

HOW 'SUITE' IT IS IN THE LECOMTE



Guest Suite makes the grade in the Big Easy | Lou Hodges

The Will Farish-owned and Neil Howard-trained Mineshaft (A.P. Indy) provided jockey Robby Albarado with some of his finest moments in the saddle. Horse and rider teamed for nine wins from 11 starts following his repatriation, four of those in Grade I company, including the 2003 Jockey Club Gold Cup.

Guest Suite (Quality Road) has a fair bit of ground to cover to be mentioned in the same breath with that Horse of the Year and Eclipse Award-winning older horse of 2003, but the bay gelding continued his progressive form Saturday with a comfortable victory over 'TDN Rising Star' **Untrapped** (Trappe Shot) in Saturday's GIII Lecomte S. at the Fair Grounds.

A strong-finishing third on his 5 1/2-furlong debut at Ellis Park Aug. 20, the homebred overcame the widest gate in a field of 11 to graduate trying a route of ground for the first time at Keeneland Oct. 8. Tested for class in the Oct. 30 Street Sense S. at Churchill Downs, he was consigned to a four-deep run around the turn, but stayed on nicely enough to finish third, beaten five lengths by 'TDN Rising Star' McCracken (Ghostzapper). The 2-1 favorite when dropped back into a first-level allowance Nov. 26, he drew wide again, but came through between rivals at the top of the lane and covered his final two furlongs in a sharp :24.73 to score by 6 1/4 lengths.

CHROME SPARKLES IN FINAL WORK

Turning in the final work of what will certainly be a Hall of Fame career, **California Chrome** (Lucky Pulpit) breezed five furlongs in :58.81 over the Gulfstream Park main track Saturday morning, his final move ahead of next Saturday's GI Pegasus World Cup ([video](#)).

The lanky chestnut strode onto track just after 7:30 on what was reported to be a warm morning in South Florida, backed up a quarter-mile going the wrong way, then turned around and galloped past the stands and into the clubhouse turn. With his regular work rider Dihigi Gladney up, the 6-year-old was timed in fractions of :23.66 for the opening two furlongs and :35.12 for the half-mile. He galloped out six furlongs in 1:12.41, and trainer Art Sherman, who arrived from California late Thursday evening, was duly pleased with what he observed. **Cont. p7**

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Right on time. Exercise rider Dihigi Gladney looks down at his watch after California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit) cruises 5f in :58.81 at Gulfstream Park in his final move before the Pegasus World Cup on January 28. Story cont. page 7 | Leslie Martin/Coglianese

FINEST CITY ROLLS IN SANTA MONICA

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Finest City (City Zip), who last night was named champion female sprinter at the Eclipse Awards, picked up where she left off in 2016, taking intense pressure from the word go, but warding off Fantastic Style (Harlan's Holiday) in the GII Santa Monica S. at Santa Anita.

ARROGATE GETS IN ONE LAST WORK

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Eclipse Award-winning 3-year-old Arrogate (Unbridled's Song) turned in his final work for next Saturday's GI Pegasus World Cup Saturday at Santa Anita, covering six furlongs in 1:12.13 under the watchful eye of trainer Bob Baffert.



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LECOMTE S.-GIII, \$200,000, FG, 1-21, 3yo, 1m 70y, 1:43.20, my.

1--**@GUEST SUITE**, 122, g, 3, by [Quality Road](#)

1st Dam: Guest House, by Ghostzapper

2nd Dam: Welcome Surprise, by Seeking the Gold

3rd Dam: Weekend Surprise, by Secretariat

O-W.S. Farish & Lora Jean Kilroy; B-W. S. Farish & Kilroy Thoroughbred Partnership (KY); T-Neil J. Howard; J-Robby Albarado. \$120,000. Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-2, \$203,840.

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2--**Untrapped**, 116, c, 3, [Trappe Shot](#)--Exit Three, by Giant's

Causeway. (\$97,000 Ylg '15 KEEJAN; \$150,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP; \$125,000 2yo '16 OBSAPR). O-Michael Langford; B-Indian Creek & Jonathan Sheppard (KY); T-Sтивен M. Asmussen. \$40,000. **'TDN Rising Star'**

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3--**Takeoff**, 116, c, 3, [Arch](#)--Frisk Her, by Officer. (\$150,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP; \$550,000 2yo '16 OBSMAR). O-John C. Oxley; B-JMJ Racing Stables, LLC (KY); T-Mark E. Casse. \$20,000.

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Margins: 1 1/4, HF, HD. Odds: 2.80, 5.20, 6.70.

Also Ran: Arklow, Shareholder Value, Phat Man, Tip Tap Tapizar, Marco Mischief, Running Mate, Totality, Pat On the Back.

Scratched: Saint's Fan. Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#), the [TJCIS.com PPs](#) or the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).

Away without incident in this graded-stakes debut, Guest Suite landed slightly better than mid-field as longshot Phat Man (Munnings) set a strong and pressured pace from 'TDN Rising Star' Running Mate (Creative Cause). While the duo up front were eyeballing each other through fractions of :23.42 and :46.47, Albarado was biding his time from sixth position, and

although he had an option to loop rivals entering the second turn, he opted for a two-path run and was steered out into about the five path as the quarter-pole loomed. Roused to the front a furlong and a half from the line, Guest Suite looked to idle ever so slightly inside the final eighth of a mile, but he had built up a lead that was large enough and held sway as Untrapped closed inches. Takeoff sat a stalking trip from third, took command in between calls and stayed on gamely to round out the trifecta.

"I had a great trip," said Albarado, making his 4999th career trip to the winner's circle. "He's a nice horse and Neil has done an exceptional job with him. He's growing up. He's a smart horse and it makes it easy. He's been training forwardly. I just show up for the races, they do all the work, the Howard stable."



Lou Hodges photo

Added the winning trainer, "Everyone has the same goals looking ahead after getting started in a race like this. Obviously it was nothing short of great to see that kind of performance. Providing everything went well, we had [focused on this race] after Churchill. It's hard because you try to give them a little bit of a break." **Cont. p4**

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Lecomte S. cont.

Howard added, "I certainly think that everything is in front of him, but it's too hard to tell. There are some really good ones out there, not the least of which is Ian's horse [McCracken] who is very talented, but I thought this was a good gauge for him because it was a nice bunch of 3-year-olds. He has [turned a corner]. He has had a great schedule and hasn't missed a beat training and has trained wonderfully down here."

Pedigree Notes:

A \$200,000 buyback out of the 2009 Keeneland September sale, Guest Suite hails from a female family with which the Lane's End team is intimately acquainted. His second dam, GSW Welcome Surprise (Seeking the Gold), is a daughter of blue-hen Weekend Surprise (Secretariat), the dam of Horse of the Year A.P. Indy, GI Preakness S. hero Summer Squall, GISP Weekend in Seattle, SW Eavesdropper and MGSP Honor Grades. A full-sister to Guest Suite was purchased by Hartley/DeRenzo for \$220,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale, while the winner's dam was sold to Silesia Farm for \$100,000 in foal to Noble Mission (GB) at the 2016 Keeneland January sale. Guest House produced a filly by that full-brother to Frankel (GB) last year and was most recently bred to Palace Malice.

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Saturday, Santa Anita Park

SANTA MONICA S.-GII, \$200,000, SA, 1-21, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:21.49, wf.

1--**FINEST CITY**, 124, m, 5, by [City Zip](#)

1st Dam: **Be Envied (MSP, \$200,697)**, by **Lemon Drop Kid**

2nd Dam: **While Rome Burns**, by **Overskate**

3rd Dam: **Fiddlesticks**, by **Northern Dancer**

(\$50,000 Wlg '12 KEENOV; \$85,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP). O-Seltzer Thoroughbreds; B-HnR Nothhaft Horseracing LLC (PA); T-Ian Kruljac; J-Mike E. Smith. \$120,000. Lifetime Record: Ch.

Female Sprinter, GISW, 15-5-4-2, \$1,045,594. **Werk Nick**

Rating: **A++**. Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#).

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2--**Fantastic Style**, 122, m, 5, Harlan's Holiday--Ruby Summer, by Mr. Greeley. (\$40,000 RNA Ylg '13 KEESEP; \$525,000 2yo '14 OBSAPR). O-Kaleem Shah, Inc.; B-C. Kidder, N. Cole & E. Voute (KY); T-Doug F. O'Neill. \$40,000.

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3--**Sheer Pleasure**, 120, m, 5, Birdonthewire--Kathryns Birthday, by Blare of Trumpets. O-Little Red Feather Racing & R/M Racing; B-Madera Thoroughbreds LLC (CA); T-Philip D'Amato. \$24,000.

Margins: 3 3/4, NK, 1 1/4. Odds: 0.40, 3.80, 22.10.

Also Ran: Dr. Fager's Gal, Bad Ju Ju. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#), the [TJCIS.com PPs](#) or the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#). [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

Making her first appearance since winning the GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint over the track and distance, **Finest City** managed to win the battle and the way, impressively kicking off her 5-year-old season in the GII Santa Monica S.

The chestnut, an 8-1 upsetter over **Fantastic Style** in the GII Great Lady M. S. at Los Alamitos last April, was a good third to **Beholder** (Henny Hughes) and **Stellar Wind** (Curlin) in the



Finest City | Benoit photo

GI Vanity Mile June 4. She made her next two appearances on the grass, finishing a close fourth in the GII Yellow Ribbon H. at Del Mar July 16 ahead of a head defeat at the hands of future GISW and GI Breeders' Cup F/M


Turf third Avenue (War Front) in the GII John C. Mabee S. Sept. 4. Drawn 12 of 13 in the Filly & Mare Sprint, she showed sharp early speed to argue the pace, was narrowly in front entering the final eighth of a mile and held gamely to best defending champ **Wavell Avenue** (Harlington).

Hustled away from gate one by Mike Smith, **Finest City** was able to get to the front, but had significant pace pressure from **Fantastic Style**, who had the chalk buried down inside on the wet-fast track. The duo was nearly inseparable as they hit the three-furlong pole after a half in a demanding :44.26, but despite that taxing tempo, **Finest City** found another gear at the three-sixteenths and kicked home a convincing winner.

"Breaking from the one hole in this slop, you gotta get outta there," said Smith. "She's never had this kind of dirt in her face and I certainly didn't want her to get any today. My only concern with being away as long as she has is that we'd probably have to use her from the rail, but I saw she's been working really well. I knew she's handled the grass and she's got a real athletic way of going, so I thought she could probably handle this surface today."

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Pedigree Notes:

A half-sister to 2016 Golden Gate Debutante S. runner-up Grand Prix (Tale of the Cat), **Finest City** is out of a multiple stakes-placed half sister to GISW **Burning Roma** (Rubiano) and became the second Pennsylvania-bred graded winner **Saturday**. **Finest City** is kin to a 2-year-old colt of this year by **Tale of Ekati**. **Be Envied** was purchased for \$37,000 carrying **Finest City** in utero at the 2011 Keeneland November sale.

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Saturday, Fair Grounds

COLONEL E. R. BRADLEY H.-GIII, \$121,250, FG, 1-21, 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:43.61, sf.

1--@GRANNY'S KITTEN, 120, h, 5, by [Kitten's Joy](#)

1st Dam: Granny Franny, by Grand Slam

2nd Dam: Franziska (Ire), by Sadler's Wells

3rd Dam: Belle Epoque (Ire), by Habitat

O/B-Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey (PA); T-Michael J. Maker; J-Miguel Mena. \$75,000. Lifetime Record: 18-6-3-3, \$460,851.

*Full to Kitten's Dumplings, GISW, \$797,815; Granny Mc's Kitten, SW & GSP, \$305,793. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++**. *Triple Plus*. Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#).

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2--**Western Reserve**, 119, g, 5, Indian Charlie--Visit (GB), by Oasis Dream (GB). (\$87,000 4yo '16 KEENOV). O-Marc Detampel; B-Juddmonte Farms Inc (KY); T-B H Cox. \$25,000.

3--**Chocolate Ride**, 121, g, 7, [Candy Ride \(Arg\)](#)--Heatherdoesntbluff, by Old Trieste. (\$260,000 Ylg '11 KEESEP). O-GenStar Thoroughbreds; B-Brian Kahn (KY); T-Brad H. Cox. \$12,500.

Margins: NK, 2HF, 1 1/4. Odds: 4.30, 2.60, 1.10.

Also Ran: Blarp, Pumpkin Rumble, One Mean Man. Scratched: Glorious Empire (Ire), Rocket Time, Greengrassofyoming.

The rare Pennsylvania-bred for his owner/breeders, Granny's Kitten peaked on his run and finished third as the favorite in the state-bred restricted Robellino S. at Penn National Aug. 6, but atoned for that effort with a neck success in the Alphabet Soup S. for PA-breds at Parx Sept. 24. A nose best in a third-level



Granny's Kitten
Lou Hodges

Keeneland allowance Oct. 26, the bay beat two home when sixth in the GIII Tropical Turf H. at Gulfstream West Nov. 26 and was last seen finishing third, beaten a head, by Western Reserve and Greengrassofyoming (Quest) in the Dec. 17 Diliberto Memorial S. over the course and distance.

Drawn widest in a scratched-down field, Granny's Kitten allowed some inside speed to clear and was able to box-seat the race for the opening three furlongs before being pulled out into the clear down the back. Always traveling for Miguel Mena, Granny's Kitten was asked to draw closer still while drafting in behind and was not produced wide until heads were turned for home. Three abreast entering the final furlong, Granny's Kitten dueled with Western Reserve after Chocolate Ride began to retreat and got the better of the final-sixteenth tussle to record his first graded-stakes success.

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Pedigree Notes:

A full-brother to Kitten's Dumplings, the 2013 GI Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup winner and to SW & GSP Granny Mc's Kitten, Granny's Kitten's 3-year-old Kentucky-bred full brother Katmandoo was a 325,000gns purchase by Crispin de Moubay out of the 2015 Tattersalls October Sale, while the now 2-year-old full-sister was a 230,000gns graduate of the same event last fall when purchased by SackvilleDonald. Not surprisingly, Granny Franny was most recently bred to Kitten's Joy. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#), the [TJCIS.com PPs](#) or the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).

California Chrome Final Work cont. from p1

"I said if he went in a 1:00, I would be happy, and galloped out in 1:13," Sherman said to the media outside Barn 2 following the work. "He went in 58 4/5 and galloped out in 1:12 1/5. He's ready. That was an awesome work. I thought it was sensational.

"He's cruise control; that's what I like," he added. "We hardly ever press him to do anything. He was under hand, and I'm very satisfied with the work."

Sherman, now 79, has mixed feelings as one of the best horses of all time prepares to



California Chrome | Leslie Martin

make his final trip to the races.

"It's been a great journey. It's been fun, a lot of fun. I met a lot of nice people throughout the game and I'm enjoying myself," he reflected. "He has such a following. I have 20 women coming out from Orange County [for the Pegasus]. They are all 'Chromies,' I call them. They have never missed a workout and I work him like at 5:45 in the morning. It's probably been the biggest fan base I have ever seen. I saw a lot of good horses, with this one and that, John Henry and Cigar, but I have never seen so many people love this horse like they do. He's the people's horse, I always thought."

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Keen Ice (Curlin), 4f, :48 3/5	VIDEO
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Noble Bird (Birdstone), 4f, :49.75	VIDEO

ARROGATE TUNES UP IN CALIFORNIA

While California Chrome has been bedded down at Gulfstream for just over two weeks now, Juddmonte Farms' **'TDN Rising Star' Arrogate** (Unbridled's Song) has remained in soggy



Arrogate | Zoe Metz photo

California. The gray colt, who was last seen claiming the scalp of his older rival in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic Nov. 5, had to deal with a rain-affected main track at Santa Anita yet again Saturday morning, but skipped over the surface to stop the clock

in 1:12.13 for his six-furlong move at 11:45 a.m. PT. Arrogate was kept well off the inside by Martin Garcia, and Santa Anita clocker Dane Nelson had the \$560,000 Keeneland September graduate in splits of :24.82, :48.87 and 1:01.02. He was asked to gallop out around the turn and was out seven furlongs in a strong 1:24.37 and a mile in 1:38.32.

"What a relief that was," said trainer Bob Baffert. "I've been on pins and needles watching this severe weather pattern. If I'd known we were going to get this much rain, I might've gone to Florida for his last work. I love the way he's training. Last time [6f in 1:12.20, Jan. 15], he went a little too quick [early]. [Saturday], Martin went off slow with him and he just kept him underneath him."

Arrogate is scheduled to fly to South Florida early Tuesday morning.

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Champion juvenile **Classic Empire** (Pioneerof the Nile) remains on track to make his sophomore debut on the GII Holy Bull S. at Gulfstream Park Feb. 4 after drilling five-eighths of a mile in 1:00.75 at Palm Meadows Saturday morning. It was the third-fastest of 19 works at the distance.

"He worked really well. We're excited," trainer Mark Casse said. "He worked five-eighths from the gate. We got him in a minute and four fifths. He galloped out nice all systems are 'Go.'"

Also working towards the Holy Bull, GIII Delta Jackpot S. hero **Gunnevera** (Dialed In) breezed five-eighths of a mile in 1:00.85 at Gulfstream Park West. **Three Rules** (Gone Astray) went five furlongs over the Gulfstream Park main track in :58.72 Saturday morning ([video](#)).

STALLIONS' FIRST FOALS

KARAKONTIE (JPN) (by Bernstein; Gainesway)

- Sired his first reported foal Thurs., Jan. 19 when a filly bred by Jim and Pam Robinson was born at the couple's Brandywine Farm in Paris, KY.
- The filly is a daughter of Royal Parade (Saint Ballado), who hails from the immediate family of GI Preakness S. winner Louis Quatorze.
- Karakontie, winner of the 2014 GI Breeders' Cup Mile, was bred to 113 mares during his first year at stud.



CHITU (by Henny Hughes; Bridlewood Farm)

- Sired his first reported foal Fri., Jan. 6 when a colt was born at Hacienda de la Oca Farm in Ocala, FL.
- "He is very nice and getting nicer every day. Very correct and balanced, and lots of energy," commented John Ocasio, who bred the colt from the Silver Train mare Hailee's Act.



LORD NELSON TO MISS THE BREEDING SEASON

Spendthrift Farm has announced that **Lord Nelson** (Pulpit--African Jade, by Seeking the Gold), a finalist for the Eclipse Award for champion sprinter, has developed laminitis secondary to an infection that caused him to miss the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint and will not breed for the entirety of the 2017 season.

"It's a new setback, but we are cautiously optimistic about his prognosis. With that said, we understand the seriousness of this



Lord Nelson | Benoit photo

disease," commented Spendthrift General Manager Ned Toffey. "Mr. Hughes is committed to always doing what's best for the horse, and that means Lord Nelson will be withheld from breeding mares this season. Our team has

notified all of the breeders from his full book, and our focus is now 100% on bringing him back to good health. We very much appreciate the breeders for their understanding," he added.

Winner of the 2015 GII San Vicente S. for John Fort's Peachtree Stable, Lord Nelson was acquired privately by Spendthrift for the 2016 season and became one of the nation's leading sprinters. The chestnut was victorious in each of his four starts in the Spendthrift purple-and-orange colors, including the GI Triple Bend S., the GI Bing Crosby S. and the GI Santa Anita Sprint Championship. He would have been one of the favorites on Breeders' Cup Saturday, but was scratched with the aforementioned infection.

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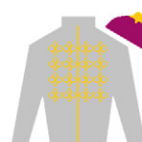
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'CHROME' LANDS SECOND HORSE OF THE YEAR HONOR ON MEMORABLE NIGHT

by Ben Massam

An already special Saturday night at the 46th annual Eclipse Awards was infused with a further sense of anticipation, as **California Chrome** (Lucky Pulpit) took home top honors as 2016's Horse of the Year and Champion Older Dirt Male one week before his expected career finale and rematch with Juddmonte Farms' 2016 Champion 3-Year-Old Male **Arrogate** (Unbridled's Song) in the inaugural \$12-million GI Pegasus World Cup at Gulfstream Park. The connections of Arrogate and 'Chrome,' who respectively finished first and second in the Nov. 5 GI Breeders' Cup Classic at Santa Anita, both made three trips to the podium in Gulfstream's Sport of Kings Theater throughout the evening.

Trainer Art Sherman was particularly reflective about the conclusion of California Chrome's time as a racehorse, which also included a Horse of the Year title as a 3-year-old in 2014.

"He's just awesome right now, and I watched him work this morning and I said, 'Give me one more year, please,'" Sherman said while being recognized with NTRA's Moment of the Year for California Chrome's win in the G1 Dubai World Cup earlier in the evening.

Owners Perry Martin and Frank Taylor of Taylor Made Farm also spoke about the magnitude of the chestnut's career.

"I am just so thankful for this horse and for Art Sherman," Taylor said. "I hope [the Pegasus] is the race I think it's going to be."

Juddmonte Farms also cleaned up, landing three awards of their own. Arrogate, however, was undeniably the centerpiece of the 2016 campaign.

"We don't take this lightly," O'Rourke said. "We certainly have a very special horse."

While O'Rourke said Champion Owner honors are most meaningful to his team, Juddmonte secured further hardware as celebrated globetrotter **Flintshire (GB)** (Dansili {GB}) was named Champion Turf Horse.

"I think the racing public here [in America] delighted in being able to enjoy his brilliant performances," O'Rourke reflected.

The evening began with an engaging monologue by host Jeannine Edwards, who harkened back to the achievements of 2015 Horse of the Year American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile), setting the stage for the stars who filled his void upon retirement in 2016. Edwards also stressed the importance of Thoroughbred aftercare and the need to provide aid for disabled jockeys throughout the evening.



Celebrating Eclipse Night | Horsephotos

Seltzer Thoroughbreds' **Finest City** (City Zip) secured a successful day long before the ceremony began with a victory in the GII Santa Monica S. at Santa Anita, and the mare fittingly took home the first award of the evening for Champion Female Sprinter. In a seemingly wide open division, the chestnut locked up year-end honors with a score in the GI Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint in November. With trainer Ian Kruljac in California to saddle Finest City, his father and fellow trainer, Eric, accepted the award on his behalf.

"We're all very fortunate," Kruljac said, reflecting on the development of his son as a trainer with the help of John Shirreffs. "When we get a great horse, they make us look good. She's the one I want to thank the most."

Baoma Corporation's **Drefong** (Gio Ponti) preceded stablemate Arrogate as Bob Baffert's first of two award winners on the evening, but the award gave the Chu family its first-ever award as relatively new owners in the game.



As Susan Chu accepted the award, her passion for racing was evident--she even quipped that Drefong has learned both the family's native Mandarin and English from the time they have spent visiting Baffert's shedrow.

"I'd like to say how honored I am to be here today," a gracious Chu said. "We really started from nothing."

WinStar Farm, who previously captured Outstanding Owner in 2010, added another trophy to their shelf with the Eclipse Award for Outstanding Breeder in 2016. WinStar CEO Elliott Walden observed that the collaborative nature of a breeding operation makes the award truly unique.

Rawnaq (Ire) (Azamour {Ire}) was named Champion Steeplechase Horse, and owner Irv Naylor's wife, Diane, delivered a poignant speech honoring the horse, trainer Cyril Murphy and her husband, who was paralyzed in a 1999 riding accident.

In a contentious battle for Champion Female Turf Horse, Robert Masterson's **Tepin** (Bernstein) edged out **Miss Temple City** (Temple City) and **Lady Eli** (Divine Park), earning her second straight win in the category.

"What a joy this mare's been, I mean what the heck--I think all racing fans love this mare," said Masterson, who thanked trainer Mark Casse and his son and assistant trainer Norman, as well as jockey Julien Leparoux. "She's been outstanding, and the only thing she ever wants in return is peppermints."

Spendthrift Farm's **Beholder** (Henny Hughes) and Fox Hill Farms' **Songbird** (Medaglia d'Oro) were rewarded with respective honors as Champion Older Dirt Female and Champion 3-Year-Old Filly after capping memorable campaigns with a rousing stretch battle in the GI Breeders' Cup Distaff, where Beholder came out a nose in front. During their acceptance speeches, Spendthrift's B. Wayne Hughes and trainer Richard Mandella provided contrasting, but equally lively, tributes to the now-retired mare.

"I wish you would stop showing [videos] of the race, because everytime I see it, I think that Songbird won," Hughes laughed.

Mandella followed by offering a heartfelt tribute to his four-time champion: "I can say my life will never be the same without her."

Fox Hill Farms' Rick Porter was on hand to accept Songbird's award--her second in as many years at the racetrack--and the successful owner's class was on full display in acknowledging the connections of Beholder, the only horse to defeat Songbird in her 12 starts to date.

"If I had to lose to anyone, I couldn't have picked a better trio--perhaps the classiest trio in racing--Wayne Hughes, Dick Mandella and Beholder," Porter admitted. "[Songbird] truly is almost a perfect horse. She is the center of the picture."

Looking toward the future, **Champagne Room** (Broken Vow) was honored as Champion 2-Year-Old Filly, while **Classic Empire** (Pioneerof the Nile) was unanimously crowned Champion 2-Year-Old Male. The latter, who stands as the de-facto favorite for the 2017 GI Kentucky Derby, was trainer Mark Casse's second Eclipse winner of the night. Casse read a message from owners John and Debby Oxley, who called their colt a "most deserving" winner.

Chad Brown earned his first Eclipse Award as Champion Trainer, and was quick to credit the people behind the scenes in his large-scale operation.

"So many talented, dedicated people work side-by-side with me every day," Brown said before recognizing everyone from his current assistant trainers to his former mentors in a emotion-filled acceptance speech.

The Eclipse Awards of Merit were given to recently retired *Daily Racing Form* editor and publisher Steven Crist and Andy Beyer, long-time *Washington Post* columnist and founder of Beyer Speed Figures. Beyer credited horseplayers for helping his work rise to prominence and deflected much of the credit to his colleagues and employees, while Crist spoke about his hopes for events such as the Triple Crown and Breeders' Cup in coming years.

In the jockey category, 19-year-old Puerto Rican rider Luis Ocasio was honored as Champion Apprentice Jockey, while Javier Castellano won his fourth consecutive Champion Jockey award, having won nine Grade I races with earnings of over \$26 million in 2016.

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HORSE OF THE YEAR CHAMPION OLDER MALE CALIFORNIA CHROME

(h, Lucky Pulpit–Love the Chase, by Not For Love)

O-California Chrome LLC; B-Perry Martin & Steve Coburn (CA);

T-Art Sherman

2016 Record: 8-7-1-0, \$8,180,000

Major Victories

- [G1 Dubai World Cup](#) • [G1 Pacific Classic](#) •
- [G1 Awesome Again S.](#) • [Winter Challenge S.](#)
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California Chrome swept two-thirds of the 2014 Triple Crown and earned the Eclipse statue, both as the season's top 3-year-old and Horse of the Year. After an abbreviated 2015 campaign, racing fans could be forgiven for thinking they'd seen the last of the strapping chestnut, but California Chrome came back better than ever in 2016, putting together a near-flawless 5-year-old campaign for his legion of 'Chromies.'

Second in the 2015 G1 Dubai World Cup, California Chrome began his preparations for a return trip to



Art and Alan Sherman | Horsephotos

Meydan with a win in the GII San Pasqual S. in January. He was much the best on Meydan's biggest day, overcoming a slipped saddle and surging clear to take the World Cup by 3 3/4 lengths under a precariously perched Victor Espinoza.

Back on home soil, California Chrome outbattled a determined Dortmund (Big Brown) to win the July 23 GII San Diego H. The 5-year-old produced perhaps his finest performance with a effortless victory in the Aug. 20 GI TVG Pacific Classic, leading from gate to wire and sailing home a geared-down five-length winner over the race's defending champion Beholder (Henny Hughes).


After a professional score in the Oct. 1 GI Awesome Again S., California Chrome was the 4-5 favorite to end 2016 unbeaten in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic, but the race was destined to be the lone blemish on his second championship season. Following the script perfectly in the early going, California Chrome set all the pace in the Classic and skipped clear on the turn as Espinoza gave several looks back.

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His only pursuer was GI Travers S. hero Arrogate (Unbridled's Song) and, when Espinoza shook the reins at California Chrome, it looked like the champ would hold off his younger rival, but Arrogate closed relentlessly to charge under the wire in front, leaving fans to debate whether an overconfident ride from Espinoza was the difference between victory and defeat.



California Chrome much the best in Pacific Classic | Benoit



California Chrome ended 2016 with a fitting farewell to the Los Alamitos base that had been his headquarters since 2013, winning the Winter Challenge--a race created specifically for him--by 12

lengths.

California

Chrome is

expected to

make one final

start before

beginning his

stud career at

Taylor Made.

After winning

the world's

previous richest race in Dubai, he'll take on Arrogate again in the new richest race, the Jan. 28

\$12-million GI Pegasus World Cup at Gulfstream.

Two days after the Breeders' Cup, California Chrome's dam Love the Chase (Not For Love), in foal to Tapit, sold for \$1.95 million at the Fasig-Tipton November Sale. Now owned by SF Bloodstock, the mare will visit Pioneer of the Nile in 2017.



Team Chrome | Horsephotos

Accepting the Award...

Chrome couldn't be here tonight. He had a scheduling conflict with his chiropractor. So I am going to do the best I can to fill in for him. Everybody knows that Chrome had a spectacular year and that spectacular year is a testament to all the people we put in place around him. So those are the people I'd like to thank tonight. I'd like to start with Victor Espinoza. Art and Alan Sherman kept him in peak performance, Raul and Floretina Rodriguez are his groom and his hotwalker. They are not going to win an Eclipse award--but I think the people on the backstretch should have their own Eclipse Award. Anna Wells works for Art and she fills in everywhere she is needed. Dihigi Gladney, his smile lights up the track in the mornings when he is working Chrome. And I don't want to forget Taylor Made and the other owners in our partnership. Everyone shows a lot of faith in Chrome." - Perry Martin

"I've never had a year like this. I never dreamed I'd have a year like this. From January to December, this horse has changed our lives and has been something special. I've been around horses since I was five years old and I'm 54 and I've never been around a horse like California Chrome. This horse, I love this horse, this is some kind of horse."

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You're going to see now--I hate to retire Chrome because he's doing as well as he's ever done--and if he were to race, he would make \$15 million and when he goes to breed mares, he'll make \$6 million. And that's a great, great thing. Because what's going to happen in the future is you are going to see these horses stay around and stay in training and we're going to build a fan base and it will change the whole dynamics. And I am so appreciative of Frank Stronach and his family for stepping up and making these things happen. I think everyone in this room needs to get up and give him a standing ovation, because he's changed the horse business." -Frank Taylor

ECLIPSE AWARDS 2016 First-Place Votes
Older Male: California Chrome-248



CHAMPION TURF MALE

FLINTSHIRE (GB)

(h, [Dansili {GB}](#)—Dance Routine {GB}, by Sadler's Wells)

O/B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd. (GB);

T-Chad C. Brown.

2016 Record: 5-3-2-0, \$2,000,000

Major Victories

[GI Woodford Reserve Manhattan S.](#) • [GII Bowling Green S.](#) • [GI Longines Sword Dancer S.](#)

[TJCIS PPs](#) • [Equineline catalog-style pedigree](#)

Globetrotting turf star Flintshire (GB) bested GI Breeders' Cup Turf winner Highland Reel (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and GI Breeders' Cup Mile hero Tourist (Tiznow) to take home the hardware as the Eclipse Champion Turf Male of 2016. It was the first win in this category for the formidable racing/breeding operation owned by Prince Khalid bin Abdullah, who has also sent out fellow Juddmonte-breds Wandesta (GB) (1996), Ryafan (1997), Banks Hill (GB) (2001) and her full-sister Intercontinental (GB) (2005) to land the female equivalent. Juddmonte also took home the Eclipse in the Outstanding Owner category and trainer Chad Brown won his first Eclipse as Outstanding Trainer.

The dark bay, a winner of the 2013 G1 Juddmonte Grand Prix de Paris and the 2014 G1 Longines Hong Kong Vase, earned another top-level ring in the 2015 GI Sword Dancer S. at Saratoga for Andre Fabre. He ended that year with a runner-up performance to fellow 2016 Eclipse finalist Highland Reel (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in defense of the Hong Kong Vase.

Transferred to the care of trainer Chad Brown for a Stateside campaign, Flintshire



Flintshire | Horsephotos

landed Belmont's GI Woodford Reserve Manhattan S. in his 2016 bow June 11. Returning to the scene of his greatest American triumph, the 6-year-old captured the Saratoga's GII Bowling Green S. July 30 prior to adding a second consecutive victory in the Spa's GI Longines Sword Dancer S. in August.



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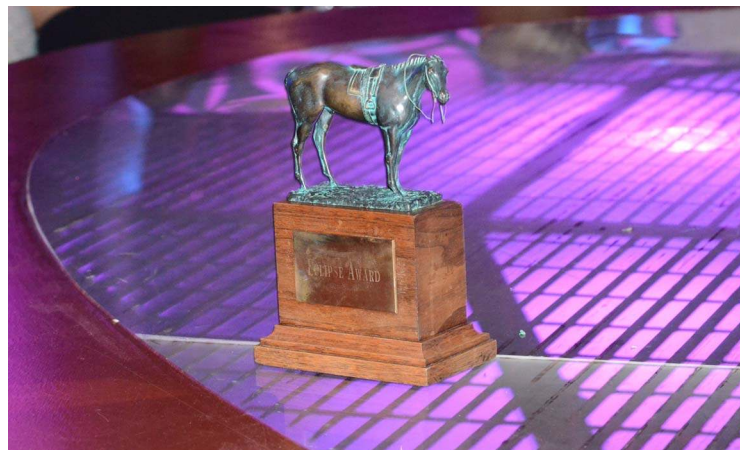
A second-place finish to the loose-on-the-lead Ectot (GB) (Hurricane Run {Ire}) over ground he detested derailed Flintshire's aspirations for an undefeated season in the GI Joe Hirsch Turf Classic S. Oct. 1. He filled the same position on an even bigger stage, in the Nov. 5 Breeders' Cup Turf, with only the enterprisingly ridden pacesetter Highland Reel withstanding his late rally. His early-season exploits however, were enough to vault Flintshire to the top of the rankings for year-end honors.

I'd like to thank Javier and Chad and his staff for the wonderful job they did in working towards this award. Thank you." -Garrett O'Rourke

ECLIPSE AWARDS 2016 First-Place Votes
Turf Male: Flintshire (GB)-137; Highland Reel (Ire)-76;
Tourist-32; Da Big Hoss-1; Abstentions-2

Accepting the Award...

"I want to thank the voters and our gracious hosts, the Stronach Group, here tonight. Early in 2016, Prince Khalid made a bold move to race Flintshire in the U.S. as a 6-year-old after he was already a proven Grade I winner elsewhere across the globe. And I think the racing public here delighted in being allowed to enjoy his brilliant performances through the summer at Belmont and at Saratoga. He is Juddmonte's all-time leading earner and he is one of the soundest, classiest and most explosive horses that Prince Khalid has raced. He'll now stand here in the U.S. where his genetic qualities should be a great boost to the breed and we are delighted that he can stay over here for people to avail of his services.



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O-Spendthrift Farm; B-Clarkland Farm (KY); T-Richard Mandella

2016 Record: 6-3-3-0, \$1,720,000

Major Victories

[GIII Adoration S.](#) • [GI Vanity Mile S.](#)

[GI Breeders' Cup Distaff](#) • [TJCIS PPs](#)

[Equine catalog-style pedigree](#)

While 2016 may not have been up to Beholder's lofty standards, the four-time Eclipse champion capped the season with perhaps the defining moment of a storied career. The gallant mare entered 2016 with a six-race win streak dating back to 2014 and promptly added to the skein with wins in the May 8 GIII Adoration S. and June 4 GI Vanity Mile.

She suffered the first bump on the road with a second-place finish behind 2015 Eclipse champion sophomore filly Stellar Wind (Curlin) in the July 30 GI Clement L. Hirsch S., but was far from disgraced with a runner-up finish behind the streaking California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit) while attempting to defend her title in the GI TVG Pacific Classic Aug. 20.

There were whispers Beholder, named champion 2-year-old filly in 2012, 3-year-old filly of 2013 and older mare



Beholder (outside) outbattles Songbird
Horsephotos

of 2015, may have lost a step when she came up second again to Stellar Wind in the Oct. 1 GI Zenyatta S. She was sent off only third choice in the GI Breeders' Cup Distaff, as unbeaten sophomore filly Songbird (Medaglia d'Oro) was the crowd's even-money choice. In what would be the final race of her career, Beholder went eyeball to eyeball with the young starlet down the length of the Santa Anita stretch before grinding out the narrowest of victories.



BEHOLDER

Congratulations to Keeneland September Yearling Sale Graduate Beholder, honored with the 2016 Eclipse Award as Champion Older Dirt Female.

Champions show special qualities from the beginning. In honor of Beholder's remarkable year, those involved in the making of this champion reflect on her path to success.

This is what we all dream about in this business. Beholder is more than we could have ever expected. Our dream now is to breed one that is even better but I don't know if that is possible.

When she was growing up at the farm, she was just a plain brown wrapper. When we started prepping her for the September Sale, she was in a paddock with two nice, well-bred fillies. My wife, Nancy, said if she was going to keep one to race, her pick was Beholder. The filly kept developing and peaked right on time for the September Sale. When the Keeneland inspection team came, she presented herself like a champion. At Keeneland, she presented herself perfectly.

—Fred Mitchell of Clarkland Farm,
who bred Beholder and consigned her to the 2011 September Sale



Immediately our first impression of Beholder was that she was very striking. She was exceptional and physically beautiful as a yearling. One of the things that appealed to us was that we raced her half-brother, Into Mischief. There was no mystery that Into Mischief was a Grade 1 winner at two, but I think we had a greater appreciation for how talented he was. It was an easy decision to buy her at Keeneland. We felt that the price was right for her.

—Ned Toffey,
General Manager for owner Spendthrift Farm



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The win capped a remarkable career, in which Beholder won three Breeders' Cup races and 11 Grade I events. Trainer Richard Mandella reluctantly shipped his star charge home to Spendthrift Farm last November and the now-seven-year-old mare is expected to visit Uncle Mo in 2017.

The Spendthrift team, which stands Beholder's half-brother Into Mischief (Harlan's Holiday), was understandably eager to obtain more of the champion's family, but was outbid by Coolmore's M.V. Magnier on a Scat Daddy half-brother who sold for \$3 million at the 2016 Keeneland September Yearling Sale.

Accepting the Award...

"Thank you for the award that Beholder won. I would like to mention that I wish you would stop showing the race because every time I look at it, it looks like Songbird won. It probably is the only race where there was no loser. I think Beholder deserves this award." - **B. Wayne Hughes**

"She was a great pleasure to train. After the Breeders' Cup, when Mr. Hughes informed me that that was it and we were going to send her home, I put it off for a couple of weeks. But he stole her in the middle of the night. About 2:30, my wife and my daughter and all of the barn crew were there loading her up with tears in our eyes and hoping that Mr. Hughes would give us a call and give us a reprieve, but it didn't happen. So she is home at Spendthrift Farm and we just went there and visited her for a day and a half and had quite a time. But I can say that my life will never be the same without her." - **Richard Mandella**

ECLIPSE AWARDS 2016 First-Place Votes
Older Female: Beholder-246; Stellar Wind-2



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2016 Record: 8-6-2-0, \$1,961,945

Major Victories

[GI Jenny Wiley S.](#) • [GII Distaff Turf Mile S.](#) • [GI Woodbine Mile](#)
[GI First Lady S.](#) • [GI Breeders' Cup Mile](#)
[TJCIS PPs](#) • [Equine catalog-style pedigree](#)

With a second consecutive spectacular campaign, Robert Masterson's Tepin joined an elite group that includes Miesque and Goldikova as back-to-back winners of the Eclipse Award as this country's best turf female. Ouija Board (GB) (2004, 2006) was also a two-time champion.

After closing a five-for-seven campaign with her stirring victory in the 2015 GI Breeders' Cup Mile, Tepin won the GIII Endeavour S. and GII Hillsborough S. at Tampa before scorching her beloved Keeneland turf for a towering five-length success in the GI Jenny Wiley S.



The comfortable winner of the GII Distaff Turf Mile on Kentucky Derby day, the bay made history in her next start with a tough-as-nails victory in the G1 Queen Anne S. at Royal Ascot.

Freshened up a bit upon her return, she clawed her way to a half-length defeat of the boys in the GI Ricoh Woodbine Mile, and although she finished second in the GI First Lady S. and was runner-up to Eclipse finalist Tourist (Tiznow) in defense of the Breeders' Cup Mile, Tepin was deemed to have done more than enough to secure a second statuette.

Accepting the Award...

"What a joy this mare has been! I think all racing fans like this mare. She has won in three different countries, she has raced at 12 different racetracks. She has won a graded on the dirt, she broke her maiden on the synthetic. She has won on the fast, she's won on the good, she's won on soft and she's won on the quagmire in England. She has been something for us. In Canada, the fans even interrupted the winner's circle ceremony by chanting her name -- TEPIN, TEPIN, TEPIN -- until we had to stop. It was fantastic. She has been outstanding. And the only thing she ever wants in return is a peppermint. So when you come by the barn, please bring a peppermint. And I want to thank Mark and Norm Casse, who have done an outstanding job with her."

-Robert Masterson

ECLIPSE AWARDS 2016 First-Place Votes
Turf Female: Tepin-225; Found (Ire)-11; Queen's Trust (GB)-7; Miss Temple City-2; Lady Eli-2; Catch a Glimpse-1



Tepin | Horsephotos

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CHAMPION MALE SPINTER

DREFONG

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\$200,000 Wlg '13 KEENOV; \$450,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP ([ring footage](#))

O-Baoma Corporation; B-Frederick Allor, Michael Barnett & Anthony Warrender (KY); T-Bob Baffert
2016 Record: 6-5-0-0, \$1,203,040

Major Victories

[SA Alw \(5/30\)](#) • [SA Alw \(7/4\)](#) • [GI Ketel One King's Bishop S.](#)
[GI Breeders' Cup Sprint](#) • [TJCIS PPs](#)
[Equine catalog-style pedigree](#)

Drefong, tabbed a 'TDN Rising Star' after a 9 1/2-length maiden score in November of 2015, began the year well under the radar, but more than made up for lost time with a pair of Grade I victories to end the season. The handsome bay opened his sophomore campaign with a pair of devastating allowance victories at Santa


Anita--returning from six months on the sidelines and battling through quick splits before drawing away to complete the six furlongs in 1:08.50 and then proving he was ready for the Big Time with a 5 1/4-length allowance romp July 4.



Drefong | Horsephotos

Drefong shipped east for the GI Ketel One King's Bishop S. on the Aug. 27 card at Saratoga which was also the coming-out party for his stablemate and GI Travers S. hero Arrogate (Unbridled's Song). Allowed to set easy fractions while loose on the lead, Drefong was never seriously challenged, coming home 3 1/4 lengths the best, and then it was on to the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint. Battling on the front end, the speedy Drefong had plenty left in the tank down the lane and recorded his most important career victory with ease.

Drefong, who races in the colors of Charles Chu's Baoma Corporation, missed an expected start in the Dec. 26 GI Malibu S. after spiking a fever, but connections are aiming for a tilt at the G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen in March.



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DREFONG

Congratulations to two-time Keeneland Sales Graduate Drefong, honored with the 2016 Eclipse Award as Champion Male Sprinter.

Drefong was just a good-looking brown horse. He was the kind of horse you almost forget about because you never had to worry about him. Maybe that's the sign of a good horse. He was precocious-looking. He was big enough to sell in November at Keeneland (as a weanling). He had a big walk on him and everybody liked him at the sale.

It means everything to us to breed an Eclipse Award winner at Blackburn. He's one of the best horses we've sent off Blackburn.


—Co-breeder Michael T. Barnett,
whose Blackburn Farm sold Drefong as a weanling at the November Sale.



Drefong was an exceptional weanling. He was deep and strong and really well made. He was correct and a lovely mover. He was exactly what we wanted to buy and came back the very same way as a yearling – a scopey, rock-solid horse that was hard to fault.

He turned out to be a good horse. He was expensive when we bought him and expensive when we sold him and turned into a top racehorse.


—Peter O'Callaghan of Woods Edge Farm,
who bought Drefong as a weanling at the November Sale and sold him as a yearling at the September Sale



I try to look at every horse in the sale. Drefong was a horse that just stood out at Keeneland. He was big, beautiful, stretchy and correct with a beautiful presence. A really well-made and very athletic horse. Finding these horses is a team effort with Bob Baffert.

It never gets old to be around good horses. It is a great feeling to be around horses like him who give 100% every time. I am grateful for being involved with Bob Baffert and his team who guide these horses to the championship level.

—Donato Lanni,
on behalf of owner Charles Chu's Baoma Corporation



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Accepting the Award...

"I am so honored to be here today. We are here today because of Drefong. And really we started from nothing, but we were able to get here because we had an incredible trainer in Bob Baffert and a wonderful team, including Donato Lanni and jockeys Mike Smith and Martin Garcia. We are grateful for all of them. Racing isn't just a business for us. These horses are so much more. And they are deeply loved and cared for. My family, we talk to our horses in Mandarin and English, so they are bilingual. We thank you so much for this wonderful honor."

-Susan Chu



Susan, Jerry and Charles Chu | Horsephotos

ECLIPSE AWARDS 2016 First-Place Votes
Male Sprinter: Drefong-199; Lord Nelson-29; A.P. Indian-20



Rick Porter and Jerry Hollendorfer | Horsephotos

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CHAMPION FEMALE SPRINTER FINEST CITY

(m, [City Zip](#)—Be Envied, by Lemon Drop Kid)

\$50,000 Wlg '12 KEENOV; \$85,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP

([ring footage](#))

O-Seltzer Thoroughbreds; B-HnR Nothhaft Horseracing LLC
(PA); T-Ian Kruljac

2016 Record: 8-2-2-2, \$823,200

Major Victories

[GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint](#) • [GII Great Lady M S.](#)
[TJCIS PPs](#) • [Equine catalog-style pedigree](#)

On a day where Finest City kicked off her 5-year-old campaign with a decisive victory in the GII Santa Monica S. at Santa Anita, the Seltzer Thoroughbreds colorbearer was recognized as the nation's top female sprinter.

Despite only visiting the winner's circle twice in 2016, Finest City showed up when it mattered most with an 8-1 upset in the GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint at Santa Anita, defeating the race's defending winner Wavell Avenue (Harlington) by 3/4 of a length.



Fellow Eclipse finalists **Paulassilverlining** (Ghostzapper) and **Haveyougoneaway** (Congrats) were third and seventh that day, respectively.

The versatile **Finest City** also captured the 2016 GII Great Lady M S. at Los Alamitos and came up a head short with second-place finishes in the GII Santa Monica S. and the grassy 1 1/8-mile GII John C. Mabee S. at Del Mar. She completed the trifecta behind heavyweights Beholder (Henny Hughes) and Stellar Wind (Curlin) with a solid showing in the GI Vanity Mile S. as well.

Finest City provided two of 28-year-old trainer Ian Kruljac's three wins of the year. She is campaigned by longtime owner Tyler Seltzer's Seltzer Thoroughbreds.

"It is just such an honor to compete with all these top trainers and have a top filly," the 28-year-old son of veteran trainer Eric Kruljac said after the Breeders' Cup.

Accepting the Award...

"I really want to thank the finest family in San Diego county, the Seltzers, for the business they have given me for the last 14 or 15 years and especially for agreeing to transfer Finest City from my name to Ian's because he was doing all the work. We are all very fortunate. When we get a great horse, they make us look good. And she is the one I want to thank the most."

- Eric Kruljac

ECLIPSE AWARDS 2016 First-Place Votes
Female Sprinter: Finest City-185; Haveyougoneaway-20;
Paulassilverlining-13; Taxis-12; Carina Mia-11; Constellation-1;
Lightstream-1; Songbird-1; Abstentions-3



Finest City | Benoit



FINEST CITY

Congratulations to two-time Keeneland Sales Graduate **Finest City**, honored with the 2016 Eclipse Award as Champion Female Sprinter.

It was thrilling to see her win the Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint. It is a reminder of why involvement with Thoroughbreds can be so rewarding.

From the time of her birth, **Finest City** was a beautiful, well-balanced, athletic filly. The fact that she was very commercial and could command a handsome price at Keeneland influenced my decision to sell her rather than keep her to race. She was the first horse that I bred and sold at auction.

As long as the chance exists to create the wonder of 'the next big horse,' the art, science and mystery of Thoroughbred racing and breeding will continue to produce the inexplicable and attract a large broad-range group of optimists like me.

—Breeder Hank Nothhaft



Finest City was a very nice filly at the November Sale. She was a well-made filly with a good top line.

We are grateful to breeder Hank Nothhaft for giving us the opportunity to sell her. This is a great boost for Hunter Valley. We've had a string of top graduates from our consignments and it is always nice to see our name among the Eclipse Award honors.

—Fergus Galvin of Hunter Valley Farm,
 which consigned **Finest City** as a weanling to
 the 2012 November Sale



It is tremendously exciting, rewarding and gratifying to have an Eclipse Award winner. It is humbling to be a small stable amongst the bigger stables.

With so many horses in the catalog at Keeneland we narrowed our focus to certain pedigrees. **Finest City** fit our criteria and based on her looks, she was (bloodstock agent Eric Kruljac's) favorite. We put a price target on her and she came in under that price target. He deserves all the credit for picking her out.

—Owner Tyler Seltzer,
 who purchased **Finest City** at the 2013 September Sale



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CHAMPION 3YO MALE

ARROGATE

(c, Unbridled's Song--Bubbler, by Distorted Humor)

\$560,000 yrl '14 KEESEP ([ring footage](#))

O-Juddmonte Farms Inc. B-Clearsky Farms (KY); T-Bob Baffert

2016 Record: 6-5-0-1, \$4,084,600

Major Victories

[MSW-SA](#) • [Alw/OC-SA](#) • [Alw/OC-DMR](#)

[GI Travers S.](#) • [GI Breeders' Cup Classic](#)

[TJCIS PPs](#) • [Equineline catalog-style pedigree](#)

Arrogate hadn't even debuted yet when one of his fellow finalists in this category Nyquist (Uncle Mo) had already earned an Eclipse Award for champion 2-year-old male in 2015 and had added the GI San Vicente S. and GI Florida Derby early in the season. The other finalist Exaggerator (Curlin) also sported an impressive resume that included a romping victory in the GI Santa Anita Derby. While that pair would run one-two in the GI Kentucky Derby and Exaggerator would go on to annex the GI Preakness S. and GI Haskell Invitational S., the late-starting Arrogate left little doubt as to who the most talented sophomore of 2016 was by the time the season was over.

A close third after a very troubled trip first out sprinting at Los Alamitos Racecourse Apr. 17, the grey shed blinkers for his second go and powered home a 4 1/2-length graduate over 8 1/2 panels at Santa Anita June 5 to garner the 'TDN Rising Star' distinction. Wheeled back in 19 days over the same track and trip, he dominated in the most facile fashion to clear his next condition before adding a Del Mar optional claiming score Aug. 4.



Arrogate all by himself in the Travers | NYRA/Jamie Coulter



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ARROGATE



Congratulations to Keeneland September Yearling Sale Graduate Arrogate, who received the 2016 Eclipse Award as Champion Three-Year-Old Male.

Arrogate was very classy and professional at the September Sale and showed well every day. It seems like the good ones are really mature. He really started to improve about a month before the sale and started filling out and became better looking.



We have about 30 mares at the farm so we are very fortunate to produce horses like Arrogate and Lord Nelson. The Cleary family has put a lot of money and thought in and has done a very good job mating their mares. They've done everything the right way and are being rewarded by coming up with such quality from a small number of mares. They give us everything we need to raise a good horse.

—Barry Robinette,

Farm manager for breeder/consignor Clearsky Farms (left) with owners Bernard Cleary and Eamonn Cleary

Arrogate was on the short list from Donato Lanni. At the September Sale, he was the big, strong, handsome horse he is today. That's what a classic horse should look like. He fit the mold of what we are looking for. We scrutinized him more closely, and he was the one we kept coming back to. We feel very lucky and very happy that he was in our shopping basket at Keeneland.



—Garrett O'Rourke,

Manager for owner Juddmonte Farms, which purchased Arrogate at the 2014 September Sale

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Finally sent into deeper waters in Saratoga's GI Travers S. Aug. 27, Arrogate went to the front and poured it on from there, thrashing a solid field by 13 1/2 lengths while lowering General Assembly's 10-furlong track record time of 2:00 set in 1979 to 1:59.36. The race came back extremely fast on everyone's figures as well, with Arrogate earning a gaudy 122 Beyer Speed Figure and -4 1/2 on Thoro-Graph (click [here](#) for 'A Numerical Perspective on Arrogate's Travers'). Given some time to rest after that, Arrogate resurfaced to face his stiffest challenge yet from none other than California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit) in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic. While the highest-earning horse in North American history seemed to be in control of the race hitting the top of the lane at Santa Anita, Arrogate wouldn't go away, and employed his giant stride to wear down his formidable foe by a half-length in very quick time once again.

Accepting the Award...

"Buying a small number of quality yearlings annually is just like investing in high-risk stocks. You probably know the odds are stacked against you, but you calculate the risk because you dream about a big payoff. Well, Prince Khalid's dream was always bigger and clearer than any of ours. I'd like to thank Bob and Donato for their expertise in picking Arrogate out at the sales. I want to thank Bob Baffert and his staff for guiding Arrogate to brilliant performances on the most important days. And finally, I'd like to thank Mike Smith for his ability to fit his contribution to Arrogate's success into less than four minutes."

-Garrett O'Rourke

ECLIPSE AWARDS 2016 First-Place Votes
3-Year-Old Male: Arrogate-243; Nyquist-2; Exaggerator-2; Gun Runner-1

CHAMPION 3YO FEMALE

SONGBIRD

(f, [Medaglia d'Oro](#)-Ivanavinalot, by West Acre)

\$400,000 Ylg '14 FTSAUG

O-Fox Hill Farms; B-John Antonelli (KY); T-Jerry Hollendorfer

2016 Record: 8-7-1-0, \$2,210,000


Major Victories

[GI Santa Anita Oaks](#) • [GI CCA Oaks](#) • [GI Alabama S.](#)


[GI Cotillion S.](#)

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Songbird put forth one of the most dominant 3-year-old filly campaigns in recent memory and stamped herself as an overwhelming and unanimous choice to land championship honors in her division. Winner of seven of her eight starts by a combined 38 1/2 lengths, the fleet-footed filly collects her second Eclipse on the heels of a flawless 2-year-old season and also earned as spot as a finalist for Horse of the Year in 2016.

Conditioned by Jerry Hollendorfer for Rick Porter's Fox Hill Farms, Songbird was untouchable in the winter and spring at Santa Anita, capturing the Feb. 6 GII Las Virgenes S., Mar. 5 GIII Santa Ysabel S. and Apr. 9 GI Santa Anita Oaks in decisive wire-to-wire fashion. Unfortunately, the dark bay spiked a fever shortly after the Santa Anita Oaks and was forced to miss the GI Kentucky Oaks a few weeks later. By mid-June, she proved she was no worse for the wear with another facile victory in the GII Summertime Oaks in Arcadia, setting her up for a more ambitious travel schedule over the second half of the season.

Songbird summered in Saratoga and delivered one of the most memorable performances of the year in the July 24 GI Coaching Club American Oaks, slamming the door on a challenge from GISW Carina Mia (Malibu Moon) and drawing away to score by 5 1/4 lengths.



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She subsequently handled the testing 10-furlong trip of the Aug. 20 GI Alabama S. with ease with a seven-length victory and comfortably dispatched Carina Mia and Kentucky Oaks winner Cathryn Sophia (Street Boss) to win as she pleased in Parx's GI Cotillion S. Sept. 24.

While Songbird gained her lofty reputation by virtue of her open-length triumphs throughout the year, she arguably showed the most valor in her nose defeat to now four-time champion Beholder (Henny Hughes) in the Nov. 4 GI Breeders' Cup Distaff. Racing with a target on her back as the pacesetter from the outset, the sophomore dug in grittily in the stretch and battled on inside of her celebrated older rival, coming up a nose shy in what seemed like an inseparable photo finish.

Songbird adds a fourth Eclipse Award to the Fox Hill Farms mantle, whose Havre de Grace (Saint Liam) landed championship accolades as Horse of the Year and Older Female in 2011.

Accepting the Award...

"My wife has instructed me to keep this short and concise, so I'll try. First I want to thank my right-hand girl and general manager Victoria Keith. She has been with me 13 years and has learned and improved in many aspects since she's been with me. Next I want to recognize and thank Tom McGreevy, who has an uncanny talent to pick out graded winners and champions. I tag along looking at Tom's shortlist and add some input once in awhile. Tom has been with me 18 years. Bill Riccio and family have really improved our breaking and training program. Bill was right on in assessing Songbird throughout her 2-year-old year and he made it clear that Songbird was the real deal. Jerry Hollendorfer has done a tremendous job with Songbird, winning 11 straight and then getting beat in the Breeders' Cup in a world-class battle with Beholder. If I had to lose to anyone, I couldn't have picked a better trio--perhaps the classiest trio in racing: Wayne Hughes, Dick Mandella and Beholder.



Songbird | Sarah K. Andrew

Mike Smith is a special person to me, going back to 2000 when he won my first Grade I with a horse named Jostle. Mike has been a great friend and rider for Fox Hill Farm and our friendship adds a lot to the Songbird story. And lastly, the incredible, beautiful Songbird. She truly is almost a perfect horse. She is the center of the picture that has brought massive excitement to me, my family and my friends and many, many racing fans. Most importantly, I want to thank God for allowing me to be here tonight even with my persistent health issues. -Rick Porter

"Rick neglected to mention one other person who has been instrumental in Songbird's success and that is Rick. I've been privileged to work for Rick for the past 13 years and I know firsthand the management decisions that have had a positive impact on the track and in the health of the horse. Top trainers who have been at their craft for decades, admit Rick has taught them a few things. Rick is quick to acknowledge everyone around him for the success of Fox Hill Farm, but there has only been one constant in that success, from Jostle to Songbird, the one and only constant has been Rick. I've told hundreds of people through the years that I have the best position in racing. It's not due to the exciting horses that we've had. It's because Rick runs his stable ethically and treats the horses and people around him with kindness, understanding, generosity and humor. Rick should be proud tonight, but not just for Songbird. Not for the other top horses he's campaigned, but for the sterling reputation he has built for himself and for Fox Hill Farm." -Victoria Keith

ECLIPSE AWARDS 2016 First-Place Votes 3-Year-Old Female: Songbird-248



Songbird | Horsephotos



CHAMPION 2YO MALE

CLASSIC EMPIRE

(c, [Pioneerof the Nile](#)—Sambuca Classica, by Cat Thief)

\$475,000 yrl '15 KEESEP ([ring footage](#))

O-John C. Oxley, B-Steven & Brandi Nicholson (Ky);

T-Mark Casse

2016 Record: 5-4-0-0, \$1,485,920

Major Victories

[MSW-CD](#) • [GIII Bashford Manor S.](#)

• [GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity](#)

• [GI Sentient Jet Breeders' Cup Juvenile](#)

[TJCIS PPs](#) • [Equine catalog-style pedigree](#)

If not for a bizarre twist of racing luck in which Classic Empire wheeled at the break and tossed his jockey at the start of Saratoga's GI Hopeful S. Sept. 5, the dark bay may have closed out 2016 with an unblemished race record. While the Hopeful will officially go down as the only loss of his juvenile campaign, Classic Empire was otherwise flawless, securing championship honors with a hard-fought victory over fellow finalist **Not This Time**



Classic Empire | *Horsephotos*

(Giant's Causeway) in

the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile at Santa Anita Nov. 5.

A quick glance at Classic Empire's past performances reveals just how much the colt improved from his May 4 unveiling sprinting 4 1/2 furlongs at Churchill Downs to his win at the World Championships. While Classic Empire rallied from well off the pace to capture both his debut and the GIII Bashford Manor July 2, Mark Casse's decision to add blinkers following the Hopeful gave his trainee superior tactical speed. The son of Pioneerof the Nile rated kindly behind a fast pace and seized control on the far turn en-route to an authoritative score in Keeneland's Oct. 8 GI Breeders' Futurity—a performance that stamped him as the 9-2 second choice behind recently-retired Not This Time in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile.



CLASSIC EMPIRE

Congratulations to Keeneland September Yearling Sale Graduate Classic Empire, honored with the 2016 Eclipse Award as Champion Two-Year-Old Male.

It is such a privilege to have a horse make it this far – to win a Breeders' Cup and an Eclipse Award. We're a mom-and-pop shop and to have a champion is amazing. We can't put it into words. We're so proud of the mare and all she's accomplished. She was part of the family and brought us so much fun. She's been so successful.

—Steven and Brandi Nicholson,
breeders of Classic Empire



Classic Empire was a beautiful physical as a yearling – beautiful head, beautiful eye – and showed himself well at the September Sale. He's a very smart horse and was very popular at the barn.

We are really excited about the Eclipse Award. We have sold some very good horses the past few years for great breeders who are raising quality horses.

—Kitty Taylor,
whose Warrendale Sales consigned Classic Empire to the 2015 September Sale



We're big on how horses walk, as many people are. I'm a big neck and shoulder guy. A very wise man looked at Classic Empire about 10 days ago and said, 'He walks like a panther... a cougar.' At the September Sale, the colt had this walk, and he had a presence to him. That's what probably attracted us to him the most.

Mr. Oxley was at the sale and was very involved in the selection. We always give him a refined list (of prospects), and he goes around and looks at all of them with us. He loved Classic Empire when he saw him. He said, 'We've gotta have this one, Mark.'

His Eclipse Award recognition is one of the most gratifying moments of my training career.

—Trainer Mark Casse



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Classic Empire attended a swift early pace once again at Santa Anita and kept finding in the stretch to hold off a late surge from the favorite, becoming the second-ever Breeders' Cup winner for owner John Oxley (Beautiful Pleasure, 1999 Distaff). The victory established him as the *de facto* leader of his class, and that status was verified when he closed as the 6-1 individual favorite in Pool 1 of the GI Kentucky Derby Future Wager in late November.



Classic Empire | *Eclipse Sports Wire*

Classic Empire is the second son of Pioneerof the Nile to secure a juvenile championship in three years, following in the footsteps of 2014 winner American Pharoah, who subsequently raced into the record books as the 12th Triple Crown winner in 2015 and added two more Eclipse awards as 2015's Horse of the Year and top sophomore male.

Accepting the Award...

"Mr. Oxley wrote this for me to read, so here we go.

'Debbie and I very much regret not being with you tonight for the tribute to Classic Empire as 2-year-old male champion. A long-planned family trip is now underway and prevents us from being there. Our ownership is simply good luck and good fortune. We wish to pay grateful tribute tonight to the most deserving and amazing Classic Empire. To breeder Steven and Brandi Nicholson and trainer Mark Casse and assistant Norman Casse and their fine staff for their excellence in their respective roles. Sincerely thanks, as well, to the sponsors of the Eclipse Awards and to the superb management of Gulfstream Park. Respectfully, John C. Oxley.'

On a personal note, I have often heard it said that without the bettors and the horses, we wouldn't have our sport. And while I agree both are very important, there is nothing more important than our owners. Without them, there would be no horses or bettors. And with John Oxley, there is no better owner or man."

-Mark Casse

**ECLIPSE AWARDS 2016 First-Place Votes
2-Year-Old Male: Classic Empire-248**

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\$70,000 Wlg '14 KEENOV; \$55,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEESEP;

\$310,000 2yo '16 OBSAPR ([Keeneland ring footage](#))

O-Ciaglia, Exline-Border, Gulliver Racing, R Christensen,

D Legan & S Alesia; B-Respite Farm (KY); T-Peter Eurton.

2016 Record: 5-2-1-1, \$1,286,600

Major Victories

[GII Sorrento S.](#) • [GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies](#)

[TJCIS PPs](#) • [Equineline catalog-style pedigree](#)

Out of the top three just once in her five trips to the post in 2016, Champagne Room caused a 33-1 upset of the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies and was able to outpoint GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies' Turf heroine **New Money Honey** (Medaglia d'Oro) and G1 Prix Morny winner **Lady Aurelia** (Scat Daddy) to give her connections their first champion.

Led out of the Keeneland sales pavilion unsold as a yearling in 2015, Champagne Room breezed a quarter-mile in [:20 4/5](#) and was purchased by bloodstock agent Larry Zap for \$310,000 at last year's OBS

April Sale. A debut second as the favorite at Del Mar July 16, the attractive bay broke her maiden in style in the GII Sorrento S. Aug. 6. Third after attending a

wicked pace in the GI Del Mar Debutante Sept. 3, Champagne Room failed to build on that performance when only fourth in the GI Chandelier S. Oct. 1.

Let go at longshot odds on Breeders' Cup Saturday, Champagne Room was forced a bit wide into the first turn, but went forward from there to chase from second. Asked to win her race turning for home, she kicked away with a fair bit of authority and crossed the wire 3/4 of a length to the good to secure her championship.



Champagne Room | Horsephotos



CHAMPAGNE ROOM



Congratulations to two-time Keeneland Sales Graduate Champagne Room, honored with the 2016 Eclipse Award as Champion Two-Year-Old Filly.

Champagne Room was big, strong, good-looking and nice moving. We didn't sell her because we didn't like her; we sold her because we sell the majority of our foals as weanlings.



You stay in the business for this. You hope your horses get in the hands of people who do a good job with them. There is a lot of luck involved. I appreciate that the people who bought her did so well. We are very proud to have another Eclipse Award winner after breeding (2010 Champion Two-Year-Old Male) Uncle Mo.

—Mike Cavey, DVM

breeder as Respite Farm, with his wife, Nancy Temple

We sold Champagne Room as a weanling for a good price – she was a leggy, attractive filly. She furthers the credentials of Keeneland and Denali. We have an advertising motto that we sell 'Saturday afternoon' horses because we're doing just that, and are able to work for the kind of people who breed and raise those kind of horses.

—Craig Bendoroff,

whose Denali Stud who consigned Champagne Room as a weanling to the 2014 November Sale



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Champagne Room got about six weeks off following her victory on championship day and has since recorded five works, including five furlongs in 1:01.40 (12/89) at Santa Anita Jan. 16. She is expected to make her sophomore debut in the one-mile GII Las Virgenes S. in Arcadia Feb. 5.

Accepting the Award...

"I want to thank everyone who voted for us. We are very overwhelmed. Congratulations to Lady Aurelia and to New Money Honey. We're very proud of our horse." -Joe Ciaglia



Champagne Room team | Horsephotos

ECLIPSE AWARDS 2016 First-Place Votes
 2YO Female: Champagne Room-202; New Money Honey-21; Lady Aurelia-11; Pretty City Dancer-5; Shane's Girlfriend-3; Abel Tasman-2; Miss Sky Warrior-2; Victory to Victory-1; Abstention-1

CHAMPION STEEPLECHASE HORSE

RAWNAQ (IRE)

(g, Azamour {Ire}-Sharemata {Ire}, by Doyoun {Ire})

28,000gns Wlg '07 TATNOV; 3,500gns HRA TAAOCT

O-Irvin S. Naylor; B-Jim Monaghan (Ire); T-Cyril Murphy.

2016 Record: 4-3-1-0, \$387,000

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Irvin Naylor's Rawnaq made his 9-year-old bow a winning one, delivering in the GIII Temple Gwathmey Hurdle H. at Glenwood Park Apr. 23 and returned to land the GI Calvin Houghland Iroquois Hurdle S. at Percy Warner May 14. The gelding resurfaced in the fall with a 3/4-length victory in the GI Grand National Hurdle S. at Far Hills, New Jersey Oct. 15, one of the year's toughest races.

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In his season finale, Rawnaq ran second to fellow Eclipse nominee **Top Striker** (Van Nistelrooy), whom he had bested earlier in the Temple Gwathmey, in the GI Colonial Cup S. at Camden Nov. 19. Despite the last-out loss, the rest of Rawnaq's racecourse performances elevated him to championship status.



Rawnaq | Sarah K. Andrew

Accepting the Award...

"We are honored that our small steeplechase group is recognized at this prestigious event and we wish to thank the NTRA, the DRF, Frank and Belinda Stronach and the Stronach Group. We also appreciate your slower flat horses which become good jumpers. Thank you." -Diane Naylor

ECLIPSE AWARDS 2016 First-Place Votes
 Steeplechase Horse: Rawnaq (Ire)-171; Top Striker-31; Special Skills-2; Bob Le Beau (Ire)-1; Portrade (Ire)-1; Abstentions-42.



OUTSTANDING OWNER

JUDDMONTE FARMS

2016 Record: 100-22-12-18, \$7,336,758

This is the third win in this category for Prince Khalid bin Abdullah's legendary international racing and breeding operation, which previously took home this award in 1992 and 2003. Juddmonte has captured the Eclipse for outstanding breeder five times and has campaigned a total of seven champions, including their 2016 Eclipse winners **Arrogate** (Unbridled's Song) and **Flintshire (GB)** (Dansili {GB}).

Juddmonte's 22 American winners made a total of \$7,336,758 in 2016, trailing only Ken and Sarah Ramsey who won 131 races and \$74,58,391. The majority of Juddmonte's 2016 earnings was courtesy of their \$560,000 KEESEP purchase Arrogate, who took home \$4,084,600 with five wins in six starts. Trouncing maiden and allowance company in California, the "TDN Rising Star" shattered the Saratoga track record with his 13 1/2-length romp in the GI Travers S. Aug. 27 and bested fellow champion California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit) to give Juddmonte its first win in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic.

Globetrotting superstar Flintshire added \$2-million to his owner/breeder's 2016 earnings with three wins and two seconds in five starts this term. Transferred to American-based conditioner and new Eclipse winner Chad Brown at the beginning of the year, the bay's victories include the GI Woodford Reserve Manhattan S. and GI Sword Dancer S., and he closed out his career with a runner-up effort in the GI Breeders' Cup Turf.

In total, Juddmonte had 100 starters in 2016 and in addition to their 22 wins, they had 12 seconds and 18 thirds. With properties in Europe and America, the operation is responsible for over 100 individual Group/Grade I winners, including the mighty Frankel (GB) (Galileo {Ire}).



Prince Khalid bin
Abdullah
Racing Post

Accepting the Award...

"Again, thank you very much. And I would like to congratulate our fellow nominees who are titan owners of this industry in Ken and Sarah Ramsey and B. Wayne Hughes. It is an honor to be in your company. I'd like to thank Bob Baffert, Bill Mott and Chad Brown for their contributions--and I think that is in order of seniority, so no favorites. And also, I really need to thank everyone back on the farm who works so hard and with such pride for all things Juddmonte.

Deep down, this was the award that I most hoped that we could win tonight. Owners of racehorses obviously have a huge investment to engage in their pleasure, both monetary and emotional investments. It is a huge risk and the hardships far outweigh the rewards. All owners who endure share a common passion which Juddmonte's owner Prince Khalid Abdullah, but I do know first hand that none has more passion. I think Prince Khalid is currently watching on TV, so I am very happy to accept this award on your behalf as a reward for your passion in the sport." -Garrett O'Rourke

ECLIPSE AWARDS 2016 FIRST-PLACE VOTES

Outstanding Owner: Juddmonte Farms-134; Ken & Sarah Ramsey-45; Spendthrift Farm, LLC-17; Klaravich Stables, Inc. & William Lawrence-17; California Chrome LLC-16

OUTSTANDING BREEDER

WINSTAR FARM, LLC

2016 Record: 1,417-239-184-184, \$10,516,427

Kenny Troutt, Chairman and Founder of Excel Communications, co-established WinStar Farm in 2000 and now retains full ownership of the Kentucky-based racing and breeding operation. This is the first win in this division for WinStar, whose 22-stallion roster includes the likes of Distorted Humor, Speightstown, Tiznow, More Than Ready, their 2010 GI Kentucky Derby winner Super Saver and Pioneer of the Nile, sire of Triple Crown winner American Pharoah and champion juvenile Classic Empire.

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WinStar led all breeders in earnings last year with their 237 starters earning \$10,516,427 with 239 wins, 184 seconds and 184 thirds in 1,417 starts. They were also the leading breeder by number of graded wins with 12, four of which were in Grade Is.

Two of those Grade I wins were scored by **Tourist** (Tiznow), who they own in partnership with Wachtel Stable and Gary Barber. The dark bay, who recently joined his sire on the WinStar roster, captured both the GI Fourstardave H. and the GI Breeders' Cup Mile. WinStar also bred GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf heroine **New Money Honey** (Medaglia d'Oro), a \$450,000 KEESEP buy for eFive Racing Thoroughbreds; and GI La Brea S. winner **Constellation** (Bellamy Road), an \$800,000 OBSMAR purchase for LNJ Foxwoods.

Accepting the Award...

"This is a great honor. Congratulations to all the breeders out there; Clearsky and Darley had a great year. Of all the awards presented tonight, I think the breeder is one of the most collaborative efforts, because you have the stallion team, the broodmares, the yearlings, the owners that buy our horses at the sales, the trainers that they give them to. And I do want to thank a few people. Our broodmare manager and his team, Jeff Danford, our yearling manager Donnie Preston and his team and our training division, Richard Budge and his team, Gerry Davis and his team. Larry McGinnis does an awesome job with our stallions and his team. our vet Natanya Nieman has been there from the beginning. and CFO Jack Mullikin and our good friend and general manager David Hanley. And Kenny and Lisa Troutt have given us the resources to get up every morning and work hard and make the dream possible." -Elliott Walden



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OUTSTANDING JOCKEY

JAVIER CASTELLANO

2016 Record: 1,418-300-236-222, \$26,827,966

Javier Castellano landed his fourth straight Eclipse as Outstanding Jockey, leading the way among riders with \$26,827,966 in earnings. He rode 300 winners--35 graded--from 1,418 mounts.

The 39-year-old's top moments in 2016 included a GI Kentucky Oaks victory aboard **'TDN Rising Star' Cathryn Sophia** (Street Boss), **New Money Honey** (Medaglia d'Oro)'s win in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf and **Connect** (Curlin)'s victory over older horses in the GI Cigar Mile H. Castellano was also the regular partner of Champion Turf Horse **Flintshire** (Dansili {GB}), a two-time Grade I winner in 2016 and runner-up in the GI Breeders' Cup Turf.



Javier Castellano | Coady

His nine Grade I winners in 2016 were rounded out by **Cavorting** (Bernardini) (GI Personal Ensign S.), **Shaman Ghost** (Ghostzapper) (GI Woodward S.), **Annals of Time** (Temple City) (GI Hollywood Derby) and **Sweet Loretta** (Tapit) (GI Spinaway S.).

Castellano grew up in a racing family in Venezuela. His father and uncle were jockeys and his brother, Abel Jr., is also a rider. He began riding in 1996, moved to the U.S. a year later, and relocated to the New York circuit in 2001. Castellano won his first Eclipse Award in 2013.

ECLIPSE AWARDS 2016 FIRST-PLACE VOTES

Outstanding Jockey: Javier Castellano-146; Mike Smith-44; Jose Ortiz-41; Florent Geroux-12; Irad Ortiz, Jr.-2; Julien Leparoux-1; Abstentions-0

ECLIPSE AWARDS 2016 FIRST-PLACE VOTES

Outstanding Breeder: WinStar Farm-164; Clearsky Farms-62; Juddmonte Farms-4; Darley-3; Perry Martin & Steve Coburn-3



Accepting the Award...

"I would like to thank everyone who voted for me, the NTRA, Daily Racing Form, and the National Turf Writers and for Gulfstream Park and the Stronach Group for giving me the opportunity to be here tonight. This is quite an honor. This award means so much to me. I came to the United States from Venezuela in 1997. I was an 18 year old. My idol was Braulio Baeza, Angel Cordero, Pat Day and Jerry Bailey. I spoke no English at all and I didn't know anyone. But I had a dream of a better future. I feel fortunate and blessed to have come so far. I truly love what I



Brady Castellano Horsephotos

do. It is a joy to do it every day. Thank you to the owners and trainers who have the confidence in me and give me the opportunity to ride their horses. And thank you to the assistant trainers, the grooms and the exercise riders who contribute to my success." **-Javier Castellano**

OUTSTANDING APPRENTICE JOCKEY

LUIS OCASIO

2016 Record: 606-110-84-85, \$2,867,000

Puerto Rican native Luis Ocasio led all apprentice by both wins and earnings in 2016 with 110 wins, 84 seconds and 85 thirds from 606 starts and \$2,867,000 in earnings. The 19-year old graduated from the Escuela Vocacional Hipica, the Puerto Rican riding school which has produced several U.S. jockeys, and moved to the United States in March. He is based primarily at Parx in Pennsylvania.

ECLIPSE AWARDS 2016 FIRST-PLACE VOTES
Outstanding Jockey: Luis Ocasio-182; Lane Luzzi-34; Eric Cancel-1; Ashley Castrenze-1; Abstentions-1.

ECLIPSE AWARDS 2016 First-Place Votes
Trainer: Chad Brown-208; Bob Baffert-21; Mark Casse-11; Art Sherman-3; Steve Asmussen-2; Todd Pletcher-1; Karl Broberg-1

CHAMPION TRAINER

CHAD BROWN

2016 Record: 763-182-146-106, \$23,135,084

Chad Brown, who finished second on the earnings list in 2014 and 2015, broke through in 2016 to lead all trainers with earnings of \$23,135,084--nearly \$2 million ahead of perennial leader Todd Pletcher. The New York native also led the nation's trainers by Grade I wins, having saddled the likes of GI



Chad Brown | A Coglianese

Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf winner **New Money Honey** (Medaglia d'Oro) and GI Sword Dancer Invitational and GI Woodford Reserve Manhattan S. winner **Flintshire (GB)** (Dansili {GB}), who earned an Eclipse of his own as top turf male. Brown's 2016 Grade I roster also included GI Cigar Mile H. winner **Connect** (Curlin) and GI Champagne S. and GI Hopeful S. victor **Practical Joke** (Into Mischief).

Brown oversaw the remarkable comeback of fan favorite **Lady Eli** (Divine Park), who recovered from a life-threatening bout of laminitis to win the GI Flower Bowl S.



Lady Eli | Susie Raisher

The 2016 season also saw Brown hit the 1,000 victory milestone at Saratoga in August, while his 39 wins set a new record as he earned his first training title at the historic meet.

After being named an Eclipse finalist in 2014 and 2015, Brown takes home the statue in 2016.

Accepting the Award...

"I first want to congratulate the other finalists. Both Mark Casse and Bob Baffert had outstanding seasons last year, very much Eclipse worthy. My staff--I am up here getting the award, but like I've said all year, I can't do it without them. There are so many talented, dedicated people who work with me side by side every day.



I do want to recognize some of my assistant trainers who I thought showed tremendous leadership in organizing our training and racing plans every day and who were very much instrumental, Jose Hernandez, Cherie DeVaux, Jorge Abreu, Whit Beckman and Dermott Magnier. In addition to them I am so blessed to have the best exercise riders in the game, the best formen and hotwalkers. All of you who are watching, thank you. You have a piece of this award. ...

The only three trainers I ever worked for: Paul Kelly, Shug McGaughey and Bobby Frankel. Most of what I know is from you three and I still use it everyday. And last of all, I want to thank all the horses for their consistency and bravery. None of us would be here tonight without those horses.” -Chad Brown

AWARD OF MERIT

ANDY BEYER

Andy Beyer, now semi-retired after nearly a 40-year-career as racing writer and columnist at the *Washington Post*, is an author of best-selling books on handicapping and the creator of the groundbreaking Beyer Speed Figures.

Beyer spent the bulk of his journalistic career covering racing for the *Washington Post* and became well-known as an advocate for the horseplayer, helping the Thoroughbred industry to enact improvements on behalf of the bettors who fuel much of the sport's economics.

Beyer's first book on handicapping, 1975's "Picking Winners," explained the basics of handicapping to the novice player, and became a national bestseller. A significant part of the book was the introduction and explanation of speed figures as a breakthrough method in analyzing horses' chances of a top performance. These figures would go on to spawn a handicapping industry.

For a recent TDN podcast interview with Beyer, click [here](#).

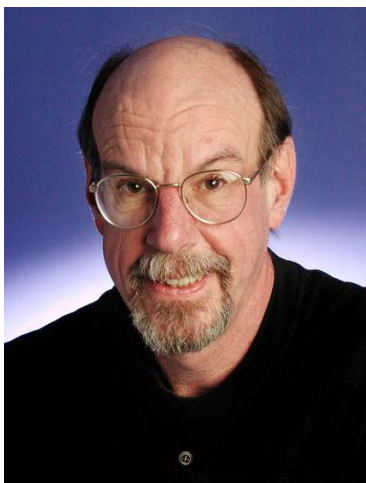
Accepting the Award...

"What that wonderful introduction didn't say was that for a large part of my life in racing, I was considered kind of a crackpot. After I wrote *Picking Winners* in 1975, probably 15 or

20 years passed, almost everyone in the industry still said, 'Well class is what counts in racing. Time doesn't mean anything--time is only important when you are in jail.' The recognition of the figures really came from my fellow horseplayers, people who read the book and got hooked on the game. One of the notable was Steve Crist, who started making his own figures and pursued a tremendous career in this business.

And over this year, I've met many horseplayers who have had similar experiences. A couple of years ago, I was at Del Mar doing an autograph session and a man came up to me, who looked as if he was maybe down to his last \$2. He was disheveled, his clothes were a little tattered, but he was very gracious. He came up to me and shook my hand and said, 'Mr. Beyer, I just want to thank you. Everything I know about handicapping, I learned from you.' I was very touched.

The change in the industry's attitude towards speed figures was the product of two forces. One of them is Steve Crist and the other is the *Daily Racing Form*. And to them, I am hugely indebted. When Steve started the *Racing Times* in 1991, he wanted to include speed figures in the past performances, he asked me to do them and that was our first entree into the public realm with figures. The *Racing Times*, sadly, did not have a long life, but when it folded, the *Racing Form* picked up the figures and from day one they have been supportive and have promoted us and advertised us and in every way have given the figures great visibility. The most important thing that they did was to give us exposure because the people who were skeptical about speed figures, when they opened the *Racing Form* PPs had no choice but to look at them and see the figures and they slowly began to realize fast horses beat slow horses a lot of the time and when horses run blockbuster figures, as say Arrogate and Frosted did in the past year, it is not a fluke. It is something that really marks them as exceptional animals. The making of the figures is anything but a one-person operation. I am flattered to have my name on them and I'm excited to have this Eclipse award, but the business itself is a partnership between me and Mark Hopkins, who formed it 25 years ago. Mark is every bit as committed to the figures as I am. We spend equal amounts of time working on them. He is equally adept. And in addition, we have five employees who work laboriously making figures and who are committed to doing the best possible job. Two of them have been with us from the very start at the *Racing Times*, Dick Jerardi and Randy Moss. So this is a team effort. I except this for them as well. There is nothing in my racing life that has ever given me a thrill like this award. Thank you.



Andy Beyer



AWARD OF MERIT

STEVE CRIST

Steve Crist was the horse racing writer for the *New York Times* from 1981-1990 and the founding Editor-in-Chief of *The Racing Times*. In 1998, he was part of a group of investors that purchased *Daily Racing Form*, where he became the editor and publisher. He was a regular guest on the New York Racing Association (NYRA) replay cable programs, hosted by Harvey Pack, and also joined Pack in entertaining handicapping seminars at Siro's restaurant in Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

Crist was appointed by New York Gov. Mario Cuomo as a member of a state advisory commission on racing, 1992-1994, where he was the catalyst for several reforms, the most important of which was the restructuring of "breakage" on straight wagers from 10 to five cents on the dollar, resulting in millions of dollars returned to bettors.

Crist retired from *DRF* in July, where he most recently served as editor and publisher emeritus. [Click here for a TDN Q&A with Crist.](#)



Steve Crist

Accepting the Award...

When I was first informed that I would be the recipient of this award, I looked back at the list of previous honorees, including a Mellon, a Vanderbilt, a couple of Phippses, and my overwhelming thought was somebody has made a terrible mistake. But I thank you very much for your mistake. It's really an honor to be honored on the same night with the same award as Andy Beyer. Andy is the person who inspired me to get into the game in the first place when I read his books. So if you don't like me, you can blame Beyer. And he really set the standard for the horseplayer advocacy and player-oriented turf writing that I aspired to. So that really does make this a great pleasure.

The other reason that I am really touched by this award and grateful for it is that I am, perhaps excessively, perhaps obsessively, I love the Eclipse Awards. I think the Eclipse Awards are one of the things that makes us very special in the world of sports. We don't automatically award Eclipse Awards and championships to the winners of a single race, unlike other sports where a fluke can determine a champion.

We instead sit down at the end of the year, a group of well-informed, impartial voters, and look at the entirety of the season and decide for the sake of history and for the sake of fairness, who was the real champion of his or her division. And I think that is something special and it is something very important and I hope this industry continues giving out Eclipse Awards on that basis for a long time to come.

You didn't think you were getting out of my final night here without a little bit of a lecture, so I'll mention just a few things that remain important to me. Please don't fool with the Triple Crown. A couple of years ago, this industry was within a few inches of changing the spacing between the races, changing the dates, maybe changing the distances, because people were so sure it could never happen again and we no longer bred horses who were capable of doing it. And really that came within a whisker of happening and the very next year American Pharoah came along and proved that it could still be done. It's your greatest asset. You don't need to gild the lily. Leave it alone, don't change it. We also have to stop treating every minuscule and meaningless medication overage as racing's latest scandal.

And finally, I urge all of you to go to the NTRA.com website and add your support to the treasury regulations that are going to reform taxation in parimutuel wagers. It is going to increase handle. It's going to shock you how much it is going to increase handle. Please go and add your support. This is a very, very important matter and we are this close, thanks to the NTRA, to getting it done.

I had the privilege for the last 16 years to hand out the Handicapper of the Year Award and I think you've found a great successor in Mandy Minger to do that job. But I've always said that, while it was in part, an award to one individual for a specific accomplishment, it really was an award to all the horseplayers and the point of it was to recognize their importance to the industry. Having said that 16 times, I think it's only fair for me to say that I accept this award in the same spirit on behalf of all of my wonderful colleagues in journalism and all of the fans and the horseplayers out there who keep the game going.

Finally, I want to thank my wife of 30 years, Robin Foster, for sticking with me through thick and thin. She couldn't be here tonight. She is stuck in New York with our 4-year-old Emma and our 9-year-old Junior. I guess I should point out that these are not human children, but retired racing greyhounds. They take a lot of attention. And as the people in this room know, your animals are your family. Thank you very, very much.

FLORIDA

Saturday's Results:

SUNSHINE MILLIONS CLASSIC S., \$200,000, GP, 1-21, (S), 4yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:49.39, ft.

1--**#HY RIVERSIDE, 119, g, 5, Macho Uno--Sarcasm (SP), by Distorted Humor.** (\$32,000 Wlg '12 KEENOV; \$190,000 2yo '14 OBSAPR). O-Mar Racing Stable; B-Amy Dunne (FL); T-Antonio Sano; J-Jose L. Ortiz. \$120,280. Lifetime Record: 16-5-3-2, \$273,790.

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2--**Nauset Beach, 117, h, 6, Scat Daddy--Outstanding Info, by Tactical Advantage.** O/B-Patricia Generazio (FL); T-Teresa M. Pompay. \$38,800.

3--**Awesome Slew, 123, c, 4, Awesome Again--Slewfoundmoney, by Seeking the Gold.** O-Live Oak Plantation; B-Live Oak Stud (FL); T-Edward Plesa Jr. \$19,400. Margins: NO, 3/4, 2 3/4. Odds: 3.40, 34.40, 0.60.

Also Ran: Tiger of Wales, Piloting, We're All Set, Uncle Vinny, Joshua's Comprise.

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Hy Riverside (Inside) | Adam Coglianese

Hy Riverside, a winner of two straight optional claimers in Hallandale last summer, had gone winless in three attempts since, including back-to-back fifth-place finishes in the GIII Harlan's Holiday S. Dec. 17 and GIII Hal's Hope S. Jan. 14. Sent off as the second choice here, Hy Riverside sat in a good spot in fifth early. He split horses at the top of the stretch and gamely fought on along the inside to nose out the longshot pacesetter in a thriller. "[Trainer] Antonio [Sano] told me to warm him up good," winning jockey Jose Ortiz said. "He said try to put him close to the pace, and he will give you a run at the three-eighths pole. At that point I didn't want to go around because I felt like I had a lot of horse. I wait, wait, wait, and made my way through a hole, and my horse was very, very brave. I knew I was there, but I wasn't sure about the head bob. He gave me everything he had." **Click for the Equibase.com chart or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).**

SUNSHINE MILLIONS DISTAFF S., \$100,000, GP, 1-21, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.32, ft.

1--**#MIA TORRI, 117, f, 4, General Quarters--Flip the Stone, by Birdstone.** O-Phillip Sagan; B-Shadybrook Farm Inc (FL); T-Jorge Navarro; J-Javier Castellano. \$61,380. Lifetime Record: GSP, 7-3-3-1, \$193,020.

2--**You Bought Her, 119, m, 7, Graeme Hall--Striking T, by Smart Strike.** (\$18,000 2yo '12 OBSAPR). O-Richard Perkins & Hinsley Racing Stable; B-CLDelaplane & RGDelaplane Trust UA 6/1/92 & Shade Tree Thoroughbred (FL); T-David H. Hinsley. \$19,800.

3--**Moment of Delight, 121, m, 5, A. P. Warrior--Sweetness, by Stormy Atlantic.** (\$58,000 2yo '14 OBSAPR). O-Pinnacle Racing Stable LLC & Norman Stables LLC; B-Jimmy Randolph (FL); T-David Fawkes. \$9,900.

Margins: NK, 1 1/4, 3. Odds: 2.00, 2.00, 2.10.

Also Ran: Jamie's Dancer, Lucky Switch, Flutterby.

Mia Torri, second, beaten a neck in the seven-furlong GIII Charles Town Oaks Sept. 17, closed out her tenure with trainer Michael Reavis with a third-place finish in a Parx allowance Oct. 23. The dark bay earned a career-best 86 Beyer Speed Figure while making her first attempt for Jorge Navarro in a state-bred optional tagger here Dec. 9, and was the slight choice to put them back to back. **Cont. p2**



Mia Torri | Leslie Martin



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Mia Torri forced the early issue from second, was confidently handled while taking over command on the far turn and was all out in the stretch to eke out a neck victory. "I felt pretty confident, but the last couple of yards before the wire I had to ride a little bit," winning jockey Javier Castellano said. "But I'm very satisfied the way she did it. When I asked her she took off again." [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

SUNSHINE MILLIONS FILLY AND MARE TURF S., \$100,000, GP, 1-21, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:43.18, fm.

- 1--**FAMILY MEETING**, 117, f, 4, [Sky Mesa](#)--**Family Plan**, by **Repriced**. O/B-Glen Hill Farm (FL); T-Thomas F. Proctor; J-Jose Lezcano. \$61,380. Lifetime Record: GSW, 11-3-3-1, \$223,760.
- 2--**Frosty Friday**, 117, m, 5, Eskendereya--Frosty Promise, by Frosty the Snowman. (\$245,000 Ylg '13 FTKOCT). O-Gary Barber; B-Bridlewood Farm (FL); T-Mark E. Casse. \$19,800.

Purchased by Justin Casse

- 3--**E B Ryder**, 119, m, 7, Bluegrass Cat--Back to Earth, by Theatrical (Ire). (\$20,000 RNA 2yo '12 OBSAPR). O-Miller Racing LLC; B-Farnsworth Stables LLC (FL); T-Martin D. Wolfson. \$9,900.

Consigned by Justin Casse

Margins: NK, 3, 1HF. Odds: 0.90, 1.80, 6.80.

Also Ran: Elizabeth Aurora, Sumfloridasunfun, Rontos Lily.

Scratched: Mom's On Strike.

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Family Meeting | *Lauren King*

Family Meeting upended the 2015 GIII Jimmy Durante S. at 37-1 on the Del Mar lawn, but hadn't visited the winner's circle since then despite several near misses. Third in last March's GIII Florida Oaks at Tampa Bay Downs, the homebred missed by a head in Pimlico's Hilltop S. in May, but was sixth in Churchill's GIII Regret S. a month later. A late-on-the-scene second in a Big A optional claimer Nov. 19, she was most recently fourth in a competitive renewal of the Tropical Park Oaks here on New Year's Eve. Unhurried early in a strung-out field, Family Meeting inched closer while out in the clear midway down the backstretch. She continued to advance along the turn for home, confronted Frosty Friday with a bid at the quarter pole, and wore down that foe narrowly under right-handed encouragement. "It was really nice to win. She was [37-1] when she won her last stake," said Glen Hill's Craig Bernick. "We always thought she was a pretty nice filly, but she had never won another race since, so I'm really happy she won another stakes race today." Family Meeting's 3-year-old half-sister Consulting (Maclean's Music), stakes-placed on the grass last term, broke her maiden by an emphatic 7 1/4 lengths sprinting on the Tampa main track Jan. 7. This is the family of graded winners Closeout (Repriced), Capital Request (Repriced), etc. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

SUNSHINE MILLIONS TURF S., \$100,000, GP, 1-21, (S), 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:41.81, fm.

- 1--**OUR WAY**, 121, g, 4, [Tizway](#)--**She's Sensational (MSW, \$174,540)**, by **Point Given**. (\$42,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$140,000 2yo '15 OBSMAR). O-William L. Clifton, Jr.; B-Farm III Enterprises LLC (FL); T-H. James Bond; J-John R. Velazquez. \$60,760. Lifetime Record: 11-4-1-2, \$224,484.

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- 2--**Enterprising**, 121, g, 6, Elusive Quality--Indy Blaze, by A.P. Indy. O-Maxis Stable; B-Glen Hill Farm (FL); T-Michael J. Maker. \$19,600.
- 3--**Reporting Star**, 119, g, 7, Circular Quay--Classic Beauty, by Sword Dance (Ire). O-Merrielle Stable LLC; B-Gilbert G. Campbell (FL); T-Brendan P. Walsh. \$9,800.
- Margins: NK, 1 3/4, NK. Odds: 4.10, 4.30, 2.20.
- Also Ran: Go Around, Starship Zorro, Two Step Time, Beneficiary. Scratched: Class and Cash.

Our Way, who showed a strong turn of foot as a promising turf sophomore, made a positive impression in his 4-year-old debut with a victory in the Sunshine Millions Turf S.

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Breaking his maiden at fifth asking over this course last February, the gelding followed up with a good second in the state-bred Sophomore Turf S. Apr. 9 at Tampa, and later annexed the Better Talk Now S. Aug. 29 at Saratoga before



Our Way | Lauren King

running sixth in the English Channel S. Oct. 23 at Belmont to close his sophomore account.

Off as the third choice here, the dark bay broke sharply before dropping back to run fourth as favored Go Around

(Medaglia d'Oro) showed the way through tepid splits of :25.07 and :49.23. Inching into contention midway around the far bend as the pace quickened through six furlongs in 1:12.28, Our Way drew alongside Enterprising at the sixteenth pole and gradually edged past that one for the score.

"Perfect trip," winning rider John Velazquez said. "I didn't have to do anything, I just put my hands down and followed the horse on the lead. He responded when I asked him down the lane."

Our Way has an unraced 3-year-old half-brother by Candy Ride (Arg) named Borg, a juvenile half-brother by City Zip and a yearling half-sister by Will Take Charge. His dam visited Into Mischief last season. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

SUNSHINE MILLIONS SPRINT S., \$100,000, GP, 1-21, (S), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09.50, ft.

1--**#EARLY ENTRY**, 119, h, 6, **Keyed Entry--Bright 'n Early**, by **Northern Jove**. (\$5,700 Wlg '11 OBSOCT; \$32,000 RNA 2yo '13 OBSMAR). O-Tommy Roberts Racing Stable LLC; B-Kathryn Standard (FL); T-Kathleen O'Connell; J-Paco Lopez. \$60,760. Lifetime Record: 23-9-2-2, \$299,742. *1/2 to Bright Gold (Hold for Gold), MSW, \$491,593.

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2--**Delta Bluesman**, 123, g, 7, Wagon Limit--Smoke Alarm, by Darn That Alarm. O-Monster Racing Stables; B-Denis A. Dwyer (FL); T-Jorge Navarro. \$19,600.

3--**Awesome Banner**, 121, c, 4, Awesome of Course--Miranda Stands, by Zamindar. O/B-Jacks or Better Farm Inc. (FL); T-Mark E. Casse. \$9,800.

Margins: HF, NK, 1 1/4. Odds: 4.10, 1.60, 1.80.

Also Ran: Yourdreamsormine, Extravagant Kid, Schivarelli, Sing Praises.

Early Entry came on strongly at the beginning of his 5-year-old season, capturing a local optional claimer last Jan. 16 and following up with a sharp score in the restricted Rail Splitter S. Feb. 15, earning a career-high 104 Beyer for the effort. Off since then, the chestnut was made the third choice in this state-bred spot and stalked the pace of Delta Bluesman from second through a :21.98 quarter and :44.49 half. Arriving at the top of the stretch under very confident handling, Early Entry overtook the pacesetter once set down and dug in when that one tried to re-rally to prevail by a half-length. "He had a few problems and the owner's good about giving horses the time that they need. When they comeback sometimes they get sick or have a foot issue. It wasn't as though I had this race targeted to come back," Kathleen O'Connell said. "He was sharp. He was up to the task. He showed up today." [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

GASPARILLA S., \$86,000, TAM, 1-21, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:23.94, ft.

1--**R ANGEL KATELYN**, 120, f, 3, by [High Cotton](#)

1st Dam: Send for an Angel, by Southern Halo

2nd Dam: Schematic, by Upper Nile

3rd Dam: Never Scheme, by Never Bend

(\$50,000 2yo '16 OBSOPN). O-Averill Racing LLC, CCF Racing Stable & K Lauren Racing; B-Craig Lawrence Wheeler (FL); T-Gerald S. Bennett; J-Edwin Gonzalez. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 5-4-1-0, \$207,120.

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2--**Jumby Bay**, 117, f, 3, [City Zip](#)--Rote, by Tiznow. (\$140,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP). O-Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners; B-Marbat LLC (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher. \$10,000.

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3--**Lirica**, 120, f, 3, [Kantharos](#)--Romantic Surprise, by Purge. (\$12,000 Ylg '15 OBSWIN; \$20,000 Ylg '15 OBSAUG). O-Magic Stables LLC; B-Cherie M Abner & Michael A Bossio (FL); T-Antonio Sano. \$10,000.

Winning with Woodford

Margins: 1 3/4, 5, 2. Odds: 1.00, 4.20, 8.40.

Also Ran: Livin a Dream, Phone Chick, Rashette, Mythical Tale, LarryandpearlsLucy, J's Indian Charm.

R Angel Katelyn, a sharp debut winner at Delaware last September, was looking for her third straight stakes win off the heels of tallies in the Juvenile Filly Sprint S. at Gulfstream West Nov. 12 and Sandpiper S. at Tampa Dec. 3. Favored in the wagering to keep the streak alive here, she was guided to the outside after breaking from post two to force the early issue from second.

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She took over entering the far turn through a half mile in :44.32 and kept finding more in the lane while drifting out some to get the money. A stewards inquiry and a claim of foul by Jesus Castanon, the jockey aboard runner-up Jumby Bay, was disallowed. Send for an Angel's most recent produce is a 2015 Winslow Homer filly. "She was winning easy," trainer Gerald Bennett said. "[Jumby Bay] wasn't going to get by her, anyway." Bennett added, "She has been training like a monster in the mornings, and she showed a lot of class today."

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PASCO S., \$53,500, TAM, 1-21, 3yo, 7f, 1:24.04, ft.

1--**#THE MONEY MONSTER, 116, c, 3, Majestic Warrior--**

Awesomelaylee, by Awesome Again. (\$15,000 Wlg '14 KEENOV; \$95,000 Ylg '15 FTKOCT; \$6,500 2yo '16 OBSAPR). O-Rohan Crichton & Cheryl Baker; B-Ginny McKinlay, et al. (KY); T-Rohan Crichton; J-Edgard J. Zayas. \$30,000. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$48,000.



2--**Chance of Luck, 120, c, 3, Skipshot--Winning Chance, by** Alphabet Soup. (\$6,500 2yo '16 OBSOPN). O-J J Brevan Stable LLC; B-Mikhail Yanakov (KY); T-Gerald S. Bennett. \$10,000.

3--**Arrecife, 116, c, 3, Majestic Warrior--Leah Jet, by Purim.** (\$15,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP). O-Magic Stables LLC; B-Neil W. Matheson (PA); T-Antonio Sano. \$5,000.

Margins: HF, 3, HF. Odds: 3.60, 1.40, 7.70.

Also Ran: Field Trip, Six Gun Salute, Two Steps Before, Union Blues.

The Money Monster belied 19-1 odds to don cap and gown first up after a wide journey at Gulfstream Park West Nov. 20, and opened up as the heavy favorite early here before drifting at post time. Finding a good drafting spot behind the pacesetter early, the bay colt advanced up the rail while scrubbed on to challenge the pacesetter as favored Chance of Luck ranged up three deep. Cutting the corner purposefully past the quarter pole, The Money Monster dug in gamely to find the line first and provide a nice return on his meager purchase price. The winner's dam, a half to MGSP Getcozywithkaylee (Zafarrancho {Arg}), produced a Mizzen Mast colt in 2015 and a Street Boss colt in 2016 before being bred back to Tapiture. "I was concerned my horse got the lead a little too soon, but it worked out perfectly because [Chance of Luck] got the jump on me," winning jockey Edgard Zayas said. "My horse saw him and he fought back. When he gets a chance to go eyeball-to-eyeball with another horse, he keeps trying and keeps trying." The Money Monster could return in the GIII Sam F. Davis S. at Tampa Bay Downs Feb. 11. Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

10th-GP, \$40,000, (S), Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$16,000), 1-21, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:35.26, fm.

MY GIRL COREY (f, 4, [Warrior's Reward--Inspirational, by Lord At War {Arg}](#)) cruised by 4 1/4 lengths in box to wire fashion first up on the Aqueduct inner last March, and returned at Belmont May 5 to check in third when stretched to a mile. Second switching to the sod back at the Big A Nov. 13, she was supported at 9-10 stepping into state-bred company this time. Settling in off the pace early, she bobbled briefly when a rival inside of her acted up, but quickly recovered and continued to bide her time behind solid enough splits. Full of run approaching the straight, she sliced out into the clear and eventually wore down stubborn pacesetter Bow Town Cat (Cowtown Cat) by a half-length. The winner is a half to The Niagara Queen (Langfuhr), GSW, \$581,172. Sales history: \$150,000 Ylg '14 OBSAUG; \$310,000 2yo '15 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, \$81,400. Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Long Lake Stable LLC and Head of Plains Partners LLC; B-Woodford Thoroughbreds, LLC. (FL); T-Chad C. Brown.



5th-GP, \$38,000, (S), Msw, 1-21, 3yo, 6f, 1:12.75, ft.

+IT'S A DUDE (c, 3, First Dude--Faithful City {SW}, by Hooched), off at 6-1, was outsprinted early in fifth through a hot opening quarter in :21.80. Still with plenty to do while riding the rail at the top of the stretch, he began to kick in as the frontrunners started to tire down the lane, split horses in deep stretch and kicked on in tandem with fellow First Dude firster Lumumba to get there by a nose in a wild finish. The winner is a half-brother to It's A Bird (Birdonthewire), MGSW, \$1,176,985. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$22,800. Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O/B-Shade Tree Thoroughbreds Inc (FL); T-Jose Pinchin.

10th-TAM, \$20,000, Alw, 1-21, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:43.83, fm.

EARRING (f, 4, [Dansili {GB}--Together {Ire} {Hwt. 3yo on Irish Free Hand at 7-9 1/2f, GISW-US, GSW & MG1SP-Ire, MG1SP-Eng & \\$835,619}, by Galileo {Ire}](#)), a maiden winner at Gowran Park at second asking last May, was a close second in the G2 Kilboy Estate S. at The Curragh in her final start overseas for Aidan O'Brien July 17. She ran twice in the U.S. for these connections since and came up second best on each occasion, including a painful nose defeat in Aqueduct's GIII Long Island H. Nov. 6. Heavily favored at 1-5 here, Earring raced just behind the early leaders in third, made a three-wide sweep on the far turn and ran to the money in the stretch. **Cont. p5**

Something Kinky (Parading) was 3/4 of a length back in second. The winner's talented dam had a colt by War Front in 2015, a filly by War Front in 2016 and was bred back to that leading sire last year. Lifetime Record: GSP-Ire & US, 8-2-5-0, \$115,660. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Heider Family Stables LLC, Glen Hill Farm & Hill n Dale Equine Holdings Inc.; B-Orpendale, Chelston & Wynatt (KY); T-Thomas F. Proctor.

6th-TAM, \$21,750, Msw, 1-21, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:39.00, fm.
ART INSTITUTE (f, 3, [Arch](#)--Louvakhova {SW, \$116,378}, by Maria's Mon) finished full of run after a slow start to be fourth in her course-and-distance debut Dec. 9, and was made a 31-10 proposition to improve here. Adding blinkers here, the homebred was checked a bit leaving the chute and drifted wide while traveling in fifth on the clubhouse turn. Settling better up the backstretch behind a dawdling :50.23 half, she ranged into contention at the top of the lane and stayed on determinedly to run down favored Youngest Daughter (The Factor) by a neck. Louvakhova, a half to 2012 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf and G1 French One Thousand Guineas heroine Flotilla (Fr) (Mizzen Mast), has a 2-year-old Pioneer of the Nile filly named Scruples and dropped a colt by Candy Ride (Arg) last spring before being bred to Kitten's Joy. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$14,550. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Glen Hill Farm (FL); T-Thomas F. Proctor.

NEW YORK

Saturday's Results:

1st-AQU, \$60,000, Msw, 1-21, 3yo, 6f, 1:12.01, ft.
+SHOE LOVES SHOE (c, 3, Friesan Fire--Tizthen {SP}, by Tiznow) racked up several bullet works at his Laurel base, including a best-of-39 half-mile spin in :48 flat Dec. 31, and was bet down to 2-1 here. Showing good speed from the outset, the homebred led clear through a :23.31 quarter and was confidently handled past a :46.89 half. Getting just a bit leg-weary in the final sixteenth, he held sway to score by three-quarters of a length over Have Another (Stay Thirsty). The winner's dam, a half to MGISW Jeranimo (Congaree), is responsible for a juvenile To Honor and Serve colt and a yearling filly by Ghostzapper. She was bred back to the winner's sire last season. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$36,000. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Sagamore Farm (MD); T-Horacio DePaz.



4th-AQU, \$55,000, (S), Msw, 1-21, 3yo, 1m, 1:39.91, ft.
CAN YOU DIGGIT (c, 3, [Tiznow](#)--Mineralogist {MSW, \$270,550}, by Mineshaft) ran on late to be third in his debut sprinting at Saratoga Sept. 1, but was off the board in two subsequent starts before running second with the addition of Lasix in the local mud Nov. 30. Bet down late to 23-10 favoritism here, the homebred ran last of seven behind tepid splits of :25.21 and :49.72. Saving ground on the far turn, he tipped into the clear at the three-sixteenths pole and closed strongly to reel in frontrunner Horoscope (Astrology) for a 2 3/4-length score. Mineralogist, a four-time stakes winner on this circuit, produced a colt by Desert Party last term. Second dam Seeking the Ante (Seeking the Gold) was a GSW and third dam Antepend (Spend a Buck) was a MGISW. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, \$53,258. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Chester & Mary R. Broman (NY); T-James A. Jerkens.

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Sunday, Aqueduct, post time: 3:50 p.m. EDT

INTERBOROUGH S., \$100,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Miss Hollywood	Malibu Moon	Arroyo	Delgado	12-1
2	Disco Chick	Jump Start	Maragh	Serey, Jr.	8-1
3	Burn Control	Bernstein	Carmouche	DeMasi	20-1
4	Hot City Girl	City Zip	J. Ortiz	Rice	7-5
5	Miss Away	Run Away and Hide	Meneses	Delgado	30-1
6	Clothes Fall Off	Daaher	Franco	McLaughlin	8-5
7	Takrees	Daaher	I. Ortiz, Jr.	McLaughlin	4-1

EASTERN U.S.

Saturday's Results:

NATIVE DANCER S., \$75,000, LRL, 1-21, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:45.01, ft.

1--PAGE MCKENNEY, 120, g, 7, Eavesdropper--Winning Grace, by Yarrow Brae. O-Adam Staple & Jalin Stable; B-Dr. James E Bryant & Linda P Davis (PA); T-Mary E. Eppler; J-Horacio Karamanos. \$45,000. Lifetime Record: GSW, 45-17-13-4, \$1,450,978.



2--Bodhisattva, 120, h, 5, Student Council--Dr. Cheryl P., by Talk Is Money. O-Jose Corrales; B-Andy Stronach (CA); T-Jose Corrales. \$15,000.

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3--**Cosmic Destiny**, 120, g, 5, Fairbanks--Paris Gem, by Rubiano.
O-Peter A. Double Deuce Stables LLC & Martin E. Ciresa;
B-Epona Equine LLC (PA); T-Martin E. Ciresa. \$7,500.
Margins: 1 3/4, NO, 1. Odds: 1.40, 31.10, 79.50.
Also Ran: Jeezum Jim, Red Dragon Tattoo, Charitable Annuity,
Kid Cruz, Warrioroftheroses.



Page McKenney | MJC/Jim McCue

The millionaire Page McKenney scored a career high in last February's seven-furlong GIII General George S. at Laurel, then went missing after finishing a solid second in the GII Charles Town Classic Apr. 23. Favored to fire fresh off the bench, the 7-year-old raced just off the early leaders, took over as they straightened for home and knuckled down nicely in the stretch to get the money. "He's back," winning trainer Mary Eppler said. "It's great. I think this race really helped tighten him up a little bit. I thought he was coming in a little bit soft and a little bit heavy. They did try him." Winning co-owner Adam Staple added, "That was even better than we could have hoped for. I knew the race had set up well for him with the speed getting challenged early, but I couldn't get past how [I thought] he probably needed the race. I just hope he comes back feeling good. This was a major hurdle to clear and now we can finally start looking ahead." Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

FRANK WHITELEY, JR S., \$75,000, LRL, 1-21, 3yo, 7f, 1:23.86, ft.
1--**#HIGH ROLLER**, 116, c, 3, by [High Cotton](#)

1st Dam: Elective, by Grand Slam

2nd Dam: Academic Angel, by Royal Academy

3rd Dam: Magic Lass, by Damascus

(\$10,000 RNA Ylg '15 OBSAUG; \$30,000 2yo '16 OBSAPR).
O-Louis J. Ulman & Stephen L. Parker; B-Adam & Suzette
Parker (FL); T-Dale Capuano; J-Trevor McCarthy. \$45,000.
Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, \$86,620.



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2--**O Dionysus**, 122, c, 3, [Bodemeister](#)--Safe Journey, by Flatter.
(\$190,000 Ylg '15 EASOCT). O-Marathon Farms, Inc.; B-Dark
Hollow Farm (MD); T-Gary Capuano. \$15,000.

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3--**Butch Walker**, 116, r, 3, [Street Boss](#)--Thoughtful, by Mining.
(\$120,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP; \$115,000 RNA 2yo '16 OBSAPR).
O-Leonard C. Green & Robert McLynn; B-Lucy G. Bassett (KY);
T-Joseph F. Orseno. \$7,500.

Hidden Brook South Graduate

Margins: HF, 1 1/4, 1 1/4. Odds: 5.10, 0.40, 9.80.

Also Ran: Eastern Bay, In Arrears, Blackjack Buster, Generous
Jack, The Great Ronaldo.

High Roller, a first-out victory going a furlong shorter on this oval Sept. 11, was no match for 'TDN Rising Star' El Areeb (Exchange Rate) when third in the John F. Lewis III S. Nov. 19 before closing into a slow pace to be second in a muddy optional claimer here Dec. 26. Off as the distant second choice behind heavily favored O Dionysus, the bay tracked from a close second through a :23.15 quarter as the chalk, off last, tugged hard off heels down the backside. Driven by the three-furlong marker, High Roller wrested command at the top of the lane. Finally finding racing room at the inside just past the eighth pole, O Dionysus put in a game late run, but High Roller had enough to just deny him on the line. The winner has a 2-year-old half-brother by Treasure Beach (GB) and his dam visited that sire again in 2016. Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

MARSHUA S., \$75,000, LRL, 1-21, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11.30, ft.

1--**#STAR SUPER**, 116, f, 3, by [Super Saver](#)

1st Dam: Reforestation (GISP, \$158,761), by Forestry

2nd Dam: Wacky Becky, by Gone West

3rd Dam: Lady Becker, by Nijinsky II

(\$65,000 Ylg '15 KEEJAN; \$95,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEESEP).

O-Equine Prep; B-Rocco Baldelli, Caldara Farm Inc. & Lane's
End Bloodstock (KY); T-Cathal A. Lynch; J-Trevor McCarthy.
\$45,000. Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-1, \$128,200.

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2--**Lucky in Malibu**, 116, f, 3, [Lookin At Lucky](#)--Slow and Steady,
by Malibu Moon. O/B-ZWP Stable & Non Stop Stable (MD);
T-Gary Capuano. \$15,000.

IT PAYS TO BREED MARYLAND-BREDS

3--**Squan's Kingdom**, 116, f, 3, [Trappe Shot](#)--Star Wisper, by Quiet American. (\$31,000 Ylg '15 FTKOCT). O-ABL Stable, Dominic Bossone & Peter Donnelly; B-Job D Turner (KY); T-Patrick B. McBurney. \$7,500.



Margins: NK, 1HF, 4 1/4. Odds: 0.50, 3.90, 6.20.

Also Ran: I Am I Will, Ianthe, Unaquoi, Item, Scarlett's Ransom. Scratched: Clairvoyant Lady.

Star Super graduated at second asking here Aug. 5 and was third in the Sorority S. Sept. 5 at Monmouth before finding the waters of the GI Frizette S. too deep Oct. 8 at Belmont, finishing a well-beaten sixth. Second in the local Smart Halo S. here in her final start for the Dale Capuano barn, she most recently filled the same slot behind the promising Ms Locust Point (Dialed In) in the Gin Talking S. over track and trip Dec. 31. Bet to heavy favoritism absent that rival Saturday, the dark bay stalked from fourth off of a sharp :22.25 quarter, advanced three deep approaching the turn for home and took charge by midstretch before gamely fending off the steady bid of Lucky in Malibu in the final furlong. The victress's dam had a 2-year-old Candy Ride (Arg) colt named Camby and visited Street Sense last spring.

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8th-LRL, \$43,386, Alw, 1-21, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:37.60, ft.

KARAOKE QUEEN (f, 4, [Flutter](#)--Splendid Sound {SW}, by Trippi) scored at first asking here last April and was seventh with a world of trouble in a sloppy optional claimer May 1. Unseen since then, the \$400,000 OBSOPN purchase returned as a 57-10 shot in this spot and overcame some early traffic to sit a tight second through splits of :24.64 and :48.73. Overtaking the pacesetter at the five-sixteenths pole, she kicked away by the furlong grounds en route to a convincing 3 3/4-length victory. Super Sharp (Super Saver) was second-best. Splendid Sound dropped a filly by Overanalyze last term before being bred back to the winner's sire. Sales History: \$95,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$46,740. Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Iris Smith Stable, Lady Sheila Stable & Linda Rice; B-Charles H. Deters (KY); T-Linda Rice.



3rd-LRL, \$42,520, Msw, 1-21, 3yo, 7f, 1:24.61, ft.

+TIZ HE THE ONE (c, 3, Tiz Wonderful--Barby Sue, by Purge) entered with a fairly tame worktab up at Belmont Park, and was let go at 4-1. Unhurried early, the newcomer was in a bit tight

and held up in second last into the bend. He began to creep forward, still with plenty left to do, but powered home over the top to reel in tiring favorite Dancing With Maude (Dance With Ravens) and power clear by 2 1/2 lengths. The winner's dam is a half to GSW/MGISP Diamond On the Run (Kris S.). She has a Creative Cause 2-year-old colt and a Tizway yearling filly. Sales history: \$30,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP; \$180,000 2yo '16 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$22,800. Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Iris Smith Stable, Lady Sheila Stable & Linda Rice; B-James P. Gallagher (KY); T-Linda Rice.



Saturday's Results:

SILVERBULLETDAY S., \$145,500, FG, 1-21, 3yo, f, 1m 70y, 1:44.01, my.

1--**FARRELL, 122, f, 3, by [Malibu Moon](#)**

1st Dam: Rebridled Dreams (SW & GSP, \$134,663), by Unbridled's Song

2nd Dam: Key Cents, by Corridor Key

3rd Dam: Centimeter, by Aloma's Ruler

O/B-Coffee Pot Stable (KY); T-Wayne M. Catalano; J-Channing Hill. \$90,000. Lifetime Record: GSW, 5-3-0-1, \$241,357. *1/2 to Carpe Diem (Giant's Causeway), MGISW, \$1,519,800; J. B.'s Thunder (Thunder Gulch), GISW, \$280,130; Doncaster Rover (War Chant), MSW & MGSP-Eng, \$335,741; and Semper Fortis (Distorted Humor), GSP, \$179,405.

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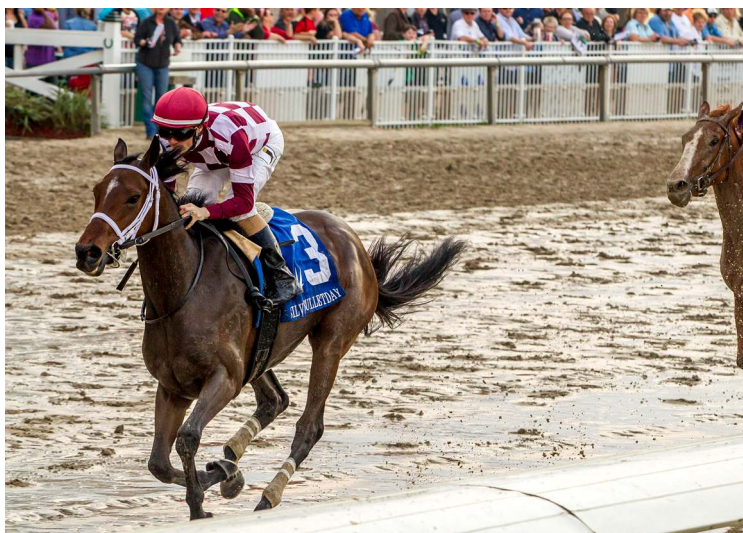
2--**Wicked Lick**, 116, f, 3, [Maclean's Music](#)--Here Music, by Dehere. O/B-Lee P. Mauberret (KY); T-Brendan P. Walsh. \$30,000.

3--**Gris Gris**, 122, f, 3, Spring At Last--That Voodoo Youdo, by Speightstown. (\$32,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEESEP). O/B-Naveed Chowhan (KY); T-Bernard S. Flint. \$15,000.

Margins: 2 3/4, HD, 3 1/4. Odds: 0.80, 8.80, 16.70.

Also Ran: Summertime Sky, Untapped, Seeking Bull. Scratched: Harkness.

The well-bred Farrell continued her ascent into being a top contender for the GI Kentucky Oaks with a professional victory in the Silverbulletday S. at Fair Grounds. Fourth as the favorite behind three return winners in her career bow Sept. 17 at Churchill, the dark bay returned quickly with a powerful graduation there Oct. 1. **Cont. p8**



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Third after disputing a fast pace in the Rags to Riches S. under the Twin Spires Oct. 30, the homebred had her breakout moment with a six-length tour de force in the GII Golden Rod S. Nov. 26 in Louisville.

Bet late to odds-on favoritism here, Farrell relaxed nicely off of longshot Gris Gris to sit second through solid fractions of :23.80 and :47.67. Turning up the pressure in hand passing six furlongs in 1:13.31, the chalk swept to the lead at the three-sixteenths pole and finished strongly in the final furlong to win convincingly under wraps. Wicked Lick nailed the pacesetter for second in the last jump.

"It went accordingly," winning trainer Wayne Catalano said. "Channing [Hill] thought [Gris Gris] would have some speed, so I told him we would just go to the front and sit right off her. That's what we did. We had a nervous moment [at the top of the stretch], but not a whole bunch. You want to wait until mid-stretch here before you really worry. At that point, she was looking nice and Channing was sitting pretty good."

Farrell's very productive dam is responsible for a 2-year-old colt by Speightstown who sold for \$675,000 at Keeneland September, and produced a filly by Giant's Causeway last spring. [Click for the Equibase.com chart.](#)

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DIXIE BELLE S., \$125,000, OP, 1-21, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11.85, ft.

1--**CHANEL'S LEGACY**, 119, f, 3, by [Dominus](#)

1st Dam: Chanel Number Mine, by Value Plus

2nd Dam: Ruthie the Rocket, by Confide

3rd Dam: Perfectlywonderful, by Mister Frisky

O-Poindexter Thoroughbreds LLC; B-H. Allen Poindexter (IA); T-Lynn Chleborad; J-Alex Birzer. \$75,000. Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-1, \$159,394.

2--**My Sweet Stella**, 115, f, 3, Eskendereya--Megalicious, by

Songandaprayer. O/B-Zayat Stables, LLC (KY); T-D. Wayne Lukas. \$25,000.

3--**Five Star Factor**, 117, f, 3, [The Factor](#)--Five Star Holding, by Five Star Day. (\$50,000 2yo '16 EASMAY). O-Triton Thoroughbreds LLC & Black Ridge Stables LLC; B-Copper Penny Stables (KY); T-Ron Moquett. \$12,500.

Margins: 2HF, HF, 2. Odds: 5.70, 8.60, 3.50.

Also Ran: Vertical Oak, I Be Jeannie B, Country Candy, No Closure.

Chanel's Legacy graduated in her second outing at Remington Sept. 8 and repeated with an upset score in the E. L. Gaylord Memorial S. there Oct. 14. Fourth in the GIII Delta Princess S. Nov. 19, she filled the same slot in the Trapeze S. back at Remington Dec. 11 and was sent off as the third choice in this feature. Stalking from third through a :22.19 quarter, the gray poked a nose in front nearing the top of the lane and finished strongly in the final furlong to triumph going away. My Sweet Stella completed the exacta, while odds-on Vertical Oak (Giant Oak) faded to finish fourth. Chanel Number Mine has a juvenile Alphabet Soup filly named Chanel's Pride and produced a filly by Cairo Prince last term before visiting Flat Out. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

MARIE G. KRANTZ MEMORIAL S., \$72,000, FG, 1-21, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:44.92, sf.

1--**#KITTEN'S ROAR**, 118, m, 5, [Kitten's Joy](#)--Bambolina, by War Chant. (\$42,000 RNA Wlg '12 KEENOV; \$130,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP; \$97,000 RNA 4yo '16 FTKFEB). O-Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey; B-Dapple Bloodstock (KY); T-Michael J. Maker; J-Miguel Mena. \$45,000. Lifetime Record: 12-5-5-1, \$316,958.

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2--**Prado's Sweet Ride**, 118, m, 5, Fort Prado--Excellent Idea, by General Meeting. O-Darrell & Sadie Brommer; B-Darrell Brommer (IL); T-Richard R. Scherer. \$15,000.

3--**Cambodia**, 122, m, 5, War Front--Sassifaction, by Smart Strike. O-Winter Quarter Farm; B-Don M. Robinson & Maverick Productions, Ltd. (KY); T-Thomas F. Proctor. \$7,500.

Margins: NO, 1 1/4, 1. Odds: 1.90, 9.40, 2.30.

Also Ran: Cash Control, Dynazar. Scratched: Steel Cut, Freudie Anne, Whiskey Eyes, Include Betty, Factory of Faith, I'm a Chatterbox, Gianna's Dream.

Kitten's Roar, third in the 2015 Little Silver S. at Monmouth in her last start for the Chad Brown barn, scored in her fourth try at the two-other-than allowance level Sept. 11 at Kentucky Downs and repeated in a Keeneland allowance Oct. 20. Second behind Cash Control (Pioneer of the Nile) in the GIII Cardinal H. Nov. 19 at Churchill, she narrowly missed when runner-up behind that one again in the Blushing K. D. S. over course and distance Dec. 17. **Cont. p9**

Off as the second choice in this scratch-reduced field, the dark bay tracked the speed from second through a solid :24.14 quarter over soft going. The pace moderated up the backstretch to a :49.71 half, and Kitten's Roar swept to the fore five-sixteenths from home. Race favorite Cash Control looked like she would come calling in early stretch, but soon flattened out, and Kitten's Roar kept to her task to just hold from the strong late charge of Prado's Sweet Ride, earning her first stakes victory. The winner's dam, a half to GSW/MGISP Scherzinger (Tiz Wonderful), is represented by an unraced 4-year-old Artie Schiller filly named Be My Baby, an unraced sophomore filly by Curlin named Baby Zito and a yearling colt by Magician (Ire). She was paired with Lemon Drop Kid last spring. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#).**

DUNCAN F. KENNER S., \$70,500, FG, 1-21, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10.14, my.

1--HOLY BOSS, 118, h, 5, [Street Boss](#)--Holy Grace, by Holy Bull. (\$135,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP). O-Jerry Durant; B-Adena Springs (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen; J-Ricardo Santana, Jr. \$45,000. Lifetime Record: GSW & MGISP, 18-6-3-3, \$711,277.

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2--Chief Istan, 118, h, 5, Istan--My Indian, by Indian Charlie. (\$15,000 RNA Ylg '13 KEESEP). O-Sagamore Farm & Brereton C. Jones; B-Brereton C. Jones (KY); T-J. Larry Jones. \$15,000.

3--Bayerd, 118, h, 5, Speightstown--Cherokee Jewel, by Cherokee Run. (\$135,000 Ylg '13 FTKOCT; \$170,000 RNA 2yo '14 OBSMAR; \$75,000 2yo '14 EASMAY). O-Clark O. Brewster; B-Alpha Delta Stables, LLC (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen. \$7,500.

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Margins: 5 3/4, NK, 1 3/4. Odds: 0.40, 5.00, 11.20.

Also Ran: Clearly Now. Scratched: Guess Who Charlie, Yockey's Warrior.

'TDN Rising Star' Holy Boss hadn't taken a trip to the winner's circle since annexing the 2015 GII Amsterdam S. to cap a four-race win streak, and had raced exclusively in graded company until his last start. Third behind GISW Joking (Distorted Humor) in the GII True North S. at Belmont this past in June, the chestnut went one better behind top sprinter A. P. Indian (Indian Charlie) in Saratoga's GI Alfred G. Vanderbilt H. July 30. Fourth in Joking's GI Vosburgh Invitational S. triumph in the Belmont mud Oct. 1, Holy Boss came up a head short at 4-5 last out in Churchill's Nov. 19 Bet On Sunshine S. Benefitting from the scratch of main rival Yockey's Warrior (Warrior's Reward), the chestnut took control after an awkward start and splashed clear in the lane to return to winning ways. Holy Boss is out of a half-sister to graded winners Mark One (Alphabet Soup) and

Rookie Sensation (Unbridled's Song). His dam has an unraced 3-year-old filly named Holy Helena (Ghostzapper), a 2-year-old filly by Fort Larned and a yearling filly by Point of Entry. She was bred back to Silver Max. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#).**

6th-OP, \$72,000, Msw, 1-21, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:39.40, ft.

LEOFRIC (c, 4, [Candy Ride {Arg}](#)--Lady Godiva, by Unbridled's Song) was fourth on debut Aug. 21 at Ellis and went one better stretching out Sept. 24 at Churchill before filling the superfecta again Oct. 15 at Keeneland. Made the public's 9-10 choice here, the gray sat in the second flight behind modest splits of :24.51 and :48.83, was scrubbed on passing the quarter pole and reeled in Pitch Count (Eskendereya) late to post a 1 1/4-length success. The winner's dam, a half to MGSW/GISP Multiple Choice (Mt. Livermore), produced his full-brother, named Box of Chocolates, last spring before visiting Uncle Mo. Second dam Lady of Choice (Storm Bird) is a half to GISW Well Chosen (Deputy Minister). Sales History: \$330,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$100,000 3yo '16 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, \$52,400. **Click [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).** O-Save Landers Racing LLC; B-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY); T-Brad H. Cox.



6th-FG, \$41,000, Msw, 1-21, 3yo, f, 1m 70y, 1:44.78, my.

FAULT (f, 3, [Blame](#)--Charming N Lovable {SW, \$146,240}, by Horse Chestnut {SAf}) finished third in her debut despite some greenness sprinting on the local turf Dec. 31, and was bet to 3-2 favoritism stretching out and switching surfaces here. Breaking sharply, the \$120,000 KEESEP buy showed the way through a :23.57 quarter. Overtaken by Heaven's Creation (Creative Cause) past a :47.05 half, Fault hooked up with that foe midway around the turn and eventually wore her down to graduate by 1 1/2 lengths. The victress is a half to Betweenhereandcool (Unbridled's Song), GSP, \$262,913; and Congenial (Pulpit), SW, \$254,610. Her dam has a juvenile colt by Orb and foaled a Lookin At Lucky filly last spring before returning to Orb. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$28,780. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#).** O-Klaravich Stables, Inc. & William H. Lawrence; B-Claiborne Farm (KY); T-Albert M. Stall, Jr.

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4th-FG, \$38,000, Msw, 1-21, 3yo, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:05.07, my. DOC KANE (c, 3, [Into Mischief](#)--True, by Yes It's True) reported home a debut fourth at odds of 5-1 for trainer Harold Williams at Ellis July 10. Transferred to Al Stall Jr. in the interim, the main track only entrant sat within striking distance early, was parked four wide on the far turn and kicked on nicely down the stretch to splash home a 4 1/2-length winner as the 5-2 favorite. British Humor (Distorted Humor) was second. Doc Kane's dam produced a colt by Gio Ponti in 2015 and was most recently bred to Secret Circle. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$24,700. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#).

O/B-Avalon Racing Inc (KY); T-Albert M. Stall Jr.

1st-DED, \$29,360, Msw, 1-21, 3yo, f, 5f, :59.04, ft. +JAVIERA (f, 3, Big Brown--Hard Call, by Rock Hard Ten), 8-5 for a barn hitting at almost 50% at the meet with better than an 84% in-the-money percentage heading into this, broke well enough but was outfooted early and settled in off the pace and out in the clear. She uncorked a sweeping move around the tight turn for home, and skipped past pacesetter Sainly Ballad (Astrology) for a good-looking 1 3/4-length graduation. The winner's second dam is GII Schuylerville S. winner Call Me Up (Miner's Mark). Her dam was carrying her when she sold for \$30,000 at the 2014 Keeneland January sale. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$16,800. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O/B-St George Stables (KY); T-Efren Loza, Jr.

Friday's Results:

AZALEA S., \$100,000, DED, 1-20, (S), 3yo, f, 7f, 1:27.56, sy.

1--MR. AL'S GAL, 122, f, 3, by Salute the Sarge

1st Dam: Spanish Ice (MSP, \$133,920), by Spanish Steps

2nd Dam: Lemon Ice, by Sovereign Dancer

3rd Dam: Stacked, by Well Decorated

(\$1,000 Ylg '15 ESLMIX). O-Brittlyn Stable, Inc.; B-J. Adcock & Neal McFadden (LA); T-Justin Jeansonne; J-Richard E. Eramia. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: MSW, 4-3-1-0, \$145,280.

2--Our Millie, 119, f, 3, Half Ours--Magic Madam, by You and I.

(\$4,000 Ylg '15 BSCYRL). O-Marble Stables; B-Barbara V.

Rowell (LA); T-Joseph M. Foster. \$20,000.

3--My Gal Layla, 119, f, 3, My Pal Charlie--Bellebottom Blues, by

Cure the Blues. (\$10,000 Ylg '15 BSCYRL). O-Susan K. Love;

B-Elliott Necaize (LA); T-Eduardo Ramirez. \$10,000.

Margins: 3HF, 3 1/4, 3/4. Odds: 0.30, 4.50, 16.80.

Also Ran: Sashimi Blaster, Bermuda Star, Ivana's Wish, Chases Dixie Belle.

Mr. Al's Gal scored a game upset at 18-1 on debut against state-breds June 18 at Evangeline and was second in a local Louisiana-bred allowance Nov. 26 before exploding forward with a 12 3/4-length romp over a sealed track in the Louisiana

Futurity S. Dec. 31 at Fair Grounds. Crushed down to 30 cents on the dollar stretching out to two turns in the slop here, the dark bay broke sharply from the rail and showed the way through splits of :23.28 and :47.73. Challenged midway around the final turn by presser Our Millie, the favorite lost the lead approaching the furlong pole, but benefitted when her rival drifted wide into the stretch, losing momentum, and re-broke to earn the victory. The winner is kin to a 2-year-old Redding Colliery filly named Kisse and a 2016 filly by Guilt Trip. Her dam was paired with Big Band Sound last term. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

5th-DED, \$28,720, Msw, 1-20, 3yo, 5f, 1:00.53, ft.

+FROSTED EARS (c, 3, Euroears--Brandyce, by Top Kid) drilled a bullet three furlongs in :37 1/5 (1/15) here Jan. 17 and was given a 6-1 chance on debut. Stalking from a close-up third through a :22.44 quarter, the homebred surged to the front at the three-sixteenths pole and skipped clear in the lane despite running on his left lead to score by 2 3/4 lengths. C C City Slicker (Island City) held second after disputing the pace. The winner's dam is responsible for a juvenile filly by Mr. Nightlinger named Brandy Night and foaled a colt by Silver City last spring before visiting Street Boss. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$16,800. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O/B-Jerry Durant & Bill Jordan (OK); T-Danny Pish.

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7th-SA, \$54,690, Msw, 1-21, 3yo, 6f, 1:09.09, wf.

+BATTLE OF MIDWAY, c, 3, by Smart Strike



1st Dam: Rigoletta (GISW, \$184,070), by Concerto

2nd Dam: Almost Aprom Queen, by Montbrook

3rd Dam: Romantic Dinner, by Who's for Dinner

Battle of Midway became the latest "TDN Rising Star" for Fox Hill Farms and Jerry Hollendorfer, who also campaigned champion and "TDN Rising Star" Songbird (Medaglia d'Oro), with a professional debut victory in Arcadia Saturday evening. Pressing from a head second through a sharp first quarter in :21.67, the \$410,000 FTSAUG buy drew even with the pacesetter approaching the far turn. **Cont. p11**

Taking over with ease as they hit the half in :44.42, the 3-1 shot effortlessly rolled clear in the lane to win by 3 1/4 lengths over Palmer's Way (Gemologist). The winner's dam Rigoletta captured the 2010 GI Oak Leaf S. for Thor-Bred Stable and trainer Dan Hendricks following a third-place finish in the GI Darley Debutante S. Battle of Midway is her second foal, but the first to make it to the races. The 9-year-old mare has since produced the juvenile filly Gold Arrow (Medaglia d'Oro) and a yearling colt by that same Darley sire. She was bred back to Empire Maker. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$32,400. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#), the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Fox Hill Farms, Inc.; B-Thor-Bred Stables, LLC (KY); T-Jerry Hollendorfer.



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CALIFORNIA DERBY, \$100,450, GG, 1-21, 3yo, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:44.71, ft.

1--**#SO CONFLATED**, 117, r, 3, by Eskendereya

1st Dam: Donnie's Secret, by Tiger Ridge

2nd Dam: Lady Cruella, by Capote

3rd Dam: Mary's Spirit, by Mr. Prospector

(\$40,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP; \$70,000 2yo '16 OBSAPR). O-Reddam Racing LLC; B-Hartley/De Renzo Thoroughbreds (FL); T-Doug F. O'Neill; J-Mario Gutierrez. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$98,640.

2--**More Power to Him**, 119, c, 3, Slew's Tiznow--Pundit, by Beau Genius. O/B-Brett Mason (CA); T-Faith Taylor. \$20,000.

3--**Colonel Samsen**, 122, g, 3, Colonel John--Blondz Away, by Skip Away. (\$19,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEESEP). O-Casner Racing, LP, Wachtel Stable, Gary Barber & Corey S. Johnsen; B-CJ Thoroughbreds & Casner Racing LP (KY); T-Eoin G. Harty. \$12,000.

Margins: 3/4, 1 1/4, 2. Odds: 3.10, 12.30, 5.20.

Also Ran: Sonneteer, Zakaroff, Vending Machine, Secret House. Scratched: Aberdeen Island.

So Conflated, elevated into graduation via disqualification last time out, took to two turns and an all-weather surface with alacrity at Golden Gate, parlaying a fast finish into a score in the featured California Derby.

Third in a live maiden field debuting at Del Mar Dec. 3, the gray closed strongly to just miss when second Dec. 26 at Santa Anita before being put up to first for the initial winner bearing out throughout the lane. Made the second choice in this stretchout, So Conflated found a cozy spot at the rail in fourth passing splits of :24.18 and :48.92. Hemmed in nearing the top of the lane, he found room in the five path outside the eighth pole and flew home to overtake More Power to Him late for the victory. So Conflated's dam, a full-sister to MGSW Leah's Secret, produced colts by Rattlesnake Bridge each of the last two seasons and was paired with the same sire for 2017. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

6th-GG, \$32,733, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 1-21, 3yo, f, 6f (AWT), 1:10.70, ft.

MAKAHA HEAT (f, 3, Heatseeker {Ire}--Be Faithful, by Vicar) followed a debut victory at Golden Gate Nov. 27 with another decisive tally there Dec. 26. Breaking on top, the 9-5 chalk ticked off opening splits of :22.32 and :45.37 and hit the line a 1 1/4-length victor over Tiz Deliteful (Tiz Wonderful). The winner has a 2-year-old half-brother by Lucky Pulpit. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$62,400. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Randall and Rossi LLC & Lucarelli Racing Corp; B-David Taylor (CA); T-Frank Lucarelli.

7th-GG, \$28,079, Msw, 1-21, 3yo, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:04.14, ft.

ANYPORTINASTORM (c, 3, City Zip--La Defense, by Wild Again) finished second sprinting on the local turf in his unveiling Nov. 17 and was bet down to 3-2 to go one better here. Away well, the \$320,000 OBS April purchase was held up to travel in fifth past a :21.73 quarter. Creeping up four deep under his own power on the latter half of the bend, the favorite easily overhauled the pace players at the eighth pole and drew away to triumph by three lengths. I'm Taken Names (Mizzen Mast) won a photo for second at nearly 32-1. The victor is a half to Quelle Surprise (Slew Gin Fizz), SW, \$141,706.

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His dam has a yearling filly by Tiz Wonderful and foaled a Colonel John filly last spring before being covered by Flashback. Sales History: \$70,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$20,800. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Peter Redekop B. C., Ltd.; B-Sally J. Andersen (FL); T-Blaine D. Wright.

8th-GP, \$46k, Msw, 3yo, f, 7 1/2ft, 3:32 p.m. EDT

The flourishing partnership of Juddmonte Farms and Chad Brown expands with debutante **ABBREVIATE (Harlan's Holiday)** in this two-turn turf test. The homebred is out of a stakes-placed full-sister to SW/MGSP Turn Away (Empire Maker), while her third dam is GISW Safe Play (Sham), who in turn produced MGISW Defensive Play (Fappiano). She shows an upbeat worktab at Palm Meadows, completing her preparation with a half-mile turf breeze around dogs in :48 4/5 (5/20) Jan. 16. Todd Pletcher will be represented by Mathis Stable's firster **Adorable Miss (Kitten's Joy)**. A full-sister to 2016 GIII Pucker Up S. victress Noble Beauty, whose second dam is GISW Favorite Funtime (Seeking the Gold), the \$155,000 KEESEP buy comes in with a steady series of breezes on both dirt and turf, most recently going five panels in 1:00 4/5 (2/19) over the Palm Beach Downs main track. [TJCIS PPs](#)

11th-GP, \$46k, Msw, 3yo, 7 1/2ft, 5:05 p.m. EDT

The male version of the earlier turf filly test features several intriguing first-time starters, headlined by **SMARTER (Smart Strike)**. Bred by Mary Sullivan of Sullimar Stable, the bay is a half to her MGISW Get Stormy (Stormy Atlantic), who was campaigned by this colt's trainer Tom Bush. Sporting a steady series of turf breezes at Palm Meadows, Smarter wrapped up his prep work with a five-furlong spin around dogs there in 1:01 1/5 (2/3) Jan. 14. The hot-working firster is Colts Neck Stables' homebred **Tiz My Home (Tiznow)**. Out of a stakes-winner and with champion Safely Kept (Horatius) as his third dam, the bay drilled a strong five furlongs over the Palm Meadows turf around dogs in :59 4/5 (1/15). Courtlandt Farms will debut **Romanus (War Front)** from the Mark Hennig barn with five straight stamina building local five-panel breezes on display. The homebred is out of a full-sister to MGSW Adriano, while his third dam is GISW Golden Treat (Theatrical {Ire}), a half to 1987 GI Belmont S. hero Bet Twice (Sportin' Life). [TJCIS PPs](#)

4th-SA, \$54k, Msw, 3yo, f, 6f, 5:00 p.m. EDT

The Richard Mandella barn may be about to unveil a runner in Martin Wygod and Herman Sarkowsky's **PARADISE WOODS (Union Rags)**. Bred by the latter, the bay tipped her hand with a blazing five-furlong work in :58 3/5 (1/114) over the local main track Dec. 26, and returned with a six-furlong bullet in 1:13 4/5 (1/12) Jan. 3 before completing her prep with another strong five-furlong spin in 1:00 3/5 (5/122) from the gate Jan. 15. Out of an unraced half to MGSW Tajaaweed (Dynaformer), Paradise Woods' second dam is kin to MGSW/GISP influential sire Mr. Greeley (Gone West). Firster **Trappizza (Trappe Shot)** sports a strong pedigree for low-profile connections, being out of a half to MGSW Gone Astray (Dixie Union). Her third dam is champion Inside Information (Private Account), who in turn produced champion Smuggler (Unbridled). Reddam Racing debuts **Sally Simpson (Mineshaft)**, whose second dam is MGSW Advancing Star (Soviet Star), a half to GSW/GISP Darby Fair (Darby Creek Road). [TJCIS PPs](#) --@JBiancaTDN

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Second-crop starters to watch: Sunday, January 22

Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2013 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

AIKENITE (Yes It's True), Calumet Farm, \$7.5K, 26/1/0

8-FG, Msw 5 1/2ft, Aiken to Be, \$28K KEE SEP yrl, 3-1

AMERICAN (Dynaformer), Calumet Farm, \$20K, 69/2/0

8-FG, Msw 5 1/2ft, Bella Bella, \$40K KEE SEP yrl, 10-1

BIONDETTI (Bernardini), Woodford Thoroughbreds, \$4K, 101/10/0

5-GP, Msw 6f, +Lonesome Palm, \$16K OBS OPN 2yo, 10-1

BODEMEISTER (Empire Maker), WinStar Farm, \$30K, 262/16/1

11-GP, Msw 7 1/2ft, Wahoowah, \$250K FTF MAR 2yo, 20-1

4-SA, Msw 6f, Kenda, \$110K RNA BAR MAR 2yo, 7-2

8-FG, Msw 5 1/2ft, Graceful Heart, \$400K FTS AUG yrl, 20-1

CALEB'S POSSE (Posse), Three Chimneys Farm, \$10K, 70/10/1

10-GP, Aoc 5ft, I Shod the Sheriff, \$10K KEE SEP yrl, 6-1

DIALED IN (Mineshaft), Darby Dan Farm, \$7.5K, 172/19/3

4-SA, Msw 6f, Delitefull Lady, \$72K BAR MAR 2yo, 3-1

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GARY D (Successful Appeal), 11/3/0

10-GP, Aoc 5ft, Tres Huevos, 30-1

GEMOLOGIST (Tiznow), WinStar Farm, \$15K, 205/17/2

8-FG, Msw 5 1/2ft, Kentucky Moon, \$38K RNA TTA APR 2yo, 20-1

GET STORMY (Stormy Atlantic), Crestwood Farm, \$5K, 140/7/0

8-GP, Msw 7 1/2ft, Storm the Hill, 6-1

MONTEREY JAZZ (Thunderello), 18/1/0

7-SUN, \$85K Enchantress S., 1m, Fastinating Allie, 8-1

MR. GOLD MOVER (Mr. Greeley), Bar Y Equine, 36/2/0

7-SUN, \$85K Enchantress S., 1m, Que Pasa, 8-1

SHACKLEFORD (Forestry), Darby Dan Farm, \$20K, 208/23/1

8-FG, Msw 5 1/2ft, Chairman Mom, 15-1

TAPIZAR (Tapit), Gainesway Farm, \$15K, 181/17/1

8-FG, Msw 5 1/2ft, Honey Bunny, \$82K KEE SEP yrl, 4-1

THE FACTOR (War Front), Lane's End Farm, \$15K, 218/16/2

11-GP, Msw 7 1/2ft, Factorial, \$600K KEE SEP yrl, 10-1

UNION RAGS (Dixie Union), Lane's End Farm, \$35K, 220/19/3

4-SA, Msw 6f, +Paradise Woods, 7-2

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Revolutionary War, c, 4, [War Front](#). See "Britain."

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STAKES RESULTS:

NELLIE MORSE S., \$75,000, LRL, 1-21, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:45.32, ft.

1--**#WINTER, 118, f, 4, [Awesome Again](#)--Down (GISP, \$184,559), by Mr. Greeley.** (\$95,000 2yo '15 FTFMAR).
O-Matthew Schera; B-Adena Springs (KY); T-Cathal A. Lynch;
J-Trevor McCarthy. \$45,000. Lifetime Record: 10-4-3-0,
\$135,330.



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2--**Addibel Lightning**, 120, f, 4, Colonel John--Pontiana, by Deputy Minister. (\$35,000 Ylg '14 EASSEF). O-Albert R Lupcho, Jr.; B-Russell B Jones (PA); T-Marcos Zulueta. \$15,000.



3--**Moon Virginia**, 120, f, 4, Jump Start--Heavenly Moon, by Mojave Moon. O/BDeborah S. Greene & Fred A. Greene, Jr. & Hamilton A. Smith (MD); T-Hamilton A. Smith. \$7,500.



Margins: 2 3/4, 1 3/4, 1. Odds: 3.70, 4.00, 14.40.

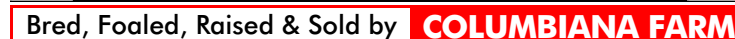
LOUISIANA S., \$73,500, FG, 1-21, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:44.01, my.

1--**HAWAAKOM, 118, g, 7, Jazil--Nafisah (Ire) (SW & GSP-Eng, \$112,536), by Lahib.** O-Stephan H. Smoot & Wesley E. Hawley; B-Shadwell Farm LLC (KY); T-Wesley E. Hawley; J-Miguel Mena. \$45,000. Lifetime Record: MGSP, 32-8-6-7, \$473,175. *1/2 Snaafy (Kingmambo), GSW-UAE, \$544,757.

2--**Dazzling Gem**, 122, c, 4, Misremembered--Dazzler, by Vindication. (\$95,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP). O-Save Landers Racing LLC; B-Lisa Reynolds & Jennifer Feiner (KY); T-Brad H. Cox. \$15,000.



3--**Rocket Time**, 118, g, 6, Tiz Wonderful--Schism, by Pulpit. (\$47,000 Ylg '12 KEESEP; \$150,000 2yo '13 FTFMAR). O-Frank Fletcher Racing Operations Inc.; B-Columbiana Farm (KY); T-Albert M. Stall Jr. \$7,500.



Margins: 3/4, 2 1/4, HF. Odds: 3.70, 4.90, 9.50.

ELDORADO S., \$70,000, DED, 1-20, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39.96, ft.

1--**VIEJA LUNA, 120, f, 4, Street Hero--Amaday, by Dayjur.** (\$19,000 RNA Ylg '14 FTKOCT; \$23,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR).
O-Juan Francisco Landaeta; B-Fernandez-Robles Family Trust & Flying H Stables (KY); T-Jose M. Camejo; J-Roberto Morales. \$42,000. Lifetime Record: MSW, 19-4-1-3, \$234,102. *1/2 to Noble Prince (Chapel Royal), MSP, \$236,844.

2--**Believeinsomething**, 118, m, 5, Etbauer--Ls Believeinmagic, by Believe It. O/T-Brian Schweda; B-Margie K. Averett (LA). \$14,000.

3--**Lunar Gaze**, 120, m, 5, Malibu Moon--Saarligh, by Saarligh. (\$250,000 Ylg '13 FTSAUG). O-Late Night Stables LLC; B-Marc Keller (KY); T-Thomas M. Amoss. \$7,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, 1, 3/4. Odds: 8.00, 1.50, 0.90.



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WINSHAM LAD HANDICAP S., \$65,000, SUN, 1-21, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:39.35, ft.

1--**FOREST MOUSE, 124, h, 9, Teton Forest--Fast Mouse, by Fast Play.** (\$1,200 Ylg '09 FTKOCT). O-Solitaire Stable; B-E. H. Beau Lane (KY); T-Henry Dominguez; J-Ry Eikleberry. \$39,000. Lifetime Record: 55-23-11-6, \$855,687.

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2--**OI Winedrinker Who**, 122, g, 8, Sligo Bay (Ire)--Silverup, by Prenup. O/B-Sam E. & Sammy L Stevens (TX); T-Greg Green. \$14,300.

3--**Get a Notion**, 116, g, 6, Notional--Let Joy Reign, by Awesome Again. (\$9,000 Ylg '12 KEESEP). O-Carl Atteberry Jr., Patrick D. Aguilar & Steve W. Wilson; B-Spendthrift Farm LLC (KY); T-Henry Dominguez. \$6,500.

Margins: 3 1/4, 1, 3/4. Odds: 1.40, 5.50, 5.00.

WAYWARD LASS S., \$50,000, TAM, 1-21, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:44.63, ft.

1--**#NO FAULT OF MINE, 116, m, 5, Blame--Single Solution (GSW, \$199,439), by Flatter.** (\$100,000 RNA Ylg '13 KEESEP). O/B-Lothenbach Stables, Inc. (KY); T-Chris M. Block; J-Daniel Centeno. \$30,000. Lifetime Record: 15-5-6-0, \$267,814.

2--**Royal Jewelry**, 116, m, 5, City Place--Sheila's Outback, by Formal Dinner. (\$6,500 RNA Ylg '13 OBSAUG). O-Michael Reynolds & Anthony J. Piarulli; B-Shamrock Thoroughbreds, Helen & Michael Reynolds (FL); T-Gerald S. Bennett. \$10,000.

3--**Alto Belle**, 117, f, 4, Trappe Shot--Katy Now, by Tiznow. (\$75,000 Ylg '14 KEEJAN). O-Alto Racing, LLC; B-Mill House, LLC. (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher. \$5,000.

Margins: 2HF, 7, 7HF. Odds: 0.70, 4.90, 5.40.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

5th-OP, \$75,000, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 1-21, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:45.64, ft.

MISHEGAS (g, 4, Include--Peaches'n'kreme, by Golden Missile) Lifetime Record: 17-4-1-2, \$160,615. O-M & M Racing; B-Abdul Samet Tekin (KY); T-Robertino Diodoro. *\$15,000 Ylg '14 OBSAUG; \$30,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR.

6th-SA, \$63,913, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 1-21, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:22.37, wf.

LILY POD (m, 5, Bernstein--Count to Eleven, by Grand Slam) Lifetime Record: 12-3-2-3, \$157,540. O-Agave Racing Stable & Queen Bee Racing, LLC; B-Caldara Farm Inc. & William R. Hilliard Jr. (KY); T-Philip D'Amato. *\$36,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP.

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8th-SA, \$57,716, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 1-21, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:21.81, wf.

BISTRAYA (g, 4, Haynesfield--Lady Giselle, by Broad Brush) Lifetime Record: 10-2-1-0, \$97,100. O-LeeAnn Ohanesian; B-Avalon Farms, Inc. (LA); T-J. Keith Desormeaux. *\$160,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP. **1/2 to Lord Avalon (Yonaguska), SP, \$199,204.

7th-AQU, \$57,000, (S), 1-21, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:12.10, ft.

FORESET (g, 4, Forestry--Way With Words {MSW & MGSP, \$578,400}, by Sefapiano) Lifetime Record: 7-2-3-0, \$87,263.

O-Neal M. Allread; B-Margaret C. & George Schwartz (NY); T-Jeremiah C. Englehart. *\$150,000 Ylg '14 SARAUG.



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8th-PRX, \$56,080, 1-21, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:44.99, wf.

SHE'S INCREDIBLE (f, 4, High Cotton--Undistorted, by Distorted Humor) Lifetime Record: SW, 15-2-3-2, \$181,387. O-Our Sugar Bear Stable LLC; B-Centaur Farms, Inc. (FL); T-Bruce R. Brown. *\$20,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR.

1st-GP, \$48,000, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 1-21, 4yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :56.08, fm.

APRIL ROSE (m, 5, Wildcat Heir--Ariel Rose, by Black Mambo) Lifetime Record: 11-4-1-0, \$97,740. O-Save & Lillian Klesaris; B-Rustlewood Farm, Inc. (FL); T-Save Klesaris.

2nd-FG, \$42,000, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 1-21, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m (off turf), 1:38.64, my.

PRINCESS ERINDELLE (f, 4, Divine Park--Window Woman, by Skip Away) Lifetime Record: SW, 12-3-4-1, \$121,112. O/T-Hugh H. Robertson; B-Shelby Lane Farm Inc. (KY). *\$12,000 Wlg '13 KEENOV; \$17,000 Ylg '14 OBSAUG. **Full to Divine Ambition, SP, \$155,907; 1/2 to Window Boy (Include), SW, \$116,624.

9th-GP, \$40,000, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 1-21, 3yo, f, 7 1/2fT, 1:30.13, fm.

INDIA MANTUANA (f, 3, Wilburn--Speed Wagon {SW, \$134,700}, by Tomorrows Cat) Lifetime Record: MSP, 12-4-2-2, \$103,085. O-Magic Stables LLC; B-Paul Knapper (KY); T-Antonio Sano. *\$8,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP.

8th-SUN, \$38,800, (S), (C)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 1-21, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:21.04, ft.

DESERT MYSTERY (g, 6, Desert God--Favorite Jewel, by Favorite Trick) Lifetime Record: SP, 26-5-6-6, \$167,291. O-Tom Metzger, Sr., A.A. Equine, Paul Miller; B-Terry Bill Adams (NM); T-Justin R. Evans.



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2nd-MVR, \$25,300, (S), 1-21, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:44.70, gd.

GRIZABELLA (f, 3, Lunarpal--Chic Cat {SP, \$166,190}, by Tiger Ridge) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-0, \$46,385. O-Mark & David Doering & Jeff Gardella; B-Dr. George Mapleton Thoroughbreds (OH); T-Mark Doering. \$4,000 Ylg '15 FTKOCT.

7th-CT, \$24,500, 1-20, (C), 4yo/up, 4 1/2f, :51.68, my.

DEVIL RISING (g, 5, Wildcat Heir--Book the Devil, by Notebook) Lifetime Record: 26-6-3-3, \$107,510. O-Albert R Lupcho, Jr.; B-Bridle Oaks Farm Inc. (FL); T-Harvey L. Blue, Jr. *\$32,000 Ylg '13 OBSAUG; \$32,000 2yo '14 OBSOPN.

8th-TAM, \$21,000, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$32,000), 1-21, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:43.12, fm.

ENCHANTERESSE (IRE) (m, 5, Clodovil {Ire}--Redrightreturning {GB}, by Diktat {GB}) Lifetime Record: 9-3-1-0, \$64,557. O-Heider Family Stables LLC; B-Mrs E. Byrne (IRE); T-Thomas F. Proctor. *€2,200 RNA Ylg '13 TATYEA.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Dom Strait, g, 3, **Dominique's Cat**--Pin Emerald, by Emerald Jig. SUN, 1-21, (S), 1m 70y, 1:51.18. B-McKenna Thoroughbreds LLC (NM).

He's the One, g, 3, **General Quarters**--Thunder Jewel, by Thunder Gulch. GP, 1-21, (S), 7 1/2fT, 1:31.80. B-JSL Thoroughbreds (FL).

Grad Bash, g, 3, **Magna Graduate**--La Tache (SP, \$100,010), by Hennessy. MVR, 1-21, (S), 6f, 1:14.80. B-Eric J Heyman & Gail Kromer (OH).

+Toga Challenger, c, 3, **Successful Appeal**--Pacific Jewel, by Seeking the Gold. AQU, 1-21, (C), 6f, 1:12.21. B-William B. Harrigan (KY). *\$100,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP; \$14,000 2yo '16 OBSOPN.

Hollywood Handsome, c, 3, **Tapizar**--Ladyflickerflacker, by Forestry. FG, 1-21, 1m 70y, 1:45.20. B-North Hanover Bloodstock (KY). *\$200,000 Ylg '15 FTKOCT.

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Toss the Tub, c, 3, **The Factor**--Bet On the Blue (GSP, \$243,798), by E Dubai. CT, 1-20, 4 1/2f, :52.45. B-Hal Snowden (FL). *\$70,000 Wlg '14 KEENOV; \$7,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP; \$30,000 RNA 2yo '16 EASMAV.



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These Blues, g, 4, **Hard Spun**--Quantum Miss (GSW, \$251,950), by Smoke Glacken. PEN, 1-20, (S), 6f, 1:11.47. B-Smart Angle, LLP (PA). *\$22,000 RNA Wlg '13 KEENOV.

Say Cin Cin, m, 5, **Mineshaft**--Sidneys Angel Face, by Skip Away. PRX, 1-21, 1m, 1:41.28. B-Robert F. & Diane Jones (KY).

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*\$40,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP; \$43,000 2yo '14 EASMAV.

Somethin Somethin, m, 6, **Parents' Reward**--Nothin But a Thing, by Marquetry. MVR, 1-21, (S), 6f, 1:16.63. B-Blazing Meadows Farm (OH). *1/2 to Startin Something (Musical Dreamer), MSW, \$579,657.

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January 26, 1950...Citation's 16-race win streak came to an end in the La Sorpresa Handicap at Santa Anita. Despite giving 16 pounds to the winner, Miche, Citation, carrying 130 pounds, lost only by a neck.

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A CHILLY DAY OF STALLION VIEWING ON LA ROUTE



Intello parades at Haras du Quesnay | Zuzanna Lupa

By Sue Finley

I've always preferred grey, damp European winters to those in America, where a glaring sun in a cloudless sky is accompanied by bitterly cold temperatures. And so it is ironic that last week's stallion parades in Lexington were held in 45 degree temperatures with a steady rain, and today in Normandy saw a biting cold (7 below on the Celsius scale) and almost too-brilliant sun. The early lack of clouds did little to warm the air. Our car, parked outside overnight in Deauville, was covered with a thick layer of frost, and I can only imagine that whoever made the Ford C-Max for sale in France never expected the heating system would have to melt such a thick coating of ice off the windshield. In fact, it proved unable to do so, even after 20 minutes. Accompanied by *TDN* Vice President of International operations Gary King, I set off for Haras du Quesnay, our first stop of the day, with only limited visibility through the still-frozen windscreen.

(A side note: after a 30-minute wait at the Hertz counter at Charles de Gaulle which included myriad staff conversations, we were loaned what may be the largest car in all of France, a massive boat of a vehicle which seats seven and has sliding side doors. I can only imagine that I was profiled for the giant car as an American, who must be imagined to like such things.)

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JUSTIN CASSE IN CAPE TOWN

One year ago Sue Finley asked me to blog about my trip to South Africa, and I eagerly accepted. Three weeks ago she asked me if I would renew my writings, and I unenthusiastically gave in.

The past year has been filled with emotional highs and lows for my family and I. It can easily be deemed the most fruitful for my family with career highs for many of us, but it was also in the shadow of the passing of my father, to whom we can easily place accountability for our career choices. With this being stated, it's hard not to incorporate his influences into this blog as the anniversary of his death approaches.

My passport is filling up with stamps these days. I get a mild thrill flipping through the pages and seeing new stamps and their placements.

To pinpoint where this thrill started wouldn't be a tough task.

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A Chilly Day Of Stallion Viewing On La Route cont. from p1

Le Quesnay is situated in Vauville about 15 minutes from downtown Deauville. Built in the early 20th century by American William-Kissam Vanderbilt, it was abandoned during World War II, and remains the site of several German reinforced bunkers which were unable to be removed when it was acquired in the 1950s by William Head and his sons Alec and Peter.

While we were the first to arrive, we were soon joined by a half-dozen young racing aficionados from Aux Courses Les Jeunes, a French initiative to get young people interested in the sport. They were clearly happily shocked to be greeted by none other than Criquelette Head, who invited them all into the office for a coffee and then brought them outside to see the stallions. Her patience in explaining the merits of each in understandable terms had them all riveted. Within minutes, the crowd had swelled to more than 20, a mix of professional breeders, visitors from other farms and some who were clearly tourists, with young children in tow to see the horses. One of the amazing things about La Route des Etalons, and particularly at farms like Quesnay, is how everyone is welcomed as if they have bought a million-euro yearling from the farm or bred a Group 1 winner--with unabashed enthusiasm and hospitality.

Quesnay's six stallions were all put on display, but the star of the show was clearly **Intello (Ger)**, now in his fourth season and whose first-year yearlings were so well received at the sales last summer and fall.

"It's the start of the season, so we welcome you all here to the 'portes ouvertes' today," said Head, who took a moment to run down the early booking action for the Quesnay squad. "Intello and **Anodin (Fr)** are going to breed over 110 mares, **Motivator (GB)** [who suffered last year from a tendon injury to his left hind leg] is getting well, too, and the rest we'll see, but we've got a nice bunch of horses." Asked whether Intello, who did his first

two years at Cheveley Park before covering mares at Quesnay last year and this, would go back to England or stay in France, Head said, "There's nothing yet decided, but I'm hoping that he will stay. I like Intello very much and I've got a few in training. They sold very well, either at Tattersalls or in France at Arqana and they're very nice, very easy horses to train. It's a little early to say they're going to be champions, as they've just turned two, but they've got a very good temperament. He's a horse who really stamps his produce. They all look like him--strong, with a very nice head."

Anodin, the full-brother to Goldikova who stands again for a very reasonable €7,000 after his first weanlings sold very well in 2016, was also popular with the crowd. "We have a lot of his yearlings here on the farm," said Head, "and we're very pleased with them. They're going to come into training this year but they're nice physically. He stamps them also. When you see an Anodin, you can see the sire there. They're nicely built, good legs, they're really nice."

Motivator, whose tendon issue caused him to miss the 2010 breeding season and who was not shown at all last year during La Route des Etalons, was back on parade this year. The sire of Treve "is doing fine," said Head, who said he would have no problem breeding his mares this year, "and he has some nice horses in training," she added.



Kendargent | Sue Finley

After our first coffee and croissant of the day, it was off to the tiny village of St. Pierre-Azif, home to not one, but two stud farms--Haras du Thenney and Haras de Colleville.

One of the most fun parts of La Route des Etalons each year is navigating the French street address system. While in America, we're used to pinpointing the location of everything, in France, a simple town name and zip code will do. Imagine if the address of Darley at Jonabell were simply, "Lexington, 40504," and you were left to arrive in the town and then start asking passersby where the farm was. So it is in France.

Despite some reasonable signage, the location of the Thenney stallion complex remained elusive to us once again this year, and required the assistance of some helpful locals to guide the way. After another strong cup of French coffee, an excellent croissant, and a chance to see dual 2000 Guineas winner **Cockney Rebel (GB)**, we headed up the road to the functional but beautiful Colleville where their standard bearer, **Kendargent (Fr)**, was joined last year by listed winner and Group 3-placed **Galiway (GB)**. [Cont. p3](#)



Criquelette Head shows off Youmzain at Quesnay | Sue Finley

La Route cont.

Galiway was first up in today's parade, and farm manager Guillaume Vitse apprised the crowd of 15 or so onlookers of his progress. "He covered 41 mares last year, 13 of them owned by [Colleville's owner], Mr. Pariente, and we sent all of our good winners by Kendargent—group winners at two, black-type winners at two—to give him as many chances as possible to get some winners at two. We have one of his first foals here on the farm. She's a nice filly and we're expecting a few more very shortly."

Galiway has already booked 50 mares for 2017. "Last year, we were very strict on the price (€3,000), but this year, we have been more promotional," said Vitse, who noted that competition demanded such.

As for Kendargent, said Vitse, "He's filling pretty well, with more than 110 mares booked so far, so it should be another good season. He's very popular." The grey is being represented by his first son at stud in 2017, the multiple group winner and Group 1-placed Goken, who has taken up residence at Haras de la

Huderie in Glanville.

The visit concluded with a look at Galiway's first foal, a filly out the Kendargent mare Kensha, and quite a lovely miss she was.

The longish drive to our next stop, the Aga Khan's Haras de Bonneval, was a dicey



Galiway's first foal | Sue Finley

one in the giant Ford, which we had to pull off onto the side of the road more than once to let even a tiny French car pass on the narrow roadways. We arrived unscathed just as their new stallion, **Dariyan (Fr)**, was coming out to show.

There is no more impressive presentation than the one at Bonneval, with a professional announcer narrating the goings-on to a rapt audience. Dariyan is the first foal of Hong Kong Vase winner Daryakana, and his dappled coat literally gleamed in the warming afternoon sun. After Sinndar (Fr) was shown, the crowd came inside where the staff had organized a very clever and professionally presented quiz show—complete with podiums where the participants could buzz in their answers, as if they were on Wheel of Fortune. Several 50-point questions were custom-made for the American-based *TDN* staff (name the three races in the Triple Crown; who was the last Triple Crown winner), but the game was ultimately won by a clever Frenchman with an amazing recall for the Aga Khan's early breeding successes, and he happily took home a nomination to Sinndar as his prize.



Dariyan at the Aga Khan's Haras de Bonneval | Sue Finley

We were treated to a private showing of **Siyouni (Fr)**, not on parade as his book is already full at 130 mares. The leading second-crop sire in France in 2016, he was in good flesh and even more well-muscled than in 2016.

Stud manager Georges Rimaud discussed the decision to set his fee at a reasonable €45,000. "He needs to have a good year again this year. We do attract a lot of mares from Ireland and England, but we had to stay at €45,000. I think it's a good price, and we'll have a little bit of margin to go up next year if he merits it. We have Zarkava in foal to him now. We normally publish a few of our matings later when we're finished with the season. He's a lovely horse and a very nice horse to be around and to look at."



Aga Khan quiz show winner | Sue Finley

As for the new kid on the block, "Dariyan is being received very well," said Rimaud. "We syndicated him just after we announced he was retiring. It took us a week to find the 24 shareholders we were looking for. We syndicated him in 50 shares and we kept 26 and 24 are sold, so he'll have a good support from those breeders. It was exactly the same principal we did with Siyouni, and we're selling nominations and hoping that today would be a good day to expose people to him. I would expect him to cover over 100 mares."

After a slice of Brie-cheese quiche (okay...maybe it was two slices, but it clearly won the prize for best food of the day in a very good field), we hopped on the A13 and turned west toward Haras d'Etreham, the furthest excursion for us today, but always well worth the visit. [Cont. p4](#)

La Route cont.

Stud farms always love to have a new stallion to show visitors, and so it was for Nicolas de Chambure, who brought out his Australian import **Scissor Kick (Aus)** for the crowd to admire. The reverse shuttler is a multiple Group 3 winner who was second in the G1 Golden Rose and who just covered his first book of mares at Arrowfield Stud in Australia alongside his own



Scissor Kick | Sue Finley

sire, Redoute's Choice (Aus).

"He arrived Dec. 24, so he has been here almost a month and it's a sire line people understand now," said de Chambure. "His book is filling well, and hopefully, it will be close to 100 mares. It's a big stallion pedigree, and they're keen to use a son of Redoute's Choice that the French would know. He was a very good racehorse, and with the good physical

like he has, he offers a good package to the breeders."

Unlike Redoute's Choice, who was offered to French breeders for only two years, Scissor Kick will return every year, said de Chambure. "We bought the Northern Hemisphere rights. I wouldn't support a horse if I didn't have the guarantee that he's going to come back. It's not fair for the breeders if he's only there for a short time. So that's the plan. I find him well balanced with a bit of quality. He has some elegance."

The star of the farm, **Wootton Bassett (GB)**, will cover 130 mares this year, de Chambure said. European champion Almanzor (Fr) was from his first crop of just 17 foals, and he'll be represented by 15 3-year-olds this year. His first foals were such that he covered 45 mares his third year. "He has that small crop of 3-year-olds this year, from his second crop, but luckily both Almanzor and his listed, Group-2 placed daughter Do Re Mi Fa Sol (Fr) are going to run this year, so hopefully they'll fly the flag for him and create some positive news." King, ever the salesman, told him that, and a few TDN ads, would surely do the trick.

De Chambure said that the Arc, and hopefully summer targets like the Prince of Wales's S. at Royal Ascot and the Juddmonte International would pave the way to another great year.

All in all, it was the best-attended day on La Route we have seen in two years, with breeders and fans alike turning out in a

steady stream to see the stallions. The resurgence in French breeding was on display today, with serious interest in new and established stallions alike.

Up tomorrow: Back in the big boat for visits to Bouquetot, Montaigne, Grandcamp, Logis, Mezeray, and La Cauviniere. We'll make sure to turn the car on before breakfast to get started on the defrosting.

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THE GREY GATSBY JOINS WELD

Frank Gillespie's dual Group 1 winner **The Grey Gatsby (Ire)** (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) has joined trainer Dermot Weld ahead of the 2017 racing season. The now 6-year-old was previously trained by Kevin Ryan, for whom he won the 2014 G1 Prix du Jockey Club and G1 Irish Champion S. The Grey Gatsby has not won since the latter contest, when he upset the dual Derby winner Australia (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), but he hit the board in four Group 1s in 2015:

the Dubai Turf, the Prince of Wales's S.—behind the Weld-trained Free Eagle (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire})—the Coral-Eclipse and the Juddmonte International. The Grey Gatsby's best

effort in five outings last year was a second behind Big Orange (Ire) (Duke Of Marmalade {Ire}) in the G2 Princess of Wales's S., and he was last seen finishing fifth in the G1 Champion S. Oct. 15.

"He has been a grand horse and perhaps he has been unlucky a few times," said Weld. "We beat him by a short head one day in Royal Ascot with Free Eagle and sometimes the ground didn't go his way. He just needs a bit of luck."

Gillespie has a filly in training with Weld named Tilly Trotter (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), and she won two of her five starts last year as a 2-year-old.



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RAUSING NAMED ITBF CHAIRMAN

Kirsten Rausing was appointed chairman of the International Thoroughbred Breeders Federation at the organisation's meeting in Cape Town, South Africa Jan. 8 to 10. Rausing was



Kirsten Rausing | *Racing Post*

appointed by the executive committee consisting of Grant Watson (North America), Pedro Hurtado (South America), Kirsten Rausing (Europe), Cameron Collins (Asia) and Dan Metzger (U.S.).

The meeting also included a two-day open veterinary forum including topics on infectious diseases, genomics and veterinary advances. Also discussed was the concern of vaccine availability of the Equine Herpes Vaccine, and a recent false Glanders positive in the U.S.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Scuzeme (GB), g, 3, **Kheleyf (GB)**--Barbieri (Ire), by Encosta de Lago (Aus). NC, 1-21, 5f (AWT), 59.18. B-R S Hoskins & Hermes Services (GB). *11,000gns Wlg '14 TATFOA.

Enmeshing (GB), g, 4, **Mastercraftsman (Ire)**--Yacht Club, by Sea Hero. LIN, 1-21, 12f (AWT), 2:31.03. B-Compagnia Generale S.R.L. (GB). *82,000gns Wlg '13 TATFOA; 110,000gns Ylg '14 TATOCT. *1/2 to Yacht Woman (Mizzen Mast), SW-Itly, \$108,640.

Revolutionary War, c, 4, **War Front**--My Annette, by Red Ransom. LIN, 1-21, 8f 1y (AWT), 1:37.64. B-Joseph Allen (KY). *€20,000 HRA '16 DEANOV. **1/2 to U S Ranger (Danzig), Hwt. 3yo Colt-Ire at 5-6f, Hwt. Older Horse-Ire at 5-6 1/2f, SW & G1SP-Fr, SW & GSP-Ire, G1SP-Eng, GSP-US, \$481,775.

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WORLDWIDE NEWS

Justin Casse In Cape Town cont. from p1

At the age of eight I joined my father for the first time on his annual trip to London as he represented the Ocala Breeders Sales Company at the International Cataloguing Standards Committee's yearly meeting. Many months in advance he would plan a trip to somewhere new and exciting for he and his spouse to visit based around this trip to London. Usually it was around all parts of Europe, but sometimes he would work his way into Africa. My initial visit came at the expense of his wife, Carol, as she became ill and I was invited to travel in her stead. At that time I obviously had no idea the profound affect that this would have upon my life. In the middle of this past December I found myself planning a trip just like my father had for all those years, based around sales in Australia and South Africa with stops in Fiji and Bali in between.



U.S.-based bloodstock agent Justin Casse in Cape Town, South Africa

Over the past 365 days I have attended 26 horse sales in six different countries

on three continents, making six round-trip visits to Europe alone. According to some people in the industry it has become my niche as a bloodstock agent, traveling to Europe and bringing home horses to the United States. Often times, however, I end up spending my own money on these trips, buying into horses that I find to be of exceptional quality and value. That is what is frequently happening on Southern Hemisphere visits. I am fortunate to have the opportunity to do business with some of the most respected trainers, owners and bloodstock agents in the industry. That is especially true on this most recent trip, and I believe when you have a privilege such as this it is foolish not to invest.

Gai Waterhouse is in a league of her own. She is arguably the most captivating horse person I have ever met. She knows what she wants, she gets it and the details, which she is very specific about, are handled very attentively. Having dinner with her and her husband Robert was a real treat. If you were to consider the level of her popularity in Australia it would be easy to feel intimidated, but that couldn't be further from accurate. She was extremely inviting, caring and enriching. Her concern for your

time as well as what you had to say was second to none considering how much she has going on. I would believe my first trip to Australia to be a success at this point, as I was able to secure a share in over A\$1-million in horseflesh from the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale.

The level of promotion surrounding the sale was astonishing. From the moment I walked off the plane there was a Brisbane



Justin Casse and Gai Waterhouse

newspaper, with Francesca Cumani on the front page, discussing the sales and racing week ahead. There were countless radio advertisements, and every shop and small business owner in the city knew why you were there. It is remarkable what Gerry Harvey's company has been able to accomplish since its origin.

Magic Millions has changed the breeding and sales industry in Australia with the inception of its race day. There is nowhere in the world offering a 2-year-old race for that amount of money

(A\$2-million) that early in a horse's life. Although it is a restricted race, it has become a stallion-making race and a prep for the illustrious G1 Golden Slipper. You can see the precocity bred into the majority of the yearlings being offered at the sales grounds. Giant hips, strong shoulders, medium-sized horses that look like they'll breeze a quarter mile in :20.0. All I could think when seeing them is that the pinhookers from Ocala would be drooling over these things. It was very eye-opening and you can feel the excitement and anticipation around the grounds as everyone dreams of having a runner in next year's Magic Millions races.

There is a great disparity from the horses you will find in South Africa and there is nothing wrong with that. These aren't professional sales horses in Cape Town; they are au naturel. The amount of money they will bring and the amount of money that they will run for is considerably less than

"The people involved in South Africa are making things happen. They are bringing in more commercially viable products, treating their guests generously, and trying to work with the government to ultimately benefit the racing industry."

most places in the world (especially Australia). Sales horses in Australia, Europe and in North America are for the most part 'professional' sales horses, but in South Africa I believe the market of raising race horses is more of a hobby than a business.

The number of players in Cape Town seems to have increased since last year. Many of the leading sales participants in Europe have flown in to support the relatively new Cape Thoroughbred Sales Company and its chief proprietor, Markus Jooste. Jooste's Mayfair Speculators

has become the most significant new name on European sales results sheets in the past five years. It has been seen at the top of lists in every major European yearling and mixed sale. The most recent renewal of the CTS Premier Yearling sale has an influx of European stallions bred on Southern Hemisphere time, with last year's leading freshman sire

Frankel (GB) grabbing the major headlines. All of these offerings are sold with Klawervlei Stud, which has the lion's share of the yearlings in the sale. The addition of the aforementioned Frankel, Scat Daddy and Rock of Gibraltar (Ire) will likely help the sale break records set last year.

Given the state of the South African Rand (R13.60 on the US dollar), this trip is regarded as economically sound. The prices of the horses, as well as the training costs, are inexpensive



Casse makes a friend in Cape Town

compared to what most of the visitors are used to. This makes supporting this sale and the industry here a no-brainer.

Obviously, the horses are running for relatively the same money they cost to maintain. Which leads me to mention a major topic here as of late, getting horses out of South Africa. Derek Brugman explained in a Jan. 9 TDN article ([click here](#)), how the new forces in South African racing are working

diligently on making it easier for horses to get exported from South Africa. It would make sense for Australians or other Southern Hemisphere owners to come to South Africa to buy horses at discounted prices and ship them out, but given the

quarantine restrictions this has become an extremely tough option, especially considering Australia's strict importation policies. Also, trying to convince North American owners to purchase yearlings here is a daunting task since no one wants to spot the field six months on foaling dates moving them from the Southern Hemisphere to the Northern Hemisphere. In my conversations with certain owners, however, they wouldn't mind doing this once the horse has gotten a little older.

With all of this being said, the people involved here are making things happen. They are bringing in more commercially viable products, treating their guests generously, and trying to work with the government to ultimately benefit the racing industry. Cape Town is a magnificent place to visit, especially when it is the middle of winter back in the Northern Hemisphere.

In my opinion, our industry is more connected than ever and becoming more global. The world doesn't seem as big as it once was, so if you have any interest in learning about the players and pedigrees that drive the rest of the world, I highly recommend putting your passport to good use and jumping on an airplane for 12-16 hours. It sounds intimidating, but Socrates once said, 'The unexamined life is not worth living.'

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COOLMORE EQUALS RECORD IN CAPE TOWN

By Tom Peacock

CAPE TOWN, South Africa--Coolmore equaled its own record early during the opening session of the Cape Premier Yearling Sale on Saturday evening when reaching R6-million (\$441,450/£356,600/€441,257) for [lot 32](#), a son of last season's champion South African sire Trippi.

Twelve months ago, the Irish empire had worked in partnership with Mayfair Speculators when securing a



Session-topping Trippi colt
Cape Thoroughbred Sales

Drakenstein Stud-consigned son of Silvano (Ger) for what was the highest price paid for a yearling at auction in the country. Silver Coin (SAf) has yet to race for Joey Ramsden.

Whether Coolmore choose to keep lot

32's plain and simple name of 'Charles' remains to be seen. What they have on their hands is an imposing colt who was the talk of the Cape Town International Convention Centre before the evening had begun.



MV Magnier | Tattersalls photo

Also consigned by Drakenstein, the Rupert family's lavish operation out in wine country near Stellenbosch, he is the first foal of multiple group winner Demanding Lady (SAf) (Dynasty {SAf}).

"He's a nice horse by a good stallion and comes from a very good nursery," said Coolmore's MV Magnier. "He was bought in a partnership. We will talk to the lads and make a plan."

Coolmore's team were one of manifold international buyers in the room. Cape Thoroughbred Sales's brainchild is not like an average auction in most eminent racing countries and is close to the waterfront in the middle of the vibrant coastal city.

"They've put in a really big effort here, and it's a fantastic place to come," Magnier added.

Magnier also signed for a daughter of Captain Al (SAf) ([lot 40](#)) for R1.9-million (\$139,731/£112,868/€130,563).

At the end of the first of two days' trade, the average was down 5% at R623,230 (\$45,834/£37,022/€42,827) from last year's corresponding session, and the median was down 29% at R300,000 (\$22,062/£17,821/€20,615).

Yearlings from a variety of domestic and imported pedigrees were walked outside underneath a flyover before entering the stage above tables at the sit-down, evening event attended by the likes of Sheikh Fahad Al Thani, Teo Ah Khing of the China Horse Club, Shadwell's Angus Gold, Peter and Ross Doyle, British trainers Richard Hannon and William Haggas and even Lester Piggott.

After the moderate showing of the first Frankel 2-year-old to race in the country, Miss Frankel (SAf), who was seventh as the very short-priced favourite at Kenilworth earlier in the afternoon, there was an inauspicious start by the quartet of the champion's offspring at the sale.

Nomadic auctioneer John O'Kelly had to do his best with [lot 27](#), out of Daffodil (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), who was picked up by Johannesburg trainer Johan Janse van Vuuren for a mere

R1- million (\$73,600/£59,450/€68,717).

“She was bought for an owner, Laurence Wernars,” said the trainer. “She was a bit small, I’d have liked a bit more size, but she’s got a very good walk and good clean legs. We’ve bought her for the blood.”

[Lot 64](#), the only Frankel colt at the sale and out of Fly To The Moon (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}), failed to make many waves either. He was knocked down to Bernard Kantor, the boss of banking firm Investec and a significant owner-breeder, for R900,000 (\$66,200/£53,500/€61,845).

However, just before the end of the session, [lot 114](#) saved the day in excellent fashion. The bay filly out of Little Fastnet (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) reached R4-million (\$296,000/£237,700/€274,869) for the American agent Justin Casse.

“I thought she was the nicest of the four Frankels and thought she would reach R4-million,” he said. “She’ll stay down here to be trained by Alec Laird and has been bought by a long-standing client but some members of the Tawny Syndicate will be involved.”

Tawny Syndicate syndicates haul of three also included a R150,000 daughter of Pierro (Aus) and a R375,000 filly by Twice Over (GB). Casse also signed for [lot 50](#), a Trippi filly from Highlands Farm Stud for R2-million (\$147,085/£118,809/€137,434)

A temporary grandstand along the side of the ring was also well populated at the beginning of the sale and spectators did not have to wait long to see some theatre.

[Lot 9](#) blew away those to have stepped in before her, eventually being bought by Lammerskraal Stud for R3.6-million (\$264,875/£214,000/€247,382).

Already named The Vapors, she is a daughter of leading South African sire Var and Captain’s Lover (SAf) (Captain AI {SAf}), who was a group-class miler in three countries.

Lammerskraal, at Ceres in the Western Cape, is owned by Pieter and Jolanda Graaff and stands American-bred stallions Go Deputy and Visionaire.

Pieter Graaf revealed this filly was his pick of the entire catalogue, but deferred further explanation to his stud manager Sally Jourdan. “She’s a lovely filly with a lot of scope,” said Jourdan. “We were keen to get her and hopefully she’ll make a broodmare one day. It will have to be discussed who trains her.”

Second top-lot for the majority of the evening was the Drakenstein offering of a Captain AI (SAf) colt out of Ebony Flyer (SAf) ([lot 41](#)). Already named Captain Of Tortuga, he was picked up with a late bid of R4.5-million (\$331,100/£267,450/€309,228) from the back of the room.

“He was bought for an international client, and Team Valor will also take a share in him,” Bennie Marais of Klipdrif Stud said. “He’s a lovely colt with a lot of substance.”

It was a first visit to the sale by Teo Ah Khing of the increasingly influential China Horse Club, and his bloodstock agent Michael Wallace. They were responsible for one of the most significant battles of the evening for another of the progeny of the popular Captain AI.

[Lot 79](#), the second foal of the prolific race mare Happy Archer (Aus) (Dubawi {Ire}), was eventually knocked down to them for R3,750,000 (\$277,500/£221,250/257,690). They outbid British bloodstock agent Amanda Skiffington on behalf of Fiona Carmichael and husband Ian Jennings.

The pair have had success in Britain and Ireland with a number of horses including Toronado (Ire) and Ivawood (Ire) and lately the Hugo Palmer-trained Classic prospect Escobar (Ire), but were thwarted on several occasions in the ring here.

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China Horse Club's Teo Ah Khing and Michael Wallace at Magic Millions earlier this month | Katrina Partridge

SESSION TOPPERS

CAPE PREMIER YEARLING SALE DAY ONE

Lot	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (R)
32	c	Trippi	Demanding Lady (SAf)	6,000,000
Consigned by Drakenstein Stud Purchased by MV Magnier				
41	c	Captain AI (SAf)	Ebony Flyer (SAf)	4,500,000
B-Drakenstein Stud Consigned by Drakenstein Stud Purchased by Bernard Marais				

Toppers cont.

114	f	Frankel (GB)	Little Fastnet (Ire)	4,000,000
			<i>B-Klawervlei Stud</i>	
			Consigned by Klawervlei Stud	
			Purchased by Tawny Syndicate	
79	c	Captain Al (SAf)	Happy Archer (Aus)	3,750,000
			<i>B-Drakenstein Stud</i>	
			Consigned by Drakenstein Stud	
			Purchased by China Horse Club	
9	f	Var	Captain's Lover (SAf)	3,600,000
			<i>B-Drakenstein Stud</i>	
			Consigned by Drakenstein Stud	
			Purchased by Lammerskraal Stud	

Saturday, Trentham, New Zealand

TELEGRAPH H.-G1, NZ\$250,000

(US\$179,175/£144,776/€167,564), WRC, 1-21, Open Set Weight, 1200mT, 1:07.71, Dead.

1--#&SIGNIFY, 55.0, g, 5, by Perfectly Ready (AUS)

1st Dam: Pica Pica, by Stravinsky (USA)

2nd Dam : Magpies (AUS), by Bluebird (USA)

3rd Dam: Dreamtime Girl (AUS), by Lunchtime (GB)

(NZ\$5,500 2YO 2013 NZB South Island 2YO & Mixed Sale)

O-Mrs T L Cowan; B-Llanhennock Trust, Waikato, NZ; T-A M Cowan; J-R Cuneen; NZ\$146,876. Lifetime Record: 30-8-8-1, NZ\$302,311. *1/2 to Sicario (NZ) (Bullbars {Aus}), G1SP-NZ.

Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#). Werk Nick Rating: F.

2--**Start Wondering**, 58.0, g, 6, Eighth Wonder--Roseanbar, by Al Akbar (AUS) . O-Mrs J M & S B Gudsell; B-I G Hadfield, Central, NZ; T-E & J Rayner; J-J Parkes; NZ\$47,000.

3--**Perfect Fit**, 56.0, m, 5, Elusive City (USA) --Fayreform, by Tights (USA) . O-Haunui Bloodstock Ltd, M Duncan, The Provincial Club Ltd, G H Madill & J Orton; B-Haunui Bloodstock Ltd, Auckland, NZ; T-K & B Kelso; J-M T Coleman; NZ\$23,500.

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Also Ran: Lady Zafira, Reilly Lincoln, Mighty Solomon, Brighton, Slice of Class, Speech Craft (Aus), Adventador, Passing Shot, Luna Rossa, Odyssey Moon (Aus), Longchamp, Miss Appleton, Statham, No More Tears, First Serve.

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Apprentice jockey Racha Cuneen booted home 45-1 longshot Signify to win by the smallest of margins over last out G1 Sistema Railway S. winner Start Wondering (NZ) in the NZ\$250,000 G1 Telegraph H. at Trentham on Saturday. It was the apprentice's second top-flight victory after booting home La Diosa (NZ) (So You Think {NZ}) in the G1 New Zealand 1000 Guineas earlier in the season.

"It's amazing and I'm very grateful to have the opportunity, I'm glad I got the job done," Cuneen, who is apprenticed to Neill Ridley, told [www.nzracing.co.nz](#). "I was traveling really well and I waited as long as I could and then asked the horse to go and he got there."

Signify raced five-deep while a tad eager behind second choice Start Wondering as 2016 Telegraph hero Adventador (NZ) (Fast 'N' Famous {Aus}) made the running while shadowed by



Signify | Trish Dunell

Passing Shot (NZ) (Swiss Ace {Aus}). Adventador still held the advantage with 400 metres remaining, but Start Wondering was beginning to let down to his outside and farther back Racha Cuneen grew animated on a willing Signify. On the line, Signify nipped Start Wondering by a nose, with favorite Perfect Fit (NZ) a half-length behind in third. The first nine past the wire were covered by a mere three lengths. First Serve (NZ) (Swiss Ace {Aus}) went amiss on the back straight and was euthanised.

"Racha rode him when he ran second at Wingatui on Boxing Day and I told him that I had nominated the horse for the Telegraph," Cowan, whose wife Tracey owns the NZ\$5,500 New Zealand Bloodstock South Island Sale purchase, told [www.nzracing.co.nz](#). "He said you've got to run him and after Racha ran second in the Telegraph on Miss Seton Sands last year he had a good feel and knowledge around the race."

Signify started the season with a fourth in a handicap going this trip at Ashburton on Oct. 15, but endured traffic trouble aplenty in the Listed Pegasus H. going 1000 metres and trailed in 10th on Nov. 5. An encouraging second in the G3 Lindauer Stewards S. at Riccarton Park Nov. 9, the dark bay ran out of steam after briefly leading in another handicap stepped up to 1400 metres and reported home fifth Nov. 27. He was most recently the bridesmaid in the Listed Mosgiel S. at Wingatui Dec. 26.

Pedigree Notes...

The first foal out of the unraced Pica Pica (NZ), herself by American expat Stravinsky, Signify is a half-brother to G1 Manawatu Sires' Produce S. bridesmaid Sicario (NZ) (Bullbars {Aus}), who sold for NZ\$20,000 at the 2015 New Zealand Bloodstock Select Yearling Sale. Pica Pica did not produce a foal the year after Sicario, but has a yearling by Darley shuttler Helmet (Aus). Click for the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#). -@HLAndersonTDN

'ROC' ROLLED AT RANDWICK

by Alan Carasso

The money poured in for Alan Bell's **Eden Roc (Aus)** (Star Witness {Aus}), who was sent off the \$1.70 (7-10) favorite for the Saturday opener at Royal Randwick, but with one previous start under her belt, the James Cummings-trained and Dato Tan Chin Nam-owned **Exceeds (Aus)** (Snitzel {Aus}) gave her sire yet another 2-year-old winner with a 19-1 upset.

Ridden with cover this time around after a pace-pressing fourth to 'TDN Rising Star' From Within (Aus) (Not a Single Doubt {Aus}) on Canterbury debut Dec. 31, Exceeds raced about fourth-last early on and right on the back of Eden Roc, who jumped fairly, then raced just behind the speed. Asked for his best off the final corner, the heavy favorite looked one-



Exceeds as a yearling | Magic Millions

paced at the 200m mark, but Exceeds was anything but that as she quickened up impressively beneath Brenton Avdulla and sprinted best to score by 3/4 of a length ([video](#)). Eden Roc rallied and earned a photo for second.

"She had the race experience from one of Sydney's best Saturday 2-year-old races over the past few months," Cummings offered. "She was able to produce late like a really promising filly in the making."

Bred by and consigned to the 2016 Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale by Musk Creek Farm, Exceeds was purchased by Duncan Ramage's DGR Thoroughbred Services for A\$250,000. She is the 16th individual 2-year-old winner (12th city winner) on the season for Snitzel, who logged a record-tying 30 juvenile winners in 2015/2016. Exceeds is out of Exceedingly Happy (Aus) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}), a half-sister to G1 Epsom H. winner Rock Kingdom (Aus) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}), and is kin to a yearling filly by All Too Hard (Aus) and a weanling colt by Pierro (Aus). Exceedingly Happy was most recently bred to Written Tycoon (Aus).

Eden Roc, an A\$750,000 Gold Coast yearling and close relative of Bell's talented sprinter Star Turn (Aus) (Star Witness {Aus}), only got going in the final 150 metres and will be suited by 1100m and 1200m going forward, jockey Tommy Berry commented post-race.

MOORE HAS STRENGTH IN CLASSIC MILE, NOT ONLY IN NUMBERS

by Alan Carasso

The John Moore yard is perennially a formidable force where it comes to the 4-Year-Old Series in Hong Kong, and at least three of the seven horses the Australian conditioner has entered for Sunday's first leg, the HK\$10-million Hong Kong Classic Mile, have legitimate claims.

Rapper Dragon (Aus) (Street Boss) was the 'winter book' favorite for the

Hong Kong Derby, and his victory in the Lion Rock Trophy H. over the course and distance last May was full of merit, as it came at the expense of Beauty Only (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}),



Rapper Dragon | HKJC photo

recent winner of the 2016 G1 Longines Hong Kong Mile. An intended starter at that meeting, the former Street Rapper kicked a wall and bruised a foot, and instead was a deceptively good fifth in the Class 1 (1400m) on International Day, a hot race won by the progressive Blizzard (Aus) (Sebring {Aus}). Joao Moreira sticks around to ride, and Moore isn't lacking for confidence.

"The way he went [Friday] morning, he's showing me that he's peaking right now," Moore told HKJC's David Morgan. "There's no concern about his fitness or his well-being going into the Classic Mile--he's very easy to get fit, he's very clean-winded."

Beauty Generation (NZ) (Road to Rock {Aus}) could present the biggest challenge to his top-rated stablemate. Runner-up in the 2016 G1 Rosehill Guineas (2000m) when trained as Montaine by Anthony Cummings, the bay was a good second on his Hong Kong debut over 1400m Dec. 27 and most recently annexed a Class 2 going 1600m Jan. 8, defeating an unlucky **Western Express (Aus)** (Encosta de Lago {Aus}, third) and **Winner's Way (Aus)** (Starcraft {NZ}, fourth) in a close finish. The former goes out for trainer John Size and jockey Ryan Moore, who teamed to win the 2016 Classic Mile with Sun Jewellery (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus}). Winner's Way is trained by Moore for Johnson Chen, whose Werther (NZ) (Tavistock {NZ}) scooped the 2016 Derby.

Tommy Berry flies in to take the mount on the Moore-trained **Eagle Way (Aus)** (More Than Ready), with whom he teamed to defeat now-stablemate **Rodrico (Aus)** (High Chaparral {Ire}) in last year's G1 Queensland Derby. Eagle Way was the surprise winner of a Class 2 going the metric mile Dec. 11. [Cont. p11](#)

Moore cont.

Fan favorite 'TDN Rising Star' **Pakistan Star (Ger)** (Shamardal) is one of four Classic Mile runners for trainer Tony Cruz and most recently snapped a three-race losing streak with a comfortable victory in the restricted Griffin Trophy (1400m) Dec. 27.

Each-way players could do worse than **Seasons Bloom (Aus)** (Captain Sonador {Aus}). Not fully extended when eighth on his first local appearance Nov. 12, he easily handled the promising Derby entrant California Whip (Giant's Causeway) by two lengths next time out and most recently overcame a slow start to score by a half-length Jan. 1 with a final quarter-mile in :21.99.

"I've had a big opinion of him from day one," jockey Nash Rawiller said of the Danny Shum-trained gelding. "He's a horse that's still on the way and I think he's in a race that he can be competitive in."

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Let Us Win (Aus)	Sebring (Aus)	Clipperton	Moore
2	Seasons Bloom (Aus)	Captain Sonador (Aus)	Rawiller	Shum
3	Super Chic (Ire)	Strategic Prince (GB)	Teetan	Cruz
4	Helene Charisma (Fr)	Air Chief Marshal (Ire)	Badel	Moore
5	Beauty Generation (NZ)	Road to Rock (Aus)	Purton	Moore
6	Eagle Way (Aus)	More Than Ready	Berry	Moore
7	Western Express (Aus)	Encosta de Lago (Aus)	Moore	Size
8	Rapper Dragon (Aus)	Street Boss	Moreira	Moore
9	Pakistan Star (Ger)	Shamardal	de Sousa	Cruz
10	Baba Mama (NZ)	Per Incanto	Mosse	Ho
11	People's Knight (Aus)	Exceed & Excel (Aus)	Prebble	Moore

12	Winner's Way (Aus)	Starcraft (NZ)	Chadwick	Cruz
13	Circuit Hassler (NZ)	Shocking (Aus)	Rispoli	Cruz
14	Rodrico (Aus)	High Chaparral (Ire)	Whyte	Moore
Reserve				
	Dukedom (NZ)	Bachelor Duke	No Rider	Yip
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American jockey Jackie Davis and locally based New Zealander Andrew Calder amassed a total of 39 points to win Saturday's Kampek Paradise International Mixed Doubles Jockeys' Challenge at Macau's Taipa Racecourse | Macau Jockey Club

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