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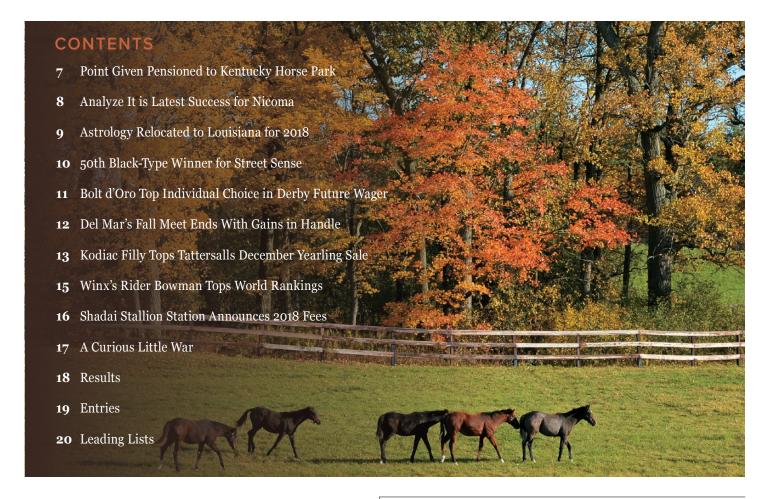
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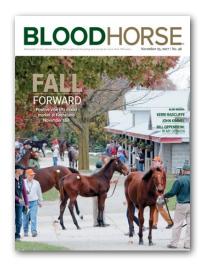
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FROM THE FEATURE WELL

PHOENIX RISES WITH RADCLIFFE

By Ron Mitchell

fter a daughter of Congrats was hammered down for \$1.7 million at the Ocala Breeders' Sales March 2-year-olds in training auction earlier this year, the media horde that seizes on every buyer of pricey stock was initially flummoxed by who had signed the ticket.

Rather than one of the high-end owners or agents who dominated juvenile sales in recent years, this saletopper was acquired by Kerri Radcliffe, a British-based agent making her first foray into the U.S. domestic market.

Radcliffe was the leading buyer at OBS, with three purchases totaling \$2,925,000, after two weeks earlier emerging as second-leading buyer at the Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream sale, spending \$1,550,000 for a pair of 2-year-olds.

Those five purchases were the catalyst for a buying spree by Radcliffe that continued through the yearling sales season and concluded with her purchase of Nickname, a 4-year-old broodmare prospect she bought for \$3 million Nov. 6 at the Fasig-Tipton November sale.

While Radcliffe was a relative unknown at the beginning of 2017, by year's end the petite native of Ireland, who at an early age developed her horse skills as an equestrian, had become a familiar presence at all major sales on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean. By mid-November Radcliffe had bought 22 horses for \$19,220,717, ranking her fifth on the Northern Hemisphere buyers' list, behind only stalwarts Godolphin, Shadwell Estate Co., SackvilleDonald, and M.V. Magnier.

Broken down by category, Radcliffe's acquisitions consist of 15 yearlings totaling \$13,063,014; five 2-year-olds costing \$4,475,000; and Nickname, who will be retired for a likely date with top European stallion Frankel.



Kerri Radcliffe at the 2017 Keeneland September yearling sale

Initially coy concerning on whose behalf she was making all these purchases, Radcliffe soon revealed the horses were to become the property of the fledgling Phoenix Thoroughbreds.

Based in Dubai, Phoenix Thoroughbreds is an investment fund set up in Luxembourg and registered in London. According to its profile, "Phoenix is in the process of becoming the first regulated Thoroughbred investment fund in the world, ensuring it operates with full transparency."

Phoenix Thoroughbreds is the brainchild of Amer Abdulaziz, 54, the company's CEO who was born in Bahrain and resides in Dubai, according to the British fund filing. He is an adviser to BD Globe Capital, which says it is "a global reaching boutique finance house with highly experienced, international professionals who create customized capital solutions by providing clever and out-of-the-box thinking."

BD Globe's website profile of Abdulaziz states he obtained a bachelor of science degree in marketing from the University of California, Berkeley, and has been involved in the horse industry for 30 years.

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Although Radcliffe has only emerged recently as a major player in the auction ring, she was known to many industry professionals as a top exercise rider for trainers in the United Kingdom before setting out on her own with an equine sales agency.

Radcliffe was the exercise rider for Nemoralia, trainer Jeremy Noseda's group 3 winner who came to the U.S. for a try in the 2015 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf (G1T), in which she finished third. A daughter of More Than Ready, Nemoralia was selected by Radcliffe and purchased by Noseda for \$170,000 at the 2015 OBS March sale.

Radcliffe, Phoenix Thoroughbreds' bloodstock adviser and racing manager, is the face of the stable in the Northern Hemisphere (there is another division under different management in Australia) and her strong work ethic, eye for a horse, and infectious personality have ingratiated her to the domestic Thoroughbred industry.

Radcliffe honed her skills by riding jumpers during her youth. After completing college, she first worked at Coolmore Stud and then with Anthony Stroud before establishing her bloodstock agency 14 years ago.

"I've had lots of different clients over the years," she said. "I work now only for Phoenix. I met Amer through a friend of a friend in Dubai. It worked out as being at the right place at the right time.

"Both myself and Amer love American racing, and we feel that here there's such a huge spectrum of people in the industry with plenty of money," Radcliffe continued. "We're going to be big in Europe, but there's just a wider spectrum of people in America."

The American horses purchased for Phoenix Thoroughbreds have been sent to trainers Bob Baffert, Todd Pletcher, and Steve Asmussen, among others. In addition to Noseda, trainers in the United Kingdom for Phoenix include Andre Fabre and Michael Stoute.

"If you want to compete with the best, you've got to go with the best," Radcliffe said.

With the stable's first racehorses, all 2-year-olds of 2017, Phoenix has had quick success and was represented by its first domestic stakes winner when



Radcliffe with Three Chimneys' Goncalo Torrealba at Keeneland

Dream Tree, a \$750,000 purchase at this year's Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream sale, won the Desi Arnaz Stakes at Del Mar Nov. 18.

Diamonds and pearls, the OBS \$1.7 million topper, impressed in breaking her maiden at Del Mar before going on to be fourth in the Sorrento Stakes (G2) for Baffert in her first two starts.

Following the filly's scintillating maiden score Baffert spoke of her in lofty terms.

"When they gave me the ticket (at the sale), I was like, 'Oh, yeah. I just got myself Dwyane Wade in the draft," Baffert said, drawing a comparison to the threetime NBA champion. "That's a No. 1 pick. When you get those No. 1 draft choices, you're (set).

"With that price tag, everybody wanted her. Now we know why everybody wanted her... I really didn't put any fast works into her. She does everything so easy."

Take Me With You, a Scat Daddy filly acquired for \$800,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream sale, has hit the board in all three career starts for Noseda, with a victory and then a third in the Albany Stakes (G3) at Ascot. Radcliffe's other purchase at the sale was Dream Tree.

Lansky, acquired by Radcliffe out of the Tattersalls breeze-up sale for \$404,492, has won half of his four starts and is also group-placed, with a third-place finish in the Tattersalls Acomb Stakes (G3).

"We're absolutely thrilled with all our runners," she said while attending the Keeneland November sale. "Everything couldn't be better."

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The precociousness of Radcliffe's purchases and their on-track successes affirm her abilities and should embolden Phoenix, said Fasig-Tipton president Boyd Browning Jr.

"They have certainly hit the ground running by the performances of their horses, and the success they have had should give them confidence going forward," Browning said. "She made a significant impact at Gulfstream Park and bought two very nice horses and both have performed at a high level. She has clearly made a mark on the industry. Kerri is very straightforward and a pleasure to work with. Obviously, she has a profile and is a very good judge of a horse."

Among the yearling acquisitions this year for Phoenix are a Scat Daddy filly bought at Keeneland for \$1 million and an Orb colt that was the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga co-sale-topper at \$1 million, both consigned

Radcliffe with husband Jeremy Noseda

by Gainesway. Gainesway also bought back into a Tapit yearling filly purchased by Radcliffe from the agency.

Gainesway's Michael Hernon says Radcliffe has a good eye for a horse as well as a strong work ethic.

"She is very personable and rides very well," said Hernon, who first met Radcliffe when Nemoralia was in the U.S. prepping for the Breeders' Cup. "She has been around horses all her life and has a natural affinity for horses.

"She is a real hands-on horsewoman who looks at all the horses herself. She doesn't have anyone prescreening them, and that's a huge workload."

Radcliffe says Phoenix's business plan is to operate at the top of the industry, which means she is focusing on buying horses deemed to be top prospects in any sale.

"The fact I am in such a privileged position to have money to spend, my strategy is to go find the best," she said. "I am buying pedigree and the individual. At the 2-year-old sales at least, you can see if they can run, and the yearling sales are very much based on pedigree

and the individual and you hope it works."

Radcliffe said there is no set goal for the number of horses Phoenix plans to have in the U.S., but it plans to be a broad-based operation. In addition to racing, Phoenix will expand into the breeding industry, investing in stallion rights and broodmares. It also will not be shy about selling horses in its portfolio.

"We work on the basis of keeping everything going," Radcliffe said. "We are going to be buying into stallions and things like that because that's where the money is. This is an investment, so we have to keep things ticking over as a business and not a hobby.

"When it comes to the fillies, it will be up to us to decide when to sell them. On the colts we're obviously open to offers... That's why I've been spending what I have on colts. If you can buy the best, then do it."

Radcliffe said Phoenix will consider U.S. investors in the stable, although the makeup for that remains to be seen, and is also open to owning horses in

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partnership. Phoenix has already partnered with Three Chimneys Farm and Eric Fein on two different yearling purchases.

"To be in partnerships like that is great for me to spread risk, but it's also nice to be in partnerships that have been so successful," Radcliffe said.

There are no plans at present for Phoenix to own a farm, as it prefers to keep its horses at various major farms until they are ready to go into training. The U.S. yearlings are being prepped at the Stonestreet Training & Rehabilitation Center in Florida.

Although she takes her work seriously, Radcliffe enjoys the experience as well, and her sense of humor was on display when buying yearlings at the Keeneland September sale. Accompanied by her husband, Noseda, Radcliffe couldn't resist comparing him with Baffert, who has been dubbed "Dubai Bob" as a result of his success in the Dubai World Cup.

"I call him U.K. Bob," Radcliffe said of Noseda, who like Baffert sports white hair and was clad in a white dress shirt and jeans, trademark gear of Baffert.

"We have fun and it's good," the agent said of her relationship with Noseda. "I'm always busy. It's nice to have someone to bounce ideas off. He wants what's best for Phoenix. I'm probably the most psychotic racing manager he has come across and that is because we live with each other."

Although industry professionals have helped "open doors" for her, Radcliffe does her own sale work, deciding in advance which horses to pursue, but looking at hundreds of individuals at a sale like the Keeneland September auction.

Radcliffe, who has traveled extensively between England and the U.S. this year, was looking forward to a break in mid-November when she and Noseda could enjoy a 10-day belated honeymoon to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico.

"We may not be together when we get back," she joked. "Ten days is a long time." BH





POINT GIVEN PENSIONED TO KENTUCKY HORSE PARK

By BloodHorse Staff

hampion Point Given has been pensioned from stud duty at Calumet Farm and is set to join the Kentucky Horse Park's Hall of Champions in the spring of 2018, becoming the fifth Horse of the Year to occupy the famous barn.

The 19-year-old son of Thunder Gulch won six grade 1 races, including two legs of the 2001 Triple Crown, the Preakness and Belmont stakes (both G1). For his efforts, he received Eclipse Awards as Horse of the Year and champion 3-year-old colt.

"We are so pleased to welcome this handsome and impressive chestnut stallion to the Hall of Champions, and we thank his connections for entrusting him to our care," said Kentucky Horse Park executive director Laura Prewitt. "We believe he will serve as an excellent ambassador to his breed and the sport of racing for the hundreds of thousands of visitors to the park each year."

Point Given, affectionately known as the "Big Red Train" due to his 17.1-hand height, earned \$3,968,500 with nine wins and three second-place finishes from 13 starts. He was the first horse in history to win four \$1 million races in a row, which included the Preakness, the Belmont, the Haskell Invitational Handicap (G1), and the Travers Stakes (G1). He was inducted into the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame in 2010.



Point Given in his paddock at Calumet Farm

Point Given retired from racing in September of 2001 to stand at Three Chimneys Farm near Midway, Ky. In 2013, he was relocated to Calumet Farm, where he stood the past five seasons.

He is the sire of two champions, 15 graded stakes winners, and 32 stakes winners, for total progeny earnings of more than \$28 million. His leading runners include Canadian Horse of the Year Sealy Hill and Canadian champion Points of Grace, plus grade 1 winners Go Between, Coil, and Point Ashley.

Point Given will be available for viewing in April 2018, coinciding with the 40th anniversary season of the park. Information about the park and a full schedule of activities is available at KyHorsePark.com. BH



ANALYZE IT IS LATEST SUCCESS FOR NICOMA

By Erin Shea

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Tilliam Lawrence's Analyze It earned his first graded stakes win in frontrunning fashion, taking the Nov. 26 Cecil B. DeMille Stakes (G3T) by 4 1/4 lengths. Two for two in his career so far, the Chad Brown-trained son of Point of Entry showed Sunday that his 6 1/4-length maiden breaking run wasn't a fluke.

Under jockey Jose Ortiz in the grade 3 event, Analyze It distanced himself by four lengths from the field in the stretch of the one-mile turf stakes at Del Mar and then extended that to 4 1/4 lengths at the wire in a final time of 1:35.05.

Bred by P. Headley Bell, Nancy Bell, and NATO (Nicoma Bloodstock's investment arm) in Kentucky, Analyze It is the first foal out of winning Consolidator mare Sweet Assay.

"It's fabulous because he won so impressively the first time and you never know if they're going to replicate that," Headley Bell said. "He had a target on his back (as the odds-on favorite), and he managed to replicate. So we're thrilled. He's in the best hands, and we're very hopeful."

Sweet Assay was a homebred racing for longtime

Mill Ridge clients John and Cheryl Toffan. Offered as part of Mill Ridge's consignment to the 2014 Keeneland January sale, she was purchased by Nicoma Bloodstock for \$14,000. Knowing that the mare showed talent on the turf on the West Coast and that she was selling at Keeneland without reserve, Bell thought she was a good value for her price tag. So, Nicoma purchased her and the decision was made to breed her to Adena Springs' multiple grade 1 winner Point of Entry.

"Point of Entry is a horse that has intrigued me for his talent and his pedigree blend," Bell said. "Shug (McGaughey, Point of Entry's trainer) is a friend and I phoned him and I said, 'What do you think about Point of Entry?' And he said that he thought he was one of the most talented horses he'd ever trained. So that was quite an endorsement.

"I actually used him for a lot of my clients' mares— George Strawbridge, the Amerman's—I've really used him extensively. I like his blend and his opportunity really."

Consigned by Mill Ridge at the 2016 Keeneland September sale, Analyze It was purchased for \$130,000 by Patrick Hoppel as agent. Hoppel pinhooked the colt to the Ocala Breeders' Sales' March sale of 2-year-olds in training where he brought \$190,000 from Bradley Thoroughbreds as agent.

"He was always a well balanced, attractive horse," Bell said. "But at the sale he was one of our most

> popular in the session. I love that good horsemen were looking at him. These horses bloom at different times and I really feel like he bloomed before the sale and continued to bloom because Pat Hoppel, who bought him, really loved him in his early training. That was a good sign."

> It was a good sign indeed as Analyze It has earned \$105,000 in his two wins so far. Hoping the mating works again, Sweet Assay was bred back to Point of Entry this year. BH



Analyze It wins the Cecil B. DeMille Stakes by open lengths

ASTROLOGY RELOCATED TO **LOUISIANA FOR 2018**

By BloodHorse Staff

strology, one of the nation's leading first- and second-crop stallions, has been relocated to Acadiana Equine@Copper Crowne near Opelousas, La., for the 2018 breeding season. The son of A.P. Indy-Quiet Eclipse, by Quiet American, will stand for a fee of \$4,500.

From his first two crops to race, Astrology has sired the earners of \$2.18 million, including Arella Rockstar, the winner of last year's grade 3 Matron Stakes at Belmont Park and who recently sold for \$290,000 to Oussama Aboughazale's International Equities Holdings at the Keeneland November breeding stock sale. The sire's other blacktype winner to date is Clairvoyant Lady, who has won or placed 10 times out of 14 starts and earned over \$107,000 this year.

Astrology has ranked among the top 15 sires nationally by progeny earnings among first- and second-crop sires in 2016 and 2017, respectively.

As a racehorse, Astrology won or placed in six stakes-including five graded races-with a victory in the Iroquois Stakes (G3) during a five-race 2-year-old campaign in which he never finished off the board. As a 3-year-old, he placed in three consecutive graded stakes with a second in both the Sunland Derby (G₃) and Jerome Stakes (G2) and then a game third-place finish in the Preakness Stakes (G1) behind Shackleford and Animal Kingdom. Astrology is the second graded stakes winner produced by Quiet Eclipse, who is also is the dam of grade 3 winner Lunarpal (Successful Appeal) and stakes-winning full sisters Lunargal and Lunarlady (both by Yes It's True).



Astrology at Taylor Made Stallions

Astrology becomes the second stallion standing at Acadiana Equine@Copper Crowne, joining fivetime grade 1 winner Court Vision, who is currently the leading Louisiana stallion by progeny earnings of nearly \$2.6 million.

"We think Astrology is an up-and-coming sire who checks all the boxes as a son of A.P. Indy with an accomplished race record as a top 2-year-old and a classic-placed 3-year-old and offspring that have found success on the track and in the sales ring," said stallion manager David Tillson. "We still have a few breeding rights available, and I expect that those will go quickly." BH

50TH BLACK-TYPE WINNER FOR STREET SENSE

By Eric Mitchell

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arley's Street Sense, the first horse to capture both the Bessemer Trust Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1) and the Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (G1), was represented by his 50th black-type winner Nov. 25, when his 5-year-old daughter Sensible Princess won the NRM Auckland Thoroughbred Breeders Stakes at Pukekohe Park in New Zealand.

The mare is a New Zealand homebred racing for Bromley Bloodstock and is trained by Fraser Auret. Sensible Princess didn't make her first start until she was 4 and has since compiled a 6-0-2 record in 10 starts.

Street Sense was also a homebred, racing for longtime owner/breeder Jim Tafel and trainer Carl Nafzger. Besides the Juvenile and Derby, he won the Travers Stakes (G1), Jim Dandy Stakes (G2), and set a track record at Tampa Bay Downs in the Tampa Bay Derby (G₃).



Street Sense stands for \$35,000 at Darley at Jonabell

The son of Street Cry entered stud in 2008 and shuttled to Australia five times. He has six other blacktype winners in 2017 Northern Hemisphere racing year and the 2017/18 Southern Hemisphere season, including graded winner Dixie Blossoms in Australia, and grade 2 winners Tower of Texas and Avery Island, grade 3 winner Tiger Moth, Athena, and Always Thinking in the U.S. and Canada.

Street Sense stands at Darley at Jonabell for \$35,000. BH Share this story



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BOLT D'ORO TOP INDIVIDUAL CHOICE IN DERBY FUTURE WAGER

By Frank Angst

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espite his third-place finish in the Sentient Jet Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1), horseplayers still view Bolt d'Oro as the most likely winner of the 2018 Kentucky Derby Presented by Woodford Reserve (G1).

Ruis Racing's two-time grade 1 winner Bolt d'Oro was the top individual choice in the first of four Kentucky Derby Future Wager pools as the son of



Bolt d'Oro in the Del Mar paddock ahead of the Breeders' Cup

Medaglia d'Oro closed at 7-1 in the pool conducted Nov. 23-26. Before his third-place finish in the Juvenile behind winner Good Magic (11-1 in future wager) and runner-up Solomini (22-1), Bolt d'Oro won his first three starts including scores in the Del Mar Futurity (G1) and FrontRunner Stakes (G1). Bolt d'Oro was the only horse among the 23 individual choices offered to finish in single-digit odds.

As typical, the top choice among the 24 wagering interests in the pool was the mutuel field—all horses not among the 23 individual choices—at 6-5.

Juvenile winner Good Magic, campaigned by e Five Racing Thoroughbreds and Stonestreet Stables, was the second individual choice at 11-1 followed by Karl Watson, Mike Pegram, and Paul Weitman's impressive maiden winner McKinzie at 12-1.

In the Kentucky Derby Sire Future Wager, where bettors are awarded if they select the sire of the 2018 Kentucky Derby winner, Medaglia d'Oro finished as the top individual choice, and at 5-1, matched the mutuel field as the favorite in the wager. Medaglia d'Oro is the sire of Bolt d'Oro as well as Enticed, who won the Kentucky Jockey Club Stakes (G2) Nov. 25 at Churchill Downs, and Sea Foam, winner of the Notebook Stakes Nov. 26 at Aqueduct Racetrack. Enticed is 29-1 in the Kentucky Derby Future Wager and Sea Foam was not an individual choice.

A winning \$2 bet on either the field or Medaglia d'Oro would return \$13.80. Just behind Medaglia d'Oro among individual sire choices is Curlin at 6-1. Curlin is the sire of both Good Magic and Solomini. Also in single-digit odds is three-time leading sire Tapit. BH

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DEL MAR'S FALL MEET ENDS WITH GAINS IN HANDLE

By BloodHorse Staff

fter putting on its first Breeders' Cup in Aearly November, Del Mar continued to make gains through the rest of its fall meeting, which came to a close Nov. 26.

All sources average daily wagering—which does not include the two-day Breeders' Cup Nov. 3-4—was up 7.5% as compared to 2016. Out-of-state handle increased 10.3% and ontrack betting rose by 4%. Noteworthy, too, was the fact that the 14-day meet final wagering figure of \$153.1 million exceeded the 15-day total of \$152.5 million from 2016.

"We are, of course, very pleased with the results from our fall season," said Del Mar Thoroughbred Club president and general manager Joe Harper. "The Breeders' Cup got us off to a good beginning, but our fall meet has grown into a winner all its own and now has become a staple in California. With the support of our horsemen and our bettors, Del Mar's fall run has become the most prosperous November meet in the country."

The track's field size for the 14 days was 8.5 runners per race, which equaled last fall's average. The track's "Ship and Win" program took another jump forward during the fall run. Last year in 15 days Del Mar lured 31 "Ship and Win" horses to race at the meet. This year



Del Mar's paddock during the 2017 Breeders' Cup in early November

that number skyrocketed to 58 out-of-state horses during the 14 racing days.

"No doubt the Breeders' Cup helped expose Del Mar and our fall racing season to new parties," said the DMTC vice president for racing Tom Robbins. "And no doubt that exposure can—and likely will—have positive benefits going forward. But the ultimate success of fall racing at Del Mar is in the hands of our local horsemen and they have responded in a most emphatic fashion to what we've had to offer."

Del Mar's fall attendance numbers dipped slightly from the 2016 total, checking in at 77,218, for a daily average of 5,516, a decline of 5.3%. BH



KODIAC FILLY TOPS TATTERSALLS DECEMBER YEARLING SALE

By BloodHorse Staff

The Kodiac half sister to the St. James's Palace Stakes (G1) winner Barney Roy topped the Tattersalls December yearling sale Nov. 27 at 400,000 guineas (\$559,944).

The one-day sale saw a total of 10 lots sell for 100,000 guineas or more, up from seven last year. Turnover was 4,271,500 guineas (\$5,985,970) for 124 sold, while the average and median were 34,448 guineas (\$48,274) and 25,000 guineas (\$35,000), respectively.

Cataloged as Lot 162, the Kodiac filly out of the Galileo mare Alina became the second highest price recorded at the December yearling sale when she was purchased for 400,000 guineas by David Redvers. Consigned by Adrian O'Brien's Hazelwood Bloodstock, the filly also caught the interest of SackvilleDonald's

Alastair Donald, but it was Redvers who secured her on behalf of Qatar Racing's Sheikh Fahad.

"Her page speaks for her, but she looks a very uncomplicated, straightforward filly," Redvers said.

"She is out of a young exciting mare and her sire Kodiac does no harm either. Sheikh Fahad will decide where she goes into training."

The filly's price is second only to the 700,000 guineas (\$1,392,678) that subsequent Darley Irish Oaks (G1) heroine Moonstone brought at the sale in 2006.

"We are obviously thrilled and special mention must go to the Irish National Stud, who foaled and raised her, and also to my team at home who have done a fabulous job," Hazelwood Bloodstock's Adrian O'Brien said of the sale-topping filly. "She was bred by Sun Bloodstock and the decision to sell was made this autumn."

Alina was purchased at the 2013 Tattersalls December mare sale for 65,000 guineas (\$111,623) by Eliza Park International carrying Barney Roy in utero.

> Lot 154, a Sea The Stars filly out of the group winning Green Tune mare Green Minstrel. recorded the second highest price for the day when she was knocked down to bloodstock agent Mark McStay for 160,000 guineas (\$223,978). The Grove Stud-consigned filly is a half sister to the Jaguar Cars Cheveley Park Stakes (G1) winner Rosdhu Queen who sold for 2.1 million guineas (\$3,606,278) at the Tattersalls December sale in 2013 to Stephen Hillen Bloodstock.

"She is for an Irish client. She is by a fabulous

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Lot 162, a Kodiac filly, topped the Nov. 27 sale at 400,000 guineas

KODIAC FILLY TOPS TATTERSALLS DECEMBER YEARLING SALE

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stallion, has a great page, and she speaks for herself," McStay said.

Japanese-based owners DMM.com made a big splash at Book 1 of the Tattersalls October yearling sale when they purchased a Frankel filly out of Steel Princess for 1.4 million guineas (\$1,946,133) and they made their second visit to Park Paddocks a successful one, securing Lot 164 for 150,000 guineas (\$209,979).

DMM.com representative Yohann Gainche did the bidding for the Dawn Approach half brother to Dubai Duty Free Irish Derby (G1) winner Trading Leather, consigned by Liam and Jenny Norris' Norris Bloodstock. The sale represented an impressive return for his owners who purchased him for 70,000 guineas (\$91,515) at last year's Tattersalls December foal sale.

"We thought there would be good opportunities to buy

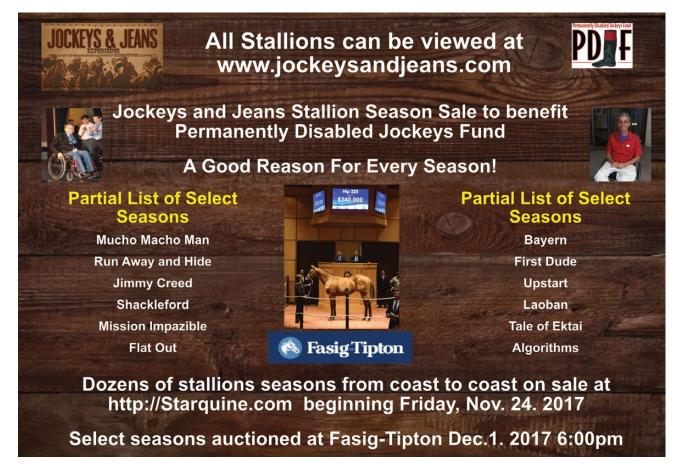
at the December sale. He will go to Japan," Gainche said.

Progeny of Irish Derby and Investec Derby (G1) winner Australia have been in great demand throughout the yearling sales this fall and Lot 124, a colt out of the listed stakes-winning Acclamation mare Sweepstake proved no exception. Consigned by Denis Brosnan's Croom House Stud, the colt was knocked down to M.V. Magnier for 150,000 guineas (\$209,979) after he withstood a determined effort by agent Stephen Hillen.

"He is a very nice horse and comes from a very good breeder and nursery in Denis Brosnan's Croom House Stud," Magnier said. "Let's hope he is as good as some of those we've bought from the farm in the past—we're just glad to get such a lovely horse."

That list of Croom House consigned group 1 winners that were raced by Coolmore include Maybe, Zoffany, and Damson.

The four-day Tattersalls December foal sale begins Nov. 29. BH





WINX'S RIDER BOWMAN TOPS WORLD RANKINGS

By BloodHorse Staff

fter leading most of the year, and thanks in part Ato his remarkable success aboard Winx, Hugh Bowman secured the title of 2017 Longines World's Best Jockey.

It is the first time the Australian jockey has won the award, which he locked up with his victory in the Japan Cup in association with Longines (G1) aboard Cheval Grand Nov. 26 at Tokyo Racecourse.

Bowman won 10 of the world's top 100 group or grade 1 races, and six of those victories came aboard Winx. In all, Bowman was first across the wire in the following points races, all grade or group 1: Tab Chipping Norton Stakes (Winx), Citi Hong Kong Gold Cup (Werther), China Horse Club George Ryder Stakes (Winx), Longines Queen Elizabeth Stakes (Winx), Chairman's Sprint Prize (Lucky Bubbles), Standard Chartered Champions & Chater Cup (Werther), Colgate Optic White Stakes (Winx), Seppelt Turnbull Stakes (Winx), Ladbrokes Cox Plate (Winx), and the Japan Cup in association with Longines (Cheval Grand).

The Longines World's Best Jockey award is based upon performances in the 100 highest-rated group and grade 1 races as established for the year by the Longines World's Best Racehorse Rankings Committee. The scoring incorporates races from Dec. 1 of the previous year until Nov. 30 of the current year. Jockeys accrue 12 points for a win, 6 points for placing second, and 4 points for placing third.

The scoring process rewards jockeys for finishing in the top three, giving Bowman a total of 142 points on

> the year. With 124 points, second place went to Ryan Moore, who won the Longines World's Best Jockey award in both 2014 and 2016. Frankie Dettori, who won the award in 2015, was third with 86 points.

Behind four wins, John Velazquez finished as the top North American-based rider. He ranked eighth overall.

Bowman will be recognized at a ceremony during the gala dinner of the Longines Hong Kong International Races Dec. 8 at the Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre. The full and final standings can be found at www.ifhaonline.org.

This system and the presentation of the Longines World's Best Jockey Award were both established in 2014 and marked the first time a jockey was quantitatively recognized as the best among his or her global peers. BH

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In December 2016, Bowman won the Longines International Jockeys' Championship

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SHADAI STALLION STATION ANNOUNCES 2018 FEES

By Naohiro Goda

A hadai Stallion Station announced stud fees for the 2018 season and Deep Impact's fee was raised to ¥40,000,000 (approximately US\$358,000). The son of Sunday Silence stood for ¥30,000,000 the last two seasons.

The leading sire in Japan since 2012, Deep Impact was represented by Saxon Warrior, winner of the Racing Post Trophy Stakes (G1) and ante-post favorite for the 2018 Investec Epsom Derby (G1); Tosen Stardom, who won two group 1 events in Australia; Vivlos, winner of the Dubai Turf Sponsored By DP World (G1); and two grade 1 winners in Japan-Satsuki Sho (Japanese Two Thousand Guineas) victor Al Ain and Yasuda Kinen

winner Satono Aladdin, through Nov. 26.

The average price of yearlings by Deep Impact at the 2017 JRHA Select sale was ¥126,565,714 (about \$1.13 million).

King Kameameha, who sired Rev de Oro, the second Japanese Derby (G1) winner for the sire after Duramente in 2015, had an increase from ¥10,000,000 in 2017 to ¥12,000,000 (about \$107,000) in 2018.

Lord Kanaloa, who had 25 winners from his first crop through Nov. 26 and is the leading freshman sire, saw his fee raised from ¥5,000,000 in 2017 to ¥8,000,000 (about \$71,500) in 2018. While the fee for Heart's Cry, sire of the latest Japan Cup in association with Longines (G1) winner Cheval Grand, remains at ¥8,000,000.

The fee for Kitasan Black, winner of six grade 1 races who begins stud duty at Shadai in 2018, is pending.

Naohiro Goda is a freelance writer. BH



Kitasan Black will stand his first year at stud in 2018 at Shadai



A CURIOUS LITTLE WAR

By Bob Barry

Tith a history measured in centuries, it's no surprise that racing can get weighed down by tradition to the point of seeming hidebound. But who ever would have guessed that a 20th century phenomenon known as "the newspaper war" would revisit racing in 2017?

Newspaper wars—where rival publishers slash cover prices in order to gain market share—have become just another hillock in the mounting landfill of history. With digital media triumphant, gaining a numerical edge in print circulation is no longer worth a fight, let alone a war.

But that's what makes the current battles being waged by Churchill Downs Inc. and Z Capital Partners' Daily Racing Form in Louisville, Ky. and New Orleans so curious.

CDI recently banned the sale of DRF at its racetracks and off-track betting sites, and launched competing hard-copy past performances produced by its own Brisnet.com that sell for roughly half the price of DRF. Brisnet.com offered free past performances online of Churchill Downs cards during the fall meet.

John Asher, vice-president of racing communications at Churchill Downs, told Paulick Report that he and fellow CDI executives felt "pushed in this direction" when the DRF started charging "significant fees" to have Churchill Downs' past performances included in editions of the DRF sold outside the Midwest.

Nobody likes feeling pushed around. But all businesses do their share of pushing, and I can think of a couple of constituencies within racing that would characterize CDI's complaint about bullying as ranging anywhere from rich to their due comeuppance, courtesy of karma.

But I'm here to contextualize, not to choose sides. And it's important to understand the ever-



diminishing impact of print circulation.

In 1980, the year of Spectacular Bid's undefeated 4-year-old campaign, the DRF sold more than 30 million printed copies. By 1992, racing's "Bible" was still selling more than 25 million copies per year.

But then the Internet happened. By 2007, DRF's copy sales fell by more than half versus 1992. And if the annual sales of five million copies that Bloomberg reported in their July 2017 article about Z Capital's acquisition of the DRF is correct, print sales have fallen by half again since 2007.

This explains why a company that sold for a reported \$200 million 10 years ago reportedly sold for less than \$100 million in July. It also suggests that when another company develops a sudden interest in print circulation, it's for reasons other than print circulation.

In my estimation, the dinosaurs who pony up \$10 for a printed DRF must have mature and chubby bankrolls. The launch of CDI's Betting Guides seems to be both a shot across DRF's bow and a bluff. This curious little war is about handle, not copy sales. And that's why it's likely to end, not with a bang, but a whimper.

Bob Barry is a freelance writer. BH



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ALLOWANCE RESULTS

Mahoning Valley Racecourse, Race 2, ALW

11/27, \$22,000, 3yo/up, 8.32f (dirt), 1:48.12, track fast. 1-Little Tricks, 120, b g, 3, Street Magician-Trophy Pride, by Lion Cavern, \$13,200, O-Charlie J. Williams LLC, B-H. Kathleen Dibben (MD), T-Charlie J. Williams, J-T. D. Houghton

Margin: nose, 8 starters. View Equibase Chart

Parx Racing, Race 8, ALW

11/27, \$50,000, 3yo/up, 8.32f (dirt), 1:45.84, track fast. 1-Duff, 121, b h, 5, Candy Ride (ARG)-To the Brim, by Ascot Knight, \$42,000, O-The Elkstone Group LLC, B-Two Sisters' Farm, Inc. (PA), T-Ron G. Potts, J-Carol Cedeno Sale History: 2013 KEESEP, (\$65,000 RNA).

Margin: 21/2, 6 starters. View Equibase Chart

MAIDEN RESULTS

Mahoning Valley Racecourse, Race 1, MSW

11/27, \$21,000, 3yo/up, 6f (dirt), 1:15.99, track fast. 1-Athletic Temper, 122, b c, 3, Smart Strike-Quiet Temper, by Quiet American, \$12,600, O-Sheltowee Farm, B-Besilu Stables, LLC (KY), T-Michael Evans II, J-Rolando

Sale History: 2017 KEENOV, \$16,000, 2015 KEESEP, (\$400,000 RNA).

Margin: 34, 7 starters. View Equibase Chart

Parx Racing, Race 6, MSW

11/27, \$45,000, 2yo, 7f (dirt), 1:26.87, track fast. 1-Wentz, 120, ch c, 2, Super Saver-Snicker Belle, by Distorted Humor, \$27,000, 0-Main Line Racing Stable and Joshtylane Farm, B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY), T-John C. Servis, J-Kendrick Carmouche

Sale History: 2016 KEESEP, (\$45,000 RNA).

Margin: 11/2, 8 starters. View Equibase Chart

Parx Racing, Race 7, MSW

11/27, \$45,000, 3yo/up, 7f (dirt), 1:28.40, track fast. 1-Big Lie, 122, b g, 3, Broken Vow-Giant's Princess, by Giant's Causeway, \$27,000, 0-Wam Stable, B-Irving Cowan, Jonathan Cowan & Debbie Fishman (KY), T-Chris Landicini, Jr., J-Navin Mangalee

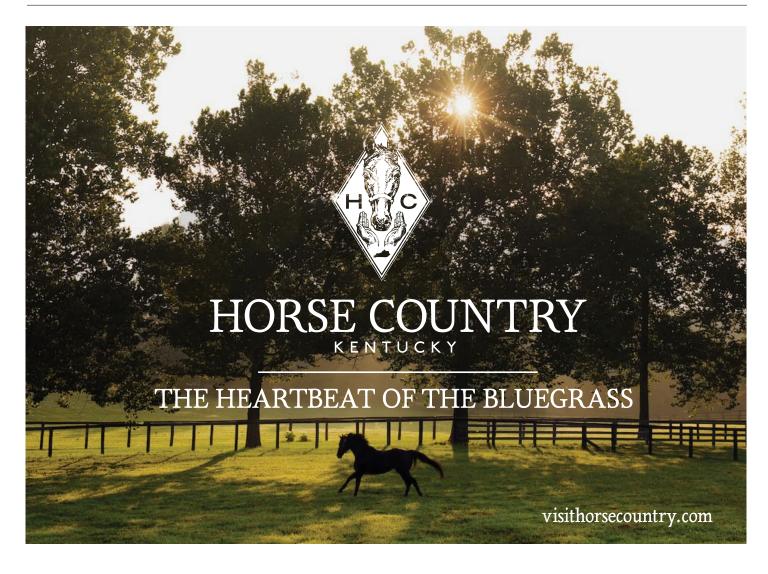
Sale History: 2016 OBSAPR, \$8,000, 2015 KEESEP, \$20,000.

Margin: head, 10 starters. View Equibase Chart

Zia Park, Race 3, MSW

11/27, \$26,500, 3yo/up, 6.5f (dirt), 1:17.68, track fast. 1-Diabolical Gator, 121, ch g, 3, Diabolical-Gator Prowl, by Roar of the Tiger, \$15,900, O-Robison, J. Kirk and Judy, B-J. Kirk Robison & Judy Robison (NM), T-Joel H. Marr, J-Miguel T. Fuentes, Jr.

Margin: 4, 8 starters. View Equibase Chart





UPCOMING ENTRIES

PENNSYLVANIA NURSERY S.

Parx Racing, Saturday, December 2, Race 8 7f (dirt), \$100,000, 2yo, 3:34 PM (local)

P#PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	Jw'strickymischief	Into Mischief	2/c	Hector Caballero	117	-	John W. Loyle
2	Johnny Crickets	Corinthian	2/g	David Cora	117	-	WMT Stable
3	Smooth B	Weigelia	2/c	Joseph Rocco, Jr.	120	-	LC Racing LLC
4	Prince Lucky	Corinthian	2/c	Ricardo Santana, Jr.	120	-	Daniel McConnell
5	Little Siete	Doubles Partner	2/c	No Rider	115	-	Chloe M. Bradley
6	Viking Raider	Violence	2/g	Anthony Salgado	117	-	Pewter Stable
7	Tudox Expectations	Any Given Saturday	2/c	Carol Cedeno	120	-	Tudox Farm
8	American Talent	Talent Search	2/c	Ruben Silvera	120	-	Stony Brook Stables

Breeders: 1-John W. Loyle; 2-WMT Stables, Inc.; 3-St. Omer's Farm & WynOaks Farm, LLC; 4-Daniel W. McConnell Sr.; 5-Glenn E. Brok LLC; 6-Lindsay C. F. Scott & Jane MacElree; 7-Mr. & Mrs. Robert A. Szeyller; 8-Glenn E. Brok LLC.

Trainers: 1-J. Guadalupe Guerrero; 2-T. Bernard Houghton; 3-Robert E. Reid, Jr.; 4-J. Larry Jones; 5-Chloe Bradley; 6-Kathleen A. Demasi; 7-Ron G. Potts; 8-Keith





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2017 LEADING SIRES IN LOUISIANA

Listed below are the top 10 leading sires in Louisiana by 2017 Northern Hemisphere earnings through November 26, 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. Racing statistics are 2017 Northern Hemisphere only.

Rank	Stallion	Sire, YOB	'17 Stud Fee	Farm	Chief Earner (Earnings)	'17 Earnings
1	Court Vision	Gulch, '05	\$3,500	Acadiana Equine@Copper Crowne, LA	Mr Havercamp (\$195,320)	\$2,594,151
2	Half Ours	Unbridled's Song, '03	\$5,000	Clear Creek Stud, LLC, LA	Partly Mocha (\$178,106)	\$2,360,051
3	Songandaprayer	Unbridled's Song, '98	\$4,500	The Stallion Station @ Copper Crowne, LA	Abbaa (\$159,325)	\$2,097,298
4	Custom for Carlos	More Than Ready, '06	\$3,500	Clear Creek Stud, LLC, LA	Big World (\$310,590)	\$1,555,555
5	Mass Media	Touch Gold, '01	\$1,500	Red River Farms, LA	Littlemissbusiness (\$168,870)	\$1,360,283
6	Closing Argument	Successful Appeal, '02	\$3,000	Whispering Oaks Farm, LA	Fillupcohensapiker (\$129,310)	\$1,316,504
7	Star Guitar	Quiet American, '05	\$4,000	Clear Creek Stud, LLC, LA	Givemeaminit (\$168,600)	\$1,226,751
8	D'wildcat	Forest Wildcat, '98	\$2,500	Whispering Oaks Farm, LA	D'craziness (\$108,036)	\$1,217,687
9	Yankee Gentleman	Storm Cat, '99	\$3,500	Le Mesa Stallions, LA	lcy Gentleman (\$104,960)	\$1,102,866
10	Line of David	Lion Heart, '07	\$2,500	Red River Farms, LA	Fear No Evil (\$94,310)	\$893,339

2017 LEADING SIRES IN TEXAS

Listed below are the top 10 leading sires in Texas by 2017 Northern Hemisphere earnings through November 26, 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. Racing statistics are 2017 Northern Hemisphere only.

Rank	Stallion	Sire, YOB	'17 Stud Fee	Farm	Chief Earner (Earnings)	'17 Earnings
1	Too Much Bling	Rubiano, '03	\$4,500	Valor Farm, TX	Rumpole (\$114,400)	\$1,773,585
2	Grasshopper	Dixie Union, '04	\$3,500	Valor Farm, TX	Texas Chrome (\$190,800)	\$766,199
3	My Golden Song	Unbridled's Song, '03	\$4,000	Valor Farm, TX	Zippit E (\$82,070)	\$697,330
4	Valid Expectations	Valid Appeal, '93	Died	N/A	Ivan Fallunovalot (\$144,995)	\$663,847
5	Congaree	Arazi, '98	\$3,000	Valor Farm, TX	Southern Fried Fun (\$43,904)	\$635,715
6	Early Flyer	Gilded Time, '98	\$2,500	Valor Farm, TX	Bravura (\$50,000)	\$517,016
7	Intimidator	Gone West, '01	\$1,500	Asmussen Horse Center, TX	Estrickator (\$82,440)	\$457,968
8	Stonesider	Giant's Causeway, '03	\$3,000	Valor Farm, TX	Toohottoevenspeak (\$82,540)	\$389,365
9	Lunarpal	Successful Appeal, '02	N/A	Lone Star Farms/Rafter S Ranch, TX	Grizabella (\$57,221)	\$292,118
10	Uncle Abbie	Kingmambo, '97	\$2,000	Key Ranch, TX	Galactica (\$79,820)	\$272,770

2017 LEADING SIRES IN ARKANSAS

Listed below are the top 10 leading sires in Arkansas by 2017 Northern Hemisphere earnings through November 26, 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. Racing statistics are 2017 Northern Hemisphere only.

Rank	Stallion	Sire, YOB	'17 Stud Fee	Farm	Chief Earner (Earnings)	'17 Earnings
1	Primary Suspect	Hennessy, '01	\$1,000	McDowell Farm, AR	Suspect a Storm (\$71,246)	\$755,541
2	Brahms	Danzig, '97	\$2,000	Trophy Club Training Center, AR	Her Case of Gold (\$44,759)	\$617,162
3	Jonesboro	Sefapiano, '02	\$500	Lake Hamilton Equine Associates, AF	R Racer (\$156,417)	\$590,341
4	The Daddy	Valid Expectations, '02	\$1,500	Trophy Club Training Center, AR	Rich Daddy (\$130,210)	\$454,353
5	Portobello Road	Storm Cat, '04	\$1,000	Anderson Farms, AR	Jeri Bella (\$52,577)	\$418,383
6	Storm and a Half	Storm Cat, '97	N/A	Tommy Ives Thoroughbreds, AR	Detroit Cowboy (\$72,400)	\$395,979
7	Zarbyev	Nureyev, '84	Died	Chad White, AR	I Hope (\$73,173)	\$309,661
8	Hightail	Mineshaft, '10	\$2,500	Trophy Club Training Center, AR	Dynatail (\$230,740)	\$230,740
9	Ordained	Pulpit, '08	\$1,000	Starfish Stallions, AR	Ministry (\$130,720)	\$190,670
10	High Cascade	Woodman, '98	\$500	Cornerstone Farms, AR	Lil Becky (\$23,400)	\$164,930