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CLASSIC EMPIRE TOPS EXPERIMENTAL FREE HANDICAP

By BloodHorse Staff

Classic Empire, last year's champion 2-year-old male and winner of the Sentient Jet Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1), has been assigned the high weight of 126 pounds to top The Jockey Club's Experimental Free Handicap for 2016.

The Jockey Club Experimental Free Handicap, published annually since 1935, is a weight-based assessment of the previous year's leading 2-year-olds, with the weights compiled for a hypothetical race at 1 1/16 miles. This year's list of eligible horses to be weighted included all 2-year-olds of 2016 that started in graded or listed stakes races run in the United States and Canada.

The 126 pounds assigned Classic Empire is the standard impost for top Experimental horses.

Not This Time, second in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile, was second highest-weighted of all eligible 2-year-olds at 125 pounds. The Giant's Causeway colt was retired at the end of last year to stand at Taylor Made Farm.

The highweight filly, at a standard 123, is champion 2-year-old female and 14 Hands Winery Breeders' Cup

Juvenile Fillies (G1) winner Champagne Room.

The champion juvenile filly of 2015, then-undefeated Songbird, was assigned 125 pounds on the Experimental Free Handicap.

"From a filly standpoint there was no Songbird-type filly out there that caught the eye (in 2016)," said Tom Robbins of the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club, a member of the weighting committee of racing secretaries. "You have to be a little careful when they take turns beating each other, in terms of the hierarchy and in terms of where they fit, because at the end of the Experimental, you want to be able to justify every one of the ratings."

The weighting committee of racing secretaries this year also included P.J. Campo of the Stronach Group, Ben Huffman of Churchill Downs and Keeneland, Steve Lym of Woodbine, and Martin Panza of The New York Racing Association.

Out of the eligible 239 males and 230 fillies, a total of 109 males and 118 fillies were assigned weights.

"What we do has changed some," said Robbins, the senior member of the committee. "It used to be the only

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ZOE METZ

Champagne Room is the highweight filly on the Experimental Free Handicap for 2016

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TRAINER ARMANDO LAGE DIES AT

59 Trainer Armando Lage died of a heart attack Dec. 31 at his home in Richmond, Calif., according to his long-time friend, fellow trainer O.J. Jauregui. Lage was 59.

RYMSKA ASSUMES THE MANTLE FOR BROWN IN SWEETEST CHANT

Having saddled the winners of the last five editions of the \$100,000 Sweetest Chant Stakes (G3T), Chad Brown looks to continue his race-specific dominance when he leads over 9-5 morning line favorite Rymska Feb. 4.

O'NEILL SENDS THREE OUT FOR

ROBERT B. LEWIS Without a clear favorite among the five entered in the \$150,000 Robert B. Lewis Stakes (G3), trainer Doug O'Neill, who has three of the five, is hopeful any or all of his horses will seize an opportunity to move forward.

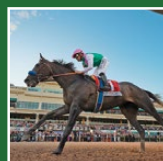
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With breeding season upon us, Indian Creek's Shack Parrish reveals the reasoning behind his matings



A FLYING START

The Stronach Group is thrilled with the record handle, strong attendance for first Pegasus

ARROGATE (ADAM COGLIANESE), PARRISH (ANNE M. EBERHARDT), OBS, STRONACH (PHOTOS BY Z).

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CLASSIC EMPIRE TOPS EXPERIMENTAL FREE HANDICAP

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horses that qualified were those that had finished at least fourth in a listed race or better. Now we look at all horses. We have a cut-off point at about 100.

"We are working on these ratings from the very beginning in early summer. We're not looking at maiden races. We're just looking at stakes races," Robbins said. "My job is to corral everybody. (At year's end) we all do these individually and then come together with a phone meeting and try to reach an agreement."

All Experimental Free Handicap weight assignments, as well as past performances for those horses, are available within the "resources" section of jockeyclub.com.

Kentucky again was the leading foaling state or province of all weighted horses, with 74 males and 80 fillies. Ontario was second with 10 males and six fillies.

Tapit was the leading sire of weighted horses with five fillies and three males. Into Mischief was second with five fillies and two males. **BH**

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Leading Sires of Experimental Horses

Sire	Colts	Fillies	Total
Tapit	3	5	8
Into Mischief	2	5	7
War Front	1	5	6
Harlan's Holiday	2	4	6
More Than Ready	3	3	6
Bernardini	2	3	5
Scat Daddy	3	2	5
Speightstown	2	3	5
Curlin	2	2	4
Spring At Last	2	2	4
Tapizar	2	2	4

First-Crop Sires of Experimental Horses

Sire	Colts	Fillies	Total
Tapizar	2	2	4
Quality Road	1	2	3
Gemologist	1	2	3
Union Rags	1	2	3
Algorithms	3	0	3
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JACK WOLF: BRIGHT FUTURE FOR PEGASUS

By Lenny Shulman

The \$12 million Pegasus World Cup Invitational Stakes (G1) turned out to be a win-win situation for Jack Wolf, who wore dual hats as the chief executive officer of the Pegasus and owner of third-place finisher Neolithic through his Starlight Racing partnership group.

Wolf, who has enjoyed considerable success in the Thoroughbred game campaigning and/or co-owning stars such as Harlan's Holiday, Ashado, Shanghai Bobby, Purge, Octave, Monba, Take the Points, and Hilda's Passion, was hired by Frank and Belinda Stronach last spring to oversee the signing-up of 12 slot holders for the Pegasus, each of whom paid \$1 million for a spot in the starting gate.

The event, run for the first time Jan. 28 at Gulfstream Park, came up roses, with positive results in attendance, handle, TV ratings, and even the weather, which fully cooperated.

"I thought it went quite well," Wolf said. "Getting in and out of the track was very easy. The service and food was good. The undercard had great racing, which showed in the handle of \$40 million on the day. The NBC people I've talked to thought the ratings were excellent.

"We were fortunate to have the two best horses in the country running, but having said that, to handle the money the Pegasus did (\$11 million) with two even-money



PHOTOS BY Z

Jack Wolf enjoyed the third-place finish of Starlight Racing's Neolithic in the Pegasus

horses in the race was incredible. Kudos to (racing secretary) P.J. Campo for the undercard and to Belinda for the marketing. And I think running it on the weekend before the Super Bowl is a good place to be on the schedule."

In addition to the chance to run for the \$7 million winner's share of the purse, slot holders will receive a percentage of the handle and sponsorship money raised around the race. Those figures will not be available for at least a few days.

Wolf, who said he thought the Stronachs are leaning toward keeping the event in South Florida going forward, said the future was bright for the Pegasus.

"We got a late start trying to sign up sponsors, which is usually a tough sell for horse racing anyway,"

he said. "With a year to work on that going forward, and with the success of the day, I think that part will come along. I would love to stay involved with the event and participate on the upside, because I think those numbers will get better."

The numbers came up strong for Neolithic, who improved his bankroll 10-fold from \$100,000 to more than \$1.1 million with his third behind Arrogate and the Stronach runner Shaman Ghost. That seven-figure payday was for a horse who previously won a maiden event and an allowance race.

"Our horse ran a very good race," Wolf noted. "Even some of my partners were calling me a genius, and surely they know better than that." **BH**

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GRADE 1 WINNERS HEAD SAN ANTONIO

By Jeremy Balan

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Karl Watson, Mike Pegram, and Paul Weitman's dual grade 1 winner Hoppertunity looks to win another edition of the \$300,000 San Antonio Stakes (G2) Feb. 4 at Santa Anita Park, while taking on two other grade 1 winners in Mor Spirit and Hard Aces.

The 6-year-old son of Any Given Saturday took the 2016 edition of the 1 1/8-mile dirt test by a nose over Imperative and went on to win the grade 1 Jockey Club Gold Cup in October at Belmont Park for Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert.

Hoppertunity, who has won six races from 24 starts in a career that dates back to January of 2014, has finished in the top five in all of his races, including 11 grade 1 stakes. His consistency has led to nearly \$3.9 million in earnings.

Baffert also has another grade 1 winner entered with Michael Peterson's Mor Spirit, but the Eskendereya ridgling is seeking his first victory in nearly a year. His last win came in the 2016 Robert B. Lewis Stakes (G3).

The pair worked in company Jan. 30 at Santa Anita and each was credited with six furlongs in 1:10 4/5.

"They both worked very well," Baffert said Monday. "The track was a little bit on the fast side today, but they worked very well."

Since Dec. 21 Mor Spirit has posted four bullet works at Santa Anita.

Grade 1 winner and millionaire Hard Aces, who won one race (the grade 3 Cougar II Handicap) in 11 starts last year, finished third in his



CHAD B. HARRISON

Hoppertunity makes his season debut in the San Antonio

latest outing, the Nov. 27 Native Diver Stakes (G3), behind Midnight Storm and Point Piper.

While San Pasqual Stakes (G2) winner Midnight Storm will likely train up to the March 11 Santa Anita Handicap (G1), the three horses who finished immediately behind him last time out will look for their first handicap-division success in the San Antonio.

Hronis Racing's Accelerate was closest Jan. 1 on a wet-fast main track at Santa Anita, 1 1/4 lengths behind Midnight Storm, and the John Sadler trainee, who bloomed late in his 3-year-old year, could

continue to improve at 4. The Lookin At Lucky colt won the Los Alamitos Derby (G2) in September, then ran third—a neck behind grade 1 winner Gun Runner—in the Las Vegas Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile (G1).

Also back from the San Pasqual is Dalmore (third) and Prospect Park (fourth).

Rounding out the field is California-bred stakes winners Avanti Bello and El Huerfano, who have recently competed in the allowance ranks in Southern California.

Erin Shea contributed to this report. **BH**

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TEXAS RYANO CHASES RARE DOUBLE IN SAN MARCOS

By Jeremy Balan

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Warren Williamson's homebred Texas Ryano will look to capture a rare stakes double in the male turf division Feb. 4 in the \$200,000 San Marcos Stakes (G2T) at Santa Anita Park.

A field of 14 is scheduled to contest the 1 1/4-

mile grass race, but only one has won back-to-back turf stakes—David Bienstock and Chuck Winner's Flamboyant.

Texas Ryano, a 6-year-old son of Curlin who won the Hollywood Turf Cup (G2T) last time out Nov. 25, could be added to that category with a win in the San Marcos.

"With his style so much can happen that can change your trip," trainer Carla Gaines said of the closing or off-the-pace runner. "With a horse like Ashleyluvssugar (who has won consecutive turf stakes twice in his career), he's

got tactical speed and that helps. But for (Texas Ryano), there's post position, traffic, pace—it can all be a factor."

Gaines could be not have been encouraged more after the Hollywood Turf Cup, however, when Texas Ryano defeated Ashleyluvssugar by 3 1/4 lengths, because he finished behind that rival in his previous two starts.

Winning consecutive races may be difficult, but plenty in the field have shown they are capable of firing winning races at the level. Nine of the 14 are North American stakes winners, while two others were group 1 winners in South America. **BH**



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Homebred Texas Ryano won the Nov. 25 Hollywood Turf Cup last time out

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MEYDAN GEARING UP WITH CHALLENGE RACES

By Tom Hall

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With the March 25 Dubai World Cup (G1) date drawing nearer, Meydan scheduled the Al Maktoum Challenge Round 2 Sponsored by Emirates Global Aluminum (G2) for its Groundhog Day card Feb. 2.

Nine older runners from around the globe answered the call to the post. Five of them were bred in the U.S., one is from Europe, two are from South America, and one is from South Korea.

Le Bernardin (Bernardini), who won the eight-furlong Jan. 5 Al Maktoum Challenge Round 1 Presented by Elegance in Equestrian (G2), returned to add to his reputation by trying 1,900 meters (about 9 1/2 furlongs) over the dirt.

Also returning were runner-up Long River, third-place finisher Lindo Amor, Gold City, Fitzgerald, and Storm Belt. The newcomers included Florida-bred Second Summer (Summer Bird), who had not raced in 222 days; the Chilean-bred mare Furia Cruzada; and, from the Pacific Rim, South Korean-bred Power Blade (Menifee).

Long River set the pace, sprinting to the lead the moment the gates opened. Pressed by Furia Cruzada and Power Blade through the opening furlongs, the Kentucky-bred son of A.P. Indy found the extra furlong and a half too much, and gave way to Fitzgerald, who

followed suit when Furia Cruzada took command in the final turn and opened a lengthy lead.

Through the stretch Second Summer shook off the long layoff and made a determined bid, barely missing the win as Furia Cruzada, ridden by Antonio Fresu, hit the wire first. Korean invader Power Blade finished third, a neck better than Le Bernardin. The time for the 1,900 meters on a fast track was 1:58.85.

Trained by Erwan Charpy for owner Fernando Fantini, Chilean champion 3-year-old Furia Cruzada was making her Dubai debut, having previously raced in Argentina, Chile, England, and France. Haras Dadinco bred the daughter of U.S. expat Newfoundland (Storm Cat) from the Hussonet (Mr. Prospector) mare Nuestra Machi.

Furia Cruzada's globetrotting travels have earned the bay mare a \$454,788 bankroll.

Meydan's supporting feature was the Al Shindagha Sprint Sponsored by Emirates Global Aluminum (G3) at 1,200 meters (about six furlongs), also contested on the dirt.

Best in the field of six speedsters was Cool Cowboy, a Kentucky-bred son of Kodiak Cowboy (Posse) out of the Grand Slam mare Grand Breeze.

A ding-dong battle through the stretch between Zaur Sekrekov's Cool Cowboy and Shadwell's Muarrab (Oasis Dream) led to a neck margin at the wire, with jockey Patrick Dobbs working furiously to urge Cool Cowboy to the victory. Florida-bred Wild Dude (Wildcat Heir) finished third.

Bred by Columbian Farm, Cool Cowboy was a \$110,000 Keeneland September yearling who raced for Savoy Stable until Sekrekov acquired the chestnut privately following the colt's sophomore season and shipped him to Dubai to be trained by Doug Watson. He won last year's Burj Nahaar Sponsored by Emirates Holidays (G3).

Two more Kentucky-breds graced the Meydan winner's circle. Cymric, a 4-year-old gelded son of Kitten's Joy (El Prado), won his Dubai debut by taking the Potlines Trophy sporting the Godolphin blue for trainer Charlie Appleby and jockey William Buick. The Meydan nightcap, the Al Taweelah Trophy, went to Speed Hawk, a 6-year-old son of Henny Hughes (Hennessy). **BH**

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Furia Cruzada (outside) takes the Al Maktoum Challenge Round 2

TAMME'S TAKE ON THOROUGHBREDS

By Steve Haskin

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When the players take the field for Super Bowl LI Feb. 5, on the sidelines supporting his team will be Jacob Tamme, the Atlanta Falcons' starting tight end for the past two seasons who has been sidelined since Week 8 with a shoulder injury that required surgery.

Tamme has been to the Super Bowl twice before—with the Indianapolis Colts, who lost to the New Orleans Saints, and the Denver Broncos, who lost to the Seattle Seahawks. Both times, his quarterback was the great Peyton Manning.

But Tamme is not your average NFL veteran. The native of Danville, Kentucky who was a star at the University of Kentucky is a diehard racing fan, and his passion in addition to football is owning Thoroughbreds in partnership. Eventually, he hopes to build a broodmare band and breed his own horses.

Fate directed Tamme to horse racing at an early age, even if he didn't know it at the time. After all, how can you not become a racing fan growing up on Count Fleet Circle?

Right now Tamme is having a ball as a partner, along with fellow NFL star Wes Welker, in the Hat Creek Racing partnership run by Gatewood Bell. One filly who has given him a big thrill is Con Te Partiro, who won the Bolton Landing Stakes at Saratoga Race Course last August and was second in the Juvenile Turf Sprint at Santa Anita Park on the Breeders' Cup undercard.

"To be at Keeneland for her maiden win last year and see her smoke the field was an unbelievable experience for me and my family," Tamme said. "When she walked into that winner's circle, I saw a look in her eye that was something really special. It basically was saying, 'Bring on eight more and let's do it again.' She was a competitor, and you could see it. Just to see that



look in her eye was so cool. I just have a great deal of respect for the animals and for their talent. It makes it so much fun to be around them.

"Race day is so magical, just watching the horses run. They are so amazing to me. The breeding end is more the business end."

Tamme remembers the day he was on a plane flying from Chicago to Lexington and found himself sitting next to someone who was wearing some sort of horse apparel. He told him how much he loved Thoroughbreds and racing, and asked him if he was involved in the industry. It turned out he was Mark Toothaker from Spendthrift Farm, and they struck up a great friendship and are now partners on a few mares. Tamme also does a little bit of business with Spendthrift, and he and his wife Allison are partners on a few broodmares with Carrie and Craig Brogden of Machmer Hall.

"We're starting our operation small in a way where I can continue to learn and develop my own expertise and knowledge of the industry, and do it with people who have had a good deal of success and are just good people," Tamme said.

For the full story, visit [Hangin' With Haskin](#). **BH**

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SALES UPDATE

EASTON ANGEL SETS RECORD AT TATTERSALLS FEBRUARY

By BloodHorse Staff

Multiple stakes winner Easton Angel was purchased by Mick Flanagan for 500,000 guineas (about US\$661,694) to top the Feb. 2 first day of the Tattersalls February sale at the paddocks in Newmarket, England.

The price paid by Flanagan, who held off Arrowfield Stud's Paul Messara to secure the multiple group 2-placed filly, is a record in the 18-year history February auction, which is being conducted over two days for the first time.

The sales company reported a total of 157 lots sold for 3,273,300 guineas (\$4,331,850), already a record gross with a day to go. The average was 20,849 guineas (\$27,591) and the median was 7,000 guineas (\$9,264). The clearance rate was 85%.

Offered by the Castlebridge consignment, the session-topping 4-year-old daughter of Dark Angel attracted plenty of attention in the ring, with other bidders including Cheveley Park Stud's Chris Richardson, bloodstock agent Jake Warren, Salcey Forest Stud's Daniel Crieghton, and owner Ritchie Fiddes.

Easton Angel is a dual listed winner over five furlongs who finished second in the Queen Mary Stakes (G2) at Royal Ascot and third in the group 2 Lowther Stakes at York.

Flanagan said the filly was bought for an undisclosed client and will remain in Europe.

"She has been bought to breed from, but I have been told that she has plenty of racing left in her, so we do have options," he said. "We'll let the dust settle from here and take a view.

"But she is a quick filly, a gorgeous physical, and moves like a panther."

The second highest lot of the day was Dressed



Multiple stakes winner Easton Angel sold for a record-setting 500,000 guineas

in Fur, who made 155,000 guineas (\$205,125) when selling to Cormack McCormack Bloodstock. The 4-year-old daughter of Excellent Art was runner-up in the group 2 Criterium de Maisons-Laffitte, as well as the group 3 Prix Miesque for France-based trainer Pia Brandt.

Offered for sale by Anna Drion's Coulonces Consignment, Dressed in Fur is from the family of group 1 Two Thousand Guineas winner Araafa and Cheveley Park Stud stallion Pivotal.

"We are delighted with the price," Drion said. "It is my first time to the February sale, but we decided that this was the sale to sell her at as all the buyers are here."

Offerings from Sheikh Mohammed's Godolphin operation were a highlight of the opening day of the sale, with the consignment realising a total of 1,689,300 guineas (\$2,235,600) topped by Masaya, who was bought by Yeomanstown Stud for 115,000 guineas (\$152,190).

The Tattersalls February sale continues Feb. 3. **BH**

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SHADAI PURCHASES GRADE 1 WINNER LIGHTHOUSE BAY

By BloodHorse Staff

Lighthouse Bay, winner of the 2013 Prioress Stakes (G1), has been purchased by Shadai Farm in a deal brokered by Greg Harbut of Harbut Bloodstock.

Currently in foal to 2015 Triple Crown winner American Pharoah, Lighthouse Bay has a 2-year-old colt by Tapit from her first mating as well as a yearling colt by Medaglia d'Oro. Breeding plans for 2017 have not yet been determined.

"She's a beautiful specimen," Harbut said of Lighthouse Bay. "I'm just always on the lookout for nice mares for Shadai Farm, and I have several other clients in Japan that I've purchased grade 1 winners and dams of grade 1 horses for. I have a working relationship with Shannon Potter of Town and Country Farms and in conversations with him, things just worked out with the client with what they were looking for."

Harbut is the great grandson of Will Harbut, legendary groom for Man o' War, and has operated his Harbut Bloodstock Agency since 2010.



COURTESY OF HARBUT BLOODSTOCK

Greg Harbut, great grandson of legendary Man o' War groom Will Harbut, with Lighthouse Bay

Campaigned and bred by Richlyn Farm, Lighthouse Bay won four of her eight career starts and retired with earnings of \$365,706. The 7-year-old daughter of Speightstown sold to Newgate Farm in foal to Tapit for \$1.2 million at the 2014 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Fall mixed sale and was a \$850,000 buyback at the 2015 Keeneland November sale, while in foal to Medaglia d'Oro. **BH**

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INTERNATIONAL REPORT: JAPAN

LANI STARTS YEAR OFF IN DUBAI

By Naohiro Goda

Koji Maeda's Lani, the Japan-based son of Tapit who competed in all three legs of the 2016 Triple Crown and placed third in the Belmont Stakes (G1), is scheduled to kick off this season in the Mar. 4 Al Maktoum Challenge Round 3 (G1) at Meydan.

Ryan Moore is booked to ride; the race is intended as a prep for the Dubai World Cup Sponsored by Emirates Airline (G1).

During the second half of 2016, Lani made three starts in Japan after returning from the U.S. He finished third in the Brazil Cup in Tokyo, but then finished out of the money in the next two, the Nov. 6 Miyako Stakes (G3) and the grade 1 Champions Cup Dec. 4.

Lani, who is currently in training at Daisen Hills, Maeda's private facility, will transfer back to the barn of Mikio Matsunaga at Ritto Training Center and is scheduled to ship to Dubai Feb. 23.

Lani will be joined in Dubai by his 7-year-old half



ANNIE M. EBERHARDT

Lani gets a bath after a morning work at Belmont Park


brother Awardee. The son of Jungle Pocket has won five stakes and was runner up in the Champions Cup this year.

Awardee, also trained by Matsunaga, is scheduled to train up to the Dubai World Cup and will travel to Meydan in the middle of March, along with other Japanese contenders for the Dubai World Cup day undercard Mar. 25. **BH**

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WHAT THE FEBRUARY AUCTION MARKET TELLS US

By Eric Mitchell

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Carl McEntee, bloodstock and sales director for Darby Dan Farm, talked with BloodHorse MarketWatch editor Eric Mitchell about how the Fasig-Tipton February sale fits within the rest of the mixed sale market. Like other aspects of the commercial market, we're reminded that timing is everything.

BloodHorse MarketWatch: Is there a strategy to selling in a February mixed sale?

Carl McEntee: I've got some racing and broodmare prospects with people who had not made their decisions by entry deadlines for January, which is a November deadline. They wanted to see out the year's racing. Some horses, like the short yearlings, weren't quite ready for the January sale—but they've come together well for February. It is more indicative of what's right for the horse at a given time.

BH: Is there much of difference between the January and February markets?

CM: The nice thing about selling broodmare prospects in February is that you are a week out from the start of breeding season, so you still have stallion owners and shareholders that need to fill their seasons for certain stallions. Last year, we sold a couple of nice mares in foal to Scat Daddy—which was indicative of good timing. These nice graded stakes mares or stakes-placed mares coming off the track, because there are so few of them (entered in the sale), generate a greater appeal.

BH: Any appreciable difference between last fall's weanling market and the short yearling market?

CM: There is not that much difference than what you see in November. That is the light switch



Carl McEntee talks about generating more appeal through good timing

for everyone to see where we're at. You will see differences with stallions that have come on. For example, we have a Dialed In in the sale. He was doing well in November, but now he's the leading freshman sire. He topped the sale in Timonium and now they're more sought after. He's booked full for the season and there are quite a few horses on the waiting list.

BH: Do the winter sales set any kind of tone for the remainder of the sale year?

CM: These earlier sales don't tell you much about the yearling sales later in the year. You get more of a precedent out of the 2-year-old sales. If the 2-year-old sellers have a great spring, then they'll be coming in hard and fast to buy yearlings. If it is a poor 2-year-old year, then it doesn't set up great for the yearling sales. If they have a good year, it pushes the market forward and you'll see more bidding in the middle market. Instead of having a horse sell for \$75,000, it might go for \$125,000 or \$150,000.

We've gone from an industry in 1970 that was 84-85% breed to race and now 86-87% of horses will go through a sale ring. We are very much in a buy to re-sell industry, for the most part. **BH**

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RACE RESULTS

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS

Aqueduct, Race 8, AOC

2/2, \$67,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 8f (dirt), 1:40.37, track fast.
1—**Annie Rocks**, 120, b f, 4, A. P. Warrior—Five Star Annie, by Five Star Day, \$40,200, O—Michael Dubb, B—Brenda Jones & Silver Oaks Farm (FL), T—Jason Servis, J—Irad Ortiz, Jr.
Sale History: 2015 OBSJUN, (\$27,000 RNA), 2014 OBSAUG, \$40,000.
Margin: 5½, 7 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Charles Town, Race 7, AOC

2/1, \$24,500, 4yo/up, f/m, 6.5f (dirt), 1:20.31, track fast.
1—**Tribal Heat**, 119, b f, 4, Bring the Heat—Indiancreek Maggie, by Roanoke, \$15,190, O—E. Clinton Lowry, B—Dr. & Mrs. E. C. Lowry (WV), T—Ollie L. Figgins, III, J—Jose Montano
Margin: 3, 5 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Delta Downs, Race 8, AOC

2/1, \$29,000, 4yo/up, 5f (dirt), :58.35, track fast.
1—**Stormation**, 118, b c, 4, Stormy Atlantic—Promoted Deputy, by Deputy Minister, \$17,400, O—End Zone Athletics, Inc., B—Mercedes Stables LLC (KY), T—Karl Broberg, J—Timothy Thornton
Margin: 1, 9 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Fair Grounds, Race 6, AOC

2/2, \$44,000, 4yo/up, a5.5f (turf), 1:03.05, course firm.
1—**Eden Grey's Kitten**, 119, ch g, 5, Kitten's Joy—Steaming Home, by Salt Lake, \$26,400, O—Whispering Oaks Farm LLC, B—Danny M. Brown & Donna B. Brown (LA), T—Steven B. Flint, J—Florent Geroux
Sale History: 2014 OBSAPR, (\$92,000 RNA), 2012 KEE-NOV, (\$18,000 RNA).



Margin: 1½, 9 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Gulfstream Park, Race 9, AOC

2/2, \$48,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 8f (dirt), 1:36.47, track fast.
1—**Apologynotaccepted**, 121, dk b/br m, 6, Fusaichi Pegasus—Withmom's approval, by With Approval, \$24,000, O—Alter's Racing Stable (Happy Alter), Barber, Gary and Wachtel Stable, B—Happy Alter (KY), T—William I. Mott, J—Nik Juarez
Margin: 6, 8 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Oaklawn Park, Race 8, ALW

2/2, \$74,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 8f (dirt), 1:40.52, track fast.
1—**Impasse**, 114, b f, 4, Quality Road—Tempus Fugit, by Alphabet Soup, \$44,400, O—Briland Farm, B—Briland Farm, Robert Mitchell & Stacy Mitchell (KY), T—D. Wayne Lukas, J—Ramon A. Vazquez
Margin: 7, 8 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Penn National, Race 3, ALW

2/1, \$33,300, 4yo/up, 8f (dirt), 1:41.18, track fast.
1—**Tactical Plan**, 119, dk b/br c, 4, Cat Thief—Perfect Plan, by Game Plan, \$19,980, O—Michael W. Jester, B—Michael W. Jester (PA), T—Michael V. Pino, J—Hector Caballero
Margin: 4, 6 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Penn National, Race 4, ALW

2/1, \$29,500, 4yo/up, 8f (dirt), 1:39.98, track fast.
1—**Nick Can Fix**, 119, b g, 4, Majestic Warrior—Carly's City, by Carson City, \$17,700, O—Vince Campanella, B—Langsem Farm, Inc (OH), T—Keith Nations, J—Victor R. Carrasco
Sale History: 2014 FTKOCT, \$60,000.
Margin: ¾, 7 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

MAIDEN RESULTS

Aqueduct, Race 1, MSW

2/2, \$55,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f (dirt), 1:12.19, track fast.
1—**Shimmering Moon**, 121, b f, 4, Malibu Moon—Shine Upon, by Congaree, \$33,000, O—Blue Bison Stable and Hoffman Thoroughbreds, B—Hoffman Thoroughbreds LLC. & Blue Bison Stables, LLC (NY), T—Michael E. Hushion, J—Rajiv Maragh



Margin: 17½, 7 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Charles Town, Race 3, MSW

2/1, \$23,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 4.5f (dirt), :52.83, track fast.
1—**Tiz Our Time**, 124, dk b/br m, 5, Tiz Wonderful—Exquisite Option, by Silver Deputy, \$14,260, O—Sam E. English, II, B—Sam E. English (VA), T—E. G. Pete Twisdale, J—Gilberto Ramos Delgado
Sale History: 2012 FTMDCE, (\$12,000 RNA).
Margin: 4½, 6 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Charles Town, Race 5, MSW

2/1, \$23,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 6.5f (dirt), 1:20.84, track fast.
1—**Meemaw's Heart**, 123, dk b/br f, 4, Lion Hearted—Even Aim, by Stephen Got Even, \$13,680, O—Reggetts Racing

Stable, B—Stephen Reggetts (WV), T—Stephen L. Reggetts, J—Victor Rodriguez
Margin: 5½, 8 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Delta Downs, Race 3, MSW

2/1, \$34,000, 4yo/up, 6.5f (dirt), 1:21.64, track fast.
1—**Gentemens Half**, 121, ch g, 4, Half Ours—Sugar Loaf Gal, by Gentlemen (ARG), \$20,400, O—Wayne T. Davis, B—William E. Simmons III (LA), T—Shane Wilson, J—Filemon T. Rodriguez



Margin: 1¼, 10 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Delta Downs, Race 5, MSW

2/1, \$27,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 5f (dirt), 1:00.14, track fast.
1—**It's All Me**, 123, dk b/br m, 5, Congrats—Oxford Scholar, by Seeking the Gold, \$16,200, O—Love Partnership Interests LP, B—Michael J Snyder (KY), T—Karl Broberg, J—Timothy Thornton
Sale History: 2013 KEESEP, \$35,000.
Margin: 2¼, 9 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Fair Grounds, Race 2, MSW

2/2, \$38,000, 4yo/up, a7.5f (turf), 1:31.69, course firm.
1—**Remembermis**, 123, b g, 4, Misremembered—School Girl, by Snow Ridge, \$22,800, O—Ulswelling, Al and Bill, B—J. Adcock & Hume Wornall (LA), T—Gary M. Scherer, J—Robby Albarado
Sale History: 2014 FTKOCT, \$40,000.
Margin: 1, 11 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Fair Grounds, Race 3, MSW

2/2, \$41,000, 3yo, 6f (dirt), 1:10.44, track fast.
1—**Excitations**, 120, b c, 3, Into Mischief—Summer Song, by Sunday Break (JPN), \$24,600, O—Fair Grounds Racing Club, Inc., B—Richard Snyder & Connie Snyder (KY), T—Albert M. Stall, Jr., J—Miguel Mena
Sale History: 2016 OBSAPR, \$335,000, 2015 KEESEP, \$100,000.



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Gulfstream Park, Race 3, MSW

2/2, \$46,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f (dirt), 1:11.80, track fast.

1—[Last Kiss](#), 123, dk b/br f, 4, [Lemon Drop Kid](#)—Carafe, by Devil's Bag, \$22,800, O—Bluestone Thoroughbreds LLC, B—Stone Farm & Joseph W. Sutton (KY), T—Larry Bates, J—Luca Panici

Sale History: 2015 OBSAPR, (\$145,000 RNA), 2014 KEESEP, \$90,000.

Margin: 3, 6 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Gulfstream Park, Race 8, MSW

2/2, \$46,000, 4yo/up, 8f (turf), 1:34.37, course firm.

1—[Mutazen](#), 123, b g, 5, [Candy Ride \(ARG\)](#)—Wynyard, by Mr. Greeley, \$22,800, O—Shadwell Stable, B—Liberty Road Stables (KY), T—Kiaran P. McLaughlin, J—Jose Lezcano

Sale History: 2013 KEESEP, \$500,000.

Margin: 3½, 10 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Oaklawn Park, Race 5, MSW

2/2, \$72,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (dirt), 1:13.39, track fast.

1—[Nikki's Rose](#), 124, dk b/br m, 5, [Jonesboro](#)—Smell the Roses, by [Storm and a Half](#), \$43,200, O—Christian, Richard B. and J J Thoroughbreds, B—Eugenia Thompson (AR), T—Al Cates, J—Ricardo Santana, Jr.

Margin: 1¼, 12 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Santa Anita Park, Race 3, MSW

2/2, \$54,000, 4yo/up, a6.5f (turf), 1:12.94, course firm.

1—[David's Memory](#), 123, b g, 5, [Vronsky](#)—Judge's Pegasus, by Unusual Heat, \$32,400, O—Nu Wave Stables LLC, B—David Nelson (CA), T—Hector O. Palma, J—Rafael Bejarano

Sale History: 2015 BAROCT, \$2,700.

Margin: 1¾, 9 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)



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LAS VIRGENES S. (G2)

Santa Anita Park, Sunday, February 5, Race 6
8f (dirt), \$200,000, 3yo f, 1:30 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1		Mopotism	Uncle Mo	3/f	Flavien Prat	118	-	Reddam Racing, LLC
2		Champagne Room	Broken Vow	3/f	Mario Gutierrez	123	-	S. Alesia, Ciaglia Racing LLC or Exline-Border Racing LLC, Et Al
3		Mistressofthenight	Midnight Lute	3/f	Corey S. Nakatani	118	-	Beerman Family Trust, Sayjay Racing LLC or Hall
4		Unique Bella	Tapit	3/f	Mike E. Smith	120	-	Don Alberto Stable
5		Miss Southern Miss	More Than Ready	3/f	Kent J. Desormeaux	118	-	Peter L. Cantrell

Breeders: 1–Frank T Batten; 2–Respite Farm; 3–George Krikorian; 4–Brushwood Stable; 5–Cantrel Family Partnership, Ltd..

Trainers: 1–Doug F. O'Neill; 2–Peter Eurton; 3–Richard Baltas; 4–Jerry Hollendorfer; 5–J. Keith Desormeaux.

BIOGIO'S ROSE S.

Aqueduct, Sunday, February 5, Race 8
8.5f (dirt), \$100,000, 4yo/up f/m, 4:20 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1		Legally Bay	Read the Footnotes	7/m	Jacqueline A. Davis	117	-	Coffeepot Stables
2		Jules N Rome	Dunkirk	5/m	Irado Ortiz, Jr.	121	-	Dubb, Michael
3		Isabelle	Successful Appeal	6/m	Kendrick Carmouche	121	-	Schettine, William, C.
4		Super Surprise	Giant Surprise	4/f	Jose L. Ortiz	121	-	Repole Stable
5		Daisy Cutter	Bellamy Road	5/m	Cornelio H. Velasquez	117	-	Tic Stables
6		Dream On	Cosmonaut	5/m	Antonio A. Gallardo	117	-	Contessa, Jennifer

Breeders: 1–Coffee Pot Stables; 2–Harry L. Landry, Constancia Farm & Dunkirk Syndicate; 3–Bluegrass Farm Partners & Jeffrey Tucker; 4–Allen C. Hallett; 5–Tic Stables; 6–Blue Devil Racing Stable.

Trainers: 1–Marialice Coffey; 2–Rudy R. Rodriguez; 3–William I. Mott; 4–Todd A. Pletcher; 5–Linda Rice; 6–Gary C. Contessa.



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TOP HORSES

Listed below are the top 10 leading horses by 2017 North American earnings through February 1, 2017. Racing statistics are 2017 North American only.

Rank	Name	Starts	Wins	Places	Shows	Earnings	Win%	WPS%
1	Arrogate	1	1	0	0	\$7,000,000	100%	100%
2	Shaman Ghost	1	0	1	0	\$1,750,000	0%	100%
3	Neolithic	1	0	0	1	\$1,000,000	0%	100%
4	Noble Bird	1	0	0	0	\$250,000	0%	0%
5	California Chrome	1	0	0	0	\$250,000	0%	0%
6	Eragon (ARG)	1	0	0	0	\$250,000	0%	0%
7	War Envoy	1	0	0	0	\$250,000	0%	0%
8	Keen Ice	1	0	0	0	\$250,000	0%	0%
9	Breaking Lucky	1	0	0	0	\$250,000	0%	0%
10	War Story	1	0	0	0	\$250,000	0%	0%
11	Semper Fortis	1	0	0	0	\$250,000	0%	0%
12	Prayer for Relief	1	0	0	0	\$250,000	0%	0%

TOP TRAINERS

Listed below are the top 10 leading trainers by 2017 North American earnings through February 1, 2017. Racing statistics are 2017 North American only.

Rank	Name	Starts	Wins	Places	Shows	Earnings	Win%	WPS%
1	Bob Baffert	19	6	3	2	\$7,319,528	32%	58%
2	Todd A. Pletcher	79	22	14	8	\$2,516,694	28%	56%
3	James A. Jerkens	14	1	4	1	\$1,825,283	7%	43%
4	Doug F. O'Neill	62	9	16	10	\$906,403	15%	56%
5	Michael J. Maker	89	25	13	13	\$857,468	28%	57%
6	Jerry Hollendorfer	97	16	15	14	\$790,911	16%	46%
7	Mark E. Casse	67	14	11	8	\$728,090	21%	49%
8	Steven M. Asmussen	101	17	22	9	\$660,521	17%	48%
9	Linda Rice	50	13	9	7	\$514,633	26%	58%
10	Rudy R. Rodriguez	63	11	8	10	\$499,605	17%	46%

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TOP JOCKEYS

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Rank	Name	Starts	Wins	Places	Shows	Earnings	Win%	WPS%
1	Mike E. Smith	15	6	1	3	\$7,519,310	40%	67%
2	Jose L. Ortiz	101	21	19	12	\$3,251,597	21%	51%
3	John R. Velazquez	69	16	10	6	\$1,691,640	23%	46%
4	Javier Castellano	107	15	18	16	\$1,053,670	14%	46%
5	Luis Saez	140	28	16	13	\$1,040,920	20%	41%
6	Irad Ortiz, Jr.	81	22	19	14	\$1,019,991	27%	68%
7	Tyler Gaffalione	130	21	16	26	\$949,310	16%	48%
8	Florent Geroux	81	22	16	12	\$914,900	27%	62%
9	Antonio A. Gallardo	78	7	10	11	\$873,353	9%	36%
10	Kendrick Carmouche	78	20	9	8	\$856,356	26%	47%