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STEVENS EASING INTO RETIREMENT



Gary Stevens | Coady photo

The Week in Review, by Bill Finley

Gary Stevens had never been good at retiring. In 1999, he announced that due to serious knee problems, his career was over. By 2000, he was back. He called it quits again in 2005. This one lasted eight years, or until his restlessness once again got the best of him. He returned in 2013 and did so with a flourish, winning the GI Breeders' Cup Classic with Mucho Macho Man (Macho Uno) and the GI Breeders' Cup Distaff with Beholder (Henny Hughes).

So when doctors told him earlier this week that due a spinal cord issue he risked being a quadriplegic if he continued to ride, he had no choice but to once again say goodbye. And this time there will be no more comebacks.

"The doctor told me, 'You're done. You're not even getting on a merry-go-round,'" Stevens said.

Based on his history and what seemed like a problem letting go of the job he loved and was so good at, you might have expected Stevens to have been pouting since the doctors told him no more or looking for a second opinion from someone who would tell him he had a few good years left. That wasn't the case at all.

For the first time since he won his first race as a 17-year-old at Les Bois Park in his native Idaho, Stevens is at peace with the fact that he will never again ride a racehorse.

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TDN Q&A: JOHN GOSDEN

by Bill Finley

Not that anyone necessarily needed reminding, but John Gosden proved at this year's Breeders' Cup that not only is he one of the most gifted trainers in the sport, he is among the most durable. Way back in 1984, the then-33 year-old trainer won a race at the inaugural Breeders' Cup with Royal Heroine at Hollywood Park. Fast forward to 2018, in the 35th Breeders' Cup, and there was John Gosden back in the winner's circle with the phenomenal filly **Enable (GB)** (Nathaniel {Ire}). This week, they announced that she would race in 2019, and last week, John Gosden was our guest on the **Thoroughbred Daily News podcast**, brought to you by Taylor Made. Excerpts from that podcast appear below.

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Racing into the winter: Churchill Downs wrapped up its fall meet Sunday with a 12-race card. Racing in Kentucky shifts to its winter home at Turfway Park in Florence beginning Wednesday. | *Coady*

I WANT REVENGE DEAD AT 12 **10**
Grade I winner I Want Revenge (Stephen Got Even) passed away Saturday in Indiana after a bout with illness.

BATTLE OF MIDWAY STRIKES AT DEL MAR **12**
Battle of Midway (Smart Strike) led wire to wire to notch a tenacious victory in the GIII Native Diver S. at Del Mar Sunday.

CAIRO PRINCE FILLY ANOTHER 'STAR' FOR BAFFERT **RR**
Qahira (Cairo Prince) dominated a maiden heat late Sunday at Del Mar, becoming the 16th 'TDN Rising Star' for Bob Baffert in 2018.



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The Week in Review (cont. from p1)

It's not just that to do so would be extremely dangerous. Unlike with his past retirements, he seems to have come to understand that he had a wonderful career, he's lucky to have come out of it relatively healthy and that this time, the time had come.

But what he's most thankful for is that his decision to return in 2013 gave him one last memorable run. He says it was the best five years of his professional life, and that is among the reasons he has no regrets that his career is finally over.

"Everyone thought I was crazy coming out of retirement [in 2013], and thank God that I did," he said. "These last five years were the best five years of my career. I finally got a Breeders' Cup Classic, was able to ride Beholder and finished second in the [GI] Kentucky Derby behind a Triple Crown winner in American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile) with Firing Line (Line of David). And I won a Classic [the 2013 GI Preakness with Oxbow (Awesome Again)] for Wayne Lukas. In the Classics, it started for me with Winning Colors (Caro {Ire}) and it ended with Wayne and Oxbow."

For a rider of his credentials, Stevens, 55, was not having a particularly good 2018. He had won just 62 races and not a single Grade I. He was supposed to have five mounts in the Breeders' Cup but wound up with only one after four of his

potential mounts got hurt or sick. Nonetheless, he believed he was about to go on a roll.

"Tony (Matos) was my agent and he was getting me rolling," Stevens said. "I was riding what I wanted to ride and business was picking up. This past weekend looked like it was going to be a huge weekend for me."

But in the handful of days he has had to contemplate his retirement, Stevens has come to realize that even if he hadn't been hurt, the end was very near.



Stevens and Mucho Macho Man win the BC Classic | Horsephotos

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In 2018, five NY-breds achieved millionaire status, and four were sired by registered New York stallions.

2018 Top Ten NY-Bred Money Earners

(2018 earnings through 11/20/18)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NY-SIRED DIVERSIFY (G1, \$1,190,000) AUDIBLE (G1, \$1,121,320) NY-SIRED FOURSTAR CROOK (G1, \$931,400) NY-SIRED GIANT EXPECTATIONS (G2, \$725,900) NY-SIRED MIND YOUR BISCUITS (G1, \$570,400) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VOODOO SONG (G1, \$480,350) NY-SIRED DISCO PARTNER (G2, G1SP, \$441,000) HOLIDAY DISGUISE (G3, \$481,650) NY-SIRED HIGHWAY STAR (G2, G1SP, \$317,813) PAT ON THE BACK (SW, \$313,917)
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"It was probably time to call it a day anyway," he said.

Stevens seems to know what he is going to do next, but wouldn't say exactly what his plans are. Expect an announcement shortly. He said he will look into trying to land more acting roles, but his main focus will be on staying a part of the sport.

"You'll be hearing from Gary Stevens again. I promise," he said. "I won't be bored."

Field Size at Aqueduct Remains a Problem

It looks like it's going to be another grim winter at Aqueduct when it comes to filling races. Even with many of the top outfits still in town before their annual pilgrimage to Florida, Aqueduct averaged just 6.94 horses per race for the combined 19 races run on Saturday and Sunday. The GIII Discovery S. had a field of four.

It figures to get only worse. By the middle of winter, hundreds of NYRA horses are in Florida and hundreds more are worn out by long campaigns, and the 2-year-olds and not yet ready to go.

It really isn't NYRA's fault. When it comes to racing, New York State's workmen's compensation fees charged to owners and trainers are the highest in the nation. It's among the reasons NYRA has such a tough time getting out-of-town horsemen to

come in for anything other than major stakes race. There is, of course, also the horse shortage that is plaguing the entire industry.

NYRA has cut 18 racing days from its winter schedule over the last three or four years, but don't expect there to be any more cuts. The horsemen don't want to give up any more dates.

"If you cut any more, there's a tipping point," said Joe Appelbaum, the president of the New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association. "This isn't necessarily about the cost of business but opportunity costs. If people feel there aren't enough chances to run in New York in the winter they may just go some place else."

Appelbaum also points out that NYRA makes a profit during the winter meet, revenue that is used to prop up other meets. If winter racing were to go, you'd likely see purse cuts at Belmont and Saratoga.

These are all fair points, but how bad do things have to get before something dramatic is done? Let's hope not, but it really seems like we are a year or two away from a steady diet of cards filled with three and four-horse fields.

This is a tough problem, but it's time to start coming up with some serious solutions.

Europe is home to 6 of the top 10 races in the world

Rank	Race	Distance	Track, Country	Pattern Race Rating
1	Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe	2400m	CHANTILLY, FR	126.25
2	QIPCO King George VI & Queen Elizabeth S.	2400m	ASCOT, GB	124.75
7	Juddmonte International S.	2080m	YORK, GB	121.75
-	Prince of Wales's S.	2000m	ASCOT, GB	121.75
-	QIPCO Champion S.	2000m	ASCOT, GB	121.75
10	Dubai Duty Free Irish Derby	2400m	CURRAGH, IRE	121.50

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Barbara Banke, joint owner/breeder of **Lady Aurelia**, winner of the King's Stand S. (G1) and Queen Mary S. (G2), both at Royal Ascot, and the Prix Morny (G1) at Deauville.



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Seabiscuit? Turf Champion?

Okay, I realize there are more important issues to worry about, but it drives me nuts when they gives stakes races names that make no sense. Saturday at Del Mar, they ran the GII Seabiscuit H., a 1 1/16-mile grass race. Prior to moving the race to Del Mar, it was known as the Citation H. It's terrific that Del Mar named a race after Seabiscuit, but he never ran on the grass. For that matter, neither did Citation.

Belmont does the same thing, naming one of its Grade I grass races after Man o'War, who never got near a grass course. There are plenty of dirt races that Del Mar could have named after Seabiscuit. How about, for instance, the GII San Diego H.?



Seabiscuit | Keeneland Library

Wrona Shocker

No one from The Stronach Group has yet offered up a plausible answer why announcer Michael Wrona was fired. It's hard to imagine it had anything to do with his race-calling skills as he was quite good and seemed popular with the fans. A replacement will be named as soon as Monday.

Meanwhile, Wrona has a strong resume and will surely land on his feet with an announcing job at a top track.

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John Gosden (cont. from p1)

TDN: John, coming in, you certainly knew no Arc winner had ever come back to win the GI Breeders' Cup Turf. Did you ever worry that those two back-to-back races were too much for any horse to handle, Enable included?

JG: Obviously they come deep into the autumn, and normally you've probably had a great deal more racing than she had this year. We obviously had a well publicized injury we had to deal with back in May, which required surgery, but she came through all of that. It was more of a bursa problem at the back of the knee than it was ligament or bone as such. But she came through all of that. We got her back and ran her in a Grade III just to get her started back at Kempton, and she did that well. Our problem was then between that race and the Arc, she had a fever and she was uneasy for a week. So, I think my biggest problem was going to the Arc, running the filly not fully a hundred percent, and she burst away from the field, but she certainly was tiring the last eighth. And the jockey, whisked

down and picked her up and got her over the line. And I suppose that took her longer to get over than would be normal, because if you run a horse in a mile-and-a half race at that class and they're a little short of work due to the time she missed, it is going take her longer. And there's not doubt that she took longer to get over that. But I was happy with her by the time she got on the plane to go to Kentucky.



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TDN: As the race developed, Frankie Dettori made a strategic move that he could have been second guessed. Going into the final turn, he was literally nine or 10 wide, losing a lot of ground, but he explained later that he was looking for the better footing of the course, which he apparently found. At the time, were you wondering, 'What the heck is Frankie doing?' and were you at some point worried about that decision?

JG: He didn't have much choice. He was being attended by Hunting Horn (Ire) (Camelot {GB}) on his outside. And the speed on the inside was going to stop over that ground. The one thing he didn't want to do was squeeze down closer towards the inside edge and have those horses come back in his face, and, if so, he'd be checked in behind them. He was very clear in his mind that, yes, he wanted to stay away from the fence, but second that he didn't want to get in behind that speed, which was bound to be stopping. So, he elected to then come take a pull if you look at it very carefully.

Coming to the last turn he took a pull and came back around Hunting Horn and came on his outside. So, he knew, although he sacrificed ground and momentum, he knew he would get a clear run. I don't think he intended to come as wide as he came. But when Hunting Horn opened the door for Magical (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), that pushed him even wider. I was pleased myself they didn't wind up on the main track actually. I thought that was the next stop.



Enable and Frankie Dettori | Horsephotos

TDN: Going back to what you said earlier about the problems you had and the surgery, at that point (when she was injured) you had to tell the world that they wouldn't see her for some time back on the race course, could you ever have imagined that the end of the year would end up as successfully as it did? Three for three including winning two of the most prestigious turf races in the world?

JG: I suppose you don't think like that as a trainer. You're there and you think, if we get back to the races, "Well, that'll be great

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in itself." I suppose you always have faith with a filly like this. Not only does she have the ability, but she has enormous mental strength. I mean, she really enjoys her training. She loves breezing. She loves racing. So, it's like you've got someone who's up for the job. She's going to give you everything, and rather like any athlete coming back from an injury, a lot of it is down to mental strength as well as the physical healing. And she manages to combine both. She was that kind of filly and to the extent that whatever you do with her she gives you 100 percent every time. So, she did make that side of a lot easier than someone who didn't have that mental fortitude.

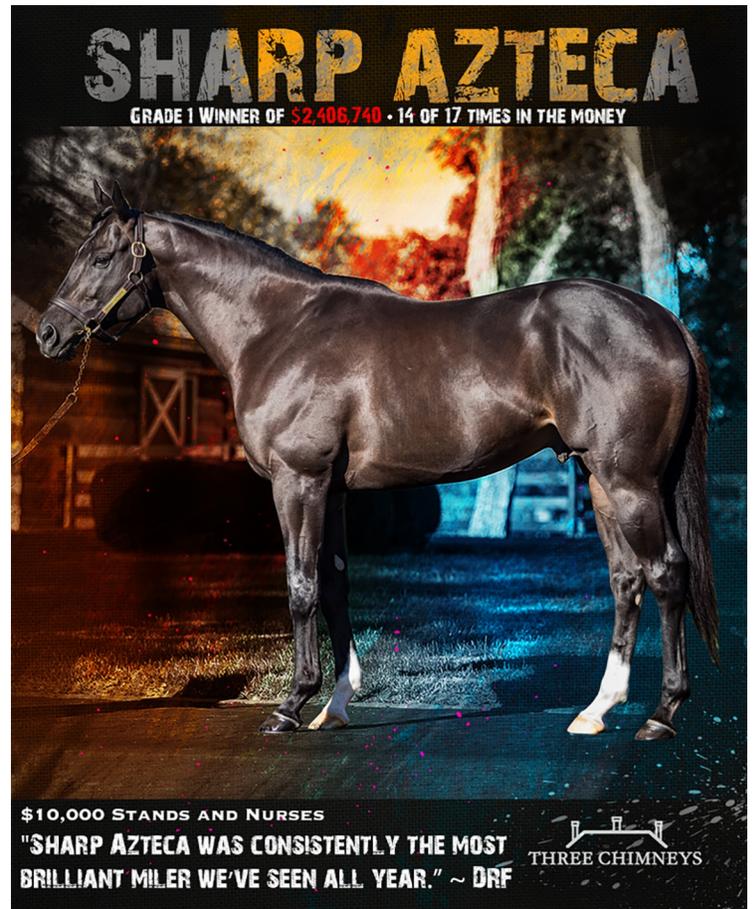


John Gosden | *Racing Post photo*

TDN: Here in the U.S. there's quite a debate about who should win the Eclipse Award for the Champion Turf Filly or Mare. In many years Enable would be a shoe-in even though she only raced here once, but you have very stiff competition in Sister Charlie (Ire) (Myboycharlie {Ire}) another Breeders' Cup Winner. Would you like to weigh in on that debate and how do you feel about the possibility of Enable, who's already won a Cartier Award, winning an Eclipse Award as well?

JG: I think I can see the argument on both sides. I mean, Enable comes from being a dual Arc winner and winning the Turf. On the other hand, I have a great appreciation of a filly that is trained and raced throughout the year in America and to that extent the Eclipse Award is fully about American racing. There is a very strong argument for the filly that's been based there, So, put it this way. I'm not the one who has to make that decision. Thank goodness.

TDN: You began your training career in California. Why did a Brit decided to start off halfway across the world?



JG: I had fallen in love with a girl, who's my wife, and she was at Cambridge University--she was a lawyer. But she was always in London and I was either in Ireland with Vincent O'Brien or I was in Newmarket or something and we could never be together. The great thing about coming to America, we thought we'd come and have a look for a year. She could actually go work in Century City, Beverley Hills, which she did, and I could just drive to the track. So we could be together, and interestingly enough that was one of the main reasons I had worked for Gene Jacobs and others in New York on my school holidays, hot walking and traveling horses, so I had a lot of a feel for American racing. And the other factor is purely financial. To set up in Europe you need to rent a place, buy a place, I didn't have the money for that. The great thing was I came to Santa Anita and was with Tommy Doyle, and I got three stalls in Willard Proctor's barn. I don't think Willard was too keen to see me.

TDN: You were an assistant trainer to Tommy Doyle, but it's also known that you watched intently what Charlie Whittingham did and you are, perhaps, more well known for your association with Charlie even than your association with Tommy Doyle, because you had such a fondness for him and

an appreciation for what a great trainer he was. What did you learn from him? What are the key lessons you learned from watching this great trainer train horses?

JG: When I started training, the easiest thing to do was get my little sets out and go out with him. I also knew where I belonged, right? Right in the back of his set. So, I used to walk out there five sets a day. Walk around with him, walk back. And what would you learn from Charlie? You would learn everything about the understanding of the horse, the animal. He was a lover of horses, dogs and people. His humor was one of the greatest. No one had a better sense of humor--dry. He was tough, and yet he was very soft and kind underneath, but he really knew *how*. But when he knew he was in the right place with one, oh, boy. You'd better watch out.

TDN: **Switching subjects now. You're a staunch advocate of not allowing raceday medication. It's not an issue in Europe, but what are your thoughts about U.S. racing considering you have such a background here?**

JG: Look, I can understand the therapeutic reasons for raceday medication, Lasix or anything. I do understand that profoundly, and the benefit it can give. I just begin to find it difficult to think of any other athletic sport where the athlete is receiving intravenous injection the day of the race. I find that a little hard to mentally get my head around. I know the tracks are demanding and I know there's a requirement for it and obviously with anti-inflammatories as well, I do understand it, and I understand the benefits of it, but it's going to come a time when people are going to increasingly question it, you know?

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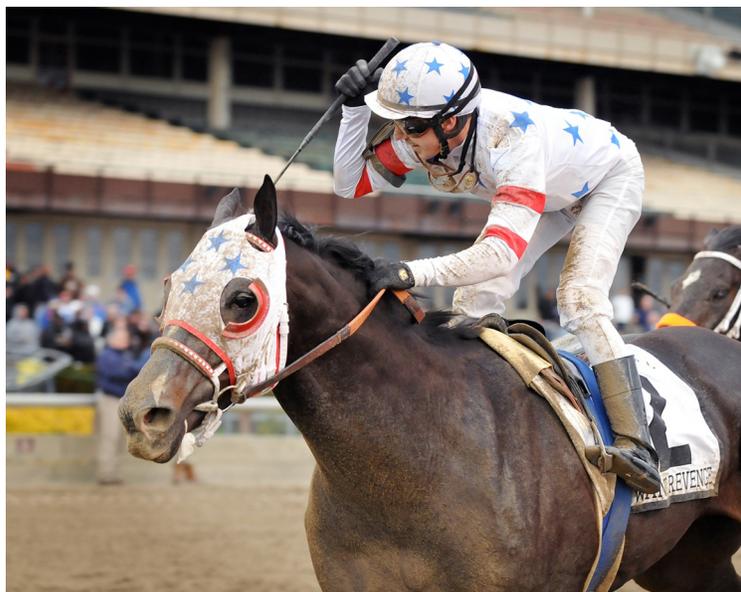
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I WANT REVENGE DEAD AT 12



I Want Revenge | Sarah K. Andrew

Grade I winner **I Want Revenge** (Stephen Got Even–Meguiar {Arg}, by Roy) passed away in Indiana Nov. 24, according to owner Jeff Jeans, who recently purchased the stallion for \$10,000 at the Keeneland November Sale. According to Jeans, I Want Revenge had a fever of 104 degrees upon arriving to a farm in Indiana and was subsequently treated via intravenous therapy. While Jeans said he showed tangible improvement to the treatment, I Want Revenge’s condition eventually deteriorated once more and he died suddenly Saturday.

“I Want Revenge did not suffer, there were no signs of him thrashing about,” Jeans wrote in a Facebook post. “He simply passed and dropped where he was standing...We were struck by the tremendous presence this horse had, he simply commanded your attention when you saw him.”

Jeans noted that he had to pull a weanling filly from the November Sale due to a virus that led to a fever similar to the one developed by I Want Revenge.

I Want Revenge captured the GI Wood Memorial in dramatic last-to-first fashion as a 3-year-old in 2009--a performance that stamped him as the morning-line favorite for the GI Kentucky Derby a month later. He never made the starting gate for the race, however, after an ankle filling necessitated a scratch on the morning of the race. Trained by Rick Dutrow, Jr., I Want Revenge added a pair of graded stakes placings in a career that lasted into his 6-year-old season, but the dark bay never returned to the winner’s circle. He retired in 2012 with a record of 3-3-6 from 14 starts and total earnings of \$928,000.

I Want Revenge entered stud at Pauls Mill Farm in 2014 and spent the 2015-2018 seasons at Millennium Farms. I Want Revenge was slated to stand the 2019 season at the Indiana Stallion Station in Anderson, Indiana.

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1--**MOONLIT PROMISE**, 119, m, 5, by **Malibu Moon**

1st Dam: Smart Surprise (GSW, \$508,709), by Smart Strike

2nd Dam: Weekend Storm, by Storm Bird

3rd Dam: Weekend Surprise, by Secretariat

O-Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc. (J. G. Sikura) & Windsor Boys Racing; B-Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc (KY); T-Josie Carroll; J-Eurico Rosa Da Silva. C\$105,000. Lifetime Record: 18-8-3-2, \$507,462. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++.** *Triple Plus*.

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3--**Let It Ride Mom**, 119, f, 4, **Into Mischief**--Golden Marlin, by Marlin. (\$77,000 Ylg '15 KESEP; \$375,000 2yo '16 OBSMAR). O-Live Oak Plantation; B-Tim Thornton, Robert Watt, Doug Glass & Greg Foley (KY); T-Mark E. Casse. C\$17,500.

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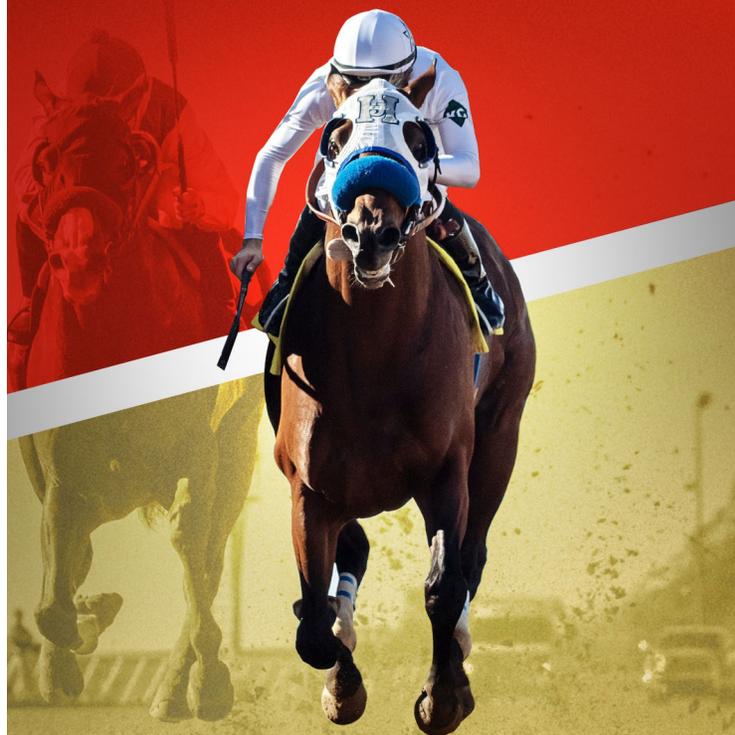
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BATTLE OF MIDWAY



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Moonlit Promise registered a repeat victory in the featured Bessarabian S. at Woodbine Sunday--the sixth overall stakes success of her career.

Sent postward as the slight favorite, Moonlit Promise settled into a tracking spot racing off the pace in a joint sixth behind a half-mile in :44.59. Asked for more and swung seven wide turning for home, she rallied under steady urging and edged clear to score by a comfortable margin over Silent Sonet.

Moonlit Promise won the GIII Ontario Fashion S. and the Bessarabian here last year, but did not find the winner's circle in six tries following last year's renewal of this event. She broke through with the addition of blinkers in the Sept. 15 Sweet Briar Too S. and was last seen finishing third in the Ontario Fashion behind Silent Sonet.

"She had a bit of a tough year," said winning trainer Josie Carroll. "Of her last five starts, she had the one-hole four times. She's a filly that doesn't really want to run inside so it was a really tough year for her. To see her get a decent draw where she could show what she could really do was pretty exciting."

Pedigree Notes:

A Hill 'n' Dale Farm homebred campaigned in partnership with Windsor Boys Racing ([click here](#) to read a November 2017 TDN feature on the partnership), Moonlit Promise is a daughter of Smart Surprise (Smart Strike), who was acquired privately as a maiden by Hill 'n' Dale's John Sikura midway through her 4-year-old season in 2008 before going on to capture this race later that year.

A half-sister to GI Breeders' Cup Mile winner and sire Court Vision (Gulch), Smart Surprise won a total of five stakes races for Hill 'n'Dale and trainer Carroll, including the GIII Hendrie S. in 2009. Second dam Weekend Storm (Storm Bird) is a full-sister to GI Preakness S. winner Summer Squall and a half to legendary sire and dual-champion A.P. Indy (Seattle Slew).

Smart Surprise produced a colt by Tapit in 2017.

Sunday, Del Mar

NATIVE DIVER S.-GIII, \$92,000, Del Mar, 11-25, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:50.23, ft.

1--**BATTLE OF MIDWAY, 125, c, 4, by Smart Strike**



1st Dam: **Rigoletta (GISW, \$184,070), by Concerto**

2nd Dam: **Almost Aprom Queen, by Montbrook**

3rd Dam: **Romantic Dinner, by Who's for Dinner**

(\$410,000 Ylg '15 FTSAUG). O-Don Alberto Stable & WinStar Farm LLC; B-Thor-Bred Stables, LLC (KY); T-Jerry Hollendorfer; J-Flavien Prat. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: GISW, 14-7-3-2, \$1,409,049. **Werk Nick Rating: B.**

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2--**Dabster**, 121, c, 4, **Curlin**--On a Roll, by A.P. Indy. (\$430,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP; \$1,000,000 2yo '16 FTFMAR). O-Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa al Maktoum; B-G. Watts Humphrey Jr., Susan Keller, Victoria Oliver & G. Watts Humphrey III (KY); T-Bob Baffert. \$20,000.

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3--**Isotherm**, 121, h, 5, **Lonhro (Aus)**--Game for More, by More Than Ready. (\$120,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP). O-Matthew Schera; B-H. Allen Poindexter (KY); T-Philip D'Amato. \$12,000.

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Battle of Midway (right) holds off Dabster | *Benoit photo*

Battle of Midway notched his second consecutive win with a score in the Native Diver at Del Mar Sunday. Last year's GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile hero returned to training earlier this year after being found to be subfertile in an abbreviated stallion career and was making his fourth start back Sunday.

Battle of Midway went straight to the front in this scratch-reduced field and showed the way under steady pressure from Dabster to his outside through fractions of :23.60 and :47.93. The pair spurted clear from Isotherm on the far turn and locked

horns through the stretch, but it was Battle of Midway who found more late and forged ahead to claim the victory.

A 'TDN Rising Star,' Battle of Midway progressed quickly as a 3-year-old last year and finished a close second in the GI Santa Anita Derby and third in the GI Kentucky Derby before finding the winner's circle in the GIII Affirmed S. at Santa Anita. He later added a win in Del Mar's Shared Belief S. and, after a runner-up finish in the GIII Oklahoma Derby, pulled off a mild upset with a rallying score at the World Championships. Laid off from November 2017 to August 2018, he came back with a runner-up finish in the GII Pat O'Brien S. at Del Mar Aug. 25 and could do no better than fifth as the even-money choice in Belmont's GII Kelso H. Sept. 22. He rebounded from that try with a convincing score in the Oct. 28 Comma to the Top S. at Santa Anita, setting him up for Sunday's success.

Pedigree Notes:

Battle of Midway's dam Rigoletta captured the GI Oak Leaf S. and is a half-sister to Almost a Valentina (High Cotton), herself the dam of GI Cigar Mile H. hopeful Patternrecognition (Adios Charlie), who defeated Battle of Midway in the GII Kelso H. in September. This is the same female family that produced champion female sprinter Musical Romance (Concorde's Tune).

Rigoletta produced a colt by Empire Maker in 2017 and a colt by Tapit this year. She was bred back to Curlin.



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Sunday, Del Mar

CECIL B. DEMILLE S.-GIII, \$100,000, Del Mar, 11-25, 2yo, 1mT, 1:34.44, fm.

1--**FLYING SCOTSMAN**, 120, r, 2, by **English Channel**

1st Dam: Padmore, by French Deputy

2nd Dam: Double Lock (GB), by Home Guard

3rd Dam: St Padina, by St. Paddy (GB)

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN, 1ST GRADED STAKES WIN.

O/B-Calumet Farm (KY); T-Jerry Hollendorfer; J-Flavien Prat. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$97,200. *1/2 to King of Sydney (Diesis {GB}), GSW-Ger & GSP-Fr, \$182,371; Barracks Road (Elusive Quality), MSW, \$369,645; Leigh Court (Grand Slam), Ch. 3yo Filly-Can, MGSW, \$778,793; Star Hill (Elusive Quality), MGSP, \$246,393; and Bon Raison (Raison d'Etat), SP, \$150,200. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++ *Triple Plus***. [Click for eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

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2--**Rijeka (Ire)**, 120, c, 2, Roderic O'Connor (Ire)--Pelican Waters (Ire), by Key of Luck. (€2,500 RNA Wlg '16 GOFNOV; €8,500 Ylg '17 TIRSEP). O-Slam Dunk Racing & Michael Nentwig; B-Ms A. Sammon (IRE); T-Richard Baltas. \$20,000.

3--**Vantastic**, 120, c, 2, **Dialed In**--Lemon Secretary, by Lemon Drop Kid. (\$45,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEESEP). O-Ciaglia Racing LLC, Sharon Alesia & Paul Van Doren; B-David Berman (FL); T-Peter Eurton. \$12,000.

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Margins: 4 1/4, HF, 5 1/4. Odds: 1.00, 4.30, 2.40. Also Ran: Takeo Squared, Sayin Grace. Scratched: Irish Heatwave. [Click for the Equibase.com chart, the TJCIS.com PPs or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#) **VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

Flying Scotsman, a clear favorite in the six-horse GIII Cecil B. DeMille S. Sunday, justified the public's confidence with a romping victory in his first try against winners. Third sprinting on the local lawn Aug. 8, the Calumet homebred stretched out effectively to don cap and gown by a nose going this distance at Santa Anita Sept. 29. He sat in a clear second early as Vantastic showed the way through splits of :23.02 and :46.92. The chestnut turned up the heat on the frontrunner midway around the bend, seized command in upper stretch and bounded away with powerful strides to put a significant gap between he and the competition at the wire. Rijeka edged Vantastic for second.

"He doesn't act like a 2-year-old; he's very professional," said winning rider Flavien Prat. "When I asked him today, he gave me a very good kick. He feels like he'll run on and on."

Hall of Fame trainer Jerry Hollendorfer added, "He's done very well since we've had him. Usually I like to sprint them twice, but he didn't seem to like that, so we put him at a mile the second time out and he liked that. Since then, he's trained very well and looks like a pretty good prospect. He rated perfectly today and he had a great trip. I think we'll stay on the grass with him in the future, if that's possible."



Flying Scotsman | Benoit Photo

Pedigree Notes:

Flying Scotsman is the 41st stakes winner and 18th graded winner for his sire. His second dam is English SW/GSP Double Lock (GB) (Home Guard), herself the dam of two group winners. The very productive Padmore, who was purchased by Calumet principal Brad Kelley's Bluegrass Hall while carrying MGSP Star Hill (Elusive Quality) at the 2012 Keeneland January sale, produced another Elusive Quality colt in 2017. After failing to get in foal last year, she visited Bal a Bali (Brz) earlier this term.

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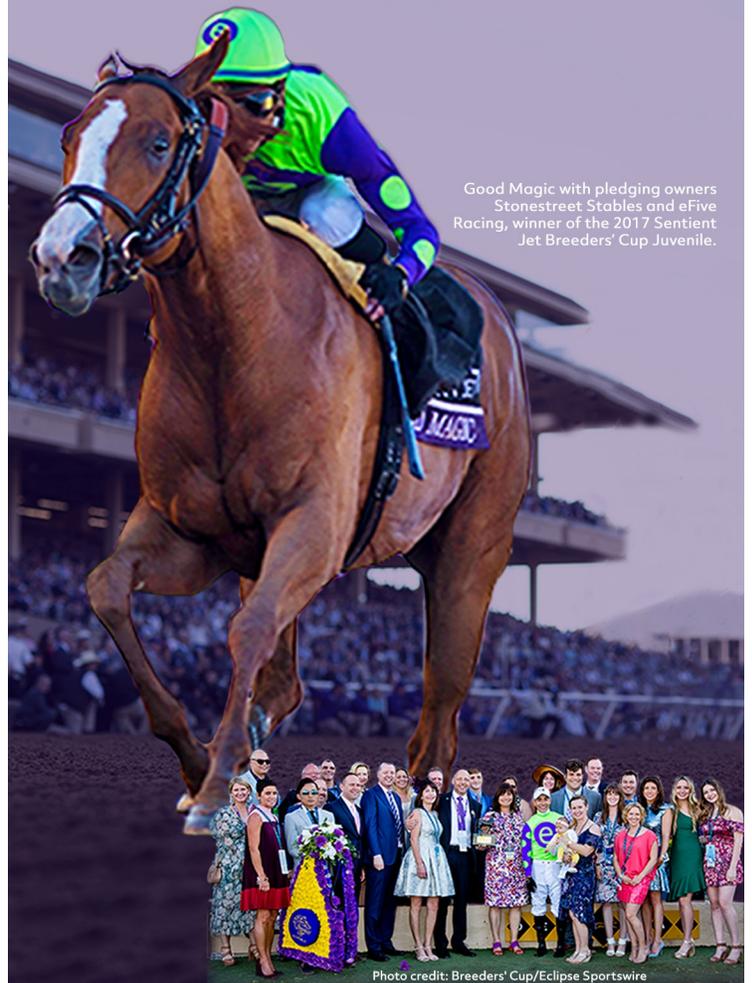
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CAIRO PRINCE FILLY BECOMES BAFFERT'S 16TH '18 RISING STAR

Qahira (Cairo Prince) became the 18th winner for her red-hot freshman sire (by Pioneerof the Nile) and 16th 'TDN Rising Star' unleashed by Hall of Famer Bob Baffert this year as she cruised to an easy eight-length debut victory at Del Mar Sunday evening. A \$130,000 FTKOCT yearling purchase turned \$375,000 OBS June 2-year-old after a bullet quarter-mile breeze in :20 2/5, the May 29 foal was off at 13-10 and ran to the money. Sitting perched just off the speed and out in the clear through splits of :22.65 and :46.25, she took over while well within herself and cruised in the lane to run up the score to by 4 3/4 lengths in 1:10.59. Slewgoodtobetrue (Jimmy Creed), second in her unveiling at Santa Anita last month, was best of the rest and 5 3/4 lengths clear of the third finisher.

Qahira is the second 'Rising Star' for Cairo Prince in as many days--Mihos earned that distinction for an Aqueduct score Saturday. She is a half-sister to Stormin' Lyon (Storm Boot), SW, \$176,858; and stakes winner Quick Flip (Speightstown) and is her dam's last registered produce. Her female family includes the likes of GISW Mitterand (Hold Your Peace) and that one's graded stakes-winning son and sire French Deputy (Deputy Minister). French Deputy is the broodmare sire of Sunday's GIII Cecil B. DeMille S. winner Flying Scotsman (English Channel).

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7th-Del Mar, \$54,725, Msw, 11-25, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:10.59, ft.

QAHIRA, f, 2, Cairo Prince



1st Dam: Motel Lass, by Bates Motel
2nd Dam: Devil's Lass, by Devil's Bag
3rd Dam: Laredo Lass, by Bold Ruler

Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$31,800. [Click for the Equibase.com chart, the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Baoma Corp; B-Nekia Farm & Hunter Valley Farm (KY); T-Bob Baffert. *\$130,000 Ylg '17 FTKOCT; \$375,000 2yo '18 OBSOPN.

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

AUTUMN DAYS S., \$125,750, Aqueduct, 11-25, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (off turf), 1:11.41, gd.

1--**YORKIEPOO PRINCESS, 120, f, 4, Kantharos--Kickapoo Princess (SW), by Unreal Zeal.** (\$65,000 Ylg '15 OBSAUG; \$8,000 2yo '16 OBSAPR). O-Danny J. Chen; B-A. Francis & Barbara H. Vanlangendonck (FL); T-Edward R. Barker; J-Dylan Davis. \$68,750. Lifetime Record: GSP, 19-6-1-2, \$435,627.

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2--**Jean Elizabeth, 120, f, 3, Adios Charlie--Rooney Doodle, by Lit de Justice.** O-Richard Ravin, Patricia's Hope LLC & Larry Rivelli; B-Larry Rivelli & Richard Ravin (IL); T-Larry Rivelli. \$25,000.

3--**Fear No Evil, 122, f, 4, Line of David--True Sensation, by Itaka.** O-Hickory Plains; B-Randy L. & Alyse L. Cohen (MD); T-Thomas Albertrani. \$15,750.

Winning with Woodford

 **IT PAYS TO BREED MARYLAND-BREDS** 

Margins: 5 3/4, 1HF, 2 3/4. Odds: 6.30, 7.60, 6.00.

Also Ran: Friend of Liberty, Bloody Point, Jc's Shooting Star, Lezendary, Sounds Delicious. Scratched: Tap Tap Taparoo, Broadway Run, Always Thinking, Fire Key, Compelled, Epping Forest, Misericordia (GB).

Yorkiepoo Princess, who drew into this race when it came off the turf, won the 2017 Busher S. at this track, but it was another 20 months before she visited the winner's circle again after romping to a 6 1/2-length score in a Parx optional claimer last time out Nov. 5. The dark bay filly pressed pacesetting Jean Elizabeth, put that foe away at midstretch and powered clear to an easy victory.

"The Princess loves Aqueduct," said winning trainer Edward Barker. "She's back, she ran big. What a giant race for her today. I was praying it was going to come off the grass today and she really showed her ability. She's been touting herself since her last race and it really gave her a lot of confidence. I'm really proud of her. This puts her almost close to \$400,000 in earnings, which isn't bad for a horse they paid \$10,000 for. She loves Aqueduct and she loves the winter time, so we'll look forward to running her again here in the future."

Kickapoo Princess produced a colt by Chitu last year and that yearling sold for \$4,500 at this year's OBS October Yearling sale. The mare produced a filly by Upstart this year and she was bred back to American Freedom. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

NOTEBOOK S., \$100,000, Aqueduct, 11-25, (S), 2yo, 6f, 1:12.28, my.

1--**LA FUERZA**, 122, c, 2, by **Flatter**

1st Dam: Jonata, by Proud Citizen

2nd Dam: Romp and Stomp, by Olympio

3rd Dam: Prom Knight, by Sir Harry Lewis

O-Barry K. Schwartz; B-Stonewall Farm (NY); T-Todd A. Pletcher; J-John R. Velazquez. \$55,000. Lifetime Record: 7-4-0-1, \$249,010.

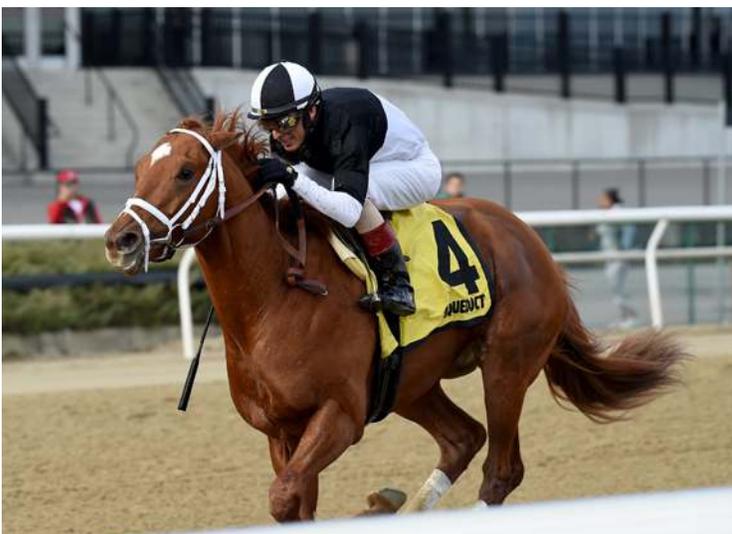
2--**Analyzethisandthat**, 120, g, 2, **Freud**--Peppy Candy, by Candy Stripes. O/B-Joseph Birnbaum (NY); T-Russell J. Cash. \$20,000.

3--**Kosciuszko**, 120, c, 2, Smart Bid--Sunshine Stormy, by Stormy Atlantic. O-Edward J. Witek; B-Edward & Dr. Joseph Witek (NY); T-Patrick J. Quick. \$12,000.

Margins: 2 3/4, 2HF, 5 3/4. Odds: 4.30, 46.00, 1.70.

Also Ran: Thorny Tale, Bustin Hoffman, Bustin to Be Loved.

La Fuerza, whose back-to-back wins at Belmont to open his career last July included a victory in the July 14 Rockville Center S., added the Sept. 8 Aspirant S. at Finger Lakes and was third in that track's Sept. 29 New York Breeders' Futurity S. He was never a factor when 10th trying one mile for the first time in the Oct. 20 Sleepy Hollow S. in Elmont last time out. La Fuerza chased the pacesetters through a quarter in :22.92 and began challenging for the lead nearing the lane. He surged to lead at midstretch and recorded a confident tally.



La Fuerza | Chelsea Durand

“He seemed on his game today,” trainer Todd Pletcher said of the winner. “He left the gate with good intentions and put himself into a good spot. Last time, I think we kind of misread the race when he broke. We thought there was a lot of pace and tried to ease him back off, and I think that was a mistake. He's a horse that time has shown has some real quality. He's just been a little inconsistent. Hopefully, he's starting to put it all together.”

As for what is next for La Fuerza, Pletcher said, “We’ll keep him here for the winter. There’s a decent series of New York-bred stakes. We’ll run him with New York-breds whenever we have the opportunity.”

Jonata, a half-sister to stakes winner and Grade I placed Pinch Pie (Victory Gallop), produced a colt by Mizzen Mast this year and was bred back to English Channel. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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TEPIN S., \$93,600, Aqueduct, 11-25, 2yo, f, 1m (off turf), 1:41.17, my.

1--**SOUTH OF FRANCE**, 118, f, 2, by **Quality Road**

1st Dam: Miss Derek (MSW, \$159,610), by Brother Derek

2nd Dam: Quick Text, by Tiznow

3rd Dam: Super Seniorita, by El Baba

(\$25,000 Wlg '16 KEENOV; \$180,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP).

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Mathis Stable LLC; B-Notch Hill Farm & W. S. Farish (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher; J-John R. Velazquez. \$55,000. Lifetime Record: 7-3-2-1, \$128,275.

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2--**Hollywood Glory**, 119, f, 2, **Maclean's Music**--Marcellina d'Oro, by Medaglia d'Oro. (\$180,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP).

O-Courtlandt Farms (Donald & Donna Adam); B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY); T-Mark A. Hennig. \$20,000.

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3--**Slieve Mish**, 118, f, 2, **Bernardini**--Beckles Road, by Smart Strike. (\$295,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEESEP). O-Waterville Lake Stable; B-Stonehaven Steadings (KY); T-C Clement. \$12,000.

Margins: 5, 11 3/4, 62 1/4. Odds: 0.80, 2.00, 7.80.

Also Ran: Guacamole, No More Fast Women. Scratched: Stormy D, Suba Lou, On the Town, Sweet Timing, Love and Love, Early Time (Fr), Fierce Scarlett, Aunt Hattie (Ire), Flying the Colors.

South of France, entered here for main-track only, romped home by six lengths while facing \$50,000 maiden claimers at Keeneland Oct. 10, and added a starter allowance over this track and trip last time out Nov. 8. The heavy favorite jumped out to a clear early lead as Guacamole (Flat Out) stumbled badly coming out of the gate and No More Fast Women (Factum) ducked in sharply and lost the rider. Hollywood Glory moved up inside of the pacesetter to take the lead leaving the backstretch and the two rivals went stride for stride around the turn. South of France took command into the lane and strode clear to the wire.



South of France | A Coglianese

"We felt like she's a filly that was improving," trainer Todd Pletcher said of the winner. "This turned out to be a good spot when it came off the grass. I like the way she's progressing, and she seems to be handling the stretch out in distance pretty well. The race was dramatically altered at the start. We felt Guacamole would be on the lead and when she stumbled badly, it changed the dynamics. Those are always worrisome situations when you have a loose horse in there, but thankfully everyone made it home safely."

Miss Derek, who RNA'd for \$67,000 with this foal in utero at the 2015 Keeneland November sale, produced a filly by Union Rags in 2017 and a colt by Tonalist this year before being bred back to Honor Code. Her Union Rags filly sold for \$155,000 at last year's Keeneland November sale. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

10th-Churchill Downs, \$84,149, Alw (NW3\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 11-25, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09.79, ft.

HAPPY LIKE A FOOL (f, 3, Distorted Humor--Lastofthsummerwine, by Sky Mesa) finished sixth in the Nov. 3 GI Breeders' Cup F/M Sprint for the partnership of Merriebelle Stable and Michael Tabor, Susan Magnier and Derrick Smith--for whom she had won the GIII Matron S. and run second in Royal Ascot's G2 Queen Mary S. last year--and a day later sold for \$1.45 million at the Fasig-Tipton November sale. Without Merriebelle Stable in the ownership line for this start, the 3-5 favorite attended the pace three wide down the backstretch. She surged to the lead midway on the bend and determinedly held off Sister Nation (Into Mischief) down the stretch to win by 3/4 lengths. Happy Like a Fool, who also captured this year's GIII Miss Preakness S., is a half-sister to Conquest Panthera (Kitten's Joy, GSW & GISP, \$360,275); and Maniacal (Kitten's Joy, GSP, \$240,782). Lastofthsummerwine produced a filly by American Pharoah in 2017 and a filly by Distorted Humor this year before being bred back to Curlin. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** Lifetime Record: MGSW-US & GSP-Eng, 9-4-1-0, \$326,197. O-Michael Tabor, Susan Magnier & Derrick Smith; B/T-Wesley Ward (KY).

Foaled and Raised at **ASHVIEW FARM**

6th-Churchill Downs, \$79,100, Alw, 11-25, (NW1X), 2yo, 1m (off turf), 1:36.89, ft.

SIX SHOOTER (g, 2, Trappe Shot--Academy Road, by Lemon Drop Kid), a \$20,000 claim following a third at Churchill in September, graduated at third asking in a six-furlong test at Indiana Downs Oct. 17. A distant third going seven panels in a \$75,000 optional claimer back here Nov. 10, the gelding was let go at 13-1 in this off-turf affair. Settled in a stalking third through an initial half in :45.48, the dark bay rounded the home turn four wide, took over at midstretch and ran clear late to post a 2 3/4-length victory. Pole Setter (Take Charge Indy), who crossed the wire in second, was disqualified and placed third behind Go Away (Scat Daddy), who took the worst of it early and closed best of all in the final stages. Academy Road, out of Canadian 2-year-old champion Poetically (Silver Deputy), produced a colt by Congrats this season and was bred back to Will Take Charge. This represents the family of Canadian champion juvenile filly Primaly and Grade I winner Citronnade. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-3, \$78,850. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Dundalk 5 LLC and N P H Stable; B-Craig D. Upham (KY); T-Paul E. Holthus.

7th-Churchill Downs, \$78,445, Alw, 11-25, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:18.07, ft.

ASCOT DAY (f, 3, Street Sense--Ascot Eye, by Daaher) graduated by 7 1/2 lengths going this distance at Ellis Park Aug. 5 in her third lifetime start and, after a 10th-place effort over a sloppy Churchill track Sept. 22, was third in a blanket finish in Louisville Nov. 7. Sent off at 5-2, the dark bay filly raced keenly while contesting the pace. She stuck her nose in front after a half in :47.02 and strode under the wire two lengths to the good of longshot Miz K (Tapit). Ascot Eye produced a filly by Bernardini in 2017 and a full-brother to that yearling in 2018 before being bred back to the same stallion. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, \$89,115.

O-Shadwell Stable; B-Hadi Al Tajir (KY); T-Daniel C. Peitz.

11th-Churchill Downs, \$72,789, Alw, 11-25, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:16.32, ft.

SHARE THE UPSIDE (g, 3, Maclean's Music--Mystic Silver, by Silver Deputy), a debut winner at Oaklawn Park in March, was fifth at this oval in a seven-furlong optional claimer second time out May 5 and, after a pair of runner-up efforts at Indiana Downs in July, was coming off a third-place effort at Keeneland Oct. 14. The 2-1 favorite battled on the front end, forged to the lead in upper stretch and sailed home a 4 3/4-length winner.

The same owners teamed up for graded stakes success Sunday with Moonlit Promise (Malibu Moon)'s win in the GII Bessarabian S. at Woodbine. Rubus (Majestic Warrior) was second. Sales history: \$75,000 RNA Ylg '16 KEESEP. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-1, \$109,472.

O-Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc. (J. G. Sikura) & Windsor Boys Racing; B-Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc (ON); T-Steven M. Asmussen.



8th-Fair Grounds, \$42,000, Alw (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 11-25, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:04.60, sy.

LA DAME BLANCHE (f, 3, Point of Entry--Adjudication, by Giant's Causeway), a narrow winner over the Keeneland turf Oct. 19, was installed the 2-1 choice to make it two straight in this off turfer. Under a pressured lead through an opening quarter in :22.67, the grey extended her advantage through the home turn and into the stretch, sauntering home a five-length winner over Starving Artist (Paynter). A daughter of multiple graded-stakes winner Criminologist (Maria's Mon), Adjudication is also responsible for an unraced 2-year-old colt by Noble Mission (GB) and a yearling colt by English Channel. She dropped a colt by Lemon Drop Kid this season and was bred back to Declaration of War. Lifetime Record: 8-3-0-1, \$107,250. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

O-Ralph Ebert and Patrick Waresk; B-Ralph Ebert & Glendalough LLC (KY); T-Ian R. Wilkes.

4th-Fair Grounds, \$40,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 11-25, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:05.02, sy.

SMILA'SSENSEOF SNOW (f, 2, Trappe Shot--Fiscal Policy {SW}, by Wildcat Heir) marched home a four-length winner in her career bow in an off-turf sprint at Arlington Sept. 8 and was sent off at 5-2 to make it two straight here. Sent to the front early, the \$12,000 KEESEP yearling purchase led through opening splits of :22.58 and :46.04. Comfortably in front turning for home, the chestnut crossed the wire 1 1/2 lengths in front of Slimey (Quality Road). Fiscal Policy produced a filly by City Zip in 2017 followed by a colt by Maclean's Music this season. She was bred back to Blame. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$43,200. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

O/T-Hugh H. Robertson; B-Martha Buckner (KY).





IN ORDER OF PURSE:

12th-Churchill Downs, \$76,903, Msw, 11-25, 2yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:47.63, ft.

COSMIC CODE (f, 2, Into Mischief--Touch the Star, by Tapit) finished a distant second behind the runaway Norm Casse-trained winner Hard Legacy (Hard Spun) in her Oct. 20 debut over the Keeneland lawn and was installed the 6-5 favorite to get the job done this time. A comfortable second behind Delcapem (Uncle Mo) through opening fractions of :23.38 and :48.47, the Juddmonte homebred overtook that rival, while carving out three quarters in 1:14.20. Uncontested from there, Cosmic Code strode clear to graduate by four lengths over Shacklette (Shackleford). New Roo (Dominus) rounded out the trifecta. Cosmic Code has a pair of half sisters from the last two seasons by Munnings. Touch the Star, a half-sister to Group 1 winner Etoile Montante (Miswaki), was bred back to Munnings. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$59,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Juddmonte Farms Inc (KY); T-Brad H. Cox.



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9th-Churchill Downs, \$75,213, Msw, 11-25, 2yo, 6 1/2f, 1:17.39, ft.

GRAY ATTEMPT (c, 2, Graydar--Attempt to Name, by Consolidator) tired to fourth after pressing the pace in his six-furlong debut at this oval Nov. 2. Let go at 6-1, the gray colt was away well and quickly assumed the lead. In control through fractions of :22.86 and :46.42, he kicked clear in upper stretch and maintained a 1 1/2-length advantage to the wire.

Longshot Oncewewerebrothers (Cairo Prince) was second. Favored Captain Von Trapp (Trappe Shot) was bumped hard at the start and was well back before making a wide move into the stretch and mild bid down the lane to finish fifth. Attempt to Name, purchased by Wynnstay's Tim Hamlin for \$10,000 at the 2015 Keeneland January sale, has a yearling filly by Tapiture and was bred to Overanalyze this year. Sales history: \$47,000 RNA Wlg '16 KEENOV; \$50,000 Ylg '17 FTKJUL. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$49,700.

O-Dwight Pruetz; B-Wynnstay LLC, Donna Moore & Jim Richardson (KY); T-William H. Fires.

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1st-Churchill Downs, \$74,512, Msw, 11-25, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:25.40, ft.

FLAT AWESOME JENNY (f, 3, Flat Out--Jennie R. {MSW & GSP, \$338,034}, by Awesome Again) weaved her way down the stretch to a fourth-place finish in her debut versus \$30,000 maiden claimers at Keeneland Oct. 5. The 7-2 shot was involved in a five-way skirmish for the early lead and settled into third through a half in :46.62. She ranged up three wide into the stretch and reeled in Tipazar (Tapizar) in deep stretch to win going away by one length. Flat Awesome Jenny, a \$40,000 KESEEP yearling, is a half-sister to Magic d'Oro (Medaglia d'Oro, MSP, \$197,869); and La Grange (Curlin, SW & GSP, \$107,200). Jennie R., with the winner in utero, RNA'd for \$110,000 at the 2014 Keeneland November sale. Her Competitive Edge colt sold for \$120,000 at this year's Keeneland September Yearling Sale. With no reported foal this year, the mare, a daughter of graded stakes winner Petrouchka (Red Ransom), was bred back to Lord Nelson. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$46,650.

O-Michael J. Bruder; B-Nicholas M. Lotz & Betsy Kelley (KY); T-Michael A. Tomlinson.

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5th-Woodbine, C\$66,680, Msw, 11-25, 2yo, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:45.30, ft.

INVENTING BLAME (c, 2, Blame--Inventing Paradise {SP-Fr}, by Mr. Prospector) failed to show much first up here on the grass Sept. 28, but returned over this track and trip Oct. 31 and showed good speed to set the pace before settling for third. Immediately to the front from his outside post here, the homebred never looked back and posted a 3 1/4-length graduation tally over Majestic Melody (Majesticperfection). Inventing Blame is a grandson of none other than the great Miesque (Nureyev), making his dam a full-sister to Kingmambo and half to MGISW East of the Moon (Private Account). A \$525,000 KEENOV '08 buy, Inventing Paradise produced a Karakontie (Jpn) filly last term and another Blame colt this season. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$33,079. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O/B-Charles Fipke (KY); T-Roger L. Attfield.

1st-Woodbine, C\$46,200, (S), Msw, 11-25, 2yo, 5f (AWT), :57.46, ft.

SOUPER SUCCESS (g, 2, Souper Speedy--My Sweet Tooch {MSP, \$141,850}, by Tejabo) was adding blinkers for this effort after a runner-up effort over this track and trip in his Oct. 19 debut. Sent off at 9-2, the dark bay gelding sprinted out to the early lead and was in front through fractions of :21.99 and :44.99 before striding home an unchallenged 4 3/4-length winner. Bala Falls (Not Bourbon) was second. Souper Success, the eighth winner for his freshman sire (by Indian Charlie), was a C\$15,000 CANSEP yearling. His full-brother RNA'd for \$30,213 at the Canadian August Yearling sale this summer. My Sweet Tooch was bred to Old Forester this year. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$27,278.

O-Mickey Demers; B-John Carey (ON); T-Michael P. De Paulo.

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7th-Fair Grounds, \$41,000, Msw, 11-25, 2yo, 6f, 1:11.01, sy.
ROGUEISH (c, 2, Into Mischief--Verdana Bold {GSW, \$331,297}, by Rahy) was let go at 7-1 for this unveiling as most of the tote attention went to last-out runner-up Soap Bubble (Twirling Candy) and speedy second timer Swordsman (First Samurai). Chasing the latter through splits of :21.95 and :46.05, he took over heading for home and quickly shut the door on Soap Bubble to splash home a convincing 6 3/4-length winner. The winner is a half to Copperplate (Curlin), MSP, \$213,900; and Ghalia (Medaglia d'Oro), SW, \$168,800. His dam, a \$160,000 Keeneland November weanling who would go on to take the 2008 GIII Selene S. for Ed Seltzer, produced an Into Mischief filly last year and Medaglia d'Oro colt this term.

Verdana Bold most recently visited Quality Road. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$24,600. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.** O/B-Edward A. Seltzer, Beverly Anderson & Krista Seltzer (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen.

3rd-Gulfstream West, \$40,700, Msw, 11-25, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:12.69, ft.
CREATIVE AWARD (f, 2, Creative Cause--Potosi's Silver, by Badge of Silver) was second while facing \$35,000 maiden claimers in her 5 1/2-furlong debut at this track Oct. 19. The 9-5 favorite was hustled up to take the early lead and set the pace through fractions of :22.80 and :46.68. She gamely held off Flat Queen (Flat Out) late to win by a neck. Potosi's Silver produced a filly by Creative Cause in 2017 and a full-brother this year before being bred back to that Heinz Steinmann colorbearer. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$29,200. O/B-Heinz J. Steinmann (KY); T-Jennifer A. Hayford-Quinones.



STAKES RESULTS:

DON C. MCNEILL S., \$75,000, Remington, 11-24, (S), 2yo, 1m, 1:39.99, ft.

1--**D TOZ, 119, g, 2, Chitoz--Dyna Okie, by Strategic Mission.**
1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O-Richter Family Trust & B. J. Richter; B-Richter Family Trust (OK); T-Danny Pish; J-Lane J. Luzzi. \$45,000. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$78,269.

2--**Cowboy Mischief, 119, c, 2, Into Mischief--Lady Jensen, by Bob and John.** O/B-Kelly Thiesing (OK); T-K Nolen. \$15,000.

3--**Dobbins G, 119, g, 2, Jimmy Creed--Uno Mas Papa, by The Daddy.** (\$4,300 Ylg '17 OKCYRL). O-Michael J. & Linda Mazoch; B-Austin Gustafson (OK); T-Martin Lozano. \$8,250. Margins: 2, 3 1/4, HD. Odds: 3.60, 2.30, 3.40.

SLIDE SHOW S., (NB) \$75,000, Remington, 11-24, (S), 2yo, f, 1m, 1:41.64, ft.

1--**DICEY, 119, f, 2, Flat Out--Broken Blues, by Broken Vow.** (\$43,000 Ylg '17 OKCYRL). O-Patrick E. Swan & Jay Lewis; B-John James Revocable Trust (OK); T-Patrick E. Swan; J-Kevin Roman. \$45,000. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, \$78,108. *4th black-type winner for second-crop sire (by Flatter).

2--**She's Shiney, 121, f, 2, Save Big Money--Swiss Blend, by Swiss Yodeler.** O/B-Adios Reality Farms (OK); T-J. Williams. \$15,000.

3--**Brew Casa, 119, f, 2, Emcee--Holiday Peace, by Harlan's Holiday.** (\$5,000 Ylg '17 HEROCT). O-Scott Young Racing LLC; B-Clark O. Brewster (OK); T-Scott E. Young. \$8,250.

Margins: 1, 4HF, 3/4. Odds: 6.10, 0.70, 7.50.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

2nd-Churchill Downs, \$81,785, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500),
11-25, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m (off turf), 1:52.63, ft.

OVER THINKING (f, 3, Overanalyze--Morakami {SP, \$145,532},
by Fusaichi Pegasus) Lifetime Record: 14-3-1-1, \$200,059. O-G.
Watts Humphrey, Jr.; B-G. Watts Humphrey Jr., Susan Keller,
Victoria Oliver & G. Watts Humphrey III (KY); T-Victoria H. Oliver.
*1/2 to Oh Marvelous Me (Bluegrass Cat), GSP, \$117,298.

3rd-Woodbine, C\$71,322, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$45,336-\$47,225),
11-25, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m (AWT), 1:51.10, ft.

LUNAR GARDEN (f, 3, Malibu Moon--Ambitious Cat {Ch. Grass
Mare-Can, GSW & MGISP, \$703,956}, by Storm Cat) Lifetime
Record: 11-3-3-1, \$155,170. O/B-Chiefswood Stable (ON);
T-Stuart C. Simon.

10th-Woodbine, C\$62,560, 11-25, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m
(AWT), 1:43.23, ft.

FIRE FOR EFFECT (c, 4, Smart Strike--In the Slips {SW & MGSP,
\$188,410}, by More Than Ready) Lifetime Record: 17-3-2-3,
\$109,204. O-Newtop Stables; B-Jellystone Holdings LLC (KY);
T-Norman McKnight. *\$60,000 Wlg '14 KEENOV; \$250,000 2yo
'16 OBSMAR.

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8th-Del Mar, \$55,035, (S), (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 11-25,
3yo/up, 1mT, 1:35.10, fm.

THE HUNTED (g, 3, Unusual Heat--Lethal Hunter, by Jade
Hunter) Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-1, \$70,635. O-M. Auerbach LLC,
Ciaglia Racing LLC and Little Red Feather Racing; B-M. Auerbach
L.L.C. (CA); T-Richard Baltas. *\$80,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP; \$95,000
2yo '17 OBSOPN. **Full to Huntsville, GSP, \$313,470.

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7th-Woodbine, C\$51,400, Ocl (C)/Opt. Clm (\$30,224), 11-25,
3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:16.49, ft.

WORLDS YOUR OYSTER (f, 3, Silent Name {Jpn}--Get It Straight,
by Black Minnaloushe) Lifetime Record: 11-2-4-1, \$79,385.
O/B-Gail Wood & Dr. Ruth Barbour (ON); T-W. Phillip Gracey.
*1/2 to Bangkokkok (Street Hero), GSW, \$350,289.

8th-Parx Racing, \$49,024, 11-25, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m 70y,
1:44.72, gd.

WE B JAMMIN (g, 6, Aragorn {Ire}--Darling Bride, by Unbridled)
Lifetime Record: 36-9-6-6, \$260,450. O-Thomas Servideo; B-Red
Oak Stable (NJ); T-Cindy Servideo. *1/2 to Debonair Darling
(Formal Dinner), MSP, \$193,020.

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9th-Remington, \$43,350, (S), 11-24, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m,
1m 70y, 1:45.84, ft.

CREATE A STAR (f, 3, Creative Cause--Starry Pie {SW,
\$158,437}, by Pioneering) Lifetime Record: MSP, 9-2-0-3,
\$94,713. O/B/T-C. R. Trout (OK). *1/2 to Bringingthelute
(Midnight Lute), SW, \$184,070.

4th-Remington, \$38,675, 11-24, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f,
1:11.82, ft.

CUANDO AGAIN (f, 4, Dominus--Jezebella, by Wild Again)
Lifetime Record: 18-3-7-4, \$155,848. O-Wayne Simon; B-Center
Hills Farm (OK); T-Victor Hanson. *\$10,500 Ylg '15 HEROCT.
**1/2 to Balian (Hennessy), MSW, \$311,023; Boss Barney's Babe
(Street Boss), SW, \$216,300.

8th-Delta Downs, \$37,000, 11-24, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f,
1:20.15, ft.

ARCH ARCH BABY (m, 5, Archarcharch--Charming Ruckus {SW
& MGSP, \$294,535}, by Silver Charm) Lifetime Record:
25-4-2-1, \$135,444. O/T-K Broberg; B-Mary & J T Stephens (KY).

3rd-Remington, \$36,300, 11-24, (NW2X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y,
1:44.29, ft.

ROYAL ROAD (f, 3, Quality Road--Sovereign Crisis, by Congrats)
Lifetime Record: 14-5-2-2, \$91,300. O-E Woolsey & K Asmussen;
B-T/C Stable (KY); T-S Asmussen. *\$50,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP.

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6th-Penn National, \$31,360, 11-24, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m,
1m 70y, 1:45.54, sy.

PUPPET (f, 3, Corinthian--Taryn's Belief, by I Can't Believe)
Lifetime Record: 13-4-3-2, \$82,424. O-Mark V. Salvaggio &
Robert L. Leo; B-Elizabeth Houghton (PA); T-Mark V. Salvaggio.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Naughty Me, f, 2, Handsome Mike--Naughty Matilda, by Indian
Charlie. Delta Downs, 11-24, 7 1/2f, 1:35.39. B-Beth Bayer (FL).
*Sixth winner for freshman sire (by Scat Daddy).

Sheza Handfull, f, 2, Into Mischief--Ba Ba's Bunch, by El
Corredor. Churchill Downs, 11-25, (C), 7f, 1:25.51. B-Golden
Pedigree LLC (KY). *\$12,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEESEP.

Weekly Call, c, 2, Will Take Charge--Summer Soiree (GISW,
\$506,180), by War Front. Del Mar, 11-25, (C), 1mT, 1:38.28.
B-Three Chimneys Farm (KY). *\$350,000 Wlg '16 KEENOV.
**18th winner for freshman sire (by Unbridled's Song).

Al Rhythm, c, 4, Algorithms--Pic Three Bertie, by Forest Danger.
Zia, 11-25, 6 1/2f, 1:17.65. B-Bradley W. Purcell (KY). *\$18,000
RNA Wlg '14 KEENOV; \$100,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP.

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ALGORITHMS, Al Rhythm, c, 4, o/o Pic Three Bertie, by Forest Danger. MSW, 11-25, Zia

ARAGORN (IRE), We B Jammin, g, 6, o/o Darling Bride, by Unbridled. ALW, 11-25, Parx Racing

ARCHARCHARCH, Arch Arch Baby, m, 5, o/o Charming Ruckus, by Silver Charm. ALW, 11-24, Delta Downs

BLAME, Inventing Blame, c, 2, o/o Inventing Paradise, by Mr. Prospector. MSW, 11-25, Woodbine

CAIRO PRINCE, Qahira, f, 2, o/o Motel Lass, by Bates Motel. MSW, 11-25, Del Mar

CHITZOZ, D Toz, g, 2, o/o Dyna Okie, by Strategic Mission. Don C. McNeill S., 11-24, Remington

CORINTHIAN, Puppet, f, 3, o/o Taryn's Belief, by I Can't Believe. ALW, 11-24, Penn National

CREATIVE CAUSE, Create a Star, f, 3, o/o Starry Pie, by Pioneering. ALW, 11-24, Remington

CREATIVE CAUSE, Creative Award, f, 2, o/o Potosi's Silver, by Badge of Silver. MSW, 11-25, Gulfstream West

DISTORTED HUMOR, Happy Like a Fool, f, 3, o/o Lastofthsummerwine, by Sky Mesa. AOC, 11-25, Churchill Downs

DOMINUS, Cuando Again, f, 4, o/o Jezebella, by Wild Again. ALW, 11-24, Remington

ENGLISH CHANNEL, Flying Scotsman, r, 2, o/o Padmore, by French Deputy. Gill Cecil B. DeMille S., 11-25, Del Mar

FLAT OUT, Dicey, f, 2, o/o Broken Blues, by Broken Vow. Slide Show S., 11-24, Remington

FLAT OUT, Flat Awesome Jenny, f, 3, o/o Jennie R., by Awesome Again. MSW, 11-25, Churchill Downs

FLATTER, La Fuerza, c, 2, o/o Jonata, by Proud Citizen. Notebook S., 11-25, Aqueduct

GRAYDAR, Gray Attempt, c, 2, o/o Attempt to Name, by Consolidator. MSW, 11-25, Churchill Downs

HANDSOME MIKE, Naughty Me, f, 2, o/o Naughty Matilda, by Indian Charlie. MSW, 11-24, Delta Downs

INTO MISCHIEF, Cosmic Code, f, 2, o/o Touch the Star, by Tapit. MSW, 11-25, Churchill Downs

INTO MISCHIEF, Rogueish, c, 2, o/o Verdana Bold, by Rahy. MSW, 11-25, Fair Grounds

INTO MISCHIEF, Sheza Handfull, f, 2, o/o Ba Ba's Bunch, by El Corredor. MCL, 11-25, Churchill Downs

KANTHAROS, Yorkiepoo Princess, f, 4, o/o Kickapoo Princess, by Unreal Zeal. Autumn Days S., 11-25, Aqueduct

MACLEAN'S MUSIC, Share the Upside, g, 3, o/o Mystic Silver, by Silver Deputy. ALW, 11-25, Churchill Downs

MALIBU MOON, Lunar Garden, f, 3, o/o Ambitious Cat, by Storm Cat. AOC, 11-25, Woodbine

MALIBU MOON, Moonlit Promise, m, 5, o/o Smart Surprise, by Smart Strike. Gil Bessarabian S., 11-25, Woodbine

OVERANALYZE, Over Thinking, f, 3, o/o Morakami, by Fusaichi Pegasus. AOC, 11-25, Churchill Downs

POINT OF ENTRY, La Dame Blanche, f, 3, o/o Adjudication, by Giant's Causeway. AOC, 11-25, Fair Grounds

QUALITY ROAD, Royal Road, f, 3, o/o Sovereign Crisis, by Congrats. ALW, 11-24, Remington

QUALITY ROAD, South of France, f, 2, o/o Miss Derek, by Brother Derek. Tepin S., 11-25, Aqueduct

SILENT NAME (JPN), Worlds Your Oyster, f, 3, o/o Get It Straight, by Black Minnaloushe. OCL, 11-25, Woodbine

SMART STRIKE, Battle of Midway, c, 4, o/o Rigoletta, by Concerto. Gill Native Diver S., 11-25, Del Mar

SMART STRIKE, Fire for Effect, c, 4, o/o In the Slips, by More Than Ready. ALW, 11-25, Woodbine

SOUPER SPEEDY, Souper Success, g, 2, o/o My Sweet Tooch, by Tejabo. MSW, 11-25, Woodbine

STREET SENSE, Ascot Day, f, 3, o/o Ascot Eye, by Daaher. ALW, 11-25, Churchill Downs

TRAPPE SHOT, Six Shooter, g, 2, o/o Academy Road, by Lemon Drop Kid. ALW, 11-25, Churchill Downs

TRAPPE SHOT, Smila'ssenseofsnov, f, 2, o/o Fiscal Policy, by Wildcat Heir. AOC, 11-25, Fair Grounds

UNUSUAL HEAT, The Hunted, g, 3, o/o Lethal Hunter, by Jade Hunter. AOC, 11-25, Del Mar

WILL TAKE CHARGE, Weekly Call, c, 2, o/o Summer Soiree, by War Front. MCL, 11-25, Del Mar

DECORATED FAMILY HEADS TO TATTERSALLS



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By Emma Berry

NEWMARKET, UK--Tattersalls routinely produces a show-stopping finale to its sales year across the fortnight of the December Sale, which starts on Monday with a single session of yearlings.

Last year's record-breaking auction, featuring the final draft from the Ballymacoll Stud Dispersal, broke the 100 million gns barrier, with 6 million gns of that tally being given for one broodmare-in-waiting, the top-class sprinter Marsha (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}). While the mares' section routinely steals the headlines, the December Sale is a proper bloodstock gallimaufry: the yearlings on Monday progress to four sessions of foals starting from Wednesday then another four days from next Monday featuring fillies in training and broodmares. There's even a stallion, the current Rathasker Stud resident Es Que Love (Ire) (Clodovil {Ire}), who sells as **lot 1680** and was represented by his first crop of runners this season. Frankel's half-brother Morpheus (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) had been catalogued but has been withdrawn and sent instead from Tally-Ho Stud to stand at Haras du Grand Chesnaie in France.

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The 200 yearlings catalogued have been whittled down to 170 after withdrawals and they are headed, on paper at least, by a son of Frankel out of the Japanese champion Vodka (Jpn) (Tanino Gimlet {Jpn}), the winner of five Group 1 races among her 10 victories including the Tenno Sho and the Japan Cup. Mount Coote Stud consigns the brother to four-time winner Tanino Frankel (GB) as **lot 59**.

Catridge Farm Stud, which has been led so expertly by David Powell for many years, has its final consignment at the December Sale and among its four yearlings on offer is an Intello (Ger) half-brother to seven winners who is eligible for French premiums (**lot 79**). Catridge is also selling a No Nay Never filly (**lot 92**) out of a daughter of the Listed Criterium de Vitesse winner Beta (GB) (Selkirk), herself a half-sister to Arc winner Bago (Fr) and multiple Group 1 winner Maxios (GB) from a celebrated Niarchos family which includes Machiavellian.

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Also among the yearlings is a Teofilo (Ire) half-brother to Red Cadeaux (GB) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}) offered by Drumachon Stud as **lot 87**. Two full siblings to this yearling, White Desert (Ire) and Amazing Red (Ire), have sold for 220,000gns each when offered as foals at Tattersalls.

Four Days Of Foals

Thirty-one stallions have members of their first crop on offer and some have already been tested last week at Goffs, where Shadwell's Irish 1000 Guineas winner Awtaad (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}) appeared to have plenty of admirers. His 21 foals to sell from 24 offered returned an average of €61,286 from a €15,000 covering fee. Another 12 are catalogued this week.

Awtaad is not the only Classic winner attempting to make his mark, however. The 2016 Derby winner Harzand (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) has nine foals catalogued, while Prix du Jockey Club winner New Bay (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) has 13 and Poule d'Essai des Poulains winner The Gurkha (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) has 15.

Adaay (Ire), the first son of Kodiak (GB) to stand in Britain at Whitsbury Manor Stud, has a sizeable draft representing him at Tattersalls with 33 foals on offer. The only freshman to beat that is Cheveley Park Stud's Twilight Son (GB) (Kyllachy {GB}) with 39. There are three sons of Kitten's Joy retiring to stud in Europe

this season but Bobby's Kitten was the trailblazer in this regard and 25 of his first crop of foals will be for sale at Park Paddocks. Al Shaqab's G1 Darley Prix Morny winner Shalaa (Ire) has 13 yearlings catalogued while Vadamos (Fr), a miler son of Monsun (Ger) who has received good support at Tally-Ho Stud, has 12 on offer.

There is rarity value for two American-based Coolmore stallions, Air Force Blue (War Front) and Vancouver (Medaglia d'Oro), who have one foal apiece in the catalogue, while the Aga Khan's French-based Dariyan (Fr) (Shamardal) has two foals catalogued.

Away from the first-season sires there is of course plenty to

recommend the sale. One of the most poignant moments of last year's sales season was the sight of Islington (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) being led round the ring by Peter Reynolds as part of the Ballymacoll Stud dispersal. Until that stage the great mare had produced only fillies at stud but after being sold for 270,000gns she foaled her first colt by Kingman (GB). He will be offered by Norelands Stud as **lot 975** and is one of 17 foals in the book by Juddmonte's exciting young stallion.



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The Castlebridge Consignment has two of the three Dubawi (Ire) foals who remain in the sale after withdrawals. **Lot 1006** is the full-brother to Group 3 winner Ghaiyyath (Ire) and half-brother to Grade I winner Zhukova (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), and **lot 1000** is the son of G3 Fairy Bridge S. winner Lady Wingshot (Ire) (Lawman {Fr}).

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Tattersalls preview cont.

Luca and Sara Cumani's Fittocks Stud has the other Dubawi foal and the sole filly (**lot 1022**), a half-sister to the G2 Juddmonte Royal Lodge S. winner Best Of Days (GB) (Azamour {Ire}).

Decorated Family Features

There is only one Galileo (Ire) foal entered for Tattersalls and, as a full-sister to the treble Group 1 winner Decorated Knight, **lot 1010**, who sells through New England Stud, is a rather special package.

Four days later her mother **Pearling** (Storm Cat) (**lot 1918**) will take to the ring carrying a full-sibling and, even without her celebrated son, the 12-year-old mare is noteworthy as she is a sister to Giant's Causeway and You'resothrilling. Both have made an immense contribution to the breed, the latter as the dam of the Galileo-sired group-winning quintet of Gleneagles (Ire), Happily (Ire), Marvellous (Ire), Taj Mahal (Ire) and Coolmore (Ire).

Two lots after Pearling will follow her winning daughter by Frankel (GB), named **Ambrosia (GB)** and consigned by Highclere Stud as **lot 1920**.

Pearling and her daughters are just three of a number of horses of varying ages to have been offered for sale this year as part of a reduction by Blue Diamond Stud, which is owned by Imad Al Sagar and Saleh Al Homaizi. Their Royal Ascot-winning filly Aljazzi (GB) (Shamardal) set a new record when topping the Horses-in-Training Sale at 1 million gns.

Another filly to be offered at the December Sale with a memorable Royal Ascot association is Whitsbury Manor Stud's **Heartache (GB)** (Kyllachy {GB}) (**lot 1897**). The daughter of listed winner Place In My Heart (GB) (Compton Place {GB}) secured both the G2 Queen Mary S. and G2 Flying Childers S. in a stellar season for the Hot To Trot Racing syndicate in 2017.



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Michel Zerolo and Eric Puerari's European Sales Management routinely has a select draft for the mares' sale at Tattersalls and this year the consignment includes Martin Schwartz's GI

Matriarch S. winner **Off Limits (Ire)** (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) (lot 1871). The 6-year-old has won seven races in total, having started her career with David Wachman in Ireland, where she won the Listed Cairn Rouge S., before being transferred to the care of Chad Brown in America.

At least one mare to have received a significant update since the publication of the catalogue is the Group 3 winner **Cabaret (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}). The 11-year-old mare (lot 1819) is being offered in foal to Siyouni (Fr) from Norelands Stud and she is now the dam of a Group 1 winner following the success of her son Magna Grecia (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) in the Verterm Futurity

Trophy at Doncaster.

For breeders looking at families with current top-class form, there is also a chance to buy a half-sister to this year's QIPCO 1000 Guineas winner Billesdon Brook (GB) (Champs Elysees {GB}). Her listed-winning sibling **Billesdon Bess (GB)** (Dick Turpin {Ire}) is being offered as an in-training prospect from Richard Hannon's East Everleigh Stables as lot 1896.

Four wildcards have been added to the mares' section since the publication of the catalogue and these include this year's dual Group 2 winner **Signora Cabello (Ire)** (lot 1908A). The daughter of Camacho (GB) provided one of the highlights of the season when chasing home Pretty Pollyanna (GB) for second in



This year's Queen Mary winner Signora Cabello is a supplement to the catalogue | *Racing Post*

the G1 Darley Prix Morny.

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Ten mares and nine foals will form a dispersal from the Mercer family's Usk Valley Stud next week, including **Welsh Angel (GB)** (Dubai Destination), the dam of the Group 3-placed Scarlet Dragon (GB) (Sir Percy {GB}) who is offered as **lot 1659** in foal to Showcasing (GB). Usk Valley also offers a Sea The Stars (Ire) weanling colt out of the Group 3 winner Gower Song (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}) (**lot 947**).

The December Sale can be relied upon to provide memorable moments and it is guaranteed that the ring will be packed for some of the big names of the mares' sale a week on Tuesday, and for the Juddmonte draft 24 hours later. However, as last year's final day--when the average only just scraped above 5,000gns--and indeed very selective trade at last week's Goffs November Sale reminds us, dealing at the lower end of the market has become incredibly tough.

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2-PORNICHET, 1700m, LOVE TO EXCEL (Ire)
€3,000 RNA Goffs November Foals Sale 2016; 13,334gns RNA
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Olympic Glory (Ire) (Choisir {Aus}), Haras de Bouquetot
119 foals of racing age/19 winners/1 black-type winner
1-PORNICHET, 1700m, GLORIA CHART (Fr)
€38,000 Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale 2016; €7,000
RNA Osarus Sales La Teste Yearling Sale 2017

Sommerabend (GB) (Shamardal), Haras de Saint Arnoult
43 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
1-PORNICHET, 1700m, RUE DAUPHINE (Fr)
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5th-Le Croise-Laroche, €22,000, Cond, 11-24, 3yo, 12 1/2fT, 2:53.70, hy.

MAIDEN VOYAGE (FR) (f, 3, Motivator {GB}--Atlantic Light {GB}, by Linmaix {Fr}) Lifetime Record: 12-2-1-0, €51,620.
 O-Masao Ogawa; B-Andy MacDonald & Stratford Place Stud (FR); T-Satoshi Kobayashi. *€20,000 Ylg '16 AROCT.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Color Chope (Fr), f, 2, Amadeus Wolf (GB)--Vaubecourt (Fr), by Courtroom (Fr). Limoges, 11-25, 7fT, 1:23.20. B-Alain Chopard (FR).

Takeoffyourclothes (Ire), f, 3, Orpen--Seschat (Ire), by Sindar (Ire). Le Croise-Laroche, 11-24, 9fT, 1:56.20. B-Team Hogdala AB (IRE). *€50,000 Ylg '16 AROCT.

Belle de Cadix (Fr), f, 3, Valanour (Ire)--La Borghese (Fr), by Ganges. Limoges, 11-25, 12fT, 2:28. B-Fernand Watremez (FR). *1ST-TIME STARTER.



EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS

IN HONG KONG:

Simply Brilliant (GB), g, 4, Frankel (GB)--Red Bloom (GB) (G1SW-Eng, MGSW & MG1SP-Ire, GSP-Fr, \$762,557), by Selkirk. Sha Tin, 11-25, Hcp. (£262k/€296k), 1600mT, 1:35.64. B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd. *Formerly Senator (GB). **VIDEO**

Amazing Satchmo (GB), g, 4, Kyllachy (GB)--Amitola (Ire) (SP-Eng), by Choisir (Aus). Sha Tin, 11-25, Hcp. (£138k/€156k), 1600mT, 1:37.10. B-Dukes Stud & Overbury Stallions Ltd. *28,000gns Wlg '14 TATNOV; 26,000gns Ylg '15 TATOCT; £60,000 HRA '16 GOFLON. **VIDEO**



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ALMOND EYE SPARKLES IN JAPAN CUP

Superstar Japanese 3-year-old filly **Almond Eye (Jpn)** (Lord Kanaloa {Jpn}) appears to have the world at her feet after a track record-breaking victory in Sunday's G1 Japan Cup. The bay emulated the feat of Gentildonna (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) in 2012 by adding the country's most famous race to her filly Triple Crown sweep earlier this year and like that famed predecessor she now looks likely to head overseas, with possible targets including the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic—a happy hunting ground for the Japanese, and the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe—the one that keeps getting away.

Almond Eye started twice last year at two, breaking her maiden at second asking, and she has done nothing but win since. She kicked off the season with a pair of victories going a mile in the G3 Shinzan Kinen on Jan. 8 and in the G1 Oka Sho—the first leg of the Triple Crown—on Apr. 8. Victory upped to a mile and a half in the G1 Yushun Himba followed on May 20, and.

On Oct. 14 Almond Eye became the fifth filly to sweep the country's filly Triple Crown with a win in the 2000 metre G1 Shuka Sho.

Almond Eye was handed gate one for this latest test as the heavy favourite—the same one the last two Japan Cup winners, Cheval Grand (Jpn) (Heart's Cry {Jpn}) and Kitanon Black (Jpn) (Black Tide {Jpn}) had jumped from—and she was slightly fractious in the stalls before bouncing out in front. By the time they hit the first turn, she had let a pair of rivals overtake her and sat tucked away in the perfect position in third on the rail. Christophe Lemaire kept Almond Eye three lengths off the lead of **Kiseki (Jpn)** (Rulership {Jpn}) down the backstretch and while that Classic-winning rival turned into the stretch with the lead, Almond Eye had crept to within about a length and loomed ominously. Moving off the fence at the 300 metre mark as Kiseki came under the whip, Almond Eye responded when put to a drive by Lemaire and 100 metres later had the lead and was drawing away. She hit the line 1 3/4 lengths the best under a handride, and after Kiseki it was a further 3 1/2 lengths back to Suave Richard (Jpn) (Heart's Cry {Jpn}).

"Personally, I feel relieved to have won," said Lemaire. "I knew she had the potential to win but you never know what might happen in the 2400 meters.



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Japan Cup result cont.

“Today, I was a little bit anxious, but I think we saw the best Almond Eye in the race and it was a great show. I don’t really like the inside number one draw because it is very hard to make a plan and can depend on how you break--I didn’t want to put too much pressure on her out of the gate--and it can also be pretty tricky because if you get locked inside a slow pace it can be a mess in the end, and it is also difficult to stay back and move wide to the outside.



Almond Eye and Christophe Lemaire win the Japan Cup | Getty

“She broke well, and I saw that Kiseki was taking the lead, which was good because Kiseki is a good horse and a leader with a good pace, so I had the best leader for Almond Eye and was happy with how the race went. By the first corner Almond Eye was already her usual self and well into the bridle. By the backstretch, I nearly thought the race was over and ours.

“This is a very special filly, as I keep telling the press in Japan that she is perfect--her ability, temperament, she can adapt and race from any position, so if she has a chance to race overseas, I think she can race as well as she did today, if not at least be competitive against the world’s best.”

An international raider hasn’t won the Japan Cup since 2005, and this year’s challengers **Thundering Blue** (Exchange Rate) and **Capri (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) checked in 10th and 11th.

“I thought the ground was too quick and he was a bit too tense before the race in the paddock,” said Thundering Blue’s trainer David Menuisier. “He did show his brilliance in the final stages, but it was a good experience and he will now be given a good rest and we’ll see how he does next season.” Jockey Fran Berry added, “The horse lost his concentration because of the loud crowd. He stretched well in the end but the horses in front were just too fast.”

Ryan Moore said simply of the dual Classic winner Capri, “The ground was quick and the pace too fast. The winner finishing at 2:20.60 was too good.”

Pedigree Notes

Almond Eye is one of seven stakes winners--and two Group 1 winners--for Lord Kanaloa, Japan’s former Horse of the Year and champion sprinter. The son of King Kamehameha is already stamping himself an important outcross sire for Sunday Silence-line mares, as both Almond Eye and his other Group 1 winner, the Mile Championship victor Stelvio (Jpn) also from his first crop, trace back to that breed-shaping sire on their dam’s sides. Lord Kanaloa added another first-crop stakes winner on Sunday in the G3 Keihan Hai S. winner Danon Smash (Jpn), and he has two group winners from his second crop already: Fantasist (Jpn) and Cadence Call (Jpn)--out of daughters of Deep Impact (Jpn) and Heart’s Cry (Jpn), again both sons of Sunday Silence.

Almond Eye’s dam Fusaichi Pandora was a top-class filly in her own right, finishing second in the Yushun Himba and the G1 Queen Elizabeth II Commemorative Cup, and Almond Eye is her sixth foal and first black-type winner. Almond Eye’s third dam is the influential mare Sex Appeal (Buckpasser), who produced El Gran Senor and Try My Best.

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Sunday, Tokyo, Japan

JAPAN CUP-G1, ¥574,320,000, Tokyo, 11-25, 3yo/up, 2400mT, 2:20.60 (NTR), fm.

1--**ALMOND EYE (JPN)**, 117, f, 3, by Lord Kanaloa (Jpn)

1st Dam: Fusaichi Pandora (Jpn) (MSW & G1SP-Jpn, \$3,264,457), by Sunday Silence

2nd Dam: Lotta Lace, by Nureyev

3rd Dam: Sex Appeal, by Buckpasser

O-Silk Racing; B-Northern Farm; T-Sakae Kunieda; J-Christophe Lemaire; ¥303,024,000. Lifetime Record: 7-6-1-0. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: A+++ *Triple Plus*.**

2--**Kiseki (Jpn)**, 126, c, 4, Rulership (Jpn)--Blitz Finale (Jpn), by Deep Impact (Jpn). O-Tatsue Ishikawa; B-Shimokobe Farm; ¥120,864,000.

3--**Suave Richard (Jpn)**, 126, c, 4, Heart's Cry (Jpn)--Pirramimma, by Unbridled's Song. (¥155,000,000 wnl '14 JRHAJUL) O-NICKS Inc.; B-Northern Farm; ¥75,432,000.

Margins: 1 3/4, 3HF, NK. Odds: 0.40, 8.20, 5.50.

Also Ran: Cheval Grand (Jpn), Mikki Swallow (Jpn), Satono Diamond (Jpn), Happy Grin (Jpn), Win Tenderness (Jpn), Satono Crown (Jpn), Thundering Blue, Capri (Ire), Ganko (Jpn), Noble Mars (Jpn), Sounds of Earth (Jpn).

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Sunday, Kyoto, Japan

KEIHAN HAI-G3, ¥75,510,000, Kyoto, 11-25, 3yo/up, 1200mT, 1:08.00, fm.

1--**DANON SMASH (JPN)**, 121, c, 3, by Lord Kanaloa (Jpn)

1st Dam: Spinning Wildcat, by Hard Spun

2nd Dam: Hollywood Wildcat, by Kris S.

3rd Dam: Miss Wildcatter, by Mr. Prospector

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O-Danox Inc.; B-K.I.Farm; T-Takayuki Yasuda; J-Yuichi Kitamura; ¥39,637,000. Lifetime Record:

10-4-2-0. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.** Werk Nick Rating: C+.

2--**Nine Tails (Jpn)**, 123, h, 7, Lohengrin (Jpn)--Meine Foxy (Jpn), by Mejiro Ryan (Jpn). O-Makio Okada; B-Yamada Bokujo; ¥16,182,000.

3--**Diana Halo (Jpn)**, 121, m, 5, King Halo (Jpn)--Yamakatsu Seiren (Jpn), by Grass Wonder. O-Komahide Inc.; B-Onishi Farm; ¥9,891,000.

Margins: 1 3/4, NO, NK. Odds: 2.40, 57.00, 44.40.

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Follow Me (Aus), g, 3, **Lope de Vega (Ire)**--Star Over Kansas (Aus), by Starcraft (NZ). Sha Tin, 11-25, Hcp. (A\$162k), 1400mT, 1:22.48. B-R R & P L Crosby (NSW). *A\$35,000 Wlg '16 MMNWNL; A\$32,000 Ylg '17 MGMMAR; A\$160,000 2yo '17 MMGC2YO. **VIDEO**

Multimillion (Aus), g, 4, **Tycoon Ruler (Aus)**--Get A Life (Aus), by Sequalo (Aus). Sha Tin, 11-25, Hcp. (A\$162k), 1000mT, :57.73. B-R A Frappell (Qld). *A\$35,000 Ylg '16 MMMAR. **VIDEO**

Happy Force (Aus), g, 4, **Pierro (Aus)**--Hosiery (Aus), by Night Shift. Sha Tin, 11-25, Hcp. (A\$162k), 1400mT, 1:23.06. B-Bowness Stud (NSW). *1/2 to Long John (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}), Hwt. 4yo-UAE, at 7-9.5f, G1SW-Aus, GSW-UAE, GSP-Eng, \$1,018,606. **A\$280,000 Ylg '16 MMGCYS. **VIDEO**

Wishful Thinker (Aus), g, 5, **I Am Invincible (Aus)**--Zebitheia (Aus), by Baratheia (Ire). Sha Tin, 11-25, Hcp. (A\$344k), 1000mT, :56.77. B-J Davies (Qld). *Formerly Katsuro (Aus). **A\$80,000 Ylg '15 MMMAR; A\$120,000 2yo '15 INGRTR. **VIDEO**

Victory Machine (Aus), g, 6, **Redoute's Choice (Aus)**--Rekindled Applause (GB) (MSP-Ity, \$164,827), by Royal Applause (GB). Sha Tin, 11-25, Hcp. (A\$244k), 1200mT, 1:11.43. B-G S A Bloodstock Pty Ltd (Vic). *Full to Rekindled Power (Aus), GSP-Aus. **Formerly Rekindled Effort (Aus). ***A\$50,000 Ylg '14 INGEAS. **VIDEO**

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THE PIKE EFFECT: THE LEGEND BUILDS



William Pike wins the Railway S. aboard Galaxy Star

By Bren O'Brien

William Pike's legendary status with Australian punters grew even greater with his quartet of winners on G1 Railway S. day at Ascot.

Australia's leading rider in terms of winners for each of the past four seasons, William Pike has the numbers to match any jockey but his reputation often suffers from suggestions he is a big fish in a small pond.

But while some may doubt where he sits in terms of the nation's best, there is little doubt of his place in the popularity stakes after his extraordinary quartet of winners on one of Western Australia's biggest racing days.

Pike's cult figure status, earned through his endless stream of winners and enhanced by the late-afternoon timing of Perth racing on the eastern seaboard, is unlike any other jockey in Australia.

It has spawned the #backpikedrinkwhatyoulike hashtag that permeates social media on racedays. It is something that harks back to another era as every week he holds the hopes of a punting nation in his hands. On Saturday he took it to a whole new level, riding four of the final five winners at Ascot, including as good a Group 1 ride as you would ever see to get Galaxy Star (Redoute's Choice) home in the Railway S. at Ascot.

By the time he carried Royal Statue (Statue Of Liberty {USA}) to a thrilling win in the final race, Ascot was in a state of Pike-induced delirium.

All four of the wins were in the iconic pink and white crossed sashes of Bob Peters and all of them were beautiful in their own way.

It started with Mississippi Belle (High Chaparral {Ire}), who he brought from midfield to a 21 win in the Listed Tattersall's Cup. He then gave star filly Arcadia Queen (Pierro) a perfect run just behind the leaders in the G2 WA Guineas before she romped away to win by 31.

An inside barrier and a slow start made his task on Galaxy Star look forlorn at the 800m mark of the Railway, but he found the right horse to track through the field and by the top of the straight, only 400m later, he was in the prime position for the 6-year-old mare to pounce and win the \$1 million race.

He then delivered an unexpected dessert for his legion of fans, when the well-backed Royal Statue launched late between horses to defeat Patrick Carberry on Moet de Vega (Lope De Vega). When the result was confirmed on course, the crowd erupted.

An Enduring Partnership

Nobody is better placed to assess Pike's career than Peters. Jack Cockell, Pike's first master, introduced the pair when Pike was just 15, only 12 months after he set foot on a racecourse for the first time.

Less than 15 years later, they have formed one of the most famous owner-jockey partnerships in Australian racing.

"When he was an apprentice, his master Jack Cockell said he had a young fella coming along that he thought had some potential and that I should have a look at him and we started to use him as an apprentice," Peters told Thoroughbred Weekly on Sunday.

"He actually won a Perth Cup for me when he was 16, on Crown Prosecutor (Grand Lodge {USA}) (in 2005). He's just natural. He rides on instinct, he rides long, very old fashioned I suppose and stays on."

Compared To The Best

It is that old-fashioned style, with his foot right through the irons, that has seen Pike compared with one of the legends of the Western Australian turf in Frank Treen, the eight-time WA premier jockey who dominated the post-war period.

As a natural horseman who grew up on ponies, there is also the inevitable comparisons between Pike and Australia's leading jockey Hugh Bowman. Former hoop Ron Dufficy has seen many of the greats and was left in awe with what we saw on Saturday.

"He has got great instincts. He reads the race so well and he knows what he's following and he anticipates a situation even before it unfolds," Dufficy told Sky.

Peters said perhaps Pike's greatest asset was his willingness to follow his instincts.

"He goes about his job and gets it done. He rides on instinct, there's not much planning goes into it and he does what he has to do," he said. "Every now and then he tells me he is doing some form and I say stop doing that!"

A Treble For The Ages Beckons

Pike and Peters are one third into completing what would be one of the more remarkable feats in WA racing history.

In next Saturday's G1 Winterbottom S. Pike rides leading hope Enticing Star (Testa Rossa) for Peters and trainer Adam Durrant.

A winner of eight of her nine starts, the 5-year-old mare is considered the leading local sprinter but must overcome last year's winner Viddora (I Am Invincible). Should Enticing Star salute, then Pike has an interesting quandary.

Peters confirmed on Sunday that both Railway S. winner Galaxy Star and WA Guineas winner Arcadia Queen would head to the G1 Kingston Town Classic on December 8.

Arcadia Queen has proven herself the leading 3-year-old in WA and would carry just 50kg in the Kingston Town, while Galaxy Star would carry a slightly more attainable 57kg.

"He'll have to make a decision very quickly, because if he goes to Arcadia Queen, he'll have to lose some weight," Peters said about Pike.

It's a decision which could make or break Pike's shot at a rare piece of history.

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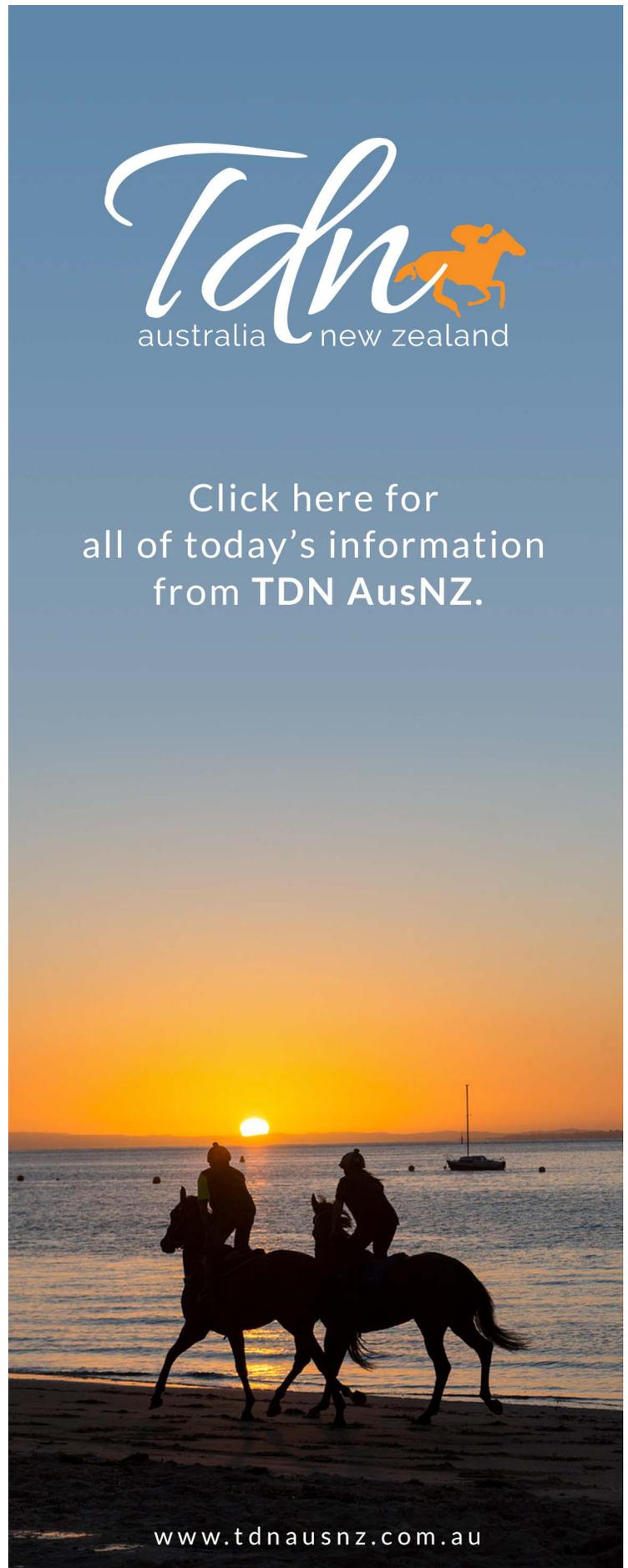
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