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Trip To Paris | *Racing Post*

By John Berry

It is a notable omission from British racing that there is no official Horse of the Year Award. America's Eclipse Awards set the standard in this area as regards to what can be achieved in good publicity for the sport, but the British authorities have for too long failed to follow this lead. There are, of course, Horse of the Year awards in Great Britain, but their proliferation is their downfall, as none can be viewed as definitive. The Cartier Awards are arguably the most respected but, although administered in conjunction with two British newspapers (*Daily Telegraph* and *Racing Post*) and with a panel of British journalists, they represent a European awards system rather than a British one. This was made clear in 2013 when the main award was won by Treve (Fr) (Motivator {GB}) who was no more eligible for a British Horse of the Year award that season than American Pharoah (Pioneerof The Nile) would have been in 2015. She was not trained in Britain, and did not run in Britain during that season--and a horse surely has to have either been trained or raced (or both) in a country at some stage of the year to be qualified to be its Horse of the Year.

Of the other awards ceremonies in Britain, the Racehorse Owners' Association's awards are arguably the most respected. It is always interesting to compare the ROA and the Cartier winners. [Cont. p2](#)

CAPITALIST SHOWS SPARKLE IN WORKOUT

'TDN Rising Star' Capitalist (Aus) (Written Tycoon {Aus}) has delighted connections in his latest workout and is firmly on course for the A\$2-million Magic Millions 2YO Classic at the Gold Coast next Saturday Jan. 9. Having missed an intended trial last week due to a slightly elevated



Capitalist | *Racing And Sports*

temperature, the Peter & Paul Snowden trained colt galloped at Randwick Racecourse alongside stablemate Mooshakissa (Aus) (Duporth {Aus}) over 800m with Blake Shinn in the saddle. Having sat behind his work partner, Capitalist quickened smartly to draw alongside under a tight rein and the pair went quite a way beyond the finishing line before pulling up. [Cont. p5](#)

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DORTMUND TO SKIP SAN PASQUAL

Dortmund (Big Brown) will not run in Santa Anita's GII San Pasqual S. Jan. 9 as previously planned, according to trainer Bob Baffert.

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In 2015, it went without saying that Golden Horn (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}) would be Horse of the Year on both lists, while Muhaarar (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) and Air Force Blue (War Front) were two other horses who inevitably headed their categories in both sets of awards. The two awards for Stayer of the Year, though, went different ways, which provides an interesting commentary on the competitiveness of the division at present. In a European context, one should classify staying races as being those run beyond 12 furlongs. Using that guideline, there is (surprisingly) only one long-distance weight-for-age Group 1 race in Britain each year. Common sense says that the winner of that race (the G1 Ascot Gold Cup) is always going to be a prime candidate for champion stayer. In 2015, however, the Gold Cup winner was Trip To Paris (Ire) (Champs Elysees {GB}) who took neither body's award, notwithstanding that his credentials were very strong.

Trip To Paris preceded his Gold Cup victory by taking one of Britain's most historic and prestigious staying handicaps, the Chester Cup. And he followed it up by emerging the best horse at the weights in the country's second best staying race, the G2 Qatar Goodwood Cup, in which he was beaten half a length into third while giving 4lb to both winner and runner-up. (And it is, of

course, strange that Britain's second best staying race is run at set-weights-plus-penalties, rather than weight-for-age). He then acquitted himself gloriously in Australia, finishing second in the G1 Caulfield Cup and fourth in the G1 Melbourne Cup. Trip To Paris, however, was not the staying choice of either Cartier or the ROA. The former opted for Simple Verse (Ire) (Duke Of Marmalade {Ire}), a Group 1 winner at 12 furlongs (in the G1 Qipco British Champions Fillies & Mares S.) and at 14.5 furlongs (in the G1 Ladbrokes St Leger) as well as a Group 3 winner over 14 furlongs at Glorious Goodwood—but never a winner in open company. If her award was slightly surprising, the selection of Brown Panther (GB) (Shirocco {Ger}) by the ROA was even less predictable.

Brown Panther was a hugely popular horse, as well as a very good one. His 11 victories included the G2 Goodwood Cup in 2013, and the G1 Palmerstown House Irish St Leger at the Curragh in 2014. His record speaks volumes for his ability, his honesty and his toughness. However, the Brown Panther dream turned into a nightmare in 2015. In the spring he won the G2 Dubai Gold Cup and finished second in the G2 Betway Yorkshire Cup, but then sustained an injury which kept him out of action during the summer. When he did resume in the autumn, he was fatally injured in the G1 Irish St Leger.

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His honor was seemingly more of a well-deserved lifetime achievement award, presumably helped by the fact that he was bred and part-owned by a popular national sporting hero, former England soccer international Michael Owen. The fact,



The Late Brown Panther | *Racing Post*

though, that there could have been (at least) three realistic contenders for 'Stayer of the Year' speaks volumes for the openness of Europe's staying ranks at present. That there is such strength in depth among the stayers is very good

because this division remains very popular (among racegoers, even if not breeders).

The fact that the top staying races are so well contested nowadays makes the recent achievements of the mighty Yeats (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) particularly notable. The golden era which saw the champions Sagaro, Le Moss and Ardross collectively win seven Ascot Gold Cups between 1975 and '82 was a time when these races attracted far fewer runners, and those horses generally only had to beat three or four rivals to take the crown. By contrast, Yeats achieved his unprecedented G1 Ascot Gold Cup four-timer (2006 to '09 inclusive) by winning in fields of 12, 14, 10 and nine runners. When we see a dominant stayer in an age when the top staying races attract strong fields, then we are truly blessed.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Cape of Glory (Ire), c, 3, **Cape Cross (Ire)**--Stairway to Glory (Ire), by Kalanisi (Ire). CHD, 1-3, 10f (AWT), 2:04.37. B-Razza Pallorsi SNC di Giacomo Gariboldi (IRE). *40,000gns Wlg '13 TATFOA; 23,000gns Ylg '14 TAOCT.

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1st-DVL, €19,000, Alw, 1-3, 4yo, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:18.10, ft. RIVALBA (f, 4, Street Cry {Ire}--Rahiyah {G1SP-Fr & GSP-Eng, \$116,304}, by Rahy) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, €22,000. O-Ecurie Gribomont, Charley Rossi & Ecurie du Sud; B-Darley (KY); T-Charley Rossi. *€40,000 3yo '15 ARDEC.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Moon Express (Fr), f, 3, **Astronomer Royal--Surpressa (Fr)**, by Take Risks (Fr). DVL, 1-3, 9 1/2f (AWT), 2:00.81. B-Jean Justin Fournier & Jerome Brion (FR).

Bal de Rio (Fr), g, 3, **Vertigineux (Fr)**--Baldoranic (Fr), by Panoramic (GB). DVL, 1-3, 9 1/2f (AWT), 1:58.63. B-Yves Fremiot & Sebastien Valerio (FR). *€16,000 RNA Ylg '14 OSLATE.

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“He is as good as gold,” reported co-trainer Peter Snowden to *Racing And Sports*. “We didn’t do a lot with him, just enough to blow the cobwebs out. They were only asked to do a bit the last furlong and he was really good. Today was about making sure he was fine, make sure there is no temperature and see him eat up well over the weekend,” added Snowden.

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PRIZE EXHIBIT SHOWS OFF IN MONROVIA



Prize Exhibit (5) tackles Shrinking Violet and holds off Ageless | Benoit

DP Racing's **Prize Exhibit (GB)** (Showcasing {GB}) came out on top in a blanket finish to the GII Monrovia S. at Santa Anita Sunday. The dark bay filly, sent off at 7-1, chased the pacesetters through a quarter in :21.33. She snuck through an opening along the rail after a half in :43.52 and surged to the lead. Defending Monrovia champ **Shrinking Violet** (Congaree) followed her path and began to challenge along the rail as favored **Ageless** (Successful Appeal) was unwinding a powerful late rally in the center of the course, but it was Prize Exhibit moving best of all in the final strides to get her nose on the line first.

"I didn't think she'd have any problem [coming down the hill for the first time] unless she started idling trying to figure out what the heck this is all about, which she has a tendency to do," admitted winning trainer James Cassidy. "But being that [jockey Santiago Gonzalez] had her surrounded, she didn't have any time to think about that, so that was a good thing. I was a little upset we were that close, but when it opened for her, he rode her perfect, and she's a hard horse to ride. You could see down the lane she was out there in the clear and kind of looking around, so she can be difficult, but she got it done."

Purchased privately after a close-up third-place effort in the G3 Oh So Sharp S., Prize Exhibit was transferred stateside to finish fourth behind Lady Eli (Divine Park) in the 2014 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillees Turf for Deron Pearson's DP Racing. She won a pair of one-mile graded stakes during her 2015 campaign, taking the June 27 GIII Senorita S. at Santa Anita and the July 19 GII San Clemente H. at Del Mar. **Cont. p3**

DORTMUND TO SKIP SAN PASQUAL

Dortmund (Big Brown) will miss a match-up with Horse of the Year California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit) in the Jan. 9 GII San Pasqual S., trainer Bob Baffert confirmed Sunday after the chestnut worked seven furlongs in 1:25.80 ([video](#)) at Santa Anita.

"I missed a little time with him after that second quarter crack and he didn't really finish the way I like to see him finish," Baffert said after watching Dortmund work Sunday. "I wanted to see him finish up a little better than he did.

Our goal for him is the [Mar. 12 GI] Big Cap."

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Dortmund | Horsephotos

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Leslie Martin

NYQUIST ON TRACK

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Reddam Racing's Nyquist (Uncle Mo) continued preparations for his expected sophomore debut with a five-furlong work at Santa Anita Sunday.

DOLPHUS EYES LECOMTE

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Dolphus (Lookin at Lucky), a half-brother to Horse of the Year Rachel Alexandra (Medaglia d'Oro), could make his stakes debut in the Jan. 16 GIII LeComte S., trainer Joe Sharp reports.

STREET SENSE COLT GRADUATES AT BIG A

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Prize Exhibit Shows off in Monrovia *(cont. from p1)*

Third in the Aug. 15 GI Del Mar Oaks and second in the Sept. 6 GII Yellow Ribbon S., Prize Exhibit was cutting back to 6 1/2 furlongs off a sixth-place effort in the Nov. 29 GI Matriarch S. Roodeye's Harbour Watch (Ire) colt sold for 50,000gns at last year's Tattersalls October Yearling Sale. The mare, a half-sister to Group 1-placed Gallagher (GB) (Bahamian Bounty {GB}), produced a colt by Champs Elysees (GB) last spring.

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2--**Shrinking Violet**, 120, m, 6, [Congaree](#)--Lets Get Cozy, by Cozzene. (\$4,000 Wlg '10 KEENOV). O-Wesley A. Ward; B-Ashbrittle Stud (KY); T-Wesley A. Ward. \$40,000.

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Dortmund to Skip San Pasqual *(cont. from p1)*

Baffert could still be represented in the San Pasqual by Hoppertunity (Any Given Saturday). Winner of last year's San Pasqual, Hoppertunity worked seven furlongs at Santa Anita Saturday in 1:25.20. The newly turned 5-year-old most recently finished second in the Nov. 27 GI Clark H.



Mor Spirit | Benoit

Also Sunday, Baffert sent out GI Los Alamitos Futurity winner

Mor Spirit (Eskendereya) to work four furlongs at Santa Anita in :49.40 ([video](#)). The dark bay is expected to make his sophomore debut in the Feb. 6 GIII Robert B. Lewis S., where he could match up again with stablemate and Futurity runner-up **Toews on Ice** (Archarcharch). Toews on Ice worked four furlongs Sunday in :48.80.

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NYQUIST ON TRACK

Reddam Racing's GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner **Nyquist** (Uncle Mo) continued to train for his expected sophomore debut in the Feb. 15 GII San Vicente S. with a five-furlong work at Santa Anita Sunday in 1:00.40 ([video](#)).



Nyquist | Benoit

"He breezed great," trainer Doug O'Neill said. "He galloped out super. I couldn't be happier."

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Dolphus (Lookin at Lucky), a half-brother to Horse of the Year Rachel Alexandra (Medaglia d'Oro), could make his stakes debut in the Jan. 16 GIII LeComte S. at Fair Grounds. A determined debut winner going six furlongs at Fair Grounds Nov. 22, the chestnut colt is coming off a third-place effort in a Dec. 18 optional claimer going the LeComte's one-mile-and-70-yard distance. Dolphus worked four furlongs in :50.40 Saturday.



Dolphus | Fair Grounds photo

"He had a great work yesterday and has been training well," trainer Joe Sharp said. "He's doing better than he did before his last race and the 'a -other-than' didn't fill, so we may go to the LeComte with him. It depends on how it shapes up."

"My personal vote would be to run," Sharp continued. "We've always had that race in our minds and he gained a ton out of his last race. He physically looks more athletic and is starting to lose that baby fat and look like an older horse."

Also considered possible for the LeComte are the two horses who finished ahead of Dolphus in his last outing: **Pinnacle Peak** (Yes It's True) and **Tom's Ready** (More Than Ready).

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1/16	GII La Canada S.	SA
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New York

Sunday's Results:

6th-AQU, \$60,000, Msw, 1-3, 3yo, 1m 70y, 1:46.30, ft. STREET HEAT (c, 3, [Street Sense](#)--Yes She's a Lady {SW, \$122,407}, by Yes It's True) made mild headway to cross the wire fifth on debut going 6 1/2 furlongs here Dec. 5, soundly beaten by runner-up King Kranz (Munnings), who returned to annex the Lost in the Fog S. here on New Year's Day. Sent postward as the 3-1 second choice for this first try on the inner track, the dark bay raced five-wide around the opening bend and was confidently handled in midpack behind a half-mile in :48.23. Sent up to challenge for the lead turning for home, Street Heat kept favored Big Gillette (Big Brown) hemmed in behind a tiring foe in midstretch and was fully extended to hold off a late rush from that rival by a head. The winner's stakes-winning dam is also responsible for an unnamed juvenile colt by Hard Spun and was bred back to Bodemeister in 2015. The winner hails from the extended female family of MGISW turfer Pure Clan (Pure Prize) and MGSW Greater Good (Intidab). Sales History: \$190,000 RNA Ylg '14 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$37,800. [Click for the Equibase.com chart.](#)

O-Hidden Brook Farm & Mark Corrado; B-Olly Tait (KY); T-Chad C. Brown.

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4th-AQU, \$60,000, Msw, 1-3, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11.01, ft. MAY BE A DIAMOND (g, 4, [Congrats](#)--Diamond Fancy Free, by Cherokee Run) did not factor in his first three starts in 2015 under the care of trainer Bruce Brown, and was transferred to this new barn following a seventh-place run at Belmont in May. The dark bay returned to the races with a vastly improved third-place effort over trip and track Dec. 10, and was given a 9-2 chance to find the winner's circle in the new year. Away a step slowly from the inside stall, the gelding hustled up and quickly established position on the front end through a quarter-mile in :22.83. Clinging to a narrow advantage turning for home, May Be a Diamond dug in resolutely to fend off a persistent bid from favored Amoral (Scat Daddy) by 2 1/2 lengths. The winner's dam, a half-sister to MGISW First Samurai (Giant's Causeway), was most recently bred back to Into Mischiev. Sales History: \$60,000 Wlg '12 KEENOV; \$53,000 RNA Ylg '13 KEESEP; \$155,000 2yo '14 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-1, \$43,047. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Albert Fried Jr.; B-Grapestock LLC & Frederick W. Hertrich III (KY); T-Charlton Baker.

Kentucky

Saturday Night's Results:

WINTERGREEN S., \$50,000, TP, 1-2, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m (AWT), 1:38.12, ft.

1--**#SERENE MELODY, 120, m, 6, Street Cry (Ire)--Serena's Song (MGISW & Ch. 3yo filly, \$3,283,388), by Rahy.** O/B-The Robert & Beverly Lewis Trust (KY); T-Charles LoPresti; J-Sophie Doyle. \$28,830. Lifetime Record: 16-4-3-4, \$159,480.

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2--**City of Trix, 120, m, 8, Century City (Ire)--Charming Trick, by Tricky Creek.** (\$2,000 Ylg '09 FTKOCT). O-Serenity Spring LLC; B-Deborah Ratliff & Mike Levy (KY); T-Stacey Slovis. \$9,300.
 3--**Emotional Kitten, 120, m, 6, Kitten's Joy--Silent Emotion, by Ghazi.** O/B-Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey (PA); T-Wesley A. Ward. \$4,650.

 **Hip 994 - Half sis selling at KeeJan with TAYLOR MADE**

Margins: 2HF, 2 3/4, 3/4. Odds: 2.70, 42.80, 1.40.

Also Ran: Compelling Case, Merilore, Sea Shadow, Elegant Model, Voodoothatyoudo, Julie's Jewelry, Forensic, Diez Dancer, Femme Fatale. Scratched: Belle Natalie, Welcome Aboard.

Serene Melody, a daughter of MGISW Champion Serena's Song, earned her first stakes victory in the Saturday night feature in Northern Kentucky. Winner of a pair of one-mile allowance events to kick off her 2015 campaign, the mare ran sixth in the Kentucky Downs Ladies Turf S. over a grassy mile Sept. 19 and checked in third in Presque Isle's HBPA S. Oct. 6. Serene Melody was last seen finishing fourth in the Gil Chilukki S. over one mile at Churchill Downs Nov. 7. Taking solid support for this return to an all-weather surface, the newly minted 6-year-old was never far back and rallied to notch a comfortable score. The winner is a half to Sophisticat (Storm Cat), G1SW-GB, GSW-Fr, G1SP-Ire, \$443,393; Grand Reward (Storm Cat), GSW, \$545,844; Schramsberg (Storm Cat), GSW, \$394,626; Harlington (Unbridled), GSW, \$370,000; Serena's Tune (Mr. Prospector), MSW, \$337,260; and Arbitrate (Deputy Minister), SP, \$195,390. This is the same female family that produced 2015 GI Met Mile and GI Whitney H. victor Honor Code (A.P. Indy). [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)



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Eastern U.S.

Sunday's Results:

8th-LRL, \$49,182, Alw, 1-3, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:44.96, ft.

KAITAIN (g, 5, Kitalpha--Lucky Dance, by Kafwain) made steady progress in each of his first four starts, culminating with a decisive graduation going one mile here Dec. 18. Tabled as the slight 3-1 choice to make it two in a row, Kaitain raced well off the pace behind a half-mile in :47.68 and rallied to win by 2 1/2 lengths. Double Whammy (Arch) followed the winner's rally to complete the exacta. Sales History: \$19,000 RNA Ylg '12 EASSEP. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-2, \$83,122. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Wayne Harrison, Robert Manfuso, & K. M. Voss; B-Robert T. Manfuso & Katharine M. Voss (MD); T-Katharine M. Voss.

Maryland Handle Up in 2015:

Live handle at Pimlico and Laurel in 2015 was \$404 million--an increase of 20% from 2014, according to figures released Sunday by the Maryland Jockey Club. Live handle in state was also up, growing 8% from \$25.4 million in 2014 to \$27 million in 2015.

The MJC, which invested more than \$15 million in improvements to its facilities, attributed the increases to a growing off-track betting network, more turf races and capital improvements. The Horseshoe Casino, which opened in May, added \$6.9 million in off-track handle.

"We are delighted to see the increase in interest in Maryland Thoroughbred racing," said MJC President and General Manager Sal Sinatra. "The growth we've seen could not be possible without the support from horsemen in Maryland and throughout North America. New wagers, improvements at Laurel Park and bigger, more competitive fields have helped our product. We believe there is much more room for growth in Maryland. We will continue growing our product on track and off and always focus on the integrity of that product. There is great potential for Maryland racing."

Central U.S.

Sunday's Results:

3rd-FG, \$40,000, (S), Msw, 1-3, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:13.10, ft.

CONQUEST TIZ ONE (f, 3, Tiz the One--Elaines Reason {SP, \$208,530}, by Sky Classic) began her career campaigning for Conquest Stables and trainer Mark Casse, finishing second in a pair of six-furlong maiden tests at Woodbine and Keeneland Aug. 29 and Oct. 4, respectively. Purchased by these

connections for \$100,000 as a Keeneland November offering, the chestnut recently completed the exacta behind repeat-winner Aunt Nellie (Musket Man) in the restricted trip-and-track Louisiana Lassie S. Dec. 12. Bet down to 1-5 favoritism from a morning line allotment of 7-5 in this return to maiden company, Conquest Tiz One rocketed to the front and opened up a clear advantage through a quarter-mile in :22.50. Kept under steady encouragement, the filly was never threatened and crossed the wire 1 1/2 lengths clear of first-timer Carlita Shake (Custom for Carlos). The winner, who sold for just \$4,700 as an OBSWIN yearling, progressed to go for \$70,000 as an OBSOPN juvenile before her most recent sale at Keeneland November. The winner is a half to Love's Reason (Not For Love), SW, \$101,010. Lifetime Record: SP, 4-1-3-0, \$62,709. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Panic Stable; B-Gerard Melancon & Raymond Prejean (LA); T-Michael Stidham.

California

Sunday's Results:

5th-SA, \$58,500, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 1-3, 3yo, 6 1/2f, 1:15.15, ft.

I WILL SCORE (c, 3, Roman Ruler--Grassy Nellie, by Belong to Me) lived up to his name once again to remain undefeated Sunday afternoon in Arcadia. An impressive first-out victor going 5 1/2 panels at Los Alamitos Sept. 11, the dark bay was pounded down to even-money favoritism in this first try facing winners. Away in good order, the colt blazed through a quarter-mile in :21.01 with Rockin Bayou (Forefathers) closely in tow. Confronted by that rival cornering for home, I Will Score found more in tight quarters along the rail and battled back to earn the win by a head, while Rockin Bayou held on to secure place honors over a late-lunging Uncle Lino (Uncle Mo). The winner's dam is also responsible for the juvenile filly Curly Nellie (Curlin) and an unnamed yearling filly by Gio Ponti. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$64,800. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Hans Poetsch; B-Hans Poetsch (KY); T-Jerry Hollendorfer.

6th-SA, \$57,000, Msw, 1-3, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:23.81, ft.

MERIROSVO (f, 3, Lonhro {Aus}--Secret Asset, by Awesome Again) was a brief factor before flattening out to finish last of 11 in her grassy one-mile unveiling at Del Mar Nov. 21. The dark bay posted three intervening works over the local strip and was dismissed at odds of 38-1 for this turnback in distance. Away to a sharp beginning, the sophomore pressed the tempo from the four path through a quarter-mile in :22.45 and opened up a clear advantage into the stretch. **Cont. p3**

Santa Anita Race 6 cont.

Merirosvo met a bid from Audacious Angel (City Zip) in the final furlong and got her head down on the wire first. The winner, a \$95,000 KESEP yearling buy, has a juvenile half-brother Giant Secret (Giant's Causeway). Merirosvo's second and third dams are champions Smuggler (Unbridled) and Inside Information (Private Account), respectively. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$33,850. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Julie Gilbert & Aaron Sones; B-KatieRich Farms (KY); T-Patrick Gallagher.

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4th-SA, \$57,500, (S), Msw, 1-3, 4yo/up, 6 1/2fT, 1:13.97, fm. AREN VAUGHN (g, 4, Bertrando--She's Icy Hot, by Unusual Heat) finished third in a maiden claimer going 6 1/2 furlongs over the Del Mar main track Nov. 6. Making his first start for trainer Tim Yakteen and trying the turf here, the 5-1 chance stalked the pace early, bid for the lead in midstretch and got the late advantage to win by 1 1/4 lengths. Silver Summer (Siberian Summer) completed the exacta. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$36,960. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Donnie Crevier; B-Jack Nakkashian, Harry Bederian & Harout Kamberian (CA); T-Tim Yakteen.

Dick Wheeler Passes Away:

Longtime California racing official Dick Wheeler passed away Saturday at his home in Monrovia. He was 69. Wheeler held several positions over nearly 40 years at Santa Anita and Fairplex Park, where he served as racing secretary. Wheeler retired 18 months ago. "He was kind to everybody; everybody loved him," said Santa Anita Clerk of Scales Kevin Colosi, a long-time friend and associate.

ROOKIES

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CAPE BLANCO (IRE) (Galileo {Ire}), JBBA Shizunai Stallion Station, \$18K, 258/13/1

8-LRL, Aoc, 1m, Wychmere, 5-1

[TWIRLING CANDY](#) (Candy Ride {Arg}), Lane's End Farm, \$15K, 144/25/0

8-LRL, Aoc, 1m, Twisted Earl, \$27K KEE SEP yrl, 12-1

[UNCLE MO](#) (Indian Charlie), Ashford Stud, \$35K, 261/29/7

8-LRL, Aoc, 1m, Mo for the Money, \$225K KEE SEP yrl, 8-5

[WILBURN](#) (Bernardini), Spendthrift Farm, \$7K, 208/22/1

8-LRL, Aoc, 1m, Hey Willie, \$14K RNA EAS MAY 2yo, 15-1

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

3rd-AQU, \$69,000, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 1-3, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:43.72, ft.

PERFECT FREUD (f, 4, [Freud](#)--Platinum Perfect {MSW, \$228,100}, by Jules) Lifetime Record: SP, 18-6-4-4, \$313,092. O-Michael A. Henning; B-C. Robert Valeri (NY); T-Gary Sciacca.

8th-AQU, \$57,000, (S), 1-3, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:48.02, ft.

DAISY CUTTER (f, 4, [Bellamy Road](#)--Five Second Fuse, by Forestry) Lifetime Record: 10-4-0-1, \$122,320. O/B-TIC Stables (NY); T-Linda Rice.

8th-DED, \$44,000, (S), 1-2, (NW4L), 4yo/up, 5f, :59.54, ft.

JUST KISSING BUCK (g, 4, Limehouse--Just Kissing, by Kissin Kris) Lifetime Record: SP, 8-4-2-0, \$128,010. O-Suzette Necaize; B-Forrest Lanning, Kelly Turner & Tresa Snow (LA); T-Karl Broberg.

5th-FG, \$41,000, (S), (NW2L)/Opt. Clm (\$30,000), 1-3, 3yo, 1m, 1:40.90, ft.

EKATI WARRIOR (g, 3, [Tale of Ekati](#)--Cherokee Miss {SW, \$108,782}, by Cherokee Colony) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$51,580. O/B-Carl Schexnayder & Harold Babineaux (LA); T-Keith G. Bourgeois.

7th-FG, \$41,000, (S), 1-3, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13.38, ft.

SQUATTY (m, 5, [Congrats](#)--Skyward Bound, by Relaunch) Lifetime Record: 13-4-2-1, \$86,410. O/B-Thad Ackel (LA); T-Edward J. Johnston. *\$3,500 RNA Ylg '12 FTKOCT.

6th-DED, \$38,890, 1-2, (NW3L), 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:21.40, ft.

ZARB'S BRITE LITE (f, 4, Zarbyev--Steve's Brite Lite, by Father Steve) Lifetime Record: 10-3-3-3, \$95,405. O-Lynn Soileau; B-Robert Hewlett (LA); T-Shelton J. Zenon, Sr. *\$1,500 Ylg '13 BSCYRL.

1st-GP, \$38,000, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 1-3, 4yo/up, 7 1/2fT, 1:28.80, fm.

ON TENTERHOOKS (c, 4, [More Than Ready](#)--Red Hot Buddha {MSW, \$234,401}, by Buddha) Lifetime Record: 10-2-0-1, \$63,274. O-Mark B. Grier; B-Popatop, LLC (KY); T-Mark A. Hennig. *\$200,000 Ylg '13 KESEP.



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7th-GG, \$30,498, 1-2, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:10.10, ft.
THE GOMPER (c, 4, Sky Mesa--Tri Delt Girl, by Sefapiano)
 Lifetime Record: GSP, 12-2-2-3, \$103,640. O-Bloom Racing Stable LLC (Jeffrey Bloom) & Sagamore Farm; B-Oxley, Three Chimneys Farm Stallions, et al & Dr. Patricia Ziefler (KY); T-Jerry Hollendorfer. *\$45,000 RNA Wlg '12 KEENOV; \$60,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP.

6th-GG, \$29,097, 1-3, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, f/m, 5ft, :57.46, yl.
PORTEOUS (GB) (m, 5, Sixties Icon {GB}--Fading Away {GB}, by Fraam {GB}) Lifetime Record: 22-4-4-4, \$56,250. O-David C. Farr; B-Imperial & Mike Channon Bloodstock Ltd (GB); T-Michael Lenzini.

4th-SUN, \$25,600, 1-3, (NW2L), 4yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:43.99, ft.
TELEQUEST (g, 4, Greeley's Conquest--Telecaster, by Cactus Ridge) Lifetime Record: 14-2-2-3, \$50,265. O/B-Dream Walkin' Farms Inc. (KY); T-Paul A. Smith.

4th-TUP, \$21,000, (NW16MX)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 1-3, 4yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:02.07, ft.

STORM POWER (g, 6, Tiz Wonderful--Stormy B, by Cherokee Run) Lifetime Record: 15-5-2-1, \$147,920. O-Mercedes Stables LLC; B-Brookfield Stud (KY); T-Robertino Diodoro. *\$200,000 Wlg '10 KEENOV. **1/2 to Itsaknockout (Lemon Drop Kid), GSW, \$357,560.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Paschalitsa, f, 3, **Cindago**--Caitie's Secret (SP, \$117,196), by Benchmark. SA, 1-3, (S), (C), 6f, 1:12.23. B-Kosta Hronis (CA).

Electrifying, c, 3, **Dunkirk**--Perfectly Quiet (SP), by Quiet American. SA, 1-3, (C), 6f, 1:10.76. B-J. S. McDonald (KY). *\$100,000 Wlg '13 FTKNOV; \$85,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$350,000 2yo '15 EASMAY. **1/2 to Silent Moon (Malibu Moon), MSP, \$156,670.

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Eight Da Hardway, c, 3, **Proud Citizen**--Bianconi Baby (SW), by Bianconi. LRL, 1-3, 5 1/2f, 1:05.87. B-Michael & Amy Feuerborn (KY). *\$40,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP.

Rangers Funny Girl, f, 3, **U S Ranger**--Offlee Funny (MSP), by Offlee Wild. TP, 1-2, 6f (AWT), 1:13.34. B-Hargus & Sandra Sexton & Walter Bindner (KY).

Cool Moves, f, 4, **Hold Me Back**--Heavenly Splendor, by Point Given. TP, 1-3, 6f (AWT), 1:11.62. B-Paula W. Cline (KY). *\$25,000 RNA Ylg '13 FTKOCT.

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Rivalba, f, 4, **Street Cry (Ire)**. See "France."

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Lucky Concy, f, 3 **Sightseeing** --American Heiress, by Quiet American. Rome, 1-2 Md 2200m. B- Richland Hills (KY). O/T Agostino Affe`. *\$7,500 Wnlg '13 KEENOV; \$6,500 Ylg '14 OBSAUG.

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