GALILEO CLOSING IN ON HIS OWN OUTSTANDING SIRE

Fourteen of Galileo’s 62 career top-level performers scored at that level in a spectacular 2016 season | Coolmore photo

By Chris McGrath

In his own lifetime, the ground-breaking scientific endeavours of the original Galileo sufficed only to have him condemned as a heretic. In the case of his equine namesake, in contrast, the danger is that his contemporaries take his greatness for granted.

In any walk of life, never mind the unpredictable world of breeding and racing, it is only seldom that we can be so confident that posterity will share our regard for one still in our midst. On the day that Galileo formally turns 19, then, it is worth taking a step back to remind ourselves that we are witnessing the pomp of a stallion who will define an epoch. Because while his name is assured of immortality on the Turf, the horse of flesh and blood will not be around forever.

At his current rate—now up to 62 individual G1 scorers, 14 of them recording wins at that level during an extraordinary spree in 2016—he may well come close in 2017 to his sire’s aggregate of 73. Certainly it seems safe to assume that his 15th crop, born this spring, will be extending a record taken from Sadler’s Wells by the time they make it onto the track. And who knows how many more crops may yet follow? John Magnier, as a true stockman, will doubtless have a fatalistic view of that—knowing, as he does, that the legend of Galileo was very nearly brought to a premature end in the autumn on 2008, when the horse was struck down by a double attack of colic.

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FROM WITHIN RUNS TO THE MONEY

by Alan Carasso

The word was out on From Within (Aus) (Not a Single Doubt {Aus}) ahead of her career debut in Saturday's opening race at Canterbury, as the A$360,000 Magic Millions Gold Coast graduate was sent off the $1.45 (2-5) favorite for the A$100,000 TAB Plate over 1100 metres. Quickly away from gate one beneath Glyn Schofield, the scopey bay or brown filly coasted along on a loose rein, glided into a clear advantage exiting the final corner and went on to score by about 1 1/4 lengths, a margin which completely belied the ease of the victory, and become a new ‘TDN Rising Star.’ All things equal, she will progress to the A$2-million Jeep Magic Millions 2YO Classic at the Gold Coast in two weeks' time. "We'll make sure she is put under a bit of pressure at home before committing to run [in the Magic Millions],” trainer Chris Waller told Racing and Sports. Cont. pxx

IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

ARROGATE TUNES UP FOR PEGASUS

GI Breeders’ Cup Classic hero Arrogate (Unbridled’s Song) preps for the GI Pegasus World Cup in Sunday’s GI San Pasqual S. at Santa Anita. Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.
For Magnier and his partners, the horse’s reprieve has had miraculous dividends of another kind. Galileo’s crisis took place only four months after the retirement of Sadler’s Wells, at the age of 27. And while Frankel had been foaled that spring, it is mind-boggling to consider the parade of elite performers we owe to Galileo’s survival. To name a random sample: Intello, Ruler of the World, Australia, Magician, Gleneagles, Highland Reel, Found, Minding, The Gurkha and now Churchill.

We are becoming so accustomed to their sire’s hegemony–his progeny earnings in 2016 have topped $30 million; Tapit, next in the list, is just about touching $20 million–that it takes something truly outlandish to renew our appreciation of the genetic gold he is vesting in the breed: a 1-2-3 in the G1 Prix de l’Arc de Triomphe, for instance. For the fact is that many who admired the giddy new summit he attained at Chantilly in October will have forgotten that Galileo’s offspring had already that season filled the frame in an English Classic, in the G1 1000 Guineas.

In both cases, of course, the plaudits were shared by a trainer whose intimacy with Galileo, as a racehorse, has unquestionably assisted him in drawing out the full potential of his progeny. Interviewing Aidan O’Brien for a recent book, I was fascinated to learn how carefully he modulates his handling of Galileo’s stock. Whereas the foals of Montjeu, that other great heir to Sadler’s Wells, needed protecting from experiences that might unnerve them, Galileo’s only needed protecting from themselves. “If you overwork them, they won’t stop,” O’Brien said. “So if they’re not ready physically, they’ll hurt themselves. Most horses, if you work them before they’re fit enough, or when they’re feeling any pain, they’ll stop—and they will never give you their all again. But Galileos never question anything they are asked.”

It is the mutual good fortune of O’Brien and Galileo to have their respective gifts complemented by a talent commensurate with their own. By the same token, it is unnerving to speculate what damage may have been done to sons of Galileo in less sensitive hands. But that is only one factor in the preponderance of “in-house” champions to have served Galileo so well over the years. It could be argued, for instance, that there is a chicken-and-egg quality to the current debate over commercial breeders' infatuation with speed.

You hear a lot of people washing their hands of trying to win a Derby because they can’t afford access to a stallion listed as private for several years now; but few seem to ask themselves whether Galileo would be quite so dominant in Classics if some of the mares seeking fast bucks from a fast sire were instead sent to one of those less fashionable sires with a legitimate right to produce a Derby colt, if only they were given a meaningful chance.

That is hardly Galileo’s fault, and with age he may yet restore some balance to the situation himself—as a sire of sires. Frankel’s flying start potentially makes him eligible to develop into the champion’s principal heir, but besides three Derby winners at stud, Galileo also has an expanding portfolio of horses capable of tempting commercial breeders away from their beloved blue-collar speed sires: young stallions like Intello, who has been impressing with his debutants in the ring; Classic milers, like Gleneagles and now The Gurkha; while Coolmore will in due course have another champion juvenile to promote at stud, in Churchill.

It is precisely horses of this type that show why Galileo has become the genetic grail. He has produced enough fast horses from fast mares for breeders to be confident that he will not so much neuter speed on the dam side, as compound it–above all, Danehill speed. They used to say of Danehill that he could get you a sprinter from a sprinter, or a stayer from a stayer. But with Galileo it seems you can throw out the rule book. You’re just going to get a good horse, and with some of them, it doesn’t seem to matter quite what you ask them to do. Minding is a good example. On a conventional reading of her maternal genes, it seemed possible to question her stamina for the Oaks trip. Cont. p3
Chris McGrath cont.

Galileo meant that the distance was never even an issue to O’Brien. Yet despite bolting up at Epsom, the filly bookended her campaign with Group 1 wins at a bare mile. Equally, while Frankel is out of a black-type winner at 6f, so is Seventh Heaven, who looked such a thorough stayer at 12f in her two Group 1 wins last season.

Galileo’s own racing career, featuring just one start at two and majoring in middle distances at three, limited general expectations of his juveniles and his freshman statistics duly fell short of those compiled by Mozart, Bertolini, Medicean, Observatory, Mull of Kintyre and Fantastic Light. None of his first 2-year-olds, sired at Ir£50,000, won at pattern level—in contrast with Sadler’s Wells, who even produced two Group 1 winners in one race when Prince of Dance and Scenic dead-heated for the Dewhurst. But if Galileo’s first crop might have pointed the weathervane one way, in subsequently filling the podium in the St Leger, we now know that his second, featuring a champion juvenile in Teofilo, was still more instructive in registering the way the wind was blowing.

The fact that Galileo won that solitary juvenile start by 14 lengths makes it poignant to wonder what kind of possibilities may have passed him by, when held up by a couple of bouts of coughing earlier that season. In contrast with many sires, as they mature, Galileo’s 12th crop on the track was almost certainly his most precocious. Churchill, Waldgeist and Rhododendron all won Group 1 races at two, while Hydrangea failed only by a nose to join them. Given the proven sustainability of his progeny’s excellence, Galileo seems unlikely to be surrendering his crown any time soon.

After all, the more evidence we have about what works best with any sire, the more confident we can be about mating strategy. Sure enough, 10 of the 14 mares to give him a Group 1 winner in 2016 have since foaled a sibling. Among others, these include the dams of Found, Minding, Highland Reel, Alice Springs and The Gurkha.

Now champion stallion for an eighth time, Galileo may yet reel in his own sire—whose record of 14 titles was presumed certain, at the time of his pensioning, to stand for all time. Where the first Galileo redrew the firmament, in racing terms, the second is strewing it with new stars. Let us renew our sense of wonder, then, should he manage to assemble yet another dazzling constellation during 2017.

GOSDEN AWARDED OBE IN HONOURS LIST

Trainer John Gosden has been awarded an OBE (Order of the British Empire) in the Queen’s New Year Honours list in recognition of his services to horseracing.

Famed most recently for his handling of the great Golden Horn (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}), Gosden, 65, has twice been crowned champion trainer and has sent out over 3,000 career winners, including eight British Classics.

Married to Rachel Hood, with two sons and two daughters, Gosden was born in Hove on March 30, 1951, the son of former trainer ‘Towser’ Gosden.

He was educated at Cambridge University, where he studied economics, and worked in land development in Venezuela before becoming assistant to Sir Noel Murless and Vincent O’Brien, after which he moved to assist Tommy Doyle in California.

He took out his first training licence in 1979 in the United States, training over 500 winners in California, including the filly Royal Heroine in the inaugural running of the GI Breeders’ Cup Mile.

He returned to England to train in 1989, originally at Stanley House Stables before moving to Manton. He is now based at Clarehaven Stables in Newmarket.

Gosden’s 1,000th winner in Britain came through Much Ado (GB) (Mujtahid) at Lingfield on November 14, 2000, with his first domestic Classic success having been Shantou (Alleged) in the 1996 G1 St Leger. Benny The Dip (Silver Hawk) landed the G1 Epsom Derby the following year.

Three more victories in the Leger have come with Lucarno (North Light {Ire}) and Masked Marvel (GB) (Montjeu {Ire}), while Lahan (GB) (Unfuwain) won the G1 1000 Guineas and the brilliant Taghrooda (GB) (Sea the Stars {Ire}) claimed the Oaks, as well as beating the colts in the G1 King George VI And Queen Elizabeth Stakes at Ascot. Cont. p4
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Gosden OBE cont.

Raven’s Pass (Elusive Quality) helped Gosden make history in 2008 when becoming the first horse trained in Britain to win the GI Breeders’ Cup Classic, in which he was ridden by the trainer’s long-time ally Frankie Dettori.

Dettori has renewed his partnership with his mentor in the last few years to particularly good effect, most notably through Golden Horn, with whom they won the Derby, G1 Eclipse S., G1 Irish Champion S. and G1 Prix de l’Arc de Triomphe in a glittering 2015.

Gosden won the Cambridgeshire with Halling before he moved to Godolphin, while other top-class horses to have passed through his hands include Ryafan (Lear Fan), Muhtarram (Alleged), Observatory (Distant View), Oasis Dream (GB) (Green Desert), Dar Re Mi (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}), Nathaniel (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Kingman (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Jack Hobbs (GB) (Halling) and Shalaa (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}).

He already has a leading candidate for Derby honours in 2017 in the shape of Cracksman (GB), a son of Frankel (GB) who runs in the Golden Horn colours of owner Anthony Oppenheimer.
The Yarraman Park-consigned From Within was reportedly always on trainer Chris Waller’s short list while shopping at last year’s Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale, but he was outbid by Blue Sky Bloodstock’s Julian Blaxland at A$360,000. The September foal nevertheless ended up in Waller’s shedrow, and she could not have been more impressive in a pair of Sydney-area barrier trials ahead of this debut, winning by three front-running lengths at Rosehill Dec. 5 (video) before sailing home by 4 1/4 lengths at Warwick Farm Dec. 19 (video). Always traveling smartly in Saturday’s test, From Within opened up without ever being asked, kicked into an unassailable advantage entering the final furlong and was geared down late. Invader (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus}), a debut fourth to TDN Rising Star Khan (Aus) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) in the Listed Breeders’ Plate in October, ran on to be second. "She is very professional. She’s a ready-made 2-year-old," Waller told Racing and Sports. "The reason why she is here is because she has a great temperament. She knows what to do and relaxes and switches on. They are the things I’m looking for in a young horse. Obviously you are trying to identify the talent, but then it’s up to the trainer to make sure she’s got the mental composure to go with it." From Within is a full-sister to Cruden Bay (Aus), SW-Aus, and is out of a half-sister to GSP Lady Cay (Aus). Zimaretto missed to I Am Invincible (Aus) for 2015, produced a filly by that sire Aug. 23 and returned to the Yarraman Park inmate this past breeding season. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, A$74,000. Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. VIDEO.

O-Mark Sowerby & Raffles Thoroughbred Racing; B-H J Mitchell & M Freedman (NSW); T-Chris Waller.
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**WEATHERLY EUTHANISED**

Weatherly (Aus) (Beneteau (Aus)--Luna Belle (NZ), by Stravinsky), named a ‘TDN Rising Star’ after overcoming a slow start to break his maiden in the 2016 Listed Talindert S. at Flemington last February, was euthanised after going wrong in Saturday’s Schweppes H. (1100m) at Canterbury.

“Sickening loss for our team [Saturday] with the loss of Weatherly,” read a post on trainer Paul Messara’s Facebook feed. “We loved him and he was the star of our team. Above all he was a beautiful animal that we will miss having around.”

A homebred and the lone Australian-based runner for Chilean Oussama Aboughazale of Sumaya Stables, Weatherly belied odds of 9-1 to take out the Talindert Feb. 20 and made his next start in the G2 Todman S., finishing third to Kiss and Make Up (Aus) (More Than Ready) and subsequent G1 Golden Slipper S. hero and fellow ‘TDN Rising Star’ Capitalist (Aus) (Written Tycoon {Aus}). Spelled thereafter, Weatherly was making his return to the races Saturday, having won barrier trials at Scone and Rosehill.

Weatherly was a one of just 136 foals sired from two crops by Beneteau, also trained by Paul Messara, who died in January 2013 at Arrowfield Stud. Beneteau was second on the 2014/2015 first-season sires’ premiership.

**AUSTRALIAN-BRED WINNERS**

IN SOUTH AFRICA:

Rinjani (Aus), c, 3, *Choisir (Aus)*--Optimist (Aus), by Red Ransom. Kenilworth, 12-31, Hcp., 1400mT, 1:27.90. O-N M Shirtliff, M J Jooste, Andy Williams & Mrs I Jooste; B-Makybe Racing & Breeding (Vic); T-C L Bass-Robinson. *1/2 to Believe (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), G1SP-Aus, A$172,975. **A$80,000 Ylg ’15 INGMEL.
ARROGATE BEGINS NEW YEAR

‘TDN Rising Star’ Arrogate
(Unbridled’s Song), a leading contender for Horse of the Year, will put his five-race winning streak on the line while making his 4-year-old debut against four rivals in Sunday’s GII San Pasqual S. at Santa Anita.

The GI Travers S. and GI Breeders’ Cup Classic hero fired a six-furlong bullet in 1:12 1/5 (1/28) at Santa Anita Dec. 27. He is slated to take on California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit) in a Classic rematch in the $12-million GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational at Gulfstream Jan. 28.

AMERICAN OAKS THRILLER

Decked Out (Street Boss), a painful second in this summer’s GI Del Mar Oaks, came flying from the back of the pack to nail the pacesetting Sassy Little Lila (Artie Schiller) on the line by a nose in the GI American Oaks on a rainy Saturday afternoon at Santa Anita. Fresh off a memorable run with GI Preakness S. hero and GI betfair.com Haskell Invitational S. winner Exaggerator (Curlin), the Desormeaux brothers and winning owners Matt Bryan of Big Chief Racing, and Sol Kumin of Head of Plains Partners, et al, were back at it here on New Year’s Eve. Kumin is also co-owner of the runner-up.

“You can’t ever get enough of these Grade Is,” winning trainer Keith Desormeaux said. “I have to compliment the team. Grade Is are always what we’re after and her broodmare value just skyrocketed, so it’s very gratifying. To be able to buy these kinds of horses and get these goals accomplished, it’s so fun and it’s been a helluva year.”

Decked Out, an impressive heroine of the GIII Providencia S. over a yielding going at Santa Anita Apr. 9, went on a five-race losing streak thereafter. A well-beaten ninth in the GI Belmont Oaks Invitational July 9, Decked Out bounced back next time, finishing a head short in the Del Mar Oaks prior to a last-of-12 finish against her elders in the GI Rodeo Drive S. Oct. 1.

“She was training awesome coming into today,” Desormeaux continued. “I think a key decision was not run her at Del Mar. We skipped a race in hopes of getting her fresh and that may have been the winning decision.” Cont. p3

IN TDN EUROPE TODAY

GALILEO CLOSING IN ON HIS LEGENDARY SIRE

Chris McGrath takes a look at the career of Galileo, who, at the age of 19, has his sights set on the records held currently by his sire Sadler’s Wells.

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PLETCHER RUNNER ONE OF THREE NEW RISING STARS

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St. Elias Stable’s Battalion Runner (Unbridled’s Song) cruised to “TDN Rising Star” honors at Gulfstream Park, joining two others crowned from overseas races Saturday.

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**AMERICAN OAKS-GI**, $302,415, SA, 12-31, 3yo, f, 1 1/8mT, 1:47.86, gd.

1--&DECKED OUT, 121, f, 3, by *Street Boss*
   1st Dam: Once Around (MSW), by You and I
   2nd Dam: Persimmon Hill, by Conquistador Cielo
   3rd Dam: Rose O’Riley, by Nijinsky II
   ($45,000 Wlg ’13 KEENOV; $75,000 Ylg ’14 KEESEP). O-Big Chief Racing, LLC, Head of Plains Partners LLC & Gene A. Voss; B-Haymarket Farm LLC (KY); T-J. Keith Desormeaux; J-Kent J. Desormeaux. $180,000. Lifetime Record: 16-3-2-3, $480,859.
   *1/2 to Morrow Cove (Yes It’s True), MSW, $182,610. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: A.

2--Sassy Little Lila, 119, f, 3, *Artie Schiller*—Sharp Apple, by Diesis (GB). ($115,000 Ylg ’14 KEESEP). O-Sheep Pond Partners & Michael J. Ryan; B-John A. Chandler (KY); T-Brad H. Cox. $60,000.

3--Lady Valeur (Ire), 119, f, 3, *Multiplex* (GB)—Hawk Eyed Lady (Ire), by Hawk Wing. (€1,600 RNA 2yo ’15 GORJUL). O-Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners; B-Edmond Kent (IRE); T-Patrick Gallagher. $36,000.

Margins: NO, HF, 1HF. Odds: 4.50, 4.20, 17.70.

Also Ran: Dreamarcher, Barleysugar (Ire), Cheekaboo, Stays in Vegas, How Unusual, Queen Blossom (Ire), Sheeza Milky Way, Dynamic Milky Ways, Mokat. Scratched: Mrs. Norris.

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American Oaks cont.
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San Pasqual Preview cont.
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**MIDNIGHT LUTE S.-GIII**, $100,000, SA, 12-31, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:15.03, sy.

(DH)-1--@SOLID WAGER, 122, g, 5, by Birdonthewire

1st Dam: G Ma, by Valid Wager
2nd Dam: Perfected, by Never Tabled
3rd Dam: Is She Perfect, by Pirate’s Bounty

($3,000 Ylg ’12 BAROCT). O-Gary & Cecil Barber & Stanford Stable; B-Madera Thoroughbreds LLC (CA); T-Peter Miller; J-Victor Espinoza. $40,000. Lifetime Record: 31-8-3-4, $469,921. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: C.

(DH)-1--@ST. JOE BAY, 120, g, 4, by Saint Anddan

1st Dam: Dream Ride, by Honor Glide
2nd Dam: Joyous Susan, by If This Be So
3rd Dam: Susan’s Girl, by Quadrangle

($9,500 RNA Ylg ’13 OBSWIN; $10,000 RNA Ylg ’13 EASSEP; $60,000 2yo ’14 OBSOPN). O-Altamira Racing Stable & David A Bernsen; B-Bonnie Heath Farm LLC (FL); T-Peter Miller; J-Kent J Desormeaux. $40,000. Lifetime Record: 20-4-5-3, $257,175. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: D.

3--Tough Sunday, 120, c, 4, Grazen--Sunday Dress, by General Meeting. O/B-Nicholas B Alexander (CA); T-Steven Miyadi. $12,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, 1 1/4, 6 1/4. Odds: 5.50, 1.00, 8.00. Also Ran: Jimmy Bouncer, Navy Hymn.

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St. Joe Bay--third in the 2014 GII Bob Hope S. over the former synthetic at Del Mar and fourth in the following term’s GII Risen Star S. at Fair Grounds--followed a strong second in a Santa Anita optional claimer going a mile Oct. 30 with a runaway 6 1/2-furlong tally at Del Mar Dec. 4, good for a career high Beyer Speed Figure of 104. California-bred Solid Wager, also trained by Peter Miller, followed a fifth-place finish in Santa Anita’s Big Bear S. Nov. 3 with his second straight win of Del Mar’s seven-furlong Cary Grant S. versus state-breds Nov. 20. Favorable to put them back to back here, St. Joe Bay raced under pressure from the inside through scorching early fractions of :21.47 and :43.57 in the sloppy going, while his stablemate Solid Wager was on the outer and his Beyer Speed Figure passable at 88. St. Joe Bay kept on finding and gamely began to emerge with the lead in deep stretch, but Solid Wager had other ideas, and launched from out of the clouds to hit the line in sync with his barnmate. “This is unbelievable,” Miller said. “Both horses ran super. Both riders rode super. I
couldn’t call it and obviously the stewards couldn’t either, so I’m just elated for everyone involved.”

Pedigree Notes:

St. Joe Bay’s dam, Dream Ride, (Honor Glide), produced a son of Majestic Warrior in 2014; a son of Denman (Aus) in 2015; and was most recently bred to Elusive Quality. Solid Wager’s dam, G Ma (Valid Wager) produced colts by Elusive Warning in 2015 and 2016.

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Saturday, Santa Anita Park
ROBERT J. FRANKEL S.*, $98,000, SA, 12-31, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m (off turf), 1:51.42, sy.

1--GOODYEARFORROSES (IRE), 122, f, 4, by Azamour (IRE)
1st Dam: Giulia (GB) {MSP-Eng}, by Galileo (IRE)
2nd Dam: Lesgor, by Irish River (Fr)
3rd Dam: Let’s Sgor (NZ), by Creag-an-Sgor (GB)
($200,000 4yo ’16 FTKnov). O-Abbondanza Racing, LLC; B-The Hornets (IRE); T-Richard Baltas; J-Corey S. Nakatani. $60,000. Lifetime Record: GSP, 13-5-0-2, $199,195. *1/2 to God’s Speed (Ire) (Oratorio {Ire}), SP-Fr, $176,283. Werk Nick Rating: B.
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2--Pretty Girl (Arg), 120, m, 5, Harlan’s Holiday--Piba Como Vos (Arg), by Candy Stripes. O-Bonne Chance Farm, LLC & Stud R D I, LLC.; B-El Chanar (ARG); T-Paulo H. Lobo. $20,000.

3--Frenzified (GB), 122, f, 4, Yeats (Ire)--Librettista (Aus), by Elusive Quality. (110,000gns 3yo ’15 TATMAR). O-D P Racing; B-Stuart Stuckey (GB); T-James M. Cassidy. $12,000.

Also Ran: Keri Belle. Scratched: Sweet Charity (Fr), Arles (Fr), Into The Mystic (Ire), Ryans Charm.

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Goodyearforroses (Ire), a $200,000 FTKNOV purchase earlier this fall, got the job done in her first start for these connections in this rained-off and downgraded affair.

A debut winner on grass for trainer Rae Guest at Leicester back in October 2014, she got her picture taken three times at Woodbine for Lincoln Collins and part owner-trainer Roger Attfield, including the off-the-turf Flaming Page S. over the Polytrack Aug. 13. Seventh at 31-1 in the GICanaidan S. Sept. 17, she came within a neck of capturing the GIII Maple Leaf S. over the all-weather when third last out before switching hands in Lexington. Trying dirt for the first time here, Goodyearforroses vied for command while parked three deep on the clubhouse turn. She emerged with the lead prior to hitting the half-mile marker in :47.12, was going very easily while her three rivals were all in on the turn for home and splashed her way to the wire for a facile victory.

“I’m very happy,” winning trainer Richard Baltas said. “So are the owners. As always, the owners are very, very happy. They get excited. They love to watch their horses run and they love this game.” Baltas continued, “She’s trained very forwardly and has worked well. When the race came off the turf, we thought ‘Well, it’s a small field. And, she kind of skips across the dirt in the mornings.’ I didn’t know if she was going to like it or not, but she’s a very sound horse, and I thought it was worth giving her a shot, especially with all the scratches.”

The winner’s dam, Giulia (GB), produced a colt by Zoffany (Ire) in 2016.

GUNNEVERA, THREE RULES TURN IN SHARP WORKS

Gunnevera (Dialed In) and Three Rules (Gone Astray) spent the final morning of their respective freshman seasons working out Saturday for scheduled 3-year-old debuts at Gulfstream Park Feb. 4. Cont. p8
Gunnevera, working for the first time since capturing the Grade III Delta Downs Jackpot S. Nov. 19, breezed a bullet five furlongs in :59.85 (1/29) at Gulfstream Park West, while Three Rules was timed in :47.20 (1/157) for a half-mile breeze at Gulfstream Park. The latter, a four-time stakes winner, suffered his first career defeat when sixth in the Grade I Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Nov. 5. Gunnevera is slated to start his 3-year-old campaign in the Grade II Holy Bull S. “He worked excellent,” trainer Antonio Sano. “The horse is getting bigger and stronger. The horse is a relaxed horse, very quiet, all the time. I’m very hopeful.” Three Rules is expected to run in either the 1 1/16-mile Holy Bull or the Grade II Swale S. at seven furlongs. “He worked great this morning,” trainer Jose Pinchin said. “He’s doing very well. He looks good. He’s fit. The time off helped him.”

RINALDO DEL GALLO, III, ESQ.: Your story on Cara Rafaela (b. 1993) (click here) failed to mention one interesting point. Cara Rafaela has been mated to Seattle Slew (once, to produce Bold Legacy), Seattle Slew’s son A.P. Indy (four times, once to produce Bernardini), and A.P. Indy’s grandson Tapit (three times). She was never mated to Pulpit, Tapit’s father. Ordinarily, when a mare is mated to a sire and a sire’s son, the offspring are considered three-quarter siblings, since they have, in addition to a common dam, the additional one-quarter blood from the senior sire. So Bernardini (b. 2003 by A.P. Indy) is considered by most to be a three-quarter sibling to Cara Rafaela’s second child, the colt Bold Legacy (b. 2000, sired by Decked Out (Street Boss) just up in Grade I American Oaks.

Cara Rafaela & ’06 filly Burgundy Ice (Storm Cat) | Darley photo

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Seattle Slew).

But such thought about “three-quarter siblings” raises interesting questions on how Cara Rafaela’s children by Tapit are related to her children by A.P. Indy and Seattle Slew. How is Cara Rafaela’s colt Brookline (Tapit) (b. 2014) related to Bernardini (with A.P. Indy as a sire)? Are they five-eighths brothers instead of three-quarter brothers? And how is Brookline related to Cara Rafaela’s second child, the colt Bold Legacy (sired by Seattle Slew). Are they nine sixteenths brothers, since they share one-sixteenth of the common genetic makeup from the father’s side?

Another interesting question--how is the near millionaire filly Love and Pride (b. 2008) related to Bernardini? They both share a common sire (A.P. Indy), yet Love and Pride’s dam is not Cara Rafaela, but Cara Rafaela’s daughter Ile De France (b. 1999). Are they also three-quarter siblings using the same logic?

And what do you call the relationships between Cara Rafaela’s children with Cara Rafaela’s full-sister Well Related’s (b. 2004) children? Well Related also has progeny by A.P. Indy and Tapit. Are Well Related’s daughters by A.P. Indy, Sister State and Small World (A.P. Indy x Well Related) “blood siblings” with Bernardini (A.P. Indy x Cara Rafaela) by dint of the having the same sire and their dams being full-sisters? By such logic, Well Related’s colt Tribalism (b. 2013 Tapit x Well Related) could also be a full-sibling to Brookline (b. 2014 Tapit x Cara Rafaela). But how is Tribalism related to Cara Rafaela’s other children by A.P. Indy and Seattle Slew? Are they “blood five-eighths siblings” and “blood nine-sixteenths siblings”?

I’ll leave these questions to the readers.

Rinaldo Del Gallo, III, Esq.
### Sunday, Santa Anita Park, post time: 7:00 p.m. EST
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Saturday’s Results:

H. ALLEN JERKENS S., $100,000, GP, 12-31, 3yo/up, 2mT, 3:22.20 (NCR), fm.
1--TAGHLEEB, 121, h, 5, Hard Span–Judhoor (GB) (SW-Eng), by Alhaarth (Ire). O-Michael M. Hui; B-Shadwell Farm, LLC (KY); T-Michael J. Maker; J-Tyler Gaffalione. $56,420. Lifetime Record: 24-5-4-4, $333,099.

2--Montclair (Ire), 119, g, 6, Montjeu (Ire)--Minaccia (Ger), by Platini (Ger), (€340,000 Ylg '11 ARAUG). O-Midwest Thoroughbreds, Inc.; B-Elisabeth Fabre (IRE); T-Armando De la Cerda. $18,200.

3--Hunter O’Riley, 115, r, 3, Tiz Wonderful--Oblige, by Bernardini. ($120,000 Ylg '14 KEES). O-Sean Shay & Michael J. Ryan; B-Mike G. Rutherford (KY); T-James J. Toner. $9,100.

Margins: 1 3/4, 2HF, HF. Odds: 2.50, 9.60, 11.80.
Also Ran: Generous Kitten, Tobias, Snag, Good and Proper, English Illusion, Made in Detroit, Indebted, Applicator, Top Striker, Quiet Force, Spanish Squeeze (Ire).

Made the public’s choice in this bulky field, Taghleeb was away in good order and ran covered up in the two path while ninth in the early stages as the leader clicked off splits of :24.64, :51.11, 1:17.19 and 1:43.08 for the first mile. Finding his way to the fence around the clubhouse turn the second time, the favorite inched to within five of the front passing the half-mile pole. The field bunched up treacherously on the final bend, but Taghleeb was sweetly guided into the four path without losing momentum and found a seam at the top of the lane. Sweeping to the front approaching the furlong grounds, he outkicked the only other win threat, Montclair, to earn the victory. The winner’s youngest kin is a juvenile colt by Menifee.

“The race set up beautifully for us,” winning pilot Tyler Gaffalione said. “There was enough speed out in front and my horse has been used to closing in route races like that; today was just a bit more of a stretch. Mike Maker and his team did a great job getting him ready for today. All I had to do was just give him a clean path and he did the rest. It’s so cool [to win this race], I grew up wanting to ride for him [Jerkens]. Thankfully, I got to win one race for him, and it was like a dream come true. He is a legend.” Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

TURF DASH S., $78,750, TAM, 12-31, 3yo/up, 5fT, :55.25, fm.
1--POWER ALERT (AUS), 122, g, 6, Alert (Arg)--Gold Locket (AUS), by Lochrane (AUS). O-AJ Suited Racing Stable LLC & Brian A Lynch; B-Mr J Power (NSW); T-Brian A Lynch; J-Daniel Centeno. $45,000. Lifetime Record: GSW, 29-10-6-2, $546,156.
2--Incensed, 116, g, 3, Pollard’s Vision--Holy Smokie, by Holy Bull. O-Equiforce Inc, Steven Simonovich & Michael Martin; B-Meadow Lane Stables LLC (KY); T-Dale Bennett. $15,000.

Margins: 3HF, HF, NK. Odds: 0.80, 8.50, 7.60.
Also Ran: One Lucky Step, Super Spender, Morning Fire, Sweet Nkosi, Expected Ruler, Hold On Smokey, Gallery. Scratched: Bill’s Passion.

Power Alert snapped a six-race losing streak dating back to March, outclassing his rivals as the heavy favorite. Winner of the Gill Turf Sprint on Kentucky Derby day 2015, the veteran dropped a tough decision to the classy Pure Sensation (Zensational) after setting a searching pace in the Belmont Turf Sprint Invitational Oct. 8 and was a latest second in a salty Churchill allowance Nov. 4. Away alertly, Power Alert duelled briefly with Incensed, but was alone up front after an opening quarter in a swift :21.14. Still bowling along on the turn, he cut the corner into the lane and was never seriously challenged en route to the victory. Incensed dropped back sharply after coping a check on the turn, but ran on late to be a solid second. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
TROPICAL PARK DERBY, $75,000, GP, 12-31, 3yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:40.02, fm.

1--GIANT RUN, 120, c, 3, by Giant’s Causeway

1st Dam: Who Did It and Run (MGSW, $325,756), by Polish Numbers

2nd Dam: I’m Harriet, by Diesis (GB)

3rd Dam: I’m Well Bred, by Cormorant

($200,000 Ylg ’14 KEESEP). O-Robert C. Baker & William L. Mack; B-Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds, LLC (MD); T-Thomas Albertran; J-Joe Bravo. $43,710. Lifetime Record: 14-5-3-1, $419,480.


3--Two Step Time, 120, c, 3, Two Step Salsa--Money Peg, by Fusaichi Pegasus. ($27,000 Wlg ’13 OBSOCT; $34,000 RNA 2yo ’15 OBSAPR; $22,000 RNA 2yo ’15 OBSOPN). O-Get Away Farm; B-Chessmate Thoroughbreds International LLC & Peter Halsall (FL); T-Michael J. Maker. $7,050.

Margins: 1HF, NO, 1 1/4. Odds: 8.90, 2.20, 37.70.

Also Ran: Gimlet, Inspector Lynley, Mighty Mo, Stockyard, Berliner, J R ’s Holiday, Franklin Towers, Strike Midnight. Scratched: Tonedaddy, Direct Message.

“Giant Run parlayed a sweet sit-and-pounce trip to tally in the Tropical Park Derby at Gulfstream, his fourth stakes victory. A narrow second in the course-and-distance GIII Palm Beach S. last February, the chestnut then annexed the Cutler Bay S. here Mar. 26 and later captured the Manila S. July 4 at Belmont. Rallying from off the pace to win the Centaur S. Sept. 7 at Indiana Grand, he most recently was a troubled ninth over soft turf in the English Channel S. back in Elmont Oct. 23.

Away sharply as the sixth wagering choice, Giant Run settled in fourth as the pacesetter went through a :23.83 quarter and :47.76 half. Nudged just a bit at the top of the far turn, he smoothly picked off the leaders four deep by the head of the lane and fended off the bid of favored Oscar Nominated throughout the stretch.

TROPICAL PARK OAKS, $75,000, GP, 12-31, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:41.23, fm.

1--ULTRA BRAT, 120, f, 3, by Uncle Mo

1st Dam: Prof. McGonagall, by Storm Cat

2nd Dam: Rootentootenwooten, by Diesis (GB)

3rd Dam: Bold Flora, by Bold Favorite

O-Alex G. Campbell, Jr.; B-Alex G. Campbell, Jr. Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY); T-H. Graham Motion; J-Angel Cruz. $42,780. Lifetime Record: 9-4-1-0, $174,413. *1/2 to It’s Tea Time (Dynaformer), GSW & GISP, $470,226.

2--Shaan (Ire), 120, f, 3, Iffraaj (GB)--Evening Time (Ire), by Keltos (Fr). (300,000gns Ylg ’14 TATOCT). O-Al Shaqab Racing; B-J. F. Tuthill (Ire); T-Todd A. Pletcher. $13,800.

3--Try Your Luck, 120, f, 3, Lookin At Lucky--Golden Sphinx, by Storm Cat. ($80,000 Ylg ’14 KEESEP; $18,000 2yo ’15 OBSOCT). O-Out Of This World Racing LLC; B-Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding (KY); T-Michael J. Maker. $6,900.


Also Ran: Family Meeting, Gypsy Eyes (Ire), Insta Erma, Welcoming, Stella Rose, Island Reward, Azaelia (Fr), Okana (GB), Artesian, Penjade (Fr). Scratched: Rontos Lily.

Ultra Brat parlayed a July 21 Delaware main track allowance win into a next-out victory in Belmont’s grassy Christiecat S. Sept. 9. She faded badly to ninth in the Pebbles S. going a mile there Oct. 15 and was fourth after a wide trip in the Safely Kept S. at Laurel Park back on dirt Nov. 19. One of the least fancied in this first attempt over the Gulfstream lawn, the bay caught a flyer from the stalls and found a position one off and one back through splits of :24.31 and :48.58. Cont. p3
Traveling smoothly for pilot Angel Cruz, Ultra Brat was let out a notch turning for home and soon ranged up to press the longtime leader in earnest. She seized command at the quarter-pole and, despite the best efforts of the closing pair of Shaan and Try Your Luck, nabbed her second black-type rosette to end her year in style. “We’ve always liked her,” said Alice Clapham, assistant to winning trainer Graham Motion. “She’s won a couple here and there. She’s just gotten stronger and stronger as the year went on.” Prof. McGonagall, out of GI Demoiselle S. winner Rootentootenwootnen, produced a filly named Vivacious Venzie (Tapit) in 2014, followed by colts by Malibu Moon and Hard Spun, respectively. She was covered by Triple Crown hero American Pharaoh (Pioneerof the Nile) this year. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

Second behind next-out GI E. P. Taylor S. winner Al’s Gal (English Channel) after a very eventful trip in the Kentucky Down Ladies Marathon Sept. 15, the chestnut was looking to bounce back from a seventh-place run in the Gill Dowager S. at Keeneland Oct. 23. Ridden along through horses to briefly seize command, Paige tucked into a pocket shot hitting the first bend and sat a fairly distant third down the backside. Pushed along to avoid getting swallowed up heading for home, she was shut off trying to split a seam in upper stretch, but dove down to the rail for another attempt and kicked on resolutely to just edge stablemate Desiree Clary. The winner’s dam, who was a $975,000 KEENOV weanling, is a half-sister to Horse of the Year Point Given (Thunder Gulch). She produced a Super Saver colt before being bred to Fast Anna this spring. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

Tropical Park Oaks cont.

Also Ran: Promotional, Dad’s Princess, Trophee (Fr), Daring Duchess, Sky Painter, Happyness (GB), Evidently, Bitty Kitty, Sigue Regaloncita (Chi).

Transferred from Donnie K. Von Hemel to this barn for her 4-year-old campaign, Paige waited until the last day of the year to earn the first black-type victory of her career. The 2014 GI Darley Alcibades S. third rounded out the tri in a grassy Belmont optional claimer in May, and was fifth in a similar spot in July before shipping to Suffolk for a confidence-building win Aug. 7.
Battalion Runner
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2nd-GP, $36,000, Msw, 12-31, 2yo, 7 1/2fT, 1:30.30, fm.
CONVICT PIKE (c, 2, Broken Vow—Witchy One, by Smart Strike)
was off the board in two Kentucky dirt tries this summer before
waking up with a good second switching to turf Oct. 13 at
Keeneland. A troubled third by a neck over the Churchill lawn
Nov. 10, the bay took all the late money to be 17-10 in this spot
and broke sharply, but was reined in to run sixth behind a :24.55
quarter. Hard held up the backstretch, the favorite advanced
strongly four wide on the far turn once clear and swept to the
fore at the eighth pole, kicking away from there to score by
1 1/2 lengths. Silver Defense (First Defence) finished well to get
second at 54-1. The winner’s dam is a half to GSW/GISP It’s Tea
Time (Dynaformer) and SW Ultra Brat (Uncle Mo), who ran later
in Saturday’s Gulfstream card. She has a 2015 full-brother to the
winner named Shared Value and foaled an Astrology colt in 2016
before being bred to Liaison. Sales History: $47,000 RNA Ylg ’15
KEESEP; $130,000 2yo ’16 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1,
$41,507. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored
by Fasig-Tipton.
O-Ashbrook Farm; B-Rosemont Farm LLC (KY); T-George R.
Arnold, II.

5th-GP, $36,000, Msw, 12-31, 2yo, 7f, 1:22.82, ft.
BATTALION RUNNER, c, 2, by Unbridled’s Song
1st Dam: Tamboz, by Tapit
2nd Dam: Winning Call, by Deputy Minister
3rd Dam: Call Now, by Wild Again
Battalion Runner endured an eventful trip on his June 3 debut,
being forced to steady in the wake of future GII Sanford S.
bridesmaid Random Walk (Super Saver) before closing to be
runner-up sprinting at Belmont. Hammered
down to 1-5 favoritism
in this second go, the
$700,000 KEESEP
yearling delivered the
goods en route to ‘TDN
Rising Stardom’ at
Gulfstream Park
Saturday. He jumped
straight to the head of
affairs from stall seven
and sidled over to race one off the fence through a first quarter
in :23.09. Only under token pressure from there, the Pletcher
charge was on cruise control through a :46.20 half-mile and
kicked away to a facile victory in the lane without ever being
asked a serious question. It was 8 3/4 lengths back to Lookin for
Eight (Lookin At Lucky). Out of a full-sister to GI Breeders’ Cup
Dirt Mile hero Tapizar, Battalion Runner is a half-brother to
Oceanwave (Harlan’s Holiday), MGSP, $245,449. Knocked down
for $440,000 in foal to dual GI Breeders’ Cup Classic hero Tiznow
at the KEENOV sale on the bid of Dell Ridge in 2012, Tamboz’s
Tiznow colt, named Tiznoble, has gone on to win three times in
four starts and was second in Saturday’s Woodchopper S. at
Fair Grounds. She has since produced a yearling colt by Into
Mischief, a weanling colt by Distorted Humor and she visited
Medaglia d’Oro this spring. The winner’s third dam is GSW and
GI Oak Leaf S. runner-up Call Now (Wild Again). This is also the
extended Winchell family ofGISWs Olympico (Naskra) and Cuvee
(Carson City). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $36,600. Click for the
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style pedigree. VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
O-St. Elias Stable; B-Dell Ridge Farm, LLC (KY); T-Todd A.
Pletcher.

6th-GP, $36,000, Msw, 12-31, 2yo, 7 1/2fT, 1:30.53, fm.
+PAGLIACCI (c, 2, Pioneertown—Clever Feline, by Officer)
got up in the final jump of a blanket finish to graduate first out
for a generally patient barn. Sporting a bullet breeze on the
Payson dirt in :49 flat (1/21) Dec. 14, the bay took a good
amount of money to be 29-5 by post and contested the early
lead before settling in third. Stalking a moderate pace of :24.73
and :49 flat, the homebred tipped into the clear in mid-stretch
and closed stoutly in the three path to just get his head down
first. Pacesetting Wannabeaplayer (Smart Strike) was second by
another nose over Harlan’s Quest (Harlan’s Holiday). The
winner’s dam produced a Soldat colt in 2015 and was bred to
Pioneertown the Nile’s son Cairo Prince this past spring. Sales
history: $185,000 RNA Ylg ’15 KEESEP; $41,600. Click for the
Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored
by Fasig-Tipton.
O/B-Harvey A. Clarke (KY); T-William I. Mott.
out widest turning for home. She kicked past her foes with ease at the head of the lane, and continued to impress from there to the tune of a 3 3/4-length victory, the first in the U.S. for French rider Anthony Crastus. Youngest Daughter (The Factor) completed the exacta. The winner’s stakes-placed year-older half-sister Conquest Babayaga (Uncle Mo) sold for $210,000 at the Conquest Stables dispersal at Keeneland November. Undercover Justice, a half-sister to Grade I-winning juvenile filly Negligee (Northern Afleet), produced a full-sister to the winner in 2016 before being bred back to Uncle Mo. Sales history: $80,000 RNA Ylg ’15 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, $15,815. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O/B-Bill Justice (KY); T-Christophe Clement.

10th-GP, $48K, Opt. Clm. ($75K), 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 4:34 p.m. ET

Robert Masterson’s TAMIT (IRE) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) looks to take her record to two-for-two in this test after a “TDN Rising Star” worthy debut at Keeneland Oct. 22. Running near the back well off respectable early fractions, the Mark Casse pupil unleashed a devastating turn of foot to graduate by 3 3/4 lengths. Casse also saddles Dixiana Farms’ GALE FORCE (GIANT’S CAUSEWAY), a daughter of Canadian Horse of the Year Sealy Hill (Point Given). The chestnut donned cap and gown at first asking in the GIII Mazarine S. on the Woodbine synthetic Oct. 8, but failed to fire when seventh last time over the Churchill lawn Nov. 16. TJCIS PPs.

--Christie DeBernardis

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Saturday’s Results:

ALEX M. ROBB S., $100,000, AQU, 12-31, (S), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:45.41, ft.

1--SEND IT IN, 119, g, 4, Big Brown--Sharp Instinct, by Awesome Again. O/B-Paul P. Pompa, Jr. (NY); T-Todd A. Pletcher; J-Manuel Franco. $60,000. Lifetime Record: 14-7-3-2, $338,414.

2--Empire Dreams, 117, g, 5, Patriot Act--Ascended Dreams, by Thunder Gulch. ($35,000 2yo ’13 OBSAPR). O-West Point Thoroughbreds; B-Pegasus Dream Stable (NY); T-Thomas Albertrani. $20,000.

3--Testosterstone, 115, g, 5, Birdstone--A. P. Test, by A.P. Indy. O-Yellow Moon Stable; B-Fox Ridge Farm, Inc. (NY); T-Gary Sciacca. $10,000. Lifetime Record: 18-8-3-1, $183,993.

Margins: 3 3/4, 2HF, 4 3/4. Odds: 0.65, 5.90, 19.70.
Also Ran: Becker's Galaxy, Good Luck Gus, Iron Power, Wake Up in Malibu.

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7th-AQU, $57,000, (S), Alw, 12-31, (NW1$X), 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:44.52, ft.
RYDER ROAD (c, 3, Bellamy Road--Zippy Shannon (SW, $241,099), by City Zip) popped an imposing 83 Beyer Speed Figure in wiring a field of state-bred maidens by a nose going six panels at Belmont Sept. 14, but never reached contention in a first-level allowance at that trip, finishing a disappointing fifth of six as the 2-1 chalk at the Big A Nov. 17. Tying two turns here as a 14-1 overlay, Len Riggio’s homebred was ridden away aggressively from the stalls and was able to cross and clear passing the seven-furlong marker, but Papa Shot (Distorted Humor) refused to let the longshot leader get away. Aaron Gryder kept Ryder Road under a busy ride and looked in danger turning for home, as Papa Shot loomed up, but the chestnut hugged the golden rail and ultimately held sway by three-parts of a length. The winner’s dam produced a Tale of the Cat filly in 2015, a filly by Oxbow in 2016 and was most recently bred to this owner’s Stephanoatsee (A.P. Indy), the SW & MGSP half-brother to GI Preakness S. hero Shackleford (Forestry). Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, $71,910. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton. O-August Dawn Farm; B-O’Sullivan Farms LLC (WV); T-Gary Sciacca.

3rd-AQU, $50,000, Msw, 12-31, 2yo, 6f, 1:11.15, ft.
GRUMPELSTILTSKIN (g, 2, Successful Appeal--Shesagrumptoo (MSW, $453,005), by Luftikus) chased a hot pace before fading to sixth over track and trip Dec. 10, and was 6-1 to step forward this time around. Right to the front over a decidedly speed-friendly strip, the $50,000 EASOCT yearling, campaigned by NFL legend Bill Parcells, shook free of his pursuer in upper stretch and responded to encouragement to hold safe favored Miggsy (Hard Spun) by a length. Three-time runner-up Condo Prince (Paddy O’Prado) broke down and was euthanized. The winner’s dam is a half to Charles Town superstar and $2 million earner Russell Road (Wheaton). She produced a Northern Afleet filly in 2015 and a full-brother to Grumpelstiltskin this season before being bred back to Midshipman. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $36,400. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton. O-My Meadowview Farm LLC (NY); T-Richard A Violette Jr.

1st-AQU, $55,000, (S), Msw, 12-31, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:45.51, ft.
PLAY ME A MEMORY (f, 3, D’ Funnybone--Ducky Firefly, by Watch the Bird) was a green third at 41-1 on debut Oct. 4 at Parx and crossed the wire first there Oct. 25 before being disqualified one place for drifting out in the lane. Second sprinting here after setting a fast pace Nov. 25, the bay was crushed down to 45 cents on the dollar in this stretchout attempt and dictated terms through splits of :24.75 and :48.84. Shaken up passing the three-furlong pole, the favorite steadily drew away in the lane despite swapping leads a few times, hitting the wire 10 1/4 lengths to the good. Hey Lady (Discreetly Mine) was a clear second at 44-1. The winner’s dam is responsible for a yearling filly by Heavy Breathing named Carolina Causeway. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-1, $67,250. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton. O-Gregory Goldman; B-Gregory Goldman MD & D’Funnybone Syndicate (NY); T-Ramon F. Martin.

Ortiz, Brown, Dubb Capture NYRA Year-End Titles:
Jockey Jose Ortiz won his first riding title, trainer Chad Brown locked up the training title for a second straight year and Michael Dubb was the leading owner for a third consecutive year at the New York Racing Association’s three facilities in 2016.
Ortiz, the nation’s leading rider by number of victories in 2016, racked up 319 winners this year at Aqueduct, Belmont and Saratoga, with earnings of over $20 million. The 23-year-old annexed his first Angel Cordero, Jr. award over the summer at Saratoga with 65 wins, in addition to earning the title over the Aqueduct inner track and the spring meeting at the Big A. He rode 78 winners during the Belmont spring/summer meeting.
Three of Ortiz’s four Grade I riding successes came in New York, while Oscar Performance (Kitten’s Joy) provided the Puerto Rico native with his first Breeders’ Cup victory in the GI Juvenile Turf.
Ortiz’s brother Irad Ortiz, Jr. finished second in the standings with 295 wins. They were the only two jockeys to ride better than 200 winners in New York in 2016.
It was another wildly successful season for Brown, who bettered his 2015 winning number of 131 by four this season. His runners earned better than $15 million while finishing in the money nearly 60% of the time. Of Brown’s 12 Grade I wins in 2016, eight came in New York, including efforts by Flintshire (GB) (Dansili (GB)), Lady Eli (Divine Park), Dacita (Chi) (Scat Dady), Connect (Curlin), Practical Joke (Into Mischief) and Wake Forest (Ger) (Sir Percy (GB)).
Dubb’s 78 winners were enough for a fifth owners’ title and third straight after being represented by 58 winners in 2015. He also won in 2010 and 2012.
MARYLANDER S., $99,000, LRL, 12-31, 2yo, 7f, 1:22.71, ft.
1--IRISH WAR CRY, 120, c, 2, by Curlin
  1st Dam: Irish Sovereign, by Polish Numbers
  2nd Dam: Irish Genius, by Beau Genius
  3rd Dam: Irish Trip (GB), by Saint Crespin III (GB)
O/B-Isabelle deTomaso (NJ); T-H. Graham Motion; J-Feargal Lynch. $60,000. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, $82,800.

2--O Dionysus, 120, c, 2, Bodemeister--Safe Journey, by Flatter. ($190,000 Ylg '15 EASOCT). O-Marathon Farms, Inc.; B-Dark Hollow Farm (MD); T-Gary Capuano. $20,000.

3--Undulated, 120, c, 2, Curlin--Polly Alexander (Ire), by Foxhound. ($110,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP; $625,000 2yo '16 OBSMAR). O-M M G Stables, LLC; B-Nicholas J. Sibilio (KY); T-Cathal A. Lynch. $10,000.

Margins: NO, 10, 1. Odds: 0.30, 6.70, 3.90.
Also Ran: Two Charley's, Alive. Scratched: Cape Lookout, Always a Suspect.

Irish War Cry overcame some early greenness and gamely prevailed in a stretch battle to back up his ‘TDN Rising Star’ selection and narrowly capture this stakes debut. Debuting locally Nov. 11, the chestnut was an extremely impressive winner, making a sudden, wide move on the far turn and flying home in :23.01 for his final quarter en route to a 4 1/2-length tally. Hammered down to 3-10 for this stakes debut, Irish War Cry fought the rating attempt of his rider as he sat a close second through a :23.90 quarter set by fellow ‘Rising Star’ and last-out Swynford S. winner Undulated. Moving to the lead early on the turn, he was soon challenged by O Dionysus and engaged in a ding-dong battle with that one throughout the stretch before slimly prevailing. “His first out was very good and we were very impressed with him,” offered Aidran Rolls, assistant to trainer Graham Motion. “He’s trained on and improved. He’s a pretty easy horse to train; he’s very relaxed... Today he kind of jumped out of the gate and was on the bridle very early and I think it surprised [Feargal Lynch] a little bit. He had plenty of horse and gave him a good ride. He just kept him where he was comfortable. He got to idling a little bit in front but when the other horse came to him he kicked in again. It was very close again at the end but [Feargal] was confident he had enough horse.” The winner’s dam produced a yearling filly by Lookin At Lucky earlier this term before being bred back to Graydar. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

Saturday’s Results:
GIN TALKING S., $100,000, LRL, 12-31, 2yo, f, 7f, 1:22.43, ft.
1--#MS LOCUST POINT, 119, f, 2, by Dialed In
  1st Dam: Whisper Number, by First Samurai
  2nd Dam: Santerra, by Tejado
  3rd Dam: Sioux City, by Carson City
($17,000 Ylg '15 KEEJAN; $27,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEESEP). O-Jim Reichenberg & Bruno De Julio; B-Lesley Campion (KY); T-John C. Servis; J-Jorge A. Vargas, Jr. $60,000. Lifetime Record: 2-2-1-0, $105,000. *3rd SW for freshman sire (by Mineshaft)

LAVE'S END RAISED & SOLD

Lucky in Malibu, 119, f, 2, Lookin At Lucky--Slow and Steady, by Malibu Moon. O/B-ZWP Stable Inc. & Non Stop Stable (MD); T-Gary Capuano. $10,000.

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Also Ran: Squan's Kingdom, Aiden's Rag Doll, Cold Hearted Pearl, Bubbly. Scratched: Star Touch, Pink Cashmere.

Ms Locust Point made every pole a winning one and romped without a challenge as the favorite in the Gin Talking S. at Laurel.

Taking all the money first out Oct. 16 at Parx, the chestnut set a fast pace before settling for second, then graduated by open lengths in Bensalem Nov. 27. Off as the heavy chalk in this stakes debut, Ms Locust Point broke alertly and quickly opened up on the field, running loose through a :22.67 quarter. Continuing on an uncontested lead through a :45.62 half, she never had an anxious moment in the lane, coasting home well to the good of Star Super, who was clearly second-best.

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THIRTY EIGHT GO GO S., $100,000, LRL, 12-31, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:35.58, ft.
1--HIGH RIDGE ROAD, 118, f, 4, Quality Road--Detect, by Devil’s Bag. ($180,000 Ylg ’13 KEES; $350,000 2yo ’14 OBSAPR). O-Martin S. Schwartz; B-Betz, Kidder, Blackburn, Lamantia, J. Betz, Graves & Davidson (KY); T-Linda Rice; J-Horacio Karamanos. $60,000. Lifetime Record: GSP, 10-4-2-3, $233,990. *1/2 to Senor Rojo (Out of Place), GSW, $485,621; and Connie and Michael (Roman Ruler), GISP, $136,860.

2--By the Moon, 118, f, 4, Indian Charlie--By the Light, by Malibu Moon. O-Jay Em Ess Stable; B-Samantha Siegel (KY); T-Michelle Nevin. $20,000.

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3--Anisible, 118, f, 4, Street Sense--Chief’s Honey, by Chief’s Crown. ($180,000 Ylg ’13 KEES). O-Green Lantern Stables LLC; B-Mike Abraham (KY); T-Christophe Clement. $10,000.

DAVE’S FRIEND S., $100,000, LRL, 12-31, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.74, ft.
1--HEAVEN’S RUNWAY, 122, h, 6, Run Away And Hide--Heavens Passport, by Awesome Again. O-Michael Dubb; B-Dr. K. K. & Dr. V. Devi Jayaraman (KY); T-Rudy R. Rodriguez; J-Cornelio H. Velasquez. $60,000. Lifetime Record: GSW, 42-7-4-7, $597,925. *1/2 to Holy Heavens (Holy Bull), SW & MGSP, $257,633.

2--Chief Lion, 120, g, 6, Wildcat Heir--Pretty Indian, by Indian Charlie. ($35,000 Ylg ’11 OBSWIN; $15,000 Ylg ’11 KEES; $75,000 RNA 2yo ’12 BAR). O/T-David Jacobson; B-Harold J. Plumbley (FL). $20,000.

3--Sir Rockport, 118, g, 4, Rockport Harbor--Wonderous Woman, by Partner’s Hero. ($15,000 Ylg ’13 EASEP). O-Amenta Racing Stables, LLC; B-Legacy Farm & R. Larry Johnson (VA); T-Guadalupe Preciado. $10,000.

Margins: HF, 1, NO. Odds: 2.50, 1.00, 22.90.

Also Ran: Chublicious, Measured, Bodhisattva. Scratched: Never Gone South, Day of Fury, Rockinn On Bye, Sonny Inspired.

Claimed from the barn of David Jacobson for $50,000 on the back of a fourth-place effort sprinting over the Belmont lawn July 4. Heaven’s Runway was then haltered in a $50,000 tagger by these connections in his very next start, leaving the barn of Steve Asmussen and owner Ben Mondello and completing the superfecta at Saratoga July 30. The 6-year-old bounced back to second in an optional claimer switched to the sod there Aug. 28 and he was fourth downhill in grassy Belmont affair Oct. 14. A neck winner of the GII Fall Highweight H. at Aqueduct Nov. 24, Heaven’s Runway was content to eyeball the leaders perched in third behind a .23 flat opening quarter. He rallied three deep with a quarter-mile remaining and reeled in the pacesetter for a narrow victory to make it two consecutive wins.

“My horse keeps improving and every time he is much better," said winning jockey Cornelio Velasquez. “I think three-quarters is his good distance for him. I think he’s tough in there. Today he broke good and had good position and at the three-eighths pole I started to put pressure on the horse in front. He ran a big race." Heavens Prospect produced unraced filly Heavens Pulpit (Hansen in 2014, a filly named Heaven’s Humor (Drosselmeyer) in 2015 and a full-brother to the last-named in 2016. She was covered by Guilt Trip later on this spring. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
FOREVER LIESL (f, 2, Mineshaft--Ava Pie, by Distorted Humor) missed by just a half-length when a debut second sprinting six panels at Aqueduct Nov. 27, and was sent off as the 8-5 second choice Saturday. Taking charge from the bell from her wide draw, the bay had things all her own way on the front end, but began to feel the pressure from a duo to her outside on the far turn. Briefly relegated to third against the paint through three-quarters in 1:12.89, she battled back up the inside and proved too game for her rivals, surging clear late to win by 5 1/4 lengths over Lift Up (Ghostzapper). Forever Liesl is the last foal produced from Ava Pie, a daughter of MGSW Lakenheath (Colonial Affair), who was covered by Mineshaft for the third consecutive year this spring. Sales history: $67,000 Ylg '15 FTKOCT; $80,000 RNA 2yo '16 OBSOPEN. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, $34,800. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Kallenberg Farms; B-Farm III (FL); T-Michelle Nevin.

Second Horse Tests Positive for EHV-1 at Fair Grounds:

A second horse domiciled in barn 14 on the Fair Grounds backstretch and returned a positive test for Equine Herpesvirus (EHV-1). The horse, trained by Jeff Thornbury, is the second to test positive in barn 14, which has been under a mandated quarantine by the Louisiana Department of Agriculture. The affected horse has been removed from the general horse population, has been isolated and will have no interaction with the rest of the backstretch. The mandated 14-day quarantine, which was instituted Dec. 26, has been reset and begins anew effective Saturday. All horse remaining in barn 14 will be monitored and if no horses test positive for the virus and are not symptomatic, the quarantine may be lifted at the discretion of the state department of agriculture. EHV-1 can be accompanied by neurological symptoms and is a potentially fatal disease for equines.

The quarantine will not have any impact on horses shipping in, provided they arrive with proper vaccination documentation.

Believe in Bertie thrashed state-bred optional claiming foes at five cents on the dollar over this surface Nov. 26, and was similarly dominant against much tougher competition here while lowering the course record by about a fifth of a second. Basically running off up front, the Klein homebred blew the race apart on the home bend and proved not for catching in a jaw-dropping effort. A state-bred stakes winner at Evangeline Downs in July, Believe in Bertie was second in the Indiana Grand S. Sept. 7 and fourth after setting a hot pace in Belmont S. Oct. 15. The dark bay’s second dam is MGSW/GISP Allamerican Bertie (Quiet American). She has a newly turned 2-year-old half-sister by the Kleins’ Country Day, and her dam was bred to Afleet Alex this past breeding season. Click for the Equibase.com chart.
LOUISIANA FUTURITY, $100,800, FG, 12-31, (S), 2yo, f, 6f, 1:10.64, gd.

1--MR. AL’S GAL, 122, f, 2, by Salute the Sarge
   1st Dam: Spanish Ice (MSP, $133,920), by Spanish Steps
   2nd Dam: Lemon Ice, by Sovereign Dancer
   3rd Dam: Stacked, by Well Decorated
   ($1,000 Ylg ’15 ESLMIX). O-Rodney Virgadamo & Keith Bonura;
   B-J. Adcock & Neal Mccadden (LA); T-Justin Jeansonne;
   J-Richard E. Eramia. $60,480. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, $85,280.

2--Princess Samurai, 122, f, 2, First Samurai--Interruption, by
   Conquistador Cielo. ($24,000 Ylg ’15 ESLYRL). O-Darlene &
   Mike Peterson; B-Orange Grove Thoroughbreds, Inc. (LA); T-W.
   Bret Calhoun. $20,160.

3--Quarter Carat, 122, f, 2, Diamondinthestream, by Smart Strike.
   ($3,200 RNA Ylg ’15 ESLYRL). O/B-Stacey Moak (LA); T-Albert M. Stall, Jr. $11,088.

June 18, Mr. Al’s Gal grudgingly gave way to second against similar in
a Delta Downs allowance Nov. 26. In command from the bell, the dark bay
clearly relished the slop, establishing a
1 1/2-length lead through a half-mile
in :45.65, before drawing off
powerfully to win by double-digits at
the line. Click for the Equibase.com chart.

WOODCHOPPER S., $74,250, FG, 12-31, 3yo, 1mT, 1:35.98, fm.

1--ONE MEAN MAN, 118, c, 3, Miszen Mast--Abbeyville Miss,
   by Grand Slam. O-Hillerich Racing LLC & Bernard S. Flint;
   B-Bernard Flint & Ron Hillerich (KY); T-Bernard S. Flint; J-Robby
   Bret Calhoun. $45,000. Lifetime Record: 18-7-3-1, $464,597. *Full
   B-Bernard Flint & Ron Hillerich (KY); T-Bernard S. Flint; J-Robby
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   Bret Calhoun. $45,000. Lifetime Record: 18-7-3-1, $464,597. *Full

Also Ran: Mav, Sir Dudley Digges, Zapperini, Hay Dakota, Ikerrin
Road (Ire). Scratched: Dolphus, Royal Lion, Way Striking, Wildcat
Wish, Inside Straight, Explosive Kowboy, Seeking the Soul.

One Mean Man displayed his gameness once again to earn his
fifth stakes win of the 2016 campaign in the Woodchopper S.

Scoring by a neck in the Keith Gee Memorial S. here Jan. 31,
the gray later registered a half-length tally in the GII American
Derby July 9 at Arlington and took a nose decision in the Mystic
Lake Derby Aug. 27 at Canterbury. Victorious again
in the off-the-turf Jefferson Cup S. Oct. 1 at Churchill, he
most recently finished
seventh in the GII
Commonwealth Turf S. under
the Twin Spire Nov. 12.

Made the narrow favorite
in this spot, One Mean Man broke smoothly and found a good
spot in third just off the rail behind dueling leaders Tiznoble and
Ikerrin Road (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB}) through a :24.06 quarter. The
former made a break for it passing a :48.33 half, but One Mean
Man drew within a length of the front at the top of
the straightaway and took over at the eighth pole before beating back
the stubborn runner-up for a close tally. Cordon was
another head back in third. Click for the Equibase.com chart.

3rd-FG, $43,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($17,500), 12-31,
3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:45.75, ft.

SHAKEN (f, 3, Uncle Mo—Seattle Shimmer, by Seattle Slew)
scored a professional victory in her debut sprinting here last
January and acquitted herself well when third in the GII Rachel
Alexandra S. Feb. 20. Laid up for over 10 months and switched from
the Mike Stidham barn since, the bay returned as the 9-10
favorite in this spot and broke a bit awkwardly before going on
to lead into the clubhouse turn. Showing the way through
dawdling fractions of :25.53 and :49.73, the bay was confronted
by second choice Sardinia (Tapit) midway around the far bend
and appeared beaten for most of the stretch battle, but
resolutely kept on to deny that one by a neck in the dying
strides. The winner is a half to Sway Away (Afleet Alex), MGSP,
$206,800. Her dam is responsible for a 2-year-old Unbridled
Song colt named Hashtag Fast and foaled a Will Take Charge colt
in 2016 before visiting another Unbridled colt.

Margins: HD, HD, 1 3/4. Odds: 3.00, 6.80, 17.70.
4th-FG, $38,000, Msw, 12-31, 2yo, f, 5 1/2fT, 1:02.93, fm. +SUMMERTIME SKY (f, 2, Sky Mesa--Eccellenza (Chi) (Ch. 2yo & 3yo Filly-Chi, MG1SW-Chi, $104,778), by Edgy Diplomat) took all the money at the windows and was sent off as the 5-2 crowd’s pick in this maiden voyage. Racing in midfield as the leading duo battled for superiority, the Oxley homebred made her move toward the lead after a half-mile in :45.37. Still with work to do in the home straight, Summertime Sky hit another gear and dashed past all comers in the shadow of the wire to win going away by 1 1/2 lengths over Aiken to Be (Aikenite), who pressed the pace in second for most of the race and briefly held the advantage in deep stretch. A full-sister to fellow champion juvenile filly in Chile, Escania (Chi) (Edgy Diplomat), Eccellenza has yet to produce a foal since Summertime Sky. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $22,800. Click for the Equibase.com chart. 

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

Friday Night’s Results:
LOOKOUT S., $65,000, DED, 12-30, (C), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40.71, ft.
1--ILLUSSION ARTIST, 122, f, 3, Drosselmeyer--Art of Illusion, by Forest Wildcat. ($80,000 Ylg '14 ESLYRL). O-Steve Landers Racing LLC; B-4 M Ranch (LA); T-Brad H. Cox; J-Ashley Broussard. $39,000. Lifetime Record: 5-4-0-1, $135,320. *1/2 to My Spanx (A. P. Delta), MSW, $134,930; Illusion of Speed (Trippi), SP, $188,726.

2--Strike Pleasure, 120, m, 5, Tenpins--Begue, by My Friend Max. ($5,200 Ylg '12 TEXAUG). O-Collinsworth Thoroughbred Racing LLC; B-Marc & Jill Winston (LA); T-Henry B. Johnson, Jr. $11,700.


Illusion Artist aired by 7 1/2 lengths in her Indiana unveiling Sept. 7, and added an allowance tally at Keeneland Oct. 13 and an optional claiming score at Churchill a month after that. Third with a tough trip in the restricted Louisiana Champions Day Ladies Sprint at Fair Grounds Dec. 10, the dark bay was a prohibitive favorite in this first two-turn attempt. Far out of it in the early going, Illusion Artist came alive on the home bend and inhaled her foes with a head-turning move while out wide. She was confidently ridden from there, and won as she pleased. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

8th-TP, $18,582, Msw, 12-30, 2yo, f, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.64, ft. SO FANCY (f, 2, Tapit--French Dip (SW, $141,348), by Speightstown) rounded out the trifecta for the Rodriguez barn in April at Aqueduct, and was fourth at Belmont June 12. She was transferred to Chad Brown for a turf try at Saratoga Aug. 8, but could only manage a seventh-place finish behind ’TDN Rising Star’, subsequent stakes winner and eventual GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf runner-up Toasted (Tizway). Making her first start for another new outfit here, the $500,000 FTKJUL buy stalked from the inside and tipped out on the turn en route to a 1 1/2-length graduation at 4-1. Stablemate Charity Stripe (Successful Appeal) completed the exacta. The winner’s second dam is GISW Mayo on the Side (French Deputy). Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, $25,182. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton. 

O-Robert V. LaPenta; B-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd. (KY); T-Ben Colebrook.

APPOINTMENTS
John Engelhardt: Executive Director of the Ohio Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners
- “The Board of Directors feel very comfortable with John in this position,” O.T.B.O. Vice President Tom McCann said. “We believe he will do an outstanding job. We are looking forward to working with him. The industry in Ohio is facing new challenges and we trust John will step up to meet them.”

Engelhardt, a graduate of the University of Dayton, has worked in Thoroughbred racing in various capacities for 33 years, including the past six years as a marketing and advertising consultant for Pinnacle Entertainment and Belterra Park.

- "I'm blessed to be in this position at this period of Ohio history," Engelhardt said. "Purses are growing at the tracks; breeder's awards have been expanded and we are seeing progressive growth in the quality and quantity of broodmares and stallions with impressive pedigrees and proven race records."
Saturday’s Results:

1st-SA, $57,698, Alw (NW1$X), Opt. Clm ($40,000), 12-31, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m (off turf), 1:38.03, sy.

ALWAYS BELIEVE (f, 3, Archarcharch--She Cat, by Bluegrass Cat), a maiden winner at second asking in February, was a distant eighth to Friday’s Kalookan Queen S. winner Bad Ju Ju (Desert Code) in an optional tagger two back Nov. 6 and was exiting a seventh sprinting over the Del Mar turf Nov. 25. Tying a distance of ground for the first time in this rain-soaked affair, the 23-5 joint-second favorite was hard-sent by Martin Pedroza, kicked clear when asked leaving the quarter pole and reported home a three-length winner. Favored Shazara (Sky Mesa) was bothered at the break and rallied from last to complete the exacta. The winner is kin to Colonist (Pioneerof the Nile), a $300,000 KEENOV graduate, and a weanling colt by Blame. She Cat, a half-sister to GSW Palmeiro (Pleasant Tap), returned to that Claiborne stallion in 2016. Sales history: $42,000 Wlg ’13 and is a $399,430. *1/2 to Jet Black Magic (Hold Me Back), GSW, $141,800. *1/2 to Jet Black Magic (Hold Me Back), GSW, $399,430.

First-crop starters to watch: Sunday, January 1

Sire (Sire’s Sire), current farm, 2013 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/
BlackTypeWns * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

AMERICAIN (Dynaformer), Calumet Farm, $20K, 40/2/0

BIONDETTI (Bernardini), Woodford Thoroughbreds, $4K, 69/10/0

BULLET TRAIN (GB) (Sadler’s Wells), Crestwood Farm, $7.5K, 45/3/1

DOMINUS (Smart Strike), Spendthrift Farm, $6.5K, 50/9/2

GET STORMY (Stormy Atlantic), Crestwood Farm, $5K, 70/7/0

HIGHTAIL (Mineshaft), Trophy Club Training Center, 3/1/0

INDIAN FIREWATER (Indian Charlie), Doubletree Farm, $3K, 25/4/0

REDDING COLLIERY (Mineshaft), Red River Farms, $2K, 34/4/0

SHACKLEFORD (Forestry), Darby Dan Farm, $20K, 40/2/0

TAPIZAR (Tapit), Gainesway Farm, $15K, 122, g, 2, by Half Ours

3rd Dam: Gallant Lady J., by Lyphard

2nd Dam: Alittlebitsuperior, by Total Departure

1st Dam: Rhodelia, by Silver Deputy

BREEDERS’ EDITION

STAKES RESULTS:

LOUISIANA FUTURITY, $100,000, FG, 12-31, (S), 2yo, c/g, 6f, 1:11.68, gd.

1--JACK SNIPE’S, 122, g, 2, by Half Ours

1st Dam: Rhodelia, by Silver Deputy

2nd Dam: Alittlebitsuperior, by Total Departure

3rd Dam: Gallant Lady J., by Lyphard

($15,000 RNA Ylg ‘15 BSCYRL). O-Jeff Drown & Gary M. Scherer;

B-Clear Creek Stud Llc (LA); T-Gary M. Scherer; J-Donnie J. Meche.

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Sales history: $100,000 2yo ‘16 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record:

year by Flat Out and she was covered by Tapiture this term.

prevailing by a nose. Venus Rosewater has a weanling filly of this

Courage (Unbridled lane and soon found himself locked in battle with Honor and

leading duo, Sheer Flattery reached contention turning into the

kickback on the backstretch run. Keeping a close eye on the

the Hollendorfer trainee was caught five deep going into the

next-out winners in addition to Sheer Flattery. Sent off at 7-2,

(Bodeimeister), although the race has already produced two

only manage fifth behind the highly regarded American Anthem

dropped too far back going that trip at Del Mar Dec. 3 and could

Futurity hero Mastery (Candy Ride {Arg}) in Arcadia Oct. 22. He

second to

furlongs at Los Alamitos in his career bow Sept. 24 and ran

Slam)

SHEER FLATTERY (c, 2, Flatter--Venus Rosewater, by Grand Slam) showed some late interest to take fourth going six

furlongs at Los Alamitos in his career bow Sept. 24 and ran

egal to take fourth going six

Saturday, January 1

Sire (Sire’s Sire), current farm, 2013 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/
Louisiana Futurity cont.

2--Run Away Ralph, 122, c, 2, Custom for Carlos--Lucky Haley, by Forty Won. ($26,000 RNA Ylg '15 OBSAUG; $19,500 Ylg '15 BSCYRL). O-Energy Solutions Consultants, LLC; B-Trey LaVoice (LA); T-Edward J. Johnston. $20,000.

3--Street Honor, 122, c, 2, Street Boss--Noon Delight, by Broken Vow. ($11,700 Ylg '15 BSCYRL). O-Norman Stables, LLC; B-Darlene & Jeff Wahman (LA); T-Lonnie Briley. $11,000.

Margins: NK, 2, 1. Odds: 1.70, 10.40, 17.00.

JENNINGS S., $74,250, LRL, 12-31, (S), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:36.34, ft.

1--JOHN JONES, 120, g, 4, Smarty Jones--Chrusciki (MSW, $322,828), by Polish Numbers. O-Matthew Schera; B-Nancy Lee Farms (MD); T-Lacey Gaudet; J-Luis Garcia. $45,000. Lifetime Record: 20-8-1-1, $329,126.

2--Rockinn On Bye, 118, g, 5, Rock Hard Ten--Welcome Inn, by Orientate. ($6,500 Ylg '12 EASSEP). O-Stephen R. Ferguson; B-Sycamore Hall Farm LLC (MD); T-Stephen M. Casey. $15,000.

3--Kaitain, 118, g, 5, Kitalpha--Lucky Dance, by Kafwain. ($19,000 RNA Ylg '12 EASSEP). O-Wayne Harrison, Robert Manfuso & K. M. Voss; B-Robert T. Manfuso & Katharine M. Voss (MD); T-Katharine M. Voss. $7,500.

Margins: 5, HD, 1HF. Odds: 0.50, 8.40, 7.10.

PAN ZARETA S., $50,000, FG, 12-31, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:36.34, ft.

1--KATHBALLU, 124, f, 4, Bluegrass Cat--Abba Gold (MSP, $179,732), by Devil's Bag. O/B-Five D Thoroughbreds LLC (KY); T-Kenneth G McPeek; J-Florent Geroux. $31,000. Lifetime Record: MGSP, 22-6-3-3, $327,864. *Full to Kathmanblu, MGSW & GISP, $584,327.

2--Power of Snunner, 118, m, 6, Power by Far--Snunner, by Yarrow Brae. O/B-James M Courtney (PA); T-Joe Sharp. $10,000.

3--Calypso Run, 118, f, 4, Harlan's Holiday--Emma Carly, by Unbridled's Song. ($55,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP). O-Barry & Joni Butzow; B-Tom Evans, Tenlane Farm & Oratis (KY); T-Joe Sharp. $5,000.

Margins: 3HF, 2 3/4, HF. Odds: 0.80, 5.10, 12.40.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-PRX, $43,000, (S), 12-31, (C), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:37.35, ft.

DISCO ROSE (f, 3, Weigelia--Katarica Disco, by Disco Rico) Lifetime Record: GSP, 20-2-0-0, $269,680. O-LC Racing; B-Wynoaks Farm, LLC & St. Omer's Farm (PA); T-Robert E Reid Jr. $25,000 Ylg '14 EASSEP. **Ful to Fat Kat, SW, $377,868.

10th-FG, $43,000, (S), 12-31, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:43.71, ft.

STAND HIM UP (g, 4, Time Bandit--Taffy Davenport, by Miswaki) Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, $49,800. O/B-Hay Hollow Racing Stables LLC (LA); T-Howard Alonzo.

6th-DED, $32,600, 12-30, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 1/8f, 1:20.21, ft.

FLYING CAT (g, 3, Early Flyer--Hadif Cat, by Hadif) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, $29,820. O-Douglas Scharbauer; B-Clarence Scharbauer (TX); T-W. Bret Calhoun. *Full to Sword Trick, MSW, $210,130; Tastefullyexcessive, SW, $146,988; 1/2 to Fiftyshadesofgold (Golden Song), GSW, $420,521.

7th-SA, $57,380, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($40,000), 12-31, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:15.54, sy.

DEAD EASY (g, 6, Eddington--Stormy Playmate, by Sky Classic) Lifetime Record: 27-4-7-5, $204,250. O/B-Magenta Racing, Inc. (LA); T-Richard Rosales.

10th-FG, $43,000, (S), 12-31, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.56, gd.

STAND HIM UP (g, 4, Time Bandit--Taffy Davenport, by Miswaki) Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, $49,800. O/B-Hay Hollow Racing Stables LLC (LA); T-Howard Alonzo.

3rd-CT, $33,867, Opt. Clm ($40,000), 12-31, 2yo, 1m (AWT), 1:39.15, ft.

MORE POWER TO HIM (c, 2, Slew's Tiznow--Pundit, by Beau Genius) Lifetime Record: SP, 5-2-0-1, $52,593. O/B-Brett Mason (CA); T-Faith Taylor. *1/2 to Bleach Blonde ( Marino Marini), MSP, $316,358.

6th-PEN, $30,680, 12-30, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:43.71, ft.

SWEET CORINNA (f, 4, Corinthian--Sweet Sugaree {SP}, by Tiznow) Lifetime Record: 18-4-2-1, $103,334. O-Scott H. Fairlie; B-Gabe Grossberg (KY); T-Scott H. Fairlie.

9th-DED, $30,000, 12-30, (NW2L), 2yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:21.43, ft.

KAT'S INFATUATION (f, 2, Silver City--Red Thread, by Devil His Due) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-2, $41,574. O/B-Wayne Sanders & Larry Hirsch (TX); T-W. Bret Calhoun.

7th-CT, $24,500, (S), 12-30, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:20.20, ft.

ROYAL BLUE (g, 3, Windsor Castle--Prize Secret, by Corridor Key) Lifetime Record: 10-3-2-1, $58,365. O/B-Gary Hemp (WV); T-Mike E. Butts.

5th-CT, $24,000, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 1/16f, 1:48.74, ft.

ROCKET ROAD (g, 3, Officer Rocket {GB}--Beboppin Betty {SP, $155,735}, by Bop) Lifetime Record: 19-4-2-3, $73,364. O-Dimitri Racing Stable, Inc.; B-Bybee Road Farm (WV); T-Sandra A. Dono.

8th-CT, $24,500, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($12,500), 12-30, 3yo, 6 1/2f, 1:16m, 1:48.74, ft.

BLAZIN LUCK (g, 3, Friesan Fire--Carni's Luck (MSP), by Carnivalay) Lifetime Record: 14-2-4-0, $51,086. O-Carisa A. Figgins; B-Ollie L. Figgins III & Carisa Figgins (WV); T-Ollie L. Figgins, III.
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9th-CT, $24,000, (S), 12-30, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 4 1/2f, :54.07, ft.

HOLY DIXIELAND (f, 4, Holy Bull--Parade Charade, by Dixieland Band) Lifetime Record: 17-2-4-4, $51,591. O-Abundant Life Stables; B-Ernest Jennings Baisden (WV); T-Jeff C. Runco.

3rd-HAW, $23,112, (NW2$X)/Opt. Clm ($25,000), 12-31, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:18.53, ft.

VILARO (f, 3, Wildcat Heir--Punta Ballena {SP, $115,049}, by Gulch) Lifetime Record: 13-4-2-2, $50,806. O-Dundalk 5 LLC; B-Midwest Thoroughbreds Inc. (FL); T-Dee Poulos.

4th-TUP, $22,000, 12-31, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:44.75, gd.
FIN DE SEMAINE (g, 3, Any Given Saturday--Peggy Fu, by Fusaichi Pegasus) Lifetime Record: 15-2-4-1, $52,766. O-Andy Spitalny; B-H. Allen Poindexter (KY); T-J. Jay Kruljac. *$2,000 Ylg '14 KEEJAN; $14,000 Ylg '14 OBSAUG; $42,000 2yo '15 OBSMAR.

7th-TAM, $21,750, 12-31, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:36.46, fm.

BONITA (f, 3, Bluegrass Cat--Broad Picture {SP, $130,361}, by Broad Brush) Lifetime Record: SP, 11-2-2-4, $79,715. O-Mario Silva; B-Arindel Farm (FL); T-Chad J. Stewart. *$5,000 Ylg '14 OBSAUG; $25,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR.

8th-HAW, $21,528, 12-31, (NW1$X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.74, ft.
FORT LEWIS RIVERS (g, 4, Lewis Michael--Red Duchess, by Helmsman) Lifetime Record: 33-10-6-3, $88,097. O-Larry Elenz & Janice Krueger; B-Takeshi Fujita (KY); T-Joel Berndt. *$12,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Countess St Michel, f, 2, Lewis Michael--Cart's Zenforus, by Cartwright. HAW, 12-31, (S), 6f, 1:12.87. B-Michael Reavis & Dr James Gilman (IL).

Hidden Brook South Grad

+Woodrow, c, 2, Old Fashioned--Susquehanna River, by Trippi. GP, 12-31, (C), 7f, 1:24.99. B-Hope Hill Farm & Thomas McGreevy (MD). *$70,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP.


Mooose, g, 3, Pleasantly Perfect--Dancin 'n Groovin, by Dance Master. TP, 12-30, 6f (AWT), 1:10.29. B-James & Priscilla Potter (KY).