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**SLOTS MONEY GONE, BUT WOODBINE FIGHTS BACK**



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By Bill Finley

Woodbine's darkest hour occurred on Mar. 31, 2013, the day the gravy train came to a halt. Ontario's Slots at Racetracks Program was ended and no longer would any portion of the revenue from the machines at Woodbine or any of the province's racetracks be given to support racing. The tracks were more or less told they were on their own, which created a dire situation and left open the distinct possibility that the entire industry could disappear.

Some 2 1/2 years later, things are far from perfect for Woodbine, Fort Erie or any of Ontario's many harness tracks. But an acute case of despair has been replaced by hope for the future. Cases in point: Woodbine's 2015 meet, which ended Nov. 29, showed an 11.3% increase in handle and \$11.06 million was bet on Queen's Plate Day, smashing the old record. Woodbine executives will tell you that their success this year had something to do with luck, but more so from a new attitude at the Woodbine Entertainment Group that has arisen since the slots money was taken away. Put someone's back up against the wall and they are forced to react. **Cont. p3**

**FUTURITY EXACTA EXITS RACE WELL**

G1 Los Alamitos Futurity winner **Mor Spirit** (Eskendereya) and stablemate and runner-up **Toews On Ice** (Archarcharch) have both exited Saturday's affair in good order, according to conditioner Bob Baffert.

"They both came out of it really well," Baffert explained Sunday. "We have no immediate plans yet, but I will keep them separated from here on."

The Pennsylvania-bred Michael Lund Peterson colorbearer Mor Spirit, who was previously second in the GII Kentucky Jockey Club S., scored his first stakes success in the Grade I event, while Toews On Ice, the last out winner of the GII Bob Hope S., earned his first Grade I placing Saturday.

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*Frosty Margarita (orange cap) battled with Behrnik's Bank (Bank Heist) down the stretch of Aqueduct's New York Stallion Series S., but was able to get a neck in front at the wire.*

NYRA/ Joe Labozzetta

*Story page p2 of Regional Report*

## Clipthecouponannie Successful in Debut

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*New York-bred juvenile Clipthecouponannie (Uncle Mo) looked sharp in her successful debut at Aqueduct Sunday and became the 27th winner for her freshman sire (by Indian Charlie).*

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## SLOTS MONEY GONE, BUT WOODBINE FIGHTS BACK *(cont. from p1)*

“Truth be known, to a large extent we were living off the backs of the slot machines,” said Woodbine Entertainment Group CEO Jim Lawson, who is also the Chair of the Board of Governors of the Canadian Football League. “Racing businesses in Ontario, Woodbine included, had become somewhat complacent. We became too successful in the sense that land-based gaming took off and the racetracks were huge beneficiaries of it. States and provincial governments, as they are wont to do, want to balance their budget and they realized there's a huge chunk of money there going to the racing industry. They asked, ‘Do they really have a viable commercial business or are they just living off the backs of the slot machines?’”

Western Fair harness track CEO Hugh Mitchell offered, “The racetrack slots program did a lot of good for our industry on many fronts because of the infusion of significant dollars that supported purses, the breeding industry and the racetracks. The negative, frankly, was that it created a false economy for everyone in the industry. Because of that we probably collectively took our eyes off the ball and lost our focus and our incentive to push the gambling side of our business, which is what ought to drive our business.”

That’s the downside of slot machines at racetracks. A track gets them, the money comes way too easily and horse racing becomes an afterthought, something that is easy to ignore.

Perhaps no racing industry in the history of the sport has seen more dramatic ups and downs than Ontario has since the slots program was implemented in 1988. For almost 15 years Ontario racing was held up as the poster child for the right way to integrate racing and gaming. The Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation ran the slots operations at the tracks and the tracks collected their share of the profits for purses and operating expenses. With huge purses, Ontario racing flourished.

Then it all came crashing down.

And then they started to put the pieces back together again. All segments of the racing industry, both Standardbred and Thoroughbred, banded together and made a compelling argument to the government that it simply couldn’t destroy an entire industry overnight, especially when so many jobs were involved. The government came back with a five-year plan in which it handed over \$400 million to replace the lost slots money. The industry was saved, but no permanent solutions were offered and the government made it clear that the handout was a one-time deal. If racing in Ontario was going to make it at the expiration of the five-year plan it was going to have to get its act together and find a way to make the sport work again.

“We came out of this period of complacency and we woke up to the fact that we have to do things better,” said Lawson. “This industry needed to shake itself up.”

Woodbine was being forced to find a way to make horse racing self-sustainable.

When it comes to horse racing, there are no magic bullets, at least any that anyone has discovered. So Woodbine went to work on every aspect of its business, fine tuning what needed fine tuning, streamlining what needed to be streamlined and improving what needed improving.

“We said we don’t have this slot money anymore, so we need to roll up our sleeves and find ways to do this better; the onus is on us,” Lawson said. “We need to come up with innovative wagering products, we need to look at how we can compete with lottery products. We need to introduce a new and better guest experience. The only way we are going to introduce new people to the racetrack is to give them a better guest experience. Even the idea of clockwise racing falls into that category of a better guest experience. We think it will be exciting and hope people will say, ‘Hey let’s go out to Woodbine today, they’re running races the other way. That should be fun.’ We introduced the Jackpot High 5. We had a lottery bet at the Queen’s Plate and are hoping to have more lottery bets in the future, ones with larger and larger jackpots.”

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While 2015 was a good year for Woodbine, Lawson knows his team needs to do even better. For one, the handle increases are not nearly as

impressive as they may look at first glance. Exchange rates shifted dramatically in 2015 between the U.S. and Canadian dollars, which was a significant benefit to



Woodbine Photo

Woodbine. A \$2 bet placed in the U.S. on Nov. 1, 2014 on a Woodbine race was worth \$2.24 in Canadian dollars. A year later it was worth \$2.60 in Canadian dollars.

Lawson understands that, which is why he will tell you his work is far from done. The 2016 season will begin the third year of the five-year plan and 2016 and 2017 must yield continued growth and success of the horse racing product. That, Lawson said, is key to convincing the government that horse racing has a future and that the government should be receptive to its needs.

But the argument goes beyond dollars and cents, he said. Lawson believes the key for Woodbine, or any racing industry, to get government support is to show how many jobs are involved in the everyday business of the sport.

“When we sat down with the government, the most important thing to us was to show them the impact [closing down] would have on people’s lives,” he said. “One thing this government cares about, and any government cares about, is jobs. They also care about revenue, but it’s much more than that. We had to show them what a labor-intensive industry this is. When you spend time around the racetracks you begin to appreciate the skill levels of the grooms, the exercise riders, the blacksmiths. There’s a whole economy of people working on farms and racetracks and, though they have a skill, without racing they wouldn’t have any place else to work. There are thousands of these people. Statistics show that there is between 1.7 and 2 jobs for every Thoroughbred living on our backside.”

When Lawson says horse racing must become self sustaining at Woodbine he means that the track can never again expect to receive any government handouts. What he does not mean is that WEG must turn a profit solely on the revenue it receives from parti-mutuel wagering. There are too many obstacles in the way to think that can happen.

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Woodbine has a huge aging plant that needs constant care, it insists on offering big purses and high-class racing yet has to compete for horses with tracks that have tens of millions in slot money at their disposal and, according to Lawson, they pay tax rates that are not in line with the rest of North America.

With a good relationship with the government, he believes many of those issues can be solved, starting with a tax break. But the real prize will come if there is a government-backed expansion of gaming at Woodbine, which would include a hotel and a full-fledged Las Vegas style casino. Lawson is hoping for the same at the WEG-owned harness track, Mohawk. While Woodbine would not receive any cut from the casino money it does serve as the landlord for the on-track gaming facilities. If the casinos are expanded at the two tracks, Lawson hopes that Woodbine would receive a sizeable increase in the amount of money the Lottery & Gaming Commission pays to rent the land.

Another prospective source of revenue could come from the lottery itself. At the end of the five-year plan, racing will be officially integrated with the Ontario Lottery & Gaming Commission and the two have been told to work together on new gaming products that could benefit both. It's possible that sports betting could fall into that category.

Lawson worries about a lot of things, particularly the horse shortage and the lack of new blood among the ranks of owners. It's just that he worries less than he used to. Woodbine has weathered a storm of hurricane proportions, has proven that a fire has indeed been lit underneath management, is still there and should be there for along time to come.

"We used to be a poster child for how to do things right in this industry," Lawson said. "My hope is that we can be that same poster child once again."

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Year	Horse	Sire	Trainer	Time
'15	International Star	Fusaichi Pegasus	Maker	1:43.62
'14	Vicar's In Trouble	Into Mischief	Maker	1:42.57
'13	Oxbow	Awesome Again	Lukas	1:43.30
'12	Mr. Bowling	Istan	Jones	1:43.49
'11	Wilkinson	Lemon Drop Kid	Howard	1:40.97
'10	Ron the Greek	Full Mandate	Amoss	1:40.09
'09	Friesan Fire	A.P. Indy	Jones	1:37.67
'08	Z Fortune	Siphon (Brz)	Asmussen	1:37.79
'07	Hard Spun	Danzig	Jones	1:37.87
'05	Storm Surge	Storm Cat	Stewart	1:39.34
'04	Fire Slam	Grand Slam	D Carroll	1:38.48

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Time is running out for horse racing at Rillito Racetrack. County staff members are scrambling to find a short-term fix after a majority of Pima County supervisors opted last week to delay making a decision on how the county-owned park should be managed. **Joe Ferguson, Arizona Daily Star**

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**Sunday's Results:**

**8th-TAM, \$20,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 12-20, 2yo, f, 1mT, 1:37.75, fm.**

**SPINAMISS (IRE) (f, 2, Lilbourne Lad {Ire}--Spinamix {GB}, by Spinning World)** began her career campaigning in Ireland under the care of P. D. Deegan for owner Mrs. Lisa Kelly. Second on debut at The Curragh, she annexed a seven-furlong dash at Limerick June 19 and checked in fourth in the G3 Japanese Racing Association Tyros S. over that same trip at Leopardstown July 23. Privately purchased and transferred to these new connections, the juvenile shipped across the Atlantic and posted a series of steady works at Palm Beach Downs in preparation for this return to action. Racing in midpack behind a half-mile in :49.67, the 5-2 second choice was put to steady encouragement on the far turn and lost a bit of ground spinning into the lane. She nevertheless gathered her best stride once straightened out for the drive and kicked on nicely to earn victory by a neck over fellow import Saturn Lace (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}). The winner is a half to Codeword (Ire) (Dansili {GB}), GSP, \$291,659; and Spin Cycle (Ire) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}), SW & GSP-GB, SW-UAE.

Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$28,635. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-St. Elias Stable; B-Mrs Lisa Kelly (IRE); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

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**Sunday's Results:**

**8th-GP, \$47,000, Msw, 12-20, 2yo, f, 1 1/8mT, 1:51.60, fm.**

**GONE AWAY (f, 2, Leroidesanimaux {Brz}--Miss Tullamore Dew, by Mecke)** endured a troubled trip but still managed to rally for fourth behind subsequent Gill Jimmy Durante S. heroine Family Meeting (Sky Mesa) in her 1 1/16-mile debut over the soft sod at Laurel Nov. 7. Let go at odds of 7-1 while breaking from the widest slot, the imposing bay settled well off the pace as Majestic Smile (Majesticperfection) showed the way on an uncontested lead through fractions of :23.28 and :48.65. Splitting horses and shifted to the outside on the final bend, Gone Away uncorked a powerful late rally and fended off a persistent bid from Any Given Trace (Any Given Saturday) to score by a half-length. The winner's dam is a half to GISW Bellamy Road (Concerto). Sales History: \$35,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$33,400. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Augustin Stable; B-Dianne D. Cotter (FL); T-Michael R. Matz.

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**5th-GP, \$34,000, Msw, 12-20, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:44.49, fm.**

**BRIDLE FASHION (f, 3, Unbridled's Song--Fashion Storm, by Storm Cat)** did not factor in her debut on dirt and improved to run fifth going 7 1/2 furlongs over this course Mar. 8. The chestnut returned from an extended layoff to complete the exacta in another turf test here Oct. 2 and was last seen reporting home a dull 11th as the 9-5 choice across town Nov. 27. Dismissed at odds of 14-1, the filly was sent straight to the front and rated kindly on the lead through fractions of :24.06 and :49.66. Bridle Fashion turned for home with a clear advantage, responded readily and held off a late rush from well-backed Hudson River Gal (Dynaformer) to score by a half-length. Acquired for \$350,000 as an FTSAUG yearling, the winner's dam is a half to GISW Eddington (Unbridled) and G1SP Star Crowned (Kingmambo) and out of MGSP Fashion Star (Chief's Crown). Fashion Storm was most recently bred to Malibu Moon. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-0, \$29,520. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Whisper Hill Farm; B-Diamond A Racing Corp. (KY); T-Ralph E. Nicks.

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# New York

**Sunday's Results:**

**NEW YORK STALLION SERIES S., \$147,000, AQU, 12-20, (C), 2yo, f, 6f, 1:12.24, ft.**

**1--FROSTY MARGARITA, 122, f, 2, by Frost Giant**

**1st Dam: Mango Margarita, by Not For Love**

**2nd Dam: Ginger N Sugar, by Gold Token**

**3rd Dam: Northern Nation, by Northrop**

O/B-Gabrielle Farm (NY); T-Rudy R. Rodriguez; J-Irad Ortiz, Jr. \$90,000. Lifetime Record: 6-3-3-0, \$285,800.

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**2--Behrnik's Bank, 120, f, 2, Bank Heist--Behrnik, by Chimes Band.** O/T-Peter Kazamias; B-Kaz Hill Farm (PA). \$30,000.

**3--Taken by Surprise, 118, f, 2, Giant Surprise--Poovey, by Graeme Hall.** O/B-Repole Stables Inc (NY); T-Todd A. Pletcher. \$15,000.

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**New York Stallion Series S. cont.**

The talk of the day--if not weekend--was the New York debut of undefeated and untested Penn National shipper Behrnik's Bank, but in the end the hometown connections prevailed in a hard-fought victory. Frosty Margarita captured her second career start going 6 1/2 furlongs at Saratoga Aug. 24 and ran second behind Melodic (Tale of the Cat) in Belmont's seven-furlong Joseph A. Gimma S. Sept. 27. A hard-luck runner-up again in the one-mile Maid of the Mist S. in Elmont Oct. 24, she recently earned her first stakes victory with a wire-to-wire score in the Key Cents S. over this same trip on the main track Nov. 22. Sent postward as the clear second choice for this first appearance over the inner, Frosty Margarita was given a flawless ride from the outset by Irad Ortiz Jr., who locked the dark bay on to the flank of the favorite through fractions of :23.37 and :46.96. Moving to confront Behrnik's Bank in the stretch, the two duelled all the way to the wire with Frosty Margarita reporting home a neck to the good. "She's been very, very good," commented trainer Rudy Rodriguez. "It's a plus with us, running right from home. She's been training lights out over here. To beat that favorite is extra special for her. We were concerned about the favorite, that's for sure, but Irad seemed very comfortable. She ran very good today and hopefully she will keep improving a little bit and go to the next level. Hopefully she can stretch out a little bit. That's where the money is." [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

**6th-AQU, \$55,000, (S), Msw, 12-20, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:05.08, ft. +CLIPTHECOUPONANNIE (f, 2, [Uncle Mo](#)--Lights Off Annie {MSW, \$209,671}, by Freud)** joined her trainer's South Florida string at Palm Beach Downs in October and posted a steady series of drills at that venue before shipping north to finalize her preparations at Belmont for this career debut. Backed at odds of 3-2 to win at first asking at the Big A, the Repole homebred chased from the inside through the early stages while in tight quarters before being guided out to press on the outside through a hot opening quarter in :22.29. She reached even terms on the turn for home and kicked on nicely down the stretch to graduate by 4 3/4 lengths. Fellow firster Lead Us to the Bar (Dublin) rallied late for second. The winner's dam Lights Off Annie carried owner/breeder Mike Repole's silks to a pair of stakes victories and four overall wins over Aqueduct's inner track for trainers Bruce Levine and Michael Hushion. Clipthecouponannie becomes the 27th winner for her freshman sire (by Indian Charlie). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$33,000. [Click Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). O/B-Repole Stables LLC (NY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

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### Sunday's Results:

**7th-LRL, \$44,646, Alw** (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$45,000-\$50,000), 12-20, 2yo, 6f, 1:11.96, ft.

**HENRY THE KING (c, 2, [Henrythenavigator](#)--Society Gal, by Linkage)** rallied to annex his career debut over this same trip at Parx Nov. 14 and added Lasix for this second trip to post. Behind a wall of horses early, the bay made steady headway along the rail but was forced to tap on the brakes momentarily through a quarter-mile in :23.10. He angled out on the turn, gathered steam cornering for home and dug in determinedly to score by a length over Grecian Prince (Smarty Jones). The winner is a half to Mona de Momma (Speightstown), GISW, \$384,399; Treasure Hunt (Prospectors Gamble), SP, \$250,922; and Jigadee (Prospectors Gamble), MGSP, \$193,226. The winner's dam is a half to influential sire and MGSW & GISP Mr. Greeley (Gone West). Sales History: \$70,000 RNA Wlg '13 KEENOV; \$30,000 Ylg '14 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$53,940. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**

O-Rising Sun Racing Stables Inc.; B-Kim & Rodney Nardelli (KY); T-Gregory D. Sacco.

### Saturday Night's Results:

**8th-CT, \$25,000, (S), Msw**, 12-19, 2yo, f, 4 1/2f, :53.65, ft.

**QUALITY MOVES (f, 2, [Quality Road](#)--Numerous Moves, by Numerous)** pressed the pace and leveled off to finish third in her trip-and-track debut here Nov. 20 and was bet down to 6-5 favoritism for this second trip to post. Bumped at the start, she recovered to press the pace through a quarter-mile in :22.46. The bay seized control and drew clear to a 3 1/4-length score over Charitable Harlow (Charitable Man). The winner is a half to two-time West Virginia Breeders' Classics winner We're in the Money (Whywhywhy), MSW, \$302,428. Sales History: \$25,000 2yo '15 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$17,220. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**

O-Larry Blanken; B-Charles A. Woodson (WV); T-Jean L. Rofe.

## Central U.S.

### Sunday's Results:

**6th-FG, \$37,000, Msw**, 12-20, 2yo, f, 1mT, 1:41.60, fm.

**RED FERN DOLL (f, 2, [Stroll](#)--Loosely, by Smarty Jones)** was a non-factor seventh and eighth in a pair of sprints on dirt in Kentucky to begin her career Sept. 13 and Oct. 14, respectively. The dark bay demonstrated marked improvement recently, setting the pace and holding to finish sixth in a course-and-distance event Nov. 27. Nevertheless dismissed at odds of 27-1 for this fourth start, she traveled three wide around the opening bend and settled in midpack behind a half-mile in :50.49.

Skimming the rail on the final turn, Red Fern Doll was guided to the center of the strip in the lane, kicked it into high gear and got up to score by a head over Princess Erindelle (Divine Park). The winner's dam is a half to GSW & GISP Chamrousse (Peaks and Valleys). Sales History: \$20,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$22,551. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**

O-Red Fern Racing LLC; B-Stone Farm (KY); T-Grant T. Forster.

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### Saturday Night's Results:

**5th-DED, \$30,300, Msw**, 12-19, 2yo, 6 1/2f, 1:21.88, ft.

**DRAKARYS (c, 2, [Artie Schiller](#)--Whimsical Miss, by Distorted Humor)** was a hard-luck runner-up after doing all the dirty work in his first two trip-and-track starts Oct. 30 and Nov. 25. Sent off as the 9-5 second choice to get the job done in this third try, the colt successfully rated just off the pace through a quarter-mile in :23.54 and rallied to earn a 7 3/4-length graduation. Pace-setting Saved by Zero (Half Ours) held on to complete the exacta. Sales History: \$30,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, \$28,500. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**

O-Bronce LLC; B-T/C Stable, LLC (KY); T-Eleuterio Martinez, Jr.

## California

### Sunday's Results:

**8th-LRC, \$50,750, Alw** (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 12-20, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:38.90, gd.

**CYRUS ALEXANDER (c, 3, [Medaglia d'Oro](#)--Supercharger, by A.P. Indy)**, a half-brother to GI Kentucky Derby hero Super Saver (Maria's Mon), GISW, \$1,889,766, purchased for \$1,700,000 as a KEESEP yearling, was a four-time beaten favorite to begin his career and broke through after adding blinkers in a maiden test at Santa Anita Feb. 7. He delivered again as the 3-2 chalk going one mile in Arcadia two starts later Apr. 16. Cyrus Alexander ran fourth behind Gimme Da Lute (Midnight Lute) in the GIII Affirmed H. there June 7 and was last seen running ninth in a grassy nine-panel allowance event at Del Mar July 16. Sent off with a 9-2 chance for this return from the sidelines, the bay was floated to the five path on the opening bend and bided his time at the back behind a half-mile in :47.34. He uncorked a steady rally and forged past Highway Boss (Street Boss) to win going away by 3/4 of a length. The winner is also a half to Brethren (Distorted Humor), GSW, \$386,465, and Quickest (Forest Wildcat), dam of GISW Callback (Street Sense) and SW Defy Gravity (Bandini). Lifetime Record: 10-3-3-2, \$152,090. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**

O-Spendthrift Farm LLC & Stonestreet Stables LLC; B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-Jerry Hollendorfer.

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**California Report cont.**

**6th-LRC, \$46,500, Msw, 12-20, 2yo, 6f, 1:11.07, gd.**

**GOOD FOR IT (c, 2, Neko Bay--Our Good Fortune, by Tale of the Cat),** a debut second at Del Mar Aug. 23, finished a well-beaten fifth as the even-money favorite behind Gill Bob Hope S. winner and GI Los Al Futurity runner-up Toews On Ice (Archarcharch) in the Barretts Juvenile S. over this strip Sept. 20. Subsequently freshened, he returned with a disappointing seventh as the 5-2 choice at Del Mar Nov. 7. Adding blinkers here, the 8-1 chance raced in sixth through early fractions of :21.67 and :45.39.

Swung off rail by Abel Lezcano in mid-stretch, he came charging nicely on the outside to get the money by 1 1/4 lengths.

Legitimate (Horse Greeley) was second. Cupid (Tapit), a \$900,000 KESEEP yearling purchase, could do no better than fourth as the 9-5 favorite in his debut. Sales history: \$6,500 Wlg '13 KEENOV; \$14,000 RNA Ylg '14 FTKOCT; \$50,000 2yo '15 BARMAY. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$45,250. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Marla Shontere; B-Carpe Diem Stables (KY); T-Clifford Sise Jr.

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[REGAL RANSOM](#) (Distorted Humor), Darley, \$8K, 48/7/0

3-DED, Msw, 5f, Reckless Ransom, \$7K EVA MAR 2yo, 8-1

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**STAKES RESULTS:**

**NEW MEXICO STATE RACING COMMISSION H.,** (NB) \$85,000, SUN, 12-20, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.06, ft.

1--**MY BIKINI FELL OFF, 119, f, 4, Elusive Jazz--Unconstitutional, by Grand Slam.** O/B-Brian Mundell (NM); T-Bart G. Hone; J-Ry Eikleberry. \$51,000. Lifetime Record: 14-6-5-1, \$227,114.

2--**Hurricane Hush, 121, f, 4, Attila's Storm--Whats the Hush, by Calumar.** O-Rodney & Marty Brooks, Glenn Berry & Donnie Reid; B-Sisters, LLC (NM); T-Johnathan Lemons. \$18,700.

3--**My Dandy Girl, 121, f, 4, Real Dandy--My Girl Aleya, by Outflanker.** O-Duane Freeman; B-Troy Looper (NM); T-Tony E. Sedillo. \$8,500.

Margins: NK, 1 3/4, 2 1/4. Odds: 4.60, 2.70, 7.20.

**JOHNIE L. JAMISON H.,** \$85,000, SUN, 12-20, (S), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:16.23, ft.

1--**THERMAL, 118, g, 5, Attila's Storm--Hang Glide (MSP, \$210,573), by Dome.** O/B-R. D. Hubbard (NM); T-Todd W. Fincher; J-Alfredo J. Juarez, Jr. \$51,000. Lifetime Record: 27-8-4-6, \$409,145. \*Full to Reaper, MSW, \$349,970.

2--**Shining Source, 115, g, 4, Source--Shine Miss Comet, by Comet Shine.** O-Peggy Rust & Barton Ranch Stables LLC; B-Susan Vescovo (NM); T-Blake Rust. \$18,700.

3--**Song of Laura, 116, g, 3, Song of Navarone--Lauras Last Music, by Prospector's Music.** O-Barbara M. Coleman; B-Barbara M. Coleman (NM); T-Todd W. Fincher. \$8,500. Margins: 2HF, 1 3/4, HF. Odds: 3.00, 10.40, 4.80.

**B-CONNECTED S.,** \$65,000, DED, 12-19, (C), (NW1SL), 3yo/up, 7 1/2f, 1:33.41, ft.

1--**#DEEP BOTTOM, 120, c, 4, Lone Star Special--Open Skies (SW, \$182,047), by Defrere.** O-Thomas L. Holyfield; B-Tigertail Ranch (LA); T-Keith G. Bourgeois; J-Ashley Broussard. \$39,000. Lifetime Record: 22-7-4-3, \$169,650.

2--**Galveston Harbor, 118, g, 5, Belgravia--Tranquility Bay, by Out of Place.** O-Tigertail Ranch; B-Tigertail Ranch (LA); T-Victor Arceneaux. \$13,000.

3--**Beauty's Pioneer, 118, g, 7, Pioneering--True Blonde Beauty, by Proudest Romeo.** O-Dorby Racing, LLC; B-Bryant H. Prentice III & Steve Ingram (LA); T-Ron Faucheux. \$6,500. Margins: 4 3/4, 3/4, NK. Odds: 3.20, 1.60, 3.00.

**PRAIRIE BAYOU S.,** \$50,000, TP, 12-19, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:45.38, ft.

1--**#DAC, 120, g, 4, Distorted Humor--Corrazona (GISW & MGSW-Fr., \$518,218), by El Gran Senor.** O-Amanda & Jose C. Sarinana; B-Wertheimer Et Frere (KY); T-William S. Brumley; J-Rodney A. Prescott. \$28,830. Lifetime Record: 13-3-2-2, \$106,916. \*1/2 to Olmodavor (A.P. Indy), MGSW & GISP, \$706,540; Smart Ellis (Smarty Jones), GSP, \$188,040; and Slow Down (Seattle Slew), SW, \$120,162.

2--**Six Spot, 120, g, 4, Cowboy Cal--Our Resurgence, by Polish Pro.** (\$36,000 Wlg '11 KEENOV). O-Alan Tennenbaum; B-Justice Farm & Greg Justice (PA); T-Brian Michael. \$9,300.

3--**Midnight Cello, 124, g, 5, Midnight Lute--Mocella, by Johannesburg.** O-Patricia's Hope LLC; B-Carolyn Vogel (KY); T-Michael A. Tomlinson. \$4,650.

Margins: 1, 1 1/4, 11 1/4. Odds: 13.40, 31.00, 1.80.

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**8th-LRL, \$47,835, (NW2X)/Opt.** Clm (\$28,000-\$32,000), 12-20, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.79, ft.

**SWEET ON SMOKEY (f, 3, Successful Appeal--Clochard, by Devil's Bag)** Lifetime Record: 22-6-4-4, \$171,470. O-BB Horses; B-Tom McCrocklin & Frank Mermenstein (KY); T-Claudio A. Gonzalez. \*\$20,000 2yo '14 OBSAPR.

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LIAISON	6,500	22,683	17,000
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**6th-LRL, \$42,000**, 12-20, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:04.50, ft. **CLOUDY RIVER (c, 3, D'wildcat--Unbridled Approval, by With Approval)** Lifetime Record: 18-5-5-2, \$114,720. O/T-Tim F. Ritchey Racing Stables, Inc.; B-Charles Patton (FL). \*\$110,000 2yo '14 OBSAPR.

**7th-FG, \$42,000**, (S), (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 12-20, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.67, ft. **NURSE EMMIELLE (f, 4, Private Vow--Nurse Dyna, by Warfield)** Lifetime Record: SW, 24-3-1-4, \$140,000. O-Bleu & Lacie Schniederjan; B-Sandra Duke (LA); T-Steven Duke.

**8th-FG, \$40,640**, 12-20, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:41.15, fm. **SAFARI CALAMARI (f, 3, Half Ours--Zaafira, by A.P. Indy)** Lifetime Record: 8-4-0-1, \$98,980. O-Brittlyn Stable Inc.; B-Brittlyn Stables Inc. (LA); T-Ron Faucheux.

**7th-DED, \$33,290**, 12-19, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:19.97, ft. **ANNOY (f, 4, Flatter--Conquestress, by Cherokee Run)** Lifetime Record: 25-5-4-3, \$113,114. O-Thomas L. Holyfield; B-In Good Company (KY); T-Keith G. Bourgeois. \*\$6,000 Wlg '11 KEENOV; \$20,000 Ylg '12 KEESEP.

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**5th-PEN, \$30,149**, 12-19, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13.28, ft. **DULCE MAJESTICA (m, 5, Majestic Warrior--Dream Wish (SP, \$130,580), by Kingmambo)** Lifetime Record: 17-3-3-2, \$66,183. O-Ambri Stable; B-Kinsman Farm (KY); T-Amy Albright. \*\$37,000 RNA Ylg '11 KEESEP.

**Bred and Raised at Kinsman Farm**

**6th-CT, \$27,000**, 12-19, (NW2LX), 2yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:21.71, ft. **FIRST DANCE (f, 2, Old Forester--First Corsage, by Grindstone)** Lifetime Record: 9-2-0-0, \$42,938. O-StarStables LLC; B-Donver Stable (ON); T-Wayne Potts. \*C\$15,000 Ylg '14 CANSEP. \*\*1/2 to Takiddm (Mutakddim), MSP, \$291,101.

**7th-CT, \$26,000**, (S), 12-19, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:21.21, ft. **SATAN'S FRIDAY (g, 3, Garnered--Satan's Waltz, by My Boy Adam)** Lifetime Record: 11-2-6-0, \$64,336. O-Hasty Rebel Stables; B-Jack L & Jane Anderson Harper (WV); T-Jack L. Harper.

**8th-SUN, \$25,600**, 12-20, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:04.35, ft. **BOB TWO FEATHERS (g, 3, Parading--Skyler's Rainbow, by Exploit)** Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-0, \$28,865. O/B-Dream Walkin' Farms Inc. (OK); T-Paul A. Smith.

**9th-TAM, \$20,900**, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$16,000), 12-20, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.51, ft.

**THIS BOY'S SHARP (c, 3, Sharp Humor--Shessuchastandout, by Afleet Alex)** Lifetime Record: 9-2-2-2, \$36,470. O/B-W Kenan Rand Jr (KY); T-Gerald S. Bennett.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

+**Stones of Navarone**, f, 2, **Bustin Stones--Valarone** (MSW, \$277,548), by Navarone. AQU, 12-20, (S), (C), 6f, 1:13.85. B-Jerry Bilinski (NY). \*\$32,000 RNA Ylg '14 SARAUG.

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**Dive Bar**, g, 2, **Gold Case--Cocktail Girl**, by Hennessy. SUN, 12-20, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05.21. B-R D Hubbard (NM).

**Seeing'n'believing**, f, 2, **Sightseeing--Dixie Lass**, by Misbah. TP, 12-20, 1m (AWT), 1:40.57. B-Chandley Farm LLC (KY). \*1/2 to Dixie Jackpot (Bandini), SP, \$162,135.

**Osier**, f, 3, **Chatain--Black Tie Diamond** (SP), by Black Tie Affair (Ire). FG, 12-20, (S), 1mT, 1:41.71. B-Stan Whisenant (LA). \*\$1,400 Ylg '13 OBSWIN; \$10,000 Ylg '13 OBSAUG. \*\*1/2 to Lentil (Alphabet Soup), SW & GSP, \$242,788.

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**Zippy Speed**, f, 3, **City Zip--Wicked Speed**, by Macho Uno. TP, 12-19, 1m (AWT), 1:41.71. B-Silesia Farm (KY).

**Movie Starlet**, f, 3, **Flatter--Jim's Prospect** (SW), by St Averil. CT, 12-19, 7f, 1:30.32. B-Estate of James Glenn (NY). \*\$35,000 Ylg '13 EASSEP; \$255,000 2yo '14 EASMAY.

**Kip Elser's KIRKWOOD STABLES**

**My Mertie**, f, 3, **Magna Graduate--Kate the Great** (SW, \$112,708), by Doc's Leader. TAM, 12-20, 6f, 1:10.88. B-Barr Three LLC (IL). \*1/2 to Katie the Lady (Lost Soldier), SW, \$335,865; and Super Soldier (Lost Soldier), SP, \$158,881.

**Mister Monolo**, c, 3, **Monarchos--Cupids Gallop**, by Victory Gallop. AQU, 12-20, 1 1/16m, 1:46.45. B-Christine Fielding (KY).

**Ready If You Are**, g, 3, **More Than Ready--American Diva** (SP), by Quiet American. TP, 12-20, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:45.80. B-Move Up Breeders LLC (KY).

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By John Berry

At the end of a year, it's good to look both back and forward simultaneously. One way we can do both is by pondering the annual question as to which of England's two most historically prestigious 2-year-old races--the G1 Middle Park S. and the G1 Dewhurst S., both run at Newmarket--will turn out to have thrown up the better winner. Occasionally the same horse takes both races (most recently in 1982, when Diesis {GB} {Sharpen Up} completed the double) but more often each produces a different Classic aspirant--as they did most notably in 1970 when one all-time great Brigadier Gerard won the Middle Park while another Mill Reef took the Dewhurst. Another year when the pair of races produced a pair of champions was 2010 when Frankel (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) took the Dewhurst two weeks after the subsequent champion sprinter Dream Ahead (Diktat {GB}) had won the Middle Park. We may now have another brace of stars on our hands. Aidan O'Brien has reportedly described Dewhurst winner **Air Force Blue** (War Front) as the best juvenile he has trained, but the form of Middle Park winner **Shalaa** (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) is equally strong. If Shalaa could be as successful at three as he was at two, he would continue the revival of the status of the Middle Park. Furthermore, he would be perfectly placed to add to this special race's rich history of producing successful stallions. [Cont. p2](#)

## LEONTES STORMS TO HANSHIN SUCCESS

The unbeaten **Leontes** (Jpn) (King Kamehameha {Jpn}) unleashed a powerful run from last to first to win Hanshin's G1 Asahi Hai Futurity and stake his claim for champion 2-year-old honors. The half-brother to G1 Japan Cup winner Epiphaneia (Jpn) (Symboli Kris S) came wide around the whole field under Mirco Demuro, and when he joined favored **Air Spinel** (Jpn) (King Kamehameha {Jpn}) half a furlong out, his momentum carried him three parts of a length clear of the classy runner-up. The pair was a full four lengths ahead of third-place finisher **Shadow Approach** (Jpn) (Jungle Pocket {Jpn}). [Cont. p4](#)



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The Middle Park S. was first run in 1866 (as the Middle Park Plate) when it became the world's first sponsored race. It was inaugurated and funded by commercial breeder William Blenkiron, who wanted to give something back to the sport which he loved and to promote his Middle Park Stud, near Eltham in Kent. By funding the Middle Park Plate, Mr Blenkiron started a noble tradition of sponsorship by the sport's major players, often via their studs. This tradition flourishes to this day. The Middle Park (currently sponsored by Juddmonte) and Dewhurst (now carrying the prefix 'Dubai' after bearing the 'Darley' brand for many years) remain perfect reminders of this largesse. The Middle Park soon established itself as a source of Classic 3-year-olds, its 19th-century winners including Melton, Minting, Signorina, Isinglass, Ladas, St Frusquin and Galtee More. Its winners early in the 20th century included the champions Pretty Polly, Bayardo and his half-brother Lemburg, as well as Absurd and Craganour. By siring two Triple Crown winners including Hyperion's sire Gainsborough, Bayardo (winner of 22 races including the St Leger in 1909 and the Ascot Gold Cup in 1910) emphasized the race's role in throwing up breed-shaping stallions; and Absurd added to its reputation by topping the General Sires' Table in New Zealand for three

consecutive years in the early 1920s.

The 1927 Middle Park winner Pharamond did particularly well. Admittedly he couldn't match his full-brother Sickie (twice champion sire in the USA) or his half-brother Hyperion (five times champion sire of Great Britain and Ireland) but he still enjoyed a great stud career in the States, siring three champions: Apogee, Menow and By Jimminy. His influence blossomed via Menow, sire of two US Horses of the Year (Capot and Tom Fool, the latter the sire of Buckpasser). Similarly influential were Djebel and Dante (winners of the race in 1939 and '44) while the 1945 winner Khaled still ranks as one of the best stallions ever to stand in California, where his offspring included Swaps, winner of the Kentucky Derby in 1955 before being voted Horse of the Year in '56. Pipe Of Peace and Showdown (the Middle Park winners of 1956 and '63 respectively) enjoyed successful stud careers in Australia, where the latter was champion sire in twice in the '70s. Petingo, winner of the Middle Park in 1967, posthumously topped the General Sires' table of Great Britain and Ireland in 1979; while Sharpen Up, the 1971 winner, enjoyed a stellar stud career on both sides of the Atlantic. His aforementioned son Diesis then proved nearly as successful, while Known Fact (In Reality) also proved very influential. [Cont. p3](#)

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For no obvious reason, many of the Middle Park winners in the final years of the 20th century did not turn out to be particularly special, although the 1992 G1 2000 Guineas winner Rodrigo De Triano (El Gran Senor) was a notable exception. Happily, though, 2001 and 2002 saw two outstanding horses take the race, Johannesburg (Hennessy) and Oasis Dream (GB) (Green Desert). Both have done very well at stud, even if the legacy of the former has recently received a setback as a result of the early death of his distinguished son Scat Daddy. More recently, Dutch Art (GB) (Medicean {GB}) and Dark Angel (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}) have bolstered the race's reputation, while 2010 winner Dream Ahead has made a promising start with his first juveniles in 2015. Shalaa, whose dam Ghurra (War Chant) is a three-parts-sister to 1997 Middle Park winner Hayil (Dayjur), has been an outstanding juvenile, with G1 victories in the Prix Morny and the Middle Park S. and G2 triumphs in the July S. and the Richmond S. We can spend the next few months anticipating how he and Air Force Blue will fare in 2016--and quietly dreaming that we might have another Brigadier Gerard/Mill Reef situation on our hands. That's unlikely, admittedly--but the joy is that one couldn't rule it out.

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## DEATH OF RACING JOURNALIST ALAN LEE



Alan Lee | *Racing Post*

Alan Lee, racing correspondent for *The Times*, has died aged 61. Lee, who joined the aforementioned publication in 1999, was a highly respected racing journalist and a frequent guest on At The Races. He underwent heart surgery in November and had seemingly made a recovery and was racing at Ascot as recently as last Friday. A hugely talented writer, Lee was voted Horserace Writers & Photographers Association Racing Writer of the Year

on three occasions, most recently in 2014. He was also an accomplished author and among his published works were biographies on jockeys Richard Johnson, Pat Eddery and Peter Scudamore. Paying tribute to Lee, Cornelius Lysaght, racing correspondent for the BBC said, "Alan was just the most brilliant and most natural writer. He was a huge fan of racing, but he was absolutely passionate about jumps racing. He lived in Cheltenham and loved not only being at Cheltenham and Aintree, but also all the real jumping places like Ludlow, Perth and Sedgefield." Lysaght continued, "He had a heart operation in early November. There were initial complications but nothing to panic about. We all saw him at Cheltenham a week on Friday and then he was at Ascot a few days ago. He was in positive form, and he had every right to be in positive form, so we were all left shattered by the news."

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## STRONG 2015 FIGURES FOR TATTERSALLS

Newmarket-based Tattersalls posted a strong set of trading results in 2015, selling a total of 262,139,150gns worth of horses throughout the year. Despite selling the highest-priced yearling in the world this year, the total aggregate was still slightly shy of 2014 turnover, albeit by only 0.5%. The aforementioned highest priced yearling, a filly by Dubawi (Ire) out of Loveisallyouneed (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), who sold to MV Magnier for 2.1M gns at October Book 1,



The Dubawi filly that topped Tattersalls' October Yearling Sale | *Tattersalls*

was one of several highlights for the company. Tattersalls also sold the mare Hanky Panky (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) for 2.7M gns to John Ferguson at the December Mare Sale, the highest auction price in the world for a broodmare in 2015. In his closing year statement Tattersalls Chairman Edmond Mahony commented, "It is enormously satisfying that in 2015 Tattersalls has all but matched last year's record annual turnover and that the figures sit 7% above the pre-recession peak of 2007. Next year is set to be an historic one for Tattersalls as we celebrate our 250th anniversary. A lot has changed in that time, but the core values of integrity and service remain the same and we look forward to welcoming clients, old and new, to Tattersalls in 2016."

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**Thai Noon (Ire)**, f, 3, **Dansili (GB)**--Alsace Lorraine (Ire) (SW-Eng, \$158,572), by Giant's Causeway. LIN, 12-20, 8f 1y (AWT), 1:37.87. B-Merry Fox Stud Ltd (IRE).

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**Nayfah (Fr)**, f, 3, **Falco**--Street Kendra (Fr), by Kendor (Fr). PTB, 12-19, 8 1/2f (AWT), 1:42.46. B-Haras du Mezeray & Richard Phillips (FR). \*€55,000 Ylg '13 ARAUG. \*\*1/2 to Silas Marner (Fr) (Muhtathir {GB}), GSW-Fr, \$383,965.

**Italy**

**PREMIO UNIRE-Listed**, €41,600, NAP, 12-20, 3yo/up, 11.5ft, n/a, gd/sft.

1--**KESHIRO (IRE)**, 124, h, 5, Shirocco (Ger)--Kesh Kumay (Ire), by Danehill. (€10,000 YLG '11 SGASEL). O-Dioscuri; B-Azienda Agricola Sant'Agostino E Vulci (Ire); T-Endo Botti; J-Cristian Demuro. €16,150. Lifetime Record: 26-11-4-4 €136,915.

2--**Bertinoro (Ire)**, 129, c, 4, **Aussie Rules**--Swirling (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). (€15,000 YLG '12 TATIRESEP). O-Dioscuri. €7,106.

3--**Can Chen Junga (Ity)**, 126, g, 3, Cima De Triomphe(Ire)--Gemma Preziosa (Ity), by Gold Sphix. (€7,000 YLG '13 SGASEL). O-Scuderia Ippogrifo. €3,876.

Margins: 3, NK, 1 ¼. Odds: 0.18, 0.18, 29.62 (Keshiro & Bertinoro coupled). Also Ran: Tamil Nadu (GB), Grey Greezly (Fr), Slowpoke (Ire), Conspirator (Ire). [Click for Racing Post result](#)

 **EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS**

**IN UAE:**

**Hunters Creek (Ire)**, g, 4, **Cape Cross (Ire)**--Cinnamon Rose, by Tremolino. Abu Dhabi, 12-20, 2400mT, 2:37.94. B-Airlie Stud. \*1/2 to Chelsea Rose (Ire) (Desert King {Ire}), Hwt. 3yo-Filly at 9 1/2f-10 1/2f-Ire, G1SW-Ire & G1SP-Ity, \$527,260; European (Ire) (Great Commotion), SW-Ire & GSP-US. \*\*80,000gns yrl '12 TATOCT.



**ASAHI HAI FUTURITY STAKES-G1**, ¥135,660,000

(US\$1,222,000), Hanshin, 12-20, 2yo c&f, 1600mT, 1:34.40, fm.

1--**LEONTES (JPN)**, 121, c, 2, by King Kamehameha (Jpn)

1st Dam: **Cesario (Jpn) (G1SW-Jpn, GISW-US, \$2,128,568)**, by Special Week (Jpn)

2nd Dam: **Kirov Premiere(GB)**, by Sadler's Wells

3rd Dam: **Querida (Ire)**, by Habitat

O-Carrot Farm; B-Northern Farm; T-Katsuhiko Sumii; J-Mirco Demuro ; ¥71,162,000 Lifetime: 2-2-0-0. \*1/2 to Epiphaneia (Symboli Kris S), MG1SW-JPN, \$6,590,176.

**Werk Nick Rating: A+++ \*Triple Plus\***. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Air Spinel (Jpn)**, 121, c, 2, by King Kamehameha (Jpn)--Air Messiah (Jpn), by Sunday Silence. O-Lucky Field Inc.; B-Shadai Farm; ¥28,332,000.

3--**Shadow Approach (Jpn)**, 121, c, 2, Jungle Pocket (Jpn)--Maruka Aichan (Jpn), by French Deputy. O-Tomokazu Iizuka; B-Shadai Farm; ¥18,166,000.

Margins: 3/4, 4, Neck; Odds: 4.90, 0.50, 90.60

Also ran: Yu Change (Jpn), Shuji (Jpn), Two M Legend (Jpn), Taisei Summit (Jpn), Admire Morale (Jpn), Immortal (Jpn), Copano Deal (Jpn), Ball Lighting (Jpn), Hallelujah Boy (Jpn), Thrilla in Manila (Jpn), Shonan Rise (Jpn), Saimon Seele (Jpn), Win Oscar (Jpn). [Click for the JRA chart and video](#), [Racing Post result](#) or the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

Leontes made an impressive winning debut when breaking his maiden Nov. 22, and given the route he charted throughout Sunday, he could be value for more than the winning margin. The runner-up looked the likely winner two furlongs out as he strode away from the field under minimal riding, but he could not match Leontes's late surge. The jubilant winning rider commented, "I had been told that this colt was powerful and he certainly showed that when I rode him in training on Wednesday--he was pretty keen, but smart and an honest colt. It was his first time over a mile, but he responded and really stretched well on the outside. He's got a lot to look forward to in his 3-year-old season."

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