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'SOPHIA' SEEKS REDEMPTION IN FALLS CITY

Runner-up in last year's GII Falls City H., **Don't Tell Sophia** (Congaree), trained and owned by Phil Sims in partnership with Jerry Namy, looks to go one better in this year's renewal of the 1 1/8-mile Churchill Downs test. Kicking off her 6-year-old season with a pair of black-type wins at Oaklawn, the bay finished third to Close Hatches (First Defence), who would go on to capture three consecutive Grade I tests, in that venue's GII Azeri S. Mar.



Don't Tell Sophia
Coady Photography

15. Given a brief freshening, she returned to the winner's circle at Churchill in the Locust Grove S. Sept. 6 and came flying late to turn the tables on Close Hatches next out in Keeneland's GI Spinster S. at this distance Oct. 5. Don't Tell Sophia came from well out of it again last time to finish a valiant second behind Untapable (Tapit) in the GI Breeders' Cup Distaff at Santa Anita Oct. 31 and has stamped herself as the one to beat in this one. **Cont. p5**

TARIS TARGETING LA BREA

By Ben Massam

Taris (Flatter), a ♀ **"TDN Rising Star"** ♂ purchased for \$2.35 million by Simon Callaghan at the Fasig-Tipton November Sale, has already adapted to training at Santa Anita and demonstrated her considerable ability in the mornings, according to the California-based conditioner.



Taris
Coady Photography

"She's been doing great," said Callaghan. "She fits into the routine really well out here in California and she has not

missed a beat. She's really an easy filly to be around with a great temperament. A really classy filly to work with." **Cont. p3**

INTRIGUING FIELD SET FOR CIGAR MILE

A well-matched field of nine, including the second, third and fourth-place finishers from the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint, will line up for Saturday's GI Cigar Mile at Aqueduct. Shipping in from the West Coast is Karl Watson, Michael Pegram and Paul Weitman's **Secret Circle** (Eddington), winner of last term's Breeders' Cup Sprint and runner-up in this year's renewal. **Cont. p8**



DAY 1 IN TOKYO: RAIN DELAY

I was thinking about titling this blog "Americans are barbarians for not embracing the bidet." But really, what else is there to say other than that?

I was also thinking about calling it "Cab drivers: humanity's dark secret," or more to the point: "Cab drivers the world over want to scare and maybe kill you."

Then there was, "Shortly after taking pill #3, I realized I do not, in fact, have a unique tolerance to Tylenol PM," though that's wordy.

In the end I went with the above just because, while I've pondered the other sentiments since arriving in Japan late Tuesday afternoon (local time), I've had time to contemplate them in considerable depth only because of the foul weather here.

Anyway, an explanation: the *TDN*, after a generous invitation from the JRA, has kindly agreed to send me to Tokyo to cover Sunday's \$5.2-million G1 Japan Cup, featuring the indomitable mare **Gentildonna (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}), who last year became the first two-time winner of race. Facing Japan's 2012 Horse of the Year is Canada's 2013 winner, **Up With the Birds** (Stormy Atlantic), as well as last year's G1 Irish Derby hero **Trading Leather (Ire)** (Teofilo {Ire}). **Cont. p4**

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Breeder/owner/stallion awards = \$16 million

NY-breds = The Sky's The Limit



Bated Breath--Frabjous
Tattersalls photo

Bated Breath Colt Earns Top Spot at Tatts

A colt by the young Juddmonte stallion **Bated Breath (GB)** topped the opening session of the Tattersalls Foal Sale yesterday when hammered down to Brendan Morrin of Pier House Stud for 65,000gns.

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World's Best to Meet at Sha Tin

A total of 22 international Group 1 winners have been invited to compete in the Longines Hong Kong International Races at Sha Tin Racecourse Dec. 14. Topping the invite list are well-known names like **Cirrus des Aigles (Fr)** (Even Top {Ire}), **Designs on Rome (Ire)** (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}), **Military Attack (Ire)** (Oratorio {Ire}) and **Flintshire (GB)** (Dansili {GB}).



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TODAY'S GRADED STAKES

EST	Race	Click for	TV
2:42p	Fall Highweight H.-GIII, AQU	Brisnet.com PPs	HR/TVG
4:22p	Falls City H.-GII, CD	Brisnet.com PPs	HRTV
8:00p	Hollywood Turf Cup S.-GII, DMR	Brisnet.com PPs	HR/TVG





Taris Targeting La Brea cont. from p1

Taris' class was on full display in Keeneland's GII Raven Run S. Oct. 18, where the filly demolished the competition in a runaway nine-length score. The race was her fifth and final start for trainer Todd Beattie and owner Commonwealth New Era Racing.

According to Callaghan, the 3-year-old was purchased on behalf of Coolmore and is being pointed to the GI La Brea S. at seven furlongs Dec. 26, opening day of the Santa Anita meet. "At the moment, we're targeting the La Brea with her. It's a logical race, but we'll take it one step at a time."

An important step in that process came this past Saturday at Santa Anita, when Taris registered her first workout since arriving, a four-furlong move that pleased Callaghan.

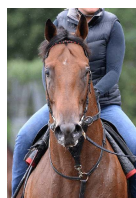
"We did our first bit of work on Saturday and it was just an easy piece in :49 for the half-mile and that was what we wanted," the trainer offered. "She looked fantastic, moved over the track well and it was really smooth."

While immediate plans call for Taris to continue competing around one turn, Callaghan believes she may have a future in route races.

"Physically looking at her, her pedigree, and the way she relaxes in her training, she's going to have every chance of stretching out," he explained. "For the first part of [2015] we'll keep her around seven-eighths where she's obviously been doing very well, but I kind of have a feeling that she's a filly that will stretch out well."

Bred by Claiborne Farm, Taris is out of the Theatrical (Ire) mare Comedy, and her second dam is GIII Distaff Turf Mile S. winner Don't Be Silly (Lord at War {Arg}). She sold for \$90,000 to her previous owners as a Keeneland September yearling. Under the care of Beattie, Taris won four of her five career starts and amassed \$275,700 in earnings.

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 3yo DIVINE OATH-G3
 2yo RAINHA DA BATERIA-G3
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Lucas Marquardt in Japan cont. from p1

In addition to filing race reports, I'll also be doing a blog on my impressions of Tokyo, the people, the food, the sights, etc. It probably won't be for everybody, but for those of you who haven't been to this part of the world, hopefully it will offer some color commentary. Mostly it will just be stories about what I've been up to.

Things all started well enough Monday morning. A 6 a.m. flight from Lexington to O'Hare, then a 13-hour flight to Tokyo. I got to sit next to an offbeat but terrific septuagenarian named Geneva (first name) who had some interesting ideas on everything from global politics to those wooden spoons that used to come with single-serve ice cream tubs. I was taking it easy on the complimentary wine since I'd already popped, to no effect, a couple Tylenol PM. But Geneva was picking up the slack. She was heading to Burma for a river cruise of the Irrawaddy. "I've been to 69 countries," she said.

Later, as we began our descent, she lifted the window shade and, seeing nothing but a cumulus field below, exclaimed, "Look how fluffy Japan is!" I had been in and out of consciousness, as about halfway through the flight the sleep aids hit at once, but I was able to give her a thumbs-up. I was plenty spacey. Remember that scene in *Trainspotting* where Mark Renton sinks down into the floor and views everything with a weird earthly tunnel vision? Just like that.

We landed at Narita International around 3:30 p.m. The airport is 35 miles east of Tokyo, but a reasonably priced ticket on the Narita Express--about \$12 for those with a foreign passport--gets you to Tokyo Station in under an hour.

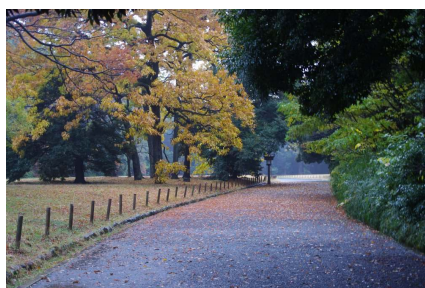
Tokyo sits a little bit south of Lexington--it's on the same parallel as Raleigh, North Carolina--so I was surprised when we emerged from the train tunnel and it was already

completely dark at 4:30 p.m.--a half-hour before the sun sets in Raleigh. Axial tilt? Don't know.

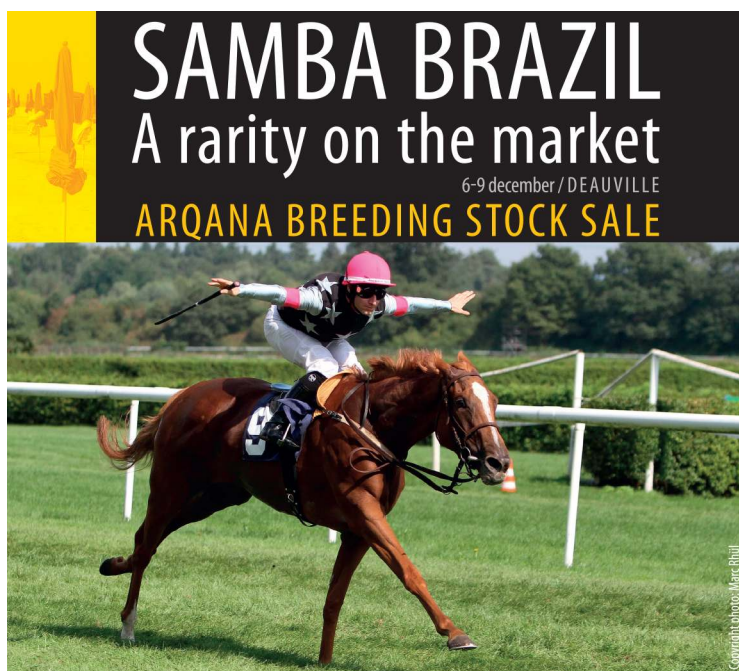
Unfortunately, the weather in Tokyo was exactly the same as the weather I'd left in Chicago: cold and rainy. I was hoping for

a let-up overnight, but I woke up early Wednesday morning to rain pelting my hotel window. The press isn't invited to Tokyo Racecourse until Thursday, so I had a day to burn. I drew up an itinerary over coffee: the Meiji Shrine in Shibuya, the nearby Ota and Nezu museums, both the namesakes of private art collectors, and something called the Parasite Museum, which claimed to feature a 29-ft tapeworm removed from a 40-year-old man. Culture!

Sadly, I only made it as far as the Meiji Shrine. But that still was an experience. The site, in a 175-acre park made up mostly of evergreens, is dedicated to Emperor Meiji and his wife, Empress Shoken. **Cont. p5**



Pathway to Meiji Shrine



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SAMBA BRAZIL

(GER)

J.al. 2009

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SASUELA

2000 (GER)

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Saviour

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1^{re} mère

SASUELA, 1 vict., 2 pl. à 2 et 3 ans en Allemagne. Mère de 9 produits, 8 en âge de courir, 6 vainqueurs dont :

SEISMOS, (m. Dalakhani), 7 vict. de 3 à 6 ans, GP von Bayern (Gr.1), Geoffrey Freer St. (Gr.3) (14), Hessen-Pokal (Gr.3), Hubertus-Liebrecht-Gedächtnispreis (Gr.3), GP de Clairefontaine (L.), 2e GP von Baden (Gr.1), 3e Canadian Int'l S. (Gr.1), et £341,847.

SAMBA BRAZIL, (f., Monsun), 1 vict. à 3 ans, 2e Preis der Diana (German Soberania (f., Monsun), 3e Premio Lydia Tesio (Gr.1), 4e Prix Vermeille Oaks) (Gr.1), 3e Premio Lydia Tesio (Gr.1), et 161 870 €. Poulinière au Japon. (Gr.1), Preis von Europa (Gr.1), et 120 000 €.

N., (f.2013, Monsun), vendue yearling 1 200 000 €.

2^e mère

SACARINA, Mère de 12 produits en âge de courir, 10 vainqueurs dont :

SCHIAPARELLI, (m. Monsun), 12 vict., Gran Premio del Jockey Club (Gr.1) (2 fois), Deutsches Derby (Gr.1), Preis von Europa (Gr.1), Deutschland-Preis (Gr.1), Px Kergorlay (Gr.2), 1 103 679 €. Etalon.

SAMUM, (m., Monsun), 6 vict. à 2 et 3 ans, Deutsches Derby (Gr.1), Grosser Preis von Baden (Gr.1), Grosser Müller Brot-Preis (Gr.2), Dr Busch Memorial (Gr.3), et 980 831 €. Etalon.

SALVE REGINA, (f., Monsun), 3 vict. à 3 ans, Preis der Diana (Gr.1), 2e Deutsches Derby (Gr.1), GP von Baden (Gr.1), Preis von Europa (Gr.1), Private Banking Pokal (Gr.1), 541 700 €. Mère de :

SALVE GERMANIA, (f.), 2 vict., 2e GP du CG Alpes Maritimes (L.) (14), Salve Hibernia, (f.), 2 vict., 2e GP en GER, Derby Trial (L.).

SEVENTH SKY, (m., King's Best), 2 vict. en GER, 2 vainqueurs :

Sanwa, (f., Monsun), n'a pas couru. Mère de 2 vainqueurs :

SEA THE MOON, (m.2011), 4 vict. à 2 et 3 ans en 5 sorties, Deutsches Derby (Gr.1) (14), Oppenheim-Union-Rennen (Gr.2) (14), Frühjahrs-Preis (Gr.3) (14), 2e GP von Baden (Gr.1) (14).

Sanshiwa, (f.), 2 vict., 2e Dallmayr Coupe Lukull (L.).

Sahel, (f., Monsun), 1 vict., 4 places. Mère de 3 vainqueurs dont :

SORTILEGE, (f.), 4 vict., Premio Lydia Tesio (Gr.1), et 151 550 €.

Sosia, (f.2011), 1 vict. (14), 3e Prix Coronation (L.) (14).

PERFORMANCES : 4 vict. de 2 à 4 ans en France et en Allemagne, Grosse Europa Meile (Gr.3), Berenberg Bank Cup (L.), Premio Verziere 8 places, 3e Premio Sergio Cumanì (Gr.3), Premio Oettingen-Gr.3, 4e Premio Vittorio di Capua (Gr.1), Darley Oettingen-Rennen (Gr.2), Prix Rose de Mai (L.), et 106 574 €.

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1st Dam

CLEAR MANDATE, by Deputy Minister. 10 wins, 2 to 5, \$1,085,588 in NA. Won **Three Chimneys Spinster S. [G1]**, **John A. Morris H. [G1]**, **Shuvee H. [G1]**, Cotillion H. **[G2]**. 2nd Ruffian H. **[G1]**. 3rd Beldame S. **[G1]**, Go For Wand S. **[G1]**. Dam of 10 foals to race, 9 winners--

STRONG MANDATE (c, by Tiznow). Won **Hopeful S. [G1]** by 9 3/4 lengths, broke maiden in August by 4 1/2 posting a 92 Beyer while defeating Millionaire Tapiture. 2nd Southwest S. **[G3]**. 3rd Breeders' Cup Juvenile **[G1]**. (Total: \$529,566).

NEWFOUNDLAND (c, by Storm Cat). 6 wins at 3 and 4, \$660,984 in NA. Won Canadian Turf H. **[G3]**, Skip Away H. **[G3]**, Coronado's Quest S. 2nd Jockey Club Gold Cup S. **[G1]**, Suburban H. **[G1]**, Gulfstream Park H. **[G2]**. 3rd Brooklyn H. **[G2]**. (Total: \$678,455) Sire.

FULL MANDATE (c, by A.P. Indy). 5 wins at 3 and 4, \$192,923 in NA. Won Black Tie Affair H. Sire of 3-time **Grade 1 Winner Ron the Greek** (\$2,713,089).

The Mighty Tiger (c, by Storm Cat). 2nd Vintage S. **[G2]** (ENG). 3rd Galileo Ebf Futurity S. **[G2]** (IRE). (Total: \$67,124) Sire.

2nd Dam

DREAM DEAL, by Sharpen Up (GB). 4 wins at 2 and 3, \$215,222 in NA. Won **Monmouth Oaks [G1]**. 2nd Gazelle H. **[G1]**, Revidere S. 3rd Alabama S. **[G1]**. Dam of 12 foals to race, 6 winners--

CLEAR MANDATE (f, by Deputy Minister). Won **Three Chimneys Spinster S. [G1]**, **John A. Morris H. [G1]**, **Shuvee H. [G1]**, see above.

DREAM SCHEME (f, by Danzig). 8 wins, 3 to 5, \$431,823 in NA. Won Churchill Downs Distaff H. **[G2]**. 2nd My Charmer S., Lady Mannequin H., Scarlet Carnation H. 3rd Ellis Park Breeders' Cup H., Ellis Park Breeders' Cup H., Weekend Delight S. Dam of 2 winners. Dam of--

Perfect Timing. Placed at 4, \$8,730 in NA. Dam of **PERFECT FOR YOU** (f, by Giant's Causeway. 4 wins at 3 and 4, \$192,299 in US. Won Holiday Inaugural S. 3rd Dogwood S. **[G3]**, etc.)

A DIEHL (g, by Aldebaran). 8 wins, 3 to 8, \$465,814 in US. Won J. Kenneth Self Shelby County Boys and Girls Club twice. 2nd Don Bernhardt S. 3rd Kelly's Landing S., Super S. At 7 Cnr Indiana Grand Race Course 7 1/2f 01:25.15 (T).

Miss Kate (f, by Storm Cat). 4 wins at 2 and 3, \$144,100 in NA. 3rd Summit S. Dam of 4 winners, incl--

RACONTEUR (c, by A.P. Indy). 3 wins at 3, \$163,133 in US. Won Private Terms S.

KATERBUG (f, by Pulpit). 3 wins at 2 and 3, \$119,152 in US. Won Audubon Oaks. 2nd Kentucky Cup Ladies Turf S.

Special Event (g, by Saint Ballado). 5 wins at 4 and 7, \$111,061 in US. 2nd Prairie Bayou S.

Deal of the Decade (f, by Tiznow). Unplaced at 3 in US. Dam of 2 winners, including--

Pretty Fancy (f, by Lemon Drop Kid). Winner at 2 and 3, 2014, \$128,419 in US. 3rd TaWee S.

3rd Dam

LIKELY EXCHANGE, by Terrible Tiger. 23 wins, 2 to 7, \$475,140 in NA. Won **Delaware H.-G1**, Fleur De Lis H., Latonia Championship S., Mint Julep H., Kentucky Cardinal H. (1 div), Fleur De Lis H. 2nd Sheridan H.-**G2**, Falls City H.-**G3**, Bewitch S. twice, Shirley Jones H., Fleur De Lis H., Poinciana H., Mint Julep H. 3rd Spinster S.-**G1**, Spinster S.-**G1**, Falls City H.-**G3**, Poinciana H., Blue Delight H., Constitution H., Twin Bridges H. Dam of 3 foals to race, all winners--

CREME FRAICHE (g, by Rich Cream). 17 wins, 2 to 6, \$4,024,727 in NA. Won Jockey Club Gold Cup **[G1]**, Jockey Club Gold Cup S. **[G1]**, Super Derby Invit. H. **[G1]**, Meadowlands Cup H. **[G1]**, Belmont S. **[G1]**, American Derby **[G1]**, Jerome H. **[G1]**, W. L. McKnight Invit. H. **[G2]**, Paterson H. **[G2]**, Donn H. **[G2]**, Derby Trial S. **[G3]**, Tropical Park H. twice., What A Pleasure S. (1 div). 2nd Gulfstream Park H. **[G1]**, Widener H. **[G1]**, W. L. McKnight Invit. H. **[G2]**, Massachusetts H. **[G2]**, Everglades S. **[G2]**, Jersey Derby **[G3]**, Louisiana Derby S. **[G3]**, Jaipur S. **[G3]** (1 div), Hutcheson S. **[G3]**, Bold Reason H., Swale S., Richard Stockton S. 3rd Jockey Club Gold Cup S. **[G1]**, Woodward S. **[G1]**, Brooklyn H. **[G1]**, Haskell Invitational H. **[G1]**, Gulfstream Park H. **[G1]**, Suburban H. **[G1]**, Brooklyn H. **[G1]**, Hialeah Turf Cup H. **[G1]**, W. L. McKnight Invit. H. **[G2]** twice, Bernard Baruch H. **[G2]**, Dominion Day H. **[G1]**, Lashkari S. (1 div). At 6 Ntr Calder Race Course 1 1/4m 02:05.80.

DREAM DEAL (f, by Sharpen Up (GB)). Won **Monmouth Oaks [G1]**, see above.

4th dam

LIKELY SWAP, by Swaps. 15 wins, 3 to 6, \$64,582 in NA. Won Great Lakes H., Latonia Championship S., Pan Zareta H., Scarlet Carnation S., Warrensville H., Marigold S. 2nd Great Lakes H. 3rd Falls City H., Inaugural S., Inaugural S (2 div). Dam of 4 foals to race, 3 winners--

LIKELY EXCHANGE (f, by Terrible Tiger). Won **Delaware H. [G1]**, see above.


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Lucas Marquardt in Japan cont.

In the late 19th century and early 20th, Meiji turned Japan from an isolated feudal state into an



Meiji Shrine

industrialized world power. Pass through a massive *Torii*, or the traditional Japanese gate, and the shrine is comprised of two or three structures that feature those big, sweeping, curved roofs typical of Shinto

architecture (a style called nagare-zukuri, says Google). They overlook a large stone square that on this day was decidedly uncrowded. Only a tour of Japanese tourists and a few stragglers like myself were around.

Before you enter, it's a sign of respect to perform *Temizu*, a Shinto hand-washing ceremony. At a stone water basin, you take a long-handled dipper with your right hand, and

pour some water into your left. Then you switch hands and pour a little into your right hand. Then, pouring more water into your cupped left hand, you take some into your



Entrance to shrine

mouth, swish it around, and quietly spit it back into your left hand, before completing the ceremony but lifting the dipper vertically and letting water wash down the handle. I was in the process of getting this wrong when a sweet elderly Japanese lady showed me how it was done. Tree-line pebble paths bring to and from the shrine, and even in the rain, the birds stirred up an impressive cacophony.

By this time I was soaked to the bone, so when, after warming up a bit with a steaming bowl of wantanmen, I found that the Ota Museum closed for renovations, I decided to head back to the hotel. (This by a somewhat harrowing cab ride that seemed to find the driver more confused by the left-handed driving than I was.)



Hand-washing basin

A good day, but tons more to do and see. Tomorrow we head out to Tokyo Racecourse for the first time, and with a forecast of clear skies and temperatures in the 60s, I should have lots of photos and some video, too.

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BLACK-TYPE PREVIEWS

Sophia Seeks Redemption in Falls City cont. from p1

Bill Cubbage's **Molly Morgan** (Ghostzapper) displayed her class and talent with wins in the track-and-trip GII Fleur de Lis H. and Ellis Park's one-mile GIII Gardenia S. earlier this year. The Dale Romans trainee has proven to be no match for this race's morning-line favorite however, finishing second to Don't Tell Sophia in the Locust Grove and third in the Spinster. The bay was victorious in this venue's GII Chilukki S. last time Nov. 1 and will benefit from her obvious affinity for this track. Third in last year's renewal of this test, Preston Stables' **Flashy American** (Flashy Bull) captured Hawthorne's GIII Sixty Sails H. at this distance Apr. 19 and was second in the Fleur Dis Lis. Third behind the streaking Belle Gallantey (After Market) and MGSW Princess of Sylmar (Majestic Warrior) in the GI Delaware H. July 12, the Ken McPeck pupil was bumped at the start of the GIII Shuvee H. July 27 and never really recovered, finishing a flat fifth as the favorite, and was fourth when last seen in Indiana's Mari Hulman George S. Oct. 4. Todd Pletcher sends out ☆ **"TDN Rising Star"** ☆ **Teen Pauline** (Tapit), who captured three of her four starts this season. *Cont. p6*

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12 STAKES WINNERS IN 2014

Sky Mesa has more Stakes Winners in 2014 than any A.P. Indy-line sire except Tapit. In fact, of all A.P. Indy-line sires, only Tapit has more Grade 1 Winners in 2014 than Sky Mesa. Considering that Tapit stands for \$300,000, Malibu Moon for \$95,000, Bernardini for \$85,000, and Congrats for \$35,000, Sky Mesa looks like the horse to beat at \$20,000 S&N.



Sophia Seeks Redemption in Falls City cont.

Victorious in Aqueduct's Affectionately S. Jan. 1, Ladies H. Jan. 25 and GII Top Flight H. Mar. 1, the Stonestreet Stables homebred spent just short of eight months on the shelf and returned with a sixth last time behind the undefeated Dame Dorothy (Bernardini) in Belmont's GIII Turnback the Alarm H. Oct. 26. One of just two sophomores in this 10-horse affair is James Tafel's rapidly improving **Tiz Windy** (Tiznow). The Carl Nafzger trainee boasts four victories from eight starts this term, most recently capturing a Churchill optional claimer Sept. 13 and the GII Indiana Oaks Oct. 4--both at 1 1/16 miles.

Thursday, Churchill Downs, post time: 4:22 p.m. EST

FALLS CITY H.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Mufajaah (K)	Tapit	Bridgmohan	Peitz	50-1
2	Imposing Grace	Empire Maker	Hill	Catalano	20-1
3	Strut the Course	Strut the Stage	Albarado	Minshall	12-1
4	Endless Chatter (K)	First Samurai	Castanon	Brown	6-1
5	Flashy American (K)	Flashy Bull	Landeros	McPeck	10-1
6	Molly Morgan (K)	Ghostzapper	Lanerie	Romans	4-1
7	Don't Tell Sophia (K)	Congaree	Rocco Jr	Sims	6-5
8	Teen Pauline	Tapit	Leparoux	Pletcher	5-1
9	Frivolous	Empire Maker	Court	Oliver	50-1
10	Tiz Windy	Tiznow	Hernandez Jr	Nafzger	8-1

'STAR' HOPES TO SHINE IN HOLLYWOOD

Augustin Stable's GIII Sycamore S. victor **Holiday Star** (Harlan's Holiday) seeks his second consecutive victory going 1 1/2 miles on the turf in today's GII Hollywood Turf Cup at Del Mar. Third behind GI Arlington Million upsetter Hardest Core (Hard Spun) in Delaware's Cape Henlopen S. July 12, the Graham Motion pupil missed by just a nose in both Saratoga's John's Call S. Aug. 6 and Parx's PTHA President's Cup S. Sept. 13 prior to his score in Keeneland's Sycamore last time Oct. 16.



Holiday Star
Coady Photography

Working well since his last start, including a six-panel bullet at Fair Hill in 1:14 1/5 Nov. 15, the bay gelding gains the services of Hall of Famer Mike Smith for this one. Donegal Racing and Rockingham Ranch's **Finnegans Wake** (Powerscourt {GB}) captured the GIII Arlington H. July 12 and was fifth in the Million Aug. 16 in his final two starts for previous trainer Dale Romans. Transferred to the California-based Peter Miller after Rockingham Ranch came on as part owners, the bay was a close second in Santa Anita's GII John Henry Turf Championship S. Sept. 28 and was a non-factor 10th last time in the GI Breeders' Cup Turf there Nov. 1. Midwest Thoroughbreds' **The Pizza Man** (English Channel) kicked off his 5-year-old season with a trio of victories at Arlington Park in the state-bred Black Tie Affair H.



The Pizza Man
Four Footed Fotos

June 21, the GIII Stars and Stripes S. at this distance July 12 and the American St Leger Aug. 16. A disappointing fifth as the favorite in Woodbine's GI Northern Dancer S. Sept. 14, the hard-knocking gelding was fourth last time in that venue's GI Canadian International S. Oct. 19 and looks poised to return to his previous form in this drop in class.

Thursday, Del Mar, post time: 5:00 p.m. EST

HOLLYWOOD TURF CUP S.-GII, \$250,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/2mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Stoney Fleece	Decarchy	Pereira	O'Callaghan	20-1
2	Holiday Star	Harlan's Holiday	Smith	Motion	7-2
3	Finnegans Wake	Powerscourt (GB)	Espinoza	Miller	9-2
4	Mystery Train (Arg)	Not for Sale (Arg)	Talamo	Vienna	8-1
5	Patrioticandproud (K)	Proud Citizen	Nakatani	Casse	12-1
6	Irish Surf	Giant's Causeway	Trujillo	Hendricks	8-1
7	Alakazan Alakazan (Brz)	Elusive Quality	Bejarano	Motion	5-1
8	Bench Light	Benchmark	Desormeaux	Pender	8-1
9	Little Jerry (K)	Candy Ride (Arg)	Pedroza	Baltas	15-1
10	Power Foot	Powerscourt (GB)	Baze	Drysdale	20-1
11	The Pizza Man	English Channel	Geroux	Brueggemann	5-1

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RICE LOOKS FOR FALL HIGHWEIGHT REPEAT

Linda Rice captured last term's GIII Fall Highweight H. at Aqueduct with Palace (City Zip), who went on to score victories in the GI Alfred G. Vanderbilt H. and GI Forego S. at Saratoga this year. The conditioner looks to repeat in this year's renewal of the six-furlong test with the speedy filly **La Verdad** (Yes It's True). The



La Verdad
A. Coglianese

Lady Sheila Stable colorbearer is an Aqueduct specialist, boasting six wins from seven starts over this strip, with her lone loss being her debut effort last March. A consistent performer with 10 wins from 15 lifetime starts, the GII Distaff H. heroine was fifth behind the

streaking Artemis Agrotera (Roman Ruler) three back in the Spa's GI Ballerina H. Aug. 23 and missed by just a head to that foe next out in Belmont's GII Gallant Bloom H. Sept. 20. The bay returned to her winning ways last time in that venue's state-bred Iroquois S. Oct. 18 and was scratched from Laurel's Frank J. De Francis Memorial Dash Nov. 8. The main question about La Verdad in this test is how she will match up in her first start against the boys. "It's a tough spot--there's a lot of speed in the race--but she's done very well since the Iroquois and it was a choice between that and the Garland of Roses [Dec. 6]," said Rice. The morning-line favorites here are the coupled David Jacobson entry of **Strapping Groom** (Johannesburg) and **Salutos Amigos** (Salute the Sarge). Owned by Jacobson and Drawing Away Stable, Strapping Groom was second in last year's Fall Highweight and won the Gravesend H. over the inner track here next out Dec. 21. Last year's GI Forego S. hero kicked off this term with a victory in this venue's GIII Tom Fool H. Mar. 1 and was last seen finishing fifth in the GI Carter H. Jacobson and Southern Equine Stables' Salutos Amigos finished fourth just two lengths behind winner Private Zone (Macho Uno) in Belmont's GI Vosburgh Invitational S. Sept. 27 and returned to win that venue's seven-panel GIII Bold Ruler H. Oct. 25.

That win earned him a quick turnaround in the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint Seventh last time in the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint where he was seventh last time out Nov. 1. The bay will be poised to pick up the pieces if the speed horses burn themselves out early.

"Strapping Groom is doing well," said Jacobson.

"We've had some trouble with his feet, quarter cracks, but we've got him good now and we think he's going to run a bang-up race. Both he and Salutos Amigos are spectacular horses that we've done very well with and I expect both of them to bring their "A" game." Chad Brown saddles one of those speedsters in **"TDN Rising Star" ☆ Bakken** (Distorted Humor). Owned by Mr. and Mrs. William Warren Jr., the lightly raced bay made his belated seasonal bow in Belmont's GII True North S. where he finishing a close second to Palace June 6. Given a brief freshening, he captured a 6 1/2-panel Belmont optional claimer next out Oct. 2 and eighth last time after a troubled trip in the Breeders' Cup Sprint. Barry Schwartz's 3-year-old **Captain Serious** (Successful Appeal) may be the youngest horse in the field, but he is no less talented than his older opponents. Opening his account with three consecutive victories this spring, two of which were over this strip, the Mike Hushion pupil was a close second in Belmont's GIII Dwyer S. July 5 and was third in Saratoga's July 26 GII Amsterdam S. after a bad break and wide trip. Fourth in that venue's state-bred 1 1/8-mile Albany S. Aug. 24, the bay gelding was third to Bakken in the Oct. 2 Belmont test and finished fourth after another wide trip last time in Belmont's state-bred Hudson S. Oct. 18. Captain Serious adds blinkers for this one and enters off a best-of-70 half-mile over the Belmont training track in :47 2/5 Nov. 21. Also worth a look, especially at his morning-line quote of 15-1, is Mr Amore Stable's **Tightend Touchdown** (Pure Precision). A dead-heat second in last year's GI Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint, the Jason Servis trainee successfully defended his title in the turfy Pennsylvania Governor's Cup S. May 31 and missed by just a nose to veteran Ben's Cat (Parker's Storm Cat) in the grassy GIII Parx Dash H. July 12. Third in that venue's GIII Turf Monster H. Sept. 1, the chestnut did not disgrace himself when sixth by just 1 1/2 lengths last time in this year's Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint Nov. 1. **Field p8**

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Thursday, Aqueduct, post time: 2:42 p.m. EST

FALL HIGHWEIGHT H.-GIII, \$300,000, 3yo/up, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Tightend Touchdown	Pure Precision	Bravo	Servis	15-1
2	Weekend Hideaway	Speightstown	Lezcano	Serpe	20-1
3	Captain Serious	Successful Appeal	Ortiz	Hushion	12-1
4	Bakken	Distorted Humor	Rosario	Brown	5-2
5	Crafty Dreamer	War Front	Davis	Iselin	30-1
6a	Salutos Amigos	Salute the Sarge	Velasquez	Jacobson	2-1
7	La Verdad	Yes It's True	Franco	Rice	6-1
8a	Strapping Groom	Johannesburg	Castellano	Jacobson	2-1
9	River Rocks	Western Pride	Ortiz Jr	Terranova	4-1
10	Mewannarose	Bwana Charlie	Velazquez	Englehart	20-1
11	Bama Bound	Rock Hard Ten	Alvarado Jr	Preciado	30-1



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Intriguing File Set for Cigar Mile cont. from p1

Tabbed as the 2-1 morning-line chalk, the Bob Baffert-trained Secret Circle will break from the six hole with Joel Rosario aboard. Good Friends Stable's two-time GI Vosburgh S. winner **Private Zone** (Macho Uno) drew the rail and will be piloted by Martin Pedroza. Runner-up in last year's Cigar Mile and third last time in the BC Sprint, the Alfredo Velasquez trainee was quoted at 3-1 on the morning line. Rounding out the BC Sprint trio is Bourbon Lane Stable's fourth-place finisher **Bourbon Courage** (Lion Heart). Trained by Kellyn Gorder, the 12-1 shot on the morning-line will exit post nine with Jose Lezcano aboard. "One turn is the key," said Gorder. "His first two races [since returning from a five-month layoff in October] were sprints, and those were strong races. What makes this unique is this is the first time I've trained him for sprinting. He's a very good horse. He's been frustrating, but hopefully this is his breakthrough. It would be my first Grade I win." **Cont. p9**

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-	Kitten's Joy	20	4	\$100,000

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Intriguing File Set for Cigar Mile cont.

Eddie Plesa saddles a contender who is already a Grade I winner in Trilogy Stable and Laurie Plesa's **Itsmyluckyday** (Lawyer Ron). Given a 4-1 shot on the morning line, the GI Woodward S. hero drew the two hole and will have Paco Lopez in the irons. Plesa was originally considering the GI Breeders' Cup Classic for Itsmyluckyday, but decided to bypass the championships in favor of this spot after the bay finished a disappointing third to **Vyjack** (Into Mischief) as the favorite in the GI Kelso H. last time Sept. 27. "He came out a little bit tired, but soundness-wise he was fine," said Plesa. "We decided to bypass the



Itsmyluckyday
Courtney Heeney

Breeders' Cup, and point to the [Cigar Mile] instead. I think his performance in the Kelso was a combination of factors. [The Whitney and Woodward] took a toll on him physically, and he was put in a position between horses [in the Kelso] and was bounced around. Everyone expected him to win, but that's why they call it horse racing." Pick Six Racing's Vyjack will break from post four Saturday with Irad Ortiz Jr. in the saddle. He was given an 8-1 chance on the morning line.

Saturday, Aqueduct, post time: 4:17 p.m. EST

CIGAR MILE H.-GI, \$500,000, 3yo/up, 1m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Private Zone (K)	Macho Uno	Pedroza	Velazquez	122
2	Itsmyluckyday (K)	Lawyer Ron	Lopez	Plesa Jr.	122
3	Noble Moon (K)	Malibu Moon	Ortiz	Gyarmati	114
4	Vyjack	Into Mischief	Ortiz Jr.	Rodriguez	118
5	Transparent	Bernardini	Castellano	McLaughlin	114
6	Secret Circle (K)	Eddington	Rosario	Baffert	122
7	Big Business	Eddington	Velasquez	Jacobson	116
8	Regally Ready (K)	More Than Ready	Velazquez	Asmussen	117
9	Bourbon Courage	Lion Heart	Lezcano	Gorder	117

Saturday, Del Mar, post time: 7:00 p.m. EST

HOLLYWOOD DERBY-GI, \$300,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Talco (Fr)	Pivotal (GB)	Van Dyke	Sadler	122
2	Lexie Lou (f)	Sligo Bay (Ire)	Nakatani	Casse	119
3	Flamboyant (Fr)	Peer Gynt (Jpn)	Smith	Gallagher	122
4	Sawyer's Hill (K)	Spring At Last	Bejarano	Mulhall	122
5	California Chrome	Lucky Pulpit	Espinoza	Sherman	122
6	Cabral	Henrythenavigator	Dsrmeux	Powell	122

Saturday, Aqueduct, post time: 3:19 p.m. EST

DEMOISELLE S.-GII, \$400,000, 2yo, f, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	My Cara Mia	Colonel John	Saez	Friedman	115
2	Calamity Kate	Yes It's True	Lopez	Breen	115
3	Quezon	Tiz Wonderful	Franco	Ribauda	119
4	Save Rock and Roll (K)	Super Saver	Velasquez	Orseno	115
5	Gap Year	Bernardini	Ortiz Jr.	McLaughlin	115
6	Condo Commando (K)	Tiz Wonderful	Rosario	Rodriguez	121
7	Angela Renee	Bernardini	Velasquez	Pletcher	121
8	Jacaranda (K)	Congrats	Ortiz	Hushion	121

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Saturday, Aqueduct, post time: 3:48 p.m. EST

REMSEN S.-GII, \$400,000, 2yo, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1a	Flashaway (K)	Eskendereya	Velasquez	Casse	116
2	Combat Diver	Line of David	Rose	Contessa	116
3a	Moonlight Bandit	Malibu Moon	Velasquez	Casse	116
4	Bodhisattva	Student Council	Acosta	Corrales	116
5	Thirtysevenliveson (K)	Giant's Causeway	Lopez	Romans	116
6	Royal Burgh (K)	Street Sense	Lezcano	Pletcher	116
7	Eh Cumpari (K)	Elusive Quality	Franco	Dilger	116
8b	Leave the Light On	Horse Greeley	Ortiz	Brown	120
9	Keen Ice (K)	Curlin	Lanerie	Romans	116
10	The Truth Or Else (K)	Yes It's True	Saez	McPeck	116
11	Classy Class (K)	Discreetly Mine	Castellano	McLghlin	116
12	Ostrolenka	Musket Man	Velasquez	Pletcher	120
13b	Market Conduct	Super Saver	Rosario	Brown	120
14	Frosted	Tapit	Ortiz Jr.	McLghlin	116

Saturday, Hawthorne, post time: 6:20 p.m. EST

HAWTHORNE GOLD CUP H.-GII, \$250,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/4m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Abraham (K)	Distorted Humor	Rocco Jr.	Mott	117
2	Hattaash (K)	Strong Hope	Russell	Winebgh	114
3	Red Rifle (K)	Giant's Causeway	Geroux	Pletcher	116
4	Cary Street (K)	Smarty Jones	Mena	Walsh	121
5	Ever Rider (Arg)	Rider Stripes (Arg)	Pennington	Montoya	121
6	Effinex	Mineshaft	Arroyo	Jerkens	114
7	Street Spice	Street Sense	Perez	Geier	113
8	Call Me George (K)	Point Given	Esquivel	Forster	115
9	Fordubai	E Dubai	Ocampo	Geier	116
10	Mister Marti Gras	Belong to Me	Thornton	Block	115
11	Midnight Aria (K)	Midnight Lute	Felix	Gonzalez	115



Black-Type Previews cont.

Saturday, Churchill Downs, post time: 4:35 p.m. EST

GOLDEN ROD S.-GII, \$200,000, 2yo, f, 1 1/16m

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Carta de Oro	Medaglia d'Oro	Castanon	Arnold II	119
2 No Fault of Mine (K)	Blame	Santana Jr.	Block	119
3 I'm a Chatterbox (K)	Munnings	Landeros	McPeck	119
4 Simply Confection (K)	Candy Ride (Arg)	Court	Fires	119
5 Cristina's Journey (K)	Any Given Saturday	Albarado	Romans	119
6 Heart's Song	Desert Party	Hernandez Jr	Connelly	119
7 Jojo's Melody (K)	Harlan's Holiday	Lanerrie	Romans	119
8 West Coast Belle	Tapit	Bridgmohan	Catalano	119
9 Martz (K)	Scat Daddy	Osorio	Moquett	119
10 Kathballu	Bluegrass Cat	Leparoux	McPeck	119
11 Ancient Goddess (Fr)	Iffraaj (GB)	Garcia	Terranova	119
12 Seeking Paradise	Blame	Hernandez	Colebrook	119

Saturday, Churchill Downs, post time: 5:35 p.m. EST

KENTUCKY JOCKEY CLUB S.-GII, \$200,000, 2yo, 1 1/16m

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Sky Hero (K)	Sky Mesa	Leparoux	Casse	122
2 Eagle	Candy Ride (Arg)	Hernandez Jr.	Howard	122
3 International Star	Fusaichi Pegasus	Hernandez	Maker	122
4 Moonlight Bandit	Malibu Moon	Velasquez	Casse	122
5 El Kabeir	Scat Daddy	Borel	Terranova	122
6 Lucky Player	Lookin At Lucky	Santana Jr.	Asmussen	122
7 War Point (K)	War Chant	Hill	Gowan	122
8 Imperia	Medaglia d'Oro	Albarado	McLaughlin	122
9 Lord Nelson (K)	Pulpit	Garcia	Baffert	122
10 Majestic (K)	Majesticperfection	Court	Lukas	122
11 Flashaway (K)	Eskendereya	Bridgmohan	Casse	122
12 Jumpin Frac Flash (K)	Any Given Saturday	Landeros	McPeck	122

Saturday, Aqueduct, post time: 1:24 p.m. EST

COMELY S.-GIII, \$400,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/8m

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Shayjolie	Indian Charlie	Ortiz	Contessa	114
2a Penwith	Bernardini	Rosario	McLaughlin	114
3a Snowbell	Tapit	Saez	Albertrani	114
4 Dame Dorothy (K)	Bernardini	Castellano	Pletcher	122
5 House Rules (K)	Distorted Humor	Lezcano	Jerkens	114
6 Princess Violet	Officer	Franco	Hushion	118
7 Catch My Drift (K)	Pioneer of the Nile	Velasquez	Brown	114
8a Divided Attention	A.P. Indy	Ortiz Jr.	McLaughlin	114
9 Flipcup	Milwaukee Brew	Velasquez	Mott	118

Saturday, Del Mar, post time: 4:30 p.m. EST

NATIVE DIVER S.-GIII, \$200,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m (AWT)

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Big Cazanov (Arg)	Giant's Causeway	Trujillo	Miller	118
2 Tamarando	Bertrando	Smith	Hillndrfer	117
3 Blue Tone (K)	Birdstone	Dsormeux	Hess Jr	118
4 Fleet Eagle	Don't Get Mad	Pereira	Capestro	118
5 Avanzare	Grand Reward	Stevens	Proctor	120
6 Salto Del Indio (Chi)	Happy Hunting	Talamo	Puype	124
7 Blueskiesrainbows (K)	English Channel	Bejarano	Hillndrfer	122


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Saturday, Del Mar, post time: 6:00 p.m. EST

JIMMY DURANTE S.-GIII, \$150,000, 2yo, f, 1mT

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Conquest Artura (K)	Artie Schiller	Nakatani	Casse	116
2 Rainha Da Bateria (K)	Broken Vow	Smith	Motion	122
3 Belle Et Bete (Ire)	Big Bad Bob (Ire)	Solis	Gallagher	118
4 Ol' Fashion Gal (K)	Sky Mesa	Talamo	Casse	118
5 Backstreet Lisa (K)	City Zip	Maldonado	Miller	118
6 Paulina's Love	Mizzen Mast	Dsormeux	Papadodmu	116
7 Bobbi Grace (Ire)	Big Bad Bob (Ire)	Van Dyke	Proctor	118
8 Devil's Beauty (K)	Giant's Causeway	Antongeorji	Belvoir	116
9 Jaded Glory (K)	Smart Strike	Stevens	Proctor	118
10 Don't Blame Me (K)	Blame	Baze	Mulhall	118
11 Bennett Jean (K)	Smart Strike	Gryder	West	118

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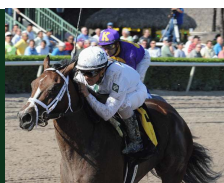
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BATED BREATH COLT TOPS FOAL OPENER

Young Juddmonte stallion Bated Breath (GB) has found favour with plenty of people on the hunt for foals at Tattersalls and his son out of the Pivotal (GB) mare Frabjous (GB) ([lot 357](#)) created one of his early sales-ring highlights when being knocked down to



Bated Breath--Frabjous
Tattersalls photo

Brendan Morrin of Pier House Stud for 65,000gns (US\$ 107,823). Last year's opening session of the four-day December Foal Sale was led by a 160,000gns Champs Elysees (GB) colt, and while the first session of 2014 may have lacked a show-stopper, the strength and depth in

trade was underlined by a 32% rise in the median price to 9,250gns. The average of 12,275gns was an increase of 11%, and the aggregate was boosted to 2,504,100gns--another rise, this time by 17%. The clearance rate was also strong, up four points at 79%.

Bred and consigned by Kelly Thomas of Maywood Stud, the striking session-topping black colt is a half-brother to winning Medicean (GB) filly Movementneverlies (GB) and from the family of G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest winner May Ball (GB). He will be reoffered as a yearling.

"I hoped he would fly as the feedback was really positive all the way through," said Thomas, who keeps five mares at her Welsh farm. "It's a real family effort--my husband, children and parents all help out, so this is wonderful."

Maywood Stud sold all three foals offered, including a first-crop son of Sayif ([lot 356](#)) out of Cherrego (Borrego) for 15,000gns.

Thomas added: "He's the first foal out of the mare which is terrific. I'm delighted with that."

Putting on a Show...

James and Amelia Gray have been operating as Elusive Bloodstock for three years from their family farm in Lincolnshire and offered a draft of three weanlings on the first day of the December Foal Sale. Top among them was a 55,000gns daughter of Showcasing (GB) ([lot 320](#)) bred from a mare James Gray bought from a field when the couple first started their new enterprise.

"I put a lot of research into buying the mare, so this is a really satisfying result for us," he said with a broad grin. "I never believed she'd sell that well--I'd have been happy enough with 20,000gns. It's the best sales result we've had by far."

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The first foal of the unraced Azita (GB) (Tiger Hill {Ire}), a half-sister to the talented group performer Danadana (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), was bought by pinhooker Michael Carty of Kilmoney Cottage Stud.

"We've been so lucky with the mare--her pedigree continues to improve almost week by week--Dandana has been a star and [his half-brother] Semeen is pretty decent, too," Gray added, and his luck extended to buying Azita back for 9,000gns at last year's December Mares' Sale when offered carrying this filly.

While Gray was hands-on with the foal consignment, Amelia was kept fully busy in her second job as a runner at Tattersalls. As well as welcoming their first child just a few months ago, the Grays have also just taken on their first stallion and will be standing George Washington's half-brother Sun Central (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in 2015.

"We've had a decent level of interest in him--breeders who have come to see him really like him," said Gray, whose experience on other stallion farms includes stints at Whitsbury Manor and Cheveley Park Studs in Britain, Haunui Stud in New Zealand and Klawervlei Stud in South Africa.

The couple have also enjoyed success with Showcasing--in whom they own a breeding right--on the racecourse and celebrated their first homebred winner by the stallion when Studio Star (GB) won at Newcastle in August.

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Tattersalls December Sale cont.

On a good day for Showcasing--who has enjoyed a terrific year on the track with 25 first-crop winners, including the group winners Toocoolforschool (Ire) and Cappella Sansevero (GB)--a Keith Harte-consigned colt also fetched 55,000gns. The son of the Selkirk mare Largo (Ire) will be joining the Baroda & Colbinstown Stud draft of pinhooks for next year after being knocked down to Philip Myerscough.

The former Tattersalls auctioneer's son David said: "He was just a lovely horse and a really easy mover. It's hard to get a mare into Showcasing, so we've had to buy a foal by him instead. He's a very exciting stallion."

Catching a Dragon...

Late in the session, another first-crop foal, this time a son of the Irish National Stud's Dragon Pulse (Ire) (Kyllachy {GB}) ([lot 533](#)), fetched a bid of 50,000gns from pinhooker Jamie Railton.

"He was just a stand-out individual," said Railton of the April-born colt offered by Peter Nolan. "It's plenty of money, but good horses cost plenty of money and he was a fabulous mover."

The chesnut's dam Belle Watling (Ire) (Street Cry {Ire}) has already produced a 2-year-old winner in Paddy Again (Ire) (Moss Vale {Ire}) from her first foal and first runner. Her dam Sassy Bird (Storm Bird {Can}) is a sister to French champion miler Mukaddamah.

The Dragon Pulse foals were well received last week at the Goffs November Sale and there are two left to sell, [lot 731](#) and [lot 945](#), at Tattersalls.

One lot earlier, yet another freshman was represented by a good return when Prospect Stables' Requito (Ire) colt out of the winning Mujahid mare Island Music (Ire) ([lot 532](#)) was knocked down to Mags O'Toole for 43,000gns.



Requito--Island Music
Tattersalls photo

TATTERSALLS DECEMBER FOAL SALE WEDNESDAY'S TOP LOTS

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (gns)
357	colt	Bated Breath (GB)	Frabjous (GB)	65,000
		<i>B-Maywood Stud</i>		
		Consigned by Maywood Stud		
		Purchased by Pier House Stud		
463	colt	Showcasing (GB)	Largo (Ire)	55,000
		<i>B-The Lavington Stud</i>		
		Consigned by Keith Harte (agent)		
		Purchased by Mick Flanagan, agent		
320	filly	Showcasing (GB)	Azita (GB)	55,000
		(9,000gns RNA i/u '13 TATDEC)		
		<i>B-Elusive Bloodstock</i>		
		Consigned by Elusive Bloodstock		
		Purchased by Kilmoney Cottage Stud		
533	colt	Dragon Pulse (Ire)	Belle Watling (Ire)	50,000
		<i>B-Ballybrennan Stud</i>		
		Consigned by Peter Nolan Bloodstock		
		Purchased by Jamie Railton Sales Agency		
532	colt	Requito (Ire)	Island Music (Ire)	43,000
		<i>B-Andrew W. Robson</i>		
		Consigned by Prospect Stables Ltd		
		Purchased by Margaret O'Toole		



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RNAs	54	65
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High Price	65,000gns	160,000gns
Gross	2,504,100	2,138,400gns
Average (% change)	12,275gns (+11.4%)	11,023gns
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Whitsbury Manor Stud's Good Day Continues...

Julian and Anne Wilson's Grove Farm Stud achieved a decent result for a colt by Showcasing's Whitsbury Manor Stud mate Foxwedge (Aus) ([lot 294](#)) who was bought for 40,000gns by a team with strong connections to the Southern Hemisphere--Hubie de Burgh and James Harron.

De Burgh commented: "He's been bought to race. We were looking for a nice type, and this colt was going through early, so we thought we'd get involved now before it gets too mad. This is a very nice type and I've liked the foals by the sire that I've seen--they are strong horses who look as though they will be fast."

"My client watched Foxwedge race in Australia and saw how fast and talented he was as a racehorse. This horse has a strong back pedigree--it is all U.S. speed."

Out of the Empire Maker mare Celestial Empire, the colt's third dam Mine Only boasts a terrific breeding record in the States, with her stakes horses including GII Manhattan H. winner Academy Award and Grade III winners Statuette and Good Mood.

De Burgh later went to 33,000gns for another Foxwedge colt ([lot 461](#)) out of Regal Curtsy (GB) (Royal Applause {GB}) from Whitsbury Manor Stud, which ended the day as leading vendor with seven foals sold for 134,200gns

As ever with foal sales, there's plenty of debate and interest surrounding stallions with their first-crop weanlings in the ring. Sire of the day's top lot, Bated Breath, has taken an early lead with eight sold for an average of 25,125gns. Overbury Stud's Delegator (GB) (Dansili {GB})--another freshman to make his way into the day's top 10--with a 38,000gns colt out of Markova's Dance (GB) ([lot 457](#))--had 21 foals sell during the first session at an average price of 11,000gns, while Tweenhills resident Harbour Watch (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}) set an average of 19,389gns for nine sold, led by a 36,000gns colt ([lot 298](#)) bought by Tally-Ho Stud.

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TATTERSALLS DECEMBER FOAL SALE DAY TWO

[575, c, Sepoy \(Aus\)](#)--Miss Chicane (GB), by Refuse to Bend (Ire)
Consigned by Brook Stud

From the inaugural Northern Hemisphere crop of the world champion 3-year-old sprinter Sepoy (Aus), this bay colt boasts speed and precocity on his dam's side as well, being out of a half-sister to G2 Queen Mary S. and G2 Lowther S. scorer Best Terms (GB) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}). Another half-sister, Sunsemperchi (GB) (Montjeu {Ire}), has produced a Group 3 winner. Miss Chicane's yearling filly by Exceed and Excel was purchased for 58,000gns at this sale last year before realizing €325,000 at Goffs Orby.

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[579, f, Poet's Voice \(GB\)](#)--Sandtime (Ire), by Green Desert
Consigned by Biddestone Stud

The first-crop yearlings by Poet's Voice have been well received in the sales rings this year, and this filly, out of the stakes-placed Sandtime and a half to two winners, could follow in those footsteps. Her second dam is G1 Yorkshire Oaks heroine Key Change (Ire) (Darshaan {GB}), a half-sister to the dam of Group 3 winner Discreet Brief (Ire), the dam of G2 Royal Lodge S. winner Steeler (Ire). Sandtime's New Approach (Ire) colt hammered at 100,000gns at this sale two years ago before selling for 440,000gns to John Ferguson at Tattersalls October, while last year her Dutch Art (GB) filly commanded 85,000gns.

[653, c, Helmet \(Aus\)](#)--Malyana (GB), by Mtoto
Consigned by The Castlebridge Consignment

The first Northern Hemisphere foals of Australian Classic winner Helmet were well received at Goffs last week, and one who could stand out here is this granddaughter of G1 Cheveley Park S. winner Pass the Peace (GB) (Alzao), who in turn produced another winner of that prestigious juvenile fillies contest in Embassy (GB) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}).

[717, c, Sepoy \(Aus\)](#)--Meetyouthere (Ire), by Sadler's Wells
Consigned by The Castlebridge Consignment

Meetyouthere, a half-sister to a trio of graded/group winners, has already been responsible for one six-figure transaction this week. That occurred when her Sea the Stars (Ire) yearling filly, a 130,000gns buy at this sale 12 months ago, made 165,000gns at Monday's Tattersalls December Yearling Sale. **Cont. p14**

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Tattersalls December Hip Happenings cont.

778, f, Nathaniel (Ire)--Our Queen Of Kings (GB), by Arazi
Consigned by Newsells Park Stud Ltd

While Frankel (GB) is poised to be the star of the show with his four first-crop foals in tomorrow's session, his old nemesis Nathaniel could light up today's proceedings with this first-crop daughter. She is a half-sister to the G1 Sun Chariot S. winner Spinning Queen (GB) (Spinning World), herself the dam of a pair of stakes winners. Our Queen Of Kings, a half-sister to GI Hollywood Derby winner Labeeb (GB) (Lear Fan), produced the topper of this session last year, a Sea the Stars (Ire) filly that made 320,000gns to the bid of Charlie Gordon-Watson and was pinhooked for 600,000gns at Tattersalls October.



THE WORLD TO DESCEND ON SHA TIN

A total of 25 overseas horses and 22 International Group 1 winners have been invited to compete in the Longines Hong Kong International Races to be held Sunday, Dec. 14 at Sha Tin Racecourse. Names most recognizable to the racing public include **Cirrus des Aigles (Fr)** (Even Top {Ire}), who will be making his fifth appearance at the International Races and comes off his



Cirrus des Aigles *Racing Post*

best effort at the meeting having finished 1 1/2 lengths adrift of the victorious and now-retired Akeed Mofeed (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) in last year's G1 Hong Kong Cup. The 8-year-old has had another successful

season in 2014, with a pair of Group 1 successes and a runner-up effort G1 Dubai Sheema Classic. He'll face a stiff challenge in the 2000-meter affair, primarily from the locals, including Hong Kong Horses of the Year **Designs on Rome (Ire)** (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) and **Military Attack (Ire)** (Oratorio {Ire}), and **Blazing Speed (GB)** (Dylan Thomas {Ire}), who caused a mild upset in the G2 Jockey Club Cup this past weekend.

Flintshire (GB) (Dansili {GB}) is the marquee name for the G1 Hong Kong Vase and should be the race favorite on the heels of back-to-back runner-up efforts in the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe and the GI Breeders' Cup Turf. He will square off with the two most recent winners of the 2400-meter test--last year's upsetter **Dominant (Ire)** (Cacique {Ire}) and the globetrotting fan favorite **Red Cadeaux (GB)** (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}). **Just the Judge (Ire)** (Lawman {Fr}) will stretch back out to the metric mile and a half off a victory in the GI E.P. Taylor S. and third-place finish in the GI Breeders' Cup Filly/Mare Turf, both at 10 furlongs. Dominant's victory in last year's Vase snapped an 11-race winning streak for the European raiders.



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Hong Kong horses have maintained a stranglehold on the G1 Hong Kong Mile, and the imposing **Able Friend (Aus)** (Shamardal) will look to make it nine straight for the home team, which also includes the defending race champion **Glorious Days (Aus)** (Hussonet), top local miler **Gold-Fun (Ire)** (Le Vie dei Colori {GB}) and the evergreen **Ambitious Dragon (NZ)** (Pins {Aus}), the 2012 Mile hero. The foreign contingent is something less than incapable, and is led by **Trade Storm (GB)** (Trade Fair {GB}), the GI Woodbine Mile hero who was most recently third in the GI Breeders' Cup Mile. Japan has a record 10 horses headed to the HKIR, including **Fiero (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}), who came within a nose of winning last weekend's G1 Mile Championship at Kyoto.

With Lord Kanaloa (Jpn) (King Kamehameha {Jpn}) off to stud, the G1 Hong Kong Sprint figures a more wide-open test. The European charge is led by 7-year-old **Sole Power (GB)** (Kyllachy {GB}), runner-up in last year's edition and repeat winner of the G1 King's Stand S. at Royal Ascot this past June. He was also victorious in the G1 Nunthorpe S. at York over the summer. **Cont. p15**



Sole Power *Racing Post*



The World to Descend on Sha Tin cont.

Top Australian sprinter **Buffering (Aus)** (Mossman {Aus}) is set to make the trip up to Hong Kong, having won the G1 Moir S. at Moonee Valley in September. He was most recently a good fourth in the G1 Darley Classic up the Flemington straight Nov. 8. **Little Gerda** (Closing Argument), winner of the G2 Centaur S. Sept. 14 and G1 Sprinters' S. winner **Snow Dragon (Jpn)** (Admire Cozzene {Jpn}) will try to take the Sprint back to Japan, while **Spalato (NZ)** (Elusive City) will fly the flag for Singapore. **Peniaphobia (Ire)** (Dandy Man {Ire}), recent winner of the G2 Jockey Club Sprint, **Lucky Nine (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}), the 2011 Hong Kong Sprint hero and **Aerovelocity (NZ)** (Pins {Aus}) are among those that will do battle for the locals.

"We have a slew of proven elite level horses coming to Sha Tin for world racing's great end-of-year occasion, making up a total of 22 individual winners of 43 Group 1 races," commented Bill Nader, executive director of racing for the Hong Kong Jockey Club. "This is always a great showcase of international racing at the highest level with top horses such as Flintshire and Cirrus Des Aigles heading the overseas line-up against the best of Hong Kong."

This year's four races offer record total purse money of HK\$82 million (US\$10.6 million).

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CHUCKAS RESIGNS MJC POST

Tom Chuckas has resigned his position as president and chief operating officer of the Maryland Jockey Club, The Stronach Group announced Wednesday. Chuckas has been with the MJC since 2008 and was instrumental in rebranding the GI Preakness S., which enjoyed record attendance in 2014.

"It has been a great personal pleasure working with the entire team at the Maryland Jockey Club," Chuckas said. "Racing in Maryland is positioning itself for tremendous growth opportunities and I hope for nothing but success in the years to come."

Frank Stronach, founder of The Stronach Group added, "Tom has been a valuable part of our team over the past six years as the company has worked towards developing a strong foundation to restore Maryland's racing industry. We very much appreciate his contributions and wish him the best in the next phase of his career."

It was previously announced by The Stronach Group that Sal Sinatra, previously director of racing with Parx Racing, would be vice president and general manager of the Maryland Jockey Club, effective Dec. 1.

"I am very glad to welcome Sal to our company," said Tim Ritvo, chief operating officer of The Stronach Group. "His knowledge and expertise in racing operations will be a great benefit to both Laurel Park and Pimlico Race Course going forward."

Ritvo Looks Ahead in Maryland

Tim Ritvo, chief operating officer of The Stronach Group, addressed the media during a teleconference Wednesday morning to reiterate the company's commitment to racing and to provide an update on its plans for racing in Maryland. Ritvo said preliminary talks were underway with neighboring racing states to potentially come up with a cooperative racing circuit.

"We think Gulfstream and Santa Anita have made great strides in moving forward and Maryland is our next big project," Ritvo explained.

He continued, "We would like to see Maryland become as big a force as we think it can be within the Thoroughbred industry. We think that, within the Mid-Atlantic region, there is an appetite for some of these facilities with an expanded race schedule, but a cooperative one. We are looking to talk with Delaware or Virginia and maybe Philadelphia to see what a cooperative schedule would look like, talk about how we can increase field size and stop banging heads against each other. As the foal crop shrinks, what is the right schedule and what are the shared services that we can offer? We are a company that wants to say, 'We have these services in place. How can we better leverage them as an industry to move ahead?'"

As an example, Ritvo pointed to The Stronach Group's recent lease of the former Calder Racecourse in Florida and its rebranding as Gulfstream Park West. *Cont. p16*



NYTB's annual Stallion Season Auction to be held January 12-14

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Chuckas Resigns MJC Post cont.

"We're out there saying to racinos, 'Are you willing to work with us in a cooperative race schedule where we can condense racing staff and racing management teams?'" Ritvo said. "We are looking for a win-win. We think some of the success in Florida was a win-win. That we were able to consolidate the racing team, we were able to consolidate the racing dates, so that it is better for everybody. Anything is on the table."

Ritvo said long-term plans for the improvement of the MJC's facilities were being discussed and, in the short-time, there will be a ground-breaking on the building of new barns at Laurel this week. The additional stalls could lead to the closure of Pimlico or Bowie during off seasons.

"We're going to try to condense our services as far as asking, is it the right model to have three racetracks open at the same time," Ritvo said. "Obviously, anyone who runs a business and looks at the expenses would say that it is not. So by building the additional stalls at Laurel that will keep us healthy on horse population and allow us to look at the options of closing down either Bowie or Pimlico in the off season."

Of the departure of MJC's President and Chief Operating Officer Tom Chuckas, Ritvo said, "We're very appreciative of Tom and all the groundwork he has done in Maryland. We are still negotiating with him to do some political work for us."

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THE EXISTING BETTING CUSTOMER IS RACING'S BEST HOPE

By Dean Towers

When compared to ease-of-use and churn focused fantasy sports start-ups like Fan Duel and Draft Kings, racing is simply not built for the newbie skill game gambling market.

Fantasy sports--drafting, fielding and managing a team made up of players in all major sports--has been on a tear. Back in 1988, according to the Fantasy Sports Trade Association, approximately 500,000 people were playing games in some form. In 2003, with the help of the internet and a growing set of dedicated websites, magazines and software, that number grew to 15.2 million. In 2014, it is estimated that over 40 million people will be fielding NFL teams this Sunday as the NFL Fantasy playoffs approach. This market will spend upwards of \$1.7 billion this year on the craft.

The Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act of 2006 (UIGEA) provided a carve-out for horse racing, as we all know. But there was one more carve out in the UIGEA: fantasy games.

Being a game of skill, based on statistics, etc., fantasy sports met the smell test for regulators (although it's probably naive to think that was the only reason; the sports leagues themselves love fantasy sports) and their grey area in terms of gambling was something that smart companies chose to exploit. Only two years ago, two new start-ups--FanDuel and Draft Kings--entered the fantasy market with weekly or daily "cash games," where a team is chosen and fielded and money is wagered (don't let them tell you it's not wagering because it is). Draft Kings sponsored a Breeders' Cup race last month.

These new entrants have a business model that is almost no different than a Vegas casino offering NFL parlay cards, player prop bets or a punt on a Super Bowl coin flip. It's about enticing people to gamble on sports, and they've been getting that done. It is estimated that FanDuel will pay out over \$1 billion next year, with Draft Kings not too far behind. Investors in FanDuel, for example, which include Shamrock Capital Advisors, NBC Sports Ventures, KKR, Bullpen Capital, Comcast Ventures, Pentech Ventures, Piton Capital, Scottish Enterprise and Richard Koch, look to be pretty shrewd.

How have these company's been growing? How have they attracted users with an average age of 34, 78% of whom have college degrees, who spend upwards of 10 hours per week just consuming fantasy sports? What's the secret, if any?

They have brought in a demographic who were playing a game with their friends, in a basement or on a computer that lasts a season long, and made it a weekly, or nightly, pastime. This shift has not occurred by accident. Both FanDuel and Draft Kings are funded and their burn rate is high, mainly with marketing spend; you can't turn on a football show on NFL Network or CBS and not see an ad.

Marketing spend is a very small part of it, however. Converting marketing spend--turning a tire kicker into a car purchaser--is the key goal. They've achieved that in a number of ways.

1. They created a very good user experience and user interface. The money behind the sites is formidable, you can get every stat imaginable, and they are easy to use. Playing a game and watching the stats roll in real time makes it exciting. This is further enhanced by the fantasy sports ecosystem. There are hundreds of sites in cyberspace with player simulators, API's (application programming interface), value based line up generators and similar.
2. They have not been handcuffed with too many cooks in the kitchen, or bogged down with state or country rules, or myriad other barriers to entry. And they have taken advantage of it. A 33-year-old plumber from Dawson City in the Yukon in Canada can play a 70-year-old retiree from the Villages in Florida. *Cont. p17*

**Writers Up cont.**

3. Their payouts are priced close to optimal. 28% of people in a most recent association survey said that pricing is the main factor in their decision to play cash games. FanDuel and Draft Kings takeout rates range from 6% to 10%. They often trumpet what is paid out as a marketing tool and your bankroll can last at these sites; even if you aren't a winner you can feel like one often enough.

FanDuel and Draft King's marketing funnel reads like a how-to guide on growing a business. They bring new players in via marketing and a newbie feels right at home. For as little as 25 cents, one can get off and running and play in an afternoon game. In "50/50" games, half the field gets paid near double what they wager, adding to the churn, and making people happy (winning cash and having your opinion verified) is the crux of all gambling. That sounds like a recipe for success.

Meanwhile in horse racing--which would kill for the fantasy gambling demographic--things are not as easy, or rosy. Racing has not done what fantasy has done with their UIGEA carve-out. They have not streamlined use, cannot accept people from everywhere via ADW's, do not have little infighting, do not pay prizes out at a low takeout, do not have free statistics, do not spend marketing at burn rates to get people to gamble. There's a good chance none of that may happen anytime soon, either.

For racing, those who do get placed into the top of the sales funnel as a newbie (see racing on TV, go out with their friend's to the track for the first time, see an ABR Live bus or go to the Kentucky Derby infield, etc) are then struck with having to excel in a game that is not built for them.

To land these new potential customers, racing tries to convert them via a red herring. "They need quick action" or "they need simple bets" are two famous horse racing funnel laments; like somehow if the sport runs races every five minutes and allow for an easy to understand spread bet, things will improve. Both are far too simplistic and in my view are wishful thinking. Racing already has quick action; with 40 tracks running on a Saturday, users can bet every two or three minutes if they want to. This is not even mentioning the obvious: skill games by definition are not quick action; in fantasy, the user would not be spending 10 hours a week to play a fantasy football cash game that lasts upwards of 48 hours (Sunday and Monday games) at FanDuel if that was important. As far as newbie bets go, it's clear simple bets work well at Draft Kings and are a huge part of converting in their funnel (the 25 cent games I mentioned), but that's a whole different ball of wax. In racing, a new bet is a Grand Slam, or a once-or-twice-tried odd even, or jockey bet. They're already there, have been tried, and few players bet them.

When something new does come along in horse racing that may attract this demographic, or this type user, it then seems to spiral into the horse racing abyss where it goes to die.

Exchange wagering is a good example. That medium was and is a hit with younger users because as a conduit it allows them to do what they crave (and coincidentally is also good for horse racing): It's win betting so churn is higher, the takeout is lower, it's fairly fun and exciting and an easy way to ease users into a sport. You'd think racing would want that. However, when it is broached, horsemen groups and tracks tell us the takeout needs to be higher so the exchange "pays their fair share." Despite the fact that nobody knows what a fair share is, the takeout being double or triple kills the main marketing driver of the exchange. That certainly defeats the purpose, doesn't it?

When we look at racing's structure, in terms of attracting newbies and converting them into long-term players, it's a formidable hill to climb. Regardless, marketing money is happily spent on billboards, or on food trucks, or getting people to watch horse racing on TV. I believe that focus makes us feel good, but it does little more than that. It simply does not work. If it did, it would have worked already.

I believe that horse racing, unlike Draft Kings or FanDuel, needs to focus on the existing fan and betting base to achieve one main goal: Get the once or twice a month player to become a weekend warrior, get the weekend warrior to play during the week, get the fellow or gal betting \$50,000 a year to bet \$500,000, get the bettor betting \$500,000 per annum to bet \$5 million.

To achieve that it will take a 180 to the way horse racing usually thinks. Racing must be priced better so these people can stretch bankrolls and some of them can win, or perceive they can win. The conduit needs improvement so players can sign up everywhere to online betting and all tracks need to be offered at all ADW's. Don't stifle competition, foster it. An environment needs to be created where new mediums like a betting exchange do not end up on the cutting room floor. The culture must be changed by benchmarking, for example, a \$20-billion handle at 10% of the boat is better than a \$10-billion handle at 20%, because as pool size goes up, bet size goes up and with more money in the pools, and racing offering a better gamble, it can attract other gamblers.

FanDuel and Draft Kings have created a system that depends on newbies. These companies need to ensure they come back; to play this new game long term. Almost everything they do is focused on that goal, and thus far it has worked. Racing cannot beat fantasy sites at their own game, and newbies will not lead it to the promised land. Racing must leverage the existing fan base, long-time bettors, those who have left racing and are willing to give it another shot to come back, and others who gamble. To do that it doesn't need to spend money on T.V. or billboards, food trucks or bands. Racing needs to create, foster and promote a new gambling environment that focuses on their needs, caters to them, and entices them to bet more money.

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New York

Yesterday's Results:

★ **NEW "TDN Rising Star"** ★

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3rd-AQU, \$60,000, Msw, 2yo, 1m, 1:40 1/5, sy.

MAWTHOOQ, c, 2, by Distorted Humor

1st Dam: Ready's Gal (MGSW, \$609,959),

by More Than Ready

2nd Dam: Exquisite Mistress, by Nasty and Bold

3rd Dam: El Hamo, by Search for Gold

Mawthooq looked to have this field of maidens over a barrel on the strength of a troubled and distant runner-up effort to next-out romper Ready for Rye (City Zip), who validated a runner-up effort behind ★ **"TDN Rising Star"** ★ and subsequent GISW and GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile second Carpe Diem (Giant's Causeway) over similarly sloppy conditions at Belmont Park Oct. 11. Mawthooq opened at 1-9, was off at 2-5 and made no mistake. Away alertly, the \$850,000



Mawthooq

Adam Coglianese

Keeneland September graduate was a touch headstrong early on beneath Cornelio Velasquez before settling better through the middle furlongs. Wild Dynaformer (Dynaformer) gave chase throughout, but the Shadwell runner just galloped away from him in the

stretch under little encouragement, scoring by 10 1/2 lengths. The winner, who raced off Lasix, was bred by Don Adam's Courtlandt Farms from Ready's Gal, a four-time graded-stakes winner on the turf who was acquired by Adam for \$750,000 at Fasig-Tipton November in 2006. Courtlandt Farms retained and campaigned the mare's first foal, Machen (Distorted Humor), GSW, \$216,530, to three wins from five starts, including the 2011 GIII Derby Trial S. Ready's Gal produced a filly by Distorted Humor this past winter. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$51,000. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$51,000. **Click for the [brisnet.com](http://www.brisnet.com) chart or VIDEO.** **Click for the [free brisnet.com](http://www.free.brisnet.com) catalogue-style pedigree.**

O-Shadwell Stable. B-Courtlandt Farm (KY). T-Kiaraan P McLaughlin.

LANE'S END Foaled & Sold

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5th-AQU, \$55,000, Msw, (S), 2yo, f, 1m (off turf), 1:43 1/5, sy.

+ NORTH EIGHT STREET (f, 2, Big Brown--Stick and Move, by Cherokee Run) demonstrated an affinity for a moisture-affected strip when breezing five-eighths of a mile in 1:00 1/5 (1/7) over a wet-fast Belmont main track Nov. 8 and drew into this as a main-track-only when the event was washed off the turf by Wednesday's coastal storm. Part of the favored entry at even-money, North Eight Street jumped alertly and was able to cross her seven remaining rivals to lead from the hooking up with the track proper. She sailed through a half-mile in :49.35 over the soupy going and while entymate Jules N Rome (Dunkirk) tried to make some late noise, North Eight Street held firm to score by 5 1/2 lengths. Fellow MTO Majestic Jessica (Roaring Fever) completed a chalky exacta. Sales history: \$45,000 wlng '12 KEENOV; \$30,000 yrl '13 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$33,000. **Click for the [brisnet.com](http://www.brisnet.com) chart or VIDEO.**

O-MeB Racing Stables LLC & Brooklyn Boyz Stables. B-IEAH Stables & Robert Speranza (NY). T-Dominick Schettino.



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Kentucky

Yesterday's Results:

4th-CDX, \$41,190, Msw, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:44 4/5, gd.

AWESOME SKY (g, 3, Sky Mesa--To Dream About, by Monarchos), third to Tapiture (Tapit) in last year's GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. over this main track, failed to factor in three subsequent tries on the dirt, including a sixth over seven panels May 16. The full-brother to Sky Dreamer, GSP, \$176,065, transitioned to the turf to be a nose second at Kentucky Downs Sept 17 and ran on willingly to drop a neck decision over the Keeneland lawn Oct. 18. Favored here at 11-10 to finally get his picture taken, Awesome Sky was settled in midfield and between horses before being asked to improve nearing the final turn. He went up to engage Wit (Street Sense) soon after, claimed that one in upper stretch and streaked home to defeat 20-1 Wildlife Artist (Rock Hard Ten) by a solid 3 3/4 lengths. First-time starter Yolo Artist (Kitten's Joy) made eye-catching late progress to finish a promising third. Lifetime Record: GSP, 10-1-3-1, \$87,856. **Click for the [brisnet.com](http://www.brisnet.com) chart or VIDEO.**

O/B-John C Oxley (KY). T-Mark E Casse.

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Florida

Yesterday's Results:

5th-GPW, \$34,000, Msw, 2yo, 5fT, :57 4/5, gd.
IRISH STRAIT (c, 2, English Channel--Irish Sovereign, by Polish Numbers) nearly bridged a 13-length gap in a 5 1/2-furlong sprint over the Laurel turf course on his Oct. 1 debut, only to be demoted to seventh for bumping with a foe at the quarter pole. One of the first away here, Irish Strait was soon outpaced and settled in midfield, but not far away from pacesetting longshot Little Baltar (Line of David). Sent along three wide on the turn by Edgar Prado, the homebred still had the 40-1 chance to run down and was late switching his leads but dove at the wire and got his nose down just in front. The winner raced without Lasix. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$20,400. [Click for the brisnet.com chart or VIDEO.](#)

O/B-Isabelle de Tomaso (NJ). T-H Graham Motion.

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Western U.S.

Yesterday's Results:

ZIA PARK OAKS, \$309,000, ZIA, 11-26, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:42 1/5, ft.

1--**CASSATT, 122, f, 3, by Tapit**

1st Dam: Justenufftime, by Giant's Causeway

2nd Dam: Justenuffheart, by Broad Brush

3rd Dam: Kitten's First, by Lear Fan

(\$300,000 yrl '12 KEESEP). O-Fox Hill Farms, Inc; B-Mt Brilliant Farm LLC (KY); T-J Larry Jones; J-Kerwin D Clark. \$185,400. Lifetime Record: GSW, 7-4-1-0, \$339,233.

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2--**Thegirlinthat song, 122, f, 3, My Golden Song--Belle of the Band, by Dixieland Band.** (\$7,400 RNA yrl '12 TEXAUG). O-Tim & Peter R Russo, Daniel J Gatto & Jerry Hollendorfer; B-Clarence Scharbauer Jr (TX); T-Jerry Hollendorfer. \$67,980.

3--**Shanon Nicole, 122, f, 3, Majestic Warrior--Crafty Wac, by Patton.** (\$47,000 RNA yrl '12 FTKJUL). O/B-Connie M Apostelos (KY); T-Michael J Maker. \$30,900.

OAK LODGE USA Bred and Raised

Margins: 4HF, 3, 8 1/4. Odds: 1.80, 6.30, 1.40.

Also Ran: Belleofthebeach, Dream Spinner, Taste Like Candy. Scratched: Jojo Warrior.

Zia Park Oaks cont.

Cassatt snapped a mini two-race skid with a coast-to-coast victory in Wednesday's Zia Park Oaks at the New Mexico oval. Hailing from the family of Kitten's Joy (El Prado {Ire}) and Dreaming of Anna (Rahy), among others, Cassatt earned ☆ **"TDN Rising Star"** ☆ status with a smashing 4 1/4-length success going six furlongs at the Fair Grounds Jan. 9, then returned to win two straight off an injury-enforced layoff, including



Cassatt

Coady photography

the GIII Monmouth Oaks Aug. 9. The \$300,000 Keeneland September yearling acquisition attended a good pace in the Sept. 20 GI Cotillion S. and was hardly embarrassed in finishing just over six lengths adrift of champion-elect Untapable (Tapit) in fifth and was most recently a well-

beaten ninth in the GII Lexus Raven Run S. at Keeneland Oct. 18. Stretching back out to two turns for this, Cassatt hit the ground running and led into the first turn before being joined by fellow Rising Star Taste Like Candy (Candy Ride {Arg}) entering the backstretch. Kerwin Clark let it out a notch and Cassatt led clear into the final bend and found another gear late to take it comfortably in the finish. Jojo Warrior (Pioneer of the Nile) did not make the trip from California and was scratched. [Click for the brisnet.com chart or VIDEO.](#)

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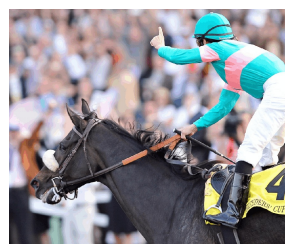
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(1995)			Robert
			Sharp Queen
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1st Dam
 VERTIGINEUX, by Kris S. Broodmare Of The Year: 2 wins at 4, \$60,480, in NAUS. Dam of 5 foals to race, 4 winners.

ZENYATTA (f, by Street Cry (IRE)): Champion, see records.

BALANCE (f, by Thunder Gulch): 6 wins, 2 to 4, \$1,048,491, in U.S. Won Santa Anita Oaks [G1], Santa Margarita Invitational Hcp [G1], Las Virgenes S. [G1], La Canada S. [G2], Sharp Cat S. [J] (HOL, \$60,000), 2nd Hollywood Starlet S. [G1], Vandy Invitational Handicap [G1], 3rd Ashland S. [G1], La Brea S. [G1], Clement L. Hirsch Handicap [G2], Milady Breeders' Cup Handicap [G2], Hidden Light S. [OR] (OSA, \$8,000).



West Report cont.

ZIA PARK DERBY, \$215,000, ZIA, 11-26, 3yo,
1 1/16m, 1:41 4/5, ft.

1--**ALERT BAY**, 122, g, 3, by [City Zip](#)

1st Dam: Hickory (Chi) (MSW & G1SP-Chi),
by Dushyantor

2nd Dam: Hanging Valley, by Cox's Ridge

3rd Dam: Mairzy Doates, by Nodouble

(\$65,000 yrl '12 KEEJAN; \$42,000 RNA yrl '12
KEESEP). O-Peter Redekop BC Ltd; B-Thomas
Newton Bell & Ross John McLeod (CA); T-Blaine D
Wright; J-Rico W Walcott. \$128,928. Lifetime
Record: MGSW, 12-6-4-1, \$497,207.

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2--**Tonito M.**, 122, c, 3, Rock Hard Ten--Esther's Big
Band, by Dixieland Band. (\$4,500 wlng '11 KEENOV;
\$12,000 yrl '12 KEESEP). O-M Racing Group;
B-Hilbert Thoroughbreds Inc & Menard
Thoroughbreds Inc (KY); T-J Hollendorfer. \$47,274.

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3--**Proceed**, 122, c, 3, Desert God--Annis, by Texas
Glitter. O/B-Michael C Stinson (NM); T-Joel H Marr.
\$21,489.

Margins: 3, 3, 3. Odds: 2.60, 0.70, 4.20.

Also Ran: Bay of Biscay, Walt, Alsono, Street Prancer.
Scratched: Can the Man.

Winner of the restricted Echo Eddie S. at Santa Anita
Apr. 5, Alert Bay was third in the valuable Snow Chief
S. on the turf in Arcadia three weeks later and missed
by a head in the Silky Sullivan S. for Cal-breds at
Golden Gate June 8. Fifth to then-undefeated Red
Outlaw (Tribal Rule) in Del Mar's Real Good Deal S.



Alert Bay Coady photography

Aug. 1, Alert Bay
traveled to his
owner's home turf
for his two most
recent runs,
resulting in victories
against his peers in
the GIII British
Columbia Derby
Sept. 14 and versus
elders in the
11-furlong
GIII Premier's H.
Oct. 13. Well-
placed in third by

Rico Wolcott entering the clubhouse turn, Alert Bay
was eased into the three path on the backstretch run.
Oklahoma Derby runner-up Bay of Biscay came with a
wide sweep, forcing Wolcott to move perhaps a few
seconds earlier than he may have wanted, but Alert Bay
was doing the better of the two as the stretch loomed.
Favored Tonito M., ground-saving for the opening six
furlongs, swung out about four deep into the lane and
tried to make a race of it, but Alert Bay had the jump
and got home first. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or
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INDUSTRY INFO

USTA Column First Nominee for 2015 Bergstein Award:

An article on the United States Trotting Association's
website about deterring cheating in horse racing is the
first nominee for the 2015 Stan Bergstein Writing
Award presented by Team Valor International. The
piece, entitled "Watching the Cheaters Cheat," was
written by Chris Wittstruck, an attorney and director for
the Standardbred Owners Association of New York.

"Catching a drug perpetrator in the act red handed is
more significant than finding a bad substance in a
sample," Wittstruck wrote. "We don't convict test
tubes; we convict people. A positive sample occasions
a rule violation. Tying administration to the affirmative
act of a specific person via eyewitness observation
could lead to a criminal conviction. Soliciting tips,
developing leads, conducting professional surveillance,
obtaining warrants--hard, old fashioned legwork--is
what's needed."

Team Valor CEO Barry Irwin said, "This is a Stan
Bergstein kind of column with an important focus on
human surveillance and observation to catch and deter
drug cheats."

Lucas Marquardt of the *Thoroughbred Daily News*
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Maverick Wave, c, 3, [Elusive Quality](#). See "Britain."

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Yesterday's Results:

BETBRIGHT.COM WILD FLOWER S.-Listed, £40,000,
KMP, 11-26, 3yo/up, 12f (AWT), 2:34.43, ft.

1--**#LIVIA'S DREAM (IRE)**, 127, m, 5, [Teofilo \(Ire\)](#)--
Brindisi (GB) (SW-Eng & MSP-UAE, \$125,473), by
Dr Fong. (45,000gns yrl '10 TATOCT). O-Mrs Olivia
Hoare; B-Mount Coote Stud & MH Dixon (IRE); T-Ed
Walker; J-Luke Morris. £22,684. Lifetime Record:
26-4-5-3, £61,735.

2--**Grendisar (Ire)**, 134, c, 4, Invincible Spirit (Ire)--
Remarkable Story (GB), by Mark of Esteem (Ire).
(€15,000 wlng '10 GOFNOV; 30,000gns yrl '11
TATOCT; 75,000gns 2yo '12 TATGNS). O-Mr
Mohamed Albousi Alghufli. £8,600.

3--**Billabong (Mor)**, 132, c, 5, Gentlewave (Ire)--
Lunattori (GB), by Vettori (Ire). O-A El Alami. £4,304.
Margins: 1 1/4, NK, HD. Odds: 14.00, 3.33, 14.00.

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Wild Flower S. cont.

Working her way to this level with improving performances in middle-distance handicaps, Livia's Dream was runner-up on her third attempt in a race of this status in Lingfield's River Eden S. last October before finishing fifth in the last renewal of this contest. Showing that she had not stopped moving forward when a latest fourth back in the River Eden over 13 furlongs Oct. 30, the bay who had earlier been second in the Listed Stand Cup on turf over an extended 12-furlong trip at Chester Sept. 13 found extra progression to register a first black-type score in this competitive edition. Prominently placed in second early, she moved to the lead with a quarter mile remaining and battled gamely as Grendisar threatened on her inner.

6th-LIN, £19,000, Hcp, 3/up, 10f (AWT), 2:03.60, ft. MAVERICK WAVE (c, 3, [Elusive Quality](#)--Misty Ocean {GSW-US, \$209,462}, by Stormy Atlantic), who was runner-up in the valuable Balmoral H. on Ascot's Champions Day card Oct. 18, had subsequently finished third over an extended nine-furlong trip at Wolverhampton Nov. 6 and began as the 4-5 pick sent straight to the lead. Allowed a soft lead, the \$100,000 FTSAUG yearling kicked in the stretch and held Lyn Valley (GB) (Shamardal) by 3/4 of a length. Lifetime Record: 8-3-2-1, £75,762. [VIDEO, courtesy attheraces.com](#).

O-H R H Princess Haya of Jordan. B-J Plemmons & Darley. T-John Gosden.

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2nd-LIN, £4,500, Mdn, 2yo, 8f (AWT), 1:39.57, ft. AWESOME POWER (GB) (c, 2, [Dubawi {Ire}](#)--Fairy Godmother {GB} {SW & GSP-Eng}, by Fairy King), seventh on debut over seven furlongs at Newmarket at the end of October, raced in second early before taking over passing the three-furlong pole. Kept up to his work in the straight, the 6-4 crowd's choice was untroubled to score by 1 1/2 lengths from Royal Albert Hall (GB) (Royal Applause {GB}). The winner is a half-brother to Kingdom of Fife (GB) (Kingmambo), G1SW-Aus & MGSP-Eng, \$1,003,335. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, £2,911. [VIDEO, courtesy attheraces.com](#). O/B-The Queen (GB). T-William Haggas.

EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS

IN HONG KONG:

Domineer (GB), g, 4, [Shamardal](#)--Mania (Ire), by Danehill. Happy Valley, 11-26, Hcp. (\$193k), 1200mT, 1:09.36. B-Bearstone Stud. *€210,000 yrl '11 ARQAUG; HK\$5,000,000 HRA '13 HKIS.



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STAKES RESULTS:

ZIA PARK DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIP H., \$159,000, ZIA, 11-26, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:48 2/5, ft.

1--ISN'T HE CLEVER, 121, g, 5, Smarty Jones--Sharp Minister, by Deputy Minister. (\$45,000 yrl '10 KEESEP). O-J Kirk & Judy Robison; B-Monticule (KY); T-Johnnie L Nall; J-Enrique Portillo Gomez. \$100,170. Lifetime Record: GSP, 25-12-4-3, \$837,255. *1/2 to Sharp Writer (Capote), MSW & GSP, \$212,450; and Dijeerr (Danzig), GSW-Eng, SP-UAE, \$314,169.

2--OI Winedrinker Who, 120, g, 5, Sligo Bay (Ire)--Silverup, by Prenup. O/B-Sam E & Sammy L Stevens (TX); T-Joel H Marr. \$34,980.

3--Code West, 120, r, 4, Lemon Drop Kid--Charitable donation, by Saint Ballado. (\$340,000 yrl '11 KEESEP). O-Bryan Hawk; B-Edward P Evans (VA); T-Boyd Caster. \$17,490.



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Margins: NO, 1HF, 6 3/4. Odds: 1.20, 3.90, 0.90.

NEW MEXICO EDDY COUNTY S., \$150,000, ZIA, 11-26, (S), 2yo, 1m, 1:38 1/5, ft.

1--LIBERTY LOVER, 124, c, 2, Diabolical--Wildcat Diva, by Forest Wildcat. O/B-J Kirk & Judy Robison (NM); T-Johnnie L Nall; J-Ry Eikleberry. \$89,712. Lifetime Record: 5-4-0-1, \$223,361.

2--Desert Gambler, 119, f, 2, Desert God--Inrightclassitme, by Straight Man. O-Dale & Carey Taylor & Jon Hogg. \$32,894.

3--Muy Rapido, 117, f, 2, Diabolical--Rapidamente, by Dixieland Band. O-J Kirk & Judy Robison. \$14,953. Margins: NK, 2 3/4, 3HF. Odds: 4.20, 13.10, 3.60.

ZIA PARK DISTAFF S., \$81,375, ZIA, 11-26, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09 4/5, ft.

1--LASTING BUBBLES, 123, m, 6, Pulling Punches--Slim's Secret (SW), by Desert Secret (Ire). O/B-Judy Peek (TX); T-Kevin Peek; J-Kerwin D Clark. \$48,717. Lifetime Record: 26-10-6-3, \$353,418. *1/2 to Cashinmywranglers (Proud Halo), SW, \$150,683.

2--Lady Contender, 123, m, 5, Strong Contender--Gallant Jean, by Moro. (\$1,700 2yo '11 KEEJAN). O-Preston Neugebauer & Stacey Rushton. \$17,862.

3--Doinghardtimeagain, 123, f, 4, Ministers Wild Cat--Silver Hawk Lady, by Conquistador Cielo. O-Tommy Town Thoroughbreds LLC. \$8,120.

Margins: 2 3/4, NO, 3. Odds: 6.10, 6.70, 1.60.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-AQU, \$70,800, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), NW2\$X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m (off turf), 1:42 3/5, sy.

LUCKY NANCY E. (f, 3, Disco Rico--Beyond the Limit, by Unbridled) Lifetime Record: 20-4-2-3, \$180,687. O/B-Patricia A Generazio (NY). T-James T Ryerson.



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8th-LRL, \$47,282, Opt. Clm. (\$32,000-\$28,000), NW3X, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10 1/5, sy.

CASTAWAY (h, 5, [Street Sense](#)--Priceless Storm, by Storm Cat) Lifetime Record: GSW, 20-4-4-4, \$333,177. O-David Jacobson & Southern Equine Stable LLC. B-Hertrich/McCarthy Livestock LLC (KY). T-David Jacobson. *\$435,000 yrl '10 KEESEP.

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7th-LRL, \$46,190, NW1X, 3/up, f/m, 7f, 1:25 3/5, sy.

CHARM CITY (f, 4, [City Zip](#)--Ragtime Doll {SW, \$129,665}, by Smarten) Lifetime Record: 19-3-4-2, \$127,420. O-Mary E Eppler Racing Stable Inc & Triple Tree Stable. B-Mary E Eppler Racing Stable Inc & A Leonard Pineau (MD). T-Mary E Eppler. *1/2 to Hanalei Bay (Exploit), MSP, \$203,722.

9th-CDX, \$42,974, NW1X, 3yo/up, 7f, 1:23 4/5, ft.

ROBERTO GATO (g, 3, [Zensational](#)--Cat News, by Storm Cat) Lifetime Record: 12-3-0-3, \$89,935. O-Roustabout Racing Stables. B-Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings Inc (KY). T-Doug L Anderson. *\$100,000 wlng '11 KEENOV; \$175,000 yrl '12 KEESEP; \$240,000 RNA 2yo '13 OBSMAR; \$200,000 RNA 2yo '13 BESMAY. **1/2 to Publication (Petionville), GSW & GISP, \$366,230.

Hill 'n' Dale Bred, Raised and Sold

9th-DED, \$40,000, 11-25, NW2L, (S), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:41, ft.

YONADIXIE (g, 4, Yonaguska--Shes Dixies Eskimo {SW, \$188,192}, by Eskimo) Lifetime Record: 13-2-2-3, \$77,820. O/B-John Luck (LA). T-S Breau.

1st-GPW, \$35,400, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :57 4/5, gd.

PERFECT STEP (m, 5, [Congrats](#)--Romance Dance, by Vision and Verse) Lifetime Record: 20-5-5-2, \$147,245. O/B-Carson Springs Farm, Ken Meeker & Phillip Cooper (IL). T-Christine K Janks. *1/2 to Four Left Feet (Trippi), SW, \$327,249.

10th-ZIA, \$31,585, 11-25, NW2L, (S), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:39, ft.

BOURBON BLUE BAYOU (g, 3, Bourbon n Blues--Shes Bullish, by In Excessive Bull) Lifetime Record: 16-2-1-3, \$33,054. O-Rafael T & Rumalda Garcia. B-Philip J Wood (NM). T-Gerald E Marr.

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AQUEDUCT

Condo Commando (Tiz Wonderful), 4f, :51.66, 2/3
Vyjack (Into Mischief), 4f, :50.10, 1/3

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Conquest Eclipse (Malibu Moon), 5f, 1:00.40 (AW), 1/2

SANTA ANITA

Jojo Warrior (Pioneerof the Nile), 5f, 1:00.40, 15/46
One Lucky Dane (Lookin At Lucky), 6f, 1:12.60, 3/20

7th-MNR, \$20,000, 11-25, NW2L, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:43 4/5, ft.

TOE TAPPIN FAST (f, 3, Pleasant Tap--Sabu, by Deputy Minister) Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-1, \$28,065. O-Julio Hernandez. B-Monticule (KY). T-Matthew G Chappell. *\$1,000 yrl '12 FTKOCT. **1/2 to Mykindasaint (Saint Ballado), MSW, \$171,228.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Coomer, c, 2, [Midshipman](#)--Dixie Satin, by Dynaformer. CDX, 11-26, (C), 1 1/16m, 1:46 3/5. B-Dividing Ridge Farm (KY). *1/2 to Big Satin (A.P. Warrior), SW-Kor. **17th winner for freshman sire (by Unbridled's Song).

Naci Knothead, g, 2, Nacimiento--Spirit Moves, by Ghostly Moves. ZIA, 11-25, (S), 1m, 1:39 1/5. B-Byron Ritchie (NM). *Third winner (from five starters) for freshman sire (by Gone West--Zonk).

Drama King, c, 2, Nobiz Like Shobiz--Winters Bell, by Winter Glitter. GPW, 11-26, (C), 6f, 1:11 4/5. B-Gerald Reid (NY). *\$8,000 RNA wlng '12 KEENOV; \$13,000 2yo '14 OBSJUN.

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CONDITIONS RESULTS:

4th-DUN, €10,000, 3yo/up, 8f (AWT), 1:38, ft.
DOLCE N KARAMA (IRE) (g, 3, The Carbon Unit--Janna's Jewel {Ire}, by Traditionally) Lifetime Record: 13-1-2-3, €30,382. O/B-Thistle Bloodstock Limited (IRE). T-Pat Shanahan.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Wentworth Falls (GB), g, 2, [Dansili \(GB\)](#)--Strawberry Morn (MSW-US, \$501,719), by Travelling Victor. KMP, 11-26, 6f (AWT), 1:12 2/5. B-Newsells Park Stud (GB). *Full-brother to Strawberrydaquiri (GB), MGSW & MG1SP-Eng, \$439,529.

Jebediah Shine (GB), f, 2, Kyllachy (GB)--Ardessie (GB), by Bahamian Bounty (GB). KMP, 11-26, 5f (AWT), 1:00. B-Whaddon Manor Stud (GB). *£8,000 yrl '13 DONAUG.

Oregon Gift (GB), c, 2, Major Cadeaux (GB)--Dayville, by Dayjur. LIN, 11-26, 8f (AWT), 1:36 2/5. B-Bearstone Stud (GB). *18,000gns wlng '12 TATDEC; 22,000gns yrl '13 TATOCT.

Indian Tomahawk (GB), g, 2, Sleeping Indian (GB)--Elhida (Ire), by Mujtahid. DUN, 11-26, 7f (AWT), 1:26. B-Richard Pegum (GB). *16,500gns wlng '12 TATDEC; £24,000 yrl '13 DONAUG.

Brazen Spirit (GB), c, 2, Zebedee (GB)--Never Say Deya (GB), by Dansili (GB). KMP, 11-26, 6f (AWT), 1:12 1/5. B-Mr & Mrs Charles Villiers (GB). *16,000gns wlng '12 TATDEC; £20,000 yrl '13 DONAUG. **32nd winner for first-season sire (by Invincible Spirit {Ire}).

Elhaam (Ire), f, 3, [Shamardal](#)--Loulwa (Ire) (SW-Eng), by Montjeu (Ire). LIN, 11-26, 6f (AWT), 1:12. B-Saleh Al Homaizi & Imad Al Sagar (IRE). *1/2 to Justineo (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), SW & GSP-Eng, \$171,489.