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JUDDMONTE FILLIES DOMINATE DAY THREE

by Emma Berry and Kelsey Riley

Wednesday turned into Juddmonte day at the Tattersalls December Mares Sale, with the four best-selling lots of the session all emanating from Prince Khalid Abdullah's draft. Full-sister to Midday (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) setting the pace at 625,000gns.

In total, 36 regally bred young Juddmonte fillies and mares brought an average of 81,111gns, with the day's overall average settling at 37,218gns--a reduction of 24% on last year's figure when Purr Along (GB) (Mount Nelson {GB}) sold for a million guineas. The aggregate of 6,773,700gns for 182 lots sold was also down by 24%. The median suffered a 20% decline to 20,000gns, while the clearance rate dropped six points to 77%.

Posset The Pick For Glenwood Farm...

The rare chance to buy a young full-sibling to a multiple Group 1 winner from one of the very best farms in the world resulted in a third-day top price of 625,000gns for **Posset (GB)** (Oasis Dream {GB}), the unraced sister to Juddmonte star Midday (GB).

Kentucky-based Canadian breeders John and Tanya Gunther of Glenwood Farm are the new owners of the 3-year-old ([lot 2150](#)), who drew bids from Bill Gredley, Federico Barberini, Cormac McCormack, representatives

of prominent Japanese owner Hidetoshi Yamamoto, and eventual underbidder Sheikh Fahad Al Thani.

Posset's dam Midsummer (GB) (Kingmambo) is in foal to Frankel (GB), as is her Group 3-winning half-sister Hot Snap (GB), while Midday herself has a filly foal by the Juddmonte champion as well as a yearling colt by Galileo (Ire).

Speaking on behalf of her father, Tanya Gunther said,

"We hoped to get her for a little bit less, but it's a wonderful family and opportunities like this just don't come up very often, so sometimes you have to punch up a bit." *Cont. p3*



John Gunther
Tattersalls

SKORTON LEADS FINAL BOARD MEETING

The New York Racing Association (NYRA)'s Board of Directors held its final meeting of 2014 in midtown Manhattan Wednesday morning, and marked the final



NYRA CEO Chris Kay
Adam Coglianese

time the meeting was led by Dr. David Skorton, who confirmed he will be leaving his role as chairman as he prepares to transition from president of Cornell University to becoming the head of the Smithsonian Institute.

As was announced during its most recent Board meeting in New York City, NYRA Chief Executive Officer Christopher Kay confirmed that the association will report an operating profit of \$1.5 million in

2014 and projects a gain of \$2.1 million for 2015 exclusive of VLT operating funds. According to Kay, NYRA has "identified a number of strategic initiatives to enhance revenues and reduce expenses." Among the strategies to be employed to increase revenue, NYRA will look to enhance its ADW technology and other customer relationship management platforms, as well as looking into increasing sponsorship revenue. NYRA remains focused on the rollout of a national ADW platform as a means for long-term growth, while it also plans to selectively increase prices for admissions, box seats, and parking in addition to increased fees for its simulcast signals. *Cont. p8*

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CLASSIC POINT (right) holds off late challenge to win Aqueduct's Go For Wand H.-G3



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Lucas Marquardt in Japan

Lucas Marquardt recaps the sights and sounds of Sunday's G1 Japan Cup at Tokyo Racecourse.

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Claiming Crown Contenders

Christina Bossinakis looks at some of the top contenders and connections who will compete in Gulfstream Park's Claiming Crown Series to kick off the Hallandale track's championship meet.

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Bill Finley discusses a different way of assessing the abilities of the sport's trainers by looking at horses, starts, starts per horse, and earnings per horse.

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JUDDMONTE FILLIES DOMINATE DAY THREE
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As well as their Versailles-based breeding operation, the Gunthers board mares in Ireland with Coolmore and indicated that Posset is likely to remain in Europe.

Gunther added, "This filly was one of about three in the sale we were really keen to have. The Juddmonte families are just amazing--we bred a Dansili (GB) mare to Frankel this year and we're big fans of their stallions. We'll have a discussion to decide where she'll go next year."

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1st dam
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INTERRUPTED (f. by Broken Vow). 3 wins in 4 starts at horra Derby [L] (RP, \$80,000).
ELISION (f. by Elusive Quality). 4 wins, 2 to 4, \$203,652 in C \$15,000).
2nd dam
STRIKE A BALANCE, by Green Dancer. 2 wins in 3 starts at sister to **WEDDING PICTURE** [L], **TONKA WAKHAN**.
PEAKS AND VALLEYS (c. by Mt. Livermore). 9 wins in Canada, champion \$1,589,270, horse of the year in Canada, Meadowlands C Derby [G2], Derby Trial S. [G3], Miller High Life Cradle S. 2nd Saratoga Cup H. [G3], Lafayette S. [G3], Col. P. S. (WO, \$15,885(CAN)), 3rd Whitney H. [G1], etc. Leading
ALTERNATE (f. by Seattle Slew). Black-type winner, ab Balancing Act. 2 wins at 3, \$22,855. Dam of 14 foals, 12
ELEUSIS (f. by Dielsis (GB)). 5 wins in 9 starts at 3, Prix Joubert; winner in 1 start at 3, \$90,000, in N. H. [G2] (AQU, \$90,000). (Total: \$165,801).
TIP THE SCALE (f. by Valiant Nature). 9 wins at 4 an land Happening S. (SUF, \$18,000). Dam of **Wildc** est Wildcat, Total: \$60,863, 3rd Prix du Haras de Counterpoise, 2 wins at 3, \$45,330. Dam of 3 winners
Divine Music (g. by Songandprayer). Winner at 2 Canada; winner at 3 and 4, placed at 5, 2013, 2nd Black Gold S. (FG, \$12,000). Set ntr at Fort. Hopes and Fears. Unraced. Dam of 7 foals to race.
CRYPTOGRAPH (c. by Cryptoclearance). 5 wins in N.A./U.S., Round Table S. [L] (AP, \$60,000), C in N.A./U.S. (LS, \$45,000), 2nd Lone Star Park lence S. [L] (LS, \$235,010, in Canada, Wood etc.; 2 wins at 4, \$235,010, in Canada, Wood (WO, \$98,640), Durham Cup H. [G3] (WO, \$9 Equilibrata. Unraced. Dam of 10 foals, 9 winners, in **EQUALITY** (c. by Mt. Livermore). 4 wins at 2 and Derby [G3] (TAM, \$120,000), Gleaming S. (D **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY** (g. by Rahy). 4 wins Awad S. (AP, \$24,975).
Equitable (c. by A.P. Indy). 3 wins at 3 and 4 2nd Commonwealth Turf S. [L] (CD, \$32,63 (G1) (MTH, \$80,000). (Total: \$256,516).

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No. Sold	182	182	
RNAs	53	37	
% RNAs	22.6%	16.9%	
High Price	625,000gns	1,000,000gns	
Gross	6,773,700gns	8,863,500gns	
Average (% change)	37,218gns (-23.6%)	48,701gns	
Median (% change)	20,000gns (-20%)	25,000gns	
CUMULATIVE	2014	2013	
Catalogued	833	854	
No. Offered	724	700	
No. Sold	544	575	
RNAs	180	125	
% RNAs	24.9%	17.9%	
High Price	4,500,000gns	4,700,000gns	
Gross	47,234,795gns	62,035,000gns	
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Time Being Goes To War...

The traditional Wednesday evening presentation of well-bred fillies from Juddmonte again proved the highlight at Tattersalls, and Sheikh Fahad was outbid once more on the second-top price of the day, **Time Being (GB)** (Zamindar) ([lot 2158](#)), who is another Juddmonte jewel to have been claimed for an American



Time Being
Tattersalls

farm. Bidding on the phone via Tattersalls' Marketing Director Jimmy George, Michael Baum went to 375,000gns to ensure that the full-sister to G1 Falmouth S. winner Timepiece (GB) and half-sister to fellow top-flight winner Passage Of Time (GB) (Dansili {GB}) will be a glittering addition to his Man o'War Farm in Kentucky.

"Michael was here two years ago buying mares and he also has two Frankel foals," said George. "He hasn't discussed mating plans for this filly, but you can be sure she'll go to a top stallion somewhere in the world."

Amber Isle (First Defence) ([lot 2130](#)), a full-sister to G3 Acomb S. winner Dundonnell, was another major draw from the draft, selling to James Delahooke for 240,000gns on behalf of a syndicate named Pursuit Of Success. The winner of a six-furlong maiden in June for Roger Charlton, the 76-rated 3-year-old is a daughter of Danehill's sister Family.

Juddmonte's families have been just as prolific in the U.S. as in Europe, and so it was no surprise that a bidding flurry began when the unraced 3-year-old filly **Reimpose** (First Defence) ([lot 2154](#)), a half-sister to G1 Kentucky Oaks winner Flute (Seattle Slew), stepped into the ring. She was also secured by U.S. interests, having been knocked

down to Brookdale Farm for 270,000gns. Bobby Donworth was involved in the early bidding, but the final blows boiled down to the Seitz trio of Fred, Freddy and Joe of Brookdale versus Cormac McCormack. The Seitzes stayed strong for their compatriot, with Freddy Seitz admitting they had reached their limit by the time the hammer came down.



Joe, Freddy and Fred Seitz at Tattersalls yesterday

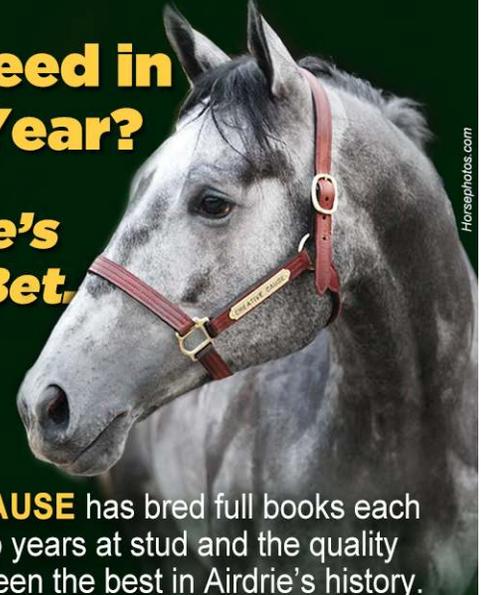
"That was as far as we could go, to be honest," he said, noting that she was purchased for a partnership. "We were hoping to get her for a little bit less than that. We had to stretch really hard."

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He stressed the rarity, however, of getting into such a good family. Reimpose is also a sister to stakes winner Velvet Morning (Broad Brush), and two of her sisters, including Flute, have produced stakes winners. Her second dam, Media Luna (Star Appeal) produced Group 3 winner Eva Luna (Alleged), who went on to drop dual Group 1 winner Brian Boru (GB) and three other stakes winners, as well as the dam of Juddmonte's G1 Epsom Derby and G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe hero Workforce (GB) (King's Best).

"She's a beautiful filly and she has a great pedigree," Seitz noted. "She'll probably be bred here then go to the U.S. eventually--we're not really positive what we're going to do yet."

Seitz recognized that, with the Juddmonte powerhouse standing behind the pedigree, the page is only likely to improve going forward.

"They cultivate their families so well that if you're able to get into one, you're hitting the jackpot. She comes from such a great organization, it's just great to get into it."

The Seitzes secured another young filly from a prominent American family from the Juddmonte draft when paying 58,000gns for [lot 2140](#), **Generata** (Mizzen Mast), whose second dam is the four-time Group 1 producer Toussaud. Brookdale Farm was also the name on the ticket for the 3-year-old **Kaiserwurde (Ger)** (Dubawi {Ire}) at 35,000gns Tuesday, and Joe Seitz signed for the Galileo (Ire) filly **Madame Clouseau (Ire)** at 70,000gns Monday. **cont. p5**

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“Most of them will go back to the U.S. eventually, but this year I think we’re going to leave some here and breed to some of these nice horses over here in Europe,” Freddy Seitz noted.

It wasn’t all about Juddmonte at the top end of the market, however, and the other lot to hit the 200,000gns mark on the day was [lot 2175](#), the winning 3-year-old filly **Perfect Light (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}). The daughter of the Group 3 winner Beauty Bright (Ire) (Danehill) was hammered down to John Ferguson.

Another member of the Juddmonte draft is bound for the U.S. after Alex Elliott prevailed for [lot 2141](#), the First Defence filly **Hiking**, at 95,000gns. Hiking won three races in the Juddmonte silks for trainer Roger Charlton, including a July 12 Salisbury handicap, and Elliott—who struck out on his own as an agent earlier this year—noted she will race on in California.

Elliott has spent his fair share of time on the West Coast, having previously worked for trainer Eoin Harty. He then spent about two years with British agent Jamie McCalmont and he is also a graduate of the Darley Flying Start program. Elliott still works closely with American trainers, including Christophe Clement and Simon Callaghan.



Alex Elliott
Tattersalls

Elliott said Hiking reminded him of Rhagori (GB) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}), a filly he picked out for 90,000gns at this sale last year while with McCalmont. Expatriated to the barn of Simon Callaghan for owner Michael House, Rhagori won this year’s Swingtime S. at Santa Anita and was subsequently sold at Keeneland November for \$230,000 to Kern/Lillingston.

“This one reminded me of Rhagori—she was the same, if not a better model,” Elliott noted. “She was my pick of the sale. She will be a standout in California, and I think she’ll become a graded stakes winner.”

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Lot	Name	Status	Price (gns)
2150	Posset (GB) (3, Oasis Dream {GB}--Midsummer {GB}, by Kingmambo)	broodmare prospect	625,000
	Consigned by Juddmonte Farms Purchased by John Gunther		
2158	Time Being (GB) (3, Zamindar--Clepsydra {GB}, by Sadler's Wells)	broodmare prospect	375,000
	Consigned by Juddmonte Farms Purchased by Man o'War Farm		
2154	Reimpose (3, First Defence--Rougeur, by Blushing Groom {Fr})	broodmare prospect	270,000
	Consigned by Juddmonte Farms Purchased by Brookdale Farm		
2130	Amber Isle (3, First Defence--Family, by Danzig)	broodmare prospect	240,000
	Consigned by Juddmonte Farms Purchased by Pursuit of Success		
2175	Perfect Light (Ire) (3, Galileo {Ire}--Beauty Bright {Ire}, by Danehill)	r/b'mare prospect	200,000
	Consigned by Somerville Lodge Ltd (W Haggas), property of L Sheridan Purchased by John Ferguson		
2174	Meeting Waters (GB) (3, Aqlaam {GB}--Paradise Isle {GB}, by Bahamian Bounty {GB})	r/b'mare prospect	150,000
	Consigned by Somerville Lodge Ltd (W Haggas), property of L Sheridan Purchased by Kern/Lillingston Association		
2082	Coquette Noire (Ire) (4, Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}--Coquette Rouge {Ire}, by Croco Rouge {Ire})		150,000
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The TDN European sales team of Emma Berry (left) and Kelsey Riley



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Back To The Well For Badgers...

One man who knows the Juddmonte families better than most is Grant Pritchard-Gordon of Badgers Bloodstock, who spent 17 years as racing manager of Khalid Abdullah's operation. Pritchard-Gordon noted he has been buying fillies from Juddmonte's consignments,



Grant Pritchard-Gordon
Tattersalls

"every year since I left," and the one he took home last night was **Open Window (GB)** (Dansili {GB}) ([lot 2146](#)) for 115,000gns.

"I always buy two or three and I have the same people come back year after year saying, 'Let's buy Juddmonte fillies,' for Australia and for here. I hate to say that I know most of the third dams very well," he quipped.

The unraced 3-year-old filly Open Window is out of G3 Prix des Reservoirs victress Summer Breeze (GB) (Rainbow Quest), a full-sister to Group 1 winners Raintrap (GB) and Sunshack (GB), as well as the dam of GI Manhattan H. victor Meteor Storm (GB) and G1 Dubai Sheema Classic hero Polish Summer (GB). Summer Breeze has produced the four-time group winner Doctor Fremantle (GB) (Sadler's Wells) and the dam of Group 3 winner Starboard (GB) (Zamindar).

Pritchard-Gordon declined to identify his client, but noted Open Window is to remain in Europe. Pritchard-Gordon landed on Open Window after bidding on a number of members of the draft for various clients.

"We bid away on an awful lot of the Juddmonte fillies," he said. "There are picks for different budgets. We were bidding away even on the expensive filly, but we didn't have that sort of money."

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Quick Return For Cross Pattee...

The Oppenheimer-bred Oasis Dream (GB) mare Cross Pattee (Ire) went through the Tattersalls ring last year for 36,000gns but, reoffered on Wednesday ([lot 2004](#))



Sheikh Fahad & David Redvers
Racing Post

as one of relatively few mares to have conceived to the subfertile triple Group 1 winner Al Kazeem (GB), her price tag rose to 115,000gns. She will join Sheikh Fahad Al Thani's broodmare band after David Redvers signed for the 4-year-old from Overbury Stud.

Redvers said, "We haven't made any covering plans yet, I like cover of a cross of Dubawi over a Green Desert [line] mare--the same as Makfi. The foal will be sold, she has been bought for the commercial operation. There won't be many Al Kazeems around." **cont. p7**

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Overbury Stud manager Simon Sweeting added, "Cross Pattee was one of a few mares bought last year for a syndicate with the express intention of having them covered and then reoffering them for sale. We were delighted she managed to get in foal to Al Kazeem and it was a pleasant surprise to have such a good sale."

Out of Anthony Oppenheimer's listed-placed Victoria Cross (Ire) (Mark Of Esteem {Ire}), Cross Pattee is a half-sister to dual Group 2 winner Bronze Cannon (Lemon Drop Kid) and his full-sibling, Gill My Charmer H. victrix Valiant Girl (GB). Victoria Cross's Sea the Stars yearling colt was bought by Charlie Gordon-Watson for 600,000gns at the recent October Sale.

Redvers later went to 150,000gns for Jacqueline Quest's half-sister Coquette Noire (Ire) ([lot 2082](#)) from The Castlebridge Consignment. The winning daughter of Holy Roman Emperor (Ire) had also been covered by Al Kazeem, but later visited Farhh (GB) when failing to get in foal.

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TATTERSALLS DECEMBER -- WEDNESDAY

Hip	Name	Status	Price (gns)
2004	Cross Pattee (Ire)	if Al Kazeem (GB)	115,000
<i>(4, Oasis Dream {GB}--Victoria Cross {Ire}, by Mark of Esteem {Ire})</i>			
Consigned by Overbury Stud			
Purchased by David Redvers Bloodstock			
See story p6.			

2174	Meeting Waters (GB)	r/b'mare prospect	150,000
<i>(3, Aqlaam {GB}--Paradise Isle {GB}, by Bahamian Bounty {GB})</i>			
Consigned by Somerville Lodge Ltd. (W Haggas), property of Mr L Sheridan			
Purchased by Kern/Lillingston Association			

Meeting Waters sold for 45,000gns at the 2012 Tattersalls October sale. Listed placed while racing for Liam Sheridan, she earned nearly £30,000 and was a popular commodity in the Tattersalls ring Wednesday.

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NYRA BOARD MEETING (continued from p1)

NYRA will also continue to focus on big race days, similar to the Belmont Festival and Stars and Stripes Festival in 2014.

NYRA will also attempt to grow its business by reducing operating expenses. It plans on closing the Aqueduct training center during non-racing months, reduce costs relating to the phone wagering operation by negotiating a new cable contract with the City of New York and by closing the Belmont Cafe on dark or unprofitable days. The organization will also effort to reduce overall labor expenses.

NYRA anticipates that due to less racing and projected field size, handle on its product will decrease by 3% versus 2014. For the Aqueduct winter meet, field size is projected a 6.85 horses per race (up from 6.6 in 2014), while Belmont Spring is anticipated to remain steady at 7.5.

Saratoga is expected to attract an average of 7.8 runners per race--a slight downtick from 7.9 in 2014--while Belmont and Aqueduct Fall are projected to have an average field size of 7.7, down from 7.9 at each meet in 2014. A total of 250 racedays are scheduled for 2015 compared to 252 for 2014. The Aqueduct winter meeting will feature 74 live racing days (Jan. 1-Apr. 26) with a week-long break programmed for the end of March. There will be 59 live dates at the Belmont Spring Meet (Apr. 29-July 19), an increase of five days due to a shift in the racing calendar.

Saratoga will conduct 40 live days of racing (July 24-Sept. 7), before racing returns to Belmont for 38 days (Sept. 11-Nov. 1). There are 39 days scheduled for the Aqueduct Fall Meet (Nov. 4-Dec. 31), one day fewer than 2014.

Prior to a discussion of the financials with Kay and Chief Financial Officer Suzanne Stover, Board Member Bobby Flay broached the raceday medication issue, imploring NYRA to institute 2-year-old races exclusively for horses who race without Lasix. Flay noted that the United States is the only racing jurisdiction in the world which allows the use of raceday medication and that "taints" American bloodstock. Fresh off his re-election as the president of the New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, Rick Violette Jr., an 'ex-officio' member of the Board, took up the defense, saying that Lasix is not the issue while suggesting to Flay that the sale of American bloodstock to overseas interests is up, not down. cont. p9



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Board member Leonard Riggio, for whom Violette Jr. trains several horses, admitted that he understood Flay's argument, but suggested that the Board of Directors should be invested with some authority in drug-related issues. Currently, the power is invested with that authority. Playing the role of mediator, Skorton said that one thing that could be agreed upon as it relates to raceday medication is that "the perception is negative."

With NYRA expected to emerge from its governmental oversight next October, the next meeting of the Board is not scheduled until March 2015, though Kay told those on hand more meetings could be scheduled as discussions over the future shape of NYRA take place.

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JAPAN CUP RECAP

Editorial and photos by Lucas Marquardt

There are lots of anecdotes that speak to Japan's way of doing things. Here's a short one. Two hours after the conclusion of one of the country's biggest races, Sunday's G1 Japan Cup, the public areas at Tokyo Racecourse were almost spotless. That was after hosting just over 100,000 people.



Forget about betting slips and beer bottles, there are still *people* strewn about two hours after the Kentucky Derby.

The late-evening walk through the empty track put an end to my stint covering the 2014 Japan Cup, though I still have another week or so in Japan before heading to Hong Kong for the International Races Dec. 14. It was my first time in Japan and, no surprise, the trip and the Cup itself made a big impression. **cont. p10**

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Tokyo Racecourse, about 15 miles due west of downtown in the suburb of Fuchu, is reminiscent of Belmont Park in its layout, and is even more mammoth in scope. Built in 1933, it holds a staggering 223,000 fans, making it the world's largest racing venue by a long way. Churchill, by comparison, tops out at 165,000, the no-infield Belmont at 90,000. There's a big infield area at Tokyo, but it didn't seem overly populated Sunday.

Tokyo's record attendance--196,517, set in 1990--actually falls well short of capacity, and the track is so spacious that even with 100,000 people on hand, things really didn't feel that crowded on Japan Cup day. There are just so many places to spread out--around the huge parade ring out back, at the indoor food court, in an infield that included a bouncy castle and a playground for children. At the southern end of the track, a small wooded park with a two-story pirate ship gave parents another option, while families spread out picnic blankets on a grassy hill that overlooked the far turn. There was even a garden with a water feature out back--that was a new one.



The two big takeaways for me were the crowd's youth, and its knowledge base. Walking around, I'd guess at least half of the crowd was under 35. In the States, you either have an older crowd, or a younger crowd there as much for the fashion and fun as the races themselves. Here, no one dressed up. There were no suits or slinky dresses. But there were still thousands of hip young men pointing at racing forms. Attractive ladies in groups of three and four quietly handicapped and filled out betting slips. There was no 'see and be seen' aspect to it. I'm not saying that's good or bad, just different.

The crowd also seemed to know their racing and be passionate about it. It's not often that a starter gets a roar from the crowd, like what happened before the



Japan Cup when the starter, dressed something like a Cold War-era military official, made his way to an elevated stand.

The track's gift shop underscored how attached fans get to their racing heroes here. Horses old and new were celebrated on Christmas ornaments, key fobs, ashtrays and iPhone protective cases. There were t-shirts of Sunday Silence and of his son Deep Impact (Jpn), and plush toys of current stars like Gentildonna (Jpn). Moreover, the shop was packed. **cont. p11**

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Outside, fans took their picture with a bronze statue of the 2009 Japan Cup winner and \$13.1 million earner Vodka (Jpn). A Gentildonna banner hung above one entrance.



The parade ring, like I said, is big--maybe around the same size of Keeneland's larger paddock, and can be viewed from dozens of different vantage points, including from the grandstand's large back balconies. There were easily several thousand people that watched as the Japan Cup contestants were led around, and yet it was wholly quiet, except for the odd murmur here and there.

From the parade ring, the horses are led down a wide tunnel under the grandstand that leads up to the turf course.

It's interesting--when the horses complete a race they return to the widened section of the tunnel to be unsaddled, and with the jockeys still aboard and the horses cantering back on the rubber flooring, the sound and feel in your chest of 18 horses heading toward you indoors is somewhat surreal.

It was getting dark by the time the Japan Cup horses were introduced onto the turf, and despite it being pleasantly warm, Mt. Fuji, which can often be seen in the distance from the grandstand, remained hidden in the low grey clouds. A military brass band provided a dramatic soundtrack as the horses lined up behind the gate, and the crowd clapped along in unison to a crescendo that indicated the race was about to go off.

The 4-year-old **Epiphaneia (Jpn)** (Symboli Kris S) ran a fine race in victory, and jockey Christophe Soumillon earned his money, keeping the headstrong colt together and waiting until it was absolutely necessary to let him loose in the stretch. There weren't many hard-luck stories in the bunch. Both runner-up **Just a Way (Jpn)** (Heart's Cry {Jpn}) and fourth-placed **Gentildonna (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) had relatively clear runs and just weren't good enough; it was the same story for the yellow-bridled **Harp Star (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}), who came with a modest outside rally to be fifth.
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If he goes, the horse to bet back in the G1 Arima Kinen at Nakayama Dec. 28 might be the show horse **Spielberg (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}). Third-last early, the Tenno Sho (Autumn) winner was one of the few to make up serious ground, and did so after encountering some traffic in the lane. We'll keep you posted.

Well, that's it for this leg of the journey. A big thanks to the JRA (Japan Racing Association) and the JAIRS (Japan Association for International Racing and Stud Book) for their hospitality--a great, dedicated and patient group of people. On to Hokkaido now for a short visit to Harry Sweeney's Paca Paca Farm, as well stops at Shadai Stallion Station and the Japan Bloodstock Breeders' Association, home to, among others, Empire Maker and the retired Forty Niner. Stay tuned, and be sure to click on the video links below for a virtual tour of Tokyo Racecourse!

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'CROWN' KICKS OFF CHAMPIONSHIP MEET

by *Christina Bossinakis*

Only days removed from the conclusion of a successful inaugural Gulfstream Park West meeting, Gulfstream Park is poised to kick off its 2014/15 Championship meeting this Saturday. With little time to cool their heels following its first swing at running a fall meet at the oval formerly operating as Calder Race Course, Gulfstream officials, horsemen and women alike

hope that the momentum generated during the 42-day session will be carried over to the organization's marquee winter meeting.

"We're extremely pleased with the results of our first meet at Gulfstream Park West," said Tim Ritvo, Gulfstream Park President and Chief Operating Officer of the Stronach Group. "We believe it will be a great way to kick off the winter season."

Headlining the Hallandale oval's opening-day card is the highly popular Claiming Crown, an eight-stakes showcase worth \$1 million in purses. Topping the day's action is the \$200,000-guaranteed Jewel, for 3-year-olds and up going nine furlongs on the main track. A pair of turf events are slated at 1 1/16 miles--offering a purse of \$125,000 (guaranteed): the Emerald for 3-year-olds and up and the Tiara for fillies and mares, 3-years-old and up.



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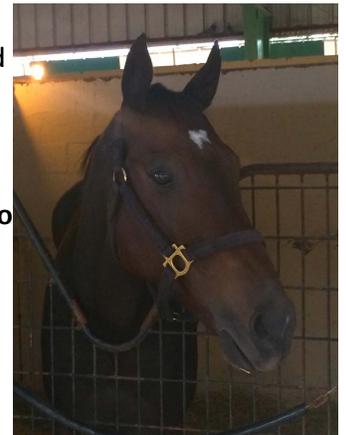
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Rounding out Gulfstream's stakes action on Claiming Crown day are the Canterbury (five furlongs turf); Express (six furlongs); Rapid Transit (seven furlongs); Glass Slipper (one-mile, for fillies and mares) and the Iron Horse (1 1/16 miles).

Among some of the notable performers scheduled to compete this weekend are **Ribo Bobo** (Louis Quatorze), who is slated to contest the Express; **Palatine Hill** (Roman Ruler), heading to the Rapid Transit; and **Courtney Ryan** (With Distinction), who is pointing toward the Glass Slipper.

Trained by Jason Servis, Ribo Bobo won the 2013 renewal of the Express, and earlier this season, collected three stakes victories, including Gulfstream Park's Sunshine Millions Sprint against fellow Florida-breds Jan. 18. Peter Walder saddles the ultra-consistent Palatine Hill, who has hit the board in seven of eight starts this season, including the Skip Trial S. at Gulfstream Park last July.

Also returning to a track that has proven very kind in the past is Courtney Ryan, winner of four of her last five starts, including the most recent going seven furlongs at Gulfstream Park West Nov. 2. **cont. p13**



Courtney Ryan
C Bossinakis



An earner of over \$300,000, the 5-year-old mare finished a close-up second behind Carolina Lizard (Saint Anddan) in last season's 1 1/16-mile Iron Lady S. on Claiming Crown day. Her trainer Tamara Levy is looking to go one better this time around.

"I never really felt two turns, or 1 1/16 miles, was her best distance," explained Levy, who will also be represented by **Chillin Dylan** (Mongoose) in the Iron Horse. "Last year, she hooked up right out of the gate. She was really fit and really ready to run in that race, but it was just a battle all the way to the wire."

Hoping the Glass Slipper's one-mile trip will spell success for her hard-knocking maven, Levy added, "I always prefer her going a mile at Gulfstream, especially because it's a flat mile. She really has excelled at that distance, and she really likes it [at Gulfstream Park]. Especially the last bit of this year, I've had a hard time getting some [one-mile] races to go for her, so we started sprinting her at some elongated sprints at seven furlongs. She's probably going to be a little sharp over there and I will definitely like running her at the one-turn mile versus going two turns."

Asked where she would like to see Courtney Ryan in the early going of the Glass Slipper, Levy said, "It looks like there will be quite a bit of speed there, and I don't really want her to be part of that. I'd like to just sit the trip and let [jockey] Abdiel Jaen make his move when he's ready."

Crowning Achievement...

Sporting one of the broadest and arguably most potent arsenals heading into this weekend's Claiming Crown races is trainer Jorge Navarro, who finished third with 18 victories behind Antonio Sano (22 wins) and Marcus Vitali (20) at the conclusion of Sunday's closing-day card at Gulfstream Park West. Navarro, who was the leading trainer at Monmouth Park the last two seasons, could have as many as 10 line up on Claiming Crown day. Chief among them is **J B's Unc** (Cactus Ridge), who is earmarked for the Iron Horse.

"He's one of my favorite horses," said Navarro. "He's been really good to us. He's very special."

On the board in all eight starts this term, the High Point Thoroughbred runner finished second in his two most recent starts, including a one-mile and 70-yard test at Gulfstream Park West Nov. 14.

"[Gulfstream Park West] is a racetrack that is hard to get a horse ready for," Navarro explained. "You usually need one, but I think he'll be ready for this weekend. I think he'll be tough to beat."

Also representing Navarro this weekend is High Point's **Goodtimehadbyall** (Quiet American), targeting the Rapid Transit. A winner at Monmouth Park Aug. 10, the gelding faded to fifth last time out after stumbling at the start of a \$62,500 optional claimer at Belmont Sept. 18.

"The owners wanted to run him in New York and try him against better horses," offered Navarro. "He's been training really well since then. It's a shame we couldn't find him a race [at GPW] to give him a prep [for the Rapid Transit]. He loves the 7/8ths distance. He's another great horse to have around."

'White' Out Forecast at Gulfstream...

A partnership that continues to pay dividends for Navarro is the one struck with Gregory Schwartz's White Wabbit Wacing LLC who, with the assistance of Navarro, rounded out Monmouth's 2014 meet as leading owner. Schwartz, who heads a Florida-based lawfirm, also concluded Gulfstream Park West's meet with 13 victories, good enough to tie Frank Calabrese for the top spot.

Looking to pick up where that combination left off earlier this season, Navarro may saddle as many as six runners this Saturday for White Wabbit. Chief among the operation's entrants is the



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hard-knocking **Didn't Take It** (Put It Back), who recorded all of his three victories this season going five panels on the lawn. The chestnut, who is slated to contest the Canterbury, will likely be joined by stablemates **Pirates Vow** (Broken Vow) and **Full Moon's Back** (Put It Back). **Determinato** (Closing Argument), trained by Aubrey Maragh, is also likely to represent White Wabbit in the five-furlong test on the turf.

"We claimed Didn't Take It for \$20,000 [at Gulfstream Mar. 19] and he has earned over \$100,000 for us," explained White Wabbit Advisor Darren De Lucia. "He ran in [the Oct. 25 Gin Rummy Championship S.] at Gulfstream Park West and he was very unlucky [finished fourth, beaten 1 1/4 lengths]. He should have won that race. We're going to come right back with him and hope for a cleaner trip this time."

With as many as four runners in the Canterbury, De Lucia indicated the idea is to complement each other's styles, and not neutralize one another.

"There is a lot of speed usually in these five-furlong races," he explained. "A couple of our horses have speed and a couple of them are going to sit. To tell you the truth, my favorite horse in the race is Didn't Take It. I like his style. [Jockey] Paco Lopez is going to ride him and he is going to sit a couple of lengths and make one run and, hopefully, get the money."

In addition to the Canterbury, White Wabbit will likely be represented by **Loverbill** (Not For Love) (Navarro) and **Quiz Whiz** (Wiseman's Ferry) (Aubrey Maragh) in the Express; and **Delta Bluesman** (Wagon Limit) (Navarro) in the Emerald. **Lasso** (Rahy) (Navarro) also remains a possibility for the 8 1/2-furlong turf event.

"We have a really good group lined up for this year's Claiming Crown," said De Lucia. "Hopefully, they'll get the chance to run the way we think they will."

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Juddmonte Looking for First HKIR Score...

For all the far-flung Juddmonte Farms operation has accomplished worldwide, it has yet to visit the winner's circle at the International Races, but that anomaly stands to be undone in this year's G1 Longines Hong Kong Vase with two live chances in G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe and G1 Breeders' Cup Turf runner-up **Flintshire (GB)** (Dansili {GB}) and the up-and-coming **Snow Sky (GB)** (Nayef).

Produced by Winter Silence (GB) (Dansili {GB}), a half-sister to 2003 Vase runner-up Polish Summer (Polish Precedent), the bay colt won Lingfield's Listed Derby Trial S. May 10 ahead of a fourth to Eagle Top (GB) (Pivotal {GB}) in the G2 King Edward VII S. at Royal Ascot June 20. He broke through with a narrow victory in the G3 Gordon S. at Goodwood July 30 and was runner-up in York's G2 Great Voltigeur S. Aug. 20 prior to a good third,



Snow Sky *Racing Post*

beaten just over three lengths behind Kingston Hill (GB) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) in the G1 Doncaster St Leger S. Sept. 13. Though he will enter the Vase unraced since that effort and is obviously the less heralded of the two runners, he has the full confidence of his connections.

"Snow Sky's preparation has gone well and he is heading to Hong Kong in good form," commented Lord Grimthorpe, racing manager to Prince Khalid. "[Trainer] Sir Michael [Stoute] kept him ticking over with Hong Kong in mind after the St Leger and has been very pleased with him. His work has been good, and that is why Sir Michael has been keen to go to Hong Kong. He will like the fast ground--he has a good action for that--and I think a strongly run mile and a half will suit him as well as anything."

Stoute is a two-time winner at the Internationals, having saddled Gainsborough Farm's Soviet Line (Soviet Star) to a victory in the 1994 G2 International Bowl--the precursor to the G1 Hong Kong Mile--and Daliapour (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) in the 2000 Vase. Juddmonte's Spanish Moon (El Prado {Ire}) and Redwood (GB) (High Chaparral {Ire}) filled the runner-up spot in the Vase in 2009 and 2010, respectively, while Cityscape (GB) (Selkirk) was second in the 2011 Mile.

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Fourth Time Lucky For 'Lord'??...

The blue-collar **Gordon Lord Byron (Ire)** (Byron {GB}) makes a fourth trip to Hong Kong and third in a row for the International Races, but for the first time, the 6-year-old will take his chances in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Sprint after posting outstanding fourth-place efforts in the mile behind Ambitious Dragon (NZ) (Pins {Aus}) in 2012 and to Glorious Days (Aus) (Hussonet) last December.

"Last year the Hong Kong Sprint was won by Lord Kanaloa (Jpn) (King Kamehameha {Jpn}) by five lengths; that's like winning a two-mile race by a distance--and I don't see a Lord Kanaloa in the field this year," Hogan said, explaining the decision to go in the Sprint. "**Sole Power (GB)** (Kyllachy {GB}) was second last year, and we've beaten him before over six furlongs."

The two aforementioned locals are set to reappear next Sunday in the Mile, but given his success over shorter distances this season, trainer Tom Hogan has taken the path of least resistance this time around and will try the gelding against the likes of **Peniaphobia (Ire)** (Dandy Man {GB}), **Lucky Nine (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}) representing Hong Kong, top Australian sprinter **Buffering (Aus)** (Mossman {Aus}) and Japanese Group 1 winner Snow Dragon (Jpn) (Admire Cozzene {Jpn}).



Gordon Lord Byron *Racing Post*

"The horse loves it in Hong Kong. We all love going back there. The hospitality is great. Why wouldn't we give it a go?" Hogan asks.

It's been a busy 12 months for Gordon Lord Byron, who kicked off his season in the Australian autumn, with an 18-1 upset of the G1 George Ryder S. in Sydney. A touch out of form into the summer, the veteran was a close second in the G1 Sprint Cup at Haydock Sept. 6 and filled the same spots two starts later in the G1 Prix de la Foret at Longchamp Oct. 5. He exits a heavy-ground success in the G2 QIPCO Champions Sprint S. Oct. 18.

"[Jockey] Wayne [Lordan] gave him a great ride that day, and the horse was very brave" enthused an admittedly biased Hogan, "for my money the ride of the season. He has a great record as a sprint jockey."

And so, the short-track version of Cirrus des Aigles (Fr) (Even Top {Ire}) is back for another crack at international glory.

"All we can hope for is a reasonable draw, and some cover and some luck in running," Hogan submitted. "We go there with confidence, and it's certainly worth a shot. Anyway we've never been afraid to get beat."

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HOW TO MEASURE A TRAINER'S SUCCESS: A DIFFERENT WAY OF LOOKING AT THE NUMBERS

By Bill Finley

When it comes to assessing the abilities of the sport's trainers, it sometimes seems that only one number matters--their winning percentage. Above 20% and you're good. Below 10% and you're not good. Somewhere in between and you're mediocre.

Horsemen seem to have become so obsessed with their winning percentages that some trainers will not run a horse unless the conditions are perfect. If that means racing them no more than three or four times a year and only in spots where they are 5-2 or lower, so be it.

"I know I'm boasting a little, but I think I do a helluva job," said Wayne Lukas, who is winning at a 12% rate this year, and said that he doesn't particularly care about his percentage.



D. Wayne Lukas
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"We don't have a stable with the depth we used to have where we could knock out 25% like we did in the eighties. We still have the ability to take two, three horses and get the very most out of their abilities. I'm not afraid to run at 5, 6, 10%. I don't care. What I care about is doing a good job for my clients. After all

these years of knocking out \$270, \$280 million and winning the races I've won in my career, if I have to worry about my reputation at this point I'd really have a problem."

So who is doing a better job for their owners? The 20% trainer who runs a horse five times a year and wins once, or the 12% trainer who runs a horse 12 times a year and wins two races?

The answer should be obvious, but many high-profile owners want nothing to do with trainers who don't regularly win at high percentage rates. Lukas, himself, no longer attracts the type of owners he used to get during the prime of his career.

So is there a better way to measure how good a job a trainer is doing besides his or her winning percentage? I decided to give it a try.

What trainers get the most out of the stock in their barn and maximize earnings for their clients? Isn't that what really matters? There's obviously no perfect way to measure this, but I took a shot, nonetheless.

Courtesy of Equibase, below is a listing of average earnings per horse in a trainer's barn. For instance, if a trainer had 10 horses and they made a combined \$100,000, then his barn averages \$10,000 in earnings per horse. For a horse to be considered part of a trainer's stable, it had to run at least one time under that trainer's name.

We realize this way of analyzing trainers is flawed. A trainer with an abundance of 2-year olds would be penalized as would claiming trainers who may have a horse for no more than one or two starts before they go off to someone else's barn. It also doesn't take into account that some trainers may be blessed to buy dozens of expensive horses at the sales and never get them to the races. And, obviously, trainers with cheap stock can't possibly post the types of numbers that the Pletchers, Bafferts and Motts do, no matter how talented they are.

That said, here's a different way of looking at the sport's top trainers and who is getting the most of what is in their barns, which means doing the bets job for their owners.

The numbers run from January 1 through Dec. 1, 2014, and to qualify, a trainer must have had 75 total starts during that period. They are listed in order of highest average earnings per horses in their barns.

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Trainer	Starts	Horses	*Starts	*Earnings
1. Art Sherman	87	32	2.71	\$135,332
2. James Jerkens	136	39	3.48	\$104,250
3. Bob Baffert	387	134	2.88	\$101,770
4. Chad Brown	549	196	2.80	\$77,467
5. Todd Pletcher	937	285	3.28	\$75,960
6. Leah Gyarmati	130	33	3.93	\$66,851
7. Shug McGaughey	259	68	3.80	\$66,606
8. Mike Hushion	201	54	3.72	\$64,842
9. Alfredo Velazquez	109	21	5.19	\$64,441
10. Wayne Lukas	300	70	4.28	\$64,072
11. Charles Lopresti	137	36	3.80	\$58,923
12. Malcolm Pierce	144	41	3.51	\$58,235
13. Christophe Clement	464	156	2.97	\$56,303
14. Rick Violette	210	51	4.11	\$56,137
15. Bill Mott	656	194	3.38	\$53,160
16. James Cassidy	203	44	4.61	\$52,856
17. Tom Albertrani	327	85	3.84	\$52,791
18. Brian Lynch	283	78	3.62	\$52,025
19. Mark Casse	834	233	3.57	\$49,913
20. Kiaran McLaughlin	316	102	3.09	\$49,019

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SALES NEWS

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Keeneland has catalogued 1,610 horses for its upcoming January Horses of All Ages Sale, which will be held in Lexington Jan. 12-15. "The strong results of Keeneland's November Breeding Stock Sale confirmed the resurgence in the Thoroughbred market," Keeneland Vice President of Sales Walt Robertson said. "We look for the momentum of that sale to continue in January." The January catalogue, which will be available online Dec. 9 and will be mailed out Dec. 18, includes 605 broodmares, 135 racing or broodmare prospects, 563 yearlings, 282 horses of racing age and 25 stallion prospects. During the 2014 January sale, 1,027 horses sold for \$41,025,700 for an average of \$39,947 and a median of \$20,000. Top price of \$775,000 was paid for **Ponche de Leona** (Ponche), the dam of GI Breeders' Cup Classic winner **Mucho Macho Man** (Macho Uno).

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RACETRACK ROUND-UP

'MALICE' TO MAKE FIVE STARTS IN 2015

Dogwood Stable and Three Chimneys Farm's MGISW **Palace Malice** (Curlin) will aim for a five-race 2015 campaign, beginning with the GIII Westchester S. at Belmont in May and concluding with the GI Breeders' Cup Classic at Keeneland in November, according to co-owner Cot Campbell.

"The Westchester is the ideal Belmont prep for an appearance in the GI Metropolitan Mile, in which he defeated Goldencents (Into Mischief), two-time GI Breeders' Cup [Dirt] Mile winner, this past year," noted Campbell. "We would follow with three Grade I stakes--the Whitney, early at Saratoga, the Jockey Club Gold Cup at Belmont in the fall and the Breeders' Cup Classic at Keeneland."

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Palace Malice, winner of the GI Belmont S. in 2013 and an earner of \$2,676,235, captured the Westchester earlier this year en-route to a triumph in the Met Mile. The colt is currently in light training at Aiken, preparing for his January return to the Todd Pletcher barn in Florida.

Campbell added, "It will be hard for Todd to hold him until May, but we do want to concentrate on the big races during the latter part of the year."

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 **New York**

Yesterday's Results:

3rd-AQU, \$65,550, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$62,500), NW2\$X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m70y, 1:45 2/5, gd.

1--**AMERICA, 119, f, 3, A.P. Indy--Lacadena (SP), by Fasliyev.** (\$725,000 RNA yrl '12 KEESEP). O-Bobby Flay; B-B Flay Thoroughbreds (KY); T-William I Mott. Lifetime Record: GISP, 12-3-0-2, \$246,940.

 **Broken and Trained by Randy Bradshaw** 

2--**Holiday's Jewel, 117, m, 5, Harlan's Holiday--Denali Red,** by Crafty Prospector. (\$75,000 yrl '10 KEESEP).

3--**Evening Show, 120, m, 5, Master Command--Good Evening,** by Dixieland Heat.

Margins: 1 3/4, 3/4, NK. Odds: 0.50, 14.60, 5.20.

America was third to expected champion Untapable (Tapit) in the GI Mother Goose S. at Belmont in June and followed with a non-threatening fourth in the GI Coaching Club American Oaks at the Spa July 20. Adding blinkers, she was sixth in the GI Alabama S. over 10 panels there Aug. 16 and fourth again in the Remington Park Oaks at 1 1/16 miles Sept. 28. Removing the hood and hammered down to 1-5 favoritism, the filly broke through with a 6 3/4-length romp in an off-the-turfer traveling nine furlongs over the muddy main track here Nov. 2. Taking heavy public support once more, America raced at the rear of this compact field before advancing to stalk the pace three-wide through a half-mile in a pedestrian :51.27. Put to a heavy drive turning for home, the filly lost ground before re-rallying in mid-stretch to grind out a victory. The winner's third dam is MGISW Blush With Pride (Blushing Groom {Fr}), who is responsible for producing 2007 Broodmare of the Year Better Than Honour (Deputy Minister). [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).

6th-AQU, \$55,000, Msw, (S), 2yo, 6f, 1:12 4/5, gd. + **ALL IS NUMBER (g, 2, Bernstein--Universe, by Pulpit)** was saddled for his debut by recently re-elected New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association President Rick Violette, who had notched victories with his last four first-time starters at Aqueduct and Gulfstream Park West. Displaying a solid local series of works, including a bullet four-furlong move in :48 flat out of the gate Nov. 23, the gelding was sent to post as the 9-5 favorite. Away in good order, the bay tracked the pace three wide early, moved to challenge for the lead around the far turn and kicked clear in mid-stretch. Kept busy to the wire by Manuel Franco, who was uninjured in a spill in the previous race, the winner held safe a 3 1/4-length margin over longshot firster Watch the Tie (Freud). Sales history: \$95,000 RNA wlng '12 KEENOV; \$70,000 yrl '13 FTNAUG. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$33,000. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#). O-Andrews T & S Racing. B-Whispering Wind Farm of NY LLC (NY). T-Richard A Violette, Jr.

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2nd-AQU, \$55,000, Msw, (S), 2yo, f, 1m70y, 1:47, gd.

+ **LIBERTY ISLAND (f, 2, Harlem Rocker--Bee in a Bonnet {SP}, by Precise End)** displayed a modest series of workouts dating back to September at Belmont and was given a 5-1 chance as the lone first-time starter in this group. Away alertly, the grey tracked the pace set by favored Razia Sultana (Harlan's Holiday) through a half-mile in :50.30 and moved for the lead entering the lane. Gaining control in mid-stretch, she edged clear to a 3 1/2-length score, with Stolen Victory (Eskendereya) rallying for second over the pacesetter. The winner, a \$30,000 FTMSEP yearling turned \$135,000 FTMMAY juvenile after covering a quarter in :22 1/5, becomes the third graduate for her freshman sire (by Macho Uno). Harlem Rocker spent one season standing at McMahan of Saratoga Thoroughbreds as property of Adena Springs before being forced to retire from stud duties due to a spinal injury. He is responsible for just 10 registered foals. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$33,000. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).

O-Xavier Racing Partners & The Club Racing LLC. B-McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds LLC (NY). T-Dominick Schettino.

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Yesterday's Results:

8th-LRL, \$45,270, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000-\$20,000), NW2X, 3yo/up, a1 1/16m, 1:45 2/5, my.

COSMIC GOLD (c, 3, Mineshaft--Cosmic Colors, by Broad Brush) checked in third at Parx first up June 17, and was second at the Spa next out July 19. Fourth behind  **"TDN Rising Stars"**  Three Alarm Fire (Pyro) and Liam's Map (Unbridled's Song) over seven furlongs back in New York Aug. 23, the dark bay aired by 7 3/4 lengths when stretched to a mile here Oct. 4. He added an easy allowance over the same track and trip 26 days later, and was flattered when the runners-up from both of his last two outings came back to win. Installed as the 11-10 pick in this field of four while attempting two turns for the first time, the dark bay traveled in a well-held third early behind a fairly moderate pace. He ranged up powerfully three deep on the home bend, and had a head in front passing the quarter pole while still traveling strongly. Cosmic Gold proved not for catching from there, and galloped away in hand by four lengths over Connemara Coast (City Zip). Sales history: \$120,000 yrl '12 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-1, \$98,730. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).

O-Harry C & Tom O Meyerhoff. B-Empire Equines LLC (KY). T-Michael J Trombetta.

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7th-LRL, \$45,460, Msw, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:13, my.
GINGER N RYE (f, 2, [More Than Ready](#)--La Milanese, by Mr. Greeley) overcame a slow beginning to finish second in a sloppy rained-off special weight going a sixteenth shorter here Sept. 25. Sixth, again from well back, over the local lawn Oct. 29, the chestnut was let go at 6-1 returning to the main track. Away well from the rail, Ginger N Rye stalked Clem Gem (Flatter) before getting a dream inside run when that rival came wide into the lane. Clem Gem did all she could to cling to her narrow advantage in the run to the line, but Ginger N Rye squeezed through late to prevail by 3/4 of a length. The winner's second dam is a MGISP Hometown Queen (Pleasant Colony), responsible for GSW and MGISP Bowman's Band (Dixieland Band) and the dam of MGSW and MGISP Pollard's Vision (Carson City). Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$37,460. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).

O/B-Sagamore Farm LLC (MD). T-Ignacio Correias IV.



6th-TAM, \$20,000, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 3/5, ft.
HANAIE HAILEY (f, 3, [Malibu Moon](#)--Miz United States {MSW, \$298,904}, by Valid Appeal), a \$160,000 KEESEP yearling turned \$625,000 FTFMAR juvenile, was second on debut in February at Gulfstream, but followed with an 11th-place finish as the favorite there behind subsequent graded stakes winners Size (First Samurai) and Snowbell (Tapit) in March. Last seen finishing fourth after a stumbling start in a six-furlong contest at Aqueduct Apr. 25, the filly was transferred from Todd Pletcher to Derek Ryan for this return to the races. Tabbed as the 3-5 favorite to graduate, the bay pressed the pace four wide, swept past her rivals turning for home and powered clear to register a comfortable 11 1/4-length victory over Chi Town Rose (Speightstown). The winner is a half to Ameribelle (Medaglia d'Oro), GSP, \$126,618; and Scampering (Afleet Alex), MSP, \$276,770. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$23,190. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).

O-Stonestreet Stables LLC & Biagi Thoroughbreds.

B-Hart Farm (VA). T-Derek S Ryan.



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California

U S Ranger to Rancho San Miguel:

U S Ranger (Danzig--My Annette, by Red Ransom) has been sold and will relocate to Rancho San Miguel in San Miguel, California for the 2015 breeding season. Narvick International's Emmanuel de Seroux purchased the 10-year-old stallion on behalf of Marsha Naify's Liberty Road Stables, LLC. "U S Ranger is a magnificent individual who is producing speed and quality 2-year-olds, which is what California breeders are looking for," said de Seroux. "Rancho San Miguel has great clientele, and U S Ranger will be given a fantastic opportunity in California." Naify added, "Bringing a horse of this caliber to California is going to greatly benefit our breeding industry here in the state. I am extremely excited to have U S Ranger on our roster. He is a proven sire with a top pedigree." Multiple Group 1-placed on the racetrack, U S Ranger previously stood at WinStar Farm. From two crops to race, he has sired graded stakes winners Solitary Ranger, Lawn Ranger and Get the Nod (Aus). U S Ranger will stand for \$3,000, stands and nurses.

INDUSTRY INFO

Durkin to Host TCA Select Stallion Season Auction:

Tom Durkin will host the Thoroughbred Charities of America's 25th-annual Select Stallion Season Auction, which will be held Jan. 10 at the Keeneland Entertainment Center. "Tom is engaging, witty, eloquent and a born story-teller and we are really excited to kick off the 25th year of TCA with him," said TCA executive director Erin Crady. For more information on the TCA Stallion Season Auction, visit www.tca.org.

ROOKIES

First-crop starters to watch: Thursday, December 4

Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2011 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/

*BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

CHARITABLE MAN (Lemon Drop Kid), Taylor Mountain Farm, \$4K, 36/4/0

8-CT, Msw, 6 1/2f, He'sacharitableman, \$4K EAS SEP yrl, 8-1

1-CT, Msw, 6 1/2f, Prince Allen, 5-2

[DISCREETLY MINE](#) (Mineshaft), Lanes End, \$10K, 97/17/0

2-FG, Aoc, 6f, Control Stake, \$85K OBS AUG yrl, 6-5

DROVER (Storm Cat), 5/0/0

5-RP, Msw, 6f, Nym (MEX), 8-5

ELUSIVE WARNING (Elusive Quality), Madera Thoroughbreds, \$3K, 15/3/1

3-LRC, Msw, 5 1/2f, Upbeat Tempo, 6-1

[LINE OF DAVID](#) (Lion Heart), Spendthrift Farm, \$6K, 49/8/0

8-CT, Msw, 6 1/2f, Wrongsidetwntyne, \$8K EAS SEP yrl, 5-1

[LOOKIN AT LUCKY](#) (Smart Strike), Ashford Stud, \$15K, 100/22/3

7-TP, Msw, 1m, Otto Shootie, \$35K OBS APR 2yo, 12-1

[MIDSHIPMAN](#) (Unbridled's Song), Darley, \$8K, 67/17/1

6-LRC, Msw, 5 1/2f, Blooming Hannah, \$18K OBS OPN 2yo, 5-1

**Rookies cont.**

MUNNINGS (Speightstown), Ashford Stud, \$10K, 104/21/2
6-LRC, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Ben's Duchess, \$170K OBS MAR 2yo, 3-1
SUPER SAVER (Maria's Mon), WinStar, \$20K, 116/13/4
7-LRL, Msw, 1 1/16m, Chainsmoknsuprmodl, \$140K OBS AUG yrl, 20-1
TEMPLE CITY (Dynaformer), Spendthrift Farm, \$5K, 89/11/2
5-RP, Msw, 6f, +Temple Star, 30-1
WARRIOR'S REWARD (Medaglia d'Oro), Spendthrift Farm, \$13K, 104/13/1
7-LRL, Msw, 1 1/16m, Max's Warrior, \$11K EAS MAY 2yo, 5-1
6-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, Woo Woo Warrior, \$29K RNA EAS MAY 2yo, 10-1

First/second-crop starters to watch: Thurs., December 4

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2010 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/
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LONE STAR SPECIAL (Malabar Gold), Moon Lake Farm, \$1K, 31/9/0
6-LRC, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Cold Spring, 15-1
SQUARE EDDIE (Smart Strike), Vessels Stallion Farm, 62/20/2
3-LRC, Msw, 5 1/2f, +E Squared, 20-1

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IN FRANCE:

Privet Hedge, f, 3, [First Defence](#). See "France."

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**Destination Europe**www.destinationeuropereading.com**Yesterday's Results:**

PRIX PETITE ETOILE-Listed, €55,000, DEA, 12-3, 3yo, f, 1 3/16m (AWT), 1:56.76, ft.

1--**#PRIVET HEDGE**, 126, f, 3, by [First Defence](#)
1st Dam: **Privity (GSW-Fr & GSP-US, \$247,201)**,
by **Private Account**

2nd Dam: **Sylph**, by **Alleged**

3rd Dam: **Society Column**, by **Sir Gaylord**

O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms Inc; T-David Smaga; J-Christophe Soumillon; €27,500. Lifetime Record: 8 starts, 3 wins, 2 places, €85,100.

2--**Jufoon (GB)**, 126, f, 3, [Dubawi \(Ire\)](#)--Symba's Dream, by Vindication. (€200,000 yrl '12 ARQAU).
O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum. €11,000.

3--**La Gohanniere (Fr)**, 126, f, 3, [Le Havre \(Ire\)](#)--Landskia (Fr), by Lando (Ger). O-Gerard Augustin-Normand. €8,250.

Margins: 2, HD, SNK. Odds: 2.10, 8.20, 20.10.

Also Ran: **Petits Potins (Ire)**, **Mademoiselle Sally (GB)**, **Oriental Magic (Ger)**, **Sosia (Ger)**, **Having a Blast**, **Peut Etre (Ire)**, **Media Luna (GB)**, **Free Flying (Fr)**, **Laseen (Ire)**, **Great Virtues (Ire)**, **Bereni Ka (Fr)**.

Last to finish in two prior attempts at black-type, Privet Hedge built towards a return to this level with a convincing win in a 10 1/2-furlong fillies' handicap on her first run on the Polytrack at Chantilly last time Oct. 28. Confirming her liking for artificial surfaces, the bay enjoyed a perfect mid-division trip under cover and when let loose on the lead with 300 meters remaining quickly sealed the result. [Click for the Racing Post result.](#) [Equidia VIDEO.](#)

1st-DEA, €29,000, Cond, 2yo, 1 3/16m (AWT), 2:02.86, ft.

ELKA (IRE) (f, 2, [Elusive City--Lunashkaya {GB}](#)), by [Muhtathir {GB}](#)), who broke her maiden over this track and trip last time Oct. 22, was handed a soft lead.

Taken over to the stand's side at the top of the stretch, the 3-5 pick cruised to a snug 1 1/2-length score from **Lady Toorak (Ire)** ([Beat Hollow {GB}](#)). Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 2 wins, 1 place, €28,600. [Click for Equidia VIDEO.](#)

O-Alain Jathiere. B-Cuadra Montalban (FR). T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

Asia**Wednesday's Results:**

QUEEN SHO-Listed, ¥35,700,000, Funabashi, 12-3, 3yo/up f/m, 1800m, 1:53.00, hy.

1--**TROIS BONHEUR (JPN)**, 121, f, 4, [Bago \(Fr\)--Chunyi \(Jpn\)](#), by [Sunday Silence](#). O-Koji Murano; B-Shadai Farm; T-Yoshihiro Hatakeyama; J-Keita Tosaki; ¥21,000,000. Lifetime Record: 17-6-3-0.

2--**Acti Beauty (Jpn)**, 123, m, 7, [Bago \(Fr\)--Foundry Obokko \(Jpn\)](#), by [Wassl Touch](#). O/B-Miyauchi Farm; ¥7,350,000.

3--**Blue Chipper (Jpn)**, 119, f, 4, [Bonus Fever--Peke J \(Jpn\)](#), by [Tiznow](#). O-Yoichi Aoyama; B-Shimokobe Farm; ¥4,200,000.

Margins: 1HF, 3, HF. Odds: 0.70, 10.80, 3.20.

Cape Blanco to Stand for ¥2.5 Million:

Cape Blanco (Ire) ([Galileo {Ire}](#)--[Laurel Delight {GB}](#)), by [Presidium {GB}](#)), recently acquired by the Japanese Bloodhorse Breeders' Association, will command a fee of ¥2.5 million (*about US\$20,861*) at the Shizunai Stallion Station in 2015. Cape Blanco comes to Japan after standing three seasons at Ashford Stud in Kentucky, where he fetched \$15,000 in 2014. The 2010 G1 Irish Derby hero, Cape Blanco was named the U.S. champion turf male of 2011 off victories in the G1 Arlington Million, G1 Man O'War S. and G1 Joe Hirsch Turf Classic Invitational S. The handsome chestnut had an excellent year at the sales in 2014, with 71 horses being reported as sold, including a son of GSW & GISP **Belterra (Unbridled)** that realized a winning bid of \$450,000 from **Kempton Bloodstock** on behalf of the **Albaugh Family Stables** at **Keeneland** September. Overseas, Cape Blanco was represented by a son of **Sense of Class (Fusaichi Pegasus)** which was purchased by **J Warren Bloodstock** for £340,000 at **Tattersalls** October.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-AQU, \$54,150, NW1\$X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m70y, 1:46 3/5, my.

JCS AMERICAN DREAM (f, 3, Catienu--American Passage, by Quiet American) Lifetime Record: 17-2-3-4, \$136,883. O-Shooting Star Stable. B-Miracle Man Racing Partners LLC (NY). T-William H Turner Jr.

2nd-FLX, \$20,400, NW3BX, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m, 1:56 2/5, my.

BEAUTIFUL RISK (m, 6, Saarland--Pyramid Scheme, by Distant View) Lifetime Record: 45-9-7-6, \$206,057. O-Gladys E Falcon. B-Paris Hill Thoroughbred Corp (NY). T-Victor Carrasco Jr. *1/2 to Exclusive Scheme (Saarland), MSW, \$315,680.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Mambo At the Gym, g, 3, Bernstein--Mambo Queen, by Kingmambo. AQU, 12-3, (C), 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:47 2/5. B-Edward A Seltzer (KY). *\$22,000 RNA yrl '12 KEESEP. **1/2 to Malossol (Rahy), GSW-Ity, \$183,248.

Maura's Pass, f, 3, War Pass--Ceridwen, by Lord Avie. AQU, 12-3, (S), (C), 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:50 1/5. B-James Cassidy (NY). *1/2 to Iron Goddess (More Than Ready), SW, \$133,425.

Reddington, f, 4, Eddington--Gonna Be, by Mountain Cat. FLX, 12-3, 6f, 1:13. B-Fast Break Farm LLC (NY). *1/2 to Late Night Lover (Not For Love), MSP, \$196,435.

Understanding, f, 4, Eddington--Stand on Top (GSP), by Peaks and Valleys. LRL, 12-3, 1m, 1:40 3/5. B-Fedwell Farms (NY). *\$19,000 RNA yrl '11 FTNAUG; \$30,000 2yo '12 FTMMAY.

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

4th-LIN, £19,000, 3yo/up, 10f (AWT), 2:04 3/5, ft.
COMPLICIT (IRE) (c, 3, Captain Rio {GB}--Molomo {GB} {Hwt. Older Mare-Ire at 9.5-11f & MGSP-Ire, by Barathea {Ire}}) Lifetime Record: GSP-Eng & SP-Fr, 14-6-1-2, £76,919. O-936 from Paddington. B-Barouche Stud Ireland Ltd (IRE). T-Paul Cole. *21,000gns yrl '12 TATOCT. **1/2 to Rainfall (Ire) (Oasis Dream {GB}), GSW & MG1SP-Eng, \$164,487.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Belvoir Diva (GB), f, 2, Exceed and Excel (Aus)--Merry Diva (GB), by Bahamian Bounty (GB). KMP, 12-3, 6f (AWT), 1:12 2/5. B-Jeremy Green and Sons (GB). *26,000gns RNA yrl '13 TATOCT.



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Greenside (GB), c, 3, Dubawi (Ire)--Katrina (Ire), by Ela-Mana-Mou (Ire). LIN, 12-3, 8f (AWT), 1:37 3/5. B-Lordship Stud (GB). *38,000gns yrl '12 TATOCT; 4,000gns HRA '13 TATHIT.

Silver Mirage (GB), f, 3, Oasis Dream (GB)--Phantom Gold (GB) (MGSP-Eng, \$211,886), by Machiavellian. KMP, 12-3, 6f (AWT), 1:12 3/5. B-The Queen (GB). *1/2 to Flight of Fancy (GB) (Sadler's Wells), G1SP-Eng, \$124,966; and to Golden Stream (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), MSW & MGSP-Eng, \$168,732.

Private (GB), c, 3, Pivotal (GB)--Icelips, by Unbridled. DEA, 12-3, 1 3/16m (AWT), 1:55 1/5. B-Wertheimer et Frere (GB). *€36,000 HRA, 14 ARQNOV. **Full to Falco, G1SW-Fr, \$403,767; 1/2 to Iron Lips (GB) (Iron Mask), GSW-Fr, \$150,469, and to Numb Lips (Olmodavor), SW-US, \$178,269.

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Closed: Tuesday, December 2

No. of Days: 56

Daily Avg. On-Track Handle: \$44,691 (+4.7%)

Total Daily Avg. Handle: \$536,316 (+22.3%)

Leading Owner: Judge Lanier Racing (26 wins)

Leading Trainer: Justin Evans (54 wins)

Leading Jockey: Alfredo Juarez Jr. (63 wins)

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