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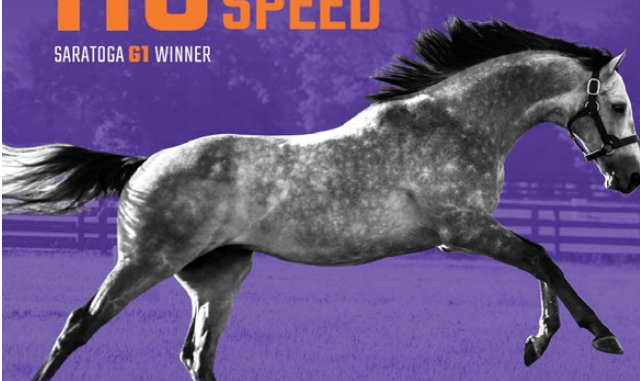


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HEART TO HEART TAKES THIRD SWING AT MAKER'S 46 MILE

By Alicia Wincze Hughes

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There was a moment in the late stretch of the Feb. 10 Gulfstream Park Turf Stakes (G1T) when trainer Brian Lynch worried he was living through the same bad version of déjà vu.

His venerable charge Heart to Heart was again leading every point of call in a top-level race. And with only a handful of strides separating the son of English Channel from the grade 1 victory that had eluded him seven previous times—often in gut-punching fashion—here came another rival closing in on him with the wire just ahead.

"It was a hell of a finish there, and I was thinking 'I've been to this BBQ before,'" Lynch recalled. "Then he beared down and stuck his head out and got it done."

In his 34th start and eighth try against grade 1 company, Heart to Heart kept his neck in front of Kurilov and removed an albatross in the process. With that long-awaited top victory finally achieved, the 7-year-old horse will try and capture the race that has taunted him most when he heads a field of 10 in the \$300,000 Maker's 46 Mile (G1T) at Keeneland April 13.

If there was ever a horse who paid his dues en route to reaching his peak, it is Terry Hamilton's resolute bay warrior with the distinctive marking that inspired his name. Though Heart to Heart



ANNE M. EBERHARDT

Brian Lynch says Terry Hamilton's grade 1 winner Heart to Heart is "in very good order" headed into the Maker's 46 Mile at Keeneland

had won nine graded stakes over the course of five seasons of racing heading into 2018, he seemed destined to play the hard-luck sentimental favorite suffering one tough beat after another whenever grade 1 glory was on the line.

The Maker's 46 Mile has been a particularly cruel venture for him. In 2016, Heart to Heart ran second to top filly Miss Temple City. In last spring's edition of the eight-furlong test, he lead every jump but the last, when American Patriot bested him by a neck.

When he was caught again at the wire in the Shadwell Turf Mile Stakes (G1T) over the Keeneland course last October—that time falling a head short of Suedois—then ended up 10th in the Breeders' Cup Mile (G1T), none would have blamed Lynch and Hamilton if they resigned themselves to the fact their charge had done enough.

As long as Heart to Heart kept showing a willingness to get back in there, however, they were going to oblige him. After a seventh-place run in the Jan. 13 Ft. Lauderdale Stakes (G2T) in which he reared at the start and missed the break, he rewarded their long-standing faith with his Gulfstream Park Turf Stakes outing.

"It was great. If there was a horse who was deserving of (a grade 1), I feel he was one of them," Lynch said. "To finally get that monkey off his back was a pretty good feeling. He's in really good form this year so God bless him. At seven years old it might be his best year."

Lynch said he wouldn't hesitate to stretch Heart to Heart out more this year, citing the fact that, at the mile distance, he often faces more heat when using his front-end speed. If rain were to hit the

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HEART TO HEART TAKES THIRD SWING AT MAKER'S 46 MILE

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Lexington area and the Keeneland course came up especially soft, Lynch said rerouting Heart to Heart to the 1 1/8-miles Old Forester Turf Classic (G1T) at Churchill Downs May 5 would be an option.

"We contemplated (the Turf Classic) and depending on how the weather here goes... we might skip here and go to that spot," Lynch said. "He's never lost at Churchill and he gets 1 1/8 miles. But he's in very good order right now."

One that could pressure Heart to Heart in the Maker's 46 Mile is fellow veteran graded stakes winner Om. The 6-year-old son of Munnings will make his first start outside of California and was most recently sixth in the March 10 Frank E. Kilroe Mile Stakes (G1T) at Santa Anita Park.

Trained by Dan Hendricks, Om snapped a 12-race losing skid when he went gate-to-wire in the Feb. 10 Thunder Road Stakes (G3T). Even when he isn't winning, the chestnut horse has always been right in the thick of the running, finishing on the board in 17 of 24 career starts.

The first time 9-year-old Hogy ran in a grade 1 race, he was with trainer Wayne Catalano and ended up eighth behind Silver Max and eventual two-time Horse of the Year Wise Dan in the 2013 Shadwell Turf Mile Stakes. Five years and a few barns later, the old gelded son of Offlee Wild is as good as he's ever been with three stakes wins in his last six starts including a 3 3/4-length win in the one-mile Canadian Turf Stakes (G3T) March 3 at Gulfstream Park for trainer Mike Maker.

"At his age, to get his 19th win in 50 starts, it's just incredible," Maker said after the Canadian Turf. "I kept asking (owner) Mike (Hui), 'I'd sure like to stretch him out.'" **BH**

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COSMIC BURST COULD LIGHT UP FANTASY

By *Evan Hammonds*

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Cosmic Burst, a clear winner of the March 10 Honeybee Stakes (G3) at Oaklawn Park, is poised to move forward April 13 in the \$400,000 Fantasy Stakes (G3) in Hot Springs, Ark. Three of the seven fillies in the 1 1/16-mile Honeybee finished behind the daughter of Violence last time out.

Cosmic Burst, a winner of three of four at 2, made her 3-year-old bow Feb. 10 at Oaklawn in the one-mile Martha Washington Stakes with a third-place finish over a sloppy/sealed surface. That set her up for the Honeybee, where she settled off the early pace set by Amy's Challenge before advancing to the lead under Richard Eramia to win by 1 3/4 lengths. Amy's Challenge held for second, with Sassy Sienna finishing third. Those three, along with fifth-place finisher Bo Peep, come back in the Fantasy.

"We're happy with the way she came out of the Honeybee and we're ready for the Fantasy," trainer Donnie Von Hemel said. "The weather last weekend wasn't great, so we want to shake things up a little bit."

Cosmic Burst has worked twice since the Honeybee, with her last drill coming March 31 with a 1:01 2/5 breeze at five furlongs.



Cosmic Burst trains April 10 at Oaklawn Park

Norma Lee Stockseth and Todd Dunn own Cosmic Burst, a Pennsylvania-bred filly out of Pegging Ring, by Ghostzapper. She was a \$25,000 purchase from Select Sales' consignment to the 2016 Keeneland September sale.

"We saw a lot of the Violence yearlings at the sale and thought we needed to buy one. We swung and missed on a couple of them, but wound up with her," Von Hemel said. "We like what's she done so far."

Cosmic Burst has a 4-1-1 record in six starts and has earned \$267,080.

Von Hemel won the 2002 Fantasy with Josephine Abercrombie's See How She Runs.

The highest earner in the Fantasy cast is Gary Barber's Wonder Gadot. The dark bay Medaglia d'Oro filly is winless in three outings this season at Fair Grounds Race Course & Slots, but has faced top company for trainer Mark Casse each time. She was second, beaten a neck, in the Silverbulletday Stakes, and then third in both the Rachel Alexandra Stakes (G2) and Twinspires.com Fair Grounds Oaks (G2).

Her last-out Equibase Speed Figure, 96, tops the field. An Ontario-bred out of the Vindication mare Loving Vindication, she's the winner of last year's Demoiselle Stakes (G2) and has earned \$402,973 off a 3-1-3 mark in eight starts.

Also shipping in for the Fantasy is the Ken McPeek-trained Princess Warrior. The Midshipman filly was second last fall in Keeneland's Darley Alcibiades Stakes (G1) and has made a pair of starts at Gulfstream Park this year, finishing third March 31 in the Gulfstream Park Oaks (G2). She's owned by Evan Trommer, Matthew Trommer, and Andrew Trommer.

Amy's Challenge, trained by McLean Robertson, won the six-furlong Dixie Belle Stakes Jan. 20 at Oaklawn prior to setting the pace in the Honeybee in her two-turn debut. She gets a key rider switch from the local Jareth Loveberry to Hall of Famer Mike Smith. Loveberry sustained an injury to his left arm during training hours Sunday. Smith's main assignment will be aboard champion Unique Bella in Friday's Apple Blossom Handicap (G1). **BH**

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Sales Update

INGLIS EASTER SALE

FASTNET ROCK COLT TOPS DAY 2 OF INGLIS EASTER SALE

By BloodHorse Staff

A Fastnet Rock colt out of the group 1-winning mare O'Marilyn was purchased for AUS\$1.8 million (US\$1,385,280) by George Moore Bloodstock to top Day 2 of the Inglis Bloodstock Easter sale April 10 in Australia. The colt was consigned as Lot 268 by Kia Ora Stud.

"These horses are finely selected for Easter and I've been at Kia Ora for eight years now and this is the best result in my time. As a boutique farm, this is our greatest moment," Kia Ora Stud's Alex Kingston said. "You hope for a good result, but when it happens you don't expect it. Easter really is the best of the best and this was my best horse. He was always going to come to Easter, but to get this result is still amazing, a huge result for the farm."

Moore was convinced he was going to buy the colt from the moment he first saw him, and was relentless in outbidding representatives of Coolmore Stud.

"The best horse in the sale," Moore said. "He's a

good moving, medium-sized Fastnet Rock colt, but that's exactly what you want."

At the conclusion of Day 2, the sale's clearance rate has jumped to 80% with an average of AUS\$348,394 (\$266,867), median of AUS\$260,000 (\$192,400), and gross of AUS\$80,827,500 (\$62,180,001) for 232 yearlings sold. Through the same juncture in 2017, the Easter sale saw a 225 head average of AUS\$348,394 on total receipts of AUS\$79,660,000, with a AUS\$270,000 median.

The buying bench has been broad, with Australian interests buying 50% of the catalog to date, Asian clients 30%, Middle East 10%, and New Zealand 7%. Inglis reported that many of the horses purchased by overseas interests will remain in Australia to be trained.

Tuesday's second top lot was a Snitzel colt out of Go Indy Go (Lot 152) purchased by a syndicate consisting of Steve Morley Bloodstock, Glenlogan Park, Whitby Bloodstock, and RIFA Mustang for AUS\$1.5 million (\$1,152,920) from Kitchwin Hills.

Kitchwin sent out another seven-figure yearling on the day with an I Am Invincible—Marianne colt sold to the Hong Kong Jockey Club for AUS\$1million (\$768,615).

"You come to these sales and there's always that idea that there's a million-dollar horse in your draft, but I've been selling yearlings a long time and I know they're hard to come by," Kitchwin's Mick Malone said. "The Go Indy Go, he's got this lovely attitude, unbelievable brain, nothing phases him. You'd imagine from a colt point of view he'd be perfect."

Day 3 action begins April 11 at 11 a.m. local time. **BH**

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A Fastnet Rock colt consigned as Lot 268 tops Day 2 of the Inglis Bloodstock Easter sale

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Sales Update

GOFFS UK BREEZE-UP SALE

KYLLACHY COLT TOPS GOFFS UK BREEZE-UP SALE

By BloodHorse Staff

Plenty of international buyers and a number of new faces descended on Goffs UK for the Doncaster breeze-up sale April 10, resulting in 13 lots selling in excess of £100,000.

The sale saw buyers in attendance from around the world including America, Asia, the Middle East, and throughout Europe. With every lot entered in the €1 million Swedish Derby and Oaks Series, 13 lots sold to Scandinavian interests, while buyers from Spain and Italy were also successful.

While the aggregate £5,478,000 (US\$7,740,414) for 136 sold increased over the total £5,403,000 paid for 120 a year ago, the average of £40,280 (\$56,915) was down 11.7% from the £45,025 figure in 2017 and the median declined 15% from £30,000 to £25,500 (\$36,032). With 182 offered, this year's clearance rate was 74.7%, compared with 90% of the 134 through the ring selling last year.

Topping the sale was Bانشa House Stables' Kyllachy colt (Lot 111), purchased by Michael O'Callaghan for £220,000 (\$310,860). Produced from the Gone West mare Westerly Air, the colt is a half brother to a multiple listed stakes-placed runner in Macau, and is from the female family of grade 2 winner Midnight Line and group 1 winners Together and An Vermeer (IRE). Con



COURTESY OF GOFFS UK

A Kyllachy colt consigned as Lot 111 brings the top price at the Goffs UK breeze-up sale in Doncaster

Marnane's Bانشa House previously sold the 2016 Royal Ascot group 2 Norfolk Stakes winner and sire, Prince Of Lir, at the Goffs breeze-up auction.

Three lots sold for £200,000 or more, with Oaks Farm Stables' Toronado filly (Lot 31) selling to Blandford Bloodstock for £210,000 (\$296,730), while Brown Island Stables' Showcasing colt (Lot 89) went to the bid of the Cool Silk Partnership and Stroud Coleman Bloodstock, who also purchased Prince Of Lir for £200,000.

"We marketed this sale extensively and traveled worldwide to attract an international buying bench and we achieved that. It was wonderful to welcome a number of new faces to the breeze-up sale," said Goffs UK managing director Tony Williams. "Trade was strong throughout the day and the increase in this year's number of six-figure lots demonstrates the strength at the top of the market. The old adage 'breeze well, sell well' was clearly evident.

"We would like to thank our vendors for sending what was a quality catalog of 2-year-olds, and we wish our buyers all the best and hope to see them at Royal Ascot in June." **BH**

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STEVE HASKIN'S *DERBY DOZEN*



1 | VINO ROSSO

Trainer/Owner: Todd Pletcher/Repole Stable and St. Elias Stable

Pedigree: Curlin—Mythical Bride, by Street Cry

Breeder: John D. Gunther (KY)

I know I'm going to get vilified and ridiculed, but this colt actually checked off more boxes than the others and to me simply looked like a Derby horse. He ran fast in the middle part of the race and fast at the end, and we learned a lot about him from the bumping match, as he shrugged it off and was drawing away at the finish of the Wood Memorial Stakes presented by NYRA Bets (G2).

2 | GOOD MAGIC

Chad Brown/e Five Racing Thoroughbreds and Stonestreet Stables

Curlin—Glinda the Good, by Hard Spun Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings (KY)

I had mentioned that in his "poor" third in the Xpressbet Fountain of Youth Stakes (G2), he actually earned a career-high Thoro-Graph figure, despite having his training delayed. Well, now he has returned to his form from last year, looks like he has further improvement in him, and appears ready to peak on Derby Day. I would like to have seen a little faster final eighth in the Toyota Blue Grass Stakes (G2).

3 | JUSTIFY

Bob Baffert/WinStar Farm, China Horse Club, Head of Plains Partners, and Starlight Racing Scat Daddy—Stage Magic, by Ghostzapper John D. Gunther (KY)

There is no doubt in my mind he is the most gifted and talented 3-year-old in the country, and has superstar written all over him, and he surely can win the Kentucky Derby Presented by Woodford Reserve (G1). But it is a big jump from three races in which he was always in complete control, having perfect trips, to a 20-horse stampede. I do like the way he opened up on Bolt d'Oro in the final eighth of the Santa Anita Derby (G1).

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4 | AUDIBLE

Todd Pletcher/WinStar Farm, China Horse Club, Head of Plains Partners, SF Racing, and Starlight Racing

Into Mischief—Blue Devil Bel, by Gilded Time Oak Bluff Stables (NY)

I can't believe I had to lower him from No. 2 to No. 4, and I am still leaving open the option of moving him back up upon further analysis. I just love the fact that in four of his five starts he has triple-digit Brisnet late pace figures. The only reasons I lowered him are the pedigree question and the perfect setup he had in the Xpressbet.com Florida Derby (G1).

5 | BOLT D'ORO

Mick Ruis/Ruis Racing
Medaglia d'Oro—Globe Trot, by A.P. Indy WinStar Farm (KY)

I could have easily kept him at No. 1, as I felt he might regress a little off that hard race in the March 10 San Felipe Stakes (G2). And he was between the proverbial rock and a hard place having to chase a loose-on-the-lead Justify. I just would have preferred to see him making up ground or maintaining the distance behind Justify rather than losing 1½ lengths in the final furlong.

6 | MENDELSSOHN

Aidan O'Brien/Derrick Smith, Susan Magnier, and Michael Tabor

Scat Daddy—Leslie's Lady, by Tricky Creek Clarkland Farm (KY)

This could turn out to be another blunder on my part lowering him, but I just have to give the advantage to the American horses, and this is such a talented group that I couldn't rank him over any of the top five. And I still don't know if he will be able to maintain that incredible form from the UAE Derby Sponsored by Saeed & Mohammed Al Naboodah Group (G2). I admit he is yet another I can't get a good grasp of.

7 | MAGNUM MOON

Todd Pletcher/Lawana and Robert E. Low Malibu Moon—Dazzling Song, by Unbridled's Song Ramona S. Bass (KY)

Ignore the drop from No. 5 to No. 7. There is a very good chance that is only temporary until he runs next in the April 14 Arkansas Derby (G1). But he will have to run lights out again if he is to knock any of the top six down a peg. He is another who has impressed me more with each performance, and other than Quip, he will be facing the same horses he beat March 17 in the Rebel Stakes (G2).



ZOE NETZ

Bolt d'Oro drops to No. 5 this week on the Derby Dozen

8 | QUIP

Rodolphe Brisset/WinStar Farm, China Horse Club, and SF Racing
Distorted Humor—Princess Ash, by Indian Charlie WinStar Farm (KY)

I was surprised when he was scratched from the Blue Grass to travel to a race just because of who is not running in it. If they felt the Blue Grass was the better spot for him, in his own backyard, isn't it best to run there rather than seek a grade 1 victory? The Blue Grass was winnable, and who knows what the weather will be in Arkansas? And Magnum Moon is no slouch.

9 | SOLOMINI

Bob Baffert/Zayat Stables, Susan Magnier, Michael Tabor, and Derrick Smith
Curlin—Surf Song, by Storm Cat Glenna R. Salyer DVM (KY)

If he and Magnum Moon were human athletes, you can bet they would feel like baseball players on deck when the other team intentionally walks the batter at the plate to get to you. The connections of Quip obviously showed them little respect by leaving home where he'd likely be second choice to face them on a track they have already run big over.

10 | FLAMEAWAY

Mark Casse/John C. Oxley
Scat Daddy—Vulcan Rose, by Fusaichi Pegasus Phoenix Rising Farms (ON)

As I've been saying, this is one gutsy, tenacious horse, who needs to be on the lead turning for home. Despite getting involved in a head-to-head battle on the lead in the Blue Grass, he dug in when Good Magic came to him, while stuck on his left lead. But he kept fighting back, and when he did change to his right lead, he leveled off and matched strides with the winner to the wire.

11 | NOBLE INDY

Todd Pletcher/WinStar Farm and Repole Stable
Take Charge Indy—Noble Maz, by Storm Boot WinStar Farm (KY)

It would seem as if he is going to lose John Velazquez, and might be the forgotten soldier in the Pletcher army. I'm not crazy about having only four career starts and a six-week layoff to the Kentucky Derby. I just don't know whether he has the seasoning and experience to go into the Derby and do serious damage after barely winning the TwinSpires.com Louisiana Derby (G2).

12 | ENTICED

Kiaran McLaughlin/Godolphin Racing
Medaglia d'Oro—It's Tricky, by Mineshaft Godolphin (KY)

Many feel he should have been put up in the Wood Memorial, but that is immaterial now. My main observation with him has been that he is more of a grinder and lacks the quickness you want to see in a Derby horse. He ran well and he ran hard in the Wood and was trying to come back when the bumping occurred. But he just wasn't as quick to the punch as the winner.



OUT OF THE GATE

DISTINCT: Grade 1 winner Audible gazes out from his stall April 8 at Palm Beach Downs

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TOP FIGURES SINCE APRIL 3

ARMY MULE SHOWS PLENTY OF KICK IN CARTER

By Frank Angst

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Short on experience but long on talent, Army Mule overwhelmed 10 rivals in the April 7 Carter Handicap (G1) at Aqueduct Racetrack to score at the highest level in his stakes debut.

A 4-year-old Pennsylvania-bred son of Friesan Fire, Army Mule completed seven furlongs in 1:20.94 on a track rated fast, although his trainer, Todd Pletcher, noted the surface wasn't playing especially fast Saturday. Either way, St. Elias Stable's Army Mule's 6 1/4-length victory earned an Equibase Speed Figure of 120 to top a busy week of top races.

Undefeated Army Mule has improved his ESF in each of his three starts. He earned a 98 in winning



COGLIANESE PHOTOS

Army Mule draws off to win the Carter Handicap at Aqueduct Racetrack

his maiden debut April 30 at Belmont Park but did not race again last season. He made his 2018 debut at Gulfstream Park, winning an allowance/optional claiming race by 7 1/2 lengths and earning a 106 ESF. He has won his three starts, all sprinting, by a combined 22 1/4 lengths.

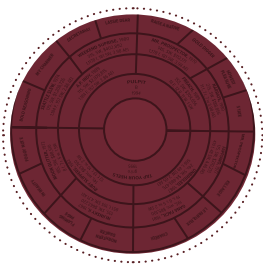
After the Carter, Pletcher said there are few horses he'd start in a grade 1 in their third start.

"The sky's the limit with him. He's a super-talented horse. It's a matter of keeping him healthy," Pletcher said. "You never expect to win a grade 1 by that many lengths, but he was training really well coming into it, and he showed exceptional ability in his two (previous) races. It's not a move we make that often from a non-winners-of-one to a grade 1 stakes, but his last race was so powerful." **BH**

Top 10 Equibase Speed Figures Since April 3

| E | Horse | Finish | Race, Track, Distance, Date |
|-----|-------------------|--------|---|
| 120 | Army Mule | 1 | Carter H. (G1), AQU, 7f, 4/7 |
| 118 | Ax Man | 1 | AOC, SA, 8f, 4/8 |
| 115 | Golden Mischief | 1 | AOC, OP, 6f, 4/4 |
| 114 | Bound for Nowhere | 1 | Shakertown S. (G2T), KEE, 5.5fT, 4/7 |
| 114 | Discreet Lover | 1 | Excelsior S. (G3), AQU, 9f, 4/7 |
| 113 | Fire Away | 1 | Danger's Hour S., AQU, 8fT, 4/8 |
| 113 | Hoppertunity | 1 | Tokyo City Cup S. (G3), SA, 12f, 4/8 |
| 111 | Analyze It | 1 | Kentucky Utilities Transylvania S. (G3T), KEE, 8.5fT, 4/6 |
| 111 | Mai Ty One On | 1 | AOC, GP, a7.5fT, 4/7 |
| 111 | My Man Chuckles | 1 | AOC, SA, a6.5fT, 4/8 |
| 111 | Offering Plan | 1 | ALW, KEE, 8.5fT, 4/8 |
| 111 | Warrior's Club | 1 | Commonwealth S. (G3), KEE, 7f, 4/7 |
| 111 | Master Merion | 2 | ALW, KEE, 8.5fT, 4/8 |
| 111 | Projected (GB) | 2 | Danger's Hour S., AQU, 8fT, 4/8 |
| 111 | Inspector Lynley | 3 | ALW, KEE, 8.5fT, 4/8 |

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Weekly Pedigree Analysis

WITH ALAN PORTER

PEDIGREE ANALYSIS: CURLIN CARRIES ON

By Alan Porter

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April 7 was a very good day for Curlin. First, Vino Rosso captured the Wood Memorial Stakes presented by NYRA Bets (G2) by three lengths. Then Good Magic returned to the form that saw him named last year's champion 2-year-old colt when he took the Toyota Blue Grass Stakes (G2).

One might argue that these sort of results might be expected from a two-time Horse of the Year who stands for a \$150,000 fee, but that is overlooking a very important point. It's easy to forget now, but the current crop of Curlin 3-year-olds, conceived in 2015, was sired at a stud fee of just \$35,000—a number which represented a small climb from the \$25,000 for which he was offered in 2013 and 2014, a serious drop for a stallion who retired to stand at \$75,000 for his first season in 2009.

That fall notwithstanding, Curlin did actually come up with nine first-crop stakes winners, and although only two were graded, one of those was Palace Malice, who captured the Belmont Stakes (G1), and who may have been the best older horse in the country the following year when he added another top-level win in the Metropolitan Handicap (G1).

Curlin's second crop was less impressive, as there were only five stakes winners, led by grade 2 scorers

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| CURLIN, ch, 2004 | Smart Strike, 1992 | Mr. Prospector, 1970 | Raise a Native |
| | | Classy 'n Smart, 1981 | Gold Digger |
| GOOD MAGIC ch, c March 1, 2015 | Sherriff's Deputy, 1994 | Deputy Minister, 1979 | Smarten |
| | | Barbarika, 1985 | No Class |
| GLINDA THE GOOD, b, 2009 | Hard Spun, 2004 | Danzig, 1977 | Vice Regent |
| | | Turkish Tryst, 1991 | Mint Copy |
| | Magical Flash, 1990 | Miswaki, 1978 | Bates Motel |
| | | Gils Magic, 1983 | War Exchange |
| | | | Northern Dancer |
| | | | Pas de Nom |
| | | | Turkoman |
| | | | Darbyvail |
| | | | Mr. Prospector |
| | | | Hopespringse-ternal |
| | | | Magisterial |
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|---------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| CURLIN, ch, 2004 | Smart Strike, 1992 | Mr. Prospector, 1970 | Raise a Native |
| | | Classy 'n Smart, 1981 | Gold Digger |
| VINO ROSSO ch, c March 29, 2015 | Sherriff's Deputy, 1994 | Deputy Minister, 1979 | Smarten |
| | | Barbarika, 1985 | No Class |
| MYTHICAL BRIDE, ch, 2008 | Street Cry, 1998 | Machiavellian, 1987 | Vice Regent |
| | | Helen Street, 1982 | Mint Copy |
| | Flaming Heart, 2001 | Touch Gold, 1994 | Bates Motel |
| | | Hot Lear, 1995 | War Exchange |
| | | | Mr. Prospector |
| | | | Coup de Folie |
| | | | Troy |
| | | | Waterway |
| | | | Deputy Minister |
| | | | Passing Mood |
| | | | Lear Fan |
| | | | Medicine Woman |

Diversy Harbor and Texas Ryano, although Ride on Curlin, who never captured a black-type event, credited him with a second classic performer with a runner-up effort in the Preakness Stakes (G1).

There were no less than 11 stakes winners in Curlin's third crop, including champion 3-year-old filly Stellar Wind; Keen Ice, who memorably defeated Triple Crown winner American Pharoah in the Travers Stakes (G1); and three-time grade 1 winner Curalina.

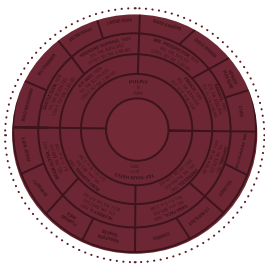
Another eight stakes winners—six graded—came in Curlin's 2013 crop, including Preakness victor Exaggerator and grade 1 winners Connect and Off The Tracks.

The impact of what was viewed as a tepid start was reflected by Curlin's fifth crop—foaled in 2014 and also sired at a fee of \$25,000—which yielded just 39 live foals; but the turnaround was already underway. Although there were only four stakes winners in that small 2014 crop, Curlin maintained his record of having a classic-placed colt every year with multiple graded scorer Irish War Cry, who took second in the Belmont.

The record must have a tremendous chance of being extended this year, as in addition to Vino Rosso and Good Magic, Curlin is also represented by Solomini, headed for next weekend's Arkansas Derby (G1).

Vino Rosso is out of the winning Street Cry (IRE) mare Mythical Bride, a half sister to two very different

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Weekly Pedigree Analysis

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PEDIGREE ANALYSIS: CURLIN CARRIES ON

(continued from page 14)

horses in Commissioner, a multiple graded winner who took second in the Belmont, and Laugh Track, a graded winner who took second in the Breeders' Cup Sprint (G1). The granddam, Flaming Heart (by Touch Gold), is a stakes winner and a daughter of multiple stakes winner Hot Lear (by Lear Fan).

The fourth dam, Medicine Woman (by Dr. Blum), is dam of three stakes winners, and granddam of the Frank J. De Francis Memorial Dash Stakes (G1) victor I'm The Tiger. When Medicine Woman's sister, Medical Affair, was bred to Dynaformer—like Hot Lear's sire, a son of Roberto—the result was Blumin Affair, who ran third in the 1994 Kentucky Derby (G1).

John Gunther, who bred Saturday's impressive Santa Anita Derby (G1) winner Justify, also bred Vino Rosso who owns an interesting pedigree as Curlin is by a son of Mr. Prospector out of a Deputy Minister mare, while his dam is by a grandson of Mr. Prospector out of a mare by a son of Deputy Minister.

While Vino Rosso's dam is bred on a version of the Mr. Prospector/Northern Dancer cross, Good Magic is out of a mare who is a Northern Dancer/Mr. Prospector cross. He's out of the stakes-winning and graded-placed Glinda The Good, who is by Hard Spun, a son of Danzig,

making him one of seven stakes winners for Curlin out of a Danzig line mare. This cross was also extremely successful for Curlin's sire, Smart Strike.

Glinda The Good is half sister to the stakes winning Curlin filly Flash Forward, and to four other stakes winners, including the graded stakes-winning and grade 1-placed Take The Ribbon, and to the dam of Curlin Stakes winner Handsome Franco. The second dam, Magical Flash, is half sister to Magical Maiden, whose successes included the Hollywood Starlet Stakes (G1) and Las Virgenes Stakes (G1). Magical Maiden produced the Del Mar Debutante Stakes (G1) scorer Miss Houdini (by Belong to Me, another son of Danzig), who was the dam of Smart Strike's multiple graded stakes winner Papa Clem. Magical Maiden is also granddam of the Hard Spun horse Moviesta, winner of the Betfred King George Stakes (G2) in England.

Alan Porter is a freelance writer. **BH**

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Curlin at Hill 'n' Dale Farm near Lexington

RACE RESULTS

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS

Mahoning Valley Racecourse, Race 2, ALW

4/10, \$23,500, 3yo/up, 5.5f (dirt), 1:05.79, track fast.
1—**Brass Buckle**, 123, ch g, 9, Proud Citizen—Barnsy, by **Langfuhr**, \$21,100, 0—Juan A. Espinosa, B—Blazing Meadows Farm (OH), T—Juan A. Espinosa, J—Edgar Paucar
Margin: 4¼, 6 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Parx Racing, Race 5, ALW

4/10, \$48,274, 3yo, f, 8.32f (dirt), 1:51.19, track fast.
1—**Judge Lee**, 118, gr/ro f, 3, Street Cry (IRE)—Miss Prado, by El Prado (IRE), \$27,600, 0—Pewter Stable and Nestor, Matt, B—CESA Farm (KY), T—Kathleen A. Demasi, J—Kendrick Carmouche

Sale History: 2017 OBSAPR, \$45,000, 2016 KEESEP, (\$60,000 RNA).

Margin: 3, 6 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Parx Racing, Race 7, ALW

4/10, \$41,000, 4yo/up, 8f (dirt), 1:43.83, track fast.
1—**Ruby Bleu**, 122, b g, 4, Messner—Ruby Soul, by **Perfect Soul (IRE)**, \$24,600, 0—Top Notch Racing, B—Donald L. Brown Jr. (PA), T—Joseph Taylor, J—Kendrick Carmouche
Margin: 1½, 7 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Parx Racing, Race 8, ALW

4/10, \$46,000, 4yo/up, 8.32f (dirt), 1:49.33, track fast.
1—**The Great Casby**, 121, dk b/br g, 5, Kodiak Cowboy—Classy Too, by The Cliff's Edge, \$27,600, 0—Peter Mattson, B—Camelia J. Casby (MN), T—Jamie Ness, J—Navin Mangalee

Margin: ¾, 8 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Parx Racing, Race 9, ALW

4/10, \$46,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f (dirt), 1:13.91, track fast.
1—**Peach Alley**, 121, b f, 4, **Jump Start**—How Bout Tonight, by Proud Citizen, \$38,640, 0—Thomas G. McClay, B—Thomas G. McClay (PA), T—Michael W. Salvaggio, Jr., J—Dana G. Whitney

Margin: 1¾, 8 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Sunland Park, Race 6, ALW

4/10, \$29,839, 3yo/up, f/m, 8f (dirt), 1:36.71, track fast.
1—**Ballinouttacontrol**, 123, dk b/br m, 5, **Prince of Fame**—Miss Silver Mouse, by Silver Season, \$19,239, 0—Seth Howard, B—Seth Jacob Howard (NM), T—Sam H. Howard, J—Miguel T. Fuentes, Jr.

Margin: ½, 7 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Sunland Park, Race 8, ALW

4/10, \$30,500, 3yo/up, f/m, 8f (dirt), 1:36.83, track fast.
1—**Movin On**, 116, dk b/br f, 3, Indian Firewater—E Bar Prospect, by Gold Fever, \$18,300, 0—C. Donnell Echols, B—

Donnell Echols (NM), T—Joel H. Marr, J—Ken S. Tohill

Margin: 3, 9 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Will Rogers Downs, Race 3, ALW

4/10, \$27,500, 3yo/up, f/m, 8f (dirt), 1:37.79, track fast.
1—**Inagoodway**, 124, ch m, 5, **Save Big Money**—Truth Takes Time, by Devil His Due, \$19,250, 0—Dupy, Steve, Blair, Kent and Castor, Mike, B—Mike Castor (OK), T—Roger F. Engel, J—Bryan McNeil

Margin: 2½, 5 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

MAIDEN RESULTS

Mahoning Valley Racecourse, Race 1, MSW

4/10, \$29,600, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (dirt), 1:13.53, track fast.
1—**Kim's Krew**, 119, ch f, 3, **Midshipman**—Lovely Lo, by Scat Daddy, \$17,760, 0—Raimonde Farms, Ltd., B—Raimonde Farms LTD (OH), T—Penny Rone, J—Kevin Radke
Margin: 6¾, 6 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Mahoning Valley Racecourse, Race 8, MSW

4/10, \$29,600, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (dirt), 1:15.34, track fast.
1—**Mobil Bonnet**, 118, dk b/br f, 3, **Mobil**—Sky Cap, by **Sky Mesa**, \$17,464, 0—Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm, B—Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm (OH), T—Jennifer Tooley, J—Orlando Mojica

Margin: 2¼, 11 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

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APPLE BLOSSOM H. (G1)

Oaklawn Park, Friday, April 13, Race 9

8.5f (dirt), \$700,000, 4yo/up f/m, 5:39 PM (local)

| P # | PP | Horse | Sire | Age/Sex | Jockey | Weight | M/L | Owner |
|-----|----|-------------------|---------------|---------|----------------------|--------|-----|---|
| 1 | | Tiger Moth | Street Sense | 6/m | Fernando De La Cruz | 117 | - | John D. Gunther |
| 2 | | Unbridled Mo | Uncle Mo | 5/m | Ricardo Santana, Jr. | 116 | - | Red Oak Stable (Brunetti) |
| 3 | | Fuhriously Kissed | Langfuhr | 5/m | C.J. McMahon | 113 | - | Looch Racing Stables Inc (Ronald J Paolucci) |
| 4 | | Beach Flower | Flower Alley | 5/m | Ramon A. Vazquez | 112 | - | Jeff Larson & John Mentz |
| 5 | | Unique Bella | Tapit | 4/f | Mike E. Smith | 123 | - | Don Alberto Stable |
| 6 | | Streamline | Straight Line | 6/m | Gary L. Stevens | 116 | - | Nancy A. Vanier & Cartwright Thoroughbreds V LLC (William J Cartwright) |
| 7 | | Farrell | Malibu Moon | 4/f | Channing Hill | 117 | - | Coffepot Stables, LLC (Robert Cummings & Annette Bacola) |

Breeders: 1—John D. Gunther; 2—Red Oak Stable; 3—Anita Cauley; 4—T/C Stable, LLC; 5—Brushwood Stable; 6—Nancy Vanier; 7—Coffee Pot Stable.

Trainers: 1—Brad H. Cox; 2—Todd A. Pletcher; 3—Anthony T. Quartarolo; 4—McLean Robertson; 5—Jerry Hollendorfer; 6—Brian Williamson; 7—Wayne M. Catalano.

FANTASY S. (G3)

Oaklawn Park, Friday, April 13, Race 7

8.5f (dirt), \$400,000, 3yo f, 4:34 PM (local)

| P # | PP | Horse | Sire | Age/Sex | Jockey | Weight | M/L | Owner |
|-----|----|------------------|----------------|---------|----------------------|--------|-----|---|
| 1 | | Sassy Sienna | Midshipman | 3/f | Gary L. Stevens | 117 | - | Medallion Racing (Phillip Shelton & Marshall Taylor) & Jerry McClanahan |
| 2 | | Harbor Lights | Shackleford | 3/f | Ricardo Santana, Jr. | 117 | - | Michael Lauffer & Gregory McDonald |
| 3 | | Tahoe Dream | Afleet Alex | 3/f | Alex L. Canchari | 117 | - | Hugh H. Robertson, John Mentz & Jeff Larson |
| 4 | | Cosmic Burst | Violence | 3/f | Richard E. Eramia | 121 | - | Norma Lee Stockseth & Todd Dunn |
| 5 | | Bo Peep | Archarcharch | 3/f | Jon Kenton Court | 117 | - | Robert Yagos |
| 6 | | Amy's Challenge | Artie Schiller | 3/f | Mike E. Smith | 121 | - | Novogratz Racing Stables Inc (Joseph Novogratz) |
| 7 | | Princess Warrior | Midshipman | 3/f | Ramon A. Vazquez | 117 | - | Trommer, Evan, Trommer, Matthew and Trommer, Andrew |
| 8 | | Wonder Gadot | Medaglia d'Oro | 3/f | David Cabrera | 121 | - | Gary Barber |

Breeders: 1—Haymarket Farm LLC; 2—Mike Lauffer & Black Diamond Management LLC; 3—T/C Stable, LLC; 4—Pewter Stable; 5—Robert Yagos; 6—Sierra Farm; 7—George M. Veloudis Jr.; 8—Anderson Farms Ont. Inc..

Trainers: 1—Brad H. Cox; 2—Steven M. Asmussen; 3—McLean Robertson; 4—Donnie K. Von Hemel; 5—William H. Fires; 6—McLean Robertson; 7—Kenneth G. McPeck; 8—Mark E. Casse.

AUSTINTOWN FILLY SPRINT S.

Mahoning Valley Racecourse, Saturday, April 14, Race 5

6f (dirt), \$75,000, 3yo f, 2:06 PM (local)

| P # | PP | Horse | Sire | Age/Sex | Jockey | Weight | M/L | Owner |
|-----|----|--------------------|--------------------|---------|-----------------------|--------|-----|---------------------------------------|
| 1 | | Wendy Peffercorn | Wilburn | 3/f | T. D. Houghton | 118 | - | Michael J. McMahon |
| 2 | | Waki Patriot | Awesome Patriot | 3/f | Megan Fadlovich | 116 | - | Donna G. Hancock and Charles W. Brown |
| 3 | | Oxford Comma | Majesticperfection | 3/f | Azael De Leon | 120 | - | Sandra New |
| 4 | | Red Dread | Five Star Day | 3/f | Luis Antonio Gonzalez | 120 | - | Dave Casalino |
| 5 | | Eight Thirtyone | Graydar | 3/f | Luis H. Colon | 118 | - | Looch Racing Stables, Inc. |
| 6 | | Go | Congrats | 3/f | Luis H. Colon | 118 | - | Looch Racing Stables, Inc. |
| 7 | | Tell Your Mama | Blame | 3/f | Luis H. Colon | 116 | - | Looch Racing Stables, Inc. |
| 8 | | Flame Mingo | Blame | 3/f | Orlando Mojica | 116 | - | Michael A. Foster |
| 9 | | Frigid Sister | Sky Mesa | 3/f | Rex A. Stokes III | 118 | - | Stephen G. and Debbie Jackson |
| 10 | | Youvegottopaytopla | Giant's Causeway | 3/f | Edgar Paucar | 118 | - | Theta Holdings I, Inc. |
| 11 | | Stardoza | Data Link | 3/f | Ricardo Feliciano | 122 | - | Muirfield Farm and Girten, Tim |

Breeders: 1—Spruce Lane Farm; 2—Brandywine Farm (Jim & Pam Robinson); 3—John O'Meara; 4—John J. Greely IV & Wilson Sisk; 5—Wolverton Mountain Farm, LLC & Cameron S. Wheeler; 6—Bruce Berenson & Laurie Berenson; 7—Robert D. Dewitt; 8—Normandy Farm; 9—Dr. Steve Jackson & Debbie Jackson; 10—Tenth Street Stables; 11—Two Sisters' Farm, Inc..

Trainers: 1—Robert M. Gorham; 2—John A. Hancock; 3—Thomas M. Amoss; 4—Tina Casalino; 5—Anthony T. Quartarolo; 6—Jeffrey A. Radosevich; 7—Michael Ann Ewing; 8—William D. Cowans; 9—Flint W. Stites; 10—Eric R. Reed; 11—Candace M. Huffman.

UPCOMING ENTRIES

HOWARD B. NOONAN S.

Mahoning Valley Racecourse, Saturday, April 14, Race 6
6f (dirt), \$75,000, 3yo, 2:34 PM (local)

| P # | PP | Horse | Sire | Age/Sex | Jockey | Weight | M/L | Owner |
|-----|----|------------------|-------------------|---------|-------------------------|--------|-----|---|
| 1 | | Buster's Boy | Twinspired | 3/g | Walter De La Cruz | 120 | - | Pine Ridge Farm and Jim Rumford |
| 2 | | Hay John Hay | Monarchos | 3/g | Euclyn E. Prentice, Jr. | 118 | - | M. Y. Stables, Inc. |
| 3 | | Captain Riley | Talent Search | 3/c | Jaime Rodriguez | 120 | - | Blazing Meadows Farm LLC and Wagner Stables LLC |
| 4 | | Tango Run | Run Away and Hide | 3/f | Rex A. Stokes III | 117 | - | Michael A. Foster |
| 5 | | Charlee's Magic | Jump Start | 3/g | Kevin Radke | 120 | - | Ronald E. Dewolf |
| 6 | | Freekson | Mercer Mill | 3/g | Erik Barbaran | 120 | - | Barbie John Stable |
| 7 | | Fusaichi's Wind | Fusaichi Pegasus | 3/g | Luis H. Colon | 118 | - | Loooch Racing Stables, Inc. |
| 8 | | Indian Fever | Colonel John | 3/c | Irwin J. Rosendo | 118 | - | Blazing Meadows Farm, LLC and Michael Friedman |
| 9 | | Another Sunrise | Hostile Takeover | 3/g | Luciano Hernandez | 116 | - | Wilson C. Langley |
| 10 | | Bossy and Mobil | Mobil | 3/g | Yuri Yaranga | 118 | - | Ira Novak |
| 11 | | West Leonard | Colonel John | 3/g | T. D. Houghton | 118 | - | Mast Thoroughbreds, LLC |
| 12 | | Deer Creek Road | General Quarters | 3/g | Yuri Yaranga | 118 | - | Henry Chau |
| 13 | | Western Twilight | Western Pride | 3/g | Orlando Mojica | 118 | - | Rolf Obrecht |
| 14 | | Blazing Buckeye | Dark Kestrel | 3/c | Luis M. Quinones | 118 | - | Ruberto Racing Stable, Inc. |

Breeders: 1—Pine Ridge Farm; 2—South River Ranch Inc; 3—Dr. D. W. Fraizer; 4—Dr. Harold Fishman; 5—Ronald Dewolf; 6—Fair Winds Farm; 7—Michael L. Winings; 8—Blazing Meadows Farm; 9—Double D Farm Corp.; 10—Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm; 11—Mast Thoroughbreds LLC; 12—Jerome Daniels; 13—Susan A Sheppard; 14—Mr. & Mrs. Louis Ruberto Jr.

Trainers: 1—William D. Cowans; 2—Anthony Lowry; 3—Timothy E. Hamm; 4—William D. Cowans; 5—Penny Rone; 6—David St. Clair; 7—Jeffrey A. Radosevich; 8—Timothy E. Hamm; 9—Wilson C. Langley; 10—Joseph M. Poole; 11—Robert M. Gorham; 12—Ivan Vazquez; 13—Joseph M. Poole; 14—Louis V. Ruberto, Jr.



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| Rank | Stallion | Sire, YOB | '18 Stud Fee | Farm | Chief Earner (Earnings) | '18 Earnings |
|------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| 1 | Candy Ride (ARG) | Ride the Rails, '99 | \$80,000 | Lane's End, KY | Gun Runner (\$7,000,000) | \$8,783,835 |
| 2 | Into Mischief | Harlan's Holiday, '05 | \$100,000 | Spendthrift Farm, KY | Audible (\$803,520) | \$3,698,711 |
| 3 | Curlin | Smart Strike, '04 | \$150,000 | Hill 'n' Dale Farms, KY | Stellar Wind (\$650,000) | \$3,255,802 |
| 4 | Tapit | Pulpit, '01 | \$300,000 | Gainesway, KY | Synchrony (\$270,000) | \$3,076,272 |
| 5 | Flatter | A.P. Indy, '99 | \$40,000 | Claiborne Farm, KY | West Coast (\$1,600,000) | \$2,745,343 |
| 6 | Malibu Moon | A.P. Indy, '97 | \$75,000 | Spendthrift Farm, KY | Magnum Moon (\$577,800) | \$2,483,435 |
| 7 | Scat Daddy | Johannesburg, '04 | Died | N/A | Justify (\$666,000) | \$2,386,290 |
| 8 | Quality Road | Elusive Quality, '06 | \$70,000 | Lane's End, KY | City of Light (\$240,000) | \$2,240,069 |
| 9 | City Zip | Carson City, '98 | Died | N/A | Collected (\$650,000) | \$2,088,935 |
| 10 | Dialed In | Mineshaft, '08 | \$25,000 | Darby Dan Farm, KY | Gunnevera (\$1,300,000) | \$1,986,687 |

2018 BROODMARE SIRES

Listed below are the top 10 leading broodmare sires by 2018 Northern Hemisphere earnings through April 9, 2018. All stallions whose daughters are represented by at least one Northern Hemisphere runner in 2018 are included. Cumulative stakes winners includes lifetime worldwide statistics; all other statistics are 2018 Northern Hemisphere only.

| Rank | Stallion | Sire, YOB | Dams | Rnrs | SWrs (% Rnrs) | Cum. SWrs | Chief Earner (Earnings) | '18 Earnings |
|------|-------------------|----------------------|------|------|------------------|--------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| 1 | Giant's Causeway | Storm Cat, '97 | 244 | 304 | 4 (1.3%) | 59 | Gun Runner (\$7,000,000) | \$13,962,579 |
| 2 | Sunday Silence | Halo, '86 | 452 | 813 | 2 (.2%) | 173 | Almond Eye (\$733,996) | \$7,282,361 |
| 3 | Dubai Destination | Kingmambo, '99 | 62 | 78 | 3 (3.8%) | 23 | Thunder Snow (\$6,280,000) | \$7,027,056 |
| 4 | Unbridled's Song | Unbridled, '93 | 267 | 368 | 9 (2.4%) | 124 | Suave Richard (\$828,880) | \$5,527,254 |
| 5 | Honour and Glory | Relaunch, '93 | 93 | 125 | 2 (1.6%) | 49 | West Coast (\$3,600,000) | \$4,752,566 |
| 6 | Selkirk | Sharpen Up (GB), '88 | 103 | 122 | 1 (.8%) | 63 | Benbatl (\$3,885,000) | \$4,713,894 |
| 7 | A.P. Indy | Seattle Slew, '89 | 231 | 328 | 4 (1.2%) | 169 | Bolt d'Oro (\$440,000) | \$3,937,865 |
| 8 | Storm Cat | Storm Bird, '83 | 242 | 341 | 2 (.6%) | 250 | Real Steel (\$300,000) | \$3,922,855 |
| 9 | French Deputy | Deputy Minister, '92 | 218 | 355 | 4 (1.1%) | 75 | Rainbow Line (\$303,432) | \$3,294,439 |
| 10 | Distorted Humor | Forty Niner, '93 | 187 | 265 | 3 (1.1%) | 60 | Hedge Fund (\$206,400) | \$3,193,125 |

2018 SIRES BY LIFETIME AEI

Listed below are the top 10 leading sires by lifetime Average Earnings Index (AEI) through April 9, 2018. Only stallions that stand, will stand, or stood in North America (excluding stallions that died or were exported prior to the 2014 breeding season) with at least 150 named foals of racing age are included. All statistics are Northern Hemisphere only. AEI indicates how much purse money the progeny of one sire has earned in relation to the average earnings of all runners in the same years; average earnings of all runners in any year is represented by an index of 1.00. CI indicates the average earnings of progeny produced from mares bred to one sire, when these same mares were bred to other sires.

| Rank | Stallion | Sire, YOB | '18 Stud Fee | Farm | Crops | Foals | AEI | CI |
|------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------|----------------------------|-------|-------|------|------|
| 1 | Curlin | Smart Strike, '04 | \$150,000 | Hill 'n' Dale Farms, KY | 7 | 615 | 2.43 | 2.12 |
| 2 | Tapit | Pulpit, '01 | \$300,000 | Gainesway, KY | 11 | 1143 | 2.32 | 2.23 |
| 3 | War Front | Danzig, '02 | \$250,000 | Claiborne Farm, KY | 9 | 609 | 2.30 | 2.35 |
| 4 | Pioneerof the Nile | Empire Maker, '06 | \$110,000 | WinStar Farm LLC, KY | 6 | 472 | 2.24 | 1.96 |
| 5 | Ghostzapper | Awesome Again, '00 | \$85,000 | Adena Springs Kentucky, KY | 10 | 772 | 2.19 | 2.07 |
| 6 | Uncle Mo | Indian Charlie, '08 | \$125,000 | Ashford Stud, KY | 4 | 462 | 2.17 | 1.71 |
| 7 | Candy Ride (ARG) | Ride the Rails, '99 | \$80,000 | Lane's End, KY | 11 | 1163 | 2.06 | 1.68 |
| 8 | Medaglia d'Oro | El Prado, '99 | \$250,000 | Darley, KY | 11 | 1199 | 2.03 | 2.34 |
| 9 | Into Mischief | Harlan's Holiday, '05 | \$100,000 | Spendthrift Farm, KY | 7 | 529 | 2.01 | 1.69 |
| 10 | Distorted Humor | Forty Niner, '93 | \$50,000 | WinStar Farm LLC, KY | 17 | 1397 | 2.01 | 2.17 |