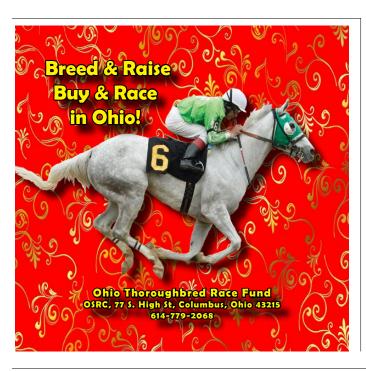
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## FROM THE FEATURE WELL

## BROUSSARD BALANCES RIDING AND MOTHERHOOD

By Gary McMillen

They're up there in the dense fog. Circling. You can hear them, but you can't see them. It's a long migration from Canada to the rice fields of Rayne, La., but geese don't rely on GPS.

Inside her modest kitchen, jockey Ashley Broussard is fixing breakfast for her 2-year-old son Bentley while going over a mental checklist for the day: exercise two horses at the Evangeline Downs Training Center, need talcum powder, check the oil in the car, take down the Christmas tree, out of cough medicine, call Mom, clothes in the dryer, macaroni and cheese for Bentley, leave a note for Uncle Cliff the baby sitter, ride five horses tonight at Delta Downs.

It's not easy being a single parent, but like the geese, Broussard knows where she is going and how to get there.

The challenges of being a mother and maintaining her riding career have proved a steep climb full of surprises.

"In the beginning it was sleep deprivation," Broussard admitted. "Having to wake up every three or four hours was a mental stress that was hard to overcome. My brain was totally consumed with different issues. I have always been around kids, but putting in a car seat was a new experience. I used to be in the gym all the time before I had Bentley, but now there is not a lot of time to go and lift weights."

Broussard tipped the scales at 138 pounds during her pregnancy. She now weighs a fit 101.

"Chasing Bentley around keeps me in shape," Broussard said with a laugh. "The everyday routine of working horses and riding puts you into a level of fitness. You have to have a strong core as well as back and legs. All of that translates into



Jockey Ashley Broussard's mounts have won more than \$5 million in purses

your arms, wrists, and shoulders so when you get on a really tough horse you find out what you got."

The sharp turning, balance, and maneuverability against the clock of barrel racing contributed to Broussard's skill as a jockey. The rodeo sport also revealed her tenacious urge to compete. As a teenager, she was ranked first in Louisiana for multiple years and was fifth in the world on two occasions.

Broussard was also raised with horse knowledge. Her father was a match-race jockey on the local

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## FROM THE FEATURE WELL

## BROUSSARD BALANCES RIDING AND MOTHERHOOD

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bush tracks and became a longtime assistant to trainer Gene Norman. With a cowboy reputation of being able to handle the toughest horses, Clarence Broussard kept his daughter away from the racetrack but close to the farm and breaking babies.

"The animals are not strangers to me," the 24-yearold Broussard said. "I've learned that every horse has its own personality and character. The trick is to persuade them to do things without being forceful or making them do it. When you treat them with kindness, it's amazing how much smarter they are than humans."

The gift of an exercise saddle from one of her father's clients stimulated the dream of Broussard (then 16) to become a jockey. She sat down with her parents and told them she wanted to be a jockey, with a plan and the patience to carry it out. At 18, she got a job at Fair Grounds Race Course & Slots with trainer Steve Asmussen. Then, in the spring of 2013, Asmussen needed an exercise rider at Keeneland, and he needed one immediately. It was time to put up or shut up.

"I still had a lot to learn, but it was time to take a jump," Broussard said of her decision to pack her bags. "I figured I might not ever get another chance to work for a Hall of Fame trainer. I've never been one to do things half-assed. If I am going to do something, I want to go all the way, so I took a deep breath and took off."

Far from home for the first time, Broussard stayed in a cheap hotel on the interstate and went to the track early each morning. She "manned up" and there was no relief. Some days she was legged up on a dozen horses. Her next milestone was a move to Churchill Downs to get serious about becoming a jockey. She secured a salaried position with trainer Kellyn Gorder, received gate approval from the stewards, and was given her jockey license. She won her first race at Ellis Park in August 2013. She had been galloping horses for more than three years.

"A lot of people nowadays that have never been around a racetrack decide one day that they want to be a jockey," Broussard said. "Three weeks later they are in a race somewhere. I'm not sorry or apologizing for taking so long. I wanted to learn everything from the ground up."

The 2014 fall/winter meet at Fair Grounds landed Broussard in the same jock's room as the meet's leading rider, Rosie Napravnik, who drilled Broussard like it was basic training for the Navy SEALS. Her learning curve shot through the roof, and Broussard went on to become the meet's leading apprentice rider.

"First of all, she looked good on a horse," Napravnik remembered. "Ashley is smart and level-headed, and she somehow manages to listen to the right people that can help. You can preach, preach, preach to some young riders, but Ashley listened and then went out on the racetrack and applied what she learned."

Broussard's sacrifice has paid off. Despite the detours of child birth and an accident (broken collarbone and busted ribs) that kept her away three months, her mounts have won more than \$5 million in purses. Her 130 wins in 2016 ranked 110th of the jockeys' list in North America. The multiple stakes-winning rider is currently second in the standings at Delta Downs. She has had too many riding triples at Evangeline Downs to count. She won honors as the Jockey's Guild's Jockey of the Week after winning six consecutive races for five different trainers last Dec. 14 at Delta Downs. Two weeks prior to that performance, Broussard booted home five winners on a single card at Delta.

Wherever Broussard's internal compass tells her to go, she has the markings of a bright future, and son Bentley will be right there with her.

"I just want him to stay healthy and follow his dreams," Broussard said. "My parents never pushed me in any certain direction. They let me find my own path and just made sure I was safe along the way. I do want him to see that nothing happens in one day. That you have to work for what you want. Horse racing has offered me many life lessons, and if that is the path he loves, then I will be right there to follow him."

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## JAPAN'S HYACINTH COULD PRODUCE DERBY STARTER

By Bob Kieckhefer

Fifteen 3-year-olds, including one owned by Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al Maktoum, are set for the Hyacinth Stakes Feb. 19 at Tokyo Racecourse, which carries a qualifying opportunity to the Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (G1).

The Hyacinth is the second of two races in Japan designated by Churchill Downs as qualifying races for the Louisville classic. Separate and apart from the "Road to the Kentucky Derby" series that includes United States and Dubai races, the two points races in Japan offer one runner a chance to compete in the Derby.

The first of the two races, the Cattleya Sho, was run Nov. 26, with Mont Saint Legame earning 40 qualifying points for defeating Caucus by 11/4 lengths, with Blanc Eclat third and Lavapies fourth. Mont Saint Legame, by Came Home, is undefeated in two starts and will make his first start since the Cattleya Sho in the Hyacinth. Caucus, a Street Sense colt bred by Darley in Japan and owned by Sheikh Mohammed, earned 16 points in the Cattleya Sho.

The Hyacinth awards Derby points to the top four finishers on a 50-20-10-5 schedule. In terms of earning a spot in the Derby, Mont Saint Legame would earn the top spot with a win and he could secure it with a runner-up finish to any horse but Caucus.

If the connections of the top point earner decline the Derby invitation, the opportunity goes to the second qualifier, then to the third if necessary. If all three are ruled out, the invitation is withdrawn. If one of the top three accepts the invitation they will have an automatic berth into the Kentucky Derby.

The Derby option doubles down on the performance last year of Japan runner Lani, who won the 2015 Cattelya Sho, finished fifth in the Hyacinth, detoured to Dubai to win the UAE Derby (G2) and then competed in all three Triple Crown races, finishing third in the Belmont Stakes (G1).

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Since 2012, Medaglia d'Oro is the only sire with four G1 winners on turf **and** four G1 winners on the main track. *He's also the only stallion with at least 15 horses to register a 90+ Beyer on dirt and turf in 2016.* 





## JAPAN'S HYACINTH COULD PRODUCE DERBY STARTER

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A runner who opts to make the trip to North America this year also would figure to consider a lucrative Belmont Stakes offer. Last month, the New York Racing Association announced a \$1 million bonus for any Japan-based horse that wins this year's Belmont.

While much of the pre-race attention focuses on the Cattelya Sho performers, there are a few others waiting to seize an opportunity.

Epicharis, a Gold Allure colt, is undefeated in three starts with two stakes wins to his credit. Christophe Lemaire has the mount. Ryan Moore, a frequent and very successful visitor to Tokyo Racecourse, will ride the highly regarded Foggy Night, a Japanesebred colt by Tapit who won his only start as a 2-year-old and will make his seasonal debut.

The only American-bred entry is Matera Sky, a Speightstown colt out of the Rahy mare Mostaqeleh who won a maiden race in October. As usual in modern Japanese racing, however, many of the others descend from American stars with



Lani gained entry to the 2016 Kentucky Derby via the UAE Derby where he picked up 100 qualifying points

Sunday Silence, Medaglia d'Oro, Forty Niner, I'll Have Another, and French Deputy prominent in their pedigrees.

The lone filly in the race is Stapes Maria, a daughter of Pyro and granddaughter of Pulpit, whose dam, Win Blossom, is a granddaughter of Sunday Silence. She finished her juvenile season with a pair of victories sprinting.

The Hyacinth is run at 1,600 meters (about one mile) on the Tokyo dirt track, which features a long stretch with an uphill climb. The purse is ¥34.2 million, or slightly more than US\$300,000. BH

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Breeders' Cup Classic Champion and Horse of the Year Finalist

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In breeding Bayern's dam, Alittlebitearly, I really liked Offlee Wild for many reasons. One, he was a good outcross for her. He has Champions Dynaformer and Seattle Slew in his family and he just was a horse that I always thought was very underrated. We raised him on the farm and I always really liked him. He had a Champion in his first crop and I thought, 'Why not? This might be a good match for this mare.' When Bayern was foaled I was over the moon.

## Helen Alexander



Helen Alexander The Breeder of Bayern Part 1



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## EPICHARIS LIKELY FAVORITE FOR HYANCINTH

By Naohiro Goda

wo unbeaten 3-year-old colts, both of which are possible Japanese entrants for the 2017 Triple Crown, meet in the Feb. 19 Hyacinth Stakes, second of two Japan Road to the Kentucky Derby contests.

Epicharis, a son of Gold Allure, is the likely favorite for the race over 1,600 meters (about one mile) at Tokyo. The colt maintained a perfect three-for-three record in 2016—winning by a combined 25 lengths—and received an official rating of 110 after winning the Nov. 1 Hokkaido Nisai Yushun at Monbetsu by 14 lengths.

Currently the highest-rated 3-year-old in Japan's dirt division, Epicharis was bred by Masatsugu Kamada and was bought at the 2014 Japan Racing Horse Association sale of yearlings and weanlings by Katsumi Yoshida's Northern Farm for ¥26,000,000 (US\$256,100).

The Hyacinth will be the first start of 2017 for Epicharis, who runs carries the silks of Carrot Club, one of the racing syndications under the Northern Farm banner.

Mont Saint Legame gained 40 qualifying points when he took the Nov. 26 Cattleya Sho, the first race of the Japan Road to Kentucky Derby, at Tokyo. The Hyacinth is also the season debut for the Came Home colt, who was undefeated in two starts last year.

His sire won three grade 1 stakes, including the Pacific Classic (G1), where he defeated War Emblem and Pleasantly Perfect. Came Home has been standing in Japan since 2008. BH

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Mont Saint Legame, the main opposition, already has 40 points on the Japanese Road to the Kentucky Derby

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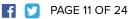
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## PREPS CONTINUE TOWARD DUBAI WORLD CUP

By Tom Hall

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A pair of group 2 races and a pair of group 3 contests constituted the stakes offerings during Meydan's Feb. 16 racing program, completing a few more preps toward the March 25 Dubai World Cup (G1) card.

Six older fillies and mares made the starting gate for the Balanchine Sponsored by Citizen K (G2) at 1,800 meters (about nine furlongs) over Meydan's turf course.

Favoritism fell on Godolphin's 5-year-old Lope de Vega mare Very Special, who won the Cape Verdi Empowered by CEPSA , an IPIC Group Company (G2) three weeks prior.

However, Cape Verdi runner-up Opal Tiara, ridden by Oisin Murphy for trainer Mick Channon, passed the pacesetting Murrfri'Ha and Very Special 400 meters out, took command through the stretch, and held off a fastclosing Via Firenze to win by a neck. Muffri'Ha finished third. The finishing time on the good turf track was 1:49.72.

Mick Channon Bloodstock and Mrs. G.H. Hedley bred the 4-year-old daughter of Thousand Words from the Fraam mare Zarafa in Ireland. She is owned by The Filly Folly and Sweet Partnership. The Balanchine was her third group win and first in the United Arab Emirates.

Shadwell's homebred Ertijaal, his bay coat glistening under the Meydan lights, made short work of the group 3 Meydan Sprint Sponsored by Friday.

Flashing a brilliant turn of foot midway through the

about-five-furlong turf event, Ertijaal and jockey Jim Crowley left their 10 rivals struggling to keep up as they sped to 2 3/4-length win in track-record time of :55.90. Jungle Cat (Iffraaj) finished second, 4 3/4 lengths ahead of Caspian Prince (Dylan Thomas) to constitute an Irishbred trifecta.

Ertijaal, a 6-year-old gelding by speedy Oasis Dream out of the stakes-winning Seeking the Gold mare Shabiba, is trained for Sheikh Hamdan by Ali Al Rayhi. Last year Ertijaal finished second in the Al Quoz Sprint Sponsored by Meydan Hotels & Hospitality (G1) on the World Cup card.

Irish-breds ruled the day in the group stakes, as Sheikh Mansoor bin Mohammed Al Maktoum's Championship, a 6-year-old son of Exceed And Excel, took the Zabeel Mile Sponsored by Gulf News (G2).

Trained by Ahmad bin Harmash and ridden by Colm O'Donoghue, the chestnut gelding was shuttered on the rail, but O'Donoghue quickly threaded his mount through a seam that opened as the field of seven turned into the stretch and never looked back to coast to a 2 3/4-length victory over Noah From Goa (Tiger Ridge) and Cymric (Kitten's Joy).

Natalie Cleary bred the winner from the Halling mare Aljafliyah.

Nine generations of mares bred by the Aga Khans, tracing back to Mumtaz Mahal have paved the way for Zarak, winner of the Dubai Millennium Stakes Sponsored by Wheels (G3).

Trained by Alain de Royer-Dupre and ridden by Christophe Soumillon, Zarak bided his time mid-pack as the lone filly, Promising Run (Hard Spun), led the

field of 10 through the early stages of the 2,000-meter (about 1 1/4-mile) turf race.

Given his cue, Zarak easily took control and won as he pleased by 13/4 lengths in a stroll. Earnshaw (Medaglia d'Oro) rushed from well behind the leaders to take second over Promising Run. The time for the Dubai Millennium was 2:03.73.

Bred in France, the 4-year-old Aga Khan homebred is a son of Dubawi and the undefeated champion Zarkava (Zamindar), winner of two French classics and the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe (G1). BH

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## PRIZE EXHIBIT TO TRY BUENA VISTA

By Jeremy Balan

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There is no doubt DP Racing's Prize Exhibit has shown she's capable of competing at the graded level in Southern California.

Prize Exhibit has three graded victories during her 31-race career, including her last start in the Megahertz Stakes (G3T) Jan. 16 at Santa Anita Park, but the complicated 5-year-old Showcasing mare often has, well—complications. Up next for Prize Exhibit will be the \$200,000 Buena Vista Stakes (G2T) back at Santa Anita.

"She's always been difficult," trainer Jim Cassidy said of Prize Exhibit's racetrack excursions, both during training and in races. "I go to work her and I tell the clockers she's going to work five-eighths and they ask me 'What pole is she going to work from?' You never know. It's all up to her."

In between her last two victories—the Megahertz and the Monrovia Stakes (G2T) in January of 2016 there was a stretch of 10 starts where she only placed once, in the Osunitas Stakes at Del Mar in August, but the notes on her trips are frequently hazardous.

Cassidy says the ideal trip for Prize Exhibit is to be covered up early and to find space on the outside in the stretch to unleash her closing kick, but that—at least recently—rarely happens.

"She's not an easy horse to ride in the afternoon and she can get a little on the rank side. She needs to be covered up and if she doesn't get covered up, you're in trouble," Cassidy said of her propensity to try to run off when she's in the clear. "You have to hope for a pace and a clear trip.

"If I see her in the clear on the outside at the eighth pole, I'm confident she'll get there."

Prize Exhibit is the only multiple graded winner in the Buena Vista field, but two of the other 10 entrants have won at the graded level once, most notably Illuminant, who took the Gamely Stakes (G1T) in her last start back in May.

Michael McCarthy said the Quality Road mare got time off for "wear and tear" after she spent the summer at Del Mar and didn't particularly like working on the



Prize Exhibit after her win in the Jan. 16 Megahertz at Santa Anita

main track there, but the trainer is excited to get her back to racing.

"Coming back we just want to make sure she's happy and healthy and get her campaign underway. This week was a good place to get started, but mother nature has some other plans," McCarthy said of the torrential downpour expected Feb. 17 in Southern California. Both McCarthy and Cassidy said they'd scratch their horses should the Buena Vista be taken off the turf.

The other graded winner in the field is San Clemente Handicap (G2T) winner Mokat. Since the grade 2 score at Del Mar, the Uncle Mo filly hasn't hit the board in three starts, but all have been against grade 1 competition. **BH** 

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## ESKENFORMONEY LOOKS TO DUPLICATE 2016 FORM

By Alicia Wincze Hughes

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Breaking through at the end of 2016 to earn her first graded stakes victory, StarLadies Racing and Lisa Troutt's Eskenformoney will aim to duplicate that form when she makes her seasonal debut in the \$200,000 Royal Delta Stakes (G2) at Gulfstream Park Feb. 18.

The 5-year-old daughter of Eskendereya is scheduled to take on five rivals in the 1 1/16-mile stakes for fillies and mares that is named for the three-time Eclipse Award winner who died from foaling complications last week. Royal Delta, a two-time Breeders' Cup winner and three-time Eclipse Award champion, won the race formerly known as the Sabin by five lengths in 2013.

Eskenformoney was graded stakes-placed on five occasions before taking the one-mile Rampart Stakes (G3) by three-quarters of a length over fellow Royal Delta entrant Curlin's Approval Dec. 17. The Todd Pletcher-trained mare has not finished worse than third in five starts over the Gulfstream surface, including her maiden win in her sixth start by 9 3/4 lengths in December of 2014.

"She likes Gulfstream and she generally has run well here," Pletcher said. "She's always been sort of a thin filly and the older she has gotten, the stronger she has gotten, and (she) is holding her weight much better than she ever has before. We intentionally gave her plenty of time between the last



Eskenformoney broke through in the Rampart Stakes for her first graded win

race and this one. She's training well."

Eskenformoney stalked a fast pace set by Curlin's Approval in the one-turn Rampart before edging away to victory.

"I think she is versatile enough that she doesn't need a setup," Pletcher said. "She can take advantage of a slow pace or sit off of a fast pace. She's pretty professional that way."

Curlin's Approval followed up her game second-place finish in the Rampart with a commanding 2 1/2-length victory in the sevenfurlong Hurricane Bertie Stakes (G3) Jan. 28, in which she closed from a stalking position to draw clear of Pletcher-trained Genre, who finished third in the Rampart.

The Marty Wolfson-trained filly won at first asking June 5 at Gulfstream by four lengths. Prior to the Rampart, she finished a respectable fourth in the sevenfurlong Lexus Raven Run Stakes (G2) at Keeneland Oct. 22 after pressing the pace between horses.

"I feel she's ready. She's developing nicely," owner and breeder Happy Alter said of Curlin's Approval. "Pace makes the race, but she's worked well for the race and is getting better all the time."

The late-developing homebred has been a source of satisfaction and enjoyment for Alter, who will also be represented by My Awesome Mom in the \$60,000 White Pearl Stakes on the Royal Delta undercard.

"I'm proud to say that, back when I was training a lot of horses, I had some really nice horses," said Alter, who campaigned multiple graded stakes winners Jolie's Halo, Frosty the Snowman, and Halo's Image. "They're few and far between, but as they develop, it's a real thrill." BH

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## TERRA PROMESSA LOOKS TO BUILD IN BAYAKOA

By Evan Hammonds

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The first three across the line in Oaklawn Park's Jan. 14 Pippin Stakes are back for more Feb. 18 in the \$150,000 Bayakoa Stakes (G3). The distance—1 1/16 miles—remains the same.

The Pippin winner figures to be tough to catch. Stonestreet Stables' homebred Terra Promessa took the field gate to wire in her 2017 debut for a 2 1/4-length score. She is unbeaten in four starts at Oaklawn and last year, at 3, won the Honeybee Stakes (G3) and Fantasy Stakes (G3) for trainer Steve Asmussen.

Ricardo Santana Jr. returns to ride the Curlin filly from post 2 in an eight-horse lineup.

Giving chase in the Pippin was Pin Oak Stable's runner-up Ready to Confess and Nancy Vanier and William Cartwright's third-place finisher Streamline.

Ready to Confess also came in third behind Terra Promessa in the Fantasy, and during the fall the homebred More Than Ready 4-year-old placed in three stakes for trainer Donnie Von Hemel.

Streamline holds a 1-2-2 record in five Oaklawn outings. The 5-year-old ran second behind Forever Unbridled in last year's Apple Blossom Handicap (G1) and finished second in last year's Bayakoa to Call Pat.

Others include Robert Baker and William Mack's



Stonestreet Stables' Terra Promessa went wire to wire in the Jan. 14 Pippin Stakes

Super Saks, one of two in the cast for Hall of Fame trainer D. Wayne Lukas, and Wesley Hawley's Steel Cut, who has four wins at Oaklawn. **BH** 

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## FLORIDA FABULOUS LIVES UP TO EXPECTATIONS

By BloodHorse Staff

Florida Fabulous more than lived up to her impressive bloodlines and 1-2 favoritism in the third race at Gulfstream Park Feb. 16, easily romping to a 10 3/4-length score under jockey Paco Lopez.

Purchased for \$400,000 at the Ocala Breeders' Sales Co.'s April 2016 spring sale of 2-year-olds in training, the 3-year-old daughter of High Cotton is owned by e Five Racing Thoroughbreds. Florida Fabulous is out of the winning Gone West mare West Side Dancer, the dam of three stakes winners from her first four foals.

Her progeny include multiple stakes winner Travelin Man, who won the 2011 Swale Stakes (G2) at Gulfstream; grade 1-placed Discreet Dancer, who won the 2013 Gulfstream Park Handicap (G2); and Sweet N Discreet, winner of the 2014 Sunshine Millions Distaff and runner-up in the grade 2 Sabin Stakes (now known as the Royal Delta Stakes) at Gulfstream.

West Side Dancer produced a 2015 Scat Daddy colt, and in 2016 foaled a son of More Than Ready. She was bred to Liam's Map for 2017.

"It's pedigree, pedigree, pedigree," said e Five Racing's Bob Edwards, listing the reasons for purchasing the Ocala Stud-bred filly. "Ocala Stud does a great job. West Side Dancer, her first dam, throws great horses. Mike Ryan, my bloodstock agent, brought me up to make sure I got a look at her, and we loved her."

Trained by David Fawkes, Florida Fabulous galloped to an early lead in the mile maiden special weight event and was never in need of the slightest encouragement from Lopez, as she easily defeated four Florida-bred rivals.

Florida Fabulous showed a series of 10 workouts at Gulfstream in preparation for her debut, in which she ran the distance in 1:40.46.

"She did everything right coming into the race,"



Florida Fabulous romps by 10 3/4 lengths Feb. 16 at Gulfstream Park

Fawkes said. "She worked out of the gate about a month ago, and she worked OK, but I wasn't crazy about it. We talked a little bit and decided to give her a couple more works, and she started getting better and better. Her last two works were fabulous."

Fawkes revealed no definite plans for the athletic filly's next start.

"We'll let her breathe a few minutes and we'll take a look at what's coming up," Fawkes said. "I'm sure there'll be something coming up for her here." **BH** 

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## HALF TO LA VERDAD BREAKS MAIDEN IMPRESSIVELY

By Mary Reeder У @BH\_MReeder

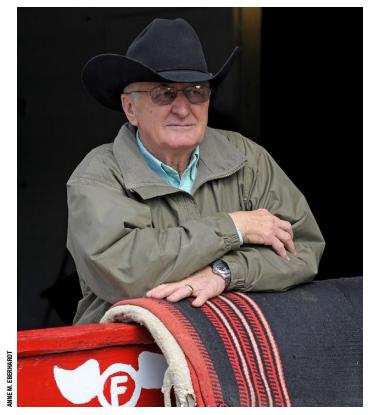
press Thoroughbreds' Noble Freud, a half sister to champion La Verdad and grade 3 winner Hot City Girl, broke her maiden on debut by six lengths Feb. 16 in a \$72,000 maiden special weight for 3-year-olds and older at Oaklawn Park.

The Freud filly outran eight other maidens in the six-furlong contest, including post-time favorite Excessivespending, who finished second. Second choice Care came in third.

The 3-year-old Noble Freud took the advantage after a brief shuffle out of the gate. Leading by about two lengths at the quarter pole, she opened up under mild urging from jockey Jon Court to win in a final time of 1:10.68 on a fast track. She paid \$14.20, \$7, and \$4 across the board.

Trained by William "Jinks" Fires, Noble Freud posted a bullet four-furlong work in :48 flat Feb. 2, the best of 34 at the distance that day.

Noble Freud was bred by Eklektikos Stable and Three Chimneys Farm in New York, out of the stakesplaced Hook and Ladder mare Noble Fire, and was purchased by Xpress Thoroughbreds from the 2015 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Fall yearling sale for \$30,000

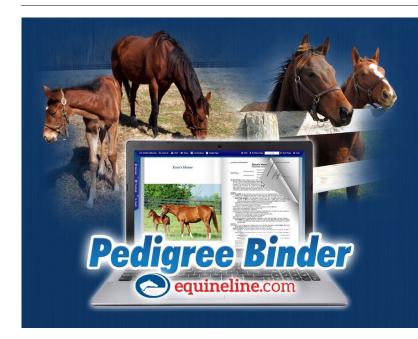


Jinks Fires trains Noble Freud, a half sister to champion La Verdad

from consignor Denali Stud.

Noble Fire's progeny include stakes winner N. F.'s Destiny from her four foals to race. Bred in New York by Chester Broman and Mary R. Broman, she also has a 2016 colt by Will Take Charge. **BH** 

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## JUAREZ RISING TO THE TOP AT GULFSTREAM

By BloodHorse Staff

N ik Juarez guided Super Spender to a victory in the \$110,000 Claiming Crown Canterbury Stakes at Gulfstream Park Dec. 3 to kick-start a highly successful winter for the 23-year-old jockey.

Riding at Gulfstream for his second season, Juarez has won 39 races to rank fourth in the jockey standings.

"When I went into the championship meet, my goal, honestly, was to win a race a week. Quickly I surpassed that in the first month of the (meet). I was very happy. Now that I'm fourth in the standings, my goal is to get to 50," said Juarez, who rode 21 winners during the 2015-16 championship meet. "I'm just setting reasonable goals for myself and just trying to continue the (meet) the way it's going. It's a dream come true. It's a dream come true being amongst these riders and these horsemen."

Juarez has ridden three stakes winners—Bodacious Babe (Margate), Pretty Perfection (Ladies Turf Sprint), and Super Spender but his most high-profile score may well have come aboard Forever Plus in a \$16,000 claiming race Jan. 16. Forever Plus was the 2,000th winner for trainer Nick Zito, one of Juarez's biggest boosters.

"He's got a great personality. He's a good kid. For a young kid, I can't believe how smart he is," Zito said. "He's definitely going to make it. I'm just delighted. I'm grateful he

BH



Nik Juarez ranks fourth in the jockey standings at Gulfstream Park

comes and works my horses. We've got a great team, and as far as I'm concerned, he can ride every single one of my horses."

Juarez was happy to oblige the Hall of Fame trainer.

"I got him his 2,000th winner. It was a great feeling," Juarez said. "We work hard together in the mornings as well as the afternoons. We put our work in, and it's paying off."

Although the up-and-coming rider was born into a Maryland racing family, he had other interests growing up.

"I grew up in a racing family, but I didn't always want to do it. I did a lot of other stuff, like riding dirt bikes," said Juarez, who wrestled and played several sports in high school. "It wasn't until I was 18 that I decided I wanted to ride in races. After that, I've been working hard."

Calixto Juarez, a former jockey and current trainer, put his son on his first winner (Love Heart) on his very first mount Dec. 14, 2013 at Laurel Park. Juarez's father continues to support his son's burgeoning career.

"My dad is my best friend. We talk every day—after the races, before the races," said Juarez, who finished second in the Monmouth Park standings with 69 winners before heading to Gulfstream. "My dad is my biggest support system. I don't have much family, so it's just me and my dad." BH

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## **INTERVIEW**

## **BREEDING OUTSIDE THE LINES**

By Eric Mitchell
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A ndy Stronach isn't the breeder of record for the newly minted graded stakes winner Iliad because he sold Little Swoon carrying the San Vicente Stakes (G2) winner in 2014. But the son of leading owner/breeder and racetrack operator Frank Stronach is the mastermind behind the outcross mating that produced Iliad. He talked breeding strategy and his expectations from Iliad down the road with BloodHorse MarketWatch editor Eric Mitchell.

**BloodHorse MarketWatch:** From a pedigree standpoint, what type of horse is Iliad?

Andy Stronach: This horse is bred to run a mile and a half. The only real sprinter in this pedigree is La Chaposa, a Peruvian mare by Ups, who was a champion sprinter and the rest is all distance. I also bred Iliad's half brother Melmich, who is by Wilko and the first foal out of Little Swoon. He won the Dominion Day Stakes going a mile and a quarter.

**BH:** Adena Springs has had great success with outcrosses. What is the strategy for blending dissimilar pedigrees? How do you know what is likely to be successful?

**AS:** I'm a contrarian breeder. I just look at what I see in the pedigree. I don't care what anyone else thinks.

I bred the mare to Ghostzapper because he doesn't have any Hail to Reason blood and no Bold Ruler blood. The days you are going to totally out-breed are over because we've lost so many genes. Today it is about balancing out a pedigree. What we have today is mostly Nasrullah blood. In the '50s and '60s everyone stood a Bold Ruler horse; America over did it. We've overdone things recently as well.



Andy Stronach

**BH:** Ghostzapper had a strong weekend Feb. 11-12, being represented by Iliad and McCraken in the Sam F. Davis Stakes (G3). What do you think the sire contributes to Iliad's breeding?

**AS:** Vice Regent was really a phenomenal sire. He was an allowance horse that sired Deputy Minister, who was a champion 2-year-old and Horse of the Year, and then Deputy Minister sired Awesome Again, who won the Breeders' Cup Classic (G1). That Vice Regent sire line always tends to out-sire itself. As another example, Silver Deputy was a listed stakes winner and he produced grade 2 winner Posse, and then Posse throws horses like Kodiak Kowboy, who won multiple grade I's and was a Breeders' Cup horse.

The only thing that scares me about Iliad, it's like when Bobby Frankel once told me that Ghostzapper was too fast for his own good. When you're running :44 and 1:08, you have to have the structure to hold up to that. I hope this horse is not too fast for his own good. It seems (trainer) Doug O'Neill has been doing a lot of slower works and put a good foundation into him. I mean, working in :48 and then running in :44 with a hand ride, that's like a 24-length difference. BH

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## ALLOWANCE RESULTS

#### Aqueduct, Race 5, ALW

2/16, \$57,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f (dirt), 1:13.59, track fast. 1–Bee Noteworthy, 124, b m, 5, Read the Footnotes–Beesanees, by Anees, \$34,200, O–Check Mark Stables LLC, B–Sequel Stallions New York, LLC & Willard C Freeman (NY), T–H. James Bond, J–Rajiv Maragh

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#### Aqueduct, Race 7, AOC

 $2/16, \$69,\!000, 4yo/up, f/m, 8.32f$  (dirt), 1:45.37, track fast.

1–Catsadiva, 118, b f, 4, Tale of the Cat–Song'n Dance, by Carson City, \$41,400, O–Low, Lawana L. and Robert E., B–C. Kidder & N. Cole (KY), T–Todd A. Pletcher, J–Manuel Franco

Sale History: 2015 FTMMAY, \$360,000, 2014 KEESEP, \$67,000.

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#### Charles Town, Race 7, ALW

2/15, \$24,000, 3yo, f, 4.5f (dirt), :51.87, track fast. 1–Moonlit Song, 118, gr/ro f, 3, Fiber Sonde–Malibu Kitten, by Parker's Storm Cat, \$14,280, O–Grams Racing Stable LLC, B–Timothy C. Grams & Judith A Grams (WV), T– Timothy C. Grams, J–Christian Hiraldo

Margin: 7, 8 starters. View Equibase Chart

#### Fair Grounds, Race 8, AOC

2/16, \$43,000, 4yo/up, 8.32f (dirt), 1:42.42, track fast. 1–Tour de Force, 121, b c, 4, Tiznow–Dream Supreme, by Seeking the Gold, \$25,800, 0–Oxley, John C. and Kinsman Stable, B–Kinsman Farm (KY), T–Mark E. Casse, J–Robby Albarado

Sale History: 2014 KEESEP, \$1,350,000. Margin: 3¼, 7 starters. View Equibase Chart

#### Fair Grounds, Race 9, AOC

2/16, \$40,000, 4yo/up, f/m, a8f (turf), 1:39.92, course firm.

1–Gee Whiz Lil, 119, dk b/br f, 4, Gio Ponti–Slammin' Lil, by Grand Slam, \$24,000, O–Energy Solutions Consultants, LLC, B–J. Adcock (LA), T–Dallas E. Keen, J–David Romero Flores

Sale History: 2015 ESLAPR, \$4,000. Margin: <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, 10 starters. View Equibase Chart

#### Golden Gate Fields, Race 1, AOC

2/16, \$29,000, 4yo/up, 8.5f (all-weather), 1:45.01, track fast.

1–Terrys Tom Cat, 120, ch g, 6, Bluegrass Cat–Ermelinda, by Sea Hero, \$17,400, 0–Jethorse LLC, B–Pamspring

Farm & Taylor Made Stallions Inc. (KY), T–Tim McCanna, J–Ricardo Gonzalez

**Sale History:** 2013 OBSAPR, \$43,000, 2012 OBSAUG, \$32,000, 2012 KEEJAN, \$15,000.

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#### Golden Gate Fields, Race 3, AOC

2/16, \$27,000, 3yo, f, 6f (all-weather), 1:10.06, track fast. 1–Darkwingsoverdubai, 120, ch f, 3, Raven's Pass–Dubai Moon, by Malibu Moon, \$16,200, O–KMN Racing LLC, B– Rabbah Bloodstock, LLC (KY), T–Jerry Hollendorfer, J– Frank T. Alvarado

Sale History: 2015 FTKOCT, \$17,000. Margin: 4½, 5 starters. View Equibase Chart

#### Gulfstream Park, Race 9, AOC

2/16, \$50,000, 4yo/up, 8.5f (turf), 1:42.05, course firm. 1–American Patriot, 121, dk b/br c, 4, War Front–Life Well Lived, by Tiznow, \$25,200, O–WinStar Farm LLC, B–Win-Star Farm, LLC (KY), T–Todd A. Pletcher, J–John R. Velazquez

Sale History: 2014 KEESEP, (\$850,000 RNA).



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#### Santa Anita Park, Race 5, AOC

2/16, \$56,000, 3yo, a6.5f (turf), 1:13.50, course firm. 1–Mr. Hinx, 122, b g, 3, Ministers Wild Cat–Kitten Exchange, by Put It Back, \$33,600, O–Gary Barber, B–Gary Barber (CA), T–Steven Miyadi, J–Tyler Baze Margin: 1¼, 9 starters. View Equibase Chart

#### Santa Anita Park, Race 6, AOC

2/16, \$58,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f (dirt), 1:08.91, track fast. 1–Skye Diamonds, 124, ch f, 4, First Dude–Exonerated, by Johannesburg, \$45,240, 0–Acker, Tom, Allen Racing LLC and Bloom Racing Stables LLC, B–Dizney Double Diamond LLC (CA), T–William Spawr, J–Tiago Josue Pereira Margin: 5¾, 6 starters. View Equibase Chart

#### Tampa Bay Downs, Race 7, AOC

2/16, \$24,500, 4yo/up, f/m, 8f (turf), 1:35.47, course firm. 1–Rattataptap, 118, gr/ro m, 5, Tapit–Sindy With an S, by Broken Vow, \$13,200, 0–WinStar Farm LLC, B–Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd. (KY), T–William I. Mott, J–Fernando De La Cruz

Sale History: 2013 KEESEP, \$250,000. Margin: 1¾, 8 starters. View Equibase Chart

#### Tampa Bay Downs, Race 9, AOC

2/16, \$22,500, 3yo, f, 8f (turf), 1:36.96, course firm. 1–Super Marina, 118, b f, 3, Warrior's Reward–Lil's Lassie, by Lil's Lad, \$11,800, O–R. A. Hill Stable, B–Frederick J. McEwan & Wilhelmina M. McEwan (KY), T–George Weaver, J–Orlando Bocachica

Sale History: 2015 KEESEP, \$17,000.



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## **MAIDEN RESULTS**

#### Aqueduct, Race 4, MSW

2/16, \$60,000, 4yo/up, 8.5f (dirt), 1:47.22, track fast. 1–Virtual Machine, 121, ch c, 4, Drosselmeyer–Critikal Reason, by Aptitude, \$36,000, O–Serjeant Equine, B– Farfellow Farms Ltd. (KY), T–David A. Cannizzo, J–Manuel Franco

Sale History: 2014 KEESEP, \$65,000, 2013 KEENOV, \$100,000.

Margin: 81/2, 8 starters. View Equibase Chart

#### Charles Town, Race 1, MSW

2/15, \$23,000, 3yo, f, 4.5f (dirt), :54.30, track fast. 1–Tiz Sunday, 124, gr/ro f, 3, Tizway–Whey Sauce (JPN), by Kurofune, \$13,800, O–John D. McKee, B–Spendthrift Farm LLC (KY), T–John D. McKee, J–Oscar Flores Sale History: 2015 KEEJAN, \$3,700.



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#### Fair Grounds, Race 6, MSW

2/16, \$41,000, 3yo, 8f (dirt), 1:41.25, track fast.

1–Saved At Sea, 120, dk b/br g, 3, Super Saver–Stormy Sea, by Storm Cat, \$24,600, 0–Maggi Moss, B–C Grace Stables LLC (LA), T–Thomas M. Amoss, J–Florent Geroux Sale History: 2015 KEESEP, \$77,000, 2014 KEENOV, \$80,000.

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#### Fair Grounds, Race 7, MSW

2/16, \$38,000, 3yo, a5.5f (turf), 1:04.39, course firm. 1–Helluva Choice, 120, gr/ro c, 3, Wildcat Heir–Ellen's Choice, by Tactical Cat, \$22,800, O–Heiligbrodt, L. William and Corinne, B–Helen Barbazon & Joseph Barbazon (FL), T–Steven M. Asmussen, J–David Romero Flores Sale History: 2016 OBSMAR, \$50,000. Margin: 1½, 10 starters. View Equibase Chart

#### Gulfstream Park, Race 3, MSW

2/16, \$38,000, 3yo, f, 8f (dirt), 1:40.46, track fast. 1–Florida Fabulous, 120, b f, 3, High Cotton–West Side Dancer, by Gone West, \$22,800, 0–e Five Racing Thoroughbreds, B–Ocala Stud (FL), T–David Fawkes, J–Paco Lopez

Sale History: 2016 OBSAPR, \$400,000. Margin: 10¾, 5 starters. View Equibase Chart

#### Oaklawn Park, Race 7, MSW

2/16, \$72,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (dirt), 1:10.68, track fast. 1–Noble Freud, 118, dk b/br f, 3, Freud–Noble Fire, by Hook and Ladder, \$43,200, 0–Xpress Thoroughbreds LLC., B–Eklektikos Stable LLC & Three Chimneys Farm, LLC (NY), T–William H. Fires, J–Jon Kenton Court Sale History: 2015 FTK0CT, \$30,000. Margin: 6, 9 starters. View Equibase Chart

#### Penn National, Race 1, MSW

2/16, \$28,500, 3yo, 6f (dirt), 1:13.49, track fast. 1–Apolodorodedamasco, 121, b c, 3, Great Notion–All Apologies, by Mahogany Hall, \$17,100, 0–Lapidum Heights Farm, B–Dr. & Mrs. Faysal Mudarris (MD), T–Carl Doran, J–David Cora Sale History: 2015 FTMSEP, (\$19,000 RNA). Margin: 1¾, 6 starters. View Equibase Chart

#### Penn National, Race 3, MSW

2/15, \$33,300, 3yo, 6f (dirt), 1:13.54, track fast. 1–Brokencall, 121, dk b/br g, 3, Trajectory–Three in the Room, by Well Noted, \$19,980, O–Darryl Lee Myers, B– Danielle Marie (PA), T–Amy Albright, J–Dana G. Whitney Margin: 4¼, 6 starters. View Equibase Chart

#### Santa Anita Park, Race 1, MSW

2/16, \$54,000, 4yo/up, 9f (turf), 1:47.69, course firm. 1–Klondike Creek, 123, ch c, 4, Gio Ponti–Miss Canada, by Distorted Humor, \$32,400, O–Preston Madden, B–Preston Madden (KY), T–Richard E. Mandella, J–Flavien Prat **Margin:** 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, 7 starters. **View Equibase Chart** 

#### Tampa Bay Downs, Race 1, MSW

2/16, \$22,500, 3yo/up, 6f (dirt), 1:11.62, track fast. 1–Marksman, 123, dk b/br g, 4, Arch–Junkinthetrunk, by Top Account, \$12,000, 0–Bach Stables LLC, B–John R. Penn & Frank Penn (KY), T–Robert R. O'Connor, II, J–Jose C. Ferrer

Sale History: 2014 KEESEP, \$210,000. Margin: ½, 6 starters. View Equibase Chart





## FRANKLIN SQUARE S.

Aqueduct, Sunday, February 19, Race 9 6f (dirt), \$100,000, 3yo f, 4:50 PM (local)

P#PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	Bertranda	Boys At Tosconova	3/f	Silvestre Gonzalez	116	-	Trzcinski, Stanley, J.
2	Bluegrass Flag	Bluegrass Cat	3/f	Kendrick Carmouche	116	-	Albrecht, Thomas C. and Fusaro, Vincent J.
3	Out of Trouble	Into Mischief	3/f	Cornelio H. Velasquez	116	-	Zilla Racing Stables
4	Toni Tools	Roaring Fever	3/f	Manuel Franco	122	-	St. Elias Stable, MeB Racing Stables LLC and Brook- lyn Boyz Stables
5	Luna Rising	Stay Thirsty	3/f	Irad Ortiz, Jr.	116	-	Zilla Racing Stables
6	Treatherlikestar	Kitten's Joy	3/f	Eric Cancel	116	-	Delgado, Gustavo
7	Overnegotiate	Overdriven	3/f	Rajiv Maragh	116	-	Repole Stable
8	Passporttovictory	Frost Giant	3/f	Dylan Davis	116	-	The Elkstone Group LLC
9	Maple Mo	Uncle Mo	3/f	Antonio A. Gallardo	116	-	Schwartz, Martin, S.
10	Wilburnmoney	Wilburn	3/f	Angel S. Arroyo	116	-	Bob Petersons Stables, LLC and Bellavia, Frank

Breeders: 1–Gus Schoenborn; 2–Susanne Hooper, James Hooper & Thomas Albrecht; 3–JRita Young Thoroughbreds, LLC; 4–Barry Ostrager; 5–Robert Hahn; 6–Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey; 7–Repole Stable, LLC; 8–Joanne T. Nielsen; 9–Team Penney Racing; 10–Clark O Brewster.

Trainers: 1–James F. Noble; 2–Thomas Morley; 3–Kiaran P. McLaughlin; 4–Todd A. Pletcher; 5–Kiaran P. McLaughlin; 6–Gustavo Delgado; 7–Todd A. Pletcher; 8–Thomas Morley; 9–Linda Rice; 10–Gary P. Gullo.

## **RISEN STAR S. (G2)**

Fair Grounds, Saturday, February 25, Race 11 8.5f (dirt), \$400,000, 3yo, 5:00 PM (local)

P#PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	Girvin	Tale of Ekati	3/c	Brian Joseph Hernandez, Jr.	116	-	Brad Grady
2	Untrapped	Trappe Shot	3/c	Ricardo Santana, Jr.	116	-	Michael Langford
3	Local Hero	Hard Spun	3/c	Florent Geroux	116	-	e Five Racing Thoroughbreds (Robert J. Edwards, Jr.)
4	Arklow	Arch	3/c	Shaun Bridgmohan	116	-	Donegal Racing (Jerry Crawford)
5	Shareholder Value	Uncle Mo	3/c	Mitchell Murrill	116	-	Klaravich Stables, Inc. (S. Klarman) & William H. Lawrence
6	Guest Suite	Quality Road	3/g	Robby Albarado	120	-	W.S. Farish & Lora Jean Kilroy
7	U S Officer	U S Ranger	3/c	Jose Valdivia, Jr.	116	-	Jerry Durant & Bill Jordan
8	Cool Arrow	Into Mischief	3/c	Gabriel Saez	120	-	Brad Grady
9	Mo Town	Uncle Mo	3/c	John R. Velazquez	122	-	Mrs. J. Magnier, Mlchael B. Tabor, Derrick Smith & Team D (Dave Speziali)
10	Takeoff	Arch	3/c	Julien R. Leparoux	116	-	John C. Oxley
11	Sorry Erik	Wilburn	3/c	Kent J. Desormeaux	116	-	Big Chief Racing, LLC (Matthew W. Bryan)
12	Horse Fly	Mineshaft	3/c	Miguel Mena	116	-	Calumet Farm (Brad Kelley)
13	It's Your Nickel	Dialed In	3/c	James Graham	116	-	Harold Lerner LLC, AWC Stables, Magdalena Racing (Sherri McPeek) et al.
14	So Conflated	Eskendereya	3/r	Mario Gutierrez	120	-	Reddam Racing, LLC (Paul Reddam)

**Breeders:** 1–Bob Austin & John Witte; 2–Indian Creek & Jonathan Sheppard; 3–Three Chimneys Farm LLC; 4–John R. Penn & Frank Penn; 5–Zell Family Trust; 6–W. S. Farish & Kilroy Thoroughbred Partnership; 7–Jerry Durant; 8–H. Allen Poindexter; 9–John D. Gunther & Eurowest Bloodstock; 10–JMJ Racing Stables, LLC; 11–Erv Woolsey & Ralph Kinder; 12–Colts Neck Stables LLC; 13–Stephen Wigmore; 14–Hartley/De Renzo Thoroughbreds.

Trainers: 1–Joe Sharp; 2–Steven M. Asmussen; 3–Steven M. Asmussen; 4–Brad H. Cox; 5–Thomas M. Amoss; 6–Neil J. Howard; 7–Danny Pish; 8–Joe Sharp; 9–Anthony W. Dutrow; 10–Mark E. Casse; 11–J. Keith Desormeaux; 12–D. Wayne Lukas; 13–Kenneth G. McPeek; 14–Doug F. O'Neill.

## **RACHEL ALEXANDRA S. (G2)**

Fair Grounds, Saturday, February 25, Race 9 8.5f (dirt), \$200,000, 3yo f, 4:06 PM (local)

P#	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
	1	Untapped	Tapit	3/f	Florent Geroux	116	-	Winchell Thoroughbreds, LLC (Joan & Ron Winchell
	2	Farrell	Malibu Moon	3/f	Channing Hill	122	-	Coffeepot Stables, LLC (Bob Cummings & Annette Bacola)
	3	Shane's Girlfriend	Adios Charlie	3/f	Mario Gutierrez	120	-	ERJ Racing, LLC, W. C. Racing and O'Neill, Dennis
	4	Majestic Quality	Quality Road	3/f	Kent J. Desormeaux	116	-	Big Chief Racing, LLC, Rocker O Ranch, LLC and Desormeaux, J. Keith
	5	Valadorna	Curlin	3/f	Julien R. Leparoux	116	-	Stonestreet Stables, LLC (Barbara Banke)
	6	Wicked Lick	Maclean's Music	3/f	Brian Joseph Hernandez, Jr.	116	-	Lee Mauberret
	7	Gris Gris	Spring At Last	3/f	James Graham	116	-	Naveed Chowhan

Breeders: 1–Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC; 2–Coffee Pot Stable; 3–Ocala Stud; 4–C. Kidder & N. Cole; 5–Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC; 6–Lee P. Mauberret; 7–Naveed Chowhan.

Trainers: 1–Steven M. Asmussen; 2–Wayne M. Catalano; 3–Doug F. O'Neill; 4–J. Keith Desormeaux; 5–Mark E. Casse; 6–Brendan P. Walsh; 7–Bernard S. Flint.



## **MINESHAFT H. (G3)**

Fair Grounds, Saturday, February 25, Race 8 8.5f (dirt), \$125,000, 4yo/up, 3:39 PM (local)

# PF	P Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	Rise Up	Rockport Harbor	6/h	Mitchell Murrill	116	-	Paul Van Doren
2	Eagle	Candy Ride (ARG)	5/h	Brian Joseph Hernandez, Jr.	118	-	W. S. Farish
3	December Seven	Street Sense	4/c	James Graham	114	-	Jay Em Ess Stable (Samantha Siegel)
4	Dalmore	Colonel John	4/c	Kent J. Desormeaux	118	-	Big Chief Racing, LLC, Rocker O Ranch, LLC and Desormeaux, J. Keith
5	Mo Tom	Uncle Mo	4/c	Florent Geroux	116	-	G M B Racing (Gayle Benson)
6	Dazzling Gem	Misremembered	4/c	Robby Albarado	118	-	Steve Landers Racing, LLC (Steve Landers)
7	Honorable Duty	Distorted Humor	5/g	Julien R. Leparoux	118	-	DARRS, Inc. (David A. Ross)
8	International Star	Fusaichi Pegasus	5/h	Miguel Mena	118	-	Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey

Breeders: 1–Cottonwood Stables, LLC; 2–W. S. Farish; 3–Siena Farms LLC; 4–Sally J. Andersen; 5–Hargus Sexton, Sandra Sexton & Silver Fern Farm; 6–Lisa Reynolds & Jennifer Feiner; 7–Juddmonte Farms Inc; 8–Katharine M. Voss & Robert T Manfuso.

Trainers: 1–Thomas M. Amoss; 2–Neil J. Howard; 3–Paul J. McGee; 4–J. Keith Desormeaux; 5–Thomas M. Amoss; 6–Brad H. Cox; 7–Brendan P. Walsh; 8–Michael J. Maker.

## FAIR GROUNDS H. (G3T)

Fair Grounds, Saturday, February 25, Race 10 a9f (turf), \$125,000, 4yo/up, 4:33 PM (local)

P#PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	Bullards Alley	Flower Alley	5/g	Marcelino Pedroza	116	-	Wayne Spalding & Faron McCubbins
2	Greengrassofyoming	Quest	7/g	Robby Albarado	118	-	Michael M. Hui
3	Blame Angel	Blame	5/h	Ricardo Santana, Jr.	115	-	Timothy R. McCarthy
4	One Mean Man	Mizzen Mast	4/c	Mario Gutierrez	116	-	Hillerich Racing, LLC (Ron Hillerich) & Bernard S. Flint
5	Granny's Kitten	Kitten's Joy	5/h	Miguel Mena	121	-	Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey
6	Enterprising	Elusive Quality	6/g	Julien R. Leparoux	118	-	Maxis Stable (Sidney Karmia)
7	Golden Soul	Perfect Soul (IRE)	7/h	John R. Velazquez	115	-	Charles E. Fipke
8	Western Reserve	Indian Charlie	5/g	Shaun Bridgmohan	118	-	Marc Detampel
9	Oscar Nominated	Kitten's Joy	4/r	Florent Geroux	120	-	Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey

Breeders: 1–Eugene Melnyk; 2–Stone Farm; 3–Claiborne Farm; 4–Bernard Flint & Ron Hillerich; 5–Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey; 6–Glen Hill Farm; 7–Charles Fipke; 8–Juddmonte Farms Inc; 9–Mrs. Jerry Amerman.

Trainers: 1-Tim Glyshaw; 2-Michael J. Maker; 3-Bobby C. Barnett; 4-Bernard S. Flint; 5-Michael J. Maker; 6-Michael J. Maker; 7-Dallas Stewart; 8-Brad H. Cox; 9-Michael J. Maker.

## **DAISY DEVINE S.**

Fair Grounds, Saturday, February 25, Race 7 a8.5f (turf), \$75,000, 4yo/up f/m, 3:12 PM (local)

P# PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	Mexican Miss	More Than Ready	6/m	Brian Joseph Hernandez, Jr.	117	-	Brad Grady
2	Cambodia	War Front	5/m	Florent Geroux	121	-	Winter Quarter Farm (Don Robinson)
3	Factory of Faith	Bluegrass Cat	5/m	David Romero Flores	117	-	Allied Racing Stable, LLC (Chester Thomas)
4	Princess Erindelle	Divine Park	4/f	Marcelino Pedroza	117	-	Hugh H. Robertson
5	Prado's Sweet Ride	Fort Prado	5/m	Francisco C. Torres	117	-	Darrell & Sadie Brommer
6	Freudie Anne	Freud	5/m	James Graham	121	-	M. Detampel, F. Galvin, J. Johnson & A. Wallace
7	Believe in Bertie	Langfuhr	4/f	Shaun Bridgmohan	123	-	Richard Klein & Bertram Klein
8	Kitten's Roar	Kitten's Joy	5/m	Miguel Mena	123	-	Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey

Breeders: 1–Patinack Farm; 2–Don M. Robinson & Maverick Productions, Ltd.; 3–Hare Forest Farm and Anne Wrenn Poulson; 4–Shelby Lane Farm Inc.; 5–Mr. & Mrs. Darrell Brommer; 6–Delaney Stable; 7–Richard Klein & Bertram Klein; 8–Dapple Bloodstock.

Trainers: 1–Joe Sharp; 2–Thomas F. Proctor; 3–Matt A. Shirer; 4–Hugh H. Robertson; 5–Richard R. Scherer; 6–Thomas Morley; 7–Brad H. Cox; 8–Michael J. Maker.

## **COLONEL POWER OVERNIGHT S.**

Fair Grounds, Saturday, February 25, Race 5 a5.5f (turf), \$50,000, 4yo/up, 2:18 PM (local)

P#PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	Green Mask	Mizzen Mast	6/g	Robby Albarado	123	-	Abdullah Saeed Almaddah
2	Hogy	Offlee Wild	8/g	Florent Geroux	117	-	William Stiritz
3	Ikerrin Road (IRE)	lffraaj (GB)	4/c	Julien R. Leparoux	117	-	Robert E. Masterson
4	American Sailor	City Zip	5/g	Miguel Mena	117	-	Newport Stables, LLC (Chris Fiumara)
5	Curlino	Curlin	5/h	Brian Joseph Hernandez, Jr.	119	-	Brad Grady
6	Grand Candy	Twirling Candy	4/c	Ricardo Santana, Jr.	121	-	Mike McCarty
7	Shadow Rock	Distorted Humor	7/g	Channing Hill	117	-	Michael M. Hui
8	Latent Revenge	Latent Heat	5/h	Francisco C. Torres	117	-	Steve Vanovich, Steve Andriot, Brad Cain & P. J. Herald

Breeders: 1–D. J. Stable, LLC; 2–Dr. John E. Little; 3–Mr Gerard Kerin; 4–Katierich Farms; 5–Clarkland Farm; 6–Jay Goodwin & Machmer Hall; 7–Courtlandt Farm; 8–Westwind Farms. Trainers: 1–Brad H. Cox; 2–Scott Becker; 3–Mark E. Casse; 4–Joe Sharp; 5–Joe Sharp; 6–Steven M. Asmussen; 7–Michael J. Maker; 8–Gregory D. Foley.

## **TOP HORSES**

Listed below are the top 10 leading horses by 2017 North American earnings through February 15, 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 15, 2017. Racing statistics are 2017 North American only.

Rank	Name	Starts	Wins	Places	Shows	Earnings	Win%	WPS%
1	Bob Baffert	25	9	4	2	\$7,724,273	36%	60%
2	Todd A. Pletcher	125	35	22	15	\$3,273,144	28%	58%
3	James A. Jerkens	19	3	5	1	\$1,894,933	16%	47%
4	Doug F. O'Neill	85	12	20	15	\$1,240,656	14%	55%
5	Jerry Hollendorfer	137	25	18	23	\$1,146,887	18%	48%
6	Michael J. Maker	134	36	21	19	\$1,125,440	27%	57%
7	Steven M. Asmussen	166	36	31	22	\$1,046,441	22%	54%
8	Chad C. Brown	52	17	9	5	\$995,982	33%	60%
9	Mark E. Casse	92	16	14	11	\$972,390	17%	45%
10	Rudy R. Rodriguez	100	19	17	17	\$830,393	19%	53%

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## **TOP JOCKEYS**

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Rank	Name	Starts	Wins	Places	Shows	Earnings	Win%	WPS%
1	Mike E. Smith	30	11	3	8	\$8,065,815	37%	73%
2	Jose L. Ortiz	128	27	29	16	\$3,534,511	21%	56%
3	John R. Velazquez	100	22	13	10	\$2,031,930	22%	45%
4	Flavien Prat	107	27	15	18	\$1,663,135	25%	56%
5	Luis Saez	208	45	26	22	\$1,642,755	22%	45%
6	Javier Castellano	151	26	23	24	\$1,611,865	17%	48%
7	Irad Ortiz, Jr.	115	31	33	19	\$1,435,531	27%	72%
8	Kendrick Carmouche	121	29	20	11	\$1,297,906	24%	50%
9	Tyler Gaffalione	194	31	22	36	\$1,236,645	16%	46%
10	Florent Geroux	118	33	22	17	\$1,226,395	28%	61%

