

SUNLAND PARK CANCELS DERBY, OAKS



2015 GIII Sunland Derby winner Firing Line | Horsephotos

by Jessica Martini

Sunland Park, which has been under quarantine due to an outbreak of equine herpesvirus since January, will not be running the GIII Sunland Derby or Sunland Park Oaks as scheduled Mar. 20. Instead, the New Mexico track will offer a pair of renamed stakes races for sophomores on that day's card.

The renamed Derby will be run ungraded as the Sunland Park Festival of Racing S. for 3-year-olds going nine furlongs and with a purse of \$415,000. The Derby, which had an expected purse of \$800,000, also featured 85 qualifying points to the GI Kentucky Derby. Those points will now not be offered this year.

The Sunland Park Oaks will be run as the Plum Pretty S., with its purse unchanged at \$200,000.

Firing Line (Line of David) romped home by 14 1/4 lengths in last year's Sunland Derby before finishing a length second behind subsequent Triple Crown winner American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile) in the Kentucky Derby.

Pending test results from the weekend, Sunland officials are hopeful the New Mexico Livestock Board will lift the track's quarantine Wednesday.

ON TO WOOD FOR SHAGAF

Shadwell Stable's 'TDN Rising Star' Shagaf (Bernardini) came out of his win in Saturday's GIII Gotham S. in fine shape and will now be aimed at the Apr. 9 GI Wood Memorial.

"He looks great this morning, he ate up well," trainer Chad Brown reported Sunday. "He looks sound, very happy."

In addition to his 50 Kentucky Derby points, which virtually guarantee the unbeaten colt a spot in the Derby starting gate May 7, Brown thinks Shagaf gained plenty of experience from his come-from-behind win in the Gotham.

"He took plenty of dirt in the race, which will hopefully serve him well down the road," Brown commented. "I think he gained a lot of experience, it was only his third start and this horse has done everything we asked him to do. I don't think he could've run any better in any of the three races for what we want him to do. I'm very happy with the result and I'm happy with the education he got." *Cont. p3*

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A nighttime arrival. Miss Doctor Ty (King Cugat) rests with her February 4 filly by Flat Out. Bred by Carol Frank and foaled at Country Life Farm in Bel Air, MD, the filly entered the world at 10:40pm.

Christy Holden

WHITMORE WORKS TOWARD REBEL 3

Whitmore (Pleasantly Perfect), coming off a troubled second-place finish in the GIII Southwest S., turned in a strong five-furlong work at Oaklawn Park Sunday ahead of the Mar. 19 GII Rebel S.

GOLD CUP HIGHLIGHTS SANTA ANITA MEET 4

The GI Gold Cup at Santa Anita highlights the Arcadia track's third Spring meet stakes schedule. The meeting, which runs from May 5 through July 10, features 16 graded races.

FIVE-WIN DAY FOR ORTIZ 4

Jose Ortiz, who captured four wins at Aqueduct Saturday, rode the winners of five races Sunday at the Big A.

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On to Wood for Shagaf (cont. from p1)

Brown continued of Shagaf, "We've got a ways to go, but he's at least cleared one hurdle. He's emerged from the race all right and he'll stay here and train. This is his home base, he likes it here."

The Wood could also be the next destination for the Brown-trained **Flexibility** (Bluegrass Cat). Second behind Mohaymen (Tapit) in both last year's GII Nashua S. and GII Remsen S., the Klaravich Stable and William Lawrence colorbearer won the Jan. 2 GIII Jerome S. before finishing fourth in the Jan. 30 GIII Withers S. He worked a half-mile over Belmont's training track Sunday in :48.75.

"Flexibility went really well," Brown said of the Sunday morning move. "We're giving him a little breather between starts, which we had always planned to do after the Withers. A lot of the decision about [his next race] will be made based on how [Klaravich and Lawrence's] Economic Model runs [in the Mar. 12 GII Lambholm South Tampa Bay Derby], because right now, tentatively, Economic Model could end up in the GI Blue Grass S., so Flexibility is still a possibility for the Wood as well. All races are still in play."



Shagaf | Sarah K. Andrew

Brown also provided an update on multiple Grade I winner **Lady Eli** (Divine Park), who continues to progress after suffering a bout of laminitis.

"She's doing very well," Brown said of Lady Eli. "She's going to have her second breeze tomorrow morning, so I'm heading down to Florida tonight. Her first breeze was terrific, just what we wanted, and she came out of it good. She's been training super."

The unbeaten Lady Eli, off since winning last year's July 4 GI Belmont Oaks, worked three furlongs at Palm Meadows Feb. 29 in :38.90.

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WHITMORE WORKS FOR REBEL

Whitmore (Pleasantly Perfect), coming off a runner-up effort in the GIII Southwest S., worked five furlongs at Oaklawn Park Sunday in 1:00. It was the co-fastest of 46 at the distance. The chestnut gelding is expected to make his next start in the Mar. 19 GII Rebel S. Whitmore worked in company with fellow Ron Moquett trainee **Tisdale** (Friesian Fire). Whitmore was on the inside under Greta Kuntzweiler and pulled away from Tisdale on the six-furlong gallop-out around the first turn in 1:13.20. Tisdale, named for the late Oklahoma basketball great Wayman Tisdale, covered five furlongs in 1:00.20.



Whitmore | Coady Photography

"I wanted to work him with a good horse," Moquett commented. "I believe Tisdale is a quality horse, a stakes-caliber horse. I thought it was a good work for both of them."

Tisdale, coming off a Feb. 6 maiden score at Oaklawn, is under consideration for the Apr. 2 GIII Spiral S. at Turfway.

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This will be Santa Anita's third spring meet. The Arcadia track took over the dates after Hollywood Park closed in 2013. Last year's spring meet featured six Grade I events. The GI American Oaks, first run at Hollywood Park in 2002, has been run during the spring at Santa Anita the last two years, but the turf race is expected to be run in December this year.

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FIVE-WIN DAY FOR ORTIZ

Jose Ortiz piloted five winners on Aqueduct's Sunday race card. The 22-year-old rider swept the early Pick 3 with Moondance Joy in the first race, Voided Contract in the second and Matt King Coal in the third. Returning to the winner's circle a few races later, Ortiz rode Imslopokerodriguez to victory in the seventh race before ending his day with a win in the eighth race aboard Repent Twice. Ortiz, who won the track's spring title a year ago, also rode four winners on Saturday's GIII Gotham day card at Aqueduct. "It feels pretty great," Ortiz said. "It's the first time I've won five races in one day, so I'm happy today. I've got to keep doing what I'm doing. I won last year, so I want to win this year too."



Jose Ortiz | Susie Raisher

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A day after her dominant victory in Saturday's GIII Santa Ysabel S., trainer Jerry Hollendorfer reported champion Songbird (Medaglia d'Oro) was "perfect." The filly continues on to the Apr. 9 GI Santa Anita Oaks. | *Horsephotos*

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Date	Race	Track	
3/12	GI Frank E. Kilroe Mile	SA	
	GI Santa Anita H.	SA	
	GII San Felipe S.	SA	
	GII San Carlos S.	SA	
	GII Tampa Bay Derby	TAM	
	GII Hillsborough S.	TAM	
	GIII Florida Oaks	TAM	
	GIII Honeybee S.	OP	
	GIII Tom Fool H.	AQU	
	3/13	GII San Luis Rey S.	SA
3/19	GI Santa Margarita S.	SA	
	GII Inside Information S.	GP	
3/20	GII Azeri S.	OP	
	GII Rebel S.	OP	
	GIII Razorback H.	OP	
	GIII Las Flores S.	SA	
	3/26	GII New Orleans H.	FG
		GII Mervin Muniz Memorial H.	FG
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Sunday's Results:

JIMMY WINKFIELD S., \$125,000, AQU, 3-6, 3yo, 6f, 1:10.60, ft.

1--**#AWESOME GENT, 118, g, 3**, by [Awesome Again](#)

1st Dam: Pawnee Patti (SP, \$107,901), by Sir Richard Lewis

2nd Dam: Our Felicity, by Iron Warrior

3rd Dam: Molly Bellah, by Roman Line

O/B-Burning Sands Stable, LLC (NY); T-Todd A. Pletcher;
J-Manuel Franco. \$75,000. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, \$142,492.
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2--**Quijote**, 118, g, 3, Pomeroy--Soi Disant, by Holy Bull. (\$25,000 Ylg '14 OBSAUG). O-Midwest Thoroughbreds, Inc.; B-Ramiro Rosas Medina (FL); T-Thomas M. Amoss. \$25,000.

3--**King Kranz**, 122, c, 3, [Munnings](#)--Queen Congie, by Henny Hughes. (\$25,000 Wlg '13 KEENOV; \$37,000 RNA Ylg '14 FTKJUL; \$95,000 2yo '15 OBSMAR). O-Zayat Stables, LLC; B-Bob & Alice Austin (KY); T-John P. Terranova, II. \$12,500.

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Awesome Gent finished eighth in his career debut at Saratoga last September, but it has been smooth sailing since, culminating with this third consecutive victory in Sunday's feature. A wire-to-wire winner at second asking going 5 1/2 furlongs here Dec. 19, the New York-bred returned to notch a second consecutive win in a Jan. 15 optional claimer. Sent postward as the fourth choice for this initial foray into open company, the bay settled in a tracking third while three deep through a quarter-mile in :22.17. He made his bid for the lead turning for home, drew even through a half in :45.64 and scampered clear to win by four lengths over Quijote. "I thought Manny [Franco] did a great job--broke sharp and sat outside the pace and took over at the top of the stretch," said Byron Hughes, assistant to winning trainer Todd Pletcher. "[He] drew off [and] it was very impressive. He's been here all winter long and it's been great to have him in the barn. Hopefully his success over the inner continues to the outer track." [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

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3rd-AQU, \$67,000, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 3-6, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:44.92, ft.

MATT KING COAL (c, 3, Cool Coal Man--Donna Marie, by Came Home) ran some big races at Belmont last autumn and returned a winner in his sophomore debut Sunday. Third at first asking in a 1 1/16-mile turf test, the bay finished second, beaten a nose by Gift Box (Twirling Candy), in a maiden test in Elmont Oct. 3 and followed with a dominant 5 3/4-length graduation there Oct. 29. Sent postward as the second choice at 8-5 behind 7-5 chalk and **'TDN Rising Star'** My Man Sam (Trappe Shot), Matt King Coal was allowed to set an uncontested pace through a half in :47.46. The bay turned into the stretch with an open-length lead and had plenty of gas left in the tank to hold off a prolonged late rally by My Man Sam, who whittled down the winner's advantage to a length at the wire. Mo Power (Uncle Mo), sent off as the third choice in what was essentially bet as a three-horse race, reported home third after chasing the pace in the early stages. The winner's dam produced a filly by In Summation in 2014 and a colt by Overdriven in 2015. "I thought he might be a little short today and that he really might need this race, so we're delighted to get the win," said trainer Linda Rice, who opted to enter Matt King Coal in this allowance spot rather than in Saturday's Gill Gotham S. "We're going to take it race by race, but it's absolutely a step in the right direction towards facing graded-stakes level competition. Obviously, the race right here at home, the GI Wood Memorial, is a big consideration. There are a lot of races around the same time to choose from [but] the Wood Memorial would be the most probable." Sales History: \$25,000 Ylg '14 OBSAUG; \$250,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, \$110,500. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)
O-Lady Sheila Stable; B-John E. Shaw (FL); T-Linda Rice.

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7th-AQU, \$65,000, Alw, 3-6, (NW2L), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11.34, ft.

IMSLOPOKERODRIGUEZ (c, 4, Tale of the Cat--Vision in Flight {SW & MGSP, \$285,700}, by Montbrook), fifth behind **'TDN Rising Star'** and GI Malibu S. runner-up Marking (Bernardini) at third asking sprinting at Belmont Sept. 23, went one better in the slop at Laurel Park to end his season Nov. 29. Dropped in for a \$40,000 tag over this track and trip, the chestnut colt parlayed first-time blinkers into a 6 3/4-length romp Jan. 2. Claimed from Michael Dubb, Bethlehem Stables LLC, Michael Imperio and trainer Rudy Rodriguez out of that effort by these connections, the 4-year-old attracted the lion's share of the market as the 6-5 chalk Sunday. Zipping straight to the head of affairs, Imslopokerodriguez rattled off uncontested splits of :22.60 and :45.33. He rolled into the stretch two deep, sidled over to the rail and, although tiring inside the final 100 yards, held on to win by three-parts of a length over Dreamsdometrue (Stroll). Lifetime

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O-Midwest Thoroughbreds, Inc.; B-Eico Stable (KY); T-Danny Gargan.

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Sunday's Results:

4th-GP, \$42,000, Alw, 3-6, (C), 4yo/up, f/m, 7 1/2fT, 1:28.33, fm.
MISSISSIPPI DELTA (f, 4, [Giant's Causeway](#)--Texas to a Tee, by Purge) won two of three starts as a juvenile in 2014, including the seven-panel Glorious Song S. over the synthetic track at Woodbine. The bay returned from an extended rest to capture that venue's Alywow S. in her turf debut June 14 and followed with a non-factor seventh-place run in the GII Lake George S. at Saratoga July 24. Mississippi Delta was last seen in the GIII Ontario Colleen S. back in Toronto Aug. 22, and was eased after flashing brief speed. The homebred joined her trainer's South Florida string to prepare for a winter campaign and was let go at odds of 8-1 in this return to allowance company. She went straight to the front, led through a half-mile in :48.08 and battled stablemate Ol' Fashion Gal (Sky Mesa) to the wire, prevailing by a neck. The winner's dam is also responsible for a juvenile filly by Pioneer of the Nile and a yearling filly by Violence. Lifetime Record: 7-4-0-0, \$173,758. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Jackpot Ranch & Mike G. Rutherford; B-Mike G. Rutherford (KY); T-Mark E. Casse.

11th-GP, \$38,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 3-6, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 3/16mT, 1:53.97, fm.

AL KHAZAALIYA (f, 4, [Blame](#)--Erhu {GSP, \$164,385}, by Tactical Cat) captured her debut across town in October 2014 and made five subsequent starts at this level. In the new year, the bay rallied to come up second, a head short of Dream of Mine (Mineshaft), going 7 1/2 furlongs here Jan. 1 and recently got up for third after launching a wide bid in a nine-panel optional claimer Jan. 30. Sent postward as the 3-1 second choice for this third start of the year, she raced in traffic from midpack behind a half-mile in :48.79 and angled out entering the stretch. Kicking it into high gear, Al Khazaaliya forged past Jellicle Ball (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) to score by 2 1/4 lengths. The winner is a half to 2014 GII Forward Gal S. and GII Davona Dale S. heroine Onlyforyou (Malibu Moon), MGSW, \$308,100. Sales History: \$170,000 Ylg '13 FTSAUG; \$275,000 2yo '14 FTFMAR. Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-1, \$61,020. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

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7th-TAM, \$22,100, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 3-6, 3yo, 7f, 1:24.90, ft.

TIGER BLOOD (c, 3, [Cowtown Cat](#)--Sarah Cataldo, by Smarty Jones) proved that his 9 1/4-length debut win going six panels here Jan. 30--good for a 91 Beyer Speed figure--was no fluke and delivered in emphatic fashion as the 3-5 favorite Sunday. The chestnut emerged from the gate in good order and assumed a stalking position from second well off the fence as a rival sped through an opening quarter in :22.97. Tiger Blood pounced shortly thereafter, drawing clear with complete authority and crossing the wire 5 1/2 lengths in front of Lookin for a Kiss (Lookin At Lucky), who came into this test off a debut victory at Gulfstream Park Feb. 6. The winner's dam is a half-sister to GII Pennsylvania Derby winner Love of Money (Not For Love). Sales History: \$4,500 Ylg '14 OBSAUG. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$28,000. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Miguel Barraza; B-Brent & Crystal Fernung (FL); T-Baltazar Galvan.

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3rd-GP, \$47,000, Msw, 3-6, 3yo, f, 7 1/2fT, 1:29.94, fm.

+JUST TALKIN (f, 3, [Midshipman](#)--Sumthingtotalkabt, by Mutakddim), a full-sister to 'TDN Rising Star' and GI Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint runner-up Lady Shipman, MSW, \$583,905, was acquired privately by these connections from breeder Randall E. Lowe and worked steadily at Chad Brown's Palm Meadows base in preparation for this career unveiling. Favored at odds of 2-1, the chestnut secured a ground-saving trip as Yes Mongolia (Any



Just Talkin | A. Coglianese

Given Saturday) led through an opening quarter in :23.92. Leaving the rail, Just Talkin inched closer to the vanguard through a half in :48.02 and unleashed a prolonged rally to get up in the dying strides and best Love the Kitten (Kitten's Joy) by a neck. Yes Mongolia finished a half-length behind

the winner in third. Sumthingtotalkabt is also responsible for the juvenile colt Dr. Corday (Leroidesanimaux {Brz})--who RNA'd for \$150,000 at last week's Fasig-Tipton Florida Sale--and the yearling colt Beta Max (Treasure Beach {GB}). She was most recently bred to Poseidon's Warrior. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$31,000. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Michael Dubb, Bethlehem Stables LLC & Gary Aisquith; B-Randall E Lowe (FL); T-Chad C. Brown.

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9th-GP, \$40,000, Msw, 3-6, 3yo, f, 7 1/2fT, 1:28.53, fm.
SKY MY SKY (f, 3, Bernardini--Dark Sky, by Storm Cat), a \$100,000 Keeneland September yearling turned \$450,000 OBS April juvenile, began her career at Saratoga last summer. Eighth behind Constellation (Bellamy Road) in her 5 1/2-panel unveiling Aug. 9, the bay improved to run second in the wake of subsequent GI Frizette S. heroine Nickname (Scat Daddy) going six furlongs Sept. 2. The filly closed out her 2-year-old campaign with a dull eighth-place finish around two turns at Keeneland Oct. 3 and a fourth-place effort over six panels at Churchill Nov. 1. Recently a fast-closing runner-up in a grassy five-furlong dash here Feb. 13, she was tabbed as the 7-5 favorite for this try. Sky My Sky went straight to the front, set the pace through a half-mile in :46.95 and kicked clear to post a 2 3/4-length tally over first-timer Veil (Hat Trick {Jpn}), who closed well to complete the exacta. The winner has a yearling half-brother, Dark Humor (Distorted Humor). Lifetime Record: 6-1-2-0, \$51,655. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**
 O-John C. Oxley; B-Summer Wind Farm (KY); T-Mark E. Casse.

LANE'S END Sales Graduate

6th-GP, \$40,000, Msw, 3-6, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:23.79, ft.
+LIGHTSTREAM (f, 3, Harlan's Holiday--North Beach {SW, \$129,885}, by Arch) was sent off at odds of 7-1 in this unveiling on the back of a steady series of drills at Palm Meadows. The filly settled near the rear of the field as Better Not Blink (Hard Spun) and Kareena (Medaglia d'Oro) slugged it out on the front end through a quarter-mile in :22.64. Lightstream advanced steadily on the turn, passed Kareena by midstretch and kicked clear to win by 2 1/4 lengths. Sales History: \$55,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$24,000. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**
 O-Leonard M. Zenith; B-Ann Marie Farm (KY); T-Brian A. Lynch.

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Central U.S.

Sunday's Results:
7th-FG, \$42,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$17,500), 3-6, 4yo/up, 5 1/2fT, 1:04.52, fm.
SALENGO (c, 4, Unbridled's Song--Stormica {SW & GSP-US, MSP-Fr, \$167,472}, by Storm Cat) romped by 5 3/4 lengths in his maiden voyage going six panels over the main track here Feb. 15 and was tabbed the 3-2 crowd's pick to keep his record perfect in this turf bow. Slow to begin, the grey dropped out of it to race well back through the early going, but soon rallied as noses pointed for home. He swept six deep into the home straight and

displayed a rapid turn of foot, bursting to the lead in the dying strides to win by a half-length over the weary Hollywood Critic (Blame). Salengo's dam, a half-sister to MGSW Old Trieste (A.P. Indy), foaled a yearling filly by Smart Strike already named Wilder and was covered by Mizzen Mast in 2015. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$49,200. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**
 O-Galloping Gator LLC; B-Wertheimer & Frere (KY); T-Jeff Engler.

7th-OP, \$70,000, Msw, 3-6, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11.37, ft.
VICKIE WINS (f, 3, Unbridled's Song--Mistical Plan {GISW, \$816,790}, by Game Plan) made almost every pole a winning one, but tired late to take third over track and trip when unveiled Jan. 31. The \$190,000 KEESEP yearling was off at even-money and tussled with rivals to either side through a blistering first quarter in :21.57. The favorite was able to settle against the rail and continued to fence with 9-1 chance Sandora (Ready's Image) throughout until grinding clear inside the final furlong to win by 3 1/2 lengths over More Than Folly (More Than Ready), who tagged Sandora for second by 3/4 of a length. Out of GI Princess Rooney H. heroine Mistical Plan, Vickie Wins has a yearling half-brother by Medaglia d'Oro and her dam was covered by Bernardini last term. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$48,800. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**
 O-Jerry Durant; B-Blue Heaven Farm (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen.

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Kentucky

Saturday Night's Results:

9th-TP, \$19,000, Msw, 3-5, 3yo, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.72, ft.
+STRANGLEHOLD (g, 3, Cool Coal Man--Ambalika, by Indian Charlie) posted an extensive series of works dating back to late December over the synthetic training track at Keeneland and shipped north to make his career debut in this spot. Away in good order, the bay pressed the pace three deep as Scissors and Tape (Curlin) led through a quarter-mile in :22.51. Sent up to challenge the leader on the far turn, Stranglehold was floated a bit wide into the lane, but quickly overhauled the pacesetter and strode clear to score by two lengths. Scissors and Tape held on to complete the exacta. The winner's dam is a half-sister to 2014 GI Kentucky Derby runner-up Commanding Curve (Master Command). Sales History: \$20,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$6,000. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)
 O-Michael R. Meeks; B-Lucio Fernandez (FL); T-Ignacio Correas, IV.

California

Sunday's Results:

5th-SA, \$66,795, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 3-6, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:49.34, ft.
LIEUTENANT COLONEL (g, 4, Colonel John--Lovely View, by Carson City) began his career under the care of trainer Chad Brown and graduated at first asking going a mile at Gulfstream in February 2015. The gelding failed to factor when 10th in the GIII Gotham S. a month later and was an equally distant seventh in the GI Wood Memorial in April. Sidelined for the remainder of the year and shipped westward to join the Hollendorfer barn, the dark bay returned to action with a seventh-place effort in a 6 1/2-panel optional claimer here Jan. 9. Returning to a route of ground Feb. 15, he demonstrated marked improvement in leading wire to wire under new rider Rafael Bejarano. Lieutenant Colonel was backed down to 7-5 favoritism to make it two in a row in this spot and did not disappoint. Seizing control from the outset, he dictated terms in the clear through a half-mile in :46.20 and edged clear to score by 2 1/4 lengths. Soi Phet (Tizbud) rallied to finish second best. The winner hails from the extended family of GSW & MGISP Gold Medal Dancer (Medaglia d'Oro). Sales History: \$95,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP; \$180,000 2yo '14 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-0, \$116,650. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)
 O-Harvey A. Clarke & Paul Braverman; B-Phil Owens (KY); T-Jerry Hollendorfer.



6th-SA, \$57,380, Msw, 3-6, 3yo, 1m, 1:37.39, ft.
HOFFENHEIM (c, 3, Midnight Lute--Circumstance, by Vindication) never finished off the board in five starts to date and was favored in his last four, including a trio of second-place finishes--two at Santa Anita Dec. 27 and Jan. 24 and last time out at Oaklawn Park Feb. 15. The colt was sent off as the 4-5 favorite once again Sunday evening. The \$900,000 OBSMAR juvenile purchase was away in good order and hung out in his customary position, well off the pace and perched four deep as One More Round (Discreet Cat) cut out fractions of :23.11 and :47.26. Shaken up by Victor Espinoza on the far turn, Hoffenheim surged into contention up the center of the track and took aim on determined leader inside the final quarter-mile. He gained with every stride, but took the length of the stretch to reel in One More Round for a nose victory. The winner's dam has a yearling filly by Tiznow and was covered by Midnight Lute in 2015. Lifetime Record: 6-1-3-2, \$82,080. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)
 O-Kaleem Shah, Inc.; B-Gaines-Gentry Thoroughbreds (KY); T-Bob Baffert.



ROOKIES

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TRAPPE SHOT (Tapit), Claiborne Farm, \$10K, 182/20/0
 2-HOU, Msw 1mT, Inthetrappe, \$18K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 15-1

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STAKES RESULTS:
PELICAN S., \$100,000, DED, 3-5, (S), 3yo, 7 1/2f, 1:33.63, ft.
 1--**ICY GENTLEMAN, 122, g, 3, by Yankee Gentleman--Icy Day, by Five Star Day.** O/B-Ironwater Farms Joint Venture (LA); T-Henry B. Johnson, Jr.; J-Jorge Guzman. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 8-4-0-3, \$212,835.
 2--**Hunker Down**, 119, c, 3, Musket Man--My Friend Bele, by My Friend Max. O-Double Dam Farm LLC; B-Jo Ann Thompson (LA); T-Ronda Hutchinson. \$20,000.
 3--**So Sorry Ruston**, 120, c, 3, Interactif--So Sorry, by The Prime Minister. (\$2,200 Ylg '14 ESLMIX; \$6,500 2yo '15 TEXAPR). O-Terrell Jarrett Jr. & Lara Racing Stables, LLC; B-Neal McFadden (LA); T-Jorge Lara. \$10,000.
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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-OP, \$74,000, 3-6, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:45.35, ft.

MISS MO KELLY (f, 4, [Congrats--Saratoga Drive {SP}](#), by Siphon {Brz}) Lifetime Record: 11-2-4-2, \$126,291. O-Dundalk 5 LLC; B-Delfiner Partners (KY); T-Paul E. Holthus. *\$75,000 2yo '14 OBSAPR.

8th-AQU, \$57,000, (S), 3-6, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:46.12, ft.

REPENT TWICE (g, 5, Repent--Double Edge, by Double Negative) Lifetime Record: 15-4-5-2, \$134,329. O/B-Saul J. & Max Kupferberg (NY); T-John Parisella.

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7th-PRX, \$45,500, (S), 3-6, (NW2BX), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10.98, ft.

FARA'S KID (g, 5, [Lemon Drop Kid--Sticky {MSW, \\$381,650}](#), by Concern) Lifetime Record: 15-4-5-0, \$128,240. O/B-Fitzhugh, LLC (PA); T-Michael J. Trombetta.

6th-PRX, \$43,500, (S), 3-6, (NW1BX), 4yo/up, 1m, 1:39.58, ft.

STARRY MOON (g, 5, [Malibu Moon--Hartigan {MSW, \\$197,300}](#), by Include) Lifetime Record: 24-4-2-8, \$180,736. O/B-Fitzhugh, LLC (PA); T-Michael J. Trombetta.

3rd-FG, \$43,360, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 3-6, 4yo/up, 5 1/2ft, 1:03.62, fm.

LATENT REVENGE (c, 4, Latent Heat--Cupids Revenge {MSW, \$215,694}, by Red Ransom) Lifetime Record: 9-3-2-1, \$101,260. O-Steve Vanovich, Steve Andriot, Brad Cain & P.J. Herald; B-Westwind Farms (KY); T-Gregory D. Foley. *\$42,000 Ylg '13 KESEEP. **1/2 to B G Suavecito (Suave), SW, \$103,424.

4th-SUN, \$35,395, (S), 3-6, (C), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:03.27, ft.

TRADERS PRIDE (m, 8, The Trader's Echo--Rising Pride, by Desert God) Lifetime Record: 33-11-6-6, \$193,185. O-Judge Lanier Racing; B-Joe Allen (NM); T-Dan H. Dennison.

7th-SUN, \$26,880, 3-6, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:04.24, ft.

DONALI DAY (f, 4, Five Star Day--Donali, by Doneraile Court) Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$31,138. O/B-C. Donnell Echols (TX); T-Joel H. Marr.

7th-CT, \$24,500, 3-5, (NW3LX), 3yo/up, f/m, 4 1/2f, :52.79, ft.

RIVETER GLORIA (f, 4, Don't Get Mad--Tamberino {SW, \$209,060}, by Freud) Lifetime Record: 15-3-3-4, \$76,579. O-Gloria F. McCormick & Vicki O'Hara; B-Spendthrift Farm LLC (KY); T-Russell E. Davis. *\$7,500 2yo '14 EASMAY.

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7th-HOU, \$20,000, 3-5, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:44.24, fm.

BOSTON HUMOR (g, 5, [Got the Last Laugh--Heathers Promise {SP}](#), by Silver Buck) Lifetime Record: 25-2-8-10, \$81,534. O/T-Karen E. Jacks; B-O. V. Moss (LA). *\$14,500 Ylg '12 TEXAUG. **1/2 to Zucchini Flower (Flower Alley), MSW, \$248,665.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+River Jewel, f, 3, [Indy Express--Jansy](#), by Silver Deputy. HOU, 3-5, 6f, 1:11.25. B-Robert Wayne Garrett (OK).

+Madelyn's Mariah, f, 4, [Etbauer--Black Mariah](#), by Devil His Due. DED, 3-5, 6 1/2f, 1:21.84. B-Margie K. Averett (LA).

West Coast Wheelie, g, 4, [Midnight Lute--Ride Me Fast](#) (SW, \$101,480), by Candy Ride (Arg). GG, 3-6, 1m (AWT), 1:39.86. B-Michael E. Pegram (CA).

+Black Tie 'n Tails, g, 4, [Vronsky--Always Fashionable](#), by Bold Badgett. SA, 3-6, (S), (C), 6f, 1:10.61. B-Old English Rancho (CA). *\$2,500 3yo '15 BARJUL.

Game Point, g, 5, [Northern Afleet--Original Gold](#) (MSW, \$372,649), by Slavic. CT, 3-5, (S), 4 1/2f, :53.34. B-Ronney W. Brown (WV).

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Guy Henderson, Ascot's chief executive added, "For the first time, all breeders of winning horses at Royal Ascot will receive a memento of their achievement. Appropriately, owners, trainers, jockeys and stable staff are already recognised after races. For breeders, which are sometimes smaller operations, that recognition is less obvious but just as important. Therefore, we will be awarding Royal Ascot-branded Strawberry Dishes to all winning breeders." [Cont. p2](#)

MAKAHIKI BESTS LEONTES AT NAKAYAMA

Japan's 2015 crop of 3-year-old colts looks to be a strong one and the G2 Hochi Hai Yayoi Sho proved a fine contest, just with a different winner than one might expect. Undefeated **Makahiki (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}), second choice on the board at 8-5, lowered the colors of previously unbeaten and 4-5 favorite 2015 Japanese champion juvenile male **Leontes (Jpn)** (King Kamehameha {Jpn}) by a neck in a thrilling finish, with G2 Daily Hai Nisai S. hero **Air Spinel (Jpn)** (King Kamehameha {Jpn}) two lengths back in third. [Cont. p5](#)



Makahiki | *Horsephotos*

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1) Horse you are most looking forward to seeing this season (and why)?

KR: I am most looking forward to seeing **Archipenko**



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(Kingmambo)'s now 3-year-olds perform, but I am too superstitious to single out any special one! The 2016 European flat season will prove if I'm right in my optimism that Lanwades' Archipenko, with a Group 1 winner in his first small crop and with 13 individual 2-year-old winners in 2015, can

again provide a top-notch performer this year.

2) A stallion who could feature prominently (doesn't have to be first season)?

KR: As for stallions, I am (unoriginally) very much looking forward to seeing **Frankel (GB)** (Galileo {Ire})'s first crop perform this year and of course, the first foals on the ground by Lanwades' **Sea The Moon (Ger)** (Sea The Stars {Ire}). It will be interesting to see Lanwades' **Leroidesanimaux (Brz)** (Candy Stripes)'s penultimate US-bred crop perform there as 3-year-olds this year. That crop included 2015 2-year-old stakes winners Francesco Blue, Bootlegger's Wife and Expected Ruler, plus a host of other winners. They all look likely to progress further at three and to add to Leroi's reputation and current produce earnings of well over \$23 million.

3) Positive change you would like to see for the industry for 2016?

KR: We have already had a hugely positive piece of news in the British Government's announcement of a new funding system for racing, to replace the sadly obsolete Levy. It is to be hoped that, when the new system is implemented, special attention will be paid to raising prize-money levels at base level, especially in maiden races. If this comes to pass, the industry will be hugely grateful to its present leaders and to those politicians who have been assisting with this issue.

Other positive news is the increased efficiency with which equine biosecurity is being addressed nowadays; this will be of great help to safeguard the health of thoroughbreds (and other horses) worldwide. In a slightly longer perspective, the re-development of two of the world's foremost racecourses, Longchamp and The Curragh, is surely very positive for the industry in its entirety.

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Italy

5th-CAP, €16,500, Debutantes, 3-6, 3yo, 8 1/2ft, 1:48.14, gd/sf. **DEE DEE D'OR (IRE)** (c, 3, **Zebedee {GB}**-**Goldendale {Ire}**, by **Ali-Royal {Ire}**), a popular 3-5 choice at the betting windows, needed some urging by his jockey Cristian Demuro, but in the last 200 metres easily outran Finger Roll (Ity) (Librettist) landing the Premio Donatello, a traditional event for newcomers won two years ago by MGSW-Ity Kaspersky (Ire) (Footstepsinthesand (GB)), who turned into a leading miler. The grey colt, an €85,000 purchase at SGA Selected Yearling Sale, has room for development and is a half-brother to Beauty Only (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)), who won the G3 Premio Berardelli in two in Italy and stepped up after his move to Hong Kong, where he won the G1 (local) Classic Cup last year and ran third one week ago in the G1 Queen's Silver Jubilee Cup. The dam, Goldendale, delivered five others winners, including the 4-year-old colt Roccia D'Oro (Ire) (Rock Of Gibraltar (Ire), who won twice in Italy and is in training with Tom Albertrani. Goldendale has a yearling colt by Fastnet Rock (Aus), purchased last year for €95,000 at Goffs November Sale. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €6,800.

[Italian Video.](#)

O-Michela Crecco; B-Le.Gi (Ire); T-Endo Botti.

EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS

IN UAE:

Cross Grain (Ire), g, 6, **Cape Cross (Ire)**--Gorband, by Woodman. AHD, 3-6, Hcp., 1400mT, 1:22.76. B-T. Molan (Ire). *1/2 to Europa Point (Ire) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}), MG1SW-Saf, \$295,454; and Harbour Watch (Ire) (Accalamation {GB}), GSW-Eng.



DARLEY STALLIONS ENJOY A SUPER SATURDAY

by John Berry

Darley sires often enjoy red-letter days at this time of year, as Godolphin invariably does very well during the Dubai International Carnival. However, even by Darley's usual high standards, 'Super Saturday' was special: not only did Darley sires provide both the Group 1 winners at Meydan, but they were also responsible for the winners of all three Group 1 races run in Australia.

Teofilo (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) was the star of the show. Already a proven top-class sire, the 2006 G1 Dewhurst S. winner increased his tally of individual Group 1 winners from eight to 10 courtesy of the victories of **Palentino (Aus)** in the Australian Guineas at Flemington and **Special Fighter (Ire)** in Round Three of the Al Maktoum Challenge at Meydan. Another of the successful sires whose reputation was already rock-solid internationally is **Shamardal** (Giant's Causeway). The 2004 G1 Dewhurst S. winner took his worldwide tally of individual Group 1 winners to 16



Teofilo | Darley

when **Tryster (Ire)** landed the Jebel Hatta S. at Meydan.

The deceased **Commands (Aus)** (Danehill) does not have the international CV of Teofilo or Shamardal. This is understandable as he spent his entire stud career in New South Wales apart from a brief stint of reverse-shuttling to Haras du Quesnay in

France early in the 20th century and a couple of trips to Japan late in his life. In Australia, though, he was extremely successful. His tally of individual Group 1 winners now stands at 10 thanks to **Holler (Aus)** taking the Canterbury S. at Randwick.

Less substantial is the worldwide status of **Hard Spun** (Danzig) whose stud career so far has been what one might term 'a game of two halves'. The former super-tough and top-class racehorse has produced a regular supply of high-class horses in the USA, but his offspring have failed to make anything like the same impact elsewhere. The victory, therefore, of his 3-year-old son **Le Romain (Aus)** in the Randwick Guineas in Sydney is a notable landmark in his stud career: it was Hard Spun's first Group 1 strike in Australia, whither Darley reverse-shuttled him for several years.

It is easy to see why Darley recruited Hard Spun at the end of his racing career in 2007.

In two seasons of racing, Hard Spun raced 13 times (three as a 2-year-old and 10 at three) and never finished out of the first four. The best of his seven wins came in the G1 King's Bishop S. over seven furlongs at Saratoga in



Hard Spun | Darley

August 2007, and he finished in the frame in each leg of that year's US Triple Crown. He signed off with a magnificent second place behind Curlin (Smart Strike) in the G1 Breeders' Cup Classic. Furthermore, he represented the last chapter in a great success-story: he was Danzig's last Group 1 winner. Danzig (Northern Dancer) had been pensioned in the year of Hard Spun's birth and had died in 2006. [Cont. p4](#)

Darley Stallions Enjoy a Super Saturday Cont.

Hard Spun comes from an excellent family. He is one of two stakes winners produced by his Group 2-placed dam Turkish Tryst (Turkoman). The stars in his immediate family have included 1974 Preakness and Belmont winner Little Current (Sea-Bird) as well as dual Group 1-winning filly Prayers 'N Promises (Foolish Pleasure), dam of the top-class sprinter Nabeel Dancer (Northern Dancer). The family arrived in the States over 100 years ago with celebrity status, stemming from one of England's most distinguished matrons of the 19th century, Lily Agnes (GB) (Macaroni {GB}). Lily Agnes was the star of the 1st Duke of Westminster's stud, breeding the unbeaten 'Horse of the Century' and 1886 Triple Crown winner Ormonde (GB) (Bend Or {GB}), as well as his full-sister Ornament. The latter gained ever-lasting fame as dam of arguably the greatest



Le Romain denies Press Statement in the Randwick Guineas | *Racing and Sports*

filly in history: Sceptre (GB) (Persimmon {GB}), who won four of the five Classics in 1902. Ornament ranks as the 11th dam of Hard Spun.

Hard Spun has been a consistently reliable source of Group 1 winners (on both dirt and

turf) in the USA ever since his first crop contained two of the country's best 3-year-old fillies of 2012, Questing and Zo Impressive. His tally of US Group 1 winners now stands at seven, and includes three-time Group 1 winner Hard Not To Like, 2014 Wood Memorial winner Wicked Strong and 2014 Arlington Million winner Hardest Core.

It is, therefore, slightly disappointing that Hard Spun has yet to sire a Group 1 winner in Europe, although he has been represented by the winners of four pattern races in England, most notably the 2015 G2 Rockfel S. at Newmarket which was won by his promising daughter Promising Run. Equally disappointing had been his failure prior to Saturday to break through at the highest level in Australia.

Hard Spun has five crops of racing age in Australia. Each has contained at least one Australian black-type winner, with his current batch of juveniles already having thrown up this season's G3 Maribyrnong Plate winner Power Trip (Aus). However, he had not sired a Group 1 winner in Australia until Le Romain won the Randwick Guineas. He had, though, previously been represented by one Aus-bred Group 1 winner: Ertijaal, successful in last season's Cape Derby in South Africa.

Le Romain's Randwick Guineas victory was thus a great result for Darley on a great day for the team, even though he comes from a mare previously discarded by the operation. Winner of a 1200-metre maiden race at Hawkesbury, Le Romain's dam Mignard (Aus) (Strategic {Aus}) was (along with the aforementioned Commands) part of the Woodlands Stud package which Sheikh Mohammed bought from the Ingham family in 2008. Deemed surplus to Darley's requirements, she was sent to Inglis' Spring Thoroughbred Sale in Sydney in September 2009, where she fetched A\$18,000. She comes from a family which had previously thrown up many good Woodlands-bred horses including the Group 1 performers Pursuits (Aus) (Quest For Fame {GB}) and Masked (Aus) (Quest For Fame {GB}). The latter had won for the Inghams at listed level in Sydney before becoming a top miler in Hong Kong, where he raced as Perfect Partner

Although Sheikh Mohammed sold Mignard, he retained many of her relatives including Hosiery (Aus) (Night Shift), who subsequently bred him his 2013 G1 Caulfield Guineas winner Long John (Aus) (Street Cry). Now, under the ownership of Mark and Alan Carusi, Mignard has also done the Sheikh a good turn, courtesy of helping Hard Spun to break his Australian Group 1 duck.

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DEFCON LEAVES NO DOUBT IN 'OPAL'

Peter and Paul Snowden trainee **Defcon (Aus)** (Choisir {Aus}) overcame a tardy break to land the spoils in the G3 Black Opal S. over 1200 metres at Canberra Sunday. Slowly away, the odds-on favorite recovered under a patient Blake Shinn to circle the field and win handily. The strapping chestnut had previously completed the exacta in the G3 Canonbury S. at Rosehill Jan. 30



Defcon landing the Black Opal S. | *Racing and Sports*

and filled the same position to Astern (Aus) (Medaglia d'Oro) in the G2 Silver Slipper S. going 1100 metres there Feb. 20.

"He just had a bit on them," Snowden told *Racing and Sports*. "He travelled well and produced a sterling turn of foot.

He has always had that great acceleration; it was just a matter of timing it right. A great turn of foot will take them a long way and win them races." **Cont. p5**

Defcon Leavs No Doubt in ‘Opal’ Cont.

A start in the forthcoming G1 Golden Slipper S. is not yet confirmed by connections, but the colt’s price has lowered to \$15 with *tab.com.au*.

“We’ll let the dust settle, enjoy the moment and see what happens,” continued Snowden.

Added Shinn to *Racing and Sports*, “When the barriers opened, my heart sunk. Before the race I thought I was on a good thing in the race and when the gates opened I thought I was no chance. I had to have faith in the horse and be very patient. They went fast in front and I know he has got a devastating turn of foot. I got a good enough drag into the race from Tye Angland [Flash Fibian {Aus} {Ready’s Image}], I produced him at the 250-metre [mark] and he was explosive. He is a very smart 2-year-old., he has got form lines around Astern.”

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APPOINTMENTS

Josh Rix, Sales, Spendthrift Australia

- Melbourne native Rix was a professional Triathlete for 15 years, competing around the world, while also maintaining a strong interest in thoroughbred breeding.
- Gary Cuddy, general manager at Spendthrift Australia said, “We are excited to be working with Josh. He is very enthusiastic and passionate about the industry, and we think he is a great fit to our team. Josh will be in the full swing of things by the end of March, and I know he looks forward to getting to know everyone in our Thoroughbred community.”
- “I am thrilled to be part of the Spendthrift Australia team and the exciting things going on here. I look forward to the year ahead and meeting all of the wonderful breeders we have in the industry,” commented Rix.

Australasia

Olivia Inglis, 17, Passes Away in Equine Accident:

Olivia Inglis, daughter of Inglis Sales Deputy Chairman Arthur Inglis and his wife Charlotte, passed away after falling from her horse during the cross country horse trials in Scone, Australia, Monday, *Racing and Sports* reports. An experienced rider, she was 17. “Arthur is an extremely well-respected gentleman in the racing industry and we cannot fathom the grief his family would be feeling,” Peter V’landys, Racing NSW CEO, told *Racing And Sports*. “On behalf of the entire industry we pass on our sincere condolences to the Inglis family for their heartbreaking loss.”

Makahiki Bests Leontes at Nakayama Cont. from p1 Sunday, Nakayama, Japan

HOCHI HAI YAYOI SHO-G2, ¥104,720,000 (*US\$919,526*), Nakayama, 3-6, 3yo, 2000mT, 1:59.90, fm.

1--**@MAKAHIKI (JPN)**, 123, c, 3, **Deep Impact (Jpn)**

1st Dam: Wikiwiki (Jpn), by French Deputy

2nd Dam: Real Number (Arg), by Rainbow Corner (GB)

3rd Dam: Numeraria (Arg), by Southern Halo

O-Makoto Kaneko Holdings; B-Northern Farm; T-Yasuo Tomomichi; J-Christophe Lemaire; ¥54,854,000. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, ¥26,196,000.*Full to Uliuli (Jpn), MGSW-Jpn, \$2,227,158. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++**. *Triple Plus*. **Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#).**

2--**Leontes (Jpn)**, 121, c, 3, by King Kamehameha (Jpn)--Cesario (Jpn), by Special Week (Jpn). O-Carrot Farm; B-Northern Farm; ¥22,244,000.

3--**Air Spinel (Jpn)**, 123, c, 3, by King Kamehameha(Jpn)--Air Messiah (Jpn), by Sunday Silence. O-Lucky Field Inc.; B-Shadai Farm; ¥14,122,000.

Margins : NK, 2, 5. Odds: 1.60, 0.90, 3.20.

Also Ran: Taisei Summit (Jpn), Admire Eikan (Jpn), Edict (Jpn), Imagine That (Jpn), Moses (Jpn), Mo Katteru (Jpn), Sha La La (Jpn), Ken Hovawart (Jpn), Vigor Edge (Jpn).

Click for the [Racing Post result](#), or the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#). [JRA VIDEO](#).

The trio was a further five lengths clear of the rest of the field in this prep for the G1 Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas) here Apr. 17. Carrot Farm’s Leontes sealed his championship season with a win in the Dec. 20 G1 Asahi Hai Futurity S. over Air Spinel (Jpn) and looked to remain unbeaten, but the Makoto Kaneko Holdings representative had other ideas and raced freely near the tail of the field well off the fence as Ken Hovawart (Jpn) (Marvelous Sunday {Jpn}) set a solid pace through the early stages. Leontes tracked from fourth and a very keen Air Spinel laid just behind his nemesis a few lengths adrift in fifth. Ken Hovawart covered

the first 1000 metres in :59.5 and led until the final bend, but Leontes pounced three deep at the head of the home straight and quickly opened up on his rivals. The nearly black colt appeared to have the race at his



Makahiki | Horsephotos

mercy, but Makahiki was winding up widest of all with powerful strides and Air Spinel was also finishing well, albeit in the two path. Leontes kept finding in deep stretch to hold off the latter handily, but Makahiki nipped him on the line by a neck. **Cont. p6**

Makahiki Bests Leontes at Nakayama Cont.

A winner of an 1800-metre newcomer race at Kyoto Oct. 18, Makahiki added the Listed Wakagoma S. over this trip there in his sophomore bow Jan. 23. Out of the winning French Deputy mare Wikiwiki (Jpn), Makahiki's older full-sister Uliuli (Jpn) has already struck twice at the group level in Japan, while his second dam is Argentinean Group 1 winner Real Number (Arg). His third dam is G1 Polla de Potrancas (Argentine 1000 Guineas) heroine Numeraria (Arg).

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OMISSION: A Shin Bullseye (Belgravia), winner of Saturday's G3 Ocean S. at Nakayama, was a \$10,000 OBS August yearling and resold for \$170,000 at the 2013 OBS April Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training. We apologize for the omission.

DURAMENTE ON TARGET FOR DWC NIGHT

The G1 Dubai Sheema Classic at Meydan on Dubai World Cup night is shaping up to be another truly international contest. Last year's race saw runners from France, Japan, the U.S., Britain and Hong Kong lock horns and this year's edition Mar. 26 is beginning to look similar with the news that Japan's **Duramente (Jpn)** (King Kamehameha {Jpn}) is set to take up the challenge. Last year's dual Classic winner made a successful seasonal debut



Duramente | JRA Photo

in the G2 Nakayama Kinen Feb. 28 and connections are keen to take on some of the world's best middle distance horses with a view to other targets later in the season.

Speaking to the *Racing Post*, Shunsuke Yoshida,

representative of owners Sunday Racing Co Ltd said, "Dubai World Cup night is an important meeting watched by the world and the prize is big. I had requested this challenge to the trainer Noriyuki Hori, if his condition had been fine. The next target after returning to Japan is not fixed but I would like to make the Arc."

The Sheema Classic is also on the agenda for Roger Varian's **Postponed (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}), who made a smooth seasonal debut in the G2 Dubai City Of Gold at Meydan Saturday.

Varian commented, "He has come out of the race really well. I saw him in the stables before flying back and he looked as though he had taken the race really well. We have three weeks now and it is all systems go for the Dubai Sheema Classic."

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Sunday's Results:

MERLION TROPHY, S\$350,000 (€231,194/£178,943), Kranji, 3-6, 3yo/up, 1200m (AWT), 1:10.96, st.

1--**SPALATO (NZ), 127, g, 6, Elusive City--Ellington (NZ), by Express Duke (Aus)**. O-Graham Christopher Mackie; B-P A Dunell; T-John O'Hara; J-Corey Brown; S\$208,250. Lifetime Record: Ch. 4yo-Sin, 14-10-1-0, S\$1,663,213.

2--**El Padrino (NZ)**, 127, g, 7, Mr Nancho (Arg)--Crownie (Aus), by Luskin Star (Aus). (NZ\$10,000 Wlg '10 NZBWNL). O-One Eight Eight Stable. S\$74,375.

3--**Kiwi Karma (NZ)**, 123, f, 4, Fast N' Famous (Aus)--Miss Purrfection (NZ), by One Cool Cat. O-Dsands Racing Stable. S\$37,625.

Margins: 3 3/4, 5 1/4, 1. Odds: 0.60, 3.20, 4.40.

The Merlion Trophy attracted arguably Singapore's top three sprinters and its reigning Horse of the Year, but Spalato made light work of the field to consolidate his spot at the top of the division.

The nation's champion 4-year-old after defeating Stepitup (Aus) (Hussonet) in the 2014 Singapore Derby, Spalato failed to mix it with some of the world's top sprinters in Hong Kong and suffered a hip injury in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Sprint that saw him sidelined for the best part of eight months. Kept at shorter trips since then, he dropped a narrow decision when



Spalato | Singapore Turf Club

giving away loads of weight in the EW Barker Trophy H. over 1400 grassy metres last November and most recently returned from a spell to take five-furlong test over this Polytrack Feb.

14.

Fairly away in the Merlion, Spalato settled in midpack through the opening couple of furlongs as a three-pronged duel ensued up ahead. Flushed out into about the five path by the fleet filly Kiwi Karma, Spalato ambled up to challenge under a hold at the head of the lane, opened a comfortable advantage and charged home to a convincing victory. El Padrino looked to toss his head at the break and lingered at the back early on. He rallied smartly into the final 200, prompting Corey Brown atop the winner to resort to the whip, and finished a clear second. Kiwi Karma was a distant third while Stepitup, the 2015 HOTY, closed off belatedly for third over this insufficient difference. **Cont. p7**

Merlion Trophy Cont.

The top three home were all ticketed for the Dubai World Cup meeting, but a Strangles outbreak has dashed those plans. Trainer John O'Hara is content to play the hand he's been dealt and is happy to focus on a domestic campaign.

"You always worry in horse racing even if on paper today's race should be easier than his first-up win," said the Singaporean trainer. "But he showed today he was back to his best. He was simply the best horse today and it doesn't matter whether he showed it here, Dubai or anywhere."

Spalato is likely to give the Apr. 3 Kranji Sprint--the second leg of the local Sprint Series--a miss.

"I'll see how he pulls up but I don't think he will be running in the Kranji Sprint. It's a handicap race and he will get the topweight," said O'Hara. "I'd rather take him straight to the Lion City Cup [1200mT, Apr. 24]." [Click for the Singapore Turf Club chart. VIDEO.](#)

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CLASS ONE WITH DUBAI CLUES

by Alan Carasso

Sunday's third race up the 1000-metre straight course at Sha Tin was no ordinary Class 1, as it featured a trio of horses who will and, in one case, may make their respective next appearances on Dubai World Cup night at Meydan Mar. 26.

Favored in the field of eight was **Not Listenin'tome (Aus)** (Dylan Thomas {Ire}), who was giving his rivals between 13 and 27 pounds on the strength of pair of domestic Group 3 triumphs over the course and distance--the second of those under 133 pounds--and a third placing behind Peniaphobia (Ire) (Dandy Man {Ire}) in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Sprint over the metric six furlongs. While those two are bound for the G1 Al Quoz Sprint, **Super Jockey (NZ)** (Sandtrap) was prepping in the C1 for a return trip to the G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen, in which he was an outstanding second to Secret Circle (Eddington)



Not Listenin'tome | HKJC photo

last year. Adding further intrigue to Sunday's heat was the presence of 2014 Al Quoz winner **Amber Sky (Aus)** (Exceed and Excel {Aus}), weighted at 116, but with female apprentice Kei Chiong named, was in at a feathery 106.

Indeed, Amber Sky flew the gates and dropped down onto the stands' side rail as **Rad (Aus)** (Foreplay {Aus}), who also holds an Al Quoz entry, and Super Jockey gave closest chase. Not Listenin'tome was beaten for speed and settled sixth early before working his way into the clear at midway. Amber Sky pressed on with things and came under pressure inside the furlong, but kept on as Rad, Super Jockey and Not Listenin'tome stacked up, in that order, to his outside. Amber Sky dug in gamely and was ultimately headed 50 meters out by Super Jockey, but Not Listenin'tome worked over the top of all of them to take it by a short head in the time of :55.16 [\(VIDEO\)](#).

"He was fractionally underdone, but that's what I wanted to do," trainer John Moore told South China *Morning Post*. "Gallant effort considering he carried 133 and still broke 56 [seconds], which would put him one of the near-favorites for Dubai. I think he's a live chance over there."

SCMP reports that Ryan Moore will have the mount aboard Not Listenin'tome in the Al Quoz. Moore replaced the suspended Chris Hayes on Sole Power (GB) (Kyllachy {GB}) in Saturday's G3 Meydan Sprint and rode the 9-year-old to a close third-place finish.

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Popular Japanese spotted wonder Buchiko (Jpn) (King Kamehameha {Jpn}) added Nakayama's Kazusa S. to her resume Sunday. | Horsephotos

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