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CALIFORNIA CHROME WILL SHUTTLE TO CHILE

By Eric Mitchell

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Two-time Horse of the Year California Chrome will shuttle to Oussama Aoughazale's Sumaya Stud near Santiago, Chile, for the next three seasons, according to announcements March 16 from Taylor Made Farm and Sumaya Stud.

"California Chrome has generated a lot of interest from the Southern Hemisphere, so we agreed to explore the option of shuttling," said Duncan Taylor, president and chief executive officer of Taylor Made. "We are very happy to partner with Sumaya Stud, and feel extremely comfortable that it's a great situation for California Chrome. This was a decision that was not taken lightly.

"Ben (Taylor) and I flew down to see several potential farms and did an extensive amount of due diligence, evaluating whether or not there was a situation that met a very high set of standards established by our entire advisory team and our shareholders. Ultimately, the health and safety of California Chrome, quality of facilities, experience of staff, and reputation of the farm were all paramount."

The deal was brokered by Chile's Sullivan Bloodstock, in conjunction with Taylor Made Bloodstock.

Duncan Taylor's son, Marshall, met Sullivan Bloodstock's partners Juan Pablo Sullivan and Christian Benavente during the eight months he worked in Chile. Together they saw an opportunity to improve



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President of Stud Sumaya, Oussama Aoughazale races in North America as Sumaya U.S. Stable

California Chrome's chances of becoming a successful sire.

"I think Chile has become the center of Thoroughbred breeding in South America," Duncan Taylor said. "There are four to five billionaires who own the best mares and will breed a lot of mares to him. This business is a lot more global than it used to be, and we believe this deal gives the horse the best chance to hit."

Taylor Made personnel will accompany California Chrome during his time at Sumaya Stud, and protocols have been established by Rood & Riddle's Dr. Charlie Scoggin and Dr. Rolf Embertson, and the two on-location veterinarians at Sumaya Stud, led by Dr. Carolina Rojas.

The newly retired California Chrome is currently in the second month of his debut season at stud at Taylor Made in Nicholasville, Ky., where he is standing for a fee of \$40,000 stands and nurses. This summer after the North American breeding season concludes, plans call for California Chrome to enter quarantine before shipping to Chile.

California Chrome is the richest racehorse based in North America. He won 10 graded or group stakes—seven of them grade/group 1. The 6-year-old son of Lucky Pulpit—Love the Chase, by Not For Love, retired with earnings of \$14,752,650.

Aoughazale, who lives in Chile, races in North America as Sumaya U.S. Stable and operates a breeding business called International Equities Holding out of the former Belvedere Farm near Paris, Ky. Both the racing stable and his Chilean farm are named after his mother, Sumaya.

The Aoughazale family made their fortune in agriculture, exporting fruit they grow in Chile to locations around the world. The family is majority shareholder of the fresh produce division of Del Monte Fruit Co.

Aoughazale also raced and now stands entering-year sire and four-time graded stakes winner Protonico at Taylor Made. **BH**

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ANTONIO SANO'S FAITH JUSTIFIED WITH GUNNEVERA

By Michael Adolphson

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Gunnevera did not exactly burst onto the scene when he dismantled nine other Fountain of Youth (G2) rivals March 4 at Gulfstream Park.

As a multiple graded stakes winner, the son of Dialed In was already respected. He has earned his credibility with repeated top performances against the best of his generation.

Still, when the chestnut colt became the punch line, barreling past multiple grade 1 winner Practical Joke and galloping on to a nearly six-length victory, trainer Antonio Sano's faith was justified in the horse he adores and has developed with precision.

"I really enjoy this horse," Sano said. "He is very talented and came out very good from the race. We are going to run in the Florida Derby (G1) next and if everything goes well, we will go straight to Kentucky after that. I actually thought about going straight to the (Kentucky) Derby, but the horse is doing really

well. The race is here, it's a million dollars, and there is no reason not to run."

A racing legend in his native country of Venezuela, with 3,338 wins and hailing from a successful lineage of trainers, Sano fled his turbulent homeland after being kidnapped for 36 horrific days in 2009. Moving first to Italy, he then decided Miami was where he wanted to restart his life and career seven years ago. Now he is on the verge of living the dream as he marches toward America's greatest race with a serious player.

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COGLINSE PHOTOS

Gunnevera and Javier Castellano with co-owner Solomon Del-Valle and trainer Antonio Sano (background) after their Fountain of Youth win

ANTONIO SANO'S FAITH JUSTIFIED WITH GUNNEVERA

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"Right away we knew he was good—just not sure how good," Sano explained. "Before the Saratoga Special (G2) I had (jockey) Edgar Zayas work him at Gulfstream and he told me that he was one of the best horses he had ever been on. He told me to definitely go to Saratoga, which gave me confidence. He won the race and we started thinking bigger with him. Then, when he got beat at Keeneland, I think he didn't like the track there. So at that point we decided to go to Delta and won with him there (in the Delta Downs Jackpot, G3).

"He's improving with each race. If you look at him now, it looks like the last race didn't take anything out of him. He doesn't get tired and I think, if he had a clean trip all the way around in the Holy Bull (G2), he would have been a lot closer and maybe won. He keeps trying and finishes strong."

Sano, who trains 60 horses between Gulfstream and Gulfstream Park West, has developed Gunnevera into arguably his best horse to date. Sweetening the pot, the colt has a nearly all-Venezuelan team behind him. The winner of half of his eight starts and three graded races carries the colors of Peacock Racing Stables—the entity of Venezuelans Guillermo Guerra and Solomon

Del-Valle and Spaniard Jamie Diaz—and is piloted by another native of the Bolivarian republic in America's reigning top rider, Javier Castellano.

Gunnevera's success did not fall into Sano's lap. A credit to the 52-year-old's lifelong horsemanship and keen eye for placement, the veteran decided to pass on what could have been a taxing trip to California for the Sentient Jet Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1).

Since the colt broke his maiden July 16 at third asking, Sano has spaced his races judiciously, never competing within four weeks. The result has been firsts or seconds in six of his eight starts. Additionally, the maternal grandson of Unbridled was picked out of the Keeneland September yearling sale in 2015 by Sano for only \$16,000. He has now earned \$1,075,200.

This is not the first time Sano has built a boon out of a bargain. One of the first American horses he acquired was Devilish Lady, whom he claimed for \$16,000 at Calder Race Course during her 2-year-old season in 2010. The daughter of Sweetsouthernstair went on to win five stakes, including the Azalea (G3), and earned \$400,318.

"I have had some good horses, but Gunnevera is very exciting," Sano said. "I liked him from the beginning and loved his conformation and good looks. I also really liked Dialed In and knew he would probably be a good father. I'm very happy with him and we are blessed to be in this kind of position right now." **BH**

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SALES UPDATE

ARCH LEADS OBS MARCH SIRE STANDINGS

By Eric Mitchell

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Claiborne Farm's late sire Arch led the two-day Ocala Breeders' Sales Co.'s March 2-year-olds in training sale as top sire.

Two colts from the penultimate crop of the rock-steady son of Kris S. sold for \$700,000 average and median out of three offered. His top seller, one of five to sell for more than \$1 million, was a colt out of the winning Forestry daughter Enhancing that sold for \$1.05 million to new owner Lawrence Best, who is buying as OXO Equine.

The million-dollar colt's second dam is champion and grade 1 winner Heavenly Prize (Seeking the Gold), who has produced graded stakes winners and sires Good Reward and Pure Prize. Tom McCrocklin consigned the colt.

Gainesway's Tapit was second-leading sire by average and median, with four averaging \$681,250 and bringing a \$712,500 median. Best played a big role in elevating Tapit's OBS average by acquiring a filly out of graded stakes-placed Arienza (Giant's Causeway) for \$1.1 million from McCrocklin. Robert and Lawana Low bred the filly, now named Argusto, whose second dam is 2002 Horse of the Year and multiple champion Azeri.

Rounding out the top five sires by average are WinStar Farm's Congrats, with three sold for an average of \$653,333; Darley's Medaglia d'Oro, with three sold for a \$541,667 average; and Claiborne Farm's War Front, who had two sell for an average of \$512,500.

Agent Kerri Radcliffe bought the March sale's \$1.7 million top-priced horse, a filly by Congrats—Azalea Belle, by Dixie Union, who McKathan Brothers sold on behalf of Zayat Stables.

Among the freshman sires of 2017, Orb led the standings with five averaging \$476,000 and generating a median of \$260,000. The Claiborne sire and 2013 Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (G1) winner also had a representative among the million-dollar purchases.



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The late sire Arch in his paddock at Claiborne Farm

Crupi's New Castle Farm sold a colt by Orb—Remember, by Forest Wildcat, for \$1.25 million to the bloodstock agent team of Jason Litt and Alex Solis II, who bought the colt for LNJ Foxwoods. These 2-year-olds were bred on a \$25,000 stud fee, which is Orb's fee for 2017.

Adena Springs Kentucky's Point of Entry was the second-leading freshman sire, with three sold for a \$358,333 average and a \$210,000 median. His top seller was a \$675,000 colt out of stakes-placed Hug It Out (Medaglia d'Oro) that consignor All Dreams Equine sold to Narvick International. The Point of Entry juveniles were bred on a \$25,000 stud fee. The multiple grade 1-winning son of Dynaformer stands for \$20,000 this year.

Animal Kingdom was the third-leading freshman sire by average price. Darley's 2011 Kentucky Derby and 2013 Dubai World Cup Sponsored by Emirates Airline (G1) winner was represented by three sold for an average of \$285,000 and a median of \$205,000. His top purchase was a \$550,000 colt out of stakes winner and stakes producer Miss Lombardi (Unbridled Jet) that Litt and Solis bought out of Eddie Woods' consignment. Animal Kingdom's juveniles were bred on a \$35,000 fee. He stands for \$30,000 this year. **BH**

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2017 OBS March Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training Top Sires by Average (min. 2 sold)

Sire	Offered	Sold	Average	Median
Arch	3	2	\$700,000	\$700,000
Tapit	5	4	\$681,250	\$712,500
Congrats	4	3	\$653,333	\$150,000
Medaglia d'Oro	3	3	\$541,667	\$425,000
War Front	2	2	\$512,500	\$512,500



SALES UPDATE

A FAMILY REUNION WITH EGG DROP'S FIRST FOAL

By Alicia Wincze Hughes

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Bob Baffert had his eyes trained on Hip 509 on the Ocala Breeders' Sales Co. grounds, studying the gray colt's small yet athletic frame, looking for similarities to his famed parents. He kept lingering, feeling for muscle tone and potential with his astute hands. And the more Baffert kept his attention on the juvenile before him, the more Billy Koch's heart sank.

"I was standing in the ring with Bob Baffert and ... he was inspecting the colt, putting his hands on him, checking him out. And I was like, 'I can't

outgun Baffert. He's got more money than we do,'" the founder and managing partner of Little Red Feather Racing said March 16, still weary from the whirlwind OBS March 2-year-olds in training sale he just returned from. "So I'm thinking to myself, 'He's going to buy this horse.'"

"Then he went and reached under (the colt's) belly and, when he did, the colt literally—like a cobra—tried to kick him. And Baffert jumped back. The second he did that, I was like 'Oh God, we have to buy this horse. He is just like his mother.'"

Before becoming the dam of the feisty son of Tapit, who was part of Eddie Woods' consignment, Egg Drop was the best of divas for the Little Red Feather partnership.

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PHOTOS BY Z

Hip 509 is the first foal out of grade 1 winner Egg Drop



A FAMILY REUNION WITH EGG DROP'S FIRST FOAL

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Nicknamed the "White Witch," the snow-colored distaffer gave her owners a grade 1 triumph in the 2013 Matriarch Stakes (G1T)—one of her three graded wins—and when she sold to Bridlewood Farm for \$1.9 million at the 2014 Keeneland November breeding stock sale, the emotional connection she inspired had Koch wiping tears in the pavilion as he talked about letting her go.

So when Koch kindly asked Baffert if he planned to buy the first foal out of the 8-year-old Alphabet Soup mare, relief washed over when the Hall of Fame conditioner said he would pass. And after laying out a bid of \$200,000 during the March 15 session at OBS, Koch and his partners got to bring home a colt they already considered part of the family.

The newest member of the Little Red Feather stable is one they hope will invoke some old memories. While selling Egg Drop three years ago was the best decision from a business standpoint, the partners have kept tabs on their former runner's broodmare career and were tracking her first offspring shortly after the colt was able to stand and nurse.

Prior to seeing the Tapit colt at the OBS March auction, Koch said Little Red Feather tried to purchase him privately from Bridlewood as a yearling. When he went through his paces during the pre-sale breeze show, covering an eighth of a mile in :10 1/5, the correct nature of his conformation and his strong mechanics solidified to the Little Red Feather team they weren't just letting

sentimentality draw them back to his catalog page.

"We thought he was a really, really good mover. On the stride analysis we use, he was very good," Koch said. "(Trainer) Phil D'Amato, who was there for the Egg Drop days (as an assistant to trainer Mike Mitchell), fell in love with him. He's extremely correct. He's just not very big. A lot of first foals are small and he's on the smaller side. But he had everything in the right place. It was like the stars aligned and we were really, really fortunate to get him."

In case he needed a reminder of how popular Egg Drop was during her 13-race career, the volume of messages on Koch's phone since landing her Tapit colt have served as a reminder. Name suggestions are already coming in.

"He was called Wonton for a while, and my good friend Michelle Yu came up with Drop It, which I thought was funny," Koch laughed.

Egg Drop's stark coloring always allowed for Little Red Feather's white, navy, and orange silks to stand out that much more in her six trips to the winner's circle. That her doppelganger son will now also carry those colors goes down as a victory in Koch's eyes, regardless of what the colt's running lines ever produce.

"I was talking to my sister and she's like 'Everyone loves this horse. You've got a lot of pressure on you,' and I was like, 'There is really no pressure,'" Koch said. "We're going to do the best job we can and he's going to do the best job he can to be a great racehorse like his mom and his dad. We're just so excited to carry on the tradition, and for him to carry the Little Red Feather silks when he debuts is going to be quite a show." **BH**

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Grade 1 turf winner **Midnight Storm** scores in the Jan. 1 San Pasqual on Santa Anita's main track

MET MILE ON THE TABLE FOR MIDNIGHT STORM

By Alicia Wincze Hughes

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After leading mid-stretch in the Santa Anita Handicap Presented by San Manuel Indian Bingo and Casino (G1) March 11, Midnight Storm fell three-quarters of a length short of joining the exclusive group of horses that are grade 1 winners on turf and dirt.

With Shaman Ghost denying him the Big 'Cap, a top-level, main-track triumph remains the objective for the 6-year-old son of Pioneerof the Nile.

A start in the Mohegan Sun Metropolitan Handicap (G1) at Belmont Park June 10 is being considered for Midnight Storm, Little Red Feather Racing managing partner Billy Koch said March 16.

He validated his dual-surface talent capturing the Native Diver Stakes (G3) in November at Del Mar then followed with a victory in the Jan. 1 San Pasqual Stakes (G2) at Santa Anita Park.

"He bounced out of the race in really good shape and he runs so hard. That's why we give him time between each race," Koch said. "I'm really proud of him. I'm proud of the way he performed and the way (trainer) Phil (D'Amato) has kept him at the highest level.

"There are a lot of options coming up. A race like the Met Mile has been talked about. The goal is that grade 1 on dirt. We have to figure out how to get that. Shaman Ghost ripped our hearts out." **BH**

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MO TOWN BREEZES AT GULFSTREAM PARK

By BloodHorse Staff

Remsen Stakes (G2) winner Mo Town got acquainted with Gulfstream Park March 16, when he worked six furlongs for a possible start in the \$1 million Xpressbet.com Florida Derby (G1) April 1.

The Tony Dutrow-trained son of Uncle Mo shipped from Payson Park for the work, which was timed in 1:13.24. With Hall of Fame rider John Velazquez aboard, Mo Town, who breezed solo while breaking off from the five-eighths pole, carved out fractions of :36.23 and 1:00.09, with a seven-furlong gallop-out time of 1:27.26.

This was the second work from Mo Town since he finished fifth as the favorite in the Risen Star Stakes (G2) at Fair Grounds Race Course & Slots Feb. 25 in his 3-year-old debut for Team D, Susan Magnier, Derrick Smith, and Michael Tabor.

"I wanted to see how he got along with Gulfstream Park because ... after having the bad experience at the Fair Grounds, we do not believe he cared for the racetrack there," Dutrow said. "I liked what I saw. I thought the horse was very smooth over the racetrack. He went very evenly the whole way, and seemed to gallop out excellent."

Mo Town could also run in the April 8 Wood Memorial Stakes (G2) at Aqueduct Racetrack.

"He also has to draw somewhat well in the Florida Derby," Dutrow said. "If he didn't draw well, we wouldn't run here." **BH**

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Remsen Stakes winner **Mo Town** is under consideration for the Xpressbet.com Florida Derby

HK DERBY RAPPER DRAGON'S BIGGEST CHALLENGE

By Bob Kieckhefer

The big international group 1 races looming on the horizon are all well and good, but the March 19 BMW Hong Kong Derby is the one the locals crave—for the purse and for the bragging rights at stake in the 140th running of the race.

Rapper Dragon, already rated 114 on the local scale, will attempt to complete the first sweep of the 4-year-old Classic Series, a program that progresses in distance to Sunday's 2,000-meter (about 1 1/4-mile) race. If he's to accomplish that, however, he will have to overcome what Anthony Kennedy, the Hong Kong Jockey Club executive director of racing, labeled "one of the strongest Derby fields ever assembled."

A Street Boss gelding, Rapper Dragon finished seventh in his trial for the Derby last week, but trainer John Moore was not troubled.

"Rapper Dragon has never been a flashy trialler and again he just did what he had to do," the trainer said. "That was what we wanted and what we expected. There's still more to come."

Rapper Dragon won the first race in the series, the Hong Kong Classic Mile (G1), by an easy two lengths, and took the 1,800-meter (about 1 1/8-mile) Hong Kong Classic Cup (G1) by 1 1/2 lengths. In both cases, company was coming in the final 100 meters, with Rapper Dragon never being asked for his best effort.

Rapper Dragon is among six Derby contenders under Moore's



HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Rapper Dragon will have to overcome one of the strongest BMW Hong Kong Derby fields ever assembled

care, including Eagle Way, a group 1 winner in Australia last year, and Helene Charisma, winner of the Juddmonte Grand Prix de Paris (G1) at Chantilly in July going 2,400 meters (about 1 1/2 miles).

Pakistan Star, purchased from the Hong Kong International Sale a year ago for HK\$6 million (about US\$773,000) remains a fan favorite, with a worldwide following as a result of his dramatic last-to-first victories earlier in the season. His green blinkers and white earmuffs are hard to miss.

Several other imports feature in the cast as well.

Limitless, then trained by Jamie Osborne and known as Defrocked, won the Britannia Stakes during last year's Royal Ascot meeting, defeating 27 rivals including Folkswood, who currently is racing with distinction in Dubai for Godolphin.

Gold Mount, then conditioned by Alan King, won the King George V Handicap at 2016 Royal Ascot.

Another British import, Booming Delight, named Out and About when he finished sixth in the Britannia after Limitless, has already won three races in Hong Kong. The Fastnet Rock gelding is a full brother to Rivet, winner of last fall's Racing Post Trophy (G1) in England. Ryan Moore will be in town to ride Booming Delight.

The Hong Kong Derby was first run in 1873. Past winners include subsequent group 1 winners Vengeance of Rain, Viva Pataca, Ambitious Dragon, Akeed Mofeed, Designs on Rome, and Werther. Floral Pegasus in 2007 and Sun Jewellery last year both won the Classic Cup and the Classic Mile but fell short in the Derby.

The prestige value of a Derby victory is so great that in the minds of local owners, it eclipses even the purse money for Sunday's race—HK\$18 million, or about US\$2.3 million. **BH**

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WINX BACK IN ACTION AT ROSEHILL GARDENS

By Bob Kieckhefer

It's one big race after another March 18 at Rosehill Gardens, but the main focus will be on—who else? Winx.

Tied with Arrogate in the Longines World's Best Racehorse rankings, the bay daughter of Street Cry seeks her 16th straight win in the China Horse Club George Ryder Stakes (G1) at 1,500 meters (about 7 1/2 furlongs).

The opposition includes Le Romain and champion sprinter Chautauqua, who finished first and second a nose apart in the Canterbury Stakes (G1) going 1,200 meters (about six furlongs) two weeks ago at Royal Randwick. Hauraki was farther back in third in the Canterbury, and returns for another try.

Hartnell has had a good view from behind, as Chris Waller-trained Winx captured two straight runnings of the Cox Plate (G1). He had a tough go against her in their last start, finishing eighth in the TAB Chipping Norton Stakes (G1) at Randwick, nine lengths behind the winner.

Now he stretches out from 1,600 meters to 2,000 (about 1 1/4 miles) for Saturday's Ranvet Stakes (G1)



GRANT GUY

Winx will seek her 16th straight win and 20th overall Saturday

but runs into grade 1 winners Preferment and Stratum Star. Preferment finished last in the Chipping Norton, while Stratum Star returns on just a week's rest off an Australian Cup (G1) fourth.

Also on the card are the prestigious Longines Golden Slipper (G1), the Nathan's Famous Hotdogs Galaxy Stakes (G1) at 1,100 meters, and the Rosehill Guineas (G1). **BH**

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LAUREL STAKES FEATURES O DIONYSUS, JENDA'S AGENDA

By Lenny Shulman

Sophomores of each gender will run for \$100,000 each in black-type events at Laurel Park March 18, with males going 1 1/16 miles in the Private Terms Stakes and fillies traveling a one-turn mile in the Caesar's Wish Stakes.

The Caesar's Wish features an impressive cast of early winners. Drawing outside in the field of eight is Jenda's Agenda, who is perfect in two starts at Fair Grounds Race Course & Slots. The front-runner won at one mile and 70 yards last time out, with plenty left in the tank for trainer and co-owner Larry Jones.

Aspen Hilltop won at Saratoga Race Course at first asking, but stumbled over a downed horse in the Davona Dale Stakes (G2) and didn't finish. A hot pace would set her up nicely here.

The Private Terms features three runners exiting the Miracle Wood Stakes Feb. 18.

O Dionysus stalked and scored in that affair by three lengths going one mile. He should be a heavy favorite off his running line late last year in the Marylander



JIM MCCUE, MARYLAND JOCKEY CLUB

After getting bumped at the start, O Dionysus wins the Feb. 18 Miracle Wood, drawing away in the stretch


Stakes, in which he finished just a nose off eventual graded stakes winner Irish War Cry.

High Roller defeated O Dionysus two back in the Frank Whiteley Jr. Stakes by a half-length before O Dionysus turned the tables in the Miracle Wood. High Roller checked in fourth after making the lead. **BH**

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EQB'S PATRICE MILLER: HOMERUN SHOPPER

By Eric Mitchell

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Patrice Miller, vice president of EQB (Equine Biomechanics & Exercise Physiology), bought for \$250,000 at the 2016 Keeneland September sale a Congrats filly that would top the Ocala Breeders' Sales March 2-year-old sale at \$1.7 million earlier this. Miller talked with BloodHorse MarketWatch editor Eric Mitchell about the filly she acquired as part of a new pinhooking venture for Zayat Stables.

BloodHorse MarketWatch: EQB goes through an extensive vetting of its sale prospects. What stood out to you about the Congrats filly?

Patrice Miller: We do go through a lot of vetting but we have also learned from way back when not to throw the baby out with the bathwater—you look for the horse that looks like what it's supposed to be, a racehorse. She has the right physical profile and the right attitude. What is amazing about this filly is how calm she was at the sale; she looked great. Sales are stressful and what you need in a racehorse is a horse that can handle stress. The whole breaking process was not a stress to her either. The McKathan brothers are consummate professionals and there is a reason a lot of good horses, like American Pharoah or Prayer for Relief, come out of their program. They have a program that tests them but does not break them. When they do get tested, they are ready mentally and ready physically.

BH: Did you think the Congrats filly was a million-dollar horse?

PM: I'm probably not a good one to ask because I think all the horses we buy are million-dollar horses, or I sure hope they are. You have to start with a positive attitude. When we picked out



EQB purchased the Congrats—Azalea Belle filly for Zayat Stables because she had the right physical profile and attitude

(the Zayat yearlings), though, we didn't know they would be pinhooked so we were not considering their commercial value at all. We were looking for horses that could run, which is probably why Mr. Zayat did so well. He was selling horses he loved and didn't mind keeping. We had one horse that never made it to the sale because of a chip. She'll be fine, and he believes she's a nice horse. Did I think (the Congrats filly) would bring \$1.7 million? Not a clue, but she was a very special horse. You have to have some luck, too.

BH: What was your impression of the OBS March market overall?

PM: This is a fascinating sale. The top was very strong, but if you were selling a \$50,000-\$60,000 horse you had trouble getting it done. I bid on several horses for people thinking \$200,000 to \$300,000 would be fine and they went for \$700,000. The middle market just wasn't there even though there were a lot of very useful horses. Hopefully it will be there in April. **BH**

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STAKES RESULTS

PRIX MONTENICA

Chantilly, 3/16, €55,000, 3yo, 61/2f, 1:16.98, stn.

1—**African Ride (GB)**, 128, b c, 3 €27,500
Candy Ride (ARG)—Paiota Falls, by Kris S.
O—Wertheimer & Frere, B—Wertheimer Et
Frere (GB), T—LAFFON-PARIAS CARLOS, J—
GUYON MAXIME

2—**Battle in Seattle (FR)**, 128, ch c, 3 ... €11,000
Naaqoos (GB)—Boa Vinda (FR), by High Yield
O—ULRICH ZERRATH, B—E ECHMID (FR), T—
KLEINKORRES AXEL, J—HAMELIN ANTOINE
Sale History: 2015 BBGAUG, \$16,686.

3—**Spotlight Dream (IRE)**, 128, b g, 3 €8,250
Holy Roman Emperor (IRE)—Jeu de Plume
(IRE), by Montjeu (IRE)
O—E PUERARI & MME P ADES-HAZAN, B—E
PUERARI, D HAZAN & D LI (IRE), T—BAUDRON
LOUIS, J—SOUMILLON CHRISTOPHE
Sale History: 2015 ARQAUG, \$355,488.

Margins: 1, neck, ½. **Others:** GREYWAY, NORTH THUNDER, IMPERIAL TANGO, CREME DE CREMES, ETTU (GB), FIXETTE (IRE).

PRIX RONDE DE NUIT

Chantilly, 3/16, €54,500, 3yo, 6f, 1:14.89, stf.

1—**Fas (IRE)**, 128, b c, 3 €27,500
Fastnet Rock (AUS)—Sotka (GB), by **Dutch Art (GB)**
O—A JATHIERE / ZALIM BIFOV, B—ZALIM BIFOV
(IRE), T—BRANDT MME PIA, J—GUYON MAXIME
Sale History: 2015 TATOC1, (\$80,420 RNA).

2—**Tresorier (GB)**, 128, b c, 3 €11,000
Dunkerque (FR)—Treasure (FR), by Anabaa
O—Haras du Quesnay, B—EARL HARAS DU
QUESNAY (GB), T—HEAD-MAAREK MME CRI-
QUETTE, J—THULLIEZ THIERRY

3—**Thrust Home (IRE)**, 125, b f, 3 €8,250
Fastnet Rock (AUS)—Garden City (FR), by Ma-
jorien (GB)
O—G GRIMISH / ECURIE DES MONCEAUX,
B—Ecurie Des Monceaux (IRE), T—DUREPAIRE
YAN, J—BOUDOT PIERRE-CHARLES

Margins: ½, neck, neck. **Others:** SPANISH FLY (IRE),

UPENDI, BORN TO BE (IRE), MISTER ART (IRE).

ALLOWANCE RESULTS

Fair Grounds, Race 3, AOC

3/16, \$40,000, 3yo, a5.5f (turf), 1:04.52, course firm.

1—**Carson Kan**, 118, ch g, 3, **Kantharos**—Carsomatic, by Carson City, \$24,000, O—Rags Racing Stable LLC and Little Bear Racing Stables, B—Gem Racing Inc. (FL), T—Ingrid Mason, J—James Graham

Sale History: 2016 FTMMAY, \$55,000, 2015 OBSAUG, \$80,000.

Margin: 1¾, 6 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Fair Grounds, Race 7, ALW

3/16, \$40,000, 4yo/up, f/m, a5.5f (turf), 1:04.60, course firm.

1—**One Last Shot**, 119, dk b/br f, 4, **Any Given Saturday**—Tequilas Dayjur, by Dayjur, \$24,000, O—Speedway Stable LLC, B—Dean Hayes & Darley (KY), T—Michael Stidham, J—Robby Albarado

Sale History: 2015 OBSAPR, \$230,000, 2014 FTKOCT, \$57,000.

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

Golden Gate Fields, Race 6, AOC

3/16, \$29,000, 4yo/up, 6f (all-weather), 1:09.73, track fast.

1—**Westley**, 122, b g, 6, **Houseofroyalhearts**—Mira's Magic, by Katowice, \$17,400, O—Bryan W. Smith, B—Bryan W Smith (WA), T—Blaine D. Wright, J—Kyle Frey

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

Gulfstream Park, Race 10, AOC

3/16, \$50,000, 4yo/up, 7f (dirt), 1:22.22, track fast.

1—**Shaft of Light**, 121, b g, 6, **Smart Strike**—Silver Adventure, by Silver Deputy, \$25,200, O—Monster Racing Stables, B—Sam-Son Farm (ON), T—Jorge Navarro, J—Emisael Jaramillo

Margin: ½, 7 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Oaklawn Park, Race 8, AOC

3/16, \$74,000, 3yo, f, 8.5f (dirt), 1:45.34, track fast.

1—**Conquest Bandido**, 117, b f, 3, **Into Mischief**—Restraining Order, by Skip Trial, \$44,400, O—J. Armando Rodriguez Racing Stable, Inc., B—Mike Abraham (KY), T—Wayne M.

Catalano, J—Channing Hill

Sale History: 2016 KEENOV, \$90,000, 2015 KEESFP, \$75,000.

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

Santa Anita Park, Race 1, ALW

3/16, \$56,000, 3yo/up, 8f (dirt), 1:37.79, track fast.

1—**Kristi's Copilot**, 124, b g, 5, **Lucky Pulpit**—Aleyna's At Brown, by Out of Place, \$33,600, O—Clarke M. Cooper Family Trust, B—Meadowbrook Farms, Inc. (CA), T—Ian Kruljac, J—Tyler Baze

Margin: 5/4, 5 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

MAIDEN RESULTS

Fair Grounds, Race 5, MSW

3/16, \$38,000, 3yo, a5.5f (turf), 1:05.54, course firm.

1—**Transatlantic Kiss**, 120, ch c, 3, **Stormy Atlantic**—Snuggs and Kisses, by Soto, \$22,800, O—Bernard Racing LLC, B—L. Barrett Bernard (KY), T—Thomas M. Amoss, J—Florent Geroux

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

Santa Anita Park, Race 4, MSW

3/16, \$54,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (dirt), 1:11.41, track fast.

1—**Batiquitos**, 120, b f, 3, **Dixie Chatter**—Warren's Got Game, by Ancient Art, \$32,400, O—Lindo, David and Lindo, Jennifer, B—David Lindo (CA), T—William Spawr, J—Tyler Baze

Margin: 1¾, 7 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)



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UPCOMING ENTRIES

PASADENA S.

Santa Anita Park, Sunday, March 19, Race 8
8f (turf), \$75,000, 3yo, 4:00 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1		Big Sky Logan	Sky Mesa	3/c	Corey S. Nakatani	120	-	Holly & David Wilson
2		Taxman's Quest	Euroears	3/g	Flavien Prat	120	-	Litsch Family LLC
3		Ritzzy A. P.	English Channel	3/c	Victor Espinoza	120	-	Calumet Farm
4		Ky. Colonel	Into Mischief	3/c	Mike E. Smith	120	-	Preston Madden
5		Taco	Gio Ponti	3/c	Jesus M. Rios	124	-	Alonso, Amaya, or Centofanti
6		Cistron	The Factor	3/c	Tyler Baze	122	-	Hronis Racing LLC or Little Red Feather Racing
7		Monster Man	Unbridled's Song	3/c	Rafael Bejarano	120	-	Gary S. Broad
8		Conquest Fahrenheit	Scat Daddy	3/c	Norberto Arroyo, Jr.	120	-	Rockingham Ranch or Littlefield
9		Zakaroff	Slew's Tiznow	3/g	Joseph Talamo	124	-	Antone Metaxas
10		Bird Is the Word	Birdstone	3/c	Kent J. Desormeaux	120	-	Heart Racing Stable

Breeders: 1–Oxley, TCF Stallions, et al. & Nicholas M. Lotz; 2–Litsch Family, LLC; 3–Calumet Farm; 4–Malibu Farm; 5–Rose Hill Farm; 6–St. George Farm, LLC; 7–The Premae Company LLC; 8–Meadow Lane Stables LLC; 9–Eagle Ridge Racing LLC; 10–Machmer Hall.

Trainers: 1–Vladimir Cerin; 2–Richard E. Mandella; 3–Dan Blacker; 4–Richard E. Mandella; 5–Efren Loza, Jr.; 6–John W. Sadler; 7–Scott Hansen; 8–Peter Miller; 9–Steven Specht; 10–G. F. Almeida.

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TOP HORSES

Listed below are the top 10 leading horses by 2017 North American earnings through March 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	2	1	1	0	\$2,200,000	50%	100%
3	Neolithic	1	0	0	1	\$1,000,000	0%	100%
4	One Liner	2	2	0	0	\$324,000	100%	100%
5	Gunnevera	2	1	1	0	\$304,200	50%	100%
6	Unique Bella	3	3	0	0	\$300,000	100%	100%
7	Gun Runner	1	1	0	0	\$300,000	100%	100%
8	El Areeb	3	2	0	1	\$270,000	67%	100%
9	Midnight Storm	2	1	1	0	\$265,000	50%	100%
10	Semper Fortis	2	0	0	1	\$257,500	0%	50%

TOP TRAINERS

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Rank	Name	Starts	Wins	Places	Shows	Earnings	Win%	WPS%
1	Bob Baffert	48	14	8	7	\$8,210,568	29%	60%
2	Todd A. Pletcher	203	51	32	29	\$4,415,500	25%	55%
3	James A. Jerkens	37	8	7	3	\$2,544,083	22%	49%
4	Steven M. Asmussen	333	68	65	43	\$2,505,356	20%	53%
5	Doug F. O'Neill	148	22	30	21	\$2,016,251	15%	49%
6	Jerry Hollendorfer	230	42	34	41	\$1,899,522	18%	51%
7	Michael J. Maker	209	54	33	30	\$1,638,687	26%	56%
8	Chad C. Brown	94	24	20	8	\$1,597,839	26%	55%
9	Mark E. Casse	160	30	24	18	\$1,588,232	19%	45%
10	Linda Rice	119	32	25	17	\$1,391,406	27%	62%

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TOP JOCKEYS

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Rank	Name	Starts	Wins	Places	Shows	Earnings	Win%	WPS%
1	Mike E. Smith	51	18	6	13	\$8,785,197	35%	73%
2	Jose L. Ortiz	226	49	51	26	\$4,776,784	22%	56%
3	Javier Castellano	245	44	39	38	\$3,144,876	18%	49%
4	John R. Velazquez	153	39	17	18	\$2,887,780	25%	48%
5	Flavien Prat	193	43	31	36	\$2,681,912	22%	57%
6	Luis Saez	329	68	58	40	\$2,530,316	21%	50%
7	Florent Geroux	222	63	45	34	\$2,470,115	28%	64%
8	Irad Ortiz, Jr.	198	47	50	34	\$2,359,977	24%	66%
9	Manuel Franco	226	42	43	28	\$2,165,291	19%	50%
10	Tyler Baze	207	36	42	26	\$1,987,520	17%	50%