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## GIRVIN, FARRELL WELL AFTER SATURDAY SCORES



Girvin wins the Risen Star | Hodges photo

Brad Grady's **Girvin** (Tale of Ekati) and Coffeepot Stables' **Farrell** (Malibu Moon) exited their respective wins in the GII Risen Star S. and GII Rachel Alexandra S. at the Fair Grounds Saturday in fine condition, their connections reported Sunday. Earning 50 points each for their wins, Girvin now sits atop the GI Kentucky Derby qualifying standings, while Farrell tops the GI Kentucky Oaks leaderboard with 70 points.

Girvin, conditioned by Joe Sharp, bounced out of the race in good order and returned to the track to jog Sunday morning. The dark bay, who notched his first stakes success in just his third career start Saturday, will now be pointed to the GII Twinspires.com Louisiana Derby Apr. 1, according to Sharp.

Farrell, meanwhile, added the second graded stakes victory of her career in the Rachel Alexandra. The Wayne Catalano trainee captured the GII Golden Rod S. at Churchill Downs Nov. 26, kicking off a three-race winning streak that also included the Jan. 21 Silverbulletday S. in New Orleans.

"She came out of the race great," Catalano told the *TDN* on a Sunday afternoon phone call. "It looked like it was a great performance by her. We're very happy with her, and it's great news."

**Cont. p3**

## GULFSTREAM DEBUT FOR Q BAR J

by Jessica Martini

Jenn and Quincy Adams's Q Bar J Thoroughbreds has been in operation for just three years, but has already enjoyed success in the sales ring and on the racetrack. The operation will look to take another step forward Wednesday when it offers its first consignment at the Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream Sale.

"A lot of buyers like to see the horses perform on dirt," Quincy Adams said of the decision to sell at Gulfstream this year. "This is the premier 2-year-old sale, so we decided we should sell here."

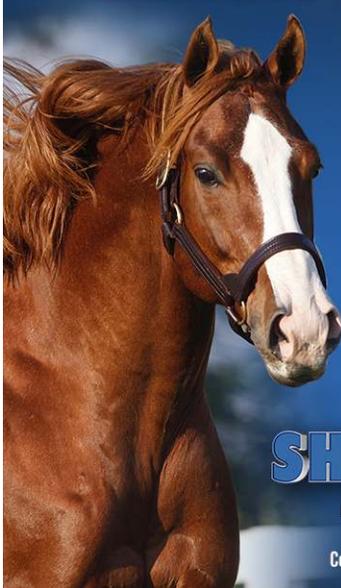
While the Adamses do take on outside clients, Q Bar J Thoroughbreds is primarily a pinhooking venture and the couple shopped the yearling auctions last season with the Gulfstream sale in mind. **Cont. p3**

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**IN THEIR FOOTSTEPS: ANNE ARCHER HINKLE**

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## Girvin, Farrell Exit Saturday Scores Well

(cont. from p1)

Catalano said he has seen tangible improvement in each of his filly's efforts--something he hopes will continue as she takes the next step towards the May 5 Kentucky Oaks.



**Farrell and Wayne Catalano**

Michael Adolphson

"She's maturing," Catalano continued, adding that Farrell should logically make her next start in the Apr. 1 GII Fair Grounds Oaks. "She's doing everything just like we want her to."

Trainer Steve Asmussen also reported that **Untrapped** (Trappe Shot) and **Local Hero** (Hard Spun), second and third in the Risen Star, respectively, behind

Girvin, emerged from the race in "excellent" shape. Local Hero set the early pace in the clear and was caught late by his stablemate to fill out the exacta Saturday.

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## Gulfstream Debut for Q Bar J (cont. from p1)



**Quincy Adams** | Joe DiOrio photo

"We were looking for quality," Adams said. "We wanted a super individual with enough sire power not to be overshadowed in the catalogue."

Q Bar J Thoroughbreds will offer a five-horse consignment at the Gulfstream sale, with colts by Union Rags ([hip 4](#)); Uncle Mo ([hip 43](#)); Into Mischief ([hip 104](#)); and Flat Out ([hip 150](#)), as well as a filly by Orb ([hip 112](#)).

### GI Kentucky Derby Future Wager - Final Odds, Pool 3

1. Always Dreaming (Bodemeister) 42-1
2. American Anthem (Bodemeister) 16-1
3. Battalion Runner (Unbridled's Song) 34-1
4. Classic Empire (Pioneerof the Nile) 11-1
5. El Areeb (Exchange Rate) 20-1
6. Epicharis (Jpn) (Gold Allure {Jpn}) 41-1
7. Gormley (Malibu Moon) 18-1
8. Guest Suite (Quality Road) 60-1
9. Gunnevera (Dialed In) 22-1
10. Iliad (Ghostzapper) 24-1
11. Irish War Cry (Curlin) 7-1
12. Local Hero (Hard Spun) 72-1
13. Malagacy (Shackleford) 53-1
14. Mastery (Candy Ride {Arg}) 8-1
15. McCracken (Ghostzapper) 6-1
16. Mo Town (Uncle Mo) 27-1
17. One Liner (Into Mischief) 12-1
18. Petrov (Flatter) 73-1
19. Practical Joke (Into Mischief) 19-1
20. Royal Mo (Uncle Mo) 36-1
21. State of Honor (To Honor and Serve) 99-1
22. Tapwrit (Tapit) 22-1
23. Wild Shot (Trappe Shot) 99-1
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Q Bar J Thoroughbreds received a timely update ahead of the Gulfstream sale when Dominating Woman (Dominus) streaked home to graduate by 7 1/2 lengths at Santa Anita Saturday. The operation sold the filly ([hip 365](#)) for \$50,000 at the OBS March sale last year.

That racetrack success follows on the heels of a pair of standout results at the OBS April Sale. Q Bar J sold a filly by Quality Road ([hip 1214](#)) for \$775,000 last April, a year after selling a colt by Giant's Causeway ([hip 898](#)) for \$560,000 at the Ocala auction. The colt was a \$75,000 purchase by Q Bar J at the 2014 OBS August Sale, while the filly was a \$112,000 Keeneland November purchase in 2014 and was sold on behalf of Machmer Hall.

While the Q Bar J Thoroughbreds name might be new, Quincy Adams is anything but new to the pinhooking game. Adams is a son of pinhooking pioneer J. L. Gladwell.

"I've been in the business my whole life," he admitted.

Q Bar J Thoroughbreds is well on its way to building its own name recognition, according to Adams.

"We have a good reputation as people who sell a sound product, a horse that people can go right on with and have luck," Adams said.

The under-tack show for the Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream Sale will be held Monday beginning at 10 a.m. The auction will be held Wednesday in the Gulfstream Park paddock beginning at 4 p.m.

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## IN THEIR FOOTSTEPS: ANNE ARCHER HINKLE

by Carly Silver

**Editor's Note: In Their Footsteps is an ongoing series on people who have followed their parents into the horse racing industry.**

Over the centuries, many families have put down roots in Kentucky, but few boast such a deep connection as the eponymous residents of Hinkle Farms, located in Paris. Kentuckians for over 200 years, the clan has grown into a family tree with many successful branches. Its latest offshoot, 27-year-old Anne Archer Hinkle, has donned the equine mantle as director of bloodstock services for Hinkle Farms.

Anne was quick to note that the property hasn't always had horses, but it's always had Hinkles.

"My great-grandfather, Catesby Spears, bought the farm in 1926, and he used the farm for a lot of things and one of the things that he did was grow bluegrass seed," Hinkle recalled.

Spears left the land to Anne Archer's paternal grandmother, Sally Spears Hinkle, and her husband Buckner. They raised three boys on the farm, including its current co-owners, Anne Archer's father, Tom, and her uncle Henry.

"My grandfather wanted to spark his sons' interest somehow

and he wanted to try to encourage them to get involved in some aspect with farming and land," Hinkle said. "So he went to Keeneland in the mid-'60s and bought two mares, and so it started. I guess you could say Papa started off as the first generation of horsemen."

By the 1990s, Henry and Tom had grown Hinkle Farms, which currently occupies about 1100 acres--440 of which are solely devoted to horses--into a successful boarding, breeding, and sales operation.

Always an animal lover, Hinkle has felt a deep connection to the farm, though she only lived there as a child, pitching in to help with work during the summers. She later attended boarding school in North Carolina before going to college at New York University and Centre College in Danville, Kentucky. After graduating in 2012 and deciding against enrollment in veterinary school, she expressed an interest in returning to her roots.

She received the green light from her father and uncle, and has been a full-time employee at the farm since January 2014. Her first task? To identify young prospective broodmares for the farm to purchase or claim, breed, and later pinhook. Once that market saw a decline in profitability, Hinkle's role "shifted and morphed" into one that involves many different responsibilities, which differ from month to month.

Although each task is a team effort, Hinkle specializes in facilitating farm communication.

"[It's] tricky in any business at all, but especially when you've got a team of guys taking care of dozens of horses," she said.

During the fall and winter, her responsibilities range from supervising equine health records to deciding matings for the upcoming year. Once the November breeding sales are over, it's time for the annual budget; this past year, it meant working on a clearer biosecurity protocol.



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Hinkle also works with the broodmare band. Currently numbering 35 to 40 horses--about 30 of whom the Hinkles own--these mares produced some of 2016's most talented runners, including Seeking Gabrielle, dam of 2015 champion juvenile colt and 2016 GI Kentucky Derby winner Nyquist (Uncle Mo). Currently in foal to War Front, the Forestry mare will visit leading sire Tapit in 2017. There's also Madame du Lac (Lemon Drop Kid) and Crosswinds (Storma Cat), respective dams of the Grade I winners Divisidero and Weep No More--both of whom achieved Grade I success in 2016.

Nyquist, in particular, has made the past two years quite thrilling.

"I felt like I had just won the Breeders' Cup and the Derby," Hinkle enthused. "It was just the most incredible thing. And I'm kind of a crier about happy things, and we were all just crying and happy, and it was probably me crying."

Dennis O'Neill, who bought Nyquist for owner Reddam Racing, invited Anne Archer and her then-fiance to watch the Uncle Mo colt train at Keeneland.

"Even though we really didn't have a part in what he had done, they were so nice about making us feel like we were a part of it," she said, clearly beaming with pride.

And in between Grade I wins, Hinkle has created a new legacy of her own; she got married in June of last year, and hopes to continue in her father's footsteps.

She concluded, "I feel really fortunate, because my dad has always worked with his brothers, and we all know that they get along so well and they've done so well working together...They were nice enough to let me tag along and it's been really, really great."

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## EL AREEB HAS FINAL GOTHAM TUNE-UP

M M G Stables' 'TDN Rising Star' El Areeb (Exchange Rate) posted his final workout ahead of the Mar. 4 GIII Gotham S. Sunday morning at Laurel Park, breezing five furlongs under regular rider Trevor McCarthy in 1:00.80--the fastest of eight moves at the distance [\[video\]](#).

"We're delighted," Lynch said after observing the drill. "It was a very good work this morning. He came back good and scoped good and went right in his feed tub. So far, all systems are a go."

El Areeb graduated in his third career start at Laurel in October and earned black-type with an authoritative wire-to-wire victory



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in the six-furlong James F. Lewis III S. there Nov. 19. He kicked off his sophomore season with a facile 11 1/4-length romp in Aqueduct's GIII Jerome S. Jan. 2 and kept the ball rolling with a similarly powerful 4 1/4-length tally in the Feb. 4 GIII Withers S., setting him up for his third trip to Ozone Park next Saturday. Sunday's work was the gray's second since his most recent triumph.

"The track wasn't as fast as it was last week and he still went in a minute and change," Lynch continued. "That's the way he is.

He's going to work quick whenever he thinks he's going to do something with Trevor, but he did it all in hand. He galloped out in 1:13 all the way back around to the three-eighths pole. He's in good form and the horse is doing well--that's why we're going ahead and decided we'd take a shot at the Gotham rather than wait any longer. You have to go ahead and run them when they're good."

Lynch said El Areeb will depart for New York following his Friday morning training session.

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**Sunday's Results:**

**2nd-GP, \$38,000, Msw, 2-26, 3yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:05.38, ft.**  
**+SPICE LADY (f, 3, [Speightstown--My American Girl {SP}](#), by [Quiet American](#))** took all the play for her debut and rewarded her backers by overcoming a slow start to register an off-the-pace score at Gulfstream. Coming in off a bullet gate breeze at Palm Beach Downs in :50 flat (1/8) Feb. 20, the chestnut was backed to 6-5 favoritism and broke a length or two slowly from her rail draw. Hustled up the backstretch by John Velazquez to travel fourth behind a :22.94 quarter, Spice Lady ranged up to challenge four-deep at the five-sixteenths pole and swept to the lead at the top of the stretch before beating back a resilient Afleet Tizzy (Tizway) by three-quarters of a length. The winner is a full to Speightcity, GSP, \$235,591. Her second dam is GSW My Girl Jeannie (Hostage). Sales History: \$140,000 Wlg '14 KEENOV; \$150,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$22,800. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

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**7th-GP, \$38,000, Msw, 2-26, 3yo, 5fT, :55.96, fm.**  
**MONGO NATION (c, 3, [Speightstown--Ciao {MSW & MGSP, \\$292,718}](#), by [Lear Fan](#))** was third on debut Aug. 24 at Saratoga and filled the same slot at Kentucky Downs Sept. 15. Returning here Feb. 5, he finished a dull eighth as the favorite. Dismissed at 13-1 this time around, the \$140,000 KEESEP buy pressed the pace from second through a :21.93 quarter, edged in front after turning for home and inched clear by the eighth pole en route to a 3/4-length graduation over favored Storm Team (Candy Ride {Arg}). Ciao's most recent produce is a juvenile colt by Animal Kingdom named Untamed Domain and she was bred to Declaration of War last season. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-2, \$44,480. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

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**12th-GP, \$38,000, Msw, 2-26, 3yo, 1 3/16mT, 1:53.66, fm.**  
**MAKARIOS (c, 3, [Giant's Causeway--Blissful, by Mr. Prospector](#))** showed some late interest when checking in seventh on debut Aug. 6 at Saratoga and finished full of run to be second at 19-1 here Jan. 22 before fading to sixth on the local dirt Feb. 4. Let go at 11-2 in this return to turf, the \$200,000 KEESEP grad was reluctant to load, but came away well to track from third through a hot :22.49 quarter. Remaining within striking range down the backside, the chestnut went all in nearing the top of the stretch and burst clear into the lane, never being threatened thereafter in a two-length success. Im the Captain Now (Trappe Shot) ran on well to be second-best. Makarios's dam is a full-sister to 2000 GI Kentucky Derby hero Fusaichi Pegasus, while second dam Angel Fever (Danzig) is a full to 1992 GI Preakness S. victor Pine Bluff. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$30,732. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Mossarosa; B-Commonwealth (KY); T-Nicholas P. Zito.

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# NEW YORK

**Sunday's Results:**

**8th-AQU, \$57,000, (S), Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 2-26, 3yo, 6f, 1:12.28, ft.**

**BLUE BELT (g, 3, [Bluegrass Cat--Gins Majesty {GSW, \\$210,431}](#) by [Go for Gin](#))** dueled on the pace after a slow start and finished third in his track-and-trip debut Dec. 10 before cruising by 7 1/2 lengths to break his maiden adding Lasix here Jan. 28. Stalking from third as the 17-10 chalk through a :22.60 quarter in this spot, the bay swept to the lead three-deep at the five-sixteenths marker and kicked away strongly in the lane to another rout, this time by six lengths. Formal Start (Jump Start) came from last to get second at 27-1. The winner is a half to Super Majesty (Super Saver), GSW, \$166,760. His dam, a half to GI Breeders' Cup Sprint hero Dancing in Silks (Black Minnaloushe), has a juvenile Overanalyze colt named Hung Over On Gin and a yearling colt by Pioneerof the Nile. She was bred to Carpe Diem last spring. Sales History: \$27,000 RNA Ylg '15 FTKOCT; \$115,000 2yo '16 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$72,700. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Carolyn Wilson; B-WinStar Farm, LLC (NY); T-Larry Rivelli.

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**6th-AQU, \$60,000, Msw, 2-26, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:12.27, ft.**  
**+NOCTURNAL MISSION (f, 3, [Midnight Lute](#)--Boom Town Sally {SP, \$150,430}, by Yes It's True)** showed a strong gate work going a half-mile in :48 1/5 (6/71) Feb. 19 on the Belmont training track and was given a 22-5 chance to graduate first out. Stalking from fourth through splits of :23.23 and :47.09, the \$200,000 OBS March buy surged by pace player Hexameter (Northern Afleet) inside the sixteenth pole and held off the inside charge of Cosi Bella (Ghostzapper) to prevail by a hard-fought head. Hexameter finished another nose back in third. The victress has a 2-year-old half-sister by City Zip and her dam was bred to Girolamo last spring. Sales History: \$50,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$36,000. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).  
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 B-Robert McCann & Bart Mahan (KY); T-William I. Mott.

**BLACKWOOD GRADUATE**



Jockey Albin Jimenez, 25, hit the 1,000 career win mark Saturday night at Turfway Park after riding Zarman to a gate-to-wire victory in the fourth race. "It's very exciting," the Panama native said. "I want to thank God first, and [trainer] Wesley [Ward] for the opportunity. I know when I ride Wesley's horses, they have a shot, so I thought it was possible in this race with this horse." | *Coady*

**KENTUCKY**

**Saturday Night's Results:**

**8th-TP, \$20,400, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 2-25, 3yo, f, 1m (AWT), 1:38.79, ft.**

**GILDED LILY (f, 3, [Speightstown](#)--Handpainted {MSW & GISP, \$435,406}, by A.P. Indy)**, a 5 1/4-length debut winner going 6 1/2 furlongs here Feb. 9, was pounded down to 40 cents on the dollar to make it two consecutive wins Saturday evening. Rank while in midpack traveling into the clubhouse turn, the sophomore soon tugged her way up to the head of affairs and seized command after a glacial first quarter in :25.11. Just ahead of Que Hansen (Hansen) turning for home, she began to edge away by the quarter pole, kicked farther clear inside the final 50 yards and crossed the wire 2 3/4 lengths in front. Que Hansen ran second. The winner is a half to Patena (Seeking the Gold), SW& GSP, \$136,551; and Oil Painting (Distorted Humor), MSP, \$256,466. Handpainted, second in the GI Selene S. during her racing days and a full-sister to GSW Serenading, is out SW & GISP Daijin (Deputy Minister). Handpainted foaled a filly by Distorted Humor in 2016. Sales history: \$210,000 Wlg '14 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$23,340. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).  
 O-Tracy Farmer; B-Hill 'N' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc. & N.E.T.P. (KY); T-Michael J. Maker.

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**CENTRAL U.S.**

**Sunday's Results:**

**8th-OP, \$75,000, Alw (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 2-26, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:44.63, ft.**

**SECRET PASSAGE (c, 4, [Curlin](#)--Sweet Eloise {SP, \$104,843}, by Sky Classic)** captured the first two starts of his career with a strong closing kick in the fall of 2015 and was fourth in the Prelude S. Aug. 6 at Louisiana Downs before dropping one spot in the Gill Oklahoma Derby Sept. 25 at Remington. Coming in off a track-and-trip second Jan. 21, the chestnut was given a 24-5 chance here and dropped out to travel in seventh behind pacesetter Allidoisdreamofyou (Street Sense) through sharp splits of :23.16 and :46.41. Starting to advance after three quarters in 1:11.68, Secret Passage swung out into the seven-path at the top of the lane and flew home in the final furlong to inhale the leaders late and score going away by 1 1/2 lengths. The frontrunner held on for second in a good effort. The victor is a half to Don Dulce (Maria's Mon), SW, \$676,480; Sweet Relish (Smoke Glacken), SW & GSP, \$196,630; and Wherethewestbegins (Gone West), GSP, \$179,769. His second dam Ms. Eloise (Nasty and Bold) was a MGISW. Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-1, \$122,519. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).  
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**7th-FG, \$42,000, Alw (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 2-26, 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2ft, 1:03.32, fm.**

**NOBODY'S FAULT (f, 4, [Blame](#)--[Appealing Storm](#), by [Valid Appeal](#))**, forced to steady when fifth in the Oct. 21 GIII Valley View S. routing over the Keeneland grass Oct. 21, was transferred from the barn of Chris Block to Neil Pessin and filled the same spot in an optional claimer here Dec. 1. She tired to ninth after stalking the pace in the Pago Hop S. going a mile here Dec. 31 and was tabbed an 11-1 shot in this turn back in trip. Last through the early stages, the 4-year-old wove in between horses leaving the far turn and, fanned six deep in upper stretch, she ground her way past all comers to post a half-length victory. Five Hearts (Langfuhr) ran second. The winner is a half-sister to Vacare (Lear Fan), GISW, \$1,269,086; Single Solution (Flatter), GSW, \$199,439; and Abtaal (Rock Hard Ten), GSW-Fr, \$338,959. [Appealing Storm](#) last two foals are both by Malibu Moon--a juvenile colt and a yearling filly. Sales history: \$120,000 RNA Ylg '14 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 7-3-0-0, \$65,470. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O/B-Lothenbach Stables, Inc. (KY); T-Neil L. Pessin.

#### Saturday Night's Results:

**MAXXAM GOLD CUP S.**, \$100,000, HOU, 2-25, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:49.88, ft.

1--**#IRON FIST, 118, h, 5, [Tapit](#)--[Successful Outlook](#) (GSW, \$110,720), by [Orientate](#)**. (\$1,550,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP). O-Stonestreet Stables LLC & Regis Racing; B-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd. (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen; J-Iram Vargas Diego. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: GISP, 16-5-4-2, \$539,799. \*Full to Anchor Down, MGSW & GISP, \$734,254; 1/2 to Sweet Lulu (Mr. Greeley), GISW, \$693,600.

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2--**Fear the Cowboy**, 123, h, 5, Cowboy Cal--Whom Shall I Fear, by Soto. (\$1,500 Ylg '13 FTKFEB; \$145,000 RNA 4yo '16 FTKHRA). O-Kathlee Amaya & Raffaele Centofanti; B-University of Kentucky (KY); T-Efren Loza, Jr. \$20,000.

3--**Money Flows**, 116, g, 6, Malibu Moon--Words of War, by Lord At War (Arg). (\$130,000 Ylg '12 KEESEP). O-Columbine Stable LLC.; B-Malibu Farm, LLC (KY); T-Albert M. Stall, Jr. \$11,000.

Margins: 2 3/4, 1 3/4, 1. Odds: 1.70, 4.30, 3.10.

Also Ran: Salsa's Return, Raagheb, Witt Six, Tiger of Wales, King of New York, Albano, Phantom Trip. Scratched: Financial Modeling.

Iron Fist, placed in four graded stakes coming into Saturday night, got his first black-type win in this Sam Houston feature. A close second in the GIII Ack Ack S. Oct. 1 at Churchill, the gray was a disappointing sixth in the GII Fayette S. Oct. 29 at Keeneland before rebounding with a game optional claiming

tally back under the Twin Spires Nov. 27. Coming in off a fourth-place effort in the muddy Louisiana S. Jan. 21 at Fair Grounds, Iron Fist was made the public's choice in here and dueled for command with Money Flows from the outset. Finally starting to edge away from that pesky rival approaching the sixteenth pole, he drew clear late to score a convincing victory. Fear the Cowboy ran on for second. The winner has an unraced sophomore half-brother by To Honor and Serve named King Power and his dam produced another colt by Tapit last spring. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#).

**TEXAS HERITAGE S.**, \$50,000, HOU, 2-25, 3yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:45.67, fm.

1--**#TACO, 117, c, 3, [Gio Ponti](#)--[That's Life](#) (Mex), by [King Cugat](#)**. (\$52,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEESEP). O-Kathlee Amaya, Raffaele Centofanti & Daniel Alonso; B-Rose Hill Farm (KY); T-Efren Loza, Jr.; J-Jesus M. Rios. \$30,000. Lifetime Record: 4-4-0-0, \$82,800.

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2--**Tiz a Melody**, 122, g, 3, [Tizway](#)--Meadow Melody, by Meadowlake. (\$38,000 Ylg '15 FTKOCT; \$34,000 RNA 2yo '16 OBSAPR). O-Stiletto & Spurs; B-Peter J. Shepell (OH); T-Mike R. Neatherlin. \$10,000.

3--**Fast Talkin Man**, 118, g, 3, Oratory--Dancingwithfortune, by Festival of Light. O/B-Born To Run LLC, Marietta Burks & Betty & Carl Davis (TX); T-Danny Pish. \$5,500.

Margins: 1HF, 1 1/4, 4 1/4. Odds: 0.70, 5.20, 14.40.

Also Ran: Valentine Street, Spring for Gold, Moojab Jr, Smooth Flight, Phat Man, Kielbasa, Witt's Town. Scratched: Blanco Grande.

Taco scored at first asking in a Gulfstream \$30,000 maiden tagger over five grassy panels last July and rolled by 7 1/4 lengths there in an optional claimer Aug. 12. He made his 3-year-old bow a winning one, taking a Fair Grounds grass sprint by a half-length Feb. 11 and was heavily favored to maintain his unbeaten record. Near the tail of the field through the early going, Taco surged in between horses through three-quarters in 1:16.31, took dead aim on Tiz a Melody in midstretch and ground determinedly past in the final sixteenth of a mile for the victory. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#).

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**Sunday's Results:**

**MINE THAT BIRD DERBY**, \$100,000, SUN, 2-26, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:43.12, ft.

1--**CONQUEST MO MONEY**, 122, 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: MSW, 3-3-0-0, \$132,900.

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2--**Irap**, 122, c, 3, [Tiznow](#)--Silken Cat, by Storm Cat. (\$140,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEESEP; \$300,000 2yo '16 OBSMAR). O-Reddam Racing LLC; B-Aaron & Marie Jones (KY); T-Doug F. O'Neill. \$22,000.

3--**Oh So Regal**, 122, c, 3, Sidney's Candy--Oh So Nice, by Smart Strike. (\$70,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEESEP; \$18,000 2yo '16 KEENOV). O-Judge Lanier Racing; B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-Miguel L. Hernandez. \$10,000.

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Margins: 2, 2, 2 3/4. Odds: 1.30, 1.00, 19.10.

Also Ran: Wine N Divine, Underwood, General Council, Conquest Crown Me, Carlson. Scratched: Totality.

Conquest Mo Money scored a wire-to-wire win in the Mine That Bird Derby at Sunland to remain undefeated. A neck victor



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dictated terms through solid splits of :22.78, :46.33 and 1:11.33. Race favorite Irap (Tiznow) appeared to have dead aim on the leader nearing the top of the stretch, but was turned back by the eighth pole as Conquest Mo Money strode clear once again to score by 1 1/2 lengths in 1:43.12. The winner's unraced dam

despite a wide trip here first out Jan. 6, the bay doubled up with an 11-length romp at nearly 14-1 in the Riley Allison S. Jan. 29. Breaking sharply as the narrow 13-10 second choice, Conquest Mo Money

is a half to Canadian champion Serenading (A.P. Indy), while his second dam is a SW/GISP full-sister to MGISW Touch Gold and a half to Canadian Horse of the Year With Approval (Caro {Ire}). Stirring is responsible for a 2-year-old Mission Impazible filly and was bred back to that sire last spring. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

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**ISLAND FASHION S.**, (NB) \$75,000, SUN, 2-26, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:36.18, ft.

1--**MOPOTISM**, 117, f, 3, by [Uncle Mo](#)

**1st Dam: Peppy Rafaela**, by Bernardini

**2nd Dam: Peppy Lapeau**, by French Deputy

**3rd Dam: Peppy Raja**, by Raja Baba

(\$135,000 Wlg '14 KEENOV; \$200,000 Ylg '15 FTSAUG; \$300,000 2yo '16 FTFMAR). O-Reddam Racing LLC; B-Frank T Batten (KY); T-Doug F. O'Neill; J-Mario Gutierrez. \$45,000. Lifetime Record: GISP, 6-2-2-1, \$165,000.

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**Hidden Brook Sales Graduate**

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2--**Kell Paso**, 122, 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. \$16,500.

3--**Sippin**, 122, f, 3, Swissle Stick--Samba Queen, by Giant's Causeway. O/B-R. D. Hubbard (NM); T-Todd W. Fincher. \$7,500.

Margins: 3/4, 7HF, 4. Odds: 0.30, 7.40, 4.50.

Also Ran: Mattie Ross, Lady, Conquest Slayer, We've Got to Talk, Imsortaspecial, I'm Patriotic. Scratched: Old Fashioned Gal, Golden Mischief.

Mopotism ran third at 33-1 in the GI Starlet S. Dec. 10 at Los Alamitos as a maiden and promptly graduated Dec. 30 at Santa Anita before finishing a distant second behind division leader and 'TDN Rising Star' Unique Bella (Tapit) in the GII Las Virgenes S. Feb. 5 in Arcadia. Off with all the money on in this spot, the bay broke on top and stalked the pace of a headstrong leader through strong splits of :22.85 and :46.16. Sidling up to the leader passing the three-furlong pole, the favorite soon moved by that foe in tandem with Kell Paso and those two hooked up in the stretch, with Mopotism starting to do the better work at the sixteenth pole and prevailing late. The victress is the first foal out of a half to MGSW Songster. She has a 2-year-old filly by Curlin who sold for \$225,000 as a Fasig-Tipton Saratoga yearling, and she produced a filly by Animal Kingdom last spring before visiting Distorted Humor. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

# CALIFORNIA

**Sunday's Results:**

**TIZNOW S.**, \$100,690, SA, 2-26, (S), 4yo/up, 1m, 1:35.95, ft.  
 1--**AVANTI BELLO, 122, h, 5, [Include](#)--Masterful Lass, by Mizzen Mast.** (\$27,000 RNA Ylg '13 BAROCT). O-S. Keh, J. Richardson, P. Suarez, T. Roberts & Wonderland Racing Stables; B-Lou Neve (CA); T-Doug F. O'Neill; J-Flavien Prat. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: MSW, 23-6-3-6, \$413,416.

2--**Grazen Sky, 120, h, 5, Grazen--Sky Marni, by Sky Mesa.**  
 O/B-Nicholas B. Alexander (CA); T-Sтивен Miyadi. \$20,000.

3--**Solid Wager, 120, g, 6, Birdonthewire--G Ma, by Valid Wager.**  
 (\$3,000 Ylg '12 BAROCT). O-Gary & Cecil Barber & Stanford Stable; B-Madera Thoroughbreds LLC (CA); T-Peter Miller. \$12,000.

Margins: 1 3/4, HF, 1. Odds: 3.00, 6.30, 2.60.

Also Ran: Acceptance, Magic Mark, Patriots Rule, Indygo Holiday.

Avanti Bello, who upset this event at 13-1 with a career-best effort last May, had only found the winner's circle once since, and came in off a distant seventh in the GII San Antonio S. Feb. 7. Let go as the second choice to defend his title, the bay stalked from second through moderate fractions of :24.12 and :47.38. Drawing on even terms just inside the quarter pole, Avanti Bello put away the pacesetter by the eighth pole and inched clear to score over late-running Grazen Sky, with favored Solid Wager checking in third. The winner's dam produced a filly by Munnings Feb. 15. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

**1st-SA, \$53,265, Msw, 2-26, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f (off turf), 1:16.13, ft.**

**GIANT INFLUENCE (g, 4, [Giant's Causeway](#)--Sindy With an S {GSW, \$330,959}, by Broken Vow)** reported home third sprinting over the dirt here in May of last year, and showed mild late interest to take fifth in his turf bow locally a month later in his final start for trainer Ted West. Missing since, the chestnut was gelded in October and lined up as the slight 4-5 crowd's pick coming off the eight-month layoff Sunday. Pressing from a two wide second in this rained off affair, the 4-year-old set out after the pacesetter and reeled him in shortly after a :44.44 half mile. Kicking away from there, Giant Influence crossed the wire 4 1/4 lengths to the good of Street to Indy (Street Sense). A half-brother to GIII La Jolla H. runner-up I'll Wrap It Up (Tapit), \$201,517; and GIII Torrey Pines S. third-place finisher Rattataptap (Tapit), \$163,886; Giant Influence has a 3-year-old half-sister named My Miss Tapit (Tapit) who has yet to race and a 2015 To Honor and Serve half-brother named Rivington. GIII

Safely Kept Breeders' Cup S. heroine Sindy With an S was covered once again by Tapit last spring. Sales history: \$170,000 Ylg '14 KESEEP. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$40,240. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O-Gulliver Racing LLC; B-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd. (KY); T-Peter Eurton.

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**STAKES RESULTS:**

**CURRIBOT H.**, \$75,000, SUN, 2-26, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:42.17, ft.

1--**FOREST MOUSE, 123, h, 9, Teton Forest--Fast Mouse, by Fast Play.** (\$1,200 Ylg '09 FTKOCT). O-Solitaire Stable; B-E. H. Beau Lane (KY); T-Henry Dominguez; J-Ry Eikleberry. \$45,000. Lifetime Record: MSW, 56-24-11-6, \$900,687.

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2--**Overland Park, 117, g, 5, Snow Ridge--Bonnie's Slam, by Grand Slam.** O-Donna Eaton; B-Joe K Davis (TX); T-Nancy Summers. \$16,500.

3--**Semper Fortis, 120, c, 4, Distorted Humor--Rebridled Dreams, by Unbridled's Song.** (\$525,000 Ylg '14 KESEEP). O-Reddam Racing LLC; B-Coffee Pot Stable (KY); T-Doug F. O'Neill. \$7,500.

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**BUCHAREST TURF SPRINT S.**, \$50,000, HOU, 2-25, 4yo/up, 5FT, :57.44, fm.

1--**PARTLY MOCHA, 123, 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-Colby J. Hernandez. \$30,000. Lifetime Record: 36-9-8-7, \$445,392.

### LEGACY Bloodstock GRADUATE

2--**American Sailor, 123, g, 5, City Zip--Yesshesarocket, by Yes It's True.** (\$50,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP; \$100,000 2yo '14 OBSAPR). O/T-Joe Sharp; B-KatieRich Farms (KY). \$10,000.

3--**Mascherato, 120, g, 5, Sky Mesa--Seeking Silence, by Seeking the Gold.** (\$42,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP). O-Dr. Michael H. Rotstein; B-Pin Oak Stud, LLC (KY); T-Kenneth W. Marshall. \$5,500.

Margins: HD, 1 1/4, 3/4. Odds: 0.80, 3.60, 11.50.

**JERSEY LILLY TURF S.**, \$50,000, HOU, 2-25, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:45.66, fm.

1--**STORMQUILITY, 123, m, 6, After Market--Southern Protocol (SP), by Dixieland Band.** (\$5,000 Ylg '12 KEESEP). O-Stacy & Steve Uhland & Barry Koch; B-G. Watts Humphrey (KY); T-Tim G. Williams; J-Curtis Kimes. \$30,000. Lifetime Record: 26-7-4-4, \$203,406.

### LANE'S END Sales Graduate

2--**Susie Bee, 123, m, 5, English Channel--Susie Cat, by Storm Cat.** O-Calumet Farm; B-Bluegrass Hall, LLC (KY); T-Michael J. Maker. \$10,000.

3--**Enchanteresse (Ire), 120, m, 5, Clodovil (Ire)--Redrightreturning (GB), by Diktat (GB).** (€2,200 RNA Ylg '13 TATYEA). O-Heider Family Stables LLC; B-Mrs E. Byrne (IRE); T-Thomas F. Proctor. \$5,500.

Margins: NK, NK, HF. Odds: 3.30, 2.00, 3.80.

#### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**7th-AQU, \$65,660, 2-26, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:42.87, ft.**

**BELLAMY WAY (r, 5, Bellamy Road--Goomada Byda Sea, by Sea Hero)** Lifetime Record: SP, 15-4-5-2, \$260,290. O-Two Tone Farms; B-B P Walden, Jr. & John Stuart (NY); T-David A. Cannizzo. \*\$57,000 Wlg '12 KEENOV; \$125,000 Ylg '13 SARAUG. \*\*1/2 to Goombada Guska (Yonaguska), MSW, \$333,770; Itsagoodtendollars (Tale of the Cat), SP, \$444,052; and City Broad (City Zip), SP, \$252,827.

### LANE'S END Sales Graduate

**3rd-GG, \$40,260, 2-26, 4yo/up, 1m (AWT), 1:37.14, ft.**

**G. G. RYDER (h, 6, Chhaya Dance--Stormy Gigi, by Storm Boot)** Lifetime Record: MGSW, 33-12-8-2, \$525,947. O-Jerry Hollendorfer & George Todaro; B-Eagle Oak Ranch LLC (CA); T-Jerry Hollendorfer.

**11th-GP, \$40,000, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 2-26, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:44.64, ft.**

**NIIGON'S EDGE (c, 4, Niigon--Lemon Edge, by Lemon Drop Kid)** Lifetime Record: SP, 12-3-1-3, \$133,962. O-Chiefswood Stable; B-Chiefswood Stables Limited (ON); T-Stuart C. Simon.

**6th-SUN, \$38,800, (S), (C)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 2-26, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:36.32, ft.**

**HIT A LICK (g, 4, Attila's Storm--Accomodate, by Pleasantly Perfect)** Lifetime Record: SP, 13-5-4-2, \$150,542. O-Dale Taylor; B-Spence, LLC (NM); T-Todd W. Fincher.

**8th-DED, \$35,790, 2-25, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 7 1/2f, 1:33.51, ft.**

**HYPER PIPER (f, 4, Old Fashioned--Filaree {SP, \$316,012}, by Saros {GB})** Lifetime Record: 10-4-3-0, \$103,110. O/B-John Duvieilh & Keith J. & Earl J. Hernandez (LA); T-Frank Leggio.

**5th-PEN, \$33,300, (S), 2-25, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13.32, gd.**

**FORMAL CLASS (m, 5, Formal Dinner--Sure Class, by Regal Classic)** Lifetime Record: 13-3-5-0, \$87,238. O/B-Richard N. Miller (PA); T-Amy Albright.

**6th-CT, \$24,500, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$12,500), 2-25, 4yo/up, f/m, 4 1/2f, :51.96, my.**

**SECRET SIX (m, 5, Don Six--Milliondollarbaby, by Millions)** Lifetime Record: 21-6-1-3, \$64,870. O/T-Robert V. Cipriano; B-Greenfields Farm (NJ).

#### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**+lter, c, 3, Munnings--Mango Escapade, by Bold Badgett.** OP, 2-26, (C), 5 1/2f, 1:06.07. B-Charles Galli (IL).

**Teakwood, g, 3, Orientate--Proudly Irish, by Jump Start.** PEN, 2-25, (S), 1m 70y, 1:47.01. B-Sandra Kim Eshleman (PA).

**Nineteenth Street, f, 3, Proud Citizen--Ms. Sabbatical (SP), by Malibu Moon.** FG, 2-26, (C), 6f, 1:10.72. B-Somewhere Stables KY, LLC (KY).

**Conquest Bandit, c, 3, Scat Daddy--Critic's Choice, by Smart Strike.** GP, 2-26, (C), 1mT, 1:35.34. B-George Krikorian (KY). \*\$275,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP; \$105,000 2yo '16 KEENOV.

### A Zach Madden Auction Purchase

**Mr Red Sensation, c, 3, Unbridledsensation--Girl Your Gone, by Finest Hour.** DED, 2-25, 5f, :59.40. B-Julia A Gilmore (LA).

**Evicted, c, 4, Artie Schiller--Serious Heat, by Unusual Heat.** SA, 2-25, (S), 1mT, 1:34.56. B-Madeline Auerbach (CA).

**Moon Star Magic, f, 4, Concord Point--Movie Star Magic, by The Cliff's Edge.** CT, 2-25, 6 1/2f, 1:21.80. B-Kendall E. Hansen, M.D. Racing, LLC (KY). \*\$3,500 Ylg '14 KEEJAN.

**Pirate Captain, g, 4, Luftikus--Whiskey Bottom, by Chenin Blanc.** CT, 2-25, (S), 7f, 1:28.80. B-James M. Casey (WV).

**Spirit of Royalty, h, 5, Exclusive Zone--Red Shoes Romp, by Fire Dancer.** HOU, 2-25, (S), 6f, 1:13.39. B-John Lambert (TX).

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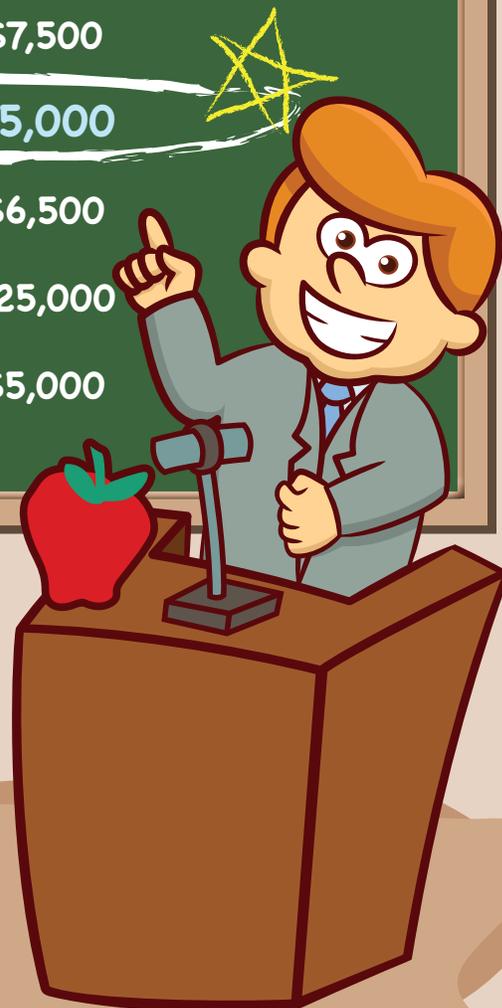
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## DES SCAHILL: THE VOICE OF IRISH RACING



Des Scahill | Racing Fotos

by Chris McGrath

Des Scahill tried to do the math. "I'd be 45 years at it now," he said. "And up until last year, it was 210 meetings per annum. So maybe you're talking around 1,500 races a year, and even over 20 years that comes out at 30,000 races. Beyond that, I wouldn't know..."

Scahill is approaching the home straight now, but there has been little sign of flagging. It was only when the voice of Irish racing turned 65, in fact, that a three-year contract extension permitted him to ease off from calling those 210 meetings a year to "just" the 150. With another 15 months to go, then, Irish horsemen are increasingly hearing Scahill's commentaries with an anticipatory sense of nostalgia. For the fact is, that his austere restrained cadences have been the seamless soundtrack to their lives for two generations.

If the carousel has featured numberless horses--good, bad and ugly; and as many as 10 in a single race all carrying the silks of J.P. McManus--then all that quantity has been more than matched by quality, in man and horse alike. And, between the two, Scahill has become an integral part of the daily circuit in Ireland.

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## SOLID START TO MELBOURNE PREMIER

Inglis commenced their four day Melbourne Premier Yearling Sale on Sunday and proceedings got off to a solid start, though not quite matching the vibrancy of the corresponding day last year. The opening day also featured the Blue Riband session, comprised of yearlings expected to excel in their Classic year and beyond.

Topping the day's trade was a son of Snitzel (Aus) (Redoute's Choice (Aus) (lot 68) bought by Hong Kong-based Little Kwok Hing Hung for A\$620,000. This top price, while slightly below the 2016 opening-day topper of A\$675,000, contributed to a total of A\$13,755,500 spent on 111 of the 137 yearlings offered. This produced a respectable 81% clearance rate (down from 90% in 2016), an average of A\$123,923 and a median of A\$110,000.

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## IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

### GIRVIN, FARRELL WELL AFTER SATURDAY SCORES

Girvin (Tale of Ekati) and Farrell (Malibu Moon) exited their respective wins at the Fair Grounds Saturday in fine condition, their connections reported Sunday. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.](#)

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### Des Scahill: the Voice of Irish Racing Cont. from p1

He gets Christmas cards from the parents and partners of jockeys, for instance, thanking him for always being at such pains to specify that a fallen rider is back on his feet. Typically, this only causes Scahill to fret about causing distress whenever he fails to do so.

If the professional community considers him one of their own, then that is just how he started--with a three-year apprenticeship under Charlie Weld, whose son Dermot celebrated his 16th birthday two days after Scahill. So is he two days wiser, as well as two days older?

"I wouldn't say that," laughs Scahill. "Ask who has the money! Dermot was a student at Newbridge College at the time, and a crack amateur rider. I did have a couple of rides as an apprentice, but I was always on the heavy side for that."

That being so, he proceeded via Paddy Prendergast to spend three years travelling horses for Mick O'Toole.

"The stable was flying at that time," he remembered. "And of course Mick was a great character, and a great boss. I'd say that's what's missed in the game, at the moment: the characters have gone. I know 45 years is a long time but there has been a real transformation. A lot of trainers now don't even bother going to the races. Obviously they feel they can get a lot more done in the yard than in spending two hours stuck in a car going to the races, and two hours going back. But it can be hard on sponsors presenting their trophy and so on. In those days, of course, the only way to see your horse run was to go to the races--and the only way to back it, as well. Anyway there would always be great banter at the races. And that's been the great thing, all the way through, the fraternity of the track. We're like a circus, really, with a different venue every day."

The hours they share can be "savage," coming home from Ballinrobe at midnight when they all have to convene down at Wexford next afternoon. But Scahill consoles himself that it is harder still for the valets, say, who are cleaning boots and

breeches an hour after he has gone--yet must still be on site before him the following day. And then there are all the friends he has made on the circuit, over the years, to the extent that Scahill has had a supporting role in some of the outstanding careers of the modern Turf.

Thirty-odd years ago, for instance, one of Kevin Prendergast's apprentices was living a couple of doors down the road.

"This lad had a motorbike and every morning he'd wake the whole street up as he was setting off," Scahill recalled. "The noise was unbelievable. And I said to him, 'Would you ever push it to the end of the road and let it roll down the hill before you

start it up?' Anyway he came into me one day, he'd ridden 15 or 20 winners but was getting disillusioned, and he said: 'I'm giving up the game. I'm going back to work with my father, he has a bit of work going plastering houses.' And I said: 'You're throwing in the towel a bit quick, aren't you? Would you not think of maybe trying your luck in England?' 'England?' he said. 'Where would I go in England?' So I told him to wait there and I picked up the phone and rang Jimmy FitzGerald."

The following Friday, Scahill learned that Kieren Fallon--subsequently six times champion jockey of Britain--had ridden his first winner for FitzGerald at Thirsk.

Scahill was twice foiled in trying to get future stars of jump racing to follow Fallon to FitzGerald, both Adrian Maguire and Tony McCoy being signed up by Toby Balding instead. One day, the great Richard Dunwoody came up to him at the Galway Festival, after a young

dervish had nearly turned him over on an odds-on shot. "Who's yer man that rode the second?" Dunwoody asked in bewilderment. "He's an apprentice at Jim Bolger's," Scahill replied. "Name of McCoy." "By Jesus can he ride!" exclaimed Dunwoody.

Then, at another of the great festivals, Punchestown, Frank Berry--at that time training, now manager of the immense McManus string--asked Scahill who could ride his horse after a senior jockey had taken a fall in the first race? Scahill recommended McCoy, who duly won on Mayasta. [Cont. p3](#)



Des Scahill | Fennell Photography

### Des Scahill: the Voice of Irish Racing Cont.

"It was his first ride in the McManus silks," Scahill said. "And 16 years later, as J.P.'s retained jockey, he won the Cheltenham Gold Cup in the same colours on Mayasta's son, Synchronised."

Scahill's intimacy with the cast, however, never intrudes on the dramas they enact. Probably his two most famous calls fell within a relatively brief radio stint: Secreta's Derby in 1984 and Dawn Run's Cheltenham Gold Cup two years later. In both cases, Scahill was able to find just the right key because he knew exactly how the race would be resonating--both back home in Ireland, and out on the track. After all, his own arrival at The Curragh 20 years previously had coincided with that of Christy Roche. And here was Roche winning one of the greatest of all

Epsom finishes. In the same way, Scahill had once shared digs with an apprentice named Mark Dwyer. Known to many *TDN* readers nowadays through Oaks Farm Stables, Dwyer had gone on to become one of the jockeys involved in the epic battle won by "the people's champion," as Scahill calls Dawn Run.

Some younger commentators doubtless consider Scahill's style rather too dry for their

tastes. But it is precisely this dispassionate quality that enables him to serve a community he knows so well without forfeiting his professional detachment. Many traditionalists, in fact, are infuriated by a contrasting determination among self-consciously "modern" callers to vaunt their own sophistication in describing a race.

Scahill is fairly scathing about this trend. "I remember talking to Peter O'Sullivan one time," he said. "And he said: 'I don't know if it's just the fact that we can't accept a new generation--but I detest all their jargon. I called my book *Calling the Horses*. And I think that's our job, isn't it?' And I had to agree with him. Early on I would sometimes try to pre-empt the outcome of a race, when a horse came there travelling best, but I quickly learned that when push comes to shove you can get caught out. And then all you've done is mislead people."



Des Scahill | *Racing Post*

Even when you aim to keep things simple, things will not always go like clockwork. One day at The Curragh, Scahill was going through the card for the sponsors in their hospitality tent. In the next race, there was a 1-6 favourite facing just two rivals. Scahill, keeping a careful eye on the television monitors, was relaxed to see the three horses still walking round the parade ring.

"But then the next thing I saw was one in the stalls and the other two being led forward," he said. "I suddenly realised that the monitor had been showing the RTE broadcast, and that the parade ring shots had been recorded. I had two flights of stairs to run up and they had already gone two furlongs when I got to my position. One journalist put it nicely, though. He wrote that the race was such a foregone conclusion that even the commentator didn't show up!"

But show up, in the most meaningful sense, is exactly what everyone has always been able to rely on Scahill to do. Reciprocally, moreover, he knows that any danger of monotony will be dependably relieved by the daily shifts of fortune, on and off the track. Each or any day might yield a new Fallon, a new McCoy, a new Mayasta.

"Yes, that's the thing," Scahill agreed. "You never know. Even the most innocuous meeting can always turn out to be a red-letter day."

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## EUROPEAN NEWS

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### BAKER HOSPITALIZED AFTER ST MORITZ FALL

There was an unfortunate incident at St Moritz on Sunday when British jockey George Baker was airlifted to a hospital following a fall from the Jamie Osborne trained **Boomerang Bob (Ire)** (Aussie Rules) in the opening race. Baker, who had his finest hour last September when guiding **Harbour Law (GB)** (Lawman {Fr}) to victory in the G1 Ladbrokes St Leger at Doncaster, was apparently knocked unconscious when brought down in a three horse melee that unfortunately led to his mount Boomerang Bob being put down. Baker was flown to a trauma hospital 100km away in Chur and the rest of the meeting was abandoned.

St Moritz press officer Claudia Grasern-Woehrlé said, "We've had a bad accident in the first race. The jockey George Baker was brought down. Unfortunately his horse died and the jockey has been airlifted to hospital. We checked the track following the incident and we have found a hole in it, which means we have had to cancel the rest of the meeting as safety comes first." [Cont. p4](#)

George Baker | *Racing Post*

### Baker Hospitalized After St Moritz Fall Cont.

Baker's agent, Guy Jewell, provided a positive update on the jockey later in the day. "George has woken up, and with the hospital releasing that news I can only imagine they are pleased with his progress," he said. "He'd already had a CT scan and that has come back clear.

They will obviously need to check that everything is working properly and his wife is on her way out there."

Christophe Soumillon also rode in the race and speaking to French Racing Channel *Equidia* he said, "It was the first race and there were only nine runners. Turning into the straight the snow was only up to the horses' shoes. You could see by the prints afterwards that there was water between the ice and the snow. It could be because of the temperature which is in positive figures, though I don't have much to compare it with, as I have not ridden here before."

Following further track inspections by St Moritz officials the management released a statement saying that, "a crack in the ice had occurred on the inner rails in the direction of the racetrack, some 150m from the finishing line." This meant that water had risen up towards the surface thus undermining the racing surface and leaving it unfit for use.

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### GERAGHTY TO MISS CHELTENHAM

Jockey Barry Geraghty was dealt a blow on Sunday evening with the news that he is set to miss the Cheltenham Festival which kicks off Mar. 14. The 37-year-old fell off **Charlie Parcs (Fr)** (Anabaa Blue {GB}), owned by his boss JP McManus, at Kempton on Saturday following which, he was brought to the hospital with suspected rib injuries.

However, his plight was more severe than originally thought

with further examination revealing six broken ribs and a collapsed lung. Geraghty had been reasonably optimistic of being back in time for the four-day jumping bonanza where he had any number of high profile rides lined up. These included the likes of

Unowhatimeanharry (GB) (Sir Harry Lewis) in the G1 Stayers Hurdle, Buveur D'Air (Fr) (Crillon {Fr}), or Yanworth (GB) (Norse Dancer {Ire}) in the G1 Champion Hurdle and a choice of mounts in the G1 Cheltenham Gold Cup.

Barry Geraghty | *Racing Post*

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A colt from the first crop of MG1SW Prince Gibraltar (Fr) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}), who is out of Upper Jem (Ire) (Bertolini), strides out at Haras de Montaigu. Owned by Baileys Horse Feed, the youngster is a good example of his sire's progeny, who are "generally tall with lots of bone," according to Sybille Gibson of Haras de Montaigu. "We are very pleased with the first foals on the ground." | *Haras de Montaigu*

## EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS

### IN HONG KONG:

**Gold Mount (GB)**, g, 4, **Excellent Art (GB)**--Dolcetto (Ire), by Danehill Dancer. Sha Tin. 2-26, Hcp. (£181k/€213k), 1600mT, 1:34.43. B-Mrs L H Field. \*Formerly Primitivo (GB).

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# WORLDWIDE NEWS



Lot 68 | Bronwen Healy

## Solid Start to Melbourne Premier Cont. from p1

Inglis' Victorian Bloodstock Manager Simon Vivian expressed his satisfaction with how day one fared out commenting, "It's a very satisfying start and knowing the quality that's still to come, we can go into the next few days with an absolute degree of confidence. The top part of the market is very strong, the median is quite amazing when compared to last year and while the clearance rate started a little soft early, the buyers found their feet as the day progressed which was great to see." Little Hung, an emerging force in racing, is starting to form a serious affiliation with Snitzel colts at the Melbourne Premier Yearling Sale. Last year Hung bought the Premier sale-topper, by the same sire, for A\$700,000. Now named Ducimus (Aus), the colt is unbeaten in two runs and showed star potential by winning a listed race at Flemington Feb. 18. Hung had to dig deep to secure the colt on Sunday, acting alongside bloodstock agent Justin Bahen for the Milford Thoroughbreds-offered son of Mightier (Aus) (Zabeel {NZ}).

In the last year Hung has been active at sales in Japan and Ireland, and, after seeing off competition from the Hong Kong Jockey Club Hung commented, "We had our heart set on him after all the inspections we did. He's a strapping colt, big boned, great girth and hind quarter. He's a sensible colt, he's got a brain on him and you



The successful buying team of lot 68, Little Hung (3rd from left) and Justin Bahen (2nd from right) | Inglis

really need that. Hung continued, "I knew he'd be popular, and when two people want the same thing at an auction, you need to be strong and we were."

Vendors Millford Thoroughbreds enjoyed a 100% clearance rate with their three colts offered and they also ended up as the day's leading vendor by average with their trio averaging A\$310,000 each. "All three colts, we couldn't and didn't expect those sorts of figures, nothing like them at all," Millford's co-principal Jarrod Byers said. "It's a huge result. The hard work starts at home with prepping these horses for sale so to the entire team back at the farm, a huge congratulations. They all deserve this type of result."

There was quite a price gap to the next highest lot and it was a filly, [lot 63](#), that was knocked down to Paul Moroney Bloodstock for A\$320,000. The grey daughter of I Am Invincible (Aus) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) was offered by Swettenham Stud and is the first foal out of the stakes winner Members Joy (Aus) (Hussonet). I Am Invincible was also responsible for the next highest when a son of the Yarraman Park Stud stallion, [lot 16](#), was offered by the same stud and bought by Paul Perry for A\$300,000. The colt is out of the four-time winner Ladies Dancing (NZ) (Zabeel {NZ}), who has bred two winners from two runners including the stakes winner Stagnite (Aus) (Danehill Express {Aus}).

Milford Thoroughbreds was one of 36 vendors to enjoy a perfect clearance rate on Sunday, with Maluka Thoroughbreds selling all seven they entered (the highest of the day) and Woodside Park sold five from five and ended the day as the leading vendor by aggregate at A\$975,000. Leading buyer by lots purchased and aggregate was McEvoy Mitchell Racing with five yearlings for A\$710,000. The Blue Riband session was again a success, averaging A\$134,692 with a clearance rate of 84%. Selling resumes Monday at the earlier time of 10 a.m. local time.

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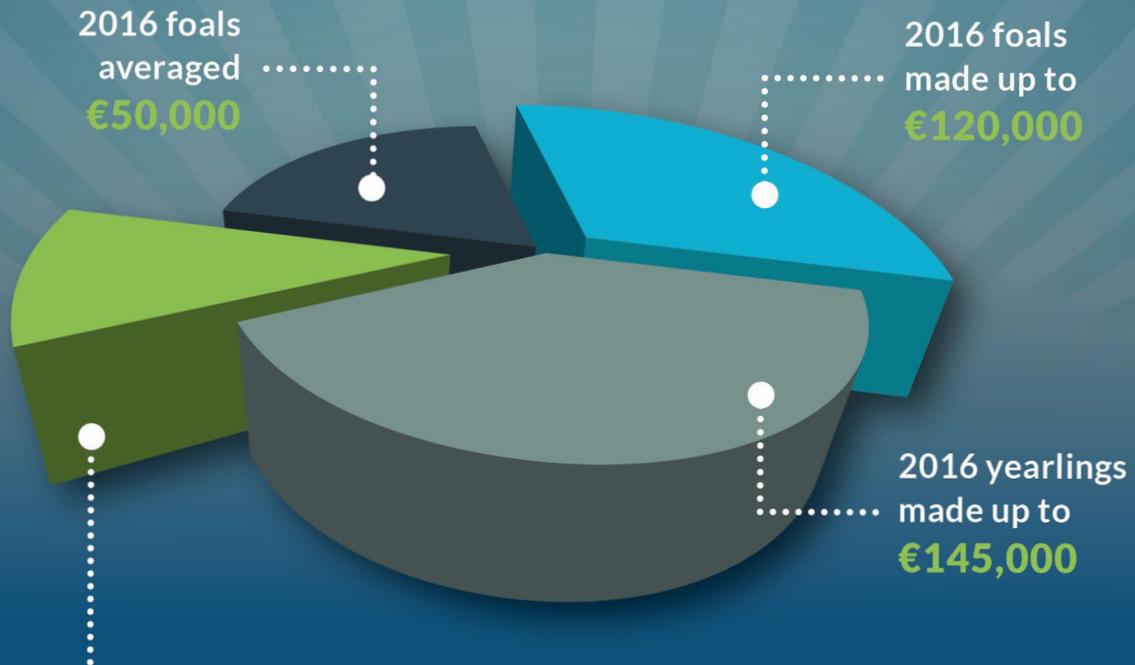
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• No. Sold	111	123
• RNAs	26	14
• % RNAs	19%	10%
• No. A\$500K+	1	1
• High Price	A\$625,000	A\$675,000
• Gross	A\$13,755,500	A\$16,073,000
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## MELBOURNE PREMIER YEARLING SALE DAY ONE TOP LOTS

Lot	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (A\$)
<a href="#">68</a>	c	Snitzel (Aus)	Mightier (Aus) <i>B-Cressfield (NSW)</i> Consigned by Millford Thoroughbreds Purchased by Little Kwok Hing Hung/Bahen Bloodstock	625,000
<a href="#">63</a>	f	I Am Invincible (Aus)	Members Joy (Aus) <i>B-Ms S Lichti, Mr A Sangster, Mr P Arvantis (Vic)</i> Consigned by Swettenham Stud Purchased by Paul Moroney Bloodstock	320,000
<a href="#">16</a>	c	I Am Invincible (Aus)	Ladies Dancing (NZ) <i>B-K Biggs Enterprises Pty Ltd, Horseshoe Investments (WA)</i> Consigned by Yarraman Park Stud Purchased by Paul Perry Horse Training Pty Ltd	300,000
<a href="#">108</a>	f	Sebring (Aus)	Miss Keepsake (NZ) <i>B-Gilgai Farm (Vic)</i> Consigned by Gilgai Farm Purchased by Australian Thoroughbred Bloodstock/CB Bloodstock/Griffiths Racing	300,000
<a href="#">110</a>	c	Camelot (GB)	Miss With Attitude (Aus) <i>B-Mr L Bibbo (SA)</i> Consigned by Mill Park Stud Purchased by Heywood Bloodstock/Mayfair Speculators	280,000

## AUSTRALIAN-BRED WINNERS

### IN HONG KONG:

**Super Junior (Aus)**, g, 3, [Medaglia d'Oro](#)--Princesa (Aus) (MSW-Aus, A\$220,900), by Danehill. Sha Tin, 2-26, Hcp. (*A\$141k*), 1000mT, :57.18. B-Contract Racing Pty Ltd, Anembo Bloodstock P/L (Vic). \*1/2 to Star of Giselle (Aus) (Reset {Aus}), MGSW-Aus, A\$654,325; Solicit (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}), MGSW & MG1SP-Aus, A\$1,180,100; and Ducal Castle (Aus) (Domesday {Aus}), MSP-Aus. \*\*A\$450,000 Ylg '15 INGEAS. \*\*\*Paid 166-1 to win. [VIDEO](#)

**Magic Legend (Aus)**, g, 3, **Red Element (Aus)**--Trail of Secrets (Aus), by Secret Savings. Sha Tin, 2-26, Hcp. (*A\$207k*), 1000m, :56.76. B-Asco International Pty Ltd (Qld). \*Formerly Hostwin Legend (Aus). \*\*A\$50,000 Ylg '15 MMGCYS. [VIDEO](#)

**What Else But You (Aus)**, g, 4, **Duport (Aus)**--Fortune Princess (Aus), by Danehill. Sha Tin, 2-26, Hcp. (*A\$207k*), 1600mT, 1:34.35. B-Miss V Chow (NSW). \*Formerly Eminent Knight (Aus). \*\*A\$70,000 RNA Ylg '14 MMGCYS. [VIDEO](#)

### Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong

**CITI HONG KONG GOLD CUP-G1**, HK\$10,000,000 (£1,034,667/€1,219,825/A\$1,678,997/US\$1,288,502), Sha Tin, 2-26, 3yo/up, 2000mT, 2:03.78, gd.

1--**WERTHER (NZ)**, 126, g, 5, by Tavistock (NZ)

1st Dam: **Bagalollies (Aus) (Broodmare of the Year-NZ)**, by Zabeel (NZ)

2nd Dam: **Lady's Night**, by Ascot Knight

3rd Dam: **Night Stand**, by Fluorescent Light

O-Johnson Chen; B-C D Allison, C V & J A Barnao, A R Campbell, T G Heptinstall, T M Pivac & D R Platt; T-John Mooore; J-Hugh Bowman; HK\$5,700,000. Lifetime Record: Horse of the Year, Ch. Middle Distance Horse-HK, GSW & MG1SP-Aus, GSW-NZ, 22-8-6-3, HK\$38,037,150. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++ \*Triple Plus\***. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

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2--**Blazing Speed (GB)**, 126, g, 8, Dylan Thomas (Ire)--Leukippids (Ire), by Sadler's Wells. (45,000gns RNA Wlg '09 TATDEF; 45,000gns RNA Ylg '10 TATOCT; 41,000gns Ylg '10 TATDEC). O-Fentons Syndicate; B-J Sankey; T-Tony Cruz; HK\$2,200,000.

3--**Secret Weapon (GB)**, 126, g, 7, [Choisir \(Aus\)](#)--Just Devine (Ire), by Montjeu (Ire). O-Leung Lin Ping; B-Carmel Stud; T-Dennis Yip; HK\$1,000,000.

Margins: SHD, 3/4, 1 3/4. Odds: Evens, 9-1, 11-2, 28-5.

Also Ran: Basic Trilogy (NZ), Beauty Only (Ire), Designs on Rome (Ire). DNF: Flame Hero (NZ) (bilateral nostril bleeding).

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Werther (right) lands a thrilling renewal of the Gold Cup | HKJC photo

### G1 Citi Hong Kong Gold Cup Cont.

About 27 hours removed from guiding Winx (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}) to a 15th straight win in the G1 Chipping Norton S., Hugh Bowman was given a leg up on reigning Hong Kong Horse of the Year Werther, who was on trial for a start in the G1 Dubai Turf in Sunday's G1 Citi Hong Kong Gold Cup. The ride on Werther proved far less straight-forward, but the even-money favorite called on his class to find the wire first and he'll go to the desert a real chance, according to Bowman.

"I don't get too carried away with international ratings because it's hard to assess, but I don't think there's any doubt he's in the top 10 horses in the world on turf, this horse," he told the HKJC's Andrew Hawkins. "To beat a genuine Group 1 field here in the manner that he did, and to suggest he can only improve with it fitness-wise, if he goes to Dubai he'd have to be a legitimate chance, regardless of the field--as long as he travels over well and settles in."

Indeed, trainer John Moore pronounced Werther something short of 100% fit for the 2000-metre test and, with Bowman mindful of that fact, things got very dicey when push came to shove Sunday. Settled about midfield as Basic Trilogy (NZ) (Mastcraftsman {Ire}) lobbed along through an opening 800m in just :53.10, Werther was ridden with a gentle touch down the side of the course, given the pre-race reports on his fitness. With

three furlongs to travel, two-time defending champ Designs on Rome (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) was set alight by Tommy Berry and G1 Longines Hong Kong Mile winner Beauty Only (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) tried to go with that one to his inside. With Bowman momentarily unawares, it left Werther in a tight spot and he had to be checked off the heels of Blazing Speed just ahead of him. In a race that had been run at a leisurely tempo, it was going to take a good horse to overcome any misstep. Rebalanced, Werther followed the move of Blazing Speed into the final 250 metres, and although the latter--who sat a tactically advantageous trip--wasn't stopping, Werther was able to dig down and shove his head across the line first, with a final section in :22.10. Secret Weapon, short of room inside the final furlong, clung on well for third.

"Just being second-up over 2000m, I felt I was on the best horse in the race, but the other horses I felt had an obvious fitness advantage," Bowman related post-race. "And that's why I was inclined to wait as long as I could, and obviously the pressure built and built quickly and that's when I found myself in a bit of a precarious position at the home turn. But good horses can overcome a little bit of trouble, and he certainly knows where the winning post is. He's been a great horse for me and a great horse for Hong Kong."

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Werther & Hugh Bowman | HKJC photo

## G1 Citi Hong Kong Gold Cup Cont.

Secret Weapon also holds entries for the Dubai Turf and the World Cup itself. Trainer Dennis Yip was not yet revealing his hand, as this year's QE II Cup is Secret Weapon's main spring target.

With the victory, Werther was taking his record over the metric mile and a quarter to three wins from as many starts, having annexed the 2016 Hong Kong Derby and G1 Audemars Piguet Queen Elizabeth II Cup last term. Forced to miss the international races via injury, he had just the one run under his belt this season, a sixth to stablemate Helene Paragon (Fr) (Polan {Fr}) in the G1 Stewards' Cup over an insufficient 1600m Jan. 30.

## Pedigree Notes...

Werther is one of the early flag-bearers for his Cambridge Stud-based stallion and one of three early Derby winners, a lot that also includes G1 Victoria Derby hero Tarzino (NZ) and G1 Australian Derby victor Tavago (NZ) in addition to G1 Rosehill Guineas champion Volkstok'n'barrell (NZ). Bagalollies looks to have booked an annual trip to Tavistock, as she produced full-sisters to Werther in each of the last three seasons. Her 2014 produce was knocked down to Sona Bloodstock for NZ\$300,000 at the 2016 NZB Premier Yearling Sale. Werther's yearling full-sister is to be consigned by Trelawney Stud as [hip 48](#) to the upcoming Inglis Easter Yearling Sale. --Alan Carasso

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**QUEEN'S SILVER JUBILEE CUP-G1**, HK\$10,000,000 (£1,034,667/€1,219,825/A\$1,678,997/US\$1,288,502), Sha Tin, 2-26, 3yo/up, 1400mT, 1:21.31, gd.

1--**HELENE PARAGON (FR)**, 126, h, 5, by Polan (Fr)

1st Dam: High Zaff (GB), by High Chaparral (Ire)

2nd Dam: Zaffrani (Ire), by Danehill

3rd Dam: Zariysha (Ire), by Darshaan (GB)

O-Sir Po-shing & Lady Woo, Wilson, Jackson & Dawson Woo; B-A Jordan Torres; T-John Moore; T-Tommy Berry; HK\$5,700,000. Lifetime Record: G1SP-Fr, 23-8-4-2, HK\$26,060,000. \*Formerly Sir Andrew (Fr). [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#). Werk Nick Rating: **A**.

2--**Able Friend (Aus)**, 126, g, 7, [Shamardal](#)--Ponte Piccolo (NZ), by Volksraad (GB). (A\$550,000 Ylg '11 INGEAS). O-Dr & Mrs Cornel Li; B-Ramsey Pastoral Co Pty Ltd (Qld); T-John Moore; HK\$2,200,000.

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3--**Joyful Trinity (Ire)**, 126, g, 5, Zanzibari--Bargouzine, by Stravinsky. O-Lai Wai Chi; B-Ecurie Peregrine SAS; T-John Moore; HK\$1,000,000.

Margins: 3/4, NK, NK. Odds: 5-1, 11-10, 15-2.

Also Ran: Blizzard (Aus), Contentment (Aus), Giant Treasure, Sun Jewellery (Aus), Strathmore (Aus).

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Three winters ago, Able Friend and Joao Moreira got the better of Designs on Rome, ridden by Tommy Berry, in the Hong Kong Classic Mile, but the talented Australian jockey exacted his revenge in the final two legs of the Classics with a pair of rides aboard Designs on Rome (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) that were tactically flawless. The two reinsmen were at it again in Sunday's Queen's Silver Jubilee Cup, and Berry's decision making atop Helene Paragon made the difference.

Drawn widest of the QSJC octet, Berry dropped Helene Paragon straight out the back of the field, a couple of spots behind Able Friend, who held firm at odds-on before drifting out to just over even money at the off. On the business end of things, defending champion Contentment (Aus) (Hussonet) was pressed along by Blizzard (Aus) (Starcraft {NZ}), and things remained more or less static into the turn. That is until Berry, as was his custom in the Classic series against Able Friend, made a decisive move at the 600m, leaving Moreira no other option but to go for Able Friend sooner than he wanted. The one-time Horse of the Year appeared to have the answers, at first at a minimum, as he kicked hard and raced stride for stride inside of Helene Paragon as they raced to the lead in unison with a furlong to travel. But the latter always seemed to have Able Friend's measure and was edging clear at the line to lead home a 1-2-3 finish for the John Moore stable. It was the second Group 1 score in succession for the former Spanish-based galloper. [Cont. p9](#)



Helene Paragon leads home a John Moore 1-2-3 in the QSJC | HKJC photo



The happy connections of Helene Paragon | HKJC photo

**G1 Queen's Silver Jubilee Cup Cont.**

With Berry in the irons, Helene Paragon was a creditable fifth in the 2016 Hong Kong Derby (2000m), but has since found a home at these shorter trips. Troubled in the run when seventh to Beauty Only (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) in the G2 Jockey Club Mile Nov. 20, he may have turned the tables in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Mile Dec. 11 but for some stretch traffic. With Berry back in town for one of his frequent winter visits last time, Helene Paragon had clearer sailing and went on to a 3/4-length defeat of Joyful Trinity for a maiden Group 1 in the Stewards' Cup.

Once rumoured as a hope for the G1 Dubai Turf, Helene Paragon was under consideration for the G1 Doncaster Mile at The Championships, but quarantine restrictions have put pay to those plans. Connections gave Moore the green light to run Helene Paragon Sunday following the Thursday passing of one of his owners, Wilson Woo.

**Pedigree Notes...**

Helene Paragon's listed-winning sire is reportedly responsible for just two foals lifetime, while his sire Golan (Ire) sired Beauty Flash (NZ), winner of the 2010 Hong Kong Mile and the Stewards' Cup the following month. --Alan Carasso

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**Sunday, Nakayama, Japan**

**NAKAYAMA KINEN-G2**, ¥119,620,000, Nakayama, 2-26, 4yo/ up, 1800mT, 1:47.60, fm.

1--**NEOREALISM (JPN)**, 126, h, 6, Neo Universe (Jpn)

**1st Dam: Tokio Reality, by Meadowlake**

**2nd Dam: What a Reality, by In Reality**

**3rd Dam: What Will Be, by Crozier**

O-Carrot Farm; B-Northern Farm; T-Noriyuki Hori; J-Mirco Demuro; ¥62,784,000. Lifetime: G1SP-Jpn, 17-7-1-2. \*1/2 to Real Impact (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), G1SW-Jpn & Aus, \$5,301,696; 1/2 to I'll Love Again (Jpn) (El Condor Pasa), MSW & G1SP-Jpn, \$3,130,891. **Werk Nick Rating: B. Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#).**

2--**Sakura Empereur (Jpn)**, 123, h, 6, King Kamehameha (Jpn)--Sakura Mega (Jpn), by Sunday Silence. O-Sakura Commers; B-Tanioka Stud; ¥25,224,000.

3--**Logotype (Jpn)**, 128, h, 7, by Lohengrin (Jpn)--Stereotype (Jpn), by Sunday Silence. O-Teruya Yoshida; B-Shadai Farm; ¥16,112,000.

Margins: 3/4, 1/2, NK; Odds: 6.10, 44.30, 14.20.

Also Ran: Ambitious (Jpn), Vivlos (Jpn), Tsukuba Azuma O (Jpn), Nuovo Record (Jpn), Real Steel (Jpn), Meiner Milano (Jpn), Hiraboku Deep (Jpn), Courir Kaiser (Jpn).

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Having claimed the notable scalp of former Japanese Horse of the Year Maurice (Jpn) (Screen Hero {Jpn}) when winning the G2 Sapporo Kinen at Sapporo last August, Neorealism was then beaten in two attempts in Group 1 races. The 6-year-old



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regained the winning thread when lowered in grade in Sunday's G2 Nakayama Kinen as he accounted for Sakura Empereur in good style under Mirco Demuro. Neorealism tracked the two leaders on the rails for much of

the 1800m event and, as they turned for home, Demuro pulled him into the clear out of the leading pair's slipstream. Demuro got an immediate response when he asked Neorealism to lengthen. Grabbing the lead off Ambitious (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) just after the furlong pole, U Carrot Farm's entire had enough in hand to repel the late challenge of the runner-up to win by three-quarters of a length. Neorealism holds an entry for the G1 Dubai Turf on Dubai World Cup night at Meydan Mar. 25.

**Sunday, Hanshin, Japan**

**HANKYU HAI-G3**, ¥77,920,000, Hanshin, 2-26, 4yo/up, 1400mT, 1:21.40, fm.

1--**@TALKING DRUM (JPN)**, 123, h, 5, by King Kamehameha (Jpn)

**1st Dam: Tranche Fraise (Jpn), by Sunday Silence**

**2nd Dam: Ann Stuart, by Lyphard**

**3rd Dam: Miss Carmie, by T.V.Lark**

O-Michiko Shimokobe; B-Shimokobe Farm; T-Makoto Saito; J-Hideaki Miyuki ; ¥41,434,000. Lifetime: 21-5-4-2. **Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#). Werk Nick Rating: A+++ \*Triple Plus\***

2--**Hiruno Devaro (Jpn)**, 123, g, 5, Manhattan Cafe (Jpn)--Deck, by Go for Gin. O-Hiruno Inc.; B-Kamii Stud; ¥16,124,000.

3--**Nagara Orion (Jpn)**, 123, c, 4, Admire Max (Jpn)--Oshima Celine (Jpn), by Twining. O-Nagara Racing Club; B-Oshima Farm; ¥10,062,000.

Margins: HD, 2, NK; Odds: 24.70, 15.10, 95.20.

Also Ran: Bravissimo (Jpn), Meadowlark (Jpn), Mikki Love Song (Jpn), Daishin Thunder (Jpn), Shuji (Jpn), Rosa Gigantea (Jpn), Chaosmos (Jpn), Moon Crest (Jpn), T M Taiho (Jpn).

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A daring ride here from Hideaki Miyuki paid dividends as a golden highway opened up on the rail just over a furlong from home and proved the difference between winning and losing. In claiming his first graded-stakes win on his 21st start, Talking Drum produced a decisive burst of acceleration, dashing through the gap when it presented itself, then keeping on strongly close home to repel the persistent challenge of Hiruno Devaro by a head. It was the 7-year-old entire's first run in graded company and he handled the step up class with aplomb.

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