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TWO-TIME CHAMPION TEPIN  
RETIRED

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**leading sires**  
of 3YOs  
in 2017?

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**LEADING Sires**  
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1. INTO MISCHIEF	\$1,974,808
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## TWO-TIME CHAMPION TEPIN RETIRED

By Alicia Wincze Hughes

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At every point of call, Tepin gave her connections definitive signals of what she was capable of when she was feeling her very best. After providing trainer Mark Casse and owner Robert Masterson once-in-a-lifetime moments across the globe the last two seasons, the 6-year-old daughter of Bernstein let them know she was done with the racetrack portion of her storied career.

Tepin, the two-time defending champion turf female, has been retired, Casse announced April 18, bringing an end to a career that became the touchstone of greatness for all those associated with the fan-favorite mare.

Masterson's champion distaffer had not raced since her runner-up effort in the Breeders' Cup Mile (G1T) last November and she had only been in light training since missing her planned seasonal bow in the Lambholm South Endeavour Stakes (G3T) Feb. 11 due to a mild bout of colic.

Tepin's future was further evaluated when she refused to break off for a workout at Palm Meadows Training Center March 27. Though bright and happy since returning to her base at Churchill Downs, the 2015 Breeders' Cup Mile heroine wasn't showing the same competitive fire that allowed her to win grade/group 1 races in three different countries last season, including becoming the first North American-based horse to take the Queen Anne Stakes (G1) at Royal Ascot last June.



Tepin and jockey Julien Leparoux after winning the 2015 Breeders' Cup Mile

"We just think she doesn't want to do it anymore. She's happy and healthy," Casse said Tuesday. "She just doesn't have the same desire to train, and we said all along if she showed that to us we would listen. We've given her the opportunity, we took her to Churchill, which definitely made her happy but ... it's just time."

Casse added Tepin will not be bred this season, and there are no mating plans set yet for 2018.

Heeding Tepin's wishes has paid extraordinary dividends for all involved. Notoriously sweet in her personality, the bay mare still proved a bit of a challenge to get a handle on during her early development.

Before she became the "Queen of the Turf" with six grade/group 1 victories to her credit, Tepin was a graded stakes winner on dirt, having captured the 2013 Delta Downs Princess Stakes (G3) in her fourth start. After an eighth-place finish in the Miss Preakness Stakes the following May, Tepin was switched to the turf for the first time in the 2014 Regret Stakes (G3T)—but didn't hint at what was to come after having to steady sharply before

coming home eighth.

She ended that year with another disappointing run in the Del Mar Oaks (G1T) but by her 4-year-old season she had a new partner in jockey Julien Leparoux, and a maturing mindset started to kick in. In her 2015 seasonal bow, she captured an allowance race over the Gulfstream Park turf by a length that was more impressive than it looked. Once she prevailed in the Churchill Distaff Turf Mile Stakes (G2T) in gate-to-wire fashion that May, the Casse shedrow was quietly confident that top-level glory would be next on her agenda.

"She impressed me from Day One," Leparoux said. "The feeling I always had with her was a lot of confidence."

"When I would breeze her in the mornings, a couple times I was going easy in like :49, :50 and everyone was doubting her. That was actually when I knew she was doing really good, when I could get her to relax and go with whatever I wanted to do. Even though we were going slow, she always felt very powerful doing it."

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## TWO-TIME CHAMPION TEPIN RETIRED

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Lost in the brilliant whirlwind that was American Pharoah's Triple Crown-clinching triumph in the 2015 Belmont Stakes (G1) was Tepin's emergence that day as one of the most fearsome milers of either sex. Following her score in the Longines Just a Game Stakes (G1T) on the Belmont Park undercard, Tepin would rebound from a pair of narrow beats at Saratoga Race Course to close out her season with victories in the First Lady Stakes (G1T) and Breeders' Cup Mile en route to becoming Casse's first Eclipse Award champion.

"She truly was a life-changing horse," said Norman Casse, son and top assistant to Mark Casse and the day-to-day overseer of Tepin's development. "She just made us believe in ourselves and took Casse Racing to another level. She provided confidence in all of us.

"The first time she worked from the gate was one of the more incredible works I've ever witnessed. She taught us if a horse is showing us how talented they are in the mornings, you just have to figure out what their niche is. That was her. It was a matter of figuring out what the right surface and distance was, figuring out the way she wanted to train. And she rewarded us."

Impressive as she was at the end of her 4-year-old season, Tepin showed last year she had only scratched the surface of her potential. After rattling off four straight graded stakes wins from February to May—including a five-length triumph in the grade 1

Coolmore Jenny Wiley Stakes—Tepin took her show overseas and brought her connections to their emotional knees when she rated patiently off the early going before striking the front a half-furlong from the finish en route to a half-length victory in the Queen Anne Stakes over a rain-drenched Ascot course.

"I don't even know what to say. It's been a dream, really," Mark Casse said. "Royal Ascot seems like a dream and then for her to win two Eclipse Awards, what a ride it has been. And Mr. Masterson needs to be applauded, because a lot of owners would have retired her after her 4-year-old year."

Tepin's final triumph came when she bested males rivals once more in the Ricoh Woodbine Mile Stakes (G1T) last September—an effort that defined her widespread appeal as the grandstand chanted her name upon her return to the winner's circle. Though she suffered defeats in the First Lady Stakes and 2016 Breeders' Cup Mile, her body of work of six wins from eight starts was enough to earn her a second Eclipse Award for champion turf female.

"What a joy this mare's been," said Masterson as he accepted Tepin's second piece of year-end



MATTHEA KELLEY

**Tepin breaks her maiden in October of 2013 at Keeneland**

hardware. "The only thing she wants in return is a peppermint."

Bred in Kentucky by Machmer Hall, Tepin retires with 13 wins from 23 starts and \$4,437,918 in earnings. For the time being, she will remain in her spot in the first stall in the Casse Racing barn at Churchill before likely heading to Denali Stud.

Her presence in the hearts and minds of those who adored her most is something that will remain steadfast.

"She has a special place in my heart for sure, she's amazing," Leparoux said. "Everybody is sad because weren't not going to see her every day. But we're happy for her too. It's time for her retire and at least she retired being happy and without anything to prove.

"She goes out as the champion that she is." **BH**

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Race 4 (MSW) at KEE on 4/19/2017

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# McCRACKEN BACK TO BUSINESS IN FOUR-FURLONG MOVE

By Alicia Wincze Hughes

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When Janis Whitham's homebred McCracken suffered his first loss in the April 8 Toyota Blue Grass Stakes (G2), trainer Ian Wilkes maintained the on-track setback would ultimately move the colt forward in terms of fitness.

Wilkes stood by that assessment even more April 18 after watching the son of Ghostzapper turn in a solid four-furlong breeze, his first move since crossing the wire third in his final prep for the first leg of the Triple Crown.

Back at his home track, Churchill Downs, McCracken showed composure before and during his half-mile drill in :47 4/5. After heading out around 6:30 a.m. ET with jockey Brian Hernandez Jr. up, the duo had their work delayed by several minutes when the track had to close after another horse broke down.

The Sam F. Davis Stakes (G3) winner wasn't rattled by having to make a trip back to Wilkes' barn and then return to the track, and was well settled as he and Hernandez finally broke off for the move. After clocking splits of :12 3/5, :24 3/5, and :36 2/5, McCracken galloped out big in 1:00 and 1:13 2/5 while staying glued to the rail.

"He felt great. He was a little more settled going to the pole today than he was over at Keeneland going into his last race," said Hernandez. "He worked great, he came home really, really good. He looks like he's right back home here at Churchill. He always seems to get over Churchill the best out of any (of the tracks). He just has to show that on Derby day."

After taking the Feb. 11 Sam F. Davis in his seasonal bow,

McCracken had to miss the March 11 Lambholm South Tampa Bay Derby (G2) due to a slight ankle strain. With only one start in his charge since his victory in the Kentucky Jockey Club Stakes (G2) last November, Wilkes said getting some bottom into McCracken was the goal of his Blue Grass run rather than remaining unbeaten. McCracken has won four of his five starts, with \$410,848 in earnings.

"The main thing I wanted to see today was see him finish, and finish without riding him to do it," Wilkes said. "I got everything I wanted to see today."

"With the Blue Grass... I was a little out of rhythm of where I wanted to be with him. If I couldn't run in the Blue Grass, I couldn't run in the Derby, so I had to get that race into him. What I wanted to do all winter was let the horse face a little adversity because he had done everything too easily. The thing I liked about it was he didn't quit on me (in the Blue Grass), so I'm looking forward to moving forward with him."

Hernandez had the good problem of having to choose between McCracken and Twinspires.com Louisiana Derby (G2) winner Girvin as his mount for the Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (G1). The Louisville resident said the choice "was like deciding between which one of your kids to take on vacation and leaving the other one home," but ultimately stuck with horse who is unbeaten in three starts over the Churchill main track.

"With the Blue Grass under his belt and going into this race, I think we'll be able to get him back in his comfortable routine," Hernandez said. "I think just how smart he is, he'll sit back there behind horses and he kind of helps you read the race. When it's time for him to go, he knows it and he has an incredible turn of foot. He just starts picking up horses when he decides to and when he turns for home, he kicks it on again." **BH**

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McCracken and jockey Brian Hernandez Jr. return from a work at Churchill Downs

# CONQUEST MO MONEY TO BYPASS DERBY, TRAIN TO PREAKNESS

By Erin Shea

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Judge Lanier Racing's Conquest Mo Money, runner up to champion Classic Empire in the April 15 Arkansas Derby (G1), will bypass the May 6 Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (G1) and train up to the May 20 Preakness Stakes (G1), owner Tom McKenna announced April 18.

"Everyone in the industry dreams about the day that you can get to the Derby, (but) I made the choice on what I think is best for the horse," McKenna said at a Sunland Park press conference. "I really believe the best choice for Conquest Mo Money is the Preakness."

Because the Uncle Mo colt is not Triple Crown nominated, a supplemental fee of \$150,000 will have to be paid in order for him to make a start in the classic at Pimlico Race Course, slightly less than the \$200,000 supplement that the owners would have paid for the Derby.


"The reason I wore this hat up here was to pass the hat for donations," McKenna joked of his cowboy hat.




New York-bred Conquest Mo Money was an \$8,500 purchase

Bred in New York by Twin Creeks Farm, Conquest Mo Money was purchased for \$8,500 by Judge Lanier Racing at the 2016 Keeneland November sale out of the Lane's End consignment for the complete dispersal of Conquest Stables. He has three wins and two seconds in five starts, with earnings of \$508,900. **BH**

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## MALAGACY MARCHES ON FOR SUMAYA U.S.

By Michael Adolphson

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An outside post and a wide trip against a well-seasoned champion in Classic Empire turned out to be a lethal combination for Sumaya U. S. Stable's Malagacy in the April 15 Arkansas Derby (G1). After no small amount of lost ground and a bumpy stretch drive, the Shackleford colt checked in a game fifth, beaten less than a length for third and two lengths for it all.

A setback, certainly, but the team behind this speedy sophomore remains filled with optimism and confidence in their gifted upstart. Such positive vibes are par for the course with Malagacy, as his owner—Sumaya U. S. Stable principal Oussama Aboughazale—has felt a deep connection with the good-looking colt since first glance.

"I saw him from a distance at the sale and I knew immediately that I liked him a lot," Aboughazale said of the \$190,000 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2-year-olds in training sale purchase by agent Steve Young. "I didn't even look at his pedigree (initially). I loved his attitude and I went to the stable alone afterward to see him. He was laying down, so I sat beside him and got to know

him, and he's a very kind and smart horse.

"I fell in love with him. I asked the groom to take him out and I knew then that I was going to buy him. I played polo all my life and he's almost like the perfect polo horse, with very good lines and nicely built everywhere."

Bred by John Trumbulovic out of the unraced Dehere mare Classiest Gem, Malagacy was asked to do a great deal in a brief period of time and acquiesced with aplomb in his short career.

Bursting onto the scene Jan. 4 with a 15-length Gulfstream Park maiden special weight victory over 5 1/2 furlongs, he served notice that he had speed to burn for the always-adept Todd Pletcher team. Stamina, on the other hand, has been asked of him incrementally.

Five weeks later, the son of Preakness Stakes (G1) winner Shackleford stepped up his game adding a furlong against winners, proving a seven-length dominator Feb. 12 (again at Gulfstream), and setting him up for his first foray into stakes company and around two turns.

Said step-up proved to be another successful experiment when Malagacy took the \$900,000 Rebel Stakes (G2) at Oaklawn five weeks later March 8, kicking clear by two lengths as the 3-1 second choice and establishing himself as one of the favorites for last Saturday's Arkansas Derby.

"I think (the Arkansas Derby) was a sad race because he could have done better with (better circumstances)," Aboughazale said. "(Jockey Javier) Castellano, after the race, was very upset and said the moment he entered the gate that they didn't give him enough time to focus. Once he started, he was not ready and went very wide after that. He had to put forth more effort to get a good position than the other horses. Then in the stretch he was bumped three times (by runner-up Conquest Mo Money), who (forced him out).

"Some people may think the distance was an issue, but I think he had to work harder and cover more ground and overcome more



Malagacy wins the Rebel Stakes by two lengths

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## MALAGACY MARCHES ON FOR SUMAYA U.S.

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difficulties than the others. I'm receiving comments from all over the world saying that he ran a great race and put his heart into it. He was tired immediately after the race, but the next morning he had bright eyes and was eating all his food. Being a calm and kind horse, he will recuperate better than most."

While he has enough points to qualify for the Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (G1), currently ranked 13th with 50 points, competing in the race is not guaranteed quite yet. This wait-and-see approach is not new for Aboughazale, whose *modus operandi* resides at the intersection of patience and passion.

"I will leave it up to Todd. He is going to ultimately decide and I won't put any pressure on him," he said. "Javier told me that he is a great horse and will give us lots of good races and happy moments. I know it's something that comes along once in a lifetime, to have a horse in the Derby, but I will leave it in God's and Todd's hands."

"So far he seems to have exited the Arkansas Derby in excellent condition," Pletcher said. "We will see how he progresses this week before making any decisions regarding his next start."

Sumaya U. S. Stable has struck at an excellent 20.9% since the turn of the century, including with Chilean Horse of the Year and super-mare Wild Spirit and her grandson, recently retired multiple grade 2 winner Protonico. Impeccable so far in 2017, the outfit has won seven of its 14 starts, more than \$800,000 in purses, and recently purchased Belvedere Farm in Paris, Ky. They now have 36 mares—13 of whom were bred to Protonico—along with 11 yearlings and 18 foals on the ground at the facility.

A homebred four-time graded stakes winner with a stallion's pedigree, Protonico is the pride and joy of the operation. A son of Giant's Causeway out of Alpha Spirit, by A. P. Indy, he stands for \$6,500 at Taylor Made Stallions.

"We bought nice mares for him and really believe in Protonico," said Aboughazale, who previously boarded his stock at the Seitz family's Brookdale Farm. "He has

very precocious, had speed and stamina and was a good miler who also set a track record at Keeneland in the Ben Ali (G3). A few meters more and he would have beaten Hoppertunity and been a grade 1 winner in the (2014) Clark (Handicap), too. I look forward to seeing his babies."

No stranger to planting seeds and reaping a sweet yield, Jerusalem-born and Chilean-based Aboughazale—whose family is deeply invested in Del Monte Fruit Company—has surrounded himself with some of the best in the racing industry to help him do the same. In addition to Pletcher, he employs well-respected farm manager Jody Alexander—formerly of Mt. Brilliant Farm—and bloodstock manager and consultant Frances Relihan, who previously played an integral role in the early development of Triple Crown winner American Pharoah while working as farm manager for Vinery.

"It's always been his dream to have his own his own farm and look out his window into a field and see his own mares and foals," Relihan said. "We got possession around Christmas of the farm, bought a few nice mares at Keeneland in January and Fasig-Tipton in February and things are going well. It's a great team and Mr. Aboughazale is a lovely man who enjoys the horses and racing.

"It's everybody's dream to have a Kentucky Derby horse and hopefully (Malagacy) can take us there," she continued. "He's a late-developing horse who has risen to the occasion and the best thing about him is his temperament. He is professional, rates well, and handles everything well. He's a very exciting horse to be involved with, for sure."

Relihan and Aboughazale also confirmed that they will be in stakes action during Derby weekend, even if it is not with Malagacy. Undefeated Pletcher-trained sophomore filly Ghalia, recent winner of the \$200,000 Sunland Park Oaks, is slated for the \$200,000 Eight Belles Stakes (G2) on Kentucky Oaks Day.

In the meantime, much like on the racetrack, if you are going to catch Sumaya U. S. and Aboughazale, you are going to have to keep up.

"I live in Chile, Kentucky, and love England and Lebanon, where my mother (Sumaya) lives... I am all over, but I am having fun," Aboughazale concluded. "My home is the world." **BH**

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# DERBY DOZEN

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## 1 | ALWAYS DREAMING

**Trainer/Owner:** Todd Pletcher/Brooklyn Boyz Stables, MeB Racing Stables, Teresa Viola Racing Stables, St. Elias Stable, West Point Thoroughbreds, and Siena Farm

**Pedigree:** Bodemeister—Above Perfection, by In Excess

**Breeder:** Santa Rosa Partners (KY)

Boy, is it close at the top. Rather than switching the No. 1 horse every few weeks based on the latest big-race winner, I have decided to stick with this guy for now, partly because of his potential to be any kind and his combination of tactical speed, acceleration, and stamina. And he continues to work super.

## 2 | IRISH WAR CRY

Graham Motion/Isabelle de Tomaso  
Curlin—Irish Sovereign, by Polish Numbers  
Isabelle de Tomaso (NJ)

Motion will keep him at the Fair Hill Training Center (in Maryland), where he has been thriving, and will work him the Saturday before the Derby, so he won't be doing much serious training at Churchill Downs. It used to be that you wanted your horse to work over the Churchill track, but that hasn't been the case in recent years.


## 3 | GUNNEVERA

Antonio Sano/Peacock Racing Stables  
Dialed In—Unbridled Rage, by Unbridled  
Brandywine Farm and Stephen Upchurch (KY)

He turned in a five-furlong work April 15 in a sharp 1:00 3/5 by himself, coming home his last quarter in :24 1/5. It looks as if he came out of the Xpressbet Florida Derby (G1) in excellent shape, and we'll see how he progresses in Kentucky and how he handles the track. He is scheduled to ship to Churchill Downs April 22.

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## 4 | CLASSIC EMPIRE

Mark Casse/John Oxley  
Pioneer of the Nile—Sambuca Classica, by Cat Thief  
Steven and Brandi Nicholson (KY)

It was great to see the champ return to his form of last year, and I'm sure most people will elevate him back to the No. 1 spot. I need a bit more time to digest everything before doing that. I'm still trying to decide whether he is going to move forward off a tough race and coming back in three weeks following a 2 1/2-month layoff.

## 5 | McCRAKEN

Ian Wilkes/Whitham Thoroughbreds  
Ghostzapper—Ivory Empress, by Seeking the Gold  
Whitham Thoroughbreds (KY)

The more I watch the Toyota Blue Grass Stakes (G2), the more I wish he had had just a little more punch in the stretch, even with his bad trip. What was most amazing was that he, J Boys Echo, and Tapwrit, the three strongest closers, all were one-paced and not making up an inch of ground. That could add up to a dislike for the surface.

## 6 | GIRVIN

Joe Sharp/Brad Grady  
Tale of Ekati—Catch the Moon, by Malibu Moon  
Bob Austin and John Witte (KY)

He went a little quicker April 15 than Sharp would have liked in his first work since the TwinSpires.com Louisiana Derby (G2), drilling a half in :47 4/5 after an opening eighth in :11 3/5 and the three furlongs in :35 2/5. But I always like to see a horse come back from a tough race with a sharp work. Looks like Mike Smith gets the mount.

## 7 | J BOYS ECHO

Dale Romans/Albaugh Family Stable  
Mineshaft—Letgomyecho, by Menifee  
Betz/Blackburn/J. Betz/Ramsby/CNHNNK (KY)

This surprise return to the Dozen, and this high up, is based on several factors. He had more trouble in the Blue Grass than I originally thought, and he is the only horse to have earned triple-digit Brisnet middle and late-closing figures (101 and 103, respectively) in the same race and the fastest Brisnet speed figure this year.



J Boys Echo makes a surprise return to the Derby Dozen

## 8 | PRACTICAL JOKE

Chad Brown/Klaravich Stables and William Lawrence  
Into Mischief—Halo Humor, by Distorted Humor  
Whispering Oaks (KY)

He is one of the biggest enigmas in the race. Last week I listed all the Derby winners that were coming off the exact same effort in their final prep he turned in at Keeneland. And if I were more certain about his ability to stay 1 1/4 miles, he would be way up near the top, but I honestly don't know how far he wants to go.

## 9 | HENCE

Steve Asmussen/Calumet Farm  
Street Boss—Floating Island, by A.P. Indy  
Calumet Farm (KY)

With Irap's victory in the Blue Grass and Conquest Mo Money's gutsy second in the Arkansas Derby (G1), the Sunland Derby (G3) is looking better and better, and he was awfully impressive winning that race. Not only did he crush his field, his 103 Brisnet speed figure is the fastest last-out number of any of the Derby horses.

## 10 | GORMLEY

John Shirreffs/Mr. and Mrs. Jerome S. Moss  
Malibu Moon—Race to Uрга, by Bernstein  
Castleton Lyons and Kilboy Estate (KY)

It is extremely rare to have the top-ranked Santa Anita-based horse at No. 10 after all the success they have had in recent years, but this is a confusing bunch. In his case what was important was seeing him rate several lengths off the pace in the Santa Anita Derby (G1) and come on in the stretch to run down the speed.

## 11 | BATTALION RUNNER

Todd Pletcher/St. Elias Stable  
Unbridled's Song—Tamboz, by Tapit  
Dell Ridge Farm (KY)

Having four lifetime starts and considering his style of running, he probably is better suited for the Preakness Stakes (G1), but he still has to be considered a legitimate contender for the Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (G1) based on his good second to Irish War Cry in the Wood Memorial Stakes presented by NYRA Bets (G2) coming off a two-month layoff. But how much improvement does he have?

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Doug O'Neill/Reddam Racing  
Tiznow—Silken Cat, by Storm Cat  
Aaron and Marie Jones (KY)

If you watch the finish of the Blue Grass carefully, you will see that Irap, despite being on his wrong lead the length of the stretch, actually is increasing his advantage over Practical Joke as they're approaching the wire. Was it a fluke, or is Irap a much better horse than people think and is just now putting it all together?

# THE PIZZA MAN GETS ROLLING AGAIN

By Michael Adolphson

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The Pizza Man has 17 wins from 33 starts, \$2.1 million in earnings, a pair of grade 1 victories, and a dozen stakes tallies from a well-managed six-season career. The Midwest Thoroughbreds' homebred has little more to prove, but that does not mean his competitive fire does not still burn like a brick oven.

The massive Illinois-bred bay son of English Channel stretched his imposing stride April 18 in his first serious work toward an 8-year-old bow, working a half-mile in :50 flat under veteran trainer Roger Brueggemann's watchful eye. The move was the fifth-best of 10 at the distance at Trackside Louisville, Churchill Downs' nearby training center.

"He got back last Wednesday and had been training in Ocala for a little prior, just jogging and galloping and maybe stretching out a couple times," Brueggemann said. "He looked really good and a lot better this year than last.

"I should have turned him out right away last year, but we gave him only a month instead of three months off," Brueggemann continued. "He wasn't quite the same horse. He was a little lazy about training and not full of himself, and that's not him. He still ran well, but it was like a dark cloud was following us all season and I think (not having) the extra time off is a big part of that.

"Two years ago, when we gave him three months off, he came back just like this, where he really wanted to do something and wants to do more than he should, which is good. I really think he'll be better this year. He just floated today. Sal Gonzalez, who used to work him during his (2015 season) was back on him today and said he felt great."

While 2015 was his best season—with four victories from six starts, a win in the Arlington Million XXXIII Stakes (G1T) and heartbreaking runner-up effort in the Shadwell Turf Mile (G1T) that collectively earned him a spot on the Eclipse ballot—last year was no slouch, topped by a rousing effort to capture the Northern Dancer Turf Stakes Presented by HPIBet (G1T) at Woodbine in September.

After the needed time off, Richard Papiese—co-principal of Midwest along with wife Karen—was more than pleased.



MICHAEL BURNS

**The Pizza Man's greatest win of 2016 came in the Northern Dancer Turf Stakes Presented by HPIBet at Woodbine**

"He looks great and I think he's going to have a big year," he said. "He's not going to have a lot of races and will point to the (Arlington) Million as our first big goal. The Opening Verse (which he won in 2015) is too early this year, so we'll probably look for a nice allowance for him and look for a second spot at that point before the Stars and Stripes (G3T at Arlington International Racecourse), and then the Million. In a perfect world, we will have a race between then and the Breeders' Cup, and then he'll ride off into the sunset."

The Breeders' Cup will be held this year at Del Mar, upon a turf course and distance that saw one of The Pizza Man's most dominating performances. In late Nov. 2015, he manhandled 13 foes in the Hollywood Turf Cup (G2T), overcoming glacial fractions to win by open lengths in a Mike Smith hand ride.

"The longer vacation should help him and I think this is going to be a good year for us and the horse," Papiese added. "In less than two years, we have successfully transitioned into a quality-focused operation, with the days of having hundreds of horses behind us. We have some exciting young horses and sales purchases coming up, in addition The Pizza Man, and are hoping for the best."

Midwest Thoroughbreds, with bloodstock agent Jim Schenk in an integral advisory role, currently has about 70 horses in training split between Danny Gargan in New York, Armando De La Cerda in Florida, and Tom Amoss and Brueggemann on the midwestern circuit (Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, and Louisiana).

Brueggemann confirmed that The Pizza Man will likely be on a standard seven-day work schedule leading up to his first race back.

"I don't think it will take him that long to get ready," he concluded. **BH**

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## SALES UPDATE

### FIVE SHARE FASTEST OBS WORK TIME

By Ron Mitchell

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**F**ive juveniles worked in :09 4/5, the fastest time over an eighth-mile, during the April 18 second session of the under tack show for the Ocala Breeders' Sales 2017 spring sale of 2-year-olds in training. Also, a pair of 2-year-olds breezed in the day's fastest quarter-mile time of :20 4/5.

The following horses shared the fastest eighth-mile works:

- Hip 211, a City Zip colt produced from the Argentinian group 3 winner Candy Apple, a half sister to Argentine champion and North American grade 1 winner and leading sire Candy Ride. Named Pedal Fast, the colt is consigned by Crupi's New Castle Farm, agent.

- Hip 216, a Curlin filly bred in Florida, is a half sister to grade 2 winner Blues Street and is out of the stakes-placed Capote mare Capote Blues. Second dam Stormy Blues, by Cure the Blues, won the Matron Stakes (G1). The filly is offered by McKathan Brothers, agent.

- Hip 259, from agent Julie Davies' consignment, is a Kentucky-bred colt from the first crop of Jimmy Creed out of the stakes-winning Jade Hunter mare Chitka.

- Hip 345 is an Illinois-bred daughter of Munnings named Artistic Diva. Consigned by Price Thoroughbreds, agent, the filly was produced from an unraced Mizzen Mast mare who is a half sister to multiple stakes winner and grade 1-placed Diva's Diamond.

- Hip 375, from Rick Lopez Training and Sales, is a Friesian Fire filly from the extended female family of stakes winners Lady Beaumont, Tim's Crossing, and Gale in the Vale, who was champion imported older mare in Puerto Rico. The Maryland-



**Hip 234, a Florida-bred filly from the first crop of Prospective**

bred filly is out of the winning Two Punch mare Duck the Punch, who has produced seven winners from nine foals of racing age.

Working the quarter-mile in :20 4/5 were:

- Hip 234, a Florida-bred filly from the first crop of Prospective and out of the unraced Tale of the Cat mare Catomaria. Consigned by Blue River Bloodstock, agent, the filly is from the family of multiple grade 2 winners and millionaires Del Mar Dennis and Forty Niner Days.

- Hip 377, a colt sired by first-crop sire Violence out of the unplaced Street Cry mare Dying to Dance. The Kentucky-bred colt consigned by Top Line Sales, agent, is from the female family of multiple European champion Mrs. Penny.

Under tack results and videos are posted on the OBS website at [obssales.com](http://obssales.com) and can be viewed on kiosks in the breezeway and in the video room adjacent to the horsemen's lounge. In-room viewing is available at The Courtyard by Marriott, Homewood Suites, Hampton Inn & Suites, Residence Inn, and the Ocala Hilton. Lounge viewing is available at the Ocala Hilton.

The under tack show continues at 8 a.m. EDT April 19, with Hips 401-600 scheduled to breeze. The sale will be held April 25-28 with sessions beginning at 10:30 a.m. daily. **BH**

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## DELHOMME'S FIRST RUNNER BECOMES A WINNER

By Eric Mitchell

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With only five foals in his first crop, New Mexico sire and grade 2-placed winner Delhomme needs winners and needs them early if he is to attract any attention from other 2017 freshman sires.

So far they're following the plan.

Geaux Dangerous, the first starter by the 7-year-old son of Dixie Union, broke his maiden by half a length in his second start April 18 at Sunland Park against seven other challengers. The gelding raced by Dylan Williams won a 4 1/2-furlong maiden claiming event in :52.64.

Sarah Donaldson Rioux bred Geaux Dangerous in New Mexico out of the multiple stakes-placed winner

Pleasant Gulch (Pleasant Tap). The mare, sold through the 2016 Arizona Thoroughbred Breeders' Association Fall Mixed sale for \$1,200 to Kathy Sweeney, has produced two other winners, and foaled a full sister to Geaux Dangerous this year.

Delhomme, out of the stakes winner Art Show (Out of Place), sold for \$440,000 at the 2012 Fasig-Tipton Florida sale to trainer Todd Pletcher and showed some early promise for owners WinStar Farm and Twin Creeks Racing. He finished third in the Remsen Stakes (G2) but then had his sophomore campaign derailed by injury. He later sold for \$7,000 through the 2013 Keeneland November breeding stock sale as a stallion prospect to Ron Allen.

Delhomme stands at Rioux's Born Running Ranch near Deming, N.M, for \$1,500. **BH**

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Geaux Dangerous becomes the first winner for New Mexico freshman sire Delhomme



## EUROPEAN CHAMPION DABIRSIM GETS FIRST WINNER

By Eric Mitchell

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European champion and freshman sire Dabirsim got his first winner April 17 when his daughter All This Time won the 5 1/2-furlong Prix Mercier-la Vendee by four lengths at Lion d'Angers.

The German-bred bay filly, out of Amazing Bounty, by Tertullian, was making her first start for owner/breeder Ecurie Normandie Pur Sang, which also raced Dabirsim. All This Time is trained by Didier Guillemin and was ridden by Cristian Demuro.

French-bred Dabirsim is a multiple group 1 winner who captured the Darley Prix Morney and the Qatar Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere Grand Criterium (both G1) at 2. He was honored as the Cartier champion 2-year-old colt and France's Horse of the Year for 2011. At 3 he placed in the Prix de Fontainebleau (G3), but injury derailed his sophomore campaign, forcing an early retirement in April 2012. The now 8-year-old son of Hat Trick stands for €9,000 at Haras de Grandchamp.



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**All This Time wins the Prix Mercier-la Vendee at Lion d'Angers**

Amazing Bounty, who placed at 2 and 3, is a half sister to German listed stakes winner Amazing Beauty (Bahamian Bounty) and two other winners. All This Time is her first foal.

Dabirsim has 97 foals in his first crop. French-bred Mysterieuse is his only other starter to date. The filly, out of Monte (Soldier Hollow) and also owned by Ecurie Normandie Pur Sang, finished fourth in her first start April 4 at Chantilly. **BH**

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## BUYERS SHOULDN'T OVERLOOK OTTBs WITH RACING INJURIES

By Erin Shea

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Dreams of conquering a four-star course or cruising around a show ring aboard a stylish, square-kneed hunter, ending the day with a plethora of blue ribbons, are familiar for many equestrians.

Of course, the ribbons and glory came from spotting the perfect diamond in the rough—a strikingly beautiful Thoroughbred who just didn't want to run and was retired sound and ready to jump into a new career—and then doing an exceptional training job to unlock the horse's full potential.

### Horses Rehabbed Through New Vocations

Known Injury	Days in NV Program	Second Career
Knee chips	246	Eventing
Double bowed tendon	182	Low-level hunter
Sesamoid fracture	12	Hunter/Jumper
Bowed tendon	123	Hunter
Hairline fracture in knee	20	Hunter/Jumper
Condylar fracture	54	Eventing/dressage
Slab fracture knee	381	Hunter/Jumper
Torn Suspensory	104	Eventing
Bone chips in knees	35	hunter/jumper
EPM	172	Hunter/Jumper
Knee fracture, three screws	209	Dressage
Condylar fracture	151	Hunter/Jumper
Condylar fracture	147	Eventing
Bowed tendon	149	Hunter/Jumper
Knee chip	168	Eventing

While dreams fuel the hard work of equine sports, a healthy dose of reality is necessary to help our equine athletes. Being honest with yourself about expectations and knowing what a horse can realistically accomplish off the track is key to a successful partnership down the road. Caught in the middle of trying to temper those expectations and move horses into new homes



are aftercare organizations, who (along with other OTTB rehoming/retrainers) have the tough job of taking a horse off the track in whatever condition it may be in and starting it in a new, unfamiliar job.

That's why riders in search of an OTTB shouldn't automatically disqualify horses with previous racing injuries.

"Many riders have great expectations, which is wonderful, but in reality very few will gallop around Rolex," said Sarah Coleman, director of education and development at New Vocations Racehorse Adoption Program.

"We do have people who want an unblemished, perfect horse—and those are very hard to come by. Every New Vocations employee works diligently to educate riders and trainers about past injuries from which the horses have been rehabbed. An old bow most likely will not affect a three-foot hunter, but it might aggravate a two-star (event) horse," she said, adding that New Vocations aims to match riders' experience, expectations, and wants before they ever show up to their facility.

Since many runners are not retired from the racetrack until they have a career-ending injury, taking in injured horses and rehabbing them is a reality for aftercare organizations that adopt out horses.

"Taking on rehab horses is an expensive, yet absolutely necessary, endeavor," Coleman said. "New Vocations focuses on adoption, not retirement, believing that every horse that is capable deserves a chance at a second career and a home. We take horses into our program that are either sound or have a good prognosis of being sound with rehab."

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## BUYERS SHOULDN'T OVERLOOK OTTBs WITH RACING INJURIES

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"Well over 50% of the horses that come into our program need some form of rehabilitation, whether to mentally or physically recover from the rigors of racing."

Taking in approximately 450 horses a year—all going straight from the track into one of their facilities—with an average cost per horse in the program of \$3,500 (depending on injuries) adds up. The organization has training facilities (the three for Thoroughbreds are in Lexington, Marysville, Ohio, and Hummelstown, Pa.) and rehab-specific facilities.

Their staff works closely with veterinarians to determine the extent of horses' injuries, and plan rehab and training based on the horses' suitability for a new

career. They also disclose any information to potential buyers, and encourage serious buyers to do pre-purchase exams. While every horse is different, New Vocations has seen a number of horses have injuries that have ended their racing careers go on to be sound and suitable mounts in other disciplines.

"Many times, if (potential buyers) hear from us and a vet that an old injury will not impede the horse in the intended career, they are more likely to look at the horse," Coleman said.

"We remind them that we all have old injuries that we heal from, and the horses are not any different. Unless it is an upper-level eventer, the physical rigors placed on them will never be as great as when they are racing." **BH**

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# PEE WEE REESE CONTINUES TO EXCEL ON TURF

By Frank Angst  
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Stretching out to two turns proved no problem for Pee Wee Reese, who battled a contested pace early before registering a clear victory in his longest start to date April 15 at Santa Anita Park.

The Nick Alexander homebred, named after the Dodgers Hall of Famer, secured his fourth straight victory in the one-mile allowance-optional claiming race on the Santa Anita turf and earned an ESF of 118, which proved the best of the week. The win, in 1:33.78 on firm turf, also marked the third straight race that the 4-year-old California-bred son of Tribal Rule has earned a career-best ESF.

## Top 10 Equibase Speed Figures Since Apr. 11

E	Horse	Finish	Race, Track, Distance, Date
118	Pee Wee Reese	1	AOC, SA, 8fT, 4/15
117	Classy Class	1	AOC, AQU, 6.5f, 4/13
116	Lady Aurelia	1	Giant's Causeway S., KEE, 5.5fT, 4/15
116	Whitmore	1	Count Fleet Sprint H. (gr. III), OP, 6f, 4/15
116	Kenjisstorm	2	AOC, SA, 8fT, 4/15
115	American Patriot	1	Maker's 46 Mile S. (gr. IT), KEE, 8fT, 4/14
115	Light In Paris (IRE)	1	Plenty of Grace S., AQU, 8fT, 4/15
115	Lord Simba	1	Los Angeles S. (gr. III), SA, 6f, 4/15
115	Heart to Heart	2	Maker's 46 Mile S. (gr. IT), KEE, 8fT, 4/14
115	Conquest Panthera	3	Maker's 46 Mile S. (gr. IT), KEE, 8fT, 4/14
115	Ballagh Rocks	4	Maker's 46 Mile S. (gr. IT), KEE, 8fT, 4/14

Pee Wee Reese earned his initial victory in August in a maiden special weight race for state-breds at 5 1/2 furlongs at Del Mar. After that effort, trainer Phil D'Amato moved Pee Wee Reese to turf, where he has responded with three straight victories while stretching out a bit in each effort.

Pee Wee Reese closed out 2016 with a 3 1/4-length victory in a five-furlong allowance-optional claiming race for state-breds at Del Mar, earning a 106 ESF. He then opened this season with a 5 3/4-length score in an allowance-optional claiming race on the 6 1/2-furlong downhill course at Santa Anita, earning a 110. He followed that effort with his most recent win.

The April 15 victory at Santa Anita came on a day that Major League Baseball celebrated Jackie Robinson day—the Dodgers teammate of the human Pee Wee Reese. **BH**



Pee Wee Reese earned the week's top Equibase Speed Figure of 118

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## AL AIN BRINGS TOP-LEVEL SUCCESS FOR DUBAI MAJESTY

By Alan Porter

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Over the years, the members of the Yoshida family have been one of the biggest buyers at the North America breeding stock sales, sourcing broodmares and broodmare prospects to breed to stallions at their jointly owned Shadai Stallion Station (former home of Sunday Silence and current home to his outstanding son, Deep Impact).

Much of the focus has tended to be on accomplished racemares, and just to give a sense of the quality of the acquisitions we can note such as Horse of the Year Azeri, champion 2-year-old fillies She's a Tiger and Ria Antonia, champion female sprinter Musical Romance, champion older mare Ginger Punch, and other talented runners such as Sweet Reason, Condo Commando, Ermine, Island Fashion, Zazu, Tapitsfly, Personal Diary, Peace And War, and Wickedly Perfect.

When the performance is there, the Yoshidas appear not to have been concerned if the pedigree is not top-drawer. Azeri was by Jade Hunter—who was no more than useful as a sire—and we can also note that other high-profile purchases include daughters of Freud, Editor's Note, Rockport Harbor, Concorde Bound, Cactus Ridge, Tiz Wonderful, and Diamond Green.

Another buy in this vein was Dubai Majesty, a daughter of Essence of Dubai. She was a \$7,000 RNA at the 2006 Fasig-Tipton October sale, but four years later in the same sales ring was knocked down to Katsumi Yoshida (who breeds as Northern Farm) for \$1,100,000. Between those two events, Dubai Majesty proved a tough and progressive sprinter, winning 12 of 34 starts, and earning more than \$1,500,000. She gave her best performance on the last of those outings, earning a title as champion female sprinter with a 2 1/4-length victory in the Sentient Jet Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint (G1).

Dubai Majesty also captured five other black-type events. She was far and away the best runner for Essence of Dubai, a member of the first crop of Pulpit out of champion 2-year-old filly Epitome.

DEEP IMPACT, b, 2002	Sunday Silence, 1986 14s, SW, \$4,968,554 1,510 f, 172 SW, 2.55 AEI	Halo, 1969	Hail to Reason Cosmah
	Wind in Her Hair, 1991 13s, SW, \$313,357 15 f, 14 r, 9 w, 4 SW	Wishing Well, 1975	Understanding Mountain Flower
AL AIN b, c May 1, 2014	Essence of Dubai, 1999	Alzao, 1980	Lyphard Lady Rebecca
	Great Majesty, 1990	Burghclere, 1977	Busted Highclere
DUBAI MAJESTY, dkb/br, 2005		Pulpit, 1994	A.P. Indy Preach
		Epitome, 1985	Summing Honest and True
		Great Above, 1972	Minnesota Mac Ta Wee
		Mistic Majesty, 1978	His Majesty Necaras Miss

Retired to stand in Florida, Essence of Dubai sired just two other stakes winners from 219 foals. Dubai Majesty's dam, Great Majesty, a daughter of Great Above, took 15 starts, four of which she won, to accumulate a little more than \$15,000 in earnings. In addition to Essence of Dubai, Great Majesty did breed another black-type scorer in Majestic Dinner, a prolific stakes winner in restricted Ohio-bred company. The third dam, Mistic Majesty (by His Majesty) was half-sister to the speedy stakes winning filly Drop the Pigeon and minor stakes winner Majestic Amber. Dubai Majesty's fourth dam, Saracen Miss, was bred by famed turf writer Abe Hewitt, and is ancestress of a string of top-performers, including U.S. grade 1 winners Manistique, Some Romance, Vilzak, Unbridled Command, Freedom Cry, and De Roche, and European sprint star, Garswood.

Most of the upper-tier mares purchased by the Yoshidas are potential mates for their great stallion Deep Impact. Dubai Majesty began her career by producing a winning filly by King Kamehameha, then a filly by Deep Impact, followed by the 2014 Deep Impact colt, Al Ain. Successful in both of his outings at 2, Al Ain finished off the board in the Nikkan Sports Sho Shinzan Kinen (G3) on his debut this term. He rebounded to take the Mainichi Hai (G3) next time out, and most recently took the Satsuki Sho (G1)—the Japanese Two Thousand Guineas—by a neck in a course record.

The pedigree of Al Ain is a complete outcross at five generations, and he and grade two winner Hartley (out of Wickedly Perfect) represent the only two stakes winners from 18 starters by Deep Impact from A.P. Indy line mares. **BH**

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### STAKES RESULTS

#### PRIX LORD SEYMOUR

Maisons-laffitte, 4/18, €52,000, 4yo/up, 12f, 2:42.96, .  
1—**Talismanic** (GB), 132, dk b/br c, 4..... €26,000  
**Medaglia d'Oro**—Magic Mission (GB), by Machiavellian  
O—GODOLPHIN SNC, B—Darley (GB), T—FABRE ANDRE, J—BARZALONA MICKAEL

2—**Zemindari** (FR), 126, b g, 5..... €10,400  
**Zanzibari**—Villa Joyeuse (FR), by Kahyasi (IRE)  
O—MME B ASHBROOKE, MME H DEVIN, B—MME H DEVIN, MME B ASHBROOKE (FR), T—DEVIN HENRI-FRANCIS, J—BADEL ALEXIS

3—**Apilobar** (FR), 126, b c, 4..... €7,800  
**Slickly** (FR)—Popee (FR), by Take Risks (FR)  
O—G AUGUSTIN NORMAND & K MORIZE, B—SCEA DES PRAIRIES, J-P DANIEL (FR), T—VERMEULEN FABRICE, J—DEMURE CRISTIAN

**Sale History:** 2014 OSASEP, \$23,265.

**Margins:** 1½, head, 3. **Others:** LAUNCHED (IRE), TRES ROCK GLORY (IRE), BRAVE IMPACT (GB).

#### BET365 FEILDEN STAKES

Newmarket, 4/18, £36,397, 3yo, 9f, 1:50.43, good.

1—**Khalidi** (GB), 126, br c, 3 ..... £20,983  
High Chaparral (IRE)—Bezique (GB), by Cape Cross (IRE)  
O—Nizar Anwar, B—Aston House Stud (GB), T—GOSDEN JOHN, J—DETTORI FRANKIE  
**Sale History:** 2015 TATOC1, \$270,356.

2—**Salouen** (IRE), 126, b c, 3 ..... £7,955  
**Canford Cliffs** (IRE)—Gali Gal (IRE), by **Galileo** (IRE)  
O—H BALASURIYA, B—SILVERCON EDGERODGE LTD (IRE), T—KIRK SYLVESTER, J—MOORE RYAN

**Sale History:** 2015 GOFOT, \$95,013.

3—**Law And Order** (IRE), 129, b c, 3..... £3,981  
**Lawman** (FR)—Catbells (IRE), by Rakti (GB)  
O—Saeed Manana, B—MR & MRS CLIVE MARTIN (IRE), T—TATE JAMES, J—HARLEY MARTIN  
**Sale History:** 2015 TATOC3, \$65,003.

**Margins:** neck, 3¼, 3. **Others:** MAX ZORIN (IRE), APEX KING (IRE), AL HAMDANY (IRE), MONTATAIRE (IRE).

### ALLOWANCE RESULTS

#### Indiana Downs, Race 2, ALW

4/18, \$34,500, 3yo/up, 6f (dirt), 1:09.79, track fast.

1—**Thunder Bye**, 120, b g, 4, Thunder Gulch—Pass Bye, by Schossberg, \$20,700, O—Charles Watt, B—Southern Indiana Racing Company, LLC (IN), T—Kim Hammond, J—Eduardo E. Perez

**Margin:** 4½, 9 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

#### Indiana Downs, Race 5, AOC

4/18, \$32,500, 3yo/up, 8.32f (dirt), 1:39.79, track fast.

1—**Handiwork**, 120, dk b/br g, 4, **Eddington**—Corrine, by Chief Seattle, \$19,500, O—Steve Landers Racing LLC, B—David W. Osborne & Loren Hebel—Osborne (KY), T—Brad H. Cox, J—Shaun Bridgmohan

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

#### Indiana Downs, Race 7, AOC

4/18, \$32,500, 3yo/up, 8.32f (dirt), 1:40.60, track fast.

1—**Union Bowman**, 120, b h, 10, Newfoundland—Incredible, by Personal Flag, \$19,500, O—McCrary, Fred D. and Neil, B—Fred McCrary & Neil McCrary (KY), T—Joseph D. Davis, J—Leandro R. Goncalves

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

#### Parx Racing, Race 5, ALW

4/18, \$47,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 5.5f (dirt), 1:04.84, track fast.

1—**Atlantis Romance**, 121, b f, 4, **Cowtown Cat**—Command the Waters, by Deputy Commander, \$28,200, O—

Robert Reidy, B—Red Oak Stable (FL), T—Mario Serey, Jr., J—Trevor McCarthy

**Margin:** 5, 7 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### MAIDEN RESULTS

#### Indiana Downs, Race 4, MSW

4/18, \$34,000, 3/4/5yo, f/m, 5.5f (dirt), 1:04.58, track fast.

1—**Christian Miss**, 122, gr/ro f, 4, Sold to Wallstreet—Angelic Accord, by Unanimous Vote (IRE), \$20,400, O—Dakota Ashby, B—Gail Diane Riggs (IN), T—Dakota Ashby, J—Ronald Hisby

**Margin:** 5¼, 12 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

#### Indiana Downs, Race 6, MSW

4/18, \$31,000, 3/4/5yo, f/m, 5.5f (dirt), 1:03.16, track fast.

1—**Defy**, 118, b f, 3, **Into Mischief**—Shy Lil, by Lil's Lad, \$18,600, O—PTK, LLC, B—Hart Farm (KY), T—Dane Kobiskie, J—Declan Cannon

**Sale History:** 2015 FTSAUG, \$250,000, 2015 KEEJAN, \$65,000.



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**Margin:** 5¼, 10 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

#### Will Rogers Downs, Race 7, MSW

4/18, \$23,760, 3yo/up, 5.5f (dirt), 1:04.95, track fast.

1—**Danny Paycheck**, 118, b g, 3, **Save Big Money**—Swiss Blend, by **Swiss Yodeler**, \$13,620, O—Adios Reality Farms LLC, B—Adios Reality Farms LLC (OK), T—J. Alan Williams, J—Erik McNeil

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



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### HILLIARD LYONS DOUBLEDODGARE S. (G3)

Keeneland, Friday, April 21, Race 9

8.5f (dirt), \$100,000, 4yo/up f/m, 5:30 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1		<a href="#">Power of Snunner</a>	Power by Far	7/m	Mike E. Smith	118	-	James M. Courtney
2		<a href="#">Lady Fog Horn</a>	Zavata	5/m	Albin Jimenez	120	-	The Elkstone Group, LLC (Stuart Grant)
3		<a href="#">Dear Elaine</a>	Broken Vow	4/f	Julien R. Leparoux	118	-	Klein Racing (Richard Klein)
4		<a href="#">Twirl Girl</a>	Twirling Candy	4/f	Javier Castellano	118	-	Wayne Sanders and Larry Hirsch
5		<a href="#">Unbridled Mo</a>	Uncle Mo	4/f	John R. Velazquez	120	-	Red Oak Stable (John Brunetti)

**Breeders:** 1—James M. Courtney; 2—The Elkstone Group LLC; 3—Bertram W. Klein; 4—Craig B. Singer; 5—Red Oak Stable.

**Trainers:** 1—Joe Sharp; 2—Anthony J. Granitz; 3—Charles Lopresti; 4—Joe Sharp; 5—Todd A. Pletcher.



# Kentucky Derby Trainers' Dinner 2017

**Tuesday, May 2nd**

COCKTAILS at 6:00pm | DINNER at 6:45pm

Hyatt Regency Ballroom  
Louisville, Kentucky

Single Ticket  
\$160

Table for 10  
\$1,500

*Cocktail Attire*

Hosts: Jill Byrne & Paul Rogers



## 2017 NORTH AMERICAN LEADING SIRES

Listed below is a comparison of statistics for only North American racing with all available statistics through April 16, 2017. Only stallions that stand, will stand, or stood in North America (excluding stallions that died or were exported prior to the 2011 breeding season), and have runners in North America are included..

Rank	Stallion	Sire, YOB	'17 Stud Fee	Farm	Chief Earner (Earnings)	'17 Earnings
1	Unbridled's Song	Unbridled, '93	Died	N/A	Arrogate (\$7,000,000)	\$8,040,608
2	Ghostzapper	Awesome Again, '00	\$75,000	Adena Springs Kentucky, KY	Shaman Ghost (\$2,200,000)	\$3,905,463
3	Malibu Moon	A.P. Indy, '97	\$75,000	Spendthrift Farm, KY	Gormley (\$684,000)	\$3,201,314
4	Harlan's Holiday	Harlan, '99	Died	N/A	Neolithic (\$1,000,000)	\$2,974,508
5	Curlin	Smart Strike, '04	\$150,000	Hill 'n' Dale Farms, KY	Irish War Cry (\$616,660)	\$2,948,654
6	Tapit	Pulpit, '01	\$300,000	Gainesway, KY	Unique Bella (\$300,000)	\$2,887,040
7	Candy Ride (ARG)	Ride the Rails, '99	\$60,000	Lane's End, KY	Gun Runner (\$300,000)	\$2,451,755
8	Uncle Mo	Indian Charlie, '08	\$150,000	Ashford Stud, KY	Conquest Mo Money (\$508,900)	\$2,371,220
9	Into Mischief	Harlan's Holiday, '05	\$75,000	Spendthrift Farm, KY	One Liner (\$324,000)	\$2,353,985
10	Quality Road	Elusive Quality, '06	\$35,000	Lane's End, KY	Long Haul Bay (\$183,000)	\$2,155,819

## 2017 BROODMARE SIRES

Listed below are the top 10 leading broodmare sires by 2017 Northern Hemisphere earnings through April 16, 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, YOB	Dams	Rnrs	SWrs (% Rnrs)	Cum. SWrs	Chief Earner (Earnings)	'17 Earnings
1	Distorted Humor	Forty Niner, '93	171	249	4 (1.6%)	53	Arrogate (\$13,000,000)	\$16,133,341
2	Sunday Silence	Halo, '86	473	849	10 (1.2%)	166	Persian Knight (\$392,244)	\$8,191,612
3	A.P. Indy	Seattle Slew, '89	243	344	8 (2.3%)	149	Hence (\$444,629)	\$6,050,814
4	Giant's Causeway	Storm Cat, '97	239	312	2 (.6%)	49	Gun Runner (\$2,300,000)	\$5,249,726
5	Storm Cat	Storm Bird, '83	255	360	5 (1.4%)	237	Irap (\$700,000)	\$4,988,902
6	Unbridled's Song	Unbridled, '93	261	354	7 (2.0%)	105	Farrell (\$450,000)	\$4,985,829
7	Machiavellian	Mr. Prospector, '87	103	129	3 (2.3%)	98	Vivlos (\$3,625,097)	\$4,836,625
8	French Deputy	Deputy Minister, '92	226	355	5 (1.4%)	71	Gold Dream (\$404,190)	\$4,523,702
9	Swain (IRE)	Nashwan, '92	28	34	1 (2.9%)	7	Jack Hobbs (\$3,600,000)	\$3,709,184
10	Seeking the Gold	Mr. Prospector, '85	183	265	5 (1.9%)	141	Conquest Mo Money (\$508,900)	\$3,581,610

## 2017 SIRES BY LIFETIME AEI

Listed below are the top 10 leading sires by lifetime Average Earnings Index (AEI) through April 16, 2017. Only active stallions in North America (excluding stallions that were exported prior to the 2011 breeding season) with at least 150 named foals of racing age are included. All statistics are Northern Hemisphere only. AEI indicates how much purse money the progeny of one sire has earned in relation to the average earnings of all runners in the same years; average earnings of all runners in any year is represented by an index of 1.00. CI indicates the average earnings of progeny produced from mares bred to one sire, when these same mares were bred to other sires.

Rank	Stallion	Sire, YOB	'17 Stud Fee	Farm	Crops	Foals	AEI	CI
1	Uncle Mo	Indian Charlie, '08	\$150,000	Ashford Stud, KY	3	312	2.84	1.67
2	Pioneerof the Nile	Empire Maker, '06	\$110,000	WinStar Farm LLC, KY	5	368	2.72	1.88
3	Curlin	Smart Strike, '04	\$150,000	Hill 'n' Dale Farms, KY	6	491	2.42	2.17
4	Tapit	Pulpit, '01	\$300,000	Gainesway, KY	10	1033	2.37	2.15
5	War Front	Danzig, '02	\$250,000	Claiborne Farm, KY	8	519	2.34	2.28
6	Ghostzapper	Awesome Again, '00	\$75,000	Adena Springs Kentucky, KY	9	674	2.21	2.02
7	Into Mischief	Harlan's Holiday, '05	\$75,000	Spendthrift Farm, KY	6	382	2.16	1.56
8	Distorted Humor	Forty Niner, '93	\$80,000	WinStar Farm LLC, KY	16	1309	2.05	2.19
9	Medaglia d'Oro	El Prado, '99	\$150,000	Darley, KY	10	1094	2.05	2.31
10	Awesome Again	Deputy Minister, '94	N/A	Adena Springs Kentucky, KY	16	1101	2.02	1.91