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FLORIDA DERBY SHOWDOWN LOOMS

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The stage will be set for a heavyweight bout between a pair of unbeatens in the GI Florida Derby Apr. 2.

That remains the target for champion **Nyquist** (Uncle Mo), a smart winner in his comebacker in the seven-furlong GII San Vicente S. at Santa Anita Feb. 15 (video), and **Mohaymen** (Tapit), who extended his perfect mark to five-for-five with a dazzling 2 1/4-length tally in Saturday's GII Xpressbet.com Fountain of Youth S. at Gulfstream Park (video).

Mohaymen, a $2.2-million KEESEP co-topper, has earned career-high 95 Beyer Speed Figures in each of his last three victories, including the GII Remsen S. at Aqueduct Nov. 28 and GII Holy Bull S. in Hallandale Jan. 30.

"He came out of it perfect, no issues, and ate up," trainer Kiaran McLaughlin said of the Shadwell Stable colorbearer. "Everything is great. It's all going great, and it's a lot of fun. It was just another great day."

Last term's GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile hero, meanwhile, is eligible for a $1-million bonus if victorious in the Florida Derby after bringing $400,000 at the 2015 Fasig-Tipton Florida Select 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale. Owned by Reddam Racing LLC, Nyquist is trained by Doug O'Neill.

"Obviously it will be a tough test for both of them," McLaughlin continued. "Speaking for our horse, moving on you're going to face different horses and tough horses and he's probably the toughest one out there right now." **Cont. p3**

SONGBIRD BREEZES FOR SANTA YSABEL

Undefeated champion and **'TDN Rising Star' Songbird** (Medaglia d'Oro) worked four furlongs in :48 (15/85) at Santa Anita Sunday under regular rider Mike Smith for next Saturday's GIII Santa Ysabel S.

J. Hollendorfer
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The GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies heroine, owned by Rick Porter's Fox Hill Farms, returned to the races in style with a facile score in Santa Anita's GII Las Virgenes S. Feb. 6 (video).

"It was just a little blowout, a nice work in decent time," Hall of Fame trainer Jerry Hollendorfer said of the $400,000 FTSAUG graduate. **Cont. p3**

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Mor Spirit *(Eskendereya) had his mind on business at Santa Anita Sunday morning, breezing five furlongs in :59.80 for the GII San Felipe S. Mar. 12. He never completed a scheduled workout last Tuesday when he "lost interest."*

OFF THE TRACKS TO PLETCHER BARN 5

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Florida Derby Showdown cont.

"We'd prefer to wait until May 7 [for the GI Kentucky Derby], but we can't blame them for coming with the bonus. It is what it is. It's hard to adjust or worry about it, either them or us. They have a very talented horse and we do, too, but we're already here. This is home for us. This was our plan from last year, basically."

Kiaran McLaughlin
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McLaughlin concluded, "He's just a special colt that does everything right and has such a great mind. Nothing seems to upset him. It makes our jobs easier."

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Songbird Works at Santa Anita cont.

"There are a progression of races that you run in to get to the [GI Kentucky] Oaks. You have the first one [Las Virgenes], then this one, then the [GI] Santa Anita Oaks [Apr. 9]. If you're lucky enough after that, you can try a bigger race, although these are plenty big enough for us right now." Smith added, "Every breeze is different. A horse wakes up in a different mood, but right now, she's absolutely just loving what she does. That was probably one of the best half-miles I've ever gone, about as easy and as smooth as you could possibly go; very impressive."

Songbird | *Horsephotos*

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UNBEATEN 'CATHRYN' DOING "AWESOME"

Cathryn Sophia (Street Boss) exited her tour-de-force victory going a mile in Saturday's GII Davona Dale S. at Gulfstream Park (video) in great shape, according to trainer John Servis.

The **'TDN Rising Star,'** owned by Cash is King LLC, has won the first four starts of her career by a combined margin of 41 1/2 lengths. She also scored an eye-catching win in Gulfstream's GII Forward Gal S. Jan. 30.

"Cathryn's awesome," Servis said. "She came out of the race super and licked the tub."

Cathryn Sophia, a $30,000 EASSEP yearling, may stretch to two turns for the first time in the Apr. 2 GII Gulfstream Park Oaks.

"It's on the list," Servis commented. "We're going to give her some time out of the race and she how she is. I've nominated her for a few spots. If I don't think the Oaks fits, then we'll do something else, but right now, it's certainly the race we're considering."

He continued, "I thought it was her best race yet. She did everything right. She broke good; she switched her leads good; she wasn't fooling around with her leads or wandering. She did everything professional."

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Gary Stevens & Bob Baffert | *Benoit*

The GI Los Alamitos Futurity and GII Robert B. Lewis S. hero (video) never completed a scheduled workout under regular rider Gary Stevens last Tuesday when he "lost interest," but was back on the beam this weekend.

"He went well," Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert said of the Michael L. Petersen colorbearer. "He's tough to work. He's a very laid back horse, which is good. He shows us more in the afternoon, which is what you want."

Baffert continued, "We're going work by work [for the San Felipe]. We'll play it by ear. Gary will ride him if we run. The horse seemed to be more aggressive today. Last time, he lost focus. He worked well today and galloped out strong. That's him. There's not a whole lot we need to do with him. He's pretty fit. I'm really happy with him."

Mor Spirit | *Benoit*

'TDN Rising Star' Danzing Candy (Twirling Candy), GII San Vicente S. runner-up **Exaggerator** (Curlin), unbeaten California-bred **Smokey Image** (Southern Image) and Robert B. Lewis runner-up **Uncle Lino** (Uncle Mo) are also being aimed at the San Felipe.

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OFF THE TRACKS PURCHASED PRIVATELY

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Off the Tracks | *Lauren King*

"We picked her up three days ago and she galloped yesterday and today," Pletcher said. "She's a big, strong filly and looks good. We'll probably look to gallop her the remainder of this week and start breezing her next weekend with the idea that maybe the [GII] Gulfstream Oaks [Apr. 2] is a possibility."

Sidelined with a knee injury that required surgery, Off the Tracks resurfaced with a dominating 4 1/4-length decision in Hallandale last weekend. The $50,000 KEESEP yearling is a half-sister to GII West Virginia Derby and GIII Iowa Derby hero Concord Point (Tapit).

"I'm familiar with the filly from her race at Saratoga and I watched her race here the other day." Pletcher said. "You would think with the pedigree that she has she would want to stretch out, so we'll see how she trains and go from there."

Pletcher also reported that **'TDN Rising Star' Zulu** (Bernardini) exited his runner-up finish behind undefeated Mohaymen (Tapit) in Saturday's GII Xpressbet.com Fountain of Youth S. at Gulfstream in good order.

"He seemed to come back well," Pletcher said. "I was happy with him. I think he established that he belongs in that type of company. I thought it was a promising effort first time around two turns and obviously running against an extremely talented horse. He held his own. I think there's some areas that we can improve upon, his behavior in the post parade being one of them. We'll continue to work on that and we'll see how he trains and get a feel for the landscape of some of these races."

As for what's next for Zulu, Pletcher continued, "The [GI] Florida Derby is an option mainly because it's kind of the first one, but we'll also keep our eye on how things are developing everywhere. We'll also consider the [GI] Wood Memorial and [GI] Arkansas Derby and the [GI] Blue Grass."

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KEENELAND NEXT FOR 'GLIMPSE'

Catch a Glimpse (City Zip), last term's GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf heroine, will be aimed at Keeneland's GIII Appalachian S. Apr. 14, according to trainer Mark Casse. The chestnut returned to the races with a dominating win in Gulfstream's GIII Herecomesthebride S. Saturday (video).

Mark Casse | *Coady*

"She's very good this morning," Casse reported. "I thought she was impressive. I'd read that some people thought she may not be cranked up for the race, but we felt like she was ready and ready to win. We weren't going to bring back the Breeders' Cup winner and let her need a race."

Catch a Glimpse, unbeaten in four attempts on grass, is a Sovereign Award finalist for Canada's champion 2-year-old filly of 2015. The $75,000 KEESEP yearling, owned in partnership by a group headed by Gary Barber, finished fifth in a sloppy off-the-turfer in her Saratoga debut last summer.

Casse continued, "Early on in the year there isn't a whole lot for 3-year-old fillies so our goal will be to try to keep her focused and keep her doing well with hopes of having her ready for the bigger races as the spring and summer come about."

It was also a successful return to the races for her champion stablemate **Tepin** (Bernstein) in Tampa's GIII Endeavour S. Feb. 13 (video). The Robert Masterson colorbearer concluded her 2015 campaign with authoritative wins in Keeneland's GI First Lady S. and GI Breeders' Cup Mile.

"She reminds me a lot of Tepin, though Tepin at this point in her career wasn't as talented as Catch a Glimpse," Casse said. "Tepin took a while to really get into the groove and become what she's become. Where I draw the comparison is when you ask either one of those fillies, they can gallop along at a slow pace which not a lot of horses can do, and then when you ask them to quicken it's like pushing the accelerator. They look nothing alike. Catch a Glimpse is taller and leaner where she looks more like a wide receiver. Tepin looks more like a big, strong running back."

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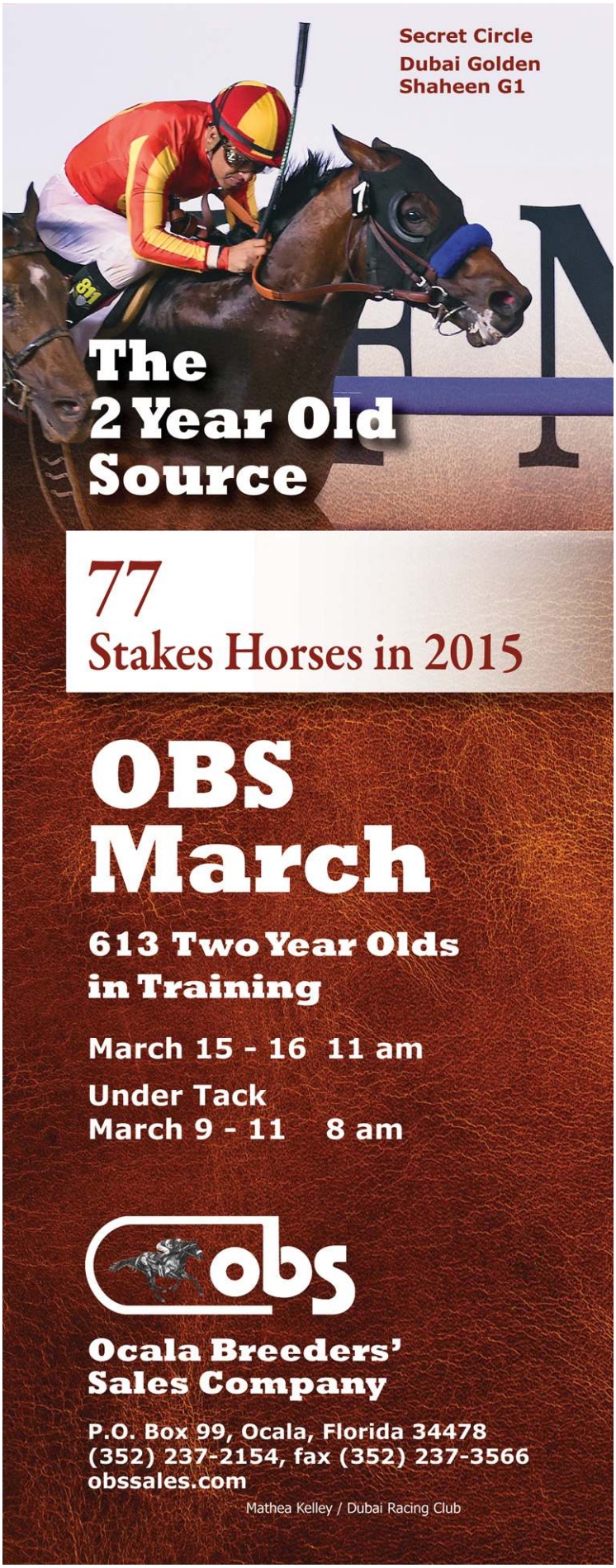

GOTHAM FIELD TAKING SHAPE

Shadwell Farm's unbeaten **'TDN Rising Star' Shagaf** (Bernardini) had his final tune-up for Saturday's GIII Gotham S. at the Big A, covering four furlongs in :48.95 (8/61) at Palm Meadows Saturday.

"He's doing well," trainer Chad Brown said. "We'll have to wait and see where he draws in the race, but from what we've seen so far, he certainly has the ability to adapt to any kind of pace in the race."

Shagaf won his debut impressively by six lengths at Aqueduct Nov. 22, then followed with another smart score going a mile in a Jan. 29 optional claimer at Gulfstream (video).

Dennis Drazin's **Sunny Ridge** (Holy Bull), winner of the GIII Withers S. Jan. 30, worked an easy four furlongs in :51.88 (44/48) over the Belmont training track Friday.

"It's just maintenance you know," trainer Jason Servis commented. "He doesn't have to go lights-out, but he went well. He's doing OK. We're ready."

Laoban (Uncle Mo), a close third in the GIII Sham S. at Santa Anita last out Jan. 9, worked six furlongs in 1:15.06 (1/1) at Aqueduct Saturday.

"He worked good," trainer Eric Guillot said of the maiden of three career starts. "He's pretty fit; I just wanted to get a work over this track."

Laoban was entered earlier this month in the GIII Robert B. Lewis S. at Santa Anita, but was scratched the morning of the race after he developed a fever.

Trainer Linda Rice, meanwhile, is weighing **Matt King Coal** (Cool Coal Man)'s options for his sophomore debut. Unraced since his front-running maiden victory at Belmont Oct. 29, the Florida-bred has worked steadily since returning to Rice's barn in early February.

"We've had three strong breezes in him, and the last two were pretty nice," Rice said. "I wouldn't mind having one more work, but I think I might just run him fresh. I just haven't quite decided yet which way we're going to go yet."

Adventist (Any Given Saturday), **Governor Malibu** (Malibu Moon), **Conquest Big E** (Tapit) and **Rally Cry** (Uncle Mo) are also expected for the Gotham.

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10th-GP, $48,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($25,000), 2-28, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.45, fm.

BRIDE TO BE (f, 4, Candy Ride {Arg}--Cat Chat {GSW, $154,040}, by Storm Cat) impressed over this course last year, beginning her career with a narrow runner-up finish behind Tennessee Whiskey (Smart Strike) in March. She graduated with authority in her second start later that month and was sent to the sidelines for an extended layoff thereafter. The dark bay returned to action here Jan. 24 and finished a game second behind **'TDN Rising Star'** Frosty Friday (Eskendereya) in a one-mile turf test. Sent postward as the 2-1 second choice, the homebred moved over to the rail soon after the start and stalked the pace in third through a half-mile in :48.92. Patiently handled on the final bend, Bride to Be split horses in upper stretch and rallied to post a 1 1/2-length victory over fast-closing post-time favorite Sympathy (Henrythenavigator). The winner is a half to GI Juddmonte Spinster S. winner In Lingerie (Empire Maker), GISW, $712,265. Bride to Be's second dam is 1993 champion 2-year-old Filly Phone Chatter (Phone Trick). Lifetime Record: 4-2-2-0, $74,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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LAMBHOLM SOUTH Training Graduate

7th-GP, $39,200, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($25,000), 2-28, 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:41.89, fm.

FLATLINED (g, 4, Flatter--Buttercup's Song, by Unbridled's Song) began his career under the care of trainer Kelly Von Hemel and did not find the winner's circle in three tries on dirt at Prairie Meadows in the spring of 2015. Transferred to this barn, the gelding returned to run second in a grassy one-mile test at Churchill Nov. 25 and broke through with a hard-fought maiden score over course and distance here Dec. 18. A distant fifth over a sloppy main track Jan. 15, the bay recently reaffirmed his affinity for the lawn with a narrowly beaten third-place finish behind Seeking Alpha (Medaglia d'Oro) back at this trip Feb. 7. Sent postward at odds of 5-2, Flatlined settled in fourth behind a half-mile in :47.97, launched a wide bid on the turn and rallied to win by 3/4 of a length over Amigo (Hard Spun). The winner's dam is a half to MGSW Rare Blend (Bates Motel). Flatlined hails from the same female family that

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11th-GP, $38,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($75,000), 2-28, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:45.01, ft.
AZAR (c, 3, Scat Daddy--Miss Ocean City, by Mineshaft) remained eligible for this 'one other than' allowance condition by virtue of notching his lone win at third asking in the GII With Anticipation S. at Saratoga Sept. 2. Subsequently a close second behind Isotherm (Lonhro {Aus}) in the GIII Pilgrim S. at Belmont Sept. 26, he rounded out his 2-year-old season with a 13th-place run in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf. The dark bay returned to action with a third-place finish in the Kitten's Joy S. over a grassy mile here Jan. 30. Taking strong support as the 3-2 favorite for this first try on dirt, the $300,000 KEESEP yearling purchase was momentarily caught five wide around the opening bend and advanced to track the pace from the outside through a half-mile in :48.39. Moving in tandem with Kelly Tough (Quality Road) on the far turn, he appeared to be tiring at the head of the lane, but refound his best stride and forged ahead to earn a 3/4-length success. Kelly Tough was second best. The winner's dam was most recently bred to Noble Mission (GB). "I thought Azar responded really well," said winning trainer Todd Pletcher, who added that the colt may be considered for the GIII Spiral S. at Turfway Park Apr. 2. "From the outside post, he put himself in decent position and he closed resolutely down the lane. It was a good effort from him." Lifetime Record: GSW, 7-2-3-0, $219,450. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**
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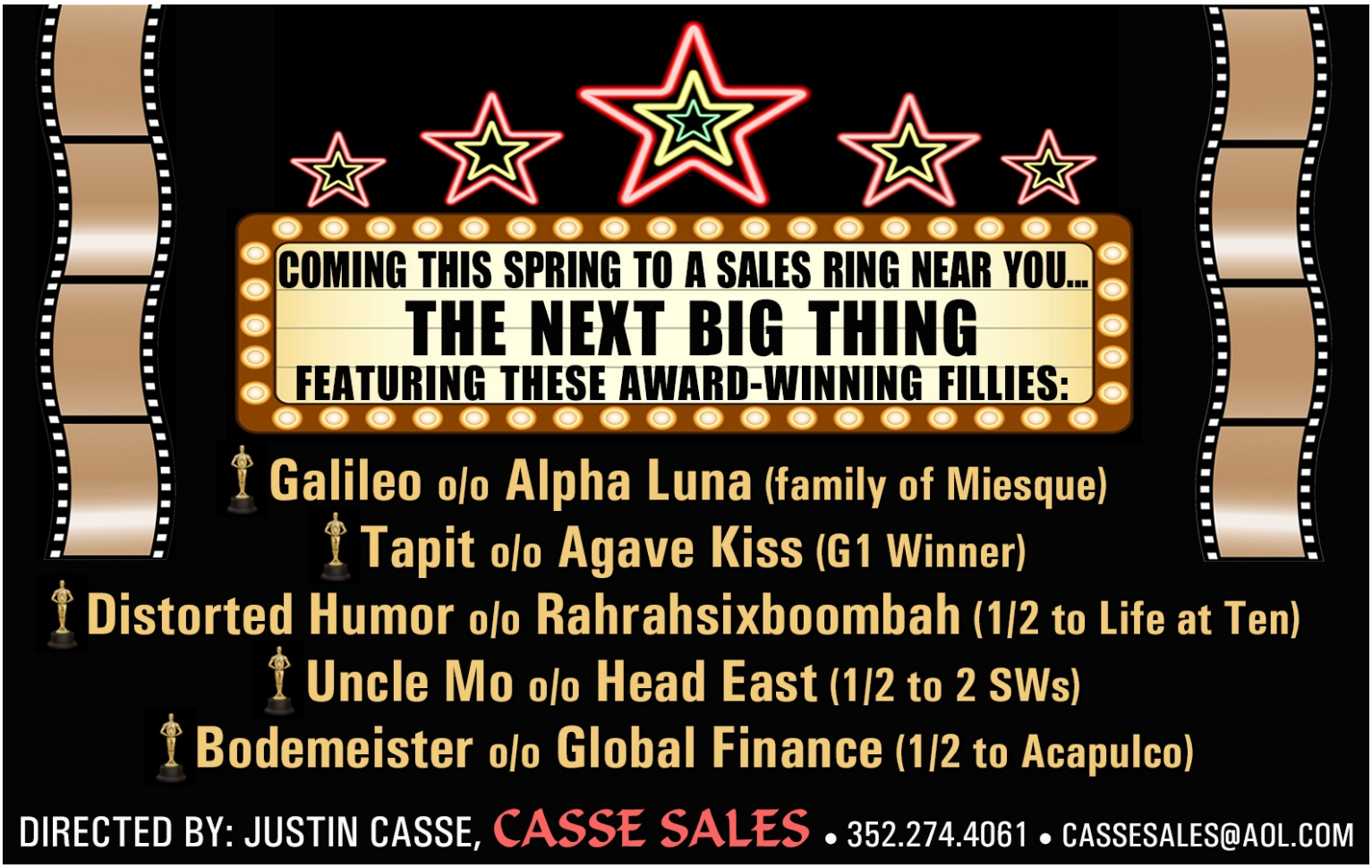
9th-GP, $40,000, Msw, 2-28, 3yo, f, 1 1/8mT, 1:49.34, fm.
TARALENA (f, 3, Arch--Lenatareese {SW & MGSP, $223,406}, by Broad Brush), a $100,000 Keeneland September yearling purchase, raced evenly to be second in her course-and-distance unveiling here Jan. 24. The filly posted three intervening workouts at Payson Park and was tabbed as the 2-1 choice for this second trip to post. Away to a sharp beginning, she went straight to the front and dictated the tempo through fractions of :24.12 and :48.82. Spurting away to a two-length advantage on the far turn, the dark bay never let her pursuers get within a length in the lane, reporting home 2 1/4 lengths ahead of Queen Caroline (Blame). The winner is a half to Miss Chatelaine (Pulpit), SW, $179,084, who also hails from the Christophe Clement barn.



Lenatareese, a stakes winner over the turf, is also responsible for the juvenile colt Big Bend (Union Rags) and a yearling colt by Blame. She was most recently bred back to Congrats. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, $32,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**
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8th-GP, $40,000, Msw, 2-28, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:46.57, ft. **MO' GREEN (f, 3, Uncle Mo--She's a Rebel Too {SP, $144,965}, by Two Punch)** never got involved when seventh on debut sprinting six panels here Jan. 2, beaten over 18 lengths by subsequent Gasparilla S. winner R Girls a Charmer (In Summation). The bay posted just two workouts in the interim--capped by a five-furlong gate breeze here Feb. 14--and was dismissed at odds of 17-1 for this first try at an extended distance. The bay tracked the leaders in the pocket as longshot Gauche (Smart Strike) was well-handled on the front end through a half-mile in :49.57. Mo' Green was steered out four wide entering the lane and rallied down the center of the strip to catch the stubborn pacesetter and win going away by 2 1/4 lengths. Gauche held on to complete the longshot exacta, while favored Coldgreydawn (Flashy Bull) crossed the wire third. The winner is a half to Brother in Arms (Yes It's True), MSP, $211,305. Sales History: $40,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP; $70,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $24,400. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**
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4th-GP, $36,000, Msw, 2-28, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT, 1:51.36, fm. **BEL CITRON (f, 4, Lemon Drop Kid--Gaze, by Danzig)** made belated headway into a dawdling pace to finish fourth on debut going 1 1/16 miles at Belmont Oct. 8 and returned from a brief layoff to run sixth behind Truly Together (Smart Strike) in a nine-furlong affair here Feb. 10. Hammered down to 6-5 favoritism for this second start off the bench, the bay made use of her inside draw and secured position tracking the pace along the rail as Flattermefabulous (Flatter) was well-rated on the front end through fractions of :25.68 and :51.65. The Janney homebred waited for running room turning for home, split horses in upper stretch and uncorked a furious rally to reel in the determined pacesetter in a 3/4-length score. The winner is a half to four-time graded stakes winner Air Support (Smart Strike), MGSW & GISP, 937,619. Gaze--a half-sister to MGISW Coronado's Quest from the extended family of GISW millionaire Private Terms (Private Account) and GI Kentucky Derby winner Orb (Malibu Moon)--is also responsible for the juvenile colt Sentry (Smart Strike) and a yearling filly by Bodemeister. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, $25,710. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**
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Gulfstream Park established a record total handle for GII Xbressbet.com Fountain of Youth Day with $24.113 million wagered on Saturday's 13-race card, highlighted by undefeated Mohaymen (Tapit)'s dominating victory in the main event. Saturday's record-handle topped the previous Fountain of Youth Day handle of $20.680 million set last year. "We're extremely pleased with Saturday's incredible day," said Gulfstream's General Manager and The Stronach Group's Director of Racing P.J. Campo. "From 8 a.m. through the evening, Gulfstream was filled with an incredible and enthusiastic crowd watching some of the top performances of our Championship Meet. We want to thank the horsemen for their participation and our athletes for their incredible performances on the track. We look forward to what we believe will be one of the most incredible Florida Derbys come Apr. 2."

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Sunday's Results:

5th-AQU, $60,000, Msw, 2-28, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:12.81, ft. **ANYDAYISMYDAY (f, 3, Afleet Alex--Noelle Rose, by Lion Heart)** kept some good company early in her career, running second behind Saturday's Busher S. heroine Mo D'Amour (Uncle Mo) and **'TDN Rising Star'** Browse (Medaglia d'Oro) in her first two starts last autumn. The filly ran sixth and third in a pair of tries over the inner track Jan. 1 and Jan. 17, respectively, and was last seen completing the trifecta behind Takrees (Daaher) in a trip-and-track try Feb. 7. Sent postward at odds of 5-2, the bay raced just off the pace in between horses as first-timer Battle Tux (Tiz Wonderful) dictated terms through a quarter-mile in :23.14. Asked for more cornering for home, she was left with significant work to do in midstretch, but responded willingly and wore down the pacesetter to score by a neck. Sales History: $3,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 6-1-2-2, $72,200. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**
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Sunday's Results:

NODOUBLE BREEDERS' S., $100,000, OP, 2-28, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.10, ft.

1--**#WEAST HILL, 123, g, 4, Rockport Harbor--Copperelle, by Elusive Quality**. O/B-Starsky Weast (AR); T-Brad H. Cox; J-Joseph Rocco, Jr. $60,000. Lifetime Record: 7-5-1-0, $219,710.

2--**Bumpy Cat**, 123, g, 5, Portobello Road--Desert Appeal, by Sezyou. O/B-John & Libbie Thiel (AR); T-Ingrid Mason. $20,000.

3--**We Be Stormin**, 117, g, 4, Storm and a Half--Just Like Boranda, by Captain Bodgit. O-Hogwild Stables; B-Gary Weir (AR); T-Al Cates. $10,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, 2, HD. Odds: 0.60, 2.20, 7.30.

Also Ran: Comic Bird, Mallard's Bro, Goods Gone West, Indygo Bo. Scratched: October Sky.

A winner of his first two trips to the post including the Rainbow S. versus state-breds last March, Weast Hill ran fifth to GSW Cinco Charlie (Indian Charlie) in the William Walker S. beneath the Twin Spires a month later, but returned to winning ways in a Prairie Meadows allowance May 31. Second in a muddy Indiana affair July 7, the dark bay rebounded to win a track-and-trip optional claimer coming off a six-month plus layoff Jan. 29 and was the heavy chalk Sunday. In command a few jumps from the gate, Weast Hill set a pressured pace perched one deep, while harried by foes to either side through the early stages. Bumpy Cat made a race of it at the head of the lane, but Weast Hill shrugged off that challenge inside the final 50 yards to win comfortably. "We thought Bumpy Cat would be up close," said winning trainer Brad Cox. "We actually thought he may be on the lead. Joe [Rocco, Jr.] set the tone early. Joe did a great job, doing it in hand." **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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6th-OP, $73,000, Alw, 2-28, (NW1X), 3yo, 6f, 1:10.82, ft.

WILL MUNNINGS (c, 3, Munnings--The Schvagen, by Matty G), fourth in the GIII Arlington-Washington Futurity over the Arlington Park synthetic last August, closed out his juvenile campaign three starts later with a sixth-place effort after a rough start in the Sugar Bowl S. at Fair Grounds over this trip Dec. 19. He resumed with a distant second-place run in a track-and-trip optional claimer behind GIII Southwest S. runner-up Whitmore (Pleasantly Perfect) Jan. 16 and trailed home eighth after a troubled journey in an allowance here Feb. 7. Off at 5-1, the dark bay zipped straight to the head of affairs and battled with a rival to his inside through an opening quarter in :22.04. He stuck his nose in front after a half in :45.87 and was immediately tackled by the oncoming Spezia (Speightstown). Will Munnings knuckled down, however, and refused to let Spezia by for an head victory. The winner's dam foaled a full-sister to the winner in 2016. Sales history: $75,000 Ylg '14 FTKJUL; $80,000 2yo '15 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 8-2-2-0, $109,880. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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9th-OP, $70,000, Msw, 2-28, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:46.71, ft.

TALK SHOW (f, 3, Smart Strike--Lady Struck Gold, by Touch Gold) rallied and came up second best, beaten a neck, on debut by the more-experienced Speightstastic (Speightstown) sprinting six furlongs here Jan. 31. Bet down to 4-5 favoritism despite being burdened with an outside draw, the West homebred hustled out of the stall and cleared much of the field approaching the first turn before settling to track the pace in second through a half-mile in :48.81. Sent up to poke her head in front under confident handling turning for home, Talk Show drew away to win by two lengths over Harlan's Rose (Harlan's Holiday). The winner is a half to last month's GIII John B. Connally Turf Cup hero Da Big Hoss (Lemon Drop Kid), MGSW, $703,056. Lady Struck Gold was most recently bred to New Year's Day, who captured the 2013 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile for these owners. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, $55,600. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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7th-OP, $70,000, Msw, 2-28, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12.09, ft.
CATAROUX (c, 3, Tale of the Cat--Souper Miss {SW, $220,149}, by Alphabet Soup) set a contested pace in his career bow, but tired to finish fifth going six panels at this venue Feb. 13. Tabbed a 9-2 chance, the grey settled in a tracking second as the pacesetter opened up on the field through a first quarter in :21.31. Cataroux zipped past that foe in upper stretch and stayed on resolutely in the dying strides under strong handling to win by a half-length. After Hours (Sidney's Candy) won the four-way battle for second. Souper Miss foaled a colt by Graydar in 2015 and was bred back to Verrazano. Sales history: $165,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $44,040. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**
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8th-FG, $37,000, Msw, 2-28, 3yo, f, 5 1/2fT, 1:04.56, fm.
BARBARY HALL (f, 3, Majestic Warrior--Livia B Quick, by Crafty Prospector) was privately purchased following a third-place run on debut over the all-weather track at Woodbine Aug. 8 and joined the Tom Amoss barn following that effort. Eighth in a six-furlong maiden event at Churchill Sept. 13, he rebounded with a runner-up effort at Thistledown Oct. 2. The dark bay was let go at odds of 9-1 for this first start of 2016. She tracked the pace through a quarter-mile in :22.33 and pulled clear to notch a 2 1/2-length tally over River City Lady (City Zip). Sales History: $10,000 Ylg '14 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, $32,066. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**
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7th-TP, $19,074, Msw, 2-28, 3yo, f, 1m (AWT), 1:39.78, ft.
BATTLE GIRL (f, 3, Midshipman--Livermore Leslie {SP, $205,192}, by Mt. Livermore), a debut sixth sprinting at Oaklawn Park Jan. 17, returned with a ninth-place effort there after some traffic issues on Valentine's Day. Sent off at 5-1, the chestnut seized the advantage in this first attempt at two turns. Only lightly pressed for the backstretch run, Battle Girl had plenty left in the tank turning into the home straight and sailed under the wire an 3 1/2-length victress. Make It Maria (Proud Citizen) closed from out of the clouds to get up for second. The winner, who was a $100,000 RNA from KEESEP, is a half to Don't Forget Gil (Kafwain), GSW & GISP, $370,737; and Sweet Reason (Street Sense), MGISW, $1,437,700. Livermore Leslie foaled a half-brother by Shackleford in 2014 and was bred back to Street Sense in 2015. Sales history: $100,000 RNA Ylg '14 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, $11,854. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**
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Saturday Night's Results:
MAXXAM GOLD CUP S., $100,000, HOU, 2-27, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:50.35, ft.
1--**MOBILE BAY, 123, c, 4, Lone Star Special--Tranquility Bay, by Out of Place**. O/B-Tigertail Ranch (LA); T-Victor Arceneaux; J-Francisco C. Torres. $60,000. Lifetime Record: GSW, 15-7-3-3, $674,290.

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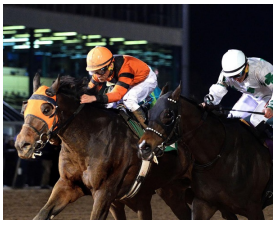
2--**Jessica's Star**, 120, g, 5, Magna Graduate--Bimini Knot, by Dynaformer. ($32,000 RNA Ylg '12 KEESEP). O-Mark D. Breen; B-Elisabeth H. Alexander (KY); T-Michael Stidham. $20,000.
3--**Hawaakom**, 118, g, 6, Jazil--Nafisah (Ire), by Lahib. O-Stephan H. Smoot & Wesley E.Hawley; B-Shadwell Farm, LLC (KY); T-Wesley E. Hawley. $11,000.
Margins: NK, NK, 1. Odds: 4.40, 13.50, 13.60.
Also Ran: Coup de Grace, Freestyler, Lynx, F J Uncle Vic, Bullards Alley, Cuco Trejo, Ride On Curlin, Ibaka. Scratched: Behemoth.

Mobile Bay hit the board in 12 of 13 starts in a consistent 3-year-old campaign last year, and added to his resume with a score in the Saturday night feature. Winner of the GII Super Derby at Louisiana Downs Sept. 12, the dark bay followed with a third-place run in the GIII Oklahoma Derby Sept. 19. He returned to the winner's circle with a mild upset victory over International Star (Fusaichi Pegasus) in the Nov. 25 Zia Park Derby and closed out the season with a runner-up effort in the restricted Louisiana Champions Day Classic at the Fair Grounds Dec. 12. Recently a non-factor eighth in the GIII John B. Connally Turf Cup going 12 furlongs over the turf here Jan. 30, Mobile Bay was sent postward as the third choice in this contentious affair. Racing at the rear of the 11-horse field in the early stages, he made steady headway as Coup de Grace (Tapit) showed the way through a half-mile in :48.43. He continued a sustained rally on the far turn, reached contention as Jessica's Star gained a narrow advantage in the lane and surged past that rival in the dying strides to score by a neck. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**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California

Sunday's Results:

3rd-SA, $61,825, Alw (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($80,000), 2-28, 3yo, 1m, 1:37.97, ft.

MALIBU SUNSET (c, 3, Bernardini--One Stormy Mama, by Storm Cat) began his career under the care of trainer Wayne Catalano and earned **'TDN Rising Star'** status after capturing a six-furlong maiden test at the Fair Grounds by 10 1/2 lengths Jan. 31. The colt earned a Beyer Speed Figure of 91 that day and was subsequently shipped west to join the barn of Bob Baffert, who paired with these owners to campaign past Grade I performers such as New Year's Day (Street Cry {Ire}), Power Broker (Pulpit) and Book Review (Giant's Causeway). Hammered down to 1-5 favoritism for this first try around two turns, the dark bay departed the gate in good order and eagerly pressed Xingontothebone (Time to Get Even) through a half-mile in :47.90 under a tight hold from jockey Flavien Prat. Malibu Sunset moved to the front under minimal urging soon after that juncture and edged away to score by a well-measured 1 1/2 lengths, with the outcome never seeming to be in doubt. The pacesetter held on to finish second. The winner is a half to Thunder Moccasin (A. P. Warrior), GSW, $114,300. His dam, One Stormy Mama, produced a colt by Bernardini last year and was most recently bred back to Medaglia d'Oro. Sales History: $190,000 RNA Wlg '13 FTKNOV; $240,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, $58,800. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

Malibu Sunset | *Benoit Photo*

O-Gary & Mary West; B-Mike Abraham (KY); T-Bob Baffert.

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7th-SA, $57,035, Msw, 2-28, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:23.25, ft.

+GHOSTSLAYER (f, 3, Ghostzapper--Queen's Lady, by Storm Cat), sent off at 6-1 in this maiden voyage, jumped well and settled into a tracking third for the backstretch run. Popped the question by Drayden Van Dyke after a half in :44.91, the dark bay angled through an opening along the rail and seized command with a furlong to travel. She kept finding in late stretch to best Georgia Blue (Exchange Rate) and win by 1 1/2 lengths. Ghostslayer was vanned off after the race. The winner's dam has a filly by Violence in 2015. This is the extended family of 2005 champion juvenile filly and MGISW Folklore (Tiznow). To view a ThoroStride video of Ghostslayer, click here. Sales history: $63,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP; $115,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $33,600. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

Ghostslayer | *Lucas Marquardt*

O-T. Barrow, J. Hollendorfer, Mark DeDomenico LLC & Tailwind Racing, Inc.; B-Dell Ridge Farm, LLC (KY); T-Jerry Hollendorfer.

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Saturday Night's Results:

9th-SA, $68,495, Msw, 2-27, 3yo, f, 6 1/2fT, 1:16.26, fm.

HOW UNUSUAL (f, 3, Unusual Heat--Veela, by Bartok {Ire}), seventh after a slow beginning when unveiled over course and distance in the Sweet Life S. on Valentine's Day, was sent off as the 7-2 third choice in this return. Racing at the tail of the field from the bell, the chestnut rushed up to sit in 10th while four deep as the leader set an opening-quarter split of :23.29. She continued to gain on the pacesetters and improved to sixth after a half in :46.32 and swung out to the center of the course in upper stretch for the drive. How Unusual made up ground in determined fashion in late stretch to collar Amber Louise (Courageous Cat) in the shadow of the wire and win by three-quarters of a length. Veela foaled a fully sister to the winner in 2015 and was covered by that sire's stakes-winning son Lakerville last term. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $44,025. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Barry Abrams & Madeline Auerbach (CA); T-Barry Abrams.

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ROOKIES

First/second-crop starters to watch: Monday, February 29
*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2012 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/ BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*
AMERICAN LION (Tiznow), Darby Dan Farm, $5K, 131/8/1
1-HOU, Msw 1m, Double Entendre, 6-1
UNCLE MO (Indian Charlie), Ashford Stud, $35K, 261/36/9
7-PRX, Alw 6 1/2f, Abiding Star, 5-2

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STAKES RESULTS:

PEPPERS PRIDE H., (NB) $85,000, SUN, 2-27, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:37.64, ft.

1--**ZASHA, 116, m, 5, Desert God--Thanks for Smokin, by Smoke Glacken**. O-C. Donnell Echols; B-Joe Allen (NM); T-Joel H. Marr; J-Jesiere Medina. $51,000. Lifetime Record: SW, 13-5-0-1, $250,472.
2--**Desert Stepper**, 115, f, 4, Desert God--Thanks for Smokin, by Smoke Glacken. ($11,000 Ylg '13 RUIMIX). O-L Squared Racing LLC & Joe Allen; B-Joe Allen (NM); T-Joel H. Marr. $18,700.
3--**My Dandy Girl**, 123, m, 5, Real Dandy--My Girl Aleyna, by Outflanker. O-Duane Freeman; B-Troy Looper (NM); T-Tony E. Sedillo. $8,500.
Margins: HD, 2 1/4, 2 3/4. Odds: 12.30, 1.80, 3.20.

JOE HERNANDEZ S., $79,190, SA, 2-28, 4yo/up, 6 1/2fT, 1:12.60, fm.

1--**#GUNS LOADED, 120, g, 5, D'wildcat--One in the Chamber, by Red Bullet**. ($25,000 Ylg '12 OBSAUG; $175,000 2yo '13 OBSAPR). O-Westside Rentals.com, Neil Haymes, Leo Rodriguez & Steve Rothblum; B-Equest Thoroughbreds, Inc. (FL); T-Doug F. O'Neill; J-Santiago Gonzalez. $47,100. Lifetime Record: GSP, 25-7-3-4, $346,570.
2--**Rocket Heat**, 120, g, 4, Latent Heat--Enjoy the Moment, by Slew's Royalty. ($60,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP). O-Mike Sanchez; B-Farfellow Farms Ltd. (KY); T-Vann Belvoir. $15,700.

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3--**Hunt (Ire)**, 122, g, 4, Dark Angel (Ire)--Mansiya (GB), by Vettori (Ire). (€24,000 RNA Wlg '12 GOFNOV; €78,000 2yo '14 GBMBR). O-Michael House; B-Michael O'Callaghan (IRE); T-Philip D'Amato. $9,420.
Margins: 2 1/4, HD, 1. Odds: 6.40, 1.90, 2.50.

BUDWEISER OVERNIGHT S., $75,000, SUN, 2-28, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:07.90, ft.

1--**DIRT MONSTER, 124, c, 4, Line of David--Coqui, by Fusaichi Pegasus**. ($18,000 Wlg '12 KEENOV; $30,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP; $275,000 2yo '14 KEEAPR). O-Teed Off Stable LLC; B-Gaines Gentry Thoroughbreds & Hardy Thoroughbreds (KY); T-Justin R. Evans; J-Alfredo J. Juarez, Jr. $45,000. Lifetime Record: 15-6-4-4, $285,088.

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2--**Forin Sea**, 124, g, 6, Brother Derek--Miss Shower, by Torrential. ($55,000 Ylg '11 KEESEP). O-Mark Soto; B-Brereton C. Jones (KY); T-Carlos O. Alvidrez. $16,500.

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3--**Forest Mouse**, 124, h, 8, Teton Forest--Fast Mouse, by Fast Play. ($1,200 Ylg '09 FTKOCT). O-Solitaire Stable; B-E. H. Beau Lane (KY); T-Henry Dominguez. $7,500.

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Margins: 4, 2 3/4, 1 1/4. Odds: 1.20, 5.00, 10.10.

TEXAS HERITAGE S., $50,000, HOU, 2-27, 3yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:43.90, fm.

1--**#TWO STEP TIME, 119, c, 3, Two Step Salsa--Money Peg, by Fusaichi Pegasus**. ($27,000 Wlg '13 OBSOCT; $34,000 RNA 2yo '15 OBSAPR; $22,000 RNA 2yo '15 OBSOPN). O-Get Away Farm; B-Chessmate Thoroughbreds International LLC & Peter Halsall (FL); T-Michael J. Maker; J-Robby Albarado. $30,000. Lifetime Record: SW, 6-3-1-1, $93,250.

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2--**Berniestrike**, 119, g, 3, Wilburn--Unusual Strike, by Unusual Heat. O/B-James Boyd (LA); T-Henry B. Johnson, Jr.. $10,000.
3--**Crescent Drive**, 119, c, 3, Flower Alley--Patience Drive, by Pulpit. O-Paul Van Doren; B-Eugene Melnyk (KY); T-Thomas M. Amoss. $5,500.
Margins: NK, NK, 1 1/4. Odds: 2.90, 22.90, 1.60.

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JERSEY LILLY S., $50,000, HOU, 2-27, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:43.75, fm.

1--**#MEXICAN MISS, 120, m, 5, More Than Ready--Laguna Plateada (Chi) (G1SW-Chi), by Sir Cat**. ($37,000 RNA 3yo '14 FTKHRA). O-Brad Grady; B-Patinack Farm (KY); T-Joe Sharp; J-Mitchell Murrill. $30,000. Lifetime Record: 16-3-5-3, $115,255.

2--**Expect Royalty**, 123, m, 6, Valid Expectations--Autumn Sky, by Skywalker. O-Loyana Pollok; B-Leroy James Pollok (TX); T-Leroy J. Pollok. $10,000.

3--**Cassatt**, 123, m, 5, Tapit--Justenufftime, by Giant's Causeway. ($300,000 Ylg '12 KEESEP). O-Fox Hill Farms, Inc. & Hill 'N Dale Equine Holdings, Inc.; B-Mt. Brilliant Farm LLC (KY); T-J. Larry Jones. $5,500.

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Margins: NK, 3, NK. Odds: 10.90, 21.90, 1.00.

BUCHAREST TURF SPRINT S., $50,000, HOU, 2-27, 4yo/up, 5fT, :56.92, fm.

1--**#AMERICAN SAILOR, 114, r, 4, City Zip--Yesshesarocket, by Yes It's True**. ($50,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP; $100,000 2yo '14 OBSAPR). O-Newport Stables LLC; B-KatieRich Farms (KY); T-Joe Sharp; J-Miguel Mena. $30,000. Lifetime Record: 10-4-1-1, $130,990.

2--**El Botas**, 123, h, 5, Consolidator--Found Gold, by West Acre. ($5,000 2yo '13 OBSOPN). O-Brad Grady; B-Jessica Lynn Stegall (FL); T-Joe Sharp. $10,000.

3--**Meme Jo**, 123, g, 6, Too Much Bling--Honey Gold, by Touch Gold. ($25,000 2yo '12 TEXAPR). O-Team Bryant Thoroughbreds; B-Jeanne Bruce (TX); T-George R. Bryant. $5,500.

Margins: 1, NK, NO. Odds: 4.70, 4.40, 14.00.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-AQU, $69,000,(NW2$X)/Opt. Clm ($62,500), 2-28, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10.28, ft.

ANGRY MOON (h, 5, Langfuhr--Half Sister {SP, $203,729}, by More Than Ready) Lifetime Record: 18-6-1-2, $224,773. O-My Purple Haze Stables; B-Gustav Schickedanz (ON); T-Chris J. Englehart. *$285,000 Ylg '12 KEESEP.

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6th-SA, $60,070, (S), (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($20,000), 2-28, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:36.72, fm.

LOS GATOS (c, 4, Unusual Heat--Treasure Chest, by Lemon Drop Kid) Lifetime Record: 8-2-0-0, $81,560. O-Harris Farms, Inc., Burt & Jane Bacharach; B-Harris Farms (CA); T-Carla Gaines.

8th-SA, $59,380, (S), (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($20,000), 2-27, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.18, ft.

ALWAZABRIDESMAID (f, 4, Kafwain--Lost Bride {MSP, $180,999}, by Pioneering) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, $76,530. O/B-Tommy Town Thoroughbreds LLC (CA); T-Jerry Hollendorfer.

7th-PRX, $52,380, 2-28, (NW2L), 4yo/up, 1m, 1:38.28, ft.

TASUNKE WITCO (c, 4, High Cotton--Saint Gertrude, by Saint Ballado) Lifetime Record: 9-2-2-1, $86,360. O-Peachtree Stable; B-Ocala Stud (FL); T-Anthony W. Dutrow. *$40,000 2yo '14 OBSAPR. **1/2 to Jimmy's Pride (Snuck In), SP, $201,448.

8th-DED, $47,000, (S), 2-27, (NW3L), 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:20.69, ft.

DIXIELAND BAR (g, 5, Behindatthebar--My Madame, by My Friend Max) Lifetime Record: 17-3-1-3, $92,665. O/B-Mary Scherer (LA); T-Tim Dixon.

6th-DED, $45,000, (S), 2-27, (NW2L), 3yo, 5f, :59.71, ft.

RATE MAKER (g, 3, Interest Rate--Fire Makers Witch, by Fire Maker) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, $58,760. O/B-Marvin Klare (LA); T-Scott Gelner.

5th-FG, $42,240, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm ($40,000), 2-28, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10.62, ft.

NITE OF THE HUNTER (g, 4, Temple City--Jodys Deelite {MSP, $124,882}, by Afternoon Deelites) Lifetime Record: 11-3-1-3, $81,093. O/T-Hugh H. Robertson; B-Reiley McDonald (KY). *$30,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP.

7th-FG, $42,000, (S), (NW2X)/Opt. Clm ($20,000), 2-28, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.63, ft.

LOOK INTO MY EYES (f, 4, City Zip--Burnished Miss, by Wild Again) Lifetime Record: 8-4-2-1, $107,160. O-Kathleen Amaya & Raffaele Centofanti; B-Robert McDowell & Bethe Deal (LA); T-Efren Loza, Jr. *$42,000 RNA Wlg '12 KEENOV; $35,000 Ylg '13 OBSWIN; $35,000 RNA 2yo '14 OBSOPN.

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6th-GP, $34,000, (S), (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($12,500), 2-28, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:25.28, ft.

HOWS MY GOLD (f, 4, Gottcha Gold--How Ya Doing, by Northern Afleet) Lifetime Record: 11-3-5-0, $78,610. O-Barbara Hopkins; B-Wynn & Mary Jolley (FL); T-Ramon Moya.

7th-GG, $30,965, (NW2$X)/Opt. Clm ($62,500), 2-28, 4yo/up, 1m (AWT), 1:37.87, ft.

DOCS LEGACY (IRE) (g, 7, Ad Valorem--Lunamixa {Ger}, by Linamix {Fr}) Lifetime Record: 40-10-8-7, $166,605. O-Ronald L. Charles & Samuel Gordon; B-Miss Mary Davison (IRE); T-Manuel Badilla. *€8,000 Ylg '10 TATSPT; 13,000gns 6yo '15 TATFEB.

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7th-CT, $26,500, (S), (C)/Opt. Clm ($20,000), 2-27, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:27.38, ft.
IN THE FAIRWAY (g, 6, Posse--Royal Sweep, by End Sweep) Lifetime Record: MSW, 34-11-8-3, $383,829. O/B-Coleswood Farm Inc. (WV); T-Jeff C. Runco.

9th-TAM, $20,000, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($16,000), 2-28, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.02, ft.
AFFECT (f, 4, Bernardini--True Style, by Forestry) Lifetime Record: 10-2-1-1, $36,190. O-Godolphin Racing LLC; B-Darley (KY); T-Eoin G. Harty.

4th-HOU, $20,000, (S), Alw, 2-27, (NW1X), 3yo, 6f, 1:10.72, ft.
HE'S SO ZAZZY (g, 3, Oratory--Super Delicious, by Ra Ra Superstar) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, $26,834. O/B-Pam K Wright (TX); T-Francisco Bravo.

6th-TP, $18,300, (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($25,000), 2-27, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.64, ft.
BLONDE IN THE CITY (f, 4, City Zip--Enlightening, by Cozzene) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-0, $19,546. O/B-Donamire Farm (KY); T-Ben Colebrook. *1/2 to Memorial Maniac (Lear Fan), GSW, $230,127.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Land of Oz, g, 3, **Best Minister**--Perfect Sense, by Tabasco Cat. GG, 2-27, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:46.54. B-Nadine Anderson & Brazeau Thoroughbred Farms, LP (CA).
+Lightly Toasted, f, 3, **Fusaichi Zenon (Jpn)**--Apple Butter, by Dixie Union. SUN, 2-28, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:04.86. B-Samuel F. Henderson (NM).
Grass Court, g, 3, Grasshopper--Positive Spin (SP), by Valid Expectations. HOU, 2-27, (S), 1m 70y, 1:45.41. B-W. S. Farish & E.J. Hudson, Jr. Irrevocable Trust (TX).
Saratoga Sight, c, 3, Tapit--Little Miss Holly (GSW, $217,430), by Maria's Mon. AQU, 2-28, (S), (C), 1m, 1:42.62. B-Twin Creeks Farm (NY).
J B Quick, g, 4, **J Be K**--Mary Kate 'n Kelly, by Mecke. GP, 2-28, (C), 6f, 1:11.13. B-Emanuel & Jacqueline Tortora (FL).
Carocuore (Arg), f, 4, Tapit--Carol D, by High Yield. HOU, 2-27, 1m 70y, 1:45.92. B-Fiadora Sa Y Winchell Thoroughbreds (ARG). *1/2 to Red's Round Table (Cuvee), MSW, $268,780.
Itsthesameoldsong, h, 5, **Unbridled's Song**--Turkappeal (MSW & MGSP, $280,440), by Turkoman. TAM, 2-28, 6f, 1:11.53. B-Farfellow Farms LTD. & Taylor Made Stallions (KY). *1/2 to Pink Champagne (Awesome Again), GSW, $145,957.

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	GIII The Very One S.	GP
	GIII Santa Ysabel S.	SA
3/12	GI Frank E. Kilroe Mile	SA
	GI Santa Anita H.	SA
	GII San Felipe S.	SA
	GII San Carlos S.	SA
	GII Tampa Bay Derby	TAM
	GII Hillsborough S.	TAM
	GIII Florida Oaks	TAM
	GIII Honeybee S.	OP
	GIII Tom Fool H.	AQU
3/13	GII San Luis Rey S.	SA

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'CHOICE' SHINES LIGHT ON SYNDICATES

Extreme Choice | *Racing And Sports*

by John Berry

Australian racing nowadays benefits from significant overseas investment in ownership, which has proved a great boon to the country's bloodstock scene. Equally significant, though, is the strength of syndicate ownership, which draws upon the rich seam of passion for the sport which permeates the full breadth of Australian society. Consequently, every season sees umpteen high-class horses racing for syndicates.

The importance of syndication to Australian racing cannot be over-emphasised--which makes the current Lil Caesar case (which is due to be heard by the stewards of Racing NSW on 10th Mar.) particularly unfortunate. The adverse publicity which this debacle is giving to the syndication business is colossal, with Richard Callander, 5% owner and syndicate manager of Little Caesar, having been charged with dishonest and/or fraudulent actions after allegedly arranging the sale of the horse to Hong Kong trainer Danny Shum for A$200,000 (plus a 5% commission for the agent, jockey Glyn Schofield) but telling his co-owners that the deal had been done at a figure of A$140,000.

This case would be bad enough were it viewed merely in isolation, but Callander has engineered a double whammy by claiming, seemingly in attempted mitigation, that this type of deception by syndicators and agents is standard practice, describing it as "racing's dirty little secret." **Cont. p3**

DURAMENTE 'KING' OF NAKAYAMA

Japanese champion 3-year-old colt **Duramente (Jpn)** (King Kamehameha {Jpn}) has done little wrong in his seven-race career and returned to the races off a nine-month injury-induced layoff to capture the G2 Nakayama Kinen Sunday. The Sunday Racing colorbearer found the line a neck to the good of **Ambitious (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}), with old adversary **Real Steel (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) a half-length further behind in third.

Sent off the prohibitive short-priced favourite Sunday, the Noriyuki Hori trainee was caught three deep entering the first bend, but eventually settled in an eager fifth one off the pine just behind the first flight as **Chaosmos (Jpn)** (Meiner Love) showed the way. **Cont. p5**

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FLORIDA DERBY SHOWDOWN LOOMS

*Undefeated **Mohaymen** (Tapit) is on course for a showdown with 2015 U.S. champion juvenile male **Nyquist** (Uncle Mo) in the Apr. 2 GI Florida Derby, after winning the Feb. 27 GII Fountain of Youth S. The Shadwell Stable runner is in good form Sunday said trainer Kiaran McLaughlin.*

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A LOOK AHEAD

WITH DERMOT CANTILLON OF TINNAKILL HOUSE

1) Horse you are most looking forward to seeing this season?

*DC: While the outstanding Irish 2-year-old colt in 2015 was Air Force Blue, the horse in that category that I'm especially looking forward to seeing this season is **Blue De Vega (Ger)**. He comes from the up-and-coming stable of Michael O' Callaghan and really progressed in his three runs. On his debut in Dundalk, he was well fancied but everything went wrong in the race and he finished an eye-catching third. His next run at Naas was most impressive, barely off the bridle he won eased down. This indicated that more was to come and his new Qatar connections were not disappointed as he won the G3 Killavullan S. with the minimum of fuss. A son of Lope De Vega (Ire), his pedigree would suggest that he should improve again at three when he's stepped up in distance. He finished 2015 as one of Ireland's best juveniles and he should make a major impact internationally in 2016.*

Blue De Vega | *Racing Post*

2) A stallion would could feature prominently (doesn't have to be first season)?

*DC: In an era where the commercial emphasis is all about 2-year-old speed, I'm selecting a stallion to follow that goes against the grain. The horse in question is **Maxios (GB)**. He has all the qualities the should mark him out as a stallion for the future. By the late great Monsun (Ger) out of the outstanding Niarchos mare Moonlight's Box, his pedigree is simply world class. He danced the dance on the racecourse, running 18 times. He showed durability running and winning eight races from ages two to four. Maxios succeeded twice at the highest level, undoubtedly his best run was over a mile in the G1 Prix du Moulin where he beat the top-class Olympic Glory by five lengths. An outstanding looker, his first crop of foals were very well received and from 12 to sell he averaged over €70,000. An excellent return for a covering fee of €10,000.*

Dermot Cantillon | *Racing Post*

3) Positive change you would like to see for the industry in 2016?

DC: Our industry considers itself as an international sport and a major attraction for owners is competing to determine the best of the best. However, where major differences exist in terms of racing surfaces, medication rules and rules of racing our sport is international in name only. My wish for the sport is a standardisation of our rules so that the real unqualified champions can be determined in our sport, the Sport of Kings.

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'Choice' Shines Light on Syndicates Cont. from p1

Callander's allegations have been denied and condemned by Federation of Bloodstock Agents Australia President Adrian Hancock, who has described them as "a slur on the participants in the industry who operate professionally and honestly." Even so, Callander could hardly have done more damage to the good name of the syndication business if he had tried.

Happily, the G1 Blue Diamond S. at Caulfield, the premier juvenile race in Melbourne, has turned the spotlight onto the other side of the coin, providing a glowing testament to the potential for success, pleasure and profit of syndication.

The Blue Diamond was dominated by local trainer Mick Price, who has consistently been one of the most successful Caulfield-based trainers since moving his team there in the 1990s when the Epsom training centre down the coast at Mordialloc was closed. Price saddled the first and second favourites in the Blue Diamond: **Extreme Choice (Aus)** (Not A Single Doubt {Aus}) and **Flying Artie (Aus)** (Artie Schiller). Each had won in stakes company last time out, and they clearly held strong chances on form--but, even so, their superiority over the rest was remarkable. The pair drew clear of their rivals in a private battle up the straight, passing the post more than four lengths ahead of third-placed **Zamzam (Aus)** (Redoute's Choice {Aus}).

Flying Artie | *Racing and Sports*

Both of Price's charges drew wide, with Extreme Choice coming out of barrier 11 and Flying Artie out of barrier 15 in a 16-horse field. While Extreme Choice was not significantly inconvenienced by his draw, Flying Artie endured a terrible passage through the race. Whether he would have come out on top with better luck is impossible to know, but it is safe to say that both he and Extreme Choice are top-class juveniles.

Together, Extreme Choice and Flying Artie provide a welcome reaffirmation of the benefits of syndicate ownership. With A$900,000 to the winner of the Blue Diamond and A$270,000 to the runner-up, both have already guaranteed that their ownership groups will show a profit: Extreme Choice was bought by Price for A$100,000 as a yearling at Inglis' Classic Yearling Sale, while Flying Artie cost A$50,000 in Session Two of the same firm's Australian Easter Yearling Sale. Fourth-placed **Power Trip (Aus)** (Hard Spun) also looks to have been very well bought, having been picked up for A$42,000 at Inglis' Premier Yearling Sale.

Third-placed Zamzam represents the other principal aspect of the top end of Australian ownership. The daughter of Redoute's Choice (Aus) (Danehill) is raced by Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid al Maktoum, who picked her up for A$920,000 at Inglis' Easter Yearling Sale, her price tag no doubt influenced by the fact that his dam Fleur De'here (NZ) (Dehere) is a Group 1-placed half-sister to G1 Australasian Oaks victrix Tully Thunder (Aus) (Thunder Gulch).

Even by the standards of Australian syndicates, the ownership group which races Extreme Choice is both a large and a happy one. There looked to be dozens of smiling faces in the post-race photo-calls, and their extremely impressive colt looks set not only to bring them further joy, but also to provide further endorsements for the merit of syndicate ownership.

While the syndicate which races Extreme Choice is largely made up of smaller investors, it now also contains one big player: Newgate Stud had bought into the colt earlier in the week, no doubt with an eye on his eventual retirement to stud.

It is easy to see why Extreme Choice had appealed to Newgate: not only is he an imposing colt who had already shown form good enough to send him off hot favourite for a Group 1 race, but he also comes from a very respectable family. He is the fourth foal and fourth winner for his dam Extremely (Aus) (Hussonet). Furthermore, Extremely's US-bred dam Going To Extremes (Nasty And Bold) was a very good filly, including the G2 Woodbine Royal North H. among her 11 wins in Canada.

Not A Single Doubt | *Arrowfield Stud*

Extreme Choice's victory was instrumental in taking his excellent young sire Not A Single Doubt--a dual Group 3 winner from the family of the top-class racehorse and sire Snippets (Aus) (Lunchtime {GB})--to the head of Australia's General Sires' Table, overtaking Street Cry (Ire) (Machiavellian). The 14-year-old son of Redoute's Choice enjoyed a memorable weekend: not only was Not A Single Doubt represented by Extreme Choice, but his other earners included G1 Oakleigh Plate runner-up Fell Swoop (Aus), G2 Surround S. runner-up Single Gaze (Aus) and Group 3 place-getters Good Project (Aus) and Secret Agenda (Aus).

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FASTNET ROCK FILLIES IN DEMAND

The opening day of the 2016 Inglis Premier Yearling Sale saw vibrant trade throughout the two sessions, with a Fastnet Rock (Aus) (Danehill) filly topping the day's trade when selling for A$675,000, a record price for a filly at Inglis Premier. Overall 112 lots changed hands for an aggregate of A$15,148,000 (+31.6%), at an average price of A$135,250 (+54%). The clearance rate was 82% (-5%) and the median came in at A$120,000 (+41%). The abovementioned sale topper, lot 47, was purchased by Mornington trainer Pat Carey and Group One Bloodstock.

Lot 47 | *Inglis*

Consigned by Adam Sangster's Swettenham Stud, the filly is out of stakes perfomer Hidden Energy (Aus) (Dehere), who has already bred the listed-placed filly Kinetic Design (Aus) (Master Of Design {Aus}).

"She's a very well-balanced filly and she filled all our selection criteria on correctness and she looked like the type of strong athlete that you need," noted Pat Carey. "She's by Fastnet Rock and he needs no introduction--his fillies have been outstanding. The client that purchased the horse is keen to invest in fillies for breeding down the track, and she's from a family that produces top-class fillies and they have enormous residual value attached to them. I knew that this type of page wasn't going to come cheap and we were well prepared for that. The market is hot for these types of fillies."

The second top-priced lot of the day was another daughter of Fastnet Rock, which sold from the Blue Riband Session. The filly, lot 118, offered from the draft of Blue Gum Farm, is out of a half-sister to Holy Roman Emperor (Ire) (Danehill) and four other stakes winners. She was secured with a bid of A$460,000 from South African trainer Brett Crawford, who was back at the Premier Sale after securing the top lot last year for A$560,000.

Lot 118 | *Inglis*

Blue Gum Farm also offered a Street Cry (Ire) (Machiavellian) colt, lot 113 that was knocked down to Aquanita Racing for A$375,000, the highest-price colt of the day. The above lots cemented a successful edition of the Blue Riband Session, now in its fourth year, which offers yearlings bred and conformed to excel over middle and staying distances. A total of 37 lots sold at an average of A$189,000, up 41% on last year.

"The decision to hold the Blue Riband session on the first day of the sale has given the bulk of the population who visited on Sunday the chance to experience the theatre of active and aggressive bidding, which continued through to the final lot that sold for A$300,000," said Inglis Victorian Manager Simon Vivian. "It was an exciting day on a range of fronts and we acknowledge the support from both vendors, who presented top-quality horses, and from the national and international buyers who provided strong competition on many of the lots through the ring today. While there have been some outstanding results, there has also been excellent buying, with plenty more to come over the next three days."

An added positive from the opening day was the number of new faces at the sales complex. These potential investors were utilising the Syndicators Centre on the TAB Lawn behind the pre-parade ring. The centre featured 14 syndicators and will be open again all day Monday.

Vivian added, "The Sydnicators' Centre appears to have been well received with a significant number of enquiries having been made by people not previously involved in racehorse ownership. We are delighted to give companies a platform to feature their services, and to give people a chance to open the door to becoming involved in our spectacular sport."

Day two of the auction starts at the earlier time of 10:30 a.m. local time Monday, where lots 151 to 362 will be offered. For complete results, visit www.inglis.com.au.

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SESSION TOTALS	2016	2015
• Catalogued	150	160
• No. Offered	137	151
• No. Sold	112	131
• RNAs	25	20
• % RNAs	18%	13%
• No. $500K+	1	1
• High Price	A$675,000	A$560,000
• Gross	A$15,148,000	A$11,510,500
• Average (% change)	A$135,250 (+54%)	A$87,866
• Median (% change)	A$120,000 (+41%)	A$70,000

INGLIS PREMIER YEARLING SALE DAY 2 OUTS: 169, 174, 212, 253, 291, 301, 303, 313, 327, 333, 334, 349, 350

INGLIS PREMIER YEARLING SALE
DAY 1 TOP LOTS

Lot	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (A$)
47	filly	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Hidden Energy (Aus)	675,000
		B-Mr A Sangster (Aus)		
		Consigned by Swettenham Stud		
		Purchased by Pat Carey Racing/Group One Bloodstock		
118	filly	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Port Augusta (Aus)	460,000
		(A$200,000 Wlg '15 MGMMAY)		
		B-Linley Investments (Aus)		
		Consigned by Blue Gum Farm		
		Purchased by C Roscoe		
113	colt	Street Cry (Ire)	Original Choice (Aus)	375,000
		B-O E & D R Pope Pty Ltd (Aus)		
		Consigned by Blue Gum Farm		
		Purchased by Aquanita Racing		
119	colt	Shamardal	Port Providence (GB)	320,000
		B-Rosemont Stud (Aus)		
		Consigned by Rosemont Stud		
		Purchased by John Foote Bloodstock/D Weir		
128	colt	Medaglia d'Oro	Starmon (NZ)	320,000
		B-Mr BH Perks (Aus)		
		Consigned by Mill Park Stud		
		Purchased by Jadeskye Racing/G Ryan		

Duramente 'King' of Nakayama Cont. from p1

Still tugging hard after 1000 metres in :59.4, Duramente hustled up into contention four wide on the final bend, as **Last Impact (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) took over from the spent Chaosmos. Duramente surged to the front with a startling rush a few strides later and looked free and clear in midstretch. The hard charging duo of Ambitious and Real Steel had other ideas, however, and shortened the margin considerably at the line.

A jubilant Demuro told *Racing Post*, "He was excited because this was his first race after a long spell on the sidelines, but he was fast out [of] the stalls and I gained a good position. When I drove him to the front, he sort of idled, but his class got him through. He is so good that he could win anywhere--it would be great to contest some of the top races in the world with him."

The dual Classic hero is likely headed to Dubai to contest the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic over 2400 metres at Meydan on Dubai World Cup Night Mar. 26. Third-place finisher Real Steel is a possible for the 1800-metre G1 Dubai Turf on the same card.

Second at first asking in an 1800-metre Tokyo newcomer race in October of 2014, Duramente got off the mark next out there a month later and quickly added the Saintpaulia Sho in his sophomore bow in February of 2015. Runner-up to persistent rival Real Steel in the G2 Kyodo News Service Hai stepped up to group company just 14 days later, Duramente would not lose again in 2015.

He added a first Classic win in the 2000-metre G1 Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas) over this course with Real Steel settling for second in April of that year and triumphed in stakes-record time of 2:23.20 in the 2400-metre G1 Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby) returned to Tokyo May 31. The previous record was set in 2004 by his sire King Kamehameha and equaled a year later by 2005 Japanese Triple Crown winner Deep Impact (Jpn) (Sunday Silence). Duramente sustained fractures to both forelegs at the end of June, which scuttled any further 2015 appearances, including plans to travel to France and contest the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.

Duramente | *Masakazu Takahashi*

Duramente is the fifth foal out of the high-class two-time Queen Elizabeth II Commemorative Cup heroine Admire Groove (Jpn) (Sunday Silence), herself a half-sister to G1SW Rulership (Jpn) (King Kamehameha {Jpn}), MGSW Forgettable (Jpn) (Dance in the Dark (Jpn) and SW Gullveig (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}). Second dam is dual champion Dyna Carle (Jpn) (Northern Taste).

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Sunday, Nakayama, Japan

NAKAYAMA KINEN-G2, ¥119,660,000 (*US$1,049,879*), Nakayama, 2-28, 4yo/up, 1800mT, 1:45.90, fm.

1--**DURAMENTE (JPN), 126, c, 4, King Kamehameha (Jpn)**
1st Dam: Admire Groove (Jpn) (Hwt Older Mare-Jpn, MSW-Jpn, $4,979,954), by Sunday Silence
2nd Dam: Air Groove (Jpn), by Tony Bin(Ire)
3rd Dam: Dyna Carle (Jpn), by Northern Taste
O-Sunday Racing; B-Northern Farm; T-Noriyuki Hori; J-Mirco Demuro; ¥62,812,000. Lifetime Record: Ch. 3yo Colt-Jpn, MG1SW-Jpn, 7-5-2-0. *Full to Admire Sceptre (Jpn), MGSP-Jpn, $1,780,715. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++. *Triple Plus* Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**Ambitious (Jpn)**, 121, c, 4, Deep Impact (Jpn)--Carnival Song (Jpn), by El Condor Pasa. O-Hideko Kondo; B-Tsuji Farm; ¥25,232,000.

3--**Real Steel (Jpn)**, 121, c, 4, Deep Impact (Jpn)--Loves Only Me, by Storm Cat. O-Sunday Racing; B-Northern Farm; ¥16,160,000.

Margins: NK, HF, 1.3/4. Odds: 1.10, 5.50, 3.20.
Also Ran: Fluky (Jpn), Red Raven (Jpn), Last impact (Jpn), Logotype (Jpn), Satono Gallant (Jpn), Isla Bonita (Jpn), Meiner Lacrima (Jpn), Chaosmos (Jpn).

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Sunday, Hanshin, Japan

HANKYU HAI-G3, ¥78,210,000 (*US$686,203*), Hanshin, 2-28, 4yo/up, 1400mT, 1:19.90, fm.

1--**MIKKI ISLE (JPN), 126, h, 5, by Deep Impact (Jpn)**
1st Dam: Star Isle (Ire), by Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)
2nd Dam: Isle de France, by Nureyev
3rd Dam: Stella Madrid, by Alydar
(¥76,000,000 Ylg '12 JRHAJUL). O-Mizuki Noda; B-Northern Farm; T-Hidetaka Otonashi; J-Kohei Matsuyama; ¥41,637,000. Lifetime Record: G1SW-Jpn, 16-7-2-1. **Werk Nick Rating: A+. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**Omega Vendetta (Jpn)**, 123, g, 5, Zenno Rob Roy (Jpn)--Behind the Mask (Jpn), by White Muzzle (GB). (¥25,000,000 Wlg '11 JRHAJUL). O-Reiko Hara; B-Shadai Farm; ¥16,182,000.

3--**Bravissimo (Jpn)**, 123, c, 4, Fastnet Rock (Aus)--May Kiersey (Ire), by Sadler's Wells. (¥50,000,000 Ylg '13 JRHAJUL). O-Makoto Kaneko Holdings; B-Shadai Farm; ¥10,091,000.

Margins: 3/4, NK, NO. Odds: 2.80, 5.80, 8.10.

Also Ran: Sudden Storm (Jpn), Mikki Love Song (Jpn), Let's Go Donki (Jpn), Danon Shark (Jpn), Hiruni Devaro (Jpn), Zelos (Jpn), Tagano Burg (Jpn), Kento O (Jpn), Meiner Aurato (Jpn), Teehaff (Jpn), Daiwa Maggiore (Jpn), Lelouch (Jpn), Eire Breeze (Jpn), Sakajiro Royal (Jpn), Meiner Eternal (Jpn). **Click for the Racing Post result, the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree or the JRA Video.**

DEJU VU ALL OVER AGAIN IN GOLD CUP

by Alan Carasso

One of the more fascinating subplots of the 2014 Classics season that featured three memorable throwdowns between future Horses of the Year Able Friend (Aus) (Shamardal) and **Designs on Rome (Ire)** (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) was the chess matches that developed between those horses' respective riders, Brazilian Joao Moreira and Australian Tommy Berry. A superior animal over 1600 metres, Able Friend and Moreira drew first blood in the Hong Kong Classic Mile, but drawing on his stamina and given two tactically perfect and masterful rides by Berry, Designs on Rome turned the tables in the Classic Cup (1800m) and the Hong Kong Derby (2000m). The two horses have since parted company, each having staked their claims in Hong Kong racing lore, but the two jockeys were back at it Sunday in a compelling renewal of the G1 Citi Hong Kong Gold Cup.

Designs on Rome, sold privately to trainer Pat Flynn after failing to raise much interest at the 2011 Goffs Orby Sale, went on to win the 2014 G1 Queen Elizabeth II Cup, besting that year's Gold Cup hero **Military Attack (Ire)** (Oratorio {Ire}) in yet another stirring finish and added a short-head victory over his then-stablemate in the G1 Hong Kong Cup in December.

Winner of this event 12 months ago, Designs on Rome was a highly creditable fourth when rallying into no pace in the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic, but was fourth in defense of the QE II and subsequently underwent surgery on both front fetlock joints.

Cautiously managed by John Moore this term, he had yet to rediscover his best form, with a fourth as the surprising favorite in the Hong Kong Cup and a running-on eighth behind **Giant Treasure** (Mizzen Mast) in the G1 Stewards' Cup that was always a prep for this race. The 6-year-old had turned in an indifferent trial in the interim, but was nonetheless dispatched the second choice in the betting Sunday afternoon, with Berry taking over at the controls from Moreira at the behest of owner Cheng Keung Fai.

Off slowly and at the back early with the heavily supported **Secret Weapon (GB)** (Choisir {Aus}), Designs on Rome became detached from the field as his stable companion **Dan Excel (Ire)** (Shamardal) crossed down onto the fence to lead from **Helene Super Star** (War Front). Military Attack box-seated that duo and Blazing Speed (GB) (Dylan Thomas {Ire}) found the one-out, one-back spot. Berry had regained touch with his rivals at the race's midpoint, but, as he did so well in those aforementioned races, set Designs on Rome alight with a run around the field fully four furlongs from the wire. In making that move, he left **Helene Happy Star (Ire)** (Zamindar) a bit flat-footed and forced Moreira atop that runner to chase the eventual winner into the lane.

Designs on Rome back to winning ways at Sha Tin | *HKJC photo*

Back on the business end, Helene Super Star took over for a stride or two from Dan Excel, but Blazing Speed was letting down outside with Military Attack just waiting for room one away from the fence. But, showing all of his old panache, Designs on Rome swooped down on the leaders and sprinted his final 400 metres in :22.16 to score from Helene Happy Star, whose rider offered Berry a smile and a congratulatory fist bump past the post. Military Attack, in search of a third Gold Cup, held third from **Dominant (Ire)** (Cacique {Ire}), the former G1 Hong Kong Vase hero who raced more prominently throughout than is his custom.

"He feels the same as when I rode him in the past," said the Australian hoop. "He doesn't give any sort of feel from the gates, but as soon as I give him a click up at the half-mile, he gets going and finds three or four lengths." Cont. p7

Deja Vu All Over Again in the Gold Cup Cont.

For Moore, winning the Gold Cup for the 11th time, Designs on Rome occupies a special place.

"He's so talented, he's got to be number one," asserted Moore. "Of my other Gold Cup winners, Viva Pataca (GB) (Marju {Ire}) was good, but the way this horse does it, coming from last, right around the field and winning--he's just an equine champion. He's very exciting to watch and for that reason I'll put him on top."

Whereas he ventured overseas in 2015, there are no such plans this time around.

"He's not travelling anywhere," Moore added. "He'll go into the AP QEII Cup [Apr. 24]--then we'll just look after him."

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Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong

CITI HONG KONG GOLD CUP-G1, HK$10,000,000 *(£923,074/€1,166,451)*, Sha Tin, 2-28, 3yo/up, 2000mT, 2:01.51, gd.

1--**DESIGNS ON ROME (IRE), 126, g, 6, by Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)**
1st Dam: Summer Trysting, by Alleged
2nd Dam: Seasonal Pickup, by The Minstrel
3rd Dam: Bubinka, by Nashua
(€10,500 Ylg '11 GOFORB). O-Cheng Keung Fai; B-Moyglare Stud Farm Ltd; T-John Moore; J-Tommy Berry; HK$5,700,000. Lifetime Record: Horse of the Year, 2x Ch. Middle Distance Horse-HK, G1SP-Ire, 26-10-4-2, HK$59,105,995. *1/2 to Sights On Gold (Ire) (Indian Ridge {Ire}), MGSW-Eng, G1SP-HK, GSP-UAE, SP-Ire, $743,989; and Simple Exchange (Ire) (Danehill), GSW-US, MSW & GSP-Ire, GSP-Ger, $301,542. **Werk Nick Rating: D. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**Helene Happy Star (Ire)**, 126, g, 5, Zamindar--Harvest Queen (Ire), by Spinning World. O-Sir Po-shing & Lady Woo, Wilson Woo Kah Wah & Jackson Woo Ka Biu; B-The Right Honorable Lord Rothschild; T-John Moore; HK$2,200,000.

3--**Military Attack (Ire)**, 126, g, 8, Oratorio (Ire)--Almaaseh (Ire), by Dancing Brave. (€40,000 Ylg '09 GOFMIL). O-Canny Leung Chi Shan; B-P E Banahan; T-Caspar Fownes; HK$1,000,000.

Margins: HF, HF, 1HF. Odds: 34-10, 16-1, 10-1.

Also Ran: Dominant (Ire), Blazing Speed (GB), Flame Hero (NZ), Secret Weapon (GB), Mr Gnocchi (Aus), Giant Treasure, Helene Super Star, Dan Excel (Ire).

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JUBILATION FOR SIZE, CONTENTMENT

by Alan Carasso

Sunday's G1 Queen's Silver Jubilee Cup at Sha Tin lost some of its intrigue when it was announced earlier in the week that the exciting 4-year-old Thewizardofoz (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}) would be scratched from the 1400-metre feature. While that news proved disappointing to the John Size barn, the progressive **Contentment (Aus)** (Hussonet) stepped into the leading role with a convincing 1 3/4-length defeat of the 'Beautys'--pacesetting **Beauty Flame (Ire)** (Footstepsinthesand {GB}) and **Beauty Only (Ire)** (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}).

A winner in six of his nine starts last season, concluding with a narrow defeat of Beauty Only in a Class 1 over 1600 metres, Contentment won his first two starts this term in stakes company, but had dropped his last four, albeit with some excuses. A solid fifth behind Maurice (Jpn) (Screen Hero {Jpn}) in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Mile Dec. 13, he toted 132 pounds and sat a no-cover trip in the Chinese Challenge Cup H. and finished third to the well-handicapped **Multivictory (NZ)** (Bachelor Duke). Stepped back up to a mile for the G1 Stewards' Cup Jan. 31, he remained in the thick of things into the final stages but dropped a neck decision to HK Mile runner-up Giant Treasure (Mizzen Mast). With Moreira named on Thewizardofoz, it was Brett Prebble in the irons Sunday afternoon.

The speedy Beauty Flame jumped best from gate two and set the pace, as expected, from Contentment, who was bustled along by Prebble to keep that one close company. Multivictory got a good spot from third just ahead of favored **Gold-Fun (Ire)** (Le Vie Dei Colori {GB}), who looked to be traveling comfortably on the back of Contentment into the turn. Beauty Flame, well handled on the engine by Zac Purton, turned them in going well, but Contentment was full of run and the battle was joined with a furlong to race. The two matched strides for the next 50 metres or so, but Contentment found another gear and sprinted hard to win impressively. Beauty Flame clung on for second from Beauty Only, who was slow out, raced far back and rallied nicely in the lane to touch Gold-Fun out of the top three. The winner is likely to press on to the G1 Champions Mile May 1 with a potential prep in between.

Contentment earns his first Group 1 in the QSJC | *HKJC photo*

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Jubilation for Size, Contentment Cont.

"He loves his training and he loves being in work," said the winning handler. "He seems to thrive on that--most good horses do things like that correctly. He takes his racing well. He has a lovely temperament, he's enthusiastic to do his best all the time and he deserved, and looked likely, to win a Group 1 one day and he's done it."

The winner, an A$65,000 purchase from the Arrowfield consignment at the 2012 Inglis Classic Yearling Sale, has a 2-year-old half-sister by Gio Ponti, a yearling half-brother by Charge Forward (Aus) and a weanling half-sister by Animal Kingdom. His dam, Jemison (Aus), was bred back to Dundeel (NZ) (High Chaparral {Ire}).

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Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong

QUEEN'S SILVER JUBILEE CUP-G1, HK$10,000,000 *(£923,074/€1,166,451)*, Sha Tin, 2-28, 3yo/up, 1400mT, 1:21.24, gd.

1--**@&CONTENTMENT (AUS), 126, g, 5, by Hussonet**
1st Dam: Jemison (Aus), by Commands (Aus)
2nd Dam: Vista Vincere (Aus), by Scenic (Ire)
3rd Dam: Super Trend (Aus), by Red Anchor (NZ)
(A$65,000 Ylg '12 INGCLS). O-Benson Lo Tak Wing; B-P J Favretto; T-John Size; J-Brett Prebble; HK$5,700,000. Lifetime Record: 16-9-2-2, HK$18,438,600. **Werk Nick Rating: A+**. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree**.

2--**Beauty Flame (Ire)**, 126, g, 6, Footstepsinthesand (GB)--Lucy Diamonds (Ire), by Orpen. (€7,500 RNA Wlg '10 TATIRE). O-Kwok Siu Ming; B-Tommy Murphy; T-Tony Cruz; HK$2,200,000.

3--**Beauty Only (Ire)**, 126, g, 5, Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)--Goldendale (Ire), by Ali-Royal (Ire). (€72,000 Ylg '12 SGASEP). O-Eleanor Kwok Law Kwai Chun & Patrick Kwok Ho Chuen; B-Massimo Parri; T-Tony Cruz; HK$1,000,000.

Margins: 1 3/4, NK, NK. Odds: 14-5, 11-2, 9-2.

Also Ran: Gold-Fun (Ire), Dundonnell, Multivictory (NZ), Charles the Great (Ire), Rewarding Hero (GB), Secret Sham (Aus).

Scratched: Thewizardofoz (Aus).

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