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Battle of Midway after winning the 2017 GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile | *Breeders' Cup/Eclipse Sportswire*

The Week in Review, by Bill Finley

It's universally understood that horse racing is a roller coaster. You're on top, you're on the bottom, you're back on top, again, and things never do travel in a straight line. But perhaps no trainer has experienced such a wild swing of fortune within such a short period of time as Jerry Hollendorfer did Saturday.

Battle of Midway (Smart Strike) broke down during a morning workout Saturday at Santa Anita and had to be euthanized. It's a terrible thing when any horse breaks down, but all the more heart-wrenching when it's a horse of Battle of Midway's stature.

He won the 2017 GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile and finished third in the GI Kentucky Derby in career that also saw him capture the GIII Affirmed S. He was retired to stud at the end of 2017, but had fertility problems and was returned to Hollendorfer's barn.

The **'TDN Rising Star'** returned to action late last summer and launched a six-race campaign that included three wins, most notably the GIII Native Diver S. and a hard-fought score over the highly regarded McKinzie (Street Sense) in the GII San Pasqual S. Feb. 2. He was preparing for the G1 Dubai World Cup, where he certainly would have been among the favorites. **Cont. p3**

MAXIMUS MISCHIEF RULED OUT OF FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH

Cash is King LLC and LC Racing's **Maximus Mischief** (Into Mischief) has been ruled out of Saturday's GII Xpressbet Fountain of Youth S. at Gulfstream Park following a sub-par work in Hallandale Sunday morning.

"The horse didn't breeze too good, so he is out of the Fountain of Youth," trainer Butch Reid told the Gulfstream press office. "He just kind of went through the motions. The jockey wasn't happy with the way he galloped out. All things considered, we're going to go back to the drawing board and look for another spot."

Maximus Mischief breezed a half-mile in :49.02 (11/58) under jockey Jose Ortiz at Gulfstream Park Sunday.

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Flavien Prat shares a moment with Vasilika (Skipshot) after capturing Saturday's GII Buena Vista S. at Santa Anita for trainer Jerry Hollendorfer. Bill Finley's Week in Review continues on page 3. | Benoit

WIN WIN WIN WORKS FOR T.B. DERBY

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Tampa Bay Downs track-record setter Win Win Win (Hat Trick {Jpn}) worked five furlongs from the gate Sunday morning in preparation for a stretch-out attempt in the Mar. 9 GII Lambholm South Tampa Bay Derby.

CHOCOLATE MARTINI RETURNS A WINNER

2018 GII Fair Grounds Oaks heroine and claim-to-fame story Chocolate Martini (Broken Vow) made her 2019 debut a winning one, shipping north from trainer Tom Amoss's Fair Grounds base to annex a lucrative allowance event at Oaklawn Park. See North American Racing for the result.

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Hollendorfer has been around a long time, which means he's been through this before. It happens to all trainers. It's not that he's become hardened or used to horses breaking down; he's realized the only way to stay sane in this sport is to always try to keep an even keel.

"Nobody says much here. We're kind of a quiet barn," he said Sunday morning. "But the feeling was there and it was recognizable. We deal with it the best we can. When a terrible thing happens, there's nothing you can do about it. You can continue to dwell on it or you go ahead and try to do your very best. We chose to keep going. We're not quitters."

Maybe that's because you know the next highlight, the next joyride, is right around the corner.

Back in February of 2018, Hollendorfer claimed a then 4-year-old filly named **Vasilika** (Skipshot) for \$40,000. There was nothing remarkable about her career up to that point. She was a solid upper-level turf claimer, but had never run in a stakes race.

Twenty-one days later, she made her debut for Hollendorfer and finished second, but it was an improved effort and a sign of things to come. She won her next eight starts, including the GI Rodeo Drive S. The streak ended when she was fourth in the GI Matriarch S. Dec. 2, but she rebounded to win the GIII Megahertz S. Jan. 21.

She was favored in Saturday's GII Buena Vista S., and even though there was a pall cast over Hollendorfer's barn, he and his team knew this was no time to get swallowed up in their sorrow. Vasilika did what she usually does. She won by 1 1/2 lengths. Since the claim, she is 10 for 12 with five graded stakes wins. It's not too early to project that she is Eclipse Award material.

"The whole barn was down because of what happened with Battle of Midway," Hollendorfersaid. "So it made up for it a little bit, but it

doesn't erase the big blow of losing Battle of Midway. It certainly helped. Any time something negative happens, anything that comes along that is positive always helps. We

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know these horses get hurt and sometimes have to be euthanized. It's just a part of what we do, but it doesn't make it any easier that we know that."

Hollendorfer is among the last people who would brag about what has been a terrific accomplishment, his handling of Vasilika. Again, it's about never letting yourself get too high or too low.

"It was a real good claim," he said. "I can't remember all the good claims we've made but certainly she would be among the best. We try to keep a low profile in my barn. If we do something well, we accept that, and if something goes wrong, we accept that also. We're not too big on bragging about our accomplishments."

A lot has been made of the fact that three horses had to be euthanized at Santa Anita over a 16-hour period. During training

hours Saturday, an unraced horse named Just Forget It (Old Topper) also had to be put down.

Hollendorfer refused to blame the track.

"If I would have thought there was anything wrong with the track, I certainly wouldn't have worked Battle of Midway yesterday," he said. "I worked some other horses, too, including Gunmetal Gray (Exchange Rate), who I'm preparing for the [GII] San Felipe. You can pick anything out and criticize it, but before you go out in public and say something you should have all your facts in line. I don't have enough facts to tell you the track is bad. I worked a lot of

horses today and will work more tomorrow. I wouldn't take any out to that track if I thought they weren't going to make it back to the barn."



From left: jockey Flavien Prat, co-owner Mark Schlaich and Jerry Hollendorfer after Vasilika's victory Saturday | Benoit photo

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The World's Unluckiest Jockey

Jockey Jorge Calderon hadn't won a race at the current Delta Downs meet. He didn't win any races anywhere in 2018 either. In fact, the last time Calderon won a race was in 2013. Not that he hadn't had plenty of chances.

If you start with 2014, Calderon had lost at least 247 straight races. So imagine his joy Friday night at Delta Downs when he booted Wildly Grand (Grand Appointment) across the wire two lengths ahead of his nine rivals.

The thrill of victory? No, it turned out to be the agony of defeat.

The stewards ruled that Calderon's mount ducked in nearing the sixteenth-pole causing another horse to check. She was placed fourth in what was a fairly obvious call. And poor Calderon is highly unlikely to get the mount back as Wildly Grand was claimed by trainer Dale White Sr., who does not use the snake-bitten jockey.

The World's Hottest Jockeys

The Ortiz Brothers, particularly Irad, lit up Gulfstream last week.

From Sunday Feb. 18 through Saturday's card, they combined to win 30 of the 70 races run at the track. On Thursday, Friday and Saturday, they won 18 of 35 races--or more than half the races carded. While Jose is having a good meet, Irad is on a mission. During the six racing days last week, he alone won 21 races, including a six-bagger Monday.

Not to be outdone, Jose closed the week out with a bang, posting four wins on Sunday's 13-race card.

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Maximus Mischief Out of FOY (cont. from p1)

An 8 3/4-length debut winner at Parx last September, Maximus Mischief was tabbed a 'TDN Rising Star' after a six-length allowance tally Oct. 20 and he became a graded stakes winner with a 2 1/4-length victory in the Dec. 1 GII Remsen S. He suffered his first loss when third in the Feb. 2 GII Fasig-Tipton Holy Bull S. in his most recent trip to the post.

Sagamore Farm and WinStar Farm's **Global Campaign** (Curlin), named a 'TDN Rising Star' after a 1 1/16-mile allowance victory at Gulfstream Feb. 9, remained possible for the Fountain of Youth after working five furlongs in 1:01.85 (4/9) at Palm Meadows Sunday.

"He went in company, but it was a nice, controlled work," said trainer Stanley Hough. "We were happy with it."

Hough said both the Fountain of Youth and the Mar. 9 GII Tampa Bay Derby were under consideration for Global

Campaign's next start.

"He likes this track [Gulfstream] and it's close to home, so we're leaning toward that way, but we'll talk it over," Hough said. "Global worked good and came back good, so I think he's prepared to go either place. We're going to see how the week

goes and try to do the best thing for us and the horse. As far as the work today, it was very satisfying."

Also at Palm Meadows Sunday, last year's juvenile filly champion **Jaywalk** (Cross Traffic) put in her final work ahead of her sophomore debut in next Saturday's GII Davona Dale S., going four furlongs in :50.55 (22/31).

"She worked this morning and went good," trainer John Servis said. "Everything went perfect.

The race is Saturday, so I was just letting her stretch her legs a

little bit and put a little wind in her. She came out of it good and looks fine."



Maximus Mischief | Sarah K. Andrew

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SANTA ANITA ALTERS MAIN TRACK TRAINING MONDAY AND TUESDAY

Santa Anita Park has altered training hours on its main track Monday and Tuesday in order to evaluate the track, it was announced late in the day Sunday. After an initial announcement on the track's Friday overnight sheet indicated that training was completely suspended over the surface on both days, the track later revised the schedule to open training from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Monday--while keeping the track completely closed for training on Tuesday.

"[The] main track will be closed for training beginning at 9 a.m. on Monday and all day Tuesday in order to fully evaluate sub-surface conditions such as moisture content and soil consistency," the track said in a joint statement issued with the California Horse Racing Board (CHRB). "If the results of these efforts indicate the track is in prime condition, regularly scheduled training will resume Wednesday morning and live

racing will proceed on Thursday."

The move comes one day after a Saturday morning training session which saw two fatal injuries to racehorses, including GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile winner Battle of Midway (Smart Strike). Sunday morning training was held as usual, with 173 horses working over the main track.

According to multiple reports surfacing later in the evening Sunday, the initial announcement was met with considerable push-back from local horsemen with horses scheduled to work Monday, resulting in the decision to open the track on a limited basis.

Santa Anita cited the fact that the track has received 11 1/2 inches of rain and near-record cold temperatures in the month of February as a driving force behind the decision to evaluate the surface before warmer temperatures return in the spring.

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WIN WIN WIN WORKS FOR TAMPA DERBY

Live Oak Plantation's **Win Win Win** (Hat Trick {Jpn}) continued his preparations for a stretch-out attempt in the Mar. 9 GII Lambholm South Tampa Bay Derby Sunday morning, breezing a bullet five furlongs from the gate in :59 1/5 with Antonio Gallardo aboard at the Oldsmar oval. Win Win Win was last seen **establishing a new seven-furlong track record** in the local Pasco S. Jan. 19, stopping the clock in a blistering 1:20.89.

"He is one of those kind of horses that does what you tell him to do," said trainer Michael Trombetta. "If I want him to work a half-mile in :52, he does it, and if I need him to work faster than that he'll do that, too. I've made several trips [to Tampa Bay Downs] to watch him work [since the Pasco], and he is doing everything I would have hoped for."

Win Win Win has won three of his four career starts, notching maiden and allowance wins at Laurel Park before finishing second in that venue's Heft S. Dec. 29. With all four starts coming at sprint distances, the homebred colt will be asked to navigate a two-turn trip for the first time in the Tampa Bay Derby.

"We've been putting some nice gallops and nice breezes under him and he is doing everything he's supposed to, so I'm as anxious as anyone else to see what he will do," Trombetta said.

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SIPPIN FIRE TOPS WASHINGTON CHAMPIONS

Sippin Fire (Harbor the Gold) has been named Washington state's horse of the year, champion 3-year-old and champion 3-year-old male for 2018, it was announced at the Washington Thoroughbred awards held Saturday night at Emerald Downs. Other winners included **Psycho Sister** (Freud; champion older filly and mare and turf runner); **Invested Prospect** (Abraaj; champion sprinter); **Hit the Beach** (Harbor the Gold; champion older horse); **Bella Mia** (Harbor the Gold; champion 3-year-old filly); **Baja Sur** (Smiling Tiger; champion 2-year-old and champion 2-year-old male); and **Money Inthe Stars** (Abraaj; champion 2-year-old filly).

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

MINE THAT BIRD DERBY, \$100,000, Sunland, 2-24, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:42.31, ft.

1--**HUSTLE UP**, 121, g, 3, by **Abstraction**

1st Dam: **Speedin Excess (SP, \$108,989)**, by **In Excess (Ire)**

2nd Dam: **Danish Dessert**, by **Regal Classic**

3rd Dam: **Stray Flight**, by **Viceregal**

O-Dale F. Taylor Racing, LLC, Bobby J. McQueen & Suzanne Kirby; B-Brad King & Fincher Todd (NM); T-Todd W. Fincher; J-Shane Laviolette. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 10-8-0-0, \$363,143. *1/2 to **On the Low Down (Dome)**, MSW, \$177,606.

2--**Wicked Indeed**, 121, c, 3, **Tapit**--**Wicked Deed**, by **Harlan's Holiday**. O/B-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen. \$20,000.

3--**Walker Stalker**, 121, g, 3, **Stroll--Chary**, by **Montbrook**.

O/B-Miguel L Gallegos (NM); T-Jose R. Gonzalez, Jr. \$10,000. Margins: 1, 3, 1 3/4. Odds: 2.50, 0.90, 45.80.

Also Ran: **Pasamonte Man**, **One Flew South**, **Collusionist**, **Eye Cloud**, **Thunderousapplause**, **Mc Awesome**.



Hustle Up | *Coady Photo*

Hustle Up certainly wasn't the most fashionably bred runner in this prep for next month's GIII Sunland Derby, but he was the most accomplished member of the home team, with three local tallies from as many tries. Tugging to get clear early, the already seven-time winner doled out splits of :23.64, :47.34 and 1:11.09

and was never seriously threatened as GIII Lecomte S. fourth tried to make a race of it late. One Flew South (**Giant's Causeway**), making his first start since being purchased privately off a Turway debut score, was up and down early and settled for fifth. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

ISLAND FASHION S., \$75,000, Sunland, 2-24, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:37.07, ft.

1--**VICTIM OF LOVE**, 119, f, 3, by **Speightstown**

1st Dam: **Spacy Tracy (GSW, \$249,690)**, by **Awesome Again**

2nd Dam: **Tracy**, by **Theatrical (Ire)**

3rd Dam: **Daring Bidder**, by **Bold Bidder**

(\$160,000 Ylg '17 KEESSEP). **1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** O-Tommy Town Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Daniel J. Burke (KY); T-Henry Dominguez; J-Ry Eikleberry. \$45,000. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$63,400. *Full to **Benner Island**, GSW, \$305,863; 1/2 to **High North (Midnight Lute)**, MSW & MGSP, \$418,250.

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2--**Backflash**, 116, f, 3, **Medaglia d'Oro**--**Time to Tap**, by **Tapit**. O/B-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen. \$15,000.

3--**K P Slickem**, 118, f, 3, **Include**--**Queens Plaza**, by **Forestry**. (\$47,000 Ylg '17 EASOCT). O-Karl Pergola; B-Morgan's Ford Farm (VA); T-Weston Martin. \$7,500.

Margins: 1 3/4, 1 1/4, HF. Odds: 1.80, 1.80, 6.30.

Also Ran: **Parade of Roses**, **Figure**, **D'tatway**, **Blessings First**.
 Scratched: **Jamaican Cents**.



Victim of Love | *Coady Photo*

Island Fashion S. cont.

Victim of Love finished first in a Dec. 11 maiden special weight at Zia Park only to be disqualified and placed second, but she made sure there would be no issue next out when she romped home an 11 3/4-length winner over this track and trip Jan. 22. Fractious in the gate, the dark bay filly was away slowly and trailed the field into the first turn. She pulled her way forward and was racing with the pacesetters down the backstretch before forging to the lead at midstretch and powering clear.

Daniel Burke's Longford Farm purchased Spacy Tracy, with Victim of Love in utero, for \$230,000 at the 2015 Keeneland November sale. The mare produced a colt by Bernardini in 2018. The winner's third dam, Daring Bidder, produced champion Eliza (Mt. Livermore), whose daughter GSP Miss Doolittle (Storm Cat) produced Grade I winner Dialed In. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

CURRIBOT H., \$75,000, Sunland, 2-24, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:41.44, ft.

1--**RUNAWAY GHOST, 125, c, 4, Ghostzapper--Rose's Desert (MSW, \$626,035), by Desert God.** (\$240,000 RNA Ylg '16 KEESEP). O/B-Joe R Peacock (KY); T-Todd W. Fincher; J-Santiago Gonzalez. \$45,000. Lifetime Record: GSW, 9-6-2-0, \$653,510.

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2--**American Dubai, 120, h, 6, E Dubai--Smash Review, by Bates Motel.** (\$13,000 Wlg '13 EASDEC; \$35,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$50,000 2yo '15 OBSMAR). O/T-Rodney C. Richards; B-C. Oliver Iselin (VA). \$15,000.

3--**Raagheb, 122, g, 7, Street Cry (Ire)--Mostaqeleh, by Rahy.** O-Paul Miller & Bill Tomasic; B-Shadwell Farm, LLC (KY); T-Justin R. Evans. \$7,500.

Margins: 1HF, 2HF, HF. Odds: 0.10, 18.80, 15.40.

Also Ran: Pendleton, Hereditary, Deputy's Echo, African Fighter.

Runaway Ghost, who was knocked off the GI Kentucky Derby trail with an injury after an impressive GIII Sunland Derby win last spring, picked up his fifth stakes win in Sunday's Curribot H. at the New Mexico oval.

Winning two of his first three, including the Golden Nugget S., as a juvenile, the homebred finished last in the GI Los Alamitos Futurity before romping in the local Riley Allison S. in his sophomore bow. Second at 2-5 in the Mine That Bird Derby, he rallied strongly to a convincing Sunland Derby tally, and annexed the Ft. Bliss S. upon return here Feb. 2. Off with all the money on in this spot, Runaway Ghost tracked from second through modest fractions of :24.25 and :47.46, drew alongside longshot pacesetter American Dubai three sixteenths out, took over entering the final furlong and gradually edged away from that stubborn foe.

The winner has a juvenile full-sister named Our Iris Rose and a yearling Mineshaft half-brother named Senor Buscador. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**



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JIM'S ORBIT S., \$65,000, Sam Houston Race, 2-23, (C), 3yo, c/g, 6f, 1:10.86, ft.

1--**MR MONEY BAGS, 119, g, 3, Silver City--Miss Photogenic (MSW, \$246,279), by You and I. 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.**

O/B-Roy W. Cobb (TX); T-Mike R. Neatherlin; J-Ernesto Valdez-Jiminez. \$39,000. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-1, \$87,300.

2--**My Bling, 122, g, 3, Too Much Bling--My Girl Bess, by More Than Ready.** (\$18,700 RNA Ylg '17 TTAMIX; \$25,000 2yo '18 TTAAPR). O-HDT Allied Management, LLC; B-Ed Few (TX); T-George R. Bryant. \$13,000.

3--**Truly Bling, 117, g, 3, Too Much Bling--Mazzy, by Yes It's True.** (\$20,000 Ylg '17 TTAMIX). O-Wayne Sanders & Larry Hirsch; B-Larry S. Huntsinger (TX); T-W. Bret Calhoun. \$7,150.

Margins: 11HF, 1HF, 1HF. Odds: 0.40, 5.00, 17.60.

Also Ran: Gold Buyer, Lullaby Bling, Mucho Dinero, Roundaboutation.

Mr Money Bags romped first out at Zia in November, but settled for third when stretched to 7 1/2 panels for Delta's Big Drama S. Jan. 5. He returned to winning ways in a five-panel optional claimer there 20 days later, and dominated this event from start to finish. The winner has a weanling half-sister by Crossbow. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

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TWO ALTAZANO S., \$65,000, Sam Houston Race, 2-23, (C), 3yo, f, 6f, 1:12.40, ft.

1--**COWGIRLS LIKE US, 122, f, 3, My Golden Song--Nothinbettertodo (MSP, \$107,854), by Gold Legend.** (\$15,000 RNA 2yo '18 TTAAPR). O/B-Douglas Scharbauer (KY); T-W. Bret Calhoun; J-Deshawn L. Parker. \$39,000. Lifetime Record: 8-4-1-0, \$193,185. *Full to Howboutthiscowgirl, MSW, \$133,070.

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2--**Golden Lullabye**, 117, f, 3, My Golden Song--Going Away Baby, by Valid Expectations. (\$46,000 Ylg '17 TTAMIX; \$14,000 RNA 2yo '18 OBSAPR). O-Sam Sherman; B-Magnolia Racing Stable, LLC (TX); T-Danny Pish. \$13,000.

3--**Stormieis Blue**, 117, f, 3, Moro Tap--Borrego's Treasure, by Borrego. O-Tony Wilson; B-Leslie Clemmer (OK); T-Michael R. Whitelaw. \$7,150.

Margins: 2 3/4, 3 3/4, 9 3/4. Odds: 0.05, 11.80, 40.50.

Also Ran: Whipum Naenae, Pick N Run, Legendary Song, Silver Coin. Scratched: Stillaplay.

Cowgirls Like Us annexed a pair of stakes at Retama to end last year, and picked up where she left off with a convincing tally in Remington's Trapeze S. Dec. 16. Last seen finishing fifth against much tougher in the Silverbulletday S. at Fair Grounds Jan. 19, the prohibitive chalk chased the pace en route to a popular score. Hailing from the female family of the Scharbauer family's Hall of Famer Alysheba, Cowgirls Like Us has a 2-year-old half-brother by Bodemeister and a yearling half-sister by Jimmy Creed. Her dam, who was second in this race in 2012, most recently revisited My Golden Song. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

7th-Oaklawn, \$85,000, Alw (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 2-24, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:45.64, ft.

CHOCOLATE MARTINI (f, 4, Broken Vow--Nicksappealinglady {MSP, \$158,728}, by Successful Appeal), claimed for \$25,000 out of a grassy fourth-place run at Fair Grounds last February, returned to annex an optional claimer there on short rest before upending the GII Fair Grounds Oaks. She remained in top-level competition for the remainder of last term, finishing fifth in the GI Kentucky Oaks before rounding out the trifecta in both the GII Summertime Oaks at Santa Anita in June and GI Coaching Club American Oaks on the other side of the country at Saratoga

in July. After a freshening, she was fifth in both Parx's GI Cotillion S. and the GI Juddmonte Spinster S. at Keeneland Oct. 7. Favored at 3-2 to kick off her 4-year-old campaign on a winning note, the bay broke cleanly but was guided to the fence by Jermaine Bridgmohan to sit second last. Clearly full of run as she waited for running room around the home bend, Chocolate Martini finally had room to completely stretch her legs in midstretch and she kicked on well to best Mylady Curlin (Curlin) by 3/4 of a length. The winner is a half to Nicky's Brown Miss (Big Brown), SW, \$191,395. She has a yearling half-sister by Tapizar and her dam was bred back to Pioneerof the Nile. Sales history: \$65,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSW & GISP, 13-4-0-3, \$469,536. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Double Doors Racing, LLC & Nine Thirty Racing LLC; B-Savino A. Capilupi (KY); T-Thomas M. Amoss.

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8th-Oaklawn, \$84,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 2-24, 3yo, 6f, 1:11.42, ft.

ONCEWEWEREBROTHERS (g, 3, Cairo Prince--Heat Sweep, by Latent Heat) finished second to subsequent MSW Gray Attempt (Graydar) debuting Nov. 25 at Churchill and graduated next out over track and trip Jan. 26. Crunched down to 4-5 here, the \$220,000 OBS April buy dueled through a :22.11 quarter, dropped back past a :45.92 half, but re-rallied resolutely in the final sixteenth to get back up and best B P Rocket (Curlin) by a half-length. The winner's dam has a juvenile Midnight Lute filly and a yearling filly by Outwork. She was bred back to the former sire last term. Sales History: \$67,000 Wlg '16 KEENOV; \$220,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$111,800. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Doubledown Stables, Inc.; B-Fergus Galvin (KY); T-James P. DiVito.

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9th-Gulfstream, \$45,150, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 2-24, 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:40.93, fm.

CLYDE'S IMAGE (g, 5, Get Stormy--Marquetessa, by Marquetry) was second in both the GIII Dania Beach S. and Kitten's Joy S. here at the beginning of 2017, but went missing for some 20 months, resurfacing to take a Belmont allowance by a nose over yielding sod Oct. 4. Last seen finishing fourth in a local optional claimer Jan. 6, the chestnut was given a 6-1 chance. Sitting a far-back third in a strung-out field early, Clyde's Image was given his cue to quicken as they headed for home. He tipped wide for clear sailing entering the straight, and kicked on resolutely in between foes to prevail by a half-length. Who's Your Drama (Big Drama) was second. The winner, who hails from the female family of Grade I winners Madcap Escapade (Hennessy), Dubai Escapade (Awesome Again) and Mi Sueno (Pulpit), has a 2-year-old half-sister by Liaison and a yearling full-brother. His dam was bred back to Get Stormy again last season. Sales history: \$24,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSP, 7-3-2-0, \$142,500. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Sullimar Stable; B-Barr Inman (KY); T-Thomas M. Bush.



11th-Gulfstream, \$44,820, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 2-24, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT, 1:48.92, fm.

WAR CABINET (f, 4, War Front--My Annette, by Red Ransom) tried dirt to no avail in Aqueduct's GIII Comely S. Nov. 23, but returned to turf to fly home for second in an identical spot to this one Jan. 12. Installed the 3-2 chalk to go one better, the well-bred miss was off last but that was where she figured to be anyway and Jose Ortiz took a hard hold of her as the field traveled in single-file fashion. Still waiting to be popped the question as they headed for home, she switched out to the center of the track for the stretch drive and inhaled rivals to win by a hand-ridden 3/4 of a length. Giant Zinger (Giant's Causeway) completed the exacta. The winner is half to U S Ranger (Danzig), Hwt. 3yo Colt at 5-6f & Hwt. Older Horse at 5-6 1/2f-Ire, GSW & GSP-Ire, SW & G1SP-Fr, G1SP-Eng, GSP-US, \$481,775; and a full to Homesman, G1SW-Aus, GSW-Ire & G1SP-US, \$1,136,009. Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-2, \$102,990. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O/B-Joseph Allen, LLC (KY); T-Claude R. McGaughey III.

8th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$21,500, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 2-24, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:18.75, ft.

STAGE DIRECTION (f, 3, Malibu Moon--Stage Luck {SW & GISP, \$154,812}, by Unbridled's Song) graduated third out at Hawthorne Oct. 11 before running sixth in the local Sandpiper S. Dec. 15. Made an 81-10 proposition here, the homebred tracked from fourth past a :23.09 quarter, moved up a spot going by a :46.30 half, surged to the lead inside the eighth pole and edged clear to a 2 3/4-length success. Pace actor Scowling Ridge (Handsome Mike) just held for second over heavily-favored Konza Kandy (Twirling Candy). The winner's dam, a \$1.6-million yearling buy and half to MGISW Drosselmeyer (Distorted Humor) out of MGISW Golden Ballet (Moscow Ballet), has a juvenile Bernardini colt and was bred to Dialed In last spring. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$29,260. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O/B-Godolphin LLC (KY); T-Eoin G. Harty.



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

6th-Oaklawn, \$83,000, Msw, 2-24, 3yo, 6f, 1:10.93, ft. **PYRON (c, 3, Candy Ride {Arg}--Tapatia {SP}, by Tapit)** shipped in from Sam Houston for this, and proved well meant as a 49-10 shot. Breaking on top, the homebred settled in just off the pace in third with favored fellow firster Golden Notion (Goldencents) tracking to his outside. He came with a three-wide bid to assert heading for home, and punched on in between foes at the top of the stretch, holding off Golden Notion by a measured 3/4 of a length. There was a gap of five back to the third finisher. The winner is a half-brother to stakes winner Adhara (Cowboy Cal). He has a 2-year-old full-brother named Tap Attack and a yearling half-sister by Will Take Charge. His dam, who is closely related to these connections' GISW Tapizar (Tapit), sold for \$72,000 at last year's Keeneland November sale to Korea's K.O.I.D. Sales history: \$15,000 2yo '18 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$49,800. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O/B-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen.

9th-Oaklawn, \$83,000, Msw, 2-24, 3yo, 6f, 1:11.72, ft.
ROYAL DAAHER (c, 3, Daaher--Royal Taat {NZ} {GSP-NZ, MSP-US, \$151,498}, by Faltaat) was second in his Hawthorne unveiling Dec. 15, but settled for fifth after setting a hot pace in the mud here Feb. 8. Dismissed at 13-1 looking to complete a daily double for his connections, the homebred was hung four deep while part of an early pace scramble. He emerged with a narrow advantage heading for home, and kicked away convincingly to don cap and gown by 1 1/2 lengths. Slow-starting Nifty (Ghostzapper) rallied for second. The winner has a 2-year-old half-brother by Field Commission and his dam most recently visited Kantharos. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$55,910.
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O/B-Doubledown Stables, Inc. (FL); T-James P. DiVito.

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5th-Santa Anita, \$55,702, (S), Msw, 2-24, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:35.78, fm.
KITTY BOOM BOOM (f, 3, Tizbud--Kathwen, by Forest Wildcat) was third in her six-furlong debut over the main track Jan. 25. The bay filly, a 3-1 shot, settled off the pace while racing in the clear and came flying down the center of the course late to overtake pacesetter Lucky Lately (Midnight Lute) in deep stretch and win by 3/4 lengths. The winner is a full-sister to Ambitious Brew (GSW, \$669,425). Her dam, Kathwen, is a half-sister to stakes winner Cayman Sunset (Wolf Power {SAf}), dam of multiple graded stakes winner Sailors Sunset (Petionville), as well as to the dam of Grade I winner Wickedly Perfect (Congrats). **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$39,600.
 O/B-Pamela Cee Ziebarth (CA); T-Richard Baltas.

1st-Santa Anita, \$55,000, Msw, 2-24, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:36.97, ft.
PALADAR (g, 4, Street Cry {Ire}--Blowing Kisses {MSP, \$141,946}, by Vindication) was claimed for \$50,000 from trainer Carla Gaines and owner Keith Brackpool out of a fifth-place effort going six furlongs at this track Jan. 4. Sent off at 7-2, the dark bay gelding jumped out to the early lead and was under a snug hold through fractions of :24.07 and :47.99. He shrugged off an upper stretch challenge and skipped home a 5 1/4-length winner. Blowing Kisses is a daughter of Grade I winner Hookedonthefeelin and a half-sister to Grade I winners Pussycat Doll (Real Quiet) and Jimmy Creed (Distorted Humor). She produced a colt by Carpe Diem in 2017, a filly by Gemologist in 2018 and was bred back to Will Take Charge. Her Carpe Diem colt sold for \$50,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale.

Sales history: \$15,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP; \$225,000 2yo '17 OBSAPR.
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O-Aaron Hesz, Los Pollos Hermanos Racing, Jerry McClanahan & Dennis Hendrickson; B-Betz, CoCo Equine, Blackburn, J. Betz, Ramsby, CNHHNK, & Darley (KY); T-Richard Baltas.

 **NBS SUCCESS** 

8th-Gulfstream, \$43,350, Msw, 2-24, 3yo, 1mT, 1:37.10, fm.
CANDY CRUSHEM (c, 3, Twirling Candy--Holiday Girl {SP, \$113,543}, by Harlan's Holiday), off the board in a pair of efforts over the Woodbine lawn for trainer Denyse McClachrie, was third versus \$75,000 maiden claimers over this course and trip last time out Feb. 1. The 7-1 shot settled just off the early pace. Forced to wait in behind rivals approaching the stretch, he found room to run along the rail at the top of the lane as pacesetter Trade Deadline (Kitten's Joy) drifted out slightly and he forged to the lead before just holding off the late-closing Ready and Rich (Super Saver) to win by a nose. Trade Deadline was three lengths back in third. A \$35,000 FTKOCT yearling, Candy Crushem is a full-brother to Twirl Girl (SP, \$166,716).
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O-Barry & Ryan Shane Kerbel; B-Craig B. Singer (KY); T-Fernando Abreu.

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7th-Gulfstream, \$43,280, Msw, 2-24, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11.34, ft.
SHE'S A PROBLEM (f, 3, Candy Ride {Arg}--Rapid Racer {SW}, by Forest Wildcat) showed speed before fading to finish seventh in her track-and-trip debut Jan. 12 and was given a 37-5 chance here. Pressing from second through a :22.36 quarter, the gray took over at the three-eighths pole, but was soon set upon by Golden Curl (Curlin). Those two duked it out for the remainder of the race, with She's a Problem refusing to be denied and turning her rival back by a half-length on the wire. The winner has a juvenile Lemon Drop Kid half-brother named Fed Funds and a yearling half-brother by Orb. Her dam visited Mastery last term. Sales History: \$40,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP; \$100,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$26,300. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**
 O-August Dawn Farm; B-Claiborne Farm (KY); T-Jeremiah C. Englehart.

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8th-Fair Grounds, \$40,000, Msw, 2-24, 3yo, 1m (off turf), 1:39.59, ft.

LIMNERY (c, 3, Artie Schiller--Ladyledue {MSW, \$147,271}, by Slewdledo) settled for fourth after a wide trip in his Dec. 13 debut and was third second time out Jan. 19, both off-the-turf events at 1 1/16 miles. Once again off the turf, the dark bay colt raced just off the pace and three wide. He rushed up into contention leaving the backstretch and stuck his head in front at the top of the lane and outbattled a determined Vineyard Sound (Stormy Atlantic) to win by a half-length as the 8-5 favorite. Ladyledue produced a colt by Latent Heat last year and was bred back to Noble Mission (GB). **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$30,460.

O/B-Sather Family LLC (KY); T-Brad H. Cox.

9th-Sam Houston Race, \$20,000, Msw, 2-23, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:40.63, fm.

AWESOME WILD GIRL (IRE) (f, 3, Awesome Again--Danish Wildcat, by Danehill) showed late interest to be third debuting at Remington Nov. 15 and was runner-up at 1-2 over the local main track Feb. 8. Backed down to 11-10 in this turf bow, the homebred settled in seventh at the rail behind a :23.46 quarter and advanced a spot past a :48.73 half. Saving ground on the far turn, she split horses at the top of the lane, poked a head in front at the eighth pole and gamely beat back the bid of longshot Dixie Cowgirl (Temple City) by a nose. The victress is a half to Danish Dynaformer (Dynaformer), GSW, \$764,645. Her dam, a half-sister to 2000 GI Breeders' Cup Mile hero War Chant (Danzig) out of champion Hollywood Wildcat (Kris S.), has a juvenile Galileo (Ire) filly and a yearling colt by Tale of Ekati. She was bred to Perfect Timber last spring. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$19,153. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

O/B-Charles E. Fipke (IRE); T-Steven M. Asmussen.



ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

6th-Aqueduct, \$74,250, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 2-24, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:25.44, sy.

D J'S FAVORITE (f, 4, Union Rags--I'm Mom's Favorite {SW, \$178,373}, by Indian Charlie) Lifetime Record: 11-4-1-3, \$156,040. O-Leonard C. Green; B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY); T-Linda Rice. *\$85,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP; \$200,000 2yo '17 OBSOPN.

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10th-Santa Anita, \$59,106, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 2-23, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT, 1:47.05, fm.

MIRTH (f, 4, Colonel John--Di's Delight {SP, \$166,825}, by French Deputy) Lifetime Record: 9-4-1-1, \$82,833. O-Little Red Feather Racing; B-Barlar, LLC (PA); T-Philip D'Amato.

3rd-Fair Grounds, \$47,000, (S), 2-24, (NW3L), 4yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:44.15, ft.

PAYDAY TOO (g, 4, Jimmy Creed--Save My Place, by Out of Place) Lifetime Record: 14-3-1-4, \$101,407. O-Windylea Farm, LLC; B-Save My Place (LA); T-Danny Pish. *\$35,000 Wlg '15 KEENOV. **1/2 to Forty Nine Watts (Unbridled Energy), SP, \$253,706.

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5th-Laurel, \$44,650, (NW3X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 2-24, 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:03.61, my.

MAJESTIC WON (f, 4, Majestic Warrior--Miss Holiday Inn, by Tactical Cat) Lifetime Record: 9-4-1-1, \$143,718. O-August Dawn Farm; B-Clarkland Farm (KY); T-Jeremiah C. Englehart. *\$47,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP; \$150,000 RNA 2yo '17 EASMAY.

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12th-Gulfstream, \$44,360, (S), (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$16,000), 2-24, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:35.03, fm.

BLUE LUTE (c, 4, Midnight Lute--Gorgeous Goose {GSW, \$225,032}, by Mongoose) Lifetime Record: 13-3-4-4, \$126,894. O-David Staudacher; B-Mary Anne Denes & Mary Ellen Woelfel (FL); T-Michael J. Maker. *\$30,000 RNA Wlg '15 KEENOV; \$72,000 RNA Ylg '16 OBSAUG; \$27,000 Ylg '16 FTKOCT.

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8th-Penn National, \$28,616, 2-23, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:44.04, gd.

ACHAINOFLOVE (f, 4, Badge of Silver--Shesa Jeanie, by Beau Genius) Lifetime Record: 11-3-0-5, \$57,493. O-John Wames & Bizzy B Stable; B-Triple K Stables (ON); T-John J. Wames.

1st-Sunland, \$27,200, (S), (C)/Opt. Clm (\$12,500), 2-24, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:37.29, ft.

WEDDING DANCE (f, 4, Attila's Storm--Garter, by Bernardini) Lifetime Record: 9-3-1-0, \$56,516. O/B-R. D. Hubbard (NM); T-Todd W. Fincher.

4th-Sunland, \$25,100, (NW1Y+)/Opt. Clm (\$15,000), 2-24, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:07.54, ft.

CLASSY CLASS (g, 7, Discreetly Mine--Collegiate {GISP}, by Saarland) Lifetime Record: GSW, 29-6-2-6, \$500,330. O-Paul Miller & Harry L. Veruchi; B-E Paul Robsham Stable LLC (KY); T-Justin R. Evans. *\$120,000 Ylg '13 KEENOV; \$250,000 2yo '14 OBSMAR; \$50,000 6yo '18 FTKHRA. **Full to Full House, GSP, \$180,110.

7th-Charles Town, \$24,000, (S), 2-23, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 4 1/2f, :53.08, gd.

ROCKSTAR PRINCESS (f, 4, Fiber Sonde--Unlimited Diamond, by Citislipper) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, \$36,730. O/B/T-Lori Bourne (WV).

7th-Sam Houston Race, \$20,500, (S), 2-23, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13.32, ft.

SING PRADA SING (f, 4, Sing Baby Sing--Kimbell's Prada, by Authenticate) Lifetime Record: 21-2-2-4, \$55,125. O/B-Hall's Family Trust (TX); T-Danele Durham. *1/2 to Prada's Bling (Too Much Bling), SW, \$257,257; and Too Much Prada (Too Much Bling), MSW, \$114,129.

8th-Sam Houston Race Park, \$20,500, (S), 2-23, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:12.05, ft.

JACK WITH SEVEN (g, 5, Too Much Bling--Foolish Girl {MSP}, by Exciting Story) Lifetime Record: 30-7-7-3, \$77,673. O-End Zone Athletics, Inc.; B-Ed Few (TX); T-Karl Broberg. *\$2,200 RNA Ylg '15 BSCYRL; \$25,000 2yo '16 TTAAPR.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Sweet Amelia, f, 3, **Cameo Appearance**--Happy Destiny, by Congrats. Delta Downs, 2-23, (S), 1m, 1:45.16. B-4M Ranch (LA). *\$7,000 Ylg '17 ESLYRL. **1ST-TIME STARTER.

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Beautiful Bounty, f, 3, **Harris**--Trapper's Bounty, by Trapper. Sunland, 2-24, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:17.77. B-Miguel L Gallegos (NM).

Alizee, f, 3, **Mark Valeski**--Ron's Girl, by Lawyer Ron. Fair Grounds, 2-24, (C), 1m 70y, 1:44.65. B-Brereton C. Jones (KY). *\$1,000 RNA Wlg '16 KEENOV.

Two Sixteen, f, 3, **Strong Mandate**--Belle Du Sud, by Corinthian.

Laurel, 2-24, (C), 5 1/2f, 1:06.26. B-Kirt & Sarah Cahill, Brett Woodie & Steve Reed (KY). *\$30,000 Ylg '17 KEEJAN; \$30,000 Ylg '17 FTKOCT; \$27,000 RNA 2yo '18 EASMAY.

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Cactus Jack, g, 3, **Warrior's Reward**--Miss Cactus Juice, by Cactus Ridge. Charles Town, 2-23, 4 1/2f, :53.61. B-Karen S. Farrar (PA). *\$3,000 Ylg '17 EASJAN.

Iona Mobe, c, 4, **Into Mischief**--Miss Vigilance, by War Pass. Aqueduct, 2-24, 5 1/2f, 1:06.53. B-Jay Goodwin, Cloyce Clark & Rick Smith (KY). *\$145,000 RNA 2yo '17 EASMAY.

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Lots of Moxie, f, 4, **Scrimshaw**--Marina Light, by Colony Light. Sam Houston Race, 2-23, (S), 1mT, 1:40.19. B-Epona Thoroughbreds, LLC (TX).



ABSTRACTION, Hustle Up, g, 3, o/o Speedin Excess, by In Excess (Ire). Mine That Bird Derby, 2-24, Sunland

ARTIE SCHILLER, Limnery, c, 3, o/o Ladyledue, by Slewdele. MSW, 2-24, Fair Grounds

ATTILA'S STORM, Wedding Dance, f, 4, o/o Garter, by Bernardini. AOC, 2-24, Sunland

AWESOME AGAIN, Awesome Wild Girl (Ire), f, 3, o/o Danish Wildcat, by Danehill. MSW, 2-23, Sam Houston

BADGE OF SILVER, Achainoflove, f, 4, o/o Shesa Jeanie, by Beau Genius. ALW, 2-23, Penn National

BROKEN VOW, Chocolate Martini, f, 4, o/o Nicksappealinglady, by Successful Appeal. AOC, 2-24, Oaklawn

CAIRO PRINCE, Oncewewerebrothers, g, 3, o/o Heat Sweep, by Latent Heat. AOC, 2-24, Oaklawn

CAMEO APPEARANCE, Sweet Amelia, f, 3, o/o Happy Destiny, by Congrats. MSW, 2-23, Delta Downs

CANDY RIDE (ARG), Pyron, c, 3, o/o Tapatia, by Tapit. MSW, 2-24, Oaklawn

CANDY RIDE (ARG), She's a Problem, f, 3, o/o Rapid Racer, by Forest Wildcat. MSW, 2-24, Gulfstream

COLONEL JOHN, Mirth, f, 4, o/o Di's Delight, by French Deputy. AOC, 2-23, Santa Anita

DAAHER, Royal Daaher, c, 3, o/o Royal Taat (Nz), by Faltaat. MSW, 2-24, Oaklawn

DIALED IN, Zaezion, g, 5, o/o Bright Orange, by Bright Launch. WCL, 2-24, Oaklawn

DISCREETLY MINE, Classy Class, g, 7, o/o Collegiate, by Saarland. AOC, 2-24, Sunland

FIBER SONDE, Rockstar Princess, f, 4, o/o Unlimited Diamond, by Citislipper. ALW, 2-23, Charles Town

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GET STORMY, Clyde's Image, g, 5, o/o Marquenessa, by Marquetry. AOC, 2-24, Gulfstream

GHOSTZAPPER, Runaway Ghost, c, 4, o/o Rose's Desert, by Desert God. Curribot H., 2-24, Sunland

HARRIS, Beautiful Bounty, f, 3, o/o Trapper's Bounty, by Trapper. MSW, 2-24, Sunland

INTO MISCHIEF, Iona Mobe, c, 4, o/o Miss Vigilance, by War Pass. MSW, 2-24, Aqueduct

JIMMY CREED, Payday Too, g, 4, o/o Save My Place, by Out of Place. ALW, 2-24, Fair Grounds

MAJESTIC WARRIOR, Majestic Won, f, 4, o/o Miss Holiday Inn, by Tactical Cat. AOC, 2-24, Laurel

MALIBU MOON, Stage Direction, f, 3, o/o Stage Luck, by Unbridled's Song. AOC, 2-24, Tampa Bay

MARK VALESKI, Alizee, f, 3, o/o Ron's Girl, by Lawyer Ron. MCL, 2-24, Fair Grounds

MIDNIGHT LUTE, Blue Lute, c, 4, o/o Gorgeous Goose, by Mongoose. AOC, 2-24, Gulfstream

MY GOLDEN SONG, Cowgirls Like Us, f, 3, o/o Nothinbettertodo, by Gold Legend. Two Altazano S., 2-23, Sam Houston

SCRIMSHAW, Lots of Moxie, f, 4, o/o Marina Light, by Colony Light. MSW, 2-23, Sam Houston

SILVER CITY, Mr Money Bags, g, 3, o/o Miss Photogenic, by You and I. Jim's Orbit S., 2-23, Sam Houston

SING BABY SING, Sing Prada Sing, f, 4, o/o Kimbell's Prada, by Authenticate. ALW, 2-23, Sam Houston

SPEIGHTSTOWN, Victim of Love, f, 3, o/o Spacy Tracy, by Awesome Again. Island Fashion S., 2-24, Sunland

STREET CRY (IRE), Paladar, g, 4, o/o Blowing Kisses, by Vindication. MSW, 2-24, Santa Anita

STRONG MANDATE, Two Sixteen, f, 3, o/o Belle Du Sud, by Corinthian. MCL, 2-24, Laurel

TIZBUD, Kitty Boom Boom, f, 3, o/o Kathwen, by Forest Wildcat. MSW, 2-24, Santa Anita

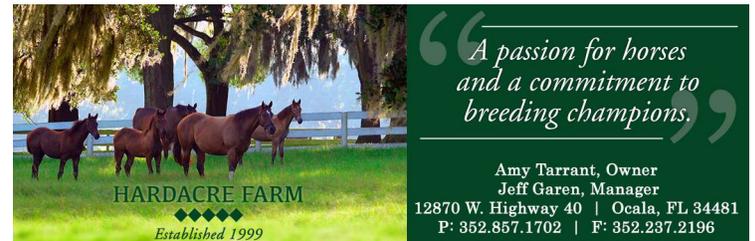
TOO MUCH BLING, Jack With Seven, g, 5, o/o Foolish Girl, by Exciting Story. ALW, 2-23, Sam Houston

TWIRLING CANDY, Candy Crushem, c, 3, o/o Holiday Girl, by Harlan's Holiday. MSW, 2-24, Gulfstream

UNION RAGS, D J's Favorite, f, 4, o/o I'm Mom's Favorite, by Indian Charlie. AOC, 2-24, Aqueduct

WAR FRONT, War Cabinet, f, 4, o/o My Annette, by Red Ransom. AOC, 2-24, Gulfstream

WARRIOR'S REWARD, Cactus Jack, g, 3, o/o Miss Cactus Juice, by Cactus Ridge. MSW, 2-23, Charles Town



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TIME FOR THE CURRAGH TO SEIZE THE DAY



Concept art of the new grandstand at The Curragh
Horse Racing Ireland

by Jack Cantillon

Queen Victoria had a problem--the Prince of Wales, later King Edward VII, had taken a pioneering interest in the merits of Irish fillies. The 19-year-old prince had begun a brief but passionate dalliance with Nellie Clifden, an Irish actress, while he was spending 10 weeks with the Grenadier Guards in Kildare. A concerned Queen decided hastily to arrange a visit to Ireland to check on the future king, and a military procession was ordered on the plains of Ireland's military headquarters, The Curragh.

It was 1861 but The Curragh had a familiar problem--it badly needed a new stand. The Queen's stand was hurriedly erected, and The Curragh military procession formed a centrepiece of an 11-day visit to Ireland. The warm welcome was The Curragh's first marketing coup. In 1868, Queen Victoria's government enacted The Curragh of Kildare Act which preserved the use of The Curragh for horse racing and training forever more.

In a few short months, The Curragh will welcome patrons back, 158 years later, to another new stand. This, make no mistake, is the defining moment of this generation for the Irish bloodstock industry. Costing over €72 million, it now stands as a gravity defying vision and a testament to the support of its investors: Coolmore, the Aga Khan, Eva Maria Bucher-Haefner, JP McManus, Godolphin, the Turf Club and Horse Racing Ireland.

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SOLDIER'S CALL WILL POINT TO KING'S STAND

Archie Watson hopes MGSW **Soldier's Call (GB)** (Showcasing {GB}) can make it back-to-back wins at Royal Ascot by claiming a first top-level victory in the G1 King's Stand S. this coming June. The Lambourn handler has first earmarked an outing in the Listed Westow S. at York in May for the son of Showcasing, who ended last season finishing down the field in the Listed Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint at Churchill Downs in November. After providing Watson with his first winner at the Royal meeting in the Listed Windsor Castle S., the Clipper Logistics-owned 3-year-old subsequently claimed victories at Group 3 and 2 level--as well as finishing third on his first start at the top table in the G1 Prix de l'Abbaye.

Watson said, "Soldier's Call is back in with me, and I'm very happy with him. He went back to his owners and has done very well--and I think he has strengthened up." [Cont. p4](#)

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HORSE RACING, BOTH THE KINDEST & CRUELEST GAME

Horse racing is a roller coaster. Bill Finley writes on the changeable fortunes of the sport in his latest Week in Review.

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Beyond the glimmering cantilevered venue itself, what has gone under the radar has been the complete overhaul of The Curragh gallops funded by the overwhelmingly generous support of Eva Maria Bucher-Haefner of Moyglare Stud. The stated aim is to return The Curragh training grounds to what they once were and what they should always be: the definitive place to train horses in Ireland.

But build it and they'll come? The Curragh is about to find out. A recent ticket price increase by the Gaelic Athletic Association, Ireland's largest spectator sport (one spot ahead of racing), should cause The Curragh management to take stock. The GAA increased ticket prices by 33% in a sport where 2018 attendance receipts were already down by 14%. The Football Association of Ireland also ended up in crippling stadium debt which is not expected to be repaid until the end of 2020 when their over ambitious plan to sell year 10-year tickets for up to €32,000 fell flat on its face. Cash in or reach out? We do not know yet what approach Curragh management will take. Regrettably, if you wanted to buy hospitality at the new Curragh for your nearest and dearest this Christmas, you would have been disappointed. The Curragh does not release its ticket offerings until Feb. 28.

Ahead of that announcement, it is clear that the Irish public wants and expects value. But what do the investors want from The Curragh development? I'd suggest something very simple: people to go racing.



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They have invested to protect the legacy of the sport they love in Ireland, not to extract profit from Irish racegoers—that goal is achieved if people come, and continue to come, in increased numbers to The Curragh. Let's hope that Feb. 28 is a date of celebration for racegoers.

To have the masses embark on that journey along the N7, as anyone who has seen Jumps Girls will understand, perhaps The Curragh needs some girl power. Last year due to innovative and committed marketing, the All-Ireland ladies' football final attracted an incredible 50,141 spectators (16,000 more than the 2016 figure). This made it the highest-attended women's sport final in the world. It was also nearly 10 times the attendance for the Irish Derby at The Curragh in 2018 during its redevelopment.

The Ladies Gaelic Football Association (LGFA) sets the marquee example for The Curragh in empowering growth in a minority Irish sport. Helen O'Rourke, CEO of the LGFA, sent a letter to every club prior to the 2018 final that could more aptly described as a rallying cry. It plainly stated a message that should resonate with Irish racing stakeholders: "Increased attendances... at the All-Ireland final, ensure benefits.... right across the board, if we can get more people through the gates of the various grounds, this immediately creates more media attention and makes our product even more attractive to potential sponsors". **Cont. p3**



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It asked that clubs used the day to "build tradition that for all of our members, the All-Ireland finals in September represent an annual trip" and commit to bringing "30 people or more" from each club. The LGFA is acutely aware that a rising tide lifts all boats.



Another angle of The Curragh redesign | Horse Racing Ireland

Racing can learn from the collective ownership message of the LGFA in the importance of creating a success story of the new Curragh and the benefits it can bring to everyone. There will be teething problems that initially present themselves (ParisLongchamp may remind The Curragh to build a few more bathrooms) and the challenges outside Curragh management's control (including the worrying trend of Racing TV's inability to show live races on a busy day). However, this should not shake Irish racing from effective planning for what a precious opportunity we have.

The marketing success of the LGFA has sparked a strikingly simple but compelling wider plan for Irish women's sport to which racing should pay attention. The all-inclusive movement 20x20 aims to shift Ireland's cultural perception of women's sport by 2020 with:

- 20% more media coverage of women in sport by the end of 2020;
- 20% more female participation by the end of 2020; and
- 20% more attendance at women's games and events by the end of 2020.

This coordinated planning and grassroots-up approach is what Irish racing needs. Why accept regression and stagnation when others see opportunity for sport? In a world of increased urbanisation, if people can't see racing, they won't want to be part of racing. The Curragh needs to reward those who stayed with them during the redevelopment with discounts to the new Curragh. **Cont. p4**

IN TDN AUS/NZ TODAY

VALE WIDDEN STUD'S SEBRING

John Berry charts the rise of Sebring (Aus) (More Than Ready) from G1 Golden Slipper victor to successful sire. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Aus/NZ.](#)

The Curragh Cont.

The Curragh needs to reinvent how they engage with a booming Dublin and attract a new generation. Could the railway station that fell into disuse in the early 2000s be revitalised (even Queen Victoria could get a railway built direct to the back of her stand in 1861)? The Curragh needs to see itself for what it now is, a world-class sporting venue, a venue that can boldly attract people to the track. It should not be an ever-diminishing after-thought in the media landscape, but without determined optimistic planning that's what it may become.

Today, the only legacy of the old Curragh that remains is the Queen's Room. Repositioned brick-by-brick overlooking the parade ring to welcome winning connections for generations to come. If you ever get the chance to venture into the Queen's Room, look out the oddly low window. That was so that diminutive Queen Victoria could cast a watchful eye over the Prince of Wales during the procession (and who could blame her for making sure of his whereabouts?). Today's Curragh has its window of opportunity. Let's hope we have the 20x20 vision to grasp it.

What do you think? Reach out to @JackCantillon or Jack@Tinnakill.com and Gary King at garyking@thetdn.com.

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kick him off in the at the Dante meeting at York in the Westow S., with a view to run him in the King's Stand S. a month later. I would prefer to start to him off in an easier race against his own age group rather than run him in the [G3] Palace House S. or [G2] Temple S., where he might have a hard race."

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TYSON FURY ALLOWS NAME TO BE USED FOR 2YO

Connections of a 2-year-old colt christened **Tyson Fury (GB)** (Iffraaj {GB}) hope he can be as much of a knockout on the track as his namesake boxer is in the ring. The former world heavyweight champion has given his blessing to owner Phil Cunningham of Rebel Racing and Newmarket trainer Richard Spencer naming the son of Iffraaj out of the dam Za Za Zoom (Ire) after him. Spencer revealed he and Cunningham approached Fury--who was most recently in action in December when fighting to a dramatic draw with Deontay Wilder in Los Angeles--on the venture when they met him on Saturday.

"We met him yesterday, which was great," Spencer told *Press Association Sport* on Sunday. "Phil Cunningham is friendly with one of his team, so that is how the link up came about and how we got to meet him. He's given us permission to name a horse after him, which is great. By the sounds of it Tyson might come up and have a look at the horse and hopefully come to the races. That would be great."

Tyson Fury the horse is highly regarded and has been given an entry in the 2020 G1 Investec Derby.

"He's only a 2-year-old, he's only cantering, but he's doing everything nicely," said Spencer. "He's got a Derby entry for 2020. We think he's a nice horse and we rate him. He's a big horse, so he's going to need a bit of time. I'd say all being well he'll be out in the middle of the year."

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Soldier's Call Will Point to King's Stand Cont. from p1



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Watson added, "He has got a very good mind on him and has gone straight back into a routine very easily. We will probably



IN HONG KONG:

King Genki (Fr), g, 7, **Arcano (Ire)**--Celestina Agostino, by Street Cry (Ire). Sha Tin, 2-24, Hcp. (£135k/€155k), 1650m (AWT), 1:37.76. B-Ecurie Des Monceaux. *Formerly Toruk (Fr).

GSP-Fr. *€22,000 Ylg '13 ARQAUG. **VIDEO**

WORLDWIDE NEWS

Sunday, Nakayama, Japan

NAKAYAMA KINEN-G2, ¥119,640,000

(US\$1,081,071/£827,216/€953,061), Nakayama, 2-24, 4yo/up, 1800mT, 1:45.50, fm.

1--**WIN BRIGHT (JPN)**, 126, h, 5, Stay Gold (Jpn)

1st Dam: Summer Eternity (Jpn), by **Admire Cozzene (Jpn)**

2nd Dam: All for Guelain (Jpn), by **Jade Robbery**

3rd Dam: Miss Guelain (Jpn), by **Maruzensky (Jpn)**

O-Win Inc.; B-Cosmo View Farm (Jpn); T-Yoshihiro Hatakeyama; J-Masami Matsuoka; ¥62,794,000. Lifetime Record: 17-7-2-0. *Full to Win Fabulous (Jpn) (Stay Gold {Jpn}), G1SP-Jpn, \$717,278. **Werk Nick Rating: A++**. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**Lucky Lilac (Jpn)**, 117, f, 4, Orfevre (Jpn)--Lilacs and Lace, by Flower Alley. O-Sunday Racing; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); ¥25,228,000.

3--**Stelvio (Jpn)**, 126, c, 4, Lord Kanaloa (Jpn)--L'Archetto (Jpn), by Falbrav (Ire). O-Sunday Racing; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); ¥16,114,000.

Margins: NK, HD, 1 1/4. Odds: 6.00, 7.60, 3.60.

Also Ran: Suave Richard (Jpn), Epoca d'Oro (Jpn), Deirdre (Jpn), Maltese Apogee (Jpn), Happy Grin (Jpn), Meiner Sage (Jpn), Siberian Superb (Jpn), Toruk Makto (Jpn).

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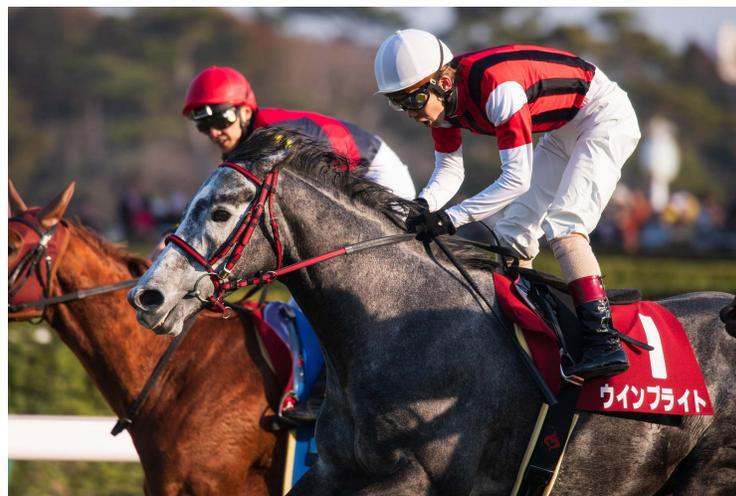
A Group 2 winner as a 3- and 4-year-old, including in this contest last year, Win Bright turned in three off-the-board efforts after that tally, but opened his 2019 campaign with a win in the G3 Nikkan Sports Sho Nakayama Kimpai on Jan. 5. Cutting back 200 metres on Sunday, he left from stall one and promptly perched in fourth in the strung out field as Maltese Apogee (Jpn) (Goshawk Ken {Jpn}) rattled off fractions of :23.50, :46.70 and 1:09.90. Positions were largely unchanged until the home straight when champion juvenile filly and G1SW Lucky Lilac collared the tiring Maltese Apogee and forged to the front, covering the mile in a sharp 1:33.60. Switched off the rails for his run, Win Bright unleashed a stirring turn off foot and caught the Sunday Racing colourbearer in the final few jumps to win by a neck, as Stelvio, who had unleashed a similar rally farther out in the course, was third, only a head behind.

Several also-rans who were aiming for a run on Dubai World Cup night on Mar. 31, namely G1SW Suave Richard (Jpn) (Heart's Cry {Jpn}) who is pointing to the \$6-million G1 Longines Dubai Sheema Classic and \$6-million Dubai Turf hopeful Deirdre (Jpn) (Harbinger {GB}), ran fourth and sixth, respectively.

Pedigree Notes...

One of four winners from five to race out of the three-time winner Summer Eternity, Win Bright is also a full-brother to G1 Hanshin S. bridesmaid Win Fabulous (Jpn). MGSW & MG1SP Hakusan Moon (Jpn) (Admire Moon {Jpn}) sits under the unraced third dam, herself a half-sister to Japanese champion juvenile filly Silksky (Jpn) (Minsky). **Click for the free Equine.com catalogue-style pedigree.** --Heather Anderson

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Sunday, Hanshin, Japan

HANKYU HAI-G3, ¥78,210,000

(US\$706,775/£540,603/€622,974), Hanshin, 2-24, 4yo/up, 1400mT, 1:20.30, fm.

1--**SMART ODIN (JPN)**, 123, h, 6, Danon Chantilly (Jpn)

1st Dam: Lady Upstage (Ire) (G1SP-Fr & US, SW & GSP-Eng, GSW-Ire, \$290,482), by **Alzao**

2nd Dam: She's The Tops (GB), by **Shernazar (Ire)**

3rd Dam: Troytops (GB), by **Troy (GB)**

O-Toru Okawa; B-Sky Beach Stable (Jpn); T-Yasutoshi Ikee; J-Yusuke Fujioka. ¥41,637,000. Lifetime Record: 12-5-1-0. *1/2 to Travel Team (Danzig), MSP-Fr, SP-US, \$110,338. **Werk Nick Rating: B+**. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**Let's Go Donki (Jpn)**, 119, m, 7, King Kamehameha (Jpn)--Marutoku (Jpn), by **Marvelous Sunday (Jpn)**. O-Toshihiro Hirosaki HD Inc.; B-Shimizu Bokujo (Jpn); ¥16,182,000.

3--**Logi Cry (Jpn)**, 123, h, 6, Heart's Cry (Jpn)--Dream Moment (GB), by **Machiavellian**. (¥39,000,000 Wlg '13 JRHAJUL). O-Masaaki Kumeta; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); ¥10,091,000.

Margins: 1, 1 1/4, HF. Odds: 31.30, 5.00, 4.50.

Also Ran: Lord Quest (Jpn), Entscheiden (Jpn), Diana Halo (Jpn),

Mr Melody, Rhein Spirit (Jpn), Star of Persia (Jpn), Reliable Ace (Jpn), Time Trip (Jpn), Koei Takeru (Jpn), Hiruno Devaro (Jpn), Admire God (Jpn), Ryono Tesoro, Young Man Power (Jpn), Daimei Fuji (Jpn), Tosho Piste (Jpn).

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DUBAI

FINALISTS ANNOUNCED FOR PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

The four finalists were revealed for the People's Choice Award, a fan-voted accolade recognising the most compelling 2018 moment in horseracing, the Dubai Racing Club announced on Sunday. G1SW Conquest Tsunami (Stormy Atlantic)—a survivor of the San Luis Rey Downs fire; trainer Eve Johnson-Houghton who saddled Accidental Agent (GB) (Delegator {GB}) to win the G1 Queen Anne S. at Royal Ascot; Australian supermare Winx (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}); and legendary jockey Yutaka Take are the four finalists for 2018. **Voting** will be open until Feb. 28 and the award will be presented at the HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Horseracing Excellence Awards ceremony on Mar. 28, just two days prior to the \$35-million Dubai World Cup night.

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| | Tulip Sho (G2) | Hanshin |
| Mar. 3 | Yayoi Sho (G2) | Nakayama |
| Mar. 9 | Nakayama Himba S. (G3) | Nakayama |
| | Fillies' Revue (G2) | Hanshin |
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VALE WIDDEN STUD'S SEBRING



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by John Berry

When it was announced late last year that More Than Ready's long-standing and hugely successful shuttling career was finally coming to an end and that he would not return to Australia in 2019, the consolation for the local industry was that his Widden-based son Sebring had already proved himself ready to carry the baton. Furthermore, it seemed safe to assume that, at the age of only 13, Sebring would be able to do so for many years to come. Sadly, that has turned out not to be the case, and the fatal heart attack suffered by Sebring on Saturday afternoon leaves a big hole in the Australian bloodstock landscape.

Bred by Corumbene Stud, Sebring was a son of the Flying Spur mare Purespeed, a half-sister to the 1992 G2 San Domenico S. winner Surtee (Momento). Bought by Denise Martin for A\$130,000 at the 2007 Conrad Jupiters Magic Millions Yearling Sale and put into training (as was the case in those days with all Star Thoroughbreds horses) with Gai Waterhouse, Sebring proved to be a horse of a lifetime for the Star Thoroughbreds syndicate which Martin put together to race him.

Having done eye-catchingly well with less expensive purchases, Denise Martin bought Star Thoroughbreds' first six-figure yearling in 2005. That turned out to have been a very good move as Theseo (Danewin) went on to win five Group 1 races.

That was terrific, but Sebring proved an even better bargain, giving her cause to reflect that the colt turned out to be "the least expensive horse I've ever bought".

Sebring's preparations for his racing career got off to a stuttering start because 2007/'08 was the season disrupted by El but, even so, Gai Waterhouse had him ready to make his debut over 1100m at Rosehill in the middle of January. He won comfortably and then, four weeks later, handled the step up to listed company in his stride, easily landing the Canonbury S. over 1000m at Randwick. Two weeks later he took the Breeders' Plate over 1100m at Randwick, slotting himself nicely into Golden Slipper favouritism.

The track came up heavy on Slipper Day at Rosehill that year but neither that nor a change of jockey (Glen Boss was summoned from Hong Kong to step into the breach once Blake Shinn's appeal against a careless riding suspension had been dismissed) could prevent Sebring from extending his unbeaten run to four, even if he did only have a nose to spare over Von Costa De Hero (Encosta De Lago) at the line.

That was the first leg of the Two-Year-Olds' Triple Crown in the bag. The second leg was more clear-cut as Sebring defeated Samanta Miss (Redoute's Choice) by a length in the G1 Inglis Sires' Produce S. at Randwick a week later. He duly started odds-on in the third leg in another seven days' time but went down by a head to Samantha Miss in the G1 Champagne S. There was, though, no disgrace in that--particularly not after Samantha Miss had won all the major fillies' races in Sydney the following spring before heading down to Melbourne to take her Group 1 tally to three by landing the G1 VRC Victoria Oaks.

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Sadly, Sebring did not have the opportunity to show a similar level of dominance at three. He naturally remained in training during the 2008/'09 season but did not run. He had proved himself a very tough horse during his demanding first preparation at two, but the rigours of that campaign seemingly took their toll. He missed the spring when a bout of bone bruising saw him sent off for a spell; and then a similar interruption intervened when he was nearly ready to resume in the autumn. Widden had bought a controlling interest in the colt at the end of his two-year-old campaign in a deal which valued him at A\$30,000,000. That, on top of his earnings of \$2,537,060, meant that the Star Thoroughbreds syndicate had hit the jackpot as well as having had thrills to last a lifetime. It also meant that it became a no-brainer to draw stumps on his racing career and prepare him instead for the 2009 breeding season, in which he would become the fifth Golden Slipper winner (following in the hoofprints of Todman, Vain, Marscay and Stratum) to stand at the historic tract of Hunter Valley horse-heaven.

Sebring's stud career has been everything that one might have hoped, short of emulating Vain and Marscay (and Bletchingly, another of Widden's greatest residents of the modern era) by winning the General Sires' Premiership. (It is not, of course, impossible that he could achieve that feat posthumously at some point in the next few years). He

proved to be a very successful stallion from the outset, finishing third behind his ill-fated fellow Widden inmate Northern Meteor (Encosta De Lago) in the first-season sires' premiership in 2012/'13, with his 16 winners headed by a trio who scored in stakes company: Criterion (NZ), Dissident and Bring A Ring. With wins in the Black Opal S. in Canberra and the G2 Todman S. at Rosehill, Criterion was clearly the star, but Dissident's win in the Blue Diamond Preview S. at Caulfield marked him too down as a colt of great potential.

Sebring topped the second-season sires' table in 2013/'14, his stock's seasonal earnings of A\$6,699,372 placing him over A\$800,000 ahead of runner-up Northern Meteor. Criterion's victories in the G1 Rosehill Guineas and G1 AJC Australian Derby, as well as Dissident's win in the G1 Randwick Guineas, were his stand-outs; while his second batch of juveniles were headed by G2 Magic Night S. heroine Bring Me The Maid, G2



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Sweet Embrace S. victrix Believe Yourself and G3 Thoroughbred Breeders' S. winner Clifton Red.

With only 3-year-olds and 2-year-olds representing him, Sebring ended that term in 12th place in the General Sires' Premiership. In 2014/'15, with just three crops running for him, he did even better, finishing third behind Fastnet Rock and Exceed And Excel in the premiership (as well as, obviously, heading the third-season sires' table by a wide margin, again holding a clear lead over Northern Meteor). Dissident, that season's Horse of the Year, was his star, taking the G1 Memsie S., G1 Makybe Diva S., G1 C. F. Orr S and G1 All Aged S.; while Criterion enjoyed a massive payday in the G1 Queen Elizabeth S. in the Championships at Randwick.

Since then, Sebring has consistently hovered in the upper reaches of the General Sires' Table. He finished ninth in 2015/'16, when Criterion's victory in the G1 Yalumba Caulfield S. was the highlight, while G2 VRC Sires' Produce S. winner

Seaburge headlined his juveniles. In 2016/'17 he finished sixth, with G1 Australasian Oaks and G1 Queensland Oaks heroine Egg Tart leading the charge. Furthermore (although it obviously did not help his cause in the Australian sires' premiership) his excellent sprinting son Lucky Bubbles landed the G1 Chairman's Sprint Prize in Hong Kong in May 2017.

Last season Sebring finished seventh in the premiership, his stock particularly shining at the Brisbane Winter Carnival where Egg Tart again excelled, taking the G2 Eagle Farm Cup and finishing second in the G1 Doomben Cup, while Sedanzer was an easy winner of the G2 Brisbane Cup. He is currently lying seventh in this season's premiership (and fourth by winners) thanks to the likes of G1 Thousand Guineas, G2 Edward Manifold and G3 The Vanity S. heroine Amphitrite, G2 Sandown Guineas winner Ringerdingding, and G2 Roman Consul S. winner Sesar.

Sebring has died at the height of his powers. He covered 199 mares at a fee of A\$66,000 during the past breeding season, so his story is far from over. It would be lovely to think that a posthumous General Sires' Produce might well turn out to be one of its chapters. Additionally, notable post-scripts should be written by his sire-sons such as Dissident as well as the Group 3-winning, Group 1-placed Supido, who joined the Widden roster last year. **Cont. p3**

Vale Widden Stud's Sebring Cont.

Sebring's sudden death on Saturday afternoon came as a shock to anyone who respects a high-class horse, and particularly to all at Widden, where he was both loved and revered. Antony Thompson summed him up perfectly, "Sebring was the horse of a lifetime, as a racehorse and stallion. He changed lives. It's been a privilege to stand him at Widden, and we are incredibly grateful to everyone who has supported him throughout his career and given him the opportunity to succeed in the way that he has ... Sebring was a horse with a great personality and character who touched all of those around him. He was fun, energetic and playful, which is how we will remember him."



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Full of Beauty (Aus), g, 4, **Darci Brahma (NZ)**--Pennacchio (NZ) (MSW-Aus, GSP-NZ, \$159,233), by Align (Aus). Sha Tin, 2-24, Hcp. (A\$247k), 1200mT, 1:09.49. B-Nearco Stud Ltd (NSW). *Validated \$1.20 favouritism to remain undefeated in four trips to the races. **A\$120,000 Ylg '16 INGFE. **VIDEO**

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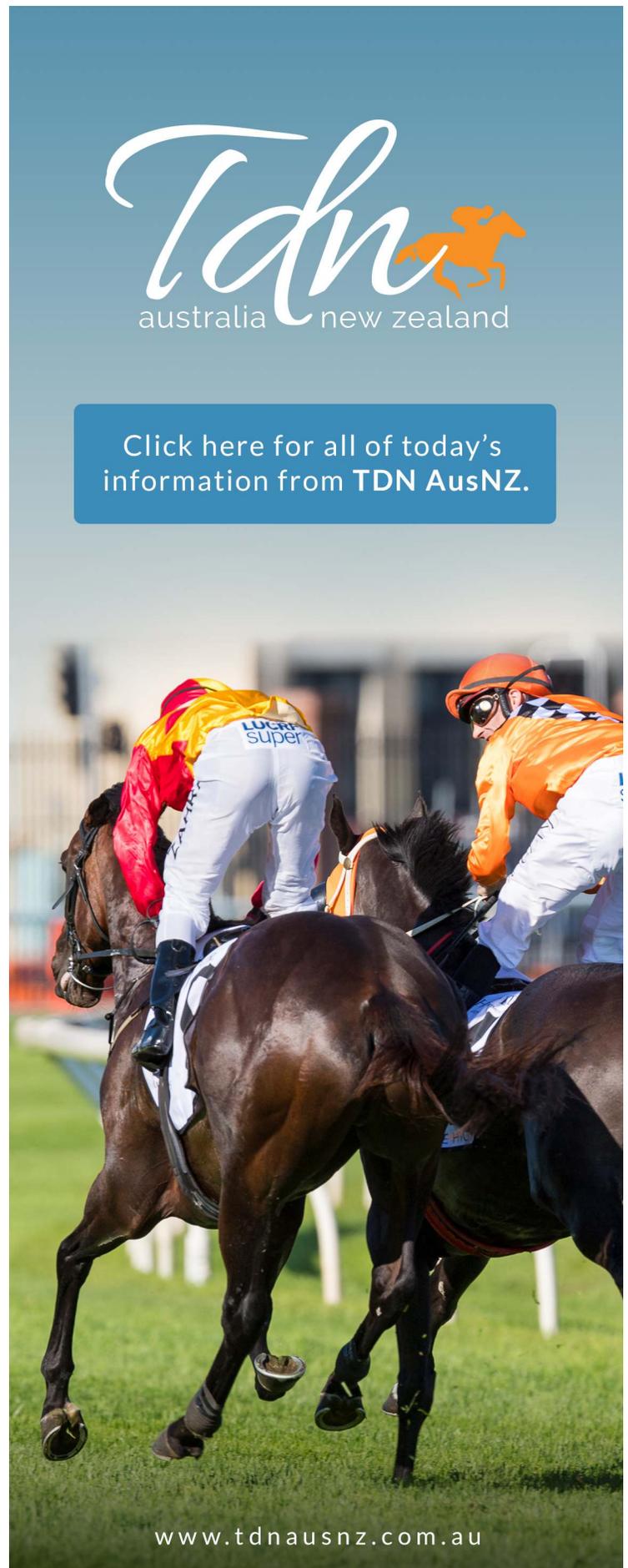
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