

PLACING THE PEGASUS: THE HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE AT GULFSTREAM PARK



Gulfstream Park photo

by Ben Massam

It was 1955, and Gulfstream Park was hitting its best stride. Rescued from insolvency just over a decade earlier by successful Scottish-born florist and entrepreneur James Donn, the beautifully landscaped South Florida racetrack steadily grew in popularity, routinely attracting record crowds for increasingly glamorous racing events--none more so than the Florida Derby.

The Mar. 26, 1955 running of the race christened the "Run for the Orchids"--a derivative of the storied "Run for the Roses" held at Churchill Downs six weeks later--featured Nashua, champion juvenile colt of 1954 and the *de facto* division leader after a win in the Flamingo S. at nearby Hialeah Park to begin his 3-year-old season. While much excitement surrounded the appearance and eventual victory of the celebrated colt, the festivities planned by Donn and his chief of staff Horace Wade extended far beyond the race itself.

In his coverage of the event for *Sports Illustrated*--which was in its first year of publication--horse racing editor Whitney Tower observed: "Florida Derby Day at Gulfstream was not entirely Nashua's day. More properly, it might have been called Carnival Day, for probably no race in history has been preceded by more fanfare, buildup and pre-race festivities. Gulfstream opened its gates at 9 a.m., more than four hours before the first race and almost eight hours before the Derby itself..."

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BULLET BREEZE FOR SHAMAN GHOST

Stronach Stables' **Shaman Ghost** (Ghostzapper) tuned up for Saturday's GI Pegasus World Cup with a bullet half-mile breeze in :47.70 (1/28) at the Palm Meadows Training Center Sunday morning. With regular exercise rider Kelvin Pahal in the irons, Shaman Ghost recorded fractions of :11.88, :23.64, and :35.90 ([video](#)) and he galloped out five furlongs in 1:00.48. In his previous work, the bay went five furlongs in company with graded stakes winner Unified (Candy Ride {Arg}) in 1:01.90 Jan. 14.

"I thought today went good; I waved [Kelvin] on and he finished up good and galloped out good," trainer Jimmy Jerkens said. "I wouldn't have minded if he had company today either, but it just worked out that he didn't. He was willing enough on his own, so that was okay."

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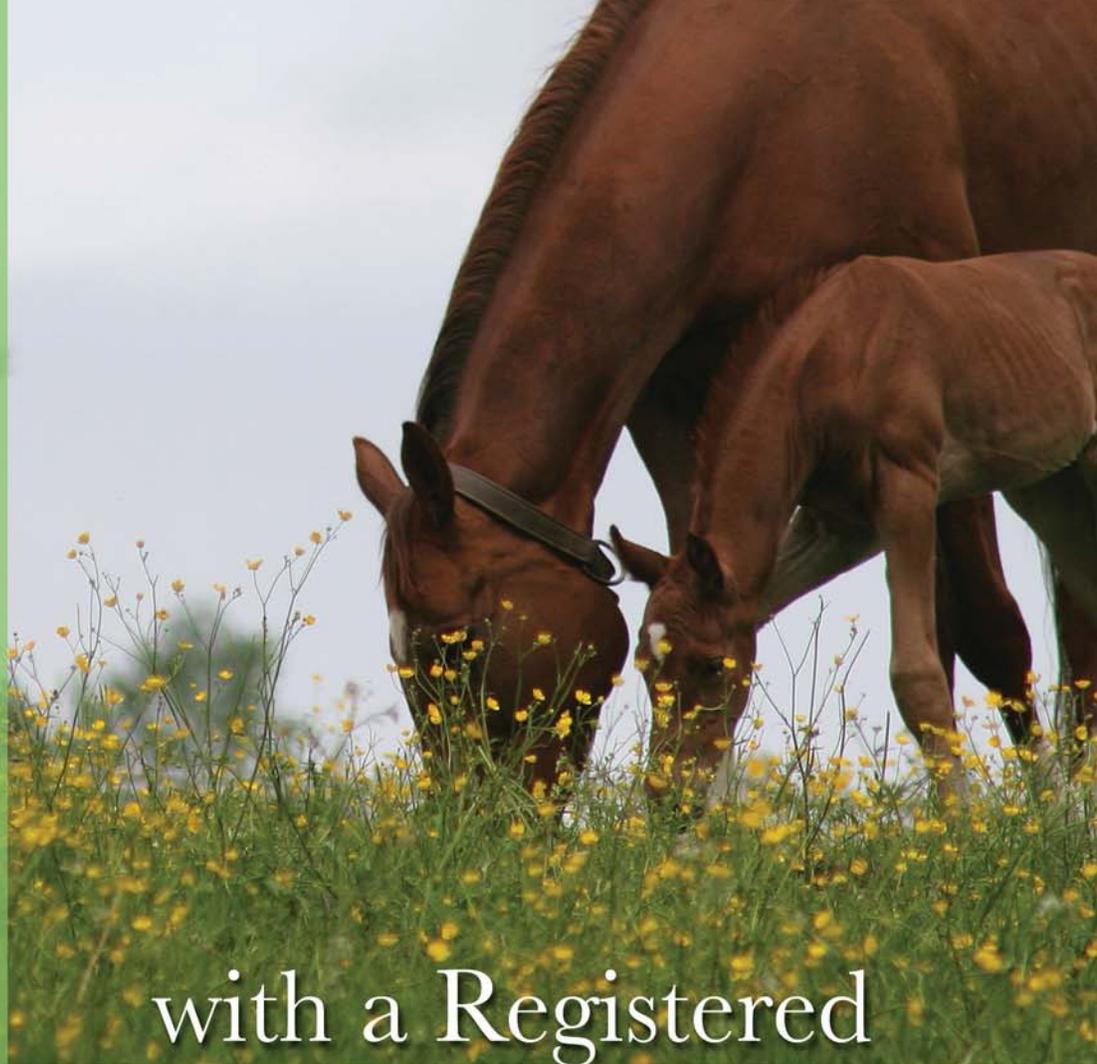
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‘Donn’ of a New Beginning

Quite literally, the Pegasus--or Gulfstream as we know it--would not exist without the ingenuity of James Donn, Sr., who initially became associated with racetracks in South Florida as a landscaper. While Gulfstream opened with a roar on Feb. 1, 1939, attracting a robust crowd of 18,000 with local businesses closing for the occasion, the track failed to secure sufficient funding for the following cards and closed after only four days of operation. Even as the Gulfstream property sat empty and inoperative for four subsequent years, many continued to observe that the track had the potential to be an important destination on the calendars for sportsmen across the country.

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Donn recognized that potential sooner and more shrewdly than others, acquiring a majority interest in the track in 1943 and immediately acting to spruce up the facility ahead of the 1944 racing season. With a focus on developing the track



James Donn Sr. (second from left) on hand to present the trophy for the 1955 Florida Derby | Horsephotos

as a destination for racetrack stalwarts and weekend thrill-seekers alike by pairing racing events with complementary festivities, Gulfstream experienced steady growth under Donn's stewardship.

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A December 1945 Associated Press report in the *New York Times* captured the disposition of the crowd and the flow of dollars-and-cents on yet another record-breaking day at the seaside track: "In a carnival mood, the racegoers poured \$805,866 through the pari-mutuel windows on the nine-race card, nearly doubling the previous high of \$409,209 set a year ago."

During the 1950s, Donn and Wade continued to employ creative strategies to cultivate fans of the sport, including contests in which random patrons were selected as "temporary owners," allowing racegoers to experience the thrill of watching a horse run under their own name. Without question, in the years before his death in 1972, Donn steered Gulfstream using many of the marketing and managerial principles that still guide the track today. In addition to creating Florida's first \$100,000 stakes race in the 1953 Florida Derby--and bolstering its commercial appeal with a circus-like atmosphere described as "racing's greatest extravaganza"--Donn installed a cutting-edge clubhouse and introduced 10-race cards, packing as much racing action as possible into Florida's relatively extensive southern-latitude daylight hours. In 1968, Gulfstream continued to be at the fore of entertainment innovation, hosting the Miami Pop Festival--one of the first large-scale outdoor music festivals in American history. The event, which took place on the track's infield, was highlighted by a performance by Jimi Hendrix and served as a precursor to the fabled Woodstock festival, which took place in upstate New York the following year. **Cont. p5**



A 1957 advertisement for Gulfstream Park, "The Track of Innovations" American Racing Manual



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Gaining a Foothold

While Gulfstream undeniably flourished during Donn’s tenure at the helm, the broad history of the track must be painted against the unvarying backdrop of a battle to establish itself as the premier racing venue in South Florida. Facing stiff



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competition from Hialeah and Tropical Park closer to the Miami city center, the Hallandale track spent roughly 25 years stating its case in the Florida legislature to secure its share of racing dates during the January-to-April high tourist season, something that became a reality in 1972--ironically, the year of Donn’s death. With the favorable realignment of dates on the racing calendar, new Gulfstream president James Donn, Jr. was able to market his father’s extravagant event concept to a distinctively new pool of well-heeled customers in addition to mainstay Floridians.

“Chauffeur-driven cars discharged cargoes of affluent horseplayers outside the clubhouse entrance as Gulfstream opened a 40-day Thoroughbred meeting in the calendar spot occupied since 1925 by Hialeah,” turf writer Steve Cady recalled in a *New York Times* piece describing the track’s January 1972 opening. “Gulfstream spiced its entertainment with bagpipers, high-diving acts and special exhibition races for elephants, ostriches and reindeer...The 330-acre sanctuary sparkled with 175,000 petunias, orchids, poinsettias and assorted other flowers and plants.”

Gulfstream’s innovations and success during the Donn years played a major role in its eventual propulsion to the top of the Florida racing heap.

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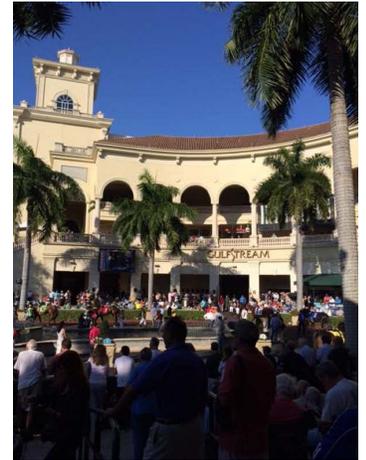


Gulfstream’s third Breeders’ Cup in 1999 | Horsephotos

Never dull and ever-changing, the ensuing decades saw Gulfstream adapt and build upon time-tested strategies to appeal to the sensibilities of new generations of racegoers.

From the Breeders’ Cup to the Pegasus

In 1989, just one year before the Donn Family sold Gulfstream Park to Bertram Firestone, the track hosted its first of three Breeders’ Cups, a well-matched marriage between racing’s increasingly significant World Championships and a venue with a proven ability to shine on the grandest stage. Over 51,000 packed the building to witness the fourth and final meeting between rivals Sunday Silence and Easy Goer in the GI Classic, with the former emerging victorious by a neck on the wire.



The Stronach Group’s Gulfstream Park in 2017 | Ben Massam

Six years later, Gulfstream played host to a coming-out party of sorts for Hall of Famer Cigar, who prevailed in his first of two GI Donn H. as part of a stunning 16-race win streak. The race was captured by three champions and two Hall of Famers in subsequent years before being re-appropriated for the Pegasus World Cup in 2017.

As the Pegasus nears, it is safe to say that its soon-to-be-written story will serve as the latest chapter in Gulfstream’s rich history and a fitting sequel to the track’s status as an innovation center over the past 70 years. Although the Donn family is no longer nominally attached to the 1 1/8-mile Grade I event--and high-divers and racing elephants have been replaced by UFC champion Conor McGregor and a colossal Pegasus statue at the all-encompassing entertainment venue--Saturday’s event is unmistakably cast in the simultaneously pioneering and traditional mold of Jimmy Donn’s Gulfstream Park. Just as Nashua was the racing attraction on a day packed with festivities at the 1955 Florida Derby, the anticipation of a showdown between handicap stars Arrogate (Unbridled’s Song) and California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit) anchors a high-end celebration of the sport at its pinnacle in the 2017 Pegasus World Cup.

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Bullet Breeze for Shaman Ghost (cont. from p1)

The 5-year-old Shaman Ghost, winner of last year's GI Woodward S. and GII Brooklyn S., was most recently third in the Nov. 25 GI Clark H.

Shaman Ghost will blow out "down the lane a little bit" at Gulfstream Park the day before the Pegasus, provided the weather cooperates, according to Jerkens.

Of participating in the inaugural Pegasus Cup with a horse owned and bred by the race's creator, Frank Stronach, Jerkens added, "Sure, it's exciting...and nerve-wracking, of course, because so much is at stake. But at least he's not 4-5. If it's nerve-wracking for me, how must it be for [Bob Baffert and Art Sherman]?"

Clark H. winner **Gun Runner** (Candy Ride {Arg}), whose participation in the Pegasus is still in question due to quarantine issues, worked a half-mile in :49.80 at Fair Grounds Sunday for trainer Steve Asmussen.

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KEEN ICE TO CALUMET

Donegal Racing's **Keen Ice** (Curlin--Medomak, by Awesome Again), who defeated American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile) to win the 2015 GI Travers S., will take up stud duties at Calumet Farm at the conclusion of his racing career.

"We are excited to offer this exceptional-looking son of Curlin to our breeders," said Calumet Director of Stallions Jak Knelman. "As the only horse to beat champion American Pharoah during his 3-year-old campaign, Keen Ice will be an appealing dirt option among our diverse stallion offerings. We look forward to supporting Keen Ice in the breeding shed, sales ring, and his progeny on the track."



Keen Ice and Jerry Crawford
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Trained by Todd Pletcher, Keen Ice is currently preparing for Saturday's GI Pegasus World Cup at Gulfstream Park. In addition to his Travers victory, the bay was second in the GI William Hill Haskell Invitational and third in the GI Belmont S. in 2015. He was also third in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic last year.

"We are excited to have Keen Ice headed to legendary Calumet Farm," commented Donegal Racing President Jerry Crawford. "We are equally excited that our agreement allows Keen Ice to race through 2017. Racing needs more horses that will stay on the track before retiring to the breeding shed and Calumet should be saluted for making that happen."

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William S. Farish and Lora Jean Kilroy's **Guest Suite** (Quality Road) exited his victory in Saturday's GIII Lecomte S. in fine shape, according to trainer Neil Howard.

"He looked good and cooled out well," Howard said.

"Everything looked good this morning. I would say we are most likely [running next in the Feb. 25 GII Risen Star S.]. I spoke to Mr. Farish and if all goes okay, it seems like the obvious thing to do."

A maiden winner at Keeneland last October, Guest Suite was third behind 'TDN Rising Star' McCracken (Ghostzapper) in the Oct. 30 Street Sense S. and concluded his juvenile campaign with an optional-claimer victory at Churchill Nov. 26.

Howard was pleased with Guest Suite's first graded stakes victory.

"Looking at the race again, I really like the way he did it," Howard said. "Lining up how he performed with where we thought he was at in his training was nice. It's a lot to build on."

Trainer Wayne Catalano is also looking ahead to a Fair Grounds graded stakes

engagement for Coffeepot Stables' homebred **Farrell** (Malibu Moon), who captured Saturday's Silverbulletday S.

"She looked good this morning," Catalano said of the filly who also won last year's GII Golden Rod S. "She ate up good and is happy. You look forward to days like yesterday. It was a nice family affair and the owners are great people to win the race for. We'll likely go on to the [Feb. 25 GII] Rachel Alexandra."



Guest Suite | Lou Hodges

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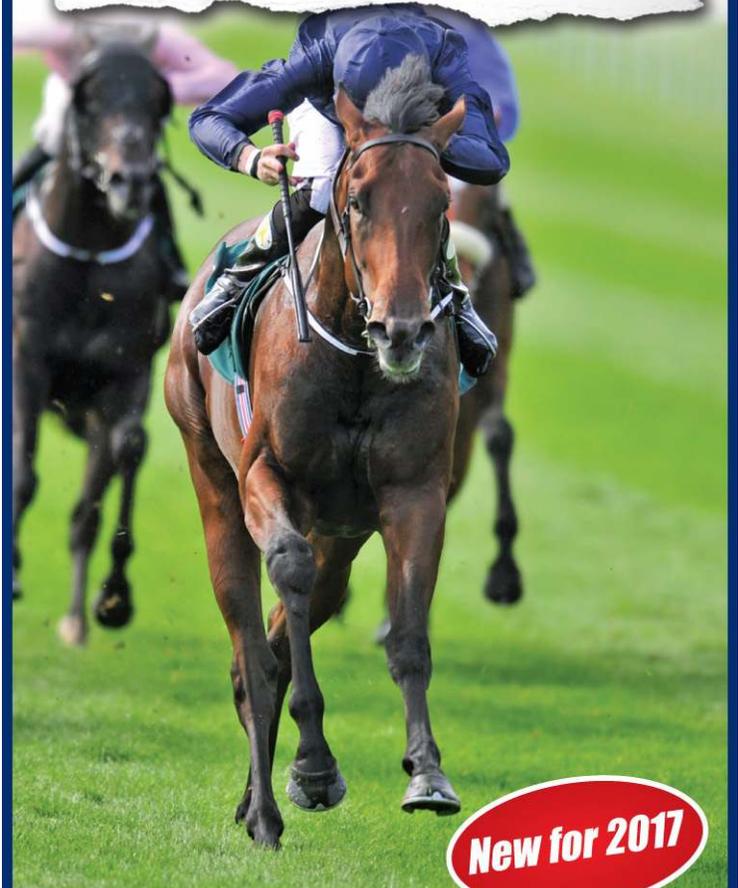
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PAT CUMMINGS, Executive Manager, Public Affairs of Hong Kong Jockey Club

What is the most pressing problem that needs to be tackled in racing, and how would you solve it?

Racing often languishes in complexity when it should be doing the opposite--simplifying.

Many of racing's participants, whether they be individuals or institutions, are unhealthily attached to the "old-way," an understandable but debilitating insularity. When "change" does come, it is often nothing more than the equivalent of a "repackaging."



Pat Cummings

Some stakeholders enjoy this industrial malaise as it represents a comfortable cushion of the familiar, but realistically, it stunts the ability of racing to meaningfully reform when that is precisely what it needs.

Racing needs to better plan, implement, accept and manage substantial, simplifying change. One example would be a dramatic simplification of North American race conditions.

Who benefits (really, think about it) from a race open to horses which have never won two lifetime races, other than maiden/claiming/starter, or restricted allowance, or have never won three races, or which have not won a race since July 30, or optional claiming price of \$62,500?

How is that not an immediate turn-off? How do you explain that race to anyone new to the game when plenty of racing veterans can barely understand the qualifications of a particular field.

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Most racing jurisdictions do not need narrow, incremental change. Racing can afford to be bold, to make our product and industry far more approachable and engaging for the modern customer. Deconstruct the complexities. Simplify.

How would you introduce a newcomer to the racing/breeding industry?

There is something magical about racing in Hong Kong--averaging more than 20,000 on track every race meeting. Horse racing is Hong Kong's professional sport. I wish it was as simple as bottling the magic of the Wednesday night atmosphere in the beer garden at Happy Valley and uncorking it worldwide.

Racing does its mega events really well, and I believe you are far more likely to attract someone to return or engage the sport if their first experience is as memorable as possible. As much as some think a bottom-up approach can galvanize the masses, that just seems at odds with the modern customer's need for superlatives in entertainment. Combine a mega event experience with a realistic dialogue and it could be the foundation to turn a newcomer into a regular.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rinaldo Del Gallo, III

When you see such an overwhelming vote margin for champion 3-year-old Eclipse Award of 243 first-place votes for Arrogate to Exaggerator and Nyquist's two votes, what immediately comes into question are the standards of those that give out Eclipse Awards. I am not so sure these standards benefit the sport. I write as a fan of horse racing--not an owner or breeder or someone in the industry.

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The first question is whether there should be "standards" at all, or whether the award should go to whatever eligible horse that the voting turf writer considers the best, with that individual voter deciding for himself/herself what those standards should be. If you value horses running, and racing fans do, there is concern over the selection of Arrogate.

The nearly unanimous selection of Arrogate for champion 3-year-old teaches three things. First, a horse can literally earn end-of-the-year championship honors for only two performances in stakes company if they are outstanding enough. Exaggerator won three of the more important Grade I's (and they do range in importance), including the Santa Anita Derby, the Preakness, and the Haskell, yet was resoundingly defeated.

Second, it teaches it doesn't pay to take chances, run, and lose. Exaggerator narrowly lost the GI Kentucky Derby in an exciting rendition, came in second in the GII San Vincent S. and third in the GII San Felipe. Exaggerator also threw in a few clunkers, such an 11th in the GI Belmont S., an 11th in the GI Travers S., and a seventh in the GII Pennsylvania Derby. It raises the question whether this is so decidedly inferior a performance as to warrant being deemed lesser to a horse that had two admittedly magnificently historic races, but did not run in any other stakes company all year. **Cont. p10**

As everyone into horse racing knows by now, Arrogate ran the fastest Travers ever, running 1 1/4 miles in 1:59.36 for a track record, “demolishing” (as some turf writers put it) the mark of 2:00 set by General Assembly in the 1979 Travers. Remarkably, General Assembly earned that time in the slop and beat Hall of Famer Davona Dale in doing so.



Arrogate | *A Coglianese*

To his credit, Arrogate proved in spades that his Travers victory was not a fluke. This is not a given. The reader may not know that many of the horses that had the fastest times in Travers did not go on to remarkable post-Travers careers. General Assembly went on to win the Vosburgh at Aqueduct at seven furlongs, but that was it for his post-Travers victories. Honest Pleasure at 2:00.20 ran the third fastest Travers at the 10-furlong distance in 1976. While Honest Pleasure had a whole slew of stakes victories pre-Travers, his only stakes victory after the Travers was the Ben Ali H. the following year. On the other hand, Easy Goer, who had the fourth fastest 10-furlong Travers of all time with 2:00.80 time in 1989, went on to win the Woodward, the Jockey Gold Cup, and the Suburban. But then there is Thunder Rumble who had the fourth fastest 10-furlong Travers in his time of 2:00.99. He was the first New York-bred horse to win the Travers in 125



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Finally, Arrogate’s Eclipse Award teaches that winning the GI Breeder’s Cup Classic has exaggerated importance in end of the year honors. I understand that his race is not just another Grade I, but there needs to be limits on how much weight should be placed on just one race.

Look, I am just a racing fan and can appreciate the historical significance of Arrogate’s two outstanding performances. But in an era where horses are running less and less, I have concerns whether nearly unanimously end-of-year honors to a horse that only ran in two stakes races is a good thing.

It is a valuable thing for a racehorse to be durable and run. In almost no other sport (save those of a martial nature) could an athlete participate in so few occasions and win athlete of the year in his/her category.

Perhaps what the Eclipse Awards is some type of “Kingston” award, for most wins or most placed finishes to reward durable horses. Arrogate has already had accomplishments that a horse like Round Table or Bold Ruler never had. But those horses ran and that gives horse racing fans competition to watch--the very essence of sport.

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Sunday's Results:

INTERBOROUGH S., \$100,000, AQU, 1-22, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.70, ft.

1--**#TAKREES, 115, f, 4, [Daaher](#)--Uroobah, by Dynaformer.**
O-Shadwell Stable; B-Shadwell Farm, LLC (KY); T-Kiaran P. McLaughlin; J-Irad Ortiz, Jr. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 11-3-4-1, \$248,740.

2--**Disco Chick**, 121, m, 6, Jump Start--Disco Flirt, by Disco Rico. O/B-Yaroslav J. Kolybabiuk (PA); T-Mario Serey, Jr. \$20,000.

3--**Hot City Girl**, 121, m, 5, City Zip--Noble Fire, by Hook and Ladder. O-Lady Sheila Stable; B-Eklektikos Stable LLC (NY); T-Linda Rice. \$10,000.

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Takrees graduated at third asking over this track last February and came to hand nicely last summer and fall, running third at 20-1 in the GII Prioress S. Sept. 4 at Saratoga and closing out her sophomore campaign with a second in the Safely Kept S. Nov. 19 at Laurel.

Made the third choice in this six-horse bunch, the late-running bay took up her usual position at the rear of affairs as Disco Chick and favored Hot City Girl hooked up through an opening

quarter in :23.28. Still able to see them all passing the five-sixteenths pole, Takrees scraped paint all the way around the turn under Irad Ortiz, Jr., and started to find her best stride when angled off the fence at the eighth pole, closing with a flourish to just nail Disco Chick in the final jump.



Takrees | Joe Labozzetta

“Takrees always shows up,” said Joe Lee, assistant to winning trainer Kiaran McLaughlin. “She likes the outside and she likes to make her run and that’s what she did today. That’s her kind of style, she seems happiest that way. She’s a nice little filly. She’s fun to be around. In the barn, she does everything right. I’m glad for her.”

Ortiz added, “It was a pretty good trip. I won this one for my friend Kiaran, so I’m happy. She came from off the pace and when we broke from the gate I went to the rail, trying to save ground around the turn. Kendrick [Carmouche] told me she liked to be in the rear, and I think that was the key to win.”

The winner’s dam is a half-sister to MGSW/GISP Mustanfar (Unbridled). She foaled a colt by New Approach (Ire) in 2015 and had a filly by Iffraaj (GB) last season before being bred to Animal Kingdom. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

FLORIDA

Sunday's Results:

9th-GP, \$40,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 1-22, 4yo/up, 7 1/2fT, 1:28.94, fm.

SIDING SPRING (c, 4, [Warrior's Reward](#)--Legendary Peace, by Peace Rules), who ran third in the GIII Dixiana Bourbon S. at Keeneland in October of 2015, did not factor in three tries in graded company, including a 14th-place finish in the GII Rebel S. over 1 1/16 miles last

March. Switched to the turf two starts later at Belmont, the bay ran fourth June 3 and once again completed the superfecta cut back to six panels July 1. Resuming as a 5-2 chance Sunday, Siding Spring secured a ground-saving position in midfield behind a :47.38

half-mile. Angled in between horses inside the final 1 1/2 furlongs, he burst up the rail to win by a half-length over Rapsallion (Speightstown). The winner is a half-brother to a yearling colt by Exchange Rate, while his dam was covered by Declaration of War last term. This is the extended family of GISW Ermine (Exchange Rate). Sales history: \$47,000 Wlg '13 KEENOV; \$110,000 Ylg '14 KESEEP. Lifetime Record: GSP, 9-2-0-1, \$148,800. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Gabe Grossberg; B-Doug & Felicia Branham (KY); T-Mark E. Casse.



Siding Spring | Leslie Martin

IN THE  DARBY DAN TRADITION

10th-GP, \$40,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 1-22, 3yo, 5fT, :56.25, fm.

I SHOD THE SHERIFF (g, 3, [Caleb's Posse](#)--Despot, by Wavering Monarch), off the mark at first asking sprinting over this strip in April of 2016, ran seventh behind MSW and future GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile sixth-place finisher Three Rules (Gone Astray) in the Birdonthewire S. July 2. Going one better after a four-month

plus freshening tried on the grass Dec. 30, the \$10,000 KEESEP yearling was 5-1 to regain the winning thread. Among the vanguard well out in the middle of the course behind a :21.40 opening quarter, the bay threw down the gauntlet inside the final two furlongs and ground past the stubborn Apache Brave (Kantharos) to win by a half-length. I Shod the Sheriff is a full to a 2-year-old filly, while his dam was covered by GI Breeders' Cup Classic hero Mucho Macho Man in 2016. Sales history: \$14,000 RNA Wlg '14 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$46,720. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).**

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5th-GP, \$38,000, Msw, 1-22, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11.19, ft.
+GHALIA (f, 3, [Medaglia d'Oro](#)--Verdana Bold {GSW, \$331,297}, by Rahy) took all of the money in her debut at Gulfstream and did not disappoint, stalking and pouncing to a dominant first-out victory. Coming in off a well-rated half-mile gate breeze in :49 2/5 (4/23) at Todd Pletcher's Palm Beach Downs base, the



Ghalia | Lauren King

\$600,000 KEENOV buy was bet hard throughout and left the blocks as the 3-5 favorite. Sitting second to Day by Day (Awesome of Course), Ghalia put progressively greater pressure on that one leaving behind a :22.85 quarter.

Taking over willingly at the three-eighths pole, the bay spurted away approaching the eighth pole and hit the wire 6 3/4 lengths to the good of the pacesetter. The winner's dam is responsible for a 2-year-old Street Cry (Ire) colt named Hucklebuck and foaled an Into Mischief colt last spring before revisiting the same sire. Sumaya U S Stables, owned by Oussama Aboughazale, was involved in much of the high-end action at the recently concluded Keeneland January sale. To read more, [click here](#). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$22,800. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).**

O-Sumaya U.S. Stable; B-Edward A. Seltzer, Beverly Anderson & Darley (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

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IN SHARPER FOCUS

Ghalia's Win Special for Seltzer

by Jessica Martini

When **Ghalia** (Medaglia d'Oro) cruised home an easy winner of her debut at Gulfstream Park Sunday, the victory marked the latest in a long line of successes from the family for breeder Ed Seltzer.

"That mare has been very, very important to us," Seltzer said of Ghalia's graded-stakes winning dam Verdana Bold (Rahy). "She is out of True Legacy (GB) (A.P. Indy) and before that was Harbour Club (Danzig) and Over Your Shoulder (Graustark). I go back five generations with that family. It's really special. I love her mother and she was meant to have a very nice horse every now and then, it just hasn't happened for one reason or another, but Verdana is lovely."

Verdana Bold was entered in the 2004 Keeneland November sale, but Seltzer bought the then-weanling back for \$160,000. The chestnut went on to win the 2008 GIII Selene S. and earned over \$330,000 in her racing career.

"She was a good filly," Seltzer said. "We really enjoyed her. We had her up in Canada and we're very happy with what she did. She had a couple of bad breaks, and you never know, but I think she might have been a little better than what she showed, but she was awfully good. I was very happy with her."

Ghalia is Verdana Bold's fourth foal and recorded the mare's biggest sales success to date when selling for \$600,000 at the 2014 Keeneland November sale.

"We foal-shared her, so we owned her with Darley as a weanling," Seltzer recalled. "We put her in the sale and I was surprised they didn't buy her. But we were very happy with the result. Any time you can do that, especially when you need the money, it's great. So many times it doesn't work out the way you want it to."

Seltzer admitted he didn't know what to expect of Ghalia going into Sunday's debut.

"We sold her and I didn't really have a lot of information on her," he said. "I had heard she was working very well, but I didn't know beyond that. I kept looking for her all last year and she wasn't named, so it kind of made me nervous. I think pretty darn close to the end of last year, they hadn't named her yet. So when that happens, you kind of get scared."

Seltzer and his wife maintain a broodmare band of about 20 head. The couple owns the 250-acre Solera Farm in Williston and the farm, which stands Seltzer's multiple graded stakes winner Field Commission, is managed by daughter Krista Seltzer.

"We're not in a position where we can run everything," Seltzer, who has bred graded stakes winners Surgical Strike (Red Giant), Sky Treasure (Sky Mesa), Sparkling Review (Lemon Drop Kid) and Customer Base (Lemon Drop Kid), explained of his breeding

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operation. “We need to watch what we do. It’s a passion, but at the same time we have to run it in a business-like way. We don’t have the kind of money where we do what we want. So we sell and we foal-share and we try to do the best we can. We are not really opposed to keeping fillies if they are nice because you want something in the family.”

Verdana Bold produced a colt by Into Mischief last year and was bred back to that Spendthrift stallion, but she has an upcoming date with Ghalia’s sire Medaglia d’Oro.

“Interestingly enough, we had to make a decision the other day because Medaglia d’Oro was filling up,” Seltzer said. “I hadn’t heard enough [about Ghalia], but she had been so beautiful, so we are breeding her back to Medaglia on the 17th.”

Seltzer added he is savoring Ghalia’s promising victory.

“It’s great when you win,” he said. “It’s the kind of game where it doesn’t always happen all that often.”

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8th-GP, \$38,000, Msw, 1-22, 3yo, f, 7 1/2ft, 1:29.90, fm.
+ADORABLE MISS (f, 3, [Kitten’s Joy](#)--[Money Huntress](#), by [Mineshaft](#)) showed good speed and gameness to earn her diploma first out at Gulfstream, becoming the third debut winner on the day for the Todd Pletcher barn. Coming in off a good series of works on both dirt and turf at Palm Beach Downs,



Adorable Miss (inside) holds off Abbreviate | Leslie Martin

capped off by a five-furlong main track breeze in 1:00 4/5 (2/20) Jan. 14, the \$155,000 KEESEP buy tracked the speed from third at 9-2 through a :24.52 quarter. Moving up to within a head of the front passing a :48.30 half, the bay took over nearing the top of the stretch and dug in to repel Juddmonte firster Abbreviate (Harlan’s Holiday), who lost

momentum when swapping leads late, by a neck. Pletcher also scored earlier in the day with firsters in the good-looking Ghalia (Medaglia d’Oro) and maiden claimer Coors Lute (Midnight Lute). The victress is a full-sister to Noble Beauty, GSW, \$162,100, while her second dam is GISW Favorite Funtime (Seeking the Gold). Money Huntress has a juvenile colt by Looking At Lucky and foaled a colt by Real Solution last spring before returning to Kitten’s Joy. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$22,800. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**

O-Mathis Stable LLC; B-Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

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11th-GP, \$38,000, Msw, 1-22, 3yo, 7 1/2ft, 1:28.72, fm.
+TIZ MY HOME (c, 3, [Tiznow](#)--[Welcome Home](#) {SW, \$161,114}, by [Dixieland Band](#)) was bet hard throughout for this unveiling and ran to the money with a sharp score on the Gulfstream lawn. Coming in off a bullet five-furlong breeze around dogs in



Tiz My Home | Leslie Martin

:59 4/5 (1/15) Jan. 16 at Palm Meadows, the homebred never drifted higher than 5-2 in the wagering and was 11-5 by post. Breaking alertly to sit second through splits of :23.44 and :47.89, the handsome bay took command easily at the top

of the lane and never gave any closers a chance, bounding home to a four-length success. Makarios (Giant’s Causeway) won a photo for the place. The victor is a half to Pool Winner (Broken Vow), SW & GSP, \$276,790; and Sounds of the City (Street Cry {Ire}), MSP, \$293,399. His third dam is champion sprinter Safely Kept (Horatius). Welcome Home foaled the winner’s full-sister in 2015 and was bred to Will Take Charge last term. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$22,800. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**

O/B-Colts Neck Stables LLC (KY); T-Alan E. Goldberg.



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Sunday’s Results:

7th-OP, \$75,000, Alw (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 1-22, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:46.01, my.

TIGER MOTH (m, 5, [Street Sense](#)--[Saratoga Cat](#), by [Sir Cat](#)), a winner of a Gulfstream allowance four back in December of 2015, did not hit the board in her next three starts, including a sixth-place finish in the Harry Henson H. at Sunland in her final start for Todd Pletcher. Transferred to Brad Cox, the dark bay filled the same position in an optional claimer beneath the Twin Spirits returning from an eighth-month layoff Nov. 25. The 2-1 crowd’s pick left from stall nine, but was the outside marker of a trio vying for the early lead. Able to sit back in second for the backstretch run, Tiger Moth inched closer to the frontrunning Baetykaty (Cat Thief) on the far turn. Ranging up to even terms

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in upper stretch, she was given a couple cracks of the whip by Joe Rocco, Jr. and prevailed in a drive from that persistent foe to win by a length. The winner is a half to Last Gunfighter (First Samurai), MGSW, \$1,219,205. Her dam was covered by Speightstown in 2016. Lifetime Record: 11-3-4-1, \$159,907.

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O/B-John D. Gunther (KY); T-Brad H. Cox.



8th-OP, \$75,000, (S), Alw, 1-22, (C), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11.64, my.

WEAST HILL (g, 5, Rockport Harbor--Copperelle, by Elusive Quality) captured his debut against Arkansas-breds in February of 2015 and repeated in the state-bred Rainbow S. before running fifth in the open William Walker S. at Churchill. Winning four of his next five, including a pair of state-bred stakes here last term, the gelding was last seen running 11th in the GIII Turf Sprint S. May 6 at Churchill and was hammered down to 1-2 in this return. Showing the way narrowly through a :22.75 quarter, the dark bay shook clear into the stretch and held sway late to score by three-quarters of a length over 54-1 Suspect a Storm (Primary Suspect). The winner has a juvenile half-sister by Primary Suspect and a yearling half-brother by Midshipman. His dam visited Laurie's Rocket last season. Lifetime Record: 10-7-1-0, \$326,210. Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O/B-Starsky Weast (AR); T-Brad H. Cox.

6th-FG, \$40,040, Alw (NW3X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 1-22, 4yo/up, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:04.62, ft.

QUIJOTE (g, 4, Pomeroy--Soi Disant, by Holy Bull), second in both the Jimmy Winkfield S. and Robert Hilton Memorial S. last term, was pulled up in the GII Amsterdam July 30 at Saratoga and returned with a runner-up effort Oct. 14 at Keeneland. Fourth in the local Thanksgiving H. Nov. 24, the gelding was last seen easily annexing an optional claimer here Dec. 17. Punched down to 1-5 in this three-horse, off-the-turf affair, Quijote tracked the pace of frontrunner Superstar Leo (Three Hour Nap) through a :23.63 quarter. Sweeping to the lead at the top of the lane, he kicked clear score to by 1 1/2 lengths over the frontrunner. Soi Disant's most recent produce is a yearling Gone Astray filly named Go Astray. Sales History: \$25,000 Ylg '14 OBSAUG. Lifetime Record: MSP, 11-4-4-0, \$166,680. Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#).

O-Midwest Thoroughbreds, Inc.; B-Ramiro Rosas Medina (FL); T-Thomas M. Amoss.

WESTERN U.S.

Sunday's Results:

ENCHANTRESS S., (NB) \$85,000, SUN, 1-22, (S), 3yo, f, 1m, 1:40.83, ft.

1--**SIPPIN, 122, f, 3, by Swissle Stick**

1st Dam: Samba Queen, by Giant's Causeway

2nd Dam: Misty Moon (Brz), by Baronius (Brz)

3rd Dam: Fashion Dancer, by Dancer's Image

O/B-R. D. Hubbard (NM); T-Todd W. Fincher; J-Tracy J. Hebert. \$51,000. Lifetime Record: 7-7-0-0, \$319,047.

2--**Pink Cadillac, 122, f, 3, Diabolical--Full Moon Tonight, by Storm Cat.** O/B-J. Kirk & Judy Robison (NM); T-Joel H. Marr. \$18,700.

3--**Rolling Star, 122, f, 3, Roll Hennessy Roll--Setustrait, by Desert God.** O/B-Charles W. Hunter (NM); T-Todd W. Fincher. \$8,500.

Margins: 2HF, 3HF, 2HF. Odds: 0.20, 3.40, 19.10.

Also Ran: She's Charlita, Que Pasa, Danas Love. Scratched: Fastinating Allie.

Yet to taste defeat in her previous six appearances, Sippin held true to form in the Enchantress S. at Sunland Park Sunday.

Following October scores in the Permian Basin S. at Zia Park and the New Mexico Classic Cup Lassie Championship S. later that



Sippin | Coady Photography

month, the chestnut ended her season with a 1 3/4-length score in the state-bred La Senora S. here Dec. 27. In charge heading into the clubhouse turn, Sippin enjoyed an easy time of it on the front end, strolling through fractions of :24.54 and :49.43. Tackled by

a pair of challengers to her outside, her winning streak looked briefly threatened, but Sippin dashed away again to an ultimately comfortable victory. Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

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Ghalia (Medaglia d'Oro) impresses on debut for Sumaya U S Stable and Todd Pletcher at Gulfstream

CALIFORNIA

Saturday Night's Result:

9th-GG, \$32,915, Msw, 1-21, 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:04.23, ft.

+I'M TOUGH (f, 4, Tough Game--I'm Convinced, by Lucayan Prince), tabbed an even 4-1 shot in this debut, jumped straight to the head of affairs while pressed by a rival just off her right flank. Her lead shrank to a head as noses pointed toward home, but the brown filly gamely knuckled down with a 1 1/2 furlongs remaining and kicked clear to win by 1 1/4 lengths over the crowd's pick Gust (Kantharos). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$20,280. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O/B-Gilman Lee (CA); T-Rene Amescua.



Sunday Cancellations

SANTA ANITA (all races due to rain)

BREEDERS' EDITION

STAKES RESULTS:

PELICAN S., \$100,000, DED, 1-21, (S), 3yo, 7f, 1:27.46, ft.

1--#FREAKONTHELEAD, 117, g, 3, Run Production--Always On Top, by Always a Classic. O-Whispering Oaks Farm LLC; B-Carrol J. Castille (LA); T-Steven B. Flint; J-Timothy Thornton. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-3, \$103,320.

(DH) 2--Underpressure, 119, c, 3, Birdstone--Charming Colleen, by Charismatic. O-Mallory Greiner; B-James McIngvale (LA); T-Chris Richard. \$14,500.

(DH) 2--Magic Vow, 122, g, 3, Private Vow--Whitewashed, by Broad Brush. (\$6,000 Ylg '15 ESLYRL). O-Brittlyn Stable, Inc.; B-J. Adcock (LA); T-Allen Landry. \$14,500.

Margins: HF, 1 1/4, 1 1/4. Odds: 70.50, 1.30, 3.30.

FREMONT S., \$70,000, DED, 1-21, (C), 4yo/up, 1m, 1:39.11, ft.

1--WILDCAT WISH, 118, g, 4, Wildcat Heir--Rahy's Wish, by Rahy. (\$35,000 Ylg '14 OBSWIN; \$52,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$95,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR). O-St. George Stable LLC; B-Charles Kent Cantrell & Beth Bayer (FL); T-Efren Loza, Jr.; J-Luis Negron. \$42,000. Lifetime Record: 18-5-5-5, \$232,455.



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2--Mageez, 123, c, 4, Musket Man--Spaseeba, by Spectacular Bid. O-Double Dam Farm LLC; B-James A. McGehee (LA); T-Delmar R. Caldwell. \$14,000.

3--Only in America, 118, g, 7, Tiznow--Well Dressed, by Notebook. (\$215,000 4yo '14 KEENOV). O-Tyron Benoit; B-Casner Racing LP (KY); T-Tyron Benoit. \$7,000. Margins: 6, 3, 2 3/4. Odds: 2.60, 1.20, 7.10.

FOREGO S., \$50,000, TP, 1-21, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:15.41, ft.

1--#CREWMAN, 120, g, 6, Candy Ride (Arg)--Lake Naivasha, by Empire Maker. (\$410,000 Ylg '12 KEESEP). O-Dundalk 5 LLC; B-Emory A. Hamilton (KY); T-Dee Poulos; J-Jack Gilligan. \$29,760. Lifetime Record: 28-5-11-3, \$172,249.

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2--Hollywood Talent, 120, g, 6, Talent Search--Intrinsic Value, by Johannesburg. O-J. Hamilton Hale; B-Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey (PA); T-Brian Michael. \$9,600.

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3--Snow Leopard, 120, g, 7, Red Giant--Brazilian, by Stravinsky. (\$7,000 2yo '12 EASMAY). O-Willowbrook Stables, Ltd. (Neiman) & Jerry Carden; B-Peachtree Stable (KY); T-Kim Hammond. \$4,800.

Margins: 3/4, HD, NO. Odds: 7.50, 19.00, 8.20.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-AQU, \$57,000, (S), 1-22, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:46.28, ft.

PAPA SHOT (g, 5, Distorted Humor--Mindy Gold, by A.P. Indy) Lifetime Record: 16-6-2-1, \$134,712. O-Barry K. Schwartz; B-Stonewall Farm (NY); T-Linda Rice.

4th-DED, \$35,920, 1-21, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:21.09, ft.

BOURBON N BOOTS (m, 5, Prospector's Gift--Slewellen, by Evansville Slew) Lifetime Record: 16-4-0-3, \$54,417. O-Gillian & Kirk L. Harris; B-Johnny & Patricia Spears (LA); T-Kirk Harris.

8th-SUN, \$27,900, 1-22, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 1m, 1:36.58, ft.

LAYCOCK BAY (g, 6, Paynes Bay--Chancery Lane, by Tabasco Cat) Lifetime Record: 28-10-7-4, \$116,153. O/T-Gerald E. Marr; B-Eugene Melnyk (ON). *\$4,000 3yo '14 FTKHRA. **1/2 to Feather Bed Lane (Skip Away), SP, \$290,152.



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8th-HOU, \$25,000, (S), 1-21, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m (off turf), 1:56.90, gd.

BONJOUR BABY (g, 4, Sing Baby Sing--Secret Sweep, by End Sweep) Lifetime Record: 15-5-2-0, \$68,069. O-Alvin Wong; B-Tom Durant (TX); T-Larry Stroope.

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6th-CT, \$24,000, 1-21, (NW2LX), 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:18.99, my. **ROYAL BLUE (g, 4, Windsor Castle--Prize Secret, by Corridor Key)** Lifetime Record: 11-4-2-1, \$72,705. O/B-Gary L. Hemp (WV); T-Mike E. Butts.

8th-TP, \$19,450, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 1-21, 3yo, 6f (AWT), 1:09.58, ft. **HUNKA BURNING LOVE (c, 3, Into Mischief--Touch of Fire, by Thunder Gulch)** Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-1, \$42,664. O-Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey; B-Morris B. Floyd & Chuck Givens (KY); T-Michael J. Maker. *\$75,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Aiken to Be, f, 3, **Aikenite**--Terrify (SP, \$114,140), by Even the Score. FG, 1-22, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:05.51. B-Calumet Farm (KY). *\$28,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP.

+Coors Lute, g, 3, **Midnight Lute**--Karma Police (SW, \$175,557), by Consolidator. GP, 1-22, (C), 6f, 1:12.00. B-SF Bloodstock LLC (KY). *\$125,000 Ylg '15 FTKJUL.

Luna Rising, f, 3, **Stay Thirsty**--Tangier Sound (MSW, \$265,970), by Rahy. AQU, 1-22, (S), (C), 6f, 1:13.35. B-Robert Hahn (NY). *\$20,000 Ylg '15 SARAUG; \$110,000 2yo '16 EASMAY.

Winning Road, g, 4, **Quality Road**--Magger Bags (MSP, \$135,087), by Indian Charlie. AQU, 1-22, 1m 70y, 1:44.32. B-Legacy Farm (MD). *\$100,000 Ylg '14 EASSEP; \$260,000 2yo '15 FTFMAR.

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Trophy Girl, f, 4, **Warrior's Reward**--Storm West, by Gone West. TP, 1-21, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:44.80. B-Jeff Wahman & Darlene Wahman (KY). *\$62,000 Wlg '13 FTKNOV. **1/2 to Heureux (Stravinsky), GSP-Nor, \$107,305; Bertsgoldenmissile (Golden Missile), SW, \$122,838; and King David (Hat Trick {Jpn}), GISW, \$455,509.

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THE ROUTE AND THE REVOLUTION



Shalaa (Invincible Spirit) pictured at Haras de Bouquetot
 Zuzanna Lupa

by Sue Finley

It was a balmy four below as *TDN* International VP Gary King and I set off for another day driving through the French countryside in search of espresso, baked goods and unpasteurized cheese (and stallions, of course) in the Ford C-Max (with the emphasis on Max).

Haras de Bouquetot is Al Shaqab's outpost in Europe, home to a large, ancient Norman manor house in the process of a major remodel, and a modern stallion complex for their young lineup of sires. The upstart operation will be represented by their first French-sired runners from the farm this year from **Style Vendome (Fr)** and **Planteur (Ire)** and the farm's Sebastien Desmontils brims with enthusiasm, particularly at the latter's chances. "Style Vendome was very well received at stud," said Desmontils. "In his first two crops, he covered more than 70 black-type winners or producers, which is quite amazing for the French market, and so we are very very excited about his first 2-year-olds this year. They were well-received at the sales; we bought the top-priced lot, the dam of Covert Love (the G1 Irish Oaks winner) and she is going to Hugo Palmer in Newmarket. She was €200,000, so that was a good return for the breeder."

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CAPE PREMIER YEARLING SALE CONCLUDES

by Tom Peacock

CAPE TOWN, South Africa--Sheikh Fahad Al Thani ensured he would leave South Africa with more than just a few souvenirs, as he struck for consecutive valuable lots on the final session as more records were set at the Cape Premier Yearling Sale.

The young Qatari owner has packed it all in over the last fortnight, riding in a race on the beach at Surfers Paradise in Australia ahead of the Magic Millions and scaling Table Mountain upon his arrival in Cape Town.

His Qatar Racing operation missed out on Saturday's sales-topper, the R6-million (\$441,450/£356,600/€411,685) son of Trippi purchased by Coolmore, but all will be forgotten should [lot 142](#), a Captain Al (SAf)-sired first foal of the useful South African race mare Orator's Daughter (Aus) (Oratorio {Ire}) live up to his good looks. Consigned by Klawervlei Stud, he was knocked down for R4.5 million (\$333,000/£265,500/€308,978).

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The Route And The Revolution Cont. from p1

Continued Desmontils, "They are in training with various trainers; Hugo Palmer, Richard Fahey, and Andre Fabre in France has the half to Doha Dream (Fr) that we bred. So there's plenty to look forward to. We'll know a bit more in two months' time when trainers are putting more pressure on their horses, but they're all quite keen on them."

I suggest that a few success ads in the *TDN* might just do the trick, to which Desmontils replies, "There is no need. They'll advertise themselves. We're not going to give you a penny."

He's kidding. I hope.

The farm's now-famous dog, Isere, comes out for a photo op to give Style Vendome a good-luck kiss.



Isere gives Style Vendome a kiss at Bouquetot | Sue Finley

But of course, the big news at Bouquetot is the arrival of the most expensive sire to retire to Europe this year. **Shalaa (Ire)** has booked full with 150 mares in his first season, selling out in the first three weeks he was on offer. His first book of mares includes none other than Treve (Fr), due to give birth to her first foal, by Dubawi (Ire), any day now at Bouquetot.

Next out was the farm's **Olympic Glory (Ire)**, the talented top-level racehorse who has been well received in both hemispheres, spending the Southern Hemisphere at Arrowfield Stud in the Hunter Valley. Buyers will get a chance to see his first yearlings in the sales ring in 2017. "You should see them in sales all over Europe this year," said Desmontils.

We left Bouquetot with the gift of some nifty tactile gloves and lovely Al Shaqab hats. King mentioned how he looked forward to wearing his; I pointed out that most men in the United States would feel somewhat uncomfortable with a giant fuzzy maroon pom-pom on top of their head, but he had no such qualms. Let's hope the upcoming Fasig-Tipton Winter Mixed sale is cold enough to allow us all a photo.



Literato at Haras de Montaigu | Sue Finley

The long drive down narrow twisting roadways to our stop, Haras de Montaigu, was an interesting one, with the Ford C Max coming close at times to scraping the bocage on both sides of the road. It suddenly became clear why Hertz pointed out the four dents and scrapes when we rented it, but we managed to arrive unscathed.

Marketing head Sybille Gibson discussed with us the challenge of a bias towards smaller-sized sires, particularly as it pertains to the farm's **Literato (Fr)**. "We have used him with a lot of our medium-sized mares, and he produces normal-sized horses," said Gibson. "They take on the size of their mares, so the belief of people is false; he sires so many good-looking horses who show their heart on the racetrack, like him. They want to win. They have good minds, and they are proper winners, and at €3,000, it's a super-attractive price." Statistics would seem to bear Gibson out: in 2016, Literato had 26 winners of 42 races from just 50 runners, with 84% in the money.

Gibson said that last year's new attraction, the dual Group 1 winning **Prince Gibraltar (Fr)**, covered 77 mares last year and that they are eagerly awaiting his first foals.

The Route And The Revolution Cont.

King took over the driving duties so I could write on the way to our next stop, Haras du Logis. He drives faster somehow on the small, twisting departmental roads than he does on the autoroutes, not only frightening his passenger, but also a mother strolling a baby on the side of the road, who gave him a proper glare when he zipped past. Suggesting the woman and child stay off the road, he started to pull into Logis when we found our car swarmed by a mass of people walking back to their tour bus. They turned out to be 43 Czech breeders in Normandy for La Route. I'll have to measure the miles, but I still think the *TDN team* has traveled farthest to be here.



Manduro at Haras du Logis | Sue Finley

Once inside, we found a healthy crowd watching the stallion parade, and they were treated to no shortage of superlatives from owner Julian Ince.

"Here is the greatest sire in France," he said as **Manduro (Ger)**, the sire of six Group 1 winners walked past the crowd. Next out was **Sidestep (Aus)**, who covered his first Northern Hemisphere book of mares last year, by, said Ince, "the greatest sire of 2-year-olds in the world, Exceed And Excel."

Ince's enthusiasm is infectious, particularly when the star of the show, the magnificent-looking **Exosphere (Aus)** arrived. A Bill Oppenheim value sire for his first year in France, Exosphere was the right choice for the honor, said Ince.

"He stands for 20 grand in Australia and for six grand here," he said. "As he has only just arrived, I would say that every person who has seen him since his arrival has booked a nomination. I'm not quite sure after this weekend how many people will have booked him, but you just have to explain to people that this was the product of Australian speed on speed the last 30 years. We're up to about 50-odd now, and we'd hope to get 100 to 120 mares to him. So far, so good."



Exosphere at Haras du Logis | Sue Finley

Just 20 minutes away through some more narrow twisting roads is the lovely Haras du Mezeray, home to **Muhtathir (GB)** and **Myboycharlie (Ire)**, who has recently returned from another successful stint at Vinery in Australia, where he is known for being the sire of the Ciaron Maher-trained Group 1 winner Jameka (Aus). Farm manager Christine Dutertre said that there had been a steady flow of visitors to see the stallion, "both people who had booked to him already and people who wanted to see him before doing so." He is booked full at 95 mares.

We stopped inside for a bowl of potage aux legumes frais, some of the best cheese we have had on the trip and a lovely glass of St. Emilion, and talked to owner Charles-Henri de Moussac about ongoing plans to focus on quality mares over quantity; there are currently 80 on the farm. Manager Philippe Brosset's very intelligent children asked me a pointed question when they learned I was American. "How do you feel about Donald Trump?" Let's just say that my politics and theirs were in line.

We saved France's most expensive sire for the last stop of the trip. By this time of day, nearly four o'clock, it was a warm seven degrees above zero when we pulled into the gates at Haras de la Cauviniere to see **Le Havre (Ire)**, where we again met up with Anna Sunstrom, whose mother, Maja, bred him, and the pair offered him for sale now 10 years ago.

First out, though, was France's leading first-crop sire of 2016, **Rajsaman (Fr)**, whose fee has been raised from €6,000 to €8,000 on the strength of that year. With 100 2-year-olds slated to run in 2017, and some good 3-year-olds to fly the flag for him, the farm has high hopes.

Le Havre will book full at €60,000, said Mathieu Alex, who said, "He's getting some very good mares from abroad, which is exciting for the country as well." **Cont. p4**

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Le Havre & Mathieu Alex | Sue Finley

The Route And The Revolution Cont.

His book this year includes mares like Esoterique (Ire), "and," said Alex, "as you know, the China Horse Club has bought a share and they look to support him. We have the dam of La Cressoniere (Fr) and plenty of good mares who have been here before and many good breeders from abroad. And what they like about him is that he is an outcross; he produces good horses at a mile, a mile and a quarter and a mile and a half."

Many breeders have traveled from outside France to see him this year during La Route des Etalons. "This year," he said, "we had a lot more important breeders from abroad, so, again, this is a fantastic idea; it's working. I think people find it very easy to come see the stallions at any time of the day. They don't have to book an appointment; it's open for two days. It's great."

But if Le Havre leads the way in France, there are plenty right behind him. Years into the lucrative French premium system, it is clearly working, and that is apparent in the quality of the horses being produced, which are somewhat of a revolution.

"Le Havre, Kendargent, Siyouni, they have all been supported by their stallion owners, so that's a very strong message," said Alex, who is helping to steer the operation at the forefront of that revolution in La Cauviniere. "We have great premiums, great prize money. Our generation has been abroad, and they speak English, and that helps."

But in the end, he said, all the promotion and prize money in the world won't help if the horses don't back it up. In France, they are doing just that.

"Only horses can do this," said Alex. "You can do all the talking in the world, but only the horses can make the change. We had James Wigan here yesterday, which was fantastic. Five or six years ago, these type of guys wouldn't come, but for the right horse they'll come. And I think it's fantastic for the country, fantastic for the breeders. Fantastic for France."

Vive La Route. Vive La France.

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FRANCE



CONDITIONS RESULT:

3rd-CGN, €28,000, 1-21, 5yo/up, 12fT, 2:40.12, gd.

CHIVERNY (FR) (g, 5, Whipperc--Courances {Fr} by Simon du Desert {Fr}) Lifetime Record: 14-7-0-2, €109,570. O-Eddir Loungar & Ecurie Loungar Racing; B-Bloodstock Agency Ltd & M-F Mathet (FR); T-Fabrice Chappet. *€9,000 2yo '14 OSAPOR.

EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS

IN HONG KONG:

Dinozzo (Ire), g, 4, Lilbourne Lad (Ire)--Nisriyna (Ire), by Intikhab. Sha Tin, 1-22, Hcp. (£182k/€211k), 1800mT, 1:47.11. B-Swordlestown Little. *€44,000 Wlg '13 GOFNOV; €75,000 Ylg '14 GOFORB. **Hong Kong Derby entrant Dinozzo made the most of his light weight at the bottom of Class 2 to enter the discussion for the final two legs of the 4-Year-Old series over the next couple months. Never out of the frame in his four starts since his import from the Ger Lyons stable, Dinozzo proved narrowly best in Class 3 company at Happy Valley Nov. 30 and just failed at the next level over 2000m Dec. 27. Retaining the services of Joao Moreira while cutting back by a furlong, Dinozzo could not get in after leaving from gate 14 and raced reasonably



Dinozzo | HKJC photo

handy to the pace while three deep and without the benefit of cover. He began to wind up on the turn, grinded his way to the front at the furlong grounds and held sway late to score by 1 1/4 lengths. "He's definitely a horse for

the Derby if that's the way [trainer] John [Size] wants to go," Moreira told the HKJC press team after riding the chestnut to the season's second-fastest time over 1800m at Sha Tin--the 12th fastest in the last 10 years. "His class is there, it's proven by that race today because he was exposed wide--I know he had a light weight but he was exposed wide without cover. To me, he's still on the green side but he's better than he was last race. When we crossed the line he kept running another furlong, a furlong and a half, maybe. That's a good thing. He just kept finding for me today, each furlong he found a little bit more."

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Euro-Bred Winners in Hong Kong Cont.

+Red Elysees (GB), g, 4, **Champs Elysees (GB)**--Red Boots (Ire), by Verglas (Ire). Sha Tin, 1-22, Hcp. (£88k/€101k), 1400mT, 1:23.16. B-William Lussky. *46,000gns Ylg '14 TATOCT; A\$150,000 2yo '15 INGRTR. **Returned 139-1 on his career debut. [VIDEO](#)

IN UAE:

Akeed Champion (GB), h, 5, **Dubawi (Ire)**--Shy Lady (Fr) (SW-Ger), by Kaldoun (Fr). Abu Dhabi, 1-22, Cond., 1400mT, 1:21.08. B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd., (GB). *85,000gns HRA '15 TAAOCT. **1/2 to Ya Hajar (GB) (Lycius), GSW-Fr; Zafeen (Fr) (Zafonic), Hwt. 3yo Colt-Eng at 7-9 1/2f, G1SW-Eng, G1SP-Fr, \$559,248; Atlantic Sport (Machiavellian), SW-Eng, SP-Itly, \$188,818.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

Cape Premier Yearling Sale Concludes Cont. from p1

Sheikh Fahad's racing advisor David Redvers had not even finished the congratulations and documentation before he was active again, successfully bidding R3.25 million (\$240,500/£191,750/€222,852) for another Captain Al as [lot 143](#). Quite a few had designs on the Drakenstein Stud-consigned



Lot 142 CPYS Jan 2017

Lot 142 | Klawervlei Stud

colt, named Frank Lloyd Wright, out of Pacific Dynasty (SAf) (Dynasty {SAf}).

"We are completely new to this," said his advisor, David Redvers. "It was our first visit to the sales and they will be Sheikh Fahad's first horses in South Africa. We wanted

to leave with the best horses we could, and unfortunately we were underbidder on the big one yesterday, but these are two of the nicest at the sale."

Continued Redvers, "We have been involved in a partnership in Europe with Markus Jooste, who was keen for us to come over. Markus will probably be involved in the first one, but all that will be ironed out later."

Redvers declined to mention which local trainer would be appointed, adding, "The horses will stay down here and I suppose we'll see how they get on. Of course there's the possibility that they could end up being good enough to race

elsewhere later on, but we'll see. It's exciting to be involved in a new venture."

The Sheikh's contribution helped push the sale, first held in 2011, to a new record aggregate of R155,225,000 (\$11,421,000/£9,225,750/€10,635,280) and average of R699,212 (\$51,450/£41,550/€4



Sheikh Fahad Al Thani | *Racing Post*

7,902) (+16.5%). The median also rose from 2016's figure to R387,500 (\$28,500/£23,050/€26,547) (+3.3%).

Coolmore have been equally enchanted by the sale and left it to late to fire again. A colt, Starship Legacy ([lot 194](#)), by Dynasty (SAf) out of Strawberry Lane (SAf), whose offspring have fared well in South Africa, went to Coolmore Australia for R4.5 million (\$333,000/£265,500/€308,576).

His close relative Flying Ice (SAf), a graded winner in Durban, is owned by Team Valor and is reportedly being taken to the USA.

Tom Magnier said of the Lammerskraal Stud offering, "We thought he was a lovely colt, he's in a partnership, and he'll be trained down here by the Snaiths. We've been really impressed by the quality of the horses we've seen, and you can only imagine what it would be like here if they could remove the travelling restrictions."

Frankel finished on a high on the last of his four lots, a bay filly ([lot 198](#)) consigned by Klawervlei Stud. It emerged that Coolmore would renew their interest in the first foal of Supposing (Ire), who they owned in Ireland, after Peter Doyle made the final bid of R2.5 million (\$185,000/£147,500/€171,367).

"She was a very nice filly, a lovely mover. The trainer is to be decided but she'll race for Coolmore," Doyle revealed.

It was not until shortly before the end that [lot 220](#) topped the session at R5.75 million (\$425,500/£335,650/€394,251). Another Dynasty and a first living foal of Viva Maria (SAf), he went to Kuda Holdings for an undisclosed syndicate. [Cont. p6](#)



Lot 220 | Lammerskraal Stud

Cape Premier Yearling Sale Concludes Cont.

Another busy major international player was China Horse Club. With its driving force Teo Ah Khing present, his representative Mick Flanagan signed for Superstitious ([lot 183](#)), a Maine Chance Farms-consigned chestnut son of high-flying What A Winter (SAf) and Seeking (SAf) (Giant’s Causeway), for R2.8 million (\$206,000/£166,400/€191,943).

“We’re having a lot of fun,” said Flanagan. “China Horse Club bought a couple of fillies last year that are in training with Joey Ramsden and Mike de Kock, and a few earlier at this sale. We saw him the other day and he seems to have improved through the sale. He’s by a sire that seems to be doing well and you’ve got the Giant’s Causeway line. The horses will stay in South Africa, although there’s obviously the option to take them to America if we want.”

It had been a frustrating session and a half for Fiona Carmichael and her husband Ian Jennings, who are involved in horses trained in South Africa as well as in Britain. After numerous thwarted attempts, their bloodstock agent Amanda Skiffington successfully bid R 2.1million (\$154,500/£124,800/€143,970) for [lot 156](#), the racily-named Magic Mike. A seventh foal of the productive Prive (SAf), he was sired by Twice Over (GB), who was bought from Juddmonte to stand at Klawervlei in 2012.

“I was starting to think we’d never get one,” said Skiffington. “He’s just a lovely colt, he’s all 3-year-old, and was certainly high on our list. Twice Over got better with age, so you wouldn’t expect them to be early. It shows how hard the sale is, the good



Lot 125 | Klawervlei Stud

horses go for a lot of money.”

Skiffington had also been underbidder for one the most interesting international pedigrees to be offered earlier in the evening. [Lot 125](#) is thought to be the only offspring of the late Scat

Daddy available at auction this year and she is out of Marquesa Naranja (Ire) (Duke Of Marmalade {Ire}), a half-sister to Alexander Goldrun (Ire). It took a while for the competition to heat up before the Klawervlei-consigned filly was eventually secured by renowned Durban trainer Charles Laird for R2.3 million (\$170,200/£137,700/€157,685).

“Racing her is one issue, but she’s got the page, the pedigree, she’s got it all,” said Laird. “I had to take on Maine Chance Farms to get her, and they know all about quality. It’s for Markus [Jooste].”



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• Catalogued	237	256
• No. Offered	223	233
• No. Sold	222	227
• RNAs	1	6
• % RNAs	0.4%	2.8%
• High Price	R6,000,000,000	R6,000,000
• Gross	R155,225,000	R135,750,000
• Average (% change)	R699,212(+16.5%)	R598,017
• Median (% change)	R387,500 (+3.3%)	R375,000

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CAPE PREMIER YEARLING SALE: DAY TWO

Lot	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (R)
220	c	Dynasty (SAf)	Viva Maria (SAf) <i>B-Lammerskraal Stud (SAf)</i> Consigned by Lammerskraal Stud Purchased by Kuda Holdings (Pty) Ltd	5,750,000
142	c	Captain Al (SAf)	Orator’s Daughter (Aus) <i>B-Klawervlei Stud (SAf)</i> Consigned by Klawervlei Stud Purchased by David Redvers Bloodstock	4,500,000
194	c	Dynasty (SAf)	Strawberry Lane (SAf) <i>B-Lammerskraal Stud (SAf)</i> Consigned by Lammerskraal Stud Purchased by Tom Magnier	4,500,000
143	c	Captain Al (SAf)	Pacific Dynasty (SAf) Consigned by Drakenstein Stud (Pty) Ltd Nom. GA Rupert Purchased by David Redvers Bloodstock	3,250,000
226	f	Captain Al (SAf)	Zippy Zitter (Ire) <i>B-Klawervlei Stud (SAf)</i> Consigned by Klawervlei Stud, agent Purchased by Lindsay Ralphs	3,000,000

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WEIR STARS ON COMEBACK TRAIL

The G2 Australian S. at Moonee Valley on Friday is shaping up to be an informative affair with three high profile members of Darren Weir's powerful squad slated to make an appearance.

Black Heart Bart (Aus) (Blackfriars {Aus}), **Palentino (Aus)** (Teofilo {Ire}) and **Flamberge (Aus)** (Exceed And Excel {Aus}) are all intended starters in the 1200m contest ahead of a return to Group 1 company soon after. The trio can boast eight Group 1 victories between them and assuming all goes well on Friday,



Black Heart Bart | *Racing And Sports*

both Black Heart Bart and Palentino will step up a furlong for their next assignments at Caulfield in February.

"They're great. They both trialled on Tuesday at Camperdown and went terrific," Weir told *Racing And Sports*. "Black Heart

Bart and Palentino will go to the [G1] C F Orr S. and the [G1] Futurity S. and then we'll work it out from there."

Black Heart Bart was tremendously consistent throughout 2016 only finishing out of the first two once in 10 starts. Those 10 starts yielded three Group 1 victories and his only below-par effort was on his final start of the campaign when he finished in rear behind Winx (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}) in the G1 William Hill Cox Plate at Moonee Valley in October.

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SWORD GEARS UP FOR RETURN

The Chris Waller trained **Omei Sword (Aus)** (High Chaparral {Ire}) looked a future Group 1 winner in waiting last year and she will take in a barrier trial later in the week at Randwick in advance of her racecourse comeback. Having won the G2 Silver Shadow S. at Randwick in August the filly then chased home the



Omei Sword | *Racing And Sports*

Godolphin colt **Astern (Aus)** (Medaglia d'Oro) in the G1 Golden Rose S. at Rosehill in September.

"We've still got a bit of time up our sleeve so she will go to Randwick for a trial on Friday," Waller told *Racing And Sports*.

"Her Group 1 target is the

Coolmore Classic [Mar. 11] which she will go to third-up after the Light Fingers S. over 1200 metres and then the Surround over 1400." The G2 Light Fingers S. will be run at Randwick Feb.

11, the same day as Waller's **Winx (Aus)** (Street Cry {Ire}) is due to make her seasonal comeback in the G2 Apollo S.

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THE QUARTERBACK HAS DUBAI OPTION

Group 1 winning sprinter **The Quarterback (Aus)** (Street Boss) could be on his travels to the Dubai Carnival to take in the G1 Al Quoz Sprint at Meydan in March should he come through his autumn domestic targets in pleasing fashion. The 6-year-old made his top-level breakthrough when beating Black Heart Bart (Aus) (Blackfriars {Aus}) in the G1 Lexus Newmarket H. at Flemington last March and that race is again on his radar before any trip to Dubai comes into the equation. Before that though, the gelding will begin the campaign with a run in the G1 Lightning S. at Flemington Feb. 18.



The Quarterback | *Racing And Sports*

Contemplating a tilt at the Al Quoz on Dubai World Cup night, trainer Robbie Griffiths said, "We're not sure. It's the perfect race for him in Dubai. I think if we're brave enough to travel overseas, I would imagine Dubai is the right type of race because it's in a straight line, it will be a dry track and be similar weather pattern to Melbourne. And it's two weeks after the Newmarket."

Speaking to *Racing And Sports* Griffiths continued, "So it will boil down to what we think once we get through the Newmarket. His form has to warrant it, of course. He has to run well in the Lightning and the Newmarket to even contemplate it."

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[It's time to open up the Hong Kong Derby to the world and make it a Group 1](#) As the Jockey Club moves into a new era of globalisation and breeding recognition, Michael Cox believes its greatest race needs to get on the same page. **Michael Cox, South China Morning Post**

Sunday, Nakayama, Japan**AMERICAN JOCKEY CLUB CUP-G2, ¥120,200,000**

(US\$1,052,579/£850,226/€982,814), Nakayama, 1-22 4yo/up, 2200mT, 2:11.90, fm.

1--#@TANTA ALEGRIA (JPN), 123, c, 4, Zenno Rob Roy (Jpn)

1st Dam: Tanta Suerte (Chi) (Ch. 2yo Filly-Chi, G1SW-Chi, SW-US, \$142,638), by Stuka

2nd Dam: Trapial (Chi), by Stagecraft (GB)

3rd Dam: Mocita Sabia (Chi), by Mocito Guapo (Arg)

O-G1 Racing; B-Shiraoi Farm; T-Sakae Kunieda; J-Masayoshi Ebina; ¥63,190,000. Lifetime Record: 14-3-5-0. *1/2 to Para La Salud (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), SW-Jpn, \$711,925. **Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#). Werk Nick Rating: C+**

2--Seewind (Jpn), 121, c, 4, by Deep Impact (Jpn)--Silky

Lagoon (Jpn), by Brian's Time. O-Silk Racing; B-Northern Farm; ¥25,340,000

3--Miraieno Tsubasa (Jpn), 121, c, 4, by Dream Journey

(Jpn)--Tamuro Bright (Jpn), by Silver Charm. (¥10,000,000 Ylg '14 JRAJUL). O-Nobuhiko Mishima; B-Suwa Farm; ¥16,170,000.

Margins: HF, 1 1/4, 1 3/4; Odds: 13.70, 1.80, 6.10.

Also Ran: Luminous Warrior (Jpn), One And Only (Jpn), Nasuno Seikan (Jpn), Silk Dreamer (Jpn), Shonan Bach (Jpn), Meiner Medalist (Jpn), Clarity Sky (Jpn), Meiner Frost (Jpn), Courir Kaiser (Jpn), Lia Fail (Jpn), Yamanin Voielactee (Jpn), Saimon Tornare (Jpn), Hokko Brave (Jpn), Sing With Joy (Jpn). **Click for the [JRA chart and video](#), for the [Racing Post result](#) or the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).**

Tanta Alegria benefitted from the perfect trip throughout this race to score in convincing fashion registering his third victory and his first at stakes level. Jockey Masayoshi Ebina was tucked in behind the leaders in the 11-furlong contest and never had to leave the rail as several of his opponents were forced wide in



Tanta Alegria | JRA Photo

what was a rough race that saw Sing With Joy (Jpn) (Manhattan Cafe {Jpn}) come to grief rounding the home turn giving Christophe Lemaire a nasty tumble. At that stage Tanta Alegria had just hit the front and Ebina never had to get too

serious with the 4-year-old, who was always holding the runner up Seewind. The winner was certainly not scoring out of turn as he had showed high-class form in defeat on a number of occasions last year. He was produced in good shape by his trainer Sakae Kunieda on his first outing since finishing fourth to Kitanan Black (Jpn) (Black Tide {Jpn}) in the G1 Tenno Sho at

Kyoto last May. He had also occupied the same position behind the subsequent G1 Japan Cup winner in the 2015 Kikuka Sho also at Kyoto.

Sunday, Chukyo, Japan**TOKAI TV HAI TOKAI STAKES-G2, ¥106,480,000**

(US\$932,639/£753,269/€932,549), Chukyo, 1-22, 4yo/up, 1800m, 1:53.20, gd.

1--#@GLANZEND (JPN), 121, c, 4, Neo Universe (Jpn)

1st Dam: Bochinche, by Kingmambo.

2nd Dam: Hatoof, by Irish River (Fr)

3rd Dam: Cadeaux d'Amie, by Lyphard

O-Silk Racing; B-Northern Farm; T-Yukihiko Kato; J-Norihiro Yokoyama; ¥56,176,000. Lifetime Record: 10-6-2-1. **Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#). Werk Nick Rating: A++**

2--Molto Bene (Jpn), 123, h, 5, Deep Sky (Jpn)--Noble

Eternal (Jpn), by Afleet. O-Masayoshi Miyake; B-Kushiketa Farm; ¥22,336,000.

3--Meisho Utage (Jpn), 123, h, 5, by Precise End--She'll be

Back (Jpn), by Fuji Kiseki (Jpn). O-Yoshio Matsumoto; B-Takae Farm; ¥14,168,000.

Margins: HF, HF, NO; Odds: 1.60, 95.30, 58.60.

Also Ran: Shonan Apollon (Jpn), Kazenoko (Jpn), Pionero (Jpn), London Town (Jpn), Asukano Roman (Jpn), Last Impact (Jpn), Meiner Crop (Jpn), Mozu Raijin (Jpn), Incantation (Jpn), Kalakupua (Jpn), Roi Jardin (Jpn), Tosho Freak (Jpn), Riccardo (Jpn). **Click for the [JRA chart and video](#), for the [Racing Post result](#) or the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).**

Swinging into the straight from a wide position, Glanzend produced a sustained run to cut down his rivals and just get his head in front where it mattered in this dirt contest. Now a winner of six of his nine starts the 4-year-old handled the step up in grade to justify favouritism and register the most important success of his progressive career to date. He made his stakes breakthrough last August when winning the G3 Leopard S. at Niigata before finding Apollo Kentucky (Langfuhr) a neck too strong in the G3 Mayako S. at Kyoto Nov. 6. Jockey Norihiro Yokoyama timed it to perfection on Sunday with his partner proving more than willing under a strong drive to get the better of Molto Bene by a half-length.

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong**HONG KONG CLASSIC MILE-LR, HK\$10,000,000 (£1,046,123/**

€1,213,000/A\$1,706,694/US\$1,289,210), Sha Tin, 1-22, NH/SH4yo, 1600mT, 1:34.98, gd.

1--RAPPER DRAGON (AUS), 126, g, 4, by [Street Boss](#)

1st Dam: Swing Dance (Aus), by Danehill Dancer (Ire)

2nd Dam: Newscaster (Aus), by Marscay (Aus)

3rd Dam: Stormy Dream, by Storm Cat

Listed Hong Kong Classic Mile Cont.

O-Albert Hung; B-E Cojuangco (NSW); T-John Moore; J-Joao Moreira; HK\$5,700,000. Lifetime Record: G1SP-Aus, 14-6-3-0, HK\$12,945,000. *Formerly Street Rapper (Aus). **1/2 to Swing Vote (Aus) (Northern Meteor {Aus}), SP-Aus.

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2--**Seasons Bloom (Aus)**, 126, g, 4, Captain Sonador (Aus)--Pyramisa's Lass (Aus), by Not a Single Doubt (Aus). (A\$26,000 Wlg '13 MMNWNL). O-Paul & Kathy Lo; B-B M Nolan (Qld); T-Danny Shum; HK\$2,200,000.

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3--**Beauty Generation (NZ)**, 126, g, 4, Road To Rock (Aus)--Stylish Bel (Aus), by Bel Esprit (Aus). (NZ\$60,000 Ylg '14 NZBSEL). O-Patrick Kwok; B-Nearco Stud Ltd; T-John Moore; HK\$1,150,000.

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Margins: 2, NK, 1 1/4. Odds: 11-10, 11-1, 11-2.

Also Ran: Winner's Way (Aus), Pakistan Star (Ger), Eagle Way (Aus), Baba Mama (NZ), Circuit Hassler (NZ), Helene Charisma (Fr), Western Express (Aus), People's Knight (Aus), Let Us Win (Aus), Super Chic (Ire), Rodrico (Aus). Scratched: Dukedom (NZ).

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The script hadn't gone exactly to plan for Rapper Dragon, Hong Kong's top-rated 4-year-old by a margin. The handsome chestnut had been ticketed for a start in the international races last month, an atypical approach for a horse with 'Classic' aspirations, but understandable, given that his biggest win to date had come over Beauty Only (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}), subsequent winner of the G1 Longines Hong Kong Mile. An October injury translated into a belated start to the season, but it looks like nothing but blue skies ahead following a thoroughly dominating victory in Sunday's Hong Kong Classic Mile.



Rapper Dragon | HKJC photo



The happy connections of Rapper Dragon | HKJC photo

Raced in Australia as Street Rapper and trained by Gai Waterhouse, Rapper Dragon closed out that part of his career with a runner-up effort in the 2015 G1 Champagne S. and capped a three-race winning streak to end last season with a 1 1/4-length defeat of Beauty Only in the Lion Rock Trophy H., albeit in receipt of 16 pounds from his older rival. He was penciled in to kick off this preparation in the Sha Tin Trophy H. (1600m) Oct. 22, but kicked a wall in his stall and was rerouted for the oft-productive Class 1 (1400m) on international day Dec. 11. Clearly in need of that run, he was beaten 1 1/2 lengths into fifth by Blizzard (Aus) (Sebring {Aus}), who proceeded to win right back in Group 3 company three weeks later.

Rapper Dragon hit the ground running here and put himself into a prominent position early on as his stablemate People's Knight (Aus) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) showed some early zip, but ultimately it was Circuit Hassler (NZ) (Shocking {Aus}) who came across the face of the field to take up the running. Winner's Way (Aus) (Starcraft {NZ}) rolled up to prompt from second while Rapper Dragon settled midfield, just to the inside of 'TDN Rising Star' Pakistan Star (Ger) (Shamardal) and a spot or two ahead of Beauty Generation. Circuit Hassler carried the Classic Mile field off the home turn, but was soon besieged, as Rapper Dragon was pulled off the heels of Winner's Way and shot to the front with better than a furlong to race. From there, it was a matter of how far and he proved far too classy for his foes with an ultimate quarter-mile in a race-fastest :22.02. Seasons Bloom, some 31 ratings points inferior to the winner, charged home in :22.05 to grab second just ahead of Beauty Generation in third.

"He seems like something special," Moreira told HKJC's David Morgan following the victory. "I was always comfortable, all the way through the race. When [trainer] John [Moore] asked me to ride him forward and race in the top five I was a bit surprised, but the way he jumps out he was always going to put himself where he was."

And the Magic Man offered this warning for the future.

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“The way he won today, you wouldn't doubt that he would step up to 1800m and perform at his top level, and I also believe he will make it over 2000 metres.”

Pedigree Notes...

Much of Rapper Dragon's family was offered by Eduardo Cojuangco's Gooree Park Stud and performed well at the 2015 Magic Millions National Broodmare and Weanling Sale. The winner's dam was purchased by Michael Wallace for A\$360,000 in foal to Congrats ([catalogue page](#)) and produced a colt by that successful dual-hemisphere stallion in August 2015. He was recently purchased by KS Research for A\$110,000 from the Newgate Farm consignment at the Gold Coast Yearling Sale. Rapper Dragon's half-sister Swing Sensation (Aus) (Northern Meteor {Aus}) fetched A\$330,000 from Rosemont Stud/Blue Sky Bloodstock, while Swing Vote, sent through the ring on an October cover by Smart Missile (Aus), realized A\$360,000 from Neil Jenkinson Bloodstock. Rapper Dragon's half-sister by Your Song (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) was subsequently knocked down to Canning Downs for A\$150,000, while Amanpour (Aus) (Northern Meteor {Aus}), a half-sister to Swing Dance and winner of the G1 Queen of the Turf S., was the second-highest priced lot at the 2015 Broodmare Sale. Then four, she was hammered down to the Rosemont/Blue Sky team for A\$1.5 million. The dam of a weanling colt by Newgate's Deep Field (Aus) (Northern Meteor {Aus}), Swing Dance was most recently bred back to Street Boss.

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IN HONG KONG:

+Nothingilikemore (Aus), g, 3, **Husson (Arg)**--Katisam (Aus), by Lonhro (Aus). Sha Tin, 1-22, Hcp. (A\$143k), 1200mT, 1:09.77. B-S Smith (NSW). *A\$40,000 Ylg '15 INGSYD. [VIDEO](#)



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Feb. 11	C. F. Orr S.	Caulfield
Feb. 18	Lightning S.	Flemington
Feb. 25	Chipping Norton S. Blue Diamond S. Futurity S.	Warwick Farm Caulfield Caulfield
Mar. 4	Oakleigh Plate Randwick Guineas Canterbury S.	Caulfield Randwick Randwick
Mar. 11	Australian Guineas Coolmore Classic Australian Cup Lexus Newmarket H.	Flemington Rosehill Flemington Flemington
Mar. 18	Golden Slipper S. George Ryder S. Ranvet S. The Galaxy S. Rosehill Guineas	Rosehill Rosehill Rosehill Rosehill Rosehill
Mar. 24	William Reid S.	Moonee Valley
Mar. 25	The BMW S. Vinery Stud S.	Rosehill Rosehill
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Apr. 15	All Aged S. Champagne S.	Randwick Randwick
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June 24	Tattersall's Tiara	Eagle Farm