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## HOPPERTUNITY IS BAFFERT'S 'INSURANCE' IN DUBAI

By Alicia Wincze Hughes

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The very nature of Hoppertunity's name is rooted in the hopeful. And every time his Hall of Fame trainer engages in a discussion concerning the son of Any Given Saturday, one can almost see the weight of the world lift off Bob Baffert's shoulders.

For four seasons Hoppertunity has been the comfort zone of Baffert's shedrow. Before American Pharoah became a Triple Crown-winning hero and before Juddmonte Farms' champion Arrogate showed up to further complicate the question of who the best protege is to ever come out of Baffert's barn, the bay horse was perfecting his longstanding impersonation of an ATM machine.

He is rarely in the spotlight, but Hoppertunity always brings home a check. While he is now firmly in Arrogate's lengthy shadow as the duo readies for their respective runs in the \$10 million Dubai World Cup Sponsored by Emirates Airline (G1) at Meydan Racecourse March 25, Hoppertunity's standing as Baffert's resident bright spot is one that will not be usurped.

"I was kidding around that it's like when you go to (Las) Vegas and the dealer shows an ace and they ask you for insurance," Baffert cracked. "That's what Hopper is. He's my insurance here."



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**Hoppertunity comes into the Dubai World Cup off a second victory in the San Antonio Stakes**

If Arrogate is an equine Michael Jordan in progress, give Hoppertunity the Sixth Man award. Consistently in the backdrop at racing's top level, the veteran grinder has nonetheless become a horse any owner would love to have in the barn, boasting multiple graded stakes wins, a pair of grade 1 triumphs, and a bankroll of more than \$4 million and counting.

Flashback three years ago when Hoppertunity was the fresh-faced sophomore who stamped his arrival on the Triple Crown trail by the strength of his victory in the 2014 Rebel Stakes (G2). Before injury necessitated his scratch from the Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (G1), he was installed as the

second choice on the morning line behind eventual dual classic winner and two-time Horse of the Year California Chrome.

Hindsight reveals second-best designation to be apropos. He has had breakout moments, earning his first grade 1 score in the 2014 Clark Handicap and two years later he captured the Jockey Club Gold Cup Stakes (G1). But while Hoppertunity often runs into rivals whose best day can trump his steady ways, his seven wins, six runner-up efforts, and four third-place finishes from 25 starts consistently inspires hope that he is one stroke of racing luck away from a big score.

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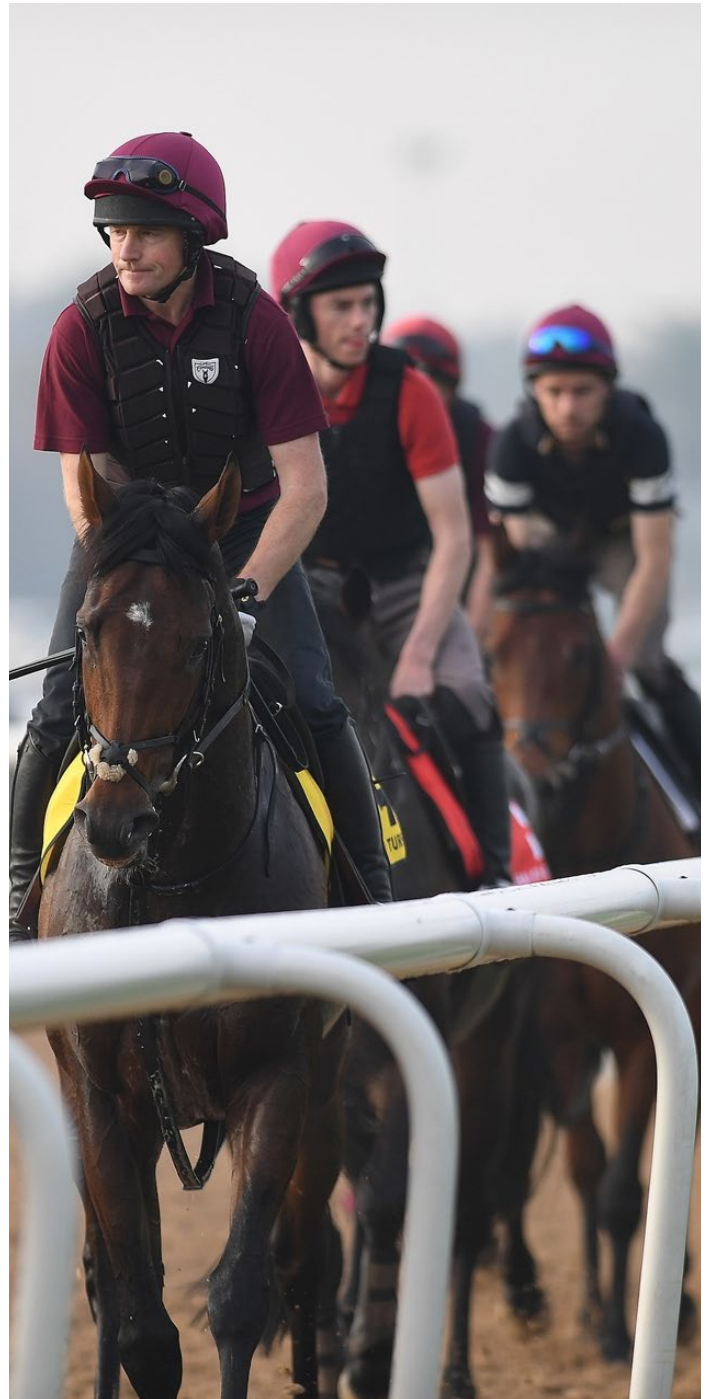
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**Led by Long Island Sound, horses line the rail at Meydan during morning workouts**

# HOPPERTUNITY IS BAFFERT'S 'INSURANCE' IN DUBAI

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"He needs a full mile and a quarter and he needs a little luck up front. but he's always right there," said Baffert, who conditions Hoppertunity for longtime clients Mike Pegram, Karl Watson, and Paul Weitman. "He's like Pac-Man, coming up there and eating away at them at the end. He's never been able to beat a horse like Chrome or a horse like Arrogate. But he's made \$4 million just being there.

"I remember (jockey) Mike Smith this summer saying ... 'One of these days he's going to win one of these big ones.' It's one of those things where he is going to have to get a tipped pass or something like that to score a touchdown."

If there is a question hanging over Arrogate heading into Saturday's Dubai World Cup, it centers around how his brilliance will translate after shipping across the globe and adapting to an environment unlike any he has experienced. In that respect, Hoppertunity has one on his Breeders' Cup Classic (G1)-winning stablemate.

A year ago, the bay horse finished third in the 1 1/4-mile race behind California Chrome. Just like last year, he comes into this season's Dubai test off a win in the San Antonio Stakes (G2) and has gotten over the Meydan surface as well as any contender during morning training.

"He loves it here," Baffert said. "He's a big, strong horse and he's an older horse, and he really carries his flesh really well."

With the privilege of training an overwhelming force like Arrogate comes the pressure of making sure lofty expectations are met at every turn. With Hoppertunity, Baffert can relax, safe in the knowledge that even if his best isn't good enough on the day, he will always uncork an effort that does him proud amongst the elite.

"He couldn't be any better. He shipped well (and) he always gets a piece of it," Baffert said. "We hope one day he gets the whole enchilada." **BH**

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**ALTERNATION** (c. by Distorted Humor), 9 wins, 2 t lawn H. **[G2]** (OP, \$240,000), Peter Pan S. **[G2]** (S Special S. **[G3]** (PIM, \$180,000), Essex H. (L) (C error's Cup S. (L) (FP, \$80,000),

**INTERRUPTED** (f. by Broken Vow), 5 wins in 9 s Lady Baltimore S. (L) (LRL, \$90,000), Penn Oak 3rd Florida Oaks **[G3]** (TAM, \$15,000), Elision (f. by Elusive Quality), 3 wins at 2 and 3, \$14 at 4, \$72,940, in N.A./U.S. (Total: \$203,651), Moving Away (f. by Distorted Humor), Winner at 3

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**STRIKE A BALANCE**, by Green Dancer, 2 wins in 3; sister to **WEDDING PICTURE** (L), **TONKA W/** horse of the year in Canada, champion 3-year-old Export Million S. **[G1]**, Meadowlands Cup H Export Trial S. **[G3]**, Miller High Lite Cradle S Derby Trial S. **[G3]**, Lafayette S. **[G3]**, Col. F Saratoga Cup H. **[G3]**, Latayette S. **[G3]**, Kentucky \$15,885 (CAN), 3rd Whitney H. **[G1]**, Kentuck

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**ELEUSIS** (f. by Diesis (G3)), 5 wins in 9 sta Prix Joubert, winner in 1 start at 3, \$90,000 H. **[G2]** (AQJ, \$90,000), (Total: \$165,800)

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# MIND YOUR BISCUITS COULD GIVE SUMMERS FIRST WIN

By Alicia Wincze Hughes

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When 32-year-old trainer Chad Summers departs Dubai to return stateside after the evening of March 25, he is going to need a topic or two to occupy his thoughts in the moments he's not trying to rest.

The good news is he already has a couple subjects penciled in for reflection. He's going to use some of that time at 30,000-plus feet to absorb what transpired in his world the last couple months. He is hoping that contemplation includes digesting that his first win as a trainer came against some of the world's best with \$2 million in prize money on the line.

A self-professed 'Jack of all trades, master of none,' Summers' newest designation may be as a group 1-winning conditioner whose charge overcame an unfortunate starting point to prevail on a global stage. Such will be the case should grade 1 winner Mind Your Biscuits run to his recent form from post 14 in the one-turn Dubai Golden Shaheen Sponsored by Gulf News (G1) at Meydan Racecourse.

After holding down seemingly every position within the Thoroughbred industry, from hot walker to bloodstock agent, Summers ventured out on a limb and got his trainer's license earlier this year. Already involved in the development of Mind Your Biscuits—since purchasing the colt privately on behalf of his clients when Mind Your Biscuits failed to meet the reserve at the 2015 OBS



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**New York-bred Mind Your Biscuits will run on the world stage in Dubai**

April spring sale of 2-year-olds in training—Summers took over conditioning the New York-bred son of Posse. Robert Falcone Jr. had previously saddled the chestnut colt to four wins, including a victory in the Dec. 26 Malibu Stakes (G1).

Summers and his family were part of the Mind Your Biscuits' ownership group, a partnership that includes J Stables and Head of Plains Partners. Hence, the New York-native already had a hands-on role in getting the colt to go from dominating state-breds to firmly holding court as one of the nation's top sprinters.

"This is a horse that me and my family have had a part of from the beginning. But some owners and big connections and big agents want to give us a chance, and think we're going to train horses differently than the norm," Summers said of the decision to go out on his own. "And going in there knowing that we have the support of them makes it

worthwhile to take that chance.

"Training horses is not an easy profession. Nothing in this industry is easy. But if you do it for the right people and you have the right team ... I'm blessed enough to have a great team of support staff with me. So that gives us the confidence to do what we're going to do."

It doesn't hurt that Summers is hanging out his shingle while backed by a horse who has given him confidence even when others didn't exactly jump on the bandwagon.

Mind Your Biscuits teased of his ability as a 2-year-old, when he recorded two runner-up efforts in his first four starts. He was lagging a bit, however, until the light bulb started to come on after he broke his maiden by 7 1/2 lengths in his sophomore debut at Aqueduct Racetrack in April.

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## MIND YOUR BISCUITS COULD GIVE SUMMERS FIRST WIN

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Three starts later, Mind Your Biscuits scored another emphatic victory, dusting a field of New York-breds by 9 1/4 lengths at Belmont Park. Still, it wasn't until he captured the Amsterdam Stakes (G2) going 6 1/2 furlongs in July that respect started to trickle his way.

"He's a horse that has a lot of quirks. We've gotten to learn his quirks and play with his quirks instead of trying to correct them," said Summers, who currently has 12 horses in his care but expects that number to grow to around 40 once he starts getting 2-year-olds in the barn. "And from a form perspective, the addition of the blinkers (has) turned him from a boy into a man. He's not intimidated by anything. He'll go inside, he'll go outside, he'll go through any hole.

"He's done everything we've ever asked him to do. But I think in the beginning people were saying, 'Oh he's a New York-bred by Posse.' I think in the Breeders' Cup, they kind of looked at us as an outsider. They

didn't give us much of a chance."

In his only try against grade 1 company prior to the TwinSpires Breeders' Cup Sprint (G1), Mind Your Biscuits ran fifth in the Ketel One King's Bishop Stakes (G1), but was beaten less than four lengths that day by eventual divisional champion Drefong.

Pleased as his connections were to see him hit the wire third behind Drefong in the Breeders' Cup, he got the added boost of being advanced to second weeks later when runner-up Masochistic was disqualified after testing positive for a prohibited substance.

After he ran down the wickedly talented Sharp Azteca to take the Malibu by half-length, Summers said a plan was then hatched to get the colt to the Golden Shaheen fresh as possible.

In his first start for Summers, Mind Your Biscuits just missed a graded stakes win, falling a neck shy of Unified in the Feb. 25 Gulfstream Park Sprint Stakes (G3). Short of an actual victory, Summers feels that outing was what his colt needed to get his late-running kick on point for the bigger goal of trying to put his entire fledgling operation on the map Saturday evening. **BH**

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## HIGHLAND REEL AMONG WORLD CUP DAY TURF RUNNERS

By Tom Hall

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A pair of \$6 million group 1 turf races play counterpoint to the main refrain of the \$10 million Dubai World Cup Sponsored by Emirates Airline (G1) March 25 at Meydan Racecourse.

At about 1 1/8 miles, the Dubai Turf Sponsored by DP World (G1) comprises a field of 13 international runners, following the scratch of Japan's Real Steel.

Ireland's Ballydoyle contingent, from the always dangerous stable of Aidan O' Brien and the Coolmore partners, holds a three-strong hand, led by Deauville, a 4-year-old son of Galileo who is owned in partnership with Mrs. Fitri Hay. In a brief campaign last year Deauville invaded the U.S. to take the 10-furlong Belmont Derby Invitational Stakes (G1T) and finish third in the Arlington Million XXXIV Stakes (G1T). He will make his 2017 debut under Ryan Moore.

The venerable Cougar Mountain is also scheduled to represent Coolmore interests. The group 2-winning 6-year-old son of Fastnet Rock comes off a runner-up finish in the one-mile Irish Thoroughbred Marketing Cup (G2) at Doha in Qatar in February.

Also making his 2017 debut is Kentucky-bred Long Island Sound, a 4-year-old O'Brien-trained son of War Front owned with Joseph Allen.

Godolphin throws its 4-year-old group 1-winning mile specialist



SNIP DICKSTEIN

**Highland Reel after his 2016 Longines Breeders' Cup Turf win**

Ribchester into the fray in his opener for his 2017 campaign. Last year the consistent son of Iffraaj won the Prix du Haras de Fresnay-Le-Buffard-Jacques Le Marois (G1) at Deauville and placed in the Qatar Sussex Stakes and Queen Elizabeth II Stakes (both G1).

At age 7, Geoff and Sandra Turnbull's Mondialiste, trained by David O'Meara, is a well-traveled threat, racing in Europe, Hong Kong, and North America, where he won the 2015 Ricoh Woodbine Mile Stakes (G1T) and the 2016 Arlington Million. Jockey Daniel Tudhope will be aboard the son of Galileo—Occupandiste, by Kaldoun, in his first time out for the year.

A horse for the course, Roger

Charlton-trained Decorated Knight—who races for Saleh Al Homaizi and Imad Al Sagar—is two-for-two this year, after notching the Jebel Hatta Sponsored by Emirates Airline (G1) at Meydan March 3 and the Betway Winter Derby Trial over Lingfield's all-weather surface earlier.

Other grade/group 1 winners in the field include Barree Stud's New Zealand-bred Debt Collector, who scored in three group 1 events in Singapore last year, including the Panasonic Kranji Mile and the Raffles Cup; and the Japanese filly Vivlos, a daughter of Deep Impact who added the grade 1 Shuka Sho at Kyoto to her resume last year.

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# HIGHLAND REEL AMONG WORLD CUP DAY TURF RUNNERS

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Four of the seven horses entered for the about 1 1/2-mile Longines Dubai Sheema Classic (G1) are grade/group 1 winners, led by last year's winner Postponed. Trained by Roger Varian, Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum's 6-year-old son of Dubawi was narrowly beaten in the Dubai City of Gold on Super Saturday and should have improved for the run as it was his first start since his fifth-place finish in the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe (G1) last October.

Always a threat is Ballydoyle's Highland Reel, who is making his first appearance in the Sheema as he did last year when he finished fourth behind Postponed. However, the globe-trotting son of Galileo did not idle his 2016 campaign, winning the QIPCO King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes (G1) and the Longines Breeders' Cup Turf (G1T), along with runner-up finishes

in the Arc, behind Postponed in the Juddmonte International Stakes (G1), and in the Longines Hong Kong Vase (G1).

Highland Reel will be joined in the Sheema Classic by Coolmore's 4-year-old Galileo filly Seventh Heaven, winner of the Darley Irish Oaks (G1) and the Darley Yorkshire Oaks (G1).

Godolphin and partners' entry Jack Hobbs, a 5-year-old son of Halling, won the Dubai Duty Free Irish Derby (G1) at 3 and was runner-up in the Investec Epsom Derby (G1). An injury suffered in his April debut truncated Jack Hobbs' 2016 campaign, but he indicated he was back on track for trainer John Gosden with a third in the QIPCO Champion Stakes (G1) at Ascot in October.

Accompanying Jack Hobbs in the Godolphin blue is Prize Money, who took the measure of Postponed in the Dubai City of Gold. A gelded son of Authorized, he is trained by Saeed bin Suroor.

Also at Meydan Saturday, Wachtel Stable, George Kerr, and Gary Barber's Long On Value will challenge

the world's top turf sprinters in the Al Quoz Sprint Sponsored By Azizi Developments (G1). Trained by Hall of Famer Bill Mott, Long On Value, a grade 2 winner, enters the six-furlong test off a third-place finish in the Gulfstream Park Turf Sprint Stakes.

The card also features a two-mile turf race in the Dubai Gold Cup Sponsored by Al Tayer Motors (G2), where two-time group 1 winner Vazirabad will try to defend his 2016 win in the race for the Aga Khan. **BH**

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Coolmore's grade 1-winning filly Seventh Heaven will face Highland Reel in the Sheema Classic

## EL AREEB WORKS AT LAUREL TOWARD WOOD MEMORIAL

By BloodHorse Staff

With an eye on returning to New York for the Wood Memorial Stakes (G2) April 8 at Aqueduct Racetrack, M M G Stables' dual grade 3 winner El Areeb breezed March 23 at his Laurel Park base for trainer Cal Lynch.

Regular rider Trevor McCarthy, fresh off a nine-win weekend at Laurel, was up for the work in company with 4-year-old stablemates Winter and Vorticity.

El Areeb was credited with a half-mile time of :49 2/5, seventh-fastest of 14 horses at the distance in the second work since his four-race win streak was snapped when he finished third as the favorite in the Gotham Stakes (G3) March 4 at Aqueduct. Winter and Vorticity were each timed in :50 flat.

"We were very pleased. Everything's good," Lynch said, noting that El Areeb finished up well. "I'll talk to the owners after his work next week and we'll make a plan, but it looks like the Wood's on schedule unless something changes."

El Areeb is scheduled to work again March 29 and April 4 leading up to the Wood, weather permitting. Thursday's move was his second straight in company. He went four furlongs in :51 2/5 with stablemate Winter March 17.

"I put him in behind horses today. He was like two or three lengths behind those two horses and then finished up a little stronger than they did," Lynch said. "I just wanted to make sure Trevor felt the horse relaxing for him. It's going to be him on (El Areeb) in the afternoon, so I just wanted to give him the feel of a race scenario and have him on there to know how (the

horse) felt. He was very good today. I was very pleased."

El Areeb, who kicked off his 3-year-old campaign by winning the Jerome (G3) and Withers (G3) stakes at Aqueduct, set a demanding pace of :23.58, :47.70, and 1:13.59 in the Gotham before tiring to third, beaten 11 lengths by J Boys Echo.

The winner of the James F. Lewis III Stakes to cap his juvenile season, El Areeb remains among the leading Triple Crown contenders. He ranks ninth with 30 qualifying points for the May 6 Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (G1).

"I'm pleased with him. We were pleased with how he came out of the race, it was just one of those things with the pace scenario unfortunately," Lynch said. "He's always been a nice horse and he's continued to be. We're just optimistic he shows up with a little different pace scenario next time and we're hopefully looking at a different result."

Also on Laurel's work tab Thursday morning was 26-time stakes winner Ben's Cat, who went a half-mile in :48 4/5 to gear up for his 11-year-old debut. The time ranked fifth of 14 horses at the distance.

Bred, owned, and trained by Hall of Fame horseman King Leatherbury, Ben's Cat has had three works this month at Laurel since returning from his annual winter vacation. He breezed three furlongs in :37 2/5 March 11 and went four furlongs in :52 3/5 March 18. **BH**



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El Areeb works a half-mile time in :49 2/5 at Laurel Park

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## LOCAL'S SUNLAND DERBY HOPES ON CONQUEST MO MONEY

By Jeremy Balan

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As long as Sunland Park has been running the Sunland Derby (G3), big-time, out-of-town trainers have swooped in to try to scoop up the lucrative purse.

In the first Sunland Derby—then called the WinStar Derby—in 2003, it was trainer Doug O'Neill who shipped in with Excessivepleasure to win the \$270,000 share of \$500,000.

O'Neill won the race again in 2005 with Thor's Echo, and other shippers followed. Bob Baffert won the race three times (Wanna Runner in 2006, Govenor Charlie in 2013, and Chitu in 2014)—not including last

year's win with Collected in the renamed Festival of Racing Stakes, which carried a smaller purse and did not offer Road to the Kentucky Derby points. The Sunland Derby had been cancelled because of an equine herpesvirus outbreak.

Other invading trainers to win include Simon Callaghan, Steve Asmussen, Jeff Bonde, Shannon Ritter, Mike Machowsky, and Tom Amoss.

A locally based horse has won only twice in 13 runnings—Hi Teck Man for trainer Johnnie Nall in 2004 and Song of Navarone for Henry Dominguez in 2007.

So it is no surprise that this year's edition of the New Mexico feature March 26, now with an \$800,000 purse, has drawn out-of-town challengers from seemingly every direction.

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**Conquest Mo Money wins the Mine That Bird in his third start at Sunland**

## LOCAL'S SUNLAND DERBY HOPES ON CONQUEST MO MONEY

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From the West Coast comes the familiar names of O'Neill (Irap) and Baffert (Bronze Age), along with the Eric Kruljac-trained Kimbear. From the East comes a procession of top trainers—Todd Pletcher (Hedge Fund), Amoss (Shareholder Value), Ken McPeck (Oxford Lane), D. Wayne Lukas (Dilettante), Asmussen (Hence and Total Tap), and Chris Hartman (Balandeen).

Remaining in the 12-colt field are the locals—stakes-placed Wine N Divine and undefeated Conquest Mo Money.

Judge Lanier Racing's Conquest Mo Money, trained by former jockey Miguel Hernandez, won his first three races—all at Sunland. He was purchased for \$8,500 from the Conquest Stables dispersal at the 2016 Keeneland November sale.

The New York-bred son of Uncle Mo broke his maiden by a neck in his debut at a mile in January, took the Riley Allison Stakes just more than three weeks later by 11 lengths, and then scored in the local Sunland Derby prep—the Mine That Bird Derby—by two lengths, ahead of grade 1-placed runner-up Irap.

The local pride of taking Sunland's biggest purse of the year, so often gets raided by outsiders, should not be downplayed.

"This is like a dream for everybody," said the 51-year-old Hernandez, who has 100 wins as a trainer since 2014. A spill at Ruidoso Downs resulted in a back injury that ended his riding career in 2013. "I'm telling you, if I win that race, I don't know what I'm going to do. I'm confident, but if he crosses that wire first—everyone (here) is going to be rooting for us."

Hernandez may be confident now, but he wasn't when Conquest Mo Money arrived at his barn from Keeneland.

"Honestly, at the beginning he didn't show anything," Hernandez said. "But after he worked a half-mile, he was a different horse. Then when we worked him from the gate—wow."

Hernandez knew he had something more watching that gate work, this time going six furlongs and in company. Conquest Mo Money didn't just outwork his stablemate—he crushed the other horse. The colt finished five lengths ahead at the wire.

"That's when I thought, 'I have a nice horse,' and if he can do that going three-quarters he should like going long," Hernandez said.

But as impressive as Conquest Mo Money has been, the looming invaders present undoubtedly his toughest test yet. None are proven graded stakes winners, but several are highly regarded for their notable connections.

Juddmonte Farms' Bronze Age—a \$600,000 purchase at Fasig-Tipton's select 2-year-olds in training sale in 2016—struggled in his first two starts going one turn at Santa Anita Park, but stretched out nicely to win going a mile to break his maiden Feb. 18 in Southern California.

WinStar Farm, China Horse Club, and SF Racing's Hedge Fund had a similar experience at Gulfstream Park, where he finished off the board in his debut sprinting in December, then came back to break his maiden going 1 1/16 miles Feb. 4 in South Florida by four lengths.

Others come in with graded experience. Irap, although still a maiden, has run second in all three of his stakes tries—including the Los Alamitos Futurity (G1) and Robert B. Lewis (G3); Shareholder Value has finished sixth and fifth, respectively, in the Risen Star (G2) and Lecomte (G3) at Fair Grounds Race Course & Slots; Dilettante (fifth) and Hence (seventh) both exit the Southwest (G3) at Oaklawn Park; and Balandeen came in fifth in last year's Delta Downs Jackpot (G3).

"If we qualify for the Kentucky Derby, it's 20 horses. I'm not afraid of 12 horses," Hernandez said. "I like that it's (tough) competition. That way I can see how good my horse is."

"If I run second or third (in this race), I'll still feel happy, because the company that's coming are all good horses. But this time it's going to stay here, I hope." **BH**

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# RACES to watch



## FILLIES WITH PEDIGREE DEBUT AT SANTA ANITA

By Mary Reeder

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Two maiden special weight races for 3-year-old fillies at Santa Anita Park March 24 will feature pedigree and more pedigree.

Trainer Richard Mandella will send out Lyrics for Ramona Bass, Claiborne Farm, and Adele Dischneider in race 2 as the 2-1 morning-line favorite. The Speightstown filly is out of Canada's 2011 champion older mare Embur's Song.

Lyrics finished second in her Feb. 12 debut going six furlongs and has posted fairly consistent workouts, carving out five furlongs in 1:00 flat in her latest March 17. She will take on five others at 6 1/2 furlongs Friday.

Included in that field are two half sisters to grade 2 winners. At morning-line odds of 3-1, Charlatana is a Harlan's Holiday half sister to last year's Jim Dandy Stakes (G2) winner Laoban (Uncle Mo). The Bob Baffert trainee is making her first start for Don Alberto Stable.

The longshot of the field is Sumaya U.S. Stable's California Spirit, who will also be making her first start. The Tale of the Cat filly is a half sister to Protonico (Giant's Causeway), winner of the 2015 Alysheba Stakes (G2) and runner-up in the 2014 Clark Handicap (G1).

Race 8 at Santa Anita is an about 6 1/2-furlong test on the turf also for 3-year-old fillies and has drawn a full field of 10.

At 3-1, Claiborne's Line is the lukewarm favorite with two starts under her belt. However, the War Front filly,



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Laoban, pictured winning the 2016 Jim Dandy, is a half brother to first-time starter Charlatana

who is out of the multiple graded stakes winner Wend, did not hit the board in those efforts.

It is Rockingham Ranch's Red Shelby who may draw interest from betters. The first-time starter by Greatness is a Florida-bred half sister to grade 1 winner Egg Drop, who won the 2013 Goldikova Stakes (G2T) at Santa Anita and took the grade 1 Matriarch Stakes at the now-closed Hollywood Park turf.

While there are several of note in the race, Barry and Judith Becker's Chocolate Coated stands out as a Candy Ride half sister to 2010 Grey Goose Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies (G1) runner-up R Heat Lightning, who also won that year's Spinaway Stakes (G1). The filly is making her debut for trainer Neil French. **BH**

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### SANTA ANITA PARK, \$54,000 MSW, 6.5F

Santa Anita Park, Friday, March 24, Race 2  
6.5f (dirt), \$54,000, 3yo/up f/m, 1:29 PM (local)

PP	Horse	Sire	Dam
1	<a href="#">Tiz the Light</a>	Tiznow	By the Light
2	<a href="#">Charlatana</a>	Harlan's Holiday	Chattertown
3	<a href="#">Danuska's My Girl</a>	Shackleford	Amaday
4	<a href="#">Utana</a> 🐾	Curlin	Glitter Dancer
5	<a href="#">Lyrics</a> 🐾	Speightstown	Embur's Song
6	<a href="#">California Spirit</a>	Tale of the Cat	Alpha Spirit

### SANTA ANITA PARK, \$54,000 MSW, A6.5F (TURF)

Santa Anita Park, Friday, March 24, Race 8  
a6.5f (turf), \$54,000, 3yo f, 4:34 PM (local)

PP	Horse	Sire	Dam
1	<a href="#">Line</a>	War Front	Wend
2	<a href="#">Lady Preacher</a> 🐾	Mineshaft	Preach It
3	<a href="#">Chocolate Coated</a>	Candy Ride (ARG)	Yellow Heat
4	<a href="#">Helen Wheels</a>	Proudinsky (GER)	Gilded Silk
5	<a href="#">Halo Ahead</a> 🐾	Kitten's Joy	Spanish Halo
6	<a href="#">Saburai</a> 🐾	First Samurai	Ms Isadorable
7	<a href="#">Red Shelby</a> 🐾	Greatness	Rehocracy
8	<a href="#">Sally Simpson</a> 🐾	Mineshaft	Emma Song
9	<a href="#">Kenda</a> 🐾	Bodemeister	Indian Legend
10	<a href="#">Trappizza</a> 🐾	Trappe Shot	Deceive
11	<a href="#">Diamonds Only</a>	Lonhro (AUS)	Royal Crystal

# MO DON'T KNOW NAMED OHIO HORSE OF THE YEAR

By BloodHorse Staff

Loooch Racing Stables' Mo Dont No was crowned 2016 Ohio Horse of the Year sponsored by OwnerView during the annual Ohio Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners awards banquet, held at the Darby House at Darby Dan Farm in Galloway, Ohio. He was also awarded two divisional championships.

The son of Uncle Mo—Lilah, by Defrere, raced 11 times during his 3-year-old season, with a record of 8-2-0 for earnings of \$401,530. Four of his eight wins came in stakes races. He proved his versatility by winning five sprint races, one at 1 1/8 miles, and two at 1 1/4 miles.

The Jeff Radosevich trainee was also voted champion 3-year-old and champion handicap horse.

Mo Dont No was bred by Beechwood Racing Stable.



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Loooch Racing Stables' Ohio Horse of the Year Mo Dont No

Owner Ron Paolucci, who graduated from claiming horses to a Breeders' Cup winner with Ria Antonia in 2013, heads up Loooch Racing Stables.

Broodmare of the Year went to Lilah, the dam of Mo Dont No. Owner of the Year was Paolucci, who in addition to owning Mo Dont No, campaigned in partnership grade 2 winner Conquest Enforcer, along with \$400,000 Poseidon Handicap winner Imperative.

Ohio Breeder of the Year, sponsored by Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm, went to Tim Hamm's Blazing Meadows Farm. In addition to accumulating the most breeder awards, they bred and raised the two accredited-bred champions—Eightthehardway and Leona's Reward. Tim Hamm has won a divisional award every year since 2008.

Former Canadian champion Mobil (Langfuhr-Kinetigal by Naskra) captured stallion of the year honors. The 11-time stakes winner stands at Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm in Polk, Ohio.

Rivers Run Deep, was the only Ohio-bred to finish in front of Mo Dont No when he captured his third consecutive six-furlong Honey Jay Stakes victory at Jack Thistledown, and he was named champion sprinter. Earlier in the season, the 5-year-old son of Ready's Image set the track record at Belterra Park for six panels in 1:08.44.

Bred by Nancy Lavrich and Walmac Farm, the Chris Hartman trainee won six of his seven starts in 2016, while collecting \$313,440. He has career earnings of \$906,640 with a record of 16-8-3 from 31 starts and is back in training for the 2017 season for owners Ywachetta Driver and James Travis.

Someday Soon was voted champion 2-year-old filly. Owned and bred by Tommy Ligon, she compiled a record of 2-2-0 from six starts, earning \$126,960.

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## MO DON'T KNOW NAMED OHIO HORSE OF THE YEAR

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The 3-year-old colt division went to Mobil Sky. Owned by Gerald Silver and bred by Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm the gelded son of Mobil earned \$123,300 winning three of his six starts.

With her upset win in the \$150,000 Best of Ohio Distaff, Ohio Gold garnered top 3-year-old filly. Owned by Charlie Williams and bred by Michael Evans II, Travis Evans, and Sheltopee Farm, she had seasonal earnings of \$178,580 with a record of 4-4-3 from 10 starts.

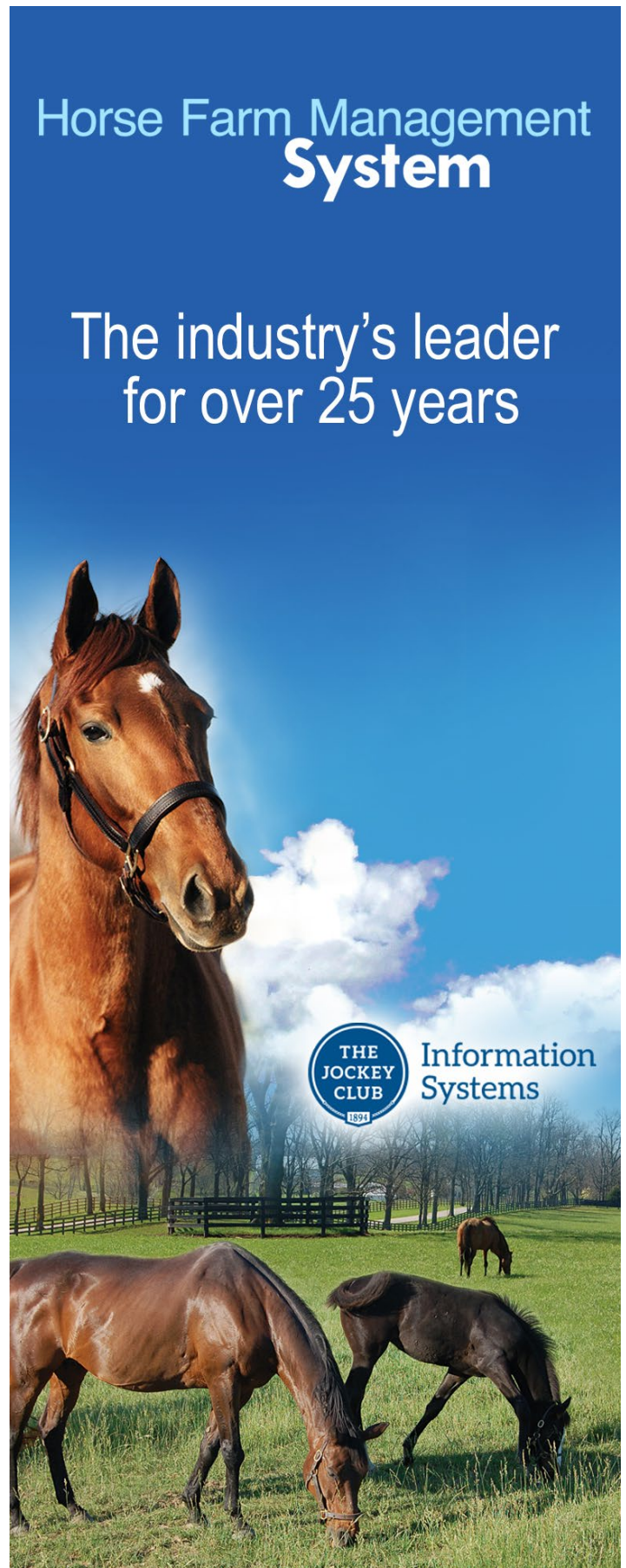
The champion handicap mare crown went to the consistent Justalittle smoke. Owned by Mast Thoroughbreds and trained by Robert Gorham, the 4-year-old had a 5-1-1 record from seven starts this season for earnings of \$236,990. She came into the \$150,000 Best of Ohio Sprint off of five consecutive wins and fell a nose short of sprint champion Rivers Run Deep. Bred by Belvedere Farm, she amassed \$609,670 through three racing seasons.

Both champions were sired by Mr. Prospector's son Parents Reward, and bred by Blazing Meadows Farm. Leona's Reward is owned by Michael Friedman and Blazing Meadows Farm. She had a record of 4-2-1 from nine starts, including two stakes victories and won \$146,270 in 2016. Paul Groves owns Eightthehardway, who made 14 starts during the season with a 4-3-2 record. The 4-year-old gelding finished the year with a win in the Ruff Kirchenburg Handicap to push his career earnings to \$250,468.

The Thoroughbred Charities of America Award of Merit was presented to Anna Ford, who heads up the New Vocations Racehorse Adoption Program. Last year New Vocations provided aftercare services to 66 Thoroughbreds that retired from Ohio tracks or farms.


Dr. Paul Gutheil is stepping down as president of the OTBO after decades of service to the organization as a board member and vice president. He has been an owner and breeder in the Ohio program for 40 years. **BH**

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## OAKLAWN, OHIO TRACKS REGISTER BIG PURSE GAINS

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While Oaklawn Park purses benefit from subsidies from its gaming operations, the track has not let gaming dim its focus on successful pari-mutuel operations.

That focus has helped Oaklawn steadily improve purses. In 2016 the Hot Springs, Ark. track registered the second-biggest percentage purse gain of any North American track—up 16.6% to a record \$45,298,420. Up again in 2017, this will mark a ninth straight year the track has increased purses.

The track continues to focus on bringing fans out for live racing, a definite key to success. The approach helped the track register a 12% attendance increase and 8% on-track handle increase in 2016. Compared with off-track handle, a higher percentage of on-track handle goes to purses.

In this area in 2017, Oaklawn continues to innovate, awarding higher payouts on show wagers to on-track customers.

The track launched an advance-deposit wagering outlet in 2014, Oaklawn Anywhere, and it continued to gain popularity in 2016, with handle up \$15 million.

Oaklawn is one of the few U.S. tracks that blocks computer-robotic wagering, which accounts for about 20% of U.S. handle. Oaklawn believes such CRW players hurt the everyday player and blocks them. The unique approach is working—Oaklawn's total 2016 handle improved 4%.

"Oaklawn continues to benefit from ownership that is 100% dedicated to racing, a thriving gaming



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Horses leave the gate at Oaklawn Park

operation, and steadily growing handle thanks to better and better racing quality," director of racing David Longinotti said going into this year's meet.

Belterra Park, in Cincinnati, made the top purse gains in 2016, up nearly 27% to \$12.6 million. Mahoning Valley Race Course, in Northwest Ohio, also registered top-five percentage gain, up 15% to nearly \$20 million. Belterra Park added slot machine gaming in 2014 and Mahoning Valley opened as a racino that same year.

With 23 additional race days—Pimlico Race Course reduced its race days by nine—Laurel Park delivered a 16% jump. Ellis Park, benefitting from its historical gaming operations as well as a \$1.35 million purse contribution from Kentucky Downs, which also offers historical gaming, registered a 15% jump.

The two biggest purse declines by tracks in 2016 occurred in Illinois, where Hawthorne Race Course was down nearly 60% and Fairmount Park declined 37%. **BH**

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Five biggest percentage gains in total purses from 2015-16 among North American tracks that paid at least \$5 million in purses last year.

Track	2016 gross purses	% change
Belterra Park	\$12,642,280	26.7%
Oaklawn Park	\$45,298,420	16.6%
Laurel Park	\$64,610,836	16.3%
Ellis Park	\$9,861,972	15.2%
Mahoning Valley	\$19,961,016	15.1%

Five biggest percentage declines in total purses from 2015-16 among North American tracks that paid at least \$5 million in purses last year.

Track	2016 gross purses	% change
Hawthorne Race Course	\$22,702,912	-59.9%
Fairmount Park	\$5,693,604	-37.3%
Pimlico Race Course	\$28,530,470	-32.4%
SunRay Park	\$ 5,149,540	-27.6%
Monmouth Park	\$45,556,460	-24.8%

## WEST COAST BOOSTER

By Eric Mitchell

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**B**ecky Thomas' Sequel Bloodstock has been a fixture among the Barretts March 2-year-olds in training sale's consignors since 1990. Since 2000 she's sold 103 juveniles there for more than \$21.6 million and an average of \$210,240. Thomas talked with BloodHorse MarketWatch editor Eric Mitchell about this sale's place in the juvenile marketplace.

**BloodHorse MarketWatch:** Sequel Bloodstock is based in Ocala, Fla., but has had a lot of success at Barretts over the years. Why is this sale an important market?

**Becky Thomas:** I continue to support Barretts because I feel very strongly that we need a sale on the West Coast. I don't know how those breeders can have relevance for their program if they don't have access to a regional auction market, which doesn't mean regional horses. You get a lot of California trainers that go to (Ocala Breeders' Sales Co.) or Fasig-Tipton (sales)—they go everywhere—but you don't get the drop-in buyer at any other location like you do at Barretts or the destination location that Gulfstream has become.

Now that the sale is at Del Mar, you get buyers that are interested and have homes at Del Mar. We need to keep this market, but we also need to give them something they can use.

**BH:** What is your criteria for deciding what to offer at Barretts?

**BT:** Anything other than the top right now is not being supported. I have an Orb filly (Hip 86) this year who is a half sister to Finley'sluckycharm, who was second in the La Brea Stakes (G1). She will be a top filly no matter where she goes, but she will get a little more prominence in California because the trainers will know the family.

**BH:** As you noted, Barretts began holding this sale at Del Mar in 2015. Has the move changed the complexion of the sale?



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**Becky Thomas of Sequel Bloodstock believes it is important to support West Coast sales**

**BT:** They need a critical mass of horses, like all sales do. Look at what happened in Miami in terms of what actually went through the ring. What was sold was great, but what went through the ring?

California's breeding program has suffered the way all of racing has across the United States. They have fewer racing dates, less need for product, less owners, less everything. The only thing that seems to be stable is our average daily purses structure.

When I go out to Barretts, though, I see faces I don't see elsewhere and most of the time they're owners. It makes a big difference. Last year, I remember George Bolton was out watching the breeze show. Anytime you have the owner or the buyer there it's important. They are the ones that say what happens—how much to spend, how much not to spend. If they can see it, touch it, smell it, and feel it, it makes a big difference. I am hoping that California can continue to capitalize on that and Barretts maintains a presence on the West Coast. It is important that we don't lose that market. **BH**

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# RACE RESULTS

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## STAKES RESULTS

### PRIX FRANCOIS MATHET

Saint Cloud, 3/23, €55,000, 3yo, 10.5f, 2:18.05, sft.

1—[Soleil Marin \(IRE\)](#), 125, b c, 3 ..... €27,500  
[Kendargent \(FR\)](#)—Sousmarine (IRE), by Montjeu (IRE)

0—MME ANDRE FABRE, B—ECURIE PEREGRINE SAS (IRE), T—FABRE ANDRE, J—BOUDOT PIERRE-CHARLES

2—[My Valentine \(FR\)](#), 125, b c, 3 ..... €11,000  
[Rock of Gibraltar \(IRE\)](#)—Private Eye (FR), by [American Post \(GB\)](#)

0—JEAN-CLAUDE SEROUL, B—MME H ERCULIANI (FR), T—ROSSI FREDERIC, J—THULLIEZ THIERRY

**Sale History:** 2015 ARQAU, \$138,863.

3—[Amazing \(FR\)](#), 125, ch g, 3 ..... €8,250  
[Kentucky Dynamite](#)—Little Jaw (GB), by [Footstepsinthesand \(GB\)](#)

0—STEPHAN HOSSMEISTER, B—SCEA HARAS DE MANNEVILLE (FR), T—VERMEULEN FABRICE, J—BARZALONA MICKAEL

**Sale History:** 2015 OSASEP, \$4,508.

**Margins:** 1¼, 1¼, 2. **Others:** VARGAR, GO FAST (IRE).

## ALLOWANCE RESULTS

### Charles Town, Race 7, ALW

3/22, \$24,500, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f (dirt), 1:28.53, track fast.

1—[Singmealovesong](#), 124, gr/ro f, 4, [Songandaprayer](#)—Ghost of Love, by Silver Ghost, \$14,520, 0—Jackson, Stephen G. and Debbie, B—Dr. Stephen G. Jackson & Debbie Jackson (KY), T—Flint W. Stites, J—Jose Montano

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

### Fair Grounds, Race 2, AOC

3/23, \$42,000, 4yo/up, a8f (turf), 1:38.30, course firm.

1—[Rosary Man](#), 119, b g, 5, [Songandaprayer](#)—Doubtless, by Grand Slam, \$25,200, 0—Dedomenico LLC and Muddy Waters Stables, B—Roy Zupparado (LA), T—Michael Stidham, J—David Romero Flores

**Sale History:** 2013 KEESEP, \$50,000.

**Margin:** 2¼, 7 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Fair Grounds, Race 5, AOC

3/23, \$40,000, 4yo/up, a5.5f (turf), 1:04.17, course firm.

1—[Theycallhimthekid](#), 119, b g, 4, [Hard Spun](#)—Kid Majic,

by [Lemon Drop Kid](#), \$24,000, 0—Feel The Thunder Stable, The Farm on 4 LLC, Cobra Farm, Inc. and Gasaway, B., B—H. Allen Poindexter (KY), T—Michael Stidham, J—Miguel Mena  
**Sale History:** 2014 KEESEP, \$50,000.

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

### Fair Grounds, Race 7, AOC

3/23, \$42,000, 4yo/up, f/m, a5.5f (turf), 1:04.54, course firm.

1—[Euroboss](#), 119, ch m, 5, [Street Boss](#)—Mega, by Horse Chestnut (SAF), \$25,200, 0—DARRS, Inc., B—Ben Mcelroy (KY), T—Michael Stidham, J—Shaun Bridgmohan

**Sale History:** 2013 KEESEP, \$105,000, 2012 KEENOV, (\$70,000 RNA).

**Margin:** ¾, 8 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Fair Grounds, Race 9, AOC

3/23, \$44,000, 4yo/up, a8f (turf), 1:38.30, course firm.

1—[Chocolate Ride](#), 119, b g, 7, [Candy Ride \(ARG\)](#)—Heatherdoesntbluff, by Old Trieste, \$26,400, 0—Genstar Thoroughbreds, B—Brian Kahn (KY), T—Brad H. Cox, J—Shaun Bridgmohan

**Sale History:** 2011 KEESEP, \$260,000.

**Margin:** 1, 7 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Gulfstream Park, Race 8, AOC

3/23, \$48,000, 3yo, 5f (turf), :55.61, course firm.

1—[Mongo Nation](#), 120, dk b/br c, 3, [Speightstown](#)—Ciao, by Lear Fan, \$24,000, 0—JEH Racing Stable LLC, B—Cleary Farms (KY), T—David Fawkes, J—Luis Saez

**Sale History:** 2015 KEESEP, \$140,000.

**Margin:** 1½, 8 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Gulfstream Park, Race 9, AOC

3/23, \$49,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 8f (dirt), 1:38.84, track fast.

1—[Apologynotaccepted](#), 121, dk b/br m, 6, [Fusaichi Pegasus](#)—Withmom'sapproval, by With Approval, \$24,600, 0—Alter's Racing Stable (Happy Alter), Barber, Gary and Wachtel Stable, B—Happy Alter (KY), T—William I. Mott, J—Nik Juarez

**Margin:** 4¼, 5 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Oaklawn Park, Race 6, AOC

3/23, \$84,000, 4yo/up, 6f (dirt), 1:10.77, track fast.

1—[Black Bear](#), 118, dk b/br h, 7, [Midnight Lute](#)—Angel Trumpet, by [Cape Canaveral](#), \$50,400, 0—Richard Bahde, B—St. George Farm LLC (KY), T—Randy L. Morse, J—Calvin H. Borel

**Sale History:** 2012 FTMMAY, \$150,000, 2011 KEESEP, \$35,000.

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

### Oaklawn Park, Race 8, AOC

3/23, \$84,000, 4yo/up, 6f (dirt), 1:10.06, track fast.

1—[Wabel](#), 116, ch h, 5, [Curlin](#)—Rockintotherhythm, by Broad Brush, \$50,400, 0—Flurry Racing Stables LLC, B—Indian Springs Farm, Inc. & Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings, LLC (KY), T—Brad H. Cox, J—Geovanni Franco

**Sale History:** 2014 OBSJUN, \$170,000, 2013 KEESEP, \$55,000.

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

### Oaklawn Park, Race 9, AOC

3/23, \$82,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 8f (dirt), 1:39.16, track fast.

1—[Smelly Cat](#), 121, b m, 5, [Fusaichi Pegasus](#)—Pledge Mom, by [Wild Rush](#), \$49,200, 0—Homewrecker Racing LLC, B—Homewrecker Racing LLC (IL), T—McLean Robertson, J—Alex L. Canchari

**Margin:** 2, 10 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Penn National, Race 4, ALW

3/22, \$29,500, 4yo/up, 8f (dirt), 1:39.75, track fast.

1—[Quality Interest](#), 121, b g, 5, [Quality Road](#)—A. P. Interest, by A. P. Indy, \$17,700, 0—Silver Trail Stables LLC, B—R. S. Evans (KY), T—Keith Nations, J—Jevian Toledo

**Margin:** ½, 10 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Santa Anita Park, Race 2, AOC

3/23, \$56,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 6.5f (dirt), 1:16.98, track fast.

1—[Bar Scene](#), 122, dk b/br f, 4, Rocky Bar—Jungle Girl, by [Forest Camp](#), \$33,600, 0—Triple AAA Ranch, B—Triple AAA Ranch (AZ), T—Philip A. Oviedo, J—Martin A. Pedroza

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

## MAIDEN RESULTS

### Charles Town, Race 1, MSW

3/22, \$23,000, 3yo/up, 4.5f (dirt), :53.80, track fast.

1—[Pistolinmypocket](#), 117, ch g, 3, Cat Genius—Joann's Appeal, by [B L's Appeal](#), \$13,740, 0—Kimberly D. Shawyer, B—Stephen C. Shawyer (WV), T—Timothy Shanley, J—Antonio Lopez

**Margin:** 2½, 7 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Charles Town, Race 3, MSW

3/22, \$23,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6.5f (dirt), 1:24.97, track fast.

1—[Charitable Ellie](#), 117, b f, 3, Charitable Man—Ellie Martin, by Olmodavor, \$13,680, 0—Taylor Mountain Farm LLC, B—James W. Casey (WV), T—James W. Casey, J—Antonio Lopez

**Margin:** 1¼, 8 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

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### Fair Grounds, Race 3, MSW

3/23, \$41,000, 3yo, f, 8f (dirt), 1:39.61, track fast.

1—[Snobliz](#), 120, dk b/br f, 3, [Frost Giant](#)—Meg's Answer, by West Acre, \$24,600, O—Stretch Run Stable LLC (Picard, et al) and Watson, Wells, B—Dennis Bryant (LA), T—Albert M. Stall, Jr., J—Colby J. Hernandez

**Sale History:** 2016 OBSJUN, \$52,000, 2015 OBSAUG, \$5,500.



**Margin:** 6¼, 7 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Fair Grounds, Race 8, MSW

3/23, \$41,000, 3yo, f, 6f (dirt), 1:10.35, track fast.

1—[Minnie Blip](#), 120, dk b/br f, 3, [Algorithms](#)—Zero Interest, by [Kafwain](#), \$24,600, O—E. H. Beau Lane III, B—E. H. Beau Lane III (KY), T—Albert M. Stall, Jr., J—Mitchell Murrill



**Margin:** 7¼, 9 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Gulfstream Park, Race 1, MSW

3/23, \$38,000, 3yo, f, 8f (turf), 1:36.95, course firm.

1—[O. K. Kay](#), 120, b f, 3, [English Channel](#)—My Secret Brook, by Montbrook, \$22,800, O—George Vires, B—George Vires (FL), T—Jane Cibelli, J—Jose L. Ortiz

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### Gulfstream Park, Race 7, MSW

3/23, \$46,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 8f (dirt), 1:38.12, track fast.

1—[Eva London](#), 117, b f, 4, [Adios Charlie](#)—Ennuhway, by Notebook, \$30,800, O—Hardacre Farm LLC, B—Ocala Stud (FL), T—Amy Tarrant, J—Carlos J. Hernandez

**Sale History:** 2015 OBSAPR, \$90,000.

**Margin:** 3¾, 7 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Santa Anita Park, Race 4, MSW

3/23, \$54,000, 3yo, a6.5f (turf), 1:13.84, course firm.

1—[Farley](#), 123, b c, 3, [Distorted Humor](#)—Hot Summer, by [Malibu Moon](#), \$32,400, O—Secure Investments, Westside Rentals.com and O'Neill, Doug F., B—Alpha Delta Stables, LLC (KY), T—Doug F. O'Neill, J—Mario Gutierrez

**Sale History:** 2016 FTFFEB, (\$410,000 RNA), 2015 KEESEP, \$285,000.

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# TODAY'S ENTRIES

## SANTA ANITA PARK, \$54,000 MSW, 6.5F

Santa Anita Park, Friday, March 24, Race 2  
6.5f (dirt), \$54,000, 3yo/up f/m, 1:29 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	1	<a href="#">Tiz the Light</a>	Tiznow	4/f	Joseph Talamo	126	3/1	Jay Em Ess Stable
2	2	<a href="#">Charlatana</a>	Harlan's Holiday	3/f	Martin Garcia	120	3/1	Don Alberto Stable
3	3	<a href="#">Danuska's My Girl</a>	Shackleford	3/f	Rafael Bejarano	120	5/2	Bad Boy Racing, LLC
4	4	<a href="#">Utana</a>	Curlin	4/f	Victor Espinoza	126	8/1	Mr. & Mrs. J. S. Moss
5	5	<a href="#">Lyrics</a>	Speightstown	3/f	Tyler Baze	120	2/1	Claiborne Farm, Ramona S. Bass, LLC or Dilschneider
6	6	<a href="#">California Spirit</a>	Tale of the Cat	3/f	Stewart Elliott	120	15/1	Sumaya U.S. Stable

**Breeders:** 1–Samantha Siegel; 2–Don Alberto Corporation; 3–Fernandez-Robles Family Trust & Flying H Stables; 4–Charles A. Woodson Jr.; 5–Fares Farms, L.L.C.; 6–International Equities Holding, Inc..

**Trainers:** 1–Ronald W. Ellis; 2–Bob Baffert; 3–Jerry Hollendorfer; 4–John A. Shirreffs; 5–Richard E. Mandella; 6–Ronald L. McAnally.

## SANTA ANITA PARK, \$54,000 MSW, A6.5F (TURF)

Santa Anita Park, Friday, March 24, Race 8  
a6.5f (turf), \$54,000, 3yo f, 4:34 PM (local)

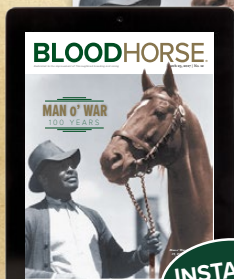
P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	1	<a href="#">Line</a>	War Front	3/f	Rafael Bejarano	123	3/1	Claiborne Farm
2	2	<a href="#">Lady Preacher</a>	Mineshaft	3/f	Brayan Pena	123	5/1	B G Stable or Palma
3	3	<a href="#">Chocolate Coated</a>	Candy Ride (ARG)	3/f	Gary L. Stevens	123	6/1	Barry or Judith Becker
5	4	<a href="#">Helen Wheels</a>	Proudinsky (GER)	3/f	Tiago Josue Pereira	123	30/1	956 Ranch, Inc. or Marc Layton
6	5	<a href="#">Halo Ahead</a>	Kitten's Joy	3/f	Joseph Talamo	123	15/1	Tarabilla Farms, Inc.
7	6	<a href="#">Saburai</a>	First Samurai	3/f	Kent J. Desormeaux	123	5/1	Holly & David Wilson
8	7	<a href="#">Red Shelby</a>	Greatness	3/f	Victor Espinoza	123	7/2	Rockingham Ranch
9	8	<a href="#">Sally Simpson</a>	Mineshaft	3/f	Mario Gutierrez	123	30/1	Reddam Racing, LLC
10	9	<a href="#">Kenda</a>	Bodemeister	3/f	Tyler Baze	123	5/1	Platts or Sims
11	10	<a href="#">Trappiza</a>	Trappe Shot	3/f	Israel Ocampo	123	15/1	Clint Roberts or Tom Roberts
13	11	<a href="#">Diamonds Only</a>	Lonhro (AUS)	3/f	Tyler Baze	123	5/1	Smith, Magnier or Tabor

**Breeders:** 1–Claiborne Farm; 2–Austin Paul; 3–Barry Becker & Judith Becker; 5–956 Ranch; 6–Bluegrass Industries, LLC; 7–Richard Shultz; 8–Tom McCrocklin, Frank Mermenstein & Craig Rounsefell; 9–Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding; 10–Mark Stansell; 11–Lakland Farm; 13–Rabbah Bloodstock, LLC.

**Trainers:** 1–Richard E. Mandella; 2–Hector O. Palma; 3–Neil French; 5–Paula S. Capestro; 6–David E. Hofmans; 7–Vladimir Cerin; 8–Peter Miller; 9–Ben D. A. Cecil; 10–Philip D'Amato; 11–Michael Pender; 13–Simon Callaghan.

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### SKIP AWAY S. (G3)

Gulfstream Park, Saturday, March 25, Race 12  
9f (dirt), \$100,000, 4yo/up, 6:02 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	1	<a href="#">Hy Riverside</a>	Macho Uno	5/g	Luca Panici	121	10/1	Mar Racing Stable Inc.
2	2	<a href="#">Flashy Jewel</a>	Flashy Bull	5/g	Joe Bravo	121	3/1	Eddie Kenneally
3	3	<a href="#">Fear the Cowboy</a>	Cowboy Cal	5/h	Jesus M. Rios	119	4/1	Kathleen Amaya and Raffaele Centofanti
4	4	<a href="#">Zulu</a>	Bernardini	4/c	Jose L. Ortiz	117	2/1	Michael B. Tabor, Mrs. John Magnier, Derrick Smith and Stonestreet Stables LLC
5	5	<a href="#">Joshua's Comprise</a>	Comprise	7/g	Eddie Dominguez	117	30/1	Rose Family Stable
6	6	<a href="#">Team Colors</a>	Street Cry (IRE)	5/h	Paco Lopez	117	5/2	Joseph Allen LLC

**Breeders:** 1–Amy Dunne; 2–Brereton C. Jones; 3–University Of Kentucky; 4–Ron Magers & Robert Marcocchio; 5–Rose Family Stable Ltd; 6–Joseph Allen.

**Trainers:** 1–Antonio Sano; 2–Eddie Kenneally; 3–Efren Loza, Jr.; 4–Todd A. Pletcher; 5–Barry R. Rose; 6–James A. Jerkens.

### ANY LIMIT S.

Gulfstream Park, Saturday, March 25, Race 11  
6f (dirt), \$75,000, 3yo f, 5:32 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	1	<a href="#">Faith N Hope</a>	Overdriven	3/f	Carlos Olivero	116	6/1	Lookin Overus Inc.
2	2	<a href="#">Fashion Runaway</a>	Old Fashioned	3/f	Manoel R. Cruz	116	12/1	William Humphries
3	3	<a href="#">Cursor</a>	Quality Road	3/f	Jose L. Ortiz	116	6/5	Courtlandt Farms
4	4	<a href="#">Truge</a>	Dialed In	3/f	Marcos Meneses	116	9/2	Magic Stables, LLC
5	5	<a href="#">Who's the Lady</a>	Munnings	3/f	Paco Lopez	116	7/2	Darsan, Inc.
6	6	<a href="#">Colorincolonel</a>	Colonel John	3/f	Elvis Trujillo	116	30/1	Thoroughbred Champions Training Center LLC
7	7	<a href="#">Mia</a>	Put It Back	3/f	Gerardo Corrales	116	6/1	Rontos Racing Stable Corp.

**Breeders:** 1–Nancy Gould; 2–William Humphries; 3–Mill Ridge Farm et al; 4–Dylan Holt; 5–Darsan Inc.; 6–Millennium Farms & WinStar Farm, LLC; 7–Rontos Racing Stables.

**Trainers:** 1–Luis Olivares; 2–William B. Bradley; 3–Mark A. Hennig; 4–Antonio Sano; 5–Kathleen O'Connell; 6–Jaime Mejia; 7–Enrique A. Sanchez.



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## 2017 LEADING SIREs

Listed below are the top 10 leading sires by 2017 Northern Hemisphere earnings through March 22, 2017. Only stallions that stand, will stand, or stood in North America (excluding stallions that died or were exported prior to the 2013 breeding season), and have runners in North America are included. Racing statistics are 2017 Northern Hemisphere only.

Rank	Stallion	Sire, YOY	'17 Stud Fee	Farm	Chief Earner (Earnings)	'17 Earnings
1	Unbridled's Song	Unbridled, '93	Died	N/A	Arrogate (\$7,000,000)	\$7,783,980
2	Ghostzapper	Awesome Again, '00	\$75,000	Adena Springs Kentucky, KY	Shaman Ghost (\$2,200,000)	\$3,373,846
3	Tapit	Pulpit, '01	\$300,000	Gainesway, KY	Unique Bella (\$300,000)	\$2,462,782
4	Harlan's Holiday	Harlan, '99	Died	N/A	Neolithic (\$1,000,000)	\$2,293,973
5	Malibu Moon	A.P. Indy, '97	\$75,000	Spendthrift Farm, KY	Farrell (\$210,000)	\$1,893,918
6	Candy Ride (ARG)	Ride the Rails, '99	\$60,000	Lane's End, KY	Gun Runner (\$300,000)	\$1,857,113
7	Hard Spun	Danzig, '04	\$45,000	Darley, KY	Nomorerichblondes (\$200,000)	\$1,732,233
8	Kitten's Joy	El Prado, '01	\$100,000	Ramsey Farm, Inc., KY	Cymric (\$106,000)	\$1,611,581
9	Curlin	Smart Strike, '04	\$150,000	Hill 'n' Dale Farms, KY	Keen Ice (\$250,000)	\$1,605,883
10	Into Mischief	Harlan's Holiday, '05	\$75,000	Spendthrift Farm, KY	One Liner (\$324,000)	\$1,602,323

## 2017 BROODMARE SIREs

Listed below are the top 10 leading broodmare sires by 2017 Northern Hemisphere earnings through March 22, 2017. All stallions whose daughters are represented by at least one Northern Hemisphere runner in 2017 are included. Cumulative stakes winners includes lifetime worldwide statistics; all other statistics are 2017 Northern Hemisphere only.

Rank	Stallion	Sire, YOY	Dams	Rnrs	SWrs (% Rnrs)	Cum. SWrs	Chief Earner (Earnings)	'17 Earnings
1	Distorted Humor	Forty Niner, '93	160	228	4 (1.8%)	53	Arrogate (\$7,000,000)	\$9,290,573
2	Sunday Silence	Halo, '86	446	755	7 (.9%)	163	Talking Drum (\$255,123)	\$5,632,712
3	Unbridled's Song	Unbridled, '93	240	322	7 (2.2%)	105	Unique Bella (\$300,000)	\$4,049,585
4	A.P. Indy	Seattle Slew, '89	221	304	5 (1.6%)	146	El Areeb (\$270,000)	\$3,594,079
5	Storm Cat	Storm Bird, '83	235	321	4 (1.2%)	236	Decorated Knight (\$211,864)	\$3,336,860
6	French Deputy	Deputy Minister, '92	218	335	3 (.9%)	69	Gold Dream (\$404,190)	\$3,183,164
7	Gilded Time	Timeless Moment, '90	72	92	3 (3.3%)	54	Shaman Ghost (\$2,200,000)	\$2,852,051
8	Giant's Causeway	Storm Cat, '97	203	252	2 (.8%)	49	Gun Runner (\$300,000)	\$2,517,980
9	Seeking the Gold	Mr. Prospector, '85	166	240	3 (1.3%)	140	Ertijaal (\$201,000)	\$2,260,173
10	Elusive Quality	Gone West, '93	147	197	3 (1.5%)	41	Prize Money (\$281,000)	\$2,170,577

## 2017 SECOND-CROP SIREs

Listed below are the top 10 leading second-crop sires by 2017 Northern Hemisphere earnings through March 22, 2017. Only stallions that stand, will stand, or stood in North America, and have runners in North America are included. Racing statistics are 2017 Northern Hemisphere only.

Rank	Stallion	Sire, YOY	'17 Stud Fee	Farm	Chief Earner (Earnings)	'17 Earnings
1	Shackleford	Forestry, '08	\$15,000	Darby Dan Farm, KY	Malagacy (\$586,800)	\$1,062,640
2	Stay Thirsty	Bernardini, '08	\$10,000	Ashford Stud, KY	Cosmo Charlie (\$175,000)	\$753,997
3	Dialed In	Mineshaft, '08	\$15,000	Darby Dan Farm, KY	Gunnevera (\$304,200)	\$680,299
4	Maclean's Music	Distorted Humor, '08	\$8,500	Hill 'n' Dale Farms, KY	Rockshaw (\$119,400)	\$573,002
5	The Factor	War Front, '08	\$25,000	Lane's End, KY	Cistron (\$43,140)	\$505,961
6	Gemologist	Tiznow, '09	\$25,000	WinStar Farm LLC, KY	Appalachian Gem (\$57,000)	\$458,708
7	Tapizar	Tapit, '08	\$15,000	Gainesway, KY	Greek Prince (\$48,720)	\$432,984
8	Bodemeister	Empire Maker, '09	\$25,000	WinStar Farm LLC, KY	O Dionysus (\$80,000)	\$416,695
9	To Honor and Serve	Bernardini, '08	\$10,000	Gainesway, KY	State of Honor (\$108,800)	\$399,499
10	Hansen	Tapit, '09	N/A	N/A	En Hanse (\$49,180)	\$398,340