

WINCHELL, ASMUSSEN HAVE ANOTHER 'RUNNER'



Gun Runner heads to Louisville a Louisiana Derby winner
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The Winchell Family have teamed with trainer Steve Asmussen for many a big-race success over the last several seasons, the vast majority of those courtesy of the sensational Tapit. It is, however, a son of Candy Ride (Arg) that is taking the Winchells and partners Three Chimneys Farm down the Triple Crown trail in 2016, and in **Gun Runner**, the team will head up to Churchill Downs in the not-too-distant future with an improving horse and a live chance in the GI Kentucky Derby in six weeks' time.

Having never raced at a distance shorter than eight furlongs, Gun Runner overcame a slow pace in his Sept. 11 debut going the one-turn mile beneath the Twin Spires and hit the line hard to graduate by 3/4 of a length, then successfully took his show across Interstate 64 to Keeneland, where he knocked out a first-level allowance trying a two-turn route for the first time Oct. 17. He took the next logical step in a sloppy renewal of the GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. Nov. 28 and came calling from close range to lead into the final eighth of mile, but weakened from there to finish fourth to Airoforce (Colonel John), Mor Spirit (Eskendereya) and Mo Tom (Uncle Mo) in what has become one of the more productive races of all of 2015. On the surface, the task facing Gun Runner in his seasonal return in the GII Risen Star S. Feb. 20 looked tough, but he drove home a half-length winner from **Forevamo** (Uncle Mo) and it was onwards and upwards Saturday in the Big Easy. **Cont. p3**

'EASY' WIN FOR LAND OVER SEA

Having seen enough of the hind-quarters of a certain champion filly called Songbird (Medaglia d'Oro) in each of her five most recent trips to the post, Reddam Racing LLC's **Land Over Sea** (Bellamy Road) ventured beyond the confines of California for the second time in her career and punched her ticket to the GI Kentucky Oaks May 6 with a tough success in the GII Fair Grounds Oaks. "She ran so well," commented trainer Doug O'Neill. "I loved where she was all the way around. It didn't look like Adore wasn't going to give up the lead, so I got a little worried for a second that we were going to run second again to a nice filly. [Jockey] Johnny [Velazquez] kept after her and Land Over Sea loved the long stretch and really took advantage of it. So grateful for Reddams for giving me this filly and the opportunity." **Cont. p5**

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A. K. A. Xe (Indian Ocean) looks after her flashy colt by Paynter while he explores the great outdoors at WinStar Farm for the very first time. He was foaled on March 24 and is owned and bred by Jon and Christine Siegel. Photo provided by foalphotos.com. Submit your foal photos directly to the site.

WONDERFUL...S'MAVERLOUS IN NOLA 7

One-time claimer S'maverlous (Tiz Wonderful), a 20-1 chance, sat a good trip just off the early pace and kicked away late to become a graded winner in Saturday's GII New Orleans H.

TUTTIPAESI SHIPS IN TO WIN SANTA ANA 9

Team Valor Ladies' Tuttipaesi (Ire) (Clodovil {Ire}) passed on a start in New Orleans in favor of Saturday's GII Santa Ana S. and the decision was rewarded when the gray got home late for the win.

TRIO WORK TOWARDS SANTA ANITA DERBY 10

Led by TDN Rising Star Danzing Candy (Twirling Candy), the recent winner of the GII San Felipe S., a trio of sophomores headed towards the Apr. 9 GI Santa Anita Derby worked Saturday morning in Arcadia.

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Drawn gate one for this second start of the season, Gun Runner took full advantage and was perfectly covered up from third as **Candy My Boy** (Candy Ride {Arg}) led into the first corner in advance of **Dazzling Gem** (Misremembered), who entered the Derby on the back of two impressive scores in Arkansas. Still under a long hold from Florent Geroux as the half-mile went up in a modest :48.24, Gun Runner was asked to come after Candy My Boy leaving the three-eighths marker and ambled upside the longshot leader as they neared the top of the long Fair Grounds stretch. Shaken up at the head of the lane, Gun Runner got a couple left-handed whips at the three-sixteenths pole, jumped back onto his left lead about 150 yards from home and held sway as Tom's Ready made belated progress into second. Dazzling Gem looked destined to be off the board a furlong down, but rallied inside of Forevamo to be a respectable third.

"The good thing is he's very easy to manage," explained winning jockey Florent Geroux. "He is so easy to manage and has so many gears. He settles really nicely and when you ask him to go, he has a nice turn of foot. It's great [to have a Derby horse]. Hopefully we can make a nice run the first Saturday in May." **Cont. p4**



After missing out on a ride in last year's aboard Louisiana Derby runner-up Stanford (Malibu Moon), Florent Geroux is headed back to Churchill with Derby winner Gun Runner | Hodges photography

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Louisiana Derby cont.

The hard-luck story of the race was favored Mo Tom, who found himself in a stretch predicament similar to the one he experienced when an unlucky third in the Risen Star. Towards the back of the Louisiana Derby field early on, the scopey dark bay caught the eye while advancing on the turn, but jockey Corey Lanerie opted for an inside run in the stretch, and the colt was short of room on two occasions behind the weakening Candy My Boy. He finished well once out of jail, but could do no better than fourth. Trainer Tom Amoss did not mince words.

“I really thought he ran a prepared race and a great race, I was just puzzled as to why Corey went down to the rail,” said Amoss, who took the jockey off Crescent City Oaks winner Our Lady Allie (Private Vow) two races later. “I just hope he didn’t hurt my horse. I am surprised. There were other choices and I don’t understand why he did what he did. Watching this was like going to the schoolyard and watching your kid get beat up by another kid. It’s so hard to watch something like that with all the preparation we do.”

For his part, Lanerie was willing to shoulder the blame.

“It was a bad ride and totally my fault,” he courageously admitted. “He came underneath me and I had more horse than I knew what to do with and I got him in trouble and went inside when I shouldn’t have. I doubt they’ll let me sit on him again. He’s a great horse.”

Gun Runner is the first produce for his dam, a half-sister to Horse of the Year Saint Liam (Saint Ballado), who annexed the GII Hill ‘n’ Dale Molly Pitcher S. in 2011 before being purchased by Ben Leon’s Besilu Stables for \$3 million from the Ned Evans dispersal at the Keeneland November sale. Quiet Giant is the dam of a 2-year-old filly by Malibu Moon, a yearling Tapit filly and was most recently bred back to that leading sire.

Saturday, Fair Grounds

TWINSPIRES.COM LOUISIANA DERBY-GII, \$1,000,000, FG, 3-26, 3yo, 1 1/8m, 1:51.06, ft.

1--**GUN RUNNER, 122, c, 3**, by [Candy Ride \(Arg\)](#)

1st Dam: Quiet Giant (GSW, \$405,389), by Giant's Causeway

2nd Dam: Quiet Dance, by Quiet American

3rd Dam: Misty Dancer, by Lyphard

O-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC & Three Chimneys Farm; B-Besilu Stables, LLC (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen; J-Florent Geroux. \$600,000. Lifetime Record: 5-4-0-0, \$906,920. **Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#). Werk Nick Rating: A+++ *Triple Plus*.**

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2--**Tom's Ready**, 122, c, 3, [More Than Ready](#)--Goodbye Stranger, by Broad Brush. (\$145,000 RNA Wlg '13 KEENOV; \$145,000 Ylg '14 FTSAUG). O-G M B Racing; B-Blackstone Farm LLC (PA); T-Dallas Stewart. \$200,000.

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3--**Dazzling Gem**, 122, c, 3, [Misremembered](#)--Dazzler, by Vindication. (\$95,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP). O-Steve Landers Racing LLC; B-Lisa Reynolds & Jennifer Feiner (KY); T-Brad H. Cox. \$100,000.

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Margins: 4HF, 1 1/4, NK. Odds: 3.90, 30.50, 8.90.
 Also Ran: Mo Tom, Forevamo, Candy My Boy, Greenpointcrusader, Conquest Windycity, Uncle Walter, Battery. Scratched: Zapperini. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#), the [TJCIS.com PPs](#) or the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#). [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

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Fair Grounds Oaks cont. from p1

A maiden victrix over the Del Mar turf course at second asking last July, the chestnut was a well-beaten third to Songbird in the GI Del Mar Debutante Sept. 5 and runner-up in the GI Chandelier S. Sept. 26 ahead of a non-threatening seventh-place effort as a 7-1 gamble in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Oct. 31. The 23-1 third choice behind 1-20 Songbird in the GII Las Virgenes S. Feb. 6, Land Over Sea rallied from second-last to complete an \$8.40 exacta and she was doing the most running late when 3 3/4 lengths behind the Eclipse Award winner when last seen in the GIII Santa Ysabel S. Mar. 5.



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Midnight on Oconee (Midnight Lute), runner-up to Stageplay (Curlin) in the Jan. 16 Silverbulletday S. and to Venus Valentine (Congrats) in the GII Rachel Alexandra S. Feb. 20, led them into the first turn as the progressive Adore set up shop off the leader's flank. Northwest Tale (Tale of Ekati) enjoyed the run of the race from just in behind, while Land On Sea raced two from the tail as a decent pace developed up ahead of her. **Cont. p6**

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Midnight on Oconee still led going well enough for Florent Geroux as they hit the far turn, but John Velazquez had the chalk in high gear, though they were forced into a deep run on the bend. Adore wrested command from Midnight on Oconee and



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looked every part a winner approaching the furlong grounds, as Land Over Sea looked one-paced. But, roused sharply inside the final eighth of a mile, the O'Neill runner hit another gear to report home a clear-cut winner. Dream Dance,

unraced since crossing the line third in the GII Golden Rod S. Nov. 28, made good ground from last and rallied strongly at the rail to just touch Adore out of second, then galloped out well.

"I was on the outside and I didn't want to come out of there rushing," commented Velazquez. "She broke a little slowly anyway, so I took advantage of that and saved some ground on the first turn. On the backstretch a horse was backing up, so I went around that one and then by the three-eighths I was sitting third and from there it was all her. When I came down the lane, she switched leads and showed the quality she is and what she was chasing out in California."

A half-sister to War Story, who filled third spot behind International Star (Fusaichi Pegasus) in the GII Louisiana Derby on this program 12 months ago, Land Over Sea is also kin to the 2-year-old Cedar Rapids (Elusive Quality), a \$175,000 Keeneland September yearling who just recorded his first breeze Saturday at San Luis Rey Downs. Belle Watling produced a filly by Curlin Jan. 27. Land Over Sea's third dam is GI Kentucky Oaks placegetter Honest and True, herself the dam of champion Epitome.

Saturday, Fair Grounds

TWINSPIRES.COM FAIR GROUNDS OAKS-GII, \$400,000, FG, 3-26, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:44.74, ft.

1--**#@LAND OVER SEA, 122, f, 3, by [Bellamy Road](#)**

1st Dam: Belle Watling, by Pulpit

2nd Dam: Polly Adler, by Housebuster

3rd Dam: Honest and True, by Mr. Leader

(\$42,000 Ylg '14 KEESAP; \$130,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR).

O-Reddam Racing LLC; B-Jack Swain (KY); T-Doug F. O'Neill;

J-John R. Velazquez. \$244,000. Lifetime Record: MGISP,

8-2-4-1, \$472,000. *1/2 to War Story (Northern Afleet), MGSP,

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2--**Dream Dance, 122, f, 3, [Afleet Alex](#)**--This Cat Can Dance, by

Vindication. (\$50,000 Ylg '14 FTKOCT). O-Stoneway Farm;

B-George Waggoner Stables Inc. (KY); T-N Howard. \$80,000.

3--**Adore, 122, f, 3, [Big Brown](#)**--Cozshesaidso, by Empire Maker.

(\$15,000 Ylg '14 KEESAP). O-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC;

B-Charles P. Merrick (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen. \$40,000.

Two-Year-Old Selection by EA BLOODSTOCK LLC

Margins: 4HF, NK, 3 3/4. Odds: 1.80, 23.20, 4.10.

Also Ran: Northwest Tale, Venus Valentine, Stageplay, Midnight

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1--**#S'MAVERLOUS**, 114, g, 6, by Tiz Wonderful



1st Dam: A. P. Petal, by A.P. Indy
2nd Dam: Golden Petal, by Mr. Prospector
3rd Dam: Hatton's Rose, by Buckpasser
 (\$80,000 Ylg '11 FTKJUL). O-Gata Racing Stable LLC; B-Spendthrift Farm LLC (KY); T-M Maker; J-J Lezcano. \$240,000. Lifetime Record: 20-8-4-4, \$514,716. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++.**
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*2--**International Star**, 119, c, 4, [Fusaichi Pegasus](#)--Parlez, by French Deputy. (\$85,000 Ylg '13 EASSEP). O-Kenneth & Sarah Ramsey; B-Katharine M. Voss & Robert T Manfuso (NY); T-Michael J. Maker. \$80,000.

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3--**Eagle**, 119, c, 4, [Candy Ride \(Arg\)](#)--Sea Gull, by Mineshaft. O/B-W.S. Farish (KY); T-Neil J. Howard. \$40,000.

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Margins: 2, NO, 2 3/4. Odds: 20.20, 2.40, 2.00.

Also Ran: Majestic Harbor, *Jessica's Star, Coup de Grace, Mobile Bay, Freestyler, Stormdriver, Ride On Curlin.
 *Jessica's Star (Magna Graduate) finished second, but was disqualified and placed fifth.

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Making his seventh start off a \$32,000 claim last September, S'maverlous sat up on the pace and kicked away in the stretch to complete his transformation into a graded winner in Saturday's GII New Orleans H. at the Fair Grounds.

Halted by these connections out of a 2 1/2-length success sprinting over the Belmont main track Sept. 11, the bay was third in a pair of starts at Belmont Nov. 8 and in the Aqueduct slop Dec. 2 before shipping out. Stabled for a time at Oaklawn Park, S'maverlous was an even sixth in a second-level allowance over six furlongs Jan. 17, then relocated to this track and just missed when trying a two-turn route for the first time in his career Feb. 8. He was green-lighted for this toughest test to date following a 1 1/4-length success over an extended mile Mar. 3, and was understandably lightly regarded in the markets.

New Orleans H. cont. p8

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Coup de Grace (Tapit) won the hop and coasted down towards the inside and soon had S'maverlous at his saddletowel as Jessica's Star (Magna Graduate) came up the fence to box-seat that leading duo. Majestic Harbor (Rockport Harbor), last-out winner of the GIII Mineshaft H., got a good spot in the slipstream of the eventual winner from fourth. The Fox Hill runner took them into the turn, but Jose Lezcano had S'maverlous ready to pounce and sent his mount to the front at the five-sixteenths. Firmly at the head of affairs in upper stretch, the Mike Maker trainee kicked on nicely to put a couple of lengths on his rivals and was never in serious danger thereafter. Jessica's Star crossed the line second, but was demoted to fifth after causing interference to Majestic Harbor at the midstretch marker. Eagle got into a good spot from his wide draw and saved ground down the back. He looked full of run into the lane, but lugged in past midstretch and rallied home, but far too late.

"No complaints from me," Maker said. "I got him last fall at Belmont. He's bred for the distance. You take horses who are doing well, you hope they can run the way he did. We rolled the dice and it paid off."

The winner, who hails from the female family of the solid grass horses Lear Spear (Lear Fan) and Australian Group 1 winner Moriarty (Ire) (Clodovil {Ire}), is kin to a 2-year-old filly of this year by English Channel and a yearling colt by Aikenite (Yes It's True).



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Saturday, Fair Grounds

MUNIZ MEMORIAL H.-GII, \$300,000, FG, 3-26, 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT, 1:47.80, fm.

- 1--**TAKE THE STAND (ARG)**, 116, h, 5, by Not For Sale (Arg)
1st Dam: Taken Away (Brz) (SW & MG1SP-Arg), by Wild Event
2nd Dam: Natividad (Brz), by Jules
3rd Dam: Ravola, by Rahy

O-Earle I. Mack LLC, Wachtel Stable & Brous Stable LLC; B-Santa Maria De Araras (ARG); T-William I. Mott; J-Edgar S. Prado. \$180,000. Lifetime Record: GSW-Arg, 12-6-2-1, \$317,631. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

Werk Nick Rating: C+.

- 2--**World Approval**, 120, g, 4, [Northern Afleet](#)--Win Approval, by With Approval. O-Live Oak Plantation; B-Live Oak Stud (FL); T-Mark E. Casse. \$60,000.

- 3--**Closing Bell**, 115, c, 4, [Tapit](#)--Rehear, by Coronado's Quest. (\$400,000 Ylg '13 KESEEP). O-WinStar Farm LLC; B-W. S. Farish & Lazy F Ranch (KY); T-William I. Mott. \$30,000.

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Margins: 1 1/4, 1HF, NK. Odds: 8.00, 3.00, 6.60.

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Muniz Memorial H. cont.

Take the Stand, a group winner in his native Argentina last February, became a graded stakes winner in the U.S. with a wire-to-wire victory in Saturday's GII Muniz Memorial H. The 5-year-old missed by just a neck when second after setting the pace in the Feb. 13 GIII Tampa Bay S. last time out and was making his sixth stateside start for Earle Mack, Wachtel Stable



Take the Stand | Hodges Photography

and Brous Stable in New Orleans. Breaking from the inside in a field of 11, Take the Stand quickly assumed control under Edgar Prado and was in hand through fractions of :23.54, :47.59 and 1:10.98. He skipped clear into the stretch and was unchallenged to the

wire. "He loved the lead last time and was happy," Prado said. "Unfortunately we got beat then. He was running every step of the way today and drew off in the stretch. The first quarter we were going pretty easy. We picked it up in the second quarter and he was doing it so easy. When they tried to come close to

me, my horse just leveled off again." Rodolphe Brisset, assistant to winning trainer Bill Mott, added, "We were not really expecting to be on the lead today because there was a lot of speed on paper, but the horse took [Prado] there again, same as in Tampa, and he just took off at the quarter pole and was very impressive today." [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#), the [TJCIS.com PPs](#) or the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#). [VIDEO](#), sponsored by [Fasig-Tipton](#).

Saturday, Santa Anita

SANTA ANA S.-GII, \$200,000, SA, 3-26, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT, 1:48.82, fm.

1--@TUTTIPAESI (IRE), 118, m, 6, by Clodovil (Ire)



1st Dam: Ruby Ridge (Ire), by Acatenango (Ger)

2nd Dam: Desert Frolic (Ire), by Persian Bold (Ire)

3rd Dam: Try to Catch Me, by Shareef Dancer

(€18,000 Wlg '10 GOFNOV; 12,000gns Ylg '11 TAOC; \$490,000 RNA 5yo '15 FTKNOV). O-Valor Ladies, LLC; B-Mrs Eithne Hamilton (IRE); T-William I. Mott; J-Christopher P. DeCarlo. \$120,000. Lifetime Record: SW-Ity & GISP-US, 17-7-2-3, \$495,929. [Click for eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#). **Werk Nick Rating: A.**

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2--**Glory**, 118, f, 4, [Tapit](#)--Ki Maniere (Ire), by Sadler's Wells. (\$260,000 Ylg '13 KEESep). O-Fox Hill Farms, Inc.; B-Patchen Wilkes Farm, LLC (KY); T-Jerry Hollendorfer. \$40,000.

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3--**Fresh Feline**, 118, m, 5, [Kitten's Joy](#)--Merry Me in Spring, by Wekiva Springs. (\$215,000 Ylg '12 KEESep). O-Lazy F Ranch (Corbett); B-Mr. & Mrs. Robert Horton & Charles Middleton III (KY); T-John A. Shirreffs. \$24,000.

Margins: NK, 3/4, 1 1/4. Odds: 2.70, 3.50, 18.10.

Also Ran: Nashoba's Gold, Her Emmynency. Scratched: Nancy From Nairobi (GB).

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Tuttipaesi came seemingly out of nowhere in the final strides to score her first graded victory in the Santa Ana. Cross-entered in the New Orleans Ladies S. at Fair Grounds, she was installed as the second-choice while breaking from the outside post in this short field of five. Breaking slowly, the gray was quickly



Tuttipaesi | Benoit Photo

settled into stride by Chris DeCarlo and ran alongside Nashoba's Gold (Smart Strike) at the back of the pack through an opening quarter in :24.50 and a half in :48.51. Three wide on the outside of the tightly-bunched quintet on the backstretch, the

6-year-old was taken inside of longshot Fresh Feline approaching the turn and was forced to check a bit off the heels of leaders Glory and favored Her Emmynency (Successful Appeal). Screaming for room while blocked in behind those runners as Glory attempted to go on with it in the lane, Tuttipaesi eagerly surged through a small seam in the final sixteenth to score. Glory held second over Fresh Feline and Nashoba's Gold ran on for fourth over a fast-fading Her Emmynency. It was the second graded win of the day for Hall of Famer Bill Mott, who captured the Fair Grounds's Gil Mervin Muniz Memorial H. with Take the Stand (Arg) (Not For Sale {Arg}). Mott also won races at Gulfstream, including the Sanibel Island H. with GSW Harmonize (Scat Daddy).

"[Chris DeCarlo] did a good job," said Riley Mott, son and assistant to the winning conditioner. "She was in tight turning for home but was pretty valiant. I wasn't sure [she would get there] until 100 yards from the line, when she got out. I know she's game. She showed it in her previous races. This was a pretty special win."

Starting her career in Europe for trainer Marco Botti, Tuttipaesi made her first three starts in America for conditioner Graham Motion before being transferred to Mott in the fall of 2014. Off the board in her first three outings for this barn, the gray finished second to Recepta (Speightstown) in Saratoga's De La Rose S. last August and faded to ninth behind that rival next out in Belmont's GIII Noble Damsel S. Sept. 19. Victorious next out in the restricted Suffolk Downs Distaff Turf S. Oct. 3, she followed suit with a win in Gulfstream's South Beach S. Dec. 12 and was a wide-trip third last time in that venue's GIII Marshua's River S. Jan. 9.

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DANZING CANDY FIRES BULLET

'TDN Rising Star' Danzing Candy (Twirling Candy), wire-to-wire winner of the GII San Felipe S. in his most recent trip to the post Mar. 12, tuned up for the Apr. 9 GI Santa Anita Derby Saturday morning, working five furlongs in a bullet :58.60. It was the fastest of 54 works at the distance, for which the average time was 1:01.47.

"I didn't want to go quite that fast," admitted trainer Cliff Sise Jr. "I wanted to go in like a minute and change, but he got some air in him today."



Danzing Candy | Benoit photo

Working in the company of the Richard Baltas-trained Far Out Kailee (Summer Bird), Danzing Candy, who races as a homebred

for Halo Farms, was timed in :22.80 for the opening quarter-mile and :46.40 for the half before galloping out in 1:12 flat.

Also working for the Santa Anita Derby were **Exaggerator** (Curlin) and **Smokey Image** (Southern Image), third and fifth in the San Felipe, respectively. Exaggerator went in fractions of :24 flat for a quarter, three-eighths in :36 and a half in :48.60. He finished five furlongs in 1:00.40 beneath Kent Desormeaux and galloped out in 1:13.80.

"It was a normal work and he did it easily," trainer Keith Desormeaux said. "No complaints."

Smokey Image, who lost his unbeaten record in the San Felipe, went five furlongs in :59.60.

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Saturday's Results:

CUTLER BAY S., \$75,000, GP, 3-26, 3yo, 1mT, 1:34.74, fm.

1--**#GIANT RUN, 116, c, 3, by [Giant's Causeway](#)**

1st Dam: Who Did It and Run (MGSW, \$325,756), by Polish Numbers

2nd Dam: I'm Harriet, by Diesis (GB)

3rd Dam: I'm Well Bred, by Cormorant

(\$200,000 Ylg '14 KESEEP). O-Robert C. Baker & William L. Mack; B-Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds, LLC (MD); T-Thomas Albertrani; J-Joe Bravo. \$45,570. Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-0, \$117,310. *1/2 to American Victory (Victory Gallop), SW.

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2--**Highland Sky, 116, c, 3, [Sky Mesa](#)**--Kristi With a K, by Petionville. O-Joyce Young & Gerald McManis; B-Bonner Young (KY); T-Barclay Tagg. \$14,700.

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3--**Abbot, 116, c, 3, [Langfuhr](#)**--Saintly Sister, by Saint Liam. O-Stone Farm; B-Stone Farm (KY); T-Christophe Clement. \$7,350. Margins: 1 1/4, 1 3/4, NK. Odds: 2.20, 2.60, 3.80.

Also Ran: Ousby, Cave Johnson, Applicator, Duffle Bag. Scratched: Highly Prized (GB).

Giant Run had shown speed in his first two starts over dirt, but blossomed when switched to turf last fall at Belmont, running a big-figure second while setting a fast pace Oct. 18. Fifth in an off-the-turfer next out Dec. 5, the chestnut colt broke his



Giant Run | *Coglianes*

maiden on the front end over the Hallandale turf Jan. 2, holding off highly regarded Inspector Lynley (Lemon Drop Kid) to score. Stepping up into stakes company Feb. 27, he further established his quality by finishing a game second at 9-1 in the GIII Palm Beach S. Breaking sharply as the heavy favorite here, Giant Run went two-wide into the

clubhouse turn and quickly took up his usual spot on the engine, dictating comfortable splits of :24.26 and :48.10. Pushed along by Abbot heading into the far turn, the chalk was put to a drive and successfully turned back that foe by the top of the stretch. Accelerating to open up a clear lead by the eighth pole, he had plenty left to hold off the late challenge of second choice Highland Sky and tally his first stakes win. The winner's dam was a turf specialist on the Jersey shore, winning multiple stakes, including the 1998 GII Jersey Derby S. over males. She most recently dropped a foal by Flatter in 2015. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**

SANIBEL ISLAND H., \$75,000, GP, 3-26, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:34.68, fm.

1--**HARMONIZE, 122, f, 3, by [Scat Daddy](#)**

1st Dam: Mesa Fresca, by Sky Mesa

2nd Dam: Mayan Maiden, by Lyphard

3rd Dam: Chic Shirine, by Mr. Prospector

(\$80,000 Ylg '14 KESEEP). O-Larkin Armstrong; B-Jack Swain (KY); T-William I. Mott; J-Junior Alvarado. \$43,710. Lifetime Record: GSW, 5-3-1-0, \$210,310.

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*2--**Shake Down Baby, 120, f, 3, Wando**--Megavista, by Medaglia d'Oro. (C\$5,000 Ylg '14 CANSEP). O-Cheyenne Stables LLC; B-Gustav Schickedanz (ON); T-Christophe Clement. \$14,100.

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3--**Lira, 120, f, 3, [Giant's Causeway](#)**--Lerici, by Woodman. (\$170,000 Ylg '14 KESEEP). O-Mathis Stable LLC; B-Tada Nobutaka (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher. \$7,050.

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Margins: 3/4, HD, 2HF. Odds: 2.00, 5.20, 1.90.

Also Ran: Pancake, First Girl, Sky My Sky, *Rontos Lily, Pulled the Goalie, Melody Croon, Silky Girl, Queen of Silence. Scratched: Hold On Momma. *Rontos Lily finished second, but was disqualified and placed seventh.

Harmonize, one of the leading 2-year-old turf fillies last year, made an impressive return to the races to kick off her sophomore season in style. The filly graduated with a four-length victory in the P G

Johnson S. over the Saratoga lawn last September and circled the field to just get on top in the Oct. 7 GIII Jessamine S. at Keeneland. She was last seen finishing seventh, beaten just 3 3/4 lengths in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf Oct. 30.



Harmonize | *Leslie Martin*

Harmonize hopped at the break and was shuffled back to race near the back of the pack. She sliced her way through a host of rivals in upper stretch and powered to the lead in the final strides. Breeder Jack Swain III enjoyed a nice daily double, having also bred GII Fair Grounds Oaks heroine Land Over Sea (Bellamy Road). Rontos Lily (Big Drama), who crossed the wire second, was moved down to seventh after an erratic stretch run. Mesa Fresca, a half to the dam of multiple graded stakes winner Al Khali (Medaglia d'Oro) and graded stakes placed Japan (Medaglia d'Oro), produced a colt by Animal Kingdom in 2015 and was bred back to Scat Daddy. The winner is also from the family of Grade I winners Somali Lemonade and Verrazano. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**

6th-GP, \$40,000, Msw, 3-26, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11.39, ft.
LADY CONSTANCE (f, 3, [Bellamy Road--Jewel for a King, by Storm Cat](#)) finished last first out for Archibald Kingsley, Jr. at the Spa in August, and didn't fare much better when a distant 11th in the Churchill slop for this barn Nov. 28. Showing a quick series of works at Palm Meadows in the interim, the \$97,000 KEESEP yearling pressed well-backed Bill Mott firster Her (Street Boss) and blew by that rival in the lane to post a 28-1 upset by 3 1/2 lengths. The winner's unraced dam, a daughter of champion Jewel Princess (Key to the Mint), was acquired for \$50,000 at the 2012 Keeneland November sale while carrying Lady Constance. She produced an Eye of the Leopard filly in 2014 and a daughter of Oxbow last year, and was bred back to a third-straight Calumet inmate in Raison d'Etat. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$24,600. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).**

O-Trade Winds Farm; B-Calumet Farm (KY); T-Dale L. Romans.

7th-GP, \$40,000, Msw, 3-26, 3yo, 7 1/2ft, 1:30.19, fm.
MIGHTY MO (c, 3, [Uncle Mo--Flowers Athefinish, by Grand Reward](#)) debuted with a fifth-place effort going 1 1/16 miles over the Saratoga lawn last August for trainer Todd Pletcher. Making his first start for Bill Mott off a strong series of works at Payson Park, the bay colt rushed up from his outside post and angled to the rail to take up a stalking position going into the first turn. Racing under a snug hold down the backstretch, the 3-1 shot took the lead turning for home and held sway by a length over Sir Dudley Digges (Gio Ponti) despite drifting slightly into that favorite's path in the dying strides. Mighty Mo was a \$100,000 FTSAUG yearling and \$160,000 OBSMAR juvenile. His dam, Flowers Athefinish sold carrying a full-sibling for \$65,000 at last year's Keeneland November sale. Her weanling filly by last year's leading freshman sire brought \$50,000 at that same auction. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$26,490. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).**

O-Jake Ballis & Rashard Lewis; B-Machmer Hall (KY); T-Bill Mott.

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3rd-TAM, \$20,000, Msw, 3-26, 3yo, 1m 40y, 1:43.51, ft.
BEAVER TRAPPER (c, 3, [Trappe Shot--Tenshi, by Elusive Quality](#)), a quality second on debut Nov. 20 over the Woodbine synthetic despite bearing out on the turn, spent almost four months on the bench after that effort and finished a wide fifth sprinting over this track Mar. 12. Stretching out to two turns and adding blinkers at 5-1 in this spot, the \$48,000 FTKFEB buy bobbled a bit at the break, but punched through along the rail to grab the lead around the first turn. Showing the way through a

first quarter in :23.80 and a half in :47.87, he encountered a strong bid from 7-10 chalk War Order (War Front) at the head of the far turn, losing the lead for the majority of the bend before re-rallying gamely into the stretch. He soon rebuffed the challenge of the favorite and opened clear past the sixteenth-pole, holding off a late bid from 7-1 Archanova (Archarcharch) to prevail by a length. War Order checked in third. Sales History: \$95,000 RNA Ylg '14 FTKJUL; \$82,000 RNA Ylg '14 EASSEP; \$75,000 RNA 2yo '15 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$20,665. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).**

O-Secure Investments; B-Baugh 2002 (KY); T-Justin J. Nixon.

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TODAY'S INSIGHTS

3rd-FG, \$41K, Msw, 3yo, f, 5 1/2ft, 2:27 p.m ET

Whitham Thoroughbreds LLC's **MUNDY ROAD ([Lonhro {Aus}](#))** looks to get off the mark in this turf contest. Out of the versatile Affluent (Affirmed), who scored four times at the highest level, split evenly between dirt and turf, the Janis Whitham-bred is a half-sister to SW and GSP Magic Hour (Awesome Again). The Whithams raced Mundy Road's third dam, multiple U.S. champion Bayakoa (Arg) (Consultant's Bid), after purchasing her privately following her top-level wins in Argentina. Fellow Whitham homebred Fort Larned (E Dubai), out of a half-sister to Affluent, landed the GI Breeders' Cup Classic at Santa Anita Park in 2013. **[TJCIS PPs](#)**

7th-GP, \$50K, Msw, 3yo, f, 7 1/2ft, 3:35 p.m. ET

Christophe Clement sends out Payson Stud homebred **SWEETBABY ([Candy Ride {Arg}](#))** in this career bow. A daughter of GI Del Mar Oaks victress Rutherienne (Pulpit), herself a full-sister to GSW Ruthenia, the dark bay has accumulated a hefty worktab at Payson Park, including a five panel breeze in 1:03 2/5 (4/8) Mar. 19. Never to be discounted, especially over the grass, Chad Brown saddles **Take These Chains (Ire) ([Fastnet Rock {Aus}](#))** for John Gunther and Eurowest Bloodstock Services. A half-sister to G1 Premio Vittorio di Capua second-place finisher Bookrunner (Tiznow), Take These Chains is out of GSW and GISP Take the Ribbon (Chester House). **Assembly ([Candy Ride {Arg}](#))** joins the fray for Bill Mott and owner/breeder Juddmonte Farms. Out of French Group 1-placed Conference Call (GB) (Anabaa), Assembly is a half-sister to G1SP Teletext (Empire Maker), from the same family as Danehill. Stablemate **Aussie Awakening ([Lonhro {Aus}](#))**, representing Parting Glass Stable, also faces the starter for the first time. She is a half-sister to GSW Recapturetheglorry (Cherokee Run). **[TJCIS PPs](#)**

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Saturday's Results:

CICADA S., \$118,750, AQU, 3-26, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:12.08, ft.

1--**LOST RAVEN, 120, f, 3, by Uncle Mo**

1st Dam: Elusive Raven, by Elusive Quality

2nd Dam: Summer Raven, by Summer Squall

3rd Dam: Rahy Rose, by Rahy

O/B-Repole Stable (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher; J-Manuel Franco. \$75,000. Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-1, \$200,350.

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2--**Takrees, 117, f, 3, Daaher--Uroobah, by Dynaformer.**

O/B-Shadwell Farm, LLC (KY); T-Kiaran P. McLaughlin. \$25,000.

3--**Anydayismyday, 116, f, 3, Afleet Alex--Noelle Rose, by Lion Heart.** (\$3,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP). O-Joseph Lowe; B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY); T-Edmund Pringle. \$12,500.

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Margins: NK, 3/4, 1. Odds: 9.90, 5.40, 26.25. Also Ran: Constellation.

Lost Raven, winner of the Smart Halo S. at Laurel in her second trip to the post last November, concluded her juvenile campaign with a fifth-place effort in the Nov. 28 GII Demoiselle S. The bay filly opened 2016 with a runner-up effort in the Jan. 16 Marshua S. and was third in the Jan. 31 Busanda S. She was cutting back to six furlongs off a fifth-place effort in the 1 1/16-mile Busher S. Feb. 27. Lost Raven bobbled slightly leaving the gate, but recovered quickly and rushed to take the early lead. She was pressed by prohibitive 1-10 favorite Constellation (Bellamy Road) through fractions of :23.43 and :46.39. The favorite began to toil at midstretch and Lost Raven scampered clear before grimly holding off the late-rushing Takrees and Anydayismyday. "She's a nice filly; she tries hard every time and she did it today," said winning rider Manny Franco. "Every time she's run, she's given me all she had. I knew the distance today is perfect for her and I was really comfortable with her. I don't think she wants to go the long distances and six furlongs is really good for her." Byron Hughes, assistant to winning trainer Todd Pletcher, agreed the cut-back was key to the victory. "I think [the shorter distance] helped," Hughes said. "She probably doesn't want to go that far. The six furlongs was good. We kind of took some shots there [around two turns], but I think we're finding her rhythm and this was a really good spot." Constellation, making her first start since a 10-length win over track and trip in the Jan. 17 Ruthless S., sputtered home fourth in the four-horse field while drifting out late. "I broke good and I was where I wanted to be," said Jose Ortiz. "I thought my horse responded to me well, but so did the other filly and she won. I just couldn't do it today." From a \$480,028 pool, \$456,617 was bet on Constellation to place. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

6th-AQU, \$60,000, Msw, 3-26, 3yo, 6f, 1:11.98, ft.

AT GUARD (c, 3, Mineshaft--Lady On Holiday {SP, \$145,452}, by Harlan's Holiday) was third on debut going five furlongs at Parx Feb. 27. The 9-2 shot pressed the pace through fractions of :22.93 and :46.72 before surging to the lead with a furlong to run and drawing clear to score by 3 1/2 lengths. Favored Dark as Midnight (Midnight Lute) was second. At Guard was a \$70,000 KEESEP yearling and an \$80,000 OBSAPR juvenile. His dam, a half-sister to graded stakes winner Bold Start (Jump Start), produced a filly by Arch in 2015 and a colt by Bernardini this year. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$41,500.

O-Team D; B-Nordic Thoroughbreds (KY); T-Anthony W. Dutrow.

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Saturday's Results:

PRIMONETTA S., \$75,000, LRL, 3-26, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.84, ft.

1--**LADY SABELIA, 118, m, 6, Majestic Warrior--Terra Maria, by Citidancer.** O-Mrs. Frank P. Wright; B-Frank P Wright (KY); T-Robin L. Graham; J-Horacio Karamanos. \$45,000. Lifetime Record: GSW, 20-11-3-4, \$740,465.

2--**Disco Chick, 118, m, 5, Jump Start--Disco Flirt, by Disco Rico.** O-Freedom Acres Inc.; B-Y. Jerry Kolybabiuk (PA); T-Mario Serey, Jr. \$15,000.

3--**Sweet On Smokey, 120, f, 4, Successful Appeal--Clochard, by Devil's Bag.** (\$20,000 2yo '14 OBSAPR). O-BB Horses; B-Tom McCrocklin & Frank Mermenstein (KY); T-Claudio A. Gonzalez. \$7,500.

Margins: HF, 2 3/4, 1. Odds: 0.60, 8.30, 6.90.

Also Ran: Love Came to Town, Raging Smoke, Dallas Cowgirl, Court Dancer. Scratched: Flattering Bea.

Lady Sabelia, winner of the 2015 GII Barbara Fritchie H., romped in Belmont's Pumpkin Pie S. Nov. 1 and followed suit with a win in this venue's Willa On The Move S. a month later. Third when attempting a title defense in the Barbara Fritchie Feb. 13, the chalk was a two-wide fifth through the initial stages and tugged her way to the front just after an opening quarter in :22.79. Pressing Disco Chick through a half in :45.88, the dark bay determinedly ran down that rival in the final furlong for a narrow victory. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)



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Friday Night's Results:

3rd-CT, \$24,000, Alw, 3-25, (NW2LX), 3yo/up, 4 1/2f, :52.60, ft.

HOT CORNER (g, 4, [Macho Uno](#)--Thorn Flower, by Montjeu {Ire}) led every step of the way to post a 3/4-length graduation in a sloppy course-and-distance test Feb. 3, but was no better than the third choice at 5-1 to put them back to back. Pressing from second through a hot opening quarter in :21.85, the dark bay collared the pacesetter in early stretch and spurred clear to a 1 1/4-length success over C.D. Jammin (Bop). Sales history: \$22,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP; \$60,000 2yo '14 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$28,080. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Rockingham Ranch; B-Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding (KY); T-Jeff C. Runco.

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Saturday's Results:

GAZEBO S., \$100,000, OP, 3-26, 3yo, 6f, 1:10.92, ft.

1--#WILL MUNNINGS, 119, c, 3, by [Munnings](#)

1st Dam: The Schwagen, by Matty G

2nd Dam: Mea, by Dayjur

3rd Dam: Meafara, by Meadowlake

(\$75,000 Ylg '14 FTKJUL; \$80,000 2yo '15 OBSMAR). O-Xpress Thoroughbreds LLC.; B-Buck Pond Farm, Inc. (KY); T-William H. Fires; J-Jon Kenton Court. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 9-3-2-0, \$169,880.

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2--Entertainer, 118, c, 3, [Malibu Moon](#)--Cherokee Queen, by Cherokee Run. (\$275,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP). O-William S. Sparks; B-Doug & Felicia Branham (KY); T-Ron Moquett. \$20,000.

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3--Force It, 117, c, 3, [More Than Ready](#)--Force One (GB), by Dansili (GB). O-Kenneth E. Fishbein; B-Clearsky Farms (KY); T-Cheryl Winebaugh. \$10,000.

Margins: 1 3/4, 2, 1 1/4. Odds: 2.40, 2.90, 5.50.

Also Ran: Mud Light, Cataroux, Cash Bonus, Taylors Angiel, Silver Dodge.

Will Munnings was bet like a good thing in his debut last August, scoring at 8-5 sprinting over the turf at Ellis, but followed that win up with a non-threatening fourth in the GIII Arlington-Washington Futurity S. A neck second sprinting on the Kentucky Downs turf Sept. 16, the dark bay checked in fourth in his dirt debut at Churchill Nov. 1 and was off the board next out in the Sugar Bowl S. on the Fair Grounds main Dec. 19. He found his game when shipped to Hot Springs, however, running a solid second Jan. 16 behind GII Rebel S. runner-up Whitmore (Pleasantly Perfect).

Will Munnings was eighth in his next start there Feb. 7 with significant trouble on the backstretch, then broke through his first-level allowance condition last time by a determined head Feb. 28. Venturing back into stakes waters here, the dark bay broke like a rocket from his outside post and set up shop four



Will Munnings | Coady

deep on the early pace through a quarter in :21.84. As two of the speed actors dropped away, he sidled up alongside Cataroux (Tale of the Cat) on his own power heading into the turn and kicked away from that foe, spinning for home past a half in :45.20. Powerfully drawing

away from the field, he was never threatened thereafter in this career-best performance. "We couldn't find a non-winners of three for him, so we figured we would step him up in this spot and see what kind of horse he is," said trainer William "Jinks" Fires. "It worked out good for us. We were happy with the way he was coming into this race and thought he had a big chance. He's really stepped it up in his last two races. I'm not sure where we will go next with him. We will look at our options and take it from there." [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

CRESCENT CITY DERBY, \$75,000, FG, 3-26, (S), 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:46.33, ft.

1--#CLASSY BIRD, 122, c, 3, by [Birdstone](#)

1st Dam: Classy Aly, by Sky Classic

2nd Dam: Majestic Folly, by Alydar

3rd Dam: Royal Folly, by Tom Fool

(\$16,000 Ylg '14 TEXOCT). O-Norman Stables LLC; B-Allen Guillotte (LA); T-Lonnie Briley; J-Francisco C. Torres. \$45,000. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, \$77,510. *1/2 to Classy Deelites (Afternoon Deelites), MSW, \$374,240.

2--Extra Credit, 122, c, 3, [Proud Citizen](#)--Sunny Isles, by Stormy Atlantic. O/B-Richard & Bertram Klein (LA); T-Brad H. Cox. \$15,000.

3--Ekati Warrior, 122, g, 3, [Tale of Ekati](#)--Cherokee Miss, by Cherokee Colony. O/B-Carl Schexnayder & Harold Babineaux (LA); T-Keith G. Bourgeois. \$8,250.

Margins: 1, 2, 3. Odds: 17.60, 3.40, 12.80.

Also Ran: Mageez, Hunker Down, Sea Vow, Chattanooga, Great Value, Mick, John's Luck, Half Cajun, Icy Gentleman. Scratched: Ole Skip Rope. **Cont. p5**

Crescent City Derby cont.

Classy Bird finished second in his career bow sprinting against \$25,000 state-bred maiden claimers here Nov. 29 and went box-to-wire to graduate by 7 3/4 lengths next out in a one-mile maiden special for LA-breds over this strip Jan. 7. Third when



Classy Bird | Hodges Photography

facing winners for the first time in another state-bred test last time Feb. 18, the bay was completely dismissed by the bettors in this black-type bow, where he was drawn widest of all in post 13. Off a step slower than the rest, the bay caboosed the field while

running two wide through early fractions of :23.65 and :47.31. With just two rivals beat turning for home, Classy Bird was trapped in behind a wall of rivals in early stretch, forcing Francisco Torres to be creative. Weaving his way between rivals, the sophomore tipped to the outside to take on Extra Credit once in the clear and surged past that rival late to score. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**

CRESCENT CITY OAKS, \$75,000, FG, 3-26, (S), 3yo, f, 1m 70y, 1:44.20, ft.

1--**#OUR LADY ALLIE, 122, f, 3, by Private Vow**

1st Dam: Our Fan Allie, by Lear Fan

2nd Dam: Ladyago, by Northern Dancer

3rd Dam: Queen of Song, by His Majesty

(\$1,000 Ylg '14 ESLYRL). O-Midwest Thoroughbreds Inc.; B-Joyce Pickett (LA); T-Thomas M. Amoss; J-James Graham. \$45,000. Lifetime Record: 5-4-1-0, \$112,300.

2--**Jet Black Magic, 122, f, 3, [Hold Me Back](#)--Rhodelia, by Silver Deputy.** (\$47,000 Ylg '14 BSCYRL). O-Carl R. Moore Management LLC; B-Clear Creek Stud Llc (LA); T-W. Bret Calhoun. \$15,000.

3--**Sunny Oak, 122, f, 3, [Giant Oak](#)--Heckuva Time, by Gilded Time.** (\$9,500 Wlg '13 ESLMIX; \$42,000 2yo '15 TEXAPR). O-Keith Plaisance; B-Jeff & Darlene Wahman (LA); T-Edward Johnston. \$8,250.

Margins: 4HF, HF, 3HF. Odds: 1.60, 1.60, 5.60.

Also Ran: Ide Biduadeau, Hopette, Aunt Nellie, Jaded Rose, Thegoodwitch. Scratched: Calamity Jane.

Our Lady Allie captured her career bow against \$20,000 maiden claimers at Louisiana Downs last August for trainer James Hodges and owner Phyllis Hodges. Picked up by Midwest Thoroughbreds and transferred to Tom Amoss, she finished second in her debut for these connections in a state-bred allowance here Nov. 19, but rebounded to score a decisive victory next out against fellow LA-breds Jan. 10.

Romping by 6 1/2 lengths last time in an open allowance at Delta Downs Feb. 26, the bay was gunned to the lead by James Graham and ticked off opening splits of :23.76 and :47.92 from



Our Lady Allie | Hodges Photography

the rail while under a tight hold from her rider. Sunny Oak drew even with the pacesetter approaching the bend, but Our Lady Allie had plenty left in the tank and easily cruised clear when given her head to win for fun. Jockey Corey Lanerie was originally assigned to ride the

winner, but Amoss replaced him with Graham at the last minute after a controversial ride on fourth-place finisher Mo Tom (Uncle Mo) in the GII Louisiana Derby two races prior. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**

SOUTHERN PARK S., (NB) \$75,000, MVR, 3-26, (S), 3yo, f, 6f, 1:14.55, ft.

1--**BAREFOOT GYPSY, 118, f, 3, by Daaher**

1st Dam: Ela Enta (GB), by Royal Applause (GB)

2nd Dam: Hasanat (GB), by Night Shift

3rd Dam: Eye Witness (Ire), by Don't Forget Me (Ire)

(\$17,500 Ylg '14 FTKOCT). O-Hat Creek Racing; B-Peter J. Shepell (OH); T-Wesley A. Ward; J-Albin Jimenez. \$45,000. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$59,700.

2--**Heavenly Mine, 119, f, 3, [Discreetly Mine](#)--Conjuress, by Indian Charlie.** (\$37,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP). O-Robert Alvin Reeves; B-Langsem Farm, Inc (OH); T-Mark Thomas. \$15,000.

3--**Fast Justice, 118, f, 3, [Regal Ransom](#)--Fast Included, by Include.** (\$7,500 Wlg '13 KEENOV; \$15,000 Ylg '14 OBSAUG; \$55,000 RNA 2yo '15 OBSAPR). O-Tommy Ligon & Anthony Granitz; B-Justice Farm & Greg Justice (OH); T-Anthony J. Granitz. \$7,500.

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Margins: NK, NK, 1 1/4. Odds: 7.70, 21.50, 8.20.

Also Ran: Tune Up, Purple Flowers, Dreaminofjustice, Sheza Fine Justice, Talkaholic, Touch of Bling, Honey Twists, Ibelieveinmiracles. Scratched: Sunny Daze.

Barefoot Gypsy graduated by four lengths on her debut over track and trip Feb. 10. The bay filly jumped out to the lead and was pressed early, but opened a clear advantage turning for home before holding on determinedly for a narrow score. "She broke very fast, and I was able to give her a little breather rounding the turn, I asked her for her best in the stretch and she dug in bravely despite getting a little tired late," said winning rider Albin Jimenez. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart.](#)**

STAR GUITAR S., \$60,000, FG, 3-26, (S), 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:44.93, ft.

1--**SUNBEAN, 117, g, 6, Brahms--X Strawdnair, by Malagra.** O/B-Brittlyn Stable, Inc. (LA); T-Ron Faucheux; J-Richard E. Eramia. \$36,000. Lifetime Record: 23-14-2-2, \$1,059,750. *1/2 to Mean Butterbean (My Friend Max), SW, \$223,850; Brother Bean (My Friend Max), MSW, \$434,460; Miss Bean Wah (Afternoon Deelites), SW, \$205,890; Beanwah's machine (Successful Appeal), MSW, \$177,152.

2--**Hopeful Notion, 117, g, 6, Notional--Hope For, by Rahy.** (\$25,000 Wlg '10 KEENOV). O-Autumn Hill Farms Racing Stables, Inc.; B-Heumann-Suchke Enterprises LLC. (LA); T-Edward J. Johnston. \$12,000.

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3--**One King's Man, 119, g, 6, K One King--Mist of Honour, by Honour and Glory.** (\$19,500 2yo '12 JF2YO). O-Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey; B-Steve Crowe (LA); T-Joe Sharp. \$6,600. Margins: 1 1/4, 3, 6 1/4. Odds: 0.50, 8.10, 2.40.

Also Ran: Hot Zapper, Next Event. Scratched: Stormdriver.



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The ultra-consistent millionaire Sunbean sealed his 2014 campaign with a victory against fellow Louisiana-breds in the Louisiana Champions Day Classic S. and returned after just shy of two months on the bench to race third in the LA Bred Premier Night Championship at Delta Downs last February. Shelved for a year and 20 days, the gelding ran fourth while understandably not at peak fitness in his turf bow in the state-bred Dixie Poker Ace S.

Feb. 27 and took the lion's share of the market in this return to the Fair Grounds main. Settling third under strong restraint, Sunbean tipped out three deep to challenge after three quarters in 1:13.37 and pulled clear for a comfortable victory. Brittlyn Stable principal Evelyn Benoit (click [here](#) for a TDN feature on Evelyn Benoit by Michael Adolphson), raced Louisiana's all-time leading earner Star Guitar (Quite American). The prolific Louisiana stakes-producer X Strawdnair has a yearling filly by Star Guitar and foaled a colt by that stallion Feb. 1. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**

NEW ORLEANS LADIES OVERNIGHT S., (NB) \$50,000, FG, 3-26, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.69, gd.

1--**MIZZ MONEY, 117, f, 4, Mizzen Mast--Abbeyville Miss, by Grand Slam.** O-L. T. B. Inc. & Hillerich Racing LLC; B-Bernie Flint, Ron Hillerich & LTB Inc. (KY); T-Bernard S. Flint; J-Robby Albarado. \$30,260. Lifetime Record: GSW, 18-5-4-2, \$248,248.

2--**Cash Control, 123, m, 5, Pioneerof the Nile--Hidden Assets,** by Mt. Livermore. O-Richard & Bertram Klein; B-Bert, Elaine & Richard Klein (KY); T-Brad H. Cox. \$9,600.

3--**Mexican Miss, 121, m, 5, More Than Ready--Laguna Plateada (Chi), by Sir Cat.** (\$37,000 RNA 3yo '14 FTKHRA). O-Brad Grady; B-Patinack Farm (KY); T-Joe Sharp. \$4,800.

Margins: NO, 2HF, NO. Odds: 3.20, 1.10, 7.60.

Also Ran: Susie Bee, Christie's Ready, Stoupinator, La Majestique, Bibby. Scratched: Steel Cut, Tuttipaesi (Ire), Magnificent Margo.

Winner of last term's GIII Pucker Up S. at Arlington, Mizz Money was second in this venue's Marie G. Krantz Memorial S. Jan. 16 and finished third in the 5 1/2-furlong Mardi Gras S. here Feb. 9. A head second to Cash Control in the course-and-distance Daisy Devine S. Feb. 20, the gray asserted from her outside post to press from second through early splits of :23.31 and :48.65. Sticking her nose in front as they approached the turn for home, Mizz Money attempted to kick clear in the lane, but was immediately confronted by Cash Control and dueled that rival to the wire, getting the bob in a photo finish. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**

5th-OP, \$80,000, Alw (NW26MX)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 3-26, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.90, ft.

SUPER SAKS (f, 4, Sky Mesa--Broadway Debut, by Unbridled's Song) ran the race of her life three back when left alone on the lead, capturing a 13-1 upset in the Dream Supreme S. at Churchill Nov. 27. She faded to fourth at 7-2 after contesting the pace in the American Beauty S. over this track and trip Jan. 23, then lost all chance when missing the break at 5-1 in the Spring Fever S. Feb. 20. Sent off at 3-1 in this spot, the gray filly broke well from her inside stall and hooked up with Donita's Ruler (Roman Ruler) through a sharp opening quarter in :21.95. She dispatched that rival on the far turn, but was soon joined by the 17-10 favored entry of Tosha Talifero (Cactus Ridge) and Ghost Locket (Ghostzapper) past a half in :45.49. Digging in resolutely inside of that pair, Super Saks held firm and opened up in the last eighth to triumph by 3 1/2 lengths. Ghost Locket held second, with 21-10 Thoughtless (Rockport Harbor) coming on late for third. Owners Robert Baker and William Mack also won Gulfstream's Cutler Bay H. Saturday with the Christophe Clement-trained Giant Run (Giant's Causeway). Sales History: \$80,000 Wlg '12 KEENOV; \$250,000 Ylg '13 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: SW, 17-5-0-1, \$232,080. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**

O-Robert C. Baker & William L. Mack; B-Kennelot Stables Ltd. (KY); T-D. Wayne Lukas.

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2nd-OP, \$78,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 3-26, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:45.35, ft.

TISDALE (c, 3, Friesan Fire--Mrs. Vanderbilt, by Citidancer) failed to fire with a wide trip at Parx in September, but came on late to just miss when adding Lasix over six panels here Jan. 17. He bested a next-out winner on the front end when stretched to this distance Feb. 6, and scratched from a sprint Friday in favor of this event, which could provide a springboard to the Apr. 16 GI Arkansas Derby. Backed as the 13-10 chalk, Tisdale broke quickly from his rail draw and was content to press the pace while off the rail down the backside. He put his head in front under a confident Ricardo Santana, Jr. turning for home, and stiff-armed **'TDN Rising Star'** Unexplained (Ghostzapper) in the run to the line to for a 2 1/2-length victory. The winner is a half to Tujoes (Oratory), MSW, \$464,341; and Dancing Fleet (Afleet Alex), GSW, \$286,250. The Pennsylvania-bred's dam produced a Jump Start colt in 2014, an Afleet Alex colt in 2015 and was bred back to Super Ninety Nine. Sales history: \$130,000 Ylg '14 EASSEP; \$110,000 2yo '15 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$101,500. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**

O-Harlow Stables LLC; B-Barbara Brown (PA); T-Ron Moquett.



13th-FG, \$42,000, Alw, 3-26, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:36.36, fm.

SWEET ACCLAIM (IRE) (m, 5, Acclamation {GB}--Wildsplash, by Deputy Minister), whose sole victory came in her Yarmouth debut for trainer Noel Quinlan, finished second in the 2014 GIII Appalachian S. and hit eh board in that term's Wait a While S. and Wild Applause S. Last seen finishing fifth in Saratoga's Tenski S. in August of 2014 while under the care of previous trainer Chad Brown, she was transferred to Brad Cox in the interim and was installed as the 5-2 second-choice in this return from an 18-month layoff. Saving ground back off the pace in the seventh early on, the bay advanced up the outside on the backstretch to sit in a three-wide fourth turning for home. Collaring the leaders in early stretch, Sweet Acclaim rolled clear under a hand ride from Florent Geroux to knotch an impressive 4 1/2-length victory over 15-1 shot View From the Top (Sky Mesa). The winner's second dam is MG1SW Gold Splash (Blushing Groom {Fr}). Sales history: 100,000gns RNA Ylg '12 TAOCT. Lifetime Record: 8-2-2-2, \$99,636. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**

O-Swift Thoroughbreds Inc. & Bradley Thoroughbreds; B-Rathbarry Stud (IRE); T-Brad Cox.



7th-OP, \$75,000, Msw, 3-26, 3yo, 1m, 1:38.30, ft.

BIG SQUEEZE (c, 3, [Lemon Drop Kid](#)--Taittinger Rose {GSW, \$382,503}, by Menifee), runner-up on debut over the all-weather at Turfway last December, was a solid second going six furlongs at this oval last time out Mar. 5. Sent off at 5-2, the bay colt stalked pacesetting favorite Big Red Rocket (Summer Bird) through an opening quarter in :23.59 and a half in :48.17. He engaged the leader after three-quarters in 1:13.01 and powered clear down the stretch to beat the favorite by 3 3/4 lengths. Out of a graded stakes winner, GIII Sabin H. winner Taittinger Rose produced a filly by Candy Ride (Arg) in 2015 and was bred back to Union Rags. Sales history: \$110,000 RNA Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$35,000 Ylg '14 FTKOCT; \$100,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)** Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, \$62,700.

O-Burr Travis, Jay & Philip Morgeson, Steve Weston, et al; B-Mike G. Rutherford (KY); T-Garry W. Simms.



3rd-FG, \$44,000, Msw, 3-26, 3yo, 1m 70y, 1:44.42, ft.

NO DISTORTION (c, 3, [Distorted Humor](#)--Pacific Spell, by Langfuhr), a half-brother to champion and GI Kentucky Oaks winner Proud Spell (Proud Citizen), MGISW, \$2,131,610, was never worse than fifth in four juvenile starts, closing out last season with a third here Dec. 28. Fourth in his seasonal debut in NOLA Jan. 21, he missed by just a half-length last time when second over this track and trip Mar. 5. Four wide and quite eager rounding the first turn, the 4-5 chalk tugged his way to the lead while under a steady hold from Florent Geroux, who quietly allowed the chestnut to have his way without allowing him to run off. Holding a clear advantage as he hit the half in :46.74, No Distortion kept on finding with the help of some right-handed reminders from Geroux to hold Aztec Sense (Street Sense) at bay for a 1 1/4-length victory. It was the 999th career win for trainer Larry Jones. The winner, who also hails from the family of GISW J.P.'s Gusto (Successful Appeal), has a yearling half-sister by Kitten's Joy. His dam was bred back to Proud Citizen. Sales history: \$350,000 RNA Ylg '14 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 7-1-2-1, \$52,680. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**

O/B-Brereton C. Jones (KY); T-J. Larry Jones.

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Friday Night's Results:

7th-TP, \$20,900, Alw (NW1X), Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 3-25, 3yo, f, 6f (AWT), 1:11.56, ft.

WORLD PEACE (f, 3, Ready's Image--World Event, by Quiet American), a debut winner sprinting on the lawn at Indiana Grand Oct. 14, was fourth when extended to a mile on the Fair Grounds turf Dec. 6 and improved to second next out when cut back to 5 1/2 furlongs over that course Jan. 14. Sent off as the 2-1 second choice in this first attempt over synthetic, the bay stalked from a two-wide third through opening splits of :22.12 and :45.61. Ranging up outside the dueling leaders approaching the far turn, the sophomore took control in the lane and drew away to win by 3 3/4 lengths over Tia Flor (Archarcharch). The winner is a half-sister to He's So Fine (Purge), GSP, \$289,488. Sales history: \$55,000 2yo '15 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$41,620. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners; B-Kathie Maybee (KY); T-Wayne M. Catalano.

California

Saturday's Results:

2nd-SA, \$56,000, Msw, 3-26, 3yo, 6f, 1:10.17, ft.
STEELY JACK (c, 3, Candy Ride {Arg}--Fee Fi Fo Fum {GSP}, by Giant's Causeway), a \$135,000 KEESEP yearling, was fourth going 5 1/2 furlongs at this track in his Feb. 27 debut. Adding Lasix for this second start, the 2-1 shot battled 6-5 favorite Westfest (Unbridled's Song) through an opening quarter in :21.93, put that foe away after a half in :45.15 and sailed clear to an easy 6 1/4-length victory. Gavin Streetsense (Street Sense) nipped the favorite on the line for second. Graded stakes placed Fee Fi Fo Fum, in foal to More Than Ready, sold for \$85,000 at the 2014 Keeneland November sale. Her More Than Ready filly sold for \$37,000 at this year's Keeneland January sale. The mare was bred to Tapit last spring. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$36,960. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

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11th-SA, \$59,423, Msw, 3-26, 3yo, f, 1 1/8mT, 1:49.42, fm.
LOTTIE (f, 3, Arch--Apple Charlotte {SW & MGSP, \$147,806}, by Smart Strike) dead-heated for third in her Keeneland debut Oct. 8 and checked in fourth next out st Del Mar Nov. 22. Fourth again over this course and distance last time Feb. 13, the 7-2 shot was unhurried early, running off the rail near the back of the pack through early splits of :23.60 and :47.81. Ranging up three wide turning for home, the dueled with stubborn 20-1 shot Vagabond Princess (Pure Prize) in the lane and kicked clear of that rival length for a 1 1/4-length success. Tinderella (GB) (Royal Applause {GB}) came running late to tag Vagabond Princess for second. Owner/breeder Jack Swain III also bred Saturday's GII TwinSpires.com Fair Grounds Oaks winner Land Over Sea (Bellamy Road) and Sanibel Island H. victress Harmonize (Scat Daddy). The winner hails from the family of last term's GI Stephen Foster H. winner Noble Bird (Birdstone). His SW dam has a juvenile colt named Dance Strike (Tapit) and a yearling filly named Apple Snow (Giant's Causeway). Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, \$44,280. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

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- [ARCHARCHARCH](#) (Arch), Spendthrift Farm, \$10K, 251/30/2 8-SA, Msw 6 1/2f, +Sacey Bow, \$6K KEE SEP yrl, 20-1
- BIG DRAMA** (Montbrook), Bridlewood Farm, \$10K, 109/16/1 4-GP, Msw 5 1/2f, +Shanghaied, \$24K OBS OPN 2yo, 8-1
- CAPE BLANCO (IRE)** (Galileo {Ire}), JBBA Shizunai Stallion Station, \$17.5K, 259/18/1 3-FG, Msw 5 1/2ft, Molly O'Shea, \$200K KEE SEP yrl, 7-2
- [DROSSELMAYER](#) (Distorted Humor), WinStar Farm, \$17.5K, 176/15/0 6-FG, Msw 5 1/2ft, +Lowen Warrior, \$190K KEE SEP yrl, 10-1
- [FIRST DUDE](#) (Stephen Got Even), Double Diamond Farm, \$7.5K, 195/23/1 7-FG, Aoc 1mT, First Heritage, \$80K FTK JUL yrl, 6-1
- [HAYNESFIELD](#) (Speightstown), Airdrie Stud, \$10K, 138/22/1 5-FG, Aoc 7 1/2ft, Mr. Dusty, \$10K EAS MAY 2yo, 12-1
- 5-SA, Aoc 1 1/16m, Bistraya, \$160K KEE SEP yrl, 2-1 **Cont. p9**

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LONHRO (AUS) (Octagonal {NZ}), Darley, \$30K, 176/15/2
3-FG, Msw 5 1/2fT, +Mundy Road, 15-1
7-GP, Msw 7 1/2fT, +Aussie Awakening, \$60K FTK OCT yrl, 15-1
SIERRA SUNSET (Bertrando), Paradise Road Ranch, \$2.5K, 55/6/0
10-SA, Msw 6 1/2f, Phantom Heat, \$5K NCA AUG yrl, 50-1
TIZ THE ONE (Tiznow), Red River Farms, 63/13/0
5-FG, Aoc 7 1/2fT, Tiz Cherry Wine, 10-1
TWIRLING CANDY (Candy Ride {Arg}), Lane's End Farm, \$15K,
146/34/3
5-SA, Aoc 1 1/16m, Rare Candy, \$47K RNA OBS APR 2yo, 3-1
UNCLE MO (Indian Charlie), Ashford Stud, \$35K, 261/41/11
4-GP, Msw 5 1/2f, Sea Wizard, \$190K OBS MAR 2yo, 6-5
5-FG, Aoc 7 1/2fT, Uncle Mo Money, \$13K OBS OPN 2yo, 20-1
8-SA, Msw 6 1/2f, Lily, \$310K FTS AUG yrl, 5-1
8-SA, Msw 6 1/2f, Latina Mo, \$25K OBS OPN 2yo, 30-1

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STAKES RESULTS:

COSTA RISING S., \$60,000, FG, 3-26, (S), 4yo/up, 5 1/2fT,
1:03.19, fm.
1--**JOCKAMO'S SONG, 121, g, 4, Half Ours--Miss Clairnette, by
Trophy Hunter.** O-Dare To Dream Stable LLC (Michael Faber);
B-Debbie & David Allen (LA); T-Michael Stidham; J-Mitchell
Murrill. \$36,000. Lifetime Record: 9-4-0-1, \$161,075.
2--**Eden Grey's Kitten, 117, g, 4, Kitten's Joy--Steaming Home,
by Salt Lake.** (\$18,000 RNA Wlg '12 KEENOV; \$92,000 RNA 2yo
'14 OBSAPR). O-Whispering Oaks Farm LLC; B-Danny M. &
Donna B. Brown (LA); T-Sтивен B. Flint. \$12,000.

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3--**Brilliant Interest, 117, g, 6, Interest Rate--Henora W, by
Brilliant Sandy.** O-Joseph Scott Niolet; B-Jake V. Morreale (LA);
T-Judy Lee Behler. \$6,600.
Margins: HF, 1HF, HD. Odds: 6.90, 4.70, 21.40.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-OP, \$80,000, (NW26MX)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 3-26, 4yo/up,
1m, 1:38.25, ft.
ROCKET TIME (g, 5, Tiz Wonderful--Schism, by Pulpit) Lifetime
Record: SW & GSP, 11-6-0-2, \$240,430. O-Frank Fletcher Racing
Operations, Inc.; B-Columbiana Farm (KY); T-Albert M. Stall, Jr.
*\$47,000 Ylg '12 KEESEP; \$150,000 2yo '13 FTFMAR.

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8th-SA, \$60,415, (S), 3-26, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:35.55, fm.
**THE LAST EXPRESS (h, 5, In Excess {Ire}--Impressive Miss, by
Matthews Keep)** Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-1, \$76,110. O-Cicero
Farms; B-Barbara J Ranck Perry (CA); T-Richard Baltas.

8th-AQU, \$59,000, (S), (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 3-26,
4yo/up, 6f, 1:11.26, ft.
**GYPNUM JOHNNY (c, 4, City Zip--Jb's Golden Regret {SW}, by
Banker's Gold)** Lifetime Record: SP, 20-5-4-6, \$258,272.
O-Antonino Miuccio; B-Barry R. Ostrager (NY); T-Linda Rice.
*\$55,000 RNA Ylg '13 KEEJAN; \$42,000 RNA Ylg '13 SARAUG.

7th-SA, \$58,690, (S), (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 3-26,
4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:17.15, ft.
**WEST MID (m, 5, Western Fame--Summer Stream, by Siberian
Summer)** Lifetime Record: 16-2-3-4, \$122,950. O/B-John A.
Elder (KY); T-John E. Cortez.

1st-AQU, \$54,150, (S), 3-26, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.86,
ft.
ZIPPITY ZOOM (m, 5, City Zip--Riserva, by Dixie Brass) Lifetime
Record: 10-3-2-1, \$118,860. O-F. Jack Liebau, Sr.; B-Song Hill
Thoroughbreds LLC (NY); T-Linda Rice. *\$47,000 RNA Ylg '12
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4th-FG, \$44,640, 3-26, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:35.89, gd.
**LET US BE GLAD (g, 4, Eskendereya--Matchoftheday {Ire}, by
Hawk Wing)** Lifetime Record: 12-4-2-2, \$103,410. O-Maggi
Moss; B-Coteau Grove Farms (LA); T-Thomas M. Amoss.

8th-GG, \$36,000, 3-26, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:09.93, ft.
**P CLUB (g, 4, Bushwacker--Sheila's Prospect {GSW, \$482,500},
by Not For Love)** Lifetime Record: 12-2-2-1, \$84,099. O-Jerome
& Kristina Russell; B-Terry C. Lovingier (CA); T-Ryan Kenney.
*\$6,500 RNA Ylg '13 BAROCT; \$2,000 3yo '15 BAROCT.

5th-PEN, \$33,689, 3-26, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10.86, ft.
**NO MORE STRIPPERS (g, 5, Weigelia--Diamonds No More, by
Diamond)** Lifetime Record: 37-7-7-5, \$166,808. O-Solleder,
Frederick and Grimaldi, Dana P.; B-Wynooks Farm, LLC & St.
Omers Farm (PA); T-David Nunn.

5th-GG, \$32,247, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 3-26, 3yo,
1 1/16m (AWT), 1:46.15, ft.
**TOUCHED BY AUTISM (c, 3, Sierra Sunset--Beau's Gem, by Beau
Genius)** Lifetime Record: 8-3-3-1, \$100,281. O-Johnny Taboada;
B-George & Mary Clare Schmitt (CA); T-Marcia Stortz. *\$2,700
Ylg '14 NCAAUG.

7th-CT, \$24,500, 3-25, (NW4LX), 3yo/up, f/m, 4 1/2f, :52.54, ft.
**RIVETER GLORIA (f, 4, Don't Get Mad--Tamberino {SW,
\$209,060}, by Freud)** Lifetime Record: 16-4-3-4, \$91,279.
O-Gloria F McCormick & Vicki O'Hara; B-Spendthrift Farm LLC
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6th-CT, \$24,000, (S), 3-25, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 7f, 1:26.39, ft. ELLO GOVNA (g, 4, Charitable Man--So Francie, by Running Stag) Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-2, \$41,450. O-Carisa A. Figgins; B-Ollie L. Figgins III & Carisa Figgins (WV); T-Ollie L. Figgins, III. *1/2 to Prince of Windsor (Windsor Castle), SW, \$216,525.

9th-TP, \$22,800, Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 3-25, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:10.49, ft. MARQUEE CAL GAL (m, 5, Cowboy Cal--Marquee Delivery, by Marquetry) Lifetime Record: 14-4-3-2, \$85,530. O/B-David Jacobs (KY); T-Philip A Sims. *Full to Marquee Miss, MSW, \$168,925.

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Carmens Catcher, g, 3, Half Ours--Kookalou, by Rail. FG, 3-26, (S), 6f, 1:12.35. B-Earl & Keith Hernandez (LA).

Patrick's Day, c, 3, Harlan's Holiday--De Aar (MGSP, \$194,712), by Gone West. TAM, 3-26, 1mT, 1:37.74. B-John A. Chandler (KY). *\$385,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP. **Full to Willcox Inn, MGSW & MGISP, \$1,015,543.

Lay Down the Law, g, 3, Not For Love--Amber Comet (SP, \$186,711), by Americo's Bullet. PEN, 3-26, (S), 6f, 1:12.55. B-The Elkstone Group LLC (PA). *Full to Comet of Love, SW, \$266,805; Heather, MSP, \$191,172.

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Preachintothechoir, f, 3, Songandaprayer--Lively Belle, by Bellamy Road. MVR, 3-26, (S), 5f, 1:00.69. B-Raimonde Farms Ltd. (OH).

Ivan El Grande, c, 3, Storm Dani--Ivana's Choice, by Proud Irish. SUN, 3-26, (S), 6f, 1:11.19. B-Tricar Stables Inc (NM).

Lady Digger, f, 3, Yankee Gentleman--Desert Digger, by Mining. FG, 3-25, (S), 6f, 1:11.74. B-Raymond Prejean & Gerard Melancon (LA). *\$13,500 Ylg '14 ESLYRL.

Sensational Game, f, 3, Zensational--Makeitagame, by El Corredor. TAM, 3-26, (C), 5 1/2f, 1:05.08. B-James Morehead & Joe Ramsey (KY).

Wildwood Dancer, g, 4, Pomeroy--Dancing Elaine, by Concerto. HAW, 3-26, 5 1/2f, 1:05.15. B-Richard & Linda Thompson (FL). *\$23,000 Wlg '12 OBSOCT.

Quality Chimes, f, 4, Quality Road--Pleasant Chimes (MSW & MGSP, \$314,252), by Pleasant Tap. SUN, 3-26, 1m, 1:38.77. B-Willow Oaks Stable LLC (KY). *\$50,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP. **1/2 to Street Chimes (Street Cry {Ire}), GSP.



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FROM 'CALIFORNIA' TO THE TOP OF THE WORLD



California Chrome wins the Dubai World Cup | DRC/Andrew Watkins

by Kelsey Riley

California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit), who first gained international acclaim as the ultimate blue-collar horse after his wins in the 2014 GI Kentucky Derby and GI Preakness S., added another chapter to his illustrious career Saturday when avenging his defeat 12 months ago to win the G1 Dubai World Cup in track-record time, in the process surpassing fellow World Cup winner Curlin (Smart Strike) as the richest-ever North American Thoroughbred.

The opening stages of Saturday night's \$10-million contest could have given Chrome's connections a sense of deju-vu, with the chestnut positioned, like last year, three-wide and just off the pace after breaking cleanly from gate 11 under Victor Espinoza. Some anxious moments were had in deep stretch when Espinoza's saddle began to slip as the pair streaked to a 3 3/4-length score over last year's G2 UAE Derby winner **Mubtaahij** (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) and Chrome's fellow Californian **Hoppertunity** (Any Given Saturday), but Espinoza said he was able to keep his eye on the prize.

"I was just trying to keep my balance and not move my body," he said. "I wasn't that concerned about it, I just kept looking forward and thinking 'where's the wire.' It was not coming fast enough."

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JACK HOBBS TO RESUME IN JOCKEY CLUB

Last year's G1 Irish Derby winner **Jack Hobbs** (GB) (Halling) will make his seasonal debut in the G2 Jockey Club S. at Newmarket on 2000 Guineas Day Apr. 30, according to Godolphin Chief Executive and Racing Manager John Ferguson. The 4-year-old will use that 12-furlong event as a stepping stone to the G1 Coronation Cup on Derby Day at Epsom June 4.

"I spoke to [trainer] John [Gosden], who also said he wanted to have Jack Hobbs running in Dubai this time next year, in the [G1 Dubai Sheema Classic on Dubai World Cup day]," said Ferguson.

Jack Hobbs finished second to former stablemate Golden Horn (GB) (Halling) in last year's G2 Dante S. and G1 Investec Derby, and also took the G3 September S. following a summer break after his Irish Derby win. He was third last out in the G1 QIPCO Champion S. Oct. 17.

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'RUNNER' ON TOP IN LOUISIANA DERBY

Gun Runner (Candy Ride {Arg}) parlayed another ground saving trip into his second-straight Grade II success, this time in the Louisiana Derby at Fair Grounds Saturday.

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Saturday, Meydan, UAE

DUBAI WORLD CUP SPONSORED BY EMIRATES AIRLINE-G1, \$10,000,000, MEY, 3-26, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 2000m, 2:01.83, (NTR), ft.

1--CALIFORNIA CHROME, 126, h, 5, by Lucky Pulpit

- 1st Dam: Love The Chase, by Not For Love**
- 2nd Dam: Chase It Down, by Polish Numbers**
- 3rd Dam: Chase The Dream, by Sir Ivor**

O-California Chrome LLC; B-Perry Martin & Steve Coburn (CA); T-Art Sherman; J-Victor Espinoza. \$6,000,000. Lifetime Record: HotY, Ch. 3yo Colt & MGISW-US, 21-12-3-1, \$12,532,650. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: A++.**

2--Mubtaahij (Ire), 126, c, 4, Dubawi (Ire)--Pennegale (Ire), by Pennekamp. (€450,000 yrl '13 ARQAUG) O-Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Maktoum; B-Dunmore Stud Ltd (IRE); T-Mike de Kock. \$2,000,000.

3--Hoppertunity, 126, h, 5, Any Given Saturday--Refugee, by Unaccounted For. (\$300,000 yrl '12 KEESEP) O-Karl Watson, Michael E Pegram & Paul Weitman; B-Betz/D J Stable/Kidder/J Betz/Robenalt (KY); T-Bob Baffert. \$1,000,000.

Purchased by Donato Lanni/Hill 'n' Dale Bloodstock
 Margins: 3 3/4, NK, 1 1/4.

Also Ran: Special Fighter (Ire), Frosted, Mshawish, Candy Boy, Keen Ice, Hokko Tarumae (Jpn), Teletext, Vadamos (Fr), Gun Pit (Aus). **Click for the [Racing Post result](#), the [AM Wager PPs](#), or the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#). [VIDEO](#).**

California Chrome put in such a valiant effort when second in the Dubai World Cup last year that, shortly after his new ownership group announced he would return to training as a 5-year-old, another stab at the world's richest race quickly emerged as a target. The feelings of familiarity began at the post position draw,



California Chrome & Victor Espinoza | Racing Post

when the flashy chestnut landed in the second-to-widest gate 11 (he was the extreme outside nine last year), and continued into the early stages of the race, when the 2014 American Horse of the Year was positioned on the outside and stalking the pace. California Chrome's future

Taylor Made barnmate, Mshawish (Medaglia d'Oro), was quickest from the stalls, taking up the lead from stall two while last year's GI Travers S. winner Keen Ice (Curlin) broke a step slow to his inside and was relegated to the rear of the field. **Cont. p3**



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Rank	Stallion	AUSS	AEI
1	Street Cry (IRE)	7,773,314	2.43
2	Sebring (AUS)	8,665,532	2.33
3	Redoute's Choice (AUS)	8,399,469	2.31
4	Encosta de Lago (AUS)	8,527,698	2.18
5	Exceed and Excel (AUS)	8,960,611	2.14
6	Snitzel (AUS)	7,694,802	1.98
7	Northern Meteor (AUS)	6,899,343	1.92
8	Fastnet Rock (AUS)	10,288,914	1.79
9	Lonhro (AUS)	8,042,035	1.25
10	Not a Single Doubt (AUS)	6,978,483	1.24



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Dubai World Cup Report Cont.

California Chrome, meanwhile, was hung three-wide around the first turn, to the outside of the G1 Al Maktoum Challenge R3 winner Special Fighter (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}), with Frosted (Tapit) racing prominently on his heels and Hoppertunity well-back with only longshot Teletext (Empire Maker) trailing him. Just a half-length off the lead and still on the outside rounding the far turn, California Chrome drew even with the leaders as Mshawish drifted off the rail, leaving a dream opening for Mubtaahij. That 4-year-old put in a valiant effort down on the inside but was no match for California Chrome, who swallowed up Mubtaahij and Mshawish in a matter of strides and was never in danger of losing, while Hoppertunity put in a strong late rally to nab third.

According to Trakus data, the flashy chestnut covered anywhere from five to 29 meters more than the rest of the field, bar Frosted, who traveled two metres more than California Chrome throughout the 2000-metre journey. California Chrome covered 2047 metres in total, 25 metres more than runner-up Mubtaahij, which equates to about nine lengths.

California Chrome becomes the 10th American-trained horse to win the Dubai World Cup in its 21 runnings, and the third Kentucky Derby winner to complete the double following Silver Charm in 1998 and Animal Kingdom in 2013. His earnings now sit at \$12,532,650, compared to previous leader Curlin's \$10,501,800.

"Today it proves how he can run when he's 100%," said Espinoza, who rode California Chrome to his Classic victories and also won last year's Triple Crown aboard American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile). "Last year he finished second, and it was not very fun. My goal after winning the Triple Crown was to win the Dubai World Cup, and we did it."

Trainer Art Sherman added, "He is a once in a lifetime horse. It [all-time leading U.S. earner] was a goal in the back of my mind. You think of all the great trainers in the history of this game and you really appreciate that it happened to us."

California Chrome began to build a productive but unassuming CV as a 2-year-old, winning three of his seven juvenile outings culminating in a 6 1/4-length win in Betfair Hollywood Park's King Glorious S. in his first partnership with Espinoza. The pair would win their next five outings together, including the GI Santa Anita Derby, Kentucky Derby and Preakness S. before faltering to fourth in the GI Belmont S. A flat sixth in the GII Pennsylvania Derby after a summer holiday, California Chrome bounced back to finish third, beaten just a neck, in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic at Santa Anita, and added the GI Hollywood Derby in his turf bow eight weeks later to clinch Horse of the Year--as well as champion 3-year-old--honours.

California Chrome had to settle for second to the ill-fated juvenile champion Shared Belief (Candy Ride {Arg}) in his prep for last year's World Cup, Santa Anita's GII San Antonio Invitational, and he appeared on his way to victory on this night last year when taking the lead in the lane, only to be run down in deep stretch by longshot Prince Bishop (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}).

Shortly thereafter, however, things seemed to start unraveling for California Chrome. He was set for an ambitious international 4-year-old campaign, which was intended to include a start at Royal Ascot in June, but that plan went awry the week before the race when he contracted a stone bruise while training. Rerouted to Chicago to target the GI Arlington Million in August, the chestnut was found to have bone bruising shortly after his return stateside. In the meantime, Taylor Made Farm had completed the deal to buy out Chrome's co-breeder, Steve Coburn, and he was re-routed, once again, to that operation's Kentucky paddocks for a summer holiday.

Unfinished business was not on Chrome's agenda, apparently, as the chestnut thrived at Taylor Made and it was announced he would return to training in 2016, with the Dubai World Cup as a primary goal. He returned to trainer Art Sherman last fall and made his much-anticipated return--a victory in the GII San Pasqual S.--in his new silks Jan. 9.

Connections then determined that Chrome's tilt at World Cup glory would not look like the year before. The decision was taken to ship the 5-year-old to Dubai in

late January, where he spent two months under the care of Sherman's son and assistant trainer, Alan Sherman. California Chrome rewarded that move with a facile two-length score in a 2000-metre handicap at Meydan Feb. 25, which proved the perfect stepping stone to taking care of unfinished business.

Those who finished in Chrome's immediate wake expressed satisfaction with their mounts' performances.

"He's back to his best," said jockey Christophe Soumillon of Mubtaahij, who had something to prove after finishing off-the-board in his first two runs of the year. "It was an excellent run. I had a nice position but California Chrome is just a superb horse."



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Jockey Flavien Prat, the partner of Hoppertunity, added, “Because of a wider gate, he was a bit deep on the track but he ran great in the stretch, and finished off very strongly. It’s an even better run because that sort of track is different to what he’s used to at home. I’m very happy.”

William Buick said he was unsure what caused Frosted to throw in the towel early. “The race went well,” he said. “We were tracking California Chrome the whole way, but Frosted came off the bridle a little bit earlier today than what he usually does. He wasn’t as good today as he was last time and I’m not sure why.”

Frankie Dettori said simply of the last-out GI Donn H. winner Mshawish, “It was just too long.”

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POSTPONED ON TIME IN SHEEMA CLASSIC

by Kelsey Riley

Trainer Roger Varian saddled his first runner as a licensed trainer at the Dubai World Cup carnival five years ago, and the Newmarket-based conditioner recorded a first-ever win on the world’s richest card of racing when sending **Postponed (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}) out to win the \$6-million G1 Dubai Sheema Classic Saturday. Favoured off the back of a victory in the G2 Dubai City of Gold on Super Saturday at Meydan Mar. 5, Postponed patiently settled back under Andrea Atzeni as **Highland Reel (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) took up the lead into the first turn. That front-runner pulled about three lengths clear turning into the backstretch, with Atzeni positioning Postponed in the two path on the heels of **Gailo Chop (Fr)** (Deportivo {GB}) and **Last Impact (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) at the head of the second flight of runners. Highland Reel’s lead was severely diminished by the time the field began to round the far turn, with Gailo Chop drawing alongside the G1 Longines Hong Kong Vase winner, and Postponed stuck on the French raider’s heels.

Swinging three-wide into the lane with **Duramente (Jpn)** (King Kamehameha {Jpn}) in hot pursuit, Postponed hit the lead at the 300-metre mark and got to the wire a comfortable two lengths ahead of the Japanese raider. Duramente caused some drama before the start, throwing a shoe that was unable to be replaced and therefore running with just three shoes.

Saturday, Meydan, UAE

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1--**POSTPONED (IRE)**, 126, h, 5, by **Dubawi (Ire)**

1st Dam: Ever Rigg (GB), by Dubai Destination

2nd Dam: Bianca Nera (GB), by Salse

3rd Dam: Birch Creek (GB), by Carwhite (Ire)

(360,000gns Ylg ‘12 TATOCT) O-Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum; B-St Albans Bloodstock LLP (IRE); T-Roger Varian; J-Andrea Atzeni. \$3,600,000. Lifetime Record: Hwt. Older Horse-Eng at 11-14f, G1SW-Eng, GSW-Fr, G1SP-Ire, 15-7-2-4, \$5,373,663. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

Werk Nick Rating: A++.

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2--**Duramente (Jpn)**, 125, c, 4, King Kamehameha (Jpn)--Admire Groove (Jpn), by Sunday Silence. O-Sunday Racing Co Ltd; B-Northern Racing (JPN); T-Noriyuki Hori. \$1,200,000.

3--**Last Impact (Jpn)**, 126, h, 6, Deep Impact (Jpn)--Superior Pearl (Jpn), by Timber Country. O-Silk Racing Co Ltd; B-Shadai Corporation Inc (JPN); T-Katsuhiko Sumii. \$600,000.

Margins: 2, 1HF, 3/4. Also Ran: Highland Reel (Ire), One and Only (Jpn), Dariyan (Fr), Gailo Chop (Fr), Sheikhzayedroad (GB), The Blue Eye (GB).

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Postponed, the second foal out of the winning Ever Rigg--a daughter of G1 Moyglare S. winner Bianca Nera (GB) (Salse)--received his early education from Newmarket conditioner Luca Cumani. The winner of one of his three starts as a 2-year-old in 2013, Postponed was third in the G3 Craven S. and G3 Tercentenary S. early in his 3-year-old campaign



Postponed | *DRC/Andrew Watkins*

before signing off that year with wins in the Listed Glasgow S. at Hamilton and York’s G2 Great Voltigeur S. Second in the G2 Gordon Richards S. last April, Postponed finished third, beaten a half-length behind Al Kazeem (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), in the G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup at The Curragh before filling the same position in Royal Ascot’s G2 Hardwicke S. in June. [Cont. p5](#)

Postponed on Time in Sheema Classic Cont.

The bay exploded into the big leagues with a nose victory in Ascot's G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S. in July, and traveled to France to add the G2 Prix Foy before season's end. Shortly after that score, owner Sheikh Mohammed Obaid al Maktoum shocked the racing community when removing all his horses from Cumani's care, placing them with Varian. Postponed's first outing for the Kremlin House conditioner was his three-length City of Gold tour-de-force, and the 5-year-old confirmed his status as one of the best of his division anywhere in the world Saturday.

"To win here tonight is right up there with the best, and it is great for the team back home," said Varian. "This is one of the biggest nights of the calendar on the global stage. The prize money is nice, but it is winning these big races which excites us all."



Roger Varian hugs Postponed's groom
Racing Post

here three weeks ago, then it would take a good horse to get past him. He is a heck of a good horse as a King George winner. He is versatile and professional and ticks all the right boxes. I imagine the King George will again be his mid-summer target, with a run or two before."

Atzeni, who turned 25 Saturday, said, "What a way to celebrate a birthday. I rode him work on Wednesday and knew after that it would take a good one to beat him. It is massive for me to win here for Roger, all the team at home and for Sheikh Mohammed Bin Obaid."

Jockey Mirco Demuro suggested the lost shoe affected the performance of the dual Japanese Classic-winning Duramente.

"It was very unfortunate he ripped a shoe off before the race and they could not replace it," the rider said. "He wasn't comfortable on the ground with just three shoes, but still ran really well and was beaten by an excellent horse."

Postponed's dam Ever Rigg--a 1.5 million-guinea buyback at Tattersalls December last year--has a 2-year-old Nathaniel (Ire) filly named God Given (GB) and a yearling colt by Dubawi's Classic-winning son Makfi (GB).



Andrea Atzeni celebrates aboard Postponed | *Racing Post*

REAL STEEL THE REAL DEAL

by Kelsey Riley

Real Steel (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) had not won a race since taking Tokyo's G3 Tokinominoru Kinen over this trip last February, but the 4-year-old displayed the brilliance and professionalism of a seasoned Group 1 winner when posting a decisive victory in the \$6-million G1 Dubai Turf Saturday. Held out in the three path after exiting from gate 14, Real Steel sat third down the backstretch as longshot **Ghaamer** (Hard Spun) set the pace with Godolphin's fleet filly **Very Special (Ire)** (Lope De Vega {Ire}) breathing down his neck. **Forries Waltz (SAf)** (Greys Inn) and **Farrier** (Tapit) raced on the heels of the pacesetters, while favoured **Tryster (Ire)** (Shamardal) took up his customary position at the rear of the field and **Euro Charline (GB)** (Myboycharlie {Ire}) bided her time midpack. Still three-deep on the run into the turn, Real Steel lost a few lengths rounding the bend as Very Special took over the lead and began to draw clear. Real Steel re-rallied after straightening for home, however, powering past Very Special at the 300-metre mark with Euro Charline hot on his heels. Real Steel had enough in the tank



Real Steel | *DRC/Andrew Watkins*

to hold off the mare by a half-length. Tryster put in his patented late run but didn't have enough kick on the day and had to settle for third. Real Steel became the second Japanese-trained winner on the card after Lani (Tapit) won the G2 UAE Derby earlier in the evening. [Cont. p6](#)

Real Steel the Real Deal Cont.

Saturday, Meydan, UAE

DUBAI TURF SPONSORED BY DP WORLD-G1, \$6,000,000, MEY, 3-26, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1800mT, 1:47.13, gd.

1--&REAL STEEL (JPN), 126, c, 4, by Deep Impact (Jpn)

1st Dam: Loves Only Me, by Storm Cat

2nd Dam: Monevassia, by Mr. Prospector

3rd Dam: Miesque, by Nureyev

O-Sunday Racing Co Ltd; B-Northern Farm (JPN); T-Yoshito Yahagi; J-Ryan Moore. \$3,600,000. Lifetime Record: GSW & MG1SP-Jpn, 9-3-4-1, \$5,557,455. *Full to Prodigal Son (Jpn), SW & GSP-Jpn, \$298,204. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++.** *Triple Plus*. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--Euro Charline (GB), 121, m, 5, Myboycharlie (Ire)--Eurolink Artemis (GB), by Common Grounds (GB). (762gns Ylg '12 TATFEB; 13,000gns Ylg '12 TATOCT) O-Team Valor International; B-Brian Liversage (GB); T-Marco Botti. \$1,200,000.

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3--Tryster (Ire), 126, g, 5, Shamardal--Min Alhawa, by Riverman. (150,000gns Ylg '12 TATOCT) O-Godolphin; B-Herbertstown House Stud (IRE); T-Charlie Appleby. \$600,000.

Margins: HF, 2, HD. Also Ran: Ertijaal (Aus), Flamboyant (Fr), Very Special (Ire), The Corsican (Ire), Intilaaq, Forjatt (Ire), Basateen (Ire), Gabriel (Ire), Harry's Son (Aus), Farrier, Forries Waltz (SAF), Ghaamer.

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While Real Steel had won just twice in his eight-race career prior to Saturday, both of his victories had come over this trip--a 3 1/2-length debut score at Hanshin in December of 2014 in his lone juvenile outing, and in the Tokinominoru Kinen next-out nearly two months later, where he had fellow Sunday Racing colourbearer and yesterday's G1 Dubai Sheema Classic-second Duramente (Jpn) (King Kamehameha {Jpn}) back in second. Real Steel lost his unbeaten record when second by a neck in the G2 Fuji TV Sho Spring S.--a prep for the G1 Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas--in March, and was second to the table-turning Duramente in the 10-furlong Satsuki Sho the following month. Fourth behind Duramente in the 12-furlong G1 Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby) in May, the bay was given a summer holiday thereafter and returned with a runner-up effort in the G2 Kobe Shimbun Hai, a prep for the G1 Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger) Sept. 27. Real Steel put in an admirable effort to be second again--this time beaten just three-quarters of a length--in the 15-furlong Kikuka Sho. Shelved again for four months, he returned to his favourite nine-furlong trip to be third--once again behind Duramente--in the G2 Nakayama Kinen Feb. 28.

Jockey Ryan Moore, who was aboard Real Steel for the first time, said, "He's a beautiful horse; he's got lots of quality. It was a big effort from the horse, he had a tough trip and was out wide but has toughed it out. He never runs a bad race. He's a very brave horse and has had to do it the hard way."

Trainer Yoshito Yahagi was full of praise for both horse and rider after the race.

"I am so happy," he said. "I really thought that my horse was the best in the field going into this race. He settled well, though I thought he'd be a little further back. Ryan rode him to perfection. Just as I thought, breaking from box 14 wasn't a problem at all."

"Ryan was never able to get an inside position because the other jockeys would not allow him," the conditioner added. "But I still thought he could win despite not having cover. At this point I'm not sure where we'll go, but Ryan said that any distance between 1600 metres and 2000 metres would suit him."

Jockey Frankie Dettori was complimentary of the second-place effort put in by Euro Charline. "I had a super run," he said. "I followed the obvious ones like Paul Hanagan [on Intilaaq] and Ryan Moore. I had a smooth passage through and there are no excuses. I've just found one too good on the night. [Trainer] Marco [Botti] said, try to save a bit and get a bit more out of her in the finish, and it has worked out."

Despite having a three-race win streak snapped, jockey William Buick said Tryster had the "best run of his life."



Ryan Moore & Real Steel | Racing Post

"He ran great," the rider said. "He missed the break; that's what he does when he runs his best races. It is by far the best run of his life and the first time he has ever taken on horses like that. He's been beaten genuinely by racing the

best way for him. It rode like a very good race and I don't think he's ever been this fast in his life."

Real Deal boasts a pedigree to befit his status as the winner of one of the world's richest races. He is the third foal out of Loves Only Me, an unraced half-sister to European champion 2-year-old filly Rumpelstiltskin, who was also crowned champion broodmare in 2014 courtesy of the exploits of her Group 1-winning daughter Tapestry (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and Group 3-winning son John F Kennedy (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). Loves Only Me is also a half-sister to G3 Grangecon Stud S. winner I Am Beautiful (Ire) (Rip Van Winkle {Ire}). Loves Only Me, a \$900,000 purchase by Katsumi Yoshida at Keeneland November in 2009, is out of Monevassia (Mr. Prospector), a daughter of Miesque and a full-sister to G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains winner and champion sire Kingmambo.

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X Y JET 'RAB'-BED IN GOLDEN SHAHEEN

by Alan Carasso

Florida shipper **X Y Jet** (Kantharos) entered Saturday's G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen as one of the night's bankers for many a punter, given the dominance he had shown over the course of a five-race winning streak amassed over the course of the winter at



Muarrab & X Y Jet fight out the Shaheen finish | DRC/Andrew Watkins

Gulfstream Park. No foreign-bred sprinter had annexed the Shaheen in its previous runnings on conventional dirt since Sheikh Mohammed's Mudallel (GB) (Machiavellian) scored for locally based trainer Dhruva Selvaratnam in 1998,

but **Muarrab (GB)** (Oasis Dream {GB}) put an end to the streak with a gutsy defeat of X Y Jet following a frenetic final-furlong throwdown. **Morawij (GB)** (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) made some ground from the back of the pack to finish third.

Saturday, Meydan, Middle East

DUBAI GOLDEN SHAHEEN SPONSORED BY GULF NEWS-G1, \$2,000,000, MEY, 3-26, NH3yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1200m, 1:10.59, ft.

1--&**MUARRAB (GB)**, 126, g, 7, by [Oasis Dream \(GB\)](#)

1st Dam: Licence to Thrill (GB), by Wolfhound

2nd Dam: Crime of Passion (GB), by Dragonara Palace

3rd Dam: Catriona (GB), by Sing Sing (GB)

(280,000gns Ylg '10 TATOCT). O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Stratford Place Stud (GB); T-Musabah Al Muhairi; J-Paul Hanagan. \$1,200,000. Lifetime Record: 24-13-3-2, \$1,655,942. *1/2 to Classic Encounter (Ire) (Lujain), GSP-Eng; Group Therapy (GB) (Choisir {Aus}), MGSP-Eng, \$154,848; Waveband (GB) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}), SW-Eng, \$210,609; and Bungle Inthejungle (GB) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}), MGSW-Eng, \$142,689. **Werk Nick Rating: A.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**X Y Jet**, 126, g, 4, [Kantharos](#)--Soldiersingsblues, by Lost Soldier. (\$30,000 RNA Ylg '13 OBSJAN; \$56,000 Wlg '13 OBSAUG). O-Rockingham Ranch & Gelfenstein Farm; B-Didier Plasencia (FL); T-Jorge Navarro. \$400,000.

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3--**Morawij (GB)**, 126, g, 6, [Exceed and Excel \(Aus\)](#)--Sister Moonshine (Fr), by Piccolo (GB). (120,000gns Ylg '11 TATOCT). O-Sheikh Ahmed bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Dunchurch Lodge Stud Co (GB); T-Dhruva Selvaratnam. \$200,000.

Margins: NK, 3 3/4, 1 3/4.

Also Ran: Reynaldothewizard, Super Jockey (NZ), Confrontation, Rich Tapestry (Ire), Domineer (GB), Master Kochanwong (Aus). DNF: Kifaah (GB).

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Kin to no fewer than six stakes horses under his first dam, Muarrab was bred to be any kind, but never really got a foothold over a variety of racing surfaces in England over the course of the first eight starts of his career, mostly in handicap company for trainer Ed Dunlop. The bay underwent a metamorphosis once shipped off to trainer Musabah al Muhairi in Dubai, and most of his local success came at Jebel Ali, the track with the uphill finish, where Muarrab had posted a remarkable eight wins and a second from nine starts.

Victorious in a six-furlong conditions heat at the facility Nov. 27, he annexed the Listed Garhoud Sprint over this course and distance ahead of the Carnival Dec. 17, but ballooned to fifth behind 'TDN Rising Star' Reynaldothewizard (Speightstown) in the Listed Dubawi S. Jan. 14. Forced to chase Rich Tapestry (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) in the Feb. 11 G3 Al Shindagha Sprint--the race in which Marking (Bernardini) threw James Doyle at the break--Muarrab could not quite reel that one in and settled for second. But, drawn on the fence for the Super Saturday prep in the G3 Mahab al Shimaal three weeks back, Muarrab sped to the lead and they could not catch him over a track that was playing kindly to speed as he accounted for Kifaah (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) by 5 1/4 lengths.

X Y Jet was ever so slightly tardy into stride and quickly recovered to race in a share of the early lead, but that sluggish dispatch had allowed Master Kochanwong (Aus) (Commands {Aus})--having the final start of his career--to shade his every move to the inside as Muarrab attended the pace out deep. Rich Tapestry was kept busy by Gerald Mosse to hold his spot at the fence and the early pace was clocked in :23.54, an extremely sharp early sectional given the lack of a true run-up. The speed remained very much on as they raced around the far turn, none of the trio giving way--at least yet--but Rich Tapestry was the first to call it a day at the paint in upper stretch and the stage was set. X Y Jet fought on very gamely with Muarrab glued to his outside, their strides synched and neither giving an inch, but try as he might, X Y Jet could not resist the persistent Muarrab and dropped a hard-fought decision. Morawij ran on decently for third. The win was the second on the evening for Sheikh Hamdan, whose Af Mathmoon (AE) took out the G1 Dubai Kahayla Classic for Arabians.

"It's great for Sheikh Hamdan to have two winners. He's such a star, this horse," commented jockey Paul Hanagan. "They went hard and it suited him to sit. The other horse was very hard to pass. It's fantastic." [Cont. p8](#)

XY Jet 'Rab'bed in Golden Shaheen Cont.

The connections of the beaten favourite were hardly dismayed. "I got beaten fair and square but he's run his heart out," said his jockey Emisael Jaramillo. "There was no let up from the go and there was no chance to get a breather into him. He still managed to run like a champion. He was very tough to pass and it was only close to the wire that the winner got past. Although he was second he was still a champion to me."

The race was marred by an incident on the far turn involving Kifaah, who unseated jockey Dane O'Neill.

Muarrab became the 15th Group 1 winner for his sire, who was also represented on the World Cup program by G1 Al Quoz Sprint runner-up Ertijaal (Ire).

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BUFFERING THE FLEETEST OF THE FLEET

by Alan Carasso

The past performances of **Buffering (Aus)** (Mossman {Aus}) read like a veritable Australian Sprinters' Hall of Fame. The popular Queenslander had kept company with some of the country's best short-trackers over the last four or five years, placing behind the likes of the legendary Black Caviar (Aus) (Bel Esprit {Aus}), Hay List (Aus) (Statue of Liberty), Foxwedge (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) and



Buffering | DRC/Andrew Watkins

Lankan Rupee (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), while narrowly defeating the latter champion in the 2014 running of the G1 Moir S. at Melbourne's Moonee Valley. Venturing beyond the borders of Australia for just the

second time in his career, Buffering was given a pedal-to-the-metal ride by his long-time mate Damian Browne and swatted all comers away for a 3/4-length defeat of Carnival star **Ertijaal (Ire)** (Oasis Dream {GB}) in Saturday's G1 Al Quoz Sprint at Meydan. **Peniaphobia (Ire)** (Dandy Man {Ire}) pressed the pace outside of the winner and gave way late to finish third, a year after finishing runner-up to **Sole Power (GB)** (Kyllachy {GB}). The victory was the third on World Cup night and second for Australia in the Al Quoz. Elvstroem (Aus) (Danehill) took out the G1 Dubai Duty Free S. in 2005, while Ortensia (Aus) (Testa Rossa {Aus}) defeated Sole Power (GB) (Kyllachy {GB}) in this event in 2012.

Saturday, Meydan, Middle East

AL QUOZ SPRINT SPONSORED BY MEYDAN HOTELS & HOSPITALITY-G1, \$1,000,000, MEY, 3-26, NH3yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1000mT, :56.34, gd.

1--**BUFFERING (AUS)**, 126, g, 8, by Mossman (Aus)

1st Dam: **Action Annie (Aus)**, by Anabaa

2nd Dam: **Overdue Reaction (Ire)**, by Be My Guest

3rd Dam: **Temporary Lull**, by Super Concorde

(A\$22,000 Ylg '09 MMQTIS). O-Mrs V Heathcote, S Krslovic, C Moore, R Ciobo, D Merola, C Lord, Crafty Racing Synd, Aspariamo Racing Synd & B Harry; B-Racetree (AUS); T-Robert Heathcote; J-Damien Browne. \$600,000. Lifetime Record: MG1SW-Aus, 52-20-9-8, \$6,425,478. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++.**

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2--**Ertijaal (Ire)**, 126, g, 5, [Oasis Dream \(GB\)](#)--Shabiba, by Seeking the Gold. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd (IRE); T-Ali Rashid Al Raihe. \$200,000.

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3--**Peniaphobia (Ire)**, 126, g, 5, Dandy Man (Ire)--Umlani (Ire), by Great Commotion. (€11,000 Wlg '11 GOFNOV; £20,000 Ylg '12 DONAUG). O-Huang Kai Wen; B-Aidan Fogarty; T-Tony Cruz. \$100,000.

Margins: 3/4, NK, 3/4.

Also Ran: Jungle Cat (Ire), Muthmir (Ire), Fityaan (GB), Lady Shipman, Not Listenin'tome (Aus), Goldream (GB), Sole Power (GB), Sir Maximilian (Ire), Bel Canto (Jpn), Naadirr (Ire). Scratched: Mongolian Saturday.

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In a real sense, Buffering is Australia's horse. The 8-year-old has raced in four Australian states at 10 different racetracks, better than 20 of those in his breeding state of Queensland. Having gone excruciatingly close in Group 1 tests theretofore, Buffering got over that hurdle in career start number 36, accounting for top Hong Kong sprinter Lucky Nine (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) in the 2013 Manikato S. and, in his 15 subsequent appearances, had run his top-level grab to a half-dozen. The bay, sixth to Aerovelocity (NZ) (Pins {Aus}) in the 2014 G1 Longines Hong Kong Sprint, defied a 10-month absence to successfully defend his Moir title Oct. 2 before splitting the field in fifth behind current leading sprinter Chautauqua (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}) in the Manikato Oct. 23. A neck fourth in the G1 Darley Classic up the Flemington straight 1200 metre Nov. 7, he shipped cross-country for his next, validating 3-2 favoritism for a second win in the G1 Winterbottom S. at Perth's Ascot Racecourse Nov. 21. Buffering shined brightest of all last time at the Gold Coast, sprinting home to take the Magic Millions Plate by 1 1/2 lengths under 134 pounds. **Cont. p9**

Buffering the Fleetest of the Fleet Cont.

Buffering got away well and was in the vanguard early as the slow-starting **'TDN Rising Star'** Lady Shipman (Midshipman) and Peniaphobia kept company with him inside and out. Ertijaal raced four away from the stands' side rail and without cover while tracking that leading trio, while further out, Jungle Cat (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB}) was handy enough just to the outside of the well-backed Hong Kong raider Not Listenin'tome (Aus) (Dylan Thomas {Ire}). Confidently handled by Browne into the final quarter-mile, Buffering still held the call and looked to always be going slightly better than Peniaphobia, who was clinging on gamely for Joao Moreira as Ertijaal lay in wait. After finally putting pay to last year's runner-up, Buffering began looking for the line and got there in time, as Ertijaal's late bid fell short.



Warm reception for Buffering and Damien Browne | *Racing Post*

"He was in terrific form before the race," Browne commented. "He broke really well, to be honest beforehand I was more worried about the first 200 metres, thinking some of the others might

have been a bit too quick for him. Once he was able to travel I was pretty confident we were going to win."

Lady Shipman finished a mid-division seventh.

"She looked to the side when they sprung the gate and broke a little slow," her rider Irad Ortiz Jr. explained. "She put me in a good position on her own. She just didn't go on. That is not her race. She would have done well with a better break."

The winner's dam is represented by the 2-year-old Downloading (Aus) (Love Conquers All {Aus}), who was purchased by Buffering's trainer for A\$75,000 at the 2015 Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale, and a weanling filly by Fastnet Rock (Aus).

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LANI GRINDS OUT UAE DERBY WIN

by Daithi Harvey

The Japanese raider **Lani** (Tapit) claimed the scalp of hot favourite and **'TDN Rising Star'** **Polar River** (Congrats) to win this Group 2 contest. Ridden by Japanese star Yutaka Take, Lani came with a late surge a furlong from home to gun down compatriot **Yu Change (Jpn)** (Swift Current {Jpn}), who looked to have opened up a winning advantage at the top of the straight. Yu Change began to fold inside the last half-furlong, though, and it was Polar River who finished strongly to get to three-parts of a length from the winner with Yu Change fending off **Vale Dori (Arg)** (Asiatic Boy {Arg}) for third in a bunched finish.

"He's a very strong horse so I really thought I had a good chance in the race," said Take after the race. "Even though he tripped at the start he traveled really well throughout. Right now he's still rather immature so he's got a lot of growing up to do. He's getting better and better and I'd like to go to Kentucky [for the Derby]," added the winning jockey.

Saturday, Meydan, UAE

UAE DERBY SPONSORED BY THE SAED & MOHAMMED AL NABOODAH GROUP-G2, \$2,000,000, MEY, 3-26, NH3yo & SH3yo, 1900m, 1:58.41, ft.

1--#@LANI, 121, c, 3, by [Tapit](#)

1st Dam: **Heavenly Romance (Jpn)** (GSW-Jpn \$3,527,120), by [Sunday Silence](#)

2nd Dam: **First Act (Ire)**, by [Sadler's Wells](#)

3rd Dam: **Arkadina**, by [Ribot \(GB\)](#)

O-Ms Yoko Maeda; B-North Hills Co Ltd (KY); T-Mikio Matsunaga; J-Yutaka Take. \$1,200,000. Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-0, \$1,366,618. * 1/2 to [Amour Briller \(Smart Strike\)](#) MSW-Jpn, \$1,758,863; and [Awardee \(Jungle Pocket\)](#), GSW-Jpn, \$1,608,946. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

Werk Nick Rating: F.

2--**Polar River**, 119, f, 3, [Congrats](#)--[Bayou Tortuga](#), by [Empire Maker](#).

'TDN Rising Star' (\$40,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR; \$25,000 Ylg '14 KEESAP) O-Valentin Bukhtoyarov & Evgeny Kappushev; B-Bob McCann, Mark Kelder & Doug Richards (KY); T-Doug Watson. \$400,000.

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3--**Yu Change (Jpn)**, 121, c, 3, [Swift Current \(Jpn\)](#)--[Yu Carat \(Jpn\)](#), by [Winning Ticket \(Jpn\)](#). O-K Aitetsu; B-Aitetsu Co Ltd (JPN); T-Hideyuki Mori. \$200,000.

Margins: 3/4, NK, HF. Also Ran: [Vale Dori \(Arg\)](#), [On The Rocks \(Jpn\)](#), [Lazzam \(GB\)](#), [Frank Conversation](#).

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Polar River was undoubtedly a shade unlucky here, as [Pat Dobbs](#) was blocked a split when challenging between horses early in the straight. Switched widest, she then stuck to her task gamely and lost little in defeat.

Trainer [Doug Watson](#) was proud of her effort and commented, "She was tight for room at a critical point after the turn-in. She stayed on very well again at the end. If anything she's still a bit green. But going forward she's going to be a superb filly as she matures. It was still a good run."

The winner, **Lani**, kicked off a successful day for the Japanese raiders and the victorious trainer [Mikio Matsunaga](#) said, "I am so happy, I don't really know what to say." [Cont. p10](#)

Lani Grinds Out UAE Derby Win Cont.

“I was a bit worried after he stumbled at the start, but he showed how good he really can be today and Take rode a great race.” The trainer was also appreciative of the Meydan officials who allowed him to saddle the excitable colt away from the crowds.

“The Meydan staff has been very kind to us, allowing us to take the best care of Lani as possible. He can be very troublesome so we really appreciated the allowances given to us by the track staff,” added Matsunaga.



Lani | DRC/Andrew Watkins

Connections are keen on a GI Kentucky Derby bid and the owner’s son, Koki Maeda, said, “We always knew he was special. We would really like to win the Kentucky Derby and based on how he ran over this surface, I think he’ll be able to run well in Kentucky if we go. If there is nothing wrong with the horse after the race and Mr. Maeda wants to go, we will send him to the Kentucky Derby.”

On pedigree Lani certainly has the credentials. He is by elite stallion Tapit (Pulpit), out of Japanese Group 1-winner Heavenly Romance (Jpn), who has already produced two other stakes winners in Amour Briller (Jpn) (Smart Strike) and Awardee (Jungle Pocket {Jpn}).

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CLEAN SWEEP FOR WATSON

By Daithi Harvey

One Man Band (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}) produced a dominant front-running performance to lead home a 1-2-3 for trainer Doug Watson in the G2 Godolphin Mile. The 5-year-old entire broke well and was soon enjoying a nice rhythm up front under jockey Sam Hitchcott with stablemate **Cool Cowboy** (Kodiak Kowboy) tracking him throughout. Hitchcott kicked for home before the turn in and soon had his rivals in trouble. Kept up to his work, One Man Band crossed the wire fully five-lengths clear with **Faulkner (GB)** (Pivotal {GB}) running on from the pack to nab second from stablemate Cool Cowboy to give Watson the trifecta, in a time of 1:35:21. It was a memorable victory for British jockey Sam Hitchcott, who commented, "He jumped and traveled so good. He kicked off the turn and went well. His most awkward part in a race is usually jumping from the stalls but he was brilliant today. It’s great for Doug and the team."

Saturday, Meydan, Middle East

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1--**#@ONE MAN BAND (IRE)**, 126, h, 5, by Pivotal (GB)
1st Dam: Musicanna (GB) (MSW & MG1SP-Eng, \$191,737), by Cape Cross (Ire)
2nd Dam: Upend (Ire), by Main Reef (GB)
3rd Dam: Gay Charlotte (GB), by Charlottown (GB)
 (€95,000 Wlg ‘11 GOFNOV) O-Sheikh Saeed bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-Richard A Pegum (IRE); T-Doug Watson; J-Sam Hitchcott. \$600,000. Lifetime Record: 15-8-1-1, \$908,619.
Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: A.

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2--**Faulkner (GB)**, 126, h, 6, Pivotal (GB)--Fibou, by Seeking the Gold. O-Sheikh Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-Darley (GB); T-Doug Watson. \$200,000.
 3--**Cool Cowboy**, 126, h, 5, Kodiak Kowboy--Grand Breeze, by Grand Slam. (\$110,000 yrl ‘12 KESEP) O-Zaur Sekrekov; B-Columbiana Farm (KY); T-Doug Watson. \$100,000.

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Margins: 4 3/4, NO, 4HF. Also Ran: Marking, Sloane Avenue, Prayer For Relief, Maftool, Gold City (Ire), God’s Speed (Ire). Scratched: Le Bernardin.

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‘TDN Rising Star’ Marking (Bernardini) was the strong market choice here based on his high-class U.S. form behind Runhappy (Super Saver) in the GI Malibu S. and his last-time win at Meydan Feb. 25, where he was dominant but also green and somewhat quirky. Having previously given trouble in the stalls, he broke



One Man Band | DRC/Andrew Watkins

satisfactorily from the gate on this occasion and had every chance, but came under strong driving fully two furlongs from home and struggled to make any real impression, ultimately finishing fourth.

His jockey James Doyle reported, "He's a horse with an engine but he's seemed immature to me. Once we started to turn he started to get a few scoops of kickback and he just didn't face it and I felt I was beaten two strides." **Cont. p11**

Clean Sweep for Watson Cont.

For winning trainer Doug Watson it was a first winner on Dubai World Cup night and he said, "It's an amazing feeling and I don't think it will sink in for a while. The Maktoum family has given me an opportunity to train and I'm grateful for that. We've got a great group of owners who have given us some nice horses and we are very fortunate." His winner, One Man Band was a €95,000 yearling purchase at Goffs Orby Sale by John Ferguson in 2011 and made an inauspicious start to his racing career, being well beaten in two Newmarket and Lingfield maidens for Charlie Appleby in 2013. Switched to the Watson stable, he improved for the change of scenery and the change of surface, breaking his maiden on the dirt at Meydan at the end of 2014. Having progressed through the ranks he made his stakes debut early last month when second to Confrontation (War Pass) in the G3 Firebreak S. He followed that with an easy six-length defeat of Heavy Metal (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}) in a Meydan handicap Feb. 25. Evidently still improving at the age of five, One Man Band posted a career-best Saturday.

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VAZIRABAD SALUTES IN DUBAI GOLD CUP

by Heather Anderson

His Highness the Aga Khan's 2015 G1 Prix Royal-Oak hero **Vazirabad (Fr)** (Manduro {Ger}) gave France its first win in the 3200-metre \$1-million G2 Dubai Gold Cup, and trainer Alain de Royer-Dupre his second Dubai World Cup night victory, when crossing the line a neck to the good of the stubborn **Big Orange (GB)** (Duke of Marmalade {Ire}). It was also the second DWC night win for His Highness the Aga Khan, the owner/trainer duo landed the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic with Dolniya (Fr) (Azamour {Ire}) in 2015.

"His main quality is that he has a big turn of foot and we're not afraid to use it," commented an understandably jubilant Alain de Royer-Dupre. "He was a little tired at the end, perhaps he came too soon."

His Highness the Aga Khan's racing manager Georges Rimaud concurred and said, "I was a little anxious when he was behind most of the field, but he handled the turn very well and once he started to improve I knew his very good acceleration would come into play. The second horse [Big Orange {GB}] has great stamina, so it was an excellent effort from our horse."

Saturday, Meydan, Middle East

DUBAI GOLD CUP SPONSORED BY AL TAYER MOTORS-G2, \$1,000,000, MEY, 3-26, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 3200mT, 3:19.56, gd. 1--**VAZIRABAD (FR)**, 122, g, 4, by [Manduro \(Ger\)](#)

1st Dam: **Visorama (Ire)** (GSW & GISP-Fr, \$181,397), by **Linamix (Fr)**

2nd Dam: **Visor**, by **Mr. Prospector**

3rd Dam: **Look**, by **Spectacular Bid**

O-H H The Aga Khan; B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC (Fr); T-Alain de Royer-Dupre; J-Christophe Soumillon. \$600,000. Lifetime Record: Hwt. 3yo Colt-Fr at 14f+, 8-6-1-0, \$1,024,025. *1/2 to Visoriyna (Fr) (Dansili {GB}), SW & MGSP-Fr, \$139,138.

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

2--**Big Orange (GB)**, 126, g, 5, Duke of Marmalade (Ire)--Miss Brown To You (Ire), by Fasliyev. O-W J & T C O Gredley; B-Stetchworth & Middle Park Studs (GB); T-Michael Bell. \$200,000.

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3--**Haafaguinea (GB)**, 126, g, 6, Haafhd (GB)--Ha'penny Beacon (GB), by Erhaab. (30,000gns Ylg '11 TAOOCT). O-Godolphin; B-Bishop Wilton Stud (GB); T-Saeed bin Suroor. \$100,000. Margins: NK, 4 3/4, NO.

Also Ran: Suegioo (Fr), Meadow Creek (GB), Manatee (GB), Tellina (SAF), Neo Black Dia (Jpn), Star Empire (SAF), Certerach (Ire), Paradise (Ger).

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It was public knowledge that the French highweight had shipped poorly--sustaining some scrapes on his forehead when anxious and losing some weight during the travel--but de Royer-Dupre was adamant that Vazirabad had regained all of the pounds lost prior to this first attempt at 3200 metres.

Favored to make it six on the bounce, the grey was caught flat-footed at the break, but Christophe Soumillon didn't panic and settled him near the tail of the field one off the fence past the stands the first time. Meanwhile, at the head of affairs, the 2014 Dubai Gold Cup hero Certerach (Ire) (Halling) had quickly established a decent gallop while shadowed by G1 Emirates



Vazirabad | DRC/Andrew Watkins

Melbourne Cup fifth-place finisher Big Orange. It was a break of five lengths back to the meat of the field, with Japan's Neo Black Dia (Jpn) (Zenno Rob Roy {Jpn}) sitting in third. Certerach cut out the first mile in 1:41.50, with positions largely unchanged, as Vazirabad remained well

covered up. Angled into the three path on the final bend, the lanky gelding began to wind up, though he still had substantial work to do. Certerach gave way to Big Orange under an animated Jamie Spencer inside the final quarter-mile and the latter kicked for home, but Vazirabad was gaining with great bounds well off the fence. Vazirabad pounced inside the final furlong and, although Big Orange refused to throw in the towel and stayed on dourly, he lacked the winner's late dash, settling a neck behind. It was tight for third, with only a nose separating Haafaguinea (GB) and Suegioo (Fr) (Manduro {Ger}). **Cont. p12**

Vazirabad Salutes in the Dubai Gold Cup Cont.

Big Orange's conditioner Michael Bell was still upbeat, despite the loss, saying, "That was a huge run. The favourite is a very good horse and he made him pull out all the stops. It couldn't have gone better, the race went beautifully apart from the fact he got beat a neck. We'll make a plan when we get home, but that tees us up nicely for a big year."

Beginning his career at Longchamp last May, Vazirabad reported home sixth in his only unplaced effort before improving to take second when stepped up to 1 7/8 miles at Dieppe a month later. Off the mark over that course-and-distance July 18, the grey began his flawless association with regular pilot Christophe Soumillon next out, rattling off a conditions score transferred to Deauville over firm turf Aug. 4 and adding his first black-type tally in the G3 Prix de Lutece back at Longchamp Sept. 6. The stakes kept getting higher, but Vazirabad proved worthy, romping by three lengths in the G2 Qatar Prix Chaudenay Oct. 3 before signing off his sophomore year in the aforementioned soft-ground G1 Prix Royal-Oak going 1 15/16 miles at Saint-Cloud Oct. 25.

Out of Visorama (Ire) (Linamix {Fr}), who scored her biggest win in the G3 Prix de Flore as a sophomore and added a third-place finish in the G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud as a 4-year-old, Vazirabad is the most distinguished of her produce to date. The year-older French stakes winner Visoriyna (Fr) (Dansili {GB}) has also completed the frame in the G3 Prix de Lieurey and G3 Prix Perth. Visorama is a full-sister to Prix Matchem victor and G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains third-place finisher Visionary (Fr); and French multiple Group 1-placed Visionnaire (Fr); and is a half to French highweight and G1 Prix de la Foret hero Varenar (Fr) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}), as well as GSW Visindar (GB) (Sinndar {Ire}).

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HOLLYWOOD ENDING IN DUBAI

by Steve Sherack

Chrome turns to gold!

That's how announcer Terry Spargo described **California Chrome** (Lucky Pulpit)'s sensational 3 3/4-length victory in the 21st renewal of the \$10-million G1 Dubai World Cup Saturday evening at Meydan.

The 2014 Horse of the Year and G1 Kentucky Derby and G1 Preakness S. winner, second in the big one beneath the lights in the desert last year, became the richest North American-based Thoroughbred in history despite racing widest of all throughout the 2000-meter race with a slipped saddle.



Field on their way at Meydan

"I wasn't that concerned about it," pilot Victor Espinoza replied when asked about the equipment dilemma. "I just kept looking forward and thinking, 'Where's the wire?'"

With winners spanning the globe from the United States, Britain, France, Japan, Australia and the United Arab Emirates, the world's richest raceday once again lived up to its billing as a truly international showcase for the sport's best.

U.S.-born and long-time UAE based-trainer Doug Watson's dream 2016 Carnival continued with his first World Cup night win with an improbable one-two-three finish, led by **One Man Band (Ire)** (Pivotal {GB}), in the opener for Thoroughbreds in the G2 Godolphin Mile. The native of Ohio was later represented by a bang-up second-place finish from **'TDN Rising Star' Polar River** (Congrats) against the boys in the G2 UAE Derby.



Many well-wishers for California Chrome & Victor Espinoza | *Racing Post*

HH The Aga Khan's G2 Dubai Gold Cup standout **Vazirabad (Fr)** (Manduro {Ger})-- a last out winner of the G1 Prix Royal-Oak at Saint-Cloud in late October--hopped at the start from his rail draw, but certainly had more than enough time to gather

himself for a measured late success in the 3200-metre contest. "His main quality is that he has a big turn of foot and we're not afraid to use it," trainer Alain de Royer Dupre warned.

Those Tapits just keep winning everywhere. A group of Japanese fans let out an energetic celebration by the apron when **Lani** (Tapit) surged late for a last-to-first tally (so much for the premature speed-bias tag after the Godolphin Mile) in the UAE Derby. An aggressive middle move on the extreme outside down the backstretch by veteran reinsman Yutaka Take proved key in bringing the prize back to the Far East. Quite the effort from Lani, especially after stumbling at the start as well. See him next in the Bluegrass? Sounds like Take's bags are already packed. "He's getting better and better and I'd like to go to Kentucky," he said.

"Give us the thumbs up, mate," a photographer quipped to jockey Damian Browne after guiding home **Buffering (Aus)** (Mossman {Aus}) to a well-earned win in the G1 Al Quoz. The 8-year-old was making just his second career start outside of Australia in 52 career attempts.

Sheikh Hamdan's **Murrab (GB)** (Oasis Dream {GB}) outslugged the heavily favored American raider **X Y Jet** (Kantharos) in a pulsating stretch battle in the G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen. The bay was also an impressive winner while prepping locally in the G3 Mahab Al Shimaal earlier this month. "He's such a star, this horse," winning rider Paul Hanagan boasted. [Cont. p13](#)

Hollywood Ending in Dubai Cont.

An hour intermission until the G1 Dubai Turf? No problem, of course, when there's fireworks. What a sight to see.

Real Steel (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) and the filly **Euro Charline (GB)** (Myboycharlie {Ire}) followed suit with some pyrotechnics of their own once the smoke cleared. Winless in six attempts dating back to last February, Real Steel overcame a wide journey to deliver the second win on the night for Japan while gamely holding off the Team Valor runner by a half-length.

The lively crowd immediately came to an halt as Sheikh Mohammed made his way through the extremely congested area adjacent to the walking ring prior to the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic.

Postponed (Dubawi {Ire}), trained by the 37-year-old Newmarket-based Roger Varian, became the first horse to win the \$6-million contest after also securing the G2 Dubai City of Gold on Meydan's Super Saturday card. He flashed home nicely to defeat last year's Japanese champion 3-year-old **Duramente (Jpn)** (King Kamehameha {Jpn}), who turned in a blinder despite racing with just three shoes.

The crowd let out a good roar when they sprung the latch for the main event and exploded once again as California Chrome struck the front in the stretch, adding another chapter to a seemingly endless Hollywood script. --@SteveSherackTDN

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Saturday's Results:

APOLLOBET CASHBACK IF YOU FINISH 2ND MAGNOLIA S.-Listed, £37,000, KEM, 3-26, 4yo/up, 10f (AWT), 2:05.08, st.

1--**#OUR CHANNEL, 126, g, 5, by English Channel--Raw Gold (MGSW-US, \$509,006), by Rahy.** (\$30,000 Ylg '12 KESEEP; £33,000 2yo '13 GFS2YO). O-Mr Abdulla Al Mansoori; B-Bluegrass Hall, LLC (KY); T-William Haggas; J-Pat Cosgrave. £20,983. Lifetime Record: GSP-US & Tur, 16-5-4-2, \$318,862. *1/2 to Kadira (Kafwain), MSW & GSP-US, \$176,525.

2--**Noble Gift (GB), 126, g, 6, Cadeaux Genereux (GB)--Noble Penny (GB), by Pennekamp.** (8,000gns Wlg '10 TATFOA; 18,000gns Ylg '11 TAOC; 62,000gns HRA '14 TA14). O-Canisbay Bloodstock. £7,955.

3--**Maybelater (GB), 121, f, 4, Mount Nelson (GB)--Muscovado,** by Mr. Greeley. O-Mrs James Wigan. £3,981. Margins: NK, 2 1/4, 1HF. Odds: 2.75, 8.00, 20.00.

Only 13th in the G1 Epsom Derby two years ago, Our Channel built on that education to finish runner-up in both the G2 International Topkapi Trophy over a mile at Veliefendi and the 9 1/2-furlong GIII American Derby during the same season.

Largely missing out 2015 following a disastrous spell at Meydan, the chestnut returned to form when capturing a 10-furlong handicap on Chelmsford's Polytrack Jan. 16 and two starts later was adding another over that trip at this track Mar. 9. Stalking the boldly-ridden Noble Gift throughout, he was sent up to take the lead off that rival with 1 1/2 furlongs to race and had to keep finding to see off the unflinching long-time leader in a pulsating finale. [Click for the Racing Post result.](#) [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

First Winner for Freshman Sire

1st-KEM, £6,100, Mdn, 3-26, 2yo, f, 5f (AWT), 1:00.58, st.
+BOATER (IRE) (f, 2, Helmet {Aus}--Cercle d'Amour, by Storm Cat), who was the subject of strong support in the market into 8-13 favouritism, made a rapid recovery from an awkward break to assume command. Threatened only by Playful Trickster (Ire) (Intikhab) early in the straight, the homebred saw off that rival with the minimum of effort to draw away and win impressively by seven lengths. In doing so, Boater becomes the first European winner for her first-season sire (by Exceed and Excel {Aus}). The dam, who is a half to the G3 Norfolk S. winner and G1 Prix Morny runner-up Warm Heart (Diesis {GB}) and a full-sibling of a listed-winning dam of the GSW Tiger Ride (Candy Ride {Arg}) and two other stakes performers, has a yearling colt by Teofilo (Ire). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$5,578. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-Darley (IRE); T-Mark Johnston.

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2nd-KEM, £6,100, Mdn, 3-26, 2yo, f, 5f (AWT), 1:00.09, st.

+CHUPALLA (GB) (f, 2, by Helmet {Aus})
1st Dam: Dubai Sunrise, by Seeking the Gold
2nd Dam: Colorado Dancer (Ire), by Shareef Dancer
3rd Dam: Fall Aspen, by Pretense

Sent off the 6-5 favorite to bring up a quickfire double for her first-season sire from two representatives and a third win in the three British juvenile contests staged so far in 2016 for her stable, Chupalla was alert to overcome the potential disadvantage of her outside draw and establish an instant lead. Asked to stretch off the home turn, the bay surged clear to record a resounding six-length defeat of Stormy Clouds (Ire) (Sir Prancealot {Ire}) with the remainder strung out. [Cont. p14](#)

2nd-KEM Cont.

Remarkably, the trio of Johnston 2-year-old winners Sutter



Chupalla | *Racing Post*

County (Invincible Spirit {Ire})--at Wolverhampton Friday--Boater (Ire) (Helmet {Aus}) in this card's opener and now Chupalla, have won their races by a cumulative margin of 22 lengths. The dam, who is a full-sister to the legendary Dubai Millennium (GB) from Fall Aspen's incredible dynasty, also has a yearling colt by Farhh (GB). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$5,578. [Click for the Racing Post result](#) or the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#). [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-Darley (GB); T-Mark S. Johnston.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Ice Age (Ire), g, 3, **Frozen Power (Ire)**--Incendio (GB), by Siberian Express. KEM, 3-26, 7f (AWT), 1:26.54. B-Piercetown Stud (IRE). *€7,500 RNA Ylg '14 GOFFEB; 21,000gns Ylg '14 TAOCT. **1/2 to Baron's Pit (GB) (Night Shift), MGSW & G1SP-Eng, \$245,801.



Darley shuttler Helmet recorded his first two European winners at Kempton Saturday. Helmet, a dual Group 1-winning juvenile in Australia, also won the G1 Caulfield Guineas for Darley | *Darley photo*

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Saturday's Results:

1st-COR, €11,000, Mdn, 3-26, 3yo, 7fT, 1:38.96, hy.

CLEAR CUT (GB) (g, 3, **Acclamation {GB}**--**Claiomh Solais {Ire}** {**MGSP-Ire**, by **Galileo {Ire}**}, a 57,000gns TATFOA weanling and €300,000 GOFORB yearling, was runner-up over seven furlongs at Dundalk Mar. 4 and shadowed the early leader. Driven to lead with a quarter-mile remaining, the 6-5 favourite stayed on stoutly to beat Warp Factor (Ire) (The Carbon Unit) by 5 1/2 lengths. The dam, who is a sister to the trio of Bolger-trained Group 1 fillies Cuis Ghaire (Ire), Scintillula (Ire) and Gile Na Greine (IRE), has a 2-year-old filly by Archipenko named Comedienne (GB) and a yearling filly by Leroidesanimaux (Brz). Lifetime Record: 5-1-3-0, \$16,334. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Mrs J. S. Bolger; B-Miss K. Rausing & J. S. Bolger (GB); T-Jim Bolger.

7th-COR, €11,000, Mdn, 3-26, 3yo, 10f 50yT, 2:38.90, hy.

HARZAND (IRE) (c, 3, **Sea the Stars {Ire}**--**Hazariya {Ire}** {**GSW-Ire**, \$167,872}, by **Xaar {GB}**}, fifth on debut over a mile at Gowran Park in September, was heavily backed and began at 4-9 tracking the early pace. Working his way to the front with a quarter-mile to race, the homebred, who is a half-brother to Harasiya (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}), GSW & G1SP-Ire, \$109,758, as well as a 2-year-old colt by Shamardal named Haripour (Ire) and a yearling filly by Fastnet Rock (Aus), galloped his rivals into weary submission to win by 16 lengths. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$7,555. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-H H The Aga Khan; B-His Highness The Aga Khan's Studs S C; T-Dermot Weld.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Jet Setting (Ire), f, 3, **Fast Company (Ire)**--Mean Lae (Ire), by Johannesburg. B-P Kelly (IRE). *€7,000 Wlg '13 GOFNOV; 12,000gns HRA '15 TA15. **SP-Fr.

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Friday's Result:

5th-BRE, €8,750, Mdn, 3-25, 3yo, 11fT, 2:40.06, sf.

BERGHAIN (IRE) (c, 3, **Medicean {GB}**--**Basilea Gold {Ger}**, by **Monsun {Ger}**}, a debut runner-up going one mile here in his only prior start Dec. 6, was steadied in fourth after breaking on the front end in this sophomore bow. [Cont. p15](#)

5th-BRE Cont.

Coming under pressure on the home turn, the 9-10 chalk raced solo against the far rail as the field fanned wide into the straight and stayed on resolutely with continued urging to best Quick Step (Ger) (Distant Music) by an ultimately comfortable six lengths. The chestnut, who RNA'd at €18,000 as a GOFSP yearling, hails from the family of MG1SW European Champion Mtoto (GB) (Busted {GB}). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, €6,200. O/B-Capricorn Stud (IRE); T-Jens Hirschberger.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Lips Planet (Ger), f, 3, **Mamool (Ire)**--Lips Plane (Ire) (GSP-Ity), by Ashkalani (Ire). DSS, 3-26, 7fT, 1:35.92. B-Stall Parthenaue (GER). *Full to Lips Poison (Ger), GSW-Ger, \$157,453; and 1/2 to Lips Arrow (Ger) (Big Shuffle), MSW & GSP-Ger, GSP-Ity, \$129,214.

Dschingis Secret (Ger), c, 3, **Soldier Hollow (GB)**--Divya (Ger), by Platini (Ger). DSS, 3-26, 11fT, 2:32.74. B-Gestut Park Wiedingen (GER). *€200,000 Ylg '14 BBAGS.



Saturday, Rosehill, Australia

BMWS-G1, A\$1,526,200, ATC, 3-26, 3yo/up, Open WFA, 2400mT, 2:28.68, Good.

1--**PREFERMENT (NZ)**, 58.5, h, 4, by **Zabeel (NZ)**

1st Dam: Better Alternative, by Flying Spur

2nd Dam: Ancient Lights, by Canny Lad

3rd Dam: Hello Lottie, by Beau Sovereign (NZ)

(NZ\$190,000 Ylg 2013 NZB National Yearling Sale) O-Mrs L F Huddy, I Bruce, G L Huddy, R Smith, B L Mathieson, K H Warriner, J T C Lake, F W Cook, Mrs C M Cook, G G Ltd (Mgr: G G Peterson), Magic Bloodstock Racing (Mgr: P G Tighe) &; B-Mrs B M & L J Anselmi, Sir Patrick & Lady Hogan, Mrs H M & M J Moran, Waikato, NZ; T-C J Waller; J-J Bowman; A\$926,200. Lifetime Record: 20-5-4-1, A\$3,364,605.*Full to Rezoned (NZ), GSW-Aus, A\$125,120. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++.** *Triple Plus*. **Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#).**

2--**Who Shot Thebarman (NZ)**, 59.0, g, 7, Yamanin Vital (NZ)--Ears Carol (NZ), by Carolingian. O-D M O'Leary, H T O'Leary, M JO'Leary, S C O'Leary, Mrs J C Nugent-O'Leary, Mrs A M O'Leary, Mrs F J O'Leary & Mrs L O'Leary; B-B J & Mrs L E Anderton, South, NZ; T-C J Waller; J-B Shinn; A\$260,000.

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3--**Grand Marshal (GB)**, 59.0, g, 6, Dansili (GB)--Margarula (IRE), by Doyoun (IRE). O-C C Lai; B-Carwell Equities Ltd, GUE; T-C J Waller; J-J R Collett; A\$120,000.

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Margins: 0.2 len, 1.5 len, 2.2 len. Odds: 3.40, 9.00, 30.00.

Also Ran: Montaigne (NZ), Rising Romance (NZ), Almoonqith (USA), Storm the Stars (USA), Arab Dawn (GB), Mongolian, Our Ivanhowe (GER).

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Already the winner of the VRC Derby, Australian Cup and Turnbull S., Preferment added The BMW to his list of Group 1 victories, leading home a trifecta for his stable when managing to hold off a determined challenge from Who Shot Thebarman, with Grand Marshal swooping late to claim third from the sole 3-year-old challenger, Montaigne (NZ).

Chris Waller's 4-year-old bookended a quartet of Group 1 wins in a fortnight for jockey Hugh Bowman, who, after winning the Australian Cup on Preferment, landed the G1 China Horse Club George Ryder S. a week later aboard Winx (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}) before jetting off for victory in the following day's BMW Hong Kong Derby on Werther (NZ) (Tavistock {NZ}).



Preferment | *Racing And Sports*

Bowman was happy to let Preferment shuffle back in the pack from the gate, finding a spot on the rails towards the rear of the field after a scrappy battle for the lead saw Storm The Stars pushed five wide with Our Ivanhowe (Ger) making the early running.

Beginning to take closer order with a half-mile left to run, Bowman's assertive move at the 600-metre marker proved decisive, as he roused Preferment to the lead before turning for home and held the advantage down the rail to prevail by a neck.

Referring to the good-moving stayer as a "Rolls Royce," Bowman said, "I put the pressure on early as he hasn't shown that he can quicken and I didn't want to be left flat-footed, so I pulled him out a lot earlier than I usually would and he showed a turn of foot and I thought, 'oh no.'"

He added, "I was able to rely on him and even though he was out of carrots late in the piece he stuck his head out for a Chris Waller trifecta."

Celebrating his 61st Group 1 victory, Waller said, "It was an interesting race and it was a long straight, that's for sure. He set sail at the 600-metre mark and, what do you say? It's Hugh Bowman at his best. I no longer give him instructions. He knows the horses and he got a great feel in the race." **Cont. p16**

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Preferment is expected to be seen next in the A\$4-million Queen Elizabeth S. during The Championships Apr. 9, a potential appearance which will leave Bowman with a tough choice to make between him and his five-time Group 1-winning stable-mate Winx, who is also set to run in next weekend's G1 Doncaster Mile on the first day of The Championships.

Outlining Preferment's likely build-up to his next race, Waller said, "We'll back right off him and take him to the beach, maybe even do a bit of dressage with him, just to keep him interested."

A brother to G3 South Australia Fillies Classic winner Rezoned (NZ), Preferment also has an unraced 2-year-old half-brother named Eime Sovaaros (NZ), as well as a yearling half-brother by Rip Van Winkle (Ire) and a foal half-sister by O'Reilly (NZ).

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Saturday, Rosehill, Australia

VINERY STUD S.-G1, A\$505,000, ATC, 3-26, 3yo, f, Open Set Weight, 2000mT, 2:03.03, Good.

1--&**SINGLE GAZE**, 56.0, f, 3, by **Not a Single Doubt**

1st Dam: Redaluca's Gaze, by Intergaze

2nd Dam: Crying in the Rain, by Sanction

3rd Dam: Maudlin, by Whiskey Road (USA)

(A\$70,000 Ylg 2014 MM Gold Coast Yearling Sale) O-N Olive, M P Hay, D E Tout, W P Oxford, M Notaras, R P Keeley, P Kouvelis, N Keeley & Redbank North Pty Ltd; B-Mr JA Middleton NSW; T-N J Olive; J-Ms K O'Hara; A\$305,000.

Lifetime Record: 13-3-3-2, A\$1,178,300. *1/2 to Le Val (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus}), SW-Aus, \$257,300. **Werk Nick Rating: A++.**

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2--**Valley Girl (NZ)**, 56.0, f, 3, [Mastercraftsman \(Ire\)](#)--Leigh

Valley (NZ), by Bianconi (USA). O-Wentwood Grange (Mgr: D D Hawkins); B-D, L & S Hawkins & Llanhennock Trust, Waikato, NZ; T-Ms D Logan; J-Emma Stent; A\$100,000.

3--**Happy Hannah**, 56.0, f, 3, [More Than Ready \(USA\)](#)--Absolute

Joy (NZ), by Zabeel (NZ). O-Strawberry Hill Stud (Mgr: J D Singleton), Miss H Singleton; B-Strawberry Hill Stud NSW; T-P & P Snowden; J-B Shinn; A\$50,000.

Margins: 0.8 len, 1.0 len, 1.5 len. Odds: 11.00, 8.50, 6.50.

Also Ran: Self Esteem, Capella (NZ), Honesta, Asinara, Risque (NZ), Believe, Ambience, Stay With Me, Heartlings, Sailing By, Lonely Orphan. Scratched: Jameka (Aus).

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Single Gaze provided her Canberra-based trainer Nick Olive with an important milestone in his career when becoming his first Group 1 winner in the Vinery Stud S.

Ridden into a prominent position by Kathy O'Hara from the gate, the diminutive chestnut filly settled in second behind Self Esteem (Aus) in the early stages before temporarily losing her position mid-race as Valley Girl (NZ) and Sailing By (Aus) were keen to get involved up front. Always traveling strongly, however, Single Gaze tracked the leading pack as the tempo quickened on the bend and



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was asked to go and win her race by O'Hara as she straightened for home, and was given a clear run into the stretch three horses from the fence.

Valley Girl, who had posted an impressive effort on her previous

start on home turf in the G1 New Zealand Derby, lay down a concerted challenge along the rail to hold on for second from the fast-finishing Happy Hannah, whose place in the line-up was confirmed on the scratching of ante-post favourite Jameka (Aus).

"I'm numb, I'm absolutely numb," said Olive, who has won the Canberra trainers' title six times and has previously saddled a Group 1 place-getter in Australasian Oaks second Zenarta (Aus). "It's every trainer's dream to win a Group 1 and, it's funny, I've been so relaxed all week and came here today so confident and I couldn't understand why nobody wanted a bar of her."

He added, "She's just a top filly, she keeps stepping up to the mark and is such a gutsy little filly."

For winning rider O'Hara, who received a fine from the stewards for saluting before crossing the line, it was a second Group 1 win, having steered Ofcourseican (Aus) (Mossman {Aus}) to glory in the 2012 Coolmore Classic.

She said, "It's so good to win a Group 1 on this horse. She is so small but she is such a trier. She did it tough and got a bit of cover mid-race but she is so strong."

O'Hara also rode Single Gaze's dam, the three-time winner Redaluca's Gaze, whose first foal, Le Val (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus}), won the Listed GCTC Ken Russell Memorial Classic. She has an unraced 2-year-old filly named Red Heat (Aus) (Helenus {Aus}), as well as a yearling colt by Commands (Aus) and a colt foal by So You Think (NZ).

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FLYING ARTIE INJURED; OUT UNTIL SPRING

G1 Blue Diamond S. runner-up **Flying Artie (Aus)** (Artie Schiller) is suffering from sesamoiditis and will be spelled until the spring, according to *Racing.com*. Trainer Mick Price told that site the condition was discovered after a routine workout while the colt was preparing for the Apr. 2 G1 Sires' Produce S.

"[Jockey Damien [Oliver] rode him [Saturday] morning and he wasn't 100% happy with him and he's got sesamoiditis," Price said. "He's aggravated an area above the inside sesamoid, near front. It's due to immaturity and the horse needs to spell for a couple of months. He's a young horse so hopefully he should be OK. Hopefully he'll be alive and well for the Caulfield Guineas."

Flying Artie broke his maiden in the G3 Blue Diamond Prelude Feb. 13 before finishing an unlucky second to stablemate Extreme Choice (Aus) (Not A Single Doubt {Aus}) in the Blue Diamond. He was third in last weekend's G1 Golden Slipper.

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EXTREMELY A STANDOUT FOR INGLIS SALE

The Inglis Australian Broodmare and Weanling sale catalogue, which features dispersals and reductions from four leading nurseries as well as weanlings by accomplished and exciting young sires, is now online. The sale runs May 1 to 4, beginning with the Platinum Weanling Session, where all 123 weanlings entered will have x-rays available for viewing. The catalogue contains weanlings from the families of Group 1 winners Flamberge (Aus) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}), Samaready (Aus) (More Than Ready), Holler (Aus) (Commands {Aus}), Nicconi (Aus) (Bianconi) and Snitzel (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}).

The broodmare section of the catalogue includes dispersals from Bell River Thoroughbreds, Bell View Park Stud, Gooree Park Stud and Think Big Stud. Headling the Bell River dispersal will be Extremely (Aus) (Hussonet), the dam of this year's G1 Blue Diamond S. winner Not A Single Doubt (Aus), carrying his full-sibling. Newgate Farm will offer Group 1 performer Pane In The Glass (Aus) (Testa Rossa {Aus}), in foal to Deep Field (Aus), and other blue-blooded mares on offer include a close relative to Group 1 winner Your Song (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}); a full-sister to G1 Flight S. winner Speak Fondly (Aus) (Northern Meteor {Aus}); and Group 1 winner Faint Perfume (Aus) (Shamardal), in foal to Redoute's Choice (Aus).

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Saturday, Nakayama, Japan

NIKKEI SHO-G2, ¥128,620,000 (US\$1,137,394), Nakayama, 3-26, 4yo/up, 2500mT, 2:36.80, fm.

1--**GOLD ACTOR (JPN)**, 128, h, 5, Screen Hero (Jpn)

1st Dam: Heilong Xing (Jpn), by Kyowa Alysheba

2nd Dam: Happy Hien (Jpn), by Manado (Ire)

3rd Dam: Buzen Fubuki (Jpn), by Sedan (Fr)

O-Kaname Ishiro; B-Hokusho Farm; T-Tadashige Nakagawa; J-Hayato Yoshida; ¥67,644,000; Lifetime Record: G1SW-Jpn, 14-8-2-1. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#) **Werk Nick Rating: A+.**

2--**Sounds of Earth (Jpn)**, 123, h, 5, Neo Universe (Jpn)--First Violin, by Dixieland Band. O-Teruya Yoshida; B-Shadai Farm; ¥27,184,000.

3--**Marialite (Jpn)**, 121, m, 5, Deep Impact (Jpn)--Chrysopraxe (Jpn), by El Condor Pasa. O-Carrot Farm; B-Northern Farm; ¥17,092,000.

Margins: 3/4, 1.1/4, 1.1/4. Odds: 2.30, 1.40, 5.60.

Also Ran: Albert (Jpn), Decipher (Jpn), Action Star (Jpn), Hokko Brave (Jpn), Cosmo Robin (Jpn), Fragarach (Jpn).

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Saturday, Hanshin, Japan

MAINICHI HAI-G3, ¥72,540,000 (US\$641,475), Hanshin, 3-26, 3yo, 1800mT, 1:47.30, fm.

1--**SMART ODIN (JPN)**, 126, c, 3, Danon Chantilly (Jpn)

1st Dam: Lady Upstage (Ire) (GSW-Ire, SW & GSP-Eng, GISP-NA, G1SP-Fr, \$290,482), by Alzao

2nd Dam: She's The Tops (GB), by Shernazar (Ire)

3rd Dam: Troytops (GB), by Troy (GB)

O-Toru Okawa; B-Sky Beach Stable; T-Kunihide Matsuda; J-Keita Tosaki; ¥38,378,000; Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-0. *1/2 to Travel Team (Danzig) SP-Fr; SP-US \$118,813. **Werk Nick Rating: A.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Urban Kid (Jpn)**, 123, c, 3, Heart's Cry (Jpn)--Cockney, by Swain (Ire). O-Sunday Racing; B-Northern Farm; ¥15,108,000.

3--**Taisei Summit (Jpn)**, 123, c, 3, Daiwa Major (Jpn)-Vinedresser (Jpn), by End Sweep. (¥24,000,000 Ylg '14 JRHAJUL) O-Seiho Tanaka; B-Shadai Farm; ¥9,554,000.

Margins: 1.1/4, 3/4, HF. Odds: 0.70, 5.80, 3.60.

Also Ran: Rainbow Flag (Jpn), Roi Absolu (Jpn), Deep Exceed (Jpn), Eifer Pretty (Jpn), Canon Storm (Jpn), Toa Raijin (Jpn), Oken Dia (Jpn). [Click for Racing Post chart](#) or the [free Equine.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#) [JRA Video.](#)



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