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ECLIPSE AWARDS CHANGED

The Eclipse Awards have had the rules and names changed in two categories, the National Thoroughbred Racing Association, National Turf Writers and Broadcasters and the *Daily Racing Form* announced



2014 Champion Older Male and
Champion Turf Male
Main Sequence

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Thursday. The Older Male category has been renamed Older Dirt Male and the Older Female category has been renamed Older Dirt Female. Starting in 2015, only the dirt and main track performances of horses 4-years-old and older will be eligible for the Older Dirt Male and Older Dirt Female categories. Previously, turf horses ages four and up were under

consideration to win both Champion Turf Horse and Champion Older Male honors and the same went for their female counterparts in the Turf Female and Older Female divisions. Synthetic surfaces will be considered main track races and fall under the Older Dirt Male and Older Dirt Female categories. **Cont. p3**

SOUTHWEST FIELD REDRAWN FOR SUNDAY

Oaklawn's GIII Southwest S., which was canceled Monday due to a winter storm in Hot Springs, Arkansas, was redrawn yesterday and will now take



Far Right
Coady Photography

place Sunday, Feb. 22. The race still boasts a field of 11 with Toby Keith's unbeaten **Hillbilly Royalty** (Langfuhr) taking the place of Todd Pletcher-trained "TDN Rising Star" **J S Bach** (Tale of the Cat), who will run in Saturday's GII Risen Star S. at the Fair Grounds.

Trained by Donnie Von Hemel, who also trains **Phenomenal Phoenix** (Summer Bird), Hillbilly Royalty will break from the three hole. Smarty Jones S. winner **Far Right** (Notional), the morning line favorite on last Monday's program, will now exit post six. Originally drawn in post 10, **Mr. Z** (Malibu Moon) did not fair much better this time around as he now exits the 11 hole. **Field p3**

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GODOLPHIN GOOD AS GOLD DOWN UNDER

By Kelsey Riley

As Australia's feature juvenile contests--the G1 Blue Diamond S. Feb. 28 and the G1 Golden Slipper Mar. 21--draw ever closer, the country's most precocious 2-year-olds are hitting the tracks to put the finishing touches on their preparations. This group includes an almost astonishing brigade from Godolphin and trainer John O'Shea, which are responsible for eight of the top 20 in the Golden Slipper order of entry; the co-favorite and three others under 20-1 for that A\$3.5 million event and an overall 10 juvenile winners since the turn of the Southern Hemisphere calendar in August. Not bad, considering it is now the equivalent of mid-August Northern Hemisphere-time.

Likely at the top of the list is "TDN Rising Star" **Ottoman (Aus)** (Exceed and Excel {Aus}), the current 6-1 co-favorite for the Golden Slipper alongside the Gai Waterhouse-trained colt and fellow "Rising Star" Vancouver (Aus) (Medaglia d'Oro). Ottoman has been seen in the afternoon just once, when she broke her maiden at Rosehill Dec. 20, but she finished third in a Warwick Farm trial Feb. 9 in a performance jockey James McDonald described as "awesome." **Cont. p7**



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Investment in the Ecosystem Will Help Racing Grow

Dean Towers pens an op/ed on the signal fee controversy currently taking place between the Monarch group of companies and mid-Atlantic tracks, resulting in bettors at those tracks losing the ability to wager on venues such as Gulfstream Park.

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Zululand Singapore Turf Club

Carasso Live From Singapore

Our very own Alan Carasso continues to provide a behind the scenes look at Kranji racecourse leading up to the CECF Singapore Cup Saturday. Up early Thursday morning to observe the contenders during their morning gallops, Carasso gives us a detailed view into a typical morning at Kranji.

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Cladocera Remains Perfect at Meydan

G2 Cape Verdi S. winner **Cladocera (Ger)** (Oasis Dream {GB}) took her record over the Meydan turf course to two-for-two yesterday with a stylish victory in the G2 Balanchine S. Her former compatriot **Anahita (Fr)** (Turtle Bowl {Ire}) finished 1 3/4 lengths back in second.



Cladocera

Dubai Racing Club/Andrew Watkins

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The Hong Kong Jockey Club's float
"Dancing Horse & Lions for a Prosperous Year"
in the International Chinese New Year Night Parade

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NORTH AMERICAN NEWS

Eclipse Awards Changed cont. from p1

"There has been a growing consensus among members of the three voting organizations to more clearly define the older horse categories in determining male and female champions on dirt and turf," said Keith Chamblin, Senior Vice President of the NTRA and a member of the Eclipse Awards steering committee. "Older male and female turf horses will continue to compete for the turf championships in their gender divisions, while the older male and female dirt horses will compete strictly against horses on the dirt or main track surfaces in their respective divisions. All are eligible for the Horse of the Year category."

The 17 Eclipse Award categories for 2015 are as follows: 2-Year-Old Male, 2-Year-Old Filly, 3-Year-Old Male, 3-Year-Old Filly, Older Male Dirt, Older Female Dirt, Male Sprinter, Female Sprinter, Male Turf Horse, Female Turf Horse, Steeplechase Horse, Horse of the Year; Owner, Breeder, Trainer, Apprentice Jockey and Jockey.

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by dean towers

INVESTMENT IN THE ECOSYSTEM--NOT SPLITS--WILL HELP HORSE RACING GROW

I don't think anyone has missed it. On an almost monthly basis there seems to be some sort of fight about signal fees. A signal fee--the amount a home track charges others for showing their races--is negotiated between entities. Currently the Monarch group of companies are fighting with the mid-Atlantic tracks about these fees, and some customers are having a tough time betting, for example, the Gulfstream signal.

Just this past week in the *Bloodhorse*, Mike Rogers from the Stronach Group said:

"Rogers noted the early simulcast model--still largely in place in the industry--that rewards the receiver of a racing signal more revenue than the sending track is problematic and should be reworked. "The days of the buyer importing the signal cheap and keeping most of the revenue (from wagering) are probably coming to an end. "The Stronach Group will do everything possible to deliver a maximum return on the product." *Cont. p4*

Sunday, Oaklawn Park, post time: 5:42 p.m. EST

SOUTHWEST S.-GIII, \$300,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Bayerd	Speightstown	Vazquez	Asmussen	119
2 Majestic	Majesticperfection	Thompson	Lukas	115
3 Hillbilly Royalty	Langfuhr	Quinonez	Von Hemel	117
4 Private Prospect	Discreet Cat	Birzer	Campbell	119
5 Bold Conquest	Curlin	Santana	Asmussen	115
6 Far Right	Notional	Smith	Moquett	122
7 Phenomnal Phoenix	Summer Bird	Berry	Von Hemel	115
8 The Truth Or Else	Yes It's True	Borel	McPeck	115
9 Kantune	Kantharos	Bridgmhn	Casse	115
10 Bold Animaux	Lroidsanmaux (Brz)	Ocampo	Biehler	115
11 Mr. Z	Malibu Moon	Nakatani	Lukas	115

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Dean Towers Op/Ed cont.

In the racing press, and from a lot of casual observers, that narrative resonates. "The home track deserves to get three quarters or more of the takeout. They're putting on the show!" is something we hear. In my view, this is much too simplistic. In today's world, changing systems and downstream investment fosters growth, not something like splits. In fact, squeezing the distribution lemon may be the exact opposite strategy of one that's really needed.

The movie business has been affected by disruptions for many years now. Pirated movies on the Internet, home theaters, DVD, Blue Ray, 3D home viewing, watching films on iPads and smartphones rule the day in some form. I have not even mentioned streaming services like Netflix and its 36 million customers. The movie house should, by all evidence, be suffering, badly. But so far, that has not happened.

From 1995 to 2014, the number of screens at theaters grew by 37% across the U.S. Ticket prices grew at the rate of inflation, and total box office gross in 2000 was \$7.47B, compared to \$10.33B in 2014. Although total moviegoers have decreased, revenues have been solid. What disruption?

Although there are many reasons for this growth (or holding their own), the most often cited is the fact that movie theaters as a distribution point to the public began investing and offering a better user experience.

Sure you could watch a DVD at home with full theater sound, six speakers on an 80 inch screen, but look what you might be missing at an IMAX theater: Stadium seating, wall-to-wall screens, 3D movies. They are all a part of the lexicon for the modern movie customer. Currently, new D-Box chairs--seating that moves and shakes with the film--are being looked at. Super-color technology, increasing the vibrancy on screens has already been developed, and should be showing up soon.

These millions upon millions of investment by theater chains (some coming out of bankruptcy) was done completely outside the creator of the product, the studio. Why did it occur?

Although it might surprise some, theaters as a reseller of the movie product receive about 50% of revenue from a ticket. They get half, the studio gets half. What this allows for is investment in the end user; to increase sales. If they are making 50% of a ticket sale, it incentivizes them. Without this (some might call generous) split, it is likely none of that would ever occur. It's likely the movie business would be much worse off than horse racing, or other businesses which have had their end users disrupted. Maybe you believe, and I believe, that the studio, the actors and writers and everyone else who put \$100M into making this film should make 80% or 90% of the ticket revenue, but that's clearly not optimal.

In horse racing, resellers are a very important part of the supply and demand ecosystem, too. When Gulfstream sells their signal to Woodbine, Woodbine receives revenue back for each dollar they send--more than 50% currently. **Cont. p5**



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With that revenue, 50% of that goes into purses for their horsemen. A similar percentage is sent back to Woodbine from Gulfstream patrons betting on their product. If a split is increased to Woodbine from a Gulfstream, its horsemen are hurt.

For OTB's, these too have a revenue split, and act just like a movie theater does. Some OTB's work hard at marketing, invest good money in their businesses, and allow racing to be distributed to demographics that do not want to use the internet, reside in some states where there are no tracks, or in some cases, in states where Internet wagering is not allowed.

ADW's, a whipping boy for many in the industry, are on the same system. Most in the business lament these companies getting their split, and have been a beacon for the "pirate" moniker. This, in my view, is missing a strong point. Horse racing's big complaint for some bettors has been price. Many of these ADW's do not use the split for their immediate bottom line, but on customer development and customer life time value. They believe rebating some action back helps keep patrons interested in the sport, incentivizing them to bet more, because doing so gives them a better chance to beat the races. Some ADW's try to go after new gambling markets on the net, increasing racing's reach. Some ADW's offer tons of incentives, handicapping information and more to make the user experience better. That's something that Xpressbet and other track owned ADW's do not do very well, and ignoring this salient point is missing the big picture.

What happens if a split is increased from the supplier and these resellers--the whole cog of your distribution system--receive less money?

For every action there is a reaction. There will be fewer purse dollars for a reseller track's horsemen, which is not great for them. They might respond by not allowing your signal to be shown, angering customers and sending them offshore. OTB's in some areas that are beyond the reach of racetracks or internet signals might simply close up shop, or spend less on the comforts, location, and marketing. ADW's will have to raise takeout on price sensitive customers, sending them to the nearest Draft Kings game, offshore, or to a casino. In addition, value added incentives to bet, through free handicapping information, etc, could all go away.

In effect, there may be no IMAX theaters, or stadium seating, or top of the line sound systems, or innovation that keeps people interested in your product. There may be no growth.

It is beyond my pay grade to have an opinion on what the ideal split is; how much should go to track A, or track B, or ABCBets.com, or your neighborhood OTB in Niagara Falls or Portland. What I do know is that "the home track deserves all the money" might look good on a bumper sticker, but it is far too simplistic. Racing needs to analyze revenue splits and its distribution network, what it's doing well, and what it's doing poorly. **Cont. 5**

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They need to come up with a plan that expands racing's reach fairly, and incentivizes downstream investment to grow the end user demand for horse racing. Horse racing, just like the movie business, can never achieve growth by decreasing reach, or robbing Peter to pay Paul.

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op/ed feedback

Andrew Caulfield responds to Dan Liebman's [Op/ed](#), which ran in the Feb. 3 edition of the TDN.

I have to agree with Dan Liebman that the phrase three-quarter brother is somewhat imprecise, and possibly means different things to different people. But then I can remember being puzzled as a youngster as to why the phrase half-brother is only ever applied to the progeny of a mare, and not to horses sharing the same father (unless the word paternal is added). Not very logical, but everyone understands.

I am happy to own up to being a user of the phrase three-parts-brother - and I intend to keep on using it. This is simply because I think it's a valuable and succinct means of indicating that two horses have more bloodlines in common than simply sharing a dam. I use it when a mare has foals by a stallion and a son of that stallion. For example I would say that Frankel and Bullet Train are three-parts-brothers - both are out of Kind and one is by Sadler's Wells and the other is by a son of Sadler's Wells. I also use it when a stallion has foals out of a mare and a daughter of that mare. Certainly the phrase "closely related" could be substituted here, but that simply begs further explanation.

Dan asks what if full sisters were bred to the same stallion? For that I use the phrase brother- or sister-in-blood, as the progeny share the same four grandparents. The same applies when a mare has progeny by brothers, such as Flatter and Congrats.

Sorry if it bothers Dan, but we all have our pedant crosses to bear. I personally prefer the traditional spelling of chesnut, without the first t, to the more widespread chestnut, but I try not to lose sleep over it.

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WORLDWIDE NEWS

Godolphin Good as Gold Down Under cont. from p1

“Ottoman had a barrier trial at Warwick Farm and performed well up to expectations,” confirmed Jason Walsh, Racing Manager of Godolphin in Australia and Bloodstock Manager of Darley Australia. “She is set to contest the G2 Silver Slipper S. [tomorrow] before taking the traditional path to the Golden Slipper for the elite fillies through the G2 Riesling S. Mar. 7.”

Ottoman was expected to clash with Vancouver in the Silver Slipper, but Waterhouse revealed earlier this week her colt would instead trial and head straight to the G2 Todman S., the colt’s equivalent of the Riesling.

Ottoman will still have to have her running shoes on, however. Among the high-class rivals she will face is her own stablemate **Holler (Aus)** (Commands {Aus}). Holler will also be making his second start, having broken his maiden at Randwick Jan. 17. He and Ottoman both recently returned to O’Shea’s Crown Lodge Stables after a brief freshening at Darley’s Osborne Park training facility just outside Sydney, Walsh confirmed.

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Golden Slipper betting as of Feb. 20
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Godolphin’s juvenile contingent was only strengthened over the weekend when it provided the exacta in the Listed Lonhro Plate at Randwick with **Haptic (Aus)** (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) and **Furnaces (Aus)** (Exceed and Excel {Aus}), and that pair are now 10-1 and 12-1, respectively, for the Slipper. Walsh noted Furnaces is likely to meet Vancouver in the Todman, while Haptic will head straight to the Slipper without another start. **Cont. p8**



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Godolphin Good as Gold Down Under cont.

Racing From the Start...

With about 170 yearlings to enter its racing stables each year, it no doubt takes some serious organization to ensure each horse is given a chance to reach its highest potential. According to Walsh, that process begins from birth.

“The vast majority of our foals are born and reared at Darley Woodlands in the Hunter Valley under the management of John Sunderland,” he said. “A smaller number are born and reared at Seymour in Victoria, at Darley Northwood Park under the guidance of Stud Manager David Collison.”



Jason Walsh (left)

He continued, “These young horses are routinely inspected and monitored for their development and progress, and as they approach January of their yearling year [15-16 months of age] they are sorted into groups based on pedigrees and physical attributes with a view to

sorting them into those that are expected to be the more precocious of the crop. This is a fluid process, but is designed to ensure that those horses likely to make an early appearance on the racecourse are broken in the early part of the year.”

The breaking and pre-training process takes place at Darley Kelvinside, just outside Scone in the Hunter Valley. Kelvinside was the first Australian property purchased by Darley in 2003, and is the base for its stallions. Darley has seven properties in Australia: Kelvinside and Woodlands Studs in the Hunter Valley; Northwood Park in Victoria; Twin Hills in Cootamundra and three training centers: Crown Lodge at Warwick Farm in Sydney; Carbine Lodge at Flemington Racecourse, home of the Melbourne Cup, in Victoria; and Osborne Park outside Sydney.

Walsh noted the process of breaking in an individual at Kelvinside takes about four weeks.

“We are very mindful that the system is designed to suit each individual horse and their requirements,” Walsh explained. “Even as young foals and yearlings, the horses are subject to a good deal of handling to accustom them to life as a racehorse, and the breaking process for that reason requires little confrontation.”

Once each individual is deemed prepared after breaking-in, it will transfer to Crown Lodge for one week with trainer John O’Shea, who will then have the opportunity to inspect each horse and introduce it to life in a city training environment. After that week each horse is sent for a spell—a break away from training—for a week at Twin Hills, about a four-hour drive inland from Sydney.

Walsh noted that the Godolphin juveniles receive a “short, gradual introduction to exercise over a four-week period, followed by a period out of training of a similar duration to refresh both mentally and physically.” *Cont. p9*

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*Source: BH MarketWatch February, Freshman Sire Statistics

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Godolphin Good as Gold Down Under cont.

That cycle continues, and the most precocious of the crop have had up to four cycles through the racing stables by the time of their official second birthday Aug. 1. From there training intensifies, and the most precocious of the lot will be prepared for the first significant juveniles stakes in Sydney and Melbourne the first week of October.

Walsh said those early racetrack exploits are important in determining an individual's suitability for the richer juvenile contests down the road.

"History has shown that a race start prior to Christmas of their 2-year-old year is important for the top-rated juveniles targeting a Blue Diamond or Golden Slipper, and it is this criteria which we loosely use to determine eligibility to target those races," he explained. "This, however, is not exclusive, and horses can and do race their way to contention in the early part of the New Year. The racecourse is obviously the testing ground for determining each individual's level of ability, and it is not until the early part of the New Year, where the pre-Christmas form lines tend to mix as horses progress towards the juvenile features, that true eligibility for those races becomes evident."



Darley Woodlands
Photo courtesy Darley

A History of Success...

Godolphin--or Darley, which the Australian horses raced under until recently--is no stranger to juvenile success Down Under. In 2011, Sheikh Mohammed campaigned the top two juveniles in the nation in Sepoy (Aus) (Elusive Quality), winner of the Blue Diamond and Golden Slipper, and Helmet (Aus) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}), victorious in the second two legs of the Sydney 2-year-old Triple Crown--the G1 Sires' Produce S. and G1 Champagne S. Therefore, Sepoy and Helmet swept every juvenile Group 1 in Australia before both going on to win Group 1s as 3-year-olds.

"For stallions like Sepoy and Helmet to have been born and raised on Darley properties, enter the Godolphin training system and return to Darley as stallions is not only a key objective for the operation, but it gives our staff a sense of ownership of those horses."

In 2013, the filly Guelph (Aus) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) completed the Sires' Produce/Champagne double before capturing two more Group 1s later in the year as a 3-year-old. Darley won the Blue Diamond again last year with the filly Earthquake (Aus) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}). Walsh noted, in his experience, Godolphin has identified a few key elements that are important for juvenile success.

"In our experience at Godolphin the two biggest attributes that the top juveniles have had is a sound constitution and brilliant attitude towards their work, which allows them to continue to gallop whilst maintaining soundness of limb, an appetite in the feed bin and steady mental approach to their task at hand," Walsh said. "At Godolphin we are very hopeful that any of the current crop of juveniles might reach such heights, but we are under no illusions that achieving that sort of success at the top level is [easy] and it may be some time until we see another horse even near the same class of a Sepoy or Helmet."

Walsh noted O'Shea, who has made a seamless transition since taking over the reins from former Darley trainer Peter Snowden just under a year ago, also uses extensive gate education and takes advantage of the facilities at Osborne Park to nurse his juveniles.

"John as an individual trainer uses barrier education as an integral part of preparing his young horses, as in an Australian context speed out of the machines and taking a position early can be vital in attaining the best finishing position possible," Walsh said. "Similarly, we have the luxury at Osborne Park of having

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our own private grass training surface, and few Metropolitan-trained juveniles have the opportunity to train on an ideal grass surface such as that. For that reason John has used the stables at Osborne Park largely as the base for his juvenile team, where he feels he has the best facilities at his disposal to prepare these horses and maintain their soundness and freshness of mind to contest the early juvenile features for Godolphin."

Bluebloods for the Boys In Blue...

Walsh insists that the development of Godolphin's juveniles is influenced by each of Darley and Godolphin's approximately 340 members of staff in Australia, and nowhere is that more apparent than by glancing at the pedigrees of Godolphin's racing team. All of Godolphin's winning 2-year-olds are homebreds, and by Darley sires, a feat not matched by any of Darley's other satellites in recent times. **Cont. p10**



Godolphin Good as Gold Down Under cont.

“The fact that they are by Darley sires is representative of the model that we use in Australia, and given we have had the luxury of a particularly strong stallion roster at Darley in recent times, this has been a key factor in the success we have enjoyed on the racetrack,” Walsh noted.

The efforts of the Darley and Godolphin employees have truly come full-circle; Sepoy and Helmet are now both stallions at Kelvinside, and their first yearlings are currently entering the Godolphin training program.

“For stallions like Sepoy and Helmet to have been born and raised on Darley properties, enter the Godolphin training system and return to Darley as stallions is not only a key objective for the operation, but it gives our staff a sense of ownership of those horses and engagement in their performance at every stage of their career,” Walsh said. “We are particularly excited at Godolphin to be taking the first intake of Sepoy and Helmet yearlings that have commenced their breaking preparation, and we are very hopeful that we can nurture some of their progeny to similar heights.”

Largely influenced by its purchase of Woodlands Stud and its bloodstock in 2008, Darley has built up a world-class broodmare band in Australia to match its stallion roster at a remarkable rate. As such, Darley Australia has a much smaller presence at public auctions than some of its counterparts in the Northern Hemisphere, although it did purchase five yearlings--three fillies and two colts--at last year’s Inglis Easter sale.

“The decision to buy at public auction is ultimately taken by Sheikh Mohammed and John Ferguson on an annual basis, and of recent times this has been relatively limited,” Walsh explained. “The key reason for that is that we have enjoyed the benefit of a very strong stallion roster in Australia, and a particularly valuable broodmare band of sufficient quality for the vast majority of those pedigrees to be included in the premier sales in this country. We have enjoyed wonderful success with our homebred horses, affording us the luxury of not necessarily having to make external purchases to maintain racecourse success.”



Medaglia d’Oro in the paddock at Darley Kelvinside
Darley

“Having said that, we are always particularly interested in well-bred fillies, from families that we don’t currently own and whose addition to the broodmare band it is felt would add value,” Walsh added.

With the results of his significant investment in the Australian racing and breeding industries coming full circle in such a short space of time, it would not come as a surprise to see Sheikh Mohammed add another Golden Slipper or Blue Diamond trophy to his mantle this year, and in years to come.

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THURSDAY TRACKWORK: SINGAPORE ‘ZU’

By Alan Carasso

Not all that far from Kranji Racecourse, east of the Bukit Timah Expressway (BKE, not to be confused with the BQE) sits the Singapore Zoo. The story of Thursday morning trackwork three days ahead of the CECF Singapore Cup was another ‘Zu,’ the Jason Warren-trained 3-year-old colt **Zululand (Aus)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), who sparkled in a piece of fast work over the Polytrack, flashing home full of energy. More on that in a minute.

When last we met, I was setting my alarm for 4 a.m. to join the China Horse Club’s Michael Wallace, Warren and French conditioner Francis Graffard for the ride up to Kranji. Somewhere around quarter ‘til three, I was awoken by flashes of lightning and heavy rains, which came this time, as predicted. Horsemen and women are a hardy sort, so there was little doubt that the show would go on, and so it did.

After being denied access to the ‘International stables,’ i.e. quarantine barn, the horses began to walk the shedrow and emerged from the barn as the clock struck five. First out was **Parranda** (English Channel), who continues to make a good impression. A clean and well-bodied chestnut, the Christophe Clement trainee looked well within



Parranda heads off to work *AC photo*

herself and showed no signs of fatigue following the long trip from the States. The highest-rated galloper of the nine entered for Sunday’s 1800-meter test around a single turn, Parranda will have the services of Christophe Soumillon this weekend. A French connection of sorts.

Graffard, whose base is in Chantilly, walked around to the front side of the track through increasingly heavy rain to supervise the work of his CECF Singapore Cup starter **Summer Surprice (Fr)**, one of three runners in the race for Le Havre (Ire). Summer Surprice, owned--like Parranda--by the division of the CHC known as Prince Racing, registered the biggest win of her career to date in last year’s Listed Grand Prix du Lion d’Angers. **Cont. p11**



Thursday Trackwork: Singapore 'Zu' cont.

Hailing from the female family of Group/Grade I winners Zafonic (Gone West), Reams of Verse (Nureyev) and Midday (GB) (Dansili {GB}), the elegant chestnut galloped smoothly on the grass Thursday in the company of **Ming Zhi Cosmos (Fr)** (Duke of Marmalade). Trained by Nicolas Clement, the 4-year-old filly has accompanied her compatriot to the track for the last couple of days and is the mount of top local jockey Manoel Nunes this weekend. Ming Zhi Cosmos carried the colors of CHC President Teo Ah Khing to a popular victory in the G3 Premio Sergio Cumani at the San Siro last September.



Summer Surprice (near) and Ming Zhi Cosmos train through the rain
AC photo

As the rains continued to pelt down, Jason Warren made his way to the front of the track and was all smiles as Zululand finished his hit-out with gusto.

"It hasn't been easy to get here, but the horse has traveled really well and I'm really happy with the way he looked this morning," Warren told RSN Radio. "It's a great opportunity for me to have a nice horse in a big-money race, so it's a good result."

Zululand will be having his first start for the Warren barn this weekend, having previously been conditioned by David Hayes and Tom Dabernig. The first foal from 2009 GII Comely S. winner Dream Play (Hennessy), the bay won the G2 Sires' Produce S. at Flemington last March and was runner-up in the G1 Champagne S. to close out his



Zululand *Singapore Turf Club*

freshman season. He'll run first-up for over four months Sunday, and Warren knows the task ahead is a difficult one.

"It's a tough race. I'd be more comfortable if it were a 1400-meter race," he admitted. "I'm still getting to know the horse. People that know him know he's not the easiest horse to train."

Whether Sunday's distance is suitable or not is the \$3-million question, but the John Thompson-conditioned duo of G2 Prix Chaudenay hero **Auvray (Fr)** (Le Havre {Ire}) and fellow stayer **Orbec (Fr)** (Le Havre {Ire}) also caught the eye while galloping on the course proper Thursday morning.

"They've done a lot of mileage [from France to Australia to Singapore] and it's just a matter of whether they can bring their 'A' game to the races," Thompson told RSN. "Auvray is definitely the better horse. [Jockey] Corey Brown has given a glowing report and hopefully he's right for Sunday."

Auvray topped the Arqana Arc Sale on a bid of €800,000 a handful of hours after winning the Chaudenay, while Orbec, victorious in the Listed Grand Prix de Clairefontaine over 2500 meters at Deauville in August, fetched a bid of €600,000, third-highest at the auction.

Thompson also conditions G1 Coolmore Flight S. victress First Seal (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) for the China Horse Club.

My Option (Belong to Me), the second of the Christophe Clement trainees, and **Bajan** (Speightstown), who will be saddled this weekend by Roger Varian, kept each other company during a routine turf gallop under the supervision of Thomas Brandebourger.

Trainer Michael Freedman said that 2013 Longines Singapore Gold Cup hero **Tropaïos (GB)** (Excellent Art {GB}) was in fine shape a day after doing his final serious piece of work.

A Morning at Kranji...

I know that it's snowed in the Northeast and that it's about to get cold there, and I am equally mindful that the thermometer in central Kentucky Thursday morning read double digits below zero. I am NOT going to bitch about a little rain. As I explained above, it came down in not-atypical heavy fashion there for a while, and the situation was exacerbated by my not being allowed to enter the stables. I was also frustrated by my inability to decide whether to wear shorts or jeans. I went with the latter. Not smart. Because by the end of the morning, they were soaked to just about below the knees. And the one pair of socks--from two that I packed (?)--were moist to say the least.

Anyways, a little precipitation wasn't going to kill me. One thing about Singaporeans is that they seem prepared for situations like this where foreigners are not equipped for the rain and they have umbrellas at the ready. We picked one up from the hotel--after our driver nearly took out a really slick Ferrari backing up--and then a worker at the track was kind enough to hand one off to Michael Wallace, who graciously stuck with me even though he probably should have gone in to have a real close look at his horses. So, tip of the cap, Michael. He was slightly better dressed for the elements, with a vest and shorts and also offered me the umbrella. Also very much appreciated.

You know, up until 1998 or so, I spent a lot of time at the racetrack. Whether with friends rail-birding while still in Chicago or my once- or twice-annual trips to Keeneland to go racing, I was at least in touch with the horses. **Cont. p12**

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At the Freedman barn



Tropaio's holding court



Trainer Michael Freedman dishing out instructions





Thursday Trackwork: Singapore 'Zu' cont.

Nowadays, I don't get the chance to go to the track nearly as much for workouts or even in the afternoon. So it's a rare treat to be able to do so this week, and it was especially cool to be at Kranji Thursday morning.



Michael Freedman
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The first hour was set aside for the CECF Singapore Cup runners, and thereafter, Michael invited me along and we hooked up with the China Horse Club's main trainer Michael Freedman. The brother of Lee Freedman, Michael will have been in Singapore seven years next month, he said, and the Australian has been no stranger to local success. Undoubtedly, and as evidenced by the massive number of trophies and plates in his Kranji office, the best horse

Freedman trained in Singapore was Super Easy (NZ) (Darci Brahma {NZ}), winner of 14 of his 20 career starts and out of the frame just twice when unplaced against the likes of Lucky Nine (Ire) and Lord Kanaloa (Jpn).

Now I don't have a great many friends. That are trainers, I mean. Or maybe I mean the first. Bygones. Freedman oversees a total of 58 horses split between two barns on the Kranji backside. We hopped on Freedman's golf cart (more on something of a 'tragic' ending in a bit) and dove underneath the track and into the infield from which vantage point he could monitor all his horses, whether they be on the trotting ring around the infield lake or one of the many racecourse gallops. Remarkably--at least to me--the conditioner was able to tell us who each one of the horses was, in many cases who the horse was by, in some cases who the dam was. When they started last, where they'll start next, over what distance and surface. Seriously impressive.

As the morning went on, we took a spin behind the Freedman barn to a pair of gallops which is uphill and on turf heading 'north,' let's call it, for 1000 meters before turning back the other direction over a synthetic surface. I was also introduced to trainer Cliff Brown, also an Aussie ex-pat. Between the two of them, I felt I was at the Comedy Stop. The highlight of the morning, other than watching horses run around, was the story Brown told regarding Chinese New Year dinner. I can't recollect the entire thing. I was laughing too loud. But there was tossed salad (apparently as high as you can toss it), chopsticks the length of your arm, talk about 'prosperity' and how one pretends to enjoy this meal/food when really no one (non-Chinese?) wants any part of it. Great stuff, gents.



Outside the Freedman barn

Oh yeah, back to the golf cart. We hopped back on after the completion of Freedman's final set of horses and were just about to the end of the road when a loud pop emanated from under the buggy. I thought maybe someone was celebrating the CNY and threw a firecracker at us. Michael didn't know what the hell it was and nearly jumped off the back. Jason Warren heard it from who knows where. Well, turns out the front right tire of the cart blew out. Good thing we were right near the farrier.

From there it was back to the Regent for a little work and a little rest, having been awake basically since 3 a.m. Had our first 'official' dinner this evening at the restaurant downstairs and met, for the first time in person, top photog and journalist Liesl King--who's done good work for us in the past--Paul Haigh, Racing and Sports' Gary Crispe and trainer John Thompson. So thanks to CHC General Manager Eden Harrington and crew for a nice meal and again, my gratitude to the Michaels--Wallace and Freedman--for showing me around and talking shop.

Back to trackwork Friday morning. Three-fourty-five. Anyone have any Visine?

Ciao for now, y'all.

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CORRECTION: Tabreed (GB) (Sakhee)'s trainer was John Hammond when she broke her maiden in France, not Nicolas Clement as previously stated. She was purchased by Nicolas Clement for the China Horse Club before being transferred to the United States. We regret the error.

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CLADOCERA TWO FOR TWO AT MEYDAN

Alain de Royer Dupre's **Cladocera (Ger)** (Oasis Dream {GB}), the cozy winner of the G2 Cape Verdi S. last time out, posted another easy-as-can-be performance on the Dubai grass, flying past her rivals in the G2 Balanchine S. to win unextended by 1 3/4 lengths from her former compatriot **Anahita (Fr)** (Turtle Bowl



Cladocera

Dubai Racing Club/Andrew Watkins

{Ire}). The Haras de la Perelle color-bearer started the odds-on favorite despite giving weight to all her rivals and never gave her supporters much cause to worry.

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Thursday, Meydan, Dubai

BALANCHINE SPONSORED BY DISTRICT ONE-G2, AED200,000 (US\$54,452), MEY, 2-19, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, f/m, 1800mT, 1:50.74, gd.

1--**CLADOCERA (GER), 129, f, 4, by Oasis Dream (GB)**

1st Dam: **Caesarine (Fr) (SW-Fr), by Pivotal (GB)**

2nd Dam: **Carelaine, by Woodman**

3rd Dam: **Annocconnor, by Nureyev**

O/B-Haras de la Perelle (Ger); T-Alain de Royer-Dupre; J-Christophe Soumillon. \$120,000.

Lifetime Record: SW-Fr & SP-Eng, 7-4-1-0, \$308,127. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++.** *Triple Plus*.

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2--**Anahita (Fr), 126, f, 4, Turtle Bowl (Ire)--Nazlia (Fr),** by Polish Precedent. (€42,000 yrl '12 ARQAug; €180,000 HRA '14 ARQARC). O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-Antoine Fontaine (FR); T-S bin Ghadayer. \$40,000.

3--**Zurigha (Ire), 126, m, 5, Cape Cross (Ire)--Noyelles (Ire),** by Docksider. (€21,000 wnlng '10 GOFNOV; 72,000gns yrl '11 TATOCT). O-Saeed H Altayer; B-Sir Nicholas & Lady Nugent (Ire); T-Richard Hannon. \$20,000.

Margins: 1 3/4, 1, NK. Also Ran: Victoria Regina (Ire), Slipper Orchid (Ire), Suzi Gold (Tur), Energia Fribby (Brz), Energia Fox (Brz), Oh Star.

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Jumping from post nine, Cladocera settled at the back of the strung-out pack through soft early fractions. Angled out widest of all at the head of the lane, she was clearly traveling best of all and jockey Christophe Soumillon sent her storming past the entire field, sitting up before crossing the wire. "We were drawn nine so the tactics were pretty much decided for me," said the Belgian hoop. "They went a reasonable gallop which helped her settle nicely and the only brief moment of worry I had was when forced a bit wide in the straight. She has a lovely turn of foot as we saw there and is going to improve with age and racing."

Salem bin Ghadayer's **Anahita**, sporting cheek-pieces for the first time, tracked the early leaders and hit the front three-wide turning for home. She couldn't respond to Cladocera's devastating acceleration yet went one better than in the Cape Verdi, reversing placings with Richard Hannon's **Zurigha (Ire)** (Cape Cross {Ire}). The latter raced in last position and was briefly short of room entering the straight. She fought gamely to repel the late challenge of **Victoria Regina (Ire)**, who filled the same position as in the Cape Verdi.

A winner of her first two trips to the post in France including the Prix des Lilas at Longchamp last June, Cladocera added a pair of 10ths when tried in the G3 Prix Chloe later that month at Chantilly and the G3 Prix de Lieurey at Deauville Aug. 15. Given some time off, she finished up her sophomore season with a second when switched to the Kempton all-weather in the Listed Hyde S. Nov. 19 before blossoming in Dubai. Caesarine produced a full-sister to the Balanchine winner in 2013.

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FORJATT EYES REPEAT IN JEBEL ALI

Initially scheduled for Jan. 20, the G3 Jebel Ali Mile was postponed due to the death of King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz of Saudi Arabia. The race is sponsored by Derrinstown Stud, the Irish arm of HH Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum's breeding empire, and has attracted a field of 10, most notably last year's winner **Forjatt (Ire)** (Iffraaj {GB}). Trained on the track by Dhruba Selvaratnam for racecourse patron, HH Sheikh Ahmed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, he bids to become the third horse to win the race on two occasions. Second over 1200 meters on his seasonal return, Forjatt won his most recent start over 1400 meters on the Abu Dhabi turf and looks the one to repeat as he defends his crown. "He is in great form and we could not be happier with him," said Selvaratnam. "His first run was very pleasing and he won well last time. This is a tougher race though and Silver Galaxy and Shamaal Nibras look two of the main dangers."

Silver Galaxy (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) represents the owner-trainer combination of Fathi Esaed Mohammed Egziama and Musabah Al Muhairi, who combined to land the race in both 2012 and 2013 courtesy of Treble Jig (Gone West). The Newsells Park Stud-bred only made his racecourse debut last November as a back-end 3-year-old and opened his account at third attempt over today's course and distance. He has improved continuously since, winning two more races and running third in the listed Jebel Ali S. over 1950 meters. Stable jockey Silvestre De Sousa has ridden him in all six starts and maintains the partnership. "He has done really well this season considering his inexperience," said De Sousa. "He ran really well in the Jebel Ali S. and the drop in trip should not inconvenience him. We are hoping for a big effort."

Doug Watson saddles **Shamaal Nibras** (First Samurai), a 1400-meter course winner on his penultimate start and second over the same trip at Meydan three weeks ago.

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Friday, Jebel Ali, UAE, post time: 3:35 p.m.

JEBEL ALI MILE-G3, AED575,000, NH 4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 1600m

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	1	Atlantic Brave (GB)	Piccolo (GB)	Urbina	Al Muhairi
2	4	Eavesdropper (GB)	Singspiel (Ire)	Mullen	Seemar
3	10	Encipher	Elusive Quality	Ffrench	Al Raihe
4	8	Ennobled Friend	Malibu Moon	de Vries	Harmash
5	7	Forjatt (Ire)	Iffraaj (GB)	Murphy	Selvaratnam
6	9	Gold Pearl	Henny Hughes	Monaghan	Seemar
7	2	Jayed Jidan (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	O'Neill	Bouresly
8	5	Mawhub (GB)	Singspiel (Ire)	Smith	Seemar
9	6	Shamaal Nibras	First Samurai	Dobbs	Watson
10	3	Silver Galaxy (GB)	Galileo (Ire)	de Sousa	Al Muhairi

All carry 125 pounds.



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TOP SPINTERS CLASH IN LIGHTNING

Australian Horse of the Year and joint top-rated sprinter in the world **Lankan Rupee (Aus)** (Redoute's Choice {Aus}) returns from a summer break in the G1 Black Caviar Lightning S. at Flemington Saturday, where he is set for an eagerly anticipated clash with Team Hawkes' unbeaten 4-year-old **Deep Field (Aus)**



Lankan Rupee
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(Northern Meteor {Aus}) and Chris Waller's top 3-year-old **Brazen Beau (Aus)** (I Am Invincible {Aus}).

Lankan Rupee won three Group 1 events last Autumn over 1100 and 1200 meters and added the G1 Manikato S. in October, yet he signed off his spring campaign

with a slightly disappointing third to Terravista (Aus) (Captain Rio) and Chautauqua (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}) in the G1 Darley Classic last time out. The 6-year-old gelding turned many heads on his latest public appearance in an 800-meter exhibition gallop at Caulfield last Saturday, a performance after which jockey Dale Smith, who was warming the seat until Craig Newitt's return from Singapore for the big race, commented, "Whatever beats him wins. He ran it on his ear and absolutely steamed to the line." Trainer Mick Price added, "He's basically done now. I can't do much more for him and the gallop was good for him."

Alan Bell's and Kia-Ora Stud's Deep Field is yet to taste defeat in five starts but tackles Group 1 company for the first time. The full-brother to G1 Caulfield Guineas winner Shooting To Win (Aus) (Northern Meteor {Aus}) capped his spring campaign with a clear-cut victory over Gai Waterhouse's Driefontein (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) in a Group 2 event over 1200 meters, and has impressed in a pair of jump-outs ahead of his return to competition. "The straight five [furlongs] gives him the chance to use his speed and get the Group 1, but it's not going to be easy," Bell told the *Sydney Morning Herald*. "John [Hawkes] and the boys have done a great job getting him ready for a race like this and not rushing it. We are hoping he can do the rest."

In stark contrast, Chris Waller was dismissive of Brazen Beau's chances in the Lightning S. The 3-year-old colt was bought by Darley in December for a reported A\$10 million on the back of his success in the G1 Coolmore Stud S. and leased back to his 38 owners, who are eyeing a trip to Royal Ascot. He will face his elders for the first time Saturday, which prompted Waller to say, "I don't think he can win on Saturday but gee he's a good horse and you shouldn't underestimate good horses."

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Saturday, Flemington, Australia, post time: 4:35 p.m.

BLACK CAVIAR LIGHTNING S.-G1, A\$500,000, 3yo/up, 1000mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	6	Lankan Rupee (Aus)	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Newitt	Price
2	4	Watermans Bay (Aus)	Eternity Range	Arnold	Morton
3	3	Fab Fevola (Aus)	Falvelon (Aus)	Payne	Binaisse
4	1	The Quarterback (Aus)	Street Boss	Allen	Griffiths
5	5	Deep Field (Aus)	Northern Meteor (Aus)	Winks	Hawkes
6	2	Brazen Beau (Aus)	I Am Invincible (Aus)	Williams	Waller

**All horses carry 128 pounds, bar Brazen Beau, 122.

FIELD AND BEAU TO TARGET ASCOT AS PART OF GLOBAL SPRINT CHALLENGE

Ascot's Head of Communication and International Racing Nick Smith is hopeful leading Australian sprinters **Deep Field (Aus)** (Northern Meteor {Aus}) and **Brazen Beau (Aus)** (I Am Invincible {Aus}) will head for Royal Ascot this season and resume Australian participation at the meeting. Last season's expected contender, Qatar Racing purchase Zoustar (Aus) (Northern Meteor {Aus}) suffered a ligament injury in his first piece of fast work in the UK and was frustratingly forced to head back home without lining up.

The Ascot executive is in Flemington this week to identify potential candidates for the 2015 Royal meeting and commented, "It was unfortunate for all concerned that Zoustar suffered a career-ending injury after travelling to England last year so hopefully his trainer Chris Waller can set the record straight this year with Brazen Beau. It's still early days but with interest from Brazen Beau and Deep Field, hopefully it'll be back to normal with Australian representation in the feature sprints at Royal Ascot this year."

Both horses start their 2015 campaign in the G1 Lightning S. Saturday, the first event in the 10-race Global Sprint Challenge which also includes the G1 King's Stand S. and Diamond Jubilee S. at Royal Ascot. A \$1 million bonus to the owners and trainer of any horse that wins a participating race in three individual countries is up for grabs, and still to be claimed in the challenge's 10-year history.

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Eastern U.S.

Pimlico's "Ultimate Girls Day Out" Returns:

"Ultimate Girls Day Out" will be held on Black-Eyed Susan Day, Friday, May 15, at Pimlico Race Course, the Maryland Jockey Club has announced. Proceeds from Ultimate Girls Day Out, which will celebrate the strength and spirit of women, will go to the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance and Susan G. Komen Maryland. "The Maryland Jockey Club's ongoing recognition of Thoroughbreds after racing remains a welcome blessing," said Stacie Clark, TAA's Operations Consultant. "What a great honor for the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance to be chosen as an official charity on such a prestigious and historic day as Black-Eyed Susan. The support of the public and the horse racing industry is crucial in allowing these magnificent animals who gave so much of themselves in their racing careers to find useful, happy and purposeful lives afterwards, bringing joy to many." Pimlico will launch initiatives supporting both charities leading up to and on Black-Eyed Susan Day. MJC Vice President and General Manager Sal Sinatra said, "The Maryland Jockey Club's continued commitment to the community and to a platform respecting and celebrating the empowerment of women is never more important than at that time of year when the eyes of the world are on Baltimore and Pimlico Race Course. We are proud to champion the causes that this day is all about: family, career relationships, health education and philanthropy." Black-Eyed Susan Day tickets can be purchased by calling the Pimlico sales office (877-206-8042) or by logging onto www.blackeyedsusanday.com.

Florida

Yesterday's Results:

8th-GPX, \$41,000, Msw, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:41, ft.
HEREDITARY (c, 4, [Medaglia d'Oro](#)--Pleasant Home {GISW, \$1,378,070}, by Seeking the Gold), a debut seventh going seven furlongs at Aqueduct in late November of his 2-year-old season, was disqualified from first and placed second in his comebacker nearly a year later going two turns while adding Lasix at Laurel Nov. 1. Favored at 6-5 here, the Phipps homebred sat a stalking fourth through an opening quarter in :24.57. He hit the gas with a three-wide move on the far turn and came charging on the outside in the stretch en route to a 1 3/4-length tally over Have a Good Laugh (Graeme Hall). Chivalrous (Street Cry {Ire}) stayed on for third. Pleasant Home, runaway winner of the 2005 GI Breeders' Cup Distaff, produced a colt by Orb in 2015. She also has an unraced 2-year-old filly by Medaglia d'Oro. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$32,575. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).**
 O/B-Phipps Stable (KY). T-Claude R McGaughey III.

4th-GPX, \$36,000, Msw, (S), 3yo, 7f, 1:25 4/5, ft.
ROYAL SQUEEZE (c, 3, Wildcat Heir--Mop Squeezer {MSW & GSP, \$143,038}, by Roanoke) was fourth in his first two starts in Saratoga and Belmont on the turf at the end of the summer and was second by a nose in Gulfstream's Florida Sire In Reality S. on the dirt Oct. 4. He finished third routing at Gulfstream Dec. 23, but was disqualified for interference and placed eighth. Most recently, Royal Squeeze was sixth in the 8 1/2-furlong OBS Championship S. over synthetic Jan. 27. The 4-5 favorite tracked behind the leader through the opening stages before moving alongside the dueling duo from the three path. The chestnut poked a nose in front at the top of the lane and dueled with Abounding Legacy (Flashstorm), but ducked in at midstretch while Abounding Legacy took command. The Chad Brown trainee gamely battled back to regain the late advantage and hit the wire a head in front. The winner is a half to Callmethesqueeze (Awesome Again), MSW, \$324,499; Kings Over (Trippi), MSP, \$240,618; and Burley's Gold (Gold Touch), GSP, \$164,441. Sales history: \$310,000 2yo '14 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: SP, 6-1-1-0, \$99,052. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).**
 O-James Covello, Thomas Coleman & Doheny Racing Stable. B-Gary Aiken (FL). T-Chad C Brown.

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6th-TAM, \$22,100, Msw, 3yo, 6f, 1:12 3/5, ft.
+ FANCY MAN (c, 3, Wildcat Heir--Clandestine {MSP}, by Grand Slam), the 2-1 second-choice for this debut, was away well and stalked the pace from off the rail down the backstretch. Fancy Man drew even with the leaders on the turn, gained the lead at the top of the lane and kicked clear to win by 4 1/4 lengths. Muggs (Notional) completed the exacta. The winner is a half to Enumerate (Proud Accolade), GSP, \$199,406. Sales history: \$65,000 yrl '13 OBSAUG. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$14,100. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).**
 O-John D Santina. B-Allen Amato & Mike Galinski (FL). T-Dale Bennett.

FT & Gulfstream to Sponsor Charity Poker Tournament:

Fasig-Tipton, along with Gulfstream Park, will host a charity poker tournament to benefit New Vocations and the Permanently Disabled Jockeys Fund. The tournament will be held Monday, March 2 in Gulfstream's Poker Room and will be just one of a host of activities planned during the week leading up to the Fasig-Tipton Florida Sale of 2-Year-Olds. "Fasig-Tipton is excited to work with Gulfstream Park to sponsor a poker tournament benefitting two wonderful racing related charities," said Fasig-Tipton President Boyd Browning. "It will add another fun element to what will be an exciting week of activities revolving around our world class 2-year-old sale." The buy-in for the tournament will be \$150, and players will have the option to buy back in at various levels. Cash prizes will be paid out to the first, second and third place finishers. There is a guaranteed pot of \$10,000. For reservations, prospective players should contact Scott Poole at SPoole@GulfsteamPark.com.



Kentucky

KTBF to Distribute \$10 Million in Awards:

The Kentucky Thoroughbred Breeders' Incentive Fund (KTBF), which requires owners to board mares in Kentucky from the time of breeding until the birth of the foal, is distributing more than \$10 million in awards. The KTBF Incentive payments are based on the foal's eventual winnings on the racetrack. More than 4,000 races were eligible for awards for KTBF horses winning in Kentucky, across the United States and Group 1, 2, and 3 races in Canada, England, France and Ireland. KTBF horses won races in 32 states and four countries, capturing 270 graded races in the United States. For the second consecutive year, Kenneth and Sarah Ramsey top the award list with 82 wins at 34 racetracks, including wins at all five Kentucky racetracks. "The continued work of the Ramseys epitomizes how strong the breeding operations are in Kentucky," said Gov. Steve Beshear. "Their impressive number of winners, combined with Kentucky-bred horses winning in five countries, shows the world that indeed, Kentucky is the Horse Capital of the World."

Central U.S.

Yesterday's Results:

8th-OPX, \$63,500, Alw, NW2L, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:45 4/5, ft.

MAGIC OF BELIEVING (c, 3, Badge of Silver--Crystal Illusion {SW, \$304,752}, by Silver Ghost) rallied for fourth in his seasonal debut here Jan. 17, then broke through to earn his diploma on quick notice Jan. 31. Off at odds of 3-1 to make it two straight, he was settled in seventh through a half mile in :49.05, began to make his move off the far turn and came rallying on the outside down the lane to get up for a well-timed head victory over Memphisinmay (Rockport Harbor). It was another neck back to Holiday Man (Harlan's Holiday) in third. Tappin Vegas (Tapit), favored at 3-2 off a smart debut win Jan. 29, tired to finish sixth. Sales history: \$36,000 yrl '13 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-0, \$89,754. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).**

O-Turf Stable LLC & Magdalena Racing. B-Jo Ann Luedtke (KY). T-Kenneth G McPeek.

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9th-OPX, \$63,500, Alw, NW2L, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:45 2/5, ft.

POSEIDON'S WAY (c, 3, Stormy Atlantic--Winsome Ways, by Smart Strike), a debut winner at 10-1 going 6 1/2 furlongs at Remington Nov. 13, was sixth behind the promising Instant Replay (Lemon Drop Kid) in his two-turn debut here Jan. 19. Forwardly placed in second through an opening quarter in :23.42, the 11-1 chance turned up the heat entering the far turn. Poseidon's Way hit the front at the top of the stretch and had two lengths over Oak Brook (Giant's Causeway) on the wire. Favored Conquest Curlinate (Curlin) flattened out to finish third after making a menacing middle move while parked four wide. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$54,745. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).**

O-Pin Oak Stable. B-Pin Oak Stud LLC (KY). T-Donnie K Von Hemel.

6th-FGX, \$38,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW1X, 3yo, a5 1/2fT, 1:03 3/5, fm.

FLY FRIENDLY SKY (c, 3, Sky Mesa--Callie's Joy, by Distorted Humor), a debut fourth as the 8-5 chalk for trainer Steve Asmussen at Churchill last June, graduated next out for Steve Flint over a trio of repeat winners in a sloppy off-the-turfer here Dec. 27. He finished third at this level in another sloppy off-the-turfer Jan. 23. Finally getting to start on grass here, the 3-5 chalk vied for early command, gained a narrow advantage at the top of the stretch and battled his way past a very stubborn Quality Indeed (Quality Road) to win by a hard-fought head. Sales history: \$190,000 2yo '14 OBSAPR; \$95,000 RNA yrl '13 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$51,380. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).**

O-Whispering Oaks Farm LLC. B-John C Oxley (KY). T-Steven B Flint.

5th-OPX, \$61,000, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 4/5, ft.

MY BRIA (f, 4, Jump Start--Acajou {SP}, by Horse Chestnut {SAf}) offered little in her first two while flashing speed, including an eighth-place finish here last time Jan. 30. Overlooked at 37-1, she forced the early issue from her inside draw, hit the front in the stretch and kept on finding more to graduate by two lengths over Heavenly Princess (Pure Prize). Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$37,598. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).**

O-Poindexter Thoroughbreds LLC. B-H Allen Poindexter (IA). T-Lynn Chleborad.

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Eagle Out With Knee Injury:

W.S. Farish's **Eagle** (Candy Ride {Arg}) was forced to miss an expected start in Saturday's GII Risen Star S. at



Neil Howard
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the Fair Grounds due to a knee issue, it was revealed yesterday. The chestnut breezed five panels in 1:01 Monday and did not exit the work to trainer Neil Howard's liking. "He just jarred a knee a little bit," Howard said. "We're going to give him some time. There's no timeline yet." A debut winner at Ellis July 5, Eagle was second next out in a Churchill Downs allowance Sept. 26 and captured a Keeneland allowance Oct. 22. Narrowly third to "TDN Rising Star" El Kabeir (Scat Daddy) in the GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. in Louisville Nov.

29, the sophomore was last seen finishing a disappointing seventh as the chalk in the GIII LeComte S. Jan. 17.

INDUSTRY INFO

Trainers Show Support for TAA:

For the second consecutive year trainers from across the country will be stepping up to support retired racehorses by donating to the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance (TAA).

Trainers Thomas Albertrani, Tom Amoss, Bob Baffert, Chad Brown, Mark Casse, Gary Contessa, Henry Dominguez, Anthony Dutrow, Michael Hushion, Mike Maker, Kieran McLaughlin, Graham Motion, Doug O'Neill, Todd Pletcher, and Michael Trombetta all contributed funds from their stables in 2014.

"One of the goals of the TAA is to secure reliable, long-term funding for Thoroughbred aftercare," said TAA Operations Consultant Stacie Clark Rogers. "While many trainers have provided generous one-time donations, it's important to develop continuing support for our equine retirees and we hope additional trainers will participate in this program."

The TAA plans to unveil a coast-to-coast challenge among trainers this spring spearheaded by TAA former jockey and TAA board member Donna Barton Brothers.

"For anyone who makes a living off of Thoroughbred racing, funding their aftercare is simply the right thing to do," said Brothers. "The TAA is just making it easier for everyone to meet this obligation."



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ROOKIES

First/second-crop starters to watch: Friday, February 20

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2010 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

- BULLSBAY** (Tiznow), Northview, \$3K, 37/4/1
7-AQU, Aoc, 6f, Bullheaded Boy, \$115K OBS OPN 2yo, 3-1
- CHARITABLE MAN** (Lemon Drop Kid), Taylor Mountain Farm, \$4K, 80/6/0
7-CT, Alw, 7f, One More Time, 3-1
5-CT, Msw, 6 1/2f, Charitable Flight, 8-1
4-CT, Alw, 7f, Candy Man's Girl, 3-1
4-CT, Alw, 7f, Meetmeatthechurch, 15-1
5-CT, Msw, 6 1/2f, Charitable Annuity, 8-1
7-CT, Alw, 7f, Too Much to Do, 3-1
- COOL COAL MAN** (Mineshaft), Journeymen, \$4K, 57/14/1
9-GP, Aoc, 6f, Competitive Player, \$35K OBS AUG yrl, 8-1
- DESERT PARTY** (Street Cry {Ire}), Sequel, \$8K, 115/13/2
8-HOU, Msw, 6f, Desert d'Oro, \$70K FTK OCT yrl, 6-1
- DISCREETLY MINE** (Mineshaft), Lanes End, \$10K, 181/23/1
3-CT, Msw, 6 1/2f, Clara Victoria, \$16K RNA OBS OPN 2yo, 15-1
- GRASSHOPPER** (Dixie Union), Lane's End Texas, \$4K, 52/6/1
3-HOU, Msw, 1m, +Sugar On the Grass, 8-1
4-HOU, Alw, 5 1/2f, Pop Song, 7-1
- GREELEY'S CONQUEST** (Mr. Greeley), Midway KY, \$1000, 35/1/0
9-HAW, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Greeley's Special, 10-1
- LOOKIN AT LUCKY** (Smart Strike), Ashford Stud, \$15K, 175/33/3
8-HOU, Msw, 6f, Lookin At Daisy, 6-1
- MIDSHIPMAN** (Unbridled's Song), Darley, \$8K, 117/21/2
9-HAW, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Chilango, \$20K OBS OPN 2yo, 6-1
- MUNNINGS** (Speightstown), Ashford Stud, \$10K, 165/34/4
7-AQU, Aoc, 6f, Copernicus, \$60K OBS APR 2yo, 12-1
7-GG, Aoc, 6f, Rainsford, \$23K KEE SEP yrl, 10-1
- NEKO BAY** (Giant's Causeway), Elite Thoroughbreds, \$3K, 42/6/0
8-DED, Alw, 1m, Kondo Queen, \$12K ESL YRL yrl, 6-1
- QUALITY ROAD** (Elusive Quality), Lane's End, \$25K, 178/21/3
9-GP, Aoc, 6f, Like a Charm, \$40K EAS MAY 2yo, 4-1
- SUMMER BIRD** (Birdstone), Japan, \$15K, 191/11/1
9-OP, Alw, 1 1/16m, Bootsy's Girl, \$72K OBS APR 2yo, 4-1
- TALE OF EKATI** (Tale of the Cat), Darby Dan Farm, \$15K, 127/17/1
3-CT, Msw, 6 1/2f, Tale of Houdini, 6-1
- UNITED STATES** (A.P. Indy), , \$, 23/1/0
3-CT, Msw, 6 1/2f, Star Rambo, 12-1
- WARRIOR'S REWARD** (Medaglia d'Oro), Spendthrift Farm, \$13K, 173/18/1
9-OP, Alw, 1 1/16m, Some Gave All, \$35K KEE SEP yrl, 12-1
9-OP, Alw, 1 1/16m, Corsa Veloce, \$42K OBS OPN 2yo, 30-1



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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

4th-OPX, \$64,000, C, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39 1/5, ft.

HICKS HONEY (m, 5, Pomatini--Vicki Poo, by Unbridled's Risk) Lifetime Record: 16-5-2-1, \$69,278. O-Tim Hancock. B-Walt R Matthews (AR). T-Ray Shumake.

9th-DED, \$41,000, 2-18, NW1X, (S), 4yo/up, 5f, :59 3/5, ft.

MADELYN'S WILD MAX (g, 4, My Friend Max--Wild Bertie, by Wild Rush) Lifetime Record: 10-4-2-1, \$60,620. O-Jody Thibodeaux. B-Gerald L Averett (LA). T-Samuel Breaux.

6th-PEN, \$34,048, 2-18, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:41 1/5, ft.

HOLY SNIP (g, 6, Ecclesiastic--Scotch Dancer, by Carnivalay) Lifetime Record: 42-4-6-8, \$177,853. O-Gama Racing Stable. B-Gary J Brockmeyer & Marcia L Wolfe (PA). T-Robert A Wolfe Jr.

7th-TAM, \$22,500, Opt. Clm. (\$62,500), NW3X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m40y (off turf), 1:43 3/5, ft.

ECSTATIC MISS (m, 5, Consolidator--Fighting Words, by Lord at War {Arg}) Lifetime Record: 18-5-1-2, \$112,000. O-Jack Cannon. B-Ricky G Smith (KY). T-Luis R Dominguez. *\$25,000 yrl '11 KESEP. **1/2 to Yippety Yip (Broken Vow), SP, \$231,749.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Tessa's Magic Girl, m, 5, Profiler--My Magic Girl, by Placid Fund. DED, 2-18, (S), 5f, 1:00 1/5. B-Karl Joseph Matthieu (LA).

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1011 Entered for Classics:

France Galop has revealed that a total of 1011 nominations have been made for the four French Classics, namely the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains (French 2000 Guineas), G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulaches (French 1000 Guineas), G1 Prix du Jockey Club (French Derby) and G1 Prix de Diane (French Oaks), as well as for two other Group 1 races restricted to the 3-year-old generation, the Prix St-Alary and Grand Prix de Paris. There were 901 nominations last year, and 1081 in 2013. There are 147 colts are in the Poule d'Essai des Poulains and 157 fillies in the Poulaches, both figures being the highest for these races since 2010. The Prix du Jockey Club has attracted 206 nominations and the Diane 193--30 more than in 2014.

The leading juveniles of 2014 all feature among the entrants, including the Group 1 winners **Epicuris (GB)** (Rail Link {GB}), **Full Mast** (Mizzen Mast), **Vert de Grece (Ire)** (Verglas {Ire}), **Belardo (GB)** (Lope de Vega {Ire}), **Elm Park (GB)** Phoenix Reach ({Ire}), **Found (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), etc. Chantilly master trainer Andre Fabre is responsible for 135 of the entries, almost 20% of the grand total. In second position with 48 nominations each come Aidan O'Brien and Jean-Claude Rouget. French-trained runners make up 66% of the entries. The owners' ranks are dominated by Godolphin with 74 entries, followed by the Smith/Magnier/Tabor trio with 56 and H.H. the Aga Khan with 50. Other owners with more than 20 nominations include Khalid Abdullah, Wertheimer et Frere, Al Shaqab Racing and Sheikh Hamdan Al Maktoum.

Yesterday's Results:

2nd-CHA, €25,000, Mdn, 3yo, c/g, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:18.77, ft.

ATTENTIF (GB) (c, 3, [Oasis Dream {GB}](#)--Occupandiste {Ire} {Hwt. Older Mare-Fr at 7-9.5f, MG1SW-Fr, \$299,209}, by Kaldoun {Fr}), last seen finishing third over six furlongs here at the end of October, was quickly away to lead. Driven in midstretch, the 14-5 second choice asserted to score with authority by three lengths from Maniman (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}). The winner is a three-parts brother to Only Answer (GB) (Green Desert), MGSW-Fr, \$261,304; and a half-brother to Impressionnante (GB) (Danehill), GSW & MG1SP-Fr, \$325,579; to Mondialiste (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), G1SP-Fr, \$125,849; and to Planetaire (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), SW & GSP-Fr, \$114,005. Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 1 win, 2 places, €17,500. [Click for Equidia VIDEO](#).

O/B-Wertheimer et Frere (GB). T-Freddy Head.

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DBS Breeze Up Catalogue Unveiled:

The 181-lot DBS Breeze Up Sales catalogue is now available online with the breezes set to take place on the Town Moor Apr. 22 and the single-session sale starting Apr. 23. Both the breeze day and the sale take place at 10 a.m. local time each day. The 2014 edition saw G1 1000 Guineas hopeful Likely (Ger) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}) top the sale at £340,000 prior to breaking her maiden for trainer David Barron and Qatar Racing with future G2 winner Mattmu (GB) (Indesatchel {Ire}) in second. Last year's sale also boasts £260,000 purchase and smart maiden winner Flaming Spear (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}) who is targeting the G1 2000 Guineas for the same owners although trained by Kevin Ryan.

Many stallions proven in the UK and Ireland are represented including Big Bad Bob (Ire), Cape Cross (Ire), Dark Angel (Ire), Distorted Humor, Exceed And Excel (Aus), Exchange Rate, Hard Spun, Kodiak (GB), Lope De Vega (Ire), Mastercraftsman (Ire), Pivotal (GB), Scat Daddy, Shamardal, Siyouni (Fr), Speightstown and Street Cry (Ire).

"The best advert for any sale is the graduates of previous years and 2014 was another outstanding year for the DBS Breeze Up," said DBS Managing Director Henry Beeby. "Following a particularly strong renewal in 2014, vendors have undoubtedly entered some of their very best 2-year-olds for sale at DBS and I was delighted by the enthusiastic reactions of the inspection team after viewing these horses."

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Irish Champions Weekend Prize Money Increased:

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Brian Kavanagh, HRI Chief Executive said, "As we aim to build on the success of the inaugural Irish Champions Weekend, we are delighted that the total prize-money on offer at both Leopardstown and the Curragh has been increased to €4.03 million this year. This is our flagship event for flat racing in Ireland and the weekend will continue to go from strength to strength."

Middle East**Yesterday's Results:**

DUBAI MILLENNIUM S. (SPONSORED BY MEYDAN SOBHA)-Listed, AED 200,000, MEY, 2-19, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 2000mT, 2:00.67, gd.

1--**HUNTER'S LIGHT (IRE), 126, h, 7, [Dubawi \(Ire\)](#)--**

Portmanteau (GB), by Barathea (Ire). O-Godolphin. B-Darley (Ire). T-Saeed bin Suroor. J-James Doyle. \$120,000. Lifetime Record: G1SW-Ity, G1SW-UAE, GSW-Eng, G1SP-Ger & GSP-Fr, 26-11-2-3, \$1,270,263.

2--**Umgiyo (Aus), 126, g, 4, Danehill Dancer (Ire)--Celtic Queen (Ire), by Sadler's Wells.**

O-Rippon/Grant/Haynes/Khalee/Chadha Et Al. \$40,000.

3--**Mr Pommeroy (Fr), 125, c, 4, Linnari (Ire)--Amerissage, by Rahy.** (€30,000 RNA yrl '12 ARQOCT; €250,000 HRA '14 ARQARC). O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum. \$20,000.

Margins: 1 3/4, 4 1/4, 3.

Also Ran: Ducab (Ire), Elusive Time (Ire), Bank of Burden, Calling Out (Fr), Robert the Painter (Ire), Genius Boy (GB), Energia El Gigante (Brz).

The race was widely tipped as a duel between last-time-out winners Umgiyo (Aus) and Hunter's Light (Ire) and the protagonists delivered. The Godolphin silk-bearer was quick out of the gates before settling in mid-field under James Doyle, with Umgiyo shadowed him throughout. Hunter's Light was angled three wide turning for home and, with Christophe Soumillon on board, the South African raider followed him before edging his mount back to the rail. That support was insufficient to match Hunter's Light sharp turn of foot, who won running away by a comfortable margin, setting a new track record of 2:00.67 in the process.

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2nd-MEY, \$175,000, Hcp, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1000mT, 0:56.77, gd.

CASPIAN PRINCE (IRE) (g, 5, [Dylan Thomas \(Ire\)](#)--Crystal Gaze {Ire}, by Rainbow Quest) Lifetime Record: 42-10-5-3, \$426,687. O-Stephen Louch. B-Ballygallon Stud Ltd (Ire). T-Tony Carroll. *11,000gns yrl '11 TATDEC; €20,000 HRA '13 ARQNOV. **1/2 to Spirit Quartz (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Hwt. 3yo-Ity at 5-7f, GSW-Fr & Ity, G1SP-Eng, SP-Ire, \$438,122.

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7th-MEY, \$175,000, Hcp, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1400mT, 1:23.03, gd.

DARK EMERALD (IRE) (g, 5, Dark Angel {Ire}--Xema {GB}, by Danehill) Lifetime Record: 28-7-6-3, \$291,655. O-K Rhatigan. B-Olive O'Connor (IRE). T-Brendan Powell. *€18,000 wnlg '10 GOFNOV; £33,000 yrl '11 DONAUG; £26,000 2yo '12 GOFMAR.

5th-MEY, \$150,000, Hcp, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 2000m, 2:04.52, ft.

STORM BELT (h, 6, [More Than Ready](#)--Mari's Thunder, by Thunder Gulch) Lifetime Record: SP-UAE, 22-5-5-0, \$197,678. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum. B-Darley. T-Doug Watson.

3rd-MEY, \$110,000, Hcp, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1600m, 1:37.41, ft.

LAYL (h, 5, [Street Cry {Ire}](#)--Cymbal {Ire} {SW-Ger & SP-Fr, \$116,072}, by Singspiel {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 10-3-2-0, \$125,988. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum. B-Darley. T-Doug Watson.

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CONDITIONS RESULTS:

3rd-CHA, €21,000, 2-19, 4yo/up, 9f (AWT), 1:51 3/5, ft.

PETIT CHEVALIER (FR) (g, 7, High Chaparral {Ire}--Pivoline {Fr}, by Pivotal {GB}) Lifetime Record: GSW-Fr & MGSP-Ger, 26 starts, 4 wins, 13 places, €193,850. O-Rennstall Gestut Hachtsee. B-Gestut Hachtsee (Fr). T-Yasmin Almenrader.

4th-CHA, €21,000, 2-19, 4yo/up, 7f (AWT), 1:24 2/5, ft.

ABSALON (g, 4, [Giant's Causeway](#)--Wakigoer, by Miswaki) Lifetime Record: 6 starts, 3 wins, 2 places, €41,350. O/B-Wertheimer et Frere. T-Freddy Head. *1/2 to Acago (Royal Academy), GSW-Fr & GSP-US, \$165,747; to Quiet Royal (Royal Academy), GSW & G1SP-Fr, MSW & G1SP-US, \$435,812; and to Sandwaki (Dixieland Band), GSW-Fr, \$131,291. **€60,000 RNA HRA '14 ARQARC.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ **Welsh Gem (GB), f, 3, [Dylan Thomas \(Ire\)](#)--Gemini Joan (GB), by Montjeu {Ire}). CX, 2-19, 8f (AWT), 1:39 1/5. B-V I Araci (GB). *4,000gns yrl '13 TATOCT.**

Hors Forfait (Fr), f, 3, Naaqoos (GB)--Tuiga (Fr) (SP-Fr), by Commands (Aus). CHA, 2-19, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:19 3/5. B-Haras de l'Etoile & G Algranti (Fr).

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Date	Race	Track
Feb. 21	GII Fountain of Youth S.	GP
	GII Risen Star S.	FG
	GII Mac Diarmida S.	GP
	GII Davona Dale S.	GO
	GIII GP Sprint Championship	GP
	GIII Fair Grounds H.	FG
	GIII Mineshaft H.	FG
	GIII Rachel Alexandra S.	FG
	GIII Canadian Turf S.	GP
	GIII Rampart S.	GP
Feb. 28	GIII The Very One S.	GP
	GII Swale S.	GP
	GIII Herecomesthebride S.	GP
	GIII Palm Beach S.	GP
Mar. 7	GIII Santa Ysabel S.	SA
	GI Frank E. Kilroe Mile	SA
	GI Santa Anita H.	SA
	GII Tampa Bay Derby	TAM
	GII Gulfstream Park H.	GP
	GII San Carlos S.	SA
	GII San Felipe S.	SA
	GIII Gotham S.	AQU
	GIII Tom Fool H.	AQU
	GIII Florida Oaks	TAM
GIII Hillsborough S.	TAM	
	GIII Honeybee S.	OP