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MOHAYMEN 'GREAT' AFTER HOLY BULL WIN



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Trainer Kieran McLaughlin reported **Mohaymen** (Tapit) was doing "great" a day after his impressive victory in Saturday's GII Lambholm Holy Bull S. The Shadwell runner improved his record to four-for-four with his 3 1/2-length victory in the 1 1/16-mile race at Gulfstream Park.

"He came out of the race great," McLaughlin said. "He ate up last night and looks excellent this morning. For now, we're pointing for the [Feb. 27 GII] Fountain of Youth. I haven't confirmed that with [Shadwell U.S. racing manager] Rick Nichols yet or Sheikh Hamdan, but I think that's the plan."

Nichols was one of many impressed with Mohaymen's effort in the Holy Bull, the colt's first start since winning the GII Remsen S. last November.

"He's just really good," Nichols said. "We know he's been good, but this really proves that he's that kind of horse. He beat a Grade I winner [runner-up Greenpointcrusader] and it looked to me like he was doing it pretty easy. He had his ears pricked. He was happy. Our original plan was, if he liked the track and ran well we'd leave him here, maybe the Fountain of Youth and Florida Derby. We'll see how he comes out and what the boss thinks."

McLaughlin did admit to having some anxious moments after Mohaymen's slow start Saturday.

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op/ed by T.D. Thornton



A TALE OF TWO OTBS

In the broader economy, various types of construction projects are viewed as indicators that might be signaling the overall direction or strength of the business climate. Within the past two weeks in the Thoroughbred racing industry, two relatively small initiatives made local headlines, but both have the potential to be industry-wide signposts that point to where the nation's racetracks might be investing for the future.

The two projects are important as much for what they are as for how they were received in their respective communities: Both are brick-and-mortar off-track-betting facilities planned by live racing license-holders to be incorporated into existing multi-use properties. **Cont. p3**

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"He's a big horse and beautifully made," trainer Bob Baffert said of Mor Spirit (Eskendereya) (outside), who makes his sophomore debut in Saturday's GII Robert B. Lewis S. "He's got a really long stride. He'll be best going a mile and an eighth and further."

Zoe Metz

FOREVER UNBRIDLED WINS LADIES CLASSIC 6

Charles Fipke's Forever Unbridled (Unbridled's Song) sailed home an easy 1 3/4-length winner of the GIII Houston Ladies Classic S. at Sam Houston Saturday night.

COURSE RECORD FOR DA BIG HOSS 7

Da Big Hoss (Lemon Drop Kid), a \$50,000 claim last summer, earned his second graded victory for Skychai Racing and trainer Mike Maker with a course-record setting win in the GIII John B. Connally Turf Cup S. Saturday night at Sam Houston.

BONANZA DAYS HIGHLIGHT NYRA SCHEDULE 8

Highlighted by four blockbuster days of races, the New York Racing Association unveiled the stakes schedules for its upcoming Belmont Park and Saratoga meetings.

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Mo Tom's win in the GIII Lecomte S. propelled Uncle Mo to the top of the 2016 second-crop sire list.

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Mohaymen Great after Holy Bull Win

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"I was nervous after he didn't break sharp because it didn't look like there was much pace in the race," McLaughlin said. "I thought we might break well and just be on the lead and stay out of trouble. That didn't happen, but obviously Junior [Alvarado] was fine and he had plenty of horse and plenty of confidence and just let him move up between those two going down the backside and took the lead. You can't ever expect to see a performance like that, but that's the kind of effort at 1-5 that you like to see. Johnny [Velazquez] was on a nice colt [in Greenpointcrusader] and he was closer than normal, but he ran huge and the way he finished was very impressive. He's just a special, special colt."

Trainer John Servis reported Cash is King's **Cathryn Sophia** (Street Boss) exited her win in Saturday's GII Forward Gal S. in good shape. Now a perfect three-for-three, the **'TDN Rising Star'** will now be aimed at the Feb. 27 GII Davona Dale S.

"I got to watch the replay a couple times and I was very impressed," Servis said. "I thought the race [Saturday] was more impressive than the first two," Servis said.

He added, "That was only her third race, so you would sure think there is room for improvement."

Stanley Gold said plans were undecided for GIII Swale S. winner **Awesome Banner** (Awesome of Course), but the trainer didn't rule out a tilt at the Fountain of Youth.

Of the added distance of that 1 1/16-mile race, Gold said, "I'm confident [he can get the distance]. The question is when are we going to go two turns and where are we going to run next. Two turns won't be a problem, but that doesn't necessarily mean you're going to win. He'll run two turns, because he's not going to run off with crazy speed."

Gold and owner Jacks or Better Farm were also represented Saturday at Gulfstream by Holy Bull third-place finisher **Fellowship** (Awesome of Course), but the trainer said it was too early to start dreaming about the GI Kentucky Derby.

"I don't have Derby Fever at all. It'd be crazy to think about May in February," said Gold.

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A Tale of Two OTBs (cont. from p1)

Over the past 15 years or so, racetracks have not exactly placed a high priority on investing in stand-alone simulcasting facilities. Chasing an ever-changing and ever-elusive best business model, the industry has shifted through phases that have focused on phone and Internet wagering, alternate forms of casino/racino gaming, and within the past year or so, figuring out how to either compete with or quash the multi-billion dollar onslaught of online fantasy gaming.

OTBs, in the meantime, have more or less drifted to the bottom of the desirability list from a racetrack operator's standpoint. The unpalatable, hard-to-shake stigma of seedy, poorly run, urban storefront "parlors" certainly contributed to the demise of many OTBs in the early 21st Century, but economic reality also played a significant role. New York City Off-Track Betting Corporation, for example, was forced into bankruptcy and eventually went out of business in 2010. In the five-plus years since the largest and potentially most lucrative OTB network in the nation has been dark, no serious entity has stepped up to make a bid for taking over its dormant individual shops, which once numbered as high as 150.

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But New York City is a far cry from Owensboro, Kentucky. On Jan. 20, with a fair amount of local fanfare, that city of 58,000 authorized a purchase agreement that would sell its 67-year-old multi-purpose sports arena to the owner of a minor-league hockey team for one dollar. The East Coast Hockey League team, the IceMen, would move across the state line from Evansville, Indiana, to take up residence at what's known as the Sportscenter. In exchange, the potential new owner has agreed to invest up to \$6 million to refurbish the property to make it a civic centerpiece.

The owner of the IceMen is Ron Geary, who also happens to own nearby Ellis Park. Part of Geary's proposal includes an OTB with a full restaurant that is projected to infuse \$600,000 in annual wages to the local economy.

"We chose to look at OTB and we were greatly impressed with downtown," Geary said at a city hall news conference that announced the deal. The *Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer* reported that the contract includes language that not only shows that the local government supports the OTB, but will require "Ellis Park to use its reasonable business efforts in good faith to obtain permission from the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission to open and operate a sports-themed restaurant" by 2017.

The Owensboro paper further quoted Marc Guilfoil, the newly appointed KHRC executive director, as saying that it's been so long since anyone proposed an OTB in Kentucky that the commission is going to have to research the rules to figure out how it's done.

"Looks like Owensboro will have legalized gambling," the *Messenger-Inquirer* editorialized. "And without any fuss at all."

But broad civic support for an OTB is definitely not the case in Timonium, Maryland, where a project to allow the Maryland Jockey Club (MJC) to establish a year-round simulcasting room at the state fairgrounds where Thoroughbreds run every August has been in the works for several months.

Two weeks ago residents and community leaders claimed to be caught off guard by the prospect of expanded gambling encroaching upon their retail-dominated neighborhood hard by Interstate 83. Their discontent simmered over as the fairgrounds simulcasting facility was preparing for a "soft" opening that appeared to have secured everything but the formality of a final vote from the Maryland Racing Commission.

"They're just trying to shove this down everybody's throats and shove it down in the middle of a snowstorm," one irate resident complained to the *Baltimore Sun*, alluding to a Jan. 22 local hearing on the OTB that was wiped out by a blizzard (but has since been rescheduled for Feb. 11). The paper also reported that a Baltimore County Councilman is researching whether he can quickly pass a zoning bill to put a stop to the simulcast facility.

One argument against the Timonium OTB has to do with worries of potential traffic woes. However, considering that the fairgrounds routinely holds a full slate of concerts, festivals, and other year-round events (this past weekend's Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Winter Mixed Sale, for example, shared exhibit space with a sold-out charity "bull roast" and a popular exotic reptile show), the notion of simulcast players choking the roadways seems preposterous.

Sal Sinatra, the MJC vice president and general manager, told the *Sun* that the Timonium OTB projects to draw 100 to 150 horseplayers daily arriving in 35 to 50 cars. The MJC would have to be exponentially off in its business forecast while operating the most wildly successful simulcasting room in America to inflict any noticeable burden upon local traffic.

Local reactions to these two projects aside, what does the foray into mixed-use OTBs signify for the racing industry as a whole?

In the MJC's case, an eventual expansion into a small network of a half-dozen or so OTB sites around the state in facilities where other forms of entertainment (or gambling) are simultaneously going on is part of an evolving master plan.

Last May, the MJC opened a new OTB on the first floor of the Horseshoe Casino in downtown Baltimore, and the venture was so well received that the room had to be enlarged twice within three months. MJC has indicated it is scouting locations that border surrounding states for future OTB sites, and would like to bring simulcasting to the MGM National Harbor Casino that is being built along the Potomac River near Washington D.C. (expected to open in the second half of 2016).

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According to the Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, the profits at the new simulcasting sites are split equally among the OTB property owner, the MJC, and the state's horsemen (Thoroughbred and Standardbred associations divide their third 89%-11%).

The MJC is backed by The Stronach Group, which also owns Santa Anita Park, Golden Gate Fields, Gulfstream Park and Portland Meadows. Although OTB laws vary by state, The Stronach Group often tries to turn profitable practices into templates for other properties, so the OTB expansion plan could spread to the organization's other tracks.

Geary's OTB plan is not backed by any such corporate racing entity. But by flying solo, he has flexibility and maneuverability on his side.

Since buying Ellis in 2006 as something to do in his "retirement," Geary has earned a reputation as a horseplayer-centric track operator, and his past business career is deeply diverse. The Louisville native previously worked as a certified public accountant, a lawyer, been the president of a Bible college and seminary, served in a Kentucky gubernatorial cabinet, and was the chief executive of a *Forbes Magazine*-recognized publicly traded health care company. Geary is also a recent inductee to Kentucky's Entrepreneur Hall of Fame.

Just like in the broader economy, not every growth project signifies an emerging trend. But the mixed-use OTB projects in Kentucky and Maryland bear watching, lest the industry fail to see the potential economic indicators until it's too late to act upon them.

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1--**FOREVER UNBRIDLED**, 121, f, 4, by **Unbridled's Song**

1st Dam: Lemons Forever (GISW, \$648,940), by Lemon Drop Kid

2nd Dam: Critikola (Arg), by Tough Critic

3rd Dam: Hola Keats (Arg), by Keats

O/B-Charles Fipke (KY); T-Dallas Stewart; J-Joel Rosario. \$240,000. Lifetime Record: 9-3-2-2, \$551,600. *Full to Unbridled Forever, GISW, \$805,257. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.** Werk Nick Rating: **A++**.

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2--**Cali Star**, 121, m, 5, Street Cry (Ire)--Graeme Six, by Graeme Hall. (\$175,000 3yo '14 KEENOV). O-Ben P. Walden Jr. & Larry Taylor; B-Besilu Stables, LLC (KY); T-M Wolfson. \$80,000.

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3--**Cassatt**, 115, m, 5, **Tapit**--Justenufftime, by Giant's Causeway. (\$300,000 Ylg '12 KESEEP). O-Fox Hill Farms, Inc. & Hill 'N Dale Equine Holdings Inc.; B-Mt. Brilliant Farm LLC (KY); T-J. Larry Jones. \$44,000.

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Forever Unbridled, third in the GIII Rachel Alexandra S. and GII Fair Grounds Oaks last winter in New Orleans, earned the first graded victory of her career with a narrow score in the Nov. 28 GIII Comely S. at Aqueduct last time out. Favored to make it two in a row, the bay filly settled just off the pace in the early going as the race's defending champion Cassatt set fractions of :24.42, :48.79 and 1:12.49. Forever Unbridled rallied three wide into the stretch and finished geared down as much the best. "I had my worries when I saw the lead that Cassatt had," said Bentley Combs, assistant to winning trainer Dallas Stewart. "Larry Jones trains great horses, but I was confident in our filly and Joel [Rosario]'s ability. With this filly's talent, she can run from any spot on the track."



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Rosario, who won two stakes at Gulfstream Saturday afternoon, was making his first appearance at Sam Houston. “I didn’t talk to Dallas, just to the assistant and he told me to ride her with confidence, that she was the best horse in the race,” said Rosario. “I just took my time; as I hit the 3/16th pole, she got a hold of the track and I knew we were in a good position.” Forever Unbridled is a daughter of 2006 GI Kentucky Oaks winner Lemons Forever and a full-sister to GI Ballerina S. winner Unbridled Forever. Her unraced 3-year-old half-brother Forever d’Oro (Medaglia d’Oro) is currently in training with Stewart at Fair Grounds. The colt worked a bullet half-mile Jan. 26 in :48.60. Lemons Forever produced a colt by Medaglia d’Oro last year and was bred back to that Darley stallion.

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1--**DA BIG HOSS, 124, h, 5, by [Lemon Drop Kid](#)**

- 1st Dam: **Lady Struck Gold, by Touch Gold**
- 2nd Dam: **Lady Blessington (Fr), by Baillamont**
- 3rd Dam: **Lady Sharp (Fr), by Sharpman (Ire)**

O-Skychai Racing LLC; B-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc. (KY); T-Michael J. Maker; J-Florent Geroux. \$120,000. Lifetime Record: MGSW, 16-8-1-3, \$703,056. **Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#). Werk Nick Rating: A++.**

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2--**Kaigun, 115, g, 6, [Northern Afleet](#)--Cruising Kris, by Kris S. (C\$37,000 Ylg '11 CANSEP; \$34,000 RNA 2yo '12 EASMAY).** O-Quintessential Racing Florida LLC, Horse'n Around Racing Stable & G. Barber; B-William Sorokolit Racing Stable Inc. (ON); T-Mark E. Casse. \$40,000.

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3--**Big John B, 124, g, 7, [Hard Spun](#)--Baldomera, by Doneraile Court. (\$30,000 2yo '11 OBSOPN).** O-Michael House; B-BryLynn Farm, Inc. (FL); T-Philip D'Amato. \$22,000. Margins: 4 3/4, 3/4, NK. Odds: 2.10, 2.10, 4.00. Also Ran: Pumpkin Rumble, Bullards Alley, Birdsome, Dac, Mobile Bay, Going Somewhere (Brz). Scratched: Witt Six, Wireless Future, Knights Nation.

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Da Big Hoss, claimed from his breeder for \$50,000 out of a winning effort at Churchill Downs last June, earned his first stakes victory while winning the Aug. 26 John’s Call S. at Saratoga for the new connections and he returned to take the Sept. 14 GIII Kentucky Turf Cup. Sixth in the Oct. 31 GI Breeders’ Cup Turf, the chestnut was coming off a third-place effort in the Dec. 26 GIII W.L. McKnight H. **Cont. p8**

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DA BIG HOSS

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LANE'S END

Da Big Hoss tracked the pacesetters from fourth, surged to the lead along the rail in upper stretch and powered clear to win in course-record time. Slight favorite Kaigun closed for second. Trainer Mike Maker was winning his fourth Turf Cup, following victories by Coalport in 2015, Admiral Kitten in 2014 and Papaw Bodie in 2012. “He’s a real classy horse,” Maker said of Da Big Hoss. “The pace was slow and Florent [Geroux] had plenty of horse. He’s got a great pedigree; just made for the longer turf distances.” Geroux added, “My horse broke well from the gate and settled early. I just wanted to make sure to keep him clear and when I asked him, he finished well. It’s a great feeling and the horse really seems to like the long distances. It’s a very nice turf course. I wish racing were better in Texas as this is very nice racetrack.”

BONANZA DAYS HIGHLIGHT NYRA SCHEDULE

The Belmont and Saratoga stakes schedules released Sunday by the New York Racing Association feature four blockbuster cards of racing. The June 11 \$1.5-million GI Belmont S. is the highlight of a three-day festival which also includes the \$1-million GI Manhattan S., \$1.25-million GI Metropolitan H., \$1-million GI Ogden Phipps S. and the \$700,000 GI Longines Just a Game S.

The Belmont Spring/Summer meet, which opens Apr. 29, also features the Stars & Stripes Festival. That July 9 card includes the \$1.25-million GI Belmont Derby and \$1-million GI Belmont Oaks, as well as four additional graded events.

“We continue to build out the Belmont S. Racing Festival and look forward to expanding the international aspect of Stars & Stripes Day, which continues to grow in popularity among our horsemen and our fans,” said Martin Panza, NYRA Senior Vice President of Racing Operations.

The 40-day Saratoga meeting will offer 69 stakes--37 of them graded--worth a record \$18.725 million. Highlighting the season will be the Aug. 27 Travers Day card. In addition to the \$1.25-million Travers, the card will also include the \$1-million GI Longines Sword Dancer Invitational, \$750,000 GI Personal Ensign, \$700,000 GI Priority One Forego, the \$500,000 GI Ballerina S. and the \$500,000 GI King’s Bishop S.

The \$1.25-million GI Whitney H. will be held Aug. 6. That day’s races will also include the \$500,000 GI Test S. and the \$200,000 GIII Fasig-Tipton Waya S.

“The success and popularity last year of the enhanced Whitney Day and Travers Day cards speak for themselves,” said Panza. “Every day at Saratoga is a special one, but we anticipate that these two ‘must-see’ days will continue to strengthen and shine a national spotlight on the best race meet in the country.”

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[California can’t afford to let its horses get away](#) The numbers are startling, the reality is staggering. If California's first-class horse racing tracks are to survive, they are in large part dependent on a third-place breeding program. A track such as Santa Anita needs inventory, and if it didn't have California bred runners, it probably would be racing only two days a week. Under that scenario, it wouldn't be long before the track would be turned into a residential or retail development. Or a sports stadium. **John Cherwa, Los Angeles Times**

[New Oaklawn Announcer Raised on Racing](#) Some people search their entire lives to find a passion to parlay into a career. Others, like the new announcer at Oaklawn Racing and Gaming in Hot Springs, know what that is from a young age. Even as a child, Pete Aiello knew he wanted to work in the horse-racing business. His father and grandfather took him to the races at Hialeah Park, near Aiello’s boyhood home of West Palm Beach, Florida. Aiello is a track announcer at Gulfstream Park and Hialeah Park. **Morgan Acuff, Arkansas Online**

[No matter what, Elena Andrade’s heart is in racing](#) She watches him maneuver his wheelchair methodically around the clumps of dirt and toward a stall, the former jockey having once covered the ground here at speeds near 50 mph. Yes, this sport crippled her husband--but only after first killing her fiancée. And yet, here is Elena Andrade, sitting inside her barn, next to a bale of hay, making sure to speak loud enough to be heard over the neighing nearby. **Jeff Miller, The Orange County Register**

UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

Date	Race	Track	
2/6	GI Donn H.	GP	
	GI Gulfstream Park Turf H.	GP	
	GII Las Virgenes S.	SA	
	GII San Marcos S.	SA	
	GII San Antonio S.	SA	
	GIII Robert B. Lewis S.	SA	
	GIII Suwannee River S.	GP	
	GIII Fred W. Hooper H.	GP	
	2/7	GII Palos Verdes S.	SA
		2/13	GII Royal Delta S.
GII Santa Maria S.	SA		
GII Arcadia S.	SA		
GII Barbara Fritchie S.	LRL		
GIII El Camino Real Derby	GG		
GIII Endeavour S.	TAM		
GIII Sam F. Davis S.	TAM		
GIII Tampa Bay S.	TAM		

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MATTIES WINS NHC 17

Paul Matties beat a field of 629 entries to take home first-place prize of \$800,000, as well as the Eclipse Award as Horseplayer of the Year, during the weekend's 17th annual *Daily Racing Form*/NTRA National Handicapping Championship in Las Vegas. Matties amassed a winning score of \$399.50 over the three-day tournament from 53 mythical \$2 Win and Place bets. The 46-year-old assumed the lead during the semifinals round with a \$47 winner, R B Rainbow Dash, in the sixth race from Tampa Bay Downs. Coupled with the \$17.20 place money, the \$59.20 added to his bankroll boosted Matties from third to first. Matties maintained his lead throughout the Final Table round. In the seven mandatory races that made up the Final Table, he cashed in two of them--Risetothetheoccasion (\$17.60 to win, \$5.40 to place) in Oaklawn's seventh and Sevens (\$8.40 to place) in Gulfstream Park's 12th.

"Horseplayers always think they're smarter and better than everybody else, so to beat all the smartest people in the world, what an honor," Matties joked.

Matties's brother Duke finished fourth in the contest, while brother Gregg is a New York-based trainer and father Chick was a racing enthusiast who won the inaugural Horse Player World Series handicapping contest.

Matties has made handicapping his career, first calculating speed figures for Andy Beyer Associates and later in a key role with NHPlay, a boutique account wagering platform and horseplayer service company.

The NHC 17 finals awarded cash to the top 63 finishers from a total purse of \$2,304,760. An additional \$50,000 went to the top 20 in Saturday's Consolation Tournament. Including \$250,000 paid out to top finishers in the year-long NHC Tour, a \$100 TI casino chip for every entrant, NHC Tour travel awards, RTN subscriptions and the \$10,000 charity tournament prize, plus \$30,000 worth of Breeders' Cup Betting Challenge entries, NHC cash and prizes for the weekend totaled a record \$2,778,760.

Matt Bernier, *Daily Racing Form* Player Development Handicapper, won the second annual NHC Charity Challenge with a final mythical bankroll of \$54.30, besting runner-up Tom LaMarra of *Blood-Horse*, who checked in second with \$47.60. Bernier picked three winners during the seven-race contest and scored in five of the seven contest races.

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CURLIN COLT TOPS FASIG MIDLANTIC SALE

A yearling colt by Curlin topped Sunday's Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Winter Mixed Sale in Timonium when selling for \$76,000 to Machmer Hall. [Hip 101](#) is out of Thrill Seeker (Housebuster), a half-sister to Grade I placed Aggadan (Carnivalay) and stakes winner Love You Madly (Partner's Hero). Bred by Kate and Greg DeMasi's Pewter Stable, the yearling was

consigned by Marshall Silverman, agent. Curlin was also represented by the top two priced yearlings during last week's OBS Winter Mixed Sale.

From a catalogue of 167, Fasig-Tipton sold 104 head Sunday for a total of \$878,100. The average was \$8,443 and the median was \$4,350. A total of 16 horses were reported not sold for a buy-back rate of 13.3%.

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New York

Sunday's Results:

BUSANDA S., \$100,000, AQU, 1-31, 3yo, f, 1m 70y, 1:45.40, ft.

1--**FLORA DORA, 120, f, 3**, by [First Dude](#)

1st Dam: Aidan, by Dixieland Band

2nd Dam: Poseida (Chi), by Pick Up (Chi)

3rd Dam: Spray (Chi), by Roy

(\$87,000 Ylg '14 FTSAUG). O-Coffeepot Stables; B-Dizney Double Diamond LLC (FL); T-Marialice Coffey; J-Jose L. Ortiz. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: MSW, 5-2-1-0, \$415,332. *1/2 to Lindisfarne (City Zip), SW, \$108,545.

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2--**Scatoosh, 117, f, 3**, [Scat Daddy](#)--Miss Mary Pat, by Service Stripe. (\$87,000 Wlg '13 KEENOV; \$150,000 Ylg '14 FTKJUL). O-Treadway Racing Stable; B-MMP Partnership (KY); T-Leah Gyarmati. \$20,000.

Trained at **Crupi's New Castle Farm**
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3--**Lost Raven, 120, f, 3**, [Uncle Mo](#)--Elusive Raven, by Elusive Quality. O/B-Repole Stable, Inc. (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher. \$10,000.

Trained at **Crupi's New Castle Farm**

Margins: 1, 2 1/4, 8. Odds: 2.70, 3.35, 4.70.

Also Ran: Dreams to Reality, She's So Fine, Alto Belle, Invite, Arch Or Nothing. Scratched: Kentucky Road.

Flora Dora made a name for herself when she graduated from the maiden ranks with a win at second asking in Gulfstream's lucrative Florida Stallion My Dear Girl S. Oct. 3, and just missed when second behind Big World (Custom for Carlos) in the one-mile GIII Tempted S. here Nov. 4. The chestnut closed out her juvenile campaign with a fourth-place run in the GII Demoiselle S. over nine furlongs Nov. 28 and continued to train with a steady diet of five-panel breezes at Belmont Park ahead of this 2016 bow. **Cont. p2**

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Away to a sharp start as longshot Arch or Nothing (Archarcharch) lost her rider at the start, the filly was taken back to stalk the pace along the rail as Lost Raven dictated terms



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through a half-mile in :49.32. Flora Dora was put to a prolonged drive with three lengths to make up on the turn, but responded readily in midstretch and rallied to earn the victory. The winner's dam--who also produced SW Lindisfarne--is responsible for a juvenile filly by Broken Vow and a yearling full-sister

to the winner. "She's always been a very patient filly and she closes very well," said winning trainer Marialice Coffey. "The longer the better, we're absolutely targeting the longer distances. She's easy to train, she's easy on herself, and very professional. From the time we started her as a 2-year-old at Saratoga, she never got nervous about anything--she just does everything we ask her to do. We're definitely looking forward to the Busher S. [Feb. 27] and then after that we'll look to rack up the points and qualify for the GI Kentucky Oaks." [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

MADDIE MAY S., \$100,000, AQU, 1-31, (S), 3yo, f, 1m 70y, 1:44.91, ft.

1--**FROSTY MARGARITA, 122, f, 3, by Frost Giant**

1st Dam: Mango Margarita, by Not For Love

2nd Dam: Ginger N Sugar, by Gold Token

3rd Dam: Northern Nation, by Northrop

O/B-Gabrielle Farm (NY); T-Rudy R. Rodriguez; J-Irad Ortiz, Jr. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: MSW, 7-4-3-0, \$345,800.

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2--**Katniss the Victor, 116, f, 3, [Midnight Lute](#)--Midst, by Closing Argument. (\$35,000 Wlg '13 KEENOV; \$85,000 Ylg '14 SARAUG; \$130,000 2yo '15 OBSMAR). O-Michael Dubb, Bethlehem Stables LLC & Michael Imperio; B-Twin Creeks Farm & Harvey Diamond (NY); T-Rudy R. Rodriguez. \$20,000.**

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3--**Mecke's Madalyn, 118, f, 3, [Desert Party](#)--Royal Mecke, by Mecke. (\$20,000 Wlg '13 FTNMIX; \$22,000 RNA Ylg '14 KEEJAN). O-Sinatra Thoroughbreds Racing LLC; B-Corby Caiazzo & Stephen Sinatra (NY); T-Corby Caiazzo. \$10,000.**

Margins: NO, 17, 1HF. Odds: 0.70, 2.45, 47.25.

Also Ran: Miss Kew, Backwood Bay, Absatootly, Flatware.

Scratched: Crazy Love, Here Comes Rosie, I Hope You Dance.

Frosty Margarita never missed the exacta in her first six starts and added to her consistent record with a determined score in her first try around two turns Sunday. The dark bay finished second in both the seven-panel Joseph A. Gimma S. Sept. 27 and the one-mile Maid of the Mist S. Oct. 24 at Belmont, and cut back to six panels to annex the Key Cents S. over the main track here Nov. 22. Coming off a career-top score over heavily favored Behrnik's Bank (Bank Heist) in the six-furlong New York Stallion Series Fifth Avenue S. here Dec. 20, the filly was tabbed as the heavy favorite to carry her speed over a route of ground. The filly set the pace while well in the clear through a half-mile in :49.65 and finally met some pressure from previously unbeaten stablemate Katniss the Victor on the final bend. Finding more inside the final furlong, Frosty Margarita held off a final surge from that rival to prevail by the narrowest of margins, giving pilot Irad Ortiz Jr. his fourth consecutive winner on the card. "She ran very good," commented winning trainer Rudy Rodriguez. "She stole the race in the very beginning--we thought [Absatootly (Mineshaft)] was going to go with her from the start. But once she didn't, it made it more easy for Frosty Margarita and Irad knows the horse very well and not to hit her. [Katniss the Victor] ran good as well. We're proud of both performances." [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

3rd-AQU, \$57,000, (S), Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 1-31, 3yo, 1m, 1:39.03, ft.

VINCENTO (c, 3, [Include--Seeking the Silver, by Grindstone](#)), a Vincent Scuderi homebred, rallied from last to first in his one-mile unveiling at Belmont on Halloween and could do no better than third as the odds-on choice in a 1 1/16-mile optional claimer here Dec. 11. Given a brief respite ahead of the 2016 season, the chestnut added blinkers for this return to action and was once again backed down to 3-5 favoritism. Away without incident, the colt secured a spot tracking the pace along the inside as longshot Discreet Mission (Discreet Cat) showed the way through a half-mile in :48.89. Vincenzo tipped off the rail on the turn, moved to collar the pacesetter in midstretch and edged clear to notch a three-length score over that resolute rival. The winner is a half brother to two-time GI Carter H. winner Dads Caps (Discreet Cat), MGISW, \$1,009,400; and Paulassilverlining (Ghostzapper), GSW, \$328,950, both of whom have done their best work in the Empire State. Seeking the Silver is also responsible for the juvenile colt Dwizard (Macho Uno) and was most recently bred to Ghostzapper. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$75,900. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O/B-Vince Scuderi (NY); T-Rudy R. Rodriguez.

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5th-AQU, \$60,000, Msw, 1-31, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:46.43, ft.

MY MAN SAM, c, 3, by Trappe Shot

1st Dam: Lauren Byrd (SP), by Arch

2nd Dam: Strike the Sky, by Smart Strike

3rd Dam: Sky Darter, by Storm Bird

My Man Sam--an educational fifth at 5-1 after getting bumped soundly at the break in his six-furlong unveiling at the Big A Dec. 19--stamped himself as a sophomore to watch with a visually

impressive performance in his two-turn debut in Ozone Park Sunday. Breaking widest of all in post nine, the 5-1 chance was outrun early in seventh through an opening quarter in :23.78. He began to advance with

a rail run down the backstretch, but still had

plenty to do entering the far turn. Jockey Irad Ortiz Jr. angled his charge out at the top of the lane, and the bay responded in spades with a powerful outside stretch run to win going away by an eye-catching eight lengths. Favored Big Gillette (Big Brown) stayed on for second after setting the early pace. It was another 5 1/4 lengths back to Cadeyrn (Malibu Moon) in third.

My Man Sam's dam Lauren Byrd, a homebred for Jay W. Bligh, was a two-time winner on grass and also runner-up in the 2010 JP Morgan Chase Jessamine S. at Keeneland. The half-sister to grassy GII Dixie S. winner Hudson Steele (Johannesburg) has a 2-year-old colt by War Front (RNA'd for \$475,000 at last year's KEESEP sale) and was bred to Trappe Shot in 2015. Lauren Byrd's first foal Hakam (War Front), a \$450,000 KEESEP yearling purchase by Shadwell in 2013, finished second in a pair of attempts in Britain last term. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$37,800.

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O-Sheep Pond Partners, Newport Stables LLC & Jay W. Bligh; B-Jay W. Bligh (KY); T-Chad C. Brown.

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My Man Sam | Adam Coglianese

10th-AQU, \$55,000, (S), Msw, 1-31, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:13.33, ft. LEAD US TO THE BAR (f, 3, Dublin--Fast Laner {SW, \$272,283}, by Mutakddim) checked in second on debut in a decidedly strong local maiden heat Dec. 20--an event that has since produced four next-out maiden or allowance winners, including the unbeaten Clipthecouponannie (Uncle Mo). Accordingly bet down to 4-5 favoritism for this second try, Lead Us to the Bar sat just off the pace behind a quarter-mile in :22.85 and moved to mount her bid turning for home. The bay hit the front in the stretch and held on to score by 1 1/4 lengths over Super Allison (Super Saver), who rallied from 11th to complete the exacta. The winner is a half to Sittin at the Bar (Into Mischief), MSW & GSP, \$705,896. Sales History: \$105,000 Ylg '14 SARAUG. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$44,000. Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Michael Dubb, Bethlehem Stables LLC & The Elkstone Group LLC; B-Spendthrift Farm LLC (NY); T-Rudy R. Rodriguez.

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Sunday's Results:

9th-GP, \$38,000, Alw, 1-31, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 1m, 1:35.04, ft. OUTLASH (c, 4, Unbridled's Song--Lady's Touch, by Touch Gold) captured his seven-panel debut here last January and just missed when runner-up to subsequent Queen's Plate hero Shaman Ghost (Ghostzapper) in a 1 1/16-mile allowance event at Keeneland Apr. 9. The gray tired to run sixth in Pimlico's Sir Barton S. over that same trip May 16 and was sent to the sidelines for over seven months following that effort. He resurfaced in a one-mile allowance test here on New Year's Eve and came up a neck shy of the promising Shaken Not Stirred (Eskendereya) in that contest. Tabbed as the 9-5 choice in this contentious affair that featured the return of GSW Imperia (Medaglia d'Oro) following an extended layoff, Outlash secured an ideal spot tracking the pace in second through a half-mile in :46.52. Asked to meet a bid from 'TDN Rising Star' Unbridled Juan (Unbridled's Song) in the stretch, the two fought it out in the final furlong, with Outlash getting his neck down in front on the wire. The rider of the runner-up lodged an objection against the winner alleging interference in deep stretch, but the stewards took no action. Imperia lacked a clear path for much of the stretch drive and checked in fourth. The winner, a \$125,000 FTKOCT yearling turned \$390,000 KEEAPR juvenile, is a half-brother to For Greater Glory (Afleet Alex), MGSP, \$324,300.

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His dam, herself a half-sister to GISW Well Chosen (Deputy Minister), is also responsible for the juvenile colt Always (Afleet Alex). This is the extended female family of MGISW and sire Telling (A.P. Indy). "He's always been a promising colt," said trainer Todd Pletcher. "He had a little bit of a knee issue and we had to give him some time off. He's come back well. I thought he ran well off the layoff and even better today in what I thought was a very, very tough 'A-other-than' [allowance]." Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0, \$66,800. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Repole Stable; B-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds LLC & Unbridled's Song Syndicate (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.



8th-GP, \$40,000, Msw, 1-31, 3yo, f, 7 1/2ft, 1:33.76, gd.
MISS METEOR (f, 3, [Trappe Shot](#)--Wonder Star, by Mountain Cat) made the first two starts of her career on dirt, beginning with a fourth-place run behind unbeaten Dearest (Midshipman) and recent Gasparilla S. heroine R Girls a Charmer (In Summation) in a six-furlong dash across town Nov. 28. The chestnut recently was a punchless fourth going a mile here Dec. 27 and was tabbed as the 2-1 choice to break through on the surface switch. Sent straight to the front, the sophomore set the tempo through a half-mile in a controlled :50.24 and held on to the lead turning for home. Miss Meteor had enough gas left in the tank to hold off a late rush from first-timer Akron Gold (Medaglia d'Oro) to score by a neck. The winner, a \$140,000 KEENOV weanling turned \$250,000 KESEP yearling, is a half to Printing Press (Tapit), MSP, \$177,813. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$27,200. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Alto Racing, LLC; B-Joe Mulholland Jr., John & Karen Mulholland (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.



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Sunday's Results:

KEITH GEE MEMORIAL S., (NB) \$50,000, FG, 1-31, 3yo, 7 1/2ft, 1:34.66, fm.

1--ONE MEAN MAN, 116, c, 3, [Mizzen Mast](#)--Abbeyville Miss, by Grand Slam. O/B-Bernard Flint & Ron Hillerich (KY); T-Bernard S. Flint; J-Colby J. Hernandez. \$31,260. Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-1, \$80,705. *1/2 to Mizz Money (Mizzen Mast), GSW, \$199,988.

2--Oscar Nominated, 116, c, 3, [Kitten's Joy](#)--Devine Actress, by Theatrical (Ire). O-Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey; B-Mrs. Jerry Amerman (KY); T-Michael J. Maker. \$9,600.

3--Cashel Rock, 116, g, 3, Cashel Castle--Exceptional Chance, by American Chance. O-TNT Thoroughbreds, V; B-Tom Lauritsen (IL); T-Doug Matthews. \$4,800.

Margins: NK, HF, 3/4. Odds: 13.40, 0.90, 2.30.

Also Ran: Mending Fences, Gotsomemojo, Wild Man. Scratched: Dolphus, Tiznoble, Twirling Cinnamon, Sheikh of Sheikhs.

One Mean Man, winless in six attempts since a debut score over the Ellis lawn last July, got back on track in a big way to register a career high. Twelfth at 68-1 in Keeneland's GIII Dixiana Bourbon S. last October, One Mean Man closed out his 2-year-old campaign with a fourth-place finish going two turns in an optional claimer over the Fair Grounds dirt Dec. 18. He repeated that performance in a 5 1/2-furlong off-the-turfer here Jan. 15. Overlooked at the windows in this return to grass here, he kept a close eye on the leader in second through a pedestrian half-mile in :51.28 and bid for the lead once straightened out for the stretch drive. Exchanging bumps with a pair of rivals in midstretch, One Mean Man kept to his task and dug in to notch a narrow victory over Oscar Nominated, who rallied up the rail to finish second best. [Click for the Equibase.com chart.](#)

7th-FG, \$41,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 1-31, 3yo, 1m 70y, 1:44.69, ft.

DOLPHUS (c, 3, [Lookin At Lucky](#)--Lotta Kim {SW, \$146,485}, by Roar), scratched at the gate before the Jan. 16 GIII Lecomte S., was cross-entered in the Keith Gee Memorial S. over the turf on this same card--but the connections opted for this spot instead. A half-brother to 2009 Horse of the Year and Champion 3-year-old filly Rachel Alexandra (Medaglia d'Oro), MGISW, \$3,506,730, the chestnut captured his six-furlong debut here Nov. 22 and recently flattened out after pressing the pace and reported home third in an optional claimer over this same trip and track Dec. 18. Sent postward as the second choice at odds of 5-2, Dolphus was carried to the four path around the opening bend and raced in reserve on the outside behind a half-mile in :49.46 in a compact field of four. Sent up to challenge four wide into the stretch, the regally bred colt hit the front in midstretch and held on to score by 3/4 of a length over Jensen (Haynesfield). Lotta Kim is also responsible for the juvenile colt Faye (Malibu Moon) and an unnamed yearling colt by Awesome Again. Meanwhile, Rachel Alexandra has produced a pair of 'TDN Rising Stars' in GI Spinaway S. heroine Rachel's Valentina (Bernardini) and unbeaten Jess's Dream (Curlin). Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$54,340. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Dede McGehee; B-Heaven Trees Farm (KY); T-Joe Sharp.

6th-OP, \$68,000, Msw, 1-31, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11.50, ft.
SPEIGHTSTASTIC (f, 3, [Speightstown](#)--Cherokee Jewel {MSW, \$190,685}, by Cherokee Run), a \$160,000 FTKOCT yearling purchase, ran second in a trio of sprints at Churchill Downs to begin her career and recently gave a respectable showing when fourth in the Letellier Memorial S. at the Fair Grounds Dec. 19. Sent off as the slight 2-1 choice for this first appearance in Hot Springs, the bay stalked the pace in third through a quarter-mile in :22.33, bid four wide into the lane and muscled ahead to score by a neck over first-timer Talk Show (Smart Strike). The rider of the runner-up claimed foul against the winner alleging interference in the stretch, but a review was not allowed. The winner is a full-sister to Bayerd, MSW & GSP, \$489,900. Cherokee Jewel produced a colt by Bodemeister last year and was most recently bred back to Distorted Humor. Lifetime Record: 5-1-3-0, \$72,840. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#).**
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5th-FG, \$40,000, Msw, 1-31, 3yo, 6f, 1:10.95, ft.
+MALIBU SUNSET, c, 3, by Bernardini
1st Dam: One Stormy Mama, by Storm Cat
2nd Dam: Wicked Mama, by Devil's Bag
3rd Dam: Conjuror, by Nijinsky II
 Malibu Sunset became the second 'TDN Rising Star' on the day with this ultra-impressive debut effort. Away from the stalls alertly despite getting bumped at the break, the 9-5 favorite quickly cleared the field of eight through a sharp opening quarter in :22.06. The dark bay began to get away on the far turn and wasn't for catching in the stretch. Receiving a few backhanders from pilot Florent Geroux to keep his mind on business, Malibu Sunset received the message and opened daylight down the lane and was geared down late to win for fun by 10 1/2 lengths. Aiken's Alley (Flower Alley) completed the exacta.

Malibu Sunset is a half-brother to Thunder Moccasin (A.P. Warrior), GSW, \$114,300. Malibu Sunset's two-time winning dam and Overbrook homebred One Stormy Mama produced a colt by Bernardini in 2015 and was bred back to Medaglia d'Oro. One Stormy Mama is a half-sister to Saratoga Dew S. heroine Wicked Diva (Jump Start); and GIII Grey Breeders' Cup S. third Saada (Thunder Gulch). Malibu Sunset's breeder Mike Abraham purchased One Stormy Mama for \$23,000 at the 2010 KEENOV

sale. Sales history: \$190,000 RNA Wlg '13 FTKNOV; \$240,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$24,000. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#). VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Gary & Mary West; B-Mike Abraham (KY); T-Wayne M. Catalano.

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2nd-FG, \$37,000, (S), Msw, 1-31, 3yo, f, 5 1/2ft, 1:06.12, fm.
+GEE WHIZ LIL (f, 3, [Gio Ponti](#)--Slammin' Lil, by Grand Slam) displayed an extensive series of works over the local strip in recent months and was dismissed at odds of 12-1 for this career unveiling despite attracting the services of top jockey Florent Geroux. Left well off the pace after a tardy start, the filly launched a wide bid on the turn and rallied to score by a length despite racing a bit greenly. Fellow first-timer Lady Loretta (Musket Man) completed the exacta. The winner is a half to Runflatout (Flatter), GSP, \$106,883. Sales History: \$4,000 2yo '15 EQL2YO. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$22,200. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Energy Solutions Consultants LLC; B-J. Adcock (LA); T-Edward J. Johnston.

4th-FG, \$37,000, Msw, 1-31, 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2ft, 1:05.72, fm.
KOOL KAT KARA (f, 4, [Henrythenavigator](#)--Apert, by Valiant Nature), third in a pair of tries over this same trip in the autumn, returned to action in 2016 as the 3-1 second choice in this spot. Racing in midpack behind a quarter-mile in :22.34, she lacked a clear path into the lane, but found a seam in the final furlong and forged ahead to register a 3/4-length victory over Neilinger (Tapit). Sales History: \$20,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$30,270. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/T-Hugh H. Robertson; B-Anthem Bloodstock (KY).

Saturday Night's Results:

SPACE CITY S., (NB) \$50,000, HOU, 1-30, 3yo, 6f, 1:11.32, ft.
1--TWIRLING CINNAMON, 119, c, 3, [Twirling Candy](#)--Cinnamon Charlie (SW), by Indian Charlie. (\$180,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP).
 O-Steve Landers Racing LLC; B-Woods Edge Farm, LLC (KY); T-Brad H. Cox; J-Florent Geroux. \$30,000. Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-0, \$93,720.

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2--He's a Ranger, 117, g, 3, U S Ranger--Winsome (GB), by Kris (GB). (\$19,000 RNA Wlg '13 KEENOV; \$1,500 Ylg '14 KEESEP).
 O/T-Terry Eoff; B-Royal Oak Farm, LLC (KY). \$10,000.

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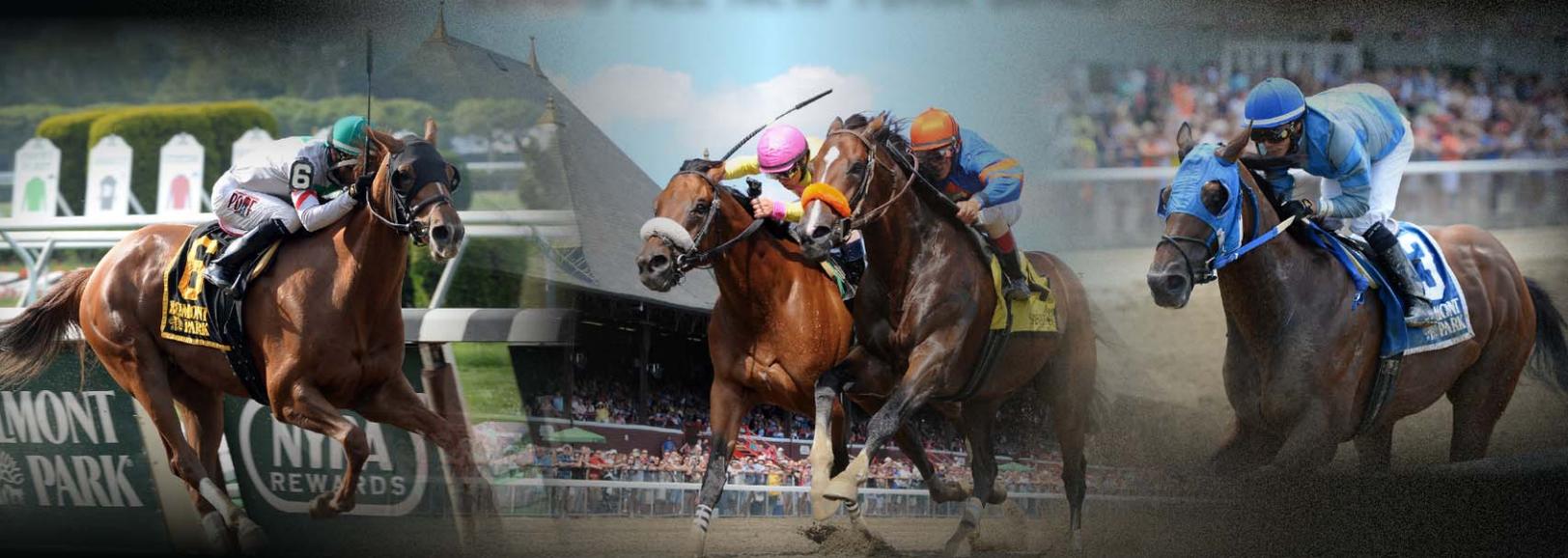
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3--**Riding in the Wind**, 119, c, 3, Tiz Wonderful--

Reachforthecastle, by Castle Gandolfo. O/B-Bobby Ray Rankin (OH); T-Jose L. Lopez. \$5,500.

Margins: 1, HF, 3. Odds: 0.40, 13.40, 8.90.

Also Ran: Messer Mad Cat, Lift Me Up, Mud Light, Iron Dome.

Scratched: Taylors Angiel.

Twirling Cinnamon was a standout on paper and delivered as the heavy favorite in Houston Saturday night. An eye-catching first-out winner at Churchill in June, the colt ran eighth in both the GIII Sanford S. and GIII Iroquois S. before returning to the



Twirling Cinnamon | Coady Photo

winner's circle with a win in a grassy 7 1/2-furlong allowance test at Indiana Grand Oct. 8. The dark bay rallied belatedly to run fifth in the Juvenile Dirt Sprint at Keeneland on Halloween and most recently missed by a nose when second in the Fair Grounds' Sugar Bowl S.

Dec. 19. Away a bit slowly in this affair, Twirling Cinnamon was quickly motivated by jockey Florent Geroux and advanced to a close third through a half-mile in :45.24. Fully extended to reel in longshot He's a Ranger, the colt edged clear to earn the third victory of his young career. [Click for the Equibase.com chart.](#)

8th-TP, \$23,900, Alw, 1-30, 3yo, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:19.64, ft.

OH OZ (g, 3, Parading--Pantuflla, by Rubiano) was impeded at the start and never factored in his six-furlong debut in Louisville and improved to capture a \$50,000 tagger over that same trip and track Nov. 19. A dominant winner in a six-panel dash here Dec. 17, the bay was tabbed as the 9-5 choice in this spot. He set a pressured pace through a quarter-mile in :22.71 and drew off to win by six lengths over Van Damme (Langfuhr). The winner's dam annexed the GIII Florida Oaks. Sales History: \$50,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, \$44,302. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-James M. Connors, Jim Hawkins & Kevin Jacobsen; B-Helen Alexander (KY); T-Chuck Peery.

First Win for Santangelo:

Brett Santangelo scored the first win of his training career when Charnocks (Speightstown) captured the third race at Turfway Park Sunday. Santangelo has been in the money with all four of his starters this year, including a second and a third from Charnocks in his previous two races. Since taking out his license in July of last year, the 22-year-old trainer has compiled a 1-4-2 record with 15 starters. Santangelo began his career in racing

working for a track veterinarian at Penn National while still in high school. He is currently working toward a degree in Equine Science at University of Kentucky. "I'm a part-time student and a full-time trainer," Santangelo said. "Working for the vet really got me hooked on the racetrack." Santangelo claimed Charnocks for \$5,000 at Ellis Park last September.

California

Sunday's Results:

WISHING WELL S., \$82,800, SA, 1-31, (C), 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f (off turf), 1:15.52, wf.

1--**#CADET RONI, 120, f, 4, Colonel John--Exemption, by Forestry.** (\$48,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP; \$105,000 2yo '14 BARMAR). O-Al & Sandra S. Kirkwood; B-WinStar Farm LLC (KY); T-Mark Glatt; J-Rafael Bejarano. \$47,340. Lifetime Record: 11-4-1-2, \$148,840.

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2--**Kool Kat**, 122, m, 5, Scat Daddy--Kona Kat, by Mountain Cat. (\$70,000 Ylg '12 FTKJUL; \$57,000 RNA Ylg '12 FTKOCT; \$67,000 RNA 2yo '13 OBSAPR; \$47,500 2yo '13 BARMAY). O-DP Racing, LLC; B-Jody & Anthony Guida (KY); T-James M. Cassidy. \$15,780.

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3--**Bad Ju Ju**, 118, f, 4, Desert Code--Ju Ju Baby, by Snow Ridge. O/B-Lo Hi Racing Stable & Dick Barton (CA); T-Michael Machowsky. \$12,168.

Margins: 6 3/4, 1, NK. Odds: 1.30, 18.30, 15.50.

Also Ran: Lutine Belle, Yana, Minks Aprise, Tiz Ladys Legs, Sheer Pleasure. Scratched: Moanin (Fr), Moons Over Me, Stylish in Black, Miss Double d'Oro, My Year Is a Day (Fr).

Cadet Roni continued her ascent up the class ladder with a win in the Sunday feature rained off the lawn. After breaking her maiden in her sixth lifetime start in a \$40,000 tagger at Del Mar in August, the filly annexed a local starter allowance test two starts later Oct. 8. Recently victorious in a trip-and-track optional claimer Jan. 10, the dark bay drew in off the also-eligible list for this stakes debut and was hammered down to heavy favoritism off a 5-1 morning line. Cadet Roni pressed the pace through a swift quarter-mile in :21.63 and pulled clear to a dominant win. "We dropped her in company to win and get her confidence, and that's really helped her," said winning trainer Mark Glatt. "The only time we tried her on grass, it didn't fare too well for us. I guess we'll wait and enter her next when it rains again." [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

3rd-SA, \$56,500, Msw, 1-31, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:17.43, wf.
CANDY BOSS (f, 3, [Twirling Candy](#)--Jenny Joy, by Acceptable)
 flashed brief speed and tired to finish eighth on debut over this same distance at Del Mar Nov. 27 and received solid support for this return to action, bet down to odds of 5-2 off a 5-1 morning-line quote. The bay dueled with Angel Lane (Congrats) through a quarter-mile in :21.30 over the sealed track and briefly ceded the lead to that rival approaching the half-mile marker. Re-rallying once straightened out for the drive, Candy Boss dug in determinedly and clung to victory by a neck in a three-horse blanket finish. Angel Lane held off a late-surging Really a Gem (Mineshaft) to secure place honors. The winner, who sold for \$250,000 as an OBSAPR juvenile, has a juvenile half-sister by Lookin at Lucky. Her dam Jenny Joy is herself a half-sister to MSW & GSP Vanquisher (Gulch). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$33,850. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Hronis Racing LLC; B-Kinsman Farm (FL); T-John W. Sadler.

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6th-GG, \$27,407, Msw, 1-31, 3yo, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:04.82, ft.
+MALIBU ALEX (g, 3, [Afleet Alex](#)--Ms. Sabbatical {SP}, by Malibu Moon), pounded down to even-money for this career unveiling, did not disappoint with an authoritative score. The gelding raced off the pace behind a quarter-mile in :22.07 and swept to the front with a four-wide bid to win by 3 1/4 lengths over Squidward (Afleet Alex), another first-timer by the same sire. Sales History: \$45,000 Wlg '13 KEENOV; \$32,000 RNA Ylg '14 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$15,600. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Terry English & Thomas Hocking; B-Somewhere Stables KY, LLC (KY); T-William E. Morey.

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Saturday Night's Results:

10th-SA, \$57,250, (S), Msw, 1-30, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:10.84, ft.
+SHY CARMELITA (f, 3, Grazen--Malley Girl {SW, \$100,810}, by Malek {Chi}) was let go at odds of 12-1 for this career debut and departed the gate a bit slowly. Racing in eighth behind a quarter-mile in :21.42, she rallied four wide and got up to score by a half-length over Desperate Chick (Tribal Rule). The winner is a full to Grazenette, MSW, \$202,585. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$33,600. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O/B-Nick Alexander (CA); T-Philip D'Amato.

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[AMERICAN LION](#) (Tiznow), Darby Dan Farm, \$5K, 131/8/1

6-LRL, Msw, 1m, Atrox, \$40K OBS APR 2yo, 9-2

FRIESAN FIRE (A.P. Indy), Country Life Farm, \$4K, 101/11/1

6-LRL, Msw, 1m, Colmont Fire, 4-1

[WILBURN](#) (Bernardini), Spendthrift Farm, \$7K, 210/24/1

4-HOU, Alw, 7f, Rikki Tikki Taxi, \$24K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 6-1

6-LRL, Msw, 1m, Pocket High, \$27K RNA BSC YRL yrl, 10-1

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STAKES RESULTS:

FRONTIER UTILITIES TURF SPRINT S., \$75,000, HOU, 1-30, 4yo/up, 5fT, :56.69, fm.

1--**#GALTON, 124, g, 5, Offlee Wild--Nibbana, by Giant's Causeway.** O-Midwest Thoroughbreds Inc.; B-Flaxman Holdings Limited (KY); T-Thomas M. Amoss; J-Deshawn L. Parker. \$45,000. Lifetime Record: 22-6-5-4, \$216,820.

2--**Billy Two Hats, 118, g, 8, Aragorn (Ire)--Silent Oath, by Dixieland Band.** (\$27,000 Ylg '09 KEESEP). O/T-Jack Frost; B-W. S. Farish (KY). \$15,000.

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3--**Brilliant Interest, 119, g, 6, Interest Rate--Henora W, by Brilliant Sandy.** O-Joseph Scott Niolet; B-Jake V. Morreale (LA); T-Judy Lee Behler. \$8,250.

Margins: HF, NK. Odds: 3.50, 11.40, 13.10.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-OP, \$70,000, 1-31, (NW2L), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38.77, ft.

SHE MABEE WILD (f, 4, Mr. Mabee--Wild Flower, by Wild Zone) Lifetime Record: SP, 10-2-4-2, \$109,117. O/B-Michelle Shaw (IN); T-Mark Danner.

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8th-OP, \$70,000, (NW3L)/Opt. Clm (\$30,000), 1-31, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.56, ft.

THOUGHTLESS (f, 4, Rockport Harbor--Whistle Call, by Phone Trick) Lifetime Record: 11-3-5-1, \$121,440. O-Hugh H. Robertson & Barry Butzow; B-Peggy S. & Norman Dellheim & Darley (FL); T-McLean Robertson. *\$15,000 Ylg '13 OBSAUG. **1/2 to Sound Gaga (Roman Ruler), SW-Jpn, \$1,458,186.

8th-AQU, \$59,000, (S), (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 1-31, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:38.86, ft.

TESTOSTERSTONE (g, 5, Birdstone--A. P. Test, by A.P. Indy) Lifetime Record: 17-3-1-2, \$140,942. O/B-Fox Ridge Farm, Inc. (NY); T-Patrick J. Kelly.

8th-LRL, \$45,000, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$28,000-\$32,000), 1-31, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:37.12, ft.

AFRICAN FIGHTER (c, 4, Tiznow--Alpha Spirit, by A.P. Indy) Lifetime Record: 12-4-2-2, \$141,210. O-Sumaya U.S. Stable; B-International Equities Holding, Inc. (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher. *1/2 to Protonico (Giant's Causeway), MGSW & GISP, \$843,587.

7th-LRL, \$43,386, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$45,000-\$50,000), 1-31, 3yo, 6f, 1:10.86, ft.

TALE OF E DUBAI (c, 3, E Dubai--Lady's Tale, by Tale of the Cat) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, \$59,810. O-John E. Salzman, Jr., Fred Wasserloos & George Greenwalt; B-MAT Stables LLC & Hastings Farm (PA); T-John E. Salzman, Jr. *\$5,000 Ylg '14 EASSEP.

3rd-FG, \$41,000, (S), 1-31, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 1m, 1:40.14, ft.

MY FRIEND FLAVIN (g, 4, Forestry--Geiger Geisha, by Geiger Counter) Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-1, \$55,882. O-Robbins Family Racing; B-Kara Gael Baggett & Val C. Murrell (LA); T-Leo G. Gabriel, Jr. *\$20,000 2yo '14 EVAMAR; \$85,000 2yo '14 OBSOPN.

6th-FG, \$39,000, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 1-31, 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:45.77, fm.

PURELY BOY (g, 7, Purim--Sweetstorm Amy, by Lemon Drop Kid) Lifetime Record: 34-15-5-4, \$229,902. O-Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey; B-Troy Rankin & Joe Myles Davis (KY); T-Michael J. Maker. *\$13,500 RNA Ylg '10 FTKOCT. **1/2 to Sustained (War Front), GSP, \$184,629.

10th-GP, \$38,000, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 1-31, 4yo/up, 1 7/16mT, 2:25.72, gd.

GENEROUS KITTEN (g, 5, Kitten's Joy--Philanthropy Lady, by Desert Style {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 9-3-0-3, \$101,423. O/B-Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey (KY); T-Michael J. Maker. *\$45,000 RNA Ylg '12 KEESEP.

5th-PEN, \$33,300, (S), 1-30, (NW1LX), 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:48.88, ft.

TRIBAL JOURNEY (f, 4, Weigelia--Tribal Moon, by Malibu Moon) Lifetime Record: 11-2-2-4, \$62,801. O/B-Emilie Bateman (PA); T-T. Bernard Houghton.

8th-DED, \$30,500, 1-30, (NW1X), 3yo, 6 1/2f, 1:21.23, ft.

MESETA DIABLO (c, 3, Sky Mesa--Wickedology, by Wild and Wicked) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$39,150. O-Late Night Stables LLC; B-Randal Family Trust (KY); T-Thomas M. Amoss. *\$100,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP.

6th-PEN, \$29,500, 1-30, (NW1LX), 4yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:44.32, ft.

SHEIKINATOR (h, 5, Curlin--Im a Dixie Girl {MSW & GSP, \$167,320}, by Dixie Union) Lifetime Record: 26-5-9-2, \$229,165. O-Vince Campanella; B-Elkstone Group, LLC (KY); T-Gerald E. Brooks. *\$150,000 Ylg '12 FTKJUL. **1/2 to Mor Spirit (Eskendereya), GISW, \$288,400.

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5th-HOU, \$20,000, (NW2L)/Opt. Clm (\$15,000), 1-30, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11.97, ft.

JOLIE MON (f, 3, Too Much Bling--Julie Mon, by Maria's Mon) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$22,844. O-Susan Archer; B-Fletcher Properties Inc. (TX); T-Robert A. Young.

10th-HOU, \$20,000, 1-30, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:45.29, fm.

C C'S SONG (m, 5, My Golden Song--Candy's Cleopatra {SP, \$227,703}, by Wayne's Crane) Lifetime Record: 12-4-1-1, \$50,893. O/T-W. Bret Calhoun; B-Charles McKamie (TX).

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Triple Creek, c, 3, **Hat Trick (Jpn)**--Lady Lyra, by Storm Creek. TP, 1-31, 1m (AWT), 1:40.37. B-Sanford R. Robertson (KY). *\$95,000 Ylg '14 FTKOCT.

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Carson's Suspect, g, 3, **Primary Suspect**--Bexley, by Level Sands. OP, 1-31, (S), 6f, 1:11.79. B-Jim Bussey (AR).

Pure Comedy, c, 3, **Pure Prize**--Comedy Girl (MSP, \$158,302), by Comic Strip. GG, 1-31, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:03.73. B-H & E Ranch (AZ). *\$33,000 Ylg '14 NCAAUG.

Morning Buzz, g, 4, **Congrats**--Saramy, by Personal Hope. TAM, 1-31, 7f, 1:24.26. B-Woodford Thoroughbreds (FL). *\$140,000 Ylg '13 FTSAUG. **1/2 to Babaganush (Capture the Gold), SW, \$197,786; Springs Road (Repent), MSP, \$184,650; and Wildcat Heiress (Wildcat Heir), SW, \$124,572.

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DAY TWO ON LA ROUTE



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By Sue Finley

While we didn't exactly wake to bright skies and sun, at least the lashing rain of Saturday gave way to a more typical Normandy winter day--overcast with mild temperatures--as the TDN squad set out for day two of the annual Route des Etalons, a series of loosely connected open houses organized by the French Breeding and Racing Committee throughout Normandy. While yesterday, we made a large circle through the area west and south of Deauville, today we chose to start with those farms closest to town. The day--or at least my ability to type up a story about it--threatened to be a non-starter entirely. Upon exiting the taxi at the annual FRBC dinner in Deauville last night, TDN International V.P. Gary King gave the door a right slam, smashing my middle finger in the car door and quite possibly causing a hairline fracture. (I mention this not for sympathy, but just in case I was spotted at my table in the Barriere Casino Saturday night, my hand in my ice water, tears streaming down my face. As Lucas Marquardt would say, more on the appropriateness of this later.)

The day could only get better and it quickly did with our first stop at the lovely Haras du Quesnay, about 15 minutes outside of town. **Dunkerque (Fr)** (Highest Honor {Fr}) was parading when we arrived, always the sire of a healthy percentage of winners to runners from limited opportunity. [Cont. p2](#)

SWORD OF LIGHT CARRIES A RICH HERITAGE

By John Berry

For many, Australia Day (Jan. 26, the anniversary of the arrival of the First Fleet in Sydney Cove in 1788) will always be associated with one race, the G1 William Reid S., a weight-for-age sprint at Moonee Valley. That race, in turn, will always be associated with one horse; the mighty Manikato (Aus) (Manihi {Aus}) who achieved the remarkable feat of winning it for five consecutive years, 1979 to '83 inclusive. However, time moves on. The William Reid S. is now run in March, and Moonee Valley no longer races on Australia Day. Instead, Melbourne's Australia Day racing now takes place at Caulfield, where the focus is on younger horses in the lead-up to Victoria's premier juvenile race, the G1 Blue Diamond S. Manikato, of course, can't be kept out of the picture, as the 1978 Blue Diamond was the race in which he burst into the big time. [Cont. p3](#)

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Day Two on La Route cont.

Next up was Breeders' Cup Mile and Jacques Le Marois runner-up **Anodin (Fr)** (Anabaa), whose first foals arrive this year. The middle-distance runner **Youmzain (Ire)** (Sinndar {Ire}), the sire of several black type runners from his first two crops, including G1 Yorkshire Oaks third Sea Calisi (Fr), was also out. Finally, the current star of the yard, Galileo (Ire)'s **Intello (Ger)**,



Farm signage, typically in short supply, abounded in tiny St Pierre-Azif | Sue Finley

was led out. Intello stood his first two seasons at Cheveley Park in England and now starts a two-year run at Quesnay, before continuing to swap back and forth. At €25,000, he has proven overwhelmingly popular, according to Le Quesnay's manager Vincent Rimaud. "We are very excited," said Rimaud. "He will have more mares this year than during his second year in Newmarket because people have seen his first yearlings and they are very pleased with what they have seen. He booked 111 mares last year,

and we already have booked 125 this year. 30 to 35% of the mares he will cover this year have come from Britain and Ireland. We have heard such good things. I have some here and I have seen plenty at the Wertheimers' farm, and they are very nice. People are very pleased with his first foals, and some people are coming back to him, new people and this is quite exciting." Le Quesnay was host to 263 people Saturday and looked set to top that number again Sunday. Intello's success is more good news for the French breeding industry, in the midst of a stallion revolution.

Just up the road a bit from Quesnay is the tiny village of St Pierre-Azif, home to both Haras du Thenney and Haras de Colleville. St. Pierre-Azif is notable both for having perhaps the world's smallest "downtown," which consists only of a town square and a town hall, and some remarkable examples of Norman bocage, or hedgerow, lining the path up to Colleville and Thenney. The Allies lost more men fighting their way through the dense and almost impenetrable bocage than they did in the invasion. I spend some time explaining why this was so to my traveling companion, Gary King, who will no doubt be happy to get home to New Jersey Tuesday, where he doesn't have to hear me drone on about random World War II facts as we drive the countryside together. But, hey, he broke my finger, so I figure we're even.)

Haras de Colleville is, of course, home to the remarkable French success story **Kendargent (Fr)** (Kendor {Fr}), who started his career with a handful of mares at €500 from which he produced several black-type runners, and is now the leading sire of 2-year-olds in France in 2015, and the leading sire of 2-year-old black-type winners by percentage in Europe since 2011. At €18,000, he has already booked 100 mares for 2016. Joining him in the Colleville stallion barn this year is **Galiway (GB)** (Galileo {Ire}), who brings the Galileo/Danehill cross to the farm, and who stands for €3,000. Can lightning strike twice for owner Guy Pariente? He will certainly give Galiway every chance, breeding a number of his good mares to the stallion.



Galiway at Colleville | Sue Finley

Thirty minutes through the countryside brought us to Haras de Bouquetot, the subject of a Kelsey Riley feature back in December ([click here](#)) and Al Shaqab's farm in France. As Kelsey wrote, the farm is home to G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains winner **Style Vendome (Fr)** (Anabaa), represented by his first crop of yearlings in 2016; G1 Prix Ganay winner **Planteur (Ire)** (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), also with first yearlings this year; and the G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere winner **Olympic Glory (Ire)** (Choisir {Aus}), who has recently returned from Australia and whose first foals are being born this year. (The farm is also home to my favorite dog in all of France, Bouquetot's marketing manager Audrey Leyval's Isere, a rangy Malinois named for a French department in the Alps who is always happy to see visitors at the farm and ridiculously well-behaved around the horses. But I digress...)

The Al Shaqab stallions will certainly have every chance of success after being supported with some of the finest mares on the property.

After the stallion parade, we were treated to a personal tour of the farm by Leyval (and Isere). The farm has clearly undergone some significant changes over the last few years, and there's plenty more in the pipeline. Unfortunately, we didn't get to see the fabulous Treve (Fr) on this occasion, as Criquette Head-Maarek's dual Arc heroine is in Newmarket for a meeting with Dubawi (Ire). We decided noon was a little early for oysters and champagne, so finished our visit by sampling the scallop and leeks. We have been treated to some great French cuisine over the last few days, but the Bouquetot offering will be hard to beat. With a parting goodbye to Benoit Jeffroy we were back on the road.

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Breeder Maja Sundstrom (center) with daughter Anna Drion and granddaughter Moa Drion, greet Le Havre | Sue Finley

"Do you want to see the best stallion in the world?" Haras de la Cauviniere's Mathieu Alex asks new visitors. Alex has every right to be optimistic about the future of Cauviniere's **Le Havre (Fr)** (Noverre), whose first crop two years ago, bred on a €5,000 stud fee, included 13 black-type winners including G1 Prix de Diane winner Avenir Certain (Fr). He covered 199 mares in 2015 at €20,000 and stands for €35,000 in 2016. Those in agreement with the 'best horse in the world' moniker at the show we attended was none other than Maja Sundstrom, mother of Coulonces Consignment's Anna Drion, and the breeder of Le Havre, who is rightfully proud of his success. La Cauviniere's up-and-comer **Rajsaman (Fr)** (Linamix {Fr}), who has covered around 200 mares in each of his first three crops, including 219 from 300 applications in 2015, also drew some attention, and his first crop will be closely watched when they hit the track this year. "His yearlings sold very well, and they were bought by trainers, which is important," said Alex. (See a feature on la Cauviniere by Kelsey Riley in the December 8 TDN [here.](#))

At Cauviniere, our last stop, we ran into the principals in the extraordinary success story of Coulonces Consignment, Anna and Etienne Drion, and were invited to see their magnificent house and farm, Haras du Grand Chene, about 25 minutes away in the small town of Survie. The farm comprises 65 acres of prime land, with 50 stalls, a walker, lunging rings and paddocks. It's a little bit of Horse Heaven. But, then, that's the story of the Thoroughbred industry here in Normandy, and it is fostered by a friendliness and hospitality which is the equal of that anywhere in the world. So much of the fun on La Route des Etalons is not just seeing the stallions, but being invited into the office or often the breeding shed afterward for a bite to eat or a coffee. The farms take great pride in the spreads they present, and it's not

uncommon to see employees or principals from one farm on hand to share a drink with those at another after seeing their stallions. They are all breeders, after all, and one comes away with the feeling that it's a close-knit community, with all oars pulling in the same direction for a common good: the success of the French breeding and racing industry. They say a rising tide lifts all boats. Everyone seems to understand that here in France, and, indeed, the tide continues to rise.

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FAMILIAR DESTINY (IRE), (c, 3, Intense Focus--Greannmhar, by Distorted Humor), who won a decent allowance in July and finished in the money in all six prior starts, defied gamely the severe top-weight of 61 kilos landing the Premio San Gennaro, a traditional handicap for 3-year-olds that some decades ago was a possible first step on the way of G2 Derby Italiano. Lifetime record: 7-2-1-4, €26,192. O-Scuderia Effeve; B-Ennistown Stud (Ire); T-Endo Botti. *€17,000 Ylg '14 TATIRESEP.

Lone Cypress (Ire), c, 3, Roderic O'Connor (Ire)--Basteta (Ire), by Sholokov (Ire). PIS, 1-31, newc., 7.5fT, 1:33.80. B-M. Phealan (Ire). *€14,000 Ylg '14 TATIRESEP. ** Dam 1/2 to Noble Stella (Ger) (Monsun (Ger), MGSW, \$713,137.



John Berry cont.

This year's Blue Diamond Previews at Caulfield on Australia Day threw up a couple of interesting winners with **Cohesion (Aus)** (Lonhro {Aus}) taking the colts' and geldings' heat for Godolphin and **Sword Of Light (Aus)** (New Approach {Ire}) winning the fillies' race. The latter particularly maintained the feeling of heritage which the day possesses as her background contains notable elements from many decades of Australian racing history.

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Taking a wide-angle view of Sword Of Light's background, she descends from Australia's greatest race-mare of the post-war era; Chicquita (Aus) (Blank {GB}) who did so well for Flemington trainer Tony Lopes that he re-named his stable after her, as several decades of Melbourne Cup films can confirm as the



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viewer watches and hears the field hurtle past the property midrace. Chicquita's 16 victories included the VATC Thousand Guineas, VRC Wakeful Stakes and VRC Oaks treble in the spring of 1949, while the following season she finished runner-up in both the Caulfield and Melbourne Cups. When Chicquita went to stud, her mates included the two most appropriate stallions for her; Star Kingdom (Ire) (Stardust {GB}) who was the best stallion in the land at the time, and Comic Court (Aus) (Powerscourt {Aus}) to whom she had finished second in the Melbourne Cup. Her best foal turned out to be her son of the Golden Slipper-winning Star Kingdom horse Todman (Aus); Eskimo Prince (Aus), winner of the Golden Slipper in 1964. To Comic Court she produced the 1962 Melbourne Cup runner-up Comicquita (Aus) while her daughter of Star Kingdom - Starquita (Aus) - was not as good as that pair, but ultimately proved to be as influential a broodmare as she was entitled to be.

Among the good horses of recent years descending from Starquita are four-time Group 1 winner Alamosa (NZ) (O'Reilly {NZ}) and 2011 G1 Australasian Oaks heroine Lights Of Heaven (NZ) (Zabeel {NZ}). One pair of breeders very happy to have descendants of Starquita in their broodmare band has been 2013/'14 Victorian Breeders of the Year David and Jenny Moodie, principals of Contract Racing. Many very good horses - headed by 2010 G1 Golden Slipper heroine Crystal Lily (Aus) (Stratum {Aus}) who twice finished second in Group One company to the mighty Black Caviar (Aus) (Bel Esprit {Aus}) including in the William Reid S. in March 2012 - have been bred and raced by the Moodies, and Starquita's great-granddaughter Coalition (Pre Emptive Strike {Can}) has been a feature in the pedigrees of many of them. One of the first successful stallions stood by David Moodie was his Listed-winning sprinter Blazing Sword (Aus) (Marscay {Aus}) who sired Contract Racing's 1996 G1 Caulfield Cup winner Arctic Scent (Aus). When Blazing Sword covered Coalition in 1993, the result was Razor Blade (Aus) who won eight races including scoring at Group 3 level in Brisbane and at Listed level in Sydney. Razor Blade then proved to be a

stalwart of the Moodies' breeding operation, with four of her six winners having scored in Pattern company. The best of these has been Flamberge (Aus) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), a Group 1 winner last May in South Australia's premier sprint, the Goodwood Handicap at Morphettville, although Group 2 winner Sunburnt Land (Aus) (Scenic {Ire}) may well also have eventually scored in Group 1 company had he not been killed by lightning when spelling in the paddock after his very rewarding spring campaign in 2008. He had been Group 1-placed up the Flemington straight only five days previously.

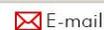
Flamberge's full-sister Curtana (Aus) scored at Group 3 level up the straight 1200m at Flemington in 2010, while Durandal (Aus) (Medaglia D'Oro) became Razor Blade's fourth Group winner by taking the G3 Standish Handicap up the same strip of ground on New Year's Day 2016. The better of Razor Blade's two lesser winners was Joyeuse (Aus) (King's Best), who won five sprints in Melbourne as well as finishing third in Listed company in Sydney in 2008. She has now further extended the Contract Racing success story by producing the G3 Blue Diamond Fillies' Preview winner Sword Of Light, who should be able to progress further and to do more to expand one of the success stories of Victorian racing and breeding.



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First foal for Olympic Glory. Out of Alhawrja (ire) born Jan 25 at Haras de Bouquetot | *Sue Finley photo*

ANOTHER FEATURE WINNER FOR SUTONG

by Alan Carasso

In a relatively short space, mega-millionaire businessman Pan Sutong has tasted tremendous success on the Hong Kong racing



Christophe Soumillon wins his third Stewards' Cup | HKJC photo

landscape. He has won races like the G1 Hong Kong Cup and the prestigious Hong Kong Derby with expensive import Akeed Mofeed (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), who now stands at Sutong's Goldin Farms in South Australia. Gold-Fun (Ire) (Le Vie Dei

Colori {GB}), third in Akeed Mofeed's Derby, became Hong Kong's champion miler in 2014 and has no fewer than eight feature-race wins, two at international Group 2 level, and those achievements would look better still were it not for horses like Akeed Mofeed and Horse of the Year Able Friend (Aus) (Shamardal). **Giant Treasure (Mizzen Mast)**, fifth to **Luger (Aus)** (Choisir {Aus}) in last year's Derby, provided Sutong with his latest success story, dropping his nose down on the line to defeat his Derby conqueror in a thrilling renewal of the G1 Stewards' Cup Sunday at Sha Tin Racecourse.

A two-time winner in Europe racing as Sea Defence for Khalid Abdullah and Roger Charlton, Giant Treasure won twice last term over 1400 meters and has focused on trips up to a mile this season. A low-odds fifth behind **Contentment (Aus)** (Hussonet) and **Beauty Only (Ire)** (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) in the Sha Tin Trophy H. Oct. 25, he was second to the upset-minded **Beauty Flame (Ire)** (Footstepsinthesand {GB}) in the G2 Jockey Club Mile Nov. 21 and parlayed a perfect trip into a strong runner-up effort to Japanese Horse of the Year Maurice (Jpn) (Screen Hero {Jpn}) when last spotted in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Mile Dec. 13.

AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS OF THE STEWARDS' CUP

2002/2003	Electronic Unicorn (Housebuster) ©
2005	Bullish Luck (Royal Academy) ©
2008/2009	Good Ba Ba (Lear Fan) ©
2016	Giant Treasure (Mizzen Mast)

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Determined to prove that effort was no fluke, Giant Treasure was sent off the second choice in the Stewards' Cup and landed slightly better than centerfield, following the moves of favored Contentment down the back with Luger in a good spot just to his outside. Pacesetter Beauty Flame and

Multivictory (NZ) (Bachelor Duke) were besieged as the field hit the head of the lane, and Joao Moreira split that duo going well, while Christophe



Giant Treasure takes out the Stewards' Cup in a three-way go | HKJC photo

Soumillon was happy to roll the dice up the fence. In the meantime, Luger, first-up for eight months, was finding his best stride down the center and the stage was set for a pulsating finish. Giant Treasure hit the lead 150 meters out and looked to idle ever so slightly, allowing Luger to take a dive at him late, but he was the recipient of a fortuitous bob and the race was his. Contentment just failed to finish the job in third, while Beauty Only made good ground from the tail to be fourth. Top middle-distance horses **Blazing Speed (GB)** (Dylan Thomas {Ire}, fifth), **Military Attack (Ire)** (Oratorio {Ire}, sixth) and **Designs on Rome (Ire)** (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}), eighth) all hit the line hard while prepping for the G1 Hong Kong Gold Cup Feb. 28.

"He's not an easy ride, he's still quite green," said Soumillon, for whom this was a third win in the race, all of which have ironically come aboard American-bred gallopers (2005 Bullish Luck, 2009 Good Ba Ba). "I rode him for the first time in November and he was upsetting us a bit because you could feel he's got a lot of ability but he was not trying that hard. So we tried to find a way to gallop as best as possible. You can't ride him like a usual horse and try to come around the outside to win it. He loves to come through horses. Even today when I hit the front 150 metres from the line, he just looked around and I couldn't make him concentrate until the line, so we were quite lucky to get it today."

Giant Treasure's full-sister and fellow gray Jibboom was a graded winner on Polytrack and turf and Grade I placed on dirt in the U.S. for the late Bobby Frankel. Palisade is the dam of the 2-year-old filly Piaffe (Successful Appeal).

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong

STEWARDS' CUP-G1, HK\$10,000,000 (US\$1,283,583), Sha Tin, 1-31, 3yo/up, 1600mT, 1:34.16, gd.

1--&#@GIANT TREASURE, 126, g, 5, by [Mizzen Mast](#)

1st Dam: Palisade, by Gone West

2nd Dam: Peplum, by Nijinsky II

3rd Dam: Chain Store, by Nodouble

O-Pan Sutong; B-Juddmonte Farms Inc (KY); T-Richard Gibson, J-Christophe Soumillon; HK\$5,700,000. Lifetime Record:

16-5-2-4, HK\$16,574,370. *Formerly Sea Defence. **Full to Jibboom, MGSW & GISP-US, \$487,600. **Werk Nick Rating: A+**.

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2--Luger (Aus), 126, g, 5, [Choisir \(Aus\)](#)--Miss Conception (Aus), by Danzero (Aus). (A\$260,000 Ylg '12 INGEAS). O-Terry Fok Kwong Hang; B-Bylong Park Thoroughbreds; T-John Size; HK\$2,200,000.

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3--Contentment (Aus), 126, g, 5, Hussonet--Jemison (Aus), by Commands (Aus). (A\$65,000 Ylg '12 INGCLS). O-Benson Lo Tak Wing; B-P J Favretto; T-John Size; HK\$1,000,000.

Margins: SHD, NO, 1. Odds: 28-10, 10-1, 8-5.

Also Ran: Beauty Only (Ire), Blazing Speed (GB), Military Attack (Ire), Beauty Flame (Ire), Designs on Rome (Ire), Dan Excel (Ire), Rewarding Hero (GB), Multivictory (NZ).

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AEROVELOCITY DOESN'T MISS A 'BEAT'

by Alan Carasso

With overseas victories in the 2015 G1 Takamatsunomiya Kinen in Japan and in the G1 KrisFlyer International Sprint in Singapore, **Aerovelocity (NZ)** (Pins {Aus}) stood to earn a US\$1-million bonus if he could successfully defend his title in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Sprint last month. But fate intervened, as the talented short-tracker was knocked down by an irregular heartbeat, and it was time to regroup and start anew in Sunday's Centenary Sprint Cup at Sha Tin. And if Sunday's performance is a harbinger of things to come, the rest had better lift their games.

After leading throughout to best **Peniaphobia (Ire)** (Dandy Man {Ire}) in the 2014 Hong Kong Sprint, Aerovelocity was narrowly defeated by Christophe Soumillon and **Gold-Fun (Ire)** (Le Vie Dei Colori {GB}) in the Chairman's Sprint Prize last February. Aerovelocity overcame ground easier than he prefers and some of Japan's top sprinters when knifing through late to win the Takamatsunomiya Kinen last March and added a soft

win in the KrisFlyer to close out the season. He was no better than a 16-1 chance and did not exactly enjoy the confidence of the Paul O'Sullivan stable when first-up in the Premier Bowl H. Oct. 25, but he ran no sort of race, was diagnosed with the heart problem and hadn't been seen since. His box became something of a cardiac unit, as Aerovelocity was carefully monitored. Sunday's race was less heart-stopping, excepting a stewards' inquiry into the stretch run.

Peniaphobia, last-out winner of the Hong Kong Sprint, caught a flyer away from there and led early from Aerovelocity, but **Domineer (GB)**



Aerovelocity back to winning ways in the Centenary Sprint Cup | HKJC photo

(Shamardal) and one-time star **Amber Sky (Aus)**

(Exceed and Excel {Aus}) crossed over to lead, giving both some crucial cover. Joao Moreira popped the question on Peniaphobia in upper stretch and he put away both front-runners with ease, but Zac Purton had Aerovelocity well in hand as they joined in with 250 meters to race. The Kiwi-bred drifted in entering the final furlong, hampering Peniaphobia on two separate occasions, but he stretched away to score by daylight, as Gold-Fun picked up the pieces for second. Stewards looked at the incident, but ultimately allowed the result to stand, though Purton was handed a three-meeting suspension [Feb. 6-18].

"I wouldn't say I enjoyed the last 200 metres because I had a bit of a wrestle with him trying to keep him off the fence," said the winning rider. "He gave me a difficult ride, but I did the best I could and he won pretty comfortably in the end."

Though he was ambitiously campaigned last spring, O'Sullivan suggested a more conservative plan may be in the works this time around.

"I haven't thought one day past today," he said. "I know what the options are and we'll probably prioritise the race back here in May 1 [G1] Chairman's Sprint Prize but I haven't even sat down and worked out the dates. It's a great thrill today for him to come back."

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Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong

CENTENARY SPRINT CUP, HK\$8,000,000 (US\$1,026,541), Sha Tin, 1-31, 3yo/up, 1200mT, 1:08.36, gd.

1--**AEROVELOCITY (NZ), 126, g, 7, Pins (Aus)--Exodus (NZ), by Kaapstad (NZ)**. (NZ\$120,000 Ylg '10 NZBPPE). O-Daniel Yeung Ngai; B-N E Schick & S J Till; T-Paul O'Sullivan; J-Zac Purton; HK\$4,560,000. Lifetime Record: Ch. Sprinter-HK, G1SW-HK, Jpn & Sin, 20-11-4-1, HK\$33,787,368.

2--**Gold-Fun (Ire), 126, g, 7, Le Vie Dei Colori (GB)--Goodwood March (GB)**, by Wolfhound. (10,000gns Ylg '10 TATOCT). O-Pan Sutong. HK\$1,760,000.

3--**Peniaphobia (Ire), 126, g, 5, Dandy Man (Ire)--Umlani (Ire)**, by Great Commotion. (€11,000 Wlg '11 GOFNOV; £20,000 Ylg '12 DONAUG). O-Huang Kai Wen. HK\$920,000.

Margins: 1HF, NK, 1 1/4. Odds: 15-2, 7-5, 8-5.

Also Ran: Frederick Engels (GB), Charles the Great (Ire), I'm In Charge (Aus), Not Listenin'tome (Aus), Strathmore (Aus), Secret Sham (Aus), Super Jockey (NZ), Domineer (GB), Amber Sky (Aus). Scratched: Lucky Nine (Ire).

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'KINGDOM' KIN REMAINS UNBEATEN

by Alan Carasso

Satono Kingdom (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), the half-brother to GI Kentucky Derby and G1 Dubai World Cup hero Animal Kingdom (Leroidesanimaux {Brz}), remained perfect in his two career trips to the post with a cozy allowance success Sunday afternoon at Tokyo Racecourse.

Sent off at 9-5 on the strength of a very impressive debut victory in a newcomers' event over 1600 meters on the Arima Kinen undercard at Nakayama Dec. 27 ([video](#)), the son of Dalicia



Satono Kingdom (4)
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(Ger) (Acatenango {Ger}) was drawn four for this 1800-meter heat going left-handed for the first time and raced along the inside from about midpack before dropping a few spots during the middle stages of the race. He

continued to save ground into the stretch beneath leading jockey Keita Tosaki, found daylight as they reached the final 400 meters and finished up nicely to be along for a half-length success ([video](#)).

Satono Kingdom was bred by Shadai Farm, who acquired Dalicia for 230,000gns in foal to Mr. Greeley at the 2009 Tattersalls December Sale. Dalicia is the dam of a 2-year-old filly by Stay Gold (Jpn) and a yearling filly by that stallion. She was

bred back to and is due to Deep Impact (Jpn) early this year. Satono Kingdom, who could chart a course for the G1 Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas) in April, is trained by Sakae Kunieda for owner Hajime Satomi.

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Sunday, Tokyo, Japan

NEGISHI S.-G3, ¥72,810,000 (US\$600,873), Tokyo, 1-31, 4yo/up, 1400m, 1:22.00, yldg.

1--**MOANIN, 121, c, 4, by Henny Hughes**

1st Dam: Giggly, by Distorted Humor

2nd Dam: Chaste, by Cozzene

3rd Dam: Purity, by Fappiano

(\$90,000 yrl '13 FTNAUG; \$335,000 2yo '14 OBSMAR).

O-Yukio Baba; B-Empire Equines LLC; T-Sei Ishizaka; J-Keita Tosaki; ¥38,567,000. Lifetime: 6-5-0-1 **Werk Nick Rating: A**

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Hidden Brook Raised & Sold
Bradley Thoroughbreds Pinbook Venture Graduate

2--**Tahltan, 123, h, 8, Tapit--Indian Town**, by Glitterman. (\$65,000 yrl '09 FTKJUL; €85,000 2yo '10 ARQMAY). O-Green Fields Inc.: B-George Waggoner Stables Inc; ¥15,162,000.

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Consigned by GAINESWAY

3--**Grape Brandy (Jpn), 128, h, 8, Manhattan Cafe (Jpn)--Wine and Rose (Jpn)**, by Judge Angelucci. O-Shadai Race Horse; B-Shadai Farm ¥9,581,000.

Margins: 1/2, 1.3/4, 1.1/4; Odds: 1.20, 10.90, 42.20

Also Ran: Tagano Tonnerre (Jpn), Anzuchan (Jpn), Protocol (Jpn), Laser Bullet (Jpn), Maruka Fleet (Jpn), Admire Sagace (Jpn), Red Falx (Jpn), Kyoei Asura (Jpn), Admire Royal (Jpn), Satono Tiger (Jpn), Sakura Air (Jpn), Shigeru Kaga (Jpn), Thinking Machine (Jpn). Click for the [JRA chart and video](#), [Racing Post result](#) or the [free equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).

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Sunday, Kyoto, Japan

SILK ROAD S.-G3, ¥75,410,000 (US\$622,333), Kyoto, 1-31, 4yo/up, 1200mT, 1:07.90, gd.

1--**DANCE DIRECTOR (Jpn)**, 126, h, 5, by **Aldebaran**

1st Dam: Mother Leaf (Jpn), by **Sunday Silence**

2nd Dam: Scholarship (Jpn), by **Tony Bin (Ire)**

3rd Dam: Powerful Lady (Jpn), by **Maruzensky (Jpn)**

O-Suzuko Ota; B-Fujiwara Bokujo; T-Kazuhide Sasada; J-Suguru Hamanaka; ¥39,567,000. Lifetime: 16-6-6-1. **Werk Nick Rating:**

C+. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Laurel Veloce (Jpn)**, 123, h, 5, Sakura Bakushin-Oh (Jpn)--Halo

Fuji (Jpn), by King Halo (Jpn). O-Laurel Racing; B-Kyowa Farm; ¥16,162,000.

3--**Wakino Brave (Jpn)**, 121, h, 6, by Meiner Love--The Fates

(Jpn), by Brian's Time. O- Yoshiyuki Wakiyama; B-Hirayama Farm; ¥9,881,000.

Margins: 1.1/2, 1.1/2, Nose; Odds: 3.40, 10.90, 89.90.

Also Ran: Second Table (Jpn), Big Arthur (Jpn), Satono Lupin (Jpn), Hiruno Devaro (Jpn), Yamaninpetitgateau (Jpn), Nero (Jpn), Little Gerda (Jpn), Meisho Tsugaru (Jpn), Yasaka Odile (Jpn), Ninja (Jpn), Seiko Raiko (Jpn), Active Minoru (Jpn).

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STRONG TRADE AS KARAKA CULMINATES

A highly successful National Yearling Sales Series at Karaka came to a close on Sunday with the Festival Yearling Sale, and as has been the case since trade commenced a week ago, the sale posted an improved set of results with the aggregate, average, median and clearance rate all coming in higher than last year. No fewer than 188 horses were sold at this year's Festival Sale, just four less than last year despite 31 fewer lots catalogued. The aggregate was NZ\$3,020,200, an increase of 7% on last year's figure while the average rose 10% to NZ\$16,065. The median of NZ\$12,000 was 20% higher than last year while the clearance rate remained strong at 79%, up from last year's rate of 71%.

Sustained growth has underpinned the whole week of Karaka 2016 highlighted by an all-time record median of NZ\$55,000, rising 22% from last year's NZ\$45,000. Also increasing substantially was the aggregate that rose 27% to NZ\$85,648,400 along with the average that reached NZ\$88,025, 17% higher than 2015, all complimented by a healthy clearance rate of 80%. NZB's Managing Director Andrew Seabrook was understandably delighted with how the six days of selling played out. "We came into this year's sale confident that we would have a good week but we have exceeded our own expectations," commented Seabrook. "We have grossed nearly NZ\$20m more than last year – to increase by that much is an incredible effort. A big thank

you has to go out to everyone involved this week, internationals and locals. It is a credit to our vendors to have a week as successful as this one was, and we wish buyers all the best with their Karaka purchases."

Sunday's top price came at lot [1199](#), purchased for NZ\$80,000 by Shane Crawford of Regal Farm. Offered by Lime Country Thoroughbreds, the colt by leading first season sire Jimmy Choux (NZ) (Thorne Park {Aus}) is out of the Stratum (Aus) mare Asian Wind (Aus). Successful Ready To Run Sale vendors, Regal Farm are likely to bring the colt back to Karaka in November for the 2-year-old sale. "We've enjoyed some good success at the Ready To Run Sale previously and this guy looks an ideal type for that," commented Crawford. "He is a beautiful moving horse who is well balanced and has a good head, neck and shoulder to him. He is also nicely mannered and looks an early season type."

The second highest price of the Sale was NZ\$70,000, given by Ruakaka trainer Donna Logan for lot [1205](#), a filly by Tavistock (NZ) (Montjeu {Ire}) out of Bantry Bay (Aus). Logan has an affinity with the progeny of Tavistock, training Group 1 winner Volkstok'n'barrell (NZ). The leading buyer of the Festival Sale was Stephen McKee who purchased five horses for NZ\$174,500. This year's Karaka Million winning trainer's most expensive purchase was NZ\$55,000 for lot [1287](#), a colt by Dalghar (Fr) (Anabaa) out of Golden Eve (NZ) (Pins {Aus}). The leading sire by average with three or more sold at the Festival Sale was Jimmy Choux, with six horses sold for an average of NZ\$36,500, including the day's top lot. At the top of both the leading vendor by aggregate and average tables on Sunday was Haunui Farm, selling seven horses for a total of NZ\$316,000 at an average of NZ\$45,143.

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KARAKA FESTIVAL YEARLING SALE

TOTALS	2016	2015
• Catalogued	298	329
• No. Offered	240	280
• No. Sold	188	192
• RNAs	52	82
• % RNAs	21%	29%
• High Price	NZ\$80,000	NZ\$85,000
• Gross	NZ\$3,020,200	NZ\$2,816,650
• Average (% change)	NZ\$16,065 (+10%)	NZ\$14,670
• Median (% change)	NZ\$12,000 (+20%)	NZ\$10,000