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# TAPWRIT FAVORED OVER ALWAYS DREAMING, CLOUD COMPUTING

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Belmont Stakes Presented by NYRA Bets (G1) winner Tapwrit, who has been cooling his heels since his classic triumph, was installed as the 7-2 morning-line favorite in the field of a dozen sophomores entered for an exceptionally deep edition the \$1.25 million Travers Stakes Presented by NYRA Bets (G1) at Saratoga Race Course Aug. 26.

With parity the name of the game for the 3-year-old males this season, Tapwrit is one of a fistful of contenders who could emerge this Saturday with a long-awaited grasp on divisional leadership. The Todd Pletcher-trained son of Tapit is set to break from post 4 and will be joined in the gate for the 1 1/4-mile test by stablemate and Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (G1) winner Always Dreaming, and by Preakness Stakes (G1) victor Cloud Computing.

The latter two were defeated by Good Samaritan in the July 29 Jim Dandy Stakes Presented



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Jose Ortiz celebrates winning the Belmont Stakes aboard Tapwrit

by NYRA Bets (G2), with Always Dreaming coming home third

after setting the pace and Cloud Computing fading to fifth. Always Dreaming is expected to be the lone speed again Saturday

out of post 7 and was installed at 6-1 on the morning-line.

Despite Girvin's triumph in the July 30 Betfair.com Haskell Invitational Stakes (G1), that son of Tale of Ekati sits at 10-1 on the morning line with second-choice favoritism going to Bob Baffert trainee West Coast, who was installed at 4-1 odds in the wake of his victory in the July 15 Los Alamitos Derby (G3). **BH**



## \$1,250,000 TRAVERS STAKES (G1)

PP	Horse	Jockey	Trainer	M/L
1	Cloud Computing	Javier Castellano	Chad Brown	8-1
2	Giuseppe the Great	Tyler Gaffalione	Nick Zito	20-1
3	West Coast	Mike Smith	Bob Baffert	4-1
4	Tapwrit	Jose Ortiz	Todd Pletcher	7-2
5	Good Samaritan	Joel Rosario	Bill Mott	5-1
6	Girvin	Robby Albarado	Joe Sharp	10-1
7	Always Dreaming	John Velazquez	Todd Pletcher	6-1
8	Lookin At Lee	Ricardo Santana, Jr.	Steve Asmussen	30-1
9	McCraken	Brian Hernandez, Jr.	Ian Wilkes	12-1
10	Irap	Mario Gutierrez	Doug O'Neill	8-1
11	Gunnvera	Edgard Zayas	Antonio Sano	20-1
12	Fayeq	Luis Saez	Kiaran McLaughlin	30-1

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# RESTED TAPWRIT LOOKS TO DELIVER TRAVERS KNOCKOUT

By Alicia Wincze Hughes

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It has been just over 10 weeks since Tapwrit took the expectations he'd been shouldering since he was a baby, carried them for the 12-furlongs around Belmont Park, then tossed them up another level when he finished the final leg of the Triple Crown two lengths in front of his closest competitor. And in the time since the son of Tapit became one of his division's elite, all sorts of chaos has broken out among his classmates.

The horse who was the favorite in last year's Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf (G1T) took down two classic winners during his dirt debut in the Jim Dandy Stakes Presented by NYRA Bets (G2). The longshot who broke his maiden in the Toyota Blue Grass Stakes (G2) is now a multiple graded victor who defeated the eventual Betfair.com Haskell Invitational Stakes (G1) winner.

While the Good Samaritans and Iraps and Girvins of the world have been trading shots, Tapwrit has been quietly working toward building off the blow he delivered when he captured the June 10 Belmont Stakes Presented by NYRA Bets (G1). And if he lands another power punch in the Aug. 26 Travers Stakes Presented by NYRA Bets (G1), it might be the hit that sends the rest his division sprawling.

With Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (G1) winner Always Dreaming and Preakness Stakes (G1) hero Cloud Computing set to join him in the starting gate, Tapwrit will be part of the first Travers Stakes since the 1982 to have all three individual classic winners square off in the Midsummer Derby. Given that pretty much every accomplished 3-year-old dirt male save for champion Classic Empire is slated to join that trio in the 1 1/4-mile test, a win by any of that bunch would give said youngster strong favoritism when it comes to forecasting year-end honors.



Tapwrit captured the Belmont Stakes by two lengths and will race for the first time since then in the Aug. 26 Travers Stakes at Saratoga Race Course

In one of his more impressive training feats, Todd Pletcher took the immature colt who ran last in his debut at Saratoga Race Course last September and helped him craft a résumé as strong as any this season. When Tapwrit captured the Belmont, it marked his second graded win to go along with his victory in the Lambholm South Tampa Bay Derby (G2). His sixth-place effort in the Kentucky Derby was respectable given the trouble he encountered at the start and, after racing seven times in eight months, the \$1.2 million yearling purchase was freshened after the Belmont for the exact purpose of pouncing on a potentially battle-weary group.

"His conditioning and stamina was not a concern. Rather it was a matter of just recharging the batteries and going into the Travers with a fresh horse," said Aron Wellman of Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, which owns Tapwrit in partnership with Robert LaPenta, Bridlewood Farm, Gainesway, and Whisper Hill Farm. "We just thought if we could sit back, allow them to duke it out in those races. ... and have a horse who is at a very high energy level for this time in the year, we could potentially be at an advantage. And we definitely are seeing a fresh, willing, energetic Tapwrit now." **BH**

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# KY COURT OVERTURNS MOTION'S METHOCARBAMOL POSITIVE

By Frank Angst

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A Kentucky court overturned a 2015 methocarbamol positive against trainer Graham Motion, and in doing so called into question Kentucky's adoption of guidelines crafted by the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium.

Furthermore, the court's decision also found the state's "absolute insurer rule," which places ultimate responsibility for what's in a horse's system on the trainer, to be unconstitutional. In ruling in favor of Motion, the court said threshold guidelines need to be based in science.

"Without scientific evidence providing more than the wildest speculative reasoning for imposing a penalty, the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission would have unfettered power to regulate all substances with which a horse could come in contact," wrote Franklin (Ky.) Circuit Court Judge Thomas Wingate in his decision in favor of Motion.

The court's decision overturns a 2015 methocarbamol positive against Kitten's Point, following her victory in the Bewitch Stakes (G3T) at Keeneland. The decision will see the \$500 fine against Motion lifted and the \$90,000 winner's purse awarded to owner George Strawbridge Jr.

Motion's attorney, W. Craig Robertson III, said the trainer easily could have accepted the relatively light



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**The decision will see a \$500 fine against Graham Motion lifted in addition to other reversals**

penalty, which also initially saw the stewards impose a five-day suspension; but Motion opted to fight the ruling on principle.

"I was most happy for Graham because it preserves his reputation, which is very important. He didn't deserve to have this violation," Robertson said. "The easy thing for Graham would have been to just accept the fine, \$500, and five-day suspension—in the grand scheme of things it's not a whole lot. But to his credit, he fought it on the principle of the matter.

"It cost a lot of money, and time, and emotional heartache—litigation is not easy. I told him he deserved a big pat on the back from all horsemen because not a lot of people would have gone this far."

KHRC general counsel John Forgy said the commission is currently evaluating Judge Wingate's opinion and order, and is in the process of assessing all available legal options. KHRC executive director Marc Guilfoil also said the commission is evaluating Judge Wingate's opinion, which was entered Aug. 18.



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**Kitten's Point winning the 2015 Bewitch Stakes at Keeneland**

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# KY COURT OVERTURNS MOTION'S METHOCARBAMOL POSITIVE

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The court ruled that the KHRC did not act within its statutory power because its threshold for methocarbamol, a muscle relaxant, of 1.0 nanograms per milliliter of blood was promulgated without reinforcement of scientific evidence. Kitten's Point tested at 2.9 nanograms per milliliter of blood. The court said testimony from experts, including Kentucky Equine Medical Director Dr. Mary Scollay and Dr. Richard Sams of Kentucky's testing laboratory LGC Science, indicated that methocarbamol would not have any effect on a horse at 2.9 ng/ml.

"The evidence presented by the KHRC merely indicates that a possibility for an effect at a certain dosing level exists," Judge Wingate wrote in his decision. "The court cannot allow mere speculation to stand for scientific evidence."

The court decision later noted that, "evidence petitioners supplied to the record suggests that the RMTC board members who made the advised drug schedule considered additional, unscientific factors outside of scientific suitability of the regulation."

As Motion's case was progressing, the RMTC argued that its thresholds, including the one for methocarbamol, are based in science.

"The recommendation is based upon research that is published in Rumpler, M., et al., *The pharmacokinetics of methocarbamol and guaifenesin after single intravenous and multiple-dose oral administration of methocarbamol in the horse*, *J. Vet. Pharmacol. Therap.*, 37(1): 25-34 (Feb. 2014)," the RMTC previously said.

Motion's attorney also argued that a hearing officer who recommended that the full commission uphold the stewards' finding of a positive should have allowed Motion's arguments as to the non-scientific reasons the RMTC recommended the 1.0 threshold. The court ruled that prohibition amounted to the petitioner not receiving sufficient due process during the administrative hearing.

"The hearing officer, by limiting the evidence at the hearing to merely that which related to Kitten's Point's drug violation, curtailed petitioners' ability to present a meaningful challenge to the regulation," Judge Wingate wrote.

"To allow an administrative agency to so siphon the offer of proof surrounding the arbitrariness would effectively eliminate any check to the administrative agency's power."

The ruling went on to say, "If the citizens of Kentucky cannot challenge regulations they believe to be founded upon political and baseless motives, then no remedy exists to check the agency's power. An agency must allow proof regarding the perceived arbitrary and capricious nature of a regulation."

The court said at the hearing the KHRC merely presented evidence in the form of expert testimony that methocarbamol could cause central nervous system effects at certain dosing levels. It ruled that such findings are too speculative.

"The mere chance of effect empowers the KHRC to excessively penalize racehorses for the consumption of virtually any substance," the court added in its decision. "This far exceeds the purpose of the KHRC to protect the integrity of Kentucky racing and the well-being of horses."

Motion also had argued that at such a small level, the methocarbamol found in Kitten's Point's system may have been the result of environmental contamination—perhaps she'd consumed another horse's feed that had the substance mixed in it. Motion's attorney argued that the state's absolute insurer rule is unconstitutional because it should be limited to instances where affirmative action has occurred to place the substance in the horse.

The court ruled that the state's absolute insurer rule impermissibly deprives trainers of due process.

"Trainers must be able to present evidence to rebut their liability in an instance of violation," read the decision. "To disallow a trainer to safeguard his license, a trainer must receive due process to be heard on the propriety of his actions to challenge liability for a dosing violation."

Robertson said the court's finding in terms of the absolute insurer rule could have great impact on Kentucky racing and perhaps beyond.

"The first part of the ruling was important to Graham and George but it just pertains to this case," Robertson said. "The broader implications would be the additional ruling pertaining to Kentucky's absolute insurer rule." **BH**

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## MASSIVE AUSTRALIAN INTEREST IN AMERICAN PHAROAH

By Chris Roots

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The excitement of a glorious June 2015 Saturday in New York is still rippling through the racing world with the arrival of Triple Crown winner American Pharoah in Australia.

The 37-year wait for a horse to complete the sweep of the American classics captured the imagination in his homeland and two years on, he also has spiked massive interest Down Under.

Countless winners have walked in and out of Coolmore Australia at Jerry Plains, near Scone, but there has never been a horse with the drawing power of American Pharoah. Since he arrived this month, a constant stream of clients and media have headed to see him.

"It is like having a movie star at home," Coolmore Australia boss Tom Magnier said. "Everyone wants to see him and it's like the paparazzi when he comes out, everyone wants a photo.

"He is the coolest dude around and he stands there and lets everyone see how good he is."

American Pharoah's book was quickly filled at AU\$66,000 (\$50,694) and strong interest remains in the stallion who became the 12th Triple Crown winner and then beat older rivals in the 2015 Breeders Cup Classic (G1). There is a long waiting list of mares whose owners are



American Pharoah with Tom Magnier at Coolmore Australia

trying to get a mating with him before the Australian breeding season concludes.

American Pharoah will be the star attraction of the stallion inspection weekend in Scone Aug. 26-27.

Coolmore's Australian bloodstock agent James Bester refers to him as "Captain America."

"It is like having Michael Jordan here in Australia to play basketball," Bester added. "The best horse we have seen here from America."

Magnier said having American Pharoah in Australia brings back memories.

"I was there when he won the Belmont Stakes (G1) and it was the most incredible day I have spent at the races," Magnier said. "There were more than 100,000 people and they were all there cheering for one horse and when he hit the front, the roar was amazing.

"The next day, it was all people were talking about, 'did you see that horse?' and he is having that effect in Australia.

"He is a faultless physical specimen and free of Danehill blood, which makes him a perfect complement to our own band of Fastnet Rock and Danehill mares.

"His story is only just beginning." **BH**

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# TOP FILLY ENABLE BACK FOR YORKSHIRE OAKS

By Bob Kieckhefer

Juddmonte Farms' star homebred filly Enable, the dual Oaks winner and early favorite for this fall's Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe (G1), is the overwhelming pick in the Aug. 24 Darley Yorkshire Oaks (G1) in the north of England.

The Nathaniel filly, trained by John Gosden, one-upped herself after winning the Investec Oaks (G1) at Epsom and the Darley Irish Oaks (G1) at the Curragh by taking on—and decisively whipping—older horses and males in the July 29 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes (G1) at Ascot in her last start.

The Ascot tour de force moved the filly directly to the top of the list of European horses and that assessment gained steam in the past few weeks as other potential Arc candidates have fizzled in prep races.

"I thought it was an unusual move by John Gosden to enter (Enable) in the race (King George) as he also had (group 1 winner) Jack Hobbs in there. But he's had a chance to look at an awful lot of the opposition and, that he decided to come back off of two weeks in a really, really tough race, he obviously saw plenty at home to give him confidence," said Garrett O'Rourke, U.S. manager for Juddmonte Farms. "And he was absolutely right. She's only 3 years old and she's done something that 3-year-olds don't often get asked, let alone 3-year-old fillies."

Frankie Dettori is set to be aboard Enable again at York.



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Enable wins the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes

Gosden also has Coronet set to face her accomplished stablemate. The daughter of Dubawi won the Ribblesdale Stakes (G2) at Royal Ascot and was most recently fourth to Enable in the Irish Oaks.

Nezwaah, another daughter of Dubawi, comes off a victory in the Pretty Poly Stakes (G1) at the Curragh July 2 for trainer Roger Varian.

Queen's Trust, winner of the Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf (G1T) at Santa Anita Park last November, is seeking her first victory since besting Lady Eli that day. In her most recent start, the daughter of Dansili finished sixth behind the brilliant Aidan O'Brien-trained Winter over soft ground in the Aug. 3 Qatar Nassau Stakes (G1) at Goodwood.

The Aug. 24 card at York also includes the Sky Bet Lowther Stakes (G2) for 2-year-old fillies where O'Brien has group 3 winner Actress and trainer Wesley Ward has entered Happy Like a Fool. The latter, a Distorted Humor filly, finished second in the Queen Mary Stakes (G2) at Royal Ascot after leading a good part of the way.

Alicia Wincze Hughes contributed to this report. **BH**

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## NEW YORK-BREDS READY FOR SIX SHOWCASE DAY STAKES

By BloodHorse Staff

More than 100 New York-breds will take center stage at Saratoga Race Course Aug. 25 for New York Showcase Day, featuring an all state-bred card that includes six stakes worth \$1.15 million.

An accomplished field of stakes winners will comprise the \$200,000 Fleet Indian Stakes for 3-year-old fillies on the main track to start the day's stakes action as Race 3. Making her stakes debut in the five-horse field is Alpha Delta Stables' Sunset Ridge, who has won her first three races. She will face three-time stakes winner and grade 2-placed Bonita Bianca, who is campaigned by Michael Dubb, Bethlehem Stables, and Michael Imperio.

Gary Barber's What a Catch will try to pick up his second straight stakes win when he faces an expected seven other juveniles in the \$200,000 Funny Cide Stakes at 6 1/2 furlongs, carded as Race 5. Trained by Todd Pletcher and ridden in his two career starts by Hall of Famer John Velazquez, the chestnut colt by Justin Phillip won his stakes debut in the Rockville Center Stakes by a length July 15 at Belmont Park to back up his 5 1/2-length maiden-breaking win June 2.

Dubb and Bethlehem Stables' grade 3 winner Fourstar Crook will bring her eight-race win streak into the 38th running of the \$150,000 Yaddo Stakes for fillies and mares on the Mellon Turf Course. The 5-year-old daughter of Freud has won four straight stakes races including the Dr. James Penny Memorial Handicap (G3T) at Parx Racing and last year's Yaddo. Hall of Famer Javier Castellano will ride the Chad Brown trainee in Race 7.

Gold Star Racing Stable, Matthew Hand, and Brian McKenzie's

I Still Miss You will look to get back to the winner's circle, leading an expected field of nine juvenile fillies in the \$200,000 Seeking the Ante Stakes as Race 8. Winner of the Astoria Stakes in June, the Majestic Warrior filly finished second in the Lynbrook Stakes at Belmont to Pure Silver, who returned to post a 9 1/2-length victory in the Adirondack Stakes (G2) last time out. Trained by Jeremiah Englehart, I Still Miss You will depart from post 8 with Castellano aboard.

Race 9, the \$150,000 West Point Stakes presented by Trustco Bank, will again feature long-time rivals King Kreesa and Kharafa, who finished one-two respectively in last year's contest at 1 1/16 miles on the turf. Multiple graded stakes winner King Kreesa will break from post 2 with regular rider Jose Ortiz. The 7-year-old gelding Kharafa will break from post 5 with jockey Joe Bravo.

Highweight in the field for the \$250,000 Albany Stakes for 3-year-olds is Twisted Tom, winner of the New York Derby at Finger Lakes Race Track July 22 last time out, following the Creative Cause gelding's sixth-place effort in the Belmont Stakes Presented by NYRA Bets (G1). The Chad Brown trainee will break from post 4 with Castellano aboard. The Albany goes as Race 10. **BH**

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Fourstar Crook extended her win streak to eight with a victory in the Dr. James Penny Memorial Stakes July 4 at Parx Racing

# COLLECTED, ARROGATE TIE FOR WEEK'S TOP SPEED FIGURE

By Frank Angst

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Look at the top Equibase Speed Figures of the week reveals that \$1 million TVG Pacific Classic Stakes (G1) winner Collected certainly earned the first grade 1 victory of his career.

While much of the post-race Pacific Classic focus centered on the problems of Arrogate after the reigning Longines World's Best Racehorse finished second to his fellow Bob Baffert trainee, marking the first time ever Arrogate had lost two races in a row, Equibase Speed Figures show Collected won the race despite Arrogate putting in one of his better efforts.

## Top 10 Equibase Speed Figures Since Aug. 15

E	Horse	Finish	Race, Track, Distance, Date
126	Collected	1	\$1 Million TVG Pacific Classic S. (G1), DMR, 10f, 8/19
126	Arrogate	2	\$1 Million TVG Pacific Classic S. (G1), DMR, 10f, 8/19
121	Accelerate	3	\$1 Million TVG Pacific Classic S. (G1), DMR, 10f, 8/19
120	Blackjackcat	1	Del Mar Mile H. (G2T), DMR, 8ft, 8/20
120	Vyjack	2	Del Mar Mile H. (G2T), DMR, 8ft, 8/20
118	Diversify	1	Evan Shipman S., SAR, 9f, 8/21
118	Om	3	Del Mar Mile H. (G2T), DMR, 8ft, 8/20
117	Conquest Panthera	1	Play the King S. (G2T), WO, 7ft, 8/19
117	Dowse's Beach	2	Play the King S. (G2T), WO, 7ft, 8/19
117	Midnight Storm	4	Del Mar Mile H. (G2T), DMR, 8ft, 8/20

Both horses were awarded ESFs of 126, which marked a fourth-straight career-best number for Collected. But the 126 for Arrogate, who finished a half-length back, was also strong. It represents the top number Juddmonte Farms' 4-year-old runner has posted in a race contested in the United States, better than the 124 the son of Unbridled's Song earned in winning both the Pegasus World Cup Invitational Stakes (G1) this year, and last year's Breeders' Cup Classic Stakes (G1).

Baffert said Speedway Stable's Collected has thrived at Del Mar. The 4-year-old son of City Zip has won four stakes races this season, taking the Santana Mile Stakes and Californian Stakes (G2) in April, the Precisionist Stakes (G3) in June, and registering his longest victory to date in the 1 1/4-mile Pacific Classic. **BH**

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Collected edges Arrogate in the TVG Pacific Classic Stakes

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## BREEDER, CARMA LIAISON TEAM UP TO RETIRE FILLY

By Erin Shea

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When Rachel Masen took a trip to Kentucky for the Retired Racehorse Project's Thoroughbred Makeover event last October, she didn't know she'd be leaving with a request from a Kentucky breeder to help locate a horse back out west.

A lifelong racing fan, Masen wanted to visit historic Calumet Farm on her trip. While taking a tour of the Lexington operation, she spoke with Calumet's Jak Knelman, whose family owns Farfellow Farms near Paris, Ky. As Masen was explaining her role as the California Retirement Management Account (CARMA) liaison at Golden Gate Fields, Knelman mentioned a horse bred by Farfellow that ended up in Northern California. Knelman was keeping tabs on the filly as best he could, but he wanted to make sure that she ended up in a good home once her time on the track was over, so he asked Masen for help.

Within days of being back in California, Masen located the filly—named Kellianne Can Can—and spoke to her then-trainer, Steve Howard, to let



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Kellianne Can Can enjoys life in Hawaii



him know the breeder wanted to help make sure she had a safe place to land.

"I exchanged the info between the two of them so they could get in touch, because Mr. Howard wasn't ready to stop on her yet," Masen said, adding that the Colonel John filly was in excellent condition when she first met her. "(Knelman and Howard) talked, and they agreed that if she didn't race well in the next race that they were going to retire her and I was going to help get her into an aftercare program. The race never went, she never raced. They took her out of training right away."

With cooperation from everyone, and the decision made to retire the horse, Masen was able to get CARMA paperwork filled out quickly so Kellianne Can Can could move on.

"From the time that I met Jak to the time the horse left the track in the trailer to go to the CARMA facility was a few days over a month—it was a very quick turnaround," Masen said. "It was pretty quick because everybody was really responsive and ready to make sure that the horse ended up in the right place.

"Having interested owners and breeders who want to take the time to make sure their horses are going to be OK is something that I wish there was more of."

The filly spent a couple of weeks at a CARMA facility, then went to the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance-accredited Square Peg Foundation for some rehab and retraining before she was adopted out to Jessica Avila-Franco, a hunter/jumper rider who lives in Hawaii.

"I probably never would have heard about the horse if I hadn't met Jak and he hasn't asked me

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# INSIDE AFTERCARE

## BREEDER, CARMA LIAISON TEAM UP TO RETIRE FILLY

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for help," Masen said of Kellianne Can Can.

Knelman was impressed by Masen's helpfulness and the fact that there is a dedicated person on track in place to help horses transition off the track.

"She was able to facilitate (the horse) getting into the right hands. ... she was just great," Knelman said.

"I've never thought a track would have that personnel there to do that. I think it's really great, because if you can trust an accredited person (for aftercare at a racetrack)... you know that they are making sure that (horses) are going to the right places and they are following up with it."

Kellianne Can Can is just one example of the 44 horses Masen has received a call on since starting her current position 19 months ago. From the time Masen has been involved in aftercare in the area, a few years prior to starting her current position, she says the

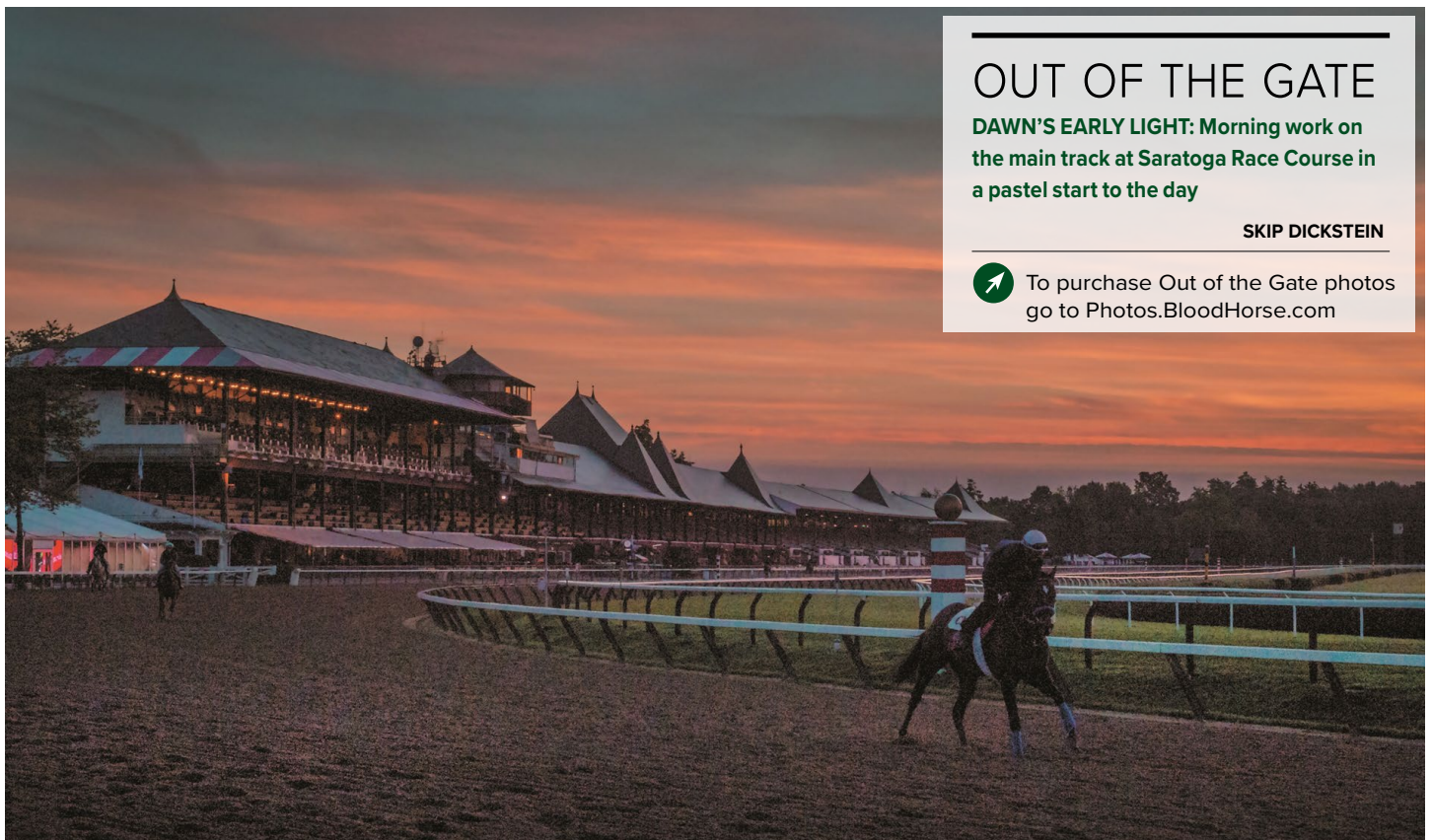
market for off-track Thoroughbreds has changed for the better.

"(The market has) definitely changed," she said. "There are things that have helped increase the market value of the animals and a lot of that is awareness from trainers and owners learning that they don't need to race these horses until they are broken."

Masen said showcasing what the breed can do in other equestrian events, especially through the work of the Retired Racehorse Project, is helping increase Thoroughbreds' value in riding circles. So is CARMA's placement program, which takes horses off the track that need rehabbing or down time and places the horses in a layup facility before they are sent to an aftercare facility, second career, or permanent sanctuary.

"(CARMA) are getting the horses into a place where they can start the retraining and get them adopted out sooner," Masen said. "Horses are moving faster. They are not staying the the aftercare programs as long, because CARMA is handling that." **BH**

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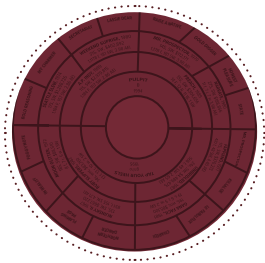
**DAWN'S EARLY LIGHT:** Morning work on the main track at Saratoga Race Course in a pastel start to the day

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# Weekly Pedigree Analysis

WITH ALAN PORTER

## ELATE FROM A LONG LINE OF TOP-CLASS RACE FILLIES

By Alan Porter

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Narrowly beaten by divisional leader Abel Tasman in the Coaching Club American Oaks (G1), Elate emerged as a star in her own right Aug. 19, drawing off to take the Alabama Stakes (G1) by 5 1/2 lengths.

Elate won her only start at 2, romping by 12 1/2 lengths in a one-mile maiden special weight at Aqueduct Racetrack in November. Her form this spring, however, was only modest—according to trainer Bill Mott she was "going through a little bit of a growing stage." Second in the Suncoast Stakes at Tampa Bay Downs, she then checked in third in the Honeybee Stakes (G3), and was pulled up in the Central Bank Ashland Stakes (G1). Second in a Churchill Downs allowance in the slop on Longines Kentucky Oaks (G1) Day, Elate finally returned to winning form in her CCA Oaks prep, taking the Lion Hearted Stakes at Delaware Park by 5 1/2 lengths.

Elate is another in a long list of outstanding fillies and mares for her sire, Medaglia d'Oro, including Horse of the Year and champion 3-year-old filly Rachel Alexandra; Songbird, champion at 2 and 3; the 2011 Kentucky Oaks victress Plum Pretty; and 2017 grade 1 turf scorers New Money Honey and Dickinson.

Elate's dam, Cheery (Distorted Humor), won five of nine starts, earning black-type with a score in the American Beauty Stakes. Cherry is half-sister to the Blame mare Chide, who placed in the Mother Goose Stakes (G1). Elate's granddam, Yell, a daughter of A.P. Indy, was a high-class runner who won the Davona Dale Stakes (G2) and Raven Run Stakes (G3), took second in the Mother Goose, and was third in the Kentucky Oaks. Yell is a half sister to Eastern Echo, undefeated in three starts, including the Futurity Stakes (G1); to the Jim Beam Stakes (G2) and Swale Stakes (G3) captor Roar; and to Blare of Trumpets,

MEDAGLIA D'ORO, dkb/br, 1999	El Prado, 1989	Sadler's Wells, 1981	<b>Northern Dancer</b>
		Lady Capulet, 1974	Fairy Bridge
ELATE dkb/br, f April 10, 2014	Cappucino Bay, 1989	Bailjumper, 1974	Sir Ivor
		Dubbed In, 1973	Cap and Bells
CHEERY, b, 2009	Distorted Humor, 1993	Forty Niner, 1985	Damascus
		Danzig's Beauty, 1987	Court Circuit
Yell, 2000	A.P. Indy, 1989	Mr. Prospector	Silent Screen
		File	Society Singer
		Seattle Slew	Weekend Surprise
Wild Applause, 1981	Glowing Tribute	<b>Northern Dancer</b>	

who took the Toboggan Handicap (G3). She's also a half sister to the Mr. Prospector mare Praise, who produced Yell's closely related brothers, the A. P. Indy sires Flatter and Congrats.

Elate, her dam, and her granddam, were all bred by Claiborne Farm and Adele Dilschneider, who purchased Elate's fourth dam from the Rokeby Stables of Paul Mellon for \$1.025 million at the 1992 Keeneland November sale. Winner of the Diana Handicap (G2) and Comely Stakes (G3), runner-up in the Test Stakes (G2), and third in the Mother Goose, Wild Applause was by Northern Dancer out Graustark's multiple graded stakes winner and broodmare of the year Glowing Tribute. That made Wild Applause a full sister to the grade 1-winning turf runner Hero's Honor (subsequently broodmare sire of Elusive Quality), and half sister to the 1993 Kentucky Derby (G1) laureate Sea Hero, and half sister to three other graded stakes winners, and to the dam of European champion sprinter Mozart.

In addition to sharing a sire, Elate has something else in common with Medaglia d'Oro's champion daughters Rachel Alexandra and Songbird, as all three are out of mares by sons of Forty Niner. The connections between Rachel Alexandra and Elate are particularly notable, as Rachel Alexandra is out of a mare by Roar, a son of Forty Niner and Wild Applause, while Elate's dam is by a son of Forty Niner out of a mare by Wild Applause. **BH**

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## RACE RESULTS

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### STAKES RESULTS

#### Rainbow Connection S.

Fort Erie, 8/22, \$59,723, 3yo/up, f/m, 5f (turf), :57.89, course good.

1—**Veasha**, 118, ch m, 5 ..... \$35,834  
Wando—Love Co, by Not For Love  
O—Flight, Nathan and Attard, Veronica, B—Gustav Schickedanz (ON), T—Larry Attard, J—Luis Contreras

**Sale History:** 2013 ONTSEP, \$16,119.

2—**Bangla Dancer**, 118, gr/ro m, 7 ..... \$11,945  
Aljabr—Trickyana, by Tricky Creek  
O—Silver King Farm and Huynh, Hong, B—Daryl Hasmatali (ON), T—Daryl Hasmatali, J—Steven Ronald Bahen

3—**Green Freedom**, 115, b f, 3 ..... \$5,972  
**Not Bourbon**—Chasm, by Gulch  
O—Dura Racing and M. J. Doyle Racing Stables Ltd., B—Charles Fipke (ON), T—Michael J. Doyle, J—Emma-Jayne Wilson

**Sale History:** 2015 ONTSEP, \$6,763.

**Margins:** 1, 1, 3¼. **Others:** Madame Gizmo (\$2,986), Will She (\$1,792), San Nicola Breeze (\$597), Tahnee (\$597). [View Equibase Chart](#)

### ALLOWANCE RESULTS

#### Louisiana Downs, Race 6, AOC

8/22, \$23,000, 3yo/up, f/m, a8f (turf), 1:38.75, course firm.

1—**Glide Baby Glide**, 121, ch m, 5, Honor Glide—Lovely Amy, by Mining, \$13,800, O—Robert Larry Whitaker, B—Rowell Farms, LLC (LA), T—Ruperto R. Urbina, J—Roberto Morales

**Margin:** ¾, 10 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

#### Louisiana Downs, Race 7, AOC

8/22, \$20,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (dirt), 1:11.87, track fast.

1—**Prada's Bling**, 121, b m, 5, **Too Much Bling**—Kimbell's Prada, by Authenticate, \$12,000, O—Adriel Gonzalez, B—Hall's Family Trust (TX), T—Isai V. Gonzalez, J—Efigenio Garcia Ruiz

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#### Presque Isle Downs, Race 4, AOC

8/22, \$29,000, 3yo/up, 8.5f (all-weather), 1:44.94, track fast.

1—**Downtown Cowboy**, 119, ch g, 5, **Cowtown Cat**—Darlin Dixie, by Dixie Brass, \$17,400, O—Judy Meyers, B—Jacqueline J. Diamond & Gary L. Mahon (FL), T—Shane Meyers, J—Pablo Morales

**Sale History:** 2014 OBSJUN, \$12,000, 2012 OBSOCT, \$9,000.

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

### MAIDEN RESULTS

#### Louisiana Downs, Race 2, MSW

8/22, \$22,000, 3yo/up, a8.5f (turf), 1:45.87, course firm.

1—**Dancin in the Rain**, 120, gr/ro g, 3, **Get Stormy**—Dance by Em, by **Tapit**, \$13,200, O—Virginia Lazenby Racing Stable LLC, B—Virginia Lazenby (LA), T—Oscar Modica, J—Gerard Melancon

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



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# TODAY'S ENTRIES

## SHELBY COUNTY S.

Indiana Downs, Wednesday, August 23, Race 6  
6f (dirt), \$100,000, 3yo/up f/m, 4:25 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	1	<a href="#">Peyton's Pass</a>	Pass Rush	4/f	Eduardo E. Perez	124	5/1	Mast Thoroughbreds, LLC (Henry Mast)
2	2	<a href="#">Teacup Twirl</a>	Mancini	5/m	Katie Clawson	118	20/1	Neal M. Allread
3	3	<a href="#">Joyous Lady</a>	Kela	5/m	Thomas L. Pompell	124	4/1	Dennis Claramunt and Randy L. Klopp
4	4	<a href="#">Hay Little Bit</a>	Article of Faith	5/m	Alejandro L. Contreras	118	6/1	Robert Hyden
5	5	<a href="#">Carmalley Chrome</a>	Cat Dreams	4/f	Rodney A. Prescott	124	4/1	Tom Roche
6	6	<a href="#">Expect Indy</a>	Mr. Mabee	4/f	Leandro D. Goncalves	119	20/1	SAB NC Stable (Kimberly Gold)
7	7	<a href="#">She Mabee Wild</a>	Mr. Mabee	5/m	Jon Kenton Court	124	2/1	Michelle A. Shaw
8	8	<a href="#">She's Going Strong</a>	Silver Mountain	4/f	Wesley Ho	116	20/1	Michael B. Neafus
9	9	<a href="#">My Erin</a>	Article of Faith	4/f	Deshawn L. Parker	119	12/1	Barbara Jean Conner

**Breeders:** 1–Crystal Chapple DVM; 2–John O'Meara; 3–Dennis Claramunt & Cynthia Claramunt & Randy Klopp; 4–Roxanne Hyden; 5–Carmalley Valley Farm, LLC; 6–Lake Shore Farm; 7–Michelle Shaw; 8–South Fork Creek Stables, Inc.; 9–Barbara J. Conner.

**Trainers:** 1–Robert M. Gorham; 2–Aaron M. West; 3–Randy L. Klopp; 4–Barbara I. McBride; 5–Michael W. Nance; 6–Tracey J. Wisner; 7–Mark Danner; 8–Mark A. Shanley; 9–Aaron M. West.

## WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON S.

Indiana Downs, Wednesday, August 23, Race 7  
6f (dirt), \$100,000, 3yo/up, 4:53 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	1	<a href="#">Drinkin Deacon</a>	Zavata	4/g	Rayan Gazader	118	15/1	Diamond F Racing (Dianna and Mark Farrar)
2	2	<a href="#">Saint's Bro</a>	Unbridled Express	5/g	Richard A. Bracho	116	15/1	Sherri L. Greenhill
3	3	<a href="#">Sucess Is Racing</a>	Major Success	7/g	Eduardo E. Perez	124	3/1	Charles Watt and Willowbrook Stables, Ltd. (David Neiman)
4	4	<a href="#">Operation Stevie</a>	Lantana Mob	5/g	Emmanuel Esquivel	122	7/2	Earl J. Trostrud, Jr. and Contreras Stable Inc. (Cipriano Contreras)
5	5	<a href="#">Walden Forest</a>	Forest Danger	6/g	Malcolm Franklin	119	10/1	Rick Neises and Larry Waltz
6	6	<a href="#">Supreme Justice</a>	Lantana Mob	5/g	Marcelino Pedroza	116	9/2	Acclaimed Racing Stable (Mike Berry) and Gumpster Stable, LLC (Andrew Berg)
7	7	<a href="#">Still Chief</a>	Chief Seattle	5/g	Fernando De La Cruz	119	10/1	Ironhorse Racing Stable, LLC (Harlan Malter)
8	8	<a href="#">Zoned In</a>	Wild Zone	5/g	Rodney A. Prescott	118	10/1	Gary K. Tussey
9	9	<a href="#">Double Tuff</a>	Skylord	4/g	Leandro D. Goncalves	122	4/1	Zack Simms

**Breeders:** 1–Southern Indiana Racing Company, LLC; 2–Greenhill Racing; 3–Everett Hammond; 4–Larry Smallwood; 5–Thoroughbred Racing Nation; 6–Justice Farm, Greg Justice; 7–Lake Shore Farm LLC; 8–Clark/ Shearer; 9–Gary Simms.

**Trainers:** 1–Michael A. Tomlinson; 2–Jeffrey L. Greenhill; 3–Kim Hammond; 4–Cipriano Contreras; 5–Brian Waltz; 6–Cipriano Contreras; 7–Tim Glyshaw; 8–Paul E. Holthus; 9–Garry W. Simms.

## JOHN'S CALL S.

Saratoga, Wednesday, August 23, Race 8  
13f (turf), \$100,000, 3yo/up, 5:02 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	1	<a href="#">St. Louie</a>	Arch	5/g	Luis Saez	117	10/1	Three Diamonds Farm
2	2	<a href="#">Mr Singh (GB)</a>	High Chaparral (IRE)	5/g	Christopher P. DeCarlo	115	15/1	Merriebelle Stable
3	3	<a href="#">Infinite Wisdom</a>	Smart Strike	6/g	Irado Ortiz, Jr.	115	2/1	Amerman Racing LLC
4	4	<a href="#">Montclair (IRE)</a>	Montjeu (IRE)	7/g	Ricardo Santana, Jr.	115	8/1	R. A. Hill Stable
5	5	<a href="#">Renown (GB)</a>	Champs Elysees (GB)	6/g	Julien R. Lejaroux	123	10/1	Merriebelle Stable
6	6	<a href="#">Nessy</a>	Flower Alley	4/g	Javier Castellano	117	4/1	Hudon, Edmond A. and Sharon
7	7	<a href="#">Red Rifle</a>	Giant's Causeway	7/g	Jose L. Ortiz	115	9/5	Twin Creeks Racing Stables, LLC

**Breeders:** 1–Colts Neck Stables LLC; 2–Lady Bamford; 3–Jon Kelly & Sarah Kelly; 4–Elisabeth Fabre; 5–JUDDMONTE FARMS LTD; 6–Sierra Farm; 7–Twin Creeks Farm, Tom Clark & Nancy Clark.

**Trainers:** 1–Michael J. Maker; 2–Elizabeth Voss; 3–Brian A. Lynch; 4–George Weaver; 5–Elizabeth Voss; 6–Ian R. Wilkes; 7–Todd A. Pletcher.

# TODAY'S ENTRIES

## HARRY F. BRUBAKER S.

Del Mar, Wednesday, August 23, Race 7  
8f (dirt), \$75,000, 3yo/up, 5:03 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	1	Soi Phet	Tizbud	9/g	Kent J. Desormeaux	119	6/1	Benowitz Family Trust, Powell or Viskovich
2	2	Dressed in Hermes	Hat Trick (JPN)	4/g	Tiago Josue Pereira	119	20/1	Budget Stable
3	3	Curlin Rules	Curlin	4/c	Flavien Prat	123	7/2	Hronis Racing, LLC
4	4	El Huerfano	Tannersmyman	5/g	Evin A. Roman	119	6/1	Barber or Wachtel Stable
5	5	Forever Juanito	Badge of Silver	6/g	Agapito Delgadillo	119	20/1	Juan Garcia
6	6	Cupid	Tapit	4/c	Rafael Bejarano	123	4/5	Tabor, Magnier or Smith
7	7	Win the Space	Pulpit	5/h	Gary L. Stevens	119	8/1	Kretz Racing, LLC

**Breeders:** 1-ARCHA Racing Inc.; 2-Budget Stables; 3-W. S. Farish; 4-M.A. Douzos; 5-Brereton C. Jones; 6-JKG Thoroughbreds LLC; 7-Spendthrift Farm LLC.

**Trainers:** 1-Leonard Powell; 2-Janet Armstrong; 3-John W. Sadler; 4-Peter Miller; 5-Victor L. Garcia; 6-Bob Baffert; 7-George Papaprodromou.

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## 2017 NORTH AMERICAN LEADING SIRE

Listed below is a comparison of statistics for only North American racing with all available statistics through August 21, 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 (\$7,218,000)	\$9,875,728
2	Ghostzapper	Awesome Again, '00	\$75,000	Adena Springs Kentucky, KY	Shaman Ghost (\$2,520,000)	\$8,232,157
3	Tapit	Pulpit, '01	\$300,000	Gainesway, KY	Tapwrit (\$1,080,000)	\$7,533,828
4	Harlan's Holiday	Harlan, '99	Died	N/A	Neolithic (\$1,054,000)	\$6,954,646
5	Candy Ride (ARG)	Ride the Rails, '99	\$60,000	Lane's End, KY	Gun Runner (\$1,250,700)	\$6,854,339
6	Curlin	Smart Strike, '04	\$150,000	Hill 'n' Dale Farms, KY	Irish War Cry (\$956,660)	\$6,835,545
7	Malibu Moon	A.P. Indy, '97	\$75,000	Spendthrift Farm, KY	Gormley (\$784,000)	\$6,715,186
8	Kitten's Joy	El Prado, '01	\$100,000	Ramsey Farm, Inc., KY	Oscar Performance (\$1,017,500)	\$6,491,553
9	City Zip	Carson City, '98	Died	Lane's End, KY	Collected (\$826,800)	\$6,227,274
10	Into Mischief	Harlan's Holiday, '05	\$75,000	Spendthrift Farm, KY	Practical Joke (\$656,000)	\$6,203,112

## 2017 BROODMARE SIRE

Listed below are the top 10 leading broodmare sires by 2017 Northern Hemisphere earnings through August 21, 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	233	379	9 (2.4%)	55	Arrogate (\$13,218,000)	\$22,059,750
2	Sunday Silence	Halo, '86	505	1019	14 (1.4%)	169	Red Falx (\$453,148)	\$16,936,007
3	A.P. Indy	Seattle Slew, '89	316	515	20 (3.9%)	158	Cloud Computing (\$1,089,000)	\$14,380,128
4	Storm Cat	Storm Bird, '83	323	516	16 (3.1%)	245	Irap (\$1,285,000)	\$12,851,535
5	Giant's Causeway	Storm Cat, '97	325	498	7 (1.4%)	53	Gun Runner (\$3,250,700)	\$10,924,756
6	Unbridled's Song	Unbridled, '93	335	531	17 (3.2%)	112	Suave Richard (\$512,506)	\$10,601,236
7	French Deputy	Deputy Minister, '92	250	469	7 (1.5%)	73	Gold Dream (\$404,190)	\$8,685,609
8	Galileo (IRE)	Sadler's Wells, '98	302	423	16 (3.8%)	56	Chopin (\$682,460)	\$7,823,391
9	Sadler's Wells	Northern Dancer, '81	434	615	9 (1.5%)	337	Enable (\$1,529,364)	\$7,770,418
10	Machiavellian	Mr. Prospector, '87	136	199	8 (4.0%)	100	Vivlos (\$3,625,097)	\$7,366,060

## 2017 SIRE BY LIFETIME AEI

Listed below are the top 10 leading sires by lifetime Average Earnings Index (AEI) through August 21, 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	Pioneerof the Nile	Empire Maker, '06	\$110,000	WinStar Farm LLC, KY	5	405	2.54	1.88
2	Uncle Mo	Indian Charlie, '08	\$150,000	Ashford Stud, KY	3	352	2.50	1.68
3	Curlin	Smart Strike, '04	\$150,000	Hill 'n' Dale Farms, KY	6	525	2.45	2.16
4	Tapit	Pulpit, '01	\$300,000	Gainesway, KY	10	1062	2.36	2.13
5	War Front	Danzig, '02	\$250,000	Claiborne Farm, KY	8	550	2.32	2.26
6	Ghostzapper	Awesome Again, '00	\$75,000	Adena Springs Kentucky, KY	9	694	2.24	2.02
7	Into Mischief	Harlan's Holiday, '05	\$75,000	Spendthrift Farm, KY	6	424	2.08	1.54
8	Medaglia d'Oro	El Prado, '99	\$150,000	Darley, KY	10	1127	2.04	2.31
9	Distorted Humor	Forty Niner, '93	\$80,000	WinStar Farm LLC, KY	16	1326	2.03	2.18
10	Speightstown	Gone West, '98	\$100,000	WinStar Farm LLC, KY	10	864	2.01	2.03