



NIGHT SHIFT: RACING UNDER THE LIGHTS IN NY?



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The Week in Review, by T.D. Thornton

"We'll leave the lights on for ya!" Maybe.

That was the message last week from New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, who tucked a provision that would allow for limited night racing at Belmont Park into a **much larger executive budget bill**.

For several years now, the New York Racing Association (NYRA), which operates Belmont, has expressed interest in running some programs under the lights. The idea has gained even more traction since the New York Islanders hockey team announced last month that it will be building a new arena and retail/entertainment destination center on property adjacent to the historic track.

Current law allows Thoroughbred racing at Belmont to be conducted only between sunrise and sunset. The New York Senate passed a bill in June 2017 to allow night racing twice a week during Belmont's spring/summer and fall meets, but the bill never got voted on by the Assembly. Cuomo's version specifies the track could conduct night racing Thursdays through Saturdays, provided the cards conclude by 10:30 p.m. and that post time conflicts with harness racing at Yonkers Raceway are avoided. **Cont. p3**

BAFFERT PAIR TUNES UP FOR PEGASUS TILT

Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert, who captured the inaugural GI Pegasus World Cup in 2017 with North American all-time leading money-earner Arrogate (Unbridled's Song), sent out the pair of MGISW **West Coast** (Flatter) and GISW **Collected** (City Zip) to post their final workouts ahead of the 2018 Pegasus Sunday morning. West Coast, considered the favorite to land the Eclipse Award as 2017's champion sophomore male, worked five furlongs in 1:00 flat in company with stablemate Coil's Gold (Coil). Collected, meanwhile, covered four furlongs in :46.20 with workmate Power Cat (Speightstown).

"West Coast went really well," Baffert said after the drill. "He's coming into the race without any bumps in the road, like any other big race. I'm pretty happy."

As for Collected, Baffert said he is encouraged by the way the 5-year-old has bounced back from a disappointing third-place finish behind Pegasus rival Giant Expectations (Frost Giant) in the Dec. 26 Gil San Antonio S., noting, "He'll be ready." **Cont. p6 (click here)**

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California Chrome's first foal arrived Saturday night at Calumet Farm when millionaire Pay the Man (Bernstein)--a 21-time stakes winner--produced a colt sired by the two-time Horse of the Year. The ever-popular 'Chrome' is entering his second year at stud at Taylor Made Stallions in 2018. | Taylor Made Photo

CHARLOTTE WEBER: 'IT'S A NICE LIFE' 6

In this month's edition of TDN Weekend Magazine, Michael Adolphson checks in with Charlotte Weber, whose Live Oak Plantation had a remarkable 2017.

UNDEFEATED AMY'S CHALLENGE LIKELY TO STRETCH 9

Amy's Challenge (Artie Schiller), undefeated winner of Oaklawn's Dixie Belle S. Saturday, will likely target a route race at the Hot Springs oval for her next start.

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NYRA president and chief executive officer Chris Kay has been on the record as saying that lights wouldn't be installed right away pending passage of the bill, but would be part of **longer-range plans** of the development of Belmont into a year-round downstate Thoroughbred facility. Such plans, which hinge on NYRA being paid to vacate Aqueduct Racetrack, are years away at the earliest.

Putting aside the logistics and aesthetics of night racing for the moment and just concentrating on the politics of the decision, it is an anachronism that a state legislature in 2018 still has to give (or withhold) its nod of approval for business decisions whose precedent is rooted in 1890s logic aimed at eradicating "outlaw" tracks.

Portland Meadows in Oregon is often mistakenly credited with being the first United States track to race an extended Thoroughbred meet under lights in 1946. But that distinction actually belongs to New York's own Maspeth, a seedy half-miler on the outskirts of Brooklyn, which way back in 1894 held a "40 days and 40 nights" doubleheader season featuring strings of

electrified lights and a powerful searchlight that followed the horses around the track when they ran at night. (South Side Park in St. Louis is believed to be the actual "first" to offer night racing in 1893, but its lighted races were held on more of an experimental basis).

New York's original night track was widely considered a low-level cesspool of rigged racing that operated in open defiance against the wishes of the state legislature and The Jockey Club. The two organizations subsequently joined forces, threatened that all Maspeth participants and horses would be barred from racing at regulated tracks, and changed then-existing laws about racetrack licensure to ensure Maspeth never opened for a second season.

The only name you might recognize among the long-forgotten participants at Maspeth is that of a so-so jockey who eventually hung up his tack, took up training, and ended up getting elected into the sport's Hall of Fame--the legendary James "Sunny Jim" Fitzsimmons.



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Racing too, has ever since been trying to outrun its own shadow in terms of escaping the “statutory straightjacket” that to this day requires legislative approval for such basic business decisions as what hours a track can or cannot be open for business.

Breathing Transparency

As of last Friday, the notation of “WS” in a horse’s racing data in Britain is mandated to signify that the Thoroughbred has undergone some version of surgical repair to

facilitate breathing since its last start.

For the time being, here in the U.S., those same initials stand for “We’ll see.”

In America, no system currently exists to identify to the betting public which horses might be on their way to a positive form reversal thanks to being able to breathe easier. Nor does one appear to be in the immediate pipeline.

Bettors who have Google news searches set up to flag terms like “entrapped epiglottis” luck onto the occasional piece of key information in this fashion if a trainer opts to disclose that information in an interview, but such a system is hardly ideal or complete.

Overseas, the British Horseracing Authority (BHA) announced back in November that such declarations would be mandatory by Jan. 19.

“This is about openness, transparency and access to data for the betting customer,” said David Sykes, the director of equine health and welfare for the BHA.

Justin Zayat @JustinZayat Following

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WIND SURGERY DECLARATIONS START FRIDAY

The first wind surgery declarations will appear in British racecards on Friday following a decision by the British Horseracing Authority in November that horses having undergone wind operations since their last start be declared. Four horses entered on Friday have been flagged as having recently undergone wind surgery, routine surgical procedures designed to assist a horse with its breathing.

David Sykes, director of equine health and welfare for the BHA, said, “We have written to trainers to remind them of their responsibility to declare horses who have undergone wind surgery since their last run, and are pleased to see that a number of declarations have already been made since we made our announcement in November. We have been very clear from the start that any assumptions of the effect of wind operations

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The fact that the change was implemented on comparatively short order is as commendable as giving the public the “WS” notations in the first place.

Here in America, we’ve been busy wrestling for years with the seemingly insurmountable obstacle of correctly reporting first-time geldings. Some jurisdictions don’t make much of an effort to publicly disclose the “ultimate equipment change,” and those that do want to bring about change still struggle over enforcement of the rules, most notably when and how the declaration must be made before an incorrectly reported gelding is forced out as a scratch.

An Unwelcome Blast from the Past

Remember Sean Alfortish? He’s the former president of the Louisiana Horsemen’s Benevolent and Protective Association (LHBPA) who spent 28 months in federal prison after pleading guilty in 2011 to felony fraud conspiracy charges that included rigging a horsemen’s election, blowing some \$800,000 of LHBPA funds on highly questionable personal and political expenses, and taking \$25,000 in “back pay” after settling a sexual harassment complaint for that same sum.

According to a scoop first reported by John Simerman of *The New Orleans Advocate*, Alfortish is not only out of jail, but after having been released from probation nine months early, is now suing the Louisiana State Racing Commission (LSRC) in a “restraint of free trade” lawsuit because the LSRC won’t let him reapply for a license to own racehorses.

Alfortish, 50, has enough experience with the legal system to know how to use the courts to his advantage: in addition to the time he admittedly spent getting spa treatments and staying in lavish hotels on the LHBPA’s dime, he was a licensed attorney and a sitting magistrate judge in Kenner, Louisiana.

According to the timeline of events in the *Advocate* (read the full story [here](#)), even before he was sentenced in the federal fraud case, Alfortish initiated a separate 2011 lawsuit against the LHBPA for creating the negligent culture of dubious financial practices that allowed his own malfeasance to flourish. He told the *Advocate* he won that lawsuit, and that the confidential judgment he was awarded was more than enough to cover the \$105,000 in restitution he was subsequently ordered by the federal judge to repay to the LHBPA.

“I never paid a dollar,” he unabashedly told the *Advocate*.

Alfortish was released from probation Dec. 5, 2016. In September 2017, he approached the LSRC for a license, but was told that convicted felons in Louisiana had to wait two years from the end of their sentences to reapply.

But, according to the *Advocate*, Alfortish knew that Louisiana rule didn’t apply in cases of reciprocal licensure. So he applied for and received an owner’s license in neighboring Texas, where the rule says felons can apply five years from the date of entering a plea.

Armed with the Texas license, Alfortish attempted but couldn’t get a reciprocal license past the Louisiana state steward. His request got kicked up the chain of command to the LSRC once again, but the current suit claims his attempts to get onto the LSRC agenda for a licensing hearing have been ignored. Alfortish is now asking for a court order forcing the commission to let track stewards, not the LSRC, decide his eligibility.

“I’ve always had horse ownership as a hobby,” Alfortish told the *Advocate*. “I’m not even saying I’m going to get a horse, but I’d like the opportunity.”

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West Coast (outside) | Zoe Metz photo

Also on Sunday morning, Charles Fipke's GI Clark H. winner **Seeking the Soul** (Perfect Soul {Ire}) had his final tune-up before the \$16-million Pegasus, working a half-mile in :48 3/5 under exercise rider Emerson Chavez at the Fair Grounds.

"It was the last work before the big race, so he did a nice sharp work," trainer Dallas Stewart said. "He came back in good shape. Looks good, and we're very happy."

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CHARLOTTE WEBER: 'IT'S A NICE LIFE'

by Michael Adolphson



Racing revels in a narrative. It cheers the underdog and subtly rolls its collective eyes at the well-fancied blue-blood. Adoring its humble figures and finding ways to flaw the forthright, the Sport of Kings, crowns and castle balls willingly rides the waves of eternally twisting plot lines, while hoping for Cinderella to earn her way from soot to celebrity.

What happens, though, when a character comes along who is so dynamic in nature that the industry cannot help but cheer for their success, no matter how privileged or plain-spoken they may be? Someone whose energy outweighs any archetype; whose nature overrides the narrative, turning said paradigm upside-down.

Such is the case with Charlotte Weber, whose Live Oak operation--Plantation (stable) and Stud (farm)--had a remarkable 2017, including a championship-worthy winning performance by homebred World Approval (Northern Afleet) in



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As well-rounded in delivery as the red polka dots on her familiar silks, Weber does things her way, but is wise with her counsel. Competitive, clever and candid, she has carefully chosen her advisors through such filters and understands that while success in racing is elusive, a wise executive mind in the industry examines as much as they execute, if not more. With her Ocala, Florida-based operation competing at the highest level, despite sporting numbers

dwarfed by the powerhouses of global racing, Weber is a 50-year force in Thoroughbred world, if not an icon.

"I was raised outside Philadelphia and, in the late 1960s, I bought my first horse," Weber, 74, said. "I really wanted

something to do that would be fun and a way to meet people. Some of my family was into steeplechase horses and I thought that was way too complicated. I figured, let's take the obstacle out of the equation and that's how it started long ago. Of course, without having the wonderful legacy of Campbell's Soup,

there would be no horses. What they do have in common, though, is that you have to mind your business and keep your integrity.

"When I was in my 20s, my ex-husband and I were looking for a place to raise a family and he also wanted to raise some cattle, so we went to Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Kentucky and California before we decided on Ocala," Weber continued. "Joe O'Farrell originally asked me if I would be interested in Florida and the

more time we spent in Ocala, the more we just fell in love with it. The thing that really got us was the weather. It is just a beautiful place to raise horses and has these big, beautiful Live Oak trees."



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In 2017, Weber's warriors included four graded stakes winners: talented lightly raced sophomore Souper Tapit (Tapit), GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile third-place finisher Awesome Slew (Awesome Again), turf sprinter Holding Gold (Lonhro {Aus}) and four-time GI winner World Approval. Those four Mark Casse cadets, plus rapidly improving stakes-winning turf sprinter and Mike Trombetta trainee We Deer You (Hat Trick {Jpn}) each earned at least six figures in 2017.

Live Oak has 35 broodmares that beget an average of 25 in

training per year, which Weber reports with palpable pride. When "not chasing a sale or a golf ball," Weber is gladly watching them develop and checking on her mares with a dedicated hands-on approach that has trickled down to the tune of a 19.2% strike rate since the turn of the century and in excess of 700 victories. Weber's red, white and black silks upped their game in 2017, to 21.2%, and have hit the board 50% of the time, with earned purses approaching \$4.5 million.

"That's what I'm trying to do: perform at the top level with my horses," Weber said. "I would rather have fun with a bowl of cherries instead of with a bushel of whatever. I want to keep the sport in its excellence and that's very hard to do, but I enjoy trying. It's hard to compete when you don't have the numbers, but I think I have a very nice group of horses right now. Obviously, I don't want to jinx myself, but I'm very excited about World Approval, Victory to Victory and a few of our other 2-year-olds and 3-year-olds. I'm just looking for a strong season. That would be just wonderful."

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One of the most thrilling races across the country Saturday was captured by one of the most intriguing fillies in her class, as Novogratz Racing Stables' undefeated **Amy's Challenge** (Artie

Schiller) survived a stretch-long duel with Mia Mischief (Into Mischief) to capture Oaklawn's six-furlong Dixie Belle S. by a neck. Previously a two-time winner at Minnesota's Canterbury Park as a juvenile, Amy's Challenge emerged from her victory in good order Sunday and is likely to target a stakes race over a route of ground next, according to trainer Mac Robertson.

Robertson said the filly is a candidate for the Feb. 10 one-mile Martha Washington S., but would also stretch out in the Mar. 10 GIII Honeybee S. or the Apr. 13 GIII Fantasy S.

"Personally, I'd like to run Mar. 10 and then Apr. 13," Robertson said. "We'll see. Good race--she was tired at the end. She had four works in four months. I'm hoping she'll improve."

Amy's Challenge bobbed at the start of the Dixie Belle, but quickly recovered and tracked Mia Mischief through blazing fractions of :21.48 for a quarter-mile and :44.49 for a half-mile. The pair became fully engaged in the stretch, with Amy's Challenge surging to the front in the final stride.

The dark bay, a \$20,000 Fasig-Tipton October yearling purchase, caught the eye of many with a pair of wins over males that produced Beyer Speed Figures of 91 and 92, respectively, at Canterbury last summer. She was originally slated to make her two-turn debut in Keeneland's GI Alcibiades S. Oct. 6, but ultimately missed the race due to muscle cramping.

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- Pay the Man won 27 times from 76 starts, including 21 stakes victories, and amassed earnings of \$1,058,511.

MSHAWISH (Medaglia d'Oro), Taylor Made Stallions

- His first foal was a colt born Jan. 17 at Taylor Made Farm. The colt was bred by David Lanzman Racing.
- The colt is out of Ourperfectpastor (Pleasantly Perfect), a half-sister to Grade III winner Evil Minister (Deputy Minister).

NOT THIS TIME (Giant's Causeway), Taylor Made Stallions

- His first foal was born Jan. 13 when the Awesome Again mare Legs Like Betty produced a colt for breeders Sally and Jimmie Lockhart.
- Legs Like Betty is out of a half-sister to Horse of the Year Favorite Trick.

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JIM AND JOAN BRADY JOIN WHOA

Long-time owner/breeders Jim and Joan Brady put their support behind the Water Hay Oats Alliance (WHOA) Sunday as the group makes continued efforts towards the passage of The Horseracing Integrity Act. The Brady family races under Mill House stable, and their past graded stakes winners include America Alive, Brilliant, and Trappe Shot. Jim Brady's brother, Nick, has previously pledged support of the Water Hay Oats Alliance.



Jim and Joan Brady

In a statement to WHOA, Mr. Brady shared the following:

My family and I have derived immense enjoyment from Thoroughbred breeding and racing through the years, and it is

my strong desire to see our sport not only survive but thrive in the future. I'm not sure that can happen, however, unless we get our proverbial house in order when it comes to the topic of medication and anti-doping.

Frankly, we have wrestled with the issue for far too long. I served as a steward of The Jockey Club for more than 30 years, and it was a constant topic of concern for us. The McKinsey Study that was commissioned and released in 1991 ["Building a World Class Drug Detection System for the Racing Industry: A National Strategic Plan"] addressed many

of our issues, but several of the recommendations from that study have yet to be fully implemented.

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Obviously, times have changed and there are many options out there for anyone who wants to make a wager. That makes the integrity of competition even more critical for our sport. If we want to build and maintain consumer confidence, we need to take every step possible to ensure a level playing field for all participants--and that includes our bettors.

To me it is clear that we sorely lack uniformity in rules, in drug-testing lab standards, and in penalties, and we can't expect to prosper as an industry until we have a system that efficiently deters the use of illegal substances [and overuse of legal ones] in our equine athletes.

I have been impressed with the cross-section of individuals represented in WHOA and the steady increase in its membership. Each of these people share a desire to see federal legislation enacted to prohibit the use of performance-enhancing drugs in horse racing. They also share a passion for our sport and I'm proud to join their ranks. For these reasons, I support the passage of the Horseracing Integrity Act of 2017.

This bill would require that a uniform anti-doping and medication-control program be developed and enforced by a private, non-profit, non-governmental organization known as the Horseracing Anti-Doping and Medication Control Authority. The authority, which would include as members both horse-racing and anti-doping experts, would be overseen by Travis Tygart's team at the United States Anti-Doping Agency.

The time to act is now. For this sport to be sustainable, we need this bill enacted into law.

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NEW YORK

Sunday's Results:

LADIES H., \$100,000, AQU, 1-21, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m, 1:55.32, ft.

1--**JUST GOT OUT, 114, m, 7, Harlington--Moonshine Gal, by Forest Wildcat.**

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. (\$33,000 Ylg '12 FTKOCT). O-Linda Rice & Sacandaga Stable; B-Eugene Melnyk (ON); T-Linda Rice; J-Manuel Franco. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 41-10-6-9, \$375,908. *1/2 to Bagatelle Park (Speightstown), SP, \$185,718.

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2--**Girl Talk, 117, m, 5, Medaglia d'Oro--One Caroline, by Unbridled's Song.** (\$390,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP). O-Ramona S. Bass LLC & Cheyenne Stables LLC; B-G. Watts Humphrey Jr. & Louise

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Galleon Mast shown winning the 2018 Sunshine Millions Turf Stakes

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3--**Bombshell**, 117, m, 5, Bellamy Road--Asbeautifulasyou (Ire), by A.P. Indy. (\$8,000 2yo '15 KEENOV). O-Team Valor International; B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-James A. Jerkens. \$10,000.

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Margins: NK, 3/4, 3/4. Odds: 3.00, 5.40, 2.35.

Also Ran: Inconclusive, Sherini, Majestic Angel. Scratched: Crimson Frost.

Just Got Out, a \$20,000 claim for these connections out of a July 2 win at Belmont, hit the board in two starts this fall before capturing an allowance here Nov. 25. Off as the third choice in this spot, the dark bay was hustled away by Manny Franco to dictate terms through splits of :24.52 and :49.40. Challenged by favored Bombshell from midway on the far turn, she dug in to repel that one entering the final furlong before holding off the late bid of Girl Talk for a game victory. Sherini (Bernardini) was disqualified from third to fifth for interfering with Inconclusive (Include) in deep stretch. The winner's dam was bred to Prospective last season. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

ALEX M. ROBB S., \$98,000, AQU, 1-21, (S), 4yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:52.19, ft.

1--**CONTROL GROUP**, 123, c, 4, Posse--We Kept Her, by Victory Gallop. (\$27,000 Wlg '14 FTNMIX; \$49,000 RNA Ylg '15 SARAUG; \$19,000 RNA 2yo '16 EASMAY; \$15,000 2yo '16 OBSOPN). O-Michael Dubb & David Simon; B-Colts Neck Stable & Alan Goldberg (NY); T-Rudy R. Rodriguez; J-Kendrick Carmouche. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 14-6-3-3, \$381,570.

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2--**Can You Diggitt**, 115, c, 4, Tiznow--Mineralogist, by Mineshaft. O/B-Chester & Mary R. Broman (NY); T-James A. Jerkens. \$20,000.

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3--**Extinct Charm**, 115, g, 5, American Lion--Als Delight, by Wayne County (Ire). (\$33,000 Wlg '13 FTNMIX; \$27,000 RNA Ylg '14 SARAUG; \$55,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR). O-Epona Racing Stable & Dark Horse Racing Stable; B-Fountain Spring Stable (NY); T-Bruce R. Brown. \$10,000.

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Margins: 4, 2HF, 2. Odds: 0.45, 2.75, 6.80.

Also Ran: Testosterone, Wake Up in Malibu. Scratched: Papa Shot.

Control Group, claimed by these connections for \$62,500 out of a maiden claimer at Aqueduct last January, claimed his biggest career victory with a front-running score in the Nov. 25 GIII Discovery S. last time out. The heavy favorite scampered out to the early lead and was in hand through fractions of :25.65 and :50.16. He began pulling away from the field turning for home and was four lengths in front at the head of the stretch before strolling past the wire under wraps for a much-the-best tally. "It was a very good performance," said winning trainer Rudy Rodriguez. "He loves going two turns. The couple weeks we've had off waiting for the race, it looked like it benefited him. I knew he was only going to get stronger coming off the race he ran last time. We were giving a lot of weight to the other horses in the field, but we were confident in his ability and it showed today." As for what is next for Control Group, Rodriguez said, "From here we'll talk to the boss [owner Michael Dubb] and figure out where we'll go from here." **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**



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4th-AQU, \$55,000, (S), Msw, 1-21, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.63, ft. **PINK TWIST** (f, 4, **Malibu Moon**--Pumpkin's Pride, by Louis Quatorze) has been working at Palm Beach Downs since the beginning of November for a barn that excels with first-time runners. The 3-1 third choice broke sharply and ranged alongside favored pacesetter Overtime Olivia (Rule) through the first quarter in :22.99. The chestnut remained two wide around the far turn before taking command at the quarter pole. The firster kicked on for home and opened up a two-length cushion inside the final furlong before holding off a late bid from Spa Treatment (Bernardini), who was last up the backstretch, in the

final strides to score by a neck. Pink Twist is a half to Ostrolenka (Musket Man), MSW, \$625,939; and Great Gracie Dane (Royal Academy), MSP, \$344,529. Pumpkin's Pride, claimed by Scott Fein for \$10,000 in 2003, also has a juvenile colt by Eric Fein's MGSW Musket Man. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$33,000. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Eric & Harris Fein, Christopher McKenna & Guri Singh; B-Eric Fein (NY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

Training Alum

**STONESTREET**

FLORIDA

Sunday's Results:

5th-GP, \$44,000, Alw, 1-21, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:43.97, ft.

CARLINO (g, 4, Lemon Drop Kid--Film Charm, by Langfuhr), who broke his maiden for a \$40,000 tag June 21 at Belmont, finished second in a pair of starter allowance events July 21 at Saratoga and Sept. 9 at Belmont before getting back to the winner's circle in similar company at Belmont Oct. 4. Freshened for two months, he was coming off a fifth-place performance at Aqueduct Dec. 10. The 7-2 shot was off a step slowly and moved over to the rail in the short run to the first turn. The gelding bided his time down the backstretch and picked up momentum while saving all the ground around the far turn. Carlino switched to the three path entering the straight and ran by dueling leaders Souper Catch (Bernardini) and Iconic (Paddy O'Prado) in the final stages to win by a length. It was a dead heat for second. Film Charm, who is out of GSW and GISP Madison's Charm (Capote), also has a juvenile colt named Buddy Bandage (Pioneer of the Nile) and visited Distorted Humor last season. Sales history: \$70,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 7-3-2-0, \$108,357. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Courtlandt Farm (KY); T-Mark A. Hennig.

EASTERN U.S.

Saturday Night's Results:

6th-PEN, \$31,600, (S), Alw, 1-20, (NW2L), 3yo, 6f, 1:13.13, ft. CIRCUIT JUDGE (g, 3, Colonel John--Shadow of Storm {SP}, by Storm Cat) went gate-to-wire in his debut against state-breds here Dec. 21. The 9-10 favorite was widest of all while battling for the early lead down the backstretch and continued to travel

three wide around the far turn. The dark bay gained on even terms with Revolutionary (New Year's Day) just outside the final furlong and battled him inside the final sixteenth with Circuit Judge getting his head down first to remain unbeaten. Shadow of Storm, who sold for \$22,000 with the winner in utero at the 2014 OBS Fall Mixed sale, has a juvenile filly by Flatter and a yearling colt by Gemologist. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$38,940. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-MMG Stables (PA); T-Todd M. Beattie.

5th-PEN, \$28,184, Msw, 1-20, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:12.62, ft.

ON THE HASSLE (f, 3, Orb--Maracuya {SP}, by Big Brown) finished second behind GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf runner-up Best Performance (Broken Vow) at Belmont May 17. Her last start was a fourth-place effort at Monmouth Park June 23. Making her first start since switching from Todd Pletcher's barn to Kathleen Demasi, the 4-5 favorite sprinted to the front and guided the field through a :22.52 opening quarter. The chestnut continued under a hand ride turning for home and kicked clear inside the final furlong to a five-length graduation. Empress Livia (Roman Ruler) settled for second. This is the first foal out of Maracuya, who is a half to MGISP and GSW Payton d'Oro (Medaglia d'Oro). She also has a juvenile filly named Lulumaru (Lookin at Lucky) and was bred to Munnings last season. Sales History: \$45,000 Wlg '15 KEENOV; \$150,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP; \$140,000 RNA 2yo '17 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$38,060. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Pewter Stable; B-Merriebelle Stable, LLC (KY); T-Kathleen A. Demasi.



CENTRAL U.S.

Sunday's Results:

7th-OP, \$75,000, Msw, 1-21, 3yo, 1m, 1:40.73, ft.

SHANE ZAIN (c, 3, Medaglia d'Oro--My Gi Gi {GSW & GISP, \$334,290}, by E Dubai), who set the pace before tiring to fifth over the Del Mar turf in his Sept. 3 debut, was never a factor when sixth over the lawn at Santa Anita Sept. 30 and switched to the main track to be sixth behind subsequent Gill Lecomte S. winner Instilled Regard (Arch) last time out Oct. 29. Adding blinkers for this effort, the 7-1 shot was hustled out of the gate

to stay with the early leaders and he contested the pace down the backstretch. He pulled his way to a clear lead after a half in :47.62 and was two lengths in front at the top of the stretch before determinedly holding off the late bid of Royal Edition (Bernardini) to win by a half-length. Shane Zain was a \$370,000 KEESEP yearling. Don Alberto purchased My Gi Gi, with the winner in utero, for \$650,000 at the 2014 Fasig-Tipton November sale. The 9-year-old mare, second in the 2013 GI American Oaks, produced a colt by Super Saver in 2017 and was bred back to Medaglia d'Oro. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$46,890. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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9th-OP, \$75,000, Msw, 1-21, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11.16, ft.

TYFOSHA (f, 3, Flatter--Penny Marie {MSW & MGSP, \$351,830}, by Sky Classic) had knocked heads with some heavy hitters in her first three career outings out west; she was second behind subsequent stakes winner Surrender Now (Morning Line) in her five-furlong debut at Santa Anita June 9 and was second best behind 'TDN Rising Star' Just a Smidge (Into Mischief) at that same distance at Del Mar July 19 before going an extra furlong to be runner-up behind subsequent two-time Grade I winner Moonshine Memories (Malibu Moon) at Del Mar Aug. 19. Shipped east after a best-of-76 five-furlong work in :58 4/5 at Santa Anita Jan. 7, she was the prohibitive 1-2 favorite in this fourth try. The gray filly broke alertly and chased pacesetter Unprovoked (Justin Phillip) while three wide through an opening quarter in :22.00. She ranged up to challenge the leader after a half in :45.74 and turned back that gritty foe before skipping clear to an easy 4 1/4-length victory. Tyfosh's win was the second on the card for trainer Doug O'Neill and Amr Zedan's fledgling **Zedan Racing Stables**, which also won the day's seventh race with Shane Zain (Medaglia d'Oro). Tyfosh's was one of the first additions to Zedan Racing Stables when bloodstock agent Dennis O'Neill paid \$410,000 to acquire the filly after she had worked a furlong in :9 4/5 at the OBS March sale last year. She is a half-sister to Centrique (Malibu Moon, GSP, \$461,995). Breeder Lazy Lane Farms purchased Penny Marie for \$330,000 at the 2003 Keeneland November sale. The mare, now 22, produced a colt by Mineshaft in 2017. Zedan also campaigns once-raced 'TDN Rising Star' Saudi Chroma (Lucky Pulpit). Lifetime Record: 4-1-3-0, \$79,800. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Zedan Racing Stables Inc; B-Lazy Lane Farms, LLC. (VA); T-Doug F. O'Neill.



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3rd-FG, \$41,000, (S), Msw, 1-21, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11.55, ft.

COOL SPRING (f, 3, Concord Point--Thistle Bear, by Gators N Bears) began her career in a pair of stakes here, finishing fifth in the Louisiana Champions Day Lassie S. Dec. 9 and third in the Louisiana Futurity Dec. 31. The 8-5 favorite sprinted to the lead and clocked a pressured first quarter in :22.12. She kicked clear from the field and opened up a four-length advantage passing the eighth pole before being wrapped up late for the three-length score. Special Blessing (Flat Out) rallied to complete the exacta. Cool Spring is a half to Wheatfield (Lone Star Special), MSW & GSP, \$379,236. Their dam has a 2016 colt named Fort Sumter (Lone Star Special) and a 2017 colt by that same sire. She was bred to Distorted Humor last year. Lifetime Record: SP, 3-1-0-1, \$38,075. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#).** O/B-Tigertail Ranch (LA); T-Danny Pish.

WESTERN U.S.

Sunday's Results:

2nd-SUN, \$20,400, Msw, 1-21, 3yo/up, f/m, 5f, :57.55, ft.

PERFORMANCE REVIEW (m, 5, Eskendereya--Right to Rule {SW, \$137,217}, by Five Star Day), sent off at 6-1 in this belated debut, chased the pace through a quarter in :22.54 before sneaking through an opening along the rail nearing the stretch. She assumed control at the top of the lane and drew clear with authority to win by three lengths. Performance Review, an \$150,000 OBSAPR juvenile (:10 3/5), had been training at Monmouth Park last summer before selling for \$10,000 at the Keeneland November sale to Tom McKenna's **Judge Lanier Racing**. McKenna had success buying out of the 2016 November sale, where he purchased subsequent GI Arkansas Derby



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runner-up Conquest Mo Money (Uncle Mo) for \$8,500 from the Conquest dispersal. Performance Review is a half-sister to A Different Style (The Factor, SW, \$106,400). Right to Rule, who RNA'd for \$48,000 while carrying the winner at the 2012 Keeneland November sale, sold to Keith Desormueax for \$34,000 while in foal to Violence at last year's Keeneland January sale. She produced a filly by that leading freshman sire before being bred back to Desormeaux's former trainee Texas Red. Her colt by The Factor sold for \$160,000 at last year's OBS March sale. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$12,240. O-Judge Lanier Racing; B-Fletcher & Carolyn Gray (KY); T-Miguel L. Hernandez.

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CALIFORNIA

Sunday's Results:

7th-SA, \$60,395, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 1-21, 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT, 1:47.82, fm.

LIFELINE (c, 4, Tapit--Life Is Sweet {MGISW, \$1,820,810}, by Storm Cat) was a fast-finishing third by a neck in his course-and-distance debut last February and graduated next out before finishing fourth over the local dirt Apr. 29 and being shelved. Backed to 12-5 favoritism in this return, the gray settled in fifth behind contested fractions of :23.34, :47.93 and 1:11.30. Revving up four deep into the stretch, the homebred struck the lead at the sixteenth pole and edged away from Temple Keys (Temple City) for the 3/4-length score. The winner has a juvenile full-sister and his dam, the 2009 GI Breeders' Cup Ladies' Classic heroine, was bred to Union Rags last term. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$75,840. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Martin J. & Pam Wygod & Lessee; B-Pam & Martin Wygod (KY); T-Richard E. Mandella.

 **BLACKWOOD GRADUATE** 

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5th-SA, \$56,345, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 1-21, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40.13, ft.

DALSAROS (m, 5, Unbridled's Song--Ask the Moon {MGISW, \$713,640}, by Malibu Moon), who debuted with a seventh-place effort down the hill last January, switched to the local main track to graduate in by 11 1/2 lengths Mar. 18. Returning off a nine-month layoff, the dark day ran fourth against optional-claiming rivals here Dec. 29. The 7-5 favorite flashed some early speed and battled for the lead traveling four wide into the first turn. She sat close to the front while third wide down the backside and put her head in front passing the quarter pole. Dalsaros continued to inch away in the stretch under strong urging from Flavien Prat to score by 1 1/4 lengths. Demigoddess (First Dude), the longest shot on the board, held second at 46-1. SF Bloodstock purchased Ask the Moon for \$800,000 at the 2011 Fasig-Tipton November sale. The mare, in foal to War Front, sold to Stonestreet for \$1.8 million at the 2013 Keeneland November sale. She is responsible for a 3-year-old filly named La Titina (Distorted Humor), who sold for \$100,000 to Grupo 7C at the 2016 Keeneland September sale, and a juvenile filly by Medaglia d'Oro who sold at that same sale the following year for \$300,000 to Richard Guest. Ask the Moon visited Carpe Diem last season. Sales History: \$200,000 RNA Ylg '14 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$69,705. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Keith Brackpool; B-SF Bloodstock LLC (KY); T-Carla Gaines.

 **WOODS EDGE FARM GRADUATE** 

3rd-SA, \$54,345, Msw, 1-21, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10.13, ft.

LOOKIE LOO (c, 4, Candy Ride {Arg}--Mamasez, by Giant's Causeway), a \$170,000 KEESEP yearling, had not been seen since finishing a narrowly beaten third in his 5 1/2-furlong debut at this oval last March. The 2-1 shot chased pacesetting favorite Twisted Road (Into Mischief) through an opening quarter in :22.01. He began inching closer to the leader entering the turn and grabbed command after a half in :45.33 before sailing clear down the lane for a effortless 7 1/2-length victory. The unraced Mamasez, who sold in foal to Twirling Candy for \$55,000 at the recent Keeneland January sale, had a Lemon Drop Kid filly sell for \$70,000 at last year's Keeneland September Yearling Sale. The 9-year-old mare is a half-sister to graded stakes winner Alpha Kitten (Tale of the Cat). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$38,880. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Michael Lund Petersen; B-Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Moss & Ingordo Bloodstock, LLC (KY); T-Bob Baffert.

 **LANE'S END SALES GRADUATE** 

Saturday Night's Results:

CALIFORNIA DERBY, \$100,225, GG, 1-20, 3yo, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:44.50, ft.

1--**CHOO CHOO**, 116, c, 3, by **English Channel**

- 1st Dam: **Cho Cho San**, by **Deputy Minister**
- 2nd Dam: **Dance Colony**, by **Pleasant Colony**
- 3rd Dam: **Dance Review**, by **Northern Dancer**

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O/B-Calumet Farm (KY); T-Jerry Hollendorfer; J-Juan J. Hernandez. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-2, \$115,188. *Full to Blueskiesrainbows, MGSW & GISP, \$672,552; & 1/2 to Cho Cho Cat (Tale of the Cat), SW, \$144,839.

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2--**Mugaritz**, 117, g, 3, **Dialed In**--Flag the Mint Down, by Flag Down. (\$37,000 RNA 2yo '17 OBSAPR). O-Alejandro Mercado; B-Sean & Barbara Speck (KY); T-Jonathan Wong. \$20,000.

3--**Intimidate**, 122, c, 3, Vronsky--Perfect Hostess, by Perfect Mandate. O-James A. Eaton, Maria E. Hess & Don Muldoon; B-Donald Muldoon (CA); T-Robert B. Hess, Sr. \$12,000.

Margins: 1 3/4, 1HF, 1 1/4. Odds: 1.00, 5.00, 4.80.
Also Ran: Kylemore, East Rand, Generally Lucky. Scratched: Campaigner, Ministersdontparty.

Choo Choo finished fourth in his debut on the Los Alamitos main track Sept. 9 before switching to the turf and graduating in his third start on the Del Mar grass Nov. 1. He ran a valiant fourth behind 'TDN Rising Star' Analyze It (Point of Entry) in the GIII Cecil B. Demille S. Nov 26. before a third-place effort last time out in the Eddie Logan S. Dec. 29 at Santa Anita.

The favorite settled chased the early pacesetters in the run up to the first turn, but was forced four wide around the bend. He remained widest of all around the far turn and put his head in front at the quarter pole. The chestnut gradually pulled away from leader Intimidate and held off a rush from Mugaritz in the final sixteenth for the victory.

This is the ninth win in the California Derby since 1991 for trainer Jerry Hollendorfer. Choo Choo hails from the family of GISW Another Review (Buckaroo) and No Review (Nodouble). His dam is out of MGSW & MGISP Dance Colony (Pleasant Colony) and this is her latest foal. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

WINNERS BY AMERICAN SIRES

IN ARGENTINA:

Shy Cubana (Arg), f, 2, **Violence**--Shy Candela (Arg) (GSW-Arg), by Editor's Note. Hipodromo San Isidro, 1-21, Mdn, 1200m, 1:11.88. B-La Pasion (Arg). *First winner in Argentina for her sire (by Medaglia d'Oro).

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4-MVR, Msw 1m, ROCKET WARRIOR, 12-1
\$15,000 FTK FEB yrl

Kettle Corn (Candy Ride {Arg}), Fair Winds Farm, \$3,000
35 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
1-MVR, Msw 6f, SILKY TASSELS, 3-1
\$5,000 KEE JAN yrl; \$26,000 I '17 KEE JAN

Prospective (Malibu Moon), Ocala Stud Farm, \$5,000
96 foals of racing age/10 winners/1 black-type winner
4-MVR, Msw 1m, STRABANE, 15-1
\$19,000 RNA OBS WIN yrl

San Pablo (Jump Start), Phoenix Farm, \$2,500
32 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
4-MVR, Msw 1m, WITHALLDUESPECT, 6-1
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STAKES RESULTS:

RED HEDEMAN MILE S., (NB) \$85,000, SUN, 1-21, (S), 3yo, 1m, 1:38.57, ft.

1--**BLAZING NAVARONE, 121, g, 3, by Song of Navarone--**

Carmen's Delight, by Carmen's Glory. O-George Coleman & Henry Dominguez; B-Lucky Six Inc. (NM); T-Henry Dominguez; J-Ry Eikleberry. \$51,000. Lifetime Record: 8-4-2-1, \$168,226.

2--**Hollywood Henry, 121, g, 3, Roll Hennessy Roll--Ringback, by Gone Hollywood.** (\$17,500 Ylg '16 RUIAUG). O-Bennie A. Vanecek; B-Fred Alexander (NM); T-Henry Dominguez. \$17,000.

3--**Western Warning, 121, g, 3, Weather Warning--Western Flair, by Gone West.** (\$13,000 Ylg '16 RUIAUG). O-Pierre Jean and Leslie A. Amestoy, Jr.; B-Mike Abraham (NM); T-Ross A. Amestoy. \$8,500.

Margins: 3 1/4, 2 1/4, 7 3/4. Odds: 1.20, 5.80, 8.10.

ENCHANTRESS S., (NB) \$85,000, SUN, 1-21, (S), 3yo, f, 1m, 1:38.11, ft.

1--**HENNESSY EXPRESS, 122, f, 3, by Roll Hennessy Roll--**

Accomodate, by Pleasantly Perfect. O/B-Dale Taylor (NM); T-Todd W. Fincher; J-Roimes Chirinos. \$51,000. Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-2, \$79,712.

2--**McGoldie, 122, f, 3, McKenna's Justice--Thanks Be to Gold, by Formal Gold.** O-Judge Lanier Racing; B-McKenna Thoroughbreds LLC (NM); T-Miguel L. Hernandez. \$17,000.

3--**Donna Who, 122, f, 3, Indian Firewater--Dandy Donna, by Successful Appeal.** O/B-Sam E. & Sammy L. Stevens (NM); T-Todd W. Fincher. \$8,500.

Margins: 8 1/4, 2 1/4, 6. Odds: 8.60, 18.00, 34.70.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

5th-OP, \$77,000, (S), 1-21, (C), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.86, ft.

MINISTRY (f, 4, Ordained--Heated Debate {SP}, by Closing Argument) Lifetime Record: SW, 6-3-1-2, \$176,920. O-Starfish Stable LLC; B-Arthur Hall & C F Newman (AR); T-Jaime N. Gonzalez.

8th-OP, \$77,000, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 1-21, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:45.00, ft.

(DH) OPERATION STEVIE (g, 6, Lantana Mob--Mutakddims Revenge, by Mutakddim) Lifetime Record: SP, 29-7-4-6, \$231,428. O-Earl Trostrud, Jr. & Contreras Stable Inc.; B-Larry Smallwood (IN); T-Cipriano Contreras.

(DH) P C COWBOY (c, 4, Archarcharch--My Fast Friend, by Friends Lake) Lifetime Record: 8-3-1-2, \$120,491. O-Thomas Julian; B-David Jacobs (KY); T-Scott E. Young. *\$5,000 Ylg '15 KEEJAN; \$14,000 RNA Ylg '15 FTKOCT; \$25,000 RNA 2yo '16 EASMAY; \$14,000 RNA 2yo '16 OBSOPN.

4th-SA, \$57,035, (S), 1-21, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:35.13, fm.

LOSTINTRANZLATION (f, 4, Lucky Pulpit--Granny Got Game, by Stormy Atlantic) Lifetime Record: 7-1-2-1, \$59,765. O-Aaron Hesz, Denis Hendrickson & Jerry McClanahan; B-Lilley Ranch (CA); T-Richard Baltas. *\$18,000 Ylg '15 NCAAUG.

7th-AQU, \$57,000, (S), 1-21, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.28, ft.

SANDY BELLE (f, 4, More Than Ready--Unbridled Grace {MSP}, by Unbridled Jet) Lifetime Record: 11-4-2-1, \$162,747. O-Clear Stars Stable & Richard Schosberg; B-Mina Equivest LLC (NY); T-Richard E. Schosberg. *\$80,000 2yo '16 EASMAY. **1/2 to James Jingle (Harlan's Holiday), MSP, \$158,619; C d'Cat (D'wildcat), SP, \$166,760.



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1st-SA, \$56,690, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 1-21, 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT, 1:46.85, fm.

LAZZAM (GB) (g, 5, Archipenko--Empire Rose {Arg} {GSP-SAF}, by Sunray Spirit) Lifetime Record: GSP-UAE, 23-3-10-3, \$256,314. O-Juan J. Garcia and Stephen McDonald; B-Essafinaat (GB); T-Victor L. Garcia. *60,000gns 3yo '16 TATAHI.

8th-LRL, \$53,214, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000-\$50,000), 1-21, 3yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:04.96, ft.

DEEP RED (f, 3, Algorithms--Miss Charades, by Mizzen Mast) Lifetime Record: SP, 8-3-2-1, \$111,107. O-Stormy Stable LLC; B-Barak Farm (MD); T-Damon R. Dilodovico. *\$9,500 RNA Ylg '16 FTKOCT.



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10th-GP, \$51,000, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 1-21, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT, 1:47.60, fm.

WARRANTY (m, 5, Artie Schiller--Shoppers Return, by Put It Back) Lifetime Record: 12-5-1-3, \$179,330. O-Klaravich Stables, Inc. & William H. Lawrence; B-Craig L. Wheeler (FL); T-Chad C. Brown. *\$75,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$135,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR.

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9th-DED, \$42,180, (NW3X)/Opt. Clm (\$30,000), 1-20, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40.38, ft.

BABYBLUESBDANCING (f, 4, Sky Mesa--Bluesbdancing, by Golden Gear) Lifetime Record: MSW & GSP, 15-6-3-2, \$242,501. O-Lizabeth Gore; B-RNB Racing LLC (IL); T-Terrel Gore.

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1st-SUN, \$29,600, (S), 1-21, (NW2L), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.61, ft. TO SATISFY YOU (f, 4, Nacimiento--Crafty Finale, by Crafty C. T.) Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0, \$49,000. O/B-W. Denton Crozier (NM); T-Hermenegildo G. Aldavaz.

3rd-SUN, \$25,600, 1-21, (NW2L), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.12, ft. MARCOMSNIGHTOUT (f, 4, Mr. Nightlinger--Miss Marcom, by Parentheses) Lifetime Record: 12-2-3-3, \$39,065. O/B-Beverly Marcom (TX); T-Roy L. Marcom, Jr.

9th-TAM, \$22,750, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$32,000), 1-21, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:16.02, ft.

STORMY EMBRACE (f, 4, Circular Quay--Stormy Allure, by Stormy Atlantic) Lifetime Record: MSP, 15-4-5-1, \$195,390. O-Matalona Thoroughbreds, LLC; B-Matalona Thoroughbreds, LLC (FL); T-Kathleen O'Connell.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Truth Be Tolded, c, 3, Awesome Again--Pay the Toll, by Repriced. TP, 1-20, 1m (AWT), 1:40.83. B-Adena Springs & Greenhill Racing Stables Inc (KY). *\$57,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP. **1/2 to Aint She a Saint (Saintly Look), MSW, \$497,381; Derby Express (Unbridled Express), MSW, \$355,481; & Needmore Cash (Saintly Look), SW, \$319,183.

Heyitsnicopalazo, c, 3, Emcee--Barbados Beauty, by Speightstown. AQU, 1-21, (S), (C), 6 1/2f, 1:21.67. B-Gold Square, LLC (NY). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

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Party Life, g, 3, Fiber Sonde--Ladies Party, by Seattle Slew. CT, 1-20, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:21.13. B-John McKee (WV).

Brave Daisey, f, 3, Hidden Blessing--Brave Vixen, by Formal Gold. DED, 1-20, 5f, :59.65. B-Peter Varga (TX).

Eye Forty, g, 3, Irish Road--Yankee Tori, by Yankee Gentleman. SUN, 1-21, (S), 1m, 1:39.56. B-Gale Brown (NM).

Light Up the Devil, f, 3, Light Up the Score--The Devil Is Mine (SP), by Devil His Due. HOU, 1-20, 5 1/2f, 1:07.41. B-Jaylan Renay Neatherlin (TX).

Felony One, f, 3, Lucky Pulpit--Becky's Vow, by Broken Vow. GG, 1-20, 6f (AWT), 1:11.17. B-Joseph Brook (CA).

Molokai, g, 3, Orientate--Ani's Ani, by Feel the Power. CT, 1-20, (S), 4 1/2f, :53.46. B-O'Sullivan Farms LLC (WV). *1ST-TIME

STARTER. **1/2 to Raggedy Andy (Eastover Court), SW, \$297,160.

Total Control, f, 4, Bellamy Road--Mordecai Jones, by Include. AQU, 1-21, 7f, 1:26.46. B-Branch Equine, LLC (KY). *\$22,000 Ylg '15 KEEJAN; \$40,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP.

Zaezion, g, 4, Dialed In--Bright Orange, by Bright Launch. OP, 1-21, (C), 6f, 1:11.98. B-Hurstland Farm (KY). *\$25,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP; \$18,000 RNA 2yo '16 OBSOPN.

Shades of Night, c, 4, General Quarters--Whitepark Bay, by Giant's Causeway. GP, 1-21, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.06. B-The Big Mares LLC & Edward Seltzer (KY).

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Date	Race	Track
1/27	GI Pegasus World Cup	GP
	GIII W.L. McKnight H.	GP
	GIII Hurricane Bertie S.	GP
	GIII Fred W. Hooper S.	GP
	GIII La Prevoyante S.	GP
1/28	GIII Houston Ladies Classic	HOU
	GIII John B. Connally Turf Cup	HOU
2/3	GII Holy Bull S.	GP
	GIII Dania Beach S.	GP
	GIII Forward Gal S.	GP
	GIII Swale S.	GP
	GIII Sweetest Chant S.	GP
	GII San Pasqual S.	SA
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HEAD-MAAREK TO RETIRE IN FEBRUARY



Crique Head-Maarek | *Racingfotos.com*

Veteran French trainer Crique Head-Maarek will retire on Feb. 1, she announced Sunday. A member of the training ranks since 1977, the 69-year-old will now devote more time to the family stud, Haras du Quesnay in Deauville. She will saddle her final runners on Feb. 1. Head-Maarek is best known as the trainer of dual G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe heroine Treve (Fr) (Motivator {GB}).

"I've got some runners on Friday and I've got runners on the 1st of February and then I will stop," she told *Press Association Sport*. "I'm going to spend more time there [the stud] now. I love breeding. I will keep my stable and rent it for the moment unless someone wants to buy it from me. It was a tough decision to take, because it is always tough when you decide to change. I owe everything to every owner I have worked with--Prince Khalid Abdullah, Maktoum Al Maktoum, the Wertheimer Brothers, my dad [Alec Head]. I owe everything to my dad. I have had so many good owners in my life and I was very lucky to train good horses."

Born into the Head racing dynasty that began with her great-grandfather, she was assistant to her father Alec before starting off on her own in 1977. Head-Maarek became the first female to saddle the winner of the Arc, when sending out Three Troikas (Fr) (Lyphard) in 1979, ridden by her brother, Freddy, and owned by her mother, Ghislaine.

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FRANKEL FACTOR APPARENT AS CAPE SALE CONCLUDES *By Daithí Harvey*

CAPE TOWN, South Africa--In excess of 60 immaculate, freshly adorned dining tables awaited guests at the second and final session of the Cape Thoroughbred Premier Yearling Sale in the city's Convention Centre on Sunday and despite some spirited afternoon bidding, the sale wrapped up with a set of results a bit removed from the previous edition.

Last year's record aggregate of R155,225,000 (\$12,724,688/£9,184,401/€10,410,733) was always going to be a tough act to follow given the absence of some major contributors from 2017, including Marcus Jooste, Sheikh Fahad Al Thani and MV Magnier and the final tally of R110,950,000 (\$9,075,985/£6,550,670/€7,425,554) represented a drop of 28%. 219 of the 236 yearlings offered changed hands for a clearance rate of 93% while the average dipped 27% to R506,621 (\$41,648/£30,060/€34,075), with the median coming in at R300,000 (\$25,619/£18,490/€20,960). **Cont. p4**

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Head-Maarek to Retire in February Cont. from p1

"Three Troikas was not bred by my dad," she said. "I bought Three Troikas as a yearling at Tattersalls. It was something fantastic for me in my second year to train an Arc winner."



Treve | Scoop Dyga

Many Classic victories followed: the French 1000 Guineas seven times, the French Oaks (3) and their 2000 Guineas and Derby once each. Head-Maarek also struck abroad, landing four G1 English 1000 Guineas--the first coming with Ma Biche (Key to the Kingdom) in 1983 and the latest with Special Duty (GB) (Hennessy) in 2010. The latter and Ravinella (Mr. Prospector) completed the English/French Guineas double, the latter in 1988.

Head-Maarek recalled her first Group 1 winner was Sigy (Fr) (Habitat) in only her second season with a licence.

"My first Group 1 was Sigy in the Abbaye," Head-Maarek said. "I started in September 1977 with the yearlings and my first Group 1 was in 1978 with Sigy who was a 2-year-old. My last Group 1 was with National Defense (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) in the Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere [in October of 2016]. I think I've

won about 80 Group 1s and roughly maybe about 3,000 winners in all, but I don't know exactly. I know it's quite a lot. As a trainer and being a woman I've had a fantastic life."

Treve is the horse Head-Maarek will forever be associated with. Bred at Haras du Quesnay, the Motivator filly won six Group 1 races, her first coming in the G1 Prix de Diane in 2013. The first of her two Arc victories came that October and she struck again the following year before running fourth to Golden Horn (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}) in 2015.

"Treve was a blessing for me, because she was bred by my dad, so that was something to win the Arc," she said.

Head-Maarek had plenty of success in England, including the G1 Champion S. with Hatoof (Irish River {Fr}) in 1993, the G1 July Cup in 1996 with Anabaa (Danzig) and she won the G1 Cheveley Park S. on four occasions. Hatoof also scored in the GI E.P. Taylor S. at Woodbine in 1992 and the GI Beverly D. S. at Arlington in 1994.

"I really have had a fantastic life training. I have been blessed. Good horses make good trainers and I've had a lot of good horses in my yard," she said. "I have been president of the European Trainers Federation for three years and president of the French trainers also. I was happy to do these things. I want the young ones to come and I will help them if they need me."

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Head-Maarek to Retire in February Cont.

Lord Teddy Grimthorpe, racing manager for Prince Khalid Abdullah's Juddmonte Farms, Head-Maarek's longest-serving owner, paid tribute to Head-Maarek on Sunday.

"Their association goes back well over 30 years," said Grimthorpe. "She's been a fantastic trainer for us. She trained the winners of 250 races, notably Special Duty, who was champion 2-year-old and won the Guineas. American Post (GB) (Bering {GB}) was a very vital Group 1 winner. When he won the French 2000 Guineas [in 2004] it completed a clean sweep of homebred French and English Classic winners for Prince Khalid. More recently we've had Epicuris (GB) (Rail Link {GB}), who won the Grand Criterium de Saint-Cloud [in 2014]. Above all, her and her family have given tremendous service to Prince Khalid and she's been a special trainer for Juddmonte."

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Almanzor (Fr) was on show at Haras d'Etream during La Route des Etalons. Full report in tomorrow's TDN. | Emma Berry

BRITAIN



Sunday's Result:

1st-CHD, £5,800, Mdn, 1-21, 3yo/up, 7f (AWT), 1:26.62, st. VALE OF KENT (IRE) (g, 3, Kodiak {GB}--Red Vale {Ire}, by Halling), a 380,000gns TAOCT yearling, tanked along under restraint behind the leading duo early. Taking control with a quarter mile to race, the 6-4 market leader drew away powerfully to register a resounding 4 1/2-length debut success from I Was Only Joking (Ire) (Helmet {Aus}). **Cont. p4**

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O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-Stock Vale Ltd (IRE); T-Mark Johnston.

FRANCE

**CONDITIONS RESULT:**

2nd-PAF, €24,000, Cond, 1-21, 3yo, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:33.40, st.

RAPUNZEL (FR) (f, 3, Sakhee--Dena {GB}, by Deploy {GB})

Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, €21,900. O-Basilio Gila de la Puerta; B-Nipio S.L. (FR); T-Luis-Alberto Urbano-Grajales.

EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS**IN AUSTRALIA:**

Call Me Handsome (Ire), g, 5, Kodiak (GB)--Call Later, by Gone West. Sale, 1-21, Hcp. (£29k/€33k), 1200mT, 1:09.29.

B-Thomas Hassett. *1/2 to Be Ready (Ire) (New Approach {Ire}), SW-Eng. **€325,000 Ylg '14 GOFORB.

IN UAE:

Billingsgate (Ire), g, 7, Exceed And Excel (Aus)--Island Babe, by Kingmambo. Abu Dhabi, 1-21, Hcp. (AED90k), 1400mT, 1:24.31. B-Darley (Ire).

STALLIONS' FIRST FOALS**DARIYAN (FR) (Shamardal), Haras de Bonneval**

- A colt, out of Masaola (Fr) (Anabaa Blue {GB}), a sister to two stakes performers, bred by Mr. & Mrs. Renk and born at Haras de Saint Crespin on the evening of Jan. 19.

- "He is a nice strong foal, he weights 61 kilos and is well developed, we're very happy with him," said Georges Rimaud, Manager of the Aga Khan Studs in France, of the son of the G1 Prix Ganey hero.



A Dariyan colt out of Masaola | Zuzanna Lupa

WORLDWIDE NEWS**Cape Premier Yearling Sale Cont. from p1**

Despite the drop in figures CTS CEO Wehann Smith was anything but downbeat and commented, "I'm very, very happy. We can't ignore that with the Mayfair exit we were missing a really big buyer, however with the median coming in at a higher percentage of the average to last year it suggests that the middle market was strong. There was a great variety of buyers both domestic and international and although we will miss Mayfair as a client, this is a time for new people to put up their hands and fill the void. We are hugely excited about the Hong Kong Jockey Club buying and it's a great boost for both CTS and the South African bloodstock industry. The key for us now is make sure they have a good experience in getting these horses out of South Africa and that they return as buyers next year."

Reflecting on the sale as an event Smith continued, "The atmosphere throughout the week was brilliant and we received so many compliments, particularly from the internationals. A lot of the breeders are very happy with their results and I think we have lots to be positive about."

Former trainer Patrick Shaw bought the first Frankel (GB) catalogued on Saturday and he kept it simple on Sunday when outbidding Kathryn Ralphs for the third and final yearling in the sale by the excellent Juddmonte stallion. **Cont. p5**



Lot 172 | Liesl King

Cape Premier Yearling Sale Cont.

Lot 172 at R3 million came at more of a premium than Shaw's other purchase by the same sire and the filly's pedigree traces back to the likes of French Group 1 winners Sagamix (Fr) (Linamix {Fr}) and Sageburg (Ire) (Johannesburg). The first foal out of the unraced Fastnet Rock (Aus) mare Wandering (Ire) will follow the same route as Shaw's other filly purchase.

"The plan is to send her to Singapore to race before retiring to breed in Australia," he said. "Whether she does that sooner or later depends on the export protocols that are up for review this year."

John Freeman was a major presence at the upper end of the market for the two days and as a prominent syndicator of stallions it was no surprise to see a son of Trippi out of the champion race-mare Beach Beauty (SAf) (Dynasty {SAf}) capture his attention. Continuing the fine sale enjoyed by Drakenstein Stud, Freeman eventually signed the docket for the mare's first produce (lot 201) at R2.5m.

"Beach Beauty was such a champion, how could I not want a yearling out of her," Freeman said. "He's far from a typical first foal, he is strong and well developed, there wasn't much to Beach Beauty but this colt is a great physical."

Freeman was purchasing his 10th yearling over the two days, including the sale topper and commenting on trade he said, "The market is stronger than I thought it would be but I am very happy with what I have bought. I've managed to get seven of the top 10 that I had earmarked so I'm very satisfied. This colt is for a client who has bought him as a birthday present for his son and I think he will be staying in Cape Town."

Freeman finished up the sale as leading buyer with 11 purchased for a total of R14.1 million.



John Freeman | Liesl King

The Hong Kong Jockey Club again did their shopping early in the session and they zoned in on Klawervlei Stud's colt by Captain AI (SAf), offered as lot 133. The grey has a wonderful pedigree being out of the MGSW Secret Of Victoria (SAf) (Goldkeeper) who is proving an even better broodmare with triple Group 1 winner and South African champion All Is Secret (SAf) (Captain AI {SAf}) and fellow Group 1 winner The Secret Is Out (SAf) (Captain AI {SAf}) among her six winners from six runners. That sort of lineage doesn't come cheap and the team of Mark Richards and Nick Columb were pushed to R1.8 million to secure the sturdy colt. [Cont. p6](#)



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CAPE PREMIER YEARLING SALE DAY 2

CUMULATIVE TOTALS	2018	2017
• Catalogued	254	237
• No. Offered	236	223
• No. Sold	219	222
• RNAs	17	1
• % RNAs	7.2%	0.44%
• High Price	R4,000,000	R6,000,000
• Gross	R110,950,000	R155,225,000
• Average (% change)	R506,621 (-27.5%)	R699,211
• Median (% change)	R300,000 (-22.6%)	R387,500



Lot 133 | Liesl King

Cape Premier Yearling Sale Cont.

"He's a lovely horse, not tall, but strong and he looks a right type for Hong Kong," said Columb. "While his pedigree does stand out we buy on type, then pedigree comes into it but it starts with the physicals. A turn of foot is very important in Hong Kong and we tend to go for yearlings that look like they could quicken. But obviously this horse is very well bred, Captain Al was a big draw for us and it's a shame he's not with us anymore."

Columb and Richards confirmed their liking for the progeny of the deceased former champion sire when adding **lot 199** to their shopping spree. This R700,000 Captain Al colt from Avontuur Farm could be in line for a pedigree update on Saturday when his relative Nother Russia (SAf) (Tiger Ridge) takes her chance in the G1 Sun Met at Kenilworth.

Soft Falling Rain (SAf) was a high-class performer for Hamdan Al Maktoum and Mike de Kock winning a Grade 1 in South Africa and the G2 Joel S. in Newmarket in 2013 and Shadwell's Angus Gold was keen to acquire a son of the young Wilgerbosdrift stallion and eventually won the battle for **lot 167** for R1.4 million. Offered by Highlands Stud who also bred Soft Falling Rain, the colt is out of the smart sprinter Valdivia (SAf) (Var) who was a stakes winner and was also Group 1 placed.

"This is an outstanding colt, a big powerful horse out of a good sprinting mare. Hopefully he'll end up in Dubai after doing well here," Gold said afterwards. "We are obviously keen to support the stallion and it's nice to come here and see quality horses that other breeders have produced by him. We have six in training by Soft Falling Rain and this fellow will go to Mike de Kock. It's a lot of money to give for a yearling by an unproven stallion but we like him a lot."

Barry Irwin was also adding to his South African string over the weekend and after signing for a number of fillies on Saturday, headed by a R1 million Captain Al (SAf) filly (lot 58), the Team Valor boss was back in action on Sunday. Irwin's purchases increased to seven when he bid R400,000 for **lot 228**, a filly by Gimmethegreenlight (Aus) out of the stakes winner Country Girl (SAf) (Mon Sang) and he was certainly glad he made the trip to Cape Town.

"This is so much fun here, I feel like Sheikh Mohamed at this sale as I get to buy the horses that I really like. It's easy to buy a nice horse here, it reminds me of the old days."

Six of the seven Irwin bought were fillies with the plan of sending them to race in America if they prove capable of doing so successfully.

Ross Doyle and his father Peter were other Europeans to get on the score board with their acquisitions including a son of Silvano from Winterbach Stud (**lot 196**) that cost R1.2m, while John Kilbride, who hit the big time a couple of years ago when he bought subsequent Classic winner Jet Setting (Ire) (Fast Company {Ire}) for just 12,000gns, finished up with three purchases from Saturday's opening session. Mick Flanagan also secured a number of lots over the weekend though not in his capacity of representing China Horse Club.

Not surprisingly Klawervlei Stud was the sale's top vendor with receipts of R42.2 million for 64 yearlings sold and the stud's John Koster said, "There was a lot of adversity in the lead up to the sale but as always this is an amazing game and just when you think the lights are about to go out people pitch up to support the industry. It was fantastic to see such participation from South African buyers and of course the overseas visitors played a big role in the sale's success."

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Gary Player & Barry Irwin | Liesl King

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Curtain falls with mare sale...

CTS conducted a short breeding stock sale immediately after the yearling section with all mares, several with foals at foot, the property of CTS and sold without reserve. With Frankel supplying the top yearling in the sale, **lot 263, Hadarma (Ire)** (Sinndar {Ire}) and her colt foal by Frankel were bound to be popular and so it proved when she exited the ring following a bid of R2 million from John Freeman. The Frankel factor kicked in again six lots later when **Queen Of Spain (Ire)** (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) (**lot 269**), accompanied by a Frankel colt sold to Rathmor Stud for R2.6 million. Earlier Dark Angel (Ire) proved his Southern Hemisphere appeal when his daughter **Lost In Love (Ire)**, again offered with a Frankel filly foal as **lot 265** sold for R1.5 million to Blue Rock Investments.

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- 133 Captain AI (SAf) Secret of Victoria (SAf) 1,800,000**
B-BBP Syndicate
Consigned by Klawervlei Stud, Agent
Purchased by Hong Kong Jockey Club
- 230 Captain AI (SAf) Crazy About Me 1,700,000**
B-Klawervlei Stud
Consigned by Klawervlei Stud, Agent
Purchased by R Doyle/H Bozo/K Elser
- 167 Soft Falling Rain (SAf) Valdivia (SAf) 1,400,000**
B-Highlands Farms Stud Pty Ltd
Consigned by Highlands Stud Part of Ridgemont
Purchased by Shadwell Stud South Africa
- 204 Elusive Fort (SAf) Betty Burke (SAf) 1,300,000**
B-Mr P G de Beyer
Consigned by Klipdrif Stud, Agent
Purchased by Howells Racing

SUNDAY'S TOP FIVE FILLIES

- | Lot | Sire | Dam | Price (R) |
|------------|-------------------------|--|------------------|
| 172 | Frankel (GB) | Wandering (Ire)
<i>B-Klawervlei Stud</i>
Consigned by Klawervlei Stud
Purchased by Patrick Shaw | 3,000,000 |
| 247 | Captain AI (SAf) | Ekaterina (SAf)
<i>B-Normandy Stud</i>
Consigned by Normandy Stud
Purchased by Nick Jonsson | 1,200,000 |
| 187 | Dynasty (SAf) | All is Secret (SAf)
<i>B-Klawervlei Stud</i>
Consigned by Klawervlei Stud, Agent
Purchased by John Freeman | 1,000,000 |
| 217 | Querari (Ger) | Caramanta (Ire)
<i>B-Maine Chance Farms Pty Ltd</i>
Consigned by Maine Chance Farms
Purchased by Ridgemont | 1,000,000 |
| 160 | Dynasty (SAf) | Tigress (SAf)
<i>B-Klawervlei Stud</i>
Consigned by Klawervlei Stud, Agent
Purchased by Lindsay Ralphs | 800,000 |



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CTS BREEDING STOCK SALE

CUMULATIVE TOTALS	2018
• Catalogued	18
• No. Offered	17
• No. Sold	17
• RNAs	0
• % RNAs	N/A
• High Price	R2,600,000
• Gross	R12,750,000
• Average (% change)	R750,000
• Median (% change)	R425,000

R100,000 = \$8,203/£5,918/€6,710

SESSION TOPPERS

CAPE PREMIER YEARLING SALE SUNDAY'S TOP FIVE COLTS

- | Lot | Sire | Dam | Price (R) |
|------------|---------------|--|------------------|
| 201 | Trippi | Beach Beauty (SAf)
<i>B-Drakenstein Stud</i>
Consigned by Drakenstein Stud (Pty) Ltd
Purchased by John Freeman | 2,500,000 |

EXPENSIVE REDOUTE'S FILLY SALUTES AT SALE

Blue-blooded **Al Naifa (Aus)** (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), runner-up in a Moonee Valley 1000-metre affair on Dec. 8, donned cap and gown in her second start by 1 3/4 lengths for trainer Tony McEvoy at Sale on Sunday. Owner Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa al Maktoum purchased Al Naifa for a **session-topping A\$1.8 million** during the opening session of the Inglis Easter Yearling Sale from the draft of Newhaven Park as **lot 87**.

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Al Naifa | Racing Photos

Expensive Redoute's Filly Salutes at Sale Cont.

A half-sister to champion 2-year-old and 3-year-old filly English (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}), who also scored in the G1 All Aged S. after a runner-up performance in the G1 Golden Slipper, the \$1.30 favourite jumped well as the barriers flew and soon dashed up to sit in a stalking second from Godolphin's **Nivalis (Aus)** (Exceed And Excel {Aus}). Motoring up to the leader by the 400-metre marker, the blinkered bay powered clear, and, having established plenty of cushion, held off the closing duo of **Gheedaa (Aus)** (Hinchinbrook {Aus}) and **Dramadale (Aus)** (Real Saga {Aus}) for the victory. Nivalis was fourth.

"She took a lot out of that run at Moonee Valley and she was a real professional here today," pilot Andrew Mallyon told *Racing.com*. She jumped well, she travelled really nicely behind the leader who was a bit of a bunny and even though in her work she's waited for them a little bit, today she really put them away. I still had a kick in the locker, so she probably wouldn't have taken any harm from the run and looks set for bigger and better things."

He added, "I think she'll derive even further benefit from today. Tony [McEvoy] has a huge opinion of her and I definitely think she's justified that today with a lot of improvement to come and it will be nice to see where she ends up after she furnishes."

"She's a filly that's always shown us a high amount of talent and today was just about giving her a good experience and trying to accumulate some prizemoney to try and get her into some of the better races," said assistant trainer Michael Sheperdson.

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NOTHINGILIKEMORE MUCH THE BEST IN THE CLASSIC MILE

by Alan Carasso

Atoning for the first defeat of his career when a slow-starting runner-up in the always-salty Class 1 on the International Races undercard Dec. 10, **Nothingilikemore (Aus)** (Husson {Arg}) rewarded those that crushed him into \$1.60 (3-5) favouritism with a thoroughly convincing defeat of **Singapore Sling (SAf)** (Philanthropist) in Sunday's Hong Kong Classic Mile, the first leg of the 4-year-old Classics at Sha Tin Racecourse. The series continues with the Hong Kong Classic Cup (1800m) Feb. 18 and concludes with the richest domestic event on the annual calendar, the HK\$18-million BMW Hong Kong Derby (2000m) Mar. 18.

Whereas he hopped as the gates flew back six weeks ago, Nothingilikemore was one of the first out of the machine this time around and looked to be tugging for his head a bit early as G1 Queensland Derby hero **Ruthven (Aus)** (Domesday {Aus}) defaulted into a leading role no one apparently wanted. The progressive **Morethanlucky (NZ)** (Per Incanto) did the chasing from second and Singapore Sling fell into a perfect spot in fourth, while the chalk eventually settled better for Joao Moreira and drifted back to a position behind midfield. The tempo remained ordinary through the middle stages, and while Ruthven was clinging onto the lead nearing the lane, Nothingilikemore was finding his best stride, albeit well away from the inside. Five deep off the home corner, he descended on the leading rank, overtook Morethanlucky at the 300m and edged clear from Singapore Sling late, with a final section in a smart :22.90. The longer-winded **Exultant (Ire)** (Teofilo {Ire}) and **Rivet (Ire)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) turned in good trials from the back in fourth and fifth, respectively. [Cont. p9](#)



Moreira celebrates a third win in the Classic Mile | HKJC photo

Listed Hong Kong Classic Mile Cont.

“He keeps on surprising me every time that he goes out there. Each time that Nothingilikemore races, he’s more relaxed,” Moreira, who won last year’s Classic Mile atop Rapper Dragon (Aus) (Street Boss {Aus}) and the 2013 running with Able Friend (Aus) (Shamardal), told HKJC’s David Morgan. “I was a bit concerned on the bend because he was kind of off the bridle, but I know him very well and I knew that once I pulled him on the outside and gave him a clear run he’d dash home.”

For trainer John Size, unsaddling the Classic Mile winner for the second time in three years, there is little concern that his charge will see out the longer trips going forward.

“He’s going to run well in the 1800,” Size said. “The tempo’s going to be a bit different, but he seems to be able to adapt to that once he settles and follows horses. I don’t think that will worry him and I’d envisage that he’d go to the Derby as well.”

Pedigree Notes...

Nothingilikemore was completing a weekend stakes double for his Aquis Farm-based stallion after Obrigado Mais (Aus) (ex Boganaire) took out Saturday’s Spring Trophy across the Pearl River in Macau. He is one of 13 black-type winners for Husson. Nothingilikemore’s yearling half-brother by Pluck is consigned by Toolooganvale Farm as **lot 466** to the upcoming Inglis Classic Yearling Sale. Katisam is represented by a 2-year-old colt of this year by Pluck and delivered a filly by Sizzling (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus}) in 2017.

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong

HONG KONG CLASSIC MILE-LR, HK\$10,000,000 (£921,525/
€1,045,587/A\$1,600,544/US\$1,279,114), Sha Tin, 1-21,
NH/SH4yo, 1600mT, 1:34.24, gd.

1--**NOTHINGILIKEMORE (AUS)**, 126, g, 4, by Husson (Arg)

1st Dam: Katisam (Aus), by Lonhro (Aus)

2nd Dam: Denise’s Diamond (Aus), by Flying Spur (Aus)

3rd Dam: Gladden (Aus), by Covetous (Aus)

1ST STAKES WIN. (A\$40,000 Ylg ‘15 INGSYD). O-Happy Corner Syndicate; B-S Smith (NSW); T-John Size; J-Joao Moreira; HK\$5,700,000. Lifetime Record: 7-6-1-0, HK\$10,944,400.

2--**Singapore Sling (SAF)**, 126, g, 4, Philanthropist--Sing Dixie Sing (SAF), by Western Winter. (R225,000 Ylg ‘15 CAPJAN). O-Nikki Ng Mien Hua; B-Drakenstein Stud (Nom: Mrs G A Rupert); T-Tony Millard; HK\$2,200,000.

3--**Morethanlucky (NZ)**, 126, g, 4, Per Incanto--Viking Angel (NZ), by Viking Ruler (Aus). (NZ\$65,000 Ylg ‘15 NZBFES; NZ\$210,000 2yo ‘15 NZBRTR). O-Funs of Family Racing Syndicate; B-A O, D, J & R Burton, J, Mrs L A & Miss M J Hunt; T-Frankie Lor; HK\$1,150,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, 1 1/4, NK. Odds: 3-5, 19-1, 44-5.

Also Ran: Exultant (Ire), Rivet (Ire), Grand Chancellor (NZ), Ruthven (Aus), Patriot Hero (Ire), Lockheed (GB), Dragon Lips (Ger), Time To Celebrate (NZ). Scratched: Good Standing (Aus).
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Sunday, Nakayama, Japan

AMERICAN JOCKEY CLUB CUP-G2, ¥119,620,000

(US\$1,081,198/£778,842/€881,341), Nakayama, 1-21, 4yo/up,
2200mT, 2:13.30, fm.

1--**DANBURITE (JPN)**, 121, c, 4, Rulership (Jpn)

1st Dam: Tanzanite (Jpn), by Sunday Silence

2nd Dam: Catherine Parr, by Riverman

3rd Dam: Regal Exception, by Ribot (GB)

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. 1ST GROUP WIN. O-Sunday Racing; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); T-Hidetaka Otonashi; J-Mirco Demuro; ¥62,784,000. Lifetime Record: G1SP-Jpn, 11-3-1-3. *1/2 to Labradorite (Jpn) (King Kamehameha {Jpn}), GSP-Jpn, \$1,092,555. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++.** *Triple Plus*. **Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#).**

2--**Mikki Swallow (Jpn)**, 123, c, 4, by Tosen Homareboshi (Jpn)--Madre Bonita (Jpn), by Jungle Pocket (Jpn). (¥26,000,000 Wlg ‘14 JRHAJUL). O-Mizuki Noda; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); ¥25,224,000.

3--**Meiner Milano (Jpn)**, 123, h, 8, Stay Gold (Jpn)--Pearl Barley (Ire), by Polish Precedent. O-Thoroughbred Club Ruffian; B-Big Red Farm (Jpn); ¥16,112,000.

Margins: 2, HF, 3/4; Odds: 2.90, 1.10, 76.70.

Also Ran: Decipher (Jpn), Tosen Victory (Jpn), Shonan Bach (Jpn), Legend Cellar (Jpn), Tomiken Slava (Jpn), Shiho (Jpn), Meiner Dean (Jpn), Gold Actor (Jpn).

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Sunday, Chukyo, Japan

TOKAI TV HAI TOKAI S.-G2, ¥106,480,000

(US\$962,588/£693,335/€784,886), Chukyo, 1-21, 4yo/up,
1800m, 1:51.80, gd.

1--**T M JINSOKU (JPN)**, 123, h, 6, by Kurofune

1st Dam: My Discovery (Jpn), by Forty Niner

2nd Dam: My Green (Jpn), by Dancing Brave

3rd Dam: My Succession, by Criminal Type

O-Masatsugu Takezono; B-Hidaka T.M. Farm (Jpn); T-Kazuyoshi Kihara; J-Yoshihiro Furukawa; ¥56,176,000. Lifetime Record: G1SP-Jpn, 25-9-6-4. **Werk Nick Rating: A.** **Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#).**

2--**Cosmo Canadian (Jpn)**, 123, h, 5, Roses in May--Canadian Approval, by With Approval. O-Big Red Farm; B-I’s Stud Inc. (Jpn); ¥22,336,000.

G2 Tokai TV Hai Tokai S. Cont.

3--**Molto Bene (Jpn)**, 123, h, 6, Deep Sky (Jpn)--Noble Eternal (Jpn), by Afleet. O-Masayoshi Miyake; B-Kushiketa Farm (Jpn); ¥14,168,000.

Margins: 3/4, 6, NK; Odds: 0.30, 99.70, 21.70.

Also Ran: Sammaru Duke (Jpn), Queen's Saturn (Jpn), Golden Barows, Ol' Man River (Jpn), Asukano Roman (Jpn), Dia Del Rey (Jpn), Sun Grass (Jpn), Tagano Espresso (Jpn), Rose Princedom (Jpn), Dragon Barows (Jpn), Shonan Apollon (Jpn), Shiny Beam (Jpn), Salsa Dione (Jpn).

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AUSTRALIAN-BRED WINNERS

IN HONG KONG:

California Fortune (Aus), g, 4, **Fastnet Rock (Aus)**--Mimi Lebrock (Aus) (MGSW & MG1SP-Aus, A\$1,152,095), by Show A Heart (Aus). Sha Tin, 1-21, Hcp. (A\$209k), 1200mT, 1:09.42. B-Segenhoe Thoroughbreds Australia Pty Ltd & Gerald Harvey (NSW). *A\$450,000 Ylg '15 INGEAS. **VIDEO**

Lucky Volatility (Aus), g, 4, **Reward For Effort (Aus)**--Bouchette (Aus) (SP-Aus), by Canny Lad (Aus). Sha Tin, 1-21, Hcp. (A\$141k), 1000mT, :57.63. B-E McNulty. *1ST START WIN. **A\$80,000 Ylg '15 INGMEL. **VIDEO**

Conte (Aus), g, 4, **Starcraft (NZ)**--Miss Midas (Aus), by Flying Spur (Aus). Sha Tin, 1-21, Hcp. (A\$209k), 1400m, 1:22.07. B-G P Nolan (Qld). *A\$50,000 Ylg '15 MMGCYS. **VIDEO**

IN SINGAPORE:

Paparazzi (Aus), g, 4, **Snitzel (Aus)**--Admirelle (Aus) (SP-Aus), by General Nediym (Aus). Kranji, 1-21, Novice Race (A\$80k), 1200mT, 1:09.97. B-Milburn Creek Stud (NSW). *Formerly Shaheen (Aus). **Won by five lengths. ***Full to Sizzling (Aus), G1SW-Aus, A\$1,332,375. ****A\$2,200,000 Ylg '15 INGEAS. **VIDEO**

AUSTRALIAN GROUP 1 RACES – 2017/2018		
Date	Race	Track
Feb. 10	C. F. Orr S.	Caulfield
Feb. 17	Lightning S.	Flemington
Feb. 24	Blue Diamond S.	Caulfield
	Futurity S.	Caulfield
	Oakleigh Plate	Caulfield
Mar. 3	Chipping Norton S.	Warwick Farm
	Surround S.	Warwick Farm
	Australian Guineas	Flemington
Mar. 10	Randwick Guineas	Randwick
	Canterbury S.	Randwick
	Australian Cup	Flemington
	Newmarket H.	Flemington
Mar. 17	Coolmore Classic	Rosehill
Mar. 23	William Reid S.	Moonee Valley
Mar. 24	Golden Slipper S.	Rosehill
	George Ryder S.	Rosehill
	Ranvet S.	Rosehill
	The Galaxy	Rosehill
	Rosehill Guineas	Rosehill
Mar. 31	The BMW	Rosehill
	Vinery Stud S.	Rosehill
THE CHAMPIONSHIPS		
Apr. 7	Doncaster H.	Randwick
	T J Smith S.	Randwick
	ATC Australian Derby	Randwick
	ATC Sires' Produce S.	Randwick
Apr. 14	Queen Elizabeth S.	Randwick
	Sydney Cup	Randwick
	ATC Oaks	Randwick
Apr. 21	All Aged S.	Randwick
	Champagne S.	Randwick
	Queen of the Turf S.	Randwick
May 5	Schweppes Oaks	Morphettville
	UBET Classic	Morphettville
May 12	Doomben 10,000 S.	Doomben
	SA Derby	Morphettville
May 19	Doomben Cup	Doomben
	The Goodwood	Morphettville
May 26	Kingsford-Smith Cup	Eagle Farm
June 2	Queensland Oaks	Eagle Farm
June 9	Stradbroke H.	Eagle Farm
	J J Atkins S.	Eagle Farm
June 23	Tattersall's Tiara S.	Eagle Farm



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