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First-crop filly at
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This record-setting Curlin colt sold for \$1.5 million May 23 at Fasig-Tipton's Midlantic sale of 2-year-olds in training

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Sales Update

FASIG-TIPTON MIDLANTIC SALE

RECORD CURLIN COLT FUELS VIBRANT MIDLANTIC MARKET

By Ron Mitchell

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Emerging from the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic offices, where he had just been the winning bidder on a Curlin colt for a sale-record \$1.5 million, trainer Mark Casse joked, "We're trying to find the Preakness winner for next year."

That humor referenced the gutsy runner-up effort by a head by Casse-trained Classic Empire in the May 20 Preakness Stakes (G1), in which the colt was caught late by winner Cloud Computing.

Whether the colt Casse selected on behalf of clients John C. Oxley and Breeze Easy will be a classic contender next year remains to be seen, but he has all the potential of a horse who will compete at the highest level.

The sale of the Curlin colt and a deep buying bench led to solid across-the-board gains during the



Trainer Mark Casse (pictured with juvenile champion Classic Empire) bought the record-setting colt for John C. Oxley and Breeze Easy

two-day auction at the Maryland State Fairgrounds in Timonium.

Fasig-Tipton reported 330 horses sold for \$25,237,000, an increase of 9.1% over the 2016 gross of \$23,136,400. This year's \$76,476 average represents an 11.4% gain over last year's \$68,654 and the median rose 9.3% from \$32,000 to \$35,000. Of the 412 horses offered, 82 went unsold.

Fasig-Tipton president Boyd Browning Jr. said based on comments from consignors and buyers, the sale's strong conclusion was not surprising.

"It's great to set a record," the executive remarked. "You're

always happy, but I don't think anybody was surprised. We had a legitimate group of top-quality horses and a legitimate group of horses at all price ranges, and people left here happy with their purchases whether they were spending \$20,000, \$200,000, or \$500,000. That is one of the strengths of this sale. The diverse group of horses that fit a variety of racing operations. When the consignors provide a high-quality product, you are going to have successful sales."

Browning said the strength of the broad market is encouraging for the upcoming yearling sales, the source of many of the juveniles offered at 2-year-old sales.

"This was probably one of the widest groups of buyers we have seen for a while in the 2-year-old

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marketplace, so that is encouraging," he said. "Yearling-to-2-year-old pinhookers have had a pretty successful year, which means: A), they are likely to have plenty of funds to re-invest and B), it might encourage other people to consider pinhooking as well."

Casse was certainly happy with his major purchase.

"He's just a beautiful horse and there aren't many better sires than Curlin," Casse said, noting that he was the underbidder on the colt when he was bought by consignors Randy Hartley and Dean De Renzo for \$475,000 from St George Sales at last year's Fasig-Tipton Kentucky July yearling sale. "He's been on my radar a long time. I had actually watched him at the farm."

Casse said the final price "was a lot, but was I shocked? No. I knew he wasn't going to be cheap."



Hip 490, a half brother to grade 1 winner Lochte



Donato Lanni spent \$800,000 for a Ghostzapper colt

The colt, bred in Florida by Miller Racing, is out of winning Stormin Fever mare Franscat, who has also produced two stakes winners, and is from the family of grade 1 winner and sire Ogygian. During the pre-sale workouts, the colt breezed an eighth of a mile in the co-fastest time of :10.

Breeze Easy, operated by Michael Hall, has partnered with Oxley on at least one other horse. The entity is also a partner with Hartley/De Renzo on some of the consignors' horses, but not the Midlantic record colt, according to Hartley.

"When a horse comes through of that caliber, that's what they are worth, or maybe more," De Renzo said. "He's really a pretty amazing horse. But we're happy and we're happy for where he's going to go and who is going to train him makes difference. As they get successful, it puts more feathers in our cap."

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De Renzo said the sale of the Curlin colt and a Smart Strike filly during the first session for \$525,000 were affirmation of the partners' move toward the top of the market in their purchases of yearlings and breeding stock.

"Our business plan we designed is coming exactly to right where we want it to be," De Renzo said. "So this year's yearling selection of horses will be as strong as this Curlin or the Smart Strike, and we will have less horses with lesser pedigree."

The sale's second-highest price of \$850,000 came from trainer Simon Callaghan for a Distorted Humor colt consigned by Eddie Woods, agent.

The colt is out of the stakes-winning Lemon Drop Kid mare Lemon Kiss and is a half brother to grade 1 winner Lochte, from the female family of Horse of the Year and sire Black Tie Affair. Bred in Kentucky by Town & Country Farms, the colt was purchased by Grupo 7C for \$350,000 from Taylor Made Sales Agency at the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga yearling sale.

"He's got a stallion's pedigree," said Callaghan, adding the colt was bought on behalf of a client he declined to identify. "Great physical, really well-balanced colt. I thought he ticked all the boxes. There's a lot of good horses that come out of this sale, so let's hope this is one of them."

A chestnut son of Ghostzapper from the consignment of Cary Frommer was purchased by Susan and Charles Chu's Baoma Corporation for \$800,000.

Bred in Kentucky by Grace Thoroughbred Holdings, the colt was bought by Frommer for \$200,000 from Summerfield at last year's Fasig-Tipton Kentucky October yearling sale. The colt's second dam is stakes winner More Than Pretty, a More Than Ready mare



Dean De Renzo called the record-setting colt "a pretty amazing horse"

whose produce include grade 2 winner Kauai Katie and grade 3 winner Winding Way.

"We have waited for this horse," said Donato Lanni, who signed on behalf of the new owners. "Obviously we like the Curlin colt and didn't get him but this was one of our favorite horses in the sale. This horse did everything he was asked to do."

"They got a great horse and we got a great price," said Frommer, who with business partner Barry Berkelhammer upped their business plan last year to purchase better-quality yearlings for their pinhooking operation. "When I first saw him I just went nuts. I called Barry up, who was on the other side of the sale grounds, and said, 'You've got to see this colt.' I just loved him when I saw him. I always thought he was classy and the right horse."

With two juveniles bringing \$1.5 million, and a \$1.1 million sale earlier in the year, Frommer said she will continue to buy more expensive yearlings.

"I'm buying a more select yearling right now and am feeling pretty good about it," she said. **BH**

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FASIG-TIPTON MIDLANTIC SALE

AGENT O'NEILL BULLISH ON STALLION ORB

By Ron Mitchell

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Dennis O'Neill, the agent whose keen eye for a 2-year-old has led to two Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (G1) winners this decade, has high regard for Claiborne Farm stallion Orb, whose progeny have been in high demand at 2-year-olds in training sales this year.

"They just look great," O'Neill said of the foals from the first crop of the 2013 Kentucky Derby winner, after buying an Orb colt for \$710,000 at the May 23 final session of the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic sale of 2-year-olds in training. "They are athletic and strong, calm, and have great minds."

Heaping even greater praise on the stallion, O'Neill added, "He's my Uncle Mo from couple of years ago."

That was in reference to the Ashford Stud stallion whose first crop included Kentucky Derby winner Nyquist, purchased by O'Neill as a 2-year-old on behalf of Paul Reddam. O'Neill's brother Doug trained Nyquist and Derby winner I'll Have Another, also a Dennis O'Neill auction selection.

Orb, who stands for \$25,000 at Claiborne, was represented by five juveniles sold at the Midlantic sale for gross receipts of \$1,705,000 and an average price of \$315,000.

Consigned as Hip 373 by Crupi's New Castle Farm, the colt was bought by O'Neill for Amr Zedan, who lives in Saudi Arabia, Dubai, and London, and races in Southern California.

The colt is out of the winning Cherokee Run mare Extra Sharp. His second dam, the Storm Cat mare Sharp Cat, won 15 of 22 starts, including seven grade 1 stakes, and earned more than \$2 million. His stakes-winning third dam, In Neon (by Ack Ack), produced Royal Anthem, a group/grade 1 winner in England and the United States, and a prominent sire.

Bred in Kentucky by Susan Casner, the colt was purchased by agent Mike Ryan for \$170,000 from



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Dennis O'Neill called Orb's progeny "athletic and strong"

the Four Star Sales group at the 2016 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky October yearling sale. At Tuesday's sale, Ryan was underbidder on the colt on behalf of a different client than the one for whom he bought the colt last year.

"We thought we could get him for \$500,000 or \$600,000," O'Neill said. "As we've seen at all of these sales, when you see one you have to have, you have to stretch a little bit."

During the pre-sale under tack show, the colt breezed an eighth-mile in the co-fastest time of :10. "I thought his breeze was fantastic; his gallop out was great," O'Neill said. "So we're really excited."

Another Orb colt sold Tuesday was Hip 468, consigned by Pike Racing and purchased for \$525,000 by C. P. Beler, who was accompanied by trainer Leon Blusiewicz. Produced from the winning Dixie Union mare Julie from Dixie, the colt bred in Kentucky by E. H. Beau Lane III was bought from his breeder by Stallionaire Enterprises for \$140,000 at the Keeneland September yearling sale. **BH**

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CLASSIC EMPIRE TO COOLMORE ON RETIREMENT

By Eric Mitchell

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Bloodstock agent Justin Casse confirmed May 23 that the breeding rights to Eclipse champion 2-year-old male and Preakness Stakes (G1) runner-up Classic Empire have been acquired by Coolmore Stud.

Casse, the brother of the colt's trainer Mark Casse, brokered the deal on behalf of owner John Oxley. The son of Pioneerofthe Nile will continue to race in Oxley's colors. Upon his retirement from racing, Classic Empire will stand at Coolmore America's Ashford Stud alongside fellow Eclipse Award-winning juveniles American Pharoah, Uncle Mo, and Shanghai Bobby.

"Negotiations had started in the later part of 2016," Casse said. "Obviously he was a very sought-after horse, but Coolmore's development of its stallions is considered one of the best in the world. It is not always about the money, it is about the development of the horse and the prestige and track record of the farm."

Oxley said he chose Ashford out of five to six proposals he had in hand before the end of 2016. He could not divulge any details of the breeding rights agreement but said he will not retain any interest in the colt once he is retired to stud. Oxley will retain a few lifetime breeding rights. The owner/breeder keeps most of the 45 mares in his broodmare band at his Fawn Leap Farm near Midway, Ky.

Besides Ashford's strong position in the stallion marketplace, Oxley added that the attraction to American Pharoah could help Classic Empire's start at stud since they are both by Pioneerof the Nile and out of Storm Cat-line mares.

"I'm sure there is a bit of spillover among breeders wanting to get to American Pharoah, and since they are similarly bred, it would be logical that some of those breeders would be interested in Classic Empire as well," Oxley said.

Bred in Kentucky by Steven and Brandi Nicholson, Classic Empire is out of the multiple stakes winner-producing Cat Thief daughter Sambuca Classica. He was purchased by Oxley for \$475,000 from Warrendale Sales' consignment to the 2015 Keeneland September



John Oxley's 2016 juvenile champion Classic Empire

yearling sale, and made a winning career debut last spring going 4 1/2 furlongs at Churchill Downs three days before the 2016 Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (G1). Back at Churchill for the Bashford Manor Stakes (G3) in July, he scored again despite spotting the field seven lengths.

His lone defeat in five starts last year came when he wheeled out of the gate and dropped jockey Irad Ortiz Jr. at the start of the Hopeful Stakes (G1) last Sept. 5. In the final two starts of his championship campaign, the dark bay colt rebounded with a professional three-length win in the Claiborne Breeders' Futurity (G1) at Keeneland before shipping to Santa Anita Park to earn a neck victory over Not This Time in the Sentient Jet Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1).

The unanimous choice among 248 voters for the Eclipse Award 2-year-old male, he also topped the Experimental Free Handicap.

This spring saw Classic Empire overcome a variety of training setbacks to land the Arkansas Derby (G1) before running fourth in the Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (G1) and finishing second, beaten a head, in the Preakness. Oxley said at this time the colt is expected to start in the June 10 Belmont Stakes (G1).

"You can never be definite with a horse, but as of today that is the plan," the owner said. "I think he will handle the mile and half just fine. The blood is there, and the horse doesn't seem to tire from his races. He is one tough customer."

Coolmore has now acquired the breeding rights to six of the last eight juvenile male champions. **BH**

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McCraken BACK TO WORK AFTER DERBY DISAPPOINTMENT

By Alicia Wincze Hughes

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The regrouping process for one of the Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (G1) favorites is officially underway.

Janis Whitham's homebred McCracken put in his first timed move since running eighth in the first leg of the Triple Crown, going an easy half-mile in :49 4/5 at Churchill Downs the morning of May 23 in preparation for his expected return in the June 17 Matt Winn Stakes (G3).

The Kentucky Derby melee was one that left the Ian Wilkes trainee with some hits to both his reputation and physical well-being. The son of Ghostzapper was involved in a chain-reaction incident at the start of the classic that was initiated by Irish War Cry breaking inward from post 17, prompting McCracken out of post 15 to then slam into juvenile champion Classic Empire, who broke outward, just after the break.



CHAD B. HARMON

McCraken worked for the first time since the Kentucky Derby

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McCRACKEN BACK TO WORK AFTER DERBY DISAPPOINTMENT

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McCracken, who was sent off as the fourth betting choice May 6, emerged with a puncture wound to his left hind by his ankle. Wilkes immediately ruled out running the bay colt back in any of the final two Triple Crown races and said Tuesday that while the wound is still not 100%, it is healing without complication.

"He's doing good. He had a nice light work this morning and I'm very happy with him," Wilkes said of the multiple graded stakes winner. "(The wound) is not totally healed yet, but it is healing good. I'm pleased with how he went today.

"I missed a bit a training with him after the Derby.... I don't want to have to play catch up. I'd rather just regroup and come again (in the Matt Winn)."

Though McCracken entered the Kentucky Derby having suffered his first career loss when he ran

third in the April 8 Toyota Blue Grass Stakes (G2) at Keeneland, his previously unbeaten record at Churchill Downs and strong impressions during morning training made him one of the buzz horses heading into the first Saturday in May.

The hard bumping at the start was no help to the cause of any involved. However, Wilkes said his charge still made what he thought was a winning move around the final turn but flattened out in the lane.

"It's tough, you feel like you let a lot of people down with the way he ran," Wilkes said. "But he made his move and in the long run, you just have to put it all together. Hopefully we'll find out as we go on down the road exactly what happened. I can't read too much into it. But right now, the horse is doing great.

"That's the tough thing, it's not an exact science."

McCracken won his first three career starts at Churchill, including the Kentucky Jockey Club Stakes (G2) last November. He has four wins from six career starts and \$410,848 in earnings. **BH**


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MATHEA KELLEY

Lady Aurelia after winning the 2016 Queen Mary Stakes at Royal Ascot

LADY AURELIA CONTINUES ROYAL ASCOT PREPARATIONS

By BloodHorse Staff

European champion Lady Aurelia, based at Keeneland with trainer Wesley Ward, worked five furlongs in 1:02 3/5 on a firm turf course the morning of May 23 at the Lexington oval as she continues training toward a start in the June 20 King's Stand Stakes (G1) at Royal Ascot, where she won the Queen Mary Stakes (G2) last year.

Julio Garcia was aboard Lady Aurelia, who started several lengths behind workmate Bound for Nowhere, a candidate for Royal Ascot's June 23 Commonwealth Cup (G1). Bound for Nowhere's time was 1:02 1/5.

"She had a really, really nice breeze. (We're) very excited," Ward said of the 3-year-old Scat Daddy filly. "We're just trying to go as easy as possible every work into the race. She already has the speed, the win, the fitness, and the confidence. Just looking to keep her—until the day we leave (June 6)—nice and steady. She's doing everything beautiful."

Owned by Stonestreet Stables, George Bolton, and Peter Leidel, Lady Aurelia began her 2017 season with a victory against elders in the 5 1/2-furlong Giant's Causeway Stakes on the Keeneland lawn April 15. She returned to the work tab a week ago, covering a half-mile in :49 2/5, and will put in two more works before her trip to England.

Also working for Ward Tuesday were Royal Ascot-bound 2-year-olds Fairlyland and McErin. The pair covered a half-mile in :48 3/5. **BH**

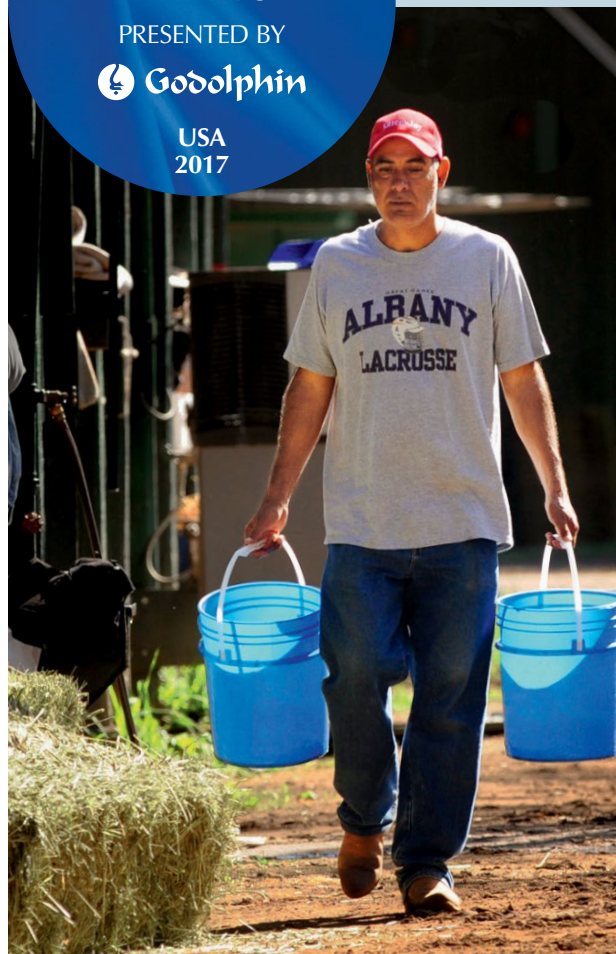
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THUNDER SNOW, CHURCHILL FACE OFF IN IRISH 2,000 GUINEAS

By BloodHorse Staff

Trainer Saeed bin Suroor is set to saddle Thunder Snow in the May 27 Tattersalls Irish Two Thousand Guineas (G1) at the Curragh, his first runner in Ireland's opening Classic since he won the race with Dubawi in 2005.

The outing will be the first for Thunder Snow since the son of Helmet's aborted run in the Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (G1) at Churchill Downs May 6. In a bizarre incident, the Godolphin homebred broke from post No. 2 but then bucked several times under jockey Christophe Soumillon before being escorted off the track and into the paddock by an outrider. Upon examination back at the barn, Thunder Snow was found to be in good order physically, with no outward explanation for his antics.

Thunder Snow earned his trip to the first leg of the Triple Crown with victories in the UAE Two Thousand Guineas (G3) Sponsored by District One Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum City and UAE Derby Sponsored by The Saeed & Mohammed Al Naboodah Group (G2). He is one of nine entries in the Irish Two Thousand Guineas, which is headed by English Two Thousand Guineas (G1) winner Churchill.

With Churchill, trainer Aidan O'Brien is attempting to repeat the Ireland/England Guineas double he completed with Gleneagles in 2015. Churchill, a son of Galileo, is raced by longtime partners Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith, and Susan Magnier. O'Brien also has entered in the Irish Guineas Lancaster Bomber, Orderofthegarter, Pipes Of Peace, Spirit Of Valor, and War Decree.

Mick Halford and Ger Lyons will both go in search of a first Irish Classic winner with Mick Halford's unbeaten Irish correspondent aiming to maintain his winning sequence after winning at the Curragh earlier this month, while Lyons has left in two-time winner Glastonbury Song.

Newmarket One Thousand Guineas (G1) heroine Winter and her stable companion Rhododendron are among a possible field of 13 for the May 28 Tattersalls Irish One Thousand Guineas (G1), in which O'Brien is responsible for eight of the potential runners.

Moyglare Stud Stakes winner Intricately is on course to line up for Joseph O'Brien, while Halford is



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Thunder Snow training at Churchill Downs

again represented by impressive Naas winner Rehana. Dermot Weld will go in search of a first Irish One Thousand Guineas victory since 2010 if two-time winner Making Light makes her seasonal debut at the Curragh Sunday.

Derrinstown One Thousand Guineas Trial (G3) winner Bean Feasa, a daughter of Irish Two Thousand Guineas winner Dubawi, is set to take her place in the line up for trainer Jim Bolger and Kevin Prendergast's Curragh maiden winner Aneen adds to an intriguing looking field for Sunday's feature race.

The high-class Tattersalls Gold Cup (G1) also takes place May 28 with O'Brien set to aim top-class mare Minding for an eighth group 1 success. A field of 12 have stood their ground for the prestigious group 1 contest including Ken Condon's stable star Success Days, Jim Bolger's Moonlight Magic, and Roger Charlton's Decorated Knight is also an intended runner. O'Brien has also left in Longines Breeders' Cup Turf (G1T) winner Highland Reel.

Last year's winner Mobsta is set to return for Saturday's Weatherbys Ireland Greenlands Stakes (G2), where he could feature in a fascinating clash with top class filly Acapulco, who made a winning start in the Sole Power Sprint Stakes at the Curragh May 14. **BH**

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LESLIE'S LADY IN FOAL TO AMERICAN PHAROAH

By Eric Mitchell

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Leslie's Lady, the dam of multiple champion Beholder and 2016 Broodmare of the Year, was confirmed in foal over the weekend to 2015 Triple Crown winner American Pharoah, according to owners Fred and Nancy Mitchell of Clarkland Farm.

"Besides being a Triple Crown winner, American Pharoah is one of the best-looking stallions out there," said Fred Mitchell about the Ashford Stud stallion. "And his disposition is unbelievable."

Leslie's Lady, a 21-year-old daughter of Tricky Creek, has produced 11 foals of racing age, of which five are winners and two are grade 1 winners—Beholder and her half brother and top Spendthrift Farm sire Into Mischief (Harlan's Holiday). Leslie's Lady foaled a colt by Darley's Medaglia d'Oro April 4.

Clarkland has an important racing weekend coming up because Leslie's Lady's 2-year-old by Scat Daddy, Mendelssohn, is expected to make his racing debut



Marty Buckner (left) and Nancy Mitchell with Leslie's Lady

May 28 at the Curragh. The colt, who Clarkland sold for \$3 million at the 2016 Keeneland September yearling sale to M.V. Magnier, has been entered in the Tally Ho Stud EBF going six furlongs. Mendelssohn is being raced by Michael Tabor and is trained by Aidan O'Brien.

Beholder, who earned four Eclipse championship titles in 2012, 2013, 2015, and 2016, was retired from racing Nov. 6. She is carrying a colt by Ashford's Uncle Mo. **BH**

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TREASURE BEACH GETS FIRST WINNER IN INDIANA

By Eric Mitchell

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Freshman sire and grade/group 1 winner Treasure Beach got his first winner May 23 when his son Tigerbeach handily took a five-furlong maiden special weight on the Indiana Grand turf by 3 3/4 lengths.

The colt was making his third start for owner Charles Brown and trainer John Hancock, who has



Treasure Beach at Pleasant Acres Stallions

won 26% of his maiden starts so far this year. John Pereira bred Tigerbeach in Florida out of the unraced Tiger Ridge mare Cold Blooded, who has produced black-type stakes winner Iron Rob (Twirling Candy) and one other winner out of three foals to race.

Parrish Farms bought Tigerbeach for \$27,000 out of the 2016 Keeneland September yearling sale from Buckland Sales' consignment. He was a \$47,000 buy-back at the 2017 Ocala Breeders Sales March 2-year-olds sale.

Treasure Beach is a 9-year-old, grade 1-winning son of Galileo—Honorine, by Mark of Esteem, who was raced by Fitriani Hay, Derrick Smith, Susan Magnier, and Michael Tabor. He won the Dubai Duty Free Irish Derby (G1) at the Curragh and the Secretariat Stakes (G1T) at Arlington International Racecourse in 2011 and finished second the same year in the Investec Epsom Derby. He compiled a 5-4-2 out of 22 starts and earned \$2,435,343. The stallion stands at Pleasant Acres Stallions near Ocala, Fla., for \$10,000. **BH**

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WHAT A VIEW SAILS IN CRYSTAL WATER STAKES

By Frank Angst

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Opting to keep his horse fit through racing paid off for trainer Kenny Black May 20, as What a View picked up a front-running score in the \$100,000 Crystal Water Stakes for California-breds on the Santa Anita Park turf.

While the one-mile turf race served as a prep to the June 3 Shoemaker Mile (G1T), What a View earned the week's top Equibase Speed Figure as the 6-year-old Vronsky gelding earned a 117 in the race where he enjoyed a clear lead throughout.

What a View bounced back from a sixth-place finish in the Maker's 46 Mile Stakes (G1T) April 14 at Keeneland for Finish Line Racing, the Elwood Johnson Trust, and Taste of Victory Stables. Black

Top 10 Equibase Speed Figures Since May. 16

E	Horse	Finish	Race, Track, Distance, Date
117	What a View	1	Crystal Water S., SA, 8fT, 5/20
115	Shaman Ghost	1	Pimlico Special H. (G3), PIM, 9.5f, 5/19
115	World Approval	1	Longines Dixie S. (G2T), PIM, 8.5fT, 5/20
115	Dolphus	2	Pimlico Special H. (G3), PIM, 9.5f, 5/19
115	Pee Wee Reese	2	Crystal Water S., SA, 8fT, 5/20
114	Ransom the Moon	1	Kona Gold S. (G2), SA, 6.5f, 5/20
114	Smokey Image	3	Crystal Water S., SA, 8fT, 5/20
113	Richard's Boy	1	Jim McKay Turf Sprint S., PIM, 5fT, 5/19
112	Cadeyrn	1	AOC, BEL, 6f, 5/18
112	Pay Any Price	2	Jim McKay Turf Sprint S., PIM, 5fT, 5/19
112	Projected (GB)	2	Longines Dixie S. (G2T), PIM, 8.5fT, 5/20

acknowledged his runner went a bit faster than he'd prefer, but added that the course has been easy on his horses.

"I was hoping he wouldn't have to run as hard as he did today, but my horses have been coming out of their races on this turf course better than they come out of their works, so I'm not concerned," Black said. "We'll come right back in the Shoemaker Mile. We came back a little quick in this race, but I told my owners I'd rather run this horse for a \$100,000 on turf than work him three times on dirt. Like I say, this is the best grass course in America."

What a View has earned an ESF of 110 or higher for seven straight races, including a career-best 121 in a close runner-up finish in this year's Arcadia Stakes (G2T) on the Santa Anita turf. **BH**

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What a View picks up his front-running Crystal Water Stakes score

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FORMER DERBY RUNNER, FORMER NFL PLAYER TEAM UP

By Erin Shea

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Just as most of us horse-crazy people have done, Jeff Tow-Arnett found himself enamored with an off-track Thoroughbred named "Noah" after seeing an online listing.

"I read Noah's biography and I said, 'That's the horse I want. I don't need to read (about any others), that's the one that I want,'" Tow-Arnett said of Nowhere to Hide, an also-ran in the 2009 Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (G1) who was at the Maker's Mark Secretariat Center at the Kentucky Horse Park.

Tow-Arnett had another connection with the half brother to stakes winner Conquest Mo Money: both were former top athletes who went through the rigors of competition and were now searching for something else. Tow-Arnett, who signed with and then was released from the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 2010, was floating around in tryouts and through various arena football teams. Noah ran in graded stakes races for the Riggio's My Meadowview Farm at the start of his career, but ended up getting picked up by new connections and ran in claiming races until age 7.

"I felt that we understood each other," Tow-Arnett said. "We had been at the top in our sports, we had low points, and we had been through a lot



of different injuries. Two personalities that kind of get each other."

Since he already had an in with the MMSC—his girlfriend Lauren Wood got a horse from the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance-accredited organization—he figured the process of buying Noah would be straightforward. But MMSC director Susanna Thomas wouldn't let one of her favorite horses go to just anyone.

"I was shocked and I thought, this guy is not getting on a Thoroughbred," Thomas said of the first time she met Tow-Arnett. She recalled being taken aback that a former center and fullback wanted to ride.

Noah came to the center in 2014 through his former owner, Louise Riggio, who enlisted Thomas' help to make sure he went to a good home. He previously had a tie back operation and surgery to repair a tibia fracture, and when he arrived at the center he was in need of care and reschooling. Thomas said he had two speeds—standing still and bolting—but despite all of that, his personality captured Thomas' heart just like it did Tow-Arnett's.

So when Tow-Arnett and Wood arrived at the MMSC to look at Noah, Thomas didn't think the gelding would be a good match for him.

"We went down there and they said, 'He's kind of a hot horse,'" said Tow-Arnett, adding that Thomas first put him on another MMSC horse to try out.

"I was just super passionate about it. I had my heart set on him and he was the horse that I wanted," he added. "I never felt that strongly

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COURTESY OF JEFF TOW-ARNETT/BRIVADO

Jeff Tow-Arnett and Nowhere to Hide

FORMER DERBY RUNNER, FORMER NFL PLAYER TEAM UP

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about an animal. It was very much like when I decided to go play football...when you tell me no, I will do everything I can to prove you wrong."

Sensing Tow-Arnett's passion and dedication, and having adopted out a horse to his girlfriend, Thomas devised a plan.

"He sat (in the office) and said, 'You give horses second chances, why don't you give them to people?' And that's where we made this deal," Thomas said. "The deal was: you ride five days a week, you have a certain amount of lessons, you have to read Sally Swift (her book *Centered Riding*), and you have to call me every Sunday. Come back in six weeks and we'll see.

"And by god, he did it. He was disciplined."

Tow-Arnett held up his end of the bargain and Noah eventually came home to Minnesota with him. The

duo improved their skills and have been to a handful of schooling shows. Also being lured in by Noah's personality, Wood, an accomplished equestrian, began showing him in the jumper divisions.

Now Tow-Arnett and Wood have four other horses from MMSC—You Jest, Wordsworth, Bordeaux Bandit, and Haxby Park—and are currently, along with Tow-Arnett's brother and sister-in-law, building a farm in Jordan, Minn. They plan on having boarding, training, and even some summer camps at the facility, named Golden Gate Equestrian Center.

"From where my life was three years ago, it's just drastically different," Tow-Arnett said.

"(Before Noah) I was at the point in my life where I wasn't ready to give up football unless I found something else that I was just as passionate about," he reflected. "And now I can say for sure that horses have definitely filled that spot." **BH**

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OUT OF THE GATE

TURN AND BURN: Classic Empire leads the way turning for home in the Preakness, but Cloud Computing looms

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PREAKNESS WINNER FROM THE CLOUDS

By Alan Porter

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Turning for home in the Preakness Stakes (G1), a grandson of Empire Maker led, hotly pursued by a grandson of Distorted Humor. At the wire, it was the grandson of Distorted Humor—Cloud Computing—who got up in the last few strides to deny Empire Maker's grandson Classic Empire.

It struck me that I'd seen this movie before. In the 2012 Preakness, Empire Maker's son Bodemeister turned for home with the same three-length lead as Classic Empire, but he was caught by Distorted Humor grandson I'll Have Another, who'd also run down Bodemeister late in the Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (G1). Of course, Bodemeister gained a significant measure of recompense when his first-crop son Always Dreaming—who finished a tired eighth in the Preakness—captured this year's Kentucky Derby. Then, back in 2003, Distorted Humor's son Funny Cide denied Empire Maker himself by 1 3/4 lengths in the Derby, although Empire Maker ultimately had his revenge by taking the Belmont Stakes (G1), with a Triple Crown-seeking Funny Cide in third.

Cloud Computing's victory means that his sire, Maclean's Music, becomes just the fourth non-stakes winning stallion in the last 40 years—after Malibu Moon, Sovereign Dancer, and Danzig—to be represented by a winner of one of the Triple Crown events. A \$900,000 RNA as a yearling, Maclean's Music is by Distorted Humor out of multiple graded stakes winner Forest Music, a daughter of Unbridled's Song (by Empire Maker's sire, Unbridled). Maclean's Music ran once, but that start was a memorable one, as he scored by 7 1/4 lengths in a maiden event at Santa Anita Park,

MACLEAN'S MUSIC, b, 2008	Distorted Humor, 1993	Forty Niner, 1985	Mr. Prospector
		Danzig's Beauty, 1987	File
	Forest Music, 2001	Unbridled's Song, 1993	Danzig
CLOUD COMPUTING dkb/br, c April 29, 2014	A.P. Indy, 1989	Defer West, 1991	Sweetest Chant
		Seattle Slew, 1974	Unbridled
	Halo America, 1990	Weekend Surprise, 1980	Trolley Song
QUICK TEMPER, dkb/br, 2001	Waquoit, 1983	Ameriangel, 1982	Gone West
			Defer
			Bold Reasoning
			My Charmer
			Secretariat
			Lassie Dear
			Relaunch
			Grey Parlo
			Halo
			Ameriturn

running six furlongs in 1:07.44, and achieving a Beyer Speed Figure of 114, the highest ever by a debutant. Cloud Computing is from Maclean's Music's first crop of 3-year-olds, and he now has five stakes winners and 11 total stakes horses from 55 first-crop starters.

The previously mentioned Funny Cide was a member of Distorted Humor's first crop, and was the initiator of a pattern to which Cloud Computing owes his existence, as he was out of a mare by a son of of Seattle Slew. Funny Cide was the only stakes winner on a Distorted Humor/Seattle Slew cross in his sire's first crop, but Distorted Humor has gone on to sire 26 stakes winners out of mares by Seattle Slew and his sons (from 198 starters). The cross with daughters of A.P. Indy has been particularly prolific, with 14 stakes winners from 106 starters, including grade 1 winners Any Given Saturday and Joking.

Cloud Computing's dam, Quick Temper, is a graded stakes-placed daughter of A.P. Indy. A half sister to the Storm Cat sprinter Marino Marini, a stakes winner in Ireland and group/grade 1 placed in Ireland and the United States, Quick Temper is out of the grade 1 winner Halo America, by the Relaunch horse Waquoit. The family goes back to Sparta, a stakes-winning daughter of Kentucky Oaks victress Alcibiades, also dam of champion 2-year-old Menow. **BH**

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STAKES RESULTS

PRIX CORRIDA (G2)

Saint Cloud, 5/23, €130,000, 4yo/up, f, 10.5f, 2:16.69, good.

1—**Armande (IRE)**, 123, b f, 4 €74,100
Sea The Stars (IRE)—Alpine Snow (IRE), by Verglas (IRE)
 O—ECURIE DE ROTHSCHILD & LADY O'REILLY, B—PETRA BLOODSTOCK & ECURIE DE MEAUTRY (IRE), T—FABRE ANDRE, J—BOUDOT PIERRE-CHARLES

2—**That Which Is Not**, 123, dk b/br f, 4. €28,600
Elusive Quality—Shiva (JPN), by Hector Protector
 O—FLAXMAN HOLDINGS LTD, B—Flaxman Holdings Limited (KY), T—GRAFFARD FRANCIS-HENRI, J—PASQUIER STEPHANE

3—**Haggle (GB)**, 123, ch f, 4 €13,650
Pivotal (GB)—Barter (GB), by **Daylami (IRE)**
 O—MME REBECCA HILLEN, B—Fittocks Stud (GB), T—DEVIN HENRI-FRANCIS, J—BUICK WILLIAM

Sale History: 2016 TATDEC, \$162,986.

Margins: 3, ¾, 2. **Others:** ROSENTAL (GB), SAIMAA (IRE), LEFT HAND (GB), REDCOLD, GLADE (GB).

PRIX CLEOPATRE (G3)

Saint Cloud, 5/23, €80,000, 3yo, f, 10.5f, 2:16.32, good.

1—**Terrakova (IRE)**, 123, b f, 3 €40,000
Galileo (IRE)—Goldikova (IRE), by Anabaa
 O—Wertheimer & Frere, B—Wertheimer & Frere (IRE), T—HEAD FREDDY, J—GUYON MAXIME

2—**Panthelia (FR)**, 123, gr f, 3 €16,000
Gentlewave (IRE)—Panthesilea (FR), by Kendor (FR)
 O—Guy Pariente, B—GUY PARIENTE HOLDING (FR), T—SOGORB PHILIPPE, J—EYQUEM JEAN-BERNARD

3—**Penny Lane (GER)**, 123, dkb f, 3 €12,000
Lord of England (GER)—Peace Time (GER), by Surumu (GER)
 O—ECURIE DE MONTLAHUC, B—Gestut Etzean (GER), T—GRAFFARD FRANCIS-HENRI, J—BOUDOT PIERRE-CHARLES

Sale History: 2015 BBGAUG, \$44,496.

Margins: ¾, 1, ½. **Others:** RYTHMIQUE (IRE), MADEMOISELLE MARIE, PINK PAINT, TERRE, LIMITED EDITION.

PRIX DU LYS (G3)

Saint Cloud, 5/23, €80,000, 3yo, 12f, 2:35.74, good.

1—**Called To The Bar (IRE)**, 128, b g, 3. €40,000
Henrythenavigator—Perfect Hedge (GB), by Unfuwain
 O—FAIR SALINIA LTD, B—FAIR SALINIA LTD (IRE), T—BRANDT MME PIA, J—BARZALONA MICKAEL

2—**Ice Breeze (GB)**, 128, b c, 3 €16,000
Nayef—Winter Silence (GB), by **Dansili (GB)**

O—KHALED ABDULLAH, B—Juddmonte Farms (GB), T—BARY PASCAP, J—CHEMINAUD VINCENT

3—**Shakeel (FR)**, 128, b c, 3 €12,000
Dalakhani (IRE)—Shamiyra (FR), by **Medicean (GB)**

O—S A AGA KHAN, B—S A AGA KHAN (FR), T—DE ROYER DUPRE ALAIN, J—SOUILLON CHRISTOPHE

Margins: 2, 1, 1½. **Others:** FALCON WINGS (GB), MERIKHA (GB), WALSHINGHAM (GER).

PRIX DE PONTARME

Saint Cloud, 5/23, €55,000, 3yo, 8f, 1:44.80, good.

1—**Trais Fluors (GB)**, 126, b c, 3 €27,500
Dansili (GB)—Trois Lunes (FR), by **Manduro (GER)**

O—SCEA HARAS DE SAINT PAIR, B—SCEA HARAS DE SAINT PAIR (GB), T—FABRE ANDRE, J—CHEMINAUD VINCENT

Sale History: 2015 TATOC1, (\$193,007 RNA).

2—**D'Bai (IRE)**, 130, b c, 3 €11,000
Dubawi (IRE)—Savannah Belle (GB), by Green Desert

O—Godolphin, B—Lodge Park Stud (IRE), T—APLEBY CHARLIE, J—BUICK WILLIAM

3—**Ratiocination (IRE)**, 126, b c, 3 €8,250
Excelebration (IRE)—Denebola, by Storm Cat
 O—FLAXMAN STABLES IRELAND LTD, B—FLAXMAN STABLES IRELAND LTD (IRE), T—BARY PASCAL, J—PASQUIER STEPHANE

Margins: 1½, ¾, 2½. **Others:** VERANDA.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS

Finger Lakes, Race 1, AOC

5/23, \$20,400, 3yo/up, 8f (dirt), 1:39.86, track fast.

1—**Global Positioning**, 120, dk b/br g, 5, **Malibu Moon**—Changeisgonnacome, by Cherokee Run, \$12,240, O—Manhattan Racing Stable, B—Chester Broman & Mary R. Broman (NY), T—Bruce R. Brown, J—Harry Hernandez



Margin: 8, 5 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Indiana Downs, Race 3, ALW

5/23, \$36,000, 3yo/up, 5.5f (dirt), 1:04.67, track fast.

1—**Unbridle Fiona**, 120, ch g, 5, **Unbridled America**—Sister Fiona, by **Defrere**, \$21,600, O—Southwest Racing Stables, B—Dennis W Behrmann (IN), T—Genaro Garcia, J—Constantino Roman

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

Indiana Downs, Race 6, AOC

5/23, \$32,500, 3yo/up, 5f (turf), :55.83, course firm.

1—**American Sailor**, 120, ch g, 5, **City Zip**—Yesshesarocket, by Yes It's True, \$19,500, O—Newport Stables LLC, B—Katerich Farms (KY), T—Joe Sharp, J—Chris Landeros

Sale History: 2014 OBSAPR, \$100,000, 2013 KEESEP, \$50,000.

Margin: 2¼, 8 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Indiana Downs, Race 7, ALW

5/23, \$45,000, 3yo/up, 6f (dirt), 1:09.20, track fast.

1—**Bucchero**, 120, ch h, 5, **Kantharos**—Meetmeontime, by General Meeting, \$27,000, O—Ironhorse Racing Stable LLC, B—Southern Chase Farm, Inc. & Karen Dodd (IN), T—Tim Glyshaw, J—Leandro R. Goncalves

Sale History: 2014 OBSJUN, \$43,000.

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

Parx Racing, Race 7, AOC

5/23, \$50,000, 4yo/up, 6.5f (dirt), 1:16.84, track fast.

1—**Red Razzo**, 120, ch g, 5, **Tocet**—High Iron Lass, by **In-clude**, \$42,000, O—Frank R. Bottiglia, B—Roger Cettina (PA), T—Alberto Plaza, J—Emmanuel Esquivel

Margin: ¾, 6 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

MAIDEN RESULTS

Indiana Downs, Race 4, MSW

5/23, \$31,000, 2yo, 5f (turf), :57.76, course firm.

1—**Tigerbeach**, 118, b c, 2, **Treasure Beach (GB)**—Cold Blooded, by Tiger Ridge, \$18,600, O—Charles W. Brown, B—John C. Pereira (FL), T—John A. Hancock, J—Deshawn L. Parker

Sale History: 2017 OBSMAR, (\$47,000 RNA), 2016 KEESEP, \$27,000.

Margin: 3¾, 8 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Indiana Downs, Race 5, MSW

5/23, \$33,000, 3/4/5yo, f/m, 6f (dirt), 1:11.61, track fast.

1—**Tizkat Kodiak**, 118, dk b/br f, 3, **Kodiak Kowboy**—Tizcat Clax, by **Tiznow**, \$19,800, O—Harley Frey, B—Harley Frey (IN), T—Randy L. Klopp, J—Alejandro L. Contreras

Margin: 1½, 12 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Parx Racing, Race 6, MSW

5/23, \$35,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f (dirt), 1:25.41, track fast.

1—**Anais**, 124, b f, 4, **Malibu Moon**—Trail Magic, by Indian Charlie, \$21,000, O—Highland Yard LLC, B—Brushwood Stable (PA), T—Christophe Clement, J—Frankie Pennington

Sale History: 2014 FTSAUG, \$610,000.



Margin: 11¼, 10 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

TODAY'S ENTRIES

SWIFTLY SIRED FILLIES S.

Indiana Downs, Wednesday, May 24, Race 6
6f (dirt), \$100,000, 3yo f, 4:25 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	1	Lexira	Pass Rush	3/f	Thomas L. Pompell	116	12/1	Bill Birkett
2	2	Cora Anne	Glasnost	3/f	Katie Clawson	116	12/1	Bruce Murphy and Southwest Racing Stables (Genaro Garcia)
3	3	Handfuls Baby Girl	Quite a Handful	3/f	Alonso Quinonez	116	15/1	Diana Jacobs and Connie, Jean, Chris and Ted Barlas
4	4	No Bluff Just Hope	Strong Hope	3/f	Eduardo E. Perez	116	3/1	Ben Dean Grimme
5	5	Benten	Pass Rush	3/f	Marcelino Pedroza	116	30/1	Indy Dancer's Training Center (Merrill C. Roberts)
6	6	Passion Rush	Pass Rush	3/f	Deshawn L. Parker	116	8/1	Melissa Webb
7	7	Airtime Annie	Skylord	3/f	Rodney A. Prescott	116	12/1	David L. Stolle
8	8	I Came to Praise	Star Cat	3/f	Chelsey Keiser	122	9/2	Bruce Dillenbeck
9	9	Jills Passion	Pass Rush	3/f	Leandro R. Goncalves	116	12/1	James Bolerjack and Glenn and William Bridwell
10	10	Defining Hope	Strong Hope	3/f	Malcolm Franklin	122	2/1	Colette Marie Vanmatre

Breeders: 1—Herbert Likens & Darlene Likens; 2—Rodney Richardson; 3—Jay J. Holden & Arven P. Holden; 4—Mr. & Mrs. Ben Dean Grimme; 5—Ledgerwood Farms; 6—Diana Moster; 7—Roger Eugene Burton & Anthony Mathias; 8—Richard Snyder & Connie Snyder; 9—Glenn Bridwell & James Bolerjack; 10—Colette Marie Vanmatre.

Trainers: 1—Joseph D. Davis; 2—Genaro Garcia; 3—Jay J. Holden; 4—Robert M. Gorham; 5—Merrill C. Roberts; 6—Grant T. Forster; 7—Wayne D. Mogge; 8—Bruce Dillenbeck; 9—William Stinson, Jr.; 10—Barbara I. McBride.

SAGAMORE SIRED S.

Indiana Downs, Wednesday, May 24, Race 7
6f (dirt), \$100,000, 3yo, 4:53 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	1	Express Charge	Unbridled Express	3/g	Rodney A. Prescott	116	12/1	Ed Wright Cattle Company (Ed Wright) and L.T.B., Inc (Bernard S. Flint)
2	2	Calandave	Lunarpeal	3/g	Albin Jimenez	116	15/1	William J. Wargel
3	3	Evader	Star Cat	3/g	Marcelino Pedroza	120	5/1	Penny S. Lauer
4	4	Exceptional City	City Weekend	3/g	Eduardo E. Perez	116	12/1	Marion F. Gorham
5	5	Here Comes Doc	Silver Mountain	3/g	Deshawn L. Parker	120	5/2	South Fork Creek Stables, Inc. (Deborah and Walter Owens)
6	6	Ron	Mondavi	3/g	Leandro R. Goncalves	122	2/1	Marvin A. Johnson, LLC (Marvin A. Johnson)
7	7	Sung	Sangaree	3/g	Constantino Roman	116	8/1	Elliott Ventures (Amy Elliott)
8	8	Leo D	City Weekend	3/g	Alonso Quinonez	116	15/1	Mast Thoroughbreds, LLC (Henry Mast)
9	9	Express Lane	Unbridled Express	3/g	Thomas L. Pompell	116	12/1	Hillerich Racing, LLC (Ron Hillerich) and L.T.B., Inc. (Bernard S. Flint)
10	10	Keady	Article of Faith	3/g	Malcolm Franklin	116	30/1	Elliott Ventures (Amy Elliott)

Breeders: 1—Ed Wright Cattle Co. & Bernard Flint; 2—William J. Wargel; 3—Michael E. Lauer & Penny S. Lauer; 4—Connie Pass & Pennie Ricketts; 5—South Fork Creek Stables, Inc.; 6—Carol S Renn; 7—Amy Elliott & Jim Elliott; 8—Mast Thoroughbreds LLC; 9—LTB Inc & Hillerich Racing LLC; 10—James R. Elliott & Amy Elliott.

Trainers: 1—Bernard S. Flint; 2—Ricky J. Short; 3—Michael E. Lauer; 4—Robert M. Gorham; 5—John F. Hill, Jr.; 6—Marvin A. Johnson; 7—Barbara I. McBride; 8—Robert M. Gorham; 9—Bernard S. Flint; 10—Barbara I. McBride.



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2017 NORTH AMERICAN LEADING SIRES

Listed below is a comparison of statistics for only North American racing with all available statistics through May 24, 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)	\$8,593,328
2	Ghostzapper	Awesome Again, '00	\$75,000	Adena Springs Kentucky, KY	Shaman Ghost (\$2,380,000)	\$4,843,181
3	Malibu Moon	A.P. Indy, '97	\$75,000	Spendthrift Farm, KY	Gormley (\$684,000)	\$4,116,815
4	Harlan's Holiday	Harlan, '99	Died	N/A	Neolithic (\$1,000,000)	\$3,923,837
5	Curlin	Smart Strike, '04	\$150,000	Hill 'n' Dale Farms, KY	Irish War Cry (\$616,660)	\$3,713,500
6	Tapit	Pulpit, '01	\$300,000	Gainesway, KY	Unique Bella (\$300,000)	\$3,661,581
7	Quality Road	Elusive Quality, '06	\$35,000	Lane's End, KY	Abel Tasman (\$664,200)	\$3,369,292
8	Candy Ride (ARG)	Ride the Rails, '99	\$60,000	Lane's End, KY	Gun Runner (\$300,000)	\$3,236,640
9	Into Mischief	Harlan's Holiday, '05	\$75,000	Spendthrift Farm, KY	Practical Joke (\$336,000)	\$3,188,178
10	Uncle Mo	Indian Charlie, '08	\$150,000	Ashford Stud, KY	Conquest Mo Money (\$508,900)	\$3,184,716

2017 BROODMARE SIRES

Listed below are the top 10 leading broodmare sires by 2017 Northern Hemisphere earnings through May 24, 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	190	288	4 (1.4%)	53	Arrogate (\$13,000,000)	\$17,376,760
2	Sunday Silence	Halo, '86	486	901	13 (1.4%)	168	Persian Knight (\$392,244)	\$10,804,083
3	A.P. Indy	Seattle Slew, '89	269	399	14 (3.5%)	154	Cloud Computing (\$1,071,000)	\$8,558,162
4	Storm Cat	Storm Bird, '83	294	423	8 (1.9%)	239	Irapi (\$700,000)	\$6,950,253
5	Giant's Causeway	Storm Cat, '97	282	381	3 (.8%)	49	Gun Runner (\$2,300,000)	\$6,353,392
6	Unbridled's Song	Unbridled, '93	293	417	9 (2.2%)	106	Farrell (\$460,000)	\$6,148,354
7	French Deputy	Deputy Minister, '92	236	400	5 (1.3%)	71	Gold Dream (\$404,190)	\$5,736,978
8	Machiavellian	Mr. Prospector, '87	121	161	5 (3.1%)	99	Vivlos (\$3,625,097)	\$5,544,204
9	Seeking the Gold	Mr. Prospector, '85	206	301	9 (3.0%)	143	Conquest Mo Money (\$508,900)	\$4,636,018
10	Elusive Quality	Gone West, '93	207	296	5 (1.7%)	43	Prize Money (\$581,000)	\$4,213,428

2017 SIRES BY LIFETIME AEI

Listed below are the top 10 leading sires by lifetime Average Earnings Index (AEI) through May 24, 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	325	2.79	1.67
2	Pioneer of the Nile	Empire Maker, '06	\$110,000	WinStar Farm LLC, KY	5	384	2.70	1.88
3	Curlin	Smart Strike, '04	\$150,000	Hill 'n' Dale Farms, KY	6	504	2.43	2.16
4	Tapit	Pulpit, '01	\$300,000	Gainesway, KY	10	1047	2.36	2.14
5	War Front	Danzig, '02	\$250,000	Claiborne Farm, KY	8	526	2.33	2.27
6	Ghostzapper	Awesome Again, '00	\$75,000	Adena Springs Kentucky, KY	9	683	2.21	2.02
7	Into Mischief	Harlan's Holiday, '05	\$75,000	Spendthrift Farm, KY	6	398	2.14	1.56
8	Distorted Humor	Forty Niner, '93	\$80,000	WinStar Farm LLC, KY	16	1316	2.05	2.19
9	Medaglia d'Oro	El Prado, '99	\$150,000	Darley, KY	10	1108	2.04	2.32
10	Awesome Again	Deputy Minister, '94	N/A	Adena Springs Kentucky, KY	16	1104	2.02	1.91