazano.

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

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HOLMES PICKS UP SHE'S A FLEET AT KEENELAND

By Evan Hammonds

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Mares selling with foals by their side come along every once in a while during the Keeneland January horses of all ages sale, and Jan. 11 was the latest instance—when She's a Fleet, with a filly from the first crop of Commissioner, went through the ring during the auction's Day 3.

Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, the mare and foal brought a final bid of \$25,000 from Deborah Holmes, who made the buy for her Phoenix Rising Farm.

"The baby is a total plus," Holmes said soon after signing the ticket. "There's no guesswork. It was definitely a plus knowing the foal is correct.

"There is a lot to like about She's a Fleet. She's a half sister to grade 1 winner Mona de Momma, who sold for \$1.55 million. There's a lot going on in her pedigree. Her pedigree fits my program. She's an 'A++' nick with Commissioner, and an 'A' nick with Flat Out, whom I own a share in."

The foal, Commissioner's first reported, arrived Jan. 5 at Taylor Made Farm. Holmes, best known as the breeder of grade 1 winner Celestine, said the duo will ship to John Penn's Pennland Farm near Paris, Ky.

Commissioner won the Hawthorne Gold Cup (G2), Pimlico Special (G3), and Skip Away Stakes (G3). His 2017 fee at WinStar Farm is \$7,500. **BH**

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She's a Fleet and her Commissioner filly at Keeneland



MICHAEL BURNS

Breaking Lucky wins the 2015 Prince of Wales Stakes

BREAKING LUCKY TO PEGASUS WORLD CUP

By BloodHorse Staff

Reeves Thoroughbred Racing has reached a deal with Gunpowder Farms and West Point Thoroughbreds to run grade 3 winner Breaking Lucky in the inaugural \$12 million Pegasus World Cup Invitational (G1) Jan. 28 at Gulfstream Park.

Gunpowder Farms owner Tom Keithley said West Point and Reeves Thoroughbred Racing have also purchased an interest in Breaking Lucky, a 5-year-old son of Lookin At Lucky. Reeves Thoroughbred Racing has partnered with RA Hill Racing and Eric Young in their stakeholder position for the Pegasus.

"We bought in earlier this week knowing it was a good chance to run in the Pegasus," said Terry Finley, West Point's president and chief executive officer.

Added Keithley, "We are thrilled to partner with Reeves Thoroughbred Racing and West Point Thoroughbreds for the Pegasus World Cup."

Bred in Ontario by Christine Hayden out of the Sky Classic mare Shooting Party, Breaking Lucky was a \$100,000 purchase by Margaux Farm, agent, when consigned by Cara Bloodstock as a weanling to the 2012 Keeneland November breeding stock sale. He won the Seagram Cup Stakes (G3) at Woodbine Race Course in August and captured the 2015 edition of the Prince of Wales Stakes. The Reade Baker trainee most recently finished second behind Gun Runner in the Clark Handicap (G1) at Churchill Downs Nov. 25.

Breaking Lucky has won three of 16 starts and earned \$612,376 to date. **BH**

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DIVISIDERO SET FOR FT. LAUDERDALE RETURN

By Alicia Wincze-Hughes

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The top tier of the turf male division has a vacancy sign upon it. With multiple grade I winners and Eclipse Award finalists Flintshire and Tourist retired, there is a clear opening of opportunity waiting for talent to try and run through.

If what trainer Buff Bradley has seen in the mornings translates in the \$200,000 Ft. Lauderdale Stakes (G2T) at Gulfstream Park Jan. 14, Gunpowder Farms' Divisidero could be among the first to state his case to take over the division's mantle of leadership.

Unraced since an off-the-board effort in the Woodford Reserve Manhattan Stakes (G1T) June 11, Divisidero looks to regain his top-class form as he heads a field of 12 entrants for the 1 1/16-mile Ft. Lauderdale over the same Gulfstream turf he broke his maiden on during his February 2015 debut.

Gulfstream has served as a springboard for the 5-year-old son of Kitten's Joy throughout his career. After his maiden win, Divisidero ran third in that year's Palm Beach Stakes (G3T) prior to earning his first graded triumph in the American Turf Stakes (G2T) in just his third outing. Last season, the bay horse hit the board in both the Canadian Turf Stakes (G3T) and Appleton Stakes (G2T) en route to becoming Gunpowder's first grade I winner with a score in the Woodford Reserve Turf Classic Stakes (G1T) at Churchill Downs May 7.

Following Divisidero's fifth-place Manhattan run, mild bone bruising was discovered and it was decided to give the horse time to heal. In his last two workouts on turf, regular rider Edgar Prado has jumped off and told Bradley in no uncertain terms that 2017 may be Divisidero's time in the spotlight.

"He really has been training beautifully all the way up to this. He hasn't missed a work," Bradley said. "Prado has told me every work, 'Man, he's getting stronger and stronger.' When we breezed him on the grass two weeks



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Buff Bradley (blue jacket) has Divisidero primed for his comeback

ago, Edgar came back and was like 'He's just a monster.' I like seeing Edgar pumped about him, because Edgar's been on a couple nice horses in his lifetime.

"Last year, I said I thought he had really matured mentally and physically, and I can say that again this year. I can't believe how well he's come back and how strong he is again this year. If he steps up, he's going to be one of the leading candidates in the turf division."

Should Divisidero come back as hoped, a return engagement in the Turf Classic would be on the table with the Feb. 11 Gulfstream Park Turf Handicap (G1T) the likely prep.

The first stage in that plan comes this weekend, as the bay runner faces the likes of multiple graded stakes winner Heart to Heart, who ended 2016 with a win in the Dec. 17 El Prado Stakes. The front-running, 6-year-old son of English Channel is unbeaten in three starts over the Gulfstream turf, including victories in last year's Ft. Lauderdale and Canadian Turf stakes.

Lukes Alley took to the Gulfstream turf last year after racing almost exclusively on Woodbine's Polytrack the previous two years, running second in the 2016 Ft. Lauderdale prior to winning the Gulfstream Park Turf Handicap in February. The 7-year-old son of Flower Alley was sidelined for eight months before finishing fifth in his Nov. 19 return in the Autumn Stakes (G2) over Woodbine's main track. **BH**

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SANDIVA, ISABELLA SINGS HEAD MARSHUA'S RIVER

By BloodHorse Staff

With both of their racing careers in the final furlong, Todd Pletcher trainees Sandiva and Isabella Sings are looking to pad their already showy resumes with another graded score in the \$150,000 Marshua's River Stakes (G3T) Jan. 14 at Gulfstream Park.

Al Shaqab Racing's Sandiva, who has demonstrated a penchant for Gulfstream's turf course, is the defending Marshua's River winner, while Siena Farm's homebred Isabella Sings tuned up for this assignment with a 1-3/4 length victory in the My Charmer Handicap (G3T) at Gulfstream Park West in November.

In what could be the swan songs for both before entering the breeding shed, the Pletcher runners headline the 1 1/16-mile Marshua's River, which drew a field of eight older fillies and mares.

"Right now they are both scheduled to be bred this year," said Pletcher, who has a meet-leading nine stakes wins in the current Gulfstream standings. "I suppose they could run their way into other plans, but we will take it a race at a time right now."

Sandiva, a 6-year-old daughter of Footstepsinthesand, won last year's edition in easy fashion after playing an active role in setting the early pace. She has not won in four starts since but her most recent effort, a runner-up finish in the Dec. 17 South Beach Stakes, where she was beaten just a neck, suggests she is as sharp as ever.

"I thought she ran well and just ran out of ground, but she still has the desire to do it," Pletcher remarked.

Javier Castellano, aboard Sandiva in both the South Beach and last year's Marshua's River, has the mount.

While Sandiva showed speed in winning last year's Marshua's River, she is likely to be outpaced, at least in the early running, by her stablemate, Isabella Sings, a stone-cold front-runner.

Isabella Sings, a 5-year-old daughter

of Eskendereya, led at every point of call to take the My Charmer in her previous start.

"Sometimes she will rate a little more kindly than other times, but she is kind of a free-running type so we just let her do her thing," Pletcher said. "We can ration out her speed, but you can't fight with her too much."

Allowing Isabella Sings to "do her thing" will be jockey Edgard Zayas, who was partnered with her in the My Charmer. They will depart from post 7.

Godolphin Racing's Dickinson, a 5-year-old daughter of Medaglia d'Oro, will be making her turf stakes debut in the Marshua's River.

The Kiaran McLaughlin-trained Dickinson didn't make her turf debut until her ninth start. The recent move to the grass signaled a new chapter for the mare who enters the Marshua's River 2-for-2 on the grass. She won back-to-back allowance races in the fall, including an explosive performance in her most recent race, an allowance optional claimer at Belmont Park Oct. 20.

"She really moved up on the turf and just loved it," McLaughlin said. "You really never know with that pedigree—the bottom side is dirt and the top side is both. We took her to Parx and tried it and she ran huge. We brought her back to New York and ran her and it was another impressive race. She could have a really good year this year." **BH**

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Sandiva will be defending her title as the 2016 Marshua's River winner

SHELDON ROBBINS DIES AT 78

By Frank Angst

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Sheldon Robbins, who one of his fellow Arlington International Racecourse owners called the linchpin in bringing together the 1985 "Miracle Million," died Jan. 9 in Scottsdale, Ariz. He was 78.

Robbins—along with Joe Joyce, Richard Duchossois, and Ralph Ross—was one of four owners of the Chicago area track who pulled off the "Miracle Million" edition of the Arlington Million (G1T) in 1985, just 25 days after the 58-year-old grandstand had burned. Using tents, temporary bleachers, and a "show-must-go-on" attitude, Arlington successfully welcomed 35,651 people to the track that day for the fifth edition of its signature race.

Robbins and the other owners were honored with a special Eclipse Award for their efforts.

"He was very organized and could be a hard taskmaster, but whoever worked with him—no matter what it was—they all loved him. They all wanted to work with him and for him," Ross said. "The Miracle Million was really something. He helped put together the strategy to pull it off."

Ross said it's sometimes forgotten that Robbins also was running the Arlington meet that year, which other than Million day was conducted at Hawthorne Race Course.

"During that time he was so busy. I remember someone asking him if he was a twin," Ross said.

In the weeks leading up to the 1985 Million that would be won by the Earl of Derby's Teleprompter, Robbins credited the faith of the Arlington workers.

"Look at all those flowers and shrubbery in the infield and paddock," he said. "They've been tended to

every day since the fire, anticipating we'd be back for the Million."

Robbins initially worked at Arlington and Washington Park for 11 years, when the tracks were owned by Madison Square Garden, a subsidiary of Gulf and Western. He became chief financial officer during that stretch before becoming president of Maywood Park Race Track in 1983, where he placed an emphasis on customer service at the Standardbred venue.

In 1984, Robbins returned to Arlington as chief operating officer and part of a four-person ownership group that purchased the then money-losing track from Gulf and Western. Under his leadership, Arlington was quickly brought to profitability.

"When we bought the racetrack, I think they were losing \$3 million a year when Gulf and Western owned it. In 1984 he turned it around to a profit of about a million dollars," Ross said. "He knew how to get the most out of people and pinch pennies to make money. When he got into something, he threw himself into it and wanted to do the best he could."

Robbins was bought out as a part owner in 1986 and stayed on as a consultant for the new Arlington facility. Since retiring from Arlington, he operated as a consultant, entrepreneur, and civic leader, including serving as president of the Stonegate Community Center and various charitable boards in Arizona.

In recent years he campaigned Thoroughbreds as president of Robbins Family Racing. That allowed him to share his love of horse racing with his wife, children, and grandchildren.

Robbins Family Racing's My Friend Flavin, named in honor of Robbins' late friend and fellow horseman Patrick Flavin, won the \$100,000 Louisiana Derby Sprint in December.

Robbins was diagnosed with advanced-stage renal cancer in early December. He is survived by his wife Barbara, his brothers Harrison and Mark, his daughter Ellen, his son Larry, and his granddaughter Alexa, along with his five grandsons Justin, Adam, Dylan, Ryan, and Zander.

A funeral service is planned for 10:30 a.m. Jan. 13 at Robbins Family Sanctuary at Congregation Beth Judea in Long Grove, Ill. **BH**

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ARLINGTON PARK

Sheldon and Barbara Robbins at Arlington

MAGIC MILLIONS CLASSIC ATTRACTS TOP JUVENILES

By Tara Madgwick

The Aus\$2 million Jeep Magic Millions 2-year-old Classic at the Gold Coast Jan. 14 is the first major juvenile feature of Australia's racing season.

Despite being restricted to horses offered at Magic Millions sales, the winner of this high-pressure sprint is invariably top class.

Last year's winner Capitalist (Written Tycoon) went on to win the group I Longines Golden Slipper Stakes before becoming Australia's 2016 champion 2-year-old. He is now retired to Newgate Farm.

A full field of 16 plus also eligibles have accepted this year and they range in purchase price from sale-topper in Chauffeur (Snitzel) at Aus\$1.6 million, down to Aus\$28,000 for the unbeaten colt Ours to Keep (Seidnazar).

Yarraman Park sold the top three contenders in the betting, all undefeated fillies. Houtzen (I Am Invincible) was bought for Aus\$105,000, From Within (Not a Single



Capitalist, winner of Australia's prestigious Golden Slipper, also won the Magic Millions 2-year-old Classic

Doubt) for Aus\$360,000, and Invincible Star (I Am Invincible) for Aus\$200,000.

Trained by Toby Edmonds, Houtzen has won her only two starts at Doomben and the Gold Coast, while Invincible Star, from the Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott stable, won the group 3 Ottawa Stakes at Flemington in November.

From Within is seeking to give champion trainer Chris Waller his first win in the race and scored easily on debut at Canterbury Dec. 31. **BH**

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THE LA CANADA AND CHRIS EVERT

By Tom Hall

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In 1975 Chris Evert won the French Open and the U.S. Open. In 1975 Chris Evert also won the inaugural running of the La Canada Stakes at Santa Anita Park.

Both petite and athletic, the human Chris Evert and the equine Chris Evert shared more than just their name: a laser-like focus and a determined will to win that propelled them to the top of their respective sports.

They also shared a common tie with Carl Rosen, the head of Puritan Fashions Corporation, whose company signed the rising young tennis phenom to wear his line of tennis clothing.

When Rosen purchased a blaze-faced chestnut daughter of Swoon's Son—Miss Carmie, by T.V. Lark for \$32,000 from the consignment of her breeder, Echo Valley Horse Farm, at the 1972 Keeneland July yearling sale, he named her after the budding star.

In 1974, while the tennis world applauded Chris Evert's first grand slam victories at the French Open and Wimbledon, the racing world cheered Chris Evert to her own championship honors as top 3-year-old filly. She won the Acorn Stakes, the Mother Goose Stakes, and the Coaching Club American Oaks (all grade 1), making her the third filly (behind Dark Mirage and Shuvee) to accomplish the Filly Triple Crown.

In a battle of East and West, the filly faced Aaron Jones' West Coast star Miss Musket in a \$350,000 winner-take-all match race over 10 furlongs at Hollywood Park.

Chris Evert delivered an epic performance, winning by 50 lengths. Having fallen victim to the "Graveyard of Champions" at Saratoga Race Course in the 10-furlong Alabama Stakes (G1), where she lost by a neck to Quaze Quilt, she returned a week later to face males at 10 furlongs in the Travers Stakes (G1).

Over a sloppy track and after a hard summer of racing, she still held for third behind Holding Pattern and Preakness and Belmont (both G1) winner and champion 3-year-old male Little Current.

Trainer J.A. Trovato chose Santa Anita's newest race for her 1975 debut. Named after a nearby city that shares the scenic San Gabriel Mountains as a backdrop, the La Canada was carded for 4-year-old fillies at 1 1/16 miles. Now a grade 2 event for fillies and mares age 4 and older, the \$200,000 La Canada celebrates its 43rd running Jan. 14.

The first running drew a field of seven, with Chris Evert carrying top weight of 128 pounds and ceding from 6 to 12 pounds to the rest of the field. Ridden by regular jockey Jorge Velasquez, the overwhelming favorite was hard-pressed to hold on by a nose over Mercy Dee, with Lucky Spell (the granddam of Unbridled's Song) third. Her Alabama nemesis Quaze Quilt finished fourth.

After finishing off the board in the Santa Margarita Handicap (G1), she was retired and bred to Secretariat. The union of two Triple Crown winners produced the aptly named Six Crowns, a stakes winner and dam of champion juvenile male Chief's Crown, who won the inaugural Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1) in 1984.

From her five offspring, all fillies, Chris Evert foaled two stakes winners and one stakes-placed filly. Three of her daughters became black-type producers, including Nijinsky Star (by English Triple Crown winner Nijinsky II), a blue hen mare for Juddmonte Farms. **BH**

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Chris Evert (outside) wins the 1975 La Canada Stakes by a nose

RACE RESULTS

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS

Gulfstream Park, Race 5, AOC

1/11, \$48,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 9f (turf), 1:51.58, course firm.
1—[Inchargeofme](#) (GB), 121, dk b/br f, 4, High Chaparral (IRE)—Inchmina (GB), by Cape Cross (IRE), \$24,000, O—Mayer, John F. and Manfuso, Robert T., B—Gary Chervenell (GB), T—Claude R. McGaughey III, J—John R. Velazquez

Sale History: 2015 KEEJAN, \$80,000, 2014 TATOC1, (\$88,277 RNA).

Margin: 2½, 10 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Gulfstream Park, Race 9, AOC

1/11, \$49,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f (dirt), 1:22.83, track fast.
1—[Distinta](#), 121, ch m, 5, Summer Bird—Miss Kitty, by Storm Cat, \$24,600, O—VEB Racing Stable Corp, B—Hargus Sexton, Sandra Sexton & Silver Fern Farm, LLC (KY), T—Victor Barboza, Jr., J—Edgard J. Zayas

Sale History: 2014 OBSMAR, \$80,000, 2013 OBSAUG, \$30,000, 2012 KEENOV, \$7,000.

Margin: 2, 9 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Mahoning Valley Racecourse, Race 1, ALW

1/11, \$25,300, 3yo, f, 6f (dirt), 1:13.06, track sloppy.
1—[Cat's Rhythm](#), 120, b f, 3, Wildcat Heir—Kara's Rockin Role, by Broad Brush, \$15,180, O—Kris Nemann, B—Fred A. Nemann & Kris Nemann (OH), T—Kris Nemann, J—Irwin J. Rosendo

Margin: 4¾, 7 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

MAIDEN RESULTS

Gulfstream Park, Race 6, MSW

1/11, \$46,000, 3yo, f, 8.5f (turf), 1:43.74, course firm.
1—[Enchanting Kitten](#), 120, b f, 3, [Kitten's Joy](#)—High Chant, by [War Chant](#), \$22,800, O—Ramsey, Kenneth L. and Sarah K., B—Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey (KY), T—Chad C. Brown, J—Javier Castellano



Margin: ¾, 9 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Gulfstream Park, Race 8, MSW

1/11, \$46,000, 4yo/up, 7f (dirt), 1:22.79, track fast.
1—[Louies Baby Boy](#), 123, ch g, 4, [Malibu Moon](#)—Pious Ashley, by [Include](#), \$22,800, O—The Three Colleens Stable, B—Dixiana Farms LLC (KY), T—Lisa L. Lewis, J—Tyler Gaffalione

Sale History: 2014 KEESEP, \$200,000.



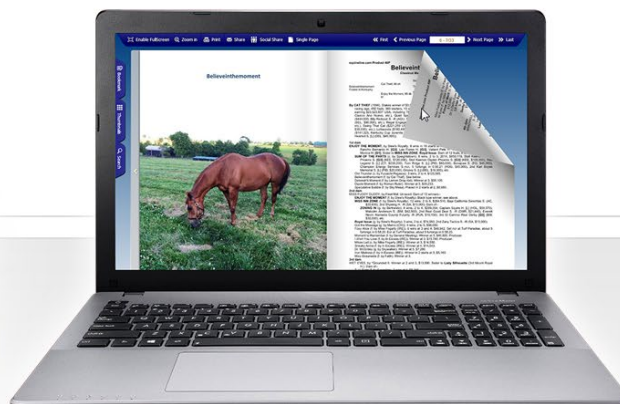
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Tampa Bay Downs, Race 8, MSW

1/11, \$22,500, 4yo/up, f/m, 8f (turf), 1:36.20, course firm.
1—[Street Strut](#), 120, b f, 4, [Street Cry](#) (IRE)—Lacadena, by Fasliyev, \$11,600, O—Bobby Flay, B—B. Flay Thoroughbreds (KY), T—William I. Mott, J—Fernando De La Cruz

Margin: 2½, 10 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

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FT. LAUDERDALE S. (GR. IIT)

Gulfstream Park, Saturday, January 14, Race 10

8.5f (turf), \$200,000, 4yo/up, 4:34 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1		Heart to Heart	English Channel	6/h	Julien R. Leparoux	123	-	Terry Hamilton
2		Night Prowler	Giant's Causeway	5/g	Javier Castellano	119	-	Paul Pompa, Jr.
3		Diamond Bachelor	War Front	6/g	Lane J. Luzzi	121	-	Diamond 100 Racing Club, LLC, Robert Trussell and Patrick L. Biancone LLC
4		Copingaway	Brother Derek	4/c	Jairo Rendon	117	-	Thoroughbred Champions Training Center LLC
5		Rose Brier	Mizzen Mast	8/g	Jose Lezcano	121	-	Panic Stable LLC
6		Lukes Alley	Flower Alley	7/h	Paco Lopez	119	-	Melnyk Racing Stables, Inc.
7		Divisidero	Kitten's Joy	5/h	Edgar S. Prado	119	-	Gunpowder Farms LLC
8		Almanaar (GB)	Dubawi (IRE)	5/g	Joel Rosario	119	-	Shadwell Stable
9		Flatlined	Flatter	5/g	Joe Bravo	121	-	Brian Hytrek, Rodney Paden and Ryan Kuhn
10		Jay Gatsby	Giant's Causeway	5/r	Luis Saez	119	-	Joseph Allen LLC
11		Macagone	Artie Schiller	6/g	Corey J. Lanerie	121	-	Trinity Farm
12		Fire Away	War Front	5/h	John R. Velazquez	119	-	Phipps Stable

Breeders: 1—Red Hawk Ranch; 2—Paul Pompa Jr.; 3—Jamm, Ltd.; 4—Brereton C. Jones; 5—Mrs. Ann M. Backer; 6—Eugene Melnyk; 7—Hinkle Farms; 8—Shadwell Estate Company Limited; 9—B & B Thoroughbreds Inc. & Marty Hughes; 10—Joseph Allen; 11—Trinity Farm, LLC; 12—Phipps Stable.

Trainers: 1—Brian A. Lynch; 2—Chad C. Brown; 3—Patrick L. Biancone; 4—Jaime Mejia; 5—Jane Cibelli; 6—Josie Carroll; 7—William B. Bradley; 8—Chad C. Brown; 9—Charles L. Dickey; 10—James A. Jerkens; 11—William I. Mott; 12—Claude R. McGaughey III.

MARSHUA'S RIVER S. (GR. IIIT)

Gulfstream Park, Saturday, January 14, Race 6

8.5f (turf), \$150,000, 4yo/up f/m, 2:30 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1		Seeking Treasure	Run Away and Hide	7/m	Luca Panici	119	-	Steven E. Frum
2		Lobelia	Paddy O'Prado	4/f	Corey J. Lanerie	117	-	William Cubbedge
3		Sandiva (IRE)	Footstepsinthesand (GB)	6/m	Javier Castellano	119	-	AL SHAQAB RACING
4		Elusive Million (IRE)	Pour Moi (IRE)	4/f	Julien R. Leparoux	117	-	Martin S. Schwartz
5		Sea Coast (IRE)	Rock of Gibraltar (IRE)	6/m	Tyler Gaffalione	121	-	Jump Sucker Stable
6		Inside Out	Colonel John	5/m	Emisael Jaramillo	117	-	Miller Racing, LLC
7		Isabella Sings	Eskendereya	5/m	Edgard J. Zayas	123	-	Siena Farm LLC
8		Dickinson	Medaglia d'Oro	5/m	John R. Velazquez	119	-	Godolphin Racing LLC
9		Genre	Bernardini	5/m	John R. Velazquez	119	-	Cheyenne Stables LLC
10		Caboclo do Rio (CHI)	Dance Brightly	6/m	Jorge Ruiz	119	-	Haras Carioca

Breeders: 1—Ron Kirk, Mike Lauffer, Greg McDonald & John W. Phillips; 2—William D Cubbedge; 3—Denis McDonnell; 4—John Quigley; 5—Azienda Agricola Rosati Colarieti; 6—Colonel John Champions Series I, LLC, Emerald Q Partners, Inc. & TCR Ranch; 7—Siena Farms LLC; 8—Darley; 9—William E. Graves & Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd.; 10—Haras Carioca.

Trainers: 1—Doug Matthews; 2—Carlo Vaccarezza; 3—Todd A. Pletcher; 4—Patrick L. Biancone; 5—Christophe Clement; 6—Martin D. Wolfson; 7—Todd A. Pletcher; 8—Kiaran P. McLaughlin; 9—Todd A. Pletcher; 10—Angel Quiroz.

HAL'S HOPE S. (GR. III)

Gulfstream Park, Saturday, January 14, Race 11

8f (dirt), \$150,000, 4yo/up, 5:05 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1		Dolphus	Lookin At Lucky	4/c	Joel Rosario	117	-	Dede McGehee
2		Tommy Macho	Macho Uno	5/h	Luis Saez	119	-	Paul P. Pompa, Jr. and J Stables LLC
3		Bird Song	Unbridled's Song	4/c	Julien R. Leparoux	117	-	Marylou Whitney Stables LLC
4		Realm	Haynesfield	4/g	Paco Lopez	117	-	Eric Dattner, Barclay Tagg and Harry Astarita
5		Ami's Flatter	Flatter	5/h	John R. Velazquez	117	-	Ivan Dalos
6		Hy Riverside	Macho Uno	5/g	Javier Castellano	119	-	Mar Racing Stable Inc.
7		Team Colors	Street Cry (IRE)	5/h	Jose Lezcano	117	-	Joseph Allen LLC
8		Mr. Jordan	Kantharos	5/g	Joe Bravo	121	-	David Melin, Leon Ellman and Laurie Plesa
9		Unbridled Outlaw	Unbridled's Song	4/c	Corey J. Lanerie	117	-	Albaugh Family Stables LLC

Breeders: 1—Heaven Trees Farm; 2—John Liviakis; 3—Marylou Whitney Stables LLC; 4—Morgan's Ford Farm; 5—Tall Oaks Farm; 6—Amy Dunne; 7—Joseph Allen; 8—Philip Matthews & Karen Matthews; 9—Betz/Blackburn/J. Betz/Ramsby/CNHHNK.

Trainers: 1—Joe Sharp; 2—Todd A. Pletcher; 3—Ian R. Wilkes; 4—Barclay Tagg; 5—Josie Carroll; 6—Antonio Sano; 7—James A. Jerkens; 8—Edward Plesa, Jr.; 9—Dale L. Romans.

UPCOMING ENTRIES

JAZIL S.

Aqueduct, Saturday, January 14, Race 5
8.32f (dirt), \$125,000, 4yo/up, 2:20 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1		Res Judicata	Smarty Jones	7/g	Kendrick Carmouche	123	-	Someday Farm
2		Sunny Ridge	Holy Bull	4/g	Manuel Franco	121	-	Drazin, Dennis, A.
3		Royal Posse	Posse	6/g	Irad Ortiz, Jr.	121	-	Dubb, Michael, Bethlehem Stables LLC and Aisquith, Gary
4		Bay of Plenty	Medaglia d'Oro	6/h	Antonio A. Gallardo	115	-	Godolphin Racing LLC
5		Grasshoppin	Cat Thief	6/g	Cornelio H. Velasquez	115	-	Jester, Michael, W.
6		Doyouknowsomething	Awesome Again	5/g	Rajiv Maragh	119	-	Valente, Roddy, J.

Breeders: 1—Patricia L. Chapman; 2—Dennis Drazin; 3—Richard J. Troncone & Richard J. Troncone Jr.; 4—Darley; 5—Michael W. Jester; 6—Mike Abraham.

Trainers: 1—John C. Servis; 2—Jason Servis; 3—Rudy R. Rodriguez; 4—Kiaran P. McLaughlin; 5—Mario Serey, Jr.; 6—A. C. Avila.

RUTHLESS S.

Aqueduct, Saturday, January 14, Race 3
6f (dirt), \$100,000, 3yo f, 1:20 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1		Banty's Girl	Shackleford	3/f	Alan Garcia	116	-	Masiello, Robert and Two-Five Stable
2		Bride Street	Street Cry (IRE)	3/f	Rajiv Maragh	116	-	Stonestreet Stables LLC
3		Treatherlikestar	Kitten's Joy	3/f	Eric Cancel	116	-	Delgado, Gustavo
4		Waves of Blue	Quality Road	3/f	Manuel Franco	116	-	Brennan, Niall, J.
5		Yorkiepool Princess	Kantharos	3/f	Irad Ortiz, Jr.	122	-	Chen, Danny, J.
6		Tiz Rae Anna	Tiz Wonderful	3/f	Antonio A. Gallardo	118	-	Bran Jam Stable and Clark, David W.
7		Kissin Cassie	High Cotton	3/f	Dylan Davis	118	-	Chen, Danny, J.

Breeders: 1—Robert Masiello; 2—Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC; 3—Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey; 4—Brant Laue; 5—A. FRANCIS VANLANGENDONCK & BARBARA VANLANGENDONCK; 6—Diana Shoop; 7—Hickstead Farm.

Trainers: 1—Thomas Albertrani; 2—Kiaran P. McLaughlin; 3—Gustavo Delgado; 4—David Fawkes; 5—Edward R. Barker; 6—John T. Toscano, Jr.; 7—Edward R. Barker.

WHAT A SUMMER S.

Laurel Park, Saturday, January 14, Race 6
6f (dirt), \$75,000, 4yo/up f/m, 3:00 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1		Disco Chick	Jump Start	6/m	Trevor McCarthy	124	-	Freedom Acres, Inc.
2		Camille Claudel	Broken Vow	6/m	Brian Pedroza	120	-	Sycamore Racing LLC
3		Sweet On Smokey	Successful Appeal	5/m	Victor R. Carrasco	120	-	BB Horses
4		Southern Girl	Tapit	4/f	Feargal Lynch	120	-	Bridlewood Farm
5		Lovable Lady	Not For Love	6/m	Horacio Karamanos	122	-	Samuel H. Rogers, Jr. Trust
6		Flatterwillgetyou	Flatter	4/f	Jevian Toledo	122	-	Everything's Cricket Racing
7		Mysterious Miracle	Congrats	5/m	Julian Pimentel	118	-	A Venneri Racing, Inc.

Breeders: 1—Y. Jerry Kolybabiuk; 2—Gail Cullen & Jeanne Owens; 3—Tom McCrocklin & Frank Mermenstein; 4—Black Rock Thoroughbreds, LLLP; 5—Mr. & Mrs. Samuel H. Rogers Jr.; 6—First Class Thoroughbreds, LLC; 7—Venneri Racing.

Trainers: 1—Mario Serey, Jr.; 2—Francis Abbott, III; 3—Claudio A. Gonzalez; 4—Jonathan Thomas; 5—Mary E. Eppler; 6—Linda Rice; 7—Ben Colebrook.

FIRE PLUG S.

Laurel Park, Saturday, January 14, Race 8
6f (dirt), \$75,000, 4yo/up, 4:00 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1		Never Gone South	Munnings	4/c	Trevor McCarthy	120	-	M M G Stables LLC
2		Big Guy Ian	Birdstone	6/g	Alex Cintron	118	-	Anstu Stables, Inc.
3		Trouble Kid	Harlan's Holiday	5/g	Jevian Toledo	120	-	Barbara Hopkins
4		Res Judicata	Smarty Jones	7/g	No Rider	122	-	Someday Farm
5		Sonny Inspired	Artie Schiller	6/g	Feargal Lynch	120	-	D Hatman Thoroughbreds
6		Gin Makes Ya Sin	Straight Talking	6/g	Julian Pimentel	120	-	Richard Malouf
7		Measured	Curlin	5/g	Andrew Wolfson	120	-	Stoneway Farm
8		Chief Lion	Wildcat Heir	7/g	No Rider	124	-	David Jacobson
9		Blu Moon Ace	Malibu Moon	4/g	Horacio Karamanos	120	-	Marshall E. Dowell
10		Chublicious	Hey Chub	6/g	Victor R. Carrasco	122	-	David Gruskos
11		Imperial Hint	Imperialism	4/c	Jose Luis Flores	120	-	Raymond Mamone

Breeders: 1—Bend Or Thoroughbreds, USA; 2—Mueller Farms Inc.; 3—Morris B. Floyd, Pat Farrah, Dan Tsujioka & Dave Alban; 4—Patricia L. Chapman; 5—Mr. & Mrs. Charles McGinness; 6—Franklin G. Smith Sr.; 7—Stoneway Farm; 8—Harold J. Plumley; 9—Howard M. Bender; 10—Joe-Dan Farm; 11—Shade Tree Thoroughbreds Inc.

Trainers: 1—Cathal A. Lynch; 2—Michael Dilger; 3—Phil Schoenthal; 4—John C. Servis; 5—Phil Schoenthal; 6—Scott A. Lake; 7—Michael W. Salvaggio, Jr.; 8—David Jacobson; 9—W. Robert Bailes; 10—Claudio A. Gonzalez; 11—Luis Carvajal, Jr..

TOP BREEDERS

Listed below are the top 10 leading breeders by 2017 North American earnings through January 10, 2016. Racing statistics are 2017 North American only.

Rank	Name	Starts	Wins	Places	Shows	Earnings	Win%	WPS%
1	WinStar Farm, LLC	23	3	8	3	\$187,596	13%	61%
2	Brushwood Stable	5	1	1	0	\$126,300	20%	40%
3	Far View Stables	2	1	0	0	\$120,060	50%	50%
4	Alex Venneri & Marjorie Post Dye	1	1	0	0	\$120,000	100%	100%
5	Dixiana Farms LLC	10	1	2	1	\$104,240	10%	40%
6	Jones Brereton C.	31	4	3	3	\$81,919	13%	32%
7	Adena Springs	22	3	3	4	\$77,212	14%	45%
8	Abraham Mike	11	1	2	1	\$75,331	9%	36%
9	Ocala Stud	15	2	1	2	\$74,971	13%	33%
10	Claiborne Farm	11	3	1	2	\$66,075	27%	55%

TOP TRAINERS

Listed below are the top 10 leading trainers by 2017 North American earnings through January 10, 2017. Racing statistics are 2017 North American only.

Rank	Name	Starts	Wins	Places	Shows	Earnings	Win%	WPS%
1	Jerry Hollendorfer	30	6	6	5	\$301,914	20%	57%
2	Todd A. Pletcher	18	6	3	0	\$264,840	33%	50%
3	Philip D'Amato	9	2	3	1	\$193,635	22%	67%
4	John W. Sadler	9	4	3	2	\$177,320	44%	100%
5	Doug F. O'Neill	25	4	3	5	\$168,533	16%	48%
6	Linda Rice	13	5	1	4	\$165,561	38%	77%
7	Kiaran P. McLaughlin	11	3	3	2	\$155,220	27%	73%
8	Cathal A. Lynch	7	3	2	2	\$141,200	43%	100%
9	Patricia Farro	25	5	5	4	\$136,793	20%	56%
10	Dale L. Romans	13	4	0	1	\$125,840	31%	38%

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TOP JOCKEYS

Listed below are the top 10 leading jockeys by 2017 North American earnings through January 10, 2017. Racing statistics are 2017 North American only.

Rank	Name	Starts	Wins	Places	Shows	Earnings	Win%	WPS%
1	Javier Castellano	25	8	4	4	\$310,520	32%	64%
2	Miguel Mena	30	14	5	0	\$258,640	47%	63%
3	Trevor McCarthy	32	8	7	6	\$244,375	25%	66%
4	Kent J. Desormeaux	18	3	1	3	\$238,128	17%	39%
5	Rafael Bejarano	21	3	3	5	\$236,875	14%	52%
6	Tyler Baze	25	6	5	1	\$235,020	24%	48%
7	Jose L. Ortiz	20	6	3	4	\$205,117	30%	65%
8	Manuel Franco	23	4	4	4	\$190,400	17%	52%
9	Flavien Prat	22	4	2	3	\$184,730	18%	41%
10	Luis Saez	39	8	3	0	\$180,060	21%	28%

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