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**'SUPERHERO' RETURNS IN SWALE**

**Daredevil** (More Than Ready)--an impressive winner over Upstart (Flatter) in last term's GI Champagne S. in the Belmont Park slop Oct. 4--kicks off his sophomore



**Daredevil**  
*Susie Raisher*

campaign in Saturday's seven-furlong GII Fasig-Tipton Swale S. at Gulfstream Park. The chestnut was last seen finishing last of 11 in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile at Santa Anita Nov. 1.

"We gave him a little freshening after the Breeders' Cup and this is kind of where we found ourselves,

timing-wise," trainer Todd Pletcher said. "It was mainly the timing and I thought that seven-eighths of a mile would be a good starting point for him. It wasn't a complicated decision or anything like that."

Breaking from post 10 while making his two-turn debut in the Breeders' Cup, Daredevil never seemed to get on track, finishing 26 1/4 lengths behind Texas Red (Afleet Alex).

"I'm not really sure what happened," Pletcher admitted. "He got a wide trip on a track that probably wasn't playing that way, and he had had three races in a short period of time. He's a very talented horse. He showed that in his first two starts last year and he's come back and trained very well."

Daredevil, owned by Let's Go Stable, WinStar Farm and China Horse Club, has fired three straight bullets at Palm Beach Downs ([TDN APB](#)), including a best-of-19 four-furlong move in :48 1/5. He has been assigned post one here.

"We'll see how this race goes and probably try to stretch him out in the next start and play that by ear," Pletcher continued. "We'll get by this race and take it one race at a time and go from there."

**Fasig-Tipton Swale S. cont. p3**

**BRANDI, CHATTERBOX TOP OAKS ENTRIES**

Willis Horton's champion and TDN Rising Star Take Charge Brandi (Giant's Causeway) and the progressive I'm A Chatterbox (Munnings) top a list of 154 sophomore fillies entered at the first closing stage for the \$1-million GI Longines Kentucky Oaks to be held Friday, May 1 at Churchill Downs. This year's number is



**Take Charge Brandi**  
*Coady photography*

a 27.3% improvement over the 121 entered during last year's early nomination period and is the highest total since 170 3-year-old fillies were made eligible for the 2009 renewal. A record 192 entries were received in 2007.

Take Charge Brandi launched an improbable run towards the Eclipse Award with a stunning 61-1 upset of the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies and has since won three straight, including a narrow success in the Martha Washington S. Jan. 31. I'm A Chatterbox has

emerged a serious contender for the Oaks in two starts this term--an eight-length romp in the Silverbulletday S. at the Fair Grounds Jan. 17 followed by a 2 1/2-length success in the GIII Rachel Alexandra S. Feb. 21. Four of the last seven Oaks winners have come from the Fair Grounds, including Untapable (Tapit), who gave Rosie Napravnik a second Oaks score in comfortable fashion last spring. For a full list of the nominees, click [here](#).

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## What Can Brown Do For You?



**Consumer Credit**  
Lauren King

Trainer Chad Brown will be in his comfort zone Saturday afternoon at Gulfstream Park, as he is set to saddle the favorites in turf stakes for 3-year-old males and females. The girls are up first in the GIII Herecomesthebride S. and Brown will tighten the girth around Klaravich Stable and William H. Lawrence's Consumer Credit (More Than Ready), who looks to follow up on her narrow defeat of Quality Rocks (Rock Hard Ten) last time out in the GIII Sweetest Chant S. Jan. 24. In the colts and geldings' heat, the GIII Palm Beach S., Paul Pompa's Night Prowler (Giant's Causeway), a homebred son of Mary's Follies (More Than Ready), figures a slight favorite over Kitten's Joy S. hero Dubai Sky (Candy Ride {Arg}).

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## Cavalryman Returns in the Desert

Top Godolphin stayer Cavalryman (GB) (Halling) makes his 9-year-old debut in today's G3 Nad Al Sheba Trophy at slightly better than a mile and three-quarters over the Meydan turf course. In adding better than a half-million dollars to his career earnings in 2014, the bay entire posted victories in the G2 Princess of Wales's S. and G2 Goodwood Cup and makes his first start since a midpack fourth in the G2 Lonsdale Cup Aug. 22. A positive outcome would propel him into the G2 Dubai Gold Cup Mar. 29, a race in which he was beaten just a neck in 2014.

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## Racing to Return to Suffolk

An agreement has been reached between the parent company of Suffolk Downs in East Boston, MA, and the New England HBPA to lease the track to the horsemen and return live racing to the track for 2015 and 2016 on at least a limited basis, pending approval from the Massachusetts Gaming Commission.

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## TODAY'S GRADED STAKES

EST	Race	Click for	TV
12:40a	Nad Al Sheba Trophy-G3, MEY	<a href="#">(Am West PPs)</a>	HR/TVG
2:30p	Herecomesthebride S.-GIII, GP	<a href="#">(Brisnet.com PPs)</a>	HR/TVG
5:00p	Swale S.-GII, GP	<a href="#">(Brisnet.com PPs)</a>	HR/TVG
5:30p	Palm Beach S.-GIII, GP	<a href="#">(Brisnet.com PPs)</a>	HR/TVG
7:00p	Santa Ysabel S.-GIII, SA	<a href="#">(Brisnet.com PPs)</a>	HR/TVG

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**TDN Feature Presentation cont.**

Chalk Racing's **Ready for Rye** (City Zip) has kept some very nice company in his first three career starts. A debut second behind subsequent GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity winner and Breeders' Cup Juvenile runner-up Carpe Diem (Giant's Causeway) at Saratoga Sept. 1, he rolled to a seven-length maiden win over the highly regarded Mawthooq (Distorted Humor) in the Belmont slop Oct. 11. Ready for Rye stayed on for second behind next out Gill Hutcheson S. winner Barbados (Speightstown) after racing with a hot pace in the Spectacular Bid S. here Jan. 3.

Minus a seventh-place finish in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile after a stumbling start, Live Oak Plantation's **Souper Colossal** (War Front) is perfect in four other attempts. The Sapling S. and Tyro S. winner kicked off the year with a popular win in the grassy five-furlong Texas Glitter S. in Hallandale Feb. 7.

"It was either don't run him and come back in a seven-eighths of a mile race, or go ahead and get him a

little bit sharper and run him on a surface that he doesn't know and hasn't been on but should like," trainer Eddie Plesa Jr. said of Souper Colossal's comeback effort on grass. "We just figured it would put him in a better place for later on in the year including this race coming up."

Plesa added, "I'm looking for him to win



**Souper Colossal** *Lauren King*

and move forward. I think he's a top-grade 3-year-old and he's won going short and going long. I don't know what his best distance is yet. I don't think seven-eighths of a mile is going to be any problem whatsoever. He just needs to get fit and see how good he is."

The progressive **Senor Grits** (Elusive Quality), third in a very live renewal of Laurel's James F. Lewis III S. Nov. 15, should receive plenty of pace to close into here. The bay was last seen posting a come-from-behind \$75,000 optional claiming win at Tampa Jan. 31. He fired a four-furlong bullet in :47 4/5 at Palm Meadows Feb. 17.

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**Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 5:00 p.m. EST**

**FASIG-TIPTON SWALE S.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo, 7f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Daredevil	More Than Ready	Castellano	Pletcher	1-1
2	Senor Grits	Elusive Quality	Leparoux	Wilkes	12-1
3	Ready for Rye	City Zip	Ortiz Jr	Albertrani	9-2
4	Twotwentyfive A	Awesome of Course	Hernandez	Gold	20-1
5	Souper Colossal	War Front	Rosario	Plesa Jr	4-1
6	Grand Bill	City Zip	Saez	Delgado	15-1
7	X Y Jet	Kantharos	Zayas	Navarro	5-1

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## NORTH AMERICAN NEWS

### 'CREDIT' LEADS THE CHARGE

The streaking **Consumer Credit** (More Than Ready), a one-length victress over **Quality Rocks** (Rock Hard Ten) in the Sweetest Chant S. Jan. 24, headlines a field of nine 3-year-old fillies entered in Saturday's Gill



**Consumer Credit**  
*Lauren King*

Herecomesthebride S. at Gulfstream Park. The Klaravich Stables and William H. Lawrence colorbearer followed a Belmont maiden win going six furlongs over a yielding turf course Oct. 25 with an impressive score in the Wait a While S. at Gulfstream West Nov. 29. Consumer Credit gave trainer Chad Brown his fourth straight triumph in

the Sweetest Chant, having won the previous three editions with Ready to Act (More Than Ready) (2014), Premier Steps (Ire) (Footstepsinthesand {GB}) (2013), and Dayatthespa (City Zip) (2012). **Cont. p4**



**Herecomesthebride S. cont.**

“All the fillies that have won that race all turned out to be really nice, and she’d fit in with all of them,” Brown said. “These are still young fillies at this stage when you’re talking about January of their 3-year-old year, so there’s still a lot of development to go, but as far as where all of those fillies were at this stage, they’re very close. She ranks right up there with them. “She’s doing really well. She’s on quite a roll right now.”

Stronach Stables’ **Devine Aida** (Unbridled’s Song) rides a three-race winning streak of her own, headed by a 3 1/2-length success in Gulfstream’s Ginger Brew S. last time Jan. 3. The well-bred **Pine Needles** (Giant’s Causeway) held on by a nose to go wire-to-wire in a nine-furlong maiden special weight at first asking at Gulfstream Jan. 1. She adds Lasix for this.

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**Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 2:30 p.m. EST**

**HERECOMESTHEBRIDE S.-GIII, \$150,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Devine Aida	Unbridled's Song	Rios	Morales	7-2
2	Sweet Swingin	Street Sense	Lanerie	Romans	6-1
3	Arella Princess	Limehouse	Rosario	Rodriguez	20-1
4	Pine Needles	Giant's Causeway	Ortiz Jr	Clement	8-1
5	Quality Rocks	Rock Hard Ten	Castellano	Mott	5-2
6	Temper Mint Patty	Congrats	Lezcano	Romans	20-1
7	Tumminia	Big Brown	Lopez	Delgado	20-1
8	Consumer Credit	More Than Ready	Zayas	Brown	9-5
9	Maddizaskar	Bellamy Road	Velazquez	Weaver	20-1

**FIELD OF 11 READY TO INVAD E 'BEACH'**

**Night Prowler** (Giant’s Causeway), winner of the GIII Dania Beach S. Jan. 3 and close third-place finisher in the Pulpit S. Nov. 29, gets the slight nod as the 5-2 morning-line favorite for Saturday’s GIII Palm Beach S. at Gulfstream. The Paul Pompa Jr. homebred is the first foal out of two-time graded stakes winner Mary’s Follies (More Than Ready).



**Night Prowler**  
Leslie Martin

“He’s a nice horse,” trainer Chad Brown said. “We got him last summer as a 2-year-old and he was training really average. He was a nervous horse. Mr. Pompa agreed to let us geld the horse. He’s a good horseman, himself. He said, ‘Let’s geld the horse and give him a chance.’”

**Dubai Sky** (Candy Ride {Arg}), a narrow victor of the Kitten’s Joy S. Jan. 24, may be the controlling speed. The Three Chimneys Farm and Besilu runner enters riding a three-race winning streak. “He doesn’t give you more than he has to, but he always seems to have a little more left,” trainer Bill Mott said.

**Divisidero** (Kitten’s Joy) lit up the toteboard at 25-1 with a come-from-behind maiden win over course-and-distance at first asking Feb. 7. He is trained by Buff Bradley. **Palm Beach field p5**

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Black-Type Previews cont.

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PALM BEACH S.-GIII, \$150,000, 3yo, 1 1/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	High Noon Rider (K)	Distorted Humor	Maragh	Weaver	15-1
2	Eh Cumpari (K)	Elusive Quality	Ortiz Jr	Dilger	6-1
3	Nutty Fuddy	Johar	Valdivia Jr	Van Culin	20-1
4	Bears Personality (K)	Awesome Again	Lopez	Baker	20-1
5	Dubai Sky	Candy Ride (Arg)	Velazquez	Mott	3-1
6	Night Prowler	Giant's Causeway	Castellano	Brown	5-2
7	Fellfran (K)	Discreet Cat	Lezcano	Delgado	15-1
8	Call Me Crazy (K)	Lemon Drop Kid	Saez	Ritvo	20-1
9	Divisidero (K)	Kitten's Joy	Hernandez	Bradley	10-1
10	Croninthebarbarian	Stroll	Leparoux	Simms	7-2
11	Decision Day	Macho Uno	Contreras	Carroll	15-1

HOLLENDORFER V. BAFFERT IN SANTA YSABEL

Bob Baffert has sent out a record five winners of the GIII Santa Ysabel S. and three from the last four. Two of those, May Day Rose (Rockport Harbor) and Awesome Baby (Awesome Again) have come for owner Kaleem Shah, and that owner's familiar red-white-and-blue silks feature prominently again this afternoon aboard TDN Rising Star Enchanting Lady (Tale of the Cat). Outsprinted at every call to drop a 1 1/2-length



Light the City Benoit

decision to this year's GII Santa Ynez S. victress Seduire (Elusive Quality) in their respective racetrack debuts going 4 1/2 furlongs over this track last May 22, the \$650,000 OBS March graduate reversed form in no uncertain terms with that one, streaking

away to score by 6 1/4 lengths in the Landaluce S. when last seen June 22. She'll stretch out to two turns first time off the lengthy layoff, but her unraced dam A.P. Baby (A.P. Indy) is closely related to two-time route GSW Olmodavor (A.P. Indy). By contrast, Hall of Famer Jerry Hollendorfer has never been represented by a winner of the Santa Ysabel, but has three chances to right that wrong today. None of his trio stands a better chance than Cheyenne Stables' Light the City (Street Sense) as she makes her second start at a distance of ground. Fifth to her stablemate Seduire in the Santa Ynez Jan. 3, she gave an excellent account of herself when rallying to be a close second to the Baffert-trained Callback (Street Sense) in the one-mile GI Las Virgenes S. Jan. 31, with barnmate Achiever's Legacy (City Zip) 3 1/2 lengths further back in third. Light the City will be making some late noise and can pick up the pieces if the chalk fails to see out the trip. Eighth in the Santa Ynez, Rattataptap (Tapit) wired a field of maidens to graduate by 4 3/4 lengths going six panels Jan. 29 and will fuel the pace here, if nothing else. Field p6

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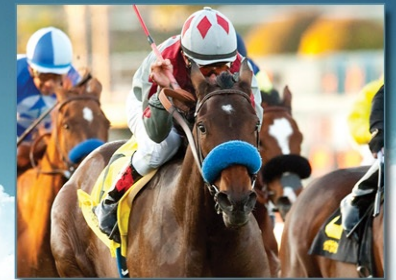
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SANTA YSABEL S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Danette (K)	Curlin	Ser	Ser	Ser
2	Curlin's Fox	Curlin	Ser	Ser	Ser
3	Enchanting Lady (K)	Tale of the Cat	Garcia	Baffert	5-2
4	Achiever's Legacy	City Zip	Stevens	Hollendorfer	8-1
5	Rainha Da Bateria (K)	Broken Vow	Pereira	Motion	8-1
6	Light the City (K)	Street Sense	Desrmeaux	Hollendorfer	3-1
7	Rattataptap (K)	Tapit	Bejarano	Bonde	7-2
8	Stellar Wind	Curlin	Espinoza	Sadler	8-1
9	Glory (K)	Tapit	Van Dyke	Hollendorfer	4-1

THE JOCKEY CLUB CLOSES BLOOD-HORSE

**DEAL** As was tentatively announced Thursday, The Jockey Club and the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association (TOBA) announced Friday that The Jockey Club Information Systems Inc. has acquired a majority interest in the *Blood-Horse* magazine. The

deal also includes 'related digital and custom printing properties' of the *Blood-Horse*, the Stallion Register and *Blood-Horse's* 50% stake in TrueNicks LLC.



John K. Keitt Jr

The announcement was made jointly by Ogden Mills Phipps, chairman of The Jockey Club, and Peter S. Willmott, chairman of TOBA.

"The Jockey Club stewards believe that a publication with the history, influence and brand

recognition of *Blood-Horse* is a considerable asset for the Thoroughbred breeding and racing industry and that there are certain synergies that will make it an even stronger entity as a result of this transaction," said Phipps.

Added Willmott, "TOBA and its predecessor breeders organization have been the sole owner of *Blood-Horse* since 1935. With the considerable changes underway in the publishing industry, it is our strong feeling that a partnership with The Jockey Club in ownership of *Blood-Horse* will enhance *Blood-Horse's* ability to serve its customers, especially on digital platforms." Cont. p7

TDN PROGENY PP COUNTS

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It was simultaneously announced that John K. Keitt Jr. would be appointed to the position of chief executive officer and publisher. Keitt has served as a senior executive, corporate attorney, and consultant with broad experience in the media and technology areas. He was the senior vice president of Global Business for The Associated Press in New York City from 2003 to 2006, and he has also been a business and legal advisor to a wide range of Thoroughbred industry organizations since 1986. Effective immediately, Keitt will be based at the Blood-Horse offices in Lexington.

“Blood-Horse will continue to cover the issues, events and personalities in our industry in a journalistically sound manner going forward,” Phipps said. “The Jockey Club and its affiliated companies have many longstanding business and editorial relationships with other media organizations in this industry, and we will strive to maintain and enhance those relationships. We are pleased to welcome aboard John Keitt as Blood-Horse’s new business leader.”

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**‘CAVALRY’ AIMS TO REPEAT IN NAD AL SHEBA**

**Cavalryman (GB)**, a winner at the highest level in France and a champion in the UAE, leads a three-way assault by Godolphin on the G3 Nad Al Sheba Trophy today at Meydan. The 8-5 morning line favorite to repeat after taking last year’s edition fresh from the bench, won the G2 Princess of Wales’s S. and G2 Goodwood Cup last July before running fourth when last seen in the Lonsdale Cup at York Aug. 22. He is joined by fellow Saeed bin Suroor stablemates **Ahzeemah (Ire)**--who claimed the spoils in 2013 and looks to be rounding into form with a second in the course and distance IPIC Trophy Feb. 5--and the up and comer **Excellent Result (Ire)**, who



**Cavalryman**  
Racing Post

was last seen running third in the 1 1/2-mile Range Rover Trophy here Feb. 12.

Bin Suroor commented, “All three are fit and well. They have all won over course and distance and both Cavalryman, last year, and Ahzeemah have won this race before. Ahzeemah and Excellent Result have the benefit of a run already this season and have been working well since those runs. Cavalryman had a busy campaign last year, winning well at Newmarket and Glorious Goodwood. It was always the plan to wait for this race for his return to action, but he runs well fresh as he showed when winning this on his seasonal debut 12 months ago. All three should run well and it is a race we are really looking forward to.” Expert South African trainer Mike de Kock sends out the duo of **Almoonqith**, who will be stepping up in distance for Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum and **Star Empire (SAf)**, the latter appearing for the fourth time after a pair of thirds (2011, 2013) and a runner-up performance in 2014. “We think Almoonqith will stay the trip,” said de Kock. “There is every encouragement he will in his pedigree and his style of racing. We are looking forward to trying him over this kind of distance and certainly hope he can make the first four. Added de Kock, “Star Empire has not been in the same kind of form as his previous Dubai World Cup Carnival campaigns and his age is probably starting to catch up with him.” If the Godolphin trio fail to fire, **MG1SW Meandre (Fr)** could pick up the pieces for trainer Doug Watson. The 7-year-old entire ran third in the IPIC Trophy behind Famous Kid (Street Cry {Ire}) and the aforementioned Ahzeemah.

**Saturday, Meydan, Dubai, post time: 12:40 p.m. ET**  
**NAD AL SHEBA TROPHY-G3, \$200,000, NH 4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 2810mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Meandre (Fr)	Slickly (Fr)	Dobbs	Watson	6-1
2	Almoonqith Ⓢ	Dynaformer	Hanagan	de Kock	30-1
3	Indiana Jones (Arg)	Emperor Jones	Ffrench	Daraj	30-1
4	Excellent Result (Ire)	Shamardal	O'Neill	bin Suroor	8-1
5	Fire Fighting (Ire)	Sldier of Frtne (Ire)	De Sousa	Johnston	12-1
6	Star Empire (SAf)	Secnd Empre (Ire)	Soumillon	de Kock	12-1
7	Rio Tigre (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Barzalona	Bin Ghadyer	15-1
8	Ahzeemah (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Bentley	bin Suroor	9-2
9	Havana Beat (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Murphy	Balding	15-1
10	Cavalryman (GB)	Halling	Buick	bin Suroor	8-5
11	Lavali Al Andalus (GB)	Halling	Mullen	Seemar	20-1

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Worldwide News cont.

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong

CITIBANK HONG KONG GOLD CUP-G1, HK\$10,000,000

(US\$1,289,353), 3yo/up, 2000mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	3	Designs on Rome (Ire)	Hly Rmn Empr (Ire)	Moreira	Moore
2	4	Military Attack (Ire)	Oratorio (Ire)	Purton	Fownes
3	2	Blazing Speed (GB)	Dylan Thomas (Ire)	Rispoli	A Cruz
4	8	California Memory (AUS)	Highest Honor (Fr)	Chdwck	A Cruz
5	7	Endowing (Ire)	Dnehl Dancer (Ire)	Prebble	Size
6	6	Harbour Master	Mizzen Mast	Berry	Moore
7	1	Khaya (NZ)	Librettist	Teetan	Size
8	5	Helene Super Star	War Front	Whyte	A Cruz

All carry 126 pounds.

WIDDEN BUYS INTO BRAVE

Hardly 24 hours ahead of the running of the A\$1-million G1 Blue Diamond S., Widden Stud revealed they had bought a 10% interest into leading contender **Of The Brave (Aus)** (Starspangledbanner {Aus}). The A\$170,000 Magic Millions yearling purchase--one of the highest-priced member of his sire's small first crop--looks to maintain his perfect record going into Saturday's race, having won the Listed Debutant S. over 1000 meters first time out and followed up with a wire-to-wire score in the G3 Blue Diamond Prelude, going an extra 100 meters.

Anthony Thompson, owner of Widden Stud, commented on the acquisition, "We believe he is a very exciting young horse to be involved with going forward given his outstanding looks, strong pedigree and raw speed. His sire Starspangledbanner was an exceptional racehorse that had the rare constitution and natural ability to achieve Group 1 success in both hemispheres as a world champion sprinter, as was his sire Choisir. This could be an influential global sire line of the future and we hope Of The Brave could develop into an important stallion for Widden." Should Of The Brave retire to the New South Wales nursery when his racing days are over, he would find himself in top company, with Golden Slipper heroes Sebring (Aus) and Stratum (Aus) among his barn mates.

Bought and trained by Mark Riley, Of The Brave was in the news earlier in the week as the banned conditioner fought to be allowed to saddle his charge in the Blue Diamond. A call for a Supreme Court injunction against the three-year ban--incurred for administering bicarbonate to one of his charges last July--was rejected, but a stay was ultimately ordered by the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal, allowing Riley to continue doing his job until Tuesday.

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ANOTHER POSITIVE FOR RILEY

Mornington trainer Mark Riley, already facing a three-year suspension for administering Gold For Kev (Aus) (Desert Sun {GB}) with TCO2 (bicarbonate) prior to a race in July last year, received confirmation yesterday from Racing Victoria stewards that another of his charges had returned a positive sample, this time to the anti-inflammatory Meloxicam. The urine swab was taken from the mare Grand Gallop (Aus) (Danerich {Aus}) following a win at Sandown Dec. 10. Riley's ban in the case of Gold For Kev was pronounced Monday by the Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board with immediate effect upon runners in his name, but a stay was later ordered by the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal, thus enabling the conditioner to saddle Of The Brave (Aus) in the G1 Blue Diamond S. [t f CLICK HERE TO SHARE THIS STORY](#) ✉

GODOLPHIN'S SLIPPER PICTURE GETS

**CLEARER** John O'Shea, head of Godolphin's training operation in Australia, has reported that exciting juvenile **Holler (Aus)** (Commands {Aus}), the impressive winner of his only start Jan. 17, will miss the



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G1 Golden Slipper and instead be sent for an autumn spell. The colt was a late withdrawal in last Saturday's G2 Silver Slipper S. after running a temperature and missing some training. Godolphin remains likely to hold a strong hand in the feature race come Mar. 21, with four of their charges currently sitting in the top 10 on the ante-post betting

market. **Exosphere (Aus)** (Lonhro {Aus}), a wide-margin maiden winner at Kembla last time out, goes to post in today's Skyline S., and a win on this occasion would earn him a ballot exemption for the Golden Slipper. The seven-runner field comprises another Godolphin colt in **Mogador (Aus)** (Lonhro {Aus}), who was second to the former on his only start to date. **Furnaces (Aus)** (Exceed And Excel {Aus}) only found his stable mate **Haptic (Aus)** (Exceed And Excel {Aus}) too good in the Listed Lonhro Plate on Valentine's Day and was highly impressive when winning a trial unextended at Warwick Farm Friday. A pair of Godolphin-owned fillies, **Italy (Aus)** (Domesday {Aus}), winner of a Canterbury maiden on her second start, and **Circular (Aus)** (Street Cry), who ran third on debut Feb. 18, are in the Sweet Embrace S. Saturday, a race whose winner will also be exempted from ballot for the Golden Slipper.

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Worldwide News cont.

**JAPANESE QUARTET ARRIVES AT NEW QUARANTINE CENTER** The four Japanese contenders aimed at Royal Randwick's The Championships have arrived at the newly approved quarantine center at Canterbury Park racecourse on the outskirts of Sydney.



The four Japanese horses at Canterbury Park  
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"The float arrived at the Canterbury quarantine center a shade after 9 p.m. [Thursday]," The Championships International Liaison Manager Maurice Logue told *Racingandsports.com.au*. "They were in excellent condition,

Real Impact only lost four kilograms in the whole trip. They [connections] were very pleased with the condition they arrived in."

**To The World (Jpn)** (King Kamehameha {Jpn}), a Group 2 winner at home last season and runner-up in both the 2000-meter G1 Satsuki Sho [Japanese 2000 Guineas] and 2500-meter G1 Arima Kinen--behind the retiring Gentildonna (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn})--is a fancied contender for the G1 Queen Elizabeth S. Apr. 11. **Tosen Stardom (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}), winner of the G3 Challenge Cup over 1800 meters last time out, is also expected to contest the 2000-meter race. **World Ace (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}), who was last seen when fourth to Able Friend (Aus) (Shamardal) in the G1 Hong Kong Mile, is currently joint favorite for the G1 Doncaster Mile, Apr. 4., a race in which he will take on fellow citizen **Real Impact (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}). The 7-year-old became his sire's first winner at the highest level when taking the G1 Yasuda Kinen back in 2011 and arrives in Australia on the back of a narrow victory in a Group 2 event over 1400 meters Dec. 27.

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**LEADING JAPANESE JOCKEY FOUND DEAD**

Japanese jockey Hiroki Goto, 40, was found dead at his home by local police officers Friday, according to



Goto with his friend Christophe Lemaire  
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*The Tokyo Reporter*. It is understood the five-time Grade 1-winning rider committed suicide. In 23 years in the saddle, Goto amassed 1447 victories, including the 2010 G1 Yasuda Kinen on board Showa Modern (Jpn) (Air Jihad {Jpn}) and the G1 Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks) with Erin Court (Jpn) (Durandal {Jpn}) the following year. He also suffered a number of

severe injuries, notably a cracked skull and broken vertebrae in a fall in September 2012, before injuring his vertebrae again in the spring last year. Earlier this week, Goto had been receiving treatment for a sprained vertebrae, the consequence of a fall in the G3 Diamond Stakes in Tokyo, Feb. 21, when his mount fractured a leg. In spite of the injury, the jockey won two races at Kyoto two days later. Goto had rides booked for Feb. 28 and Mar. 1.

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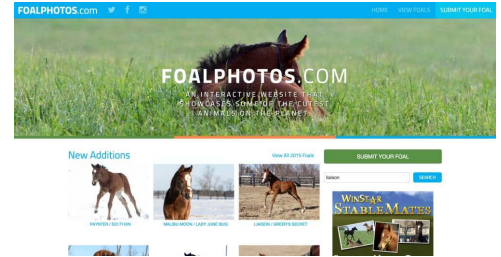
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**RACING TO CONTINUE AT SUFFOLK** A deal has been reached between officials from Sterling Suffolk Racecourse LLC and the New England affiliate of the Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (HBPA) for horsemen to lease Suffolk Downs in East Boston, Massachusetts, allowing live racing to continue for at least the next two seasons. The deal is subject to the passage of legislation to extend racing and simulcasting in the state. Approval from the Massachusetts Gaming Commission is also required. "We are optimistic that our horsemen will be able to race at Suffolk Downs and the local breeders may remain in business for the next two years. We are thankful for the wisdom, cooperation, and hard work of all the parties involved," said NEHBPA President Anthony Spadea, who represents about 900 Thoroughbred owners and trainers. "We still have several steps to accomplish to ensure that the Massachusetts Thoroughbred industry, which has an annual economic impact of \$116.5 million, remains viable." The length of the meeting could be as short as a single day and as long as 50 days, depending on final approval from the Massachusetts Gaming Commission and the funding of purse money from the state. "While we focus on the future development of Suffolk Downs, we're gratified that we have been able to reach an agreement with the New England HBPA on an interim solution that will keep people working as the horsemen pursue their long term plans and as we explore development options," added Chip Tuttle, the chief operating officer of Suffolk Downs.

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**FOALPHOTOS.COM LAUNCHED** A new interactive website for Thoroughbred breeders and racing fans has been launched called [www.FoalPhotos.com](http://www.FoalPhotos.com). The site is designed to showcase Thoroughbred foals each foaling season, and it invites

breeders, photographers, or any authorized person to upload new foal photos for public viewing. "There's just something about a foal that gets to us all," said Christine Siegel, President of the Lexington-based FoalPhotos.com, as well as a Thoroughbred breeder and long-time horsewoman. "A lot of us in horse communities work so closely with foal crops every year and have the benefit of seeing so many of them. So we wanted to create a site that would make it easy for everyone to see these magnificent animals that are born every year, and also have the ability to share them with the world." Participants are only required to enter the sire, dam, and sex of the foal when submitting an uploaded photo to the site. Each photo goes through a quality-control measure and quick-verification process before being published to the site's gallery.



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# ▶ Florida

**Yesterday's Results:**

**9th-GPX, \$42,000, Alw, Opt. Clm.** (\$25,000), NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39 4/5, ft.

**PREVIOUS (m, 5, Empire Maker--Discuss, by Danzig)** graduated from the maiden ranks while adding Lasix in her second career start going seven panels here one year ago to the date, and followed with a fourth-place finish in a 6 1/2-furlong test on the Polytrack at Keeneland Apr. 10. Second best in a Belmont allowance over this same trip May 23, she subsequently was put on the shelf for the remainder of 2014. The bay returned to the races with a third-place effort at 6 1/2 furlongs over a sloppy track here Feb. 5, and was hammered down to even-money favoritism for this try at an extended distance. Away to an alert beginning, the homebred tracked the pace cut by Little Honey Badger (Flatter) through six furlongs in 1:13.91 and moved closer turning for home. Previous collared that rival in mid-stretch and edged clear to register a 2 1/4-length victory, adding to this barn's recent hot streak. The winner is a half to Argumentative (GB) (Observatory), dam of 2014 G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud winner Epicuris (GB) (Rail Link {GB}). Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, \$75,790. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). O/B-Juddmonte Farms Inc (KY). T-William I Mott.

# ▶ Kentucky

**Saturday, Turfway Park, post time: 8:40 p.m. EST**  
**JOHN BATTAGLIA MEMORIAL S.**, \$125,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m (AWT)

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Mini Cosmo	Unbridled Energy	Osorio	Motion	15-1
2	Candy Charger	Candy Ride (Arg)	Ouzts	Holt	30-1
3	Royal Son	Tiznow	Prescott	Pletcher	5-1
4	Task Force Glory	Badge of Silver	Davis	Maker	8-1
5	Ekati Told Me	Tale of Ekati	Skerrett	Radosevich	50-1
6	Pepper Roani	Broken Vow	McKee	Maker	12-1
7	Milwaukee Mist	Milwaukee Brew	Sarvis	Matejka	30-1
8	Bordini	Bernardini	Lantz	Winebaugh	SCR
9	Firespike	Flower Alley	Prado	Maker	4-1
10	Midnight Trace	Scat Daddy	Serpa	Motion	8-1
11	The Great War	War Front	Jimenez	Ward	1-1

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# ▶ California

**California Breezes:**

In anticipation of wet weather scheduled to hit Southern California early Saturday morning, there were no fewer than 302 works recorded over the Santa Anita main track Friday morning, including a swath of Triple Crown prep hopefuls.

Eclipse Award-winning juvenile **American Pharoah** (Pioneerof the Nile) continued to progress nicely towards his sophomore debut, breezing seven furlongs in 1:23.80. It was the fastest of seven works at the distance, for which the average time was 1:26.85. Unraced since his breathtaking victory in the GI FrontRunner S. at Santa Anita Sept. 27, the Zayat Stables' homebred is penciled in for the GII Rebel S. at Oaklawn Park Mar. 14, a race won in four of the last five years by a representative of the Bob Baffert stable.



**American Pharoah** *Benoit photo*

"He's doing good," Baffert commented. "I was happy with it."

Stablemate **Lord Nelson** (Pulpit), recent winner of the GII San Vicente S. Feb. 1, covered six furlongs in 1:13 flat as the Peachtree Stable colorbearer prepares for a return to two turns in next Saturday's GII San Felipe S.

Marty and Pam Wygod's **Prospect Park** (Tapit), an impressive 5 1/4-length allowance winner going a mile Jan. 30, tuned up for next Saturday's GII San Felipe S. by drilling five furlongs in 1:01.40 in the company of Big Tire (Candy Ride {Arg}). "He looked good," trainer Cliff Sise Jr. said of Prospect Park. "I got him coming home the last quarter in :23 and two."

Arnold Zetcher's **Firing Line** (Line of David), who went down to a narrow defeat at the hands of 'TDN Rising Star' Dortmund (Big Brown) in the GIII Robert B. Lewis S. Feb. 7, breezed five-eighths of a mile in :59.60 and could make his next appearance in the GIII Sunland Park Derby Mar. 22 or could be trained up to the GI Santa Anita Derby Apr. 4. "I'm really happy," trainer Simon Callaghan said. "He galloped out in 1:12 and he looked really fluid. So far, so good."

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## TODAY'S FEATURED VIDEO REPLAYS

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Fasig-Tipton July graduate **Verraco** upsets **Cyrus Alexander** at Santa Anita  
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**Yesterday's Results:**

**6th-SAX, \$58,000, Alw, Opt. Clm.** (\$80,000), NW1\$X, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:43 3/5, ft.

**VERRACO (c, 3, Old Fashioned--N. Y. Friend, by Friends Lake)** was a non-factor in his first two career starts at Del Mar, finishing sixth in a five-furlong special weight race July 19 and fifth in a \$62,500 claimer over 5 1/2 furlongs Nov. 27. Extended to one mile, the grey notched a 23-1 upset when offered for \$50,000 here Dec. 28, and followed with a narrow runner-up finish over a grassy mile at this same venue Jan. 23. Sent postward at odds of 5-1 here, he raced four wide around the opening bend and bided his time down the backstretch behind a half-mile in :47.57. Sent up five wide turning for home, Verraco took command entering the lane and dug in determinedly to hold off a rail bid from favored Cyrus Alexander (Super Saver), the \$1.7 million KESEP yearling and half to GI Kentucky Derby hero Super Saver (Maria's Mon), by a neck. Sales history: \$18,000 RNA wing '12 KEENOV; \$10,000 yrl '13 FTKJUL; \$40,000 HRA '14 BESJUL. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$65,910. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). O-DP Racing LLC. B-Sarawin Stable & Joe Mroz (KY). T-James M Cassidy.

## TODAY'S INSIGHTS

**4th-GP, \$45K, Msw, 3yo, 6f, 2:00 p.m. ET**

Godolphin Racing homebred **ICEFIELD (Street Cry {Ire})** makes his debut in this spot for trainer Kiaran McLaughlin. The bay is the first foal to race out of Burgundy Ice (Storm Cat), daughter of 2006 Kentucky Broodmare of the Year and GISW Cara Rafaela (Quiet American) and a half-sister to MGISW champion Bernardini (A.P. Indy). Icefield shows a steady string of workouts at Palm Meadows dating back to Dec. 24 and has been installed as the 4-1 second choice on the morning line. [Click for the Brisnet.com PPs.](#)

**7th-GP, \$45K, Msw, 3yo, 1m, 3:30 p.m. ET**

Peachtree Stable's **ULYSSES (Street Cry {Ire})** makes his first career start today for trainer Chad Brown, who has already unveiled seven debut winners at this winter meeting. One of two entrants from that barn in this event, the dark bay is a half to MGISW Tizway (Tiznow) and SW & MGSP Ticket to Seattle (Capote). The colt was a \$350,000 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga August yearling purchase. Joining him in the starting gate will be 6-5 morning-line favorite **WISECRACKER (Distorted Humor)**, who finished second in his seven-panel debut here Jan. 24, beaten 3 3/4 lengths by "TDN Rising Star" and subsequent allowance winner Khozan (Distorted Humor). Trained by McLaughlin, the Godolphin Racing homebred has registered three intervening workouts at Palm Meadows in preparation for this highly anticipated second start. [Click for the Brisnet.com PPs.](#)

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## INDUSTRY INFO

**West Point Becomes Breeders' Cup Partner:**

West Point Thoroughbreds has been named an official partner of the Breeders' Cup World Championships and the presenting sponsor of the Breeders' Cup Betting Challenge. Headed by Terry Finley, the racing partnership will also partner with major horseplayer tournaments across the U.S. in advance of the Breeders' Cup World Championships held at Keeneland Oct. 30-31, 2015.

The largest live money handicapping tournament in the United States, the Breeders' Cup Betting Challenge will expand coast to coast in 2015, with locations increasing to Aqueduct Racetrack, Santa Anita Park, Del Mar and Gulfstream Park, with estimated prize money of \$800,000, up from \$730,000 last year. West Point Thoroughbreds will receive marketing media and branding executions and displays at the Breeders' Cup Betting Challenge qualifying tournaments at Gulfstream Park Feb. 28, Santa Anita Park Mar. 14, Del Mar July 25-26, Saratoga Race Course Aug. 12-13 and Keeneland Oct. 11. The top two finishers at the Breeders' Cup Betting Challenge will each receive an interest in a West Point horse with a \$25,000 interest going to the winner and a \$10,000 interest to the runner-up.

"We have enjoyed West Point's participation as owners in the World Championships over the past 10 years, and we are now delighted that they have joined us as an official partner and presenting sponsor of the Betting Challenge," said Craig Fravel, Breeders' Cup President and CEO. "We thank Terry Finley and the West Point management team for their year-round commitment to the tournament, which has been one of our greatest success stories over the past six years."

Added Finley, "Prestigious tournament play such as the Breeders' Cup Betting Challenge has exploded in popularity over the last decade, and this is a natural fit for us, along with the championship racing the Breeders' Cup produces."

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**Dr. Tony Ryan Book Award Semi-Finalists Released:**

The semi-finalists for the ninth annual Dr. Tony Ryan Book Award were announced Friday. Finalists will be selected Mar. 17 and the winner will receive a \$10,000 prize at an invitation-only cocktail reception Apr. 15 at the Castleton Lyons stallion barn. The award, which is modeled after the National Book Award, was created by the late Dr. Tony Ryan, who owned Castleton Lyons near Lexington, Kentucky. The purpose of the award was to honor the best full-length work published in the previous calendar year with horse racing as the focus or the backdrop.

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**Dr. Tony Ryan cont.**

The semi-finalists are as follows: *Canonero II: The Rags to Riches Story of the Kentucky Derby's Most Improbably Winner* by Milton C. Toby, *Everywhere Spirit* by Stephen Halstead, *Madam Belle: Sex, Money, and Influence in a Southern Brothel* by Maryjean Wall, *Northern Dancer: The Legendary Horse That Inspired a Nation* by Kevin Chong, *Offerings from a Rust Belt Jockey* by Andy Plattner and *RaceLens: Vintage Thoroughbred Racing Images* by Philip Von Borries. For more information email Betsy Hager at [bhager@castletonlyons.com](mailto:bhager@castletonlyons.com) or go to [castletonlyons.com](http://castletonlyons.com).

**Rood & Riddle To Host Rood & Riddle Live Report:**

Rood & Riddle, the renowned equine hospital near Lexington, will host its fifth annual Rood & Riddle Report Live at the Embassy Suites Thursday, Mar. 5, with refreshments from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. followed by reporting at 6:30 p.m. The Rood & Riddle Report Live is an educational seminar for people engaged in the equine industry during which a panel of veterinary specialists will discuss the newest developments affecting horse owners at all levels. The news program will be anchored by Dr. Steve Reed featuring surgeon Dr. Alan Ruggles, internal medicine specialist Dr. Peter Morresey, reproduction specialist Dr. Etta Bradecamp, podiatrist Dr. Vernon Dryden, plus a special report from Dr. Bonnie Barr. Topics for this year's event include Cushing's syndrome, treating joint infections, hot topics in orthopedics, diagnosing and treating infertile mares, and exciting developments in equine podiatry. "Since our inception in 1986, Rood & Riddle has committed to offering an annual client education event," said Dr. Tom Riddle of Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital. "The Rood & Riddle Report Live is a great opportunity for people engaged in the equine industry to learn about the newest developments in veterinary care."

# ROOKIES

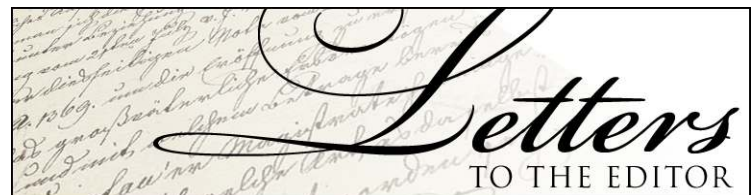
**First/second-crop starters to watch: Saturday, February 28**

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

**AFLEET EXPRESS** (Afleet Alex), Gainesway, \$5K, 49/5/0  
2-AQU, Msw, 6f, Miss Lucky Lauren, \$4K EAS MAY 2yo, 8-1  
1-MVR, Msw, 6f, Boot Legger, \$7K RNA KEE JAN yrl, 8-5  
10-FG, Msw, 6f, Punch Express, 12-1  
**BLAME** (Arch), Claiborne, \$30K, 152/10/1  
4-GP, Msw, 6f, Market Guessing, \$225K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 15-1  
5-TP, Msw, 1m, Henningsen, 8-1  
5-OP, Msw, 6f, +Chide, 4-1  
**DESERT PARTY** (Street Cry {Ire}), Sequel, \$8K, 115/13/3  
7-TP, Msw, 6 1/2f, Miss Negrita, \$12K RNA OBS OPN 2yo, 6-1  
**ESKENDEREYA** (Giant's Causeway), Taylor Made, \$18K, 194/18/0  
4-GP, Msw, 6f, Easy to Say, 3-1  
11-TAM, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Quiet Ray, \$540K KEE SEP yrl, 12-1  
7-GP, Msw, 1m, +Shadow Rider, \$115K KEE SEP yrl, 15-1  
10-FG, Msw, 6f, +Eskadoodle, 12-1

**Rookies cont.**

**KANTHAROS** (Lion Heart), Ocala Stud, \$5K, 74/19/1  
10-GP, Stk, 7f, X Y Jet, \$56K OBS AUG yrl, 5-1  
**KISS THE KID** (Lemon Drop Kid), Journeyman, \$4K, 30/0/0  
6-SA, Msw, 1 1/16m, Just Kidding, \$110K OBS OPN 2yo, 8-1  
**LOOKIN AT LUCKY** (Smart Strike), Ashford Stud, \$15K, 175/34/3  
7-GP, Msw, 1m, +Breaking Lucky, \$100K KEE NOV wnl, 20-1  
9-FG, Stk, 7 1/2fT, Lucky Player, \$175K RNA FTS AUG yrl, 6-1  
8-GP, Aoc, 7f, Zeven, \$170K EAS MAY 2yo, 15-1  
9-OP, Msw, 6f, +Kenjiislucky, \$85K KEE SEP yrl, 5-1  
**MAJESTICPERFECTION** (Harlan's Holiday), Airdrie Stud, \$10K, 124/24/2  
5-OP, Msw, 6f, World Elite, \$160K RNA OBS MAR 2yo, 3-1  
**MIDSHIPMAN** (Unbridled's Song), Darley, \$8K, 117/22/2  
7-SA, Aoc, 1m, All Star Bub, \$65K BAR MAY 2yo, 8-1  
**MUNNINGS** (Speightstown), Ashford Stud, \$10K, 165/35/4  
8-GP, Aoc, 7f, Zia, \$75K FTF MAR 2yo, 20-1  
2-AQU, Msw, 6f, Devil's Silent, \$40K OBS OPN 2yo, 6-1  
**QUALITY ROAD** (Elusive Quality), Lane's End, \$25K, 178/22/3  
4-GP, Msw, 6f, Captain Moss, \$100K KEE SEP yrl, 12-1  
8-GP, Aoc, 7f, Momameamaria, \$60K OBS OPN 2yo, 10-1  
**SUPER SAVER** (Maria's Mon), Winstar, \$20K, 203/25/4  
6-SA, Msw, 1 1/16m, Ideal, \$250K KEE SEP yrl, 8-1  
9-FG, Stk, 7 1/2fT, Reality, \$40K F '14 KEE NOV, 12-1  
6-DED, Msw, 7 1/2f, +Super Sissy, \$40K KEE NOV wnl, 7-2  
9-OP, Msw, 6f, Super Mazz, \$27K KEE SEP yrl, 15-1  
**TALE OF EKATI** (Tale of the Cat), Darby Dan Farm, \$15K, 127/18/1  
5-OP, Msw, 6f, Remember Lucy, \$24K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 12-1  
6-TP, Stk, 1 1/16m, Ekati Told Me, \$31K FTK FEB yrl, 50-1  
**TEMPLE CITY** (Dynaformer), Spendthrift Farm, \$5K, 161/14/3  
4-GP, Msw, 6f, +Sustainability, 12-1  
1-SA, Msw, 1 1/8mT, Nakamoto, \$77K OBS APR 2yo, 6-1  
**THE PAMPLEMOUSSE** (Kafwain), R San Miguel, \$3K, 35/1/0  
4-GG, Msw, 1m, Grey Moon Runner, \$60K BAR OCT yrl, 12-1

**DAVANT LATHAM:**

To the editor,

First things first: I am not without bias on this subject as I did purchase SPOTTED HEART for Copper Penny Stables at the 2014 Fasig Midlantic 2YO Sale. Now let's consider the facts:

1. SPOTTED HEART won the Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship S.
2. SPOTTED HEART finished ahead of MISS BULLISTIC both times they faced each other, winning the previously mentioned Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship S. by 1 1/4 lengths over MISS BULLISTIC and finishing fifth beaten seven lengths following a troubled trip in the Maryland Million Lassie S. while MISS BULLISTIC finished eighth beaten 11 lengths after tiring in the stretch.

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To summarize, SPOTTED HEART finished ahead of MISS BULLISTIC in their two racetrack meetings, (which happened to be the two biggest races of the year for Maryland-bred 2 year old fillies), and SPOTTED HEART won the Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship S.

Can you explain why SPOTTED HEART is NOT the 2014 Maryland-bred Champion 2-Year-Old filly?

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**BREEDERS' EDITION  
AMERICA**

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**5th-AQU, \$67,620**, Opt. Clm. (\$62,500), NW2\$X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:37 3/5, ft.  
**AMULAY (m, 5, It's No Joke--Lost Romance, by Lost Soldier)** Lifetime Record: 26-9-5-1, \$251,050. O-Roddy J Valente. B-Mary Anne Hockensmith (KY). T-Bruce N Levine.

**7th-AQU, \$57,000**, NW1\$X, (S), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11, ft.  
**MIGHTY ZEALOUS (g, 4, Here's Zealous--Winters Bell, by Winter Glitter)** Lifetime Record: 9-2-4-0, \$120,090. O-Linda Rice & Sacandaga Stable; B-Gerald Reid (NY); T-Linda Rice. \*\$40,000 2yo '13 OBSAPR.

**2nd-AQU, \$51,300**, Opt. Clm. (\$75,000), NW1\$X, (S), 3yo, f, 1m70y, 1:43 1/5, ft.  
**JULES N ROME (f, 3, Dunkirk--Pretty Honoree, by Double Honor)** Lifetime Record: 6-2-3-0, \$106,900. O-MeB Racing Stables LLC & Brooklyn Boyz Stables. B-Harry L Landry, Constancia Farm & Dunkirk Syndicate (NY). T-Dominick Schettino. \*\$19,000 wlng '12 FTNOCT; \$77,000 yrl '13 FTKOCT; \$24,000 RNA yrl '13 FTKJUL.

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**8th-DED, \$43,240**, 2-26, NW1X, 4/up, 6 1/2f, 1:21, ft.  
**FARMERVILLE (g, 4, Richter Scale--Very Gifted {SP, \$124,942}, by Gift of Gib)** Lifetime Record: 11-4-3-1, \$86,580. O/B-Chad White (LA). T-Ray Spencer. \*\$4,500 RNA yrl '12 ESLSEP.

**7th-HAW, \$32,340**, Opt. Clm. (\$75,000), NW1\$X, 3yo, 6f, 1:10 4/5, ft.  
**ARMANDO'S STAR (g, 3, Road Ruler--Flashdance Star, by Joyeux Danseur)** Lifetime Record: SP, 5-3-1-1, \$74,237. O-Robert Fattore & Vera Greco. B-Robert Fattore, Leo Matteucci & Lido Boni (IL). T-Mark J Cristel.

**9th-SUN, \$32,285**, NW3L, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09, ft.  
**GNACARANO (m, 6, Your Eminence--Lord Imajones {MSW, \$233,190}, by Prospector Jones)** Lifetime Record: 8-3-3-0, \$60,308. O/B-Wyona Noel (NM). T-Bobby R Noel.

**9th-HAW, \$30,630**, NW1\$X, 3yo/up, 1m70y, 1:43, ft.  
**ARCHYBDANCING (g, 4, Arch--Stormybdancing, by Storm Creek)** Lifetime Record: 25-4-4-1, \$70,381. O/T-Michael L Reavis. B-RNB Racing LLC (IL).

**1st-GGX, \$29,052**, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), NW1\$X, 3yo, 1m (AWT), 1:40, ft.  
**MIDNIGHT DESTINY (c, 3, Midnight Lute--Pacific Destiny, by Mr. Greeley)** Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-3, \$46,765. O-Jethorse LLC. B-Meritage LLC & Angelo Ferro (KY). T-Tim McCanna. \*\$100,000 yrl '13 KEESEP; \$9,000 RNA yrl '13 KEEJAN.

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**3rd-CTX, \$27,000**, 2-26, NW3LX, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:29, ft.  
**MOONLIGHT RUN (f, 4, El Corredor--Sudden Desire, by Hennessy)** Lifetime Record: 10-3-0-3, \$58,200. O-Coleswood Farm Inc & Smart Angle. B-Coleswood Farm Inc & Dan Ryan (WV). T-Jeff C Runco.

**5th-CTX, \$27,000**, Opt. Clm. (\$12,500), NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:22 2/5, ft.  
**MORNINGISBREAKING (f, 4, Fiber Sonde--Miss Grey Dawn, by Southern Halo)** Lifetime Record: 9-4-2-2, \$79,881. O/B/T-Cynthia O'Bannon (WV).

**6th-SUN, \$26,685**, NW1\$X, 4yo/up, 1m70y, 1:41 3/5, ft.  
**SAILORS BROTHER (g, 4, Whatsthescript {Ire}--Sailor's Sister {MSW, \$227,375}, by Petionville)** Lifetime Record: 17-5-5-1, \$75,485. O-Len Schermer. B-Tommy Town Thoroughbreds LLC (CA). T-Justin R Evans.

**8th-HAW, \$23,100**, NW1\$X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09 3/5, ft.  
**DOC GALORE (f, 4, Bring the Heat--Western Mindy, by Western Borders)** Lifetime Record: 11-6-1-1, \$73,488. O-William Stiritz. B-Jean White & Larry Rivelli (IL). T-Scott Becker.

**9th-TAM, \$21,900**, Opt. Clm. (\$32,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:15 4/5, ft.  
**A. P. INDIAN (g, 5, Indian Charlie--Ender's Sister {MSW & MGSP, \$525,048}, by A.P. Indy)** Lifetime Record: 6-3-3-0, \$82,800. O/B-Green Lantern Stables LLC (KY). T-Arnaud Delacour.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**  
**Market Rad, g, 3, After Market--Drumlin, by Arch.**  
HAW, 2-27, 6f, 1:10 3/5. B-Asiel Stable LC (IL).



**Charitable Annuity**, g, 3, **Charitable Man**--Early Annuity, by Luftikus. CTX, 2-26, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:22 4/5. B-Donald L Duvall (WV).  
 + **Waterside Dream**, f, 3, **Great Notion**--Smart Crowd, by Crowd Pleaser. CTX, 2-26, 6 1/2f, 1:22 1/5. B-Linda L Zang (MD).

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**Sick Love**, f, 3, **Where's the Ring**--Cosa Rara, by Tethra. PEN, 2-27, 1m, 1:41 4/5. B-Hard Eight Stables Inc & Ace Racing (ON). \*Full to Cawaja Beach, MSW, \$274,430; Who's Big Daddy, SW, \$263,756; 1/2 to Professor's Ride (Silent Name {Jpn}), SW, \$204,062.  
**Mochima**, f, 3, **Wildcat Heir**--Starship Squaw, by Cherokee Run. GPX, 2-27, (C), 6f, 1:14 1/5. B-Laurence Leavy (FL). \*\$82,000 2yo '14 OBSJUN.  
**Bold Summit**, g, 4, **In Summation**--All Two One, by Henbane. GPX, 2-27, (C), 6f, 1:13 3/5. B-Becky Bunn (FL).  
**Sweet Shop**, g, 4, **Lemon Drop Kid**--Moravia, by A.P. Indy. GGX, 2-27, 1m (AWT), 1:39 1/5. B-Aaron Sones & Beverly Sommer (KY). \*\$80,000 yrl '12 KEESEP; \$75,000 HRA '14 KEEJAN.

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**Miz Strawberry Dee**, m, 5, **Atticus**--Mylittletart, by Strawberry Road (Aus). GGX, 2-27, 6f (AWT), 1:12 1/5. B-Cal Poly Corporation (CA). \*\$3,000 yrl '11 BESOCT. \*\*Full to Strawberry Tart, MSW & GSP, \$187,625.  
**Ride a Cat**, h, 5, **Discreet Cat**--Sunday Ride, by Sunday Break (Jpn). AQU, 2-27, (S), 6f, 1:11. B-Edward Cohn (NY). \*No Lasix.  
 + **Royalist**, g, 5, **Poteen**--Palace Royale (Ire) (MSP-Ire & SP-US, \$108,240), by Perugino. SAX, 2-27, (S), 1mT, 1:36 2/5. B-Old English Rancho & Berumen (CA).



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**France Galop Announces Partnership with UAE Channel:**

France Galop has entered into a three-year agreement with Abu Dhabi Media over the broadcasting of France's feature races, both on the flat and over jumps, via new Middle-East TV channel 'Yas'. Officially launched Feb. 14, Yas--whose name refers to the UAE 'Bani Yas' tribe--is the latest addition to the Abu Dhabi Sports TV channels and targets race enthusiasts in the UAE and the broader Arab World. The cable and satellite channel reaches out to 40 million households. According to the agreement, Yas will offer its viewers HD coverage of a minimum 50 French races every year, including the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, G1 Prix du Jockey Club and G1 Prix de Diane.

"'Yas' channel is committed to covering the most prestigious races in the world and this partnership brings us a step close to our goal," commented Abdul Hadi Al Sheikh, Executive Director of TV at Abu Dhabi Media. "The France Galop 2015 'Grand Prix' are the first of many races that our audience will enjoy on our screens. This partnership adds to the variety of content provided by our channels. Horse racing is not just a sport, but a passion inherited by generations and Abu Dhabi has become one of the main headquarters to breeding horses for flat racing."

**OBSERVATIONS**  
 on today's European racing scene

**1.50 Lingfield, Mdn, £5,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 8f (AWT)**  
**FONDLY (IRE) (Dansili (GB))** makes her belated debut for Derrick Smith, Michael Tabor and Susan Magnier and the Richard Hannon stable which worked wonders with her half-brother Canford Cliffs (Ire) (Tagula {Ire}). Whether the half-sibling of the high-class five-time Group 1 winner has enough talent to deal with Godolphin's experienced **No Delusion (Street Cry (Ire))**, a Charlie Appleby-trained daughter of the 2008 GI Alcibiades S. heroine Dream Empress (Bernstein), remains to be seen.

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**HANDICAP RESULT:**  
**5th-WOL, £19,000, 2-27, 4yo/up, 12f 50y (AWT), 2:35, ft.**  
**DREAM CHILD (IRE) (f, 4, Pivotal {GB}--Poseidon's Bride, by Seeking the Gold)** Lifetime Record: 10-5-1-3, £40,086. O-Godolphin. B-Darley (Ire). T-Charlie Appleby.

**CONDITIONS RESULT:**  
**4th-LIN, £11,500, 2-27, 3yo, 5f 6y (AWT), :57 4/5, ft.**  
**PRIMROSE VALLEY (GB) (f, 3, Pastoral Pursuits {GB}--Cosmic Destiny {Ire}, by Soviet Star)** Lifetime Record: 11-5-2-1, £26,718. O/B-Mr A M Pickering (GB). T-Ed Vaughan.

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**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Fisica Nucleare (Ity)**, f, 3, **Blu Air Force (Ire)**--Lan Fei (Ity), by Love The Groom. NAP, 2-27, 5fT, sf. B-Azienda Agricola Loreto Luciani (Ity). \*Full to Amaldi (Ity) SW-Ity, \$143,787.

**Hat Alnasar (Ire)**, c, 3, **Moss Vale (Ire)**--Dream State (Ire), by Machiavellian. DUN, 2-27, 7f (AWT), 1:27 2/5. B-Pratap Raceciment Pot Ltd (Ire). \*€3,500 yrl '13 GOFOT; €9,000 2yo '14 GORMAY.

# Australasia

**Melbourne Premier Starts Tomorrow:**

The latest stop on the Australian yearling sales circuit will be the Inglis Melbourne Premier Yearling Sale, which begins tomorrow and runs through Mar. 4 at the Oaklands complex in Melbourne. The Premier sale has enjoyed a boosted profile in recent years thanks to its Group 1-winning graduates, including Black Caviar (Aus) (Bel Esprit {Aus}), Fawkner (Aus) (Reset {Aus}), Trust in a Gust (Aus) (Keep The Faith {Aus}), Sacred Kingdom (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}) and Snitzerland (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus}). Fontiton (Aus) (Turffontein {Aus}), the favorite for today's G1 Blue Diamond S., was selected from this sale last year by Matchem Racing.

Leading sires represented among this year's 782 offerings include Exceed and Excel (Aus), Northern Meteor (Aus), High Chaparral (Ire), Redoute's Choice (Aus) and Street Cry (Ire), while the freshman sire lineup includes Smart Missile (Aus), Foxwedge (Aus), So You Think (NZ) and Sepoy (Aus).

Victorian-based studs have the strongest representation, with Swettenham Stud consigning 50; Rosemont 44 and Eliza Park International 41. Renowned nurseries like Arrowfield (25) and Newgate Farm (19) are also represented.

"Premier has a proven record for unearthing champions in Australia, Hong Kong and South Africa, and with the outstanding quality presented by vendors here this week, I have no doubt that success will continue," said Peter Heagney, Inglis's Melbourne Bloodstock Director. "[This week promises] to be a feast of first-class action for all Thoroughbred enthusiasts, with the region's tremendous racing and breeding on show here in Melbourne."





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