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PACESETTER ARSENAULT WINS NHC18

NHC winner Ray Arsenault receives check from NTRA's Alex Waldrop and... some jockeys. | *Horsephotos*

by Lucas Marquardt

LAS VEGAS -- Ray Arsenault took an early lead at the $2.44-million National Handicapping Championship 18 and never looked back, securing a clear-cut victory in the nation's richest handicapping tournament. The 64-year-old from Thornhill, Ontario is one of the most popular players on the NHC Tour and was swarmed with well wishers after the final race at Santa Anita last evening, capping a stellar run that was as comprehensive as it was impressive. Arsenault will take home the $800,000 grand prize for winning the NHC and an Eclipse Award as the 2017 Horseplayer of the Year. A total of $2.44 million was up for grabs at the three-day tournament, which began Friday. Arsenault hit a $100 winner on Saturday (capped at 20-1) that ensured a place in Sunday's morning's semi-final. He kept on picking winners and led all the way to the Final Table, which included nine other finalists. The final was made up of seven mandatory races that required players to place mythical $2 win and place bets. Arsenault's biggest score in the final was care of the 12-1 Mr. Tickle (Street Sense), who dug in to win the ninth at Fair Grounds. ***Cont. p3***

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ARROGATE HEADS HOME

Arrogate (Unbridled's Song) exited his authoritative win in Saturday's GI Pegasus World Cup in fine shape and began his trek west back to trainer Bob Baffert's California base Sunday morning.

"I got here around 5:30. We didn't have to nudge him or wake him up. He was already up," Baffert assistant Jimmy Barnes said. "This is him. He recovers quickly. He's just a freak. He came out of the race in excellent shape. He cooled out quick last night. It was just an awesome race."

Arrogate walked the shedrow at Gulfstream before boarding a Brook Ledge van at 8:45 a.m. The '**TDN Rising Star**' headed to Palm Beach International Airport for a Tex Sutton flight that will take him back to California, where they are scheduled to land at 6:30 p.m. EST.

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THOROUGHBRED DAILY **NEWS**

Monday, January 30, 2017

The International Chinese New Year Night Parade Jan. 28 attracted more than 100,000 spectators. The Hong Kong Jockey Club float, with the theme "Galloping Horse Illuminates the New Year" was one of the parade highlights. Sha Tin hosts the G1 Stewards' Cup and G2 Centenary Sprint Cup at Sha Tin Monday. | *HKJC photo*

UNBRIDLED MO TAKES HOUSTON LADIES CLASSIC 4

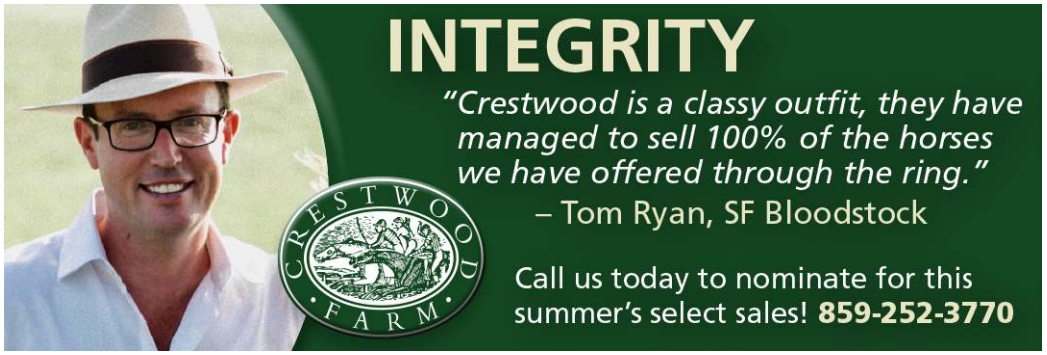
Unbridled Mo (Uncle Mo) turned back heavily favored I'm a Chatterbox to win Sunday's GIII Houston Ladies Classic.

NHC BLOG: FIVE DAYS IN LAS VEGAS 7

TDN's roving reporter Lucas Marquardt proves that not everything that happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas.

TODAY'S GRADED STAKES

EST	Race	Click for	TV
1:00a	Centenary Sprint Cup-G2, SHT	HKJC PPs	-----
3:40a	Stewards' Cup-G1, SHT	HKJC PPS	-----



Arsenault Wins NHC18 *(cont. from p1)*

At the end of the day, the results were:

	Player	Bank
1	Ray Arsenault	407.7
2	Stephen Wolfson, Jr.	361.1
3	Ryan Scharnowske	320.2
4	Louis Filoso	309.3
5	Dan Kovalesky	308.7
6	Steve Hartshorn	299.4
7	Joe Jarvie	284.1
8	Frank Mustari	279.4
9	David Bernal	270.8
10	Michael Caposio	265.4

Arsenault's lead was just under $42 going into the final race, the ninth at Santa Anita, which led to a bit of a cat-and-mouse game with the 2003 NHC winner Stephen Wolfson Jr. in second. For much of the lead-up to the race, only one horse was over the 20-1 price. That meant Wolfson had to pick that horse to have any chance of catching Arsenault--who only had to play the same horse to secure a win. But with two minutes to post, two more horses went over 20-1, so Wolfson was still alive, if only barely, if he was able to root home the one horse Arsenault himself didn't pick. In the end, it was a moot point as the 2-1 favorite Stormy Liberal (Stormy Atlantic) charged home a winner.

Arsenault said it just a case of getting in the zone and staying there all weekend.

"The $100 horse [Saturday] got me off the schneid [for the day], and the rest is history," he said. "Everything I played just won; I wish I could do that everyday!"

Arsenault said he was moved by the outpouring of support throughout the contest.

"It's outstanding," he said. "I had so many people come up to me and wish me well, including people that I've never met before. I really appreciated it."

Asked what his plans for the winnings are, Arsenault quipped, "Give it to the IRS, at least some of it. I'm Canadian--they take way too much."

It was Arsenault's seventh trip to the NHC dating back to 2005. Arsenault, a transportation broker, attended racing at Woodbine and Greenwood as a young child and fell in love with the sport.

In other news, Rick Vasquez won yesterday's NHC Consolation Tournament with a final bankroll of $112.80. The 51-year-old Vasquez, who coached the Missouri State University hockey team for four years, is an attorney from Springfield, MO. The win earned him a $10,000 first prize, plus an automatic berth to the Breeders' Cup Betting Challenge, worth another $10,000. He edged out Chicago's Brian Yablon for the win. Yablon took him $7,500 for the runner-up performance.

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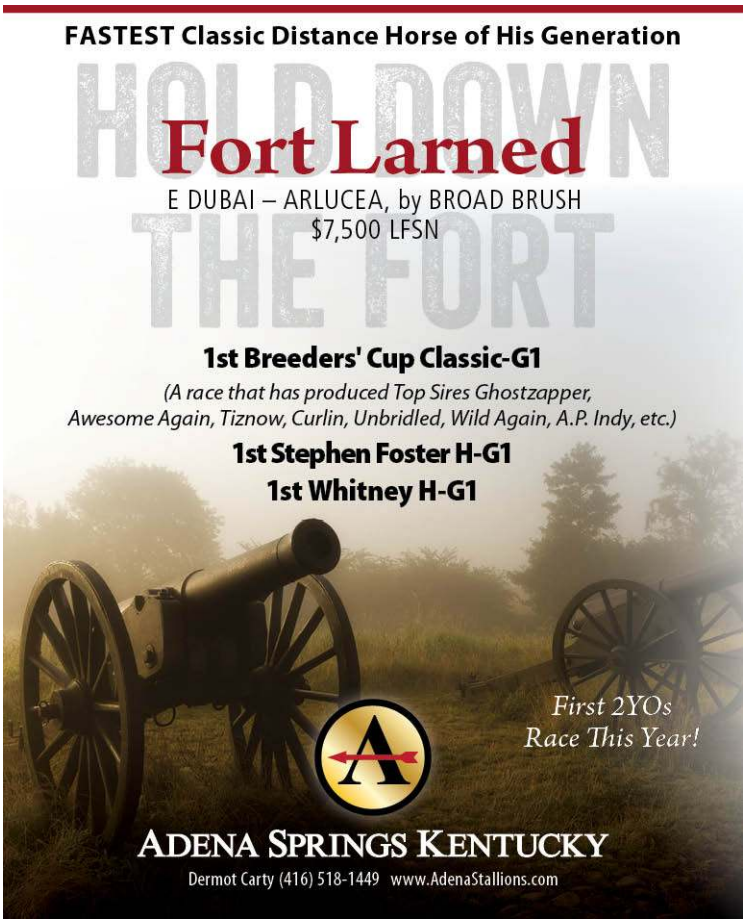

Arrogate Heads Home *(cont. from p1)*

"It's hard to tell, but I imagine he knows how good he is. He acts like he does," Barnes said. "It was exciting, the world's largest purse. We want to be involved in that and we wanted to win that, so it was fun. It was a great day."

Arrogate | *Andie Biancone*

Barnes wouldn't speculate where Arrogate might start next.

"I know the GI Breeders' Cup Classic is in the plans again this year, but we just want to keep him healthy. That's the main thing," Barnes said. "I'm pretty down to earth and just stay close to the horse, make sure he stays healthy and sound and just move on to the next race, wherever that may be."

Also on Sunday's westward Tex Sutton flight was champion **California Chrome** (Lucky Pulpit), who got off in a stopover in Lexington where he will begin his stud career at Taylor Made.

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CHAMPAGNE ROOM TUNES UP

Champagne Room (Broken Vow), preparing for her sophomore debut in next Sunday's GII Las Virgenes S., worked five furlongs in a minute flat (11/47) at Santa Anita Sunday. Trainer Peter Eurton termed the work "awesome." The Las Virgenes will be Champagne Room's first start since securing the Eclipse Award as champion 2-year-old filly with a win in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies last November. The race is also expected to feature '**TDN Rising Star**' **Unique Bella** (Tapit), a dominant 7 1/2-length winner of the Jan. 8 GII Santa Ynez S.

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Unbridled Mo (Uncle Mo) turns back I'm a Chatterbox (Munnings) in the GIII Houston Ladies Classic S.

Sunday, Sam Houston Race Park

HOUSTON LADIES CLASSIC S.-GIII, $400,000, HOU, 1-29, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:42.89, ft.

1--**UNBRIDLED MO, 121, f, 4, by Uncle Mo**
1st Dam: Unbridled Waters, by Unbridled
2nd Dam: Waterside, by Topsider
3rd Dam: Talk Out, by Tobin Bronze
O/B-Red Oak Stable (Brunetti) (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher; J-Jose L. Ortiz. $240,000. Lifetime Record: 7-5-0-0, $466,180. *1/2 to Unbridled Essence (Essence of Dubai), GSW, $324,957. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: A++.**

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2--**I'm a Chatterbox**, 121, m, 5, Munnings--Chit Chatter, by Lost Soldier. ($30,000 RNA Ylg '13 KEESEP). O/B-Fletcher & Carolyn Gray (KY); T-J. Larry Jones. $80,000.

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3--**Family Tree**, 119, f, 4, Smart Strike--Giant Mover, by Giant's Causeway. ($225,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP). O-Gary & Mary West; B-Dell Ridge Farm & Sam-Son Farm (KY); T-W Catalano. $44,000.

LANE'S END Sales Graduate

Margins: 2 3/4, 1 1/4, 1HF. Odds: 4.60, 0.50, 3.10.
Also Ran: Steel Cut, Another Bond Girl, Danzatrice. Scratched: Tiffany Case. **Click for the Equibase.com chart, the TJCIS.com PPs or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

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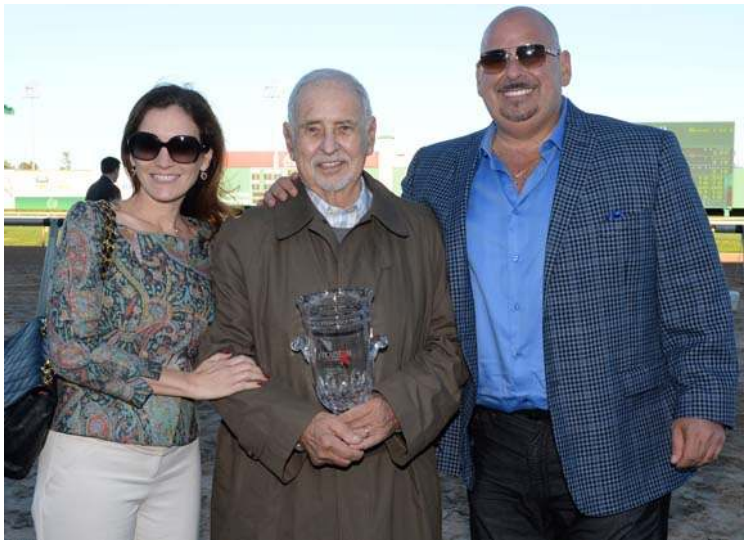
Unbridled Mo | *Coady Photography*

Unbridled Mo won last summer's GIII Monmouth Oaks and added the Sept. 25 Remington Park Oaks during a string of four straight victories before concluding her sophomore campaign with a well-beaten sixth-place effort in the Nov. 26 GIII Comely S. at Aqueduct.

Pedigree Notes:

Unbridled Waters is also the dam of graded stakes winner Unbridled Essence (Essence of Dubai), who produced graded stakes placed Unbridled Daddy (Scat Daddy). John J. Brunetti Sr.'s Red Oak Farm purchased Unbridled Waters for $155,000 as a 2-year-old at the 1999 Fasig-Tipton Florida sale. She produced a filly by Uncle Mo in 2014 and has not been bred back.



John Brunetti receives winner's trophy. | *Coady Photography*

Sunday, Sam Houston Race Park

JOHN B. CONNALLY TURF CUP S.-GIII, $200,000, HOU, 1-29, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT, 2:32.24, fm.

1--**BIGGER PICTURE, 124, g, 6, by Badge of Silver**
1st Dam: Glory Dancer, by Honour and Glory
2nd Dam: Dancing All Night, by Nijinsky II
3rd Dam: Blitey, by Riva Ridge
O-Three Diamonds Farm; B-Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey (KY); T-Michael J. Maker; J-Jose L. Ortiz. $120,000. Lifetime Record: 22-9-4-1, $586,735. *1/2 to Gung Ho (Kitten's Joy), SW & GISP, $314,663. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**
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2--**Oscar Nominated**, 124, r, 4, Kitten's Joy--Devine Actress, by Theatrical (Ire). O-Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey; B-Mrs. Jerry Amerman (KY); T-Michael J. Maker. $40,000.

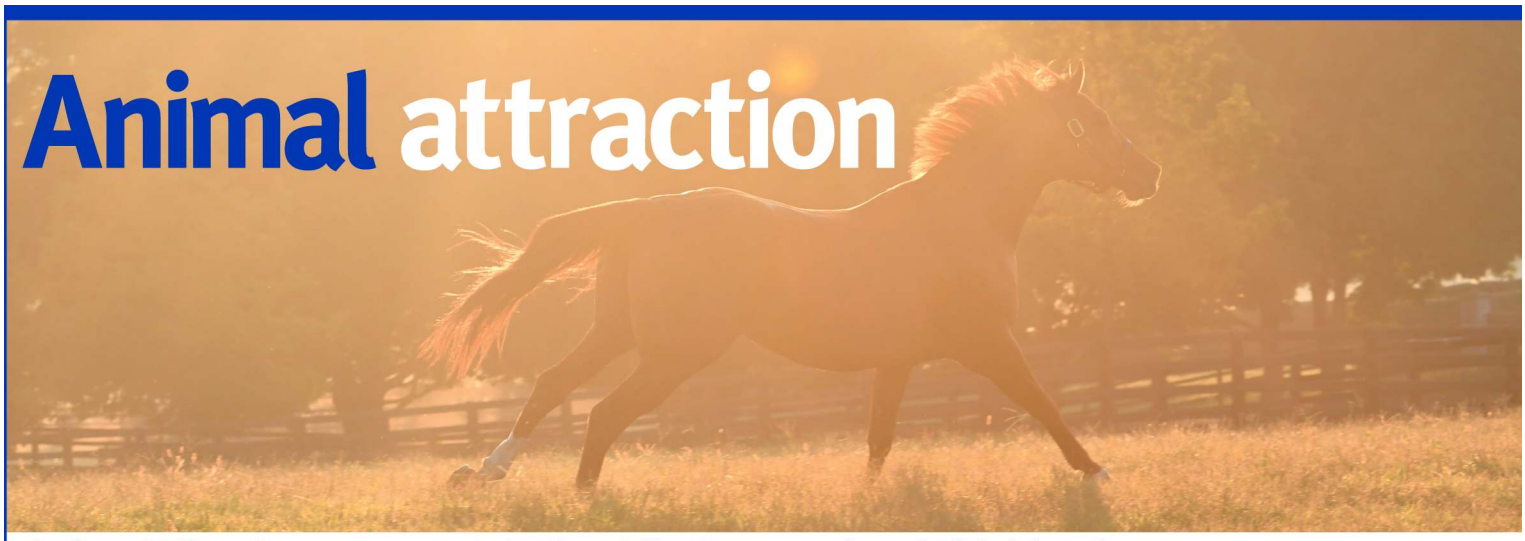
3--**Greengrassofyoming**, 121, g, 7, Quest--Flick, by Dehere. ($3,000 Ylg '11 KEESEP). O-Michael M. Hui; B-Stone Farm (KY); T-Michael J. Maker. $22,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, 3/4, 5. Odds: 1.10, 1.50, 3.60.

Also Ran: Hay Dakota, West Road, Phantom Trip, Domikate, Fall of Troy. **Click for the Equibase.com chart, the TJCIS.com PPs or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

Bigger Picture, claimed for $32,000 at Aqueduct in November 2015, opened his campaign for the new connections with a pair of optional-claiming wins in New York last spring. Eighth while making his first try against graded stakes company in the July 3 GI United Nations S., the chestnut gelding just missed making the grade while closing late to be second in the 12-furlong GIII Sycamore S., but made up for it next out with a 1 1/4-length victory in the 1 3/8-mile GIII Red Smith H. Nov. 12. He concluded 2016 with a well-beaten eighth-place effort in the Dec. 3 Claiming Crown Jewel S. Bigger Picture settled into stalking third behind a moderate pace, but he surged to the lead through an opening along the rail after three-quarters in 1:17.90. He turned back Oscar Nominated at the top of the stretch and forged clear to lead home the trifecta for trainer Mike Maker.

Bigger Picture | *Coady Photography*



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NHC BLOG: FIVE DAYS IN LAS VEGAS

by Lucas Marquardt

Well, that wraps my first National Handicapping Tournament in Las Vegas. Thanks to the NTRA staff, who were both inviting and gracious, and to both old acquaintances and new, just great travel pals in general. Here's a rundown of the week.

WEDNESDAY: I arrive in Vegas and get settled in at Treasure Island, then head to the NTRA's battle room to say hello to friends. I'm surprised at the scope of things. Pretty much the entire NTRA staff is out here, each with a specific task that helps the tournament run smoothly. There are stacks of paper, printer cartridges and programs. Boxes with business envelopes--stuffed with lanyards and paperwork--fill the big tables that crowd the room. Early arrivers pop in to register. It's a scene. Most of the horseplayers will be located in the main ballroom at Treasure Island, though there's also a smaller room called the Caribbean Room, where some players prefer to sit. Massive 10'x10' televisions screens line the walls of the ballroom--18 in total. There is a bar. The room's quiet now, but things will change tomorrow.

That night, after an underwhelming meal at Mario Battali's B&B Ristorante at the Venetian, the NTRA's Director of Media & Industry Relations Jim Mulvihill and I stop at a place in Treasure Island called Senor Frogs. It isn't classy. We get massive, beaker-shaped drinks made up of some odd concoction. It's a pink, towering inferno of sweetness. Things get weird when a member of a bachelorette party thinks we've been talking about her. She purposely bumps into our table and tries to knock our drinks over, then gives us the double bird. Her friends look at us sympathetically. We opt to call it a night, but not before deciding that I should participate in the Last Chance Tournament, which, if I were to make the top 10, would get me a spot in the NHC--the ultimate embed. ***Cont. p8***

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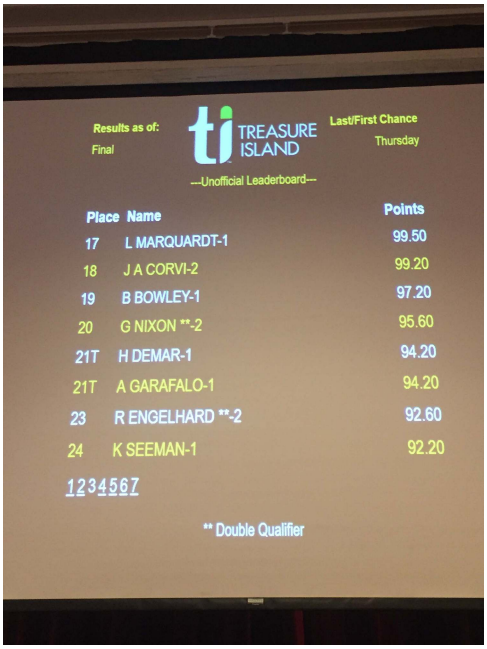
THURSDAY: First order of the day--hit Walgreens to buy Aleve. The need to kill pain will be a recurring theme over the next few days. Antidepressants would have been a good purchase, too. I go to the front desk with a question about my room. "So you're the best of the best?" the lady asks when she sees I'm in for the NHC. "No ma'am," I say. "I'm just a journalist. But yeah, the rest of the players upstairs are." She laughs. "Well, a lot of them seem to be saving their money for the horses," she says. "I've had a few people who went through several credit cards to come up with the $36 resort fee."



I register for the Last Chance Tournament and pay the entry fee of $500. The format is $2 mythical win/place bets on 13 races. Seven are mandatory, six are optional. It's the first time I've played in a tournament of any kind, but get off to a good start when I hit a Gennadi Dorochenko-trained horse at 15-1 in the third at Gulfstream. I get another winner at 3-1, and get a decent price on a longshot that finishes second. From 295 entrants, I'm 25th early on. A series of tough beats follow. A 17-1 chance I've picked looks full of run at the top of the stretch in the sixth at Gulfstream, but can't find a seam and gets shuffled, finishing third. I sink down in the standings. Things aren't looking good. Then, in the last race of the day at Gulfstream, I narrow it down to two: the four at 9-1, and the five at 5-1. I go with the latter. But as they're stepping onto the turf, the four just looks too good not to take. I run to the window, cancel my bet with four horses to load, and switch to the four just as the gates spring. In upper stretch, it looks like the five will overhaul the four, but my pick battles back and takes a blanket finish by a head. Stanley Bavlish, who won the NHC, and with whom I've shared a table all day, gives me a fist bump. I'm still alive!

But I've managed my time poorly, and now have only two or three races to play, none of which I have strong opinions on. I play a 4-1 shot in Oaklawn's finale in the hopes that the $10 payday would get me into the top 10. He runs second. The dream is dead. I wind up 17th.

FRIDAY: It's the first day of the NHC. I get down to the ballroom about 8 a.m. local time, so 11 a.m. back on the East Coast. The place is already packed, and there's an infectious energy. Longtime NHC qualifiers greet each other and catch up on what's happened over the last year. It's fast and firm around the country, ideal conditions for the tournament. Having not made the NHC, I'm invited to attend the meeting to decide what races will make up Sunday's mandatory races. Tony Nevill, who runs the sports book at Treasure Island, leads a group that includes Mulvihill; Eric Wing--the director of communications at HorseTourneys.com and emcee of the proceedings during the NHC; and Tim Schramm from the Breeders' Cup.

We wind through the innards of Treasure Island. In a far-off boardroom, we sit around the table and the group begins to talk about attractive races. The clear goal is to give bettors a contentious race deep with prospects. Ideally, a race with six or seven live chances. Each person has gone through the cards at all the major tracks and made a list of potential events. One by one, they subtract races--"This trainer has two in the race and could scratch one, which would leave us with seven runners; let's pass on this one." "We've taken a chance with a short-priced Brad Cox horse in another race; do we want to risk another one?" That kind of stuff. After a few minutes, it obvious that it isn't as easy as it would seem.

SATURDAY: Day 2 of the NHC. The main ballroom is beginning to smell like....horseplayers. There's still a great vibe, but already there's also a sense of resignation that much of the battle is still to be fought.

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On a personal note, I'm still thinking about the sushi dinner I had on Thursday at a place called Sen of Japan. Based on the recommendation of a friend who used to live in Vegas, we hop in a cab and travel off the strip a few miles, driving through Chinatown and its wide array of foot-massage parlors, and into the suburbs of Vegas. Sen of Japan is an unassuming place that sits in a strip mall, but looks are deceiving. It is run by chef Nakano Hiromi, former head of the famous NOBU at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Las Vegas. Our friend asks the chefs to send out whatever they prefer. Four big plates of sashimi arrive. There is salmon with capers and bonito flakes, kampachi with serrano peppers, and halibut, all thinly sliced and delicious. Taking the prize for me, though, was the ocean trout, a deep-orange cut that is delicate and flavorful. Overall, an outstanding choice if you want to get off the strip, and at $200 for a table of four, not outrageously priced for the quality of sushi.

Kampachi, halibut and ocean trout at Sen of Japan

SUNDAY: One of the best things about the NHC is picking up on the storylines developing right around you. Sitting at the table next to me is a young fellow named Ryan Scharnowske, a resident of Westfield, Indiana.

Ryan Scharnowske | *L Marquardt*

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Tied for 39th after the first day, he was in 65th after the second round--just off the cutoff at 66--and got into the semi-final by the skin of his teeth.

Early Sunday, Scharnowske was toiling in last place. But he soared back into contention when he selected the 50-1 first-timer Springdetti (Biondetti) in the seventh at Gulfstream, a $25,000 maiden claimer who skipped over the slop to a 2 1/4-length win. (Per tournament rules, Scharnowske's win was capped at 20-1.) He had another small score at Laurel, then ensured a Top 10 finish by nailing the 8-1 Beau Recall (Ire) (Sir Prancealot {Ire}) in the first at Santa Anita. The filly was the longest price on the board in a six-horse optional claimer on the turf. Watching Scharnowske, who ultimately finished third, celebrate with his friends and tablemates underscored what the NHC is all about: competition, drama, camaraderie, and yelling loudly. It also underscored something else--I'm gonna do my damndest to quality for next year's tournament. This is too much fun not to be part of every year.

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2	Battalion Runner (Unbridled's Song)*	20-1	22-1
3	Classic Empire (Pioneerof the Nile)	5-1	5-1
4	El Areeb (Exchange Rate)*	50-1	32-1
5	Fact Finding (The Factor)	30-1	39-1
6	Faja (Bodemeister)*	50-1	56-1
7	Gormley (Malibu Moon)	15-1	19-1
8	Guest Suite (Quality Road)	50-1	31-1
9	Gunnevera (Dialed In)	50-1	24-1
10	Irish War Cry (Curlin)	30-1	26-1
11	Lookin at Lee (Lookin at Lucky)	30-1	37-1
12	Mastery (Candy Ride {Arg})	6-1	9-1
13	McCraken (Ghostzapper)	10-1	9-1
14	Mo Town (Uncle Mo)	20-1	15-1
15	Mont Saint Legame (Jpn) (Came Home)*	50-1	99-1
16	No Dozing (Union Rags)	50-1	38-1
17	Petrov (Flatter)*	50-1	99-1
18	Practical Joke (Into Mischief)	20-1	20-1
19	Sonic Mule (Distorted Humor)*	50-1	80-1
20	State of Honor (To Honor and Serve)*	50-1	99-1
21	Uncontested (Tiz Wonderful)	20-1	25-1
22	Untrapped (Trappe Shot)*	50-1	99-1
23	Wild Shot (Trappe Shot)	50-1	92-1
24	Mutuel Field-All Others	8-5	5-2

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	GII San Antonio S.	SA
	GII San Marcos S.	SA
	GIII Withers S.	AQU
	GIII Sweetest Chant S.	GP
	GIII Robert B. Lewis S.	SA
2/5	GII Las Virgenes S.	SA
2/11	GI Gulfstream Park Turf H.	GP
	GII Gulfstream Park H.	GP
	GIII Suwannee River S.	GP
	GII Arcadia S.	SA
	GII Santa Maria S.	SA
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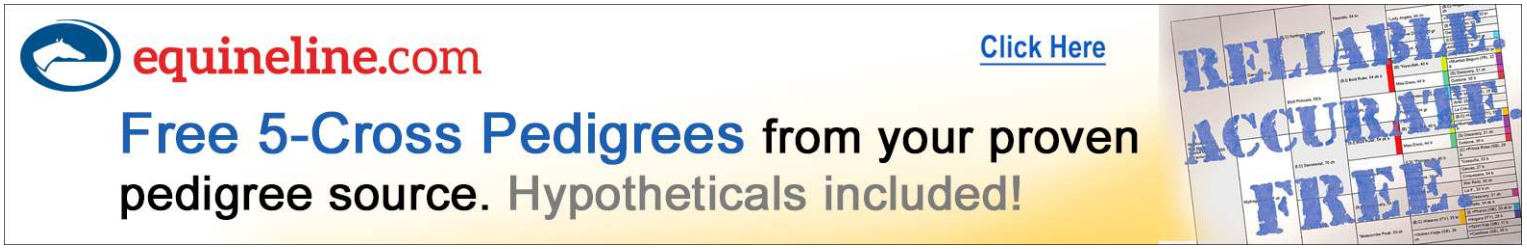

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A yearling colt by last year's leading freshman sire Dialed In topped Sunday's Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Winter Mixed Sale in Timonium when selling for $70,000 to Machmer Hall, while overall numbers for the one-day auction, being held for the second time in January, were down from a year ago.

With an additional 69 catalogued in 2017, 139 head sold for $901,900. The average fell 23.2% to $6,488 and the median dipped 19.5% to $3,500. The buy-back rate, a sparkling 13.3% in 2016, was 30.2% Sunday. Last year, 104 horses grossed $878,100 for an average of $8,443 and a median of $4,350.

Consigned by Bill Reightler, agent, the sale-topping hip 174 is out of Her Lady Grace (Lord Carson), a half-sister to multiple graded stakes winner Halory Leigh (Halory Hunter). The chestnut colt was bred by Donald L Brown, Jr. in Pennsylvania.

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• Average (% change)	$6,488 (-23.2%)	$8,443
• Median (% change)	$3,500 (-19.5%)	$4,350

NEW YORK

Sunday's Results:

MADDIE MAY S., $100,000, AQU, 1-29, (S), 3yo, f, 1m 70y, 1:46.46, ft.

1--**#DUBLIN GIRL, 117, f, 3, by Dublin**
1st Dam: Carson City Girl, by Carson City
2nd Dam: Devil's Dispute, by Devil's Bag
3rd Dam: Impetuous Gal, by Briartic
O/B-Joemar Racing Stables, LLC (NY); T-Dominick A. Schettino; J-Kendrick Carmouche. $60,000. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, $110,000.

2--**Toni Tools**, 122, f, 3, Roaring Fever--Patine, by Smart Strike. ($35,000 Wlg '14 FTNMIX). O-St. Elias Stable, MeB Racing Stables LLC & Brooklyn Boyz Stables; B-Barry Ostrager (NY); T-Todd A. Pletcher. $20,000.

Trained at Crupi's New Castle Farm

3--**Bree's Got Heart**, 116, f, 3, Colonel John--Secretsoftheheart, by Put It Back. ($3,500 Ylg '15 KEEJAN; $27,000 Ylg '15 EASOCT). O-LC Racing; B-Doug & Felicia Branham (NY); T-Robert E. Reid, Jr. $10,000.

Margins: 1, 1 3/4, 3HF. Odds: 2.80, 3.15, 2.55.

Also Ran: Cha Cha Heels, Bliss to You, Treatherlikestar.

Dublin Girl broke through at third asking in her two-turn bow versus state-breds here Jan. 2. Taking on stakes company this time, she saved ground throughout while sitting just behind the early leaders. Dublin Girl patiently awaited racing room off the

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turn for home, split horses into the stretch and punched home nicely to register a career high. The winner's dam had an Alpha filly in 2016 and was bred back to Giant Surprise. "She's learning and maturing," winning trainer Dominick Schettino said. "She's handled two turns very well. Her running style is to sit back and stay off the pace. I'm very happy with the race, she ran well." **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

FLORIDA

Sunday's Results:

10th-GP, $41,000, Alw (C), Opt. Clm ($62,500), 1-29, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:43.54, sy.

WATERSHED (h, 5, Bernardini--Thousand Islands {GB}, by Dubai Millennium {GB}), third in last term's G3 Firebreak S. at Meydan Feb. 4 and Monmouth's GIII Philip H. Iselin S. Aug. 27, was heavily favored at 4-5 in this off-the-turfer after finishing a well-beaten fifth in Aqueduct's Queens County S. Dec. 17. Watershed sat in third for most of the way as the riderless Eminent Force (War Front) ran off to clear the field after tossing his jockey at the start. Watershed began to pick up the pace to challenge for command as the aforementioned riderless horse stayed out of harm's way on the outside on the turn for home. The Godolphin runner kicked for home in complete control and splashed his way under the wire to a 9 1/2-length victory over Blackout (Fr) (Dream Ahead). The winner is a half-brother to Footbridge (Street Cry {Ire}), GISP, $259,528. Lifetime Record: GSP-US & UAE, 12-4-0-3, $280,550. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Godolphin Racing LLC; B-Darley (KY); T-Kiaran P. McLaughlin.

11th-GP, $40,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($75,000), 1-29, 3yo, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:46.45, sy.

BRONSON (c, 3, Medaglia d'Oro--Cambiocorsa {MGSW, $522,055}, by Avenue of Flags), a debut winner at Monmouth last June, could do no better than fourth after getting squeezed at the break in the GIII Sanford S. at Saratoga July 23. Bronson resurfaced with a runner-up finish in an optional claimer sprinting on grass in Hallandale Dec. 30 and was well-supported as the 6-5 favorite while making his two-turn debut against four rivals in this sloppy, off-the-turfer. Bronson tracked Pagliacci (Pioneerof the Nile) in second, was ridden along to draw alongside of that one on the far turn, and finally fought his way past that stubborn foe in deep stretch to take it by a half-length. Bronson, a $350,000 KEESEP yearling, is a half-brother to Schiaparelli (Ghostzapper), GSW, $274,184; Moulin de Mougin (Curlin), GSW, $313,660; Alexis Tangier (Tiznow), MSW, $206,680; and Vionnet (Street Sense), GISP, $175,140. The winner's dam Cambiocorsa, a half-sister to Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint winner California Flag (Avenue of Flags), produced a Ghostzapper filly in 2015; a Distorted Humor colt in 2016; and was bred back to Uncle Mo. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, $59,420. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Mathis Stable LLC; B-Ran Jan Racing, Inc. (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

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9th-GP, $40,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($25,000), 1-29, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f (off turf), 1:26.11, sy.

ALWAYS THINKING (f, 4, Street Sense--Que Piensa Cat {Arg} {G1SW-Arg}, by Easing Along), off the mark at first asking sprinting over the dirt here in December of 2015, was fifth going six panels in a Saratoga allowance three starts on this past August. She went one better at Gulfstream Park West Nov. 26 and was second by only a half-length in a 7 1/2-furlong turf optional claimer on New Year's Eve. A 2-1 shot in this off-the-turfer, the bay rated in fourth in the sloppy going behind a first quarter in :23.98 set by Lady Ekati (Tale of Ekati), but moved up to even terms with the pacesetter after a half-mile in :47.96. She skipped clear from there and held safe a resurgent Lady Ekati to win by two lengths at the wire. The winner's 3-year-old half-brother Birmano (Elusive Quality) is already a winner in France, while her half-sister Garubella (Elusive Quality) is unraced. Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-0, $62,410. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Godolphin Racing LLC; B-Darley (KY); T-Thomas Albertrani.

EASTERN U.S.

Sunday's Results:

2nd-LRL, $49,360, Msw, 1-29, 3yo, 1m, 1:39.02, ft.

NO MORE TALK (c, 3, Not For Love--Parlez, by French Deputy) showed speed and tired to seventh in his debut at 17-1 over a sloppy main track here Jan. 2. Adding Lasix this time, the 6-1 chance sat in a good spot just behind the early leaders in third. He made a three-wide bid for the lead off the turn for home and outbattled Twin Valor (Into Mischief) to the wire by a nose despite that one's steady drifting out throughout the stretch. The winner is a half-brother to International Star (Fusaichi Pegasus), MGSW, $1,180,029; and a full to Fools In Love, SW, $240,746; and D C Dancer, SW, $312,970. Sales history: $125,000 RNA Ylg '15 FTSAUG; $140,000 Ylg '15 EASOCT.

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LRL 2nd - No More Talk cont.

Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $29,640. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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Sunday's Results:

SPACE CITY S., $50,000, HOU, 1-29, 3yo, 6f, 1:10.92, ft.

1--**#LAUGHINGSAINTSSONG, 119, g, 3, Songandaprayer--Laughing Saint, by Vindication**. ($18,000 Ylg '15 ESLYRL). O-Rodney J. Verret; B-J. E. Jumonville Jr. & Bunny Jumonville (LA); T-Allen Landry; J-Kerwin D. Clark. $30,000. Lifetime Record: 5-3-2-0, $103,600.

2--**Prados Way**, 122, c, 3, Tizway--Prado Lady, by El Prado (Ire). O/B-Kathryn I. East (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen. $10,000.

3--**St. Louie Guy**, 119, g, 3, Kantharos--Red Hot Jul, by Essence of Dubai. ($32,000 Ylg '15 OBSAUG). O-William Stiritz; B-Lucy & Randell Edwards (FL); T-Scott Becker. $5,500.

Margins: 3, 1 1/4, 3HF. Odds: 2.40, 8.30, 2.50.

Also Ran: Rumpole, Mannford, Imma Wild Bling, En Hanse, I'm a Rock, B Rod Maclean, C C City Slicker. Scratched: Euroncall, Street Honor, Too Much Gone.

Laughingsaintssong finished no worse than second in his first four career starts against Louisiana-breds, including a runner-up finish behind the promising Saint's Fan (Tale of Ekati) in the Louisiana Champions Day Juvenile S. Dec. 10 and a runaway allowance win at Delta Jan. 5. He won the break here, but quickly had company to his inside. Laughingsaintssong poked his head in front entering the far turn, began to let it out a notch as they straightened for home and wasn't for catching in the stretch. **Click for the Equibase.com chart**

Laughingsaintssong | *Coady*

HOUSTON DISTAFF S., $50,000, HOU, 1-29, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:43.93, fm.

1--**#HIP HOP N JAZZ, 117, m, 5, Speightstown--Solo Survivor (GSW, $244,195), by Pleasant Tap**. O-Heider Family Stables LLC; B-Courtney C. Heider (KY); T-Thomas F. Proctor; J-Florent Geroux. $30,000. Lifetime Record: GSP, 8-4-3-1, $169,600.

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2--**Stormquility**, 116, m, 6, After Market--Southern Protocol, by Dixieland Band. ($5,000 Ylg '12 KEESEP). O-Stacy & Steve Uhland & Barry Koch; B-G. Watts Humphrey (KY); T-Tim G. Williams. $10,000.

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(DH)--3--**Susie Bee**, 114, m, 5, English Channel--Susie Cat, by Storm Cat. O-Calumet Farm; B-Bluegrass Hall, LLC (KY); T-Michael J. Maker. $4,250.

(DH)--3--**Artistic License**, 117, m, 6, Heart of the Storm--Eye of the Artist, by Old Trieste. O-Carl R. Moore Management LLC; B-B.A. Man, Inc. & Richard Maynard (KY); T-W. Bret Calhoun. $4,250.

Margins: 1HF, 2HF, 3 3/4, 3 3/4. Odds: 1.60, 20.10, 3.60, 7.70.

Also Ran: Walking the Kitten, Emyvale Court, Majestic Angel, Penguini, Skyluck, Girl's Rule, Divine Soul.

Third in the GIII Delaware Oaks in July of 2015, Hip Hop N Jazz has yet to be off the board, returning from the sidelines after 14 months with runner-up finishes at Parx Sept. 18, Keeneland Oct. 16 and making her turf bow beneath the Twin Spires Nov. 10. Winner of a Fair Grounds optional claimer last time Dec. 26, the chestnut was duly favored and set fractions of :24.42, :49.70 and 1:14.26 while under pressure. Skating away in the home straight, she earned her first black-type rosette by a comfortable margin. Her dam is a half-sister to GSW Transient Trend (Time for a Change) and foaled a filly by Candy Ride (Arg) in 2015. She was covered by Constitution last spring. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

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5th-OP, $72,000, Msw, 1-29, 3yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:05.29, ft.
JERSEY HEIST (f, 3, Jersey Town--Perfect Heist, by Half Ours), fourth after a slow beginning sprinting six furlongs at Churchill Nov. 16 and ninth after making the early running going a mile over the turf course there Nov. 26, faded to take second in the slop in a local heat Jan. 16. Tabbed the 2-1 crowd's pick Sunday, the chestnut battled along the rail for the lead from the stalls, but established a narrow half-length advantage as noses pointed towards home. Stretching clear inside the final 1 1/2 furlongs, Jersey Heist won with ears pricked. It was 2 1/2 lengths back to What a Star (Line of David) in second. The winner's dam, a half-sister to MGSW Conveyance (Indian Charlie), has a 2-year old colt by Munnings and a yearling filly by Uncle Mo. She was covered by GI Haskell Invitational S. hero Verrazano last spring. Sales history: $37,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEEJAN; $47,000 2yo '16 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, $60,783. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**
O-Doubledown Stables, Inc.; B-Hare Forest Farm, Ltd. (KY); T-James P. DiVito.

Hidden Brook Sales Graduate

8th-FG, $41,000, Msw, 1-29, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:12.32, ft.
SHES TRICKEY (f, 3, Proud Citizen--Afternoon Trick, by Afternoon Deelites) rolled a pair of twos--in her Laurel dirt bow when unveiled Aug. 5 and when a neck short of victory trying the Kentucky Downs sod Sept. 15. On the bench since, the homebred was 2-1 on the tote as the second choice with coupled entry Lovely Marissa (Proud Citizen) and raced in the center of the track in third through a :22.64 opening quarter. Gliding past the frontrunner turning for home, Shes Trickey's lead reached two lengths in the stretch, with the closing Astrollinthepark (Divine Park) reducing the margin to 1 1/4 lengths at the line. The winner, the last living foal out of Afternoon Trick, is a full-sister to Trickmeister, MSW & MGSP, $437,965. Sales history: $45,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, $59,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**
O/B-Brereton C. Jones & Timothy C. Thornton (KY); T-Thomas F. Proctor.

CALIFORNIA

Sunday's Results:
1st-SA, $56,345, Alw (NW1$X), Opt. Clm ($75,000), 1-29, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:35.45, fm.
BEAU RECALL (IRE) (f, 3, Sir Prancealot {Ire}--Greta d'Argent {Ire}, by Great Commotion), a last out maiden winner for Recall Racing Club and trainer Adrian McGuinness traveling seven furlongs at Tipperary Aug. 16, stamped herself as one to watch with a smart U.S. debut for her new connections. Receiving first-time Lasix, she trailed the field of six through fractions of :23.28 and :47.51. Beau Recall turned it on in the stretch and showcased a nice turn of foot to win going away by 1 1/2 lengths while in hand late at odds of 8-1. Sandy's Surprise (Drosselmeyer) was second. The winner's dam had a Most Improved (Ire) filly in 2015 and a Morpheus (GB) filly in 2016. Sales history: €17,000 Ylg '15 TISEP. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, $44,157. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**
O-Slam Dunk Racing; B-Tom Wallace (IRE); T-Simon Callaghan.

4th-SA, $60,740, Alw (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($40,000), 1-29, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:35.90, fm.
PEACH COVE (NZ) (m, 5, Buffalo Man--Tennisciti Belle {Aus}, by Citidancer {Ire}) signed off her career in her native land with a win for Ngapuke Racing Ltd., Totara Park Stud and co-trainers Mandy and Matt Brown in the Listed Champagne S. with future G1 Australian Oaks heroine Sofia Rosa (NZ) (Makfi {GB}) third going 1200 metres at Riccarton Park in May of 2015. Missing for almost 15 months, the bay ran fourth in a grassy sprint at Del Mar in July of 2016 for these connections and missed by only a head two starts later in an optional claimer there Nov. 13. Unplaced after a slow beginning extended to 1 1/8 miles at Del Mar Dec. 4, the 8-1 shot continued to race without Lasix and gained blinkers switching back to the Arcadia oval. In an eager second two off the fence into the clubhouse turn, Peach Cove relaxed well for Flavien Prat on the backstretch run. Allowed to cruise into contention with a quarter mile remaining, she seized command by midstretch and outlasted the two-pronged charge of Shehastheritestuff (Unusual Heat) and Ok Doll (First Samurai) to win by a head. A half-length separated the latter duo, with Shehastheritestuff coming out on top. Sales history: 5,500 RNA Ylg '14 NWZFES. Lifetime Record: SW-NZ, 9-2-2-1, $79,148. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**
O-Augustin Stable; B-Totara Park Stud (NZ); T-Richard E. Mandella.

6th-SA, $54,690, Msw, 1-29, 3yo, 6 1/2f, 1:16.09, ft.
LAW ABIDIN CITIZEN (g, 3, Twirling Candy--Honest Answer {GSP, $182,020}, by Tale of the Cat) was promoted to second via disqualification after crossing the line third behind the promising $1-million FTFMAR juvenile purchase Dabster (Curlin) in a seven-furlong Santa Anita maiden last out Dec. 26. Favored at 8-5 to get it right this time, he sat a stalking trip in third and pounced when ready on the far turn en route to a dominating 5 1/4-length victory. **Cont. p5**

First-time starter Pioneer Lad (Pioneerof the Nile) was up for second. The winner is a half-brother to Sweet Swingin (Street Sense), GSP, $118,370. Honest Answer, a half-sister to MGISW I Ain't Bluffing (Pine Bluff), had a colt by Violence in 2015 and a filly by that young sire in 2016. She was bred back to Street Sense. Sales history: $100,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-2, $60,600. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Dan J. Agnew, Gerry Schneider & John V. Xitco; B-Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings Inc (KY); T-Mark Glatt.

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Saturday Night's Results:

10th-SA, $56,415, Msw, 1-28, 3yo, 1mT, 1:35.01, fm.

BIRD IS THE WORD (c, 3, Birdstone--Madagascat, by Tale of the Cat), a good second in his lone other start on grass at Del Mar Dec. 4, entered off a well-beaten fourth in the GIII Sham S. Back on the lawn here, the 6-1 chance made an eye-catching sweeping move on the far turn and rallied smartly down the stretch to deliver a 2 1/4-length come-from-behind victory. Panama Papers (English Channel) was second. Sales history: $40,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP; $40,000 2yo '16 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 7-1-1-1, $60,470. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Heart Racing Stable; B-Machmer Hall (KY); T-G. F. Almeida.

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WESTERN U.S.

Sunday's Results:

RILEY ALLISON S., $100,000, SUN, 1-29, 3yo, 1m, 1:36.42, ft.

1--**#CONQUEST MO MONEY, 118, c, 3, by Uncle Mo**
1st Dam: Stirring, by Seeking the Gold
2nd Dam: Daijin, by Deputy Minister
3rd Dam: Passing Mood, by Buckpasser
($180,000 Ylg '15 SARAUG; $8,500 2yo '16 KEENOV). O-Judge Lanier Racing; B-Twin Creeks Farm (NY); T-Miguel L. Hernandez; J-Jorge Carreno. $60,000. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, $72,900.

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2--**Wine N Divine**, 118, g, 3, Divine Park--She'll Make It, by Stevie Wonderboy. ($11,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP). O-Greg & Darwin Green & Jeff Anderson; B-Brereton C. Jones (KY); T-Greg Green. $22,000.

3--**Underwood**, 123, g, 3, Old Fashioned--Exotic Wishes, by A.P. Indy. ($37,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEEJAN; $16,000 2yo '16 BARMAY). O-Harry L. Veruchi; B-Jack Sims (IA); T-Justin R. Evans. $10,000.

Margins: 11, 1HF, 2 1/4. Odds: 13.90, 6.60, 2.00.

Also Ran: All Shacked Up, Yo La Tengo, Wicked Zar, Evolve, Ranger Rod, Downtownbigbrown, General Council. Scratched: Oh So Regal, Yo Y Me.

A neck winner over track and trip in his Jan. 6 debut, Conquest Mo Money was overlooked at double-digit odds in this step up in class. Making a beeline towards the inside from stall seven past the wire the first time, he soon faced pressure from 2-1 crowd's pick Underwood, and conceded the advantage on the far turn. Revved back up by Jorge Carreno, the bay rebroke leaving the bend and strolled home a facile winner. Out of a half-sister to champion Serenading (A.P. Indy), MSW & GISP and Handpainted (A.P. Indy), Conquest Mo Money has a juvenile half-sister by Mission Impazzible. His dam was covered by that sire last spring. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

EL PASO TIMES S., $65,000, SUN, 1-29, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:15.80, ft.

1--**#KELL PASO, 120, f, 3, Divine Park--Listen to Libby, by Indian Charlie**. ($12,500 Ylg '15 KEESEP). O-William K. Goode; B-Brereton C. Jones (KY); T-Greg Green; J-Ricardo Jaime. $39,000. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, $52,800. *1/2 to Chanteline (Majesticperfection), SP, $167,116.

2--**Christina's Comet**, 117, f, 3, Successful Appeal--Texas Tempest, by Bernardini. O-Ackerley Brothers Farm; B-Glory Days Breeding Inc. (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen. $14,300.

3--**I'm Patriotic**, 117, f, 3, To Honor and Serve--Eve Giselle, by Five Star Day. ($75,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP; $50,000 2yo '16 OBSAPR). O-Arden Hawkins; B-Harry Papaleo (KY); T-H. Ray Ashford Jr. $6,500.

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Margins: 2HF, 3 3/4, 3/4. Odds: 16.50, 1.00, 16.60.

Also Ran: Old Fashioned Gal, We've Got to Talk, Lady, Fashion Reward.

Kell Paso, a 22-1 upset winner on debut at Zia Park Nov. 29, lit up the tote board once again in this stakes debut. She was under a snug hold while pressing the early pace from the outside, gained command entering the far turn and increased her margin to the wire. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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STAKES RESULTS:

FRONTIER UTILITIES TURF SPRINT S., $75,000, HOU, 1-29, 4yo/up, 5fT, :57.64, fm.

1--**#PARTLY MOCHA, 115, g, 8, Half Ours--Chocolate Mon, by Maria's Mon**. ($30,000 Ylg '10 KEESEP; $47,000 2yo '11 OBSMAR). O-Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey; B-John Michael Link (WV); T-Michael J. Maker; J-Jose L. Ortiz. $45,000. Lifetime Record: 35-8-8-7, $415,392.

LEGACY Bloodstock

2--**Hogy**, 124, g, 8, Offlee Wild--Floy, by Petionville. ($17,000 Ylg '10 KEEJAN). O-William Stiritz; B-John E. Little (KY); T-Scott Becker. $15,000.

3--**Shadow Rock**, 121, g, 7, Distorted Humor--Dream Time, by Storm Cat. O-Michael M. Hui; B-Courtlandt Farm (KY); T-Michael J. Maker. $8,250.

Margins: HD, 2, HD. Odds: 6.20, 0.50, 9.80.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-OP, $74,000, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($15,000), 1-29, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.98, ft.

EURODEVILWOMAN (f, 4, Euroears--The Devil Is Mine {SP}, by Devil His Due) Lifetime Record: 13-4-1-3, $111,651. O-Muddy Waters Stables; B-Michael Ray Neatherlin (TX); T-Jack C. Van Berg. *$3,000 2yo '15 TEXAPR.

6th-AQU, $59,000, (S), (NW2$X)/Opt. Clm ($40,000), 1-29, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.67, ft.

PICCO UNO (f, 4, Macho Uno--Piccola Isola, by Western Expression) Lifetime Record: 8-3-3-1, $150,800. O-Kennesaw Mountain Racing; B-Topsmeade, LLC & Adena Springs Farm (NY); T-Jason Servis. *$35,000 Ylg '14 KEEJAN; $27,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP; $34,000 RNA 2yo '15 EASMAY.

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4th-LRL, $49,728, 1-29, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11.46, ft.

DAILY NEWS (g, 5, Jump Start--Mixed Reviews, by Bertrando) Lifetime Record: 16-4-3-2, $152,484. O-Robert T. Manfuso & Wayne A. Harrison; B-Robert T Manfuso (MD); T-Katharine M. Voss. *$24,000 RNA Ylg '13 EASSEP.

8th-LRL, $47,835, (NW2X), Opt. Clm ($28,000-$32,000), 1-29, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:44.94, ft.

SHALAKO (g, 4, Malibu Moon--Bridge Game {GSW, $234,555}, by Giant's Causeway) Lifetime Record: 13-6-1-2, $168,589. O-Michael Dubb, Great Point Stables LLC & Bethlehem Stables LLC; B-Elisabeth Alexander (KY); T-Rudy R. Rodriguez.

7th-FG, $42,000, (NW2X), Opt. Clm ($40,000), 1-29, 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:41.26, fm.

SPECIAL OPS (g, 6, Big Brown--True and True {GSP, $186,854}, by Is It True) Lifetime Record: 19-5-4-1, $190,256. O-GenStar Thoroughbreds & Ten Strike Racing; B-Candy Meadows LLC (KY); T-Brad H. Cox. *$140,000 RNA Ylg '12 KEESEP.

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2nd-GG, $38,280, 1-29, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:08.75, ft.

FAST AND FOXY (m, 7, Thisnearlywasmine--Zorra Roja, by Falstaff) Lifetime Record: MSW, 38-13-6-7, $372,188. O-Joe Daehling & Holly Evans; B-Daehling Ranch LLC (CA); T-Holly Evans.

8th-DED, $38,000, (S), 1-28, (NW3L), 4/up, f/m, 1m, 1:41.74, ft.

SWEET PEA MAMA VE (f, 4, Hard Spun--Miss Confusion {MSW, $205,230}, by Miswaki) Lifetime Record: 8-3-1-1, $85,410. O/B-Earl & Keith Hernandez, John Duvieilh & Bill Langford (LA); T-Frank Leggio. *$30,000 RNA Ylg '14 KEESEP.

6th-CT, $24,500, (S), 1-28, (NW3L), 4/up, f/m, 4 1/2f, :53.78, ft.

MESA LADY (f, 4, Sky Mesa--She's a Lady Cat, by Came Home) Lifetime Record: 8-3-2-1, $55,393. O-Sweet Magnolia Farms LLC; B-Maurice F. Casey (WV); T-Donald W. Shuler. *$9,200 RNA Ylg '14 EASSEP.

8th-HOU, $21,000, (NW2X), Opt. Clm ($25,000), 1-28, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10.20, ft.

WAR RIDE (h, 5, Unbridled's Song--Irish Smoke {GISW, $217,241}, by Smoke Glacken) Lifetime Record: 10-3-0-2, $84,233. O-Regis Racing; B-SF Bloodstock LLC (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen. *$1,100,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP.

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4th-HOU, $20,000, 1-28, (NW1X), 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11.17, ft.

ARCHER CITY (f, 3, Silver City--Pete's Five, by Arch) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, $43,648. O/B-Douglas Scharbauer (TX); T-W. Bret Calhoun.

2nd-HOU, $20,000, 1-29, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:44.94, fm.

PREACHER PREACHER (g, 6, Preachinatthebar--Smart Doll, by Odyle) Lifetime Record: 36-3-4-9, $75,202. O-Morris Thompson, Mindy J. Willis & Steve Bragg; B-Paul J. Rigali (TX); T-Mindy J. Willis. *$3,500 2yo '13 TEXAPR.

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Magic Bow, g, 3, **Crossbow**--Bonnies Magic, by Magic Cat. HOU, 1-29, (S), 6f, 1:13.07. B-James H. Stidham (TX).

Jim's Eagle, c, 3, **Fearless Eagle**--Bumfoojalum, by Grindstone. HOU, 1-29, (S), 6f, 1:12.81. B-Jaime Castellanos (TX).

Samurai City, c, 3, First Samurai--Brilliant City, by City Zip. DED, 1-28, 1m, 1:41.07. B-Wayne Sanders & Larry Hirsh (KY).

Prince Hansen, g, 3, **Hansen**--Quickandquietqueen, by Quiet American. TP, 1-28, 1m (AWT), 1:38.42. B-Kendall E. Hansen, M.D. Racing, LLC (KY). *$85,000 Wlg '14 KEENOV; $100,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP.

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Perfect Come Back, g, 3, **Pleasantly Perfect**--Millie's Quest (GSW & GISP, $171,538), by Quest for Fame (GB). GG, 1-28, 1m (AWT), 1:38.90. B-Jack Swain (KY). *$9,500 Ylg '15 KEESEP.

Conquest Slayer, f, 3, Scat Daddy--Sulis, by Maria's Mon. SUN, 1-29, 5 1/2f, 1:04.30. B-HnR Nothhaft Horseracing LLC (PA). *$130,000 Wlg '14 KEENOV; $210,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP; $43,000 2yo '16 KEENOV.

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Lady Arya, f, 3, Shackleford--American Sulu, by Quiet American. TP, 1-28, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:05.48. B-William D Cubbedge (KY). *$1,000 Ylg '15 FTKOCT.

Mighty Ferrari, f, 3, **Special Rate**--Hermighty, by Uncle Abbie. HOU, 1-28, (S), 6f, 1:11.97. B-Culpepper Stock Company (TX).

Impressive Student, g, 3, **Student Council**--Lark's Impression (SP, $141,133), by Above Normal. FG, 1-29, (S), 7 1/2fT, 1:31.66. B-Moon Lake Equine Center (LA). *$4,000 RNA Ylg '15 BSCYRL.

Dilettante, c, 3, **Unbridled's Song**--Royal Ancestry, by Distorted Humor. OP, 1-29, 1m, 1:38.53. B-Donald R. Dizney, LLC & The Unbridled's Song Syndicate (FL). *$7,000 Ylg '15 FTKOCT.

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Jagged Warrior, c, 3, Warrior's Reward--Rgirldoesn'tbluff (MSW & GSP, $241,270), by Pine Bluff. FG, 1-29, (C), 6f, 1:11.39. B-Woodford Thoroughbreds LLC. (KY). *$58,000 Ylg '15 OBSWIN; $85,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP.

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Kolbyseesgold, c, 4, **Gold Tribute**--Calcasieu, by Five Star Day. HOU, 1-29, 6f, 1:12.89. B-Tommy L. Scott (LA).

+Don't Blame Dexter, c, 4, **My Golden Song**--Don't Blame Wayne, by Wayne's Crane. HOU, 1-28, 1m 70y, 1:45.09. B-Three Feathers Farm (TX). *1/2 to Just Plain Wayne (Mutakddim), SP, $193,793.

Areocentric, g, 4, **Sardegna**--Actcentric, by Noactor. TAM, 1-29, 6f, 1:11.18. B-Bruno Schickedanz (FL).

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MORE THAN READY, THE FREQUENT FLYER

More Than Ready | *Vinery*

By John Berry

It is likely that Danehill (Danzig) will always be considered the King of the Shuttlers. He retired to stud at the right time (1990), just as shuttling was starting to become a relatively mainstream practice. His outstanding success then cemented the position of the shuttle-sire in the bloodstock world. Firstly, he proved himself a champion sire in both hemispheres; subsequently, he turned out to be an outstanding sire of both sires and broodmares worldwide.

To achieve such success in both hemispheres is easier said than done. A stallion needs not only to be able to pass on the wide variety of qualities required in the different racing environments but also, as a regular shuttler, to be physically and mentally able to cope with the rigours of a dual-hemisphere lifestyle. Danehill did just that, though, shuttling annually until his untimely death at the age of 17 in May 2003. While Danehill's light thus shines the most brightly in the shuttling galaxy, other stars have played solid supporting roles. Few, if any, have done so more honourably than the redoubtable 20-year-old **More Than Ready** (Southern Halo), who retired to stud as a 4-year-old in 2001 and who has been commuting between Kentucky and New South Wales each year since then.

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NO RETIREMENT PLANS FOR STAND GUARD

Despite breaking the record for the number of wins achieved on an all-weather surface with **Stand Guard (GB)** (Danehill) trainer John Butler has no intention of allowing the 13-year-old rest up for too long. In winning a mile and a half handicap at Kempton on Saturday Stand Guard posted his 28th win on the all-weather eclipsing the previous record set by Don Cantillon's La Estrella (Theatrical {Ire}) in December of 2015. "He got the record and he's good and fine after the race," reported Butler. "We'll assess him during the week, give him a few easy days and make a plan from there. There are races for him. The handicapper will have a say on Tuesday, and we'll see which bracket he is in, but if he's OK there is every possibility he might run again," Butler added. Bred by Juddmonte Farms, Stand Guard raced only once for Khalid Abdullah and Sir Michael Stoute before being sold at Tattersalls in 2007 for 22,000gns. Since then he has had six different trainers over an 83 race career and his victory on Saturday was his 17th for Butler.

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ARROGATE HEADS HOME

Arrogate (Unbridled's Song), winner of Saturday's GI Pegasus World Cup, began his journey back to his California base Sunday.

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More Than Ready Cont.

Having recently arrived back at WinStar Farm from his southern home at Vinery, he is now readying himself for his 17th consecutive breeding season in his native U.S. To keep thriving on this testing schedule is hard enough in itself; to keep coming up with top-class offspring in both hemispheres is truly remarkable.

Few are better placed to comment on More Than Ready's achievements than Melbourne-based Quentin Wallace, founder and director of International Racehorse Transport (Australia). He explains, "Since I started moving horses around the world in 1967, the two biggest developments that I feel have contributed to the globalisation of the horse industry are the jet plane and the movement of stallions between hemispheres, better known as the stallion shuttle. This started in 1972 when IRT, founded the same year, shuttled Pretendre (GB) (Doutelle {GB}) to New Zealand for Nelson Bunker Hunt. Over the following 45 years, a wide array of stallions have made a total of well over a thousand round trips to New Zealand and Australia with IRT."

More Than Ready's sire son Sebring
Widden Stud

"However, no stallion has been a greater frequent flyer than More Than Ready, who has just completed his sixteenth round trip from the U.S. to Australia," Wallace continued. "To put this in perspective, that is equivalent to circling the globe 16 times, or five round trips more than the all-conquering Danehill made to the Hunter Valley before his untimely loss to the industry."

Wallace added, "Horsemen will tell you that the ability to successfully travel a stallion is heavily dependent upon temperament, and More Than Ready has the best."

Wallace's pertinent observations on More Than Ready's superb temperament explain not only why he has been able to thrive on a regime with which many stallions have struggled, mentally and/or physically. They also provide a clue as to why the hallmark of his stud career has been his ability repeatedly to sire horses tough enough to thrive in any racing environment.

More Than Ready was a very good racehorse, winning seven of his 17 starts during two busy seasons. He was fast enough and tough enough as a juvenile to win five of his seven starts headed by the GII Sandford S. He ran consistently well throughout a 10-race 3-year-old campaign, most notably winning the G1 King's Bishop S. over seven furlongs and finishing fourth to Fusaichi Pegasus (Mr. Prospector) in the GI Kentucky Derby over a mile-and-a-quarter. By the time that he bade farewell to Todd Pletcher's barn, he had demonstrated his versatility and resilience so well that it is easy to understand why he has been able to outperform his more celebrated peers at stud.

Retiring to Vinery in Kentucky in 2001 (at a fee of $25,000), it went without saying that when More Than Ready began to shuttle he would travel to the former Segenhoe Stud in New South Wales. The most historic property in the Hunter Valley, the stud had been renamed Vinery and was in the same ownership as its American namesake. The two properties have both subsequently changed hands, and More Than Ready now spends his northern seasons at WinStar, where he has held court since 2014. However, Vinery in New South Wales has remained his regular southern home. Each year his arrival there is greeted like the homecoming of a king. Vinery's nominations and sales executive Conor Phelan sums up the reverence held by all on the property for their patriarch: "It will be a long time before I work with another stallion as good as he is, both in the barn and on the track. All told, his tally of international Group/Grade 1 success stands at 33 races, won by 21 individual horses spread over seven countries."

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More Than Ready, the Frequent Flyer Cont.

As was the case with Danehill before him, More Than Ready first established his top-level reputation in Australia, where he was an instant success. His first Australian crop contained three Group 1 winners. Carry On Cutie (Aus) landed the G1 Champagne S. over 1600 metres as a 2-year-old; Benicio (Aus) took the G1 Victoria Derby S. over 2500 metres as a spring 3-year-old; and Perfectly Ready (Aus) won the G1 Goodwood H. over 1200 metres that autumn. More Than Ready's merit was thus instantly clear, as was the fact that he possessed the hallmark of a great stallion: he was showing himself to be an influence for class across the distance spectrum, rather than merely suitability for a particular distance. The subsequent years have further emphasised this aspect of his armoury. More Than Ready's most recent Group 1 winner, Prized Icon (Aus), became his father's second VRC Derby hero when scoring at Flemington in the spring. In the process he became his sire's fifth individual Group 1 Derby or Oaks winner in Australasia, along with Dreamaway (Aus), More Than Sacred (Aus) and last season's Queensland Derby hero Eagle Way (Aus). He has twice sired the winners of the Magic Millions 2YO Classic and the G1 Golden Slipper S. in the same season, with Sebring (Aus) completing the double in 2008, while Augusta Proud (Aus) and Phelan Ready (Aus) took the two big prizes the following year. Other top juveniles and sprinters for the stallion include G1 Blue Diamond S. winner Samaready (Aus), while Prized Icon was, prior to taking the VRC Derby, best known for his G1 Champagne S. triumph at two. The pick of More Than Ready's Australian stars, though, is arguably the ultra-tough mare More Joyous (NZ), who showed top-class form for four consecutive seasons before ultimately retiring with eight Group 1 victories to her name, from 1500 metres to 2000 metres.

More Than Ready | *Vinery*

More Than Ready took longer to climb the rankings in the U.S., but his success there has continued to grow. Tellingly, his fee as a 20-year-old is up $10,000 from the $50,000 which he commanded last year, which itself was double his first-season fee. Buster's Reward provided him with his breakthrough first top-level triumph in the U.S. by taking the GI Mother Goose S. in 2011, and since then we have seen the dual Grade I winners Verrazano and Room Service, as well as Regally Ready (winner of 20 races including the GI Nearctic S. and the GII Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint) and Daredevil, plus the 2010 GII Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf S. hero Pluck. More Than Ready's international record has been further enhanced by U.S.-bred Group 1 success in South America, while two of his Australian-bred children have landed Grade 1 races in South Africa.

All told, his tally of international Group/Grade 1 success stands at 33 races, won by 21 individual horses spread over seven countries. Furthermore, he came up with a domestic Group 1 success in Macau last season when Duccio (Aus) landed the Macau Derby, racing as Turquoise Power.

More Than Ready's continued success has further cemented the position in the modern-day bloodstock world of the Hail To Reason sire-line. Few lines have been more synonymous with the ability to produce good, tough horses all the way across the distance spectrum. It has no better advertisement than Sunday Silence (Halo), who was the perfect top-class, tough and ultra-genuine racehorse himself before turning the Japanese bloodstock scene on its head thanks to his ability to sire stock who displayed similar qualities. Along with Sunny's Halo, Sunday Silence was one of two Kentucky Derby winners sired by the impeccably-bred dual U.S. champion sire Halo (Hail To Reason), whose dam Cosmah (Cosmic Bomb) was a half-sister to Northern Dancer's dam Natalma (Native Dancer). The line has also flourished through the 1972 GI Derby S. winner Roberto (Hail To Reason), who produced many excellent sires including the top-class racehorses Silver Hawk, Brian's Time, Real Shadai, Lear Fan and At Talaq, as well as Kris S., Red Ransom and Dynaformer.

More Than Ready has been an outstanding representative of Hail To Reason's line, firstly by displaying and now by passing on both the class and the toughness which have been its hallmarks. He is closely related to another extremely tough horse from the line, his dam Woodman's Girl (Woodman) being a half-sister to GI Del Mar Oaks S. victrix Bail Out Becky (Red Ransom).

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More Than Ready, the Frequent Flyer Cont.

He has thrived so well on his busy regime that one hopes that he still has several years of active service ahead of him, but already his legacy is secure. Sebring continues to do extremely well from his base at Widden, and Perfectly Ready has just sired his first Group 1 winner with Signify (NZ) taking the G1 Telegraph H. over 1200 metres at Trentham. Pluck has a top Australian juvenile this season in the form of G3 Maribyrnong Plate winner Aspect (Aus), while Verrazano (whose oldest offspring are currently yearlings) is clearly an extremely interesting prospect at Ashford Stud in Kentucky. More Than Ready is likely to be similarly influential as a broodmare sire, his daughters already having produced the Group 1 winners Rebel Dane (Aus) (California Dane {Aus}), Luna Rossa (NZ) (Written Tycoon {Aus}), Delectation (Aus) (Shamardal), Miracles Of Life (Aus) (Not A Single Doubt {Aus}) and Atlante (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}).

Verrazano | *Coolmore*

More Than Ready has packed plenty into his 20 years. Hopefully he will be around for several years yet, and his influence looks set to last for decades. WinStar Farm President Elliott Walden perfectly sums the qualities which have made More Than Ready the living legend that he is: "More Than Ready is an exceptional sire because of his ability to work in both hemispheres. I think part of why he has been able to shuttle as long as he has is his temperament, size and balance. He is all class, and is extremely durable. There is none like him."

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Challenges & SOLUTIONS

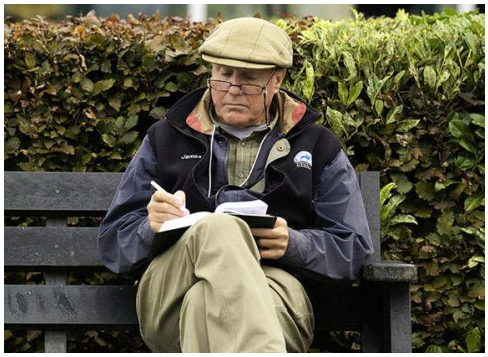
JAMES DELAHOOKE - BLOODSTOCK AGENT

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

JD: I do not believe it is possible to finger a single European problem. The three main racing jurisdictions all have problems none of which are mutual.

1) France has outstandingly the best funded racing in Europe through its Pari Mutuel and the best (only?) breeding programme by zillions. But nobody goes to the track. Attendances are pitiful, resulting in a total lack of excitement and atmosphere.

11) In England, horse racing was the second most attended sport after football (OK - soccer) in 2015 with nearly 6.0m racegoers. That is 10% of our population. But the gambling industry is legally enabled to return very little of its vast profits to racing. So we still run maiden races for £5000, or less.



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111) Ireland is only interested in jump racing. Some of the finest thoroughbreds anywhere trained by world-class trainers and ridden by internationally famous jockeys, regularly compete on The Curragh in front of meagre crowds. While just down the road at Punchestown it is standing room only to see the jumpers passing each other like trucks on the interstate.

Three distinct, individual problems without any solutions on the horizon that I can see.

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

JD: I would take your newcomer to see the birth of a foal. Always a magical event, but then I would explain that this damp, fragile, wobbly newborn animal will, in less than two years, be weighing 800 lbs and galloping at 45 mph. If they are not fascinated by this stage I will not bother with them any more.

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EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS

IN UAE:

Hunters Creek (Ire), g, 6, **Cape Cross (Ire)**--Cinnamon Rose, by Trempolino. Abu Dhabi, 1-29, Hcp., 2400mT, 2:28.19, gd. B-Airlie Stud (Ire). *80,000gns Ylg '12 TATOCT. **1/2 to European (Ire), (Great Commotion), SW-Ire & GSP-US, $142,339; and Chelsea Rose (Ire) (Desert King {Ire}), Hwt. 3yo Filly-Ire at 9 1/2-10 1/2f, G1SW-Ire, G1SP-Ity, $527,260. ***"He did this well enough tonight and these are his favoured conditions," said pilot Royston Ffrench.

All the winners from the ITBA Awards night on Saturday | *ITBA Photo*

WORLDWIDE NEWS

GROUP 1 AIM FOR AROD

Qatar Racing's **Arod (Ire)** (Teofilo {Ire}) is to have his first run of the year in the G1 C F Orr S. at Caulfield Feb. 11. The former Peter Chapple-Hyam trainee is now based with Chris Waller and he has already shown his affinity for Australian racing when finishing second to **Rageese (Aus)** (Street Cry {Ire}) in the G3 L'Oreal Paris S. at Flemington last November. Arod's career highlight in Britain came at Ascot in 2015 when he beat **Lightning Spear (GB)** (Pivotal {GB}) in the G2 Summer Mile S. and he also made the great **Solow (GB)** (Singspiel {Ire}) work hard in the G1 Qatar Sussex S. when beaten just a half-length by the grey two weeks later. Arod's aversion to soft ground was probably a major factor in connection's decision to base him Down Under and that aversion was plain to see when the 6-year-old entire trialled recently at Randwick.

Qatar Racing's Australian manager Geoffrey Faber explained to *Racing And Sports*, "He trialled on Friday in soft ground and he was no good. He hated it and shouldn't have gone around in it but he'll be fine when he gets down here."

Arod | *Racing Post*

Faber confirmed Arod would travel to Melbourne this week and would complete his preparations at Caulfield ahead of the C F Orr. "He's settled in well and he's up to Group 1 form here in Australia," Faber added.

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ARC PLANS FOR JAPANESE STARS

Japanese trainers are already plotting to secure an elusive Japanese victory in the 2017 G1 Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe in nine months time. Both 2016 Japanese Horse of the Year **Kitasan Black (Jpn)** (Black tide {Jpn}) and champion 3-year-old **Satono Diamond (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) will have their 2017 campaigns geared towards a start in the French race. For Kitasan Black, this will mean skipping a trip to Dubai in March for the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic in favour of domestic targets in Japan as a build up for the Arc. Speaking to the *Racing Post* his trainer Hisashi Shimizu said, "I want the Japanese fans to see him racing in Japan. Yes, his target would be the Arc in the fall, but before that, we have to be at the top of Japan in this spring."

Kitasan Black | *JRA Photo*

G1 Japan Cup winner Kitasan Black was beaten last time out by Satono Diamond in the G1 Arima Kinen and his trainer Yasutoshi Ikee revealed his long held belief over Satono Diamond's Arc prospects. "We have decided that the goal of his racing career was the winning of the Arc de Triomphe, before his debut," said Satomi.

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Sunday, Kyoto, Japan

SILK ROAD STAKES-G3, ¥75,260,000

(US$656,267/£521,184/€612,252), Kyoto, 1-29, 4yo/up, 1200mT, 1:07.80, fm.

1--**DANCE DIRECTOR (JPN), 127, h, 7, Aldebaran**

1st Dam: Mother Leaf (Jpn), by Sunday Silence

2nd Dam: Scholarship (Jpn), by Tony Bin (Ire)

3rd Dam: Powerful Lady (Jpn), by Maruzensky (Jpn)

O-Suzuko Ota; B-Fujiwara Bokujo; T-Kazuhide Sasada; J-Yutaka Take; ¥39,462,000. Lifetime Record: 21-7-6-1. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: A+**.

2--**Seiun Kosei (Jpn)**, 121, c, 4, Admire Moon (Jpn)-Observant, by Capote. (¥13,000,000 Ylg '14 JRHAJUL) O-Shigeyuki Nishiyama; B-Sakurai Farm; ¥16,132,000.

3--**Second Table (Jpn)**, 123, h, 5, by Twining-Moka Sunday (Jpn), by Sunday Silence. O-Kazuyoshi Yamagami; B-Ryoichi Kawashima; ¥9,866,000.

Margins: NK, 1HF, NK; Odds: 5.70, 6.00, 17.60.

Also Ran: Hiruno Devaro (Jpn), Rhein Spirit (Jpn), Solveig (Jpn), Earth Sonic (Jpn), Daishin Thunder (Jpn), Bravissimo (Jpn), T M Taiho (Jpn), Nero (Jpn), Chaosmos (Jpn), Blanc Bonheur (Jpn). **Click for the JRA chart and video, for the Racing Post chart or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

Another well-judged hold-up ride this time from Yutaka Take who delivered the 7-year-old entire Dance Director with his challenge inside the last furlong to nab Seiun Kosei close home. Already proven in this grade and indeed the course and trip courtesy of a win in the corresponding race last year, Dance Director had been winless in four starts since that victory but bounced back to form well to show he is still a force despite his advancing years.

Sunday, Tokyo, Japan

NEGISHI STAKES-G3, ¥72,810,000

(US$634,921/£504,256/€592,332), Tokyo, 1-20, 4yo/up, 1400m, 1:23.00, gd.

1--**#@KAFUJI TAKE (JPN), 123, h, 5, Precise End**

1st Dam: Take the Cake (Jpn), by Scan

2nd Dam: Ebisu Mai (Jpn), by Russian Roubles

3rd Dam: Laurel Happy (Jpn), by Tosho Boy (Jpn)

O-Mamoru Kato; B-Hidaka Farm; T-Sachio Yukubo; J-Yuichi Fukunaga; ¥38,567,000. Lifetime Record: 22-7-2-3. *1/2 to Take A Bet (Jpn) (Sakura Bakushin O {Jpn}) SW-Jpn $1,209,795. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: B**.

2--**Best Warrior**, 128, h, 7, by Majestic Warrior-Flirtatious Miss, by Mr.Greeley. O-Yukio Baba; B-Buck Pond Farm, Inc; ¥15,162,000. ($47,000 Wlg '10 KEENOV; $34,000 RNA Ylg '11 FTKJUL; $400,000 2yo '12 OBSMAR)

3--**A Shin Bakken (Jpn)**, 123, h, 5, Johannesburg-A Shin Large C (Jpn), by Symboli Kris S. O-Eishindo Inc.; B-Eishin Farm; ¥9,581,000.

Margins: 1, 2HF, NO; Odds: 2.00, 4.60, 6.60.

Also Ran: King's Guard (Jpn), Nishiken Mononofu (Jpn), Monde Classe (Jpn), Brightline (Jpn), Last Dancer (Jpn), Graceful Leap (Jpn), Love Bullet (Jpn), Blu Miracolo (Jpn), Best Macho, Grape Brandy (Jpn), Tahltan (Jpn), Corin Berry (Jpn), Nobo Baccara (Jpn). **Click for the JRA chart and video, for the Racing Post chart or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

An amazing performance from Kafuji Take, who turned into the home straight last of the 16 runners and at least 12 lengths off the leaders. The colt proceeded to mow down his rivals one by one down the centre of the track and in fairness to the rider, he timed it to perfection as he collared the runner up Best Warrior 50 metres from the line to win a shade cosily by a length. The winner was registering his first stakes win after 21 previous starts, though his previous close fourth to Sound True (Jpn) (French Deputy) in the G1 Champions Cup at Chukyo in December suggested a win like this was well within his reach.

NEW ZEALAND

Sunday's Results:

KARAKA MILLION, NZ$1,000,000

(US$726,500/£578,976/€679,121), Ellerslie, 1-29, 2yo, 1200mT, 1:10.95, gd.

1--**MELODY BELLE (NZ), 120, f, 2, by Commands (Aus)**

1st Dam: Meleka Belle (NZ), by Iffraaj (GB)

2nd Dam: Empress Belle (NZ), by Sir Tristram (Ire)

3rd Dam: Imperial Belle (NZ), by Sovereign Edition (Ire)

(NZ$57,500 Ylg '16 NWZJAN). O-Fortuna Melody Belle Syndicate (Mgr: John Galvin); B-Mrs N M Leicester (NZ); T-Stephen Autridge & Jamie Richards; J-Opie Bosson. NZ$550,000. Lifetime Record: GSP-NZ, 4-2-1-0, $409,589.

2--**Hasahalo (NZ)**, 120, f, 2, Savabeel (Aus)--Halloween (Aus), by Encosta de Lago (Aus). (NZ$110,000 Ylg '16 NWZJAN). O-Go Racing Fright Night Syndicate (Mgr: Albert Bosma); B-Mrs I O'Shea & Waikato Stud Ltd (NZ); T-Stephen McKee. NZ$170,000.

3--**Felton Road (NZ)**, 124, c, 2, Pins (Aus)--Rose Red (NZ), by O'Reilly (NZ). (NZ$20,000 Ylg '16 NWZJAN). O-R Bell, S Doull, T Gillespie, N Greenhaigh, R Mulcaster, E Smythe, P Talyancich, Platinum Events, Sales & Sponsorship Ltd, T Pike & Frontier Bloodstock; B-Waikato Stud Ltd (NZ); T-Tony Pike. NZ$75,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, NK, 1 1/4. Odds: 32.00, 4.10, 4.90.

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Also Ran: Princess Rihanna (NZ), Star Treasure (NZ), Padraig (NZ), Oscar Eight (NZ), Sophie's Choice (NZ), Dijon Bleu (NZ), Gift Of Power (NZ), Waldorf (NZ), Ameridon (NZ), Global Thinking (Aus), Te Amo (Aus).
Scratched: Iffragal (NZ).

The 10th edition of the NZ$1-million Listed Karaka Million, the co-richest race in New Zealand, went the way of 32-1 outsider Melody Belle at Ellerslie Sunday. Dueling with Gift Of Power (NZ) (Power {GB}) to her inside from the bell, the freshly blinkered bay dropped back to sit just in the wake of the leaders as Dijon Bleu (NZ) (Burgundy {NZ}) loomed up on the outside. Sitting a perfect trip, Opie Bosson cut the daughter of the late Commands loose as the field straightened for the rush to the winning post, and she quickly stole a march on the chasing pack, overtaking Gift of Power at the 200-metre mark. Despite the closing efforts of 4-1 co-favourite Hasahalo, she sailed across the wire 1 1/4 lengths to the good. Felton Road rallied to take third, a neck farther back, while co-favourite Padraig (NZ) (Power {GB}) ran sixth, beaten just 3 1/2 lengths.

"This is a great thrill," John Galvin, who manages the Fortuna syndicates, said to *www.nzb.co.nz*. "A lot of existing Fortuna clients are in this horse, but there are some very excited newbies as well. It's fantastic."

Melody Belle | *Darryl Sherer*

"It's a huge buzz," co-trainer Jamie Richards agreed. "Full credit to everyone in the team. David [Ellis] does a great job of buying these horses. We'll all be out there at Karaka tomorrow and trying to buy the next one. The team at home have done a great job with this filly as well, and Opie gave her a great ride. It shows the difference a jockey like him can make in a million-dollar race. I'm thrilled for John as well, he puts a lot into the industry."

Purchased by Ellis of Te Akau Racing for just NZ$57,500 out of the Haunui Farm consignment--which also consigned 2015 Karaka Million winner Hardline (NZ) (Showcasing {GB})--in the New Zealand Bloodstock Premier Sale in 2016, Melody Belle graduated by two lengths when unveiled at Ruakaka Oct. 12. Stepped up immediately into group company, she completed the trifecta behind the aforementioned Gift of Power and Hasahalo in the G2 Challenge S. over 1100 metres at Trentham Dec. 3, but was a troubled eighth behind Felton Road in the course-and-distance Countdown To Karaka 2yo race Jan. 14. The first foal from her dam Meleka Belle, who is a half-sister to G1SP Tsarina Belle (NZ) (Stravinsky) and MGSP Desert Rain (NZ) (Honor Grades), Melody Belle has a year-younger half-sister by O'Reilly (NZ) offered by Haunui Farm as lot 850 during the New Zealand Bloodstock National Yearling Sale Series which commences at Karaka at 10 a.m. local time Monday. **Click for the nzracing.co.nz chart or nzracing.co.nz Video.**
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NZB INSURANCE KARAKA 3YO MILE, NZ$250,000 *(US$181,625/£144,744/€169,780)*, Ellerslie, 1-29, 3yo, 1600mT, 1:35.01, gd.

1--**VOLPE VELOCE (AUS), 120, f, 3, by Foxwedge (Aus)**
1st Dam: Bardego (Aus) (GSW-Aus), by Barathea (Ire)
2nd Dam: Devil's Gold (Aus), by Bellotto
3rd Dam: Lilac Silk (Aus), by Dalmacia (NZ)
(A$120,000 Wlg '14 MGLMAY; NZ$240,000 Ylg '15 NWZJAN). O-D & C Adams, H Allender, K Anderson, M Chubb, P Dixon, R Featherstone, G Mackin, G Richardson, K & L Robinson, M Skilling, P Spiers, B Wong & K Woodmass; B-Mr N Vass (Aus); T-Graham Richardson; J-Michael Coleman. NZ$139,375. Lifetime Record: MGSW-NZ, 7-7-0-0, $208,724. *1/2 to Delago Bolt (Aus) (Delago Brom {Aus}), SW & MGSP-Aus, $410,175.

2--**Heroic Valour (Aus)**, 124, c, 3, Fastnet Rock (Aus)--Myrrh (NZ), by Nassipour. (NZ$400,000 Ylg '15 NWZJAN). O-Te Akau 2015 Breeding Syndicate (Mgr: K W Fenton-Ellis MNZM); B-Katom, Cobra Bloodstock Australia Pty Ltd (Aus); T-Stephen Autridge & Jamie Richards. J-Michael Coleman. NZ$40,000.

3--**Jon Snow (NZ)**,124, c, 3, Iffraaj (GB)--Orinda (NZ), by O'Reilly (NZ). (NZ$65,000 Ylg '15 NWZJAN). O-Zame Partnership; B-R W E Moore (NZ); T-Murray Baker & Andrew Forsman. NZ$18,000.

Margins: NO, HD, 1 1/4. Odds: 5.50, 4.40, 12.90.
Also Ran: Sacred Elixir (NZ), Romancer (NZ), Swissta (NZ), Stephenstihls (NZ), Soldier Field (NZ).
Scratched: Charles Road (Aus).

A winner of the Listed Castletown S. in heavy going at Wanganui as a juvenile in June of 2016, Volpe Veloce landed the lucrative NZB Insurance Karaka 3yo Mile in thrilling fashion Sunday, keeping her perfect record in the process. Sitting fifth well off the fence through the early going the bay began to creep closer with 600 metres to travel. **Cont. p8**

Volpe Veloce (foreground) tags Heroic Valour (c) by a nose, while Jon Snow (rail) fights on for third | *Darryl Sherer*

NZB Insurance Karaka 3YO Mile Cont.

Spun four deep in upper stretch, the 5-1 chance briefly appeared to lack the needed acceleration, but soon took dead aim on stretch leaders Jon Snow and Heroic Valour inside the final 50 metres. Volpe Veloce got up in the last jump to win by a desperate nostril over Heroic Valour, who was a head in front of Jon Snow in third. The 9-5 favourite Sacred Elixir (NZ) (Pour Moi {Ire}) was a further 1 1/4 lengths behind in fourth.

"She was unbeaten coming into this and this was her toughest test," hoop Michael Coleman told *www.nzb.co.nz*. "She had to be good to win today. She was going nicely, but hit a bit of a flat spot when they all sprinted at the corner. I was confident at the 200 [meter mark], but then the other horse [Heroic Valour] fought back strongly."

"I had my eyes closed down the straight," commented a relieved Graham Richardson, who had plucked the Aussie-bred out of the New Zealand Bloodstock Premier Sale from the Lyndhurst Farm draft for NZ$240,000, after selling for A$120,000 as a weanling at the Magic Millions National Weanling Sale. "But she's a filly with a lot of grit. I still don't know how good she is, but she just keeps improving. This is a huge result for our stable, and it's fantastic for her great group of owners. This is what racing's all about."

Resuming where she had left off as a 2-year-old, Volpe Veloce rattled off four straight wins prior to Sunday's test, including a first group victory two back in the G3 Eulogy S. at Awapuni Dec. 10, followed by the G2 Cambridge Stud Eight Carat S. over course and distance as a Karaka warm-up Dec. 26. The G3 Blue Diamond Preview S. heroine Bardego, already responsible for Australian SW & MGSP Delago Bolt (Aus) (Delago Brom {Aus}), foaled a full-brother to Volpe Veloce in 2014 named Raposa Rapida (Aus), who has yet to race, and a full-sister in 2015. She produced a filly by Darley stallion Helmet in the fall of 2016. **Click for the nzracing.co.nz chart or nzracing.co.nz Video.**
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MILERS RECONVENE IN STEWARDS' CUP

by Alan Carasso

The top three finishers from last month's G1 Longines Hong Kong Mile and the last three horses of the year in the region converge Monday at Sha Tin for an intriguing renewal of the G1 Stewards' Cup, the first leg of the older horse Triple Crown.

After nibbling on the fringes over the past two seasons, **Beauty Only (Ire)** (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) has assumed the mantle of Hong Kong's top horse at the 1600 metres. The former Italian galloper was a first-up third in October and was up by a short head in the
G2 Jockey Club Mile Nov. 20 ahead of his half-length success in the International Mile Dec. 11. Trainer Tony Cruz believes there is even better to come.

"The track on International day was a little bit softer and it cut up on the inside--he didn't like that," the conditioner told HKJC's David Morgan. "It wasn't until he got out into firmer ground in the straight that he really appreciated it. The track recently has been quite firm so I think it should suit him better. In that regard, he could improve a bit on his Hong Kong Mile run."

While it can be argued that Beauty Only was at his peak when it mattered, former Horse of the Year **Able Friend (Aus)** (Shamardal) had just one prep heading into the Mile and, though he was punted all the way into 11-5 favoritism, he could do no better than two lengths' sixth after settling at the tail of the field from gate 14. Often unlucky at the draw, he pulled the widest barrier in 12 this time around and it will be up to Joao Moreira to work out a trip.

Stablemate **Helene Paragon (Fr)** (Polan {Fr}) will be having his fifth run of the season on the Chinese New Year program, having been hampered when seventh to Beauty Only in the Jockey Club Mile and when missing by a half-length in the Mile. The 5-year-old entire is in search of better racing luck in the Stewards' Cup beneath Tommy Berry. **Cont. p9**

Beauty Only (right) winning the Hong Kong Mile *HKJC photo*

Milers Reconvene in Stewards' Cup Cont.

"I thought he was unlucky that he didn't make his run at the same time as Beauty Only in the Hong Kong Mile," trainer John Moore commented. "If he'd made the run at the same time, and not got interrupted and lost a length or so by having to divert inside Romantic Touch (Aus) (Northern Meteor {Aus}), he might have won," Moore said.

With a solid effort, Helene Paragon can book his ticket to the G1 Dubai Turf, with Moreira already committed to ride.

The Stewards' Cup also marks the return to action for the Moore-trained **Werther (NZ)** (Tavistock {NZ}), the reigning Horse of the Year. Last year's Hong Kong Derby and G1 Audemars Piguet Queen Elizabeth II Cup hero was injured early in the season and was forced to miss the International races and could be in need of the run Monday. Sam Clipperton takes over at the controls for the first time.

Designs On Rome (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) and **Blazing Speed (GB)** (Dylan Thomas {Ire}) have winning form over a mile, but will be using this, like Werther, as a springboard to the G1 Hong Kong Gold Cup (2000m) Feb. 26.

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Monday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 4:40 p.m.
STEWARDS' CUP-G1, HK$10,000,000 *(£1,025,286/€1,206,358/ A$1,710,333/US$1,289,048)*, 3yo/up, 1600mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Werther (NZ)	Tavistock (NZ)	Clipperton	Moore
2	Sun Jewellery (Aus)	Snitzel (Aus)	Teetan	Size
3	Helene Paragon (Fr)	Polan (Fr)	Berry	Moore
4	Contentment (Aus)	Hussonet	Prebble	Size
5	Giant Treasure	Mizzen Mast	Callan	A Cruz
6	Joyful Trinity (Ire)	Zanzibari	Mosse	Moore
7	Secret Weapon (GB)	Choisir (Aus)	Rawiller	Yip
8	Beauty Flame (Ire)	Foostepsinthesand (GB)	Leung	A Cruz
9	Designs On Rome (Ire)	Holy Romn Emprr (Ire)	Whyte	Moore
10	Blazing Speed (GB)	Dylan Thomas (Ire)	Chadwick	A Cruz
11	Beauty Only (Ire)	Holy Romn Emprr (Ire)	Purton	A Cruz
12	Able Friend (Aus)	Shamardal	Moreira	Moore

All carry 126 pounds.

Monday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 4:40 p.m.
CENTENARY SPRINT CUP-G2, HK$8,000,000 *(£819,758/€964,729/ A$1,367,020/US$1,031,244)*, 3yo/up, 1200mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Not Listenin'tome (Aus)	Dylan Thomas (Ire)	Berry	Moore
2	Blizzard (Aus)	Starcraft (NZ)	Rispoli	Yiu
3	Strathmore (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Schofield	Millard
4	Amazing Kids (NZ)	Falkirk (NZ)	Moreira	Size
5	Aerovelocity (NZ)	Pins (Aus)	Purton	O'Sullivan
6	Lucky Bubbles (Aus)	Sebring (Aus)	Prebble	Lui
7	Merion (NZ)	O'Reilly (NZ)	Leung	D Cruz

All carry 126 pounds.

AUSTRALIAN GROUP 1 RACES – 2016/2017

Date	Race	Track
Feb. 11	C. F. Orr S.	Caulfield
Feb. 18	Lightning S.	Flemington
Feb. 25	Chipping Norton S.	Warwick Farm
	Blue Diamond S.	Caulfield
	Futurity S.	Caulfield
	Oakleigh Plate	Caulfield
Mar. 4	Randwick Guineas	Randwick
	Canterbury S.	Randwick
	Australian Guineas	Flemington
Mar. 11	Coolmore Classic	Rosehill
	Australian Cup	Flemington
	Lexus Newmarket H.	Flemington
Mar. 18	Golden Slipper S.	Rosehill
	George Ryder S.	Rosehill
	Ranvet S.	Rosehill
	The Galaxy S.	Rosehill
	Rosehill Guineas	Rosehill
Mar. 24	William Reid S.	Moonee Valley
Mar. 25	The BMW S.	Rosehill
	Vinery Stud S.	Rosehill
THE CHAMPIONSHIPS		
Apr. 1	Doncaster H.	Randwick
	T. J. Smith S.	Randwick
	ATC Australian Derby	Randwick
	ATC Sires' Produce S.	Randwick
Apr. 8	Queen Elizabeth S.	Randwick
	Sydney Cup	Randwick
	ATC Oaks	Randwick
	Queen of the Turf S.	Randwick
Apr. 15	All Aged S.	Randwick
	Champagne S.	Randwick
May 6	Schweppes Oaks	Morphettville
	UBET Classic	Morphettville
May 13	BTC Cup	Doomben
	SA Derby	Morphettville
May 20	Doomben Cup	Doomben
	The Goodwood	Morphettville
May 27	Doomben 10,000	Doomben
June 3	Queensland Oaks	Eagle Farm
June 10	Stradbroke H.	Eagle Farm
	J. J. Atkins	Eagle Farm
	Queensland Derby	Eagle Farm
June 24	Tattersall's Tiara	Eagle Farm