

**WINNING AGENDA FOR BRACKPOOL**



Keith Brackpool celebrates Gender Agenda's win in Sunday's GIII Robert J. Frankel S. | *Benoit*

by Jessica Martini

The Stronach Group hosted an impressive 44,873 fans during Santa Anita's opening day last Saturday and on Sunday, three of the company's executives enjoyed a big win of their own as **Gender Agenda (GB)** (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}), campaigned by Keith Brackpool, Tim Ritvo and Alon Ossip, earned a well-deserved first stakes success in the GIII Robert J. Frankel S. ([video](#)).

"We are partners in The Stronach Racing Group together," Brackpool explained of the partnership's origins. "I've got several horses and Tim was a jockey and a trainer and Alon runs the business. We decided one day sitting around that we should have a horse together. And so we did that. We've also got the Golden Pegasus partnership between us that produced Bolo who was in the GI Kentucky Derby this spring. So we've had a lot of fun with our horses."

Brackpool and partners acquired Gender Agenda as a 2-year-old out of the 2013 Tattersalls Autumn Horses in Training Sale.

"We wanted to bring a 2-year-old previously raced grass filly over," Brackpool said. "[Trainer] Carla [Gaines] has done particularly well with those. We used Craig Rounsefell's Boomer Bloodstock to do it and he found us a nice one."

Gender Agenda had raced seven times in her native England, including a maiden win at Goodwood in August, before her date in the Tattersalls sales ring and it took the filly some time to get acclimated to her new stateside accommodations. **Cont. p3**

**LAVIN TO RECEIVE ECLIPSE AWARD OF MERIT**

Glen Hill Farm founder Leonard Lavin will be honored with the Eclipse Award of Merit for a lifetime of outstanding achievement during next month's championship award ceremony.

"I am both surprised and deeply honored to receive the Eclipse Award of Merit," Lavin said. "It is truly my proudest moment in the horse business--a business that has been one of the great pleasures of my life. From the normal Thursday cards to racing in the Breeders' Cup and everything in between, I have found every moment to be a thrill and a reward. With that has come the wonderful relationships made with people throughout the industry, the camaraderie with our team at Glen Hill Farm, and of course the horses we've had the pleasure of breeding, owning and racing. And now this award provides a capstone that leaves me both humbled and grateful." **Cont. p4**

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*Dortmund (Big Brown) turned in a bullet five-furlong work at Santa Anita Monday in :58.60.*

*Benoit.*

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## TRIBAL CUSTOM LOCKS UP TOP HONORS

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*Tribal Custom (Tribal Rule) locked up the top spot as winningest North American Thoroughbred with an eight-length romp at Turfway Sunday.*

## TIZNOW COLT OVERCOMES TROUBLE

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*Dell Ridge Farm homebred Tiznow (Tiznow) overcame a troubled trip to win for the second time in three career starts at Fair Grounds Monday.*

## RECORD HANDLE AT MAHONING VALLEY

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*Mahoning Valley set a single-card handle record Monday, with \$1,182,223 wagered on the nine-race program.*

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## Winning Agenda for Brackpool *(cont. from p1)*

“When she got here, we actually had to turn her out,” Brackpool said. “That wasn’t quite the plan. She was just tired and she looked like she needed a break. I think she had raced five times in a fairly short period of time, so we took our time with her. Carla is the master once you give her time with a horse.”



Gender Agenda just gets up in GIII Robert Frankel S. | *Benoit*

Gender Agenda had immediate success in the U.S., scoring in a Del Mar allowance in her stateside debut in September of 2014. Second in a pair of stakes after that initial outing, the bay filly earned her first graded stakes placing with a third in the Nov. 1 GII Goldikova S. She was fifth, beaten 3 1/4 lengths, in the Nov. 29 GI Matriarch S. before her breakthrough victory while stretching out to nine furlongs Sunday.

While the first stakes win may have been a while in the making, Brackpool says the accomplishment was never a surprise.

“If you look at her numbers, she has run very consistently,” he explained. “She was only beaten a couple of lengths in the GI Matriarch and the race before that I thought she got bottled up a little bit. So she has run very well. The big issue for us was she going to get the added distance. And I actually think it suited her well because she has tactical speed. She sat where we wanted her to sit and then made that nice long run down the stretch. It was exciting, but I think it was her turn. I really think she deserved it.”

Gender Agenda became Brackpool’s second North American graded stakes winner. The Englishman, who campaigned two-time G2 King’s Stand winner Elbio in the early 1990s, also owned 2013 GII Sir Beaufort S. winner Gervinho (Unusual Heat).

As for what is next for Gender Agenda, Brackpool said, “This morning Carla reported she’s doing great. But I just want to enjoy the victory of this race for a few days and then we’ll look in the book and see what is next.”

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## Lavin to Receive Eclipse Award of Merit

(cont. from p1)

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"Leonard Lavin and his family and team have been a stalwart of the Thoroughbred industry for 50 years, not only as immensely successful breeders and owners and through their philanthropic involvement, but in our case at the Breeders' Cup as one of our earliest and most steadfast marketing partners," said former Breeders' Cup President and 1998 Eclipse Award of Merit winner D.G. Van Clief Jr. "Alberto-Culver's long-running sponsorship of the Breeders' Cup created a mold that continues to this day."

Lavin's Alberto-Culver beauty care company sponsored Breeders' Cup races from 1990 until 2005.

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## BULLET FOR DORTMUND

Kaleem Shah's **Dortmund** (Big Brown), whose possible future starts include a match-up with 2014 GI Kentucky Derby winner and Horse of the Year California

Chrome (Lucky Pulpit) in the Jan. 9 GII San Pasqual S., turned in a bullet five-furlong work at Santa Anita Monday in :58.60. It was fastest of 39 at the distance.

"Dortmund worked well," trainer Bob Baffert reported. "I'm still not sure where he'll run next."

Third in this year's Derby, the "TDN Rising Star" went to the sidelines after finishing fourth in the GI Preakness S. Since returning to the races, the handsome chestnut has won the Oct. 24 Big Bear S. and Nov. 28 GIII Native Diver S.

Baoma Corporation's **Drefong** (Gio Ponti), off since romping to a 9 1/2-length maiden win at Del Mar Nov. 14, also worked for Baffert at Santa Anita. The "TDN Rising Star" went four furlongs Sunday in :48.80.

"Drefong may be going to the [Feb. 15 GII] San Vicente," Baffert said.

The San Vicente is also expected to mark the sophomore debut of GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner Nyquist (Uncle Mo).



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## WITH 12 WINS IN 2015, TRIBAL CUSTOM LOCKS UP TOP HONORS

by T.D. Thornton

With an eight-length romp in a Turfway Park starter-allowance race on Sunday, **Tribal Custom** (Tribal Rule), scored win number 12 on the year, topping all North American Thoroughbreds in terms of victories for 2015.

According to Equibase, two Puerto Rico-based horses are tied at 11 wins behind Tribal Custom, but the 5-year-old mare is ensured of the “winningest horse” honor for 2015 because neither

**Aranzadi** (Bluegrass Cat) nor **Limoncillo** (Harbor Master)

are entered to race at Camarero Race Track Dec. 31, the lone remaining 2015 race date on that track’s calendar.

Tribal Custom is owned by Michael Angelo of Edinburg, Pennsylvania, (who races under the program name Gabes Stable, LLC) and is trained by Ohio-based Elliot Sullivan.

Tribal Custom racked up a 12-2-1 record with \$89,203 in purse earnings from 19 starts in 2015.



Elliot Sullivan | *The Vindicator*

“Tribal Custom seems like she’s really getting better in her last couple of starts,” said Sullivan. “I was impressed with her on Sunday. I thought she ran really big.”

Sullivan also owns and trains **Chella** (Where’s the Ring), a 4-year-old filly with 10 wins in 2015, giving the 27-year-old conditioner the unusual distinction of training the top two horses in terms of wins in the continental United States for 2015.

“It’s a privilege. It’s something to be grateful for. They’re both special horses, and I’m fortunate to have both of them,” said Sullivan.

Sullivan obtained both Tribal Custom and Chella via modest claims earlier this year, and his up-and-coming stable was featured in a Dec. 22 TDN profile ([click here](#)).

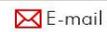
As for near-future plans for both distaffers, Sullivan said, “Chella is going to the shelf. She’ll probably go to the farm this week. Tribal Custom, I was planning on giving her a rest, and still am, but I might run her back one more time because she won so convincingly on Sunday.”



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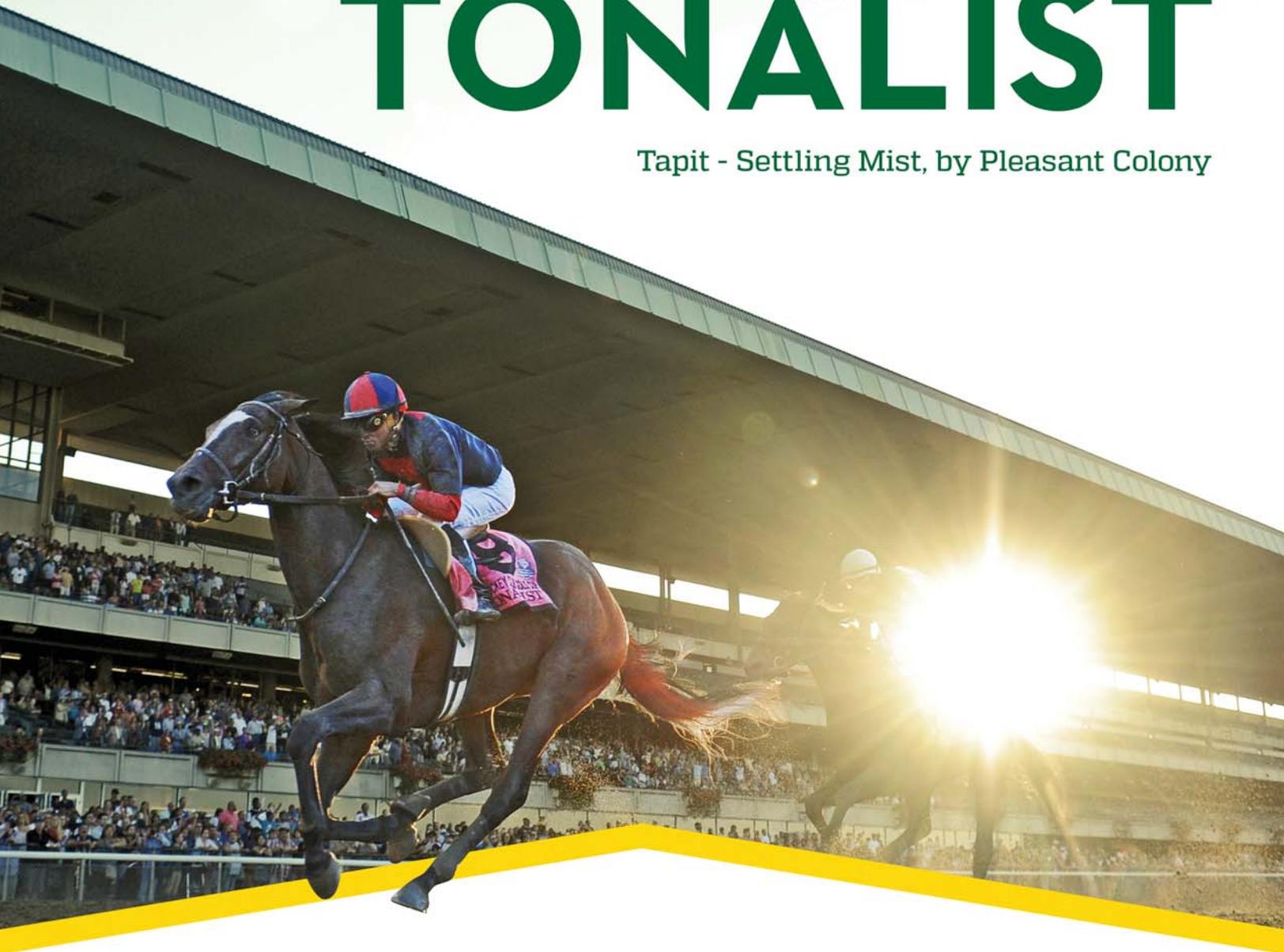
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**Latest search for Gardner paintings came up empty** Acting on a tip that thieves who pulled off the infamous Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum art heist had stashed the stolen masterworks at Suffolk Downs, FBI agents conducted a daylong search of the East Boston racetrack in September but came up empty.

**Stephen Kurkjian, Boston Globe**

### Coal For Christmas Is Not Everyone's Dream But It Is For

**Nathan Tinkler** Not many people welcome the idea of coal at Christmas, and certainly not in the wake of the Paris climate change conference, but there is a man in Australia who loves coal so deeply that he bought a coal mine on Christmas Eve.

**Tim Treadgold, Forbes**

**OMISSION:** The Werk Enick rating for 5-cross pedigree was inadvertently left out of the result for Saturday's GI Malibu S. The information is below: **Werk Nick Rating: A++**. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

#### UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

Date	Race	Track
1/2	GI San Gabriel S.	SA
	GI Santa Ynez S.	SA
	GIH Hutcheson S.	GP
	GIH Old Hat S.	GP
	GIH Dania Beach S.	GP
1/3	GIH Jerome S.	AQU
	GIH Monrovia S.	SA
	GIH Midnight Lute S.	SA
1/9	GI Fort Lauderdale S.	GP
	GI San Pasqual S.	SA
	GIH Hal's Hope S.	GP
	GIH Marshua's River S.	GP
	GIH Sham S.	SA
1/16	GI La Canada S.	SA
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LANE'S END

# ▶ Central U.S.

**Monday's Results:**

**6th-FG, \$38,000, Alw (NW1X),** Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 12-28, 2yo, 1m (off turf), 1:39.61, gd.

**TIZNOBLE (c, 2, [Tiznow](#)--[Tamboz](#), by [Tapit](#))** was sent off the 1-2 chalk in a rained-off optional tagger Monday at the Fair Grounds and endured by far the toughest trip, but managed to get the job done in a performance far better than it will look on paper. Drawn widest in a scratched down field of six, the homebred broke to his outside and with a somewhat erratic Spike's Shirl (Speightstown) to his inside, was consigned to a four- and five-path trip for the opening five panels. Asked to take closer order leaving the three-eighths pole, Tiznoble motored up to the leading trio and hit the lead just to the outside of Spike's Shirl--three and four wide the trip--at the head of the lane. Tiznoble wanted to lug in for the final eighth of a mile, but Brian Hernandez Jr. was able to keep him alive for a head success. The gray colt graduated at first asking over the Churchill turf Nov. 1, thrashing next-out maiden romper Cherry Wine (Paddy O'Prado) by 5 1/4 lengths and was exiting a respectable fifth, beaten 2 1/4 lengths from a high draw, in the Nov. 28 Pulpit S. on the turf at Gulfstream Park West. The winner, a half-brother to Oceanwave (Harlan's Holiday), MGSP, \$245,449, is out of a full-sister to GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile winner Tapizar, who was acquired carrying this foal in utero for \$440,000 at the 2012 Keeneland November sale. Tamboz's yearling from the final crop of Unbridled's Song fetched \$700,000 from Crupi's New Castle Farm at this year's Keeneland September sale. The mare produced a colt by Into Mischief this past Mar. 26 and was bred back to Distorted Humor. Sales history: \$32,000 RNA Ylg '14 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$57,847. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O/B-Dell Ridge Farm LLC (KY); T-Joe Sharp.

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**9th-FG, \$40,000, Msw, 12-28, 2yo, 1m 70y, 1:44.35, gd.**  
**TORRONTES (g, 2, [Macho Uno](#)--[Airizon](#), by [Boston Harbor](#)),** stretching out to a route of ground off a debut second going seven-eighths of a mile over a sloppy Churchill main track on the Stars of Tomorrow II program Nov. 28, made every yard to graduate by 3 3/4 lengths Monday at the Fair Grounds. Taking full advantage of the inside stall, Robby Albarado sent the chestnut straight to the lead and took them along at a steady gallop into the far turn. They lined up across the track to take a crack at the front-runner at the quarter-pole, but Torrontes had all the answers, as he galloped home a comfortable winner. Uncle James (Into Mischief), an overlaid 13-1 in receipt of first-time blinkers, loomed four wide into the lane and just pipped favored No Distortion (Distorted Humor)--the half-brother to GI Kentucky Oaks winner Proud Spell (Proud Citizen)--for second. The latter was shuffled back in traffic nearing the far turn, but re-rallied to just miss place honors. Sales history: \$22,000 RNA Ylg '14 FTKJUL; \$31,000 Ylg '14 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$35,000. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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**Record Handle at Mahoning Valley:**

Mahoning Valley set a single program handle record of \$1,182,223 Monday. The figure bettered the track's previous mark of \$1,104,000 set last Dec. 30 and is the third million-dollar handle during the past week at the Ohio oval.

"We have been blessed with good weather and pleased that our full fields and competitive racing is proving popular with bettors, both locally and nationwide," said Mark Loewe, Vice-President of Ohio Racing for Penn National Gaming.

Monday's card also featured a record payoff when 206-1 outsider R B Wild Promise won the day's seventh race and rewarded his backers with a \$415.20 payout for a \$2 win ticket. The win was the first training victory for owner/conditioner Gwendolyn Crosser. Crosser, a 23-year-old Florida native, previously served as assistant to trainer John Baird.

"I am on cloud nine," Crosser said. "I can't believe he won. I love him so much. I have had R B Wild Promise for more than four months and he is just a cool horse with a great personality. You can be sure he will be getting extra carrots and apples tonight."

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**Guttman Appointed to Ohio Advisory Committee:**

Daniel Guttman has been appointed to the Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund Advisory Committee for a three-year term. The appointment was made by Governor John Kasich. Guttman is a longtime Thoroughbred owner with a JD from The Ohio State University and a partner in the Columbus-based law firm of Baker Hostetler LLP.

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**IN JAPAN:**

**Scat Eddie**, c, 2, [Scat Daddy](#)--Hopeoverexperience, by Songandaprayer. Nakayama, 12-27, Novice Race, 6f. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$73,333. O-Masamichi Hayashi; B-Machmer Hall; T-Makoto Saito. \*\$160,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$300,000 2yo '15 OBSMAR. \*\*\*"He had a very good run in his first time dirt race last time, so I had a lot of confidence today," said winning jockey Keita Tosaki. "He has some issues about his temperament, so I hope he can be more relaxed."

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**Beau Sancy**, c, 2, [Tiz Wonderful](#)--Izzy Kate, by The Cliff's Edge. Hanshin, 12-27, Novice Race, 6f. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$71,250. O-Kazumi Yoshida; B-Terrazas Thoroughbreds Albert & Joyce Bell BGHA#1 LLC & R-Cher F; T-Manabu Ikezoe. \*\$35,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$160,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR. \*\*\*"He was very relaxed even in the gate and I thought he could jump quickly and he did," commented winning reinsman Katsuma Sameshima. "He is still green, but has lots of scope."

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**#T O Helios**, c, 3, [Fusaichi Pegasus](#)--Reagle Mary, by Afternoon Deelites. Hanshin, 12-26, Myokenzan S., 7f. Lifetime Record: 10-4-3-0, \$464,333. O-Tomoya Ozasa; B-Yanagawa Stud Ltd.; T-Tomoyuki Umeda. \*1/2 to Alsvind (Officer), MGSW, \$1,019,518. \*\*\*"He gained weight and he had lots of power," said pilot Suguru Hamanaka. "It was a strong performance and I look forward to his next race."

**Tahltan**, h, 7, [Tapit](#)--Indian Town, by Glitterman. Hanshin, 12-27, 2015 Final S., 7f. Lifetime Record: 29-6-4-5, \$1,051,083. O-Green Fields Inc.; B-George Waggoner Stables Inc.; T-Keiji Yoshimura. \*65,000 Ylg '09 FTKJUL; €85,000 2yo '10 ARQMAY.

\*\*"There was not enough space for us in the stretch, but my horse was very brave to go through the narrow space," said hoop Daisaku Matsuda. "He answered me very well and showed brilliant acceleration. I am very proud of his big help."

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**IN SOUTH KOREA:**

**Sinhang**, c, 2, [Sky Mesa](#)--Miss Rebound, by Speightstown. Busan, 12-27, Hcp. (\$60k), 1200m. B-Jean M & Patrick Honmy (KY). \*\$25,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR.

**Tariat Tale**, c, 2, [Tale of Ekati](#)--Regally Bred, by A.P. Indy. Busan, 12-26, Hcp. (\$47k), 1200m. B-Charles Fipke (KY). \*\$30,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP.

**BREEDERS' EDITION  
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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**7th-FG, \$41,000**, Opt. Clm (\$17,500), 12-28, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:43.67, gd.

**MAGNIFICENT MARGO (f, 3, [Congrats](#)--Holy Miss, by Holy Bull)**  
 Lifetime Record: 9-2-0-1, \$83,507. O-Jeff Drown; B-Baccari Bloodstock, Carolin Von Rosenberg DVM & Prince Farm (FL); T-Joe Sharp. \*\$80,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP; \$85,000 2yo '14 OBSAPR. \*\*1/2 to General Charley (Truluck), MSW, \$545,107; and Truly Lucky (Truluck), SW, \$214,954. \*\*\*Won by 7 3/4 lengths.

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**3rd-MVR, \$30,000, (S), 12-28, (NW2\$6M), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13.57, ft.**

**CHAIN YANKER (f, 3, Delta Miner--Yankee Cruz {MSP}, by Yankee Victor)** Lifetime Record: 10-5-2-1, \$82,235. O-Mark D Kuntz; B-Double D Farm Corp. (OH); T-Larry E Smith.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Buckeye Bullet, g, 2, Dark Kestrel--Buckler, by Concerto. MVR, 12-28, (S), 6f, 1:15.14. B-Louis V Ruberto (OH).**

**Honest Dandy, f, 2, Honest Man--Dandy's Sunshine, by Premiership. FG, 12-28, (S), 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:06.15. B-J Adcock & Neal McFadden (LA). \*\$9,000 RNA Ylg '14 ESLYRL; \$12,500 2yo '15 EQL2YO. \*\*1/2 to Fuse It (Lite the Fuse), MSW, \$509,475; and Smitty's Sunshine (Seeking a Home), MSW, \$532,219.**

**Daggers Duel, g, 2, Lunarpal--Dubaian Duel (GB) (GSP-Eng, \$163,501), by Daggers Drawn. MVR, 12-28, (S), 6f, 1:15.98. B-Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm (OH).**

**Yaffe, f, 3, City Zip--Moon Maven, by Dixieland Band. GG, 12-27, 1m (AWT) (off turf), 1:38.90. B-Pin Oak Stud LLC (KY). \*\$60,000 Ylg '13 KESEP; \$42,000 RNA 2yo '14 BARMAR.**



**Sawsan, f, 3, Tapit--Saywaan, by Fusaichi Pegasus. FG, 12-28, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:44.91. B-Shadwell Farm LLC (KY).**

**UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES**

Date	Race	Track
1/2	GII San Gabriel S.	SA
	GII Santa Ynez S.	SA
	GIII Hutcheson S.	GP
	GIII Old Hat S.	GP
	GIII Dania Beach S.	GP
	GIII Jerome S.	AQU
1/3	GIII Monrovia S.	SA
	GIII Midnight Lute S.	SA
1/9	GII Fort Lauderdale S.	GP
	GII San Pasqual S.	SA
	GIII Hal's Hope S.	GP
	GIII Marshua's River S.	GP
	GIII Sham S.	SA
	1/16	GII La Canada S.
1/18	GIII Lecomte S.	FG
	GIII Col. E.R. Bradley H.	FG
	GIII Toboggan S.	AQU
1/23	GIII Megahertz S.	SA
	GII Santa Monica S.	SA

# Caribbean

**Saturday's Results:**

**CHIEF SECRETARY GOLD CUP (N), T\$450,000 (US\$70,334),** Arima Race Club, 12-26, 3yo/up, 2000m, 2:06.20, ft.

**1--TRANSPIRE, 126, c, 4, Graeme Hall--Royal Inspiration, by Kingmambo.** (\$15,000 Ylg '12 OBSAUG; \$13,000 2yo '13 OBSAPR). O/T-David E Ojar; B-Shade Tree Thoroughbreds Inc, Geoff Roy & Tom Fitzgerald (FL); J-Emile Ramsammy; T\$270,000.



**2--Bergeron Rodeo, 126, c, 4, Successful Appeal--No Stopping, by Unbridled.** (\$18,000 Ylg '12 FTKJUL; \$25,000 2yo '13 OBSJUN). T\$90,000.

**3--Thisonesforron, 126, c, 4, Gilded Time--Muddy Miss, by Ares Vallis.** T\$45,000.

Margins: NK, 2HF, 1 1/4. Odds: 7-2, 6-1, 18-1.

Placed twice in seven tries at the maiden special level at Calder for this owner and trainer Roderick Rodriguez in late 2013 and early 2014, Transpire had won five of his eight local appearances, including a nine-furlong handicap Sept. 12, but failed to finish the course when a 7-1 shot in this test on Boxing Day 2014. Partnered here by Trinidadian Emile Ramsammy, Transpire broke alertly from the one hole, set an unpressured pace and began to sneak away on the turn. He opened an imposing lead into the stretch and had just enough in the tank to hold off Bergeron Rodeo, who finished runner-up for the second straight year. **Click for a [video replay](#).**

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## BREEDING PLANS: BALLYMACOLL STUD



Ballymacoll's outstanding Islington (I) | *Racing Post*

by Chris McGrath

Few stud managers, in choosing partners for their mares, must strive for a balance quite as delicate as the one sought by Peter Reynolds at Ballymacoll Stud. On the one hand, he has the sheer substance of its base bloodlines, weighted by generations of Classic quality and stamina. On the other, he needs to maintain sufficient commercial buoyancy to meet a brief of self-sufficiency since the death of Lord Weinstock, 13 years ago.

In disclosing mating plans for 2016 to the *TDN*, then, Reynolds notes the perennial need in County Meath to maintain a fresh lustre on the Weinstock family silver. Of the 16 mares nowadays on the roster, half a dozen apiece trace to the stud's two core families: one founded by Country House (GB) (Vieux Manoir {Fr}), including the likes of North Light (Ire) (Danehill), Golan (Ire) (Spectrum {Ire}) and Hellenic (Ire) (Darshaan {GB}); and another rooted in Sunny Valley (Ire) (Val De Loir {Fr}), a family tree that takes in Sun Princess (Ire) (English Prince {Ire}), Conduit (Ire) (Dalakhani {Ire}) and Spectrum (Ire) (Rainbow Quest). But sometimes Reynolds, in the service of Ballymacoll for over four decades, has to cut against the grain.

"We're still using horses that we believe can get you a [G1] Derby winner," he stressed. "But if you want to produce a stallion for the commercial market then they've got to win at two. And if you're trying to breed mile-and-a-half horses, with families like these, you have to be careful that you don't end up with two-milers instead." [cont. p2](#)

## PACKED HOUSE FOR QATAR DERBY

by Steve Sherack

With an overflow field of 17 entered, there are plenty of different directions to go in for Wednesday's US\$500,000 Qatar Derby. **Tannaaf (Ire)** (High Chaparral {Ire}), a smart debut winner at Newmarket last summer, makes the trip for trainer Mike de Kock. The bay was last seen placing a close third in the Listed Fairway S. May 30.

"Tannaaf won impressively at Newmarket as a 2-year-old before competing last season in some of the English Derby trials," de Kock offered. "He is a late maturing horse and I think he will run very well in the Qatar Derby, although it is a competitive international race as you would expect." [cont. p4](#)



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**Breeding Plans: Ballymacoll Stud cont.**

Continued Reynolds, "You do have to inject some speed, hence we're using horses like Invincible Spirit (Ire) (Green Desert), Exceed And Excel (Aus) (Danehill) and Oasis Dream (GB) (Green Desert)--albeit he's one you wouldn't be too sure what you might get, in terms of distance potential, especially with middle-distance mares."

Oasis Dream is scheduled for a reunion with Hellenic's outstanding daughter, **Islington (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells), the pair having already produced the 3-year-old Angel Vision (Ire).

"Angel Vision is now with Michael Dilger in America, and ran a very nice first race in New York the other day," Reynolds said. "The aim is to get some black-type into her. Islington is expecting a foal by Sea The Stars (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}) on Jan. 16. She's incredible, she has so far produced nine fillies out of nine foals--and I've no doubt this will be another filly, too. The whole family is that way, and it's difficult because you can't keep them all. You do what you can, but you have to be careful in case you end up with a bunch of old mares, a few breadwinners and no stars. As it is, some of them have been spread around to other breeders and are being well matched. At the end of the day, that can only help the family."

This kind of external reinforcement of the Ballymacoll brand can sometimes prove at least as valuable as those immediate dividends required, simply to make ends meet, from the occasional sale of a mare.

"This time last year, for instance, we sold a mare called Long View (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) to Claiborne," Reynolds remarked. "And we sold Auld Alliance (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}) the year before. And they're both in foal now to War Front (Danzig)."

Between them, these two daughters of Highland Gift (Ire) (Generous {Ire}) generated \$1.65 million while granting access to Ballymacoll blood to American breeders with freedom to invest heavily in stallion fees. Sadly their venerable mother--whose first foal, by another Ballymacoll graduate in Spectrum, was Golan--died in April, aged 22.

"She'd had this enormous foal by Arcano (Ire) (Oasis Dream {GB})," Reynolds explained. "A colt, sadly, but a most beautiful chestnut. Unusually, she lived 12 hours and then hemorrhaged. It was almost as though she wanted to check the foal was grand and then down she went. The colt was put to a foster mare."

Daughters of Highland Gift still on the stud include **Gift Range (Ire)** (Spectrum {Ire}), a sister to the 2008 G1 Derby runner-up Tartan Bearer (Ire). She is slated to visit Invincible Spirit (Ire) (Green Desert) in 2016.

"While he hasn't actually been that lucky for us so far, I think he's a very good sire," Reynolds said. "And we're giving this mare every chance, because she was a good racemare and I do still feel it will come right with her."

Invincible Spirit's son, Kingman (GB), will be receiving one of Islington's sisters in **La Divina (Ire)** after she has delivered her

foal by Shamardal (Giant's Causeway); another, **Olympienne (Ire)**, is an exception to the family's propensity to produce fillies but was barren in 2015 and tries her luck next with Sea The Moon (Ger) (Sea The Stars {Ire}). Their half-sister by Galileo, **Justlookdontouch (Ire)**, is also pressing the Invincible Spirit angle hard: she is in foal to Kingman and next goes to Lawman (Fr). Reynolds noted that Abingdon, her 2-year-old by Street Cry (Ire) (Machiavellian), looks "very promising" after his debut fourth at Kempton a month ago.

Hellenic's grand-daughter, **Desert Bloom (Ire)** (Pilsudski {Ire}), is meanwhile going to Dark Angel (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}) in the hope that she might produce another son with the class of Fiorente (Ire) (Monsun {Ger})--albeit perhaps over rather shorter trips.

"She's in foal to Cacique (Ire) (Danehill), a stallion who's had fertility problems," Reynolds said. "With her, the solution was to cover her three times in one day! I think he's worth the effort because he has a brilliant record with what he gets."

Turning to the Sunny Valley family, **Spring Symphony (Ire)** (Darshaan {GB}) must be counted especially precious--being very closely related to Conduit (Ire) (Dalakhani {Ire}), who beat Tartan Bearer in the stud's historic one-two in the 2009 G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S. Unfortunately she has been difficult to manage at stud, having injured her pelvis in training, and was barren this year. She is to be given a fertile young partner in Camelot (GB) (Montjeu {Ire}) and hopes are high for the three offspring she will have in training next year--above all Arab Spring (Ire) (Monsun {Ger}), winner of five of his eight



Arab Spring | *Racing Post*

starts and just the type to come into his own with maturity.

"He got injured when just beaten in the G3 Brigadier Gerard S. at Sandown in May and had to have the summer off," Reynolds said. "We might have been able to get him back for the autumn but

decided to leave him alone and make a fresh start next year. Spring Symphony has already bred a Group 1 winner in Australia, Glass Harmonium (Ire) (Verglas {Ire}), so they're always trying to buy him--but I hope he can increase his value next year."

Given that he has no choice but to cash in a valuable mare from time to time, it is inevitable that Reynolds will sometimes be left to rue his timing. A case in point is Spring Symphony's half-sister, Serres (Ire) (Daylami {Ire}), who was sold last year to Hesmonds Stud--shortly before the emergence of her daughter Thetis (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) to finish runner-up in the G2 Rockfel S. in September. [cont. p3](#)

**Breeding Plans: Ballymacoll Stud cont.**

"Her new owners are absolutely delighted, of course," Reynolds said. "But I'm very happy too. I've still got her elder sister **Liber Nauticus (Ire)** (Azamour {Ire}), a Group 3 winner, going to Golden Horn (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire})."



**Liber Nauticus (Ire)** | *Racing Post*

And, of course, Thetis is now eligible to become a valuable broodmare in her own right.

"People were asking what she was doing, going to a race like that after winning her maiden at Carlisle," Reynolds said. "But it was very simple. She's a very good-actioned filly and we were just chasing the ground up there. I think a mile and a quarter could turn out to be her sort of trip, but she's an exciting filly regardless because we don't tend to have 2-year-olds running in group races."

Other mares representing the family include **Scottish Stage (Ire)** (Selkirk), whose 2-year-old son by Shamardal ran a promising fourth on his debut at Wolverhampton last month. She will return to Shamardal's son, Lope De Vega (Ire) after delivering his foal in the New Year. **Eleanora Duse (Ire)** (Azamour {Ire}), meanwhile, is in foal to Oasis Dream and breaks with the stud manager's habits in 2016 with a tryst with Gleneagles (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}).

"I used not to use first-season sires," Reynolds remarked. "I must be getting old!"

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**FAHEY EQUALS WINS RECORD**

Richard Fahey equaled retired trainer Richard Hannon Sr.'s record of 235 winners in a calendar year thanks to a Lingfield double through **Gabrial The Hero** (War Front) and **Luis Vaz De Torres (Ire)** (Tagula {Ire}). Luis Vaz De Torres (5-1) secured that important landmark victory in the Daily Price Boosts At Unibet H. The 3-year-old was ridden by Tony Hamilton, who had chalked up 100 winners in a season for the first time when successful on Gabrial The Hero in the two-mile 32RedSport.com H. Always appearing to be traveling better than anything else, Gabrial The Hero (7-1) stormed into the lead in the straight when given his head, but was all out to hold the late challenge of Cotton Club (Ire) (Amadeus Wolf {GB}) by a neck.

Fahey commented, "It's grand. I can't believe it. It's a huge amount of winners, but I've got a good team behind me. Tony's reached 100 winners, so it's a good day for everybody. It would be great if we could beat the record. We'll be trying anyway."

Fahey has three runners at Southwell Tuesday, as he goes in pursuit of the outright record.

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**Monday's Results:**

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Storm Ahead (Ire)**, g, 2, **Iffraaj (GB)**--Loose Julie (Ire), by Cape Cross (Ire). LIN, 12-28, 7f 1y (AWT), 1:25.00. B-Victor Stud & Brendan Cummins (IRE). \*40,000gns Wlg '13 TATFOA.

**Mr Quicksilver (GB)**, c, 3, **Dansili (GB)**--Last Second (Ire) (MGSW & G1SP-Eng & GSP-Ire, \$236,155), by Alzao. LIN, 12-28, 8f 1y (AWT), 1:38.21. B-Denford Stud Ltd. (GB). \*300,000gns Ylg '13 TAOCT. \*\*1/2 to Aussie Rules (Danehill), G1SW-Fr, GISW-US, GSW-Eng & GSP-Ire, \$874,570; and Approach (GB) (Darshaan {GB}), SW & GSP-Eng, GSP-US, \$187,940.

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**Monday's Results:**

**1st-DVL**, €29,000, Alw, 12-28, 2yo, 9 1/2f (AWT), 1:58.10, ft.

**DELICE DU HOULEY (FR)** (c, 2, **Fuisse {Fr}**--**Facilita {Ire}**, by **Fasliyev**) Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-0, €25,700. O/B-Mme Catherine Pelier & Gaston Hebert (FR); T-Yann Barberot.

**2nd-DVL**, €21,000, Alw, 12-28, 4yo/up, 9 1/2f (AWT), 1:56.10, ft.

**SWISS MAN (IRE)** (c, 4, **Saddex {GB}**--**Irish Flower {Ire}** {SP-Fr}, by **Zieten**) Lifetime Record: 23-3-4-5, €44,350. O-Jean-Louis Magnin & Jean-Pierre & Henri Gauvin; B-Adolf Schneider (IRE); T-Jean-Pierre Gauvin. \*€11,000 RNA Wlg '11 ARDEC. \*\*1/2 to Mister Ryan (Fr) (Acclamation {GB}), SP-Fr, \$169,275.

**3rd-DVL**, €21,000, Alw, 12-28, 4yo/up, 12 1/2f (AWT), 2:38.84, ft.

**ROCK OF ROMANCE (IRE)** (h, 5, **Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}**--**Romantic Venture {Ire}**, by **Indian Ridge {Ire}**) Lifetime Record: GSW-Itly & MGSP-Ger, 13-4-3-2, €95,905. O-Hans-Georg Stihl; B-Brendan Corbett (IRE); T-Andreas Wohler. \*€12,000 Ylg '11 TISEP. \*\*1/2 to Fictional Account (Ire) (Stravinsky), Hwt. Older Mare-Ire at 14f+, SW-Eng & Ire, \$178,094.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Pinot Grigio (Fr)**, g, 3, **Kendargent (Fr)**--Jolie Lili (Fr), by Balleroy. DVL, 12-28, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:28.12. B-Markus Nigge, Hermann Nigge & Mme Markus Nigge (FR). \*€35,000 RNA 2yo '14 ARQFEB.



**Packed House for Qatar Derby cont.**

De Kock continued, "I am not sure what the graded equivalent would be, but the Royal Family in Qatar are spending in the racing industry. They clearly have a gameplan and the stature of this race has improved with the purse."

**Candal (Fr)** (Medicean {GB}), second in the GI Belmont Derby Invitational S. in New York July 4, was third behind **The Blue Eye (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) in his local debut for these connections Dec. 10. Frankie Dettori has the mount.

Jamie Spencer will be in town to guide **Quarterback (Ger)** (American Post {GB}), winner of the Norwegian Derby in August. He placed second in the Listed James Seymour S. at Newmarket most recently Oct. 31.

The filly **Little Nightingale (Fr)** (Muhtathir {GB}), third in the G1 Prix de Diane in June, was freshened since finishing seventh at 38-1 in the G1 Prix de l'Opera Oct. 4.

"We welcome all of the international runners and wish them the best of luck in their respective races," Nasser Al Kaabi, general manager of the Qatar Racing and Equestrian Club, said. "We are looking forward to welcoming more international runners at the Emir's Sword Festival which will take place on 26, 27 and 28 February, 2016. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy New Year."

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**Wednesday, Al Rayyan, Qatar, post time: 12:00 p.m ET**

**QATAR DERBY (N), US\$500,000, 3yo, 2000mT**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	13	Candal (Fr)	Medicean (GB)	Dettori	Kobeissi
2	15	Convergence (Ire)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Williams	Mountain
3	8	Copleys Walk (Ire)	Excellent Art (GB)	Elliot	Hussain
4	4	Crescent (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Hamel	Kobeissi
5	11	Extremis (Ire)	Invcble Sprt (Ire)	Bentley	M J Ghazali
6	1	Fort Moville (Fr)	Le Havre (Ire)	de Vries	Kobeissi
7	6	Go Dan Go (Ire)	Dandy Man (Ire)	Suerland	Al Ghazali
8	5	Itorio (Ire)	Oratorio (Ire)	Ladjadj	Al Ghazali
9	12	Lieutenant Kaffee	First Defence	Avranche	Al Ghazali
10	9	Mawjood (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Convertino	Seifeddine
11	7	Quarterback (Ger)	Amricn Post (GB)	Spencer	Haugen
12	3	Rogue Runner (Ger)	King's Best	Pedroza	Hofer
13	2	Shutterbug (Fr)	Soldir of Frtne (Ire)	Crastus	Figge
14	10	Tannaaf (Ire)	Hgh Chaprral (Ire)	Smith	de Kock
15	16	The Blue Eye (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Mullen	Al Ghazali
16	14	Little Nightingale (Fr)	Mutathir (GB)	Sanders	Kobeissi
17	AE	Alpha Bravo (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	No Rider	MJ Ghazali
All carry 128, bar Little Nightingale, 123.					

**WELCOME TO QATAR**

by Steve Sherack

With my passport currently collecting more dust than stamps these days, I didn't have to think about it long before accepting an invite to attend this week's Qatar International Derby.

Consisting of a pair of seven-race evening cards held at Al Rayyan Racecourse Dec. 29 & 30, the two-day Festival is a mix of Thoroughbred and Arabian races, headlined by Wednesday's US\$500,000 Qatar Derby (2000m) and Tuesday's US\$100,000 Al Rayyan S. (1400m) for 2-year-olds. Both events are contested on grass.

With leading trainers Brian Meehan (UK), Tom Dascombe (UK), Mike de Kock (UAE), Mario Hofer (Ger) and Rune Haugen (Nor) all with entries, and the effervescent globe-trotting Frankie Dettori booked for mounts, there will be plenty of international flavor (er flavour) on display for sure. But the home team does hold a very strong hand in the Derby, too, with top local conditioner Jassim Al Ghazali represented by four runners alone. More to follow on the participants.



Brian Meehan | *Racing Post*

Selected as the host site of the 2022 FIFA World Cup (the first Middle Eastern country to earn this honor), Qatar is quickly becoming a force in racing at home and abroad as well. The Qatar Racing and Equestrian Club has sponsored the prestigious G1 Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe in France since 2008, and under the current agreement, will do so through 2022. And QIPCO, one of the leading private investment companies in Qatar, also has its name attached to several high-profile races, including the lucrative British Champions Series at Glorious Goodwood. Qatar's International Equine Sword Festival, meanwhile, spearheaded by the HH The Emir's Trophy, is held at Al Rayyan in late February. Al Shaqab Racing's Dubday (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) has won the past two renewals of the aforementioned feature.

The State of Qatar--which gained independence in 1971--is a sovereign country located in Southwest Asia, occupying the small Qatar Peninsula on the Northeastern coast of the Arabian Peninsula. Ruled by The Emir, HH Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al Thani, Qatar's total population is estimated at more than 1.7 million, with over 40% of the nation's population living in the rapidly growing capital city Doha. Transactions are done in the Qatar Riyal (QR3.65 = US\$1).

After a 1 1/2-hour drive on a foggy Sunday morning from the Jersey Shore to Philadelphia airport and a subsequent nonstop 12+-hour flight (my 6' 2" frame has never been more comfortable in economy, thank you Qatar Airways), I touched down in Doha shortly before 7 a.m. Monday. [cont.p5](#)

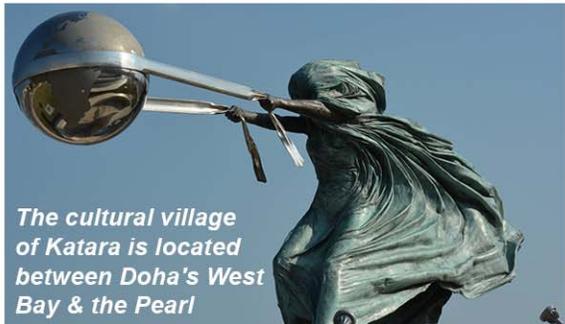
# DOHA, QATAR



The Katara Amphitheatre



Skyscrapers that will make you do a double take



The cultural village of Katara is located between Doha's West Bay & the Pearl



Beautiful view of the Doha skyline from the Corniche

**Welcome to Qatar cont.**

There was immediately plenty to take in on the drive to the Ritz-Carlton, including the spectacular Doha skyline (hard to imagine that it's still a work in progress considering all of the construction cranes in place) and the gorgeous Corniche waterfront promenade. My affable driver Henry from Kenya made me feel at home from the git-go, offering suggestions of which sites to check out during my stay while his American-centric playlist, featuring several songs by The Weeknd, played in the background.

While only in town for three days/two nights, it's time for me to get going...

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**'TARUMAE' EYES THIRD 'DAISHOTEN'**

The final Group 1 on the Japanese racing calendar and the lone international contest offered by the NAR circuit instead of the Japan Racing Association, the G1 Tokyo Daishoten will be held at Ohi Racecourse Tuesday afternoon. Two-time defending champion **Hokko Tarumae (Jpn)** (King Kamehameha {Jpn})

kicked off his 2015 season with a win in the Kawasaki Kinen to start off his year Jan. 28, but could do no better than fifth in the G1 Dubai World Cup at Meydan Mar. 28. He bounced back with a victory in the Teio Sho over track and trip June 24, but ran third in the JBC Classic Nov. 3 to



Hokko Tarumae | Ohi Racecourse

the reopposing G1 February S. hero **Copano Rickey (Jpn)** (Gold Allure {Jpn}), who ran second in the 2014 Tokyo Daishoten.

**Sound True (Jpn)** (French Deputy) was runner-up with **Happy Sprint (Jpn)** (Ammirare {Jpn}) back in fifth place. The dark bay was fifth in defense of his title in the G1 Champions Cup at Chukyo Dec. 6 and will have to return to his best form to find success for a third time Tuesday.

"We pushed him hard in fast work on Dec. 25 and I'm expecting him to go to the gate in top shape," said trainer Katsuichi Nishiura.

Sound True owns a win over Copano Rickey in October's Nippon TV Hai, with that rival back in third, going 1800 meters at Funabashi and breaks from stall five.

"He came out of that race [JBC Classic] well and has maintained good condition," said trainer Noboru Takagi.

The 2014 Tokyo Derby winner Happy Sprint (Jpn) (Ammirare {Jpn}) fourth in last year's Daishoten, adds some local flavor to the mix, but faces a tall order, as the Urawa Kinen was his lone victory from seven starts in 2015.

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**Tuesday, Ohi, Japan, post time: 2:30 a.m. EST**

**TOKYO DAISHOTEN-G1**, ¥136,000,000 (US\$1,130,241, 3yo/up, 2000m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Namura Victor (Jpn)	Zenno Rob Roy (Jpn)	Akiyama	Fukushima	125
2	Pretiolas (Jpn)	Figaro	Motohashi	Morishita	125
3	Yusei Queen Sa (Jpn)	Time Paradox (Jpn)	Yokokawa	Hiroshi	122
4	Wonder Acute (Jpn)	Charismatic	Wada	Sato	125
5	Sound True (Jpn)	French Deputy	Hiroshi	Takagi	125
6	Happy Sprint (Jpn)	Ammirare (Jpn)	Hikari	Morishita	125
7	Summit Stone (Jpn)	Roses in May	Ishizaki	Yoshihiro	125
8	Keiai Leone (Jpn)	Henny Hughes	Majima	Saso	125
9	Falcon Claw (Jpn)	Time Paradox (Jpn)	Tatsu	Okada	125
10	Grand City (Jpn)	King Kamehameha (Jpn)	Iwata	Aizawa	125
11	Copano Rickey (Jpn)	Gold Allure (Jpn)	Taketoyo	Akira	125
12	Eurobeat (Jpn)	Suzuka Mambo (Jpn)	Yoshihara	Watanabe	125
13	Hokko Tarumae (Jpn)	King Kamehameha (Jpn)	Miyuki	Nishiura	125
14	Touch Duel (Jpn)	Tap Dance City	Uchida	Teruhisa	122

**FUJI KISEKI PASSES AWAY**

Japanese champion **Fuji Kiseki (Jpn)** (Sunday Silence--Millracer, by Le Fabuleux {Fr}), a perfect four-for-four on the racetrack and a pensioned resident of Shadai Stallion Station, passed away in Japan from cervical stenosis, the Japanese Racing Association announced Monday. He was 23. Quick to prove the merits of his subsequent 12-time Japanese champion sire, the Watanabe Sakae-trained dark bay won his Niigata



Fuji Kiseki | JRA photo

debut August of 1994 and quickly added Hanshin's Momiji S. in October of that year, racing in the colors of Takashi Saito. He landed the Asahi Hai Sansai S. (Jpn-G1) over 1600 meters at Nakayama (becoming his sire's first domestic top-level winner) en route to champion

juvenile male honors in his native land, but started just once as a sophomore, taking the Hoshi Hai Yayoi Sho (Jpn-G2) in March of 1995. A bowed tendon prior to the Japanese Triple Crown sent the first-crop son of Sunday Silence to the breeding shed, having earned \$1,319,239. [cont. p6](#)

**Fuji Kiseki Passes Away cont.**

The fifth foal from 1986 GI Beldame S. fourth Millracer and a half-brother to Japanese stakes winner Shinin' Racer (Jpn) (Northern Taste), Fuji Kiseki was bred by Shadai Farm and stood there from 1996-2010, also shuttling to Arrowfield Stud in Australia from 1998 to 2003. Among the leading sires in Japan in 2001, 2002, 2004 and 2007, Fuji Kiseki accounted for a total of four champions: Japanese 2010 sprinter/miler Kinshasa no Kiseki (Aus) and South African champion 3-year-old filly and G1 Dubai Sheema Classic winner Sun Classique (Aus), both from his tenure at Arrowfield, while Isla Bonita (Jpn), Japan's 2014 champion 3-year-old colt and Koiuta (Jpn), Japan's champion older mare in 2007, hailed from his Shadai crops. Fuji Kiseki has been represented by a total of 66 stakes winners including G1 Sprinters' S. heroine Straight Girl (Jpn) and the Dec. 26 G2 Hanshin Cup victor Rosa Gigantea (Jpn). His progeny have earned over \$340 million to date.



Straight Girl | HKJC photo

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**TIMEFORM**

**Aidan O'Brien's Top Rated 2-Year-Olds**

Horse	Rating	Year
Roderic O'Connor (Ire)	119p	2010
Zoffany (Ire)	116	2010
Seville (Ger)	116p	2010
Wrote (Ire)	118p	2011
Maybe (Ire)	117p	2011
Camelot (GB)	117p	2011
Kingsbarns (Ire)	120p	2012
Battle of Marengo (Ire)	116p	2012
George Vancouver	116	2012
War Command	120p	2013
Australia (GB)	116p	2013
Giovanni Boldini	115p	2013
John F Kennedy (Ire)	116p	2014
Found (Ire)	115p	2014
Smuggler's Cove (Ire)	115	2014

Turf annual ratings for all horses that were Aidan O'Brien-trained on their last 2-year-old start. For more on Timeform, click [here](#).



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**Fasig-Tipton  
Midlantic Winter Mixed**  
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