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ONEIL WINS NHC CHAMPIONSHIP

John Oneil, who took over the lead midway through day two of the three-day competition, bested 606 entries to win the \$2.3-million *Daily Racing Form*/NTRA National Handicapping Championship Sunday at the Treasure Island in Las Vegas. Oneil was the NHC two-day leader at the end of Saturday's races, but lost the lead toward the end of the Final 50 contest that led to the Final Table. In the seven mandatory races that made up the Final Table, however, Oneil cashed in four of them with three winners--Huntstown (\$6.40) in Tampa Bay Down's 10th race, Main Man Mike (\$14.40) in Gulfstream Park's 11th, and Aperfectdaytofly (\$7.40) in Santa Anita's seventh. "It was short-priced horses that got me there but that's what we had today," Oneil said. "Thank God for very few bombs." **Cont. p3**



John Oneil
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INDOMIN-'ABLE'

Just a handful of days after being named the world's co-third highest-rated galloper, **Able Friend (Aus)** (Shamardal) suggested that the story could be different come the end of 2015 after running out an impossibly easy winner of the Stewards' Cup at Sha Tin, upgraded to an international Group 1 for the first time.

In clocking a time just 0.01 slower than he did when storming away with the G1 Longines Hong Kong Mile six weeks earlier, the hulking chestnut--who actually weighed in 18 pounds lighter than he did on International Races day--took one step closer to an appearance outside of the borders of Hong Kong, with rich prizes such as the \$6-million G1 Dubai Turf (1800 meters) or the A\$3-million G1 Doncaster Mile at Sydney's The Championships. Trainer John Moore knows that to prove himself, Able Friend must beat top horses on their home turf. Problem is, owner Dr. Cornel Li takes a more conservative approach and would sooner wait until Royal Ascot or the G1 Yasuda Kinen in June. For his part, jockey Joao Moreira is just happy to be along for the ride. "Wherever they go with the horse, I will be very pleased to stay sitting on top of him," the Brazilian commented. **Cont. p9**



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UPSTART FINE AFTER HOLY BULL ROMP

Upstart (Flatter) exited his powerful victory in Saturday's GII Lambholm South Holy Bull S. in fine shape, according to trainer Rick Violette, Jr. "He's doing great," Violette confirmed from Palm Meadows training center Sunday morning. Of his colt's effort, Violette added, "We were pretty confident that he was going to run well. You just hope that the talent he showed as a 2-year-old transfers into a good 3-year-old, and a lot of horses don't. They're a little more precocious, a little more mature as a 2-year-old, and sometimes that's their best stuff. You hope to see the graduation, and I think we saw it." **Cont. p3**



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Neumeier Wins Charity Challenge

Popular NBC Sports handicapper Bob Neumeier, who suffered a serious stroke just before last year's Breeders' Cup, won Saturday's inaugural NHC Charity Challenge in Las Vegas. Neumeier had a final mythical bankroll of \$65. *Daily Racing Form's* Mike Watchmaker was second with \$62.40.



Bob Neumeier
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Recently crowned Horse of the Year California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit) proved he was on target for the GII San Antonio S. with a one-mile work at Los Alamitos Sunday, but GI Breeders' Cup Classic winner Bayern (Offlee Wild) will likely be forced to miss the Feb. 7 race. Meanwhile, GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner Texas Red (Afleet Alex) tuned up for the Feb. 1 GII San Vicente S.



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Upstart Fine After Holy Bull Romp (cont. from p1)

Upstart has plenty of options for his next start. "We could do the [Feb. 21 GI] Fountain of Youth," Violette said. "If we need a couple more weeks, we could wait for the [Mar. 7 GIII] Gotham. We have a two-week cushion and at some point we'll get to use it. Whether we go the whole route here [at Gulfstream] and go Fountain of Youth and [Mar. 28 GI] Florida Derby to give us a little extra time to get to the GI Kentucky Derby or if we need it before then and he stubs his toe or doesn't eat, we can back off and do either the Gotham or the [Apr. 4 GI] Wood Memorial. We have some flexibility, which is really nice."

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Oneil Wins NHC Championship (cont. from p1)

A small business owner from Huntington Station, NY, Oneil earned \$800,000 for the victory. He has been a contest regular, with his previous best finish an 18th in 2010. At 74, he is the oldest winner in the 16-year history of the event. Asked how he got into racing, he said, "My brother took me [to Jamaica Race Course] one day when I was 14 or 15 and I've been doing it every day since. It's been a journey to get here, believe me. This probably makes me even after a lifetime." Oneil's winning score was \$327.20. Ken Jordan finished second with \$291.70, while the top three was rounded out by Matthew Ransdell with \$269.



The Final Table
contestants *Horsephotos/NTRA*

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NEUMEIER WINS NHC CHARITY CHALLENGE

Longtime NBC Sports handicapper Bob Neumeier won Saturday's inaugural NTRA NHC Charity Challenge in Las Vegas. With a final mythical bankroll of \$65, Neumeier bested runner-up Mike Watchmaker of the *Daily Racing Form*, who checked in with \$62.40. The popular handicapper, who suffered a serious stroke just prior to last year's Breeders' Cup, never led until the last jump, clinching the contest by correctly selecting \$13.20 winner Presidentsky in the ninth race at Golden Gate, the day's final scoring opportunity.



Bob Neumeier
Horsephotos/NTRA

"I've had my share of wins and losses as a handicapper, but that's the name of the game," Neumeier said Sunday morning. "You've got to be lucky and I was lucky that day."

Neumeier, who needed 5 1/2 hours of brain surgery after the stroke, said he is hoping to be back with NBC Sports soon.

"I'm well on my way to recovery and hope to be back to Comcast New England soon and hope to be back behind the mic with NBC Sports soon," Neumeier said. "All of my motor skills and speech work are intact, thank goodness. I've had enormous support from doctors, speech therapists, friends, colleagues, my wife, and everyone."

For the victory, Neumeier will have \$5,000 donated in his name to Old Friends, the Thoroughbred retirement non-profit with farms in Kentucky and upstate New York, and another \$5,000 to a charity of his choosing. Neumeier said he would consult with his wife Michele Ucci before announcing what non-profit will receive those funds.

The top five in the Charity Challenge standings was rounded out by Horse Racing Radio Network's Mike Penna (\$59), Hall of Fame jockey Jerry Bailey (\$57.40) and *Daily Racing Form* handicapper Dan Illman (\$55).

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Recently crowned Horse of the Year **California Chrome** (Lucky Pulpit) worked a mile in 1:41.40 at Los Alamitos Sunday in preparation for his expected 4-year-old debut in the Feb. 7 GII San Antonio S. Under regular rider Victor Espinoza, the chestnut colt worked in fractions of :25 3/5, :51 flat, 1:03 2/5, 1:15 3/5 and 1:29 for seven furlongs, according to Los Alamitos clocker Russ Hudak.



California Chrome
Benoit

“It was a very good work,” said Alan Sherman, assistant to his father trainer Art Sherman. “I’m really, really happy with him.”

GI Breeders’ Cup Classic winner **Bayern** (Offlee Wild)

will be forced to miss the San Antonio as he continues to recover from an abscess in a hind foot.

“I had to get a work into him last week [but didn’t],” said trainer Bob Baffert. “Right now, it’s pretty doubtful he’s going to make the race. I don’t want to rush him into it. He looks good now, but you can’t run against those horses unless you’re at least 90%.”

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TEXAS RED ON TRACK FOR SAN VICENTE

Texas Red (Afleet Alex), second in voting for Eclipse champion juvenile, worked five furlongs at Santa Anita Saturday in 1:01.40 and is on target to make his sophomore debut in the Feb. 1 GII San Vicente S. Plans for the colt also include the Feb. 21 GII Risen Star S. at Fair Grounds and the Apr. 4 GI Santa Anita Derby, trainer Keith Desormeaux told TVG.



Texas Red
Horsephotos

“It’s always been kind of a tentative schedule, like with all things concerning racehorses,” Desormeaux told the Fair Grounds publicity department. “It seems like the best plan for me at this point. It’s kind of quick, but I like the way it feels.”

Texas Red has been off since romping home in the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile last November. The colt was also third behind 2-year-old champion American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile) in the GI FrontRunner S.

“For him to overcome the fact that he’s not really built to be an early horse--that’s what makes him great and that’s also what makes us so excited about this year,” Desormeaux said. “If he can do what he did as a juvenile, what can he accomplish as a 3-year-old?”

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KHOZAN LIVES UP TO EXPECTATIONS

Al Shaqab Racing's **Khozan** (Distorted Humor) was tabbed a 🌟 **"TDN Rising Star"** 🌟 after his impressive debut victory at Gulfstream Park Saturday ([video](#)), but the effort was no surprise to trainer Todd Pletcher.

"We expected a good performance," Pletcher said. "He'd been training well. A horse like that, with a big-time pedigree, you have high hopes for. We felt positive coming into this race off his last few works, but you're always looking forward to getting them started and seeing how they can do."

A \$1-million Fasig-Tipton Florida juvenile, Khozan is a half-brother to three-time Eclipse champion Royal Delta (Empire Maker). The colt was given plenty of time to be ready for his unveiling.



Khozan
Lauren King

"He had some baby stuff at two, and he has a pedigree that suggests he was going to get better as he got older. We just kind of took our time," Pletcher explained. "Al Shaqab is very patient. They bought a nice horse and they were in no rush with him, so we just kind of waited until he told us he was ready. He showed us it was the right time after his last couple works. He showed up and ran up to expectations."

As for what is next for Khozan, Pletcher added, "I think the logical move is to come back in an allowance race going longer and go from there."

Another impressive winner on Gulfstream's Saturday card was Marylou Whitney's **Gorgeous Bird** (Unbridled's Song), who swept to a seven-length victory in a one-mile optional claimer ([video](#)).

"I liked the way he came home," trainer Ian Wilkes said of his charge's effort. "He came home strong. He's a tremendous horse."

Gorgeous Bird was making his third lifetime start Saturday and his first since a maiden-breaking score at Churchill Downs Nov. 22.

"His work level from two to three had stepped up, and that's the first step," Wilkes said. "You never know until you put them in a race from two to three and see what they can do. I like the way every step has been perfect so far. He worked good as a 2-year-old, he stepped it up when I brought him down here at three, and the race [Saturday] was very impressive."

Looking ahead, Wilkes added, "I'll talk to Marylou, but we'll just enjoy this one first. I believe he'll go long. I'm actually quite excited to stretch him out further. He's been a nice progression so far and I'm looking forward to it."

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Saturday Night, Sam Houston

JOHN B. CONNALLY TURF CUP S.-GIII, \$200,000, HOU, 1-24, 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT, 1:49, fm.

1--**@COALPORT**, 123, h, 6, by [Kitten's Joy](#)

1st Dam: **Ballade's Girl**, by **Saint Ballado**

2nd Dam: **Pleasing Prospect**, by **Mr. Prospector**

3rd Dam: **Promising Girl**, by **Youth**

O/B-Kenneth L & Sarah K Ramsey (IL); T-Michael J Maker; J-Miguel Mena. \$115,200. Lifetime Record: SW & GSP, 23-9-4-0, \$540,383. *Full to Jolly Good Kitten, SW-Fr. **Werk Nick Rating: A + +** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Trace Creek**, 118, h, 5, Harperstown--Cookie Bight Cove, by **Elusive Quality**. O/B-Shortleaf Stable (AR); T-Kenneth G McPeck. \$38,400.

3--**Daddy's Kid**, 118, g, 4, [Scat Daddy](#)--Snow Kid, by **Lemon Drop Kid**. O-Big Lick Farm; B-Mikhail Yanakov (KY); T-Reid Nagle. \$21,120.

Margins: 3 1/4, 3 1/4, HF. Odds: 0.90, 5.30, 4.30.

Also Ran: **Dreams Cut Short**, **Benwill**, **Fleet Mitchy**, **Michael's Gabriel**, **Devon's Iron Giant**, **Bim Bam**. [Click for the brisnet.com chart or the brisnet.com PPs.](#)

Coalport, second in the GIII Bourbon S. as a juvenile while under the care of Wayne Catalano, has since progressed into a well-traveled, multiple stakes winner for the powerhouse Ken and Sarah Ramsey operation. Second in the off-the-turf West Virginia House of Delegates Speaker S. behind 2011 Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint winner **Regally Ready** (More than Ready) Aug. 2, he crossed the wire first in Louisiana Downs' Sept. 6 Unbridled S. over the lawn, but was disqualified and placed second for interference in the stretch. **Cont. p6**

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The homebred returned to the winner's circle with a grassy nine-furlong allowance score at Keeneland Oct. 9 and followed with another win in the restricted Buck's Boy H. going 1 1/16 miles over the turf at Hawthorne Nov. 15. Given a brief freshening for this try, Coalport was tabbed as the odds-on favorite to notch his first graded stakes tally. The chestnut was sent immediately to the front and cut an uncontested pace through six furlongs in 1:13 flat. Never threatened turning for home, the gelding strode clear to a comfortable victory.



Coalport
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Saturday Night, Sam Houston
HOUSTON LADIES CLASSIC S., \$400,000, HOU, 1-24, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:44 4/5, ft.
1--**CASSATT**, 115, f, 4, 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. \$232,800. Lifetime Record: GSW, 9-6-1-0, \$603,033.

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2--**Angelica Zapata**, 117, m, 7, **Sharp Humor**--Two Dot Slew, by **Evansville Slew**. O-Herman Van Den Broeck; B-Buck Pond Farm Inc & Herman Van den Broeck (KY); T-Ronald Pellegrini. \$77,600.

3--**Shanon Nicole**, 119, f, 4, **Majestic Warrior**--Crafty Wac, by **Patton**. (\$47,000 RNA yrl '12 FTKJUL). O/B-Connie Apostelos (KY); T-M J Maker. \$42,680.

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Margins: NK, HF, 2HF. Odds: 0.70, 6.30, 3.90.
Also Ran: Blue Violet, Kiss to Remember, Rose to Gold, Sparta Magic, Fruttidimare. [Click for brisnet.com chart.](#)

★ **"TDN Rising Star"** ★ Cassatt registered three consecutive victories to kick off her 2014 campaign, capped by a triumph in the GIII Monmouth Oaks at this distance Aug. 9. She followed with a fifth-place effort in Parx Racing's GI Cotillion S. over the same trip Sept. 20, and finished a dull ninth in the seven-furlong GII Raven Run S. at Keeneland Oct. 18.

The grey re-found her winning form with a wire-to-wire romp in the Nov. 26 Zia Park Oaks back at 1 1/16 miles--defeating subsequent GII La Canada S. victress Thegirlinthat song (My Golden Song)--and employed that same running style to annex the Tiffany Lass S. at the Fair Grounds traveling an extended mile Dec. 21.

Hammered down to odds-on favoritism for this event, the filly was sent straight to the front once again and dictated the pace through six furlongs in 1:11.91. Kicking clear on the far turn, Cassatt dug in down the stretch and was fully extended to hold off a pair of challengers late.



Cassatt
Coady Photography

"I was glad to see the wire hurry up and get there because they went pretty quick," said trainer Larry Jones, who teamed up with Rick Porter to win the inaugural Houston Ladies Classic two years ago with another Fox Hill runner by Tapit, Joyful Victory. "They made a race out of it. She's a classy filly and just now starting to get the hang of it."

Jones added, "We had a weird start to her career; had to do a lot of jumping around. But now we're getting in a good rhythm. She got a little nervous tonight; she's getting better, but still had those cotton-picking nerves!"

Joyful Victory followed her win at Sam Houston with a triumph in the 2013 GI Santa Margarita S. and Jones is hoping to repeat the double with Cassatt. "If we get another Grade I winner out of this race it will make Sam Houston look good," he said.

Cassatt's dam is a half to 2006 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies winner Dreaming of Anna (Rahy), MGSW Lewis Michael (Rahy), and MGSW & GISP Justenuffhumor (Distorted Humor). Her third dam is Kitten's First (Lear Fan), famed for producing champion turf horse and leading sire Kitten's Joy (El Prado {Ire}).

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DECLAN BURKE

LONG TIME LISTENER, FIRST TIME CALLER,
I, like most TDN subscribers, have read with interest Mr. Irwin's various Op/Ed articles. Yesterday's piece was no different to others I've read in the past. Mr. Irwin, it seems, likes to indulge his appetite to speechify his audience, oftentimes with an unabashed, no-holds barred, flair for the controversial. He is no doubt a well-respected, highly successful member of our Thoroughbred industry and when he does express his opinion, those with influence and power should take note. This time, however, it's my humble opinion that he could not be more wrong.

Horse racing does indeed need an all encompassing 'alphabet group' to govern our sport, just like the NFL, NHL, MLB or MLS. Something people had hoped the NTRA perhaps could and should be that group. Horse racing needs a governing body with the power to standardize and set forth uniform rules across all racing jurisdictions regarding race-day medications; rules that are black and white without room for gray areas, a governing body unilateral in its approach to meting out justice to those that would infringe upon these rules. Racetracks could be its referees and be responsible for making sure their house is in order, that all players are playing by these rules and all balls are properly inflated, so to speak.

Mr. Irwin knows it and deep down inside we all know that public perception holds the fate of our sport in its collective hands. Bringing in legislation to involve the USADA would be the death knell. This would validate the general consensus 'that our troubled game' is indeed tainted. The thing is there is a blatantly obvious difference between our athletes and the pro athletes of other sports. Thoroughbreds do not ask for the needle.

Declan Burke, Lexington, KY

FRANK E. MACAULEY
WTL Equine International, LLC
Re: Barry Irwin's Op/Ed

Not everyone agrees with Mr. Irwin on what improvements are needed, or how they could be implemented in the Thoroughbred Industry. They are not expected to. However, we should be appreciative that Mr. Irwin takes the time to share his opinions and offer a possible solution. How many of us are content with letting others take the lead and fight the battles?

Where would we be if we didn't have those among us that were not afraid to provoke the thought process, challenge our thinking, and propose a possible corrective action?

If anyone has a better idea on how to solve the regulation problem, I would certainly appreciate hearing it. Is the USADA the answer? We don't know, but it is one of the possibilities that must be explored. Surely, with all the intelligent people that are associated with the industry, a plan can be implemented and action taken to move forward toward a solution. I'm sure Mr. Irwin will be very happy to assist with the current inertia problem.

Thank you, **Frank E. Macauley**

BARRY IRWIN

In response to Dick Powell's Letter to the Editor of yesterday, I answer as follows:

Dear Dick,

I am glad to learn that my piece peaked your interest in learning more about what happened to Lance Armstrong and what USADA does, has done and can do for the sport of horseracing if Congress puts them in charge of drugs, both legal and illegal.

To further your knowledge on the matters, I suggest that you do the research and learn for yourself, rather than simply take my word for it. That way it will be more meaningful to you.

As for what happened to Lance Armstrong, I would suggest watching the 1 1/2-hour long current Showtime special on the downfall of the cyclist and USADA's role in it. You can also read the book "Wheelmen" by Reed Albergotti and Vanessa O'Connell.

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As for what USADA has done and what they could do for our sport, I would suggest reading about BALCO, which, as you suggested, began when a track coach dropped a dime on the lab's owner Victor Conte.

I think you will see that USADA has been effective. As for not being aligned to stakeholders in racing, they will not even agree to be involved with our sport unless they are completely independent. This is their only condition in making themselves available to our sport.

As for Marshall Faulk not going public and talking off the record about it, I will ask Marshall myself, as I have easy access to him since he is a partner in our Grade I winner Euro Charline.

I like to do my own research.

Barry Irwin

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TDN Q&A

Q&A with Rod Street, Chief Executive of the British Champions Series.

On Jan. 15, the European Pattern Committee announced a number of changes for 2015, several pertaining to the Autumn 2-year-old racing program in Europe. One of them was to move the G1 Middle Park S., to an earlier date, a fortnight before the G1 Dewhurst S., and also revert the running of the Dewhurst S. to its initial date, a week prior to British Champions Day. The moves will revive the option for juveniles to run in both Group 1 contests, and has been welcomed by the BHA and Newmarket Racecourses.



Rod Street
Racing Post

Since the inception of the QIPCO British Champions Series, the Middle Park S. and Dewhurst S. had been run on the same day, the so-called "Dubai Future Champions Day." In 2014, this card was held on the eve of British Champions Day, thus giving birth to Britain's "Champions Weekend."

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This flagship event, which echoed such popular schemes as Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe weekend in France and the new Irish Champions Weekend, will effectively cease to exist after only one year. We asked Rod Street, Chief Executive of the British Champions Series, for his view on these changes.

TDN: What is your opinion on the changes announced by the Pattern Committee with regards to the G1 Middle Park S. and G1 Dewhurst S.?

Rod Street: It's a positive move. There was originally a one-week gap between Future Champions Day and British Champions Day and they were only brought together because we had to meet fixture list commitments given to the European Pattern Committee. We created British Champions Weekend to take advantage of that change, but both parties were happy with the original timing.

TDN: If this is a positive move from a race planning point of view, aren't you worried about a potential negative impact, in terms of marketing and media exposure, caused by the loss of a championship weekend for all age categories?

RS: We are not worried in the slightest. British Champions Day was created as a stand-alone event, promoting the premier races for 3-year-olds and up. We now return to a clean build-up to both events.

TDN: Will "Future Champions Day" still deserve its billing with the loss of the Middle Park, and what are the options currently being discussed with the BHA and Newmarket Racecourses to maintain this fixture to a very high standard?

RS: This is a matter for Newmarket Racecourses, but I understand their ultimate aim is to put together the best possible 2-year-old Autumn fixture list for the racecourse, which means moving races. I would imagine that their Future Champions Day will remain relevant and be of appropriate quality. In any case, Newmarket has the best 2-year-old program in the world. It's the home of future champions. **Cont. p9**



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Less than one week after Augustin Stable's Kitten's Point won the Astra Stakes at Santa Anita, six year old Coalport became the newest Graded Stakes Winner for Kitten's Joy. His 3 1/2 length score accounted for back-to-back wins in the Grade 3 John B. Connally Stakes, a race won last year by Admiral's Kitten.

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TDN: Are there other changes in the pipeline as far as the British Champions Series are concerned?

RS: We have already come a long way in four years, doubling the prize money on offer and receiving three race promotions from the European Pattern Committee--now giving us four Group 1 races and one Group 2. Our objective is to have all five races as Group 1's as soon as possible. This will underpin the day's status as one of the best racedays in the world and the finale to the British Flat racing season.

TDN: What is your overall assessment of the British Champions Series, four years down the line?

RS: The British Champions Series has inspired similar initiatives in Ireland and Australia. This reflects that, in an increasingly competitive international racing world, promoting the best races and events is the right strategy. We are pleased with progress so far, particularly with how British Champions Day has become so quickly established and attracted a long-term, valuable sponsorship with QIPCO.

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Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong
STEWARDS' CUP-G1, HK\$10,000,000
(US\$1,289,942), Sha Tin, 1-25, 3yo/up, 1600mT, 1:33.50, gd/fm.

1--**ABLE FRIEND (AUS)**, 126, g, 5, by [Shamardal](#)
 1st Dam: Ponte Piccolo (NZ), by Volksraad (GB)
 2nd Dam: Baronia (NZ), by Half Iced
 3rd Dam: Barron Fey (GB), by *Scottish Rifle (A\$550,000 yrl '11 INGEAS). O-Dr & Mrs Cornel Li Fook Kwan; B-Ramsey Pastoral Co Ltd; T-John Moore; J-Joao Moreira; HK\$5,700,000. Lifetime Record: 15-9-4-1, HK\$36,600,430. **Werk Nick Rating: B.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

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2--**Beauty Flame (Ire)**, 126, g, 5, [Footstepsinthesand \(GB\)](#)--Lucy Diamonds (Ire), by Orpen. (€7,500 wnlg '10 TATFLT). O-Kwok Siu Ming; B-Tommy Murphy; T-Tony Cruz; HK\$2,200,000.

3--**Rewarding Hero (GB)**, 126, g, 6, [Exceed and Excel \(Aus\)](#)--Caldy Dancer (Ire), by Soviet Star. (80,000gns yrl '10 TATOCT). O-Lee Fung Tai; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited; T-John Moore; HK\$1,000,000.

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Margins: 1HF, HF, NK. Odds: 1-5, 22-1, 47-1.
 Also Ran: Blazing Speed (GB), Ambitious Dragon (NZ), Gold-Fun (Ire), Real Specialist (NZ), Glorious Days (Aus), All You Wish (NZ). [Click for the HKJC.com chart](#) and [HKJC.com PPs](#). [VIDEO](#). [Click for the free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).

For a period of 28 months, from December 2002 through the spring of 2005, Silent Witness (Aus) (El Moxie) captured the imagination of the world racing community with 17 consecutive victories. Though the winning margin was never great--his statistically 'greatest' wins came by 3 3/4 lengths on two occasions--most of the victories were accomplished with incredible ease, condescension, authority, disdain, you pick.

Able Friend had to tough it out in last year's 4-Year-Old Series, due in no small part to Designs on Rome (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}), whom he defeated in the Classic Mile before going down in memorable battles in the Classic Cup and the Hong Kong Derby. He was always probably going to be better at slightly shorter trips, Able Friend, and has since raced no further than 1600 meters. Runner-up to Variety Club (SAf) (Var) in last year's G1 Champions' Mile, he returned to the races toting 133 pounds in the Premier Bowl H. Oct. 26 and looked a winner at the 200-meter mark, but his inactivity caught up with him and he settled for a fourth to Aerovelocity (NZ) (Pins {Aus}), who two starts later would go on to win the G1 Hong Kong Sprint.

He stripped 14 pounds fitter for that effort and was dispatched the odds-on choice for the G2 Jockey Club Mile Nov. 23 at level weights, and this time, he proved far too superior, galloping away to best Gold-Fun (Ire) (Le Vie dei Colori {GB}) and Ambitious Dragon (NZ) (Pins {Aus}). It was a harbinger of things to come.

Tighter still for the Dec. 14 Hong Kong Mile, Able Friend lagged behind and still appeared to have plenty to do with as little as 500 meters to travel. But in the blink of an eye, and without ever really being called upon, he descended upon Gold-Fun and swooped home to score by 4 1/4 lengths. Surely he couldn't do better than that, right?

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Sent off at long odds-on in the win pool and at 1-20 the place, Able Friend was gathered up by Moreira and raced near the back of the pack, but it was soon evident that there was no speed on and it was Beauty Flame, as expected, who took up the running and slowed the tempo to a walk. Gold-Fun, who had tried to make all in the Hong Kong Mile, was tugging against, but was restrained by Douglas Whyte as the opening 400 meters went in a moderate :24.86. Advantage Beauty Flame. Gerald Mosse had the former Roca Tumu under a long hold, but had to work a little harder in the second quarter mile, and he took them into the turn in :47.88, still soft for the distance. Gold-Fun had settled better on the circle and was enjoying the run of the race, as Able Friend still had just one behind him at the 600-meter point. Hong Kong's version of 'Big Red' followed 2013 Stewards' Cup hero Glorious Days (Aus) (Hussonet) into the final 400 meters and switched off that one's heels with Moreira riding high in the saddle. But although Mosse was busy on Beauty Flame, trying to keep him alive and Whyte was flat to the boards on Gold-Fun, Able Friend loomed up under hands and heels and was in hand the final 50 meters. Rewarding Hero turned in the best effort of his career to finish just ahead of defending champion Blazing Speed (GB) (Dylan Thomas {Ire}) in third.

The winning trainer believes his charge has already secured his place as one of the all-time greats in Hong Kong.

"I do think we've seen today that we have another Silent Witness here in Hong Kong," Moore offered. "Silent Witness went to Japan and proved himself, but for what Able Friend's done so far, I think the world will stand up and take note of this horse and look forward to seeing him in an overseas campaign. We're lucky to have him here." Moore continued, "I'd have to rate him number one, in front of Viva Pataca (GB) (Marju {Ire})," he said, in reference to Able Friend's position among the many good horses to have come out of the stable. "The way he won today showed everyone around the world and in Hong Kong that he's the best miler, but he's got to go overseas to prove himself. On the local scene, people will always have their doubts."

In Moore's mind the target is clear.

"My personal opinion would be to go to Dubai," said the trainer. "It's a 10-day turnaround and it's just easy there and easy back. I will be recommending that to Dr Li. We'll have lunch in the next 10 days and we'll sit down and toss up the pros and cons of US\$6 million."

Moreira concurred.

"Dubai would be the best place to go, in my opinion, but that's the owners' call," he said.

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HK\$6,600,000 (US\$851,379), Sha Tin, 1-25, 3yo/up, 1000mT, :55.49, gd/fm.

1--**PENIAPHOBIA (IRE), 126, g, 4, Dandy Man (Ire)--Umlani (Ire), by Great Commotion.** (€11,000 wnlq '11 GOFNOV; £20,000 yrl '12 DONAUG). O-Huang Kai Wen; B-Aidan Fogarty; T-Tony Cruz; J-Douglas Whyte; HK\$3,762,000. Lifetime Record: GSW & G1SP-HK, 16-9-4-2, HK\$16,906,740. *1/2 to Safari Sunset (Ire) (Fayruz {GB}), GSP-Eng.

2--**Bundle of Joy (Aus), 126, g, 5, Magic Albert (Aus)--Lady Starstruck (Aus), by Mr Henrysee.** (A\$36,000 yrl '11 INGSCO). O-Mr & Mrs Colin Lo Chor Cheong. HK\$1,452,000.

3--**Smart Volatility (Aus), 126, g, 6, Danewin (Aus)--Something Funny (Aus), by Baryshnikov (Aus).** O-Clarissa Or. HK\$759,000.

Margins: SHD, 1 3/4, 1. Odds: 4-5, 23-10, 6-1.

Also Ran: Frederick Engels (GB), Sterling City (Aus), You Read My Mind (Ire), Eagle Regiment (Aus), Amber Sky (Aus).

Saddled with the disadvantageous one hole (furthest from the stands' rail) and racing over a distance short of his best, Peniaphobia laid claim to the title of best local sprinter with a battling victory in the Centenary Sprint Cup, the first leg of the Hong Kong Speed Series.

Winner of three of his four starts in Europe for trainer Richard Fahey, including the Weatherbys Super Sprint, Peniaphobia made uncommon progress for a 3-year-old last season, taking three of his six appearances. His wins included a defeat of Bundle of Joy in a Class 1 over this course and distance June 22. Those two rivals renewed acquaintances in the National Day Cup H. Oct. 1, with Bundle of Joy proving two lengths supreme on that occasion, but Peniaphobia was back in the win column with a confidence-boosting success at Happy Valley 18 days later.

The 14 hole seemed an obstacle in the G2 Jockey Club Sprint Nov. 23 and Peniaphobia was forced to do it toughest while never closer than three deep, but the wide passage allowed him to avoid a boatload of trouble that was taking place down to his inside, and he was along late for a half-length defeat of Smart Volatility. That effort earned him a quote of 9-5 favoritism for the G1 Longines Hong Kong Sprint Dec. 14, but Aerovelocity (NZ) (Pins {Aus}), the horse most affected in the JC Sprint, went straight to the front and proved not for catching, as Peniaphobia settled for a game second.

Reigning G1 Al Quoz Sprint hero Amber Sky (Aus) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) jumped away fast for Umberto Rispoli and argued a swift early pace outside of Bundle of Joy as Peniaphobia punched the breeze from three wide. Amber Sky had run his race at the 300-meter mark and the odds-on favorite was being niggled at by Douglas Whyte, and when Joao Moreira said 'go' with Bundle of Joy, it appeared the race was over. But Peniaphobia refused to go away and grabbed Bundle of Joy in the final two jumps for a determined success.

"I had to get hold of my guy a lot earlier than Joao did, but my horse has shown tenacity and fight and the pure 1200-meter runner was coming out in the end," the 'Durban Demon' commented. "He was gaining, whereas Bundle Of Joy was folding up."

The winner holds an entry for the G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen, and trainer Tony Cruz isn't the least bit concerned about the transition to dirt.

"He's more of a 1200-meter horse than a 1000-meter horse," said Cruz. "The race is the opposite direction (left-handed), that's the only worry. I'm not afraid of the dirt track there. I prefer to go for that than the 1000-meter [race]."

Moreira was also reportedly of the opinion that Bundle of Joy could give a good account of himself if connections were to press on to the Al Quoz. **Click for the HKJC.com chart and HKJC.com PPs. VIDEO.**

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Sunday, Nakayama, Japan

AMERICAN JOCKEY CLUB CUP-G2, ¥115,700,000, Nakayama, 1-25, 4yo/up, 2200mT, 2:13.60, fm.

1--**@#COURIR KAISER (JPN), 123, h, 6, by King Halo (Jpn)**

1st Dam: Smile Contest (Jpn), by Soccer Boy (Jpn)

2nd Dam: Kokuto Beauty (Jpn), by South Atlantic (Ire)

3rd Dam: Silk Angel (Jpn), by Parthlon (Ire)

O-Shuji Yokoyama; B-Chiyoda Farm; T-Ikuo Aizawa; J-Hironobu Tanabe. ¥61,190,000. Lifetime Record: 29-6-7-4. **Werk Nick Rating: B. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**Mitra (Jpn), 123, g, 7, Symboli Kris S--Aigrette (Jpn), by Sunday Silence.** O-Katsumi Yoshida; B-Northern Farm. ¥24,340,000.

3--**Air Saumur (Jpn), 126, h, 6, by Jungle Pocket (Jpn)--Air Lagoon (Jpn), by Sunday Silence.** O-Lucky Field Inc; B-Shadai Farm. ¥15,170,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, HF, NK. Odds: 12.80, 34.60, 7.60.

Also Ran: Meiner Frost (Jpn), Decipher (Jpn), Fragarach (Jpn), Gold Ship (Jpn), Passion Dance (Jpn), Sacred Valley (Jpn), Dark Shadow (Jpn), Universal Bank (Jpn), Fame Game (Jpn), Meiner Dean (Jpn), Meiner Medalist (Jpn), Shonan Lagoon (Jpn), Ocean Blue (Jpn), Rhein Blood (Jpn).

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This spot was intended to serve as a springboard to the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic for Gold Ship (Jpn) (Stay Gold {Jpn}), but the five-time Group 1 winner could manage only a flat seventh, leaving the spoils to the pacesetting Courir Kaiser, who was earning his first stakes victory after placing at the group level on three occasions.

Gold Ship's rider Yasunari Iwata told *Racing Post*, "I thought he was nearly at his best in terms of condition today, but it felt like he didn't like running on the outside of the pack. He didn't pick up when he needed to."

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Sunday, Chukyo, Japan

TOKAI TV HAI TOKAI S.-G2, ¥101,740,000, Chukyo, 1-25, 4yo/up, 1800m, 1:50.90, gd.

- 1--**COPANO RICKEY (JPN)**, 128, h, 5, by **Gold Allure (Jpn)**
 1st Dam: **Copano Nikita (Jpn)**, by **Timber Country**
 2nd Dam: **Nihon Pillow Rose (Jpn)**, by **Tony Bin (Ire)**
 3rd Dam: **Wedding Bouquet (Jpn)**, by **Real Shadai**
 O-Sachiaki Kobayashi; B-Yanagawa Farm; T-Akira Murayama; J-Yutaka Take. ¥54,008,000. Lifetime Record: G1SW-Jpn, 15-8-2-1. **Werk Nick Rating: A++**. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)
 - 2--**Grand City (Jpn)**, 123, h, 8, King Kamehameha (Jpn)--Lady Classic (Jpn), by Brian's Time. O-Yoshun Horse Club; B-Horomura Farm. ¥21,288,000.
 - 3--**Incantation (Jpn)**, 123, h, 5, by **Sinister Minister--Original Spin (Ire)**, by **Machiavellian**. O-Turf Sport Inc; B-Tanikawa Farm. ¥13,144,000.
- Margins: 4, NO, 3/4. Odds: 1.50, 45.00, 3.80.
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Sunday, Ellerslie, New Zealand

KARAKA MILLION-Listed, NZ\$1,000,000, ELL, 1-25, 2yo, 6fT, 1:10.63, gd.

- 1--**#HARDLINE (NZ)**, 125, g, 2, by **Showcasing (GB)**
 1st Dam: **Midnight Breaker (NZ)**, by **Housebuster**
 2nd Dam: **Midnight Madam (NZ)**, by **Kaapstad (NZ)**
 3rd Dam: **Midnight Lady (NZ)**, by **Ivory Hunter**
 (NZ\$43,000 wnl '13 NZBMIX; NZ\$130,000 yrl '14 NZBSEL). O-Mr M A Mclean, Mr S A Mclean, Mr T L Carmichael, Mr G D Carmichael, Mr C J Wessel, Mr S T Mcvicar, Mr G Sullivan, Mr E D Giacobone, Mr J R Joyce, Mr P J Daniel, Mr R W Sargent, Mr P J Mcpherson; B-W H & Est late T M Hurlstone; T-Liam Birchley; J-Damian Browne. NZ\$550,500. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, NZ\$565,497.
- 2--**Selfie (NZ)**, 125, g, 2, [Thewayyouare](#)--Miss Brownie (Aus), by Redoute's Choice (Aus). (NZ\$40,000 yrl '14 NZBFST). O-A O Avis; B-Windsor Park Stud Ltd; T-Richard Collett. NZ\$170,000.
- 3--**Dal Cielo (NZ)**, 125, g, 2, Per Incanto--Cent From Heaven (NZ), by Centaine (Aus). (NZ\$95,000 yrl '14 NZBSEL). O-JML Bloodstock Ltd (Mgr L Petagna) & Homebush Partnership No.5 Syndicate (Mgr: B Perry); B-Little Avondale Trust; T-Murray Baker & Andrew Forsman. NZ\$75,000.

Margins: HF, 1 1/4, NK. Winner's Odds: 6.80.

Also Ran: O'Dianne (NZ), Gotham (Aus), Strata Lady (NZ), Bella Court (NZ), Savason (NZ), The Justice League (NZ), Maritimo (NZ), China Silk (Aus), Windborne (NZ), Ilikai (NZ). [VIDEO.](#)

Showcasing finished 2014 as the third-leading first-season sire in Europe by prize money and the leader by winners with 29, and the son of Oasis Dream has made a similarly strong start with his first Southern Hemisphere crop. Showcasing stands Southern Hemisphere-time at Haunui Farm in New Zealand, and he registered his first Southern Hemisphere stakes winner in that country Dec. 6 when Showboy (NZ) took the G2 Challenge S., the day after Hardline had become his first Southern Hemisphere winner in Doomben, Australia.

Hardline has now taken his sire's stakes tally to two after collecting the NZ\$1-million Listed Karaka Million, for New Zealand Bloodstock sales graduates yesterday.

An NZ\$130,000 purchase at Karaka's select yearling sale last year by trainer Liam Birchley, Hardline was making his racing debut when he graduated at Doomben Dec. 5, but was a dull seventh when next seen in a Rosehill plate race Jan. 3. Birchley added blinkers for this assignment hoping to sharpen his charge's finishing kick, and that's exactly what happened. Traveling near the rear of the pack with just two of his 12 rivals beaten through the early stages, jockey Damien Browne stayed cool in the two path while the favored The Justice League (NZ) (I Am Invincible {Aus}) was hung widest off all coming off the turn.



Hardline
Racing and Sports

Gradually working his way past rivals down the lane, the blaze-faced chestnut still had a few lengths to make up as the field passed the 100-meter mark, but he dug deep to prevail in ultimately cozy fashion.

Birchley, who was recording his second win in the Karaka Million, told *Racing and Sports* the win "could be my best moment in racing."

"Any big race win is special and we've managed to win this one before, but to do that today for a super bunch of owners, including one of my best mates, is just such an awesome feeling," he said.

Birchley was full of praise for the ride delivered by Browne.

"Damian is a class act and he doesn't panic," he said. "We had put the blinkers on the colt after his last run and I knew they would help him concentrate when it mattered at the finish."

Browne told *Racing and Sports*, "I knew he would be able to finish it off hard as long as I could get him focused on the task. The blinkers worked the trick and once I moved him up behind them on the corner it was just a matter of getting a run when we needed it and thankfully that came at the right time."

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BARRETTS JANUARY SALE TODAY

The single-session Barretts January Mixed Sale kicks off at 11:00 a.m. PT (2:00 p.m. ET) today at Fairplex in Pomona, California, with a total of 371 horses catalogued. GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile hero Tapizar (Tapit) and Group 3 winner Bullet Train (GB) (Sadler's Wells) are represented by their first yearlings. Other notable sires with yearlings in the catalogue are Into Mischief, Afleet Alex, Colonel John, Coil, Grindstone and California's own Lucky Pulpit, sire of Horse of the Year California Chrome. Notable 2-year-old offerings include the progeny of Tiz Wonderful, Quality Road, Tale of the Cat, Line of David and Street Boss.

"January is a service sale for our local people to move horses along and for other people to maybe replenish their breeding stock," Barretts General Manager Kim Lloyd said. "It has been a good sale. We get a lot of these horses moved and we are happy that it's a big catalogue this year."

Last year's Barretts January sale grossed \$1,944,900 from 224 hips sold for an average of \$8,683 and a median of \$5,350. The sale was topped by a yearling son of Midnight Lute and a 2-year-old colt by Majestic Warrior, who each sold for \$70,000. Purchased by trainer Carl O'Callaghan on behalf of Dr. Patrick Sheehy's Super Horse, the son of Majestic Warrior is now named Sunset Sparkle and is unraced.

This is the last year that this sale will be held at Fairplex. After the February Select 2-year-olds sale, all Barretts sales will be held at Del Mar. Click [here](#) to view the catalogue.

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 **New York**

Yesterday's Results:

8th-AQU, \$59,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), NW2\$X, (S), 4yo/up, 1m70y, 1:43 3/5, ft.

WENT THE DAY WELL (h, 6, Proud Citizen--Tiz Maie's Day, by Tiznow), the winner of the 2012 GIII Spiral S. and fourth-place finisher and that year's GI Kentucky Derby, made just one start in 2013 and made three starts in optional claimers for trainer Richard Mettee before transferring into the Jimmy Jerkens stable. He was recently third in a state-bred optional claimer over the Belmont turf Oct. 17 and finished eighth in that company over the sloppy Aqueduct inner track Dec. 10. The 6-1 chance rated off the pace in the two path through the opening exchanges. Went the Day Well angled out another path at the top of the stretch and rallied to catch the dueling leaders and edged clear to win by 3/4 of a length. Testosterstone (Birdstone) completed the exacta. Sales history: \$15,000 wlng '09 KEENOV; 26,000gns yrl '10 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: GSW, 14-3-2-2, \$469,216. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).

O-Team Valor International & Mark Ford. B-James Patrick Delaney (NY). T-James A Jerkens.

 **Florida**

Yesterday's Results:

9th-GPX, \$50,000, Alw, 4yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :55 3/5, fm. CATCHING FIREFLIES (f, 4, Value Plus--Saluki, by Hennessy) began her career for owner Carson Springs Farm and trainer Christine Janks, winning against \$50,000 taggers at Arlington second out Sept. 20 before being claimed by her current connections. She finished third in an optional claimer at Gulfstream Park West Oct. 29 and annexed an optional claimer at Gulfstream Dec. 12. Overlooked at odds of 11-1 here, Catching Fireflies tracked the pace in third early. She bid for the lead from the three path at the top of the lane, battled with Spun Cap (Hard Spun) and Richies Sweetheart (Bring the Heat) in the straight, but was able to finish a head in front of Spun Cap. It was a nose back to Richies Sweetheart in third. Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-1, \$73,580. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).

O-Polivka Equine Holdings LLC & Brushy Hill LLC. B-Carson Springs Farm (IL). T-Ralph E Nicks.

10th-GPX, \$44,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$62,500), NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, 7 1/2fT, 1:28 4/5, fm.

DANCING HOUSE (f, 4, Tapit--Tout Charmant {MGISW, \$1,781,879}, by Slewvescent) was third in the 2013 GI Spinaway S. and GIII Miss Grillo S. before finishing fifth in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf that year. She spent almost a year on the bench and returned to finish second by a nose in a Belmont allowance last September before returning to the winner's circle in a Keeneland allowance Oct. 24. Most recently, the gray was third in the 1 1/16-mile Tropical Park Oaks here Dec. 20. Cutting back in distance, the even-money chalk rated in second behind Resistivity (Student Council) down the backstretch. The homebred angled out on the bend, wore down that rival in the lane and finished a head the best. Lifetime Record: GISP, 8-3-1-3, \$211,425. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).

O-Godolphin Racing LLC. B-Darley (KY). T-Kiaran P McLaughlin.

Condition Codes for Allowance Races

<u>Code</u>	<u>Description</u>
NW.....	Non-Winner of...
1-6.....	Number of Races
\$.....	Monetary Condition
R.....	Distance Condition
3M, 6M, 9M,	
Y, Y+, L.....	Time Period (ex: NW2L = NW 2 races lifetime)
X.....	Other-than Condition (ex: NW3X = non-winners of 3 races other than maiden, claiming, or statebred)
C.....	Other Conditions Not Specified



6th-GPX, \$40,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 7 1/2ft, 1:30 1/5, fm.

+ **AYAADY** (f, 3, **Tapit--Evrobi, by Tabasco Cat**), a \$1-million KEESEP yearling and full-sibling to GISW Tell a Kelly, \$274,610, was backed as the 6-5 pick for her debut. The gray assumed a position well off the pace and along the inside down the backstretch and moved up the rail to sit within stalking position heading into the turn. The



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Shadwell colorbearer angled out three wide on the bend and rallied alongside Starlight Racing firster Itsonlyactingdad (Giant's Causeway), but was able to hit the wire a head in front. "What can I say? This filly is a beautifully bred horse and she's been training better every week," winning trainer Chad Brown said. "We put her in the race not expecting a win, but put her in thinking she would give a good account of herself. For her to win her debut when we're feeling we didn't have her all the way cranked, looks good for the future. She was always a good-looking horse and always trained well, but she's really taken steps forward. She'll definitely stretch out. We'll talk with the team and see what they want to do, but we'll stretch her out. She's got a long career ahead of her, a long season ahead of her, so we'll take it step by step." Sales history: \$1,000,000 yrl '13 KEESEP. Dam Evrobi produced a Super Saver filly in 2013, who sold for \$125,000 at Keeneland September, and a Sidney's Candy colt in 2014 who sold for \$200,000 as a weanling at Keeneland November. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$24,000. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).**

O-Shadwell Stable. B-SF Bloodstock LLC (KY). T-Chad C Brown.

• **WOODS EDGE FARM GRADUATE** •

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8th-GPX, \$40,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:18 3/5, ft. ZIA (f, 3, **Munnings--Faux Pas {Ire}, by Sadler's Wells**) displayed talent early in her career at Woodbine with a runner-up debut effort behind subsequently MSP Sweet Dreams (Candy Ride {Arg}) and a fourth-place finish in the My Dear S. over five furlongs June 28. A non-factor in a pair of sprint events Aug 3. and Sept. 6, she improved to register a close fourth-place finish traveling an extended mile over the Polytrack there Sept. 21. Given a brief freshening and shipped south for the winter, the bay pressed the pace and held on for third in a six-panel test here Jan. 10. The Ontario-bred was let go at odds of 7-1 for this try and broke alertly to track the pace through a half-mile in :46.98. Zia waited for running room entering the lane, found a seam in midstretch and forged clear in the final strides to graduate by a neck.

Longshot first-timer Chiding (Blame) checked in second. There was an inquiry and objection against winning jockey Paco Lopez for potential interference in the stretch, but no change was made. The winner, a \$50,000 FTKJUL yearling turned \$75,000 FTFMAR juvenile, is a half to Sans Souci Island (Chester House), SW, \$228,016. "She's a gutsy filly," commented trainer Nicholas Gonzalez. "This could have been a star-studded field with the breeding of these young fillies, but we did have six races [of experience] and it proved to be an incredible asset today." Lifetime Record: 7-1-1-1, \$53,218. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).**

O-Tucci Stables. B-William D Graham & William Werner (ON). T-Nicholas Gonzalez.

Trained at **Crupi's New Castle Farm**
Registered Ontario-Bred

2nd-GPX, \$36,000, Msw, (S), 3yo, f, 6f, 1:12 1/5, ft. WILDCAT GAZE (f, 3, **Wildcat Heir--Sky Gazer, by Sky Mesa**) rallied to finish fifth on debut at Gulfstream Park West Nov. 29 and showed improvement when second here Dec. 17. Wildcat Gaze, supported as the even-money pick, stalked the dueling leaders in third down the backstretch. The bay shifted out to the three path on the bend, chased down leader Silver Fog (Value Plus) by midstretch and opened up to win by three lengths. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$28,740. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).**

O/B-Patricia Generazio (FL). T-Jane Cibelli.

Central U.S.

Oaklawn Foundation Honored:

The Oaklawn Foundation has been named the outstanding non-profit organization of the year for 2014 by the Greater Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce. "We are thrilled and sincerely appreciative that the community has recognized our group for the work we've been doing since 2007," said Oaklawn Foundation chairman Darrell Meyer." The foundation was established in 2005 as part of the community benefit program in exchange for the legalization of electronic games of skill at Oaklawn Jockey Club. It was honored for its philanthropy and advocacy of education and senior citizen issues.

TODAY'S INSIGHTS

8th-FG, \$40K, Alw/OC (\$50K), 3yo, f, 1m70yds, 5:54 p.m. ET

Regis Racing's **SHOOK UP** (**Tapit**) returns off relatively short rest after earning 'TDN Rising Star' status for a 13 1/2-length romp over track and trip in the slop Jan. 3 for which she earned a 94 Beyer Speed Figure ([video](#)). The daughter of Grade I winner Sugar Shake (Awesome Again) finished a tough second first out over seven panels at Churchill Nov. 23 for trainer Steve Asmussen. **[Brisnet.com PPs](#)**

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California

Yesterday's Results:

CLOCKER'S CORNER S., \$79,800, SAX, 1-25, (R), 4yo/up, a6 1/2fT, 1:12 1/5, fm.

1--**PURE TACTICS, 124, h, 6, Pure Prize--Dixie Tactics {SW, \$188,088}, by Native Tactics.** O-Nita Winner LLC; B-Donald Eberts (TX); T-Doug F O'Neill; J-Mike E Smith. \$46,980. Lifetime Record: 21-9-2-2, \$360,836.

2--**Hay Dude (GB), 119, g, 5, Dubawi (Ire)--Inaminute (Ire), by Spectrum (Ire).** (26,000gns RNA wlng '10 TATDEC). O-Anthony Fanticola & Joseph Scardino. \$15,660.

Purchased by **BOOMER BLOODSTOCK**

3--**Sweet Swap, 124, h, 6, Candy Ride (Arg)--Fair Exchange, by Storm Cat.** O-Hronis Racing LLC. \$9,396.

Margins: HF, NK, 1HF. Odds: 6.20, 3.90, 2.50.

Pure Tactics won the Siren Lure S. over this same trip and turf course for Doug O'Neill June 1, and finished fourth here three starts later in the Gill Eddie D. S. Sept. 26. Racing under the name of O'Neill's assistant, Leandro Mora, the bay captured the restricted Lure S. when extended to a grassy mile here Oct. 26, and followed with a sixth-place finish in Del Mar's Gill Seabiscuit H at 1 1/16 miles over the lawn Nov. 28. Given a brief freshening, the Texas-bred was sent postward at odds of 6-1 for this try while racing back under the head trainer's name. Biding his time toward the rear in the early stages, Pure Tactics gradually improved his position as the field sprinted down the hill through a half-mile in :43.70. He angled out in the lane and launched a prolonged rally to reach the front in the final yards. "He's run well down the hill before, and this came up good on the calendar, so we thought we'd give it a chance," remarked the winning trainer. "Mike rode a brilliant race, like he always does. When you have a horse that likes the hillside, it's a real advantage." [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).

6th-SAX, \$59,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$80,000), NW1\$X, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:34 4/5, fm.

PRIZE EXHIBIT (GB) (f, 3, Showcasing {GB}--Roodeye (GB) {SP-Eng}, by Inchinor (GB)), who began her career overseas, was third in the G3 Oh So Sharp S. at Newmarket Oct. 4 before trying her hand in the U.S. and finished a solid fourth, at odds of 71-1 in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf Oct 13 for DP Racing and Jamie Osborne. Making her first start since transferring to the James Cassidy stable, Prize Exhibit assumed her usual unhurried position at odds of 3-5. She inched closer to the pace on the turn and charged down the lane to gain the lead late and finish 3/4 of a length ahead of Lookin for Money (Lookin at Lucky). Sales history: 28,000gns yrl '13 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: GSP-Eng, 10-3-1-1, \$125,279. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).

O-DP Racing LLC. B-Mrs R F Johnson Houghton (GB). T-James M Cassidy.

2nd-GGX, \$27,648, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), NW1\$X, 3yo, 6f (AWT), 1:09 3/5, ft.

GLORIA'S ANGELO (c, 3, City Zip--So Explosive, by Mineshaft) was a winner on debut going five panels over the Polytrack at Presque Isle Downs June 25 while bearing the colors of owner/breeder James G Doyle for trainer Mark Hubley. Subsequently sold to these connections for \$110,000 at the Fasig-Tipton July Sale, the colt was put on the shelf for six months before returning with a third-place run here over this same trip and surface Jan. 3. Racing without blinkers for the first time in this event, the bay was sent postward as the 2-1 second choice. Gloria's Angelo tracked the pace along the inside behind a quarter-mile in :22.45, angled out turning for home and got up in the final yards to register a half-length victory. Krsto Skye (City Zip) was second best. The winner, whose third dam is responsible for MGISW champion Inside Information (Private Account) and MGISW Educated Risk (Mr. Prospector), RNA'd for \$65,000 as a yearling at the Keeneland September sale. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$40,440. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).

O-Aithon Stable LLC. B-James Doyle (KY). T-Larry D Ross.

4th-SAX, \$57,000, Msw, 3yo, 7f, 1:23 1/5, ft.

WHY TWO (c, 3, Bob and John--Maria's Legend, by Maria's Mon), who rallied for fourth first out going 5 1/2 panels here Jan. 3, was given a 5-1 chance to get it done here. The chestnut bided his time off the pace early, angled out on the turn, rallied in the stretch and took command late en route to a 1 1/4-length victory. The Man (Ecclesiastic) was runner-up. Sales history: \$19,000 RNA yrl '13 KEEJAN; \$120,000 2yo '14 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$36,960. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).

O-Kagele Brothers Inc, Ernest Marchosky, Ken Shaw & Lo Hi Stable. B-John McLane & Irv Wiemer (KY). T-Michael Machowsky.



NBS GRADUATE



2nd-SAX, \$56,500, Msw, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:34 4/5, fm. **OPSEC (c, 4, Pioneerof the Nile--Kalahari Cat, by Cape Town)** managed to hit the board twice in his first three starts during the summer months, including a second-place effort going nine furlongs over the lawn at Del Mar Aug. 23. The colt followed with a dull eighth-place run over 1 1/16 miles on the main track here Oct. 13, but rebounded to finish a rallying third over this same trip and surface back at Del Mar Nov. 15. Returned to the dirt, he most recently was runner-up in another 1 1/16-mile event here Dec. 28. The dark bay was sent postward for this try as the 3-1 second choice and tracked the pace from the two path through a half-mile in :46.95. Asked for more on the far turn, Opsec reached contention in midstretch and edged clear to tally a 3/4-length victory over Wicked Finance (Broken Vow). **cont. p4**



The winner, a \$220,000 KEESEP yearling purchase, is a half to Black Onyx (Rock Hard Ten), GSW, \$418,860; Francois (Smarty Jones), SW, \$286,428; and Quality Council (Elusive Quality), GSP, \$163,844. Lifetime Record: 7-1-2-2, \$72,060. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).

O-Kaleem Shah Inc. B-Clover Leaf Farms II Inc (KY). T-Bob Baffert.

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Western U.S.

Yesterday's Results:

EL PASO TIMES H., \$50,120, SUN, 1-25, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:16 4/5, ft.

1--#**PERFECT STYLE**, 119, f, 3, by [Majesticperfection](#)

1st Dam: Sentimental Style, by Crafty

Prospector

2nd Dam: Informative Style, by Dayjur

3rd Dam: North Colony, by Pleasant Colony

(\$30,000 wlng '12 KEENOV; \$32,000 yrl '13 KEESEP). O-Round Up Racing LLC; B-Michael Rainier (IN); T-Bart G Hone; J-Alfredo J Juarez Jr. \$30,000. Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-2, \$65,160.

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2--**Untraveled**, 117, f, 3, Canadian Frontier--Down the Street, by Ghazi. (\$4,500 yrl '13 KEESEP). O-Greg & Darwin Green & Jeff Anderson. \$11,000.

3--**Rousanne**, 117, f, 3, [Desert Party](#)--Auntie Soph, by Valiant Nature. (\$15,000 yrl '13 FTKJUL; \$37,000 2yo '14 BESMAR; \$50,000 HRA '14 FTKJU2). O-Teed Off Stable LLC. \$5,000.

Yearling purchase recommended by Murette Farrell

Margins: 4 3/4, 1 3/4, 1HF. Odds: 3.70, 13.60, 19.20.

Perfect Style graduated by 11 1/4 lengths at Zia Park in her second try Nov. 10, annexed an allowance there Nov. 22 and was recently third in Turf Paradise's Arizona Juvenile Fillies S. Dec. 27. The second choice pressed the pacesetter from along the rail through the opening stages, gained command on the bend and cleared away down the stretch for decisive victory. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).

INDUSTRY INFO

Van Berg Joins WHOA:

Hall of Fame trainer Jack Van Berg has joined the Water Hay Oats Alliance, according to a release from the group which supports the passage of federal legislation to prohibit the use of race-day drugs in horse racing.

In a statement in support of WHOA, Van Berg said, "In order to bring integrity back to the great sport of horse racing, the first and most important act should be to implement the most sophisticated drug testing available. As for medication, it would be in the best interest of this grand sport and these grand equine athletes to abolish any and all medications. This would mean no race-day threshold levels of any drug. The present rule permitting drugs has compromised the integrity of horse racing and has been a major factor in attendance and for interest falling to an all-time low. I think now is the time to stop all race-day medication. If you are not a horseman and can't figure out how to keep a horse healthy and happy, then maybe you should go lay carpet or pump gas. A good horseman doesn't need all that medication. You have to work on and with the horse. I have been an outspoken advocate against drugs at the racetrack for years. I support the Water Hay Oats Alliance and federal legislation to bring clean racing to our sport."



JUSTIN PHILLIP (First Samurai--Ava Knowsthecode, by Cryptoclearance), winner of the 2013 GI Alfred G. Vanderbilt H., stands at Castleton Lyons (\$5,000).

- Lucy Stragmore (Tale of the Cat) produced a colt Jan. 23 at Lee Anne Smith's Paradigm Farm in Virginia.

GIG HARBOR (City Zip--Miss Blue Grass, by St. Jovite), multiple stakes winner, stands at Victory Rose Thoroughbreds (\$1,500).

- Highland Heather (McCann's Mojave) produced a colt Jan. 23. The foal was born at Victory Rose and was bred by stallion owner Daniel O'Neill.

ROOKIES

First/second-crop starters to watch: Monday, January 26

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2010 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

[LOOKIN AT LUCKY](#) (Smart Strike), Ashford Stud, \$15K, 175/31/3

4-FG, Aoc, 1m, Lucky Stranger, \$85K KEE SEP yrl, 9-5

[MAJESTICPERFECTION](#) (Harlan's Holiday), Airdrie Stud, \$10K, 124/20/1

8-FG, Aoc, 1m, Lovely Maria, \$5K RNA KEE NOV wnl, 5-2

[MUNNINGS](#) (Speightstown), Ashford Stud, \$10K, 165/31/4

7-FG, Aoc, 1mT, Gallery, \$30K OBS APR 2yo, 7-2

[NACIMIENTO](#) (Gone West), 15/3/0

9-SUN, Alw, 6f, Classy Attitude, 20-1

[QUALITY ROAD](#) (Elusive Quality), Lane's End, \$25K, 178/20/3

8-FG, Aoc, 1m, Starry Road, \$20K OBS OPN 2yo, 30-1

[SILVER CITY](#) (Unbridled's Song), Valor Farm, \$2K, 33/8/1

9-HOU, Msw, 6f, Belle of Infinity, \$13K RNA TEX APR 2yo, 10-1



BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

STAKES RESULTS:

FRONTIER UTILITIES TURF SPRINT S., \$75,000, HOU, 1-24, 4yo/up, 5fT, :56 3/5, fm.

1--**HEITAI**, 118, g, 5, **Fusaichi Pegasus--Sparkles of Luck (MSW, \$160,165)**, by Mr. Sparkles. O/B-Rowell Enterprises Inc (LA); T-Thomas M Amoss; J-James Graham. \$45,000. Lifetime Record: MSW, 27-12-8-3, \$823,543. *1/2 to Muffin (Smart Strike), SW, \$241,414.

2--**Hammer the Bay**, 118, g, 6, Half Ours--Quelle Surprise, by Slew Gin Fizz. (\$10,000 yrl '10 OBSAUG; \$37,000 2yo '11 OBSAPR). O-Darrell W Bravenec. \$15,000.

3--**Brilliant Interest**, 118, g, 5, Interest Rate--Henora W, by Brilliant Sandy. O-Joseph Scott Niolet. \$8,250. Margins: 1, 3/4, HF. Odds: 0.50, 40.30, 43.40.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-OPX, \$62,000, Opt. Clm. (\$62,500), C, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:39, ft.

JOY BOY (g, 7, Tribal Rule--Joyously, by Half Term) Lifetime Record: MSP, SP, 32-10-4-3, \$392,611. O-TK Stables LLC (Kevin & Tammie Hulse). B-Dr & Mrs William T Gray (CA). T-Kellyn Gorder. *1/2 to Tornado Betty (Comic Strip), MSW, \$230,015.

4th-OPX, \$60,500, C, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12 3/5, ft. **WE BE STORMIN (g, 3, Storm and a Half--Just Like Boranda, by Captain Bodgit)** Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$52,300. O-Hogwild Stables. B-Gary Weir (AR). T-AI Cates.

6th-AQU, \$59,000, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), NW2\$X, (S), 4yo/up, 1m70y, 1:43 1/5, gd.

PAX IN TERRA (g, 4, Mizzen Mast--Pumpkin's Pride, by Louis Quatorze) Lifetime Record: 9-3-1-2, \$131,278. O/B-Eric Fein (NY). T-Todd A Pletcher. *\$130,000 RNA yrl '12 FTNAUG. **1/2 to Great Gracie Dane (Royal Academy), MSP, \$344,529; Ostrolenka (Musket Man), SW, \$193,292.



4th-AQU, \$59,000, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), NW2\$X, (S), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11 3/5, gd.

BRASS PEAR (g, 5, E Dubai--Perfect Pear, by Pine Bluff) Lifetime Record: 27-4-2-4, \$164,818. O-Barbara Hopkins. B-Dr Russell S Cohen DVM (NY). T-Michelle Nevin. *Full to What a Pear, MSW, \$161,860.

7th-AQU, \$57,000, NW1\$X, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13, gd.

COURT DANCER (f, 4, War Chant--Gosh All Get Out, by d'Accord) Lifetime Record: SP, 10-2-2-1, \$133,768. O-Bona Venture Stables; B-Akindale Farm LLC (NY); T-George Weaver. *\$35,000 yrl '12 FTNAUG.



7th-FGX, \$40,000, Opt. Clm. (\$12,500), NW1X, (S), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11 3/5, ft.

LLOYD (g, 5, Wildcat Shoes--Alicantina {Arg}, by Mutakddim) Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-1, \$61,830. O-Ellen Addison. B-Pine Knoll Farm & Michelle Rodriguez (LA). T-Steven M Asmussen.

7th-DED, \$39,000, 1-24, NW2L, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:21 4/5, ft.

SHADENLIGHT (f, 4, Hooks Crossing--Palimony Lady, by Magesterial) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$50,380. O-Kim Hooks McMahon. B-Estate of Lorraine G Hooks (LA). T-Benard Chatters. *Raced without Lasix.

9th-GGX, \$34,386, 1-24, NW1\$X, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:45 1/5, ft.

PRESIDENTSKY (g, 4, Vronsky--Presidential Heat, by Unusual Heat) Lifetime Record: 8-4-0-1, \$79,780. O-Stephen E Post. B-Barry Abrams, Madeline Auerbach & Huston Racing Stables (CA). T-Michael Lenzini.

6th-PEN, \$30,149, 1-24, NW1X, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:12 1/5, gd.

IFIMLYINIMDYIN (g, 6, Yes It's True--Encore, by Storm Cat) Lifetime Record: 38-7-8-5, \$185,624. O-Golden Key Racing Stable. B-Fredericka V Caldwell & Mitchel Skolnick (KY). T-Michael J Trombetta. *\$32,000 yrl '10 OBSAUG; \$19,000 RNA yrl '10 KEEJAN.

8th-SUN, \$29,985, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), C, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:36 1/5, ft.

REBRANDED (c, 4, Tiznow--Bayou Breeze {SW, \$113,518}, by A.P. Indy) Lifetime Record: MSW, 15-5-4-1, \$258,950. O-Tony Pennington. B-Mount Brilliant Farm & Ranch LLC (KY). T-Justin R Evans. *\$140,000 RNA yrl '12 KEESEP; \$350,000 2yo '13 FTFMAR.



7th-CTX, \$26,000, 1-24, NW3L, (S), 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:22 2/5, my.

COUNTRY MAMMA (f, 3, Bellamy Road--Storm Hen, by Storm Broker) Lifetime Record: SP, 4-3-1-0, \$56,790. O-D A S L Stable. B-Catherine Jennings & Timothy Jenning (WV). T-Ollie L Figgins III. *\$25,000 yrl '13 FTMSEP; \$18,000 RNA wng '12 KEENOV; \$30,000 RNA 2yo '14 FTMMAY.

8th-CTX, \$26,000, 1-24, NW2LX, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:48 3/5, my.

ON ANDY'S ADVICE (g, 4, Wilko--Thumpers Flower, by General Royal) Lifetime Record: 13-2-2-2, \$45,156. O-Wood River Ranches LTD. B-Andy Stronach (ON). T-Dennis Hoffman. *C\$3,700 RNA yrl '12 ONTSEP.

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8th-TPX, \$25,565, 1-24, NW3L, 4yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:11 4/5, ft.

NORMANDY CROSSING (c, 4, [English Channel--Donamour](#) {MSW, \$154,782}, by [Langfuhr](#)) Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-1, \$62,937. O-Thea & Wilson Green. B-Gwynedd Stable & Woodard Stable (KY). T-Joe Woodard.

9th-HOU, \$22,000, 1-24, Opt. Clm. (\$20,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11 1/5, ft.

DAYBREAK DREAMER (g, 5, [Woke Up Dreamin--Balalaika Dolly](#) {SW, \$173,257}, by [Stop the Music](#)) Lifetime Record: SP, 9-5-1-1, \$97,607. O-Gary W Dean. B-Sassy S Stables Inc (OK). T-Kari Craddock.

4th-HOU, \$21,000, 1-24, NW1X, (S), 4yo/up, 1m70y, 1:45 4/5, ft.

OUR ROMEO (g, 4, [Captain Countdown--Crimson Flagship](#), by [Northern Flagship](#)) Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-0, \$22,582. O-Delwin & Seleta Lovell. B-Delwin & Seleta Lovell, Dwayne & Kelly Sackett (TX). T-Danny Pish.



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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Prodigious Facts, f, 3, [Giant's Causeway](#)--In Truth, by Quiet American. GGX, 1-25, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:45 3/5. B-J Mike Lauffer, James Lauffer & Poplar Hill Equine LLC (KY). *\$100,000 yrl '13 KEESEP. **1/2 to Mr Palmer (Pulpit), SW, \$291,471.

Half Our Class, c, 3, [Half Ours](#)--Spot the Class, by Holy Mountain. DED, 1-24, 5f, 1:00 3/5. B-Allen Romero (LA). *1/2 to Ruling Class (Mazel Trick), SW, \$311,994.

+ **This Bird Can Fly**, f, 3, [It's a Bird](#)--Greetings, by Secret Hello. CTX, 1-24, 4 1/2f, :54. B-Gayle M Johnson & Christine Appell (KY).

+ **Pattye's Rebel**, f, 3, [Ole Rebel](#)--Gayle's Approval, by With Approval. FGX, 1-25, (S), 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:07 3/5. B-Dr Glen Warren (LA). *Full to Warren's Rebel, SP, \$146,08.

Simon the Cyrenian, c, 3, [Spring At Last](#)--Private Citizen, by Proud Citizen. PEN, 1-24, 1m, 1:41 1/5. B-D J Stable (PA). *\$30,000 yrl '13 FTKOCT; \$48,000 2yo '14 FTMMAY.

Mula Boss, g, 4, [Mula Gula](#)--Choctaw Lady, by Cherokee Run. HOU, 1-24, (S), 1m70y, 1:46 3/5. B-Sonny & Lynn Ellen (TX).

V C F Proud Mary, f, 4, [Mutakddim](#)--Tara Brooch, by Montbrook. TPX, 1-24, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:20. B-Talmadge & Delores Hays (KY).

Just the Tap, c, 4, [Tapit](#)--Classic Olympio (MSW & MGSP, \$336,578), by Olympio. HOU, 1-24, 6f, 1:13 2/5. B-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC (KY). *\$300,000 RNA yrl '12 KEESEP. **1/2 to Classify (Unbridled's Song), MSW, \$336,323; Simplify (Pulpit), SW & GSP, \$261,658; and Seeker (Hard Spun), GSP, \$221,267.

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SHEIKH HAMDAN HONORED AT ITBA AWARDS

Sheikh Hamdan Al Maktoum was honored at the annual ITBA racing and breeding awards in Co. Laois Saturday when he was inducted into the ITBA Hall of Fame, according to *Racing Post*. Sheikh Hamdan owns Derrinstown Stud in Co. Kildare, and amongst his Irish-trained standouts in 2014 was the Dermot Weld-trained Tarfasha (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}), winner of the G2 Blandford S. and G3 Blue Wind S. Weld also trains last year's G3 Amethyst S. and G3 Jersey S. winner Mustajeb (GB) (Nayef) for Sheikh Hamdan. Also honored at the awards was Rory Mahon, who has managed Juddmonte's Ferrans Stud in Co. Meath since 1982. Mahon received a special recognition award.

The ITBA award winners were: small breeder, Kevin and Meta Cullen; leading sprinter, Slade Power (Ire) (Dutch Art {GB}); 3-year-old colt, The Grey Gatsby (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}); 3-year-old filly, Tapestry (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}); 2-year-old colt, Belardo (Ire) (Lope De Vega {Ire}); 2-year-old filly, Found (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and Tiggy Wiggy (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}).

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Little Bit Faster (Ire), c, 3, [Alfred Nobel \(Ire\)](#)--Ting A Greeley (GB), by Mr. Greeley. PIS, 1-25, Mdn, 7.5fT, 1:34.30, sf. B-Old Carhue Stud (Ire). *€11,000 RNA wnl '12 GOFNOV; €12,000 yrl '13 TATIRE.

Guadalupa (Ity), f, 3, [Martino Alonso \(Ire\)](#)--Little Red Hen (Ire), by Indian Ridge (GB). NAP, 1-25, 5fT, time: n/a, gd. B-Azienda Agricola Antezate (Ity).

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