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# CHRB AGAIN APPROVES THIRD-PARTY LASIX ADMINISTRATION

By Jeremy Balan

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A nearly five-year process to implement third-party administration of race-day furosemide (commonly known as Lasix) in California could be nearing an end after the California Horse Racing Board approved a proposal to authorize the practice April 6.

During a meeting at Golden Gate Fields, the four attending members of the CHRB voted unanimously to approve the proposal, which will now need the blessing of California's Office of Administrative Law before the policy can be implemented in the state.

Third-party Lasix administration proposals in California have gone down this path before only to be rejected by OAL, but CHRB counsel is confident the new regulation will be accepted.

With approval by the OAL, the change in Lasix administration would move California in line with the National Uniform Medication Program.

"Upon initial submission to OAL, this rule was rejected. There was a number of technical suggestions, as well as a few substantive requests being made," CHRB general counsel Philip Laird told the board Thursday. "Staff has addressed those concerns, and as I said, most of the changes in the rule are technical. A few



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**Furosemide, often referred to as Lasix, is a source of controversy for CHRB medication issues**

that are more substantive (have more detail on how the process works. You'll see there is more information about chain of custody in the rule and there is also more information about what (racing) associations are required to include in their applications. ... We believe this will resolve any issues (OAL) raised.

"I'd say 'third time's a charm' but it's probably the ninth or 10th at this point."

The agenda item lacked the controversy that has followed third-party Lasix attempts in the past, when veterinarians have expressed displeasure with the policy. There was no discussion on the issue by the CHRB commissioners in attendance

(George Krikorian and Araceli Ruano were not in attendance).

Earlier in the meeting Thoroughbred Owners of California president and chief executive officer Greg Avioli announced that the TOC would not allow the advance-deposit wagering outlet TwinSpire to offer wagering on California races to California residents. Avioli cited the fact that TwinSpire has not deployed agreed-upon geolocation services as the reason for cutting off the ADW. As of 3 p.m. PT Thursday, however, TwinSpire was still accepting wagers on races at Santa Anita Park.

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Race 1 (MSW) at KEE on 4/7/2017.

In 2017, Corfu stands at Bridlewood Farm in Florida for \$3,500.

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**Waki Patriot, f, 2. (Awesome Patriot–Tacky Waki, by Miswaki) is the 1st starter for Awesome Patriot.**

Race 1 (MSW) at KEE on 4/7/2017.

In 2017, Awesome Patriot stands at Spendthrift Farm in Kentucky for \$2,500.

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Geolocated wagers made with mobile devices on track grounds are counted as on-track wagers rather than ADW wagers considered off-site, which allows the TOC and the track to take a larger cut in takeout from each wager made.

"This decision was not made lightly, and comes following several months of intensive work and negotiations with TwinSpire and the other ADWs to comply with the geolocation we all agreed to back in December that required the ADW companies to identify on-track wagers using geolocation technology, which would then provide a more equitable distribution of revenues to the industry from ADW wagers placed on-track" Avioli said. "I'm not happy to be here today to say this. The last thing we wanted to do was inconvenience the customer in any way in California."

Avioli said ADWs Xpressbet, TVG, and NYRA Bets have complied with TOC's geolocation request, but TwinSpire has not complied. The TOC also decided to disallow ADWs BetAmerica and Watch and Wager from offering California customers wagering on California races in December.

"We wanted this in place by Dec. 31, but at the ADWs' request, we gave them a 90-day extension, which we thought was more time than was needed," Avioli said. "Here we sit three weeks after that, and we've granted multiple extensions already .... If it wasn't just TwinSpire, we would consider a further extension, but the fact is we have three ADWs already complying and they would be at a competitive disadvantage if they continued to comply and one ADW didn't .... We are willing to immediately turn it back on as soon as they comply with the agreement we made in December." **BH**

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## NYRA DEAL STALLED AFTER BUDGET BILLS FALL APART

By Tom Precious

A tentative deal to return the New York Racing Association to private hands ran aground April 5, when a broader package of state budget bills that included the NYRA component fell apart at the state Capitol in Albany.

Looking to end the state's takeover of NYRA, which Gov. Andrew Cuomo pushed through in 2012, the governor and lawmakers had an agreement on the table to move NYRA from public to private control, according to sources with knowledge of the talks and documents obtained that were not publicly released.

Cuomo and lawmakers have been divided on unrelated issues over criminal justice, education, and housing for weeks now and they missed an April 1 deadline for a new state budget. Talks continued through last weekend and this week with some of the less controversial budget bills beginning to pass April 4.

And then talks imploded Wednesday night, sending angry lawmakers home. While the NYRA governance changes were already done, they were not finalized, because the NYRA provisions were included in a massive "revenue" bill that was the subject of the breakdown of budget talks. Senators went back to their districts Wednesday and the Assembly was expected to follow suit soon for a scheduled two-week vacation.

An "extender" bill, letting the government stay in operation until a full budget is adopted, was given a long, May 31 lifespan—meaning the NYRA piece could remain unsettled until at least then.

The state, through Cuomo appointees on the board, has been in charge of NYRA since 2012. It was promised at the time by state officials that the control period—or "reorganization" period as Albany called it—was to last three years. But disputes between Cuomo and lawmakers over the governance structure, state oversight powers, and a bid last year by Cuomo to take back some Aqueduct Racetrack casino revenue sharing funds from NYRA ended up forcing a continuation of the state's control. Legally, New York is in charge of NYRA until late this year.

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The tentative NYRA deal includes weaker powers of a state oversight panel than what Cuomo proposed in January and seats on the new board for representatives of the New York Horsemen's Association and the New York Breeders Inc.

The new NYRA board, under what now goes back to being called a draft plan after the budget blowup Wednesday, would be composed of 17 members. Eight are to be chosen by the current board's executive committee, while Cuomo and future governors get six appointees, two of whom are named by the leaders of the Senate and Assembly. The NYRA chief executive officer, currently Chris Kay, gets a seat and the horsemen and breeders groups each get a seat with full voting powers.

The governor's plan had called for the two industry groups to have seats on the new board, but without voting powers.

Additionally, Cuomo's plan to supercharge the authority of the Franchise Oversight Board, a state panel created in 2008 to monitor NYRA's finances, was rejected by lawmakers in the final deal. In January, Cuomo called for giving the oversight board the power to impound NYRA's funds, such as money it gets from the Aqueduct casino for operating aid and purses, along with powers to appoint an outside financial advisor with other "corrective" actions if the board, in its opinion, believes there were "significant" risks to NYRA's finances.



Lawmakers over the months have said the Cuomo plan would have given such legal strength to the oversight board that it would have ended up serving as a de facto NYRA board. The oversight board is dominated by Cuomo appointees.

The proposed powers for the board were weakened in the now-tentative bill. For instance, certain actions the board could take against NYRA would, under the measure, would have to be approved unanimously by its members. That could favor NYRA because the unanimous votes would have to come from members appointed by the Legislature, which has had many problems with NYRA but tends to look upon the racing corporation more favorably than a long list of New York governors over time.

If one thing was certain after the budget blow-up, it was that no one wanted to predict when the larger budget dispute—affecting hundreds of non-controversial items already given tentative approval—will end. **BH**

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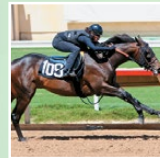
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## FAIR GROUNDS PROVIDES COMMONWEALTH LONGSHOTS

By Michael Adolphson

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Over the last few years in particular, horses who wintered at Fair Grounds Race Course & Slots have invaded Keeneland and consistently held their own at a price.

While they may not be as fashionable to bettors and morning-line makers as invaders from Gulfstream Park, Aqueduct, or Santa Anita Park, New Orleans-based runners have often reaped profitable rewards for their Fair Grounds faithful. Such could once again be the case as opening weekend looms at Keeneland's prestigious spring meet.

The Toyota Blue Grass Stakes (G2) undercard at the Lexington staple April 8 is littered with solid Big Easy form and two horses who stand out are in the same race—Redesdale (15-1) and Yockey's Warrior (8-1).

Each lightly raced, the sprinters face off against seven others in the \$250,000 Commonwealth Stakes (G3) over seven furlongs on the main track. Each horse is entering with high hopes from their connections and seeking their fourth consecutive victory.

Yockey's Warrior has been a test of patience, but fortunate for the 5-year-old son of Warrior's Reward, he is in the hands of a master of such. The AI Stall Jr. trainee was initially brilliant, including a visually appealing debut romp at Fair Grounds in 2015.

A series of ailments then hindered the horse and his performances reflected such, with six consecutive top-four finishes in allowance company over the next 13 months that yielded a sole victory and nothing close to the excellence he showed at first asking.

Given five months off, he resurfaced a new animal. Fit, happy, and ready to roll, he unfortunately did not care for the undulating grass of Kentucky Downs and finished sixth and last Sept. 15 at the same level.

His trainer kept his faith and put him back in at Keeneland Oct. 15, when he manhandled his foes by 4 1/2 lengths. He followed that up with another powerful performance in a salty renewal of the Thanksgiving Handicap at Fair Grounds, easily defeating multiple graded stakes winner and recent Gulfstream track record setter Clearly Now by open lengths.

"He's had a bunch of layoffs and the longest one is when he got sick with pneumonia and we gave him plenty of time and started over with him," Stall said. "He's never had anything joint-wise wrong with him and wasn't super sick. We just shut him down and thought it was best to take our time. The Kentucky Downs race was an experiment, because he has a lot of turf breeding on the female side and there's plenty of money there. We took a chance and he kind of ran evenly around there, but ultimately it set him up well for his next race at Keeneland. Since then it's been smooth sailing."

Last time out, in what appeared to be an ideal prep, he overcame traffic trouble under regular rider Miguel Mena to win a six-furlong Oaklawn Park conditional allowance event Feb. 17.

In typical Stall fashion—as he has done in the past with the likes of Blame, Paid Up Subscriber, Apart, and Joyeux Danseur—the time is ripe for a step up the ranks for Yockey's Warrior.

"He is doing very well," Stall said. "He breezed before he left Fair Grounds last week and went straight to Kentucky. He's rolling along nice and cool right now, and I feel really good about him. This week he's been galloping and keeping busy. He's ready and I think, with the way he's finishing his races, that he'll like the move up to seven furlongs.

"I like his post. He has speed for sure, and I don't see him being too terribly far off it. He's a horse doing well and we aren't ducking anyone. There are no allowance races for him and, though he has a stakes win, this is a step up into a graded stakes, but it's a very tough grade 3. We have spaced his races since he came back because of circumstance more than anything. He could run every week if we asked him to. His last race was very good and (Mena) did a great job of getting him out of trouble and then he finished really strongly. After that we decided on this race."

Trained by Brendan Walsh, Redesdale has arguably the deepest pedigree of any horse running Saturday, anywhere. By Speightstown out of multiple graded stakes-winning Harpia, a full sister to iconic sire Danehill, the bay colt is undefeated from three starts, including a maiden win last summer at Churchill Downs and two allowance wins at Fair Grounds this winter.

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## FAIR GROUNDS PROVIDES COMMONWEALTH LONGSHOTS

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All three have been at six furlongs and have steadily hinted that his trajectory is a positive one.

"I love the horse and just think he's a really neat animal," said Walsh, who co-owns Redesdale with bloodstock agent Chad Schumer. "We got him out of the Keeneland sale and he was a Juddmonte horse who hadn't had much training. He kind of came to me as a soft horse, so we got him into shape and he's really developed. There was one time I breezed him and immediately scrapped any plans of putting him in for a tag to break even. All three of his races have been improvements and he really hasn't done anything wrong.

"We just worked him here at Keeneland to give him a feel for the track and he worked really well. We're all set for Saturday and I think he should run very well. He has so much class and is very talented—just how talented, we won't know until Saturday."

"Ultimately I think he'll be more of a seven-furlongs-to-a-mile-type horse. Of course he's running against some top-class sprinters, so he doesn't have to win, but I think he's getting better all the time. Last time he beat the two-other-thans more easily than the winners in the race before. Sometimes people tend to overlook horses from the Fair Grounds, but that could be a mistake."

Walsh also touched on his Longines Kentucky Oaks (G1) candidate, Lee Maubernet's Wicked Lick, who finished second in Farrell's grade 2 Fair Grounds Oaks victory last week.

"We're going to train her for it and see how it looks at the time," he said. "We'll only run in there if we think she has a live chance to hit the board, so we're going to be realistic and not going to get carried away. I think it'd be stupid to discount it completely, especially with how she's progressing and how hard she tries. Plus the distance should be perfect for her. She hasn't let us down once, physically she looks great and is on her toes, and she ran her best number last out. She's a pleasure to have in the barn. You can't ask for more than that." **BH**

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Yockey's Warrior wins the Nov. 11 Thanksgiving Handicap over Clearly Now



## NATIONAL HONOR FOR TOBY'S BLOODHORSE STORY ON SHERGAR

By BloodHorse Staff

The American Society of Journalists and Authors determined the best article published in any trade magazine in 2016 appeared at [BloodHorse.com](http://BloodHorse.com).

Award-winning author Milton Toby was named recipient of a national writing award presented annually by the ASJA for "[Taking Shergar: Horse Racing's Most Famous Cold Case](#)." The longform story that ran on the BloodHorse website, "Taking Shergar" was judged the best article published in a trade magazine in 2016.

The annual awards honor outstanding nonfiction work produced on a freelance basis by independent writers during the previous year.

Based in Central Kentucky and vice president of ASJA, Toby has been writing about Thoroughbred racing since Secretariat won the Triple Crown. His previous books include *Dancer's Image: The Forgotten Story of the 1968 Kentucky Derby* (winner of the Dr. Tony Ryan Book Award

for the best book about Thoroughbred racing and an American Horse Publications award for the best equine book of the year) and *Noor: A Champion Thoroughbred's Unlikely Journey from California to Kentucky* (selected as the best book about horse racing at the 2016 EQUUS Film Festival and the author's second AHP award winner).

"Taking Shergar" tells the true story of an Epsom Derby winner stolen and held for ransom at the height of "the troubles" in Northern Ireland. The ransom never was paid and Shergar never was recovered. A book about the theft, its aftermath, and the people whose lives were changed forever is scheduled for publication by the University Press of Kentucky in 2018.

"Every year I'm amazed by the quality of writing produced by my ASJA peers," said awards co-chair Janine Latus. "It makes me proud to be a member." Co-chair Salley Shannon agreed, adding that there were a lot of "can't put it down" reads on this winners' list.

The ASJA awards will be presented at a reception May 5 at the Roosevelt Hotel in New York. **BH**

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RICHARD STONE REEVES

Portrait of Shergar by Richard Stone Reeves





## SALES UPDATE

### REDOUTE'S CHOICE COLT TOPS STRONG INGLIS EASTER SALE

By BloodHorse Staff

Topped by a colt by leading Australian sire Redoute's Choice sold for AU\$2.5 million (about US\$1,892,850), the William Inglis & Son Easter sale concluded on a high note April 6 in Sydney.

The sales company reported across-the-board spikes in key statistical categories when compared with 2016.

The 303 horses sold grossed AU\$107,830,000 (US\$81,646,700), compared with AU\$98,937,500 a year ago. This year's average of AU\$355,875 (US\$269,461) represented a 26% increase over the 2016 figure of AU\$283,498, and the median rose 30% to AU\$260,000 (\$196,867), compared with AU\$200,000. The RNA rate was 15%.

The 17 yearlings sold for \$1 million or more in one sale is the third highest number, behind the Easter auctions in 2008 (28 lots) and 2007 (23).

"There has never been a stronger message to vendors that Inglis is the clear market leader and continuing to increase that lead, and that's something all of us here work very hard toward achieving and are extremely proud of," said Inglis managing director Mark Webster. "Easter has always been one of the world's top sales and it's never been more evident than this year.

"With buyers from all around the world, including Japan, North America, Hong Kong, China, New Zealand, South Africa, the Middle East, and of course Australia, it's created an unbelievably strong marketplace and the results have been evident. There is no doubt we will see the graduates of this sale go onto great things all over the world when they hit the racetrack."

The sale-topper offered by Arrowfield Stud, which set a record for an Australian yearling sale with gross receipts in excess of AU\$20 million (US\$15,143,600) for 34 horses sold, was purchased



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**A colt sired by leading Australian sire Redoute's Choice sold for AU\$2.5 million**

by Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa al Maktoum's racing manager Tim Stakemire. The colt is a full brother to Pariah, recent second-place finisher in the group 1 Ladbrokes Blue Diamond Stakes, in which Arrowfield has acquired a 50% interest and plans to eventually stand at stud.

"I was expecting a big price, but I didn't know what that price would be," Arrowfield's John Messara said of the sale-topper. "It's fitting that Redoute's Choice should top the sale too, because he's been leading sire here for so long now. We brought a very strong product to market, but Inglis brought the market together from all around the world, and when you get a strong product and a strong market, you get maximum results."

Leading buyer by lots purchased was Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott with 14 horses bought, while by aggregate was Shadwell Stud with AU\$5,755,000 (US\$4,357,570).

The leading sire by aggregate was Snitzel with AU\$20,425,000 (US\$15,465,400) as 38 of his 39 progeny offered were sold; leading sire by average was Not A Single Doubt at AU\$750,000 (US\$567,885) from three sales. **BH**

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## DANCING RAGS KICKS OFF SEASON IN BEAUMONT STAKES

By Alicia Wincze Hughes

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C hadds Ford Stables' grade 1 winner Dancing Rags aims to kick off her 3-year-old campaign by channeling some old magic over the Keeneland surface when she heads a field of seven entered for the \$150,000 Adena Springs Beaumont Stakes (G3) April 9.

The daughter of Union Rags had a successful visit to the Lexington track in October. In her graded stakes debut and third start, she used a stalk-and-pounce trip to capture the Oct. 7 Darley Alcibiades Stakes (G1) by a length, besting a group that included graded stakes winner Daddys Lil Darling.

Things went awry for Dancing Rags, however, in the 14 Hands Winery Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies (G1) the following month, as she weakened in the lane en route to finishing eighth. Unraced since that outing, trainer Graham Motion opted to bring the bay filly back in the about seven-furlong Beaumont rather than the Central Bank Ashland Stakes (G1) in an effort to ease her into what he hopes will be her return to top form. In preparation she has been working steadily at Palm Meadows Training Center, including multiple efforts in company with Lambholm South Holy Bull Stakes (G2) winner Irish War Cry.

"She's doing really well. I'm pleased with her," Motion said. "She's never been an exceptional work horse, but I've been really pleased with her works at Palm Meadows. I just didn't think she was quite ready to run in the Ashland going two turns. I thought the Beaumont was more logical for her."

Bred in Maryland by David DiPietro, Dancing Rags broke her maiden second time out going one mile at Laurel Park Sept. 17 prior to upsetting the 1 1/16-mile Alcibiades at odds of 12-1.

The Beaumont lineup didn't come up soft for Dancing Rags' debut. Joining her in the gate will be



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Angel Cruz celebrates his Darley Alcibiades win aboard Dancing Rags

fellow grade 1 winner Sweet Loretta, who finished in a dead heat for the win with Pretty City Dancer in the Spinaway Stakes (G1) Sept. 3.

Like Dancing Rags, Sweet Loretta had a disappointing go in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies, where she finished 11th. The Beaumont distance should be right in the daughter of Tapit's comfort zone; she annexed the six-furlong Schuylerville Stakes (G3) last July in addition to her shared success in the seven-furlong Spinaway.

Sweet Loretta and Dancing Rags are the only two stakes winners in the Beaumont field, but Al Stall Jr. trainee My Miss Chiff has flashed brilliance in winning her two starts—both going six furlongs at Fair Grounds Race Course & Slots—by a combined 13 3/4 lengths. **BH**

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## HARMONIZE TO MAKE SEASON DEBUT IN ROYAL HEROINE

By Mary Reeder

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Last year's Del Mar Oaks Presented by The Jockey Club (G1T) winner Harmonize will make her season debut in the \$200,000 Royal Heroine Stakes (G2T) for fillies and mares 4 and older in California April 8.

The daughter of Scat Daddy, owned by Larkin Armstrong and trained by Bill Mott, will carry the high weight of 124 pounds in the one-mile contest on the Santa Anita Park turf.

After winning the Sanibel Island Handicap in March of 2016 as a 3-year-old, Harmonize finished third behind Canadian champion Catch a Glimpse in the grade 3



RICK SAMUELS

Harmonize has been working steadily for Hall of Fame trainer Bill Mott in preparation for her return

Edgewood Stakes, and second behind Time and Motion in the Wonder Again Stakes before finishing fifth in the Belmont Oaks Invitational Stakes (G1T).

Harmonize then took the Aug. 20 Del Mar Oaks by a head before finishing second in both the Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup Stakes Presented by Lane's End (G1T) at Keeneland, again behind Time and Motion, and the Mrs. Revere Stakes (G2T) at Churchill Downs.

Bred in Kentucky, Harmonize will face a field of seven others, spotting each two to four pounds. D P Racing's multiple graded stakes winner Prize Exhibit and last year's San Clemente Handicap (G2T) winner Mokat will each carry 122 pounds.

The 5-year-old Prize Exhibit has the most experience by far at this level, but the Showcasing mare had only one win in 2016—the Jan. 3 Monrovia Stakes (G2T) on Santa Anita's downhill turf going about 6 1/2 furlongs.

This year, she won the Jan. 16 Megahertz Stakes (G3T) at the Royal Heroine distance and then finished second in the Wishing Well Stakes again on the downhill turf.

One of two entries for trainer Richard Baltas, Mokat had her best race in last year's San Clemente going a mile at Del Mar, besting Lady Valeur, who will also be making her 4-year-old debut in the Royal Heroine.

In Mokat's only start this year, the daughter of Uncle Mo finished fifth in an off-the-turf edition of the Feb. 18 Buena Vista Stakes (G3) behind her stablemate and Baltas's other entrant Hillhouse High, who finished third in the one-mile race.

Sweet Charity has had three starts in 2017, with two seconds at the allowance/optional claiming level and a third behind Goodyearforroses and Pretty Girl in the March 12 Santa Ana Stakes (G2T) at 1 1/8 miles. Pretty Girl was making her 6-year-old debut and returns in the Royal Heroine for trainer Paulo Lobo.

Team Valor brings their Brazilian-bred Juno, who was undefeated in her native country, but has yet to win in the U.S. from four starts. In her U.S. debut she finished third in the June 26 Desert Stormer II Stakes. **BH**

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## PURSES SPIKE IN FIRST QUARTER OF 2017

By Frank Angst

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The first edition of the \$12 million Pegasus World Cup Invitational Stakes (G1) and some additional race days in the first quarter of 2017 helped purses surge nearly 8% in the year's first three months.

According to Thoroughbred Racing Economic Indicators released April 5 by Equibase, purses improved 7.76% to \$212,670,977 in the first quarter of 2017 compared with the same three months of 2016.

In January Gulfstream Park hosted the inaugural Pegasus, which replaced the \$500,000 Donn Handicap (G1) on the South Florida track's schedule—an \$11.5 million purse increase. But that increase does not completely account for the \$15.32 million increase in purses in the first quarter.

Purses in the first quarter also were helped by a 3.78% increase in race days to 879 and a 3.68% increase in races to 7,550. Average purses per race day improved 3.84% to \$241,947.

While the addition of the Pegasus and added race days helped improve purses, wagering on U.S. races still declined in the quarter, off 1.04% to \$2,472,799,741.

**Spotlight on NYRA Now:** The Wood Memorial presented by NYRA Bets (G2) card April 8 at Aqueduct Racetrack will give fans the first big-day opportunity to check out the new New York Racing Association app launched April 4, NYRA Now.

### Thoroughbred Racing Economic Indicators

1st QTR 2017 vs. 1st QTR 2016			
Indicator	1st QTR 2017	1st QTR 2016	% Change
Wagering on U.S. Races*	\$2,472,799,741	\$2,498,809,887	-1.04%
U.S. Purses	\$212,670,977	\$197,348,259	+7.76%
U.S. Race Days	879	847	+3.78%
U.S. Races	7,550	7,282	+3.68%
U.S. Starts	59,261	59,628	-0.62%
Average Field Size	7.85	8.19	-4.14%
Average Wagering Per Race Day	\$2,813,197	\$2,950,189	-4.64%
Average Purses Per Race Day	\$241,947	\$232,997	+3.84%

\* Includes worldwide commingled wagering on U.S. races.



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The inaugural Pegasus World Cup Invitational helped purses surge in the year's first three months

The free app streams live and on-demand NYRA video contest and gives users customizable video streaming options.

NYRA Now provides all live racing content from a slew of customizable camera angles, and offers a vast-and-growing library of on-demand content, including race replays, historical pieces, and in-depth analysis. Live race calls are always accessible in both English and Spanish at NYRA tracks, with expanded racing analysis in Spanish also available.

Talking Horses, NYRA's handicapping show, will be uploaded to the app shortly after the completion of the live show. Users will have the option to view analysis on a race-by-race basis and also see the handicapper selections for the day via NYRA Now.

The app also allows users to select replays for all NYRA races dating to April 2016. Replays available with the pan and head-on views are searchable using a user-friendly calendar display, and the page will also show results for recent NYRA races. **BH**

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## MEDAGLIA D'ORO: DARLEY'S GOLDEN BOY

By Ron Mitchell

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*This week's BloodHorse MarketWatch interview is with Darren Fox, sales manager for Darley America, discussing Medaglia d'Oro, who had a yearling colt bring AU\$2.4 million at the William Inglis & Son Easter sale in Sydney, Australia. Fox spoke with Ron Mitchell, BloodHorse sales editor.*

**BloodHorse MarketWatch:** What does Medaglia d'Oro's 2017 book look like?

**Darren Fox:** He's going to breed another full book in 2017 and he is certainly enjoying another stellar group of mares. We are not really selling, just directing traffic. He's on fire in the breeding shed and he looks like a million dollars. He couldn't be doing any better. Knock on wood, we're really thrilled with his performance and are looking forward to many more years with him.

**BH:** How does he perform in the breeding shed?

**DF:** Statistically, getting his mares in foal he does really well. Of course, he is getting a high caliber of mare and a high level of care and that feeds into it. But he certainly is carrying out his end of the bargain. With him, it's not really selling, it's directing traffic. It's hard to allocate those spots to keep everyone happy, but he's our golden boy—no pun intended. He just makes our life easy.

**BH:** What are his greatest attributes?

**DF:** He is an overachiever in everything he does. He's just a dream physically and pedigree-wise, and he delivers on the track and in the sales ring. Obviously he has versatility with respect to surface, with grade 1 winners on both dirt and turf and a grade 1 winner on both surfaces with the



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**Darren Fox**

same horse. In terms of colts versus fillies, he's pretty even in terms of grade 1 winners, and in the sales ring it's hard to say whether which is worth more—a colt or a filly. Some stallions have a sex bias, but he's pretty even in those terms.

**BH:** A lot of stallions shuttle from North America to the Southern Hemisphere, but Medaglia d'Oro is in elite company among those that have a high level of success in both hemispheres. To what do you attribute his success Down Under?

**DF:** To be able to do as well as he does in both hemispheres, which is hard to do, just highlights what a rare find he is as a stallion. His male line has a strong turf influence and some of his progeny are exhibiting that, so he is one you would have earmarked likely to do well given how versatile he is as a sire here, because they only have turf racing in Australia. Obviously he is crossing beautifully with Danehill mares, and there are (a lot) of Danehill-line mares down there, so the fact he is clicking with that line bodes well for future performance there. **BH**

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# RACE RESULTS

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## ALLOWANCE RESULTS

### Aqueduct, Race 3, AOC

4/6, \$69,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 8f (dirt), 1:38.66, track sloppy.  
1—**Jules N Rome**, 119, gr/ro m, 5, **Dunkirk**—Pretty Honoree, by **Double Honor**, \$41,400, O—Michael Dubb, B—Harry L. Landry, Constancia Farm & Dunkirk Syndicate (NY), T—Rudy R. Rodriguez, J—Irad Ortiz, Jr.

**Sale History:** 2013 FTKOCT, \$77,000, 2013 FTKJUL, (\$24,000 RNA), 2012 FTNOCT, \$19,000.

**Margin:** 3, 4 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Aqueduct, Race 7, ALW

4/6, \$57,000, 4yo/up, 8f (dirt), 1:39.29, track sloppy.  
1—**Wine Not**, 121, dk b/br g, 4, **First Dude**—Simmerette, by El Prado (IRE), \$34,200, O—West Point Thoroughbreds, B—Frank Hopewell Runner's Dream Farm (NY), T—George Weaver, J—Eric Cancel

**Sale History:** 2014 FTNAUG, \$70,000.

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

### Aqueduct, Race 8, AOC

4/6, \$67,000, 3yo, 8f (dirt), 1:36.95, track sloppy.  
1—**Timeline**, 120, ch c, 3, **Hard Spun**—Azorina, by **Empire Maker**, \$40,200, O—Woodford Racing, LLC, B—Alexander Groves & Matz, LLC (KY), T—Chad C. Brown, J—Javier Castellano

**Sale History:** 2015 KEESEP, \$500,000.

**Margin:** 13½, 6 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Charles Town, Race 3, ALW

4/5, \$24,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 4.5f (dirt), :53.42, track fast.  
1—**Quality Moves**, 120, b f, 4, **Quality Road**—Numerous Moves, by Numerous, \$14,880, O—Jean L. Rofe, B—Charles A. Woodson Jr. (WV), T—Jean L. Rofe, J—Darius Thorpe

**Sale History:** 2015 FTMMAY, \$25,000.

**Margin:** ½, 5 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Charles Town, Race 7, AOC

4/5, \$26,500, 3yo/up, 4.5f (dirt), :51.82, track fast.  
1—**War and Thunder**, 120, b g, 9, **Limehouse**—Launch Site, by Relaunch, \$15,840, O—Premier Stables Unlimited, B—Jim R Wells (KY), T—Hugh I. McMahon, J—Jevian Toledo

**Sale History:** 2009 KEESEP, \$200,000.

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

### Charles Town, Race 8, ALW

4/5, \$24,500, 3yo/up, 4.5f (dirt), :52.09, track fast.  
1—**Strong Like Bull**, 120, dk b/br g, 5, **Benny the Bull**—Wildcat Wonder, by Forest Wildcat, \$14,520, O—Rockingham

Ranch, B—Greg James (IN), T—Jeff C. Runco, J—Luis A. Batista

**Sale History:** 2014 BARMAY, \$50,000.

**Margin:** 1¼, 9 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Golden Gate Fields, Race 5, AOC

4/6, \$29,000, 3yo/up, 6f (all-weather), 1:08.81, track fast.  
1—**Westley**, 125, 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:** 1¼, 7 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Gulfstream Park, Race 7, AOC

4/6, \$43,000, 3yo, f, 6f (dirt), 1:10.46, track fast.  
1—**Bones**, 118, gr/ro f, 3, **Kanthalos**—Songandashinyband, by **Songandaprayer**, \$28,200, O—Rustlewood Farm, Inc., B—Rustlewood Farm, Inc. (FL), T—Ralph E. Nicks, J—Tyler Gaffalione

**Margin:** 5½, 6 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Oaklawn Park, Race 8, AOC

4/6, \$82,000, 3yo, f, 6f (dirt), 1:10.89, track fast.  
1—**Swing and Sway**, 121, b f, 3, **Maclean's Music**—Placerita, by Gilded Time, \$49,200, O—Westrock Stables LLC, B—Canyon Lake Thoroughbreds (NY), T—Ron Moquett, J—Riccardo Santana, Jr.

**Sale History:** 2016 OBSMAR, \$185,000, 2015 FTNAUG, \$117,000, 2015 KEEJAN, \$50,000.

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

### Penn National, Race 2, ALW

4/5, \$29,500, 4yo/up, 8.32f (dirt), 1:42.84, track fast.  
1—**King J**, 119, dk b/br g, 4, **Einstein (BRZ)**—Louisiana Song, by **Gold Tribute**, \$17,700, O—McCarty Racing, B—Amaury Piedra (FL), T—Timothy C. Kreiser, J—Jeremy Rose

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

## MAIDEN RESULTS

### Aqueduct, Race 4, MSW

4/6, \$55,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 8f (dirt), 1:40.41, track sloppy.  
1—**Decorator Jenn**, 117, b f, 3, **Shackleford**—Gracilia, by Mr. Greeley, \$33,000, O—Aron S. Yagoda, B—Anlyn Farms (NY), T—Linda Rice, J—Jose L. Ortiz

**Sale History:** 2016 FTMMAY, \$42,000, 2016 OBSMAR, (\$95,000 RNA), 2015 FTNAUG, \$130,000, 2015 KEEJAN, (\$67,000 RNA).

**Margin:** 1½, 5 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Charles Town, Race 6, MSW

4/5, \$23,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 4.5f (dirt), :53.63, track fast.

1—**Silent Notion**, 119, b f, 4, **Great Notion**—Silent Deputy, by Silver Deputy, \$13,740, O—Bryan Underwood, B—Joan A. Wilson (WV), T—Ronney W. Brown, J—Jan C. Batista

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

### Gulfstream Park, Race 8, MSW

4/6, \$42,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 8.5f (turf), 1:44.39, course firm.

1—**Stormy Alexis (IRE)**, 124, b m, 5, **Excellent Art (GB)**—Maybe Grace (IRE), by **Hawk Wing**, \$21,600, O—Matthew Schera, B—Ms H. O'Connor (IRE), T—George Weaver, J—Tyler Gaffalione

**Sale History:** 2014 GBSMAY, \$95,592, 2013 TAISEP, \$35,082, 2012 GOFNOF, (\$8,973 RNA).

**Margin:** ¾, 5 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Penn National, Race 1, MSW

4/6, \$28,500, 3yo, f, 6f (dirt), 1:13.07, track sloppy.

1—**Dynamic Union**, 122, dk b/br f, 3, **Union Rags**—Dyno Temper, by Dynaformer, \$17,100, O—Willowdale Farms, Ltd., B—Machmer Hall & Haymarket Farm (KY), T—Stacey R. Viands, J—David Cora

**Sale History:** 2016 OBSAPR, \$40,000.

**Margin:** 8¾, 4 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Santa Anita Park, Race 2, MSW

4/6, \$54,000, 3yo, f, a6.5f (turf), 1:14.58, course firm.

1—**Stormin Babe**, 123, ch f, 3, **Stormy Atlantic**—An Annika Moment, by Mecke, \$32,400, O—Bajer, Steven T. and O'Hara, John P., B—Stormy Atlantic Syndicate, Springland Farm, Inc. & La Ciega LLC (KY), T—Michael W. McCarthy, J—Tyler Baze

**Sale History:** 2015 KEESEP, (\$90,000 RNA), 2014 KEENOV, \$45,000.

**Margin:** 1, 9 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)



# TODAY'S ENTRIES

## TRANSYLVANIA S. PRESENTED BY KEENELAND SELECT (G3T)

Keeneland, Friday, April 7, Race 9  
8.5f (turf), \$150,000, 3yo, 5:30 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	1	<a href="#">Profiteer</a>	War Front	3/c	John R. Velazquez	120	5/1	Stuart S. Janney, III
2	2	<a href="#">Makarios</a>	Giant's Causeway	3/c	Nik Juarez	118	20/1	Mossarosa (Nena Moss)
3	3	<a href="#">Big Score</a>	Mr. Big	3/c	Javier Castellano	123	5/1	George Krikorian
4	4	<a href="#">Oscar Performance</a>	Kitten's Joy	3/r	Jose L. Ortiz	123	9/5	Amerman Racing Stables, LLC (Mr. and Mrs. John Amerman)
5	5	<a href="#">Ticonderoga</a>	Tapit	3/c	Joel Rosario	120	3/1	Woodford Racing, LLC (William S. Farish, Jr.)
6	6	<a href="#">Sonic Boom</a>	More Than Ready	3/c	Julien R. Lejaroux	120	6/1	Lothenbach Stables, Inc. (Robert J. Lothenbach)
7	7	<a href="#">Dahog</a>	Daaher	3/g	Arienne Cox	123	50/1	Wayne W. Rice
8	8	<a href="#">Cowboy Culture</a>	Quality Road	3/c	Florent Geroux	118	10/1	Head of Plains Partners LLC and Cheyenne Stables LLC
9	9	<a href="#">Holiday Stone</a>	Harlan's Holiday	3/c	Luis Saez	118	12/1	Susan and Jim Hill

**Breeders:** 1—Stuart S. Janney, III LLC; 2—Commonwealth; 3—George Krikorian; 4—Mrs. Jerry Amerman; 5—Bryant H. Prentice, III; 6—Athens Woods, LLC & More Than Ready Syndicate; 7—Buck Pond Farm, Inc.; 8—Rhineshire Farm LLC; 9—Nesco II Limited.

**Trainers:** 1—Claude R. McGaughey III; 2—Nicholas P. Zito; 3—Tim Yakteen; 4—Brian A. Lynch; 5—Chad C. Brown; 6—Ian R. Wilkes; 7—Wayne W. Rice; 8—Brad H. Cox; 9—George Weaver.



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# UPCOMING ENTRIES

## ADENA SPRINGS BEAUMONT S. (G3)

Keeneland, Sunday, April 9, Race 8  
a7f (dirt), \$150,000, 3yo f, 4:57 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1		Laney	Shackleford	3/f	Julien R. Leparoux	118	-	Joseph W. Sutton
2		My Miss Chiff	Into Mischief	3/f	Mitchell Murrill	118	-	Town and Country Racing, LLC (KiKi Courtelis)
3		Sweet Loretta	Tapit	3/f	Javier Castellano	123	-	St. Elias Stable (Vincent Viola)
4		Treble	Macho Uno	3/f	Jose L. Ortiz	118	-	Rialto Racing Stables and Southern Springs Stables
5		Dancing Rags	Union Rags	3/f	Angel Cruz	123	-	Chadds Ford Stable (Phyllis Wyeth)
6		Sine Wave	Big Brown	3/f	Florent Geroux	118	-	Jeremiah Kane
7		Promises Broken	Algorithms	3/f	Robby Albarado	118	-	Nelson McMakin

**Breeders:** 1–Vincent Colbert; 2–Steve Holliday; 3–Ashview Farm, LLC & Colts Neck Stables, LLC; 4–Dixiana Farms LLC; 5–David DiPietro; 6–John Mulholland & Martha Jane Mulholland; 7–Nelson McMakin.

**Trainers:** 1–Eddie Kenneally; 2–Albert M. Stall, Jr.; 3–Todd A. Pletcher; 4–Ron Moquett; 5–H. Graham Motion; 6–Benjamin W. Perkins, Jr.; 7–Philip A. Sims.

## DISTAFF H. (G3)

Aqueduct, Sunday, April 9, Race 5  
7f (dirt), \$150,000, 4yo/up f/m, 3:38 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1		Tale for Ruby	Tale of Ekati	4/f	Edgar S. Prado	116	-	Fipke, Charles, E.
2		Highway Star	Girolamo	4/f	Angel S. Arroyo	117	-	Chester and Mary Broman, Sr.
3		Kelsocait	Drosselmeyer	4/f	Manuel Franco	114	-	Shay, Sean and Green, Leonard C.
4		Carrumba	Bernardini	5/m	John R. Velazquez	117	-	Phipps Stable
5		Indulgent	Bernardini	4/f	Irada Ortiz, Jr.	116	-	Godolphin Racing LLC
6		Clipthecouponannie	Uncle Mo	4/f	Rajiv Maragh	116	-	Repole Stable

**Breeders:** 1–Charles Fipke; 2–Chester Broman & Mary R. Broman; 3–WinStar Farm, LLC; 4–Phipps Stable; 5–Darley; 6–Repole Stables LLC.

**Trainers:** 1–Barclay Tagg; 2–Rodrigo A. Ubillo; 3–Gary C. Contessa; 4–Claude R. McGaughey III; 5–Kieran P. McLaughlin; 6–Todd A. Pletcher.

## DANGER'S HOUR S.

Aqueduct, Sunday, April 9, Race 8  
8f (turf), \$100,000, 4yo/up, 5:17 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1		Cage Fighter	Closing Argument	7/h	Paco Lopez	115	-	Schera, Matthew
2		Catapult	Kitten's Joy	4/c	Irada Ortiz, Jr.	115	-	Woodford Racing, LLC
3		Greenpointcrusader	Bernardini	4/c	John R. Velazquez	117	-	St. Elias Stable, MeB Racing Stables LLC and Brooklyn Boyz Stables
4		Gold Shield	Medaglia d'Oro	5/h	Manuel Franco	117	-	Lane's End Racing and Kinsman Stable
5		Il Segreto (FR)	Turtle Bowl (IRE)	5/g	Rajiv Maragh	115	-	Harris, Susan T., Schaedle, III, Robert G. and Masiello, Robert
6		Macagone	Artie Schiller	6/g	Kendrick Carmouche	115	-	Trinity Farm
7		Eirigh	More Than Ready	6/g	John R. Velazquez	117	-	Donegal Racing
8		Edge of Reality	Lawyer Ron	7/g	Cornelio H. Velasquez	115	-	The Elkstone Group LLC

**Breeders:** 1–Craig L Wheeler; 2–Breffni Farm; 3–Oakbrook Farm; 4–Kinsman Farm; 5–ALLETTE FORIEN & GILLES FORIEN; 6–Trinity Farm, LLC; 7–Cavendish Investing Ltd.; 8–The Elkstone Group LLC.

**Trainers:** 1–James L. Lawrence, II; 2–Chad C. Brown; 3–Todd A. Pletcher; 4–Claude R. McGaughey III; 5–Christophe Clement; 6–William I. Mott; 7–Todd A. Pletcher; 8–Thomas Morley.

## SANTA PAULA S.

Santa Anita Park, Sunday, April 9, Race 9  
6.5f (dirt), \$75,000, 3yo f, 4:30 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1		Auntjenn	Uncle Mo	3/f	Rafael Bejarano	120	-	Ike or Dawn Thrash
2		Mistressofthenight	Midnight Lute	3/f	Corey S. Nakatani	120	-	Beerman Family Trust, Sayjay Racing LLC or Hall
3		Union Strike	Union Rags	3/f	Brice Blanc	124	-	Ruis Racing LLC
4		Selcourt	Tiz Wonderful	3/f	Tyler Baze	120	-	Abrahams, Medallion Racing or Lazaruk
5		Charlatana	Harlan's Holiday	3/f	Martin Garcia	120	-	Don Alberto Stable
6		Life's Blessings	Tapit	3/f	Flavien Prat	120	-	Patti & Hal Earnhardt III
7		Chalon	Dialed In	3/f	Norberto Arroyo, Jr.	120	-	Rockingham Ranch

**Breeders:** 1–Kathie Maybee & Southern Comfort Farm, LLC; 2–George Krikorian; 3–Pollock Farms, Brian Kahn, Taylor Brothers Property, et al; 4–Keith Abrahams; 5–Don Alberto Corporation; 6–Hal J. Earnhardt; 7–J. K. Griggs & Linda Griggs.

**Trainers:** 1–Peter Miller; 2–Richard Baltas; 3–Mick Ruis; 4–John W. Sadler; 5–Bob Baffert; 6–Bob Baffert; 7–Peter Miller.



## UPCOMING ENTRIES

### CAJUN MISS S.

Evangeline Downs, Friday, April 14, Race 8  
7f (dirt), \$50,000, 3yo f, 8:49 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1		<a href="#">Shez for You</a>	Macho Uno	3/f	Jansen Melancon	119	-	J. R. Caldwell and Mojo Racing Partners (Gary Hudson et al)
2		<a href="#">Splash Hit</a>	Flower Alley	3/f	Roberto Morales	119	-	Carl R. Moore Management LLC (Carl R. Moore)
3		<a href="#">Just Kylie</a>	Greeley's Galaxy	3/f	Ashley Broussard	119	-	Fontenot, K., Fontenot, P., Judice Farms, Inc. and Plaisance, K.
4		<a href="#">Kat's Infatuation</a>	Silver City	3/f	Diego Saenz	122	-	Wayne Sanders & Larry Hirsch
5		<a href="#">Fee Fi Fo Fo</a>	Midshipman	3/f	Kerwin D. Clark	119	-	Rodney J. Verret
6		<a href="#">Yours and Mine</a>	Colonel John	3/f	Chris R. Rosier	117	-	Whitney J. Zeringue
7		<a href="#">Our Millie</a>	Half Ours	3/f	Alexander Castillo	119	-	Marble Farms LLC (Margaret Stanton and William May)
8		<a href="#">Javiera</a>	Big Brown	3/f	Emanuel Nieves	119	-	St. George Stable LLC (German Larrea)
9		<a href="#">Big Game Baby</a>	Gold Tribute	3/f	Timothy Thornton	117	-	Eat My Dust, LLC (James Clanin, Eric Cullen & John Hay)
10		<a href="#">Red La Rosa</a>	Harborage	3/f	Gerard Melancon	117	-	Sandra Domiano
11		<a href="#">Shamrock Star</a>	Star Guitar	3/f	Colby J. Hernandez	119	-	Carl R. Moore Management LLC (Carl R. Moore)

**Breeders:** 1—JMJ Racing Stables, LLC; 2—Runnymede Farm, Inc., James E Clay & Catesby W. Clay Investment 2, LLC; 3—Gerald L. Averett; 4—Wayne Sanders & Larry Hirsch; 5—J. Adcock; 6—Elm Tree Farm, LLC; 7—Barbara V. Rowell; 8—St George Stables; 9—Ronald P. Webb; 10—Royal B. Kraft Sr.; 11—Half Moon Stables, LLC.

**Trainers:** 1—J. R. Caldwell; 2—W. Bret Calhoun; 3—Shane Wilson; 4—W. Bret Calhoun; 5—Allen Landry; 6—Denise Schmidt; 7—Joseph M. Foster; 8—Efen Loza, Jr.; 9—Joseph M. Foster; 10—Corale A. Richards; 11—W. Bret Calhoun.



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## TOP HORSES

Listed below are the top 10 leading horses by 2017 North American earnings through April 5, 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	Girvin	3	2	1	0	\$849,800	67%	100%
5	Always Dreaming	3	3	0	0	\$624,800	100%	100%
6	Malagacy	3	3	0	0	\$586,800	100%	100%
7	Vale Dori (ARG)	3	3	0	0	\$480,000	100%	100%
8	Farrell	3	3	0	0	\$450,000	100%	100%
9	Hence	3	2	0	0	\$444,629	67%	67%
10	Gunnevera	3	1	1	1	\$399,200	33%	100%

## TOP TRAINERS

Listed below are the top 10 leading trainers by 2017 North American earnings through April 5, 2017. Racing statistics are 2017 North American only.

Rank	Name	Starts	Wins	Places	Shows	Earnings	Win%	WPS%
1	Bob Baffert	64	21	9	8	\$8,811,953	33%	59%
2	Todd A. Pletcher	254	62	45	34	\$6,514,700	24%	56%
3	Steven M. Asmussen	434	86	78	60	\$3,851,486	20%	52%
4	James A. Jerkens	46	9	9	3	\$2,622,133	20%	46%
5	Michael J. Maker	270	64	42	42	\$2,406,348	24%	55%
6	Jerry Hollendorfer	290	59	46	48	\$2,335,243	20%	53%
7	Doug F. O'Neill	181	26	36	25	\$2,287,895	14%	48%
8	Mark E. Casse	201	34	31	22	\$2,188,052	17%	43%
9	Chad C. Brown	117	30	23	15	\$1,927,729	26%	58%
10	Brad H. Cox	179	49	32	24	\$1,857,788	27%	59%

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## TOP JOCKEYS

Listed below are the top 10 leading jockeys by 2017 North American earnings through April 5, 2017. Racing statistics are 2017 North American only.

Rank	Name	Starts	Wins	Places	Shows	Earnings	Win%	WPS%
1	Mike E. Smith	58	19	6	14	\$8,953,152	33%	67%
2	Jose L. Ortiz	310	66	65	46	\$5,880,459	21%	57%
3	Javier Castellano	295	54	48	49	\$4,387,146	18%	51%
4	John R. Velazquez	182	46	22	20	\$3,807,105	25%	48%
5	Irad Ortiz, Jr.	263	67	60	46	\$3,313,801	25%	66%
6	Flavien Prat	231	51	41	42	\$3,042,137	22%	58%
7	Luis Saez	416	82	71	61	\$3,028,801	20%	51%
8	Florent Geroux	283	77	54	44	\$3,024,055	27%	62%
9	Tyler Gaffalione	384	53	45	65	\$2,658,788	14%	42%
10	Manuel Franco	280	51	48	41	\$2,569,515	18%	50%