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NOT A BAD 'START'

If 2014 ended on something of a frustrating note for the connections of **Upstart** (Flatter), it was an entirely different situation Saturday. The flashy New York-bred colt sat a three-wide trip for the entirety of the GII Holy Bull S. and roared away from his rivals for a decisive 5 1/2-length victory, stamping himself as arguably the leading Classics contender on the Eastern seaboard. "I hope it wasn't too fast," winning trainer Rick Violette Jr. stated. "That's one of the



Upstart *Lauren King*

advantages of running today--you have two weeks to play with. There is a cushion there if we came off the bench a little strong." **Cont. p3**

Saturday, Gulfstream Park
LAMBHOLM SOUTH HOLY BULL S.-GII, \$400,000, GPX, 1-24, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:43 3/5, ft.

1--@**UPSTART**, 116, r, 3, by **Flatter**
1st Dam: Party Silks, by Touch Gold
2nd Dam: Intend to Win, by Housebuster
3rd Dam: Intently, by Drone

(\$130,000 yrl '13 FTNAUG). O-Ralph M Evans; B-Mrs Gerald A Nielsen (NY); T-Richard A Violette Jr; J-Jose L Ortiz. \$238,080. Lifetime Record: MGISP, 5-3-1-1, \$701,880. **Werk Nick Rating: A.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

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2--**Frosted**, 116, c, 3, **Tapit**--Fast Cookie, by Deputy Minister. O-Godolphin Racing LLC; B-Darley (KY); T-K McLaughlin. \$76,800.
3--**Bluegrass Singer**, 118, g, 3, Bluegrass Cat--Aguilera, by Unbridled's Song. (\$27,000 wing '12 KEENOV; \$28,000 2yo '14 FTMMAY). O-Crossed Sabres Farm; B-Gaines-Gentry Thoroughbreds & Hardy Thoroughbreds LLC (KY); T-Marcus J Vitali. \$38,400.

HELL YEAH!

Margins: 5HF, 2 1/4, 1 3/4. Odds: 2.10, 1.50, 3.30.
Also Ran: Juan and Bina, Keen Ice, Frammento, First Down, Decision Day, High Noon Rider. Scratched: Dom the Bomb.

'FRIENDLY' COMBAT AT SHA TIN

Fresh off the announcement that he had been named the joint-third highest-rated horse in the world in the Longines World's Best Racehorses rankings, Dr. & Mrs. Cornel Li's **Able Friend (Aus)** (Shamardal), scintillating winner of the G1 Longines Hong Kong Mile in his most recent trip to the post Dec. 14, makes a much-anticipated return to action in the \$1.28-million



Able Friend *HKJC.com*

Stewards' Cup, accorded international Group 1 status for the first time. A victory could earn the strapping gelding a start overseas, either on Dubai World Cup night or at The Championships in Sydney. **Cont. p13**

BARBADOS MAKES THE GRADE

Suzanne Racing's **Barbados** (Speightstown), purchased for \$340,000 from the draft of WinStar Farm at the Keeneland November Breeding Stock Sale, made it two wins from as many starts for his new owners with a gritty half-length victory in Saturday's GIII Hutcheson S. at Gulfstream Park. "I looked at a lot of horses that day, and I didn't see anything I liked until this horse," Tomlinson said of the colt, who races for owner Paul Hanifl. "It's been a sweet ride to this point in time, so we'll keep our fingers crossed and hope we can keep it going." **Cont. p6**

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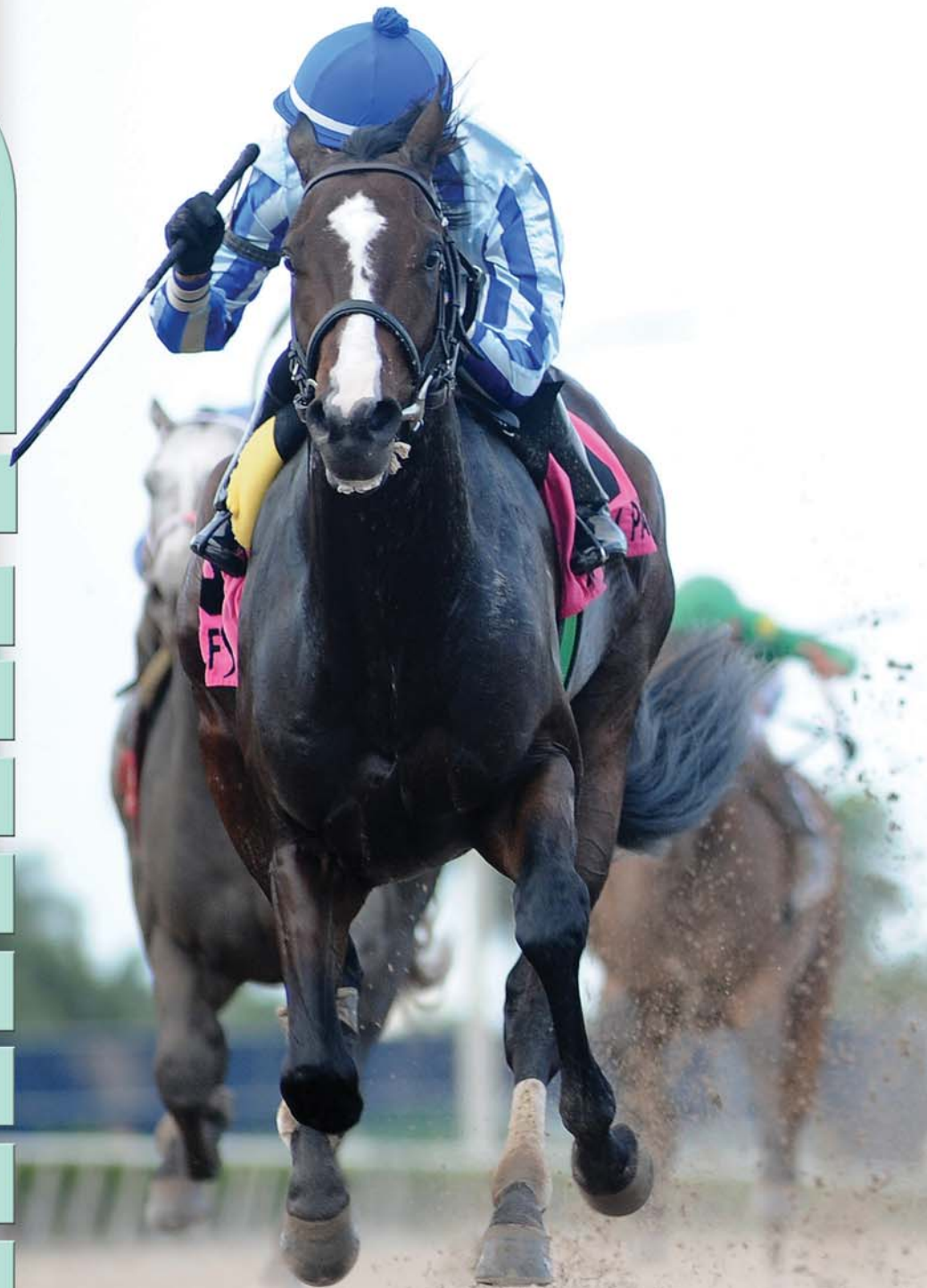
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With a 5 1/2-length romp in the Holy Bull S-G2 at Gulfstream Park, NY-bred UPSTART joins fellow NY-bred INTERNATIONAL STAR among the 'Top Ten' Derby contenders by Graded points.

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Sweetest Chant Remains Brown's Domain



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Contested as a Grade III event for the first time, Saturday's renewal of the Sweetest Chant S. had one thing in common with its three previous runnings—the name of the winning trainer. For the fourth consecutive year, a favored filly sent out by Chad Brown proved victorious in the turf test, with Klaravich Stable and William H. Lawrence's Consumer Credit (More Than Ready) proving best after a flying finish. The streak began in 2012 with Dayatthespa (City Zip), continued the following year with Premier Steps (Ire) (Footstepsinthesand {GB}) and last season with Ready to Act (More Than Ready).

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TDN Op/Ed: Dean Towers

Toronto-based businessman Dean Towers, also a member of the board of the Horseplayers Association of North America, has his own views on the recent 'deflate-gate' controversy in the National Football League and pens a thought provoking Op/Ed piece to share his views with you. "Racing can change in the eyes of the gambling world, but first it has to make a major philosophical shift," he opines.

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Khozan a New TDN Rising Star

Al Shaqab Racing's Khozan (Distorted Humor) looked to have his work cut out debuting in Saturday's sixth race at Gulfstream Park, as it is just this side of impossible to overcome the outside draw going six or seven furlongs. But the \$1-million 2-year-old proved more than equal to the task, sitting a decent trip while three wide before pulling away in the stretch in a time nearly a full second faster than the GIII Hutcheson S.

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A Quick Study...

A \$130,000 graduate of the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga New York-bred sale, Upstart was all the rage for his Aug. 15 bow versus his fellow Empire-breds, but overcame traffic and exploded away in the lane for a 5 1/4-length graduation. So impressive was that debut that the normally conservative Violette had the colt back in the entries nine days later for the valuable Funny Cide S., and if the debut was impressive, the push-button acceleration he displayed en route to a one-length score from the fleet-footed Bustin It (Bustin Stones) was even more so and had the conditioner squarely focused on open company.

That first non-restricted test came in a sloppy renewal of the GI Champagne S. going Belmont's one-turn mile Oct. 4, but Upstart had the misfortune of running into the mud-loving Daredevil (More Than Ready) and was forced to settle for second to that Todd Pletcher trainee. Green-lighted for a trip to California for the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Nov. 1, Upstart was unlucky to draw widest in the field of 11 and was off a bit slowly before pressing forward to race in midfield.

He accelerated menacingly rounding the turn, but was outmoved by the eventual winner Texas Red (Afleet Alex) and then was just touched out of second by ☆ **"TDN Rising Star"** ☆ Carpe Diem (Giant's Causeway).

Sent off the second choice here behind luckless GII Remsen S. runner-up Frosted, Upstart was hung out about three or four wide into the first turn as Bluegrass Singer (Bluegrass Cat) was fastest early while being pushed along to his outside by fellow Godolphin runner First Down (Street Sense). Frosted secured a perfect ground-saving spot right on the back of Bluegrass Singer turning up the backstretch after a hasslefree opening two furlongs in :24.52. Positions were mostly unchanged as they grossed into the final half-mile, but Jose Ortiz asked Upstart to turn up the heat on Bluegrass Singer and the duo were on even terms with three-eighths of a mile to the wire. Going clearly the better of the two at the head of the lane, Upstart opened an unassailable advantage at the sixteenth pole and was never in serious danger. Frosted could not capitalize on his perfect trip and settled for second, well clear of Bluegrass Singer in third. **Cont. p4**



Trakus Fact: Upstart traveled 34 feet (about 3.9 lengths) more than runner-up Frosted and 39 feet (4.5 lengths) more than the third-placed Bluegrass Singer.

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MORE THAN READY

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DISTORTED HUMOR

KHOZAN, a 3yo colt by Distorted Humor and half to champion Royal Delta, becomes his sires **22nd TDN Rising Star**.



Holy Bull S. cont.

“The horse broke very well and I was in the position where me and [trainer] Rick [Violette] planned to be,” the winning jockey commented. “It was perfect. By the half-mile pole I let him go and said, ‘Let’s see what we have here,’ and when we turned for home we rolled. He was very good.

Ortiz continued, “He jumped into the bit, and I knew he was ready. When I saw him today in the paddock, I was very surprised because he looked so much bigger and so much stronger. I think he wants to go a mile and a quarter, so we will hopefully make the Kentucky Derby with him.”

For Violette, Upstart could be a second consecutive starter in the Run for the Roses. Fellow New York-bred Samraat (Noble Causeway) ran with credit beneath the Twin Spires last May, finishing less than six lengths behind California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit) in fifth. The trainer indicated he has a variety of options to get from here to there.

“We can go up to the [GIII] Gotham S. [Mar. 7 at Aqueduct] or we can come back here in four weeks in the [GII] Fountain of Youth S. [Feb. 21],” Violette explained. “We got some points today. If we ran in the [GIII] Withers S. [Feb. 7 at Aqueduct], we would have been locked in to four weeks, four weeks, four weeks and there is no wiggle room. So this is a good spot.

He added, “We’ll see how he bounces off this and follow his lead. It could be that we’ll stay here [for the GI 1-million Besilu Stables Florida Derby Mar. 28] to give us the extra two weeks going into the [Kentucky] Derby. That might be the thing to do. It’s nice to have that option.”

Upstart’s dam is a half-sister to GSW Josh’s Madelyn and produced a Majestic Warrior 3/4-sister to the Holy Bull winner in 2014. She is due to Mineshaft in early 2015.

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☆ 5 DISTORTED HUMOR	\$100,000	\$267,966	\$352,273
6 MALIBU MOON	\$95,000	\$239,098	\$205,671
☆ 7 TIZNOW	\$75,000	\$237,956	\$282,038
8 SMART STRIKE	\$100,000	\$208,702	\$279,429
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☆ 10 SPEIGHTSTOWN	\$80,000	\$182,988	\$176,875
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FORWARD GAL S.-GII, \$200,000, GPX, 1-24, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:24 4/5, ft.

1--#**@BIRDATTHEWIRE**, 116, f, 3, by Summer Bird

1st Dam: My Limit (SP, \$135,360),

by Wagon Limit

2nd Dam: Piney Woods, by Valid Appeal

3rd Dam: Chatham Light, by Majestic Light

(\$22,000 RNA yrl '13 KEEJAN; \$37,000 RNA yrl '13 FTKJUL; \$23,000 yrl '13 FTKOCT). O-Forum Racing, LLC; B-Lynn & Kathy Jones (KY); T-Dale L Romans; J-Irad Ortiz, Jr. \$116,560. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, \$158,860. *First stakes winner for deceased sire (by Birdstone).

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2--**Lassofthemohicans**, 116, f, 3, Indian Charlie--Dream Street, by Tale of the Cat. (\$80,000 RNA yrl '13 KEESEP; \$200,000 RNA 2yo '14 OBSAPR).

O-Wachtel Stable, Brous Stable LLC & Meadowland Thoroughbreds; B-Gaines-Gentry Thoroughbreds, Thomas Van Meter & Fox-Straus KY (KY); T-Brendan P Walsh. \$37,600.

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3--**Taylor S**, 117, f, 3, **Medaglia d'Oro**--Miss Macy Sue, by Trippi. O-Albaugh Family Stable; B-Albaugh Family Stable LLC (KY); T-Dale L Romans. \$18,800.

Received early preparation at **AbraCadabra Farms 352•804•3000**

Margins: 3 1/4, NK, NK. Odds: 12.40, 11.00, 3.60.

Also Ran: Ekati's Phaeton, By the Moon, Distinta, Seduire, Enchantress, Tripocha, Momameamaria, Skipalute.

Forward Gal S. cont.

Birdatthewire became--remarkably--the sixth next-out winner to emerge from an 8 1/2-furlong Churchill maiden Nov. 29 with a last-to-first victory.

A debut third sprinting beneath the Twin Spires Sept. 7, the bay improved one spot when trying two turns for the first time at Keeneland Oct. 5, but regressed to be fourth in a similar test 18 days later. She took advantage of a pace meltdown to register a 1 1/2-length victory from Lassofthemohicans when last she faced the starter and was let go at double digits in a field including GII Santa Ynez S. winner Seduire (Elusive Quality), GISW By the Moon (Malibu Moon), GIII Old Hat S. victress Ekati's Phaeton (Tale of Ekati) and ☆ **"TDN Rising Star"** ☆ Enchantress (Malibu Moon). In the end, not one of those would figure in the outcome.

Outsprinted and well back early, Birdatthewire bided her time as Ekati's Phaeton, Seduire and Enchantress set things up on the front end. ☆ **"TDN Rising Star"** ☆ Taylor S was just in behind, but By the Moon made the first serious move, looping rivals to lead exiting the turn. The Jay Em Ess runner looked on her way to victory, but Birdatthewire was hitting her best stride at the quarter pole, was steered out to the middle of the track and raced away to a comfortable victory as Lassofthemohicans closed for second.

"I had read the paper and knew there was pace in the race," jockey Jose Ortiz commented. "Why change her style? I just let her relax. When we got to the quarter pole I knew I had a lot of horse. I knew she was a nice filly. I think she can get better."

Birdatthewire is the first stakes winner 2009 GI Belmont S. who died of colic while standing in Japan in late 2013.

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Saturday, Gulfstream Park
HUTCHESON S.-Gill, \$150,000, GPX, 1-24, 3yo, 7f, 1:24 1/5, ft.

1--**@BARBADOS**, 116, c, 3, by [Speightstown](#)
 1st Dam: Northern Station (SW, \$181,680), by Street Cry (Ire)

2nd Dam: Quiet Word, by Quiet American

3rd Dam: Word O' Ransom, by Red Ransom (\$160,000 yrl '13 KEESEP; \$230,000 2yo '14 KEEAPR; \$340,000 HRA '14 KEENOV). O-Suzanne Stables; B-Tommy Town Thoroughbreds LLC (KY); T-Michael A Tomlinson; J-Luis Saez. \$92,070.

Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-0, \$205,720. **Werk Nick**

Rating: **D**. Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#).

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2--**X Y Jet**, 116, g, 3, [Kantharos](#)--Soldiersingsblues, by Lost Soldier. (\$30,000 RNA yrl '13 OBSJAN; \$56,000 yrl '13 OBSAUG). O-Gelfenstein Farm; B-Didier Plasencia (FL); T-Jorge Navarro. \$29,700.

3--**Big Family**, 116, c, 3, Any Given Saturday--She'll Be Right, by Sky Mesa. (\$33,000 yrl '13 KEESEP; \$100,000 2yo '14 OBSAPR). O-Grupo 7C Racing Stable; B-Woods Edge Farm LLC (KY); T-Gustavo Delgado. \$14,850.

WOODS EDGE FARM GRADUATE

Margins: HF, 7HF, 2HF. Odds: 0.70, 3.40, 44.20.
 Also Ran: Richard the Great, Bridget's Big Luvy, Dom the Bomb. Scratched: Bluegrass Singer, Stanford.

The \$340,000 trainer Michael Tomlinson spent on behalf of owner Paul Hanifl for Barbados at the Keeneland November sale a little more than three months ago is looking like a bargain, as the attractive bay colt made it two straight wins since that purchase with a determined victory in the Hutcheson S.

Trained originally by Kellyn Gorder for WinStar Farm, Barbados was a debut second sprinting over the Kentucky Downs turf Sept. 6, the bay weakened to be fifth behind next-out El Joven S. hero Crown the Kitten (Kitten's Joy) in a Sept. 24 maiden before switching to a sloppy Keeneland main track to graduate by five good-looking lengths Oct. 16. **Cont. p7**



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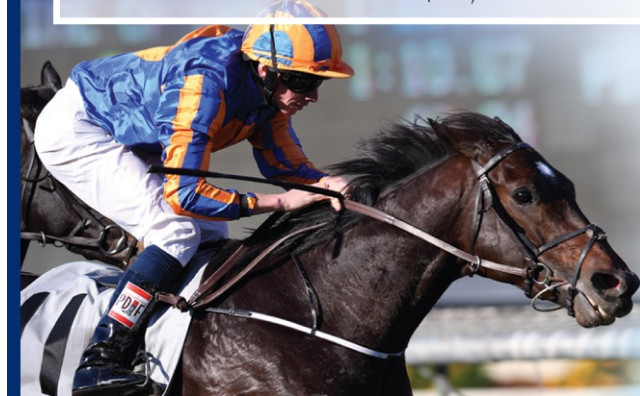
- At 2** 1st Maiden, 8f, Curragh, *by 6 lengths.*

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- 1st **Irish 2,000 Guineas-Gr.1**, 8f, Curragh, *by 3½ lengths in a very fast time.*
- 1st **Dee Stakes-Gr.3**, 10½f, Chester, *by 4 lengths.*

- At 4** 1st **Mooresbridge Stakes-Gr.3**, 10f, Curragh.
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Hutcheson S. cont.

He found himself in the Keeneland sales pavilion 26 days later, his value enhanced by his flashy victory across the street, and topped his session, highlighted by the ever-popular horses-of-racing-age draft from WinStar.

In no rush to return him to action, Tomlinson shipped in to Gulfstream in early December and put three works into Barbados, including a bullet five-furlong move in :59 2/5 Dec. 28. The colt ran to that work and then some, flashing home to win the Jan. 3 Spectacular Bid S. by three lengths and earning long odds-on favoritism for this initial graded-stakes voyage.

X Y Jet, last-out winner of Tampa's Pasco S., was off to a studder-step start, but nonetheless made a relatively easy lead as Barbados landed in second through the opening exchanges, but was soon usurped by Dom the Bomb (Bring the Heat), who rushed up to prompt the pace after stumbling at the break. X Y Jet enjoyed a reasonably soft time of it on the engine, getting his first quarter mile in :22.80, and while Dom the Bomb dropped the bridle nearing the turn, Barbados tugged Luis Saez into closer contention. X Y Jet had to work harder in the middle stages of the race and had the chalk breathing down his neck as they hit the head of the stretch. Barbados swept to the lead with a little more than a furlong to race and looked like he might run away with it, but X Y Jet proved a stubborn foe down inside and kept the winning margin to a hard-fought half-length.

"Any good horse has heart, and he showed us some heart today," Tomlinson commented. "As we've said all along, we're going to let him take us as far as he can go. We're not sure if there's distance limitations, but we're going to take it a step at a time. Hopefully he comes out of this race in great shape and we'll see where we go from here."

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North American Graded Results cont.

Saturday, Tampa Bay Downs

TAMPA BAY S.-GIII, \$150,000, TAM, 1-24, 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:41 3/5, gd.

1--**LOCHTE**, 120, g, 5, by [Medaglia d'Oro](#)

1st Dam: Lemon Kiss (SW, \$152,110), by Lemon Drop Kid

2nd Dam: Black Tie Kiss, by Danzig

3rd Dam: Hat Tab Girl, by Al Hattab

(\$475,000 yrl '11 FTSAUG; \$60,000 HRA '13 FTNOCT). O-Crossed Sabres Farm; B-Maura Gittins (KY); T-Marcus J Vitali; J-Paco Lopez. \$90,000. Lifetime Record: GISW, 21-5-4-5, \$548,572.

Werk Nick Rating: A+ Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

IN THE DARBY DAN TRADITION

ELIGIBLE FOR **KY BREEDERS' INCENTIVE FUND** AWARDS UP TO \$5,000

2--**Old Time Hockey**, 116, g, 6, Smarty Jones--Grat, by A.P. Indy. O/B-Glen Hill Farm (FL); T-Thomas F Proctor. \$30,000.

3--**Sky Flight**, 118, c, 4, [Sky Mesa](#)--Cordoba, by Unbridled. (\$80,000 yrl '12 KEESEP). O-John C Oxley; B-Aaron Sones & Beverly Sommer (KY); T-Mark E Casse. \$15,000.

EATON SALES SOLD
Foaled and Raised at WINCHESTER FARM

Margins: HD, NK, 1. Odds: 4.10, 24.10, 1.20.

Also Ran: Rose Brier, Rerun, Margano, Guys Reward, One Touch, Allie's Event, Super Soldier, Tricky Hat (Chi), Hobo Ridge. Scratched: Dramey, War Correspondent.

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Lochte continues to reward these connections since changing hands for \$60,000 as a horse of racing age at the 2013 FTNOCT sale. A 39-1 upset winner of last February's GI Gulfstream Park Turf H., he came within a



Lochte

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half length of adding Santa Anita's GI Frank E. Kilroe Mile a month later. The dark bay ended a six-race losing streak with a narrow win in Gulfstream's The Vid S. Sept. 13, then was second as the 4-5 chalk in an allowance at Gulfstream West Oct. 12. Fourth in the GIII Tropical Turf H. Nov. 22, he entered off a fifth-place

finish in the GII Ft. Lauderdale S. Jan. 10. Sent off as the second choice here, he secured a good position just behind the early leaders in fifth. He moved up to race in third as they bunched up on the far turn, finally fought his way past a very game Sky Flight in the stretch and had just enough left in the tank to hold off the runner-up. "They told me he was doing very well and to ride him the way I thought best," jockey Paco Lopez said.

"We got a good setup behind the leaders and they were really going along, so I was able to wait until the final turn. We found a space and he really turned it on in the stretch."

Saturday, Gulfstream Park

SWEETEST CHANT S.-GIII, \$100,000, GPX, 1-24, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:35 4/5, fm.

1--**@CONSUMER CREDIT**, 120, f, 3, by [More Than Ready](#)

1st Dam: Sally Bowles (SAf) (GSW & G1SP-SAf), by London News (SAf)

2nd Dam: Eligible Dancer (SAf), by Foveros (GB)

3rd Dam: Eligible (SAf), by Dancing Champ

(\$185,000 yrl '13 KEESEP; \$130,000 RNA 2yo '14 FTFMAR). O-Klaravich Stables Inc & William H Lawrence; B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY); T-Chad C Brown; J-Edgard J Zayas. \$58,900. Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-0, \$165,445. **Werk Nick**

Rating: A+ +. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

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Bred by **STONESTREET**

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ELIGIBLE FOR **KY BREEDERS' INCENTIVE FUND** AWARDS UP TO \$5,000

2--**Quality Rocks**, 116, f, 3, Rock Hard Ten--Elusive Virgin, by Elusive Quality. (\$37,000 RNA yrl '13 OBSAUG). O-Flavor Racing, Brous Stable, Wachtel Stable & Destiny Oaks Of Ocala LLC; B-Destiny Oaks of Ocala (FL); T-William I Mott. \$19,000.

Winning with Woodford

Purchased by BSW Bloodstock

3--**Miss Temple City**, 116, f, 3, [Temple City](#)--Glittering Tax, by Artax. (\$10,000 RNA yrl '13 KEEJAN). O-Sagamore Farm, Allen Rosenblum & The Club Racing LLC; B-Bob Feld Bloodstock (KY); T-H Graham Motion. \$9,500.

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Margins: 1, HD, NK. Odds: 1.80, 2.20, 3.40.

Also Ran: Cardinal Cove, Nicky's Brown Miss, Red Sashay, Ol' Fashion Gal, Cosmic Serenity, Angel Falls, Loon River.

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For the fourth consecutive season, the Sweetest Chant S. resides in the barn of Chad Brown after Consumer Credit came with a stinging rally down the center of the track to lead home a chalky trifecta. It was also the second consecutive score for a daughter of More Than Ready following on the victory of Ready to Act last season. Recently crowned champion Dayatthespa (City Zip) and Premier Steps (Ire) (Footstepsinthesand {GB}) won in 2012 and 2013, respectively. Each of the four fillies went favored at odds of 19-10 or lower. **Cont. p9**

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Sweetest Chant S. cont.

The public's choice in her Sept. 5 bow sprinting over the Belmont turf course, Consumer Credit found all kinds of trouble and was not persevered with in seventh, but improved to finish runner-up in a rained-off maiden in the Elmont slop Oct. 4. The dark bay got over the hump in her next appearance, overcoming easy ground to graduate by 2 1/4 lengths Oct. 25 and successfully stretched out to two turns in her latest, overwhelming her foes by 3 3/4 lengths in the Nov. 29 Wait a While S. at Gulfstream West.

Drawn in the middle of the gate, Consumer Credit was in the mix early on, but Edgard Zayas was able to ease her back just enough off the early pace battle and dropped down onto the fence to save ground around the first turn. On the business end of things, Miss



Consumer Credit (near)
Lauren King

Temple City led early from Quality Rocks, but allowed that one to go on with it to her outside while holding her spot at the rail. The two front-runners continued to eyeball each other around the final bend and Consumer Credit was shuffled back a bit from between horses before being switched

out to the three path in upper stretch. The top two were still slugging it out, but the Brown runner, roused sharply left-handed into the final furlong, rallied under a full head of steam to an ultimately comfortable success.

"The filly was impressive," Brown commented. "I thought it was a very good ride by this young man because in the first turn he had a hard decision to make when it looked like he was going to be potentially hung out from that post (seven) about four wide. He elected to take her back and tuck her in and then he found a cozy spot inside. I really think his decision in the first turn was what won the race."

Consumer Credit is the second stakes performer for his dam, a yearling purchase by and runner-up for Team Valor and trainer Neil Bruss in the G1 Allan Robertson Fillies' Championship in 2006 and winner of the G2 KZN Fillies' Guineas the following season. Twice placed in five U.S. starts, she was purchased by Stonestreet for \$180,000 in foal to Proud Citizen at the 2009 Keeneland November sale. The colt she was carrying at the time, London Citizen, was a winner at two and three in England for Karl Burke and was runner-up in the Listed Swedish Derby in 2013.

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NOTE: The full results for the GIII Connolly Turf S. and Sam Houston Ladies' Classic will appear in Monday's TDN. For your convenience, we are publishing the 1-2-3 finishers from each race with approximate margins and odds.

Saturday, Sam Houston Race Park

JOHN B CONNOLLY TURF S.-GIII, \$200,000, HOU, 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT, 1:49, fm.

1--**COALPORT**, 123, h, 6, by **Kitten's Joy**

1st Dam: **Ballado's Girl**, by **Saint Ballado**

2nd Dam: **Pleasing Prospect**, by **Mr. Prospector**

3rd Dam: **Promising Girl**, by **Youth**

O/B-Kenneth L & Sarah K Ramsey (IL); T-Michael Maker; J-Miguel Mena; \$120,000. Lifetime Record: 23-9-4-0, \$545,183. *Full to Jolly Good Kitten, SW-Fr.

2--**Trace Creek**, 118, h, 5, Harperstown-Cookie Bight Cove, by **Elusive Quality**. O/B-Shortleaf Stable (AR); T-Kenneth G McPeck; \$40,000.

3--**Daddy's Kid**, 118, g, 4, **Scat Daddy**--Snow Kid, by **Lemon Drop Kid**. O-Big Lick Farm; B-Mikhail Yanakov; T-Reid Nagle; \$22,000.

Margins: 3 1/4, 3 1/4, HF. Odds: 4-5, 5-1, 4-1.

Saturday, Sam Houston Race Park

HOUSTON LADIES' CLASSIC, \$400,000, HOU, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:44 4/5, ft.

1--**CASSATT**, 115, f, 4, **Tapit**--**Justenufftime**, by **Giant's Causeway**. (\$300,000 yrl '12 KEESEP). O-Fox Hill Farms; B-Mt Brilliant Farm LLC; T-J Larry Jones; J-Kerwin D Clark; \$240,000. Lifetime Record: GSW, 9-6-1-0, \$610,233.

2--**Angelica Zapata**, 115, m, 7, Sharp Humor--Two Dot Slew, by **Evansville Slew**. O-Herman Van Den Broeck. \$80,000.

3--**Shanon Nicole**, 115, f, 4, **Majestic Warrior**--**Crafty Wac**, by **Patton**. (\$47,000 RNA yrl '12 FTKJUL). O-Connie M Apostelos. \$44,000.

Margins: HD, NK, 1. Odds: 3-5, 6-1, 7-2.

UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

Date	Race	Track
Jan. 31	GI Las Virgenes S.	SA
	GII Arcadia S.	SA
	GII Palos Verdes S.	SA
	GIII Endeavour S.	TAM
	GIII Sam F. Davis S.	TAM
Feb. 1	GII San Vicente S.	SA
Feb. 7	GI Donn H.	GP
	GI Gulfstream Park Turf H.	GP
	GII Robert B. Lewis S.	SA
	GII San Antonio S.	SA
	GII San Marcos S.	SA
	GIII Withers S.	AQU
	GIII Toboggan S.	AQU
	GIII Fred W. Hooper H.	GP
	GIII Suwannee River S.	GP



op/ed

by dean towers

CHANGING RACING'S CORE PRINCIPLES TO WHAT THEY WERE IS THE WAY FORWARD

This past week we've seen (insert grade-school gelding joke here) the sport of pro football deal with something called "InflateGate". As everyone knows, the New England Patriots are accused of deflating footballs to gain an edge on their competition. This is nothing new for the Patriots. In previous years there have been proven and not proven accusations of cheating. On ESPN Radio Charlotte this week, former Carolina Panthers GM Marty Hurney said, "there is a culture of cheating at the organization," and most seem to agree.

I have read many this week, both inside and outside the sport of horse racing, who think this is really no big deal. After all, the Pats beat the Colts by 38 points, and a couple deflated footballs surely were not the difference. I believe those people are missing the point, however. Making sure there is not a "culture of cheating" is something that's vital to the NFL's existence.

In the 1940's and most of the 50's, the NFL was a poor cousin to an American apple pie game that had a long and storied history: baseball. While World Series champs were on cereal boxes, football was playing to half empty stadiums. In the late 1950's, that began to change. Led by Commissioner Pete Rozelle, the sport of football began to be guided by core principles. By creating partnerships that helped put smaller market teams on the same playing field as large ones, scheduling that allowed all to thrive if they were good enough, and numerous other transparent and forward-thinking measures, there was a sense of fairness in football that was not seen in baseball. This plank fit in perfectly with the country they were serving.

As written in *"America's Game: A History of the NFL"*, "The NFL, with its egalitarian framework, was much more consistent with American aspirations of equal opportunity and pure meritocracy than any other major team sport."

Former tight end Jamie Williams (years later) added to that sentiment perfectly: "Baseball is what America aspires to be, football is what the country is."

Fans who had long left baseball lived in cities where football was a part of their lives. It supplied social glue, long before Twitter or Facebook ever did, and was a big part of a city's self image. Fans were married to teams, because what they stood for resonated with what they believed was fair, right and honorable. Rozelle, and those who followed him, knew that the league's fortunes would be tethered to this fan link, and must be protected at all costs.

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This is why, when a coach like Mike Tomlin of the Steelers stepped on the sidelines during a play a year or so ago, knocking a player off line, he was fined a whopping \$100,000 and gave an almost tearful mea culpa. This is why the New England Patriots and deflated balls are such a story. A league built on branding that has eclipsed baseball and every other sports league in the U.S. has to unequivocally stick to their core principles: If you cheat--no matter how small--it's an attack on what our fans stand for.

When we switch to horse racing, the closest parallel to the NFL we probably have is in Hong Kong. There, the core principle is very simple: If something is done that affects the integrity of the game, it will cause fewer people to bet the product and is an attack on the future of the product.

We hear this time and time again, in press releases, annual reviews, or in every day occurrences.

- Several years ago there was a curious case of a drug positive. Hong Kong barns equipped with cameras, caught a horse who had been entered in a race sticking his head across into his neighbor's feed bucket, who was not in to go. He obviously ingested something untoward. The horse's trainer received a positive test and was suspended.

- When vets do work on a Hong Kong horse, it's logged and placed on their website for punters.

- When a horse is reported lame, all treatments and works are open, and the horse must be approved to race again. Bettors know what's happening.

- When a jock doesn't ride out a mount, or a horse loses by double digits, investigations occur, and sometimes the jock is fined and suspended for months.

Although some of those examples might be considered cumbersome, or unfair to some, each and every one of them (and we could use dozens more) comes down to what they want to convey: The customer has an ethical and sound product to wager on.

In North America, a core principle was once held dear by this great sport. More than a century ago, Pittsburgh Phil (along with other railbirds) was frequenting racetracks for the betting action, and that betting action (with 5% or less takeouts) was something they, along with a generation of bettors, could beat. When you scan some of the headlines in the turf press throughout the 10's and 20's, this is readily apparent. There are stories about racetrack characters, bookies, professional punters, top businessmen of the day, all there, earning a living betting or booking the greatest gambling game ever invented. Racing was considered mainstream, fair, and beatable to any gambler. This meshed perfectly into a country leaving the Gilded Age.



Dean Towers Op/Ed cont.

What happened over the next several decades changed racing forever. The building block of the sport --why these people were coming out to the racetrack: to bet--was not fostered, it was challenged. Beginning in about 1940, when a government needed money, they came to horse racing, and horse racing happily turned over some margin, if they got theirs, too. Three-percent increases in the juice became 6% in a three-for-me, three-for-you back-scratcher, with the betting customer holding the bag. The greatest gambling game ever invented was under attack from the very people who were supposed to protect it. There was no Rozelle, or anyone else to say "whoa."

Other negative measures to increase revenues at the expense of the core customer prevailed. Past performances costs, admission and breakage (they'd break to the penny in the 1920's) were all nickel and dimed from customers. To see how upside down this was from the turn of the century (courtesy the Kevin Martin at the Colin's Ghost blog) a relative of Pittsburgh Phil was interviewed for the *Turf and Sports Digest* in 1948 and he was asked what Phil would be doing if he were alive today.

"Uncle Phil would sooner match coins on the street than try to buck the trend of the pari-mutuel machines," he said. Takeout in 1948 was 10%.

That's negative branding. That's selling out a core principle that is vital for your business.

That negative branding exists today. Just last year when Churchill Downs hiked their takeout rates, how many times was the customer mentioned? How many times was the lost handle at the top of the funnel that was sure to come evaluated beforehand? It was about increasing a purse, which the horsemen happily went along with (that so far they, by my numbers, have never seen). No one stood up for the core principle.

Just this year we see infighting for slices of the simulcast pie, where fans in certain locales are shut out from betting a racetrack. There is no mention of better decay that has occurred and will continue to occur. The people who put the cash in the top of the funnel are barely even an afterthought.

If the people who put the money in are an afterthought in regard to the way horse racing does business, how can the pie possibly ever grow?

Back in 2002, former Buffalo Bills GM Bill Polian attended the Hall of Fame induction ceremony for his quarterback Jim Kelly. Kelly threw a party in a hotel ballroom and after a few hours all that were left were a handful of Bills--Talley, Tasker, Bruce Smith and several others. They noticed flashes going off from the window of the ballroom and it was coming from a couple of dozen Bills fans who had made the trip down from Buffalo, who were standing outside. Bruce Smith swung open the doors and invited them in. They snapped pictures for a half hour, chatting with the players.

At one point, Polian turned to a woman and asked her, "why is there so much excitement over this?" She replied, "these were some of the happiest times in our lives. We had to be here."

That's a deep link with your customer that is not created through fancy TV commercials, giveaways or seat sales; it's fostered through generations of being exactly who you say you are and delivering on your promise.

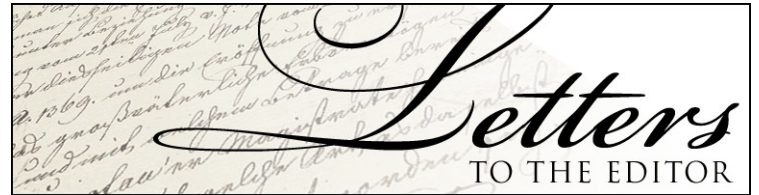
Racing can change in the eyes of the gambling world, but first it has to make a major philosophical shift, by turning back to its once core principle. The sports' fortunes are directly tied to the people who are betting the money, have always been tied to them, and they will be the ones who decide its future.

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To the Editor,

I would like to address the following to Barry Irwin regarding his op-ed in Saturday's *TDN*, Ensuring Integrity:

Barry,

Can you be more expansive as to why the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) is going to be the solution to horse racing's problems? Just to say that they are effective and not aligned to the industry stakeholders is not enough without substantiation.

Picking up the ball on the five yard line and carrying it in doesn't do it for me. Please provide details on what they did and why you think they are effective. Not saying they are not but need more than you just vouching for them. Not every "special prosecutor" turns out to be effective just because they are independent.

I always felt that Lance Armstrong went down because his teammates finally turned on him. Cleaning up racing is not going to happen until the rumors stop and someone steps forward and tell the authorities what is going on.

For instance, using your Super Bowl metaphor, many members of the St. Louis Rams feel that the New England Patriots had some unfair advantage in their Super Bowl matchup and it was only after they changed their signals in the fourth quarter did they march up and down the field to score two touchdowns.





Letter to the Editor cont.

Yet, as important as the game was, none have gone public although Marshall Faulk and Kurt Warner talk about it off the record.

Nearly all crimes are solved by someone dropping a dime on someone else. Can't see how USADA will play any role in this since they do not grant nor deny participant's licenses. Please elaborate why you think they can.

Dick Powell

P.S. In my household, the U. S. Anti-Doping Agency is who my wife calls when I try to perform household chores.



Saturday, Kenilworth, South Africa
BETTING WORLD CAPE FLYING CHAMPIONSHIP-G1,
 R1,000,000 (US\$87,694), KEN, 1-24, 3yo/up, 5fT,
 0:56.53, gd.

1--**ALBORAN SEA (AUS), 119, f, 3,** by [Rock of Gibraltar \(Ire\)](#)
 1st Dam: Lady's Light, by Toolighttoquit
 2nd Dam: Lady's Answer, by Northern Answer
 3rd Dam: Sweet Lady Briar, by Round Table
 (A\$105,000 '13 INGPRE). O-Mrs M Slack & Mr M B
 Javett; B-Rosemont Stud; T-Mike de Kock;
 J-Weichong Marwing. R625,000. Lifetime Record:
 8 starts, 4 wins, 3 places, R1,317,250. **Werk Nick**
Rating: A + + + . *Triple Plus*. [Click for the](#)
[eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

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2--**Captain of All (SAf), 132, c, 4,** Captain AI (SAf)--
 Serious Side (SAf), by Fard (Ire). O-Ingrid & Markus
 Jooste; B-Riverton Stud; T-Dennis Drier. R200,000.
 3--**Carry On Alice (SAf), 119, f, 3,** Captain AI (SAf)--
 Carry On Katie (SAf), by Western Winter. O-Mr C J H
 van Niekerk, Dr J A Warner & Klawervlei Stud (Pty)
 Ltd (Nom: Mr J P Koster); B-Klawervlei Stud; T-Sean
 Tarry. R100,000.

Margins: SHD, 1HF, 3/4. Odds: 2.80, 4.50, 12.00.
 Also Ran: Tevez (SAf), Trip Tease (SAf), Happy Forever (SAf), Fly By Night
 (SAf), Asstar (SAf), Copper Parade (SAf), Daring Dave (SAf), Castlethorpe
 (Aus), Normanz (SAf), Dressed In Cotton (Saf). [Click for the Racing Post](#)
[result](#), or the [free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree](#). [VIDEO](#).

Cape Flying Championship cont.

Alboran Sea earned her second Group 1 victory and her trainer Mike de Kock's milestone 100th when she captured the Betting World Cape Flying Championship at Kenilworth Saturday. One of only two 3-year-olds fillies in the field, the other being Carry On Alice (SAf), the favorite was away alertly after a delayed start and drafted about a length behind the front-running pair against the stands-side rail. With veteran pilot



Alboran Sea
Sporting Post

Weichong Marwing aboard, the dark bay was cut loose with two furlongs to run and quickly seized command. The Australian-bred looked to be home free, but older rival and G1SW Captain of All came charging late down the center of the course and

drew even in the shadow of the wire. The two hit the line together and Alboran Sea emerged the narrow winner. "It is a great pleasure to have a Group 1 win for Mike [de Kock] and Mary Slack," said winning jockey Weichong Marwing to *Sporting Post*. "We realized that there was a lot of speed in the race and we wanted to give her a chance. But things didn't map out as we planned. Trip Tease was up front as we expected but his speed wasn't good enough and I wasn't as far back as I wanted. I thought Captain Of All got me on the wire." A winner of the G1 Allan Robertson Championship at Scottsville last May after breaking her maiden at first asking, the Rosemont Stud-bred was second to Bilateral (SAf) (Lateral) in the G1 Zulu Kingdom Golden Slipper two months later and ran ninth in Greyville's G1 Thekwini S. July 26. She made her 3-year-old debut a winning one at Turffontein, but completed the superfecta in the Pinnacle S. in November and ran second in the G2 Southern Cross S. in early December. Alboran Sea is out of the Toolighttoquit mare Lady's Light, a half-sister to MGSW Erica's Dream (Two's a Plenty) and MSW Twosies Answer (Two's a Plenty). The latter produced champion 2-year-old colt and GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner Answer Lively (Lively One).

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Saturday, Trentham, New Zealand

HARCOURTS THORNDON MILE-G1, NZ\$200,000

(US\$149,340), TRE, 1-24, 3yo/up, 8fT, 1:34.11, gd.

1--**PUCCINI (NZ), 126, c, 4, by Encosta de Lago (Aus)**

1st Dam: Miss Opera (NZ) (SW & GSP-NZ), by Paris Opera (Aus)

2nd Dam: Brierley (NZ), by Sir Godfrey (Fr)

3rd Dam: Justaz Wealthy (NZ), by Resurgent (Ire)

(NZ\$175,000 wnlg '11 NZBWNL; NZ\$150,000 RNA yrl '12 NZBPRES).

O/B-Monovale Holdings Syndicate; T-Peter & Jacob McKay; J-Danielle Johnson.

NZ\$118,750. Lifetime Record: 24-8-2-4,

NZ\$890,158. *1/2 to Sir Slick (NZ) (Volksraad {GB}),

Ch. Older Horse-NZ, MG1SW-NZ. **Click for the**

eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Werk Nick Rating:

A + + +. *Triple Plus*.

2--**Soriano (NZ), 123, m, 5, Savabeel (Aus)--Call Me Lily**

(NZ), by Just a Dancer (NZ). (NZ\$45,000 RNA yrl '11

NZBPRES). O/B-Miss D Howell; T-Graeme & Debbie

Rogerson. NZ\$38,000.

3--**Mighty Solomon (NZ), 121, g, 4, Darci Brahma (NZ)--**

Tarzie (NZ), by City On a Hill. (NZ\$55,000 yrl '12

NZBSEL). O-Go Racing Silky Red Syndicate; B-Mrs H

G & W G Bax; T-Lisa Latta. NZ\$19,000.

Margins: SHD, 2, SHD. Odds: 5.90, 12.00, 5.70.

Also Ran: Slice of Class (NZ), Genius (NZ), Kisses (NZ),

Diademe (NZ), Julinsky Prince (NZ), Ringo (NZ), Emerald

Queen (NZ), Nashville (NZ), Benzini (Aus), Pure

Champion (Ire), Abidewithme (NZ), Miss Three Stars

(NZ), Silverdale (NZ), Ponderosa Miss (NZ), Miss Pelear

(NZ).

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[catalogue-style pedigree.](#) [VIDEO.](#)

Saturday, Kyoto, Japan

KYOTO HIMBA S.-G3, ¥67,570,000 (US\$573,696),

Kyoto, 1-24, 4yo/up, f, 1600mT, 1:33.90, fm.

1--**KEIAI ELEGANT(JPN), 123, m, 6, King Kamehameha (Jpn)**

1st Dam: Post Parade, by A.P.Indy

2nd Dam: Spanish Parade, by Roberto

3rd Dam: Nijit, by Nijinsky

O-Kazuhiro Kameda; B-Matsuda Farm; T-Mitsuhiro

Ogata; J-Hiroyuki Uchida; ¥35,679,000. Lifetime

Record: 29-7-2-2. *1/2 to Fierce Wind (Dixie Union),

MSW, \$197,300; Keiai Raijin (Jpn) (Came Home),

SW-Jpn, \$857,813. **Werk Nick Rating: C. Click for**

the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Golden Number (Jpn), 119, m, 6, Daiwa Major (Jpn)**

--Arctic Silk (GB), by Selkirk. O-Seiichi Iketani;

B-Darley Japan Farm; ¥14,194,000.

3--**Power Spot (Jpn), 119, m, 7, Suzuka Mambo (Jpn)**

--Sexy Shoes (Jpn), by Paradise Creek. O-Grand

Farm; B-Grand Farm; ¥8,897,000.

Margins: NK, 3/4, NO. Odds: 22.60, 89.00, 20.00.

Also Ran: Makoto Brillar (Jpn), Uliuli (Jpn), Quatre

Feuilles (Jpn), Dance Amiga (Jpn), Winged Wheel (Jpn),

Meisho Suzanna (Jpn), Belle Lumiere (Jpn),

Forevermore (Jpn), Real Venus (Jpn), Shiny Girl (Jpn),

Cuccagna (Jpn), Aromatico (Jpn), Reve D'Etoiles (Jpn),

Tosen Benizakura (Jpn), Lei Carla (Jpn).

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'FRIEND' LOOMS LARGE IN STEWARDS' CUP

Although the race has attracted its three most recent winners, **Able Friend (Aus)** (Shamardal) will start a heavy favorite as he looks to solidify his status as one of the world's elite milers in today's Stewards' Cup at Sha Tin, granted international Group 1 status for the first time in its history.

Following his defeat of Designs on Rome (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) in the Hong Kong Classic Mile a little over a year ago, the 1300-pound chestnut cut

back in trip after defeats in the remaining two legs of the 4-Year-Old Series, but was soundly defeated by the visiting Variety Club (SAf) (Var) in the G1 Champions Mile last May. Since finishing a useful fourth to behind recent G1 Longines Hong Kong Sprint hero



Able Friend *HKJC.com*

Aerovelocitv (NZ) (Pins {Aus}) when giving weight all around in the Premier Bowl H. Oct. 26, he easily handled **Gold-Fun (Ire)** (Le Vie dei Colori {GB}) in the G2 Jockey Club Mile and overcame a high draw to best that foe last time out by 4 1/4 lengths in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Mile Dec. 14.

"There's not a lot to say, he's top class," his jockey Joao Moreira commented. "He's a different horse, different to all the others. He behaves differently, he walks differently, he looks at you differently; everything he does is different. He's very professional. I don't need to say much about his ability because he's shown us already."

Gold-Fun started his season with a victory in the Celebration Cup H. over 1400 meters Oct. 5 and was second to Military Attack (Ire) (Oratorio {Ire}) in the Sha Tin Trophy H. going this distance before chasing home Able Friend in his last two tries.

"He's had his usual prep and I'm delighted with how he is, he's in really good nick again," trainer Richard Gibson commented. "He's such a good athlete that it's a pleasure working with him. He's in tremendous shape, and, as usual, he will take a lot of beating. He's very able and it's only the very best that can beat him."

Ambitious Dragon (NZ) (Pins {Aus}), victorious here in 2012, returned from an 18-month injury-enforced absence to be a good third to Able Friend in the Jockey Club Mile, but was forced to miss the Hong Kong Mile with a foot ailment. The 8-year-old will reunite with Maxime Guyon, who rode him to four wins from four starts in 2011, including that year's Hong Kong Derby.

Glorious Days (Aus) (Hussonet) landed this event and the Hong Kong Mile later that year and races here second-up after finishing five lengths in back of Able Friend in the Hong Kong Mile. **Blazing Speed (GB)** (Dylan Thomas {Ire}) is the defending Stewards' Cup champion, but will look to bounce back off a disappointing 12th to Designs on Rome in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Cup Dec. 14.

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Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 3:35 a.m. EST
STEWARDS' CUP-G1, HK\$10,000,000 (US\$1,289,994), 3yo/up, 1600mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	8	Able Friend (Aus)	Shamardal	Moreira	Moore
2	9	Gold-Fun (Ire)	Le Vie dei Colori (GB)	Whyte	Gibson
3	5	Blazing Speed (GB)	Dylan Thomas (Ire)	Callan	A Cruz
4	3	Ambitious Dragon (NZ)	Pins (Aus)	Guyon	Millard
5	7	Glorious Days (Aus)	Hussonet	Demuro	Size
6	1	Rewarding Hero (GB)	Exceed & Excel (Aus)	Rawiller	Moore
7	2	Beauty Flame (Ire)	Ftspsinthesand (GB)	Mosse	A Cruz
8	4	All You Wish (NZ)	Thorn Park (Aus)	Prebble	Yip
9	9	Real Specialist (NZ)	Storming Home (GB)	Teetan	Size

All carry 126 pounds.

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 3:00 a.m. EST
KENT & CURWEN CENTENARY SPRINT CUP, HK\$6,600,000 (US\$851,379), 3yo/up, 1000mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	1	Peniaphobia (Ire)	Dandy Man (Ire)	Whyte	A Cruz
2	7	Amber Sky (Aus)	Exceed & Excel (Aus)	Rispoli	Yiu
3	6	Sterling City (Aus)	Nadeem (Aus)	Callan	Moore
4	3	Eagle Regiment (Aus)	El Moxie	Doleuze	Man
5	8	Bundle of Joy (Aus)	Magic Albert (Aus)	Moreira	Hall
6	4	Frederick Engels (GB)	Iceman (GB)	Rawiller	Moore
7	5	Smart Volatility (Aus)	Danewin (Aus)	Cheng	Lui
8	2	You Read My Mind (Ire)	Exceed & Excel (Aus)	Demuro	D Cruz

All carry 126 pounds. **Click for the HKJC.com PPs.**

AMBER SKY SHORTENS UP FOR CENTENARY

Amber Sky (Aus) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}), last year's G1 Al Quoz Sprint hero, will look to get back to the winner's circle for the first time since in defense of his title in the Centenary Sprint Cup going the straight five furlongs this afternoon at Sha Tin. The bay gelding



Amber Sky HKJC.com

ran a hole in the wind 12 months back, stretching away to score by 2 1/4 lengths in the time of :55.86. He reproduced the effort in Dubai, scoring by a neck, but went missing for the next six months, returning to be fourth to Bundle of Joy (Aus) (Magic Albert {Aus}) under 132 pounds in the National Day Cup H.

Oct. 1. Despite having things mostly his own way when trying 1200 meters in the G2 Jockey Club Sprint Nov. 23--at odds of 47-1--he gave way readily and caused traffic problems for several rivals before finishing eighth to **Peniaphobia (Ire)** (Dandy Man {Ire}).

"He missed training for about two weeks after he ran in the 1200-meter race in November," trainer Ricky Yiu explained. "He missed a couple of weeks again at the end of December. Before I went to Australia for the sales earlier this month, I wasn't too optimistic about being able to run him, but when I got back I felt that we should put him in this race. He's shown me that he's well enough to run."

Peniaphobia attempted to make history in the Hong Kong Sprint last time by becoming the first 3-year-old to win the race, but was just gunned down in the waning strides by Aerovelocity (NZ) (Pins {Aus}), who was the horse most hampered by Amber Sky in the Jockey Club Sprint. He'll cut back in trip for this, but acquitted himself well with a runner-up effort in the National Day Cup. He'll have the disadvantageous one hole (stands' side) post to deal with.

Eagle Regiment (Aus) (El Moxie), bred on the same cross responsible for Hong Kong legendary sprinter Silent Witness (Aus), owned this track at one point and took this event in 2012 and 2013. However, the oft-sidelined gelding, who has won seven times up the straight, has not tasted victory since defending his title successfully two years ago.

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FORT WOOD, 25, DIES IN SOUTH AFRICA

Fort Wood (Sadler's Wells--Fall Aspen, by Pretense), a two-time leading sire in South Africa for Mauritzfontein Stud, passed away from heart failure early Saturday morning according to *Sporting Post*. He was 25. Trained by Andre Fabre for Sheikh Mohammed, the bay--who raced exclusively as a 3-year-old--won half of his six starts including the G1 Grand Prix de Paris and G2 Prix Noallies.

Retired with earnings of \$335,255 after injuring himself during a work, Fort Wood was acquired by Mr. and Mrs. Oppenheimer's Mauritzfontein Stud through the efforts of Alistair Brown of Equarius Bloodstock and stood his first season in 1994. His first crop



Fort Wood
Sporting Post

contained three Group 1 winners with the best of these being Horse Chestnut (SAf), a Triple Crown winner and Horse of the Year. Horse Chestnut was joined by Dog Wood (SAf) and Fort Defiance (SAf). Fort Wood sired two more Horses of the Year during his career with Celtic Grove (SAf) and Dynasty (SAf). The American-bred also won two South African sire titles in 1998 and 1999 and led the broodmare sires lists in 2012 and 2013. His total stakes winners stands at 73 with 15 Group 1 winners to date according to Brisnet.

Out of GI Matron S. heroine and Broodmare of the Year Fall Aspen, Fort Wood was a half-brother to champion juvenile male, Classic winner and MGISW Timber Country (Woodman), Irish 3-year-old highweight and GSW Bianconi (Danzig), GISWs Northern Aspen (Northern Dancer) and Hamas (Danzig), MGSW & MGISP Colorado Dancer (Ire)--dam of champion Dubai Millennium (GB) (Seeking the Gold), GSWs Elle Seule (Exclusive Native) and Mazzacano (GB) (Alleged) and stakes-winning GI Kentucky Derby third Prince of Thieves (Hansel).

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TIMES EDITORIAL QUESTIONS WINTER RACING IN NEW YORK The New York *Times* editorial board published a piece on its Opinion Pages Saturday, "Raced To Death at the Big A," in which they suggest that winter racing should be severely curtailed or eliminated altogether if the current spate of catastrophic breakdowns continues at Aqueduct. The *Times* cites breakdown rates at Aqueduct it says are 7.8 per 1,000 starts, more than four times higher than the last published national average of 1.90 for calendar year 2013. The editorial reads: "New York officials have taken aggressive measures to deal with a parallel problem of horses being abused by drugs to boost their performance at American racetracks. They should be similarly aggressive if exploitation of weaker Thoroughbreds continues at Aqueduct--severely cutting back on winter racing, or eliminating it altogether." The complete op/ed may be read [here](#).

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Yesterday's Results:

KITTEN'S JOY S., \$100,000, GPX, 1-24, 3yo, 1mT, 1:36, fm.
 1--**#DUBAI SKY, 116, c, 3, by Candy Ride (Arg)**
 1st Dam: House of Danzing, by Chester House
 2nd Dam: Danzing Crown, by Danzig
 3rd Dam: Crownette, by Seattle Slew
 O-Three Chimneys Farm & Besilu Stables; B-Besilu Stables LLC (KY); T-William I Mott; J-John Velazquez. \$58,280. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-1, \$125,580. *Full to Twirling Candy, GISW, \$944,900; half to Ethnic Dance (Tribal Rule), GSW, \$302,210.
 2--**Courtier, 117, c, 3, Pioneerof the Nile--Soothing Touch**, by Touch Gold. O-Juddmonte Farms Inc. \$18,800.
 3--**Croninthebarbarian, 116, c, 3, Stroll--Sweet Ober Melissa**, by Tale of the Cat. O-Ol Memorial Stable. \$9,400.
 Margins: HD, 3/4, HF. Odds: 5.30, 6.10, 2.70.
 Also Ran: Felifran, Eh Cumpari, Chief Kitten, Dr No (GB), Ode to the Hunt, Stefochop (Fr), Mostly Mozart, Twotwentyfive A. Scratched: Bravo Charlie.

Dubai Sky, a troubled third on debut over the Saratoga lawn Aug. 9, earned his diploma in wire-to-wire fashion next out going 1 1/16 miles on the sod at Belmont Sept. 20. Making his next start in a course-and-distance optional claimer Dec. 20, he won in a dead-heat with fellow Bill Mott trainee Hard to Port (Afleet Alex). Still running without Lasix in this black-type bow, the bay pressed stablemate Courtier (Pioneerof the Nile) from a



Dubai Sky
Natalie Fawkes


close-up second through a first quarter in :23.70 and a half in :48.20. Remaining glued to that pacesetter's side entering the lane, the pair continued to exchange blows, went stride-for-stride all the way to the wire with Dubai Sky getting the slight edge in a tight photo finish. "They both ran winning races," said Mott.

Kitten's Joy S.

The winner is a full brother to 2010 GI Malibu S. hero Twirling Candy, who also won the GI Del Mar Derby that year, and added the GI Strub S. and GI Californian S. the following year. His half-brother Ethnic Dance (Tribal Rule) also won the Del Mar Derby in 2013. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).**

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4th-GPX, \$43,200, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$75,000), NW1X, 3yo, 1m, 1:39, ft.

GORGEOUS BIRD (c, 3, Unbridled's Song--Elusive Bird, by Elusive Quality) gained valuable racing experience with a debut sixth behind subsequent GIII Iroquois S. second and GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity third Bold Conquest (Curlin) in a 6 1/2-furlong Saratoga maiden Aug. 16. The gray kicked on nicely once finding racing room in the stretch with Lasix added in his Nov. 22 maiden breaker going seven furlongs at Churchill Nov. 22 and was 4-1 to make it two straight here. Racing under a snug hold through an opening quarter in :24.01, the half-brother to 2013 GI Forward Gal S. third Pow Wow Wow (Indian Charlie) loomed boodily while at least four wide on the far turn and suddenly opened daylight in the stretch to win by seven lengths over Morgans Harbour (Graeme Hall). Overcontrol (Tapit), favored at even-money off a  **"TDN Rising Star"**  performance at first asking here Dec. 27, tired badly after showing early speed to finish last of nine. The unraced mare Elusive Bird, a daughter of Marylou Whitney's champion 3-year-old filly and GI Kentucky Oaks heroine Bird Town, produced a filly by Awesome Again in 2013 and was barren in 2014. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$50,132. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).**

O/B-Marylou Whitney Stables LLC (KY). T-Ian R Wilkes.

2nd-TAM, \$23,700, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$32,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:18 2/5, gd.

NESSO (f, 4, Roman Ruler--Devotedness, by Anet) won the Gasparilla S. here just over a year ago for Herman Willensky, and followed up with a second in the Suncoast S. stretching out Feb. 1. She resurfaced to finish a close second for this barn in Gulfstream's Cash Run S. July 5, but checked in fifth in the rained-off Indiana Grand S. some 2 1/2 weeks later. The chestnut hadn't been out since a third in the GIII Charles Town Oaks Sept. 20, and was backed to 1-2 to make her 4-year-old debut a winning one. Hustled to seize early command, Nesso blew the race apart on the turn and cruised home by 5 3/4 lengths from Cindys Casino (Strong Contender). The winner is a half to Devoted Wildcat (Forest Wildcat), SW, \$150,084. Sales history: \$85,000 RNA 2yo '13 BESJUL; \$135,000 RNA HRA '14 FTKNOV. Lifetime Record: SW & GSP, 11-3-4-1, \$194,666. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).** O-Amaty Racing Stables. B-Donald R Dizney (FL). T-Sandino R Hernandez Jr.

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Equine Medical Institute www.hagyard.com**6th-GPX, \$40,000, Msw, 3yo, 7f, 1:23 3/5, ft.****+ KHOZAN, c, 3, Distorted Humor****1st Dam: Delta Princess (MGSW, \$740,918), by A.P. Indy****2nd Dam: Lyphard's Delta, by Lyphard****3rd Dam: Proud Delta, by Delta Judge**

Khozan, a \$350,000 FTSAUG yearling purchase, became the second highest priced horse sold at the Fasig-Tipton March sale when picked up by Al Shaqab Racing for \$1 million after breezing a furlong in **:09 4/5**. (Click [here](#) to view the sales coverage on Khozan) The purchase price was no surprise given the dark bay's royal pedigree. Out of the late Delta Princess (A.P. Indy), a three-time graded stakes winner and top producer, Khozan is a half to four other **"TDN Rising Stars"** in the great Royal Delta (Empire Maker), Ch. 3yo Filly & Ch. Older Female 2x, MGSW, \$4,811,126; Crown Queen (Smart Strike), GISW, \$593,000; Carnival Court (Street Sense), GISP, \$161,662; and Empire Way (Empire Maker), GSP, \$119,170. Hustled from his far outside post in this 14-horse affair, the 9-5 chalk tracked from a three-wide fourth through an opening quarter in :22.99 and a half in :46.18. Drawing even with Wisecracker (Distorted Humor) heading into the far turn, Khozan swiftly disposed of that rival at the top of the lane and sailed clear along the rail to secure a 3 3/4-length victory. The final time was just under four fifths of a second faster than the final time for the GIII Hutcheson S. one race later. Adena Springs purchased Delta Princess for \$2.6 million at the 2011 Keeneland November sale with this foal in utero as part of the Palides Investments dispersal. The year 2011 proved to be a big one for Delta Princess with four of her offspring selling for a total of \$11 million. Empire Way brought \$250,000 at the Fasig-Tipton March 2-year-old sale and Carnival Court sold for \$650,000 as a yearling a few months later at the Keeneland September sale. Part of the same Palides Investments dispersal as their dam at the Keeneland November sale, Crown Queen dropped the hammer at \$1.6 million as a weanling; and Royal Delta summoned a whopping \$8.5 million as a 3-year-old. Delta Princess' final foal was a Street Cry (Ire) colt who is now a 2-year-old. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$24,000. Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#), the [free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree](#) or [VIDEO](#). O-Al Shaqab Racing. B-Adena Springs (KY). T-Todd Pletcher.

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3rd-GPX, \$40,000, Msw, 3yo, 7 1/2fT, 1:29 3/5, fm. BOLLENTE (c, 3, More Than Ready--Coya {SW}, by Deputy Minister), just a \$50,000 KEESEP yearling turned \$550,000 OBSAPR 2-year-old after an unblinker **:21 flat breeze, was off last and never fired at 3-1 in his July unveiling on grass at Del Mar. Ridden along after a tardy start from the rail, the 5-1 shot tugged his way up to track from midpack in the two path. He rallied three or four deep into the lane, and out-sprinted a number of rivals to don cap and gown by 3/4 of a length. Longshot Totzke (Ready's Image) was second. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$24,250. Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#). O-John C Oxley. B-Highfield Farm (KY). T-Mark E Casse.**

LANTERN HILL FARM SALES GRAD**TODAY'S INSIGHTS****6th-GP, \$45K, Msw, 3yo, f, 7 1/2fT, 2:58 p.m. ET**

Chad Brown, whose success with fillies on the turf is well documented, saddles Shadwell Stable's \$1-million KEESEP yearling **AYAADY (Tapit)** for her afternoon bow. The grey is a full-sibling to Grade I-winning juvenile Tell a Kelly, who did her best running on synthetic tracks. Michael Matz sends out Teneri Farm's **Sweet Chant (Distorted Humor)**, a half to multiple Group 1 winner Campanologist (Kingmambo). The newcomer's second dam is champion Glorious Song (Halo), responsible for top runners and sires Singspiel (Ire) (In the Wings {GB}) and Rahy (Blushing Groom {Fr}) and the dam of French Group 1 winner Mezzo Soprano (Darshaan {GB}). [Brisnet.com PPs](#)

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Yesterday's Results:

RILEY ALLISON S., \$104,800, SUN, 1-24, 3yo, 1m, 1:38, ft.

1--**CINCO CHARLIE**, 123, c, 3, by Indian Charlie

1st Dam: Ten Halos (MSP), by Marquetry

2nd Dam: Shahalo, by Halo

3rd Dam: White Mischief (GB), by Dance in Time

(\$95,000 RNA yrl '13 FTSAUG; \$75,000 yrl '13 FTMSEP; \$190,000 2yo '14 OBSMAR). O-William & Corinne Heiligbrodt; B-Candyland Farm (KY); T-Steven M Asmussen; J-Casey T Lambert. \$62,880. Lifetime Record: GSW, 9-6-0-2, \$335,802.

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2--**Made Me Talk**, 117, g, 3, Sing Baby Sing--Dixie Duet, by Dixieland Band. O-Tom R Durant. \$23,056.

3--**Dirt Monster**, 121, c, 3, [Line of David](#)--Coqui, by Fusaichi Pegasus. (\$18,000 wlng '12 KEENOV; \$30,000 yrl '13 KEESEP; \$275,000 2yo '14 KEEAPR). O-Tony Pennington. \$10,480.

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Margins: 8HF, 1 1/4, 1HF. Odds: 0.20, 9.80, 6.10.

Cinco Charlie took last June's GIII Bashford Manor S. at Churchill Downs before a third in the GIII Sanford S. at the Spa in July. Fifth in the GII Saratoga Special S. the following month, he ran away with Delaware's restricted First State Dash S. Sept. 13 before finishing a close third to subsequent GII Nashua S. romper Blofeld (Quality Road) in Belmont's GII Futurity S. Oct. 5. The bay returned to winning ways over four other next-out winners in Laurel's James F. Lewis S. Nov. 15, and added the Sugar Bowl S. at Fair Grounds Dec. 20 over two more subsequent scorers. Finding a soft spot to try two turns for the first time, Cinco Charlie zipped straight to the lead and poured it on in the stretch. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).

AMERICAN BEAUTY S., \$100,000, OPX, 1-24, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 3/5, ft.

1--**SUGAR SHOCK**, 116, f, 4, [Candy Ride](#) (Arg)--

Enthusiastically, by Distorted Humor. (\$20,000 yrl '12 KEESEP). O-On Cloud Nine LLC; B-Pam & Martin Wygod (KY); T-Doug L Anderson; J-Channing Hill. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: GSW, 10-5-1-1, \$458,130.

LANE'S END Foaled, Raised & Sold

2--**Spring Included**, 117, f, 4, Include--Spring, by Stravinsky. (\$60,000 yrl '12 FTKJUL). O-Alex Lieblong. \$20,000.

3--**Haveyougoneaway**, 116, f, 4, Congrats--One Wise Cowgirl, by Wiseman's Ferry. (\$50,000 wlng '11 FTKNOV; \$105,000 yrl '12 FTNAUG; \$100,000 RNA 2yo '13 OBSJUN; \$1,200 HRA '13 KEENOV). O-Champion Racing Stable Inc. \$10,000.

Sold as a weanling by **McMAHON of Saratoga** THOROUGHBREDS

Margins: HF, HD, 2 1/4. Odds: 1.60, 22.90, 52.10.

American Beauty S. cont.

Sugar Shock, winner of the GIII Fantasy S. last term, was a well-beaten eighth in the GI Kentucky Oaks May 2, but returned to win the Panthers S. at Prairie Meadows May 31. Pulled up in a sloppy renewal of that venue's GIII Iowa Oaks June 28, the chestnut was working well leading up to this return, most recently breezing a best-of-43 half-mile in :48 here Jan. 18. Breaking alertly, the favorite kept tabs on the pacesetting duo from fourth as they blazed through a first quarter in :21.68 and slowed it down a bit through a half in :46.04. Six-wide and shuffled back to seventh turning for home, Sugar Shock powered past the field and silenced any doubters with an impressive return victory. "When she got fanned out there and didn't really see anybody inside her, she kind of came off the bridle a little bit, but once I pointed her back down at her targets, she ran right at them," said winning rider Channing Hill. "She went under the wire pretty easy for her. Obviously, it was pretty close, but I never felt like I was without horse. She showed you how special she is just by being able to go three-quarters off that long layoff and how good a job [trainer] Doug [Anderson] has done with her. Those horses weren't stopping, either, coming to the wire. She had to really turn it on from the eighth pole home. I'm really proud of her." "We thought if they'd go ahead and push them a little bit on the front end, we could sit back just a little off it and make one run," added Anderson. "She's kind of special." [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).



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ALLEN'S LANDING S., \$50,000, HOU, 1-24, 3yo, 7f, 1:24 1/5, ft.

1--#**EXODUS**, 117, c, 3, by **Medaglia d'Oro**

1st Dam: **Stop Traffic (MGSW, \$864,518)**, by **Cure the Blues**

2nd Dam: **Save My Soul**, by **I'ma Hell Raiser**

3rd Dam: **Somethingexciting**, by **Shecky Greene**

(\$600,000 yrl '13 FTSAUG). O-Fox Hill Farms Inc; B-Diamond A Racing Corp (KY); T-J Larry Jones; J-Kerwin D Clark. \$30,000. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-2, \$63,290. *1/2 to **Cross Traffic (Unbridled's Song)**, GISW, \$687,967.

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2--**Waging War**, 119, c, 3, **War Front**--Sidle, by **Seeking the Gold**.

(\$350,000 yrl '13 KEESEP). O-Columbine Stable LLC. \$10,000.

3--**Bagpipes**, 119, c, 3, **Langfuhr**--La Sola Nina, by **Chester House**.

(\$11,000 yrl '13 FTKOCT; \$9,000 RNA wing '12 KEENOV). O-Korus Derby Club, Kay Reed & Jerry S Brumley. \$5,500.

LANE'S END Sales Graduate

Margins: 2 1/4, 14, NK. Odds: 0.40, 2.60, 4.80.

Also Ran: **Clock Me Now**, **Witt's Allstar**, **Divine Soul**. Scratched: **Fusaichi Flame**, **Super Stroke**.

Exodus continued to live up to his lofty pedigree and pricetag and became a black-type winner late Saturday evening, taking the Allen's Landing S. by a comfortable two-length margin. The handsome struggled a bit in his first two career starts, finishing a debut third at Keeneland Oct. 3 and endured a rough start when filling the same spot in a Fair Grounds maiden Nov. 23. The handsome bay put it all together in his latest, screeching home by 8 1/4 lengths in New Orleans Jan. 4 and setting him up perfectly for this stakes debut. Quickly away from the outside stall, Exodus was tugging for his head early and covered his opening quarter mile in a swift :21.96 while chased by chief market rival **Waging War (War Front)**. In what became a match race for all intents and purposes, Exodus cut the half-mile in :44.92 and while **Waging War** took a run at him in upper stretch, Exodus was always holding the challenge and was an easy winner.

7th-OPX, \$60,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 8.5f, 1:47 3/5, ft.

BOOTSY'S GIRL (f, 3, Summer Bird--Poplar Girl, by Forest Camp) spotted the field 18 lengths, but closed to be fourth beaten just over six lengths in her 6 1/2-panel unveiling at Churchill Nov. 9. Extended to 1 1/16 miles there Nov. 29, she rallied to be fourth in a race that produced five other next-out winners, including the pair of **Birdatthewire (Summer Bird)** and **Lassoofthemohicans (Indian Charlie)**--who ran first and second in Saturday's **GII Forward Gal S.** at Gulfstream. Given a brief freshening before this try, the chestnut was tabbed as the 5-2 second choice and broke alertly to track the pace in second behind a half-mile in :47.82. **Bootsy's Girl** confronted the pacesetter on the far turn and gained command turning for home, drawing away to a 9 3/4-length romp. **Heart Love Kiss (Zensational)** was second best. Sales history: \$47,000 yrl '13 FTKJUL; \$72,000 2yo '14 OBSAPR; \$15,000 RNA wlng '12 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$40,100.

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O-W Helwig, J Kirkland, J Markham, W Medley & J Bailey. B-Poplar Hill Equine LLC (KY). T-Kellyn Gorder.

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Yesterday's Results:

CALIFORNIA CUP DERBY, \$245,000, SAX, 1-24, (S), 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:44 4/5, ft.

1--#**MISCHIEF CLEM**, 118, c, 3, **Papa Clem**--

Glitteringmischief, by **Bold Badgett**. (\$22,000 yrl '13 BESJAN). O-Griffin Thoroughbred Stables; B-SLU Inc (CA); T-Robert B Hess Jr; J-Kent J Desormeaux. \$137,500. Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-1, \$266,380.

2--**Pulmarack**, 117, c, 3, **Lucky Pulpit**--**Tamarack Bay**, by **Dehere**. O-Mr and Mrs Larry D Williams. \$47,500.

3--**Kluszewski**, 117, c, 3, **Northern Afleet**--**Melinda Rose**, by **Malek (Chi)**. O-Nicholas B Alexander. \$27,500.

Margins: HD, 5 3/4, 6HF. Odds: 11.80, 8.40, 13.30. Also Ran: **Acceptance**, **Neveradoubt**, **Chanito**, **Tough Sunday**. Scratched: **Avanti Bello**.

Mischief Clem romped by 7 1/4 lengths first out at Del Mar Sept. 1, and added an optional claiming tally here Oct. 3. Third behind previously undefeated **Acceptance (Vronsky)** in the **Golden State Juvenile S.** over seven panels Nov. 1, he was beaten just a head against open optional claiming company back at Del Mar Nov. 21. The bay was dismissed at double digits off a fourth behind **Acceptance**, **Pulmarack** and **Kluszewski**



Mischief Clem (inside)
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in Los Alamitos Race Course's one-mile **King Glorious S.** Dec. 14. **Mischief Clem** pressed favored **Acceptance** through splits of :23.77 and :48 flat and kept his place as another rival moved up to pester the chalk into the turn. **Mischief Clem** ranged up to put a head in front leaving the bend, but was immediately joined and passed by **Pulmarack** to his outside. **Mischief Clem** dug back gamely along the rail as they straightened, and refused to lose in the run to the wire. "A wonderful job by [rider] **Kent [Desormeaux]**," said winning trainer **Bob Hess, Jr.** "The horse has a ton of heart. I questioned his ability to go this far. I think he came through today, and I think more than anything, this is his home track. He loves it here. We were able to train him here, school him here; I didn't do that last time, and it showed today." Hess said the **GIII Spiral S.** at Turfway Mar. 21 could be in the cards for the winner. Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).



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CALIFORNIA CUP TURF CLASSIC S., \$250,500, SAX, 1-24, (S), 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT, 1:47 3/5, fm.

1--**ALERT BAY**, 123, g, 4, [City Zip](#)--Hickory (Chi) (MSW & GISP-Chi), by Dushyantor. (\$65,000 yrl '12 KEEJAN; \$42,000 RNA yrl '12 KEESEP). O-Peter Redekop B C Ltd; B-Thomas Newton Bell & Ross John McLeod (CA); T-Blaine D Wright; J-Tyler Baze. \$137,500. Lifetime Record: MGSW, 14-8-4-1, \$754,707.

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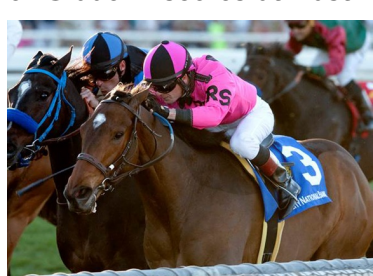
2--**Boozer**, 120, g, 5, **Unusual Heat**--Kitty and Boo, by Cape Canaveral. O-Al & Sandra S Kirkwood. \$47,500.

3--**Patriots Rule**, 120, g, 4, **Tribal Rule**--Candy Factory, by Seattle Bound. (\$8,000 yrl '12 BESOCT). O-Charles Garvey. \$27,500.

Margins: NK, HD, HF. Odds: 2.90, 4.90, 12.60.

Also Ran: Big Bane Theory, Super Ability, Awesome Return, Bench Light, G. G. Ryder, Tamarando, Stoney Fleece. Scratched: Alpine Luck, Christopher Street.

Alert Bay, a stakes winner against state-breds sprinting 6 1/2 panels on the main track in the Echo Eddie S. here last April, came back from a layoff to be fifth in the seven-furlong Real Good Deal S. over the Polytrack at Del Mar Aug. 1. Transferred from this barn to the care of Anita Bolton, the gelding reeled off a pair of Grade III scores at Hastings Park in the nine-furlong British Columbia Derby Sept. 14 and the eleven-panel BC Premier's H. Oct. 13. Subsequently returned to this conditioner, the dark bay was best again in the Zia Park Derby over 1 1/16 miles Nov. 26.



Alert Bay
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Most recently, he sprung a 9-1 upset in the Dec. 26 GII Mathis Brothers Mile

over this turf course and was tabbed as the slight favorite to continue his winning ways today. Tracking the pace along the rail through a half-mile in :47.50, the 4-year-old raced in tight quarters along the rail and found running room inside of rivals in mid-stretch. Alert Bay was asked for his all and dug in to hold off a pair of challengers in a narrow victory. There was an inquiry into the stretch run of the race, but the results were allowed to stand. "We scooted out of a tough one there today," remarked trainer Blaine Wright. "This horse has taken me to a level where you certainly want to be. I'm very proud to be a part of it." [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).

4th-SAX, \$57,000, Msw, (S), 3yo, 6f, 1:11, ft. **CHIEF OF STAFF** (c, 3, [Majestic Warrior](#)--Morning Jewel, by Awesome Again) was a distant second to fellow Mark DeDomenico LLC-owned, Mike Puhich-trained Prime Engine (Northern Fleet)--a subsequent stakes winner--at Emerald Downs Sept. 13. Transferred to the Hollendorfer barn this winter, the bay was sent off at 3-2 while testing the state-bred waters for the first time. He chased the pace out in the clear, took over leaving the turn and kept on under a confident ride to score by 5 1/4 lengths over pacesetter Stormin Trick (Stormin Fever). Sales history: \$50,000 yrl '13 BESOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$37,170. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#). O-Mark DeDomenico LLC. B-Lou Neve (CA). T-Jerry Hollendorfer.

ROOKIES

First-crop starters to watch: Sunday, January 25

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2011 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

- [BLAME](#) (Arch), Claiborne, \$30K, 152/9/0
8-GP, Msw, 6 1/2f, +Chiding, 15-1
- [COOL COAL MAN](#) (Mineshaft), Journeyman, \$4K, 57/13/1
2-GP, Msw, 6f, Descarado, 8-1
- [DESERT PARTY](#) (Street Cry {Ire}), Sequel, \$8K, 115/9/2
9-SUN, Stk, 6 1/2f, Rousanne, \$50K FTK HRA 2yo, 5-1
- [DISCREETLY MINE](#) (Mineshaft), Lanes End, \$10K, 181/20/1
7-PRX, Alw, 1m, Discreetly Placed, \$35K OBS OPN 2yo, 5-1
- [LINE OF DAVID](#) (Lion Heart), Spendthrift Farm, \$6K, 90/9/1
7-PRX, Alw, 1m, Combat Diver, \$100K EAS MAY 2yo, 6-1
- [LOOKIN AT LUCKY](#) (Smart Strike), Ashford Stud, \$15K, 175/31/3
6-SA, Aoc, 1mT, Lookin for Money, \$90K BAR MAR 2yo, 20-1
- 2-GP, Msw, 6f, Ticket to Riches, 20-1
- [MAJESTIC PERFECTION](#) (Harlan's Holiday), Airdrie Stud, \$10K, 124/20/1
7-PRX, Alw, 1m, El Posole, \$27K OBS APR 2yo, 5-2
- 9-SUN, Stk, 6 1/2f, Perfect Style, \$32K KEE SEP yrl, 4-1
- [MIDSHIPMAN](#) (Unbridled's Song), Darley, \$8K, 117/19/1
6-PRX, Msw, 6 1/2f, We Miss Anthony, 20-1
- [MUNNINGS](#) (Speightstown), Ashford Stud, \$10K, 165/30/4
8-GP, Msw, 6 1/2f, Zia, \$75K FTF MAR 2yo, 12-1
- [SHOWCASING \(GB\)](#) (Oasis Dream {GB}), Whitsbury Manor Stud, \$5K, 166/30/3
6-SA, Aoc, 1mT, Prize Exhibit (GB), \$47K TAO CT yrl, 9-5
- [STREET MAGICIAN](#) (Street Cry {Ire}), Heritage Stallions, \$3K, 56/6/2
7-PRX, Alw, 1m, Blitzensmajikreign, 7-2
- [SUPER SAVER](#) (Maria's Mon), Winstar, \$20K, 203/18/4
4-SA, Msw, 7f, Ideal, \$250K KEE SEP yrl, 8-1
- 7-PRX, Alw, 1m, Unrivaled, \$60K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 4-1
- [TEMPLE CITY](#) (Dynaformer), Spendthrift Farm, \$5K, 161/11/3
7-PRX, Alw, 1m, Lockport, \$105K FTK JUL yrl, 12-1

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STAKES RESULTS:

XPRESSBET CALIFORNIA CUP OAKS, \$200,000, SAX, 1-24, (S), 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:35 3/5, fm.

1--**#SINGING KITTY**, 117, f, 3, **Ministers Wild Cat--Natural Singer R N**, by **Unbridled's Song**. O-Chris Aulds, Peter Jeong & Brandon Hillman; B-Tommy Town Thoroughbreds LLC (CA); T-Matthew Chew; J-Aaron T Gryder. \$110,000. Lifetime Record: 7-3-0-0, \$175,438.

2--**Heat the Rocks**, 117, f, 3, **Unusual Heat--Rockella**, by **Tribal Rule**. (\$53,000 yrl '13 BESJAN). O-Jerry Hollendorfer, Brett Tahajian & George Todaro. \$38,000.

3--**Light One**, 117, f, 3, **Comic Strip--Light Whitening**, by **Popular**. O-Gatto Racing LLC, USA Thoroughbred Racing Management Inc, Gray, Gray et al. \$22,000. Margins: 1, 1 1/4, HF. Odds: 7.70, 1.80, 2.00.

SUNSHINE MILLIONS FILLY AND MARE TURF SPRINT S., \$151,750, SAX, 1-24, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, a6 1/2fT, 1:12, fm.

1--**GO WEST MARIE**, 123, f, 4, **Western Fame--Marie's Rose {SP, \$128,166}**, by **Swiss Yodeler**. (\$52,000 2yo '13 OBSAPR). O-Peter Redekop B C Ltd; B-Summer Mayberry (CA); T-Eddie Truman; J-Gary L Stevens. \$90,000. Lifetime Record: 17-5-1-5, \$402,520.

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2--**Home Journey**, 120, m, 5, **Good Journey--Goodtohome**, by **Came Home**. O-GGG Stables & Russell Sarno. \$30,000.

3--**More Complexity**, 123, f, 4, **Square Eddie--Marquis Diamond**, by **Yonaguska**. O-Reddam Racing LLC. \$18,000.

Margins: 3/4, HF, 2HF. Odds: 5.50, 16.10, 14.70.

DONALD VALPREDO CALIFORNIA CUP SPRINT S., \$150,000, SAX, 1-24, (S), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10 1/5, ft.

1--**#SPIRIT RULES**, 120, g, 6, **Tribal Rule--Heavenly Lady**, by **Danzatore**. (\$8,500 yrl '10 BESJAN; \$20,000 yrl '10 BESOCT). O-Jeanmarc Murphy, Barbara Accardy, Craig Siedler & Jim & Mark Xitco; B-John & Allegra Ernst (CA); T-Paul G Aguirre; J-Ignacio Puglisi. \$90,000. Lifetime Record: 16-5-2-4, \$318,378. *1/2 to Watch Over Me (Smokester), SP, \$333,460.

2--**San Onofre**, 118, g, 5, **Surf Cat--Marrakech Gold**, by **Native Regent**. O-Matson Racing. \$30,000.

3--**Follini**, 119, h, 5, **Western Fame--Jetinwith Kennedy**, by **Kennedy Road**. (\$20,000 yrl '11 BESOCT). O-William Branch, Mark Glatt & Cory Wagner. \$18,000.

Margins: HF, 1 1/4, 1 3/4. Odds: 12.10, 0.70, 10.70.

LIGHTNING CITY S., \$96,250, TAM, 1-24, 4yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :56 3/5, gd.

1--**#DOUBLE SECRET**, 118, f, 4, **Double Honor--Smart Secretary**, by **Bertrando**. (\$5,000 yrl '12 OBSAUG). O/T-Adolfo J Exposito; B-Southern Cross Farm (FL); J-Augusto A Marin. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 14-4-3-2, \$141,698.

2--**You Bought Her**, 118, m, 5, **Graeme Hall--Striking T**, by **Smart Strike**. (\$18,000 2yo '12 OBSAPR). O-Richard Perkins & Hinsley Racing Stable. \$20,000.

3--**Love Train**, 118, m, 5, **Tapit--Touch Love**, by **Not for Love**. (\$250,000 yrl '11 FTSAUG). O-Blue Devil Racing Stable (Holliday). \$7,500.

Margins: 3 3/4, 1, HF. Odds: 30.70, 37.10, 3.40.

PELICAN S., \$90,000, TAM, 1-24, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10 3/5, ft.

1--**STAR HARBOUR**, 122, h, 7, **Indian Charlie--Snug Harbour (SW, \$164,100)**, by **Boston Harbor**. O-Billy, Donna & Justin Hays; B-Peter & Anne Vegso (FL); T-Joe Woodard; J-Geovany Garcia. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: GSP, 30-10-6-7, \$525,824.

2--**Helooksthepart**, 116, g, 5, **Songandaprayer--Rathsallagh**, by **Fusaichi Pegasus**. (\$15,000 yrl '11 KESEEP). O-Lee Battaglia & James P Divito. \$12,000.

3--**Risk Factor**, 120, h, 5, **Stormy Atlantic--Samantha O**, by **Unbridled's Song**. (\$7,000 wlng '10 OBSOCT; \$4,000 yrl '11 OBSAUG). O-Stephen Screnci. \$10,000.

Margins: NO, 2HF, HD. Odds: 10.80, 17.40, 2.30.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

3rd-SAX, \$59,250, Opt. Clm. (\$20,000), NW1\$X, (S), 4yo/up, a6 1/2fT, 1:12 2/5, fm.

FOREST CHATTER (g, 4, Dixie Chatter--Wild Forest, by Forest Wildcat) Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$84,100. O-Pam & Martin Wygod. B-Herman Sarkowsky (KY). T-Richard E Mandella.

Hidden Brook Foaled & Raised for Herman Sarkowsky

9th-DED, \$39,000, 1-23, NW2L, (S), 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:21, my.

CANNON LUKE (g, 4, Mingun--Tensas Gin, by Go for Gin) Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-4, \$58,415. O-Maggi Moss. B-Mike Munna Racing Stables LLC (LA). T-Thomas M Amoss.

8th-FGX, \$37,830, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:44 1/5, ft.

PAROLED (g, 6, Flutter--Reduced Sentence, by Broad Brush) Lifetime Record: 33-5-7-5, \$185,929. O-Two Dimes Stable. B-Nelson McMakin (KY). T-Angel O Montano Sr. *1/2 to Hot Cha Cha (Cactus Ridge), GISW, \$998,552.

6th-GGX, \$35,310, 1-23, NW1\$X, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:10 4/5, ft.

TOOMUCHISNOTENOUGH (f, 4, Trapper--Waytoomuchfun, by Tinnors Way) Lifetime Record: 9-5-1-1, \$90,335. O/B-Joseph P Morey Jr Revocable Trust (CA). T-William E Morey.



5th-PEN, \$33,300, 1-23, NW1X, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12 2/5, ft.

CURLY W (m, 5, Macho Uno--Nice Dilemma, by Silver Deputy) Lifetime Record: 14-4-1-3, \$104,520. O-Leonard Klinghoffer. B-DMD Thoroughbreds (PA). T-Michael P Petro. *\$30,000 yrl '11 FTMOCT. **1/2 to Ketel (Fusaichi Pegasus), Ch. Imp. 3yo colt & MSW-MEX.

7th-SUN, \$29,770, NW2L, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 4/5, ft.

GNACARANO (m, 6, Your Eminence--Lord Imajones {MSW, \$233,190}, by Prospector Jones) Lifetime Record: 7-2-3-0, \$40,988. O/B-Wyona Noel (NM). T-Bobby Noel Jr.

7th-GGX, \$27,801, NW1\$X, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:44, ft.

SUN OF MALIBU (g, 4, Malibu Moon--Jill Robin L, by Precocity) Lifetime Record: 11-3-1-1, \$52,935. O-David Bienstock, Charles Winner & Roberta Williford. B-Spendthrift Farm LLC (KY). T-Steven Specht. *\$200,000 yrl '12 FTSAUG; \$260,000 2yo '13 BESMAY.

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8th-TPX, \$26,157, 1-23, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW1\$X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:48 3/5, ft.

CHEROKEE BEADS (m, 5, Street Sense--Cherokee Jewel {MSW, \$190,685}, by Cherokee Run) Lifetime Record: 19-4-0-4, \$70,749. O-TK Stables LLC (Kevin & Tammie Hulse). B-Alpha Delta Stables LLC (KY). T-Kellyn Gorder. *\$100,000 yrl '11 KEESEP. **1/2 to Bayerd (Speightstown), MSW, \$312,100.

6th-TAM, \$23,000, NW1X, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m (off turf), 1:54 1/5, ft.

CHISELED (g, 4, Malibu Moon--Big Promise {SP, \$179,473}, by Rahy) Lifetime Record: 10-4-1-0, \$68,261. O-Wendy J Brown. B-Glen Hill Farm (FL). T-Luis R Dominguez.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Chester B, g, 3, Congrats--Enumclaw Girl (MSW, \$141,553), by Katowice. SAX, 1-23, (C), 1 1/16m, 1:47 2/5. B-Allen & Susan Branch Family Trust (KY).

Desert Stepper, f, 3, Desert God--Thanks for Smokin, by Smoke Glacken. SUN, 1-24, (S), 1m, 1:39. B-Joe Allen (NM). *\$11,000 RNA yrl '13 RUIAUG. **Full to Zasha, SW, \$199,262.

Musashi, c, 3, First Samurai--Lemon Haze, by Distant View. OPX, 1-24, (C), 6f, 1:12 4/5. B-Monticule (KY). *\$75,000 yrl '13 FTKOCT; \$125,000 2yo '14 OBSAPR. **1/2 to Sharp Sally (Posse), SW, \$174,449.

Soul Crusader, f, 3, Fusaichi Pegasus--Michigan Bluff (GSW, \$381,396), by Skywalker. TPX, 1-23, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:07 2/5. B-Brian Kahn, Corey Brown & Atlas Farm LLC (KY). *1/2 to Southern Ridge (Southern Image), GSP, \$187,640; Let's Go Cheyenne (Tiznow), SW, \$160,910; Hakeem (Harlan's Holiday), Ch. Imp. 2yo colt-Tur & MSW-Tur. **Won by 4 1/2 lengths.

Grazen Sky, c, 3, Grazen--Sky Marni, by Sky Mesa. SAX, 1-24, (S), 6f, 1:09 4/5. B-Nick Alexander (CA).

Simon the Cyrenian, c, 3, Spring At Last--Private Citizen, by Proud Citizen. PEN, 1-24, 1m, 1:41 1/5. B-D J Stable (PA). *\$30,000 yrl '13 FTKOCT; \$48,000 2yo '14 FTMMAY.

King Windsor, g, 3, Windsor Castle--Maci's Cheer, by Outflanker. CTX, 1-24, (S), 7f, 1:29 3/5. B-Larry Fritts Sr (WV).

Cause I'm Sec Sea, f, 4, Angliana--Sec Sea Legs, by Aggie Southpaw. HOU, 1-23, (S), 1m70y, 1:48 3/5. B-Eddie and Sherry Webb & Stanley Nelson (TX).

Ben's Juliette, f, 4, Half Ours--Lupa, by Birdonthewire. FGX, 1-24, (S), 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:06. B-Stargazers LLC (LA). *\$4,700 yrl '12 LTBSEP; \$25,000 2yo '13 TEXMAR.

This Time I Win, c, 4, Southern Image--Celtic Way, by Benchmark. SAX, 1-24, (S), 6f, 1:11. B-Peter Vajda (CA).

Cedar Creek, g, 4, Zensational--Spanish Harbor, by Corporate Report. OPX, 1-24, 1m, 1:39 2/5. B-Fran Stolich (KY). *\$60,000 yrl '12 FTKJUL; \$45,000 RNA wlng '11 KEENOV. **1/2 to Desiraes My Candy (Candy Stripes), SW, \$251,320.

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Yesterday's Results:
3rd-LIN, £4,800, Mdn, 3yo/up, 8f (AWT), 1:39.67, ft. + **FESTIVE FARE (GB)** (c, 3, Teofilo {Ire}--**Al Joza {GB}**, by **Dubawi {Ire}**), a 150,000gns TATOCT yearling, was held up in fourth trapped wide throughout the early stages. Despite running greenly on the home bend, the 7-4 second choice surged late after regaining his composure to cut down stable companion Pathway To Honour (GB) (New Approach {Ire}) in the final stride and score by a head. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £3,105. [VIDEO, courtesy attheraces.com](#). O-Godolphin. B-Darley Stud Management Co Ltd (Rabbah) (GB). T-Charlie Appleby.

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1st-LIN, £4,800, Mdn, 4yo/up, 12f (AWT), 2:33.42, ft. **ASTRAL WEEKS (GB)** (f, 4, **Sea the Stars {Ire}**--Miss Universe {Ire} {GSP-Eng}, by Warning), third on her belated debut over an extended nine furlongs at Wolverhampton in December, led initially before finding cover against the inside. Driven to close in the straight, the 5-1 shot ground down Draco's Code (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) in the shade of the post to score by a nose. The winner is a half-sister to Worldly (GB) (Selkirk), MGSW-US, \$332,781; to Donativum (GB) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}), SW-US & Fr, GSP-Eng, \$1,568,724; and to Nice Danon (GB) (Sakhee), SW-Ity & MGSP-Ger, \$141,845. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, £3,490. [VIDEO, courtesy attheraces.com.](#)

O-Mr Christopher Wright & Lordship Stud. B-Stratford Place Stud (GB). T-Michael Bell.

Australasia

Lope de Vega Off the Mark:

Patinack Farm's shuttle sire **Lope de Vega (Ire)** (Shamardal) celebrated his first winner in Australasia when Hawkes Racing's Snoopy (Aus) (Lope de Vega {Ire}) ran away with a 1200-meter 2-year-old maiden plate at Seymour Thursday. The four-length winner, a half-brother to Group 2 scorer Thump (Aus) (Red Ransom), was bred by Patinack Farm and commanded A\$180,000 at last year's Magic Millions Gold Coast sale--the highest price achieved in Australia by a member of the Ballylinch Stud resident's first crop.

Lope de Vega was crowned 2014 champion first-season sire in Europe, his 55 runners having amassed \$1,127,569. Twenty-five of them won (45.5%), including four at the stakes level. They were headed by G1 Dewhurst S. hero Belardo (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}), who went on to earn Champion European 2-year-old honors at the Longines World's Best Racehorse Rankings ceremony last week.

On the back of such fine achievements by his first juveniles, progeny of Lope de Vega were all the rage at last season's foal and yearling sales in Europe. Twenty-nine of them were knocked down for €100,000 and over, with the list of purchasers featuring such prominent names as John Ferguson, Charles Gordon-Watson, the China Horse Club, Shadwell, Rob Speers and Al Shaqab Racing.

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HANDICAP RESULT:

6th-LIN, £19,000, 1-24, 4yo/up, 10f (AWT), 2:05 2/5, ft. **MAVERICK WAVE (c, 3, Elusive Quality--Misty Ocean {GSW-US, \$209,462}, by Stormy Atlantic)** Lifetime Record: 10-4-2-1, £88,261. O-Godolphin. B-J Plemmons & Darley. T-John Gosden. *\$100,000 yrl '12 FTSAUG.

Pura Formalita (GB), f, 3, **Bahamian Bounty (GB)**--Spring Clean (Fr), by Danehill. CAP, 1-24, 7fAW, 1:25.53. O-Paddock Space (GB). *12,000gns wnlg '12 TATDEC, £9,500 yrl '13 DONAUG.

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