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BUOYANT MARKET FUELS KEENELAND JANUARY GAINS By BloodHorse Staff

Keeneland's 2018 January horses of all ages sale concluded Jan. 11 with healthy results that signal continued buyer confidence and demand for quality that buoyed the recent September yearling and November breeding stock auctions.

Evidence of market strength included the significant growth in gross, average, and median prices—spurred by competition among major domestic and foreign buyers who took advantage of this final chance to purchase quality stock prior to the start of breeding season and the sale of two seven-figure horses, including the thirdhighest-priced yearling colt in January sale history.

Gross sales of \$34,996,000 for the four-day auction, held Jan. 8-11 in Lexington, rose 21.57% when compared with \$28,785,500 recorded for last year's five-day sale. Gross sales surpassed last year's total on the third day of selling. In all, 909 horses were sold versus 961 in 2017.

The average of \$38,499 jumped 28.53% from last year's \$29,954 and the median rose 14.29% from \$10,500 to \$12,000.

"The strong results of the January sale continue to reflect a great enthusiasm to own



Keeneland's Bob Elliston is all smiles after a strong Keeneland January sale

racehorses," said Bob Elliston, Keeneland's vice president of racing and sales. "Buyers are bullish on the economy and the horse industry. They are bringing capital into the market in the form of long-term investment in broodmares and broodmare prospects.

"Short yearlings were at a premium, and a good balance of pinhookers and end-users battled to take them home. Pinhookers in particular had to step up to buy yearlings, suggesting strength because they anticipate rewards at the September sale."

The January sale also produced signs of a healthy middle market as the number of horses sold for \$200,000 or more increased from 17 last year to 28 this year.

"As we believed it would, the optimistic trend we saw in September and November carried forward to January," Elliston said. "The surging stock market and the new tax treatments of investments should continue to positively impact the horse industry through this new year."

As another positive indicator, the clearance rate for the entire sale also improved significantly over 2017 as the total number of horses not meeting their reserve fell 27.73%, from 31.41% in 2017 to 25.92% this year.

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"Our goal is to see commerce being done, which is reflected in a high clearance rate," Elliston said. "Quality not quantity is the industry guidepost now, and we work in partnership with consignors and buyers to get it right."

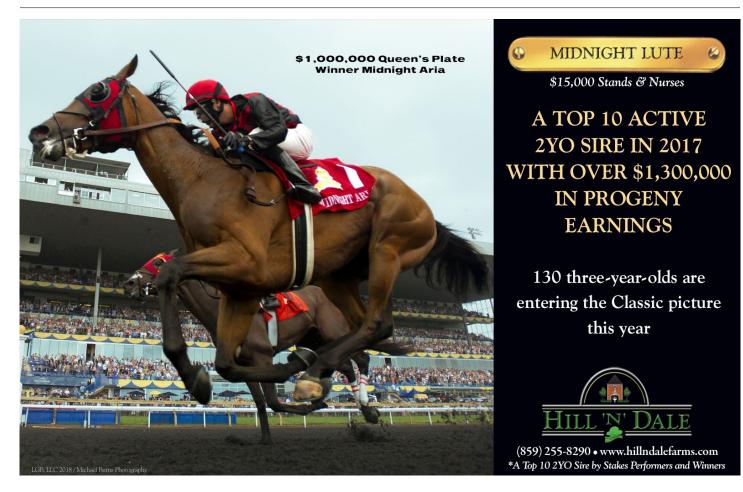
Two horses sold for \$1 million or more at the January sale, the first time since 2013 the auction has had multiple seven-figure sales.

Grade 2 stakes winner Mrs McDougal, supplemented as a broodmare prospect to the January sale and sold as the final horse in the ring Tuesday, brought the top price of \$1.6 million from agent Steve Young for an undisclosed client. Eaton Sales consigned the 6-year-old daughter of leading sire Medaglia d'Oro in addition to two other of the sale's 10 highest-priced horses. The others were multiple grade 3-placed broodmare prospect Banree, who sold for \$450,000 to agent Andre Lynch; and a War Front yearling colt purchased for \$390,000 by Baccari Bloodstock.

"It was a very good sale, a really good market," said Reiley McDonald of Eaton Sales. "Our good horses sold extremely well. It makes sense to me to bring horses to the January sale."

On behalf of an undisclosed client, Young also paid \$485,000, the sale's third-highest price, for stakes winner Bellavais and reported she would resume her racing career with trainer Todd Pletcher. A 4-yearold filly by Tapit out of grade 3 winner La Cloche, by Ghostzapper, her second dam is grade 1 winner Memories of Silver. Bellavais was consigned by the Phillips family's Darby Dan Farm.

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"The horses that have the quality, they're going to bring the good money," said Hunter Houlihan, Darby Dan's sales director. "The premium really is especially for race fillies, quality stakes fillies. There are some horses that I would have appraised at \$100,000 that brought \$200,000. I think if you were lucky enough to come in here with a really nice stakes horse, which we were, you were rewarded handsomely."

With the two purchases for a combined \$2,085,000, Young was the sale's leading buyer.

A yearling colt from the first crop of 2015 Triple Crown winner American Pharoah brought a final bid of \$1 million from Coolmore's M.V. Magnier. Coolmore raced the colt's half brother, multiple group 1 winner Caravaggio.

January sale success was fueled by participation from a diverse buying bench that featured horsemen from across the U.S. as well as multiple buying entities from Australia, Ireland, England, Japan, Korea, Russia, South America and Turkey.

"The international aspect of the January sale was stronger than we normally see," Keeneland Director of Sales Operations Geoffrey Russell said. "The depth and breadth of foreign participation are unique to Keeneland. Our sales team travels year-round to educate horsemen about our auctions and nurture relationships with established buyers in markets around the world. Foreign buyers value American bloodlines."

2018 Keeneland January Horses of All Ages Sale Top Hips Cumulative

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Нір	Sex, Sire—Dam	Sale Price
781A	Mrs McDougal m, 6, Medaglia d'Oro—Distorted Passion Buyer: Steven W. Young, agent Consignor: Eaton Sales	\$1,600,000
533	c, ylg, American Pharoah—Mekko Hokte Buyer: M.V. Magnier Consignor: Paramount Sales	\$1,000,000
334	Bellavais f, 4, Tapit—La Cloche Buyer: Steven W. Young, agent Consignor: Darby Dan Farm	\$485,000
730	Banree m, 5, Macho Uno—Grand Glory Buyer: Andre Lynch, agent Consignor: Eaton Sales	\$450,000
634	Spring Eclipse m, 9, Unbridled's Song—Coragil Covering Sire: Gemologist Buyer: Green Leaf Farm Consignor: Shawhan Place	\$425,000
303	c, ylg, American Pharoah—Air France Buyer: Alex & JoAnn Lieblong Consignor: Pope McLean	\$400,000
763	c, ylg, War Front—Circle the Empire Buyer: Baccari Bloodstock Consignor: Eaton Sales	\$390,000
248	Stradivarius m, 5, Street Cry (IRE)—Aldebaran Light Covering Sire: Medaglia d'Oro Buyer: Bluegrass Thoroughbred Services, agent Consignor: Denali Stud, agent for Earle I. Mack	\$375,000
127	Majestic Quality f, 4, Quality Road—She Nuit All Buyer: Shadai Farm Consignor: ELiTE	\$350,000
363	Charm City Girl m, 7, Pioneerof the Nile—Charming Toutsie Covering Sire: Union Rags Buyer: Larkin Armstrong, agent Consignor: Upson Downs Farm	\$350,000

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New Mexico-based trainer Justin Evans, who attended the sale with his wife, Vanessa, was the sale's leading buyer by volume with the purchase of 14 horses of racing age, yearlings and mares for Toews On Ice, a grade 3 winner who will stand his first season at their A & A Equine near Anthony, New Mexico.

"This is only our second time (to attend the January sale)," Evans said. "We came four or five years ago with some clients and bought a few nice horses. We've now got a stud, Toews On Ice, so I wanted to get a few mares to breed to him. What better place than Keeneland to get some good mares? "You've got such a big variety of horses here. You can come here and buy a really nice horse for the right price. We love the atmosphere, being at Keeneland."

Taylor Made Sales Agency was the January Sale's leading consignor for the fifth consecutive year and the 16th time since 2001. Taylor Made sold 77 horses for \$3,455,700.

During Thursday's final session, two horses sold for \$80,000. Donato Lanni, agent for Baoma Corp., bought the first, Tabulation, an 8-year-old daughter of Giant's Causeway in foal to Mineshaft. Consigned by Gainesway, she is out of the Afleet mare The Administrator and is a half-sister to grade 3 winner Saint Marden, stakes winner Sweet Lips, and 2011 Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (G1) runner-up Nehro.

The second, Mr Classical, sold to Fergus Galvin, agent for Marc Detampel. Consigned by Mill Ridge Sales, the 4-year-old Bernardini colt out of the



Empire Maker mare Solo Piano is to resume his racing career with trainer Brendan Walsh at Fair Grounds Race Course & Slots.

Keeneland on Thursday sold 258 horses for \$3,251,300, up 30.60% from the fourth session in 2017 when 209 horses brought \$2,489,600. The average of \$12,602 was 5.79% above last year's \$11,912, while the median of \$6,000 increased 20% from \$5,000 last year. BH

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SHAMAN GHOST TO TOMMY TOWN THOROUGHBREDS

By Eric Mitchell and Claire Crosby

Multiple grade 1 winner and Canadian champion Shaman Ghost will enter stud at Tommy Town Thoroughbreds near Santa Ynez, Calif., for the 2018 season, his connections announced Jan. 11.

The stud fee for the 6-year-old son of Ghostzapper will be \$10,000, live foal stands and nurses. There will be special consideration for young stakes-winning mares at a reduced fee of \$7,500, live foal stands and nurses.

In an exclusive interview with *BloodHorse Daily*, owner Frank Stronach reiterated his dedication to building up the California-bred program. He said he is sending multiple mares to California to foal and be bred back to Shaman Ghost.

"Basically, as you know, we own two racetracks here in Golden Gate Fields and Santa Anita Park," said the founder of The Stronach Group. "We're a little concerned there aren't enough horses, there are small fields, so we want to make sure that we have a good horse population. Naturally, it's also important that we get new owners (involved in the sport)."

Shaman Ghost, an Ontario-bred out of the Gilded Time mare Getback Time, was well-traveled during 17 starts, from which he accumulated an 8-3-2 record and earnings of \$3,859,311. He received a Sovereign Award for champion 3-year-old colt in 2015, when he became the third homebred Queen's Plate Stakes winner for Stronach Stables and ran second in the Prince of Wales Stakes.

At 4 and 5, Shaman Ghost won or placed in seven black-type stakes, including victories in the Woodward Stakes (G1), Santa Anita Handicap Presented by San Manuel Indian Bingo and Casino (G1), Brooklyn Invitational Stakes (G2), and the Pimlico Special Handicap (G3).

"He won the Santa Anita Handicap, and he also won on Polytrack, and they have a synthetic track at Golden Gate," Stronach said. "I think he's quite a versatile horse. I think conformation-wise he's very correct, and he has a great disposition. Naturally, you always get high on your own horses, but I've been around good horses, and I think he's a very nice horse."

Stronach spent time over the last few weeks in California and visited numerous farms. He said the primary factor for standing the new stallion at Tommy



Shaman Ghost training at Gulfstream for the 2017 Pegasus World Cup, in which he finished second to Arrogate

Town Thoroughbreds is that it is centrally located, with a very large mare population in the Santa Ynez area.

"It was a hard decision because there were so many good farms, but I decided to do what is the best for Shaman Ghost," Stronach said. "I think Tommy Town is more central, being in Santa Ynez, and where the mare population is concerned, I think that would be helpful."

Tom Stull, owner of Tommy Town, said he was honored that Stronach chose his farm to handle Shaman Ghost's inaugural year at stud.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for California Thoroughbred breeders to have access to Shaman Ghost, a high-caliber stallion who will be a great addition to the Thoroughbred breeding industry here in California."

In a release sent late Thursday, Stronach added, "We as a family need to demonstrate California racing is very important for the state of California. It is necessary that there are enough quality horses in California. The racehorse industry is very beneficial economically for the state of California. The horse industry currently is responsible for 50,000 jobs, directly and indirectly, and the Stronach family wants to work together with breeders, owners and trainers to increase these values. Together, we can improve horse racing and create thousands of additional jobs.

"The Stronach family's commitment to California is to improve and preserve the beautiful racetracks. By sending Shaman Ghost to California, we want to demonstrate that, besides owning the racetracks, we also will do our share to breed and race in California." BH

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GALVIN STRIKES FOR MR CLASSICAL, RED KITE AT KEENELAND

By Claire Crosby У @BH_CNovak

Fergus Galvin came into town with two well-bred prospects on his radar at the Keeneland January horses of all ages sale. On the evening of Jan. 11 with minutes ticking down on the final day of the four-session auction, the bloodstock agent emerged victorious with both runners, which will return to training at Fair Grounds Race Course & Slots.

Buying for Chicago client Marc Detampel, Galvin purchased Hip 1573, a 4-year-old Bernardini colt named Mr Classical, for \$80,000 from Mill Ridge Sales. The price was co-highest for the Thursday session, tied with the \$80,000 agent Donato Lanni spent for Baoma Corp. to acquire Hip 1456, the Gainesway-consigned 8-year-old Giant's Causeway mare Tabulation.

Bred by Juddmonte Farms out of the Empire Maker mare Solo Piano, from the family of multiple grade 1 winner Flute, Mr Classical raced twice for Juddmonte and Chad Brown this summer with third- and fourth-place finishes in maiden special weight company in New York.

"He's shown a lot of talent with Chad Brown his first couple of starts," Galvin said. "(Juddmonte manager) Garrett (O'Rourke) gave him a good recommendation. He's going to go to Brendan Walsh at Fair Grounds, and hopefully it won't take a couple of months to get him back in racing condition. He certainly has really good form to build on."

Two hips after landing Mr Classical, Galvin returned to the Mill Ridge offerings again and spent \$53,000 for Hip 1576, the 4-year-old Harlan's Holiday gelding Red Kite. Bred by Winchester Farm out of the black-type-winning Unbridled mare Boom Town Girl—and a \$325,000 Keeneland September yearling sale purchase by Juddmonte in



Agent Fergus Galvin at the Keeneland January sale

2015—Red Kite was a runner-up to eventual grade 1 winner Gormley for Hall of Famer Bob Baffert in September of 2016 in a maiden special weight at Del Mar.

"Obviously, he was second to Gormley—a grade 1 winner—in his only start," Galvin said. "He's been off for a while, but Garrett has given a good recommendation for him to come back racing. He's shown a lot of talent in his only start, so we'll see if we can get him back to that."

Giving some insight into his selections, Galvin added, "The appeal with both of those horses is that they're lightly raced, they all have their conditions, and there's plenty of prize money when you get to the spring of the year. For maiden horses, for allowance horses, there's plenty of money around. So that's what we're targeting with both of them, and maybe Keeneland here in the spring meet."

Red Kite will go to Andrew McKeever, another trainer currently based at Fair Grounds.

"We've had a lot of luck with Juddmonte horses before. They've been good," Galvin said. "(Detampel is) light on his racehorses right now, so we're filling the stable back up a little bit." BH

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KEENELAND FINALE EXCEEDS SOME EXPECTATIONS

By Ron Mitchell 9 @BH_RMitchell

Although the Jan. 11 final session of the Keeneland January horses of all ages sale did not have a six-figure transaction, the day's trade exceeded the expectations of some consignors, including Lane's End.

With all 35 horses through the ring changing hands, Lane's End was the day's leading consignor, wiith gross revenues of \$663,400.

"You worry when there isn't as much activity at the barns presale, but coming down here in the ring it's been really healthy today," said Allaire Ryan, Lane's End's director of sales. "Even when the expectations were low, they have been exceeded."

Among the Lane's End offerings Thursday were a Competitive Edge colt that topped the short yearling category on the day, when he was purchased by Zach Madden, agent for Conrad Farms, for \$70,000; and Cosi Bella, a winning 4-yearold filly by Ghostzapper purchased as a racing or broodmare prospect by McMahon and Hill Bloodstock as agent for \$67,000.

From the first crop sired by Competitive Edge, the colt consigned as Hip 1276 was bred in Kentucky by Kerby Chua and descends from the female family of champion Outstandingly.

Bred by Jack Mandato in

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Allaire Ryan felt the overall results of the Keeneland January sale exceeded expectations

Kentucky and consigned as Hip 1564, Cosi Bella is a lightly raced daughter of Ghostzapper. The second foal out of the Empire Maker mare Bella Chianti, the filly decends from the the family of sire David Copperfield. Her second dam is grade 2 winner Bella Chiarra.

Ryan said action was solid across-the-board for the consignor, whether it be in-foal mares, broodmare prospects, or short yearlings and that a large number of final session buyers had their prospective purchases vetted.

"For the last day of the sale you don't expect much vet work, but it's been good out there," Ryan said. "If people are putting their money into an investment they want to make sure they're making the right decision. It's been great seeing them using the repository and getting vets out to scope (the sale horses). It's buyer responsibility."

Lane's End did not have the kind of stock entered in the January sale that would produce fireworks at the top end, and Ryan said the entity was pleased with their results.

"It's been very fair for us and I'm pleased overall," Ryan said.

Topping the overall Lane's End consignment was Hip 647, a Mineshaft yearling filly produced from the grade 2-winning Harlan's Holiday mare Summer Applause. The filly bred in Kentucky by Narda was purchased by Popp Bloodstock for \$300,000. BH

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UNION RAGS, AMERICAN PHAROAH TOP SIRES AT JANUARY SALE By Eric Mitchell

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Union Rags, Lane's End's runner-up second-crop sire of 2018, was the leading covering sire by average at the conclusion of the four-day Keeneland January horses of racing age sale.

The 9-year-old son of Dixie Union was represented by three mares sold out of three offered that brought a \$243,333 average and a \$200,000 median. He was the sale's only January sale covering sire with an average and median above \$200,000.

Union Rags' top-selling mare was Charm City Girl, a stake-placed winning daughter of Pioneerof the Nile, who was consigned by Upson Downs Farm and sold for \$350,000 to Larkin Armstrong as agent. The mare is a half sister to Miss Preakness Stakes winner I'm Mom's Favorite (by Indian Charlie) and stakesplaced winner Toutsie Rules (Roman Ruler).

The other covering sire with a six-figure average was WinStar Farm's Gemologist, who was represented by four sold out of eight offered that averaged \$112,375. He was represented by the highest-priced in-foal mare at the sale, the Unbridled's Song



Union Rags at Lane's End

daughter Spring Eclipse, who sold to Green Leaf Farm for \$425,000. Shawhan Place sold the mare, who is a half sister to graded stakes winners Softly (Binalong) and Coragil Cat (Forest Wildcat). Gemologist had more disparity in his mare prices as a covering sire as indicated by his \$9,750 median.

Rounding out the top five covering sires by average are Three Chimneys Farm's Will Take Charge (five sold, averaging \$77,000), Hill 'n' Dale Farms' Kantharos (four sold, \$68,750), and Airdrie Stud's Cairo Prince (11 sold, \$63,727).

Yearlings by Ashford Stud's American Pharoah but him atop the leading yearling sire list by average, among sires represented by at least three sold. He had three sell for an average of \$540,000.

American Pharoah's top seller was a \$1 million half brother to multiple group 1 winner Caravaggio. The colt, who sold to Coolmore Stud's M.V. Magnier, was bred in Kentucky by Richard C. Imbert's Windmill Manor Farms in partnership with Petaluma Bloodstock. Charlie O'Connor, director of sales for Coolmore Stud, is one of the principals in Petaluma Bloodstock. Windmill Manor and Petaluma also bred Caravaggio.

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UNION RAGS, AMERICAN PHAROAH TOP SIRES AT JANUARY SALE

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The 2015 Triple Crown winner was also represented by a \$400,000 colt out of multiple graded stakes producer Air France, who Alex and JoAnn Lieblong bought out of the Crestwood Farm consignment. The Air France colt was bred in Kentucky by Mount Joy Stables and foaled at Crestwood.

Ashford Stud's Uncle Mo, the leading third-crop sire of 2017, was the second-leading yearling sire with an average of \$152,500 from four sold out of five offered. The son of Indian Charlie's top seller is a \$240,000 colt who is the first foal out of the Malibu Moon daughter Grace is Gone. Richwood Thoroughbred bought the colt out



American Pharoah had the top yearling with this \$1 million colt out of Mekko Hokte

of the Four Star Sales consignment.

The other yearling sires with six-figures averages include Hill 'n' Dale's Violence (three sold, \$140,000), Spendthrift Farm's Malibu Moon (four sold, \$138,750), Lane's End's Candy Ride (three sold, \$125,000), and Union Rags (three sold, \$125,000). BH

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2018 Keeneland January Horses of All Ages Sale Top Covering Sires by Gross (min. 3 sold)									
Sire	Offered	Sold	Gross	Average					
Union Rags	3	3	\$730,000	\$243,333					
Cairo Prince	12	11	\$701,000	\$63,727					
Gemologist	8	4	\$449,500	\$112,375					
Will Take Charge	6	5	\$385,000	\$77,000					
Kantharos	4	4	\$275,000	\$68,750					
Bodemeister	7	4	\$240,000	\$60,000					
Paynter	12	9	\$204,000	\$22,667					
Dialed In	5	4	\$190,000	\$47,500					
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Super Saver	3	3	\$175,000	\$58,333					

2018 Keeneland January Horses of All Ages Sale Top Yearling Sires by Gross (min. 3 sold)										
Sire	Offered	Sold	Gross	Average						
American Pharoah	5	3	\$1,620,000	\$540,000						
Uncle Mo	5	4	\$610,000	\$152,500						
Malibu Moon	4	4	\$555,000	\$138,750						
Cairo Prince	9	7	\$489,000	\$69,857						
Palace Malice	7	6	\$482,000	\$80,333						
Mineshaft	6	5	\$429,500	\$85,900						
Violence	5	3	\$420,000	\$140,000						
Candy Ride (ARG)	3	3	\$375,000	\$125,000						
Union Rags	5	3	\$375,000	\$125,000						
Competitive Edge	11	7	\$350,000	\$50,000						

MUBTAAHIJ, HOPPERTUNITY POINT TO DUBAI WORLD CUP

By Jeremy Balan У @BH_JBalan

With grade 1 winners Collected and West Coast well on their way, training toward the Jan. 27 Pegasus World Cup Invitational (G1), another Bob Baffert-trained duo of top-level winners is eying the next elite event for handicap horses.

Following Mubtaahij's first work of 2018, Baffert said the 6-year-old son of Dubawi owned by Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa al Maktoum, along with stablemate Hoppertunity, are both pointing for the March 31 Dubai World Cup (G1) at Meydan. It's a race Baffert has won three times, including last year with Arrogate.

"That's the goal for Mubtaahij and Hoppertunity, for sure," Baffert said after he watched Mubtaahij log an easy half-mile work in :50 3/5 Jan. 11 at Santa Anita Park. "He went nice. I freshened him up a little bit, but he looked pretty good today."

Both horses ran well in the \$10 million race in previous years, and Mubtaahij, when he was trained by Mike de Kock, won four races at Meydan, including an eight-length score in the 2015 U.A.E. Derby Sponsored By Saeed & Mohammed Al Naboodah Group (G2). Mubtaahij also finished second to California Chrome in the 2016 Dubai World Cup Sponsored by Emirates Airline and was fourth in the 2017 edition. Hoppertunity has made two trips for the Dubai World Cup, finishing third in 2016 and sixth in 2017.

Mubtaahij won his first start for Baffert Sept. 30 in the Awesome Again Stakes (G1) at Santa Anita, but followed that effort with an eighth-place finish in the Nov. 4 Breeders' Cup Classic (G1) and a third-place finish in the Nov. 25 Native Diver Stakes (G3) at Del Mar.

"He looked good today, and he's put some weight back on," Baffert said. "He needed a freshening. That wasn't him (in the Native Diver). He came back and



Mubtaahij galloping before an eighth-place finish in the Breeders' Cup Classic at Del Mar

ran a huge race of the layoff in the Awesome Again, then ran in the Breeders' Cup and it was probably too much for him."

Hoppertunity came in fourth in the Dec. 26 San Antonio Stakes (G2) at Santa Anita last out for Karl Watson, Michael Pegram, and Paul Weitman. The 7-year-old son of Any Given Saturday returned to the Santa Anita work tab Jan. 6 with a four-furlong move in :48 3/5.

Baffert said he was unsure if either Mubtaahij or Hoppertunity will get a prep race in before the Dubai World Cup. BH

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HEAVY METAL CRANKS UP GROUP 2 WIN AT MEYDAN

By BloodHorse Staff

Teteran Heavy Metal started his 8-year-old season the way he ended his 7-year-old campaign, scoring a stakes victory on the dirt at Meydan.

Sheikh Hamdan Bin Mohammed Al Maktoum's Exceed and Excel gelding secured the most lucrative victory of his career Jan. 11, when he scored by 4 1/2 lengths over Thunder Snow in the \$250,000 Al Maktoum Challenge Round 1 presented by Longines Gents Masters Collection (G2).

After racing on the lead throughout the 1,600-meter (about one-mile) test while saving ground under jockey Mickael Barzalona, Heavy Metal entered the long stretch in front. While Thunder Snow was able to move into second, the two-time group 1 winner never seriously threatened. Heavy Metal completed the race in 1:37.8 on a fast track.

Trained by Salem bin Ghadayer, the winner secured his second straight stakes victory after closing out 2017 with a score in the Dubai Creek Mile Sponsored by Lincoln Continental. Barzalona said the 8-year-old is in top form.

Heavy Metal was bred by Darley and is out of

South African champion and group 1 winner Rock Opera, by Lecture.

While Godolphin's Thunder Snow didn't register a victory, the 4-year-old son of Helmet delivered a promising effort in his 4-year-old debut-his first start since finishing last in the QIPCO Queen Elizabeth II Stakes (G1) in October at Ascot. Thunder Snow was much the best of the rest Thursday, finishing 7 1/2 lengths ahead of group 3 winner North America.

Last year Thunder Snow didn't handle the off-track in the Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (G1) and was pulled up soon after the start.

In the other group stakes on the card-opening day for the Dubai World Cup Carnival-Godolphin's Benbatl opened his 4-year-old season with a 2 1/4-length victory in the Singspiel Stakes presented by Longines Ladies Master Collection (G3). Trained by Saeed bin Suroor, the son of Dubawi didn't race at 2 then won three of seven starts last year, including a victory in the Hampton Court Stakes (G3) at Royal Ascot.

Benbatl, under Oisin Murphy, completed Thursday's 1,800-meter (about 1 1/8-mile) test in 1:46.99 on good turf. BH

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Heavy Metal takes the Al Maktoum Challenge Round 1 by 4 1/2 lengths over Thunder Snow at Meydan

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PRINCIPE GUILHERME PUTS TALENT TO THE TEST IN LECOMTE

By Alicia Wincze Hughes Ø @BH_AHughes

There are only a few weeks remaining before one of the grandest chapters the Steve Asmussen barn has ever produced comes to a close.

On the evening of Jan. 27, the moving-on process will officially begin as multiple grade 1 winner Gun Runner is set to conclude his career in the Pegasus World Cup Invitational Stakes (G1) at Gulfstream Park-a run slated to take place just days after his expected Eclipse Award coronation as the 2017 Horse of the Year. As deep a void as the chestnut son of Candy Ride will leave, what will remain is the ever-present hope that the heir to his achievements might be residing under his connections' noses.

"That's what this business is all about—dreams. If you're not willing to dream, you probably can't stand it, because there are enough disappointments," said Doug Cauthen, vice chairman of Three Chimneys Farm, which co-owns Gun Runner along with Winchell Thoroughbreds.

In his two career starts, Three Chimneys' homebred Principe Guilherme has given his team reason to think he could help fill the shoes his famed stablemate will leave dangling behind. With a combined win margin of 18 lengths, the Asmussen-trained son of Tapit has shown the kind of brilliance that gets a horseman's



Principe Guilherme breaks his maiden by 6 1/4 lengths Nov. 10 at Churchill Downs

heart rate up in the best sense.

On Jan. 13, Principe Guilherme will provide his connections an indicator on how much they can keep dreaming when he headlines the \$200,000 Lecomte Stakes (G3) at Fair Grounds Race Course & Slots going one mile and 70 yards.

Installed as the 5-2 morningline favorite, Principe Guilherme is one of three entrants Asmussen will saddle in the Lecomte along with maiden winner Zing Zang and Snapper Sinclair, a stakes winner on the turf. The former didn't exactly draw a favorable post, landing in the 12 slot, but has shown enough in his first couple outings to suggest his starting point may not matter at this stage.

In his maiden outing against 10 others, Principe Guilherme shook off the early pressure he faced from Run Trouble Run and drew off to win by 6 1/4 lengths at Churchill Downs Nov. 10 in the seven-furlong test. The bay colt duplicated that effort and then some next time out at Fair Grounds Dec. 16, when he headed every point of call en route to an 11 3/4-length victory over the same distance he will travel Saturday.

"I think he was always a really good-looking baby and grew into a nice yearling, but he took a little time to get into gear while he was in training as far as showing a lot," Cauthen said. "Then one day, the light turned on and Steve said 'Man, this horse finally woke up and breezed really good.' He's been answering the call so far. The first start gave some comfort and the second one was when you started to do a little more dreaming.

"This will be a real test for him because he's running against good horses and it's a big field, it will be a real challenge for him."

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PRINCIPE GUILHERME PUTS TALENT TO THE TEST IN LECOMTE

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Expectations have been building for Principe Guilherme, the product of a mating between grade 1 winner Aubby K and Gainesway's leading sire, since his early days on Three Chimneys Farm.

"This horse was offered for sale and didn't meet its reserve... it was fair price and it didn't happen," Cauthen said of Principe Guilherme, who was offered at the 2015 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky fall mixed sale. "Being by Tapit out of a grade 1-winning mare, there is reason to have hopes for him too. And a homebred program doing well is the key to success for any farm."

Asmussen isn't the only trainer to have a threepronged attack for the Lecomte. Larry Jones will also send out a trio, headed by Kowboy Karma, the co-third choice at 6-1 on the morning line. The son of Kodiak Kowboy was an emphatic 12 1/2-length winner of his career debut at Delaware Park going six furlongs. He was most recently second in the James F. Lewis III Stakes at Laurel Park Nov. 11.

OXO Equine's Instilled Regard ships to the Fair Grounds from the barn of Hall of Famer Jerry Hollendorfer and was deemed the morning line second-choice at 4-1. The son of Arch was purchased for \$1.05 million at the 2017 Ocala Breeders' Sales March 2-year-olds in training sale and is out of

Enhancing, whose dam is champion Heavenly Prize.

In his debut, Instilled Regard was a half-length behind the full brother of Triple Crown winner American Pharoah, St Patrick's Day, at Del Mar Sept. 2. Two starts later, the dark bay colt broke his maiden by 4 1/4-lengths going 1 1/16-miles at Santa Anita Park Oct. 29 and was elevated to second via disgualification last time out in the Dec. 9 Los Alamitos CashCall Futurity (G1).

Trainer Mark Casse entered the multiple graded stakes winning filly Wonder Gadot in the Lecomte but said Jan. 10 he and owner Gary Barber would like to keep the daughter of Medaglia d'Oro against her own sex in Saturday's Silverbulletday Stakes-where she is cross-entered-rather than face males.

"Unless there are some significant scratches in there, she is going to run against the girls," Casse explained. "She is doing that good and ... we decided to look at it and see. But that's one of the toughest Lecomtes I've seen. At some point in time, if she continues to run well, she may give it a try (against males)."

Tom Morley-trained Ciaran is also expected to scratch from the Lecomte, leaving also-eligible entrant Trigger Warning able to draw into event.

The Lecomte is a Road to the Kentucky Derby points race where points toward a starting spot in the Kentucky Derby Presented by Woodford Reserve (G1) field will be awarded on a 10-4-2-1 scale. BH

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GULFSTREAM PARK LEADS NORTH AMERICA IN PURSES

By Frank Angst @BH_FAngst

A fter adding race dates in recent years, and in 2017 adding the world's richest race—the \$12 million Pegasus World Cup Invitational Stakes (G1)—Gulfstream Park delivered a very strong year in 2017.

As *BloodHorse* begins to gather information for its upcoming All About Purses issue, I thought I'd share some of the purses-by-track information for 2017.

Paying out more than \$400,000 a day for 200 race days in 2017, Gulfstream finished atop the list for total purses, and ranked third in biggest percentage gain in total purses and fourth in biggest percentage gain in average daily purses.

The following two tables examine North American tracks that offered at least 20 race dates in 2017.

Top 5 Tracks by Total Purses

Track	Purses
Gulfstream Park	\$80,370,150
Belmont Park	\$71,063,600
Santa Anita Park	\$60,013,966
Woodbine	\$52,479,926
Parx Racing	\$52,006,047



Top 5 Tracks by Average Daily Purses

Track	Purses
Saratoga Race Course	\$1,017,527
Belmont Park	\$798,467
Keeneland	\$703,532
Del Mar	\$539,454
Churchill Downs	\$519,391

The following four tables also look at North American tracks with at least 20 race dates in 2017 and examine percentage gains—or losses—in 2017 compared with 2016. BH

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Irack	Purses	Change							
Laurel Park	\$47,176,618	22%							
Belterra Park	\$10,478,120	21%							
Gulfstream Park	\$80,370,150	18%							
Sunland Park	\$11,481,383	17%							
Gulfstream Park West	\$8,722,090	13%							
Hawthorne Race Course	\$8,018,920	13%							

Top Five Percentage Losses in Total Purses

Track	Purses	Change
Portland Meadows	\$1,389,650	-38%
Delta Downs	\$17,195,450	-25%
Retama Park	\$1,853,290	-24%
Camarero	\$10,364,471	-22%
Mountaineer	\$12,113,787	-19%

Top Five Percentage Gains in Average Daily Purses

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Track	Purses	Change
Zia Park	\$171,627	26%
Hawthorne Race Course	\$138,257	25%
Grand Prairie	\$17,135	23%
Gulfstream Park	\$401,851	21%
Sunland Park	\$197,955	21%

Top Five Percentage Losses in Average Daily Purses

Track	Purses	Change
Delta Downs	\$207,174	-23%
Parx Racing	\$52,006,047	-13%
SunRay Park	\$64,774	-13%
Retama Park	\$1,853,290	-10%
Hazel Park	\$60,755	-9%



I AM INVINCIBLE COLT SHATTERS TOP AT GOLD COAST DAY 2

By BloodHorse Staff

A colt by leading Hunter Valley stallion I Am Invincible became the highest-selling lot in 10 years at the Magic Millions Gold Coast yearling sale when he was purchased for AU\$2 million (US\$1,568,400) Jan. 11, on Day 2 of the Australian sale.

Consigned by Yarraman Park Stud, the colt was the subject of fierce interest and in the end it was Reg Inglis, Jon Kelly, and Paul Frampton who snapped him up—outlasting Boomer Bloodstock's Craig Rounsefell.

The colt is the second foal for the Morphettville Guineas winner Tai Tai Tess, a Magic Albert mare who was sold through the same sale. The mare's first runner is a winner this season.

Representing the buyers, Kelly said he was thrilled to secure his prized pick of the sale and wasn't surprised he'd have to bid so high to get him.

"You couldn't find any fault with him," the American-based buyer said. "He has a great walk, he's proportional, he vets out perfectly."

"The breeders have done a wonderful job," Kelly added. "You can see it in him that he's a quality horse. There's a lot of other good horses here, but in our estimation he was the best. This is the thrill of a lifetime."

Arthur Mitchell of Yarraman Park Stud said the colt was the highest selling I Am Invincible yearling ever eclipsing the previous record by some \$400,000.

"We're over the moon," Mitchell said. "We weren't expecting him to bring that much money, but he was a lovely colt."

"When the standout colts get in the ring and the right boys are on them, they want to buy them," Mitchell added. "It's great for the sire and the staff have worked really hard, so I'm rapt for them. It's a happy result all round."

There were more fireworks late in the afternoon when another group of buyers joined forces to secure the full brother to group 1 winner Sizzling for AU\$1.6 million (\$1,254,720).

Yuesheng Zhang of Yulong Investments was able to outbid Spendthrift Farm to secure the much-admired colt from the draft of Milburn Creek.

The Snitzel colt was purchased by Yulong in

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This AU\$2 million I Am Invincible colt is the highest-priced lot sold in the past 10 years at the Magic Millions Gold Coast yearling sale

conjunction with Phoenix Thoroughbreds, Aquis Farm, and Ciaron Maher Bloodstock.

"Snitzel is probably the hottest sire in the country," Maher said. "He's got a great family, and hopefully he can become a group 1 winner and get him into the breeding barn."

"Let's hope he's as good as the brother, or even better," Maher added.

Just one lot earlier the top selling filly of the day, Arrowfield Stud's Lord Kanaloa—Adempiamo filly was sold to Paul Perry for AU\$800,000 (\$627,360). Lord Kanaloa was the leading first-crop sire in Japan for 2017.

The day's hot selling pushed the overall sale gross so far to over AU\$89.6 million (\$70,200,768)—over AU\$10 million more than at the same stage last year.

The average price currently sits at AU\$226,848 (\$177,723)—a sharp rise from 12 months ago, while the clearance rate soared to more than 86.4%.

"It would have to be one of the best days of trade we've had," Magic Millions Bloodstock Manager and incoming managing director Barry Bowditch said. "From start to finish today, it was a great vibe. There's so many people here trying to get into a horse. I know there's lots of people who haven't been able to buy a horse yet."

Day 3 of the 2018 Magic Millions Gold Coast yearling sale commences Jan. 12.

"The opportunity is out there. The market is deep and I think there is still a lot of value out there. There's still plenty of horses to be bought at the middle and lower end of the market," Bowditch added. **BH**

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SELLING IN JANUARY ALL ABOUT TIMING

By Eric Mitchell
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The Mulholland family under- \mathbf{I} stands well the vagaries of an auction like the Keeneland January horses of all ages sale. Their family-owned Mulholland Springs, which sells primarily mares and weanlings, is the third-leading consignor this year by average price among sellers of 10 or more, selling 16 for an average of \$60,000. A year ago, Mulholland Springs was the leading Keeneland January seller by average among consignors with a minimum of three sold, with 18 averaging \$85,400. Martha Jane Mulholland and her son, John Henry, talked with BloodHorse MarketWatch editor Eric Mitchell during the fourth session of the January sale about the challenges and opportunities at this auction.

BloodHorse MarketWatch: What types of horses generally do the best at a sale like Keeneland January?

Martha Jane Mulholland: I like bringing a later-foaling mare who was bred on a later cover. They seem to be a little better received here. And if you have a mare that is a nice stakes mare, but not a top stakes mare, she will stand out.

A maiden mare will stand out here, as well. People retiring stallions may be looking for some

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Martha Jane Mulholland and her son, John Henry, of Mulholland Springs

mares and it is easier to pick them up here, in the minds of some buyers, if they know they are going to breed that mare in a month as opposed to holding them for awhile. There is more of a sense of urgency.

John Henry Mulholland: If we have a mare that might get shuffled back to Book 3 or 4 or 5 in November, then we'll bring her here where she'll be in Book 1 and stand out. Also, you can see some changes with a sire like Violence, for example. We sold a mare in the mid-40s in foal to Violence in November. If we'd brought her here, I think she's worth \$75,000. We sold a young mare this week in foal to Violence for \$65,000. She stood out here.

BH: What about the foals? **MJM:** The main thing on foals is with those born after April 15. You are weaning them late, as in October, and they all drop off after weaning. The January sale gives them enough time to get them fit and shining again. The transformation in a May foal that you wean in October to January is tremendous. It is an entirely different horse. It is all timing.

BH: How different is the market for short yearlings in January compared with weanlings in November? Is it comparable?

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JHM: A horse will still bring plenty in January, but I think everyone's mindset is a tick lower. Some of that is affected by the quality of what's in the sale. Obviously the quality here is not quite what you see in November, but I think a slightly lower

expectation comes with it. When you've sold a foal from \$100,000 to \$175,000, then you've sold it well in November or January.

BH: How would you characterize this year's January market overall?

MJM: I think it is just as strong as it was last year. We have been buying mares and having trouble

getting the mares we like. The demand for the good horse is huge.

BH: And the polarity of the market here?

JHM: If you miss the target, then you flat-out missed. I can think of so many horses we have had over the years that, for whatever reason, the commercial market had an issue with, and yet we could still get them sold for \$50,000, \$60,000, or \$75,000. That market is gone. But the demand for the horse worth \$250,000 is very strong. You only have to miss that target ever so slightly and then no one is there. That is the reality. You have to let your superstars carry the load.

MJM: There is an anxious look in some people's eyes today as they look for one more mare or one more foal. I see some mares going for the stud fee, so there is opportunity out here. If you buy a nice mare and breed her right, there is a chance to make money even if the commercial market is not paying that much. I talked to a man earlier today who has made \$150,000 selling the foals out of a mare he paid next to nothing for.

BH: You sell primarily mares and foals, but have you ever kept one?

MJM: We never keep a horse, but we have one now.

JHM: We used to race a lot. My parents had a lot of success over a lot of years with graded stakes horses like Malibu Mint, Shadow Miss, and Investalot. Now we have a Scat Daddy colt with Brad Cox that is a half to Sine Wave, who finished second in a couple of graded stakes in '17. He's back at Fair

Grounds. I really think he could be something special.

MJM: The whole point of the industry is to race, and we are now in a position to keep one and that's nice. The colt's name is Consigliori, so watch for him. He's a homebred, and we still own the mare, which makes it even nicer.

JHM: The mare's name is

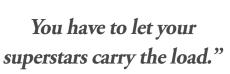
Curlina—not Curalina, mind you—a graded-placed mare by Cuvee. She had an Uncle Mo this year and will be bred back to Into Mischief.

We took the colt to the 2-year-old sales where he had an OK breeze. He's a monster of a colt, close to 17 hands or so. He had a :10 3/5 breeze and galloped out fine, but there was a minor issue that everyone ran away from. The mare we bought at the Keeneland November. Her first foal, Sine Wave (Big Brown), we sold for \$53,000 at the Keeneland January sale in 2015. She then got sold for \$100,000 as a 2-year-old and has earned more than that. She is beautiful.

BH: Why did you stop racing?

MJM: We were growing the farm. We started out with seven mares and now own all or part of 45. We are pretty excited to have one to go back to racing with. If we had to have one that, for whatever reason, we were going to keep because we couldn't sell it as a yearling, we're tickled pink it was this one. **BH**

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STAKES RESULTS

LONGINES GENTS MASTER COLECTION AL MAKTOUM R1 CHALLENGE (G2)

Meydan, 1/11, 250,000, 3yo/up, 8f, 1:37.80, dt.

1-Heavy Metal (GB), 126, b g, 8 150,000 Exceed And Excel (AUS)-Rock Opera (SAF), by Lecture

O–Sheikh Hamdan Bin Mohammed al Maktoum, B–Darley (GB), T–BIN GHADAYER S, J–BARZALONA MICKAEL

2-Thunder Snow (IRE), 126, b c, 4...... 50,000 Helmet (AUS)-Eastern Joy (GB), by Dubai Destination

0–Godolphin, B–Darley (IRE), T–BIN SUROOR SAEED, J–SOUMILLON CHRISTOPHE

3–North America (GB), 126, b g, 625,000 Dubawi (IRE)–Northern Mischief, by Yankee Victor O–Ramzan Kadyrov, B–QATAR BLOODSTOCK LTD (GB), T–SEEMAR SATISH, J–MULLEN RICHARD

Sale History: 2012 TATFOA, \$168,431. Margins: 4½, 7½, 3¾. Others: LONG RIVER (USA), TA-AMOL (IRE), COSMO CHARLIE (USA), CONFRONTATION (USA), FITZGERALD (USA).

LONGINES LADIES MASTER COLECTION SINGSPIEL STAKES (G3)

- Meydan, 1/11, \$175,000, 3yo/up, 9f, 1:46.99, good. 1–Benbatl (GB), 125, b c, 4 \$105,000 Dubawi (IRE)–Nahrain (GB), by Selkirk
- O-Godolphin, B-Darley (GB), T-BIN SUROOR SAEED SAEED, J-MURPHY OISIN 2-Emotionless (IRE), 126, b h, 5........\$35,000
- Shamardal–Unbridled Elaine, by Unbridled's Song O–Godolphin, B–Darley (IRE), T–APPLEBY

CHARLIE, J-DOYLE JAMES

3-Earnshaw, , gr/ro h, 7......\$17,500 Medaglia d'Oro-Emily Bronte (GB), by Machiavellian

O–Sheikh Hamdan Bin Mohammed al Maktoum, B–Darley (KY), T–BIN GHADAYER S S, J–BARZALONA MICKAEL

Margins: 2¼, ¾, head. Others: OPAL TIARA (IRE), BA-SATEEN (IRE), BAY OF POETS (IRE), LIGHT THE LIGHTS (SAF), CARRY ON DERYK (GB), CAPE BYRON (GB), SHAR-PALO (FR), LINGUISTIC (IRE), SANSHAAWES (SAF), FAR-RIER (USA), GOOD TRIP (IRE), TANNAAF (IRE).

ALLOWANCE RESULTS

Charles Town, Race 4, ALW

1/10, \$24,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 4.5f (dirt), :52.85, track fast. 1–Smokin' Seance, 119, b m, 5, Ghostzapper–Smokin' Greida, by Smoke Glacken, \$14,340, 0–John L. Kill-Kelley, B–Mrs. Ellen B. Kill Kelley (KY), T–Lori J. Bourne, J– Fredy Peltroche



Margin: neck, 7 starters. View Equibase Chart

Delta Downs, Race 8, ALW

1/10, \$40,000, 4yo/up, 6.5f (dirt), 1:19.56, track fast. 1–Flying Honeypot, 120, b c, 4, Discreet Cat–Noontime Angel, by Successful Appeal, \$24,000, O–Sungyeoun Lim, B–Clover IV Stables & Hidden Brook Farm (KY), T–Benard Chatters, J–Diego Saenz

Sale History: 2016 OBSJUN, \$4,000, 2015 FTKOCT, (\$4,700 RNA).

Margin: 2¼, 9 starters. View Equibase Chart

Delta Downs, Race 9, AOC

1/10, \$40,000, 4yo/up, 8f (dirt), 1:39.33, track fast. 1–Ruston Vow, 117, b g, 5, Broken Vow–Last Approach, by Far Out East, \$27,600, O–Jamie Myers, B–Neal McFadden (LA), T–Karl Broberg, J–Ashley Broussard **Sale History:** 2014 ESLSEP, \$45,000. **Margin:** 10%, 7 starters. **View Equibase Chart**

Fair Grounds, Race 4, AOC

1/11, \$43,000, 3yo, 6f (dirt), 1:12.80, track sloppy. 1–Bitsy's Afleet, 119, dk b/br g, 3, Northern Afleet– Streamin Bitsy, by Ford Every Stream, \$25,800, O–Hernandez, Earl and Rose, B–Rose C. Hernandez & Earl Hernandez (LA), T–Sam B. David, Jr., J–Marcelino Pedroza **Margin:** 4¼, 8 starters. **View Equibase Chart**

Gulfstream Park, Race 6, AOC

1/11, \$44,000, 4yo/up, 8f (dirt), 1:35.73, track fast. 1–Talk Logistics, 121, ch c, 4, High Cotton–Alotofappeal, by Trippi, \$26,400, O–Hardway Stables, B–Ocala Stud & Edward Wiest (FL), T–Edward Plesa, Jr., J–Irad Ortiz, Jr. **Sale History:** 2016 OBSAPR, \$100,000. **Margin:** 1¼, 6 starters. **View Equibase Chart**

Gulfstream Park, Race 7, AOC

1/11, \$52,000, 4yo/up, f/m, a7.5f (turf), 1:31.09, course firm. 1–Liberty Kitten, 121, ch m, 5, Kitten's Joy–Lone Tigress, by Tale of the Cat, \$27,000, O–Robert Marzilli, B–Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey (KY), T–Michael P. De Paulo, J–Luis Saez

Sale History: 2017 FTKHRA, \$33,000, 2014 KEESEP, \$120,000.

Margin: 34, 8 starters. View Equibase Chart

Gulfstream Park, Race 9, AOC

1/11, \$51,000, 3yo, 8.5f (dirt), 1:42.52, track fast.

1–Noble Indy, 118, b c, 3, Take Charge Indy–Noble Maz, by Storm Boot, \$26,400, 0–WinStar Farm LLC and Repole Stable, B–WinStar Farm, LLC (KY), T–Todd A. Pletcher, J– John R. Velazquez

Sale History: 2016 KEESEP, (\$45,000 RNA). Margin: ³/₄, 7 starters. View Equibase Chart

Penn National, Race 1, ALW

1/11, \$28,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f (dirt), 1:10.45, track fast. 1–Formal Class, 119, dk b/br m, 6, Formal Dinner–Sure Class, by Regal Classic, \$20,160, 0–Richard N. Miller, B–R. N. Miller (PA), T–Amy Albright, J–Angel Suarez Margin: 5¾, 8 starters. View Equibase Chart

MAIDEN RESULTS

Charles Town, Race 2, MSW

1/10, \$23,000, 3yo, f, 4.5f (dirt), :53.34, track fast. 1–Silver Slippers, 124, b f, 3, Outflanker–Silver Buckle, by Silver Ghost, \$13,560, O–Grams Racing Stable LLC, B– Timothy C. Grams & Judith Grams (WV), T–Timothy C. Grams, J–Oscar Flores

Margin: 1, 10 starters. View Equibase Chart

Charles Town, Race 5, MSW

1/10, \$23,000, 3yo, f, 4.5f (dirt), :53.77, track fast.

1–Fly as a Falcon, 124, ch f, 3, Run Away and Hide–Heat Street, by Street Cry (IRE),\$13,620, 0–Altamira Racing Stable, B–Dr. Aaron Sones (KY), T–Jeff C. Runco, J–Arnaldo Bocachica

Sale History: 2017 OBSMAR, \$25,000, 2016 BAROCT, (\$5,000 RNA), 2015 KEENOV, \$9,000.

Margin: 41/2, 9 starters. View Equibase Chart

Fair Grounds, Race 5, MSW

1/11,\$38,000,4yo/up,f/m,5.5f (dirt), 1:06.69, track sloppy. 1–She's Plain Jane, 123, b f, 4, Into Mischief–Empires Answer, by Empire Maker, \$22,800, O–Seale, Richard and Arnold, Douglas S., B–Cavanaugh Breen LLC (PA), T–Eddie Kenneally, J–Corey J. Lanerie

Margin: nose, 7 starters. View Equibase Chart

Fair Grounds, Race 8, MSW

1/11, \$41,000, 3yo, f, 8.32f (dirt), 1:45.69, track sloppy. 1–Nucla, 120, b f, 3, Malibu Moon–Dashing Debby, by Medaglia d'Oro, \$24,600, 0–Jeff Drown, B–Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY), T–Brad H. Cox, J–Florent Geroux

Sale History: 2016 KEESEP, \$310,000. Margin: 3¹/₄, 10 starters. View Equibase Chart

Santa Anita Park, Race 5, MSW

1/11, \$54,000, 3yo, f, 6f (dirt), 1:10.08, track fast. 1–Ms Dupree, 117, b f, 3, Violence–Magic Pearl, by Stormy Atlantic, \$32,400, O–Turnley Farms Louisiana LLC, B–Mueller Thoroughbred Stable, Ltd. (KY), T–Philip D'Amato, J–Evin A. Roman

Sale History: 2015 KEENOV, \$80,000. Margin: 1¾, 11 starters. View Equibase Chart

Santa Anita Park, Race 6, MSW

1/11, \$54,000, 4yo/up, 6f (dirt), 1:09.48, track fast. 1–Quick Finish, 122, b g, 4, Vronsky–Donna B. Quick, by Moscow Ballet, \$32,400, O–Harris Farms, Inc., B–Harris Farms & Craig Allen (CA), T–Dan Blacker, J–Drayden Van Dyke

Margin: 7, 7 starters. View Equibase Chart

FIFTH SEASON S.

Oaklawn Park, Friday, January 12, Race 8 8.5f (dirt), \$125,000, 4yo/up, 3:49 PM (local)

Р#	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	1	Far Right	Notional	6/r	Channing Hill	115	15/1	Harry T. Rosenblum & Robert V. LaPenta
2	2	Futile	Broken Vow	5/g	Rodney A. Prescott	115	12/1	Jackie Rojas & Chris Wilkins
3	3	Sightforsoreeyes	Sightseeing	5/g	Alex L. Canchari	115	30/1	Arthur Wetzel & Doug L. Anderson
4	4	Dan the Go to Man	Smoke Glacken	5/h	Jareth Loveberry	119	12/1	Keene Thoroughbreds LLC (Danny Keene)
5	5	Sticksstatelydude	First Dude	5/h	Gary L. Stevens	115	5/1	Pack Pride Racing (Mitchell Haynes et al)
6	6	Goats Town	Dublin	5/h	Jon Kenton Court	117	20/1	Calumet Farm (Brad Kelley)
7	7	Royal Squeeze	Wildcat Heir	6/h	David Cohen	115	20/1	Doyle Williams
8	8	Shotgun Kowboy	Kodiak Kowboy	6/g	Luis S. Quinonez	122	6/1	C. R. Trout
9	9	Dazzling Gem	Misremembered	5/g	Shaun Bridgmohan	119	7/2	Steve Landers Racing LLC (Steve Landers)
10	10	Sonneteer	Midnight Lute	4/c	C.J. McMahon	115	12/1	Calumet Farm (Brad Kelley)
11	11	Untrapped	Trappe Shot	4/c	Ricardo Santana, Jr.	122	3/1	Michael Langford
12	12	Chief Know It All	Flashy Bull	4/c	Edwin A. Maldonado	122	10/1	R 6 Stable (Tim Rollingson), Randy Howg, Rick Wiest & Clayton Wiest

Breeders: 1–Nossab LLC & Patrick J Crowley; 2–Mr. & Mrs. M. Roy Jackson; 3–Richland Hills Stallions, LLC & Willow Lane Stable; 4–Dede McGehee DVM; 5–Canyon Lake Thoroughbreds; 6–Calumet Farm; 7–Gary Aiken; 8–C. R. Trout; 9–Lisa Reynolds & Jennifer Feiner; 10–Calumet Farm; 11–Indian Creek & Jonathan Sheppard; 12–Lucky Seven Stable.

Trainers: 1–Wayne M. Catalano; 2–Chris A. Hartman; 3–Doug L. Anderson; 4–Allen Milligan; 5–Greg Burchell; 6–D. Wayne Lukas; 7–Randy L. Morse; 8–C. R. Trout; 9–Brad H. Cox; 10–J. Keith Desormeaux; 11–Steven M. Asmussen; 12–Robertino Diodoro.

LA VERDAD S.

Aqueduct, Friday, January 12, Race 8 7f (dirt), \$100,000, 4yo/up f/m, 3:50 PM (local)

) #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	1	Wonderment	Cosmonaut	5/m	Dylan Davis	121	12/1	Walking L Thoroughbreds and Magdalena Racing (Sherri McPeek)
2	2	Absatootly	Mineshaft	5/m	Rafael Manuel Hernandez	121	3/1	Newman Racing
3	3	Bee Noteworthy	Read the Footnotes	6/m	Kendrick Carmouche	121	6/1	Check Mark Stables LLC
4	4	Holiday Disguise	Harlan's Holiday	4/f	Junior Alvarado	121	5/2	Lady Sheila Stable
5	5	She's All Ready	Girolamo	5/m	Paco Lopez	119	30/1	Nirvana Stables
6	6	Quezon	Tiz Wonderful	6/m	Joseph Rocco, Jr.	121	7/5	Keller, Marc
7	7	Palladian Bridge	Girolamo	5/m	Manuel Franco	115	15/1	Cutair Racing

Breeders: 1–Michael S Landers; 2–Donald Newman; 3–Sequel Stallions New York, LLC & Willard C Freeman; 4–Dr. William B. Wilmot & Dr. Joan M. Taylor; 5–Kings and Queens Farm; 6–Apache Farm LLC; 7–Mark Toothaker & Steve Holliday.

Trainers: 1-Kenneth G. McPeek; 2-Charlton Baker; 3-H. James Bond; 4-Linda Rice; 5-James T. Ryerson; 6-Robert Ribaudo; 7-Raymond Handal.

TAKE CHARGE BRANDI S.

Delta Downs, Friday, January 12, Race 7 7f (dirt), \$60,000, 3yo f, 8:27 PM (local)

Ρ#	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	1	Shes Our Fastest	Oratory	3/f	Dusty Ryder Shepherd	122	12/1	Mark Norman and Norman Stables, LLC (Robert A. Norman)
2	2	Cowgirl Callie	Cowboy Cal	3/f	Diego Sanchez	122	10/1	Esposito, Robert and Esposito, Lynda
3	3	Laudation	Congrats	3/f	Roberto Morales	122	4/1	Jerry Durant
4	4	Yes to the Dress	Congrats	3/f	Ashley Broussard	122	4/1	It's All About The Girls Stable LLC
5	5	Another Level	Emcee	3/f	Ted D. Gondron	119	20/1	Mike Powers
6	6	Testing One Two	Star Guitar	3/f	Diego Saenz	122	7/2	Brittlyn Stable Inc. (Evelyn Benoit)
7	7	Upset Brewing	Justin Phillip	3/f	Robby Albarado	117	5/2	Allied Racing Stable, LLC
8	8	La Mistake	Bind	3/f	Gerard Melancon	119	5/1	Cantrell Family Partnership (Peter Cantrell)

Breeders: 1–Eureka Thoroughbred Farm; 2–Bob Esposito & Lynda Esposito; 3–Woodford Thoroughbreds, LLC.; 4–Corner Farm & John T. Behrendt; 5–Andy Stronach; 6–Brittlyn, Inc.; 7–Castleton Lyons & Kilboy Estate; 8–Cantrell Family Partnership.

Trainers: 1–Scott Gelner; 2–Joel Berndt; 3–Steven M. Asmussen; 4–Ron Moquett; 5–Tracy A. Norris; 6–Victor Arceneaux; 7–William B. Bradley; 8–Brett A. Brinkman.



ELDORADO S.

Delta Downs, Friday, January 12, Race 9 5f (dirt), \$50,000, 4yo/up f/m, 9:22 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	1	Boom Bam Bing	Exchange Rate	5/m	Gerard Melancon	118	8/1	Love Partnership Interests LP (Kenneth Love, Allisor Love and Wyatt Love)
2	2	Giagiajoe	Wildcat Heir	6/m	Luis Negron	120	15/1	Maggie Camejo
3	3	Lucky Lorretta	Jersey Town	4/f	Eddie Martin, Jr.	120	10/1	Stewart Mettler
4	4	Persuade Me Lady	Lydgate	6/m	Diego Saenz	118	8/1	Red Rose Racing (Jimmy Johnson)
5	5	Our Lucky Break	Lookin At Lucky	4/f	Jose Riquelme	118	10/1	Kevin Joseph Thompson
6	6	Flatter Up	Flatter	4/f	Roberto Morales	123	4/1	Wayne Sanders & Larry Hirsch
7	7	Kathballu	Bluegrass Cat	6/m	Robby Albarado	120	9/5	Five D Thoroughbreds
8	8	Summer House	Tiznow	6/m	Timothy Thornton	118	3/1	M & M Racing (Clay and Sarah Moore)

Breeders: 1–Rose Hill Farm; 2–Jorge Tabraue; 3–Lannister Holdings; 4–J. Adcock; 5–Milt A. Policzer; 6–Marjorie Dye & Alex Venneri; 7–Five-D Thoroughbreds, LLC; 8– WinStar Farm, LLC.

Trainers: 1–Karl Broberg; 2–Jose M. Camejo; 3–Joel Berndt; 4–Eduardo Ramirez; 5–Kevin Thompson; 6–W. Bret Calhoun; 7–Kenneth G. McPeek; 8–Robertino Diodoro.

UPCOMING ENTRIES

EAST VIEW S.

Aqueduct, Sunday, January 14, Race 8 8f (dirt), \$100,000, 3yo f, 3:50 PM (local)

P#PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	English Soul	English Channel	3/f	Manuel Franco	118	-	Zilla Racing Stables
2	Cryinthemoonlight	Street Cry (IRE)	3/f	Dylan Davis	114	-	Fried, Jr., Albert
3	Miss Jen	Mission Impazible	3/f	Paco Lopez	114	-	Perri, Anthony, M.
4	Trinni Ninja	Trinniberg	3/f	Trevor Simpson	114	-	Sherry Racing, Inc.
5	Miss Mystique	Teuflesberg	3/f	Kendrick Carmouche	114	-	Treadway Racing Stable
6	Purely Lucky	Lookin At Lucky	3/f	Junior Alvarado	114	-	lavarone, Michael and lavarone, Jules
7	Aunt Babe	Desert Party	3/f	Rafael Manuel Hernandez	122	-	Ferrari, Louis, P.
8	Midnight Disguise	Midnight Lute	3/f	Trevor McCarthy	118	-	Wilmot, William B. and Taylor, Joan M.
9	Cause We Are Loyal	Creative Cause	3/f	Eric Cancel	122	-	Reddam Racing LLC

Breeders: 1–Mia Gallo, Dave Stack & Arlene Wilkins; 2–Albert Fried, Jr.; 3–Peter J. Daly & Maria Daly; 4–Harry L. Landry & Village Farm; 5–McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, LLC; 6–Sanford H. Robbins, LLC; 7–Louis P Ferrari; 8–Dr. William B. Wilmot & Dr. Joan M. Taylor; 9–Jorge Wagner. Trainers: 1–Raymond Handal; 2–Charlton Baker; 3–James T. Ryerson; 4–Bisnath Parboo; 5–Leah Gyarmati; 6–Brad H. Cox; 7–James W. Ferraro; 8–Linda Rice; 9–Mark A.

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KALOOKAN QUEEN S.

Santa Anita Park, Sunday, January 14, Race 8 6.5f (dirt), \$75,000, 4yo/up f/m, 4:00 PM (local)

P#PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	Mother of Dragons	First Dude	4/f	Francisco Duran	120	-	Andreas Psarras
2	Selcourt	Tiz Wonderful	4/f	Tyler Baze	120	-	Abrahams, Medallion Racing or Lazaruk
3	Malibu Stacy	Tizway	5/m	Flavien Prat	122	-	Jim & Susan Hill
4	Cuddle Alert	Bedford Falls	7/m	Alonso Quinonez	122	-	Saldana or Urbina
5	Princess Karen	Stay Thirsty	4/f	Kent J. Desormeaux	120	-	Bonde, Brown, Jr. or Norton
6	Reverse	Colonel John	4/f	Rafael Bejarano	120	-	Abbondanza Racing, LLC, Medallion Racing or Vindi- cate Racing
7	Cuyathy	Congrats	5/m	Austin B. Solis	120	-	Cuyathy, LLC
8	Ashley's Sassy	Decarchy	6/m	Stewart Elliott	120	-	S. Alesia, Bran Jam Stable or Ciaglia Racing, LLC
9	Dis Smart Cat	Square Eddie	5/m	Drayden Van Dyke	120	-	Papa Gallo Racing Stables

Breeders: 1–Classic Oaks Farm; 2–Keith Abrahams; 3–Spendthrift Farm LLC; 4–Carol A. Lingenfelter; 5–Bell Tower Thoroughbreds; 6–Gabe Grossberg; 7–Machmer Hall; 8–Estate of Alesia, Bran Jam Stables & Ciaglia Racing LLC; 9–Kevin Devinzenci.

Trainers: 1–Andreas Psarras; 2–John W. Sadler; 3–George Weaver; 4–Reed Saldana; 5–Jeff Bonde; 6–Richard Baltas; 7–William E. Morey; 8–Andy Mathis; 9–Matthew Chew.



ASTRA S.

Santa Anita Park, Sunday, January 14, Race 9 a12f (dirt), \$75,000, 4yo/up f/m, 4:30 PM (local)

P# PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	Lucy De	Decarchy	6/m	Kent J. Desormeaux	120	-	GGG Stables
2	Queen Blossom (IRE)	Jeremy	5/m	Brice Blanc	120	-	Abbondanza Racing LLC or Medallion Racing
3	La Manta Gris	Lemon Drop Kid	4/f	Flavien Prat	122	-	Blackstone River Stable
4	Scandal	Blame	6/m	Mike E. Smith	120	-	Claiborne Farm, Ramona S. Bass, LLC or Dilschneide
5	How Unusual	Unusual Heat	5/m	Corey S. Nakatani	124	-	Fetkin, Sill or St. Hilaire, Et Al
6	Plein Air (IRE)	Manduro (GER)	5/m	Tyler Baze	120	-	Sunny Brook Stables, Ltd
7	Sweet Connie	Giant's Causeway	5/m	Drayden Van Dyke	120	-	Gilbert or Sones
8	Shazara	El Corredor	6/m	Tiago Josue Pereira	120	-	Lovingier or Mansor
9	Antonina (PER)	Awesome Twist	6/m	Rajiv Maragh	120	-	Manning Kingdom Inc.
10	Estrechada (ARG)	Offlee Wild	7/m	Stewart Elliott	124	-	Slugo Racing
11	Evo Campo (IRE)	Approve (IRE)	6/m	Rafael Bejarano	124	-	Day, Day or DePietro

Breeders: 1–GGG Stables and Magali Farms, LLC; 2–Irish National Stud; 3–Nursery Place & Hendrickson; 4–Curtis C. Green; 5–Madeline Auerbach & Barry Abrams; 6– ALLEVAMENTO DENI EFFEVI; 7–Dr. Aaron Sones; 8–Mr. & Mrs. Jerome S. Moss; 9–EI Catorce; 10–La Esperanza; 11–Richard O'Hara.

Trainers: 1–Richard Baltas; 2–Richard Baltas; 3–Eoin G. Harty; 4–Richard E. Mandella; 5–Michael Pender; 6–Bob Baffert; 7–Patrick Gallagher; 8–Gary Sherlock; 9–Paulo H. Lobo; 10–Mike Puype; 11–Patrick Gallagher.

SMARTY JONES S.

Oaklawn Park, Monday, January 15, Race 8 8f (dirt), \$150,000, 3yo, 4:42 PM (local)

Р#	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
	1	Combatant	Scat Daddy	3/c	Ricardo Santana, Jr.	115	-	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC and Willis Horton Racing LLC
	2	Lone Rock	Majestic Warrior	3/c	Gary L. Stevens	115	-	Shortleaf Stable Inc. (John E. Anthony)
	3	Tap Daddy	Scat Daddy	3/c	Luis Contreras	117	-	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC (Ron & Joan Winchell)
	4	Mourinho	Super Saver	3/c	Drayden Van Dyke	115	-	Phoenix Thoroughbred III
	5	Arched Feather	Arch	3/c	Jon Kenton Court	115	-	Oak Haven Farm LLC (Stephen Baker)
	6	Navistar	Union Rags	3/c	John R. Velazquez	115	-	Robert V. LaPenta
	7	Bode's Maker	Bodemeister	3/c	Floyd Wethey, Jr.	115	-	Keene Thoroughbreds LLC (Danny Keene)

Breeders: 1–Paget Bloodstock; 2–Town & Country Horse Farms, LLC & Pollock Farms; 3–Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC; 4–WinStar Farm, LLC; 5–Blue Heaven Farm; 6– Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding; 7–Stride Rite Racing Stable, Inc..

Trainers: 1–Steven M. Asmussen; 2–William B. Van Meter; 3–Steven M. Asmussen; 4–Bob Baffert; 5–Edward Harrison Frederick; 6–Todd A. Pletcher; 7–Allen Milligan.





TOP HORSES

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Rank	Name	Starts	Wins	Places	Shows	Earnings	Win%	WPS%
1	Itsinthepost (FR)	1	1	0	0	\$120,000	100%	100%
2	Midnight Bisou	1	1	0	0	\$120,000	100%	100%
3	Pee Wee Reese	1	1	0	0	\$61,500	100%	100%
4	Mask	1	1	0	0	\$60,760	100%	100%
5	Flameaway	1	1	0	0	\$60,760	100%	100%
6	Favorite Tale	1	1	0	0	\$60,000	100%	100%
7	McKinzie	1	1	0	0	\$60,000	100%	100%
8	Bishop's Pond	1	1	0	0	\$60,000	100%	100%
9	Thewayiam (FR)	1	1	0	0	\$58,900	100%	100%
10	Shining Source	1	1	0	0	\$51,000	100%	100%

TOP TRAINERS

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Rank	Name	Starts	Wins	Places	Shows	Earnings	Win%	WPS%
1	Jeff Mullins	10	2	0	2	\$161,340	20%	40%
2	Mark E. Casse	14	3	1	2	\$158,490	21%	43%
3	William Spawr	4	2	0	1	\$142,065	50%	75%
4	Philip D'Amato	12	3	1	1	\$133,770	25%	42%
5	Bob Baffert	5	3	0	0	\$125,490	60%	60%
6	Chad C. Brown	8	3	2	1	\$119,940	38%	75%
7	Jerry Hollendorfer	29	4	4	4	\$116,245	14%	41%
8	Thomas M. Amoss	12	7	1	1	\$116,020	58%	75%
9	Dale L. Romans	18	3	3	3	\$104,970	17%	50%
10	Brad H. Cox	13	3	5	1	\$98,140	23%	69%

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TOP JOCKEYS

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Rank	Name	Starts	Wins	Places	Shows	Earnings	Win%	WPS%
1	Jose L. Ortiz	39	9	5	5	\$295,845	23%	49%
2	Tyler Gaffalione	31	8	3	2	\$259,882	26%	42%
3	Tyler Baze	22	3	1	4	\$215,065	14%	36%
4	Mike E. Smith	10	2	2	2	\$214,435	20%	60%
5	Joseph Talamo	21	4	4	0	\$207,116	19%	38%
6	Javier Castellano	21	4	7	2	\$206,675	19%	62%
7	Luis Saez	50	7	6	7	\$195,320	14%	40%
8	Drayden Van Dyke	17	4	1	1	\$178,435	24%	35%
9	Shaun Bridgmohan	23	8	4	1	\$155,250	35%	57%
10	Julien R. Leparoux	12	3	1	3	\$145,330	25%	58%

