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A total of 49 horses representing England, Ireland, France, Germany, Japan, Singapore, Australia and of course the home team were entered Thursday for Sunday's richest-ever renewal of the Longines Hong Kong International Races at Sha Tin Racecourse. This year's series offers purse money of HK\$83 million (*US\$10.7 million*), a whopping increase of 15.2% over last year's HK\$72 million. And the quality of horseflesh matches.

The richest--and final--of the four-race series is the HK\$25-million G1 Hong Kong Cup, and the globetrotting **Cirrus des Aigles (Fr)** (Even Top {Ire}) will try to get over the hump in his fifth appearance in the



Rahma Dupouy, wife of Cirrus des Aigles' owner Jean-Claude-Alain Dupouy, draws post four
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race, a number which would be even higher barring a withdrawal on the eve of the HKIR in 2012. It will be his sixth trip to Hong Kong overall, having finished a close fifth in the G1 Hong Kong Vase as a 3-year-old back in 2009. The popular bay has not slowed down this year at age eight, with three Group 1 successes to

his credit, and drew well in gate four as he tries to improve on his third-place effort from 2013. "Draw four is perfect for us," commented trainer Corine Barande-Barbe. "We should get away nicely from there and find a good spot. We're very happy with that." Assistant trainer Jean-Jacques Poincelet was even more exuberant. With a smile, he quipped, "It's as if they gave away a place on the podium."

The two most recent Horses of the Year in Hong Kong will have solid claims in the 2000-meter feature. **Military Attack (Ire)** (Oratorio {Ire}) was favored at 17-10 in last year's Cup, but got far back and he could finish no better than fourth to Akeed Mofeed (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}). Trained then by John Moore, the 6-year-old is now under the care of Caspar Fownes and exits a head defeat at the hands of **Blazing Speed (GB)** (Dylan Thomas {Ire}) in the G2 Jockey Club Cup Nov. 23. After drawing gate nine in 2013, Military Attack and Zac Purton will depart the eight hole this time around. **Designs on Rome (Ire)** (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) is the reigning Hong Kong champ and makes his HKIR debut Sunday. Winner of the Hong Kong Derby this past March and the G1 Queen Elizabeth II Cup the following month, he is winless in five subsequent tries, but has shined in the lead-up to the Cup. **Cont. p4**

FINLEY MAY TAKE LEGAL ACTION IN NYTHA ELECTION DISPUTE *By T.D. Thornton*

After failing to make headway with an official protest letter that demanded a new election, Terry Finley said he now believes he will be forced to resort to legal action in an attempt to resolve his disputed 14-vote loss in the Dec. 1 election for the presidency of the New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association.



Terry Finley

Finley is contesting the election, which he lost to incumbent Rick Violette, Jr., 625-611, on the grounds that as many as 1,500 eligible NYTHA voters either did not receive ballots or received them too late to be counted in the official tally.

In addition, Finley has charged the NYTHA with not conducting the election in an ethical manner because three of the election committee members are either NYTHA employees or consultants who "serve at the pleasure of the president and the board," making it impossible for them to function in a "fair and unbiased" manner.

"This is America, and one of the core tenets is we have fair elections," said Finley, the president and founder of West Point Thoroughbreds. **Cont. p3**

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Niarchos Family Wins John Deere Award

The Niarchos Family's Flaxman Holdings was announced yesterday as the winner of the 2014 John Deere Award for outstanding breeder during the Breeders' Cup Challenge Series and Breeders' Cup World Championships thanks in large part to the exploits of homebreds Main Sequence (Aldebaran) and Karakontie (Jpn) (Bernstein).

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Desormeaux Eyes Another Big Score



Keith & Kent Desormeaux
Horsephotos

Conditioner Keith Desormeaux already enjoyed the biggest win of his career this year with Texas Red (Afleet Alex)'s head-turning victory in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile, and the brother of Hall of Fame rider Kent Desormeaux will look to end 2014 with a bang as he sends out Danette (Curlin) in the GI Starlet S. at Los Alamitos.

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Pletcher Pair Aiming for Donn

The Todd Pletcher-trained duo of soon-to-be 4-year-olds **Constitution** (Tapit) and **Danza** (Street Boss) are both expected to contest Gulfstream Park's GI Donn H. Feb. 7.

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Violette Runners Back in Action

Two of the stars of Rick Violette, Jr.'s barn, the soon-to-be sophomore **Upstart** (Flatter) and 2014 Triple Crown participant **Samraat** (Noble Causeway), are gearing up for their respective 2015 seasons at Palm Meadows in Florida.

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Symposium Wraps Up in AZ

The final day of the 41st Global Symposium on Racing & Gaming wrapped up in Arizona yesterday, with the focus on the role stewards play and the potential for fantasy games in horse racing.

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“We’re not a third-world country,” Finley continued. “I’ve got no problem getting beat. And who knows, maybe I’ll get beat if we have a re-election. I’m okay with that, I really am. But you’ve got to afford people the opportunity to have a voice, and this was absolutely, totally out of the box. It’s just not right.”

NYTHA officials have yet to confirm the official results, number of votes cast or number of ballots that were sent out. Yesterday, NYTHA officials declined to comment or return phone calls when reached by the TDN.

“I have nothing to say,” NYTHA executive director James Gallagher said on Thursday before hanging up abruptly.

Neither Violette, a trainer who has served as the organization’s president since 2008, nor Alan Foreman, who serves as both an attorney and an election committee member for the NYTHA, returned voicemails Thursday before the deadline for this story.

“You really just shake your head and say, ‘You can’t really make this stuff up.’” Finley said. “We’re probably just going to have to go through the court system.”

Finley said that, initially, he had no plans to contest his narrow defeat.

“But then I was literally inundated with people who knew I had lost by 14 votes. They contacted me saying they had begged and pleaded to get ballots, and that they either didn’t get them or they had gotten them too late,” Finley said. “That’s what caused me to change my mind and to protest the election.”

In his [Dec. 8 letter](#) to NYTHA sent via certified mail, Finley initially alleged that some 1,000 members did not receive ballots in time for the election. But in a phone interview Thursday, he said he now believes that number might approach 1,500.

“The real key here is the organization does not keep a current membership list,” Finley explained. “So when someone gets a horse and gets licensed from New York State [as an individual owner or via partnership], NYTHA does not have a process whereby they get an update for their list. It seems like a no-brainer, but NYTHA has refused to make any substantive effort to sync with the state. As a result, they either don’t send out ballots to people or have a woefully inadequate roster.”

A page on the NYTHA website explains that “Any owner or trainer who is licensed by New York State Racing and Wagering Board (NYSRWB) and has run a horse at the NYRA tracks in the past two years is automatically a NYTHA member.”

All members, Finley said, are supposed to be eligible to vote.

Rick Porter, owner of Fox Hill Farm, said he complained to NYTHA officials about not receiving a ballot. According to Porter, when a NYTHA official checked the mailing list, it came up with a Kentucky address that he no longer uses. He told the official that all his other correspondence from NYTHA comes to his proper Florida address, which is also the address on his New York owner’s license.



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“The bottom line is, if Finley can document that a number of people didn’t get their ballots, I think they should have a new election,” Porter said, pointing out that he has since heard of at least six other New York owners who did not get ballots.

Harry Landry, an owner and breeder based in Saratoga, got his ballot the very day results were to be tabulated.

“I was so annoyed when I read the letter,” Landry said. “Here I am opening it at the post office, and it says my response was supposed to be received by Dec. 1, which is the day I received it.”

Finley said he was aware of the address database problem before the election, and when he pointed it out to NYTHA officials, they chalked it up to the state not being cooperative about releasing names and addresses of horsemen.

Lee Park, a spokesman for the New York State Gaming Commission, confirmed this could be a problem, saying the names of occupational licensees are searchable on the NYSGC website, and you can even import them into a spreadsheet. But for privacy reasons, the state won’t release addresses, even if an entity makes a freedom-of-information request for them. **Cont. p4**



Rick Porter
Horsephotos



NYTHA Election cont.

"I do understand that this is the first time there's been a contested election in a long, long time for the presidency," Finley said. "But when we brought this up, it just seems as if [NYTHA] just did what they wanted to do. You can't have it both ways. You can't say 'the state won't provide us with names' while not being aggressive about coordinating with [the New York Racing Association] and doing everything you can to get more and more people who are eligible and [should be] members of NYTHA. You can't be passive on both fronts."

Another plank in Finley's protest is that three election committee members—Gallagher, Foreman and NYTHA auditor Craig Gegorek—should not have been overseeing the voting, because as employees or consultants serving under the incumbent administration, "they have an interest" in keeping the status quo.

"There's really no independence at all. That in and of itself is a conflict," Finley said. "They've just had no accountability for so long that they are amazed that anybody would say, 'Hey, this is not the way things should work.'"

In his protest letter, Finley further accused Foreman of misrepresenting his positions during the campaign process, and of trying to obtain support for Violette from horsemen in Kentucky, Florida and California who are also eligible to vote in New York.

"The ball is in their court," Finley said. "What needs to happen is every eligible member of NYTHA should get a ballot and we let the chips fall where they may. I like to think there's a good shot that we have a new election because I really believe that's what should happen."

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"He'll be at his peak on the weekend and he's already shown that he's right up there among the best horses in the world. I'm pleased with all of my horses leading into Sunday," said trainer John Moore, who has seven runners across the HKIR.

The old guard is represented by the 8-year-old **California Memory** (Highest Honor {Fr}), victorious in the Cup in 2011 and 2012, but missing from a three-peat attempt last year owing to an injury. The flashy gray gelding has retained his zest for racing and carries the confidence of trainer Tony Cruz, despite a wide alley from gate 11.

"I believe California Memory still has a great chance and I'm very happy with him," the one-time champion Hong Kong jockey explained. "He likes to come from behind so we'll be patient with him from this draw."

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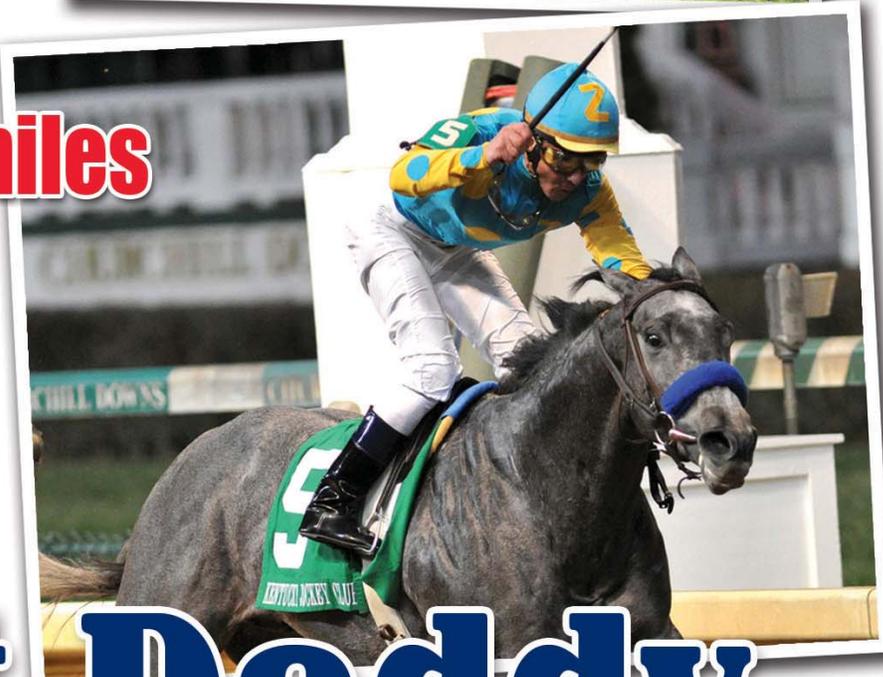
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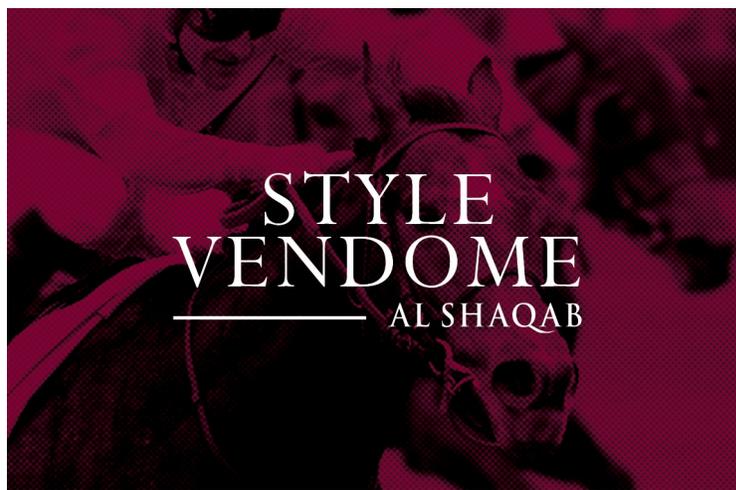




Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 4:30 p.m.
LONGINES HONG KONG CUP-G1, HK\$25,000,000 (US\$3,225,328),
 3yo/up, 2000mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	4	Cirrus des Aigles (Fr)	Even Top (Ire)	Soumillon	Brnde-Brbe
2	3	Designs on Rome (Ire)	Hly Rmn Empr (Ire)	Moreira	Moore
3	8	Military Attack (Ire)	Oratorio (Ire)	Purton	Fownes
4	12	Blazing Speed (GB)	Dylan Thomas (Ire)	Callan	A Cruz
5	11	California Memory (K)	Highest Honor (Fr)	Chadwick	A Cruz
6	9	Criterion (NZ)	Sebring (Aus)	Bowman	Hayes
7	10	Endowing (Ire)	Dnehill Dancer (Ire)	Prebble	Size
8	6	Farraaj (Ire)	Dubai Destination	Atzeni	Varian
9	2	Archimedes (Jpn)	Admire Moon (Jpn)	Iwata	Fujiwara
10	1	Pleasure Gains (GB)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Mosse	Man
11	5	Same World (GB)	Hawk Wing	Rawiller	Moore
12	7	Helene Super Star	War Front	Demuro	A Cruz

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Mile Smiles Despite Luckless Draw...

As has been widely documented, the HK\$23-million G1 Hong Kong Mile--the world's richest turf race at the distance--has been dominated for the last eight years by locally based horses, and that record stands a very good chance of lasting through this weekend as well.



Able Friend HKJC.com

Able Friend (Aus) (Shamardal) looms the shortest-priced favorite on the program off a dominating victory in the G2 Jockey Club Mile when reported to be short of peak fitness Nov. 23. In no way would it be accurate to say that

by drawing widest in a field of 11 against some very capable competition, his chances were enhanced. But connections, who were also represented by 2011 Mile hero Able One (NZ) (Cape Cross {Ire}), come into the race with high expectations.

"It's a not an issue," trainer John Moore said. "[Jockey] Joao [Moreira] will still be looking for some cover and you'd rather draw a touch further in, but he's such a versatile horse it shouldn't be a problem. Hopefully there's some speed up front and he can slot in. If not, so be it. I can assure you we will still be going in with very high hopes." **Cont. p6**

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Hong Kong Mile cont.

Three of the last four winners of the Mile have come from double-digit draws, including last year's hero **Glorious Days (Aus)** (Hussonet), who overcame post 13. **Ambitious Dragon (NZ)** (Pins {Aus}), who has been under an injury cloud this week, took care of things from the 11 hole in 2012, and both those previous winners, along with the presence of 2013 runner-up **Gold-Fun (Ire)** (Le Vie dei Colori {GB}), give the locals a chance to sweep the top three placings for the fifth time since 2005.

That year marked the last that a foreign horse took down the prize, and **Fiero (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) will break from the rail in an attempt to follow in the hoofprints of Hat Trick (Jpn) (Sunday Silence).

"I understand it is always very difficult to beat the locals in the Hong Kong Mile, but we come here this year to break the drought," trainer Hideaka Fujiwara said.

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 3:50 p.m.

LONGINES HONG KONG MILE-G1, HK\$23,000,000 (US\$2,967,223), 3yo/up, 1600mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	11	Able Friend (Aus)	Shamardal	Moreira	Moore
2	6	Gold-Fun (Ire)	Le Vie dei Colori (GB)	Whyte	Gibson
3	7	Glorious Days (Aus)	Hussonet	Demuro	Size
4	10	Grand Prix Boss (Jpn)	Skra Bkushn O (Jpn)	Iwata	Yahagi
5	9	Ambitious Dragon (NZ)	Pins (Aus)	Moore	Millard
6	1	Fiero (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Fukunaga	Fujiwara
7	8	Captain Cat (Ire)	Dylan Thomas (Ire)	Doyle	Charlton
8	5	Trade Storm (GB)	Trade Fair (GB)	Spencer	Simcock
9	4	World Ace (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Purton	Ikee
10	2	Secret Sham (Aus)	Shamardal	Callan	Moore
11	3	Hana's Goal (Jpn)	Orewa Mttruze (Jpn)	Rawiller	Kato

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Anyone's Guess in the Sprint...

The G1 Hong Kong Sprint has seen the single largest uptick in purse money, with a 23.3% increase from HK\$15 million to HK\$18.5 million. For the first time in three years, a horse with a name something other than Lord Kanaloa (Jpn) (King Kamehameha {Jpn}) will have his picture taken following the race. The question is: which one? Perhaps it'll be **Sole Power (GB)** (Kyllachy {GB}), who finished closest to the Japanese raider

12 months ago at overlaid odds, but who figures a fraction of the 76-1 on offer last year with Group 1 successes this season in the G1 King's Stand S. and G1 Nunthorpe S. In any event, if Sole Power doesn't come through on Sunday, trainer Eddie Lynam won't be blaming it on gate five.

"Happy with that draw. I can't use the draw as an excuse. I'll have to think of another one now," the conditioner admitted.

Will it be **Buffering (Aus)** (Mossman {Aus}), who looks to become the first Australian-based winner of the Sprint since Falvelon (Aus) won back-to-back in 2000 and 2001? The four-time Group 1 winner was dead lame as late as Tuesday, but galloped sound over the Sha Tin dirt track Thursday morning, then drew barrier eight.

"We know the way he runs, he's not the fastest horse out of the gates but his first 50 meters, once he musters, he gets going at a very high cruising speed," trainer Robert Heathcote offered. "There's some speed inside of us, but Buffering has the speed to cross. I expect to see us up there in the first couple whatever happens."

Lucky Nine (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), the 2011 Sprint hero, drew nicely in four, but the main local chances are drawn just to the inside of Buffering.

Peniaphobia (Ire) (Dandy Man {Ire}), the G2 Jockey Club Sprint winner, will try to become the first 3-year-old to win the Sprint from gate six, while **Aerovelocity (NZ)** (Pins {Aus}), who was a troubled 13th in the JC Sprint, will be the wiseguy pick of the program from the seven hole.

"I'm happy with that gate. He should be able to get a nice run from there," trainer Paul O'Sullivan said of Aerovelocity. "I'd rather

have drawn seven than one--Buffering will go forward and he's a good one to follow."



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SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	4	Lucky Nine (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Prebble	Fownes
2	11	Spalato (NZ)	Elusive City	Nunes	O'Hara
3	5	Sole Power (GB)	Kyllachy (GB)	Hughes	Lynam
4	3	Sterling City (Aus)	Nadeem (Aus)	Moreira	Moore
5	8	Buffering (Aus)	Mossman (Aus)	Browne	Heathcote
6	2	Gordon Lord Byron (Ire)	Byron (GB)	Lordan	Hogan
7	10	Snow Dragon (Jpn)	Admire Cozzene (Jpn)	Ono	Takagi
8	6	Peniaphobia (Ire)	Dandy Man (Ire)	Whyte	A Cruz
9	7	Aerovelocitly (NZ)	Pins (Aus)	Purton	O'Sullivan
10	12	Smart Volatility (Aus)	Danewin (Aus)	Mosse	Lui
11	9	Flagship Shine (Aus)	Tale of the Cat	Rawiller	Moore
12	14	Golden Harvest (Aus)	Al Maher (Aus)	Moore	Millard
13	13	Straight Girl (Jpn)	Fuji Kiseki (Jpn)	Iwata	Fujiwara
14	1	Little Gerda	Closing Argument	Demuro	Sameshima

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Last Two Winners Face Upstarts in Vase...

Red Cadeaux (GB) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}), winner of the 2012 G1 Hong Kong Vase and most recently runner-up for a remarkable third time in four years in the G1 Melbourne Cup; and **Dominant (Ire)** (Cacique {Ire}), who upset The Fugue (GB) (Dansili {GB}) at odds of 12-1 last year, head a field of 12 for this renewal of the 2400-meter heat.



Red Cadeaux HKJC.com

Red Cadeaux, owned by former HKJC executive Ronald Arculli, has yet to win in five starts during this 8-year-old campaign, but his

Flemington run was full of merit, as he finished in front of 20 of his 21 rivals.

Dominant, ridden to victory last year by Zac Purton, has 'Magic Man' Joao Moreira in the irons this time and would appear to have plenty to find on his current form. That said, his final piece of trackwork this week has some thinking he can reproduce something similar to his 2013 effort. Red Cadeaux landed the same post eight from which he won two years back, while Dominant will leave from the two.

Prince Khalid Abdullah's Juddmonte Farm has yet to crack the winner's circle at the HKIR, but as the highest-rated galloper at the meeting, G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe and GI Breeders' Cup Turf runner-up **Flintshire (GB)** (Dansili {GB}) will have solid claims to change that. He will break from stall four, while fellow Juddmonte color-bearer **Snow Sky (GB)** (Nayef) will be a few doors down in six.

There is a bit of a buzz about **Empoli (Ger)** (Halling), who will try to become the second German-bred to win at the HKIR following the victory of Borgia (Ger) (Acatenango {Ger}) in 1999 when the race was contested as a Group 2. The last-out winner--after overcoming stretch interference--of the G1 Preis von Europa at Cologne Sept. 28, will have to work out a trip from post 12.

"It's not so good, the draw, but the main thing for him is that we get a decent pace," commented his trainer Peter Schiergen.

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Aussie trainer Robert Heathcote, who sends out Buffering (Aus) in the G1 Sprint



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Trainer David Simcock, unconfirmed Green Bay Packers fan, will send out Trade Storm (GB)

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Trainer Tony Cruz (Blazing Speed, California Memory, et al) and California Memory's owner Howard Liang Yum-shing



**Hong Kong Jockey Club's
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Juddmonte's Ric Wylie handles draws for Flintshire (GB) (post 4) & Snow Sky (GB) (6)



Trainers Roger Varian (Farraaj) and Hideaki Fujiwara (Archimedes, Fiero & Straight Girl)



Gordon Lord Byron's trainer Tom Hogan



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Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 2:00 p.m.
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SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	4	Flintshire (GB)	Dansili (GB)	Guyon	Fabre
2	2	Dominant (Ire)	Cacique (Ire)	Moreira	Moore
3	7	Curren Mirotic (Jpn)	Heart's Cry (Jpn)	Ikezoe	Hirata
4	12	Empoli (Ger)	Halling	de Vries	Schiergen
5	8	Red Cadeaux (GB)	Cadeux Genereux (GB)	Mosse	Dunlop
6	9	Bubble Chic (Fr)	Chichicastenango (Fr)	Teetan	Hall
7	10	Parish Hall (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Manning	Bolger
8	3	Willie Cazals (Ire)	Aussie Rules	Whyte	A Cruz
9	1	Rainbow Chic (Ire)	Peintre Celebre	Prebble	Fownes
10	11	Khaya (NZ)	Librettist	Demuro	Size
11	5	Wayfoong Express (Ire)	Acclamation (GB)	Purton	Gibson
12	6	Snow Sky (GB)	Nayef	Moore	Stoute

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Cruz Control...

Tony Cruz has experienced it all in Hong Kong. Born in the colony of Portuguese descent, Cruz, who will celebrate his 58th birthday on Christmas Eve, became a professional jockey in 1973 and earned his first win in the saddle exactly 40 years ago Thursday at Happy Valley Racecourse.

After riding successfully in England and France in the 1980s, Cruz was six times the champion jockey in Hong Kong, won the prestigious Hong Kong Derby four times (1983, 1987, 1988 and 1995) and a total of 946 races before hanging up his tack and transitioning into the training ranks. **Cont. p10**



Tony Cruz draws post 12 for Blazing Speed in the Cup *HKJC.com*



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2 more Gr.1 winners in 2014...

RICH TAPESTRY (IRE)
 Santa Anita Sprint Championship Stakes-Gr.1

DESIGNS ON ROME (IRE)
 Queen Elizabeth II Cup-Gr.1, Sha Tin

Other Group winners this year:

MANGO DIVA (GB) Kilboy Estate Stakes-Gr.2, Curragh
CHARLES THE GREAT (IRE) Jockey Club Sprint-Gr.2, Sha Tin
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Cruz cont.

It didn't take Cruz long to leave his mark in that profession either. He landed his first trainers' premiership at the end of the 1999/2000 season, but his career really took flight when an Australian-bred gelding named Silent Witness (Aus), by the Conquistador Cielo stallion El Moxie, debuted victoriously on Boxing Day 2002. Partnered with South African jockey Felix Coetzee, Silent Witness dominated the locals to enter the 2003 G1 Hong Kong Sprint unbeaten in seven starts. National Currency (SAf) invaded from South Africa for trainer Mike Azzie with an enormous reputation, but Silent Witness was sent off the 3-10 chalk, took it to his chief market rival into the final furlong and a legend was born ([video](#)).

His successful title defense in 2004 ([video](#)) was his 13th from as many starts and came at the hands of the tough-as-nails Cape of Good Hope (GB), who would prove his quality the following season with victories in the G1 Australia S. in Melbourne and the G1 Golden Jubilee S. when it was contested at York. Silent Witness would run his streak to 17 straight before suffering his first defeat at the hands of a stablemate--Bullish Luck--of all things in the 2005 Champions Mile, while finishing ahead of The Duke (Aus) (Danehill), who would go on to annex the Hong Kong Mile in 2006.

Lucky Owners (NZ) (Danehill) gave Cruz two wins at the 2003 HKIR, taking out the Mile (and, in a rarity, the Hong Kong Derby two starts later), and the conditioner snapped an HKIR drought with a victory from Beauty Flash (NZ) (Golan {Ire}) in the 2010 Mile.

In the weeks prior to that event, a gelding named **California Memory** (Highest Honor {Fr}) won a couple of races in the lower grades and was fourth in a Class 2 handicap going 1600 meters on the International Races undercard. Twelve months later, the diminutive and likeable gray, bred by Fred Seitz and sold by Brookdale for \$65,000 at the 2007 Keeneland September sale, scaled the heights with a one-length victory in the G1 Hong Kong Cup.



California Memory *HKJC.com*

He became the only horse in the history of the race to record multiple victories in 2012 and, now a robust eight years old, is one of five runners for the Cruz stable in this year's HKIR after missing last year's Cup via injury.

Drawn 11, California Memory will have just one horse to his outside in the gates, his in-form stablemate **Blazing Speed (GB)** (Dylan Thomas {Ire}), who enters the big race off a good-looking defeat of Military Attack (Ire) (Oratorio {Ire}) in the G2 Jockey Club Cup Nov. 23. Cruz isn't unduly concerned about the high draw, despite a relatively short run to the first turn.

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"He's 100% fit and even though he's got that challenging draw we can be waiting on the outside, handy even, and I don't believe he needs to be covered up," Cruz offered. "He's a horse that can wait even if he doesn't have any cover."

The stable's third runner is **Helene Super Star** (War Front), the former G2 UAE Derby winner Lines of Battle, who could have a say in the outcome, if only as a pace factor.

Strong as his hand is in the Cup, Cruz also sends out live chances in the G1 Hong Kong Sprint and G1 Hong Kong Vase. **Peniaphobia (Ire)** (Dandy Man {Ire}) has matured more quickly than most 3-year-olds in Hong Kong and announced his arrival as a serious short-track horse with a half-length victory over Smart Volatility (Aus) (Danewin {Aus}) in the G2 Jockey Club Sprint three weeks ago.

"If he can sit just off the pace, fourth or fifth, I'll be happy," Cruz commented Thursday after drawing gate six. "He's got a great chance. He's the youngest horse in the race, but he's up to it. He hasn't got the early speed any more, so I'll be happy if there's pace on. As he's matured, he's lost the early speed and now he comes home with a stronger finish than ever."

Willie Cazals (Ire) (Aussie Rules) has been programmed for the G1 Hong Kong Vase since the beginning of the season, and he has yet to fire a truly big effort, but that could be in the cards this weekend.

Runner-up to California Memory in the Champions and Chater Cup over this course and 2400-meter trip in May 2013, Willie Cazals was third in Class 2 company on seasonal debut Oct. 19, missed by a short head in the Sa Sa Ladies' Purse H. Nov. 9 and was finishing well when seventh, beaten just over two lengths in the Jockey Club Cup last time.



Willie Cazals

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"I believe the mile and a half will be perfect for him, he's in good form and now he has a good draw," the trainer stated. "He's spot on for this race."

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Grand Prix Boss Signs Off in the Mile...

In 2005, Hat Trick (Jpn) (Sunday Silence) used a victory in the G1 Mile Championship as a springboard to success at Sha Tin. The Japanese are represented by a quartet of runners in this year's G1 Hong Kong Mile, three of which emerge from the Kyoto test, including **Grand Prix Boss (Jpn)** (Sakura Bakushin O {Jpn}), who makes his final career appearance this weekend.

The neck runner-up in the 2012 Mile Championship, Grand Prix Boss came to Hong Kong and was a 10-1 chance in that year's Mile, but dropped back through the lane after racing prominently for 1200 meters and finished 12th to Ambitious Dragon (NZ) (Pins {Aus}). His 5-year-old season commenced successfully with a narrow victory in the G2 Yomiuri Milers Cup at Kyoto, but he was well-beaten in four subsequent tries and was put away



Grand Prix Boss HKJC.com

for the year after a ninth in the Mile Championship.

When he resumed this term, he was an apparently hopeless 147-1 outsider against the likes of G1 Dubai Duty Free S. romper Just a Way (Jpn) (Heart's Cry {Jpn}) in the G1 Yasuda Kinen at Tokyo, but he stormed to the front inside the final furlong and looked a winner, only to idle late, allowing Just a Way to post a narrow victory. He cut back to six furlongs for the G1 Sprinters' S. Oct. 5 and ran with credit, finishing a close fourth to G1 Hong Kong Sprint aspirant Snow Dragon (Jpn) (Admire Cozzene {Jpn}), and most recently, came with a mild late run to finish sixth, beaten three lengths in his third crack at the Mile Championship Nov. 23.

Having just arrived from Japan, trainer Yoshito Yahagi was pleased with what he saw Thursday at Sha Tin and spoke after watching the 6-year-old cruise through a 1200-meter turf gallop in 1:21.2, with a final quarter-mile in :22.8.

"He is very fresh and very relaxed," Yahagi said. "This is his third time travelling abroad, he is fit after the travel and has taken to the surroundings very quickly. Today, I did not instruct the rider how he would work on turf because he has been breezing on the uphill course at home before we came here. The horse has won a graded stakes every year since he debuted, and this year he has not given me one yet. We were here two years ago, and I am sure that his condition is better than that time. The firm track used to be his best surface, but with age, we know he has been able to handle the slightly softer track too, as we could see in his performance in the Yasuda Kinen. So I expect he can handle the turf at Sha Tin. This is his final career start, but he is in very good form and I think he would be able to continue in training next year. We will do our best to maintain his best condition so he can show his best form on Sunday."

Fiero (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) and World Ace (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), second and eighth in the Mile Championship, respectively; and Hana's Gold (Jpn) (Orewa Matteruze {Jpn}) are the other Japanese raiders in the Mile.

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Horse	Distance	Time	Final 400m
Able Friend (Aus), Mile	800mT	:51.7	:26.1
Aerovelocity (NZ), Sprint	800m (AWT)	:58.6	:28.1
Blazing Speed (GB), Cup	800m (AWT)	:57.3	:26.8
California Memory, Cup	400m (AWT)	-----	:27.5
Curren Mirotic (Jpn), Vase	1200mT	1:21.1	:22.4
Flagship Shine (NZ), Sprint	800mT	:50.5	:25.1
Fiero (Jpn), Mile	800mT	:54.7	:23.7
Grdn Lrd Byron (Ire), Sprint	1200mT	1:26.8	:23.9
Grand Prix Boss (Jpn), Mile	1200mT	1:21.2	:22.8
Helene Super Star, Cup	800m (AWT)	:53.7	:26.7
Khaya (NZ), Vase	800m (AWT)	:57.2	:26.7
Lucky Nine (Ire), Sprint	800m (AWT)	:56	:25.6
Military Attack (Ire), Cup	800m (AWT)	:57.2	:24.3
Peniaphobia (Ire), Sprint	800m (AWT)	:56	:25.9
Secret Sham (Aus), Mile	1200m (AWT)	1:21.3	:24.5
Smart Volatility (Aus), Sprint	800mT	:55.6	:24.7
Sterling City (Aus), Sprint	800mT	:49.7	:24.4
Straight Girl (Jpn), Sprint	1200mT	1:19.7	:21.8
Willie Cazals (Ire), Vase	800m (AWT)	:56.7	:26.6



NEWS TODAY

NIARCHOS FAMILY WINS JOHN DEERE AWARD

The Niarchos Family's Flaxman Holdings was named the recipient yesterday of the fourth-annual John Deere Award for outstanding breeder of the 2014 Breeders' Cup Challenge Series and Breeders' Cup World Championships. Flaxman earned a total of 54 points--assigned for wins in the 71 Breeders' Cup Challenge races and 13 Breeders' Cup races--in part due to victories by their homebreds Main Sequence (Aldebaran) and Karakontie (Jpn) (Bernstein) in the GI Breeders' Cup Turf and GI Breeders' Cup Mile, respectively. The Graham Motion-trained Main Sequence also picked up points for Flaxman with his triumphs in the GI United Nations S. and GI Joe Hirsch Turf Classic S. The Niarchos family earned additional points for the G1 Yorkshire Oaks score by Tapestry (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), who they bred along with Orpendale; and for Tapestry's full-brother John F. Kennedy (Ire)'s win in the G3 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Trial. The Niarchos family bred and owned past Breeders' Cup winners Miesque and Spinning World; and owned Domedriver and Six Perfections. "Over the years, the Niarchos Family has enjoyed outstanding success at the Breeders' Cup World Championships and has been tremendous supporters of the event since its beginnings," said Craig Fravel, President and CEO of Breeders' Cup Ltd. "We congratulate them on winning this year's John Deere Award, punctuated by brilliant performances from Main Sequence and Karakontie on Breeders' Cup Saturday." Fravel continued, "We also extend our thanks to John Deere for being an outstanding Breeders' Cup partner, and along with NTRA Advantage, helps us shine a bright light on the essential importance of our breeders to the Breeders' Cup program through this award." Maria Niarchos-Gouaze offered, "Flaxman Holdings Limited is delighted to have earned the outstanding breeder of the Breeders' Cup, and thanks very much to John Deere for their generous sponsorship of this award." NTRA Advantage and John Deere will award the Niarchos Family with a John Deere TS Gator Utility Vehicle.



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JUNOOB DQ'D FROM METROPOLITAN WIN

Junoob (GB) (Haafhd {GB}) has been disqualified from his victory in the G1 Metropolitan H. at Randwick Oct. 4 after a post-race examination returned positive for Frusemide (Lasix). Trainer Chris Waller was scheduled to meet with Racing NSW stewards Thursday, but issued a statement earlier in the day to accept responsibility for the violation. In a published statement, Waller wrote:

"Today (Thursday) has been difficult, however I will never lose respect for Racing NSW or the high level of integrity it upholds. The findings from today support the fact that it was an innocent mistake that occurred, but one with significant repercussions that I as the trainer must accept. To further safeguard from the slightest possibility of it happening again, we have extended CCTV footage within our stable from 28 days to 36+ days to ensure possible intruders are monitored, staff procedures are adhered too (sic) and the horses are continually kept safe. A lot of this comes at a cost, however a small cost in the whole scheme of things. We will ensure witnesses accompany any treatments prescribed by veterinarian or senior staff members and implement the use electronic microchip scanners. As the trainer of 1544 runners last season, over 50% of our runners were subject to pre and post-race testing and we adhere to significantly higher scrutiny levels from a sampling perspective. I am not the first leading trainer to have been in this position, but those that have been before me would understand that it is a frustrating time. I accept the decision handed down by Racing NSW stewards today and I now look forward to putting this behind me and striving for further success."



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DESORMEAUX EYES ANOTHER BIG SCORE IN STARLET By J.M. Severni

It's been a banner year for trainer Keith Desormeaux. The older brother of Hall of Fame jockey Kent Desormeaux tallied his first Breeders' Cup victory when Texas Red (Afleet Alex) charged home to take the GI Juvenile, and Desormeaux is looking to add one more major 2014 success with **Danette** (Curlin) in Saturday's GI Starlet S. at Los Alamitos Race Course.

The \$45,000 Keeneland September yearling purchase began her career over the Arlington synthetic in June, finishing seventh. Fifth against \$80,000 taggers at Del Mar in July, Danette finished third in a special weight stretching out to a mile there Aug. 13 and was second by a head to fellow Starlet starter **Maybellene** (Lookin At Lucky) Aug. 31. The Don't Tell My Wife Stable's colorbearer tested deeper waters while routing and trying dirt in the GI Chandelier S. and outran her 26-1 odds to rally well for third.

Desormeaux said the promise Danette showed in her last two starts at Del Mar gave him the confidence to try stepping her up in the Chandelier despite her lack of a diploma.



Keith and Kent Desormeaux

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"She ran an exceptional race in her last start at Del Mar," he explained. "We know that, being by Curlin, she was going to improve once she got on the natural surface. She's a good-sized filly, so with maturity and time I always knew she would get better. Maybellene beat us by a head and she was in the Chandelier, so if she is legit in that race, why can't we be? This time of year, there's not a whole lot of 2-year-old--fillies in particular--that are fit and experienced at two turns and there are limited opportunities. That's why you can take a shot at a higher race with a maiden. She had experience and fitness and, obviously, showed quality at Del Mar. That's why we went ahead and gave her a chance at Grade I company and it worked out because we're Grade I stakes placed."

Danette took on tough company again in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies where she caboozed the field early and zipped up the rail, but was blocked in the stretch, eventually finishing fifth, just 1 1/2 lengths behind the winner and Starlet favorite **Take Charge Brandi** (Giant's Causeway).

Desormeaux reported that Danette exited her Breeders' Cup race well and looks to be in top form coming into the weekend's affair.

"She was no worse for wear, to tell you the truth," the conditioner said of his charge's condition after the Juvenile Fillies. "I thought she had a little bit of a rough trip, but you couldn't tell by the way she bounced back from the race."

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Desormeaux cont.

Both of the conditioner's representatives trailed early in their respective Breeders' Cup races over the speedy Santa Anita track, but the trainer doesn't think the bias was necessarily to blame for Danette's finish.

"There's no doubt that the Santa Anita surface is a speed-favoring surface, but the pace was legit," Desormeaux said. "I think it was more about her having to use energy to keep her position at the half-mile pole and then not being able to get through in the stretch--she was blocked all the way through the stretch. If she could have gotten through, the speed bias wouldn't have looked as prevalent. I say that with confidence because, obviously, Texas Red wasn't affected by the speed bias."

Although Texas Red's Breeders' Cup victory is surely the highlight of Desormeaux's training career up to this point, the conditioner has had additional success in recent years developing young talent. I've Struck a Nerve (Yankee Gentleman) gave Desormeaux his first graded stakes win when he upset the 2013 GII Risen Star S. at odds of 135-1.

"We've been knocking on the door, this isn't an overnight success type of thing," the conditioner offered. "The routine that we've hashed out through experience over the years is obviously working. I have enthusiastic and capable investors and that's all it took. The process was always there, I haven't had these deep-pocketed owners and I had limited opportunities in the past as far as the sales are concerned. Now I have capable and enthusiastic owners and that, in itself, has fueled the recent success."

The conditioner has a string of 37 horses which are split between the Fair Grounds and Santa Anita. Many of Desormeaux's trainees are horses he picked out as yearlings at Keeneland September. In addition to Danette, Texas Red was also bought out of KEESEP for \$17,000. Desormeaux explained that, when selecting horses at yearling sales, he values conformation above all else.

"Undoubtedly, with the speed of American racing now and the way the tracks are kept up, soundness is of ultimate importance and you cannot achieve or maintain soundness without proper conformation," Desormeaux explained. "So, conformation is number one. We look for those intangible qualities like intelligence and confidence that can be seen in certain ways. And, of course, we look at pedigree. There may be those few who show some success without the ultimate pedigree, because, of course, not everyone can afford that ultimate pedigree, but you do have to have some depth of pedigree to have success."

If this past year is any indication, Desormeaux's process of selecting, training and spotting young horses seems to be on the money. Although the trainer will have to wait until after the Starlet to determine any long-term goals for Danette, it's obvious where Desormeaux would like Texas Red to be the first Saturday in May.

"We can dream, can't we?" Desormeaux said. "We think we're legit and the numbers say we are. The pedigree says we're made for it, so we'll set the [GI Kentucky] Derby as a goal and go from there."

As for right now, Texas Red is taking a break from the track. "He exited the [Breeders' Cup] in great shape," he continued. "He looks good and we decided that after a long season of traveling and tough races to give him a much earned break."

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RACETRACK ROUND-UP

Pletcher Pair Pointing for Donn...

The Todd Pletcher-trained duo of soon-to-be 4-year-olds **Constitution** (Tapit) and **Danza** (Street Boss) are both expected to contest Gulfstream Park's GI Donn H. Feb. 7. The former, a

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campaigns by WinStar Farm and Twin Creeks Racing, upped his record to three-for-three in March's GI Florida Derby over the same track and trip as the Donn, but was

sidelined for the rest of the spring and summer. Fourth in a Belmont optional claimer Oct. 12, the bay checked in third after setting the pace in the GI Clark H. at Churchill Downs Nov. 28. **Cont. p16**



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Pletcher Pair cont.

“Right now, Constitution is pointing for the Donn,” confirmed Pletcher, leading trainer at Gulfstream’s Championship Meet for an incredible 11 straight years. “The question is, do we run him in between? I don’t know yet. We might just train him up to the Donn. He came out of his last race very well. We know he likes Gulfstream, and I think this track will carry him a little more than Churchill Downs sometimes does.”

Of Constitution’s performance in the Clark, Pletcher added, “[Rider] Javier [Castellano] was very comfortable with the way he handled the first turn. Javier felt like he was more relaxed than I did watching it, but down the backside he settled pretty well and I thought he ran a big race. He’s just getting back into form. It was only his second start since the Florida Derby and only his fifth lifetime start.”

Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners’s Danza, who belied 41-1 odds to romp home in the GI Arkansas Derby Apr. 12, has been off since a solid third in the GI Kentucky Derby May 3.

“He came out of the Derby and he was wiped out,” Pletcher explained. “He broke out in a skin disease from head to toe and lost some weight, and we decided to just stop on him and point for the Donn and work our way back. We’ll see.”

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Violette Runners Back in Action...

Two of the stars of Rick Violette, Jr.’s barn, the soon-to-be sophomore **Upstart** (Flatter) and 2014 Triple Crown participant **Samraat** (Noble Causeway), are gearing up for their respective 2015 seasons at Palm Meadows in Florida. Ralph Evans’s Upstart annexed his first two starts at Saratoga before finishing second in Belmont’s GI Champagne S. Oct. 4 and third in the Nov. 1 GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile.

“It was a funny racetrack that day,” Violette said in reference to Santa Anita on Breeders’ Cup Saturday. “It was so speed-favoring that if you weren’t one-two turning for home, you had no chance. We were a little bit back off of that and he still made a race of it. He’s got to be top 10, probably top five 2-year-olds in the country, and that’s a great place to be.”



Upstart
NYRA/Coglianes

Upstart will likely kick off his march towards the GI Kentucky Derby at Gulfstream Park. “He actually had four weeks off and we didn’t put tack on him until [Nov. 29],” Violette explained. “He hadn’t done anything until then. He was turned out in the paddocks up at Palm Meadows. He’ll jog for a little bit. I’ve tried to give him time to get three starts in before the Derby. It doesn’t always work. Two would be OK, three would be ideal. We’ll see what happens. You have to get lucky. We’ll see where we’re ready and what the handicapping looks like, and we’ll get his [season] started down here.”

My Meadowview Farm homebred Samraat took the first five starts of his career, including the Gill Withers S. and Gill Gotham S. at the Big A last February and March, respectively. Second to Wicked Strong (Hard Spun) in the GI Wood Memorial S. in April, the dark bay was fifth in the Derby and a troubled sixth in the GI Belmont S. June 7. He hasn’t been seen since, having been sidelined after requiring surgery over the summer for a fractured right shin.

“He’s doing good,” Violette said. “He’s been jogging for about a month and he galloped for the first time [Nov. 29]. He’s terrific. It’s a relief and it’s also exciting because the 3-year-olds were the best of the class this year. They were the first six finishers in the [GI] Breeders’ Cup Classic. I think it’s a stellar division, and he was certainly among the elite there. I’m quite happy with him.”

Of where Samraat might make his first afternoon appearance, Violette offered, “There’s no real hurry. I could have had him back maybe 30 days earlier, but I didn’t want to have him ready in January with kind of no place to go. February, March, we’ll see how he’s doing. We’ll nominate for a bunch of spots and we’ll see what the right starting point is.”

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GLOBAL SYMPOSIUM ON RACING AND GAMING

STEWARDS' ROLES AND FANTASY GAMES DISCUSSED AS SYMPOSIUM CLOSES

Photos & Editorial by Dean A. Hoffman

The final day was "fantasy day" at the 41st annual Global Symposium on Racing & Gaming in Tucson, Arizona Thursday as speakers in one session indulged in role playing to show attendees the role stewards play



Panel (l to r): Dr. Scot Waterman, Kim Sawyer, and Eddie Arroyo.

on race day, while other speakers addressed the potential of fantasy games for horse racing.

Kim Sawyer, a California Horse Racing Board steward, led fellow stewards Eddie Arroyo, Dr. Scot Waterman, and Dan

Fick in a re-enactment of just how complicated the daily routine can be for stewards.

It was an entertaining way to give attendees an inside glimpse of what happens in the stewards' stand. It allowed the audience to hear the stewards' running commentary during the race, then follow their logic as they reviewed a videotaped race replay and discussed two incidents of interference.

The stewards invited students from the University of Arizona Race Track Industry Program, sponsor of the Symposium, to observe their operations in the mock stewards' stand, but when it came time to discuss the disqualifications, the students were asked to leave.

The students got their chance afterwards when three of them took the stage to act as stewards while a replay of the recent GI Breeders Cup Classic was shown. Students Aaron Brukman, McLane Hendricks and Francesca LeDonne watched the replays intently as different angles were shown: the traditional pan shot, a head-on shot, and an overhead shot.

The students quickly announced that they would've posted the "Inquiry" sign and talked to the jockeys involved in possible interference at the start. Then Kim Sawyer walked the students through their discussions to provide guidance and to help them understand the full ramifications of their decisions.



Kim Sawyer

In a concurrent session, speakers debated the potential of fantasy games for horse racing and what impact they could have on attracting younger fans to horse racing.

Hai Eng, a popular speaker at the Symposium the last two years, served as moderator for speakers Tom Dwyer, CEO of Ballr.com, and John Ford, CEO of BAM Software and Services.

Since online betting is already legal, do fantasy games have much to offer to horse racing?

Moderator Eng and the two speakers debated that question and speculated on how racing can capitalize on the widespread popularity of fantasy games to appeal to new fans and attract a younger demographic.

In the final session, Dan Fick, director-at-large of the Racing Officials Accreditation Program (ROAP), reviewed why stewards and judges need to become familiar with and use technology. Stewards Dr. Scot Waterman and Eddie Arroyo spoke on their experience with using technology.



Dan Fick

"We are all set up to double-check everything from the time a horse is entered until race day," said Arroyo. "Technology now gives you the ability to address any questions within minutes."

The stewards also discussed the impact of the National Uniform Medication Program and Multiple Medication Violation Program (MMV) and its schedule of 26 controlled therapeutic medications. **Cont. p18**



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Symposium cont.

"We have uniform rules, but different states have different caps on penalties," said panelist Dr. Jennifer Durenberger, Director of Racing for the Massachusetts Gaming Commission.

She said that the racing media and participants don't always have a complete perspective when penalties are announced.

"I don't think our current penalty system is designed to weed out repeat offenders," said Waterman, a steward for the Arizona Department of Racing. "Every steward at every track knows who their problem children are, and most stewards would vote to send these people as far away as possible because they cause most of your problems. The trouble occurs when penalties get outside the stewards' control. It can be tough to make penalties stick. These rulings can be appealed and often go beyond the commission."

Next year's Global Symposium on Racing & Gaming will move to the Loews Ventana Canyon Resort in Tucson, Arizona Dec. 7-10, 2015.

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW? GRINDSTONE

by *Bill Finley, Special to espn.com*

The day was May 4, 1996, and at that moment, Grindstone was the most famous racehorse on the planet. With Jerry Bailey somehow getting the horse into a gear no one knew he had, he flew through the stretch to nail Cavonnier on the wire and win the Kentucky Derby by a nose.

Then he all but disappeared. Grindstone never raced again.

He went off to Overbrook Farm in Kentucky to stand at stud and produced one outstanding horse, Birdstone. He won the Belmont, Travers and Champagne. But Grindstone was more or less a one-hit wonder as a sire.



Grindstone in the 1996 Kentucky Derby winner's circle *Horsephotos*

When Overbrook owner William T. Young died, his heirs closed the farm and dispersed the stallions. But who would want Grindstone, an older stallion without much of a record of success? There was some speculation that they would simply retire him and let him live out the rest of his life in Kentucky.

Then a guy from Oregon called.

Jack Root owns Oakhurst Thoroughbreds, one of a handful of breeding operations in Oregon, which is about as small as it gets when it comes to the racing and breeding industries. He figured Grindstone could be a productive sire in Oregon, plus he admits to being a little starstruck. So he worked out a deal to bring the 1996 Kentucky Derby winner to Oregon.

"To have Grindstone, a Kentucky Derby winner, is a dream come true," he said. "I just never thought it would happen to me. It's a thrill of a lifetime."

Grindstone arrived in Oregon in 2009, was first bred there in 2010 and his oldest Oregon-breds are now three. Granted, he's playing in the minor leagues, but just as Root expected, he's emerged as a star sire in his new home state.

On Sunday, Portland Meadows will hold its annual Oregon Champions Day and sons and daughters of Grindstone are all over the card. There are four Oregon-bred stakes on the card for two and three-year-olds and the combined fields include 16 Grindstones. With 28 starters in those four races, he represents 57 percent of the fields. **Cont. p19**

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Grindstone cont.

"His first crop here was just okay," Root said. "But his current 2-year-olds are very good and I'm really excited about them."

Nonetheless, breeding horses in Oregon is a tough business. The biggest purse on Sunday's champion's day card is \$13,000.

"In general, the small regional breeding markets have been torturous and the breeding industry all around is declining," Root said. "Around 2005, they were breeding 35,000 babies in the U.S. every year and now it's down to around 21,000. The regional markets have been horrible. The number of Oregon-breds is now down to about 100 a year and only a few years ago it was 200, 250. And only a few years before that it was around 400."

Root himself breeds about 15 mares a year to Grindstone, which is a help. He says the hope is that one of them can emerge out of Oregon and make decent money on another circuit.

"I figure these horses are like lottery tickets," he said. "Like lottery tickets, most of them are not going to make any money at all. Once in a while, you'll get one that will make you a little money, but what we're all hoping for is the jackpot."

Root has a Grindstone based in Kentucky with Wayne Lukas who won a \$16,000 maiden claimer before getting drubbed in an allowance race. The best Grindstone right now is Koffee Grinder, who has made \$139,055 racing in British Columbia and may be named 3-year-old champion in the province.

Root is a practicing equine veterinarian and he says that is where his income comes from. He'd like to make money breeding Grindstone, whose stud fee is \$2,500, but says a more realistic goal is to break even.

But that's fine with him. He's a small-time breeder in a small-time racing state and he gets to rub elbows with an equine icon, a Kentucky Derby winner.

"Absolutely, he's a celebrity around here," he said. "We get total strangers who call up and want to see him. That includes people with no connection to horse racing at all. The local media has been very nice to us. The last two years around Derby time, the local TV stations came out and aired a five-minute piece about Grindstone. So we get random people who call up and say 'can we see Grindstone?' and our answer is always yes. Every night before I go to bed, I go through the barn and make sure everyone is okay and look at him and say 'Goodnight, Kentucky Derby winner.'"

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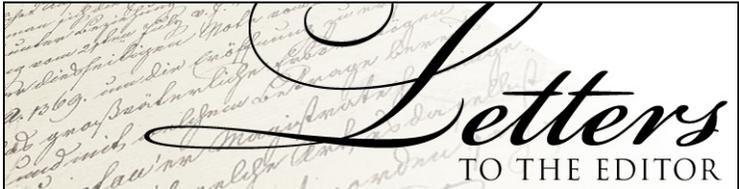


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Letters

TO THE EDITOR

In Tuesday's TDN, T.D. Thornton wrote about [Santa Anita's box seat price increase](#). We received the following letter in response.

PAUL SAYLOR:

What's the problem with Santa Anita boxes? It cannot be pricing since the cost for a box at Santa Anita seems to be fraction of the cost for the six-week season at Saratoga, or the annual box cost at Gulfstream. Hey Tom, if you are having problems selling boxes at the new pricing, send me an application. Even with travel, attendance at Santa Anita in a box would cost less than Saratoga or Gulfstream.



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▶ Florida

Yesterday's Results:

2nd-GPX, \$36,000, Msw, 2yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:42 3/5, fm.
+ GET DOWN KITTEN (f, 2, [Kitten's Joy](#)--Dynarrhythm**, by Dyna**former**)** became the latest debut winner for her red-hot sire fresh off the heels of a  **"TDN Rising Star"**  performance by Smokem Kitten at Gulfstream Saturday and a pair of additional first out winners in France Wednesday. Get Down Kitten--a full sister to Fear the Kitten, MGSP, \$203,510--was backed at odds of 3-1 to get it right at first asking after working five furlongs in 1:01 over the Gulfstream main Dec. 7. Settled in a midpack fifth early while saving ground through fractions of :23.37 and :47.49, the bay began to advance on the far turn. Edgar Prado briefly awaited racing room once guiding his charge out, then found a seam and shot through an inviting opening along the inside in the stretch. Get Down Kitten fought on bravely from the inside and outboxed favored Bugle (War Front) to prevail by a nose in a wild finish. It was another neck back to the rallying Giant Crystal (Giant's Causeway) in third. Phipps homebred Delightful (Bernardini) never factored while seventh. The lightly raced mare Dyna**rrhythm**, a Belmont maiden winner on dirt in 2003, was purchased by Kenneth and Sarah Ramsey for \$52,000 as a broodmare prospect at the 2005 OBSOCT sale. She produced a colt by Talent Search in 2014. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$21,600. [Click for the **brisnet.com** chart](#) or [VIDEO](#). O/B-Kenneth L Ramsey & Sarah K Ramsey (KY). T-Michael J Maker.

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Get Down Kitten (inside)
Adam Coglianese

▶ New York

Yesterday's Results:

8th-AQU, \$67,000, Alw, NW1\$X, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:44 2/5, my.
CLASSIC SENSE (c, 3, [Street Sense](#)--Classic Strike, by Smart Strike) graduated at sixth asking against \$65,000 maiden claimers in an off-the-turfer at Saratoga July 28, then was a distant second in an allowance there Sept. 1. Coming back on just two weeks rest, he was second in a rained-off Belmont starter allowance Sept. 17, then returned to the winner's circle in a similar spot there Oct. 5. Tracking from a close-up fourth early, the 8-5 chalk advanced three-wide on the backstretch and hooked up with the leader entering the stretch. The pair battled down the lane with Classic Sense edging clear late to score by 1 1/4 lengths. Longshot Lieutenant Seany O (Bluegrass Cat) came running late for second. The winner is a half to Handsome Mike (Scat Daddy), MGSW, \$1,005,413. Sales history: \$195,000 yrl '12 FTKOCT; \$300,000 2yo '13 FTFMAR. Lifetime Record: 10-3-3-1, \$149,255. [Click for the **brisnet.com** chart](#) or [VIDEO](#). O-Paul P Pompa Jr. B-John Liviakis (KY). T-Chad C Brown.

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2nd-AQU, \$60,000, Msw, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:46 1/5, my.
COACH INGE (g, 3, [Big Brown](#)--Touch too Much, by Holy Bull) ran a better-than-it-looked fourth after some early trouble as the 7-5 chalk in his seven-furlong Gulfstream debut over this strip last December. Subsequently placed on the sidelines, the bay failed to move forward when returning on grass, finishing eighth at Saratoga Aug. 31 and sixth with blinkers added in a live heat at Belmont Oct. 17. He returned to dirt with a solid runner-up effort behind the ultra-impressive debut winner Street Babe (Street Sense) going a one-turn mile over the main last time Nov. 20. Favored at even-money to break through here, Coach Inge was hustled from his inside draw by Jose Ortiz and showed the way through quick fractions of :23 and :46 4/5. Ice Cutter (Medaglia d'Oro) looked to have his measure in the stretch, but Coach Inge dug down deep while drifting out some to get the money by a hard-fought neck. The result stood after a stewards' inquiry and a claim of foul by the rider of the runner-up Manuel Franco. Sales history: \$150,000 2yo '13 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-0, \$50,677. [Click for the **brisnet.com** chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).

O-Repole Stable. B-Paul Pompa Jr (KY). T-Todd A Pletcher.

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Venizelos Hired as VP of NYRA Security:

George Venizelos was hired as the New York Racing Association's new Vice President of Security, effective Jan. 26. Currently serving as the Assistant Director in Charge of the FBI's New York Division, the 54-year-old oversees all FBI operations and personnel in New York City's five boroughs, eight counties in New York state, and La Guardia and John F. Kennedy airports. In his new role at NYRA, Venizelos will be responsible for commanding, directing and coordinating NYRA's uniformed and investigative security force. He will also oversee cybercrime prevention and security planning, coordination and execution for special events, such as the GI Belmont S.

"The addition of George Venizelos further reflects the New York Racing Association's continued success in attracting the finest talent to our management team," said Christopher Kay, NYRA's Chief Executive Officer and President. "George is deeply respected within the highest, most influential levels of the law enforcement community, and his knowledge, experience and leadership skills are exceptional. I am pleased and proud to welcome George to the New York Racing Association, and look forward to his service in the years to come."

"I would like to thank the men and women of the Bureau for the opportunity to serve this great nation. This has been an incredible journey, and I'm deeply grateful for their collaboration, support, and friendship. Together we made a difference," said Venizelos. "As I look forward to launching this new and exciting chapter in my professional career, I'd like to thank Chris Kay and the New York Racing Association for the opportunity to serve the greatest Thoroughbred racing fans in the world."

▶ Eastern U.S.

Yesterday's Results:

8th-LRL, \$47,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$32,000-\$28,000), NW3X, 3yo/up, 7f, 1:23 1/5, ft.

SOUPER LUCKY (g, 3, [Giant's Causeway](#)--Slewfoundmoney {MSW & MGSP, \$184,591}, by Seeking the Gold), who only won once in nine starts for previous trainer Tom Albertrani, captured his debut for the Trombetta barn in an allowance here Sept. 10 and was third next out over this strip Sept. 27. Successful again in an off-the-turf optional claimer at this venue Oct. 17, he was sixth when last seen in the seven-panel City of Laurel S. Nov. 15. The 4-5 favorite kept tabs on the leaders from third here, seized command on the backstretch and drew off to score by 1 3/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: 14-4-2-2, \$149,935. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).**

O/B-Live Oak Stud (FL). T-Michael J Trombetta.

▶ Central U.S.

Yesterday's Results:

6th-FGX, \$40,120, Alw, C, 3yo/up, a5 1/2fT, 1:03 2/5, fm.

GANTRY (g, 7, [Pulpit](#)--Rhum {MSW, \$306,234}, by Go for Gin), winner of the 2012 GII Smile Sprint H. over Calder's dirt, has also held his own over the green stuff, including a victory in the Colonel Power S. here Mar. 14. He failed to land a blow in either the GIII Shakertown S. at Keeneland Apr. 12 or the Evangeline Downs Turf Sprint S. June 21, then was given some time off. He resurfaced with a disappointing fifth when returned to dirt in this track's Thanksgiving H. Nov. 27 and was well-supported at 3-1 while returning to the infield here. He worked out a perfect trip chasing in third behind a pair of dueling leaders, was swung out for his run in the stretch and powered clear to a one-length victory over even-money favorite Unbridled's Note (Unbridled's Song). Gantry is a half brother to Central Banker (Speightstown), GSW & MGISP, \$598,786. Sales history: \$140,000 yrl '08 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSW, 27-11-6-3, \$848,331. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).** O-Brittlyn Stable Inc. B-DJ Stable LLC (KY). T-Ron Faucheux.

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4th-FGX, \$40,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW2L, 2yo, f, a7 1/2fT, 1:31 4/5, fm.

DIVINE DAWN (f, 2, [Divine Park](#)--Seattle Grey, by Friends Lake) dueled throughout and stayed on to graduate as the 7-5 chalk in her six-furlong Keeneland debut over next out winners Martz (Scat Daddy; 5th) and Kathballu (Bluegrass Cat; 6th) Oct. 17. Trying turf and two turns this time, the 8-5 choice sat a stalking trip in third while perched three wide. She challenged for command with a sweeping move on the far turn and kicked clear in the stretch to graduate by 1 3/4 lengths over Bossy (Street Boss). The winner's dam Seattle Grey is a half-sister to Noble Court (Doneraile Court), MGSW & MGISP, \$465,230. Sales history: \$50,000 yrl '13 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$57,600. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).** O-Tommy G Ligon & Michael Pressley. B-Brereton C Jones (KY). T-J Larry Jones.

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3rd-HAW, \$31,416, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$75,000), NW1X, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:13, ft.

TIMEADAY (f, 2, Birdbirdistheword--Negra Perla, by Clever Trick), a 9 3/4-length debut winner at Fairmount Park Sept. 1, was third next out over this strip Oct. 16 and followed with a six-length optional claiming win Nov. 7. Successful again in this venue's six-furlong state-bred Showtime Deb S. Nov. 22, the 2-1 second choice pressed from second every step of the way through early splits of :22.49 and :46.66. The dark bay swiftly closed the door on the pacesetter in mid-stretch and rolled clear to secure a two-length victory over Etheridge (Flower Allet). The winner is a half to Kathleen L (Pine Bluff), SW, \$275,114. Lifetime Record: SW, 5-4-0-1, \$103,881. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).

O-Ernest Allen Meadows. B-Allen Meadows (IL). T-John E Cox.

7th-FGX, \$39,000, Msw, 2yo, 1m70y, 1:43 3/5, ft. TIZNOW R J (c, 2, Tiznow--Ruban Bleu {SP}, by Broken Vow), a neck third behind subsequent GII Remsen S. third Keen Ice (Curlin) on debut going a mile at Churchill Downs Sept. 6, completed the trifecta again last time over that track and trip after breaking slowly and clipping heels Nov. 13. Immediately sprinting to the lead from the far outside post in this nine-horse affair, the 5-2 shot bowled along on the lead through early splits of :24.13 and :48.25. The bay displayed some greenness in the stretch, but was kept to task by pilot Robby Albarado and cruised clear to an effortless 13 1/4-length graduation. Tale of Beaucette (Tale of Ekati) was second. Sales history: \$130,000 yrl '13 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-2, \$30,180. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).

O-Mike McCarty. B-Haras Santa Maria de Araras S A (FL). T-Steven M Asmussen.

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6th-HAW, \$22,000, Msw, (S), 2yo, 6f, 1:14, ft. + I AM ANOTHER (c, 2, Flower Alley--Lagaylia {MSP, \$104,730}, by American Chance) was supported as the 8-5 chalk while displaying a speedy worktab over this strip. Forced out at the start, the bay dropped back to caboose the field through early splits of :22.48 and :47.30. I Am Another came charging five wide in upper stretch and got clear late to score by a half-length over Mightylee (Brave 'n Away). The winner is a half to Headed for Home (Came Home), MSW, \$151,212. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$13,200. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).

O-Circle Double D Ranch. B-Circle Double D Ranch & Diane & Doug Oberhelman (IL). T-Wayne M Catalano.

California

Yesterday's Results:

6th-LRC, \$42,500, Msw, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:09 4/5, ft.

PENNY N MITZI (f, 2, [More Than Ready](#)--Starspangledbertie, by Dixie Union) never factored as the 2-1 favorite when eighth in her Del Mar debut Aug. 17. Adding blinkers and trying dirt this time around, the 3-1 chance forced the early issue while hung out wide, took over in the stretch and stayed on nicely to earn her diploma by 1 1/4 lengths over Dyna Star (Harlan's Holiday). Sales history: \$110,000 w/Ing '12 KEENOV; \$130,000 2yo '14 FTMMAY; \$220,000 RNA yrl '13 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$25,450. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).

O-Michael House. B-Elm Tree Farm LLC & Brookfield Stud LLC (KY). T-Jeff Mullins.

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4th-LRC, \$42,500, Msw, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:08 (NTR), ft. BERNSTER (h, 5, Storm Cat--Halo America {GISW, \$1,460,992}, by Waquoit) showed some promise in his debut as the 9-5 favorite on Santa Anita's 2011 opening day card, dueling and staying on for second behind subsequent San Pedro S. winner and GII San Felipe S. third Midnight Transfer (Hard Spun), but hadn't been heard from since. Backed as the slight 2-1 favorite for a barn that can certainly get them ready to fire fresh off lengthy vacations, Bernster broke like a shot to establish early command, but was quickly hooked by a rival to his inside. The Kaleem Shah colorbearer disposed of that runner entering the far turn, kicked clear impressively while racing in hand down the lane and understandably tired a bit late to report home a 1 1/4-length winner over Logan's Moon (Malibu Moon) while establishing a new track record. The winner is a full brother to Marino Marini, GISP-US, SW & G1SP-Ire, GSP-Eng, \$298,304; and a half to Quick Temper (A.P. Indy), MGSP, \$259,722. Sales history: \$320,000 yrl '10 KEESEP; \$375,000 RNA 2yo 2011 KEEAPR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$36,400. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).

O-Kaleem Shah Inc. B-Gaines-Gentry Thoroughbreds, Rancho San Miguel, Hill 'n' Dale Farm & NETP (KY). T-Bob Baffert.

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The 2015 *Daily Racing Form*/NTRA National Handicapping Championship Tour will offer record prize money of \$250,000, which is a 25% increase over last year's prize of \$200,000. Sign-ups are now being accepted on the NTRA's [website](#).

Kicking off Jan. 26, the *DRF* NHC Tour is a year long series that offers qualifying berths to the 2016 NHC in Las Vegas. Participation in the tour requires an annual NTRA individual membership fee of \$50. Membership is mandatory in order to compete for a berth in the 2016 NHC and must be in place prior to participation in any given qualifier tournament in order for top finishers of sanctioned NHC qualifying events to be eligible to compete in the January 2016 NHC. The 16th renewal of the NHC will be held Jan. 23-25 at Treasure Island Las Vegas, where Jose Arias of Bell Gardens, CA, will defend his title. The 2016 NHC will offer a record purse of well over \$2 million.

The NHC Tour prize pool of \$250,000 includes a total of \$50,000 in mid-year payouts to the top five individuals (who will receive \$10,000 each) in the standings as of July 31. End-of-year payouts will total \$175,000, with points based on a member's top six scores. The overall tour winner will receive \$75,000 and a seat to the 2017 NHC, and the top two finishers will each receive a trophy.

The top 20 finishers at the end of the year will each receive prize money and be eligible to compete for a \$25,000 bonus to be paid to the individual who achieves the highest overall finish at the 2016 NHC. This individual also will earn a berth in the 2017 NHC. The bonus money is in addition to any other prize money won at the NHC.

Canada

Thoroughbred Wagering Holds Steady at Woodbine:

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Wagering on Woodbine's 2014 Thoroughbred racing meet, which concluded Sunday, Dec. 7, held steady over the 2013 season. The 133-day meet produced an all-sources handle of \$393,871,491, a 2.9% decrease over the \$405,799,510 figure recorded from 132 dates in 2013.

"We held steady over 2013 considering our slow start," said Sean Pinsonneault, WEG's Chief Operating Officer. "We came off one of the worst winters in recent memory and the horses weren't quite ready early in the meet and field size suffered. We saw a strong rebound in the second half of the season such that we are buoyed by our prospects for growth in 2015 and beyond."

Woodbine recorded a record closing day handle of \$5,406,444 on Sunday.

"We're proud of the tremendous success of our big race cards including the Queen's Plate, which continues its development as a must attend event in Toronto with our Hats & Horseshoes party theme," Pinsonneault said. "Of course, the filly, Lexie Lou, became a household name after her tour de force victory over colts in the 155th edition of the race."

Pinsonneault added, "Our major race program continues to attract the finest horses in racing from across the globe. We're proud of the quality of our racing product and the overall positive momentum we are experiencing with it."

Purses paid out in 2014 totalled \$71.6 million, over \$538,000 per card. Woodbine continues to see the Jackpot Hi-5 wager grow in popularity.

"The Jackpot Hi-5 has caught the attention of the experienced lottery customer who is interested in spending only a little to get a large payout," said Pinsonneault. "The core fans have also responded well to the pool because of the big jackpots and the low takeout."

Opening day for the 2015 Thoroughbred racing season, set for 133 dates, is scheduled for Apr. 11. Standardbred racing continues at Woodbine through the winter, including a special Boxing Day card.

ROOKIES

First-crop starters to watch: Friday, December 12

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2011 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

AFLEET EXPRESS (Afleet Alex), Gainesway, \$5K, 37/5/0

1-RP, Msw, 1m, How's the View, \$24K RNA TEX APR 2yo, 20-1

1-RP, Msw, 1m, Gospel Express, \$5K KEE SEP yrl, 50-1

BLAME (Arch), Claiborne, \$30K, 76/6/0

2-AQU, Msw, 1m, +Far From Over, \$550K KEE SEP yrl, 3-1

CONCORD POINT (Tapit), Hill N Dale, \$8K, 46/10/1

1-RP, Msw, 1m, Point At Z Baby, 2-1

1-RP, Msw, 1m, High Price Hit, 5-2

COOL COAL MAN (Mineshaft), Journeyman, \$4K, 40/5/1

6-LRC, Msw, 6f, Believe Too, \$65K OBS OPN 2yo, 15-1

DESERT PARTY (Street Cry {Ire}), Sequel, \$8K, 82/8/2

2-AQU, Msw, 1m, +Balfe's Corner, \$125K OBS APR 2yo, 10-1

4-LRC, Msw, 1m, Lady Danger, \$35K BAR MAY 2yo, 15-1

DISCREETLY MINE (Mineshaft), Lanes End, \$10K, 97/17/0

1-RP, Msw, 1m, Witcherville, 30-1

ESKENDEREYA (Giant's Causeway), Taylor Made, \$18K, 104/7/0

4-LRC, Msw, 1m, Show Stealer, 10-1

HOLD ME BACK (Giant's Causeway), Winstar, \$6K, 78/8/1

7-TAM, Msw, 1m, Laid Back Lady, \$65K OBS APR 2yo, 15-1

KANTHAROS (Lion Heart), Ocala Stud, \$5K, 51/15/1

4-LRL, Aoc, 5 1/2f, Here Comes Adri, 7-2

MAJESTICPERFECTION (Harlan's Holiday), Airdrie Stud, \$10K, 79/18/0

4-LRL, Aoc, 5 1/2f, Heavenly Perfect, \$6K EAS SEP yrl, 3-1

MUNNINGS (Speightstown), Ashford Stud, \$10K, 104/24/3

4-AQU, Msw, 6f, Copernicus, \$60K OBS APR 2yo, 15-1

8-TP, Msw, 6f, +Spanklynn

4-FG, Msw, 1m, Pav's Fantasy, \$25K EAS MAY 2yo, 8-1

SIR WHIMSEY (Jump Start), Mill Creek Farm, \$1K, 5/0/0

4-AQU, Msw, 6f, Organic Gemini, 30-1

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 4-AQU, Msw, 6f, Summer Hawk, \$60K OBS APR 2yo, 6-1
WARRIOR'S REWARD (Medaglia d'Oro), Spendthrift Farm, \$13K,
 104/13/1
 6-LRC, Msw, 6f, +Bentley's Gone, \$105K BAR MAY 2yo, 10-1
 2-AQU, Msw, 1m, +Tencendur, 8-1
 4-FG, Msw, 1m, Warriorscoutoutplay, \$80K KEE SEP yrl, 8-5

First/second-crop starters to watch: Friday, December 12

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2010 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/
 BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*
OLD FASHIONED (Unbridled's Song), Taylor Made, \$8K, 158/50/4
 9-TAM, Msw, 1mT, +Mintinmyjulep, 15-1

Estate Jewelry, f, 3, **Real Estate**--Marionette, by Two
 Punch. CTX, 12-10, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:23 2/5. B-Dr
 Maurice F Casey III (WV).

Lightning Lilly, f, 2, **Roaring Fever**--Lillyatthehelm, by
 Helmsman. AQU, 12-11, (S), (C), 1m70y, 1:47 1/5.
 B-Pegasus Farms Inc (NY). *\$2,200 RNA wing '12
 FTNOCT.

T Sizzle, g, 3, **Pure Prize**--Wood Not, by Kissin Kris.
 LRL, 12-11, 5 1/2f, 1:04 2/5. B-Dr & Mrs A Leonard
 Pineau (MD). *Full to Purely Hot, GSW, \$426,905.



Tough Weather, f, 3, **Wiseman's Ferry**--Soft Weather,
 by Montreal Red. CTX, 12-10, 4 1/2f, :53 2/5. B-Sam
 E English II (VA).

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Laviva, f, 2, **Not For Love**--Thief In Style, by Cat Thief.
 Pisa, 12-11, Hcp., 1200mT, time: n/a. B-Classic
 Thoroughbred XII (NY). *\$5,000 yrl '13 FTMSEP.
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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-FGX, \$38,000, NW1X, 3yo/up, a5 1/2fT, 1:03 2/5,
 fm.
VOODOO SPELL (g, 3, **Roar of the Tiger**--Charm Spell,
 by Silver Charm) Lifetime Record: 16-5-3-3, \$79,325.
 O/T-Hugh H Robertson. B-Big C Farm (FL). *\$3,500 yrl
 '12 OBSAUG.

5th-PEN, \$33,300, 12-10, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f,
 1:12 4/5, sy.
MEDALLEZZA (f, 3, **Medallist**--Mercuryna, by Skip
 Away) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$44,123. O-Golden
 Key Racing Stable. B-Marie B Mazzini (PA). T-Michael J
 Trombetta.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ **Janealee**, f, 2, **Medallist**--Malibu Moment, by Malibu
 Moon. PEN, 12-10, 1m, 1:44 2/5. B-Joseph A Meyer
 (NY). *No Lasix.
Tomasino, c, 2, **Silic** (Fr)--Diamond Oak Diva, by
 Houston. LRC, 12-11, (S), (C), 5 1/2f, 1:03. B-Nadine
 Anderson (CA). *Raced without Lasix.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Chicago Bere (Fr), c, 2, **Peer Gynt** (Jpn)--Fitness Queen,
 by Gilded Time. KMP, 12-11, 7f (AWT), 1:28.26.
 B-SNC Regnier & San Gabriel Investments Inc (Fr).
 *€11,000 yrl '13 ARQAUG.
 + **Silver Mountain** (GB), g, 3, **Sir Percy** (GB)--Pearl
 Bright (Fr), by Kaldoun (Fr). KMP, 12-11, 12f (AWT),
 2:38.49. B-Mr & Mrs A E Pakenham (GB).
 *20,000gns yrl '12 TATDEC; 8,000gns HRA '14
 TATHIT. **1/2 to Berbice (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}),
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