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3YOS EYE GRADED SUCCESS IN SOUTHWEST

The road to the G1 Arkansas Derby continues this afternoon at Oaklawn Park with 11 sophomores set to compete for their first graded stakes victory in the 1 1/16-mile GIII Southwest S. With 10 Kentucky Derby qualifying points awarded to the winner and the top four finishers from the Jan. 19 Smarty Jones S. back in the starting gate, the Southwest appears to be a wide-open affair. Harry Rosenblum and Robert LaPenta's **Far Right** (Notional) rallied up the rail to win the Smarty Jones going away after favored **Mr. Z** (Malibu Moon) veered out in deep stretch and checked in third. A third-out graduate sprinting 6 1/2 panels at Churchill Downs Sept. 13, Far Right followed with a pair of third-place finishes in that venue's one-mile Street Sense S. Oct. 26 and the GIII Delta Downs Jackpot. S. at today's distance Nov. 22. He has been installed as the 3-1 morning-line favorite. **Cont. p4**



Far Right
Coady Photography

ITSAKNOCKOUT PREPS FOR FOUNTAIN

Starlight Racing's **Itsaknockout** (Lemon Drop Kid), unbeaten in two lifetime starts, worked four furlongs at Palm Beach Downs Sunday in :48.80 in preparation for next Saturday's GII Besilu Stables Fountain of Youth S. The colt worked in company with ★ **"TDN Rising Star"** ★ **Khozan** (Distorted Humor) and the two Todd Pletcher runners shared the time as the ninth fastest of 18 at the distance.

"I thought he breezed well," Pletcher said of Itsaknockout. "Pretty much everything has gone according to plan since his allowance win."

Itsaknockout was a narrow debut winner going seven furlongs at Gulfstream Dec. 7 and is coming off a 5 1/4-length victory in a one-mile allowance Jan. 4. His trainer has been impressed by the colt's progress and expects the 1 1/16-mile Fountain of Youth will be a good test for him.

"I think he's developed well physically," Pletcher said. "He's done well mentally. He's always been a straightforward horse. He's gotten a little bit bigger and stronger. He's actually gained weight since his last race." **Cont. p3**



Itsaknockout
Lauren King

MUFAJAAH MAKES GRADE IN BAYAKOIA

Shadwell Stable's **Mufajaah** (Tapit) surged to the lead in the dying strides to secure the first graded stakes victory of her career in Sunday's GII Bayakoa S. at Oaklawn Park. The chestnut filly was unhurried early and trailed the field into the first turn. She began picking off rivals leaving the backstretch, was five wide into the stretch, wore down **Gold Medal Dancer** (Medaglia d'Oro) in the final furlong and outkicked **Flashy American** (Flashy Bull) to the wire to win by a neck.



Mufajaah
Coady Photography

"[Shadwell's] Sheikh Hamdan's been a great client for me," said winning trainer Danny Peitz. "I'm just happy that we could win a graded stakes with this filly. I know she loves Oaklawn. Maybe the general manager, Rick Nichols, will have a little talk with 'The Boss' and see if we can talk him into leaving her here and letting us run her through the year. Just with the [Mar. 14 GII] Azeri and [Apr. 10 GI] Apple Blossom here, it would be great if we could run in all four of these races." Mufajaah, tabbed a ★ **"TDN Rising Star"** ★ after an optional claiming victory at Oaklawn in her second start last March, ended her sophomore season with a sixth-place effort in the Nov. 27 GII Fall City H. She returned with a track-and-trip victory in the Jan. 17 Pippin S. last time out. Shadwell Stable was represented by another Rising Star by Tapit when Araqeel won his debut at Gulfstream Saturday. **Cont. p3**



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American Pharoah Impresses

Last year's juvenile champion American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile) turned in his third work of the year Sunday at Santa Anita and trainer Bob Baffert called the drill "impressive." The Zayat colorbearer could make his seasonal debut in the Mar. 7 GII San Felipe S. or Mar. 14 GII Rebel S.



American Pharoah
Benoit

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Familiar Faces in Buena Vista

Front-running La Tia (City Place) faces five rivals in the GII Buena Vista S. on Santa Anita's holiday racing card. The morning-line favorite will also face a pair of **★ "TDN Rising Star" ★** in Diversy Harbor (Curlin) and Nashoba's Gold (Smart Strike). Holiday racing Monday also includes the GIII General George H. at Laurel, which drew a field of 12.



La Tia
Four Footed Fotos

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Lovely Day Spoils Kizuna Return

While all eyes may have been on returning 2013 champion 3-year-old Kizuna (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), it was Lovely Day (Jpn) (King Kamehameha {Jpn}) who came out on top in Sunday's G2 Kyoto Kinen. Kizuna, making his first start in eight months, came home third.



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4:27p	General George H.-GIII, Lrl	(Brisnet.com PPs)	HRTV
6:09p	Southwest S.-GIII, OP	(Brisnet.com PPs)	HRTV
6:31p	Buena Vista S.-GII, SA	(Brisnet.com PPs)	HR/TVG



Mufajaah Makes Grade in Bayakoa (cont. from p1)

Mufajaah is the first foal out of multiple graded stakes winner Carolyn's Cat (Forestry). Purchased by William Warren for \$650,000 as a Fasig-Tipton Saratoga yearling in 2006, Carolyn's Cat won the 2009 GII Vagrancy H. and 2008 GIII Cicada S. The 10-year-old mare produced a colt by Smart Strike in 2013 and a filly by Candy Ride (Arg) in 2014. The Smart Strike colt RNA'd for \$170,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale. Warren sold Carolyn's Cat, in foal to GI Breeders' Cup Classic winner Blame, for \$450,000 at this year's Keeneland January sale.

BAYAKOA S.-GIII, \$100,000, OPX, 2-15, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:45, ft.

1--@MUFAJAAH, 117, f, 4, by [Tapit](#)

1st Dam: Carolyn's Cat (MGSW, \$307,415), by Forestry

2nd Dam: People's Princess, by Meadowlake

3rd Dam: Cassowary, by Cormorant

(\$375,000 yrl '12 KEESEP). O-Shadwell Stable; B-William K & Suzanne Warren (KY); T-Daniel C Peitz; J-Emmanuel Esquivel. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 12-5-0-1, \$237,140. **Werk Nick Rating: A++**

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Foaled and Raised by Hunter Valley Farm

3--**Gold Medal Dancer**, 119, m, 5, [Medaglia d'Oro](#)--Bachata, by Kingmambo. O-Pin Oak Stable; B-Pin Oak Stud LLC (KY); T-Donnie K Von Hemel. \$10,000.

Margins: NK, HF, HF. Odds: 1.50, 4.30, 4.20.

Also Ran: Pearl Turn, Diva's Diamond, Lady Haddassah, Bella Veloce, Haunted Heroine, Courageous Julie, Call Pat. Click for [brisnet.com PPs](#), [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).

Itsaknockout Preps for Fountain (cont. from p1)

"He's a pretty easy horse to train," Pletcher said of Itsaknockout. "He does whatever you ask him to do. He's push button to that point. This will be the class test that will kind of define where he is."

The Fountain of Youth will be Itsaknockout's first start at two turns, but Pletcher isn't concerned about the extra ground. "I'm not concerned about the distance at all," Pletcher confirmed.

Also working at Palm Beach Downs Sunday from Pletcher's power-packed sophomore bench: GI Hopeful S. winner **Competitive Edge** (Super Saver) and GI Champagne S. winner **Daredevil** (More Than Ready) shared the bullet for five furlongs in 1:00.00.

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AMERICAN PHAROAH IMPRESSES IN DRILL

Zayat Stables' **American Pharoah** (Pioneerof the Nile) worked five furlongs Sunday at Santa Anita in 1:00.40.

The colt, last year's juvenile champion, has been off since winning the Sept. 27 GI FrontRunner S. Trainer Bob Baffert called the work, "very impressive." Baffert added, "He handled the work pretty well. He's coming around pretty quickly."



American Pharoah
Benoit

The work was American Pharoah's third recorded breeze since missing the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile with a suspensory-related injury. He is expected to make his sophomore debut in either the Mar. 7 GII San Felipe S. or Mar. 14 GII Rebel S.

Stablemate **Power Jam** (Concord Point) was tabbed a ☆ **"TDN Rising Star"** ☆ after his impressive debut victory at Santa Anita Saturday ([video](#)). The effort was no surprise to his trainer. "He's a really fast horse, like his sire," Baffert said. The colt is a homebred for Kaleem Shah, who also campaigned Concord Point, winner of the 2010 GII West Virginia Derby and GIII Iowa Derby. Shah, along with son Arman, was on hand for Saturday's victory. "Kaleem was so pumped up," Baffert said.

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3YOs Eye Graded Success in Southwest (cont. from p1)

Although still eligible for a 'one other than' allowance, Mr. Z garnered significant attention after a juvenile campaign that included Grade I placings behind Carpe Diem (Giant's Causeway) in the Claiborne Breeders' Futurity and Dortmund (Big Brown) in the Los Alamitos Futurity. Owned by Zayat Stables LLC and trained by Hall of Famer D. Wayne Lukas, the chestnut got the better of Far Right in the Delta Jackpot, a race where he was beaten a nose by ☆ **"TDN Rising Star"** ☆ Ocho Ocho Ocho

(Street Sense). Trainer Steve Asmussen will send out the pair of **Bayerd**

(Speightstown)--who finished an even second in the Smarty Jones after annexing the Springboard Mile S. at Remington Park Dec. 14, and **Bold Conquest** (Curlin)--

who was third in the Breeders' Futurity and second in the GIII Iroquois S. as a juvenile. The latter shows a pair of bullet five-furlong works at the Fair Grounds in recent weeks in preparation for this seasonal debut.

While the majority of the entrants hold previous experience either training or racing over the Oaklawn surface, Todd Pletcher sends in ☆ **"TDN Rising Star"**

☆ **J S Bach** (Tale of the Cat), who graduated with a wire-to-wire, 8 1/2-length score over today's same trip in his second career start at Gulfstream Park Jan. 17.

The bay, a Donald Disney homebred, will break from the rail this afternoon. **The Truth or Else** (Yes It's True) figures to go postward at double-digit odds, but perhaps can move forward off a juvenile campaign that included a third-place finish in the GI Champagne S. behind Daredevil (More Than Ready) and Upstart (Flatter). "He's working lights out," commented trainer Ken McPeck. "It's still a little ambitious for him, maybe. Calvin [Borel] is really fond of the horse and thinks he could be anything, but he's going to have to run back to his maiden win and improve. But I think he can do it."



J S Bach
Leslie Martin

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SOUTHWEST S.-GIII, \$300,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

PP HORSE	OWNER	BREEDER	TRAINER/JOCKEY	ML
1 J S Bach (K)	Donald R Dizney LLC	Donald R Dizney-FL	Pletcher Velazquez	4-1
(c, 3, Tale of the Cat --Ten Carat Lady, by Pulpit)				
2 Far Right (K)	Harry T Rosenblum & Robert V LaPenta	Nossab LLC & Patrick J Crowley-KY	Moquett Smith	3-1
(c, 3, Notional --Zindi, by Vindication)				
3 Private Prospect (K)	Mellon Patch Inc	Randal Family Trust-KY	Campbell Birzer	15-1
(c, 3, Discreet Cat --Private Deputy, by Private Terms)				
4 Bayerd	Clark O Brewster	Alpha Delta Stables LLC-KY	Asmussen Vazquez	8-1
(c, 3, Speightstown --Cherokee Jewel, by Cherokee Run)				
5 The Truth Or Else (K)	Harold Lerner LLC	Green Lantern Stables LLC-KY	McPeck Borel	20-1
(c, 3, Yes It's True --Lakenheath, by Colonial Affair)				
6 Kantune	Gary Barber	Susan Kahn-FL	Casse Bridgmohan	15-1
(c, 3, Kantharos --Our Tune, by Concorde's Tune)				
7 Phenomenal Phoenix (K)	Wayne Sanders & Larry Hirsch	Fred W Hertrich III & John D Fielding-KY	Von Hemel Berry	30-1
(g, 3, Summer Bird --Bluegrass Phenom, by Bluegrass Cat)				
8 Majestic (K)	Calumet Farm	Glennwood Farm-KY	Lukas Thompson	30-1
(c, 3, Majesticperfection --Senorita Dehere, by Dehere)				
9 Bold Conquest	Ackerley Brothers Farm	Glory Days Breeding Inc-KY	Asmussen Santana Jr	12-1
(c, 3, Curlin --One for Jim, by Distorted Humor)				
10 Mr. Z (K)	Zayat Stables LLC	Richard D Maynard-KY	Lukas Nakatani	7-2
(c, 3, Malibu Moon --Stormy Bear, by Storm Cat)				
11 War Story (K)	Looech Racing Stables & Christopher T Dunn	Jack Swain III-KY	Amoss Talamo	SCR
(g, 3, Northern Afleet --Belle Watling, by Pulpit)				
12 Bold Animaux	Al & Bill Ulwelling	Family Broodmares IV LLC-FL	Biehler Ocampo	30-1
(c, 3, Leroidesanimaux (Brz) --Bold Maiden, by Victory Gallop)				

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GIII Southwest S. - In a race that you could go in plenty of different directions, I'm going to side with a comebacking son of Curlin that I was quite high on last summer as a 2-year-old. **Bold Conquest** tipped his hand with a strong second first out at the Spa after chasing three deep throughout behind the promising Blame Jim (finally resurfaced to finish second as the favorite to the talented Stanford earlier this month). The chestnut showed plenty of heart winning a stretch-long duel to graduate next out at Saratoga Aug. 16, then returned on short notice and came within a neck of annexing the Sept. 6 GIII Iroquois at Churchill while making his two-turn debut after a wide trip and another lengthy throwdown in the lane. Bold Conquest--the second foal out of the multiple stakes-placed Distorted Humor mare One for Jim--admittedly took a small step backward when a distant third behind the jaw-dropping Carpe Diem in the GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity after falling farther back than usual early (maybe the consecutive stretch battles caught up with him?), but the time off appears to have done him quite well. Love the five-furlong bullet in :59 3/5 (1/21) two works back at Fair Grounds and it can't hurt that Asmussen and Santana Jr. teamed up to win this last year with Tapiture, who was also returning from the bench off a winning effort in Churchill's GII Kentucky Jockey Club. **Selection: #9 Bold Conquest (12-1).**

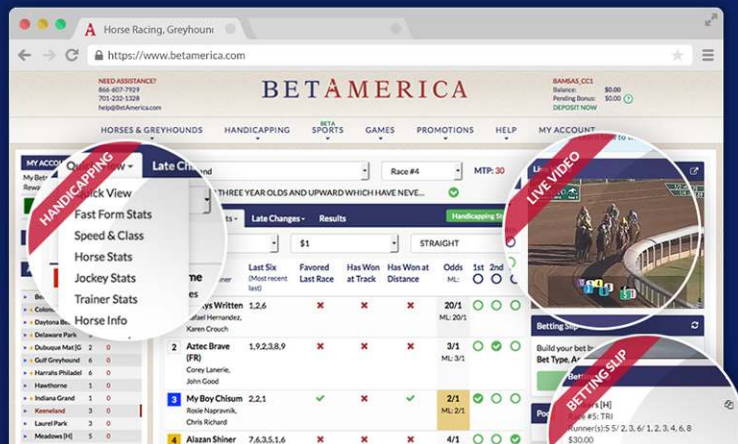
GIII El Camino Real Derby - Metaboss (+ \$1,150) looked dead on the turn, but rallied impressively to keep the momentum rolling. Sounds good to me, Steve. **Current Total: \$2,360.**

GIII Southwest S. - **Kantune** has always caught my eye as a horse with talent, and while he took seven starts to finally earn his diploma, his early losses look pretty good in hindsight. The Mark Casse pupil split GII San Vicente S. winner Lord Nelson and sidelined MGISP and GIII Sham S. romper Calculator on debut at Del Mar in July, for example, and was a close third behind the highly regarded Prospect Park and Cyrus Alexander going this distance at Santa Anita Dec. 27. He finally figured it all out last time over this track and trip Jan. 23, pressing a somewhat moderate early pace before really turning it on in the stretch to win by a visually impressive 3 1/2 lengths. Kantune is a textbook example of a popular angle: when a horse who has professional maiden tendencies finally breaks through, the light sometimes goes on so to speak, and he comes right back to win again. He'll get tested for class here, certainly, but Casse shows confidence to wheel back on short rest and the Gary Barber colorbearer could be sitting on a career-best effort. **Selection: #6 Kantune (15-1).**

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FAMILIAR FACES CLASH IN BUENA VISTA

A compact field of six older fillies and mares, many of whom have plenty of previous experience competing against one another, is set to do battle in this afternoon's GII Buena Vista S. at Santa Anita.

Hernandez Racing Club's **La Tia** (City Place) has been in front at the first call in nearly all of her 23 career starts and figures to be in that position again today with no



La Tia
Four Footed Fotos

other confirmed front-runners entered. Winner of the GIII Arlington Matron S. and the Ontario Matron S. on the Polytrack earlier in 2014, the dark bay transitioned back to the turf to run fourth in the GI Beverly D. S. at Arlington Aug. 16. Third in the GII Canadian S. at Woodbine

Sept. 14, the well-traveled Illinois-bred closed out her seasonal campaign with wins in the the GIII Athenia S. over 1 1/16 miles at Belmont Oct. 12 and the GI Matriarch S. going one mile at Del Mar Nov. 30. She has been installed as the 5-2 morning-line favorite for this first run over the local lawn. Leidel & Bolton's **Anecdote (GB)** (Lucky Story) joins La Tia in the starting gate for her first start since finishing fifth behind that rival as the even-money favorite in the Athenia. A Group 3 winner in England in 2013, Anecdote won her initial American start, the GIII Noble Damsel S., at Belmont Sept. 13 for trainer Christophe Clement. ☆ **"TDN Rising Star"** ♣ **Nashoba's Gold** (Smart Strike) will make her second start off a layoff this afternoon for owner Warren B Williamson and trainer Carla Gaines. A half-sister to MGISW Nashoba's Key (Silver Hawk), the grey earned a pair of graded stakes victories here last year in the GIII Providencia S. Apr. 5 and the GII Honeymoon S. May 4. Put on the shelf for over seven months following a fifth-place finish in the GI American Oaks May 31, the homebred returned to be ninth as the favorite in the Megahertz S. here Jan. 17. **Blingismything** (Arch) and **Winning Rhythm** (Giant's Causeway) checked in second and fourth in that event, respectively, and will meet in the starting gate once more today. Completing the compact field is Glen Hill Farm's **Diversy Harbor** (Curlin), who has made six consecutive appearances in graded stakes company after starting out her career with a pair of victories over this turf course. The bay was bested by Nashoba's Gold in the Providencia and the Honeymoon last spring, but turned the tables on that foe with a runner-up effort in the American Oaks. The 4-year-old cuts back in distance today after running second by a nose last out in the GIII Robert J. Frankel S. over nine furlongs here Dec. 27.

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BUENA VISTA S.-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	La Tia	City Place	Rosario	De la cerda	5-2
2	Winning Rhythm	Giant's Causeway	Prat	Gallagher	6-1
3	Diversy Harbor	Curlin	Stevens	Proctor	3-1
4	Blingismything	Arch	Desormeaux	Kruljac	6-1
5	Nashoba's Gold	Smart Strike	Bejarano	Gaines	3-1
6	Anecdote (GB)	Lucky Story	Espinoza	Clement	3-1

Monday, Laurel Park, post time: 4:27 p.m. EST

GENERAL GEORGE H.-GIII, \$250,000, 3yo/up, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Bourbon Courage	Lion Heart	Russell	Gorder	5-2
2	Misconnect	Unbridled's Song	Carmouche	Levine	10-1
3	Praetereo	Giant's Causeway	Navarro	Moore	8-1
4	Smash and Grab	Sharp Humor	Perez	Dilodovico	7-2
5	Zee Bros	Brother Derek	Ortiz	Lukas	6-1
6	Big Business	Eddington	Ortiz Jr	Jacobson	15-1
7	West Hills Giant	Frost Giant	Maragh	Terranova II	15-1
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KINEN TO LOVELY DAY, KIZUNA THIRD

Making his eagerly anticipated return following eight months on the sidelines through injury, **Kizuna (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) was given a patient ride at the rear of the field in the G2 Kyoto Kinen, more than 10 lengths adrift from the strong pace set by **Suzuka**



Kizuna
Scoop Dyga

Devious (Jpn) (King Kamehameha {Jpn}). The dark bay started delivering his challenge turning for home under regular partner Yutaka Take and produced a jaw-dropping turn of foot, swallowing the field and only just failing to catch the early leaders. The race went the way of the

progressive **Lovely Day (Jpn)** (King Kamehameha {Jpn}), who ran prominently throughout and was recording back to back victories at Pattern level, having previously set a new track record in a Group 3 event at Nakayama. The pace-setting **Suzuka Devious** held on gamely for second place.

Kizuna was reported to weigh in at an extra 22kg since his last start in May and will certainly improve for the run. Take was apologetic in his post-race statement, telling *Racing Post*, "I'm very sorry. I had a chance to close on the frontrunners, but he couldn't accelerate to keep up. This was his first race after the long rest due to the leg fracture. I think this was not a disappointing result." Trainer Shozo Sasaki added on a more positive tone, "I was delighting with his race but the race was for the frontrunners. I wondered if he would come back like this after such a big injury with the fracture. I would like him to run the Grade 2 Osaka Hai in April." All being well, a second trip to Longchamp in October is Kizuna's objective of the season.

G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe sixth and G1 Sheema Classic-bound **Harp Star (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) raced in a handier position than usual and looked a threat at the top of the stretch, yet she couldn't maintain her acceleration and finished fifth. Lessons will surely be drawn after this disappointing effort, as trainer Hiroyoshi Matsuda told *Racing Post*, "I told the rider to be as near front as he could. I am not sure it was a match for her more than her usual style." The conditioner indicated that the 4-year-old remained on course for Dubai. A year ago, **Gentildonna (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) could only achieve sixth in the Kyoto Kinen before smashing the opposition in the G1 Sheema Classic.

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Sunday, Kyoto, Japan

KYOTO KINEN-G2, ¥115,120,000, KYO, 2-15, 4yo/up, 2200mT, 2:11.50, firm.

1--**LOVELY DAY (JPN)**, 123, h, 5, by King Kamehameha (Jpn)

1st Dam: **Popcorn Jazz (Jpn)**, by Dance in the Dark (Jpn)

2nd Dam: **Grace Rumor (Jpn)**, by Tony Bin (Ire)

3rd Dam: **Disc Jockey (Jpn)**, by Real Shadai

O-Makoto Kaneko Holdings; B-Northern Farm;

T-Yasutoshi Ikee; J-Keita Tosaki. ¥60,784,000

Lifetime record: 19-5-3-1. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++**

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2--**Suzuka Devious (Jpn)**, 121, c, 4, King Kamehameha (Jpn)--Suzuka Laurent (Jpn), by Sunday Silence. O-Keiji Nagai; B-Tsuji Farm; T-Mitsuru Hashida. ¥24,224,000

3--**Kizuna (Jpn)**, 126, h, 5, Deep Impact (Jpn)--Catequil, by Storm Cat. O-Shinji Maeda; B-North Hills; T-Shozo Sasaki. ¥15,112,000. *1/2 to Phalaenopsis (Jpn) (Brian's Time), Ch. 3yo Filly-Jpn, Ch. Older Mare-Jpn, MGWS, \$3,825,449; 1/2 to Sunday Break (Jpn) (Forty Niner), GSW & G1SP, \$451,220.

Margins: NK, Nse, 1 1/2. Odds: 7.50, 15.10, 1.30.

Also Ran: **Red Davis (Jpn)**, **Harp Star (Jpn)**, **Toshin Monstera (Jpn)**, **Hagino Hybrid (Jpn)**, **Meiner Dean (Jpn)**, **Hiraboku Deep (Jpn)**, **Action Star (Jpn)**, **No Stir (Jpn)**.

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STEEL COULD BE THE REAL DEAL

Sunday Racing's **Real Steel (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) made it two for two in the G3 Kyodo News Service Hai and will be headed at the G1 Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby) May 31. After jumping sharply from the inside, the 3-year-old was restrained early on to sit in fourth position along the rail while **Shigeru Kenkayama (Jpn)** (Storming Home {GB}) took a clear lead. Entering the straight, Real Steel was angled out three wide to overtake the tiring frontrunner and found room between horses. The powerful bay needed time to retrieve his balance, but when he hit his best stride, he comfortably held off race favorite and fellow Sunday Racing colorbearer **Duramente (Jpn)** (King Kamehameha {Jpn}). **Ambitious (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) stayed on for third after racing handily.

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Sunday, Tokyo, Japan

KYODO NEWS SERVICE HAI-G3, ¥71,220,000, TOK, 2-15, 3yo, 1800mT, 1:47.10, firm.

1--**REAL STEEL (JPN)**, 123, c, 3, by Deep Impact (Jpn)

1st Dam: Loves Only Me, by Storm Cat

2nd Dam: Monevassia, by Mr. Prospector

3rd Dam: Miesque, by Nureyev

O-Sunday Racing; B-Northern Farm; T-Yoshito Yahagi; J-Yuichi Fukunaga. ¥37,4346,000. Lifetime record: 2-2-0-0. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++**. Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#).

2--**Duramente (Jpn)**, 123, c, 3, King Kamehameha (Jpn)--Admire Groove (Jpn) (Ch. Older Mare-Jpn, MGSW, \$4,979,954), by Sunday Silence. O-Sunday Racing; B-Northern Farm; T-Noriyuki Hori. ¥15,124,000. *Full to Admire Sceptre (Jpn) (King Kamehameha {Jpn}), MGSP-Jpn, \$1,780,715.

3--**Ambitious (Jpn)**, 123, c, 3, Deep Impact (Jpn)--Carnival Song (Jpn), by El Condor Pasa. O-Hideko Kondo; B-Tsuji Farm; T-Hidetaka Otonashi ¥9,3762,000.

Margins: 1/2, 1 1/4, 1 1/4. Odds: 5.10, 0.80, 11.50. Also Ran: Musee Alien (Jpn), Avenir Marcher (Jpn), Sole Impact (Jpn), Tir Na Nog (Jpn), Cosmo Nine Ball (Jpn), Show Boat (Jpn), Meiner Successor (Jpn), Shigeru Kenkayama (Jpn), Danon Major (Jpn).

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Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong

CHAIRMAN'S SPRINT PRIZE, HK\$6,600,000
(US\$851,209), Sha Tin, 2-15, 3yo/up, 1200mT,
1:08.79, gd.

1--**GOLD-FUN (IRE)**, 126, g, 6, **Le Vie dei Colori (GB)**--
Goodwood March (GB), by Foxhound. (10,000gns yrl
'10 TATOCT). O-Pan Sutong; B-Michael Downey &
Roalso Ltd; T-Richard Gibson; J-Christophe
Soumillon; HK\$3,762,000. Lifetime Record: Ch.
Miler, GSW & MG1SP-HK, 22-10-5-1,
HK\$34,326,620. *Formerly Strada Colorato (GB).
**1/2 to Body and Soul (GB) (Captain Rio {GB}),
SW-Eng, \$589,863.

2--**Aerovelocity (NZ)**, 126, g, 6, Pins (Aus)--Exodus
(NZ), by Kaapstad (NZ). (NZ\$120,000 yrl '10
NZBPRe). O-Daniel Yeung Ngai. HK\$1,452,000.

3--**Lucky Nine (Ire)**, g, 8, Dubawi (Ire)--Birjand (GB), by
Green Desert. (€9,000 yrl '08 TATIRE). O-Dr Chang
Fuk To & Maria Chang Lee Ming Shum.
HK\$759,000.

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Margins: SHD, NK, NK. Odds: 7-1, 6-5, 24-1.

Also Ran: Peniaphobia (Ire), Frederick Engels (GB),
Sterling City (Aus), Dundonnell, Smart Volatility (Aus),
Dan Excel (Ire), Eagle Regiment (Aus), Flagship Shine
(Aus), Golden Harvest (Aus).

Though he had never tried a distance as short as six
furlongs in what has already been an outstanding
career, Pan Sutong's Gold-Fun got an excellent ride
from the visiting pilot Christophe Soumillon and dove
home to best G1 Hong Kong Sprint winners
Aerovelocity (2014) and Lucky Nine (2011) in a blanket
finish.

Second in the 2013 G1 Longines Hong Kong Mile,
the flashy chestnut carried 130 pounds to victory in the
Celebration Cup H. (1400 meters) Oct. 5, then just



Gold-Fun noses out Aerovelocity (inside)
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failed to hold off
the classy Military
Attack (Ire)
(Oratorio {Ire}) in
the Sha Tin
Trophy H. over a
mile three weeks
later. He had been
unable to solve
the monstrous
Able Friend (Aus)
(Shamardal) in
their last three

get-togethers, finishing second in the G2 Jockey Club
Mile Nov. 23 and in the Hong Kong Mile Dec. 14 ahead
of a sixth last time out in the G1 Stewards' Cup Jan. 25.

Race favorite Aerovelocity left the gate running for
Zac Purton, but he had some company to his outside in
the form of Flagship Shine (Aus) (Tale of the Cat), as
Gold-Fun settled on the rail behind Aerovelocity and
Lucky Nine outside that. Peniaphobia, runner-up in the
Hong Kong Sprint and recent winner of the Centenary
Sprint Prize, was prominent early before settling
midfield for the opening half-mile.

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Aerovelocity swatted away the challenge of Flagship
Shine and turned for home traveling confidently, but
Soumillon had Gold-Fun poised and they split rivals to
join the battle at the 150 meters. Lucky Nine was
fighting on deeper out and Peniaphobia was rallying
nicely as well, but Gold-Fun got his head home first in a
four-way go. The victory sets up a mouth-watering
rematch with Able Friend in the G1 Queen's Silver
Jubilee Cup Mar. 15, a race Gold-Fun won last term.

"I was quite confident before the race and I stayed
covered behind the favorite, which was where I wanted
to be," said France's champion jockey. "I had the
perfect position turning into the straight; I shook him up
300 meters out and 100 meters out I knew I could win
it but I knew it was going to be a small margin."

Gold-Fun's dam was sold for 850,000gns carrying a
foal from the first crop of Frankel (GB) at the 2013
Tattersalls December sale. That produce, a filly, was
subsequently knocked down to Toshio Terada for ¥96
million (US\$941,177) at last year's JRHA Select Foal
Sale. **Click for the [HKJC.com chart](http://HKJC.com/chart) and [HKJC.com PPs](http://HKJC.com/PPs).**
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BILL: Here we both came up with the same horse--
VERRAZANO.....he had three runs in England last year when trained by Aidan O'Brien. I thought the second of those, when he split Toronado and Anodin (later second in the GI Breeders' Cup Mile) in the G1 Queen Anne S. at Royal Ascot was a very good run. My second point is that he is out of a Giant's Causeway mare from another of those very good, resurgent King Ranch families.

KELSEY: More Than Ready has the accomplished young sire Sebring (Aus) set to carry on his line in Australia, and it is likely Verrazano will be his heir apparent in the North. Verrazano won at first asking by 7 3/4 lengths at Gulfstream in 2013, won an allowance by 16 1/4 lengths with a 105 Beyer four weeks later then wired the GII Tampa Bay Derby by three lengths. He earned his first Grade I in the Wood Memorial and after finishing well back in a sloppy Derby, he roared back in the summer to take Monmouth's GIII Pegasus S. by 9 1/4 lengths followed by the Haskell by 9 3/4 and a 116 Beyer--the highest of his generation. Verrazano wrapped up a busy 10-start 3-year-old campaign with a third in the GI Cigar Mile with a 104 Beyer.....Verrazano has a pedigree to match his racing ability; he is a half-brother to Grade II winner El Padrino (Pulpit), and his second and third dams are Grade I winners.

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Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong

HONG KONG CLASSIC CUP, HK\$6,000,000 (US\$773,780), Sha Tin, 2-15, 4yo, 1800mT, 1:48.62, gd.

1--**THUNDER FANTASY** (AUS), 126, c, 4, Lucky

Owners (NZ)--Pink Pier (Aus), by Galileo (Ire).

O/B-Andy Chiu Koon Ming; T-John Size; J-Karis Teetan; HK\$3,420,000. Lifetime Record: GSW & MG1SP-Aus, 16-4-1-2, HK\$7,049,020.

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2--**Redkirk Warrior** (GB), 126, g, 4, Notnowcato (GB)--Flag (GB), by Selkirk. (22,000gns yrl '12 TATOCT).

O-Jenny Tam Yuk Ching. HK\$1,320,000.

3--**Giant Treasure**, 126, g, 4, Mizzen Mast--Palisade, by Gone West. O-Pan Sutong. HK\$690,000.

Margins: NO, HF, 1HF. Odds: 22-1, 29-10, 33-10.

Also Ran: Beauty Only (Ire), Helene Happy Star (Ire), Obliterator (Ire), Contentment (Aus), Savvy Nature (NZ), Gonna Run (Fr), Top Ace, Twin Delight (NZ), Golden Sleep (Saf).

Australian import Thunder Fantasy caused a boiloover in Sunday's Classic Cup at Sha Tin, thickening an already complicated plot for the Mar. 15 Hong Kong Derby.

A veteran of 12 starts Down Under for trainer Anthony Cummings, the homebred posted his biggest win in the G2 Autumn S. at Caulfield exactly 53 weeks earlier and was three times placed at Group 1 level, including a third in the Victoria Derby and runner-up effort to recent G1 Longines Hong Kong Cup third Criterion (NZ) (Sebring {Aus}) in the Rosehill Guineas last March. A horse who clearly prefers this trip and beyond, the colt had raced exclusively at the mile in his three local appearances, finishing fourth in Class 2 company Dec. 14, sixth at that level Jan. 4 and was exiting a tough-trip fifth to Beauty Only (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) in the Hong Kong Classic Mile Jan. 18.

Drawn 11 for this slightly longer test, Thunder Fantasy was bounced away from the gate by Mauritian Karis Teetan and went up to dispute the pace outside of dual Happy Valley winner Twin Delight (NZ) (Perfectly Ready {Aus}). Second favorite Redkirk

Warrior was ridden forward by Joao Moriera, in stark contrast to his two previous local runs, while Beauty Only was well spotted in mid-division. The pace was more even than it was demanding, and Twin Delight took the field into and around the



Thunder Fantasy drops his nose on the wire HKJC.com

turn, but Teetan said go with Thunder Fantasy and hit the front with a little less than a quarter mile to run. The lead was short lived, however, as Moreira roused Redkirk Warrior to the front and looked on their way to the win.

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But the less-experienced runner wanted to lay in and lost focus, allowing Thunder Fantasy to put his nose back in front when it mattered most. Giant Treasure stayed on at one pace for third, while Beauty Only could do no better than an even fourth. The win was the fourth on the program for trainer John Size, who added a fifth with Derby prospect Luger (Aus) (Choirir {Aus}) in the day's finale.

"It looked like the horse on my outside was going to win it but then suddenly I felt he didn't go through with it," said Teetan, registering a breakthrough top-level local success. "My horse actually went again, so it was a very good win. I'm just over the moon."

A Hallmark Stud-consigned Tartan Bearer (Ire) half-brother to Thunder Fantasy topped last month's NZB Select Yearling Sale on a bid of NZ\$525,000 from Philip Stokes Racing. The winner, who is bred on the reverse cross responsible for Frankel, is by the 2004 Hong Kong Derby winner. **Click for the HKJC.com chart and HKJC.com PPs. VIDEO.**

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Yesterday's Results:

10th-GPX, \$42,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 7 1/2fT, 1:30 1/5, fm.

CHARLIE A (f, 4, [Curlin](#)--*Seresa's Spirit*, by *Rahy*) was a 17-1 upset winner on debut over this same trip and surface last January, but followed with a dull sixth-place finish when switched to the main track here in February. Ninth after a wide run back at this trip over the lawn Mar. 29, she showed speed before tiring to eighth behind SW & GISP Sea Queen (Lemon Drop Kid) in a grassy nine-furlong Keeneland allowance Apr. 23. The bay was subsequently absent for eight months before returning Dec. 28 to be fifth after another wide trip over one mile on this course. Drawing post 11 for the fifth time in six career starts and sent off at odds of 5-1 for this try, the homebred raced three wide around the opening bend. Charlie A tracked the pace in mid-pack behind a half-mile in :48.68, rallied six wide into the lane and dug in to hold off Jester and Me (Zanjero) by a head. The winner's second dam is 2001 GI Breeders' Cup Distaff heroine Unbridled Elaine (Unbridled's Song). Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-0, \$51,827. Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#). O/B-CASA Farms I LLC (KY). T-Michelle Nihei.

6th-GPX, \$40,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 7 1/2fT, 1:30 2/5, fm. TAPITRY (f, 3, [Tapit](#)--*My Trusty Cat* {GISW, \$902,753}, by *Tale of the Cat*) was bumped at the start of her debut and finished fourth going a mile over this course Jan. 4. Given a 4-1 chance here, Tapitry was away well and stalked pacesetter Killer Partner



Tapitry
Lauren King

(Pioneer of the Nile) from along the rail. The gray was within striking position in the stretch, angled out for running room in the final furlong and spurted away to finish two lengths clear of Killer Partner. WinStar purchased My Trusty Cat, with Tapitry in utero, for \$380,000 at the 2011 Keeneland November Sale. She sold for \$90,000 as a yearling at Keeneland September in 2013 before

RNA'ing for \$195,000 at Fasig-Tipton March as a 2-year-old. She was purchased for \$240,000 at the OBS June Sale after a one-furlong breeze in :10.1. Tapitry is the fourth foal out of GISW My Trusty Cat, who produced a Tiznow colt in 2013 and a Malibu Moon filly in 2014. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$25,600. Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).

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4th-GPX, \$36,000, Msw, (S), 3yo, f, 6f, 1:12 2/5, ft. RAINY NIGHT (f, 3, Wildcat Heir--Bungalow Eight, by Montbrook) finished third in her debut over this track and trip against \$50,000 taggers Jan. 22. The 9-2 chance pressed the pace from the outside through the opening stages and moved up to take command at the top of the stretch. The chestnut edged clear to finish two lengths in front of Nevelee (Maimonides). The winner is a half to Stoneyer (Graeme Hall), MSW-Pr. Sales history: \$30,000 RNA 2yo '14 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$24,800. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).**

O/B-Dr Fred & Mrs Sarah Lynn Yutani (FL). T-Larry Pilotti.

2nd-TAM, \$20,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:23 3/5, ft. THUNDER BAY (f, 3, Distorted Humor--Thunder Kitten {GSW, \$253,138}, by Storm Cat) rallied to finish second by a neck over this track and trip Jan. 17 and was supported as the 4-5 favorite off that effort. The blue-blooded Thunder Bay stalked the pace from the three path early and ranged up to challenge on the turn. The Godolphin homebred briefly battled Amazing Party (Desert Party) at the top of the lane, but kicked clear of that rival en route to a four-length victory. The winner, who was running without Lasix, is a half to Cat O'Mountain (Street Cry {Ire}), GSW-Ire & G1SP-UAE, \$1,173,442; Willing Foe (Dynaformer), SW & MGSP-Eng, GSP-Fr, \$372,446; Thunder Mission (Pulpit), GSP, \$358,511; Michita (Dynaformer), GSW & G1SP-Eng, G1SP-Fr, \$289,267; Kiawah (Lemon Drop Kid), MGSP, \$159,132; Tony Terrific (Gone West), SP, \$153,314. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$16,000. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).**

O-Godolphin Racing LLC. B-Darley (KY). T-Eoin G Harty.

8th-TAM, \$20,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:38 1/5, fm. + C'EST MOI (f, 3, Eskendereya--Pinta, by Carson City) rated off the pace and along the rail early. The 5-1 chance inched closer to the leaders heading into the turn, swung out to the four path on the bend and kicked into gear. The chestnut chased down Exceedingly (Eskendereya) in the stretch and won by 3/4 of a length. The winner is a half to Rojo Toro (Mountain Cat), GSW & GISP, \$269,545. Sales history: \$155,000 2yo '14 FTMMAY. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$11,600. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).**

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9th-OPX, \$61,000, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:47 4/5, ft.

TWENTY IN ONE (f, 4, Invasor {Arg}--Twenty One A. C., by Deputy Minister), in the money in all four previous career starts, had yet to find the winner's circle, most recently finishing third going 1 1/8 miles at Saratoga Aug. 1. The 9-5 second choice was just off the pace down the backstretch, moved up to bid for the lead on the bend and kicked clear down the lane to finish 3 1/4 lengths ahead of Purse Strings (Tapit). Sales history: \$17,000 HRA '15 KEEJAN. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-3, \$64,700. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).**

O-Calumet Farm. B-Alex G Campbell Jr Thoroughbreds LLC (KY). T-George R Arnold II.

3rd-FGX, \$39,120, Msw, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11, ft. CHAPTER AND VERSE (c, 4, Old Fashioned--My Heavenly Sign {SW, \$232,144}, by Forest Camp) was runner-up in his last two starts over this track and trip Dec. 6 and Jan. 9. The 2-5 chalk set the pace, led throughout and lengthened his advantage down the stretch to graduate by two lengths. Big Red Charlie (Borrego) completed the exacta. Lifetime Record: 6-1-2-1, \$46,910. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).**

O/B-Larry & Cindy Jones & Susan Knoll (KY). T-J Larry Jones.

Saturday Night's Results:

TWO ALTAZANO S., \$75,000, HOU, 2-14, (R), 3yo, f, 7f, 1:25, ft.

1--PROMISE ME SILVER, 122, f, 3, Silver City--Uno Mas Promesa, by Macho Uno. O-Myrna & Robert Luttrell; B-Robert Luttrell (TX); T-W Bret Calhoun; J-M Clifton Berry. \$45,000. Lifetime Record: 6-6-0-0, \$259,355.

2--Infectious, 122, f, 3, Valid Expectations--Red Cell, by Geri. O-WS Farish. \$15,000.

3--Tea for Two, 117, f, 3, Valid Expectations--Bridal Tea, by Gulch. (\$25,000 yrl '13 TEXAUG; \$23,000 RNA 2yo '14 TEXAPR). O-Michael Whitelaw, Brody & Gerald Veal. \$8,250.

Margins: 9 3/4, 6, 5. Odds: 0.05, 8.40, 42.30.

Promise Me Silver, unbeaten in five previous starts, maintained her perfect record with a runaway victory over six overmatched rivals Saturday night. A debut winner against state-breds at Lone Star Park last May, she followed with a score in the Debutante S. over six furlongs at Churchill June 21. Given a brief freshening following that effort, the grey returned Nov. 15 to annex the restricted Darby's Daughter Texas Stallion S. at Retama. The homebred was then returned to open company for a pair of six-panel stakes triumphs--the Letellier Memorial S. Dec. 20 at the Fair Grounds and the Dixie Belle S. Jan. 15 at Oaklawn Park. **cont. p3**



Two Altazano S. result cont.

Hammered down to remarkable odds of 1-20 for this event, Promise Me Silver tracked the pace along the inside through a quarter-mile in :23.09. Moving to the front without being asked, the filly drew away from the others and coasted home to an easy score. [Click for the brisnet.com chart.](#)

Western U.S.

Yesterday's Results:

7th-TUP, \$22,500, Alw, C, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:02 4/5, ft.

ROS'S GIRL (f, 4, Rosberg--Enter Laughing, by Distorted Humor) improved to a perfect four for four yesterday, adding to a maiden optional claiming win and an optional claiming victory from last March and an allowance victory Dec. 29. The 5-2 second choice was off the early pace, moved into striking position in the stretch, took command down the lane and finished 3/4 of a length clear of Camille (Rocky Bar). Lifetime Record: 4-4-0-0, \$38,291. [Click for the brisnet.com chart.](#)

O/B-Karl Krieg (WA). T-Valorie Lund.

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FAIR GROUNDS

Bahnah (Elusive Quality), 5f, 1:00.40, 1/37
Coupe de Grace (Tapit), 4f, :46.40, 1/97
Top Decile (Congrats), 4f, :46.60, 2/97

GULFSTEAM

Taylor S (Medaglia d'Oro), 5f, 1:02.92, 16/32
Temper Mint Patty (Congrats), 5f, 1:02.56, 10/32

LOS ALAMITOS

Declassify (Orientate), 5f, 1:01.20, 20/27

PALM BEACH DOWNS

Competitive Edge (Super Saver), 5f, 1:00.00, 1/9
Daredevil (More Than Ready), 5f, 1:00.00, 1/9
Divine Oath (Broken Vow), 4f, :48.91, 11/18
Red Rifle (Giant's Causeway), 5f, 1:00.84, 5/9
Feathered (Indian Charlie), 4f, :48.54, 3/18
General a Rod (Roman Ruler), 4f, :48.91, 11/18
Itsaknockout (Lemon Drop Kid), 4f, :48.80, 9/18
Khozan (Distorted Humor), 4f, :48.80, 9/16

PALM MEADOWS TRAINING CENTER

Consumer Credit (More Than Ready), 4f, :49.00, 14/39
Frosted (Tapit), 4f, :48.75, 8/39
Twilight Eclipse (Purim), 5f, 1:02.75, 20/23
V.E. Day (English Channel), 3f, :37.85, 4/10

SANTA ANITA PARK

American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile), 5f, 1:00.40, 10/65
Beholder (Henny Hughes), 3f, :35.20, 2/13

California

Yesterday's Results:

BAFFLE S., \$81,250, SAX, 2-15, 3yo, a6 1/2fT, 1:12 2/5, fm.

1--#BENCH WARRANT, 122, c, 3, by Street Boss

1st Dam: Ola Docura (SW), by Meadowlake

2nd Dam: Darling Sola, by Relaunch

3rd Dam: Cisplatine (Brz), by Janus II (Arg)

(\$110,000 2yo 2014 BESMAR). O-Doubledown Stables Inc; B-Lee & Susan Searing (KY); T-John W Sadler; J-Tyler Baze. \$48,300. Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-1, \$177,060.

2--Pain and Misery, 119, g, 3, Bob and John--Singing Doe, by Running Stag. (\$7,000 yrl '13 FTKFEB; \$27,000 yrl '13 OBSAUG; \$210,000 2yo '14 OBSAPR). O-Black Gold Racing. \$16,100.



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3--Diamond Majesty, 117, c, 3, Lookin At Lucky--Zoe Montana, by Seeking the Gold. (\$38,000 yrl '13 KEESEP; \$225,000 2yo '14 BESMAR). O-Diamond 100 Racing Club LLC & Robert Trussell Jr. \$9,660.



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Margins: NK, 1, 1HF. Odds: 1.90, 10.10, 4.70.

Bench Warrant graduated first time out sprinting five furlongs over the Polytrack at Del Mar July 19, and returned to that venue Nov. 21 with a third-place effort behind Tizcano (Tiznow) in a six-panel allowance event.



Bench Warrant
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Extended to 1 1/16 miles on dirt in the Dec. 20 GI Los Alamitos Futurity, the colt checked in fourth in the wake of Dortmund (Big Brown) and Firing Line (Line of David). Switched to the turf over this same down-the-hill trip Jan. 15, he rallied to triumph by a nose, and followed with a fourth-place effort behind Lord Nelson (Pulpit) and

GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile hero Texas Red (Afleet Alex) in the GI San Vicente S. going seven furlongs on dirt here Feb. 1. The chestnut was tabbed as the clear favorite for this return to the lawn and bided his time at the rear of the pack behind a half-mile in :42.20. Bench Warrant split horses in mid-stretch and angled out to launch a stout rally, getting up in the final strides to register a narrow victory. "When I saw that first quarter in 20 and four, I felt pretty good because this horse has a lot of heart," said Larry Benavidez, assistant to winning trainer John Sadler assistant. "We'd like to keep him running down the hill, but I don't think there's anything for him for a while...I'd say he's still getting better at racing. He's a neat horse." [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).



4th-SAX, \$69,190, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), NW1\$X, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:34 3/5, fm.

LUCKY J LANE (g, 4, Lucky J. H.--No Peso No Dance, by Emerald Jig), a third-out graduate against California-breds over this same grassy distance at Del Mar Aug. 14, was unable to find the winners circle in four subsequent tries, including an eighth-place finish at this level at Del Mar Nov. 30. Fifth when switched to the dirt in a 1 1/16-mile optional claimer here on New Year's Day, the gelding broke through with a 2 1/4-length score against state-breds over this same trip and surface Jan. 15. Hammered down to 4-5 favoritism for this return to open company, the dark bay raced in midpack through a half-mile in :47.28 and edged closer turning for home. Splitting horses in midstretch, Lucky J Lane surged clear in the final yards to register his second consecutive victory. It was one length back to runner-up Opsec (Pioneer of the Nile). Sales history: \$20,000 RNA yrl '12 BES OCT. Lifetime Record: 9-3-3-0, \$163,230. [Click for the brisnet.com chart or VIDEO.](#)

O-Richard Baltas, KM Racing Enterprise Inc & Summit Racing LLC. B-Sky Chase Farm (CA). T-Richard Baltas.

1st-SAX, \$56,250, Msw, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 1/5, ft. +MARYCASEY (f, 4, Candy Ride {Arg}--Broad Smile {GSW & GISP, \$404,690}, by Broad Brush), a 15-1 shot for this debut, brought up the back of the pack through the opening exchanges as Vivacious Beauty (Into Mischief) and Explicable (Pioneer of the Nile) shared pacesetting duties. As the leaders headed into the turn, Marycasey swung to the outside to quickly circle the field and draw even with the leaders. The bay homebred went stride-for-stride with those two at the top of the lane and shook free, despite running on the wrong lead, by midstretch to win by three lengths. Explicable was runner-up and Vivacious Beauty completed the trifecta. The winner is a half to Procreate (Mt. Livermore), MSW, \$432,105; and Perilous Night (Coronado's Quest), SW, \$129,880. Sales history: \$210,000 RNA 2yo '13 KEE APR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$33,600. [Click for the brisnet.com chart or VIDEO.](#)

O/B-Jerry Frankel & Roy Gottlieb (KY). T-Simon Callaghan.

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ROOKIES

First/second-crop starters to watch: Monday, February 16

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2010 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

DISCREETLY MINE (Mineshaft), Lane's End, \$10K, 181/22/1
 7-PRX, Alw, 1m, Discreetly Placed, \$35K OBS OPN 2yo, 4-1
 7-FG, Msw, 1mT, Discreetly Grand, \$60K OBS OPN 2yo, 12-1

DROVER (Storm Cat), 16/1/0

6-HOU, Msw, 7f, Nym (MEX), 6-1

ESKENDEREYA (Giant's Causeway), Taylor Made, \$18K, 194/16/0
 10-OP, Msw, 1 1/16m, Escalate, \$200K KEE SEP yrl, 9-2

GRASSHOPPER (Dixie Union), Lane's End Texas, \$4K, 52/6/1

6-HOU, Msw, 7f, Grey Boy, \$11K RNA TEX APR 2yo, 10-1

KANTHAROS (Lion Heart), Ocala Stud, \$5K, 74/19/1

9-OP, Stk, 1 1/16m, Kantune, \$80K OBS APR 2yo, 15-1

6-OP, Msw, 6f, Wildwood Kantharos, \$12K OBS AUG yrl, 8-1

LINE OF DAVID (Lion Heart), Spendthrift Farm, \$6K, 90/10/1

8-LRL, Stk, 1m, Combat Diver, \$100K EAS MAY 2yo, 15-1

LOOKIN AT LUCKY (Smart Strike), Ashford Stud, \$15K, 175/33/3

7-GP, Aoc, 1mT, Phoenix Park, \$105K FTK HRA 2yo, 20-1

MAJESTICPERFECTION (Harlan's Holiday), Airdrie Stud, \$10K, 124/24/2

9-OP, Stk, 1 1/16m, Majestic, \$90K OBS OPN 2yo, 30-1

7-PRX, Alw, 1m, El Posole, \$27K OBS APR 2yo, 3-1

8-OP, Msw, 1 1/16m, Perfectly, 6-1

MUNNINGS (Speightstown), Ashford Stud, \$10K, 165/34/4

7-LRL, Stk, 7f, Lake Sebago, \$22K KEE SEP yrl, 6-5

QUALITY ROAD (Elusive Quality), Lane's End, \$25K, 178/21/3

8-OP, Msw, 1 1/16m, Rue de Grande, \$185K OBS OPN 2yo, 12-1

10-OP, Msw, 1 1/16m, American Road, \$95K RNA OBS MAR 2yo, 20-1

6-OP, Msw, 6f, +Julep, 4-1

RUNALI (Cherokee Run), 1/0/0

1-HIA, Alw, , Dashin Dally, 8-1

STREET MAGICIAN (Street Cry {Ire}), Heritage Stallions, \$3K, 57/6/2

7-LRL, Stk, 7f, My Magician, \$17K EAS SEP yrl, 15-1

7-PRX, Alw, 1m, Blitzensmajikreign, 2-1

SUMMER BIRD (Birdstone), Japan, \$15K, 191/11/1

10-OP, Msw, 1 1/16m, +Summer Chase, \$20K OBS OPN 2yo, 10-1

8-OP, Msw, 1 1/16m, Summer Heavens, 15-1

9-OP, Stk, 1 1/16m, Phenomenal Phoenix, \$28K FTK OCT yrl, 30-1

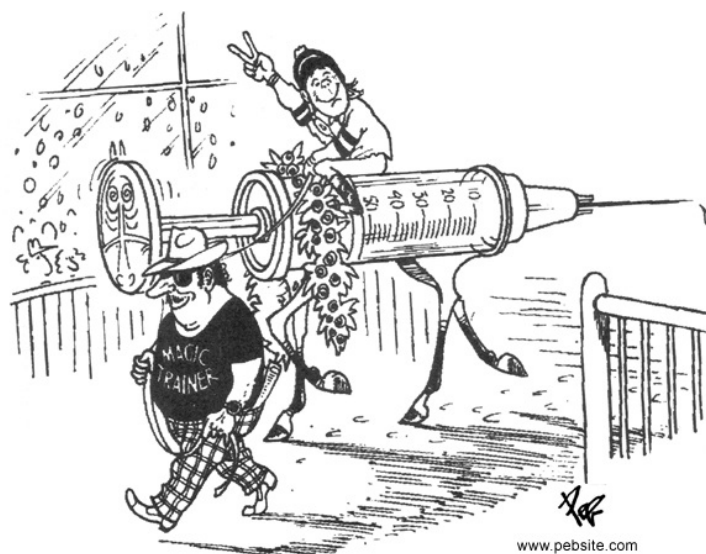
TEMPLE CITY (Dynaformer), Spendthrift Farm, \$5K, 161/14/3

7-PRX, Alw, 1m, Lockport, \$105K FTK JUL yrl, 9-2

WARRIOR'S REWARD (Medaglia d'Oro), Spendthrift Farm, \$13K, 173/18/1

8-OP, Msw, 1 1/16m, First Place Flirt, \$90K FTF MAR 2yo, 30-1

4-OP, Msw, 6f, +Susan's Reward, \$75K KEE SEP yrl, 10-1



Something more than Water, Hay and Oats...

Renowned equine artist Pierre Bellocq (Peb) became the Water Hay Oats Alliance's 995th member, WHOA announced Sunday. In lieu of a statement, he submitted the cartoon above. WHOA is a grassroots movement of individuals who support the passage of federal legislation to prohibit the use of performance-enhancing drugs in racing. Peb, an 88-year-old native of France, submits a weekly cartoon to the *TDN*.



BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

STAKES RESULTS:

JIM'S ORBIT S., \$75,000, HOU, 2-14, (R), 3yo, c/g, 7f, 1:23 2/5, ft.

1--**#SUPERMASON, 117, g, 3, Grasshopper--Folksy, by Midway Road.** (\$25,000 yrl '13 TEXAUG). O-Brad Grady; B-W S Farish & E J Hudson Jr Irrevocable Trust (TX); T-W Bret Calhoun; J-Lindey Wade. \$45,000. Lifetime Record: SW, 9-3-2-1, \$93,755.

2--**Flying Frenchman, 117, g, 3, Early Flyer--Aguascalientes, by Captain Bodgit.** O-Ken Murphy Thoroughbreds Ltd. \$15,000.

3--**Witt's Tax Day, 117, g, 3, Drums of Thunder--Bill Collector, by Broken Vow.** O-Henry S Witt Jr. \$8,250.

Margins: 14, 1HF, HF. Odds: 0.50, 5.40, 26.50.

JERSEY VILLAGE TURF S., \$50,000, HOU, 2-14, (S), 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:42 4/5 (NTR), fm.

1--**MAGNA BREEZE, 123, g, 5, Magna Graduate--Flashbulb Breeze, by Peruvian.** O-William J Butler; B-Joanne Schapiro (TX); T-Michael J Maker; J-M Clifton Berry. \$30,000. Lifetime Record: MSW, 19-8-5-3, \$158,924.

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2--**Rule Breaker, 118, g, 5, Ish Ar--Heavenly Rules, by Moses Tablet.** O-P and D Racing Stables. \$10,000.

3--**Fly the Red Eye, 118, g, 7, Early Flyer--Rare and Sixy, by Rare Brick.** O-David Moad. \$5,500.

Margins: 1HF, HF, NK. Odds: 1.40, 14.60, 4.40.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

4th-OPX, \$64,000, C, (S), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:47 3/5, ft.

MALLARD'S BRO (g, 5, It's No Joke--Y Worry B Happy {SW}, by Bucksplasher) Lifetime Record: SW, 23-4-7-6, \$176,689. O-Five Star Racing Stable. B-Rick Christian (AR). T-Al Cates. *1/2 to The Mallard Man (Sunday Break {Jpn}), SW, \$187,561.

9th-GPX, \$43,200, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW1X, 4yo/up, 7 1/2fT, 1:29 3/5, fm.

CASHMERE CAT (c, 4, Discreet Cat--Satin and Lace, by Kissin Kris) Lifetime Record: 12-3-1-1, \$119,368. O-Frank L Jones Jr. B-C Kidder, N Cole & W Betz (KY). T-Dale L Romans. *\$80,000 yrl '12 FTKJUL.

3rd-GGX, \$42,702, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:09 1/5, ft.

TABLED WITH GOLD (m, 5, Formal Gold--Tabled With Saros {MSW, \$276,295}, by Never Tabled) Lifetime Record: 16-7-3-4, \$114,541. O-Patricia A Zacker. B-Patricia Zacker & Ellen Hughes (CA). T-Antonio L Diaz.

9th-DED, \$35,300, 2-14, NW2L, 3yo, 5f, :59 3/5, ft. GOTTA GET PAID (c, 3, Pomeroy--Ashlee's Lady, by Gilded Time) Lifetime Record: MSP, 6-2-4-0, \$90,000. O-McLoughlin Stables LLC. B-Jean White & Brambly Lane Farm (FL). T-Thomas M Amoss. *\$25,000 yrl '13 OBSAUG; \$45,000 RNA 2yo '14 BESMAR. **1/2 to Yara (Put It Back), GSW, \$398,390.

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9th-SUN, \$30,025, NW2L, (S), 3yo, 6 1/2f, 1:17, ft. LONNIE TON (g, 3, Attila's Storm--Lady Caine, by Raise Caine) Lifetime Record: 6-2-4-0, \$56,060. O/B-Maurcenia Cross & Jim Fox (NM). T-Gary W Cross.

9th-TPX, \$26,500, NW3L, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m (AWT), 1:42 3/5, ft.

THE TIZZLER (f, 4, Tiz Wonderful--Simonetta, by Harlan's Holiday) Lifetime Record: 7-3-2-0, \$41,280. O-Greenhill Racing Stables Inc. B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY). T-Jeffrey L Greenhill. *\$15,000 yrl '12 KEESEP.

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4th-HOU, \$22,000, 2-14, Opt. Clm. (\$20,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:05 1/5, ft.

TIME IZ FLYIN (c, 4, Early Flyer--First Final {SW}, by Hadif) Lifetime Record: SW, 16-3-3-2, \$114,920. O-Danny Keene. B-Clarence Scharbauer Jr (TX). T-Shea Stuart. *\$40,000 yrl '12 TEXAUG. **Full to Early Final, MSW, \$198,027; and 1/2 to Final Trick (Magic Cat), SW, \$113,925.

6th-TAM, \$20,000, Opt. Clm. (\$16,000), NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :56 4/5, fm.

WOO PASS (m, 5, War Pass--Desirable Moment {SW, \$210,930}, by Peteski) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, \$32,890. O-Kim H Deaton. B-Dan & Gary McGlothlin (KY). T-William E Deaton.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Purr, f, 3, Bluegrass Cat--French Kiss (SW & GSP, \$284,513), by Hussonet. OPX, 2-15, 1 1/16m, 1:48. B-Anita Cauley (KY). *Ran without Lasix.

Gorgeous Dream, f, 3, Pomeroy--Gorgeous Goose (GSW, \$225,032), by Mongoose. GPX, 2-15, (C), 7 1/2fT, 1:30 3/5. B-Mary Anne Denes & Mary Ellen Woelfel (FL).

Gouyen, f, 4, Tribal Rule--Lighten Up Tiny (SW, \$144,786), by Bertrando. SAX, 2-15, (S), a6 1/2fT, 1:13. B-Emily Wygod (KY). *\$14,000 yrl '12 BESOCK.

+ **Martha Rose, f, 4, Will He Shine--Cat of the Day, by Unbridled's Song.** TPX, 2-15, 6f (AWT), 1:15 2/5. B-Tim Shorter (KY).

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DRUG TASK FORCE STARTS WORK

Horse Racing Ireland has set up an industry task force to design a co-ordinated approach to the hot topic of anabolic steroids. The group, which is chaired by veterinary surgeon and Deputy Senior Steward Meta Osborne and comprises 14 members representing all dimensions of the Thoroughbred industry, will meet for the first time this week. Since Jan. 1, all racehorses in Ireland, whether in or out of training, are liable for testing, with the Turf Club aiming to expand testing to "all horses as early as possible after birth" from 2016. HRI chief executive Brian Kavanagh, a member of the task force, told *The Irish Field*, "I think it is a very strong group representing the key sectors of the industry and I am delighted that Meta will chair it. Hopefully it should make for a strong co-ordinated industry-wide response across racing, sales and breeding on this fundamental issue. The key is that it is an industry-wide approach."

Members of the task force are Eimear Mulhern and Brian Kavanagh from HRI, John Weld and Dr. Brendan Doyle from the Association of Irish Racehorse Owners, John O'Connor and Dr. Des Leadong from the Irish Thoroughbred Breeders Association, Dr. Tom Barragry and Denis Egan from the Turf Club, John Oxx and Michael Halford from the Irish Racehorse Trainers Association, Neil Walsh from Tattersalls Ireland, Ronan Griffin from Goffs and Ronan Murphy from Weatherbys.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Ceffone (Ire), c, 3, **Royal Anthem**--Cenere (Ire), by Priolo. PIS, 2-15, 7.5fT, 1:33.30, sft. B-Francesca Turri (Ire).

Middle East

Yesterday's Results:

HH THE PRESIDENT CUP--Listed, AED380,000, Abu Dhabi, 2-15, 3yo/up, 1400mT, 1:21.65, fm.

1--**ERTIJAAL (IRE)**, 126, g, 4, **Oasis Dream (GB)**--

Shabiba, by **Seeking the Gold**. O-Sh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Estate Co Ltd.; T-Ali Rashid Al Raihe; J-R Ffrench; AED228,000. Lifetime Record: SW & GSP-Eng, 13-5-1-1.

2--**Johann Strauss (GB)**, 126, c, 4, High Chaparral (Ire)--Inchmina (GB), by Cape Cross (Ire). (72,000gns wnlq '11 TATDEC; 110,000gns yrl '12 TATOCT). AED76,000.

3--**Disa Leader (SAf)**, 126, g, 9, Parade Leader--Plumosa (SAf), by Sapieha (Ire). AED38,000.

Margins: NO, 1/2, 1/2.

Asia

STUFF OF LEGENDES

by Michele MacDonald

If his name is any indication of his talent, a new Japanese superstar may have taken his first winning steps at Kyoto racecourse on Feb. 15.

Legende (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), a 3-year-old full-brother to two-time Japanese Horse of the Year **Gentildonna (Jpn)**, entered the starting gate as the even-money favorite in a field of 14 maidens going 1800 meters (about 1 1/8 miles) on turf. After breaking without incident, he rated kindly in second under jockey Keita Tosaki while the filly **Kurseong (Jpn)** (Empire Maker) set the pace for much of the trip.

When Tosaki rounded the far turn on **Legende**, he asked the colt for more and his mount bounded quickly to the lead. Tosaki tapped his flank twice in the stretch and **Legende** proved clearly best, defeating **Kurseong** easily by three-quarters of a length in 1:52.4 on a course rated firm, and he galloped out with his ears pricked. Fillies **Gold Glory (Jpn)** (Harbinger {GB}) and **Juwelen (Jpn)** (Deep Impact) finished third and fourth. ([video](#)).

"He did not break quickly, but we could manage to take a good position. He has a long stride, which is similar to his great sister, and he has good elasticity," Tosaki said after the race. "He has a bright future."

Tosaki rode **Gentildonna** in her career finale, a victory in the championship G1 Arima Kinen, and kissed her nose at her subsequent retirement ceremony, adding later that he already is looking forward to riding her future offspring. The Japan Racing Association gave Tosaki, in only his second season as a JRA jockey, its award for best rider of 2014 based on races won.

Legende was bred by Katsumi Yoshida's Northern Farm out of G1 Cheveley Park S. winner **Donna Blini (GB)** (Bertolini), and the colt was purchased privately from the farm for an undisclosed price by owner Masamichi Hayashi, who buys horses internationally and appears to have global aspirations. Hayashi sent his stakes winner **Bande (Ire)** (Authorized {Ire}), who was third in the 2013 G1 Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger), to compete in last year's G1 Caulfield Cup in Australia, but the horse was scratched due to a swollen tendon.

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Stuff of Legends cont.

Legende is trained by Gentildonna's conditioner, Sei Ishizaka, who took the Sunday Racing champion to Dubai twice. In 2013, Gentildonna finished second to Ballydoyle's St Nicholas Abbey (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}) in the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic, but she returned to Meydan last year to capture the Sheema trophy while defeating Cirrus des Aigles (Fr) (Even Top {Ire}) in a top field also including GI Breeders' Cup Turf winner Magician (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}).

Ishizaka has not yet set a goal for the next start for Legende, who resembles Gentildonna with his bay color and is similarly marked with a star. Japan's most prestigious race for 3-year-olds, the G1 Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby) will be run on May 31 at Tokyo racecourse.

Northern Farm has bred another younger full-sibling to Gentildonna, a filly born in January 2014. Another full-sister, the now seven-year-old Donau Blue, won a pair of Group 3 races in 2012 and placed twice at the Group 1 level while also carrying the silks of Suday Racing, which is affiliated with Northern Farm.

Gentildonna is set to be bred to former leading Japanese sire King Kamehameha (Jpn) (Kingmambo) this season.

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MELODIQUE (Fr), 5, Falco--Elodie Des Charmes (Fr), by Diesis (GB)

Foal born Jan. 29, a filly by Mafki (GB).

Will be bred back to Kodiak (GB)

Accomplishments: SW-Fr.

PROUD ZOE, 8, Proud Accolade--Sophia Sez So, by Wild Event

Foal born Jan. 29, a filly by Bodemeister.

Will be bred back to Cairo Prince.

Owned by WD Thoroughbreds LLC.

Boarded at Taylor Made Sales Agency.

Accomplishments: SW, \$241,928.

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