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ALWAYS DREAMING SET TO RETURN TO PLETCHER



Always Dreaming | Sarah K. Andrew

by Ben Massam

Always Dreaming (Bodemeister) blossomed from an immensely talented 3-year-old colt into a GI Kentucky Derby winner at Todd Pletcher's winter base at Palm Beach Downs earlier this year, and after an autumn-long freshening at WinStar Farm, the dual-Grade I winner is scheduled to return to South Florida in the coming week to resume his career as a racehorse. According to WinStar President and CEO Elliott Walden, Always Dreaming has shown good energy in his exercise over WinStar's training track in recent weeks and appears to have fully recovered from a bout with stomach ulcers.

"He's doing great," Walden said Sunday. "He's been here since the first week of September. He had a long campaign through the Derby trail, so we just gave him some time off. He checked out very well, and his stomach ulcers have cleared up. He came in weighing 1,015 lbs. and he's up to 1,140--he just looks great. We've been training him the past month, he's very enthusiastic and looks like the old Always Dreaming. The plan is that he'll go to Todd this week."

WinStar, SF Bloodstock and China Horse Club joined the ownership group of MeB Racing, Brooklyn Boyz, Teresa Viola, St. Elias, Siena Farm and West Point Thoroughbreds to campaign Always Dreaming as a 4-year-old and, ultimately, stand him at stud. **Cont. p3**

A TALE OF TWO STAKES PURSES

The Week in Review, by T.D. Thornton

Imagine if you woke up last week from a Rip Van Winkle-like nap of 20 years and a fellow racing enthusiast told you once-moribund Charles Town Races in West Virginia now hosts a \$1.2 million stakes race for older horses, and that the purse of the GII Charles Town Classic in 2018 could double that of the storied GI Santa Anita H. at Santa Anita Park.

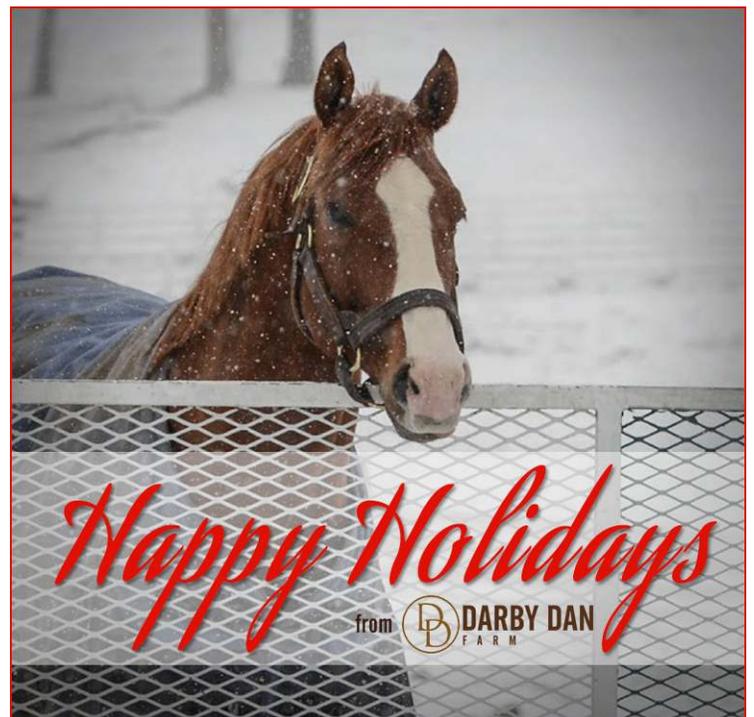
Would you believe your railbird friend? Or, perhaps more importantly, would you be able to comprehend two decades worth of explanations about racinos, the corporatization and consolidation of American racetracks, the shrinking foal crop, and myriad other factors that affect today's racing landscape without your eyes glazing over and nodding back off to sleep for another few years?

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Greyvitos (Malibu Moon) stamped himself as a contender on the trail to the GI Kentucky Derby with a convincing score in Sunday night's \$400,000 Springboard Mile at Remington Park.

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Always Dreaming Set to Return to Pletcher

(cont. from p1)

Walden said the group does not have any concrete plans or target races picked out for the colt, but a return in the spring could be in the cards if all goes according to plan.

Always Dreaming graduated from the maiden ranks last January at Tampa Bay Downs in emphatic fashion and captured the GI Florida Derby two starts later in early April at Gulfstream Park. He was tabbed the slight favorite for the Kentucky Derby by virtue of his three-race win streak in South Florida and did not disappoint, wearing the roses following a 2 3/4-length triumph in the slop on the First Saturday in May. Eighth in the GI Preakness S., he closed out his sophomore campaign with a third in the GI Jim Dandy S. and a ninth-place finish in the GI Travers S. Aug. 26 at Saratoga.



Click [here](#) or above to see video of Always Dreaming galloping at WinStar Farm Saturday.

With all signs pointing to Always Dreaming being back on the right track, Walden said he is thrilled to be part of campaigning a Kentucky Derby winner as a 4-year-old.

“It’s very exciting,” Walden said. “With the talent he’s shown, it’s very exciting to have him coming back. There are a lot of big races and we’re looking forward to him competing.”

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ELLIS SUSPENDED 60 DAYS, FINED \$10,000 FOR MASOCHISTIC POSITIVE

Trainer Ron Ellis has been fined \$10,000 and suspended for 60 days by stewards at Los Alamitos Race Course for a medication violation in the 2016 GI Breeders’ Cup Sprint at Santa Anita with **Masochistic** (Sought After), according to a ruling circulated to the Los Alamitos racing office mid-afternoon Sunday. The ruling was determined by the California Horse Racing Board during their Dec. 14 meeting and carried out by stewards at Los Alamitos, which is the Southern California track with an active race meeting. As



Ron Ellis | Santa Anita photo

initially reported by *Blood-Horse* and *Daily Racing Form* and confirmed by the Los Alamitos racing office, Ellis will be suspended effective New Year’s Day through March 1, 2018.

Los Pollos Hermanos Racing and Jay Em Ess Stable’s Masochistic crossed the wire second behind Drefong (Gio Ponti) at the 2016 World Championships, but was subsequently disqualified after testing positive for the prohibited anabolic steroid stanozolol. Ellis acknowledged that he had administered the steroid to Masochistic 68 days prior to his anticipated start in the Breeders’ Cup, well outside the recommended withdrawal period of 60 days. The Grade I-winning gelding was subjected to out-of-competition testing three times, and Ellis said he was informed three days prior to the Sprint by the equine medical director for the California Horse Racing Board that there was a risk that trace amounts of the steroid could result in a post-race positive.

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Masochistic has since been transferred to the care of trainer Bob Baffert and worked Dec. 14 at Santa Anita. He is unraced since a 13th-place finish in the GII Churchill Downs S. on the GI Kentucky Derby undercard May 6.

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The Week in Review (cont. from p1)

Last week, separate news about projected purses for each of those two stakes shared the sport's headlines. In each case, both tracks believe they are making business decisions that are in the best long-term interest of their racing programs. Yet each is facing similar scrutiny for essentially making opposing choices about how much money to offer for their signature races.

Charles Town wants to keep its main attraction funded at \$1.2 million (previous Classic runnings have been as high as \$1.5 million). But the West Virginia Racing Commission (WVRC) refused to approve the track's entire open stakes schedule for 2018 on Dec. 12 after one commissioner emphatically argued the money could be better spread out among races suited to local horses (*TDN story* [here](#)).



Imperative wins the 2017 Charles Town Classic | Coady photo

Charles Town management told the WVRC that it would not slash the Classic to the commissioner-suggested \$300,000 level, countering that the seven-figure April race benefits locals in other ways (like in terms of increased handle and as a valuable, star-powered marketing tool). The meeting ended in a stalemate when WVRC voting on the stakes schedule got tabled indefinitely, and the track is now in the unusual (unprecedented?) position of starting the new year without knowing if it will be able to card the Classic or any other open stakes in 2018 unless the commission changes its mind.

Meanwhile, in California, the *Blood-Horse* first broke news Dec. 14 that Santa Anita wants to cut stakes purses in 2018 to bolster "middle class" overnight purses. Getting the day-to-day racing back on firmer footing has been the mission of track

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owner The Stronach Group (TSG) for the better part of a year now, and it's a difficult task without an easy solution. The most conspicuous cut would slice the Santa Anita H. purse from \$750,000 to \$600,000 (which comes on the heels of the Big 'Cap already taking a trim from \$1 million in 2016).

The upcoming Dec. 26 Santa Anita meet (and stakes schedule) has yet to be approved by the California Horse Racing Board, and Thoroughbred Owners of California president and chief executive officer Greg Avioli told the *Blood-Horse* that "it was inappropriate [for Santa Anita] to release a stakes schedule without a horseman's agreement."

So at first glance, Charles Town is taking flak for wanting to run a showcase race that is allegedly too top-heavy at the expense of not serving the interests of its local horsemen, while Santa Anita is facing allegations of eroding its grand stakes tradition in

the effort to beef up its day-to-day product. In reality, neither summation is that simple.

Erich Zimny, Charles Town's vice president of racing operations, has lots going for his argument to keep the Classic at \$1.2 million. He oversees a program that had very little national recognition or following among bettors prior to 2009, the year the Classic was first run. But because the race annually draws well-known horses, jockeys, and trainers, he told me last week that it "provides the type of attention that traditional advertising could never buy us," creating a "halo effect" that lasts all year long.

The nine largest handles in Charles Town's 84-year history have all been on the first nine Charles Town Classic days. Handle per race on a year-round, everyday basis is up 65% since 2009. Purses paid to West Virginia-breds have basically doubled since that first Classic.



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Zimny pointed out that Charles Town's contract with horsemen allows for the budgeting of 8% of the purses paid for the prior year to go toward the following year's non-state-bred stakes schedule, and the \$1.2 million Classic, plus five other open stakes the track wants to run, all fall within that required cap. Zimny cited Charles Town's stakes-as-percentage-of-purses rate as "one of the lowest in the country" compared to some tracks, where that number is as high as 30%.

Santa Anita is one of those tracks. "We were a little bit stakes heavy," Tim Ritvo, chief operating officer of TSG, told the *Blood-Horse* in explaining the purse money redistributions. "Percentage-wise for that meet, we were up at 30% [of total purses going to stakes], which is pretty high. It's one of the highest in the country. Most [horsemen's groups] don't want you going over 28-26%."

Detractors are going to zero in on the "fall from grace" factor of what was once the most prestigious race for older handicap horses in the nation. But you could hang a gaudy purse of \$2 million on the Big 'Cap, and it wouldn't benefit Santa Anita one iota in terms of solving the track's day-to-day woes involving slim fields and horse shortages.

Charles Town gets more bang for its buck out of the Classic,

and it gets it in different ways that aren't relevant to what non-slots-enhanced Santa Anita is trying to accomplish by re-allocating the Santa Anita H. purse money. Ritvo, like Zimny, has logic behind his rationale for moving funds to where they are needed most. It's not so much "new math" as a new racing landscape.

But part of racing's 21st Century lay of the land also includes the consolidation of racetracks under single entities. TSG now controls six racetracks, and if you want to pinpoint the decline in relevance of the 82-year-old Big 'Cap, it might be worthwhile to look 2,700 miles east to TSG-owned Gulfstream Park, where it is clear that the GI \$16 million Pegasus World Cup (PWC) has become the focal point within the company as far as winter graded stakes races for older horses are concerned.



The Stronach Group's Gulfstream Park on Pegasus day 2017 | Horsephotos

When the concept of the PWC was unveiled in May 2016, I interviewed Frank Stronach, the founder and honorary chairman of TSG, and asked him if he had concerns about his novel, buy-in race conflicting with TSG's other history-rich winter Grade I stakes races for older dirt males, like the Donn H. or Santa Anita H. "They go on. That's not a problem," was Stronach's reply.

It's now a year and a half later. The Donn H. no longer exists on the Gulfstream stakes schedule. Its Grade I status has been transferred to the PWC.

For the 2018 running of the PWC, TSG has added \$4 million to the purse beyond the collective \$12 million buy-ins that have to be put up by horse owners who want to run in the race. On Friday it was announced that TSG had to buy three additional \$1 million starting-gate berths because only nine of the 12 berths were purchased by the Dec. 15 deadline for the world's richest horse race on Jan. 27 (and Stronach himself, separate from TSG, owns one of those starting berths, so only eight were sold to outside interests).



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A realignment in priorities at TSG is definitely underway on several different levels. The outcome won't be evident for some time to come. The only certainty right now is that there's more to the big-picture equation than simply subtracting from the purse of the Big 'Cap to give a much-needed boost to the day-to-day backbone of Santa Anita's racing program.

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GUN RUNNER WORKS, 'GUILHERME' IMPRESSES

Winchell Thoroughbreds and Three Chimneys Farm's GI Breeders' Cup Classic hero and likely 2017 Horse of the Year **Gun Runner** (Candy Ride {Arg}) continued his preparations for an expected start in the Jan. 27 \$16-million GI Pegasus World Cup Inv., breezing five furlongs in 1:00 4/5 Sunday morning at the Fair Grounds. According to the Fair Grounds clockers, Gun Runner started off with a first furlong in :13 1/5 and a quarter-mile in :25 2/5. After a half in :49 2/5, he covered his final furlong in :11 2/5 with a six-furlong gallop-out in 1:14 3/5 under exercise rider Angel Garcia.

"Like expected, he is picking it up nicely," Hall of Fame trainer Steve Asmussen said by phone. "Angel said he felt wonderful and was happy with him...I think the gallop-out will pick up because of company, because of competition. I actually don't think next week's work will be faster than today. The difference will be [that he has] company, and we're right on schedule."

Three Chimneys and Asmussen appear to have another promising prospect on their hands in 2-year-old '**TDN Rising Star**' **Principe Guilherme** (Tapit), who ran his record to two-for-two with an 11 3/4-length allowance victory at the Fair Grounds Saturday. The colt was making his first start around two turns on the heels of a first-out maiden win at Churchill Downs Nov. 10.

"He came out of the race in good shape," said Asmussen's chief assistant Scott Blasi. "It's nice to see him run two great races back to back. He really improved going two turns which is a good sign. This early on, it's better to just stay calm."

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Ben's Cat with trainer King Leatherbury | Jon Kral/MJC

The late **Ben's Cat** (Parker's Storm Cat), four-time Maryland Horse of the Year and a fan favorite for years, has been awarded the 2017 Secretariat *Vox Populi* Award, or "Voice of the People," with record-breaking voter participation, it was announced Sunday. The award, created by Secretariat's owner Penny Cheney, annually recognizes the horse whose popularity and

racing excellence best resounded with the American public and gained recognition for Thoroughbred racing.

"My mother created this award to honor the horses whose stories draw people to Thoroughbred racing and convert them to fans," said Kate Tweedy, daughter of the late Mrs. Cheney. "She certainly admired the journey of Ben's Cat and would have been thrilled with the outcome of this year's voting. Our family looks forward to meeting Mr. Leatherbury and sharing this special celebration with racing fans."

Ben's Cat compiled a record of 32-9-7 from 63 starts and banked earnings of \$2,643,782. Racegoers from across the country celebrated the gelding's gameness throughout his career. The Maryland-bred died in July due to complications from colic surgery. Leatherbury, 84, who races under The Jim Stable, has a career total of nearly 6,500 wins.

"It is quite an honor for Ben's Cat to receive this impressive award," Leatherbury said. "I never would have guessed his fan base reached that far. Ben's Cat won a lot of races, and I sure did enjoy racing him. This is really something."

The Tweedy family will present the *Vox Populi* trophy to Leatherbury Jan. 20 at Santa Anita Park.

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2--**Combatant, 121, c, 2, Scat Daddy--Border Dispute, by Boundary.** (\$320,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP). O-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC & Willis Horton Racing LLC; B-Paget Bloodstock (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen. \$80,000.

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Margins: 2 1/4, 5 1/4, 5 1/4. Odds: 3.00, 2.00, 86.40.

Also Ran: Night Strike, Major Brown, Believe in Royalty, Bode's Maker, Flip the Coin Jan, Brangelina, Redatory, Soul P Say, Flat Lucky.

Greyvitos pulled off a 19-1 upset with the addition of blinkers in last month's GIII Bob Hope S. at Del Mar and proved up to the task when asked to stretch out to two turns in Sunday night's Springboard Mile S. at Remington Park. The gray was never far back and finished strongly, holding off Combatant (Scat Daddy) to notch his second win from four starts.

Away sharply from the outside gate in the field of 12, Greyvitos avoided some jostling around the opening bend while traveling in the three-path and settled kindly down the backstretch to track the pace from third through a half-mile in :47.16. Moving forward willingly into the far turn, he struck the front with a push-button move, cornered for home with a three-length advantage and held firmly in the final furlong. Combatant finished well clear of 86-1 longshot Kingsville (Street Move), who rallied to finish third.

Greyvitos debuted over a grassy mile at Santa Anita in July, but faded to finish eighth after pressing the pace. A closing third going 5 1/2 panels on dirt in Arcadia Oct. 21, he showed sharpened speed with the addition of blinkers and led wire-to-wire to break his maiden in the Bob Hope Nov. 11. The colt was stabled in Kitchingman's barn at San Luis Rey Downs up until Dec. 7, when a wildfire devastated the training center. Kitchingman, however, **was one of the first trainers to successfully move his horses to safety**, and Greyvitos tuned up for Sunday's race with a five-furlong workout at Santa Anita last Sunday.

With his win, Greyvitos secured 10 qualifying points towards a berth in the starting gate for the GI Kentucky Derby. **Cont. p11**

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Greyvitos, shown above after winning the Bob Hope | Benoit photo

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NEW YORK

Sunday's Results:

NEW YORK STALLION SERIES S., \$150,000, AQU, 12-17, (C), 2yo, 6f, 1:13.43, ft.

1--**AQUA BEL SAR, 116, c, 2, by Trinniberg**

1st Dam: Exclusively Maria (SW, \$103,161), by Exclusive Quality

2nd Dam: Going Away Blues, by Cure the Blues

3rd Dam: Tropicop, by Policeman (Fr)

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O/B-Ryan Racing, Inc. (NY); T-Bisnath Parboo; J-Trevor Simpson. \$90,000. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$92,750.

2--**Belleville Spring, 114, g, 2, Trinniberg**--Coiled Spring, by More Than Ready. O/B-Philip S. Birsh (NY); T-George Weaver. \$30,000.

3--**Spectacular Kid, 118, g, 2, Mission Impazible**--Mystical Honor, by Theatrical (Ire). (\$23,000 Wlg '15 FTNMIX; \$39,000 RNA Ylg '16 SARAUG; \$27,000 Ylg '16 EASOCT; \$5,000 2yo '17 EASMAY). O-Alex Kazdan; B-Hidden Lake Farm LLC (NY); T-Alejandro Maymo. \$15,000.

Margins: NK, 2, HF. Odds: 37.50, 4.10, 56.75.

Also Ran: Inalienable Rights, Five Star Bunt, Dezzar, Stoney Bennett.

Aqua Bel Sar arrived late on the scene for his juvenile campaign, not making his debut until Dec. 1 here against state-breds, when he finished fourth beaten 9 1/4 lengths.

The homebred traveled six wide down the backside here as the second longest shot on the board, settling just a length off the pacesetters. The chestnut remained four wide on the far turn, took the lead just outside the quarter pole and kicked clear before having to fend off Belleville Spring closing on the rail in

the final strides for the upset.

"This horse is a very nice horse and had been training good in the morning and I knew he'd run a good race today," winning jockey Trevor Simpson said. "The trainer said the best thing to do is a get a good break from the gate and then he can take it from there. He finished hard; he's a fighter."

This is the first winner out of Exclusively Maria, who also has a yearling full-sister to the victor named Trinni Cutie Pie and a weanling full-brother to him and visited their sire once again this year. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

FLORIDA

Sunday's Results:

1st-GP, \$50,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 12-17, 2yo, 5fT, :55.48, fm.

REED KAN (c, 2, Kantharos--Proud Trippi, by Trippi) went gate-to-wire in his second start to break his maiden here Aug. 5 before a third-place performance in the Juvenile Sprint S. at Gulfstream Park West Nov. 11. The 21-1 longshot broke on top in this first turf try and sprinted to the lead, setting a blistering first quarter in :20.99. He still had something left in the tank entering the straight as he kicked away from his competition for a 2 1/4-length upset. Bourbon Currency (Speightstown) chased the entire way and had to settle for second. This is the first multiple winner out of Proud Trippi, who was bred to Poseidon's Warrior this year. Sales history: \$27,000 RNA Ylg '16 OBSAUG. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$74,625. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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3rd-GP, \$42,000, Msw, 12-17, 2yo, f, 1m, 1:37.49, ft.

BARRIER ISLAND (f, 2, Speightstown--Boca Grande {MGISP & MGSW, \$515,570}, by A.P. Indy) hit the board in her first two starts in New York, finishing second by a head Sept. 17 at Belmont Park and third at Aqueduct Nov. 4. The 2-1 favorite broke alertly here and was taken back to midpack by Tyler Gaffalione in the long run up the backstretch. She began to make up ground entering the far turn and swung outside of the leading rivals at the quarter pole. Barrier Island continued her momentum down the center of the stretch and steadily pulled clear in the final stages for a 1 1/4-length graduation. Coach Rocks (Oxbow) ran on well for second. Barrier Island's second dam is GISW Country Hideaway (Seeking the Gold), a full-sister to 2005 GI Breeders' Cup Distaff heroine Pleasant Home. This is the first juvenile winner out of Boca Grande. She also has a yearling colt named Fabulous Fun (Distorted Humor) and a weanling filly by Blame. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$46,200. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Phipps Stable (KY); T-Claude R. McGaughey III.

8th-GP, \$42,000, Msw, 12-17, 3yo/up, f/m, 7 1/2ft, 1:28.85, fm. BLIND POOL (f, 3, Awesome Again--Taboo, by Forestry) made little impact when fourth in her first three career outings, most recently Nov. 10 at Aqueduct, and was given a 4-1 chance in this initial turf try. Tracking the pace from a cozy spot in third behind sharp splits of :22.56 and :46.17, the \$125,000 Keeneland November grad took charge soon after turning for home when the longshot pace players dropped away and spurted clear to a sharp 2 3/4-length success. Parol (Mizzen Mast) was second-best as the favorite. The winner's dam is out of GISW Dream of Summer (Siberian Summer), making her a half-sister to GISW and sophomore sire Creative Cause (Giant's Causeway) and MGSW/GISP Destin (Giant's Causeway). She is responsible for an unraced juvenile Animal Kingdom filly with Phil Schoenthal named No, a yearling filly by Orb who sold to Tom McCrocklin for \$130,000 at Fasig-Tipton Saratoga and a weanling Uncle Mo filly. She was bred to Frosted this spring. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$36,100. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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11th-GP, \$42,000, Msw, 12-17, 2yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:44.95, fm. BEACH WALTZ (f, 2, Treasure Beach {GB}--Kitten's Dancer {SP}, by Kitten's Joy), runner-up debuting for a \$30,000 tag in the Churchill slop Nov. 15, was let go at 26-5 here and duked it out up front with Jasmine's Gem (Get Stormy) through pokey fractions of :24.38 and :50.66. Those two continued to spar into and throughout the stretch and after appearing measured by her foe at the sixteenth pole, Beach Waltz fought back tenaciously to score by a head. The winner, the 12th for her freshman sire (by Galileo {Ire}), has a weanling half-brother by Shackleford. She shares a second dam with this year's GI United Nations S. winner Bigger Picture (Badge of Silver). Kitten's Dancer was bred to Nyquist this spring. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$30,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey (KY); T-Michael J. Maker.

EASTERN U.S.

Saturday Night's Results:

4th-CT, \$24,000, (S), Alw, 12-16, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 7f, 1:28.71, ft. IHEARUKNOCKIN (g, 3, Windsor Castle--Jordans Road, by Speightstown) broke his maiden at first asking against state-breds here Nov. 17. Stretching out to two turns, the 5-1 shot settled just off the pace heading into the first turn. The dark bay continued to stalk around the far turn while traveling in the four path before taking the lead just outside the sixteenth pole and posted a 1 1/4-length victory to remain unbeaten. Jump Street finished well for second. The winner's dam has a weanling filly by Charitable Man. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$27,960. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O/B-Gary Hemp (WV); T-Gerald A. Coker, Jr.

KENTUCKY

Saturday Night's Results:

6th-TP, \$23,955, Alw (C)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 12-16, 3yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:09.69, ft. WELLABLED (c, 3, Shackleford--Expressive Diva, by In Excess {Ire}) has faced stakes company in every race since graduating on his first try to become a 'TDN Rising Star', including a win in the GIII Arlington-Washington Futurity at Arlington Park last September. He made his 3-year-old debut off a 12-month layoff in the Steel Valley Sprint S. at Mahoning Valley Nov. 20, where he set the pace, but faded to fourth. The \$340,000 OBS April purchased flashed his early speed once again and went straight

to the front, clocking the first quarter in :22.88. The 9-5 second choice was still in hand around the far turn before kicking clear from the field in the final furlong for a 3 1/4-length score. The favorite Snow Leopard (Red Giant) got up for second. Expressive Diva is a half to GISW Ringaskiddy (Slewvescent), She also has a yearling colt named Barcola (Tapizar), who most recently sold for \$75,000 at the Keeneland November sale, a weanling colt named Deal Breaker (Bodemeister) and was bred back to Bodemeister this year. Sales history: Wlg '14 KEENOV; \$50,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSW, 8-4-1-0, \$186,026. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Carolyn Wilson; B-PTS Ranch, LLC (KY); T-Larry Rivelli. \$70,000

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7th-TP, \$20,353, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 12-16, 2yo, 6f (AWT), 1:11.95, ft.

FORT WISE TREATY (c, 2, Fort Larned--Sunlight Cat, by Forest Wildcat), after breaking his maiden first time out July 4 at Ellis Park, finished 11th in the GIII With Anticipation S. at Saratoga Aug. 30 and came out of a sixth-place performance against optional claiming foes at Churchill Downs Sept. 29. The \$170,000 OBS April buy sat in a good stalking position as the 3-1 favorite up the backstretch. The dark bay traveled in the five path around the far turn before taking command at the eighth pole and inched away, despite drifting in deep stretch, to a length victory. Stormcoast (Get Stormy) completed the exacta. This is the first foal out Sunlight Cat, who is a half to GISW Moreno (Ghostzapper). She also is responsible for a weanling filly by Empire Maker and visited Ghostzapper this season. Sales history: \$117,000 Ylg '16 FTKJUL. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$37,005. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Mark D. Breen; B-Scotty Roy (KY); T-Brad H. Cox.



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CENTRAL U.S.

Sunday's Results:

TRAPEZE S., \$100,600, RP, 12-17, 2yo, f, 1m, 1:37.94, ft.

1--**COSMIC BURST, 119, f, 2, by Violence**

1st Dam: Peggy Ring, by Ghostzapper

2nd Dam: Totally Cosmic, by Cozzene

3rd Dam: Be Exclusive (Ire), by Be My Guest

(\$20,000 Ylg '16 EASJAN; \$25,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP).

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Norma Lee Stockseth & Todd Dunn; B-Pewter Stable (PA); T-Donnie K. Von Hemel; J-Richard E. Eramia. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 4-3-1-0, \$134,580.

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2--**Rose of Malibu, 117, f, 2, Malibu Moon--Rosieville**, by Boston Harbor. O/B/T-C. R. Trout (KY); \$20,000.

3--**Stronger Than Ever, 119, f, 2, Congrats--Broken Silence**, by Broken Vow. (\$150,000 Wlg '15 KEENOV; \$310,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP). O-Fern Circle Stables; B-J. Stuart, P. Bance, J. Amling & C. Noell (KY); T-Kenneth G. McPeck. \$11,000.

WOODS EDGE FARM GRADUATE

Margins: 5 1/4, 1 3/4, 2HF. Odds: 1.40, 6.70, 6.80.

Also Ran: Sydney Freeman, Sassy Sienna, Laudation, Terra's Angel, Elusive Truth, Howbouthiscowgirl, Another Level, Create a Star. Scratched: Secret Passion.

Cosmic Burst finished second in her debut at Churchill Downs Sept. 21 before rattling off consecutive victories at Keeneland Oct. 25 and back under the Twin Spries Nov. 25.

The bay stalked the early pace from an inside position heading into the first turn. She continued to make steady progress down the backside before ranging alongside leaders heading into the far turn. Cosmic Burst moved over to the rail at the top of the stretch before kicking clear inside the final furlong for her third straight.

Cosmic Burst is the first stakes winner out of unraced Peggy Ring, who is also responsible for a yearling colt by Winchill and a weanling colt by Danza. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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5th-FG, \$43,000, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 12-17, 2yo, f, 1m 70y, 1:45.24, sy.

AMERICA'S TALE (f, 2, Gio Ponti--America's Friend {SW, \$284,244}, by Unusual Heat) took five tries to break her maiden, but did it in style last time out Nov. 19 at Churchill Downs, dominating the field by 13 3/4 lengths. The 3-5 favorite ranged alongside pacesetter Spanky (To Honor and Serve) in the short run-up to the first turn. The bay put her head in front entering the far turn and never looked back from there, expanding her margin with every stride to splash home a 8 3/4-length winner. Missive (Alternation) completed the exacta while Spanky faded to last in the field of five. The winner's dam also has a yearling filly by The Factor, a weanling colt by Mr Speaker and visited Palace Malice this season. Sales history: \$50,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP; \$70,000 RNA 2yo '17 OBSMAR; \$100,000 2yo '17 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: 6-2-3-0, \$111,350.

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O-Fleur De Lis Stable LLC; B-Madeline Auerbach & Catherine Parke (KY); T-Bernard S. Flint.

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7th-FG, \$41,000, Msw, 12-17, 2yo, f, 1m 70y, 1:46.33, sy.

MEMORIAL DRIVE (f, 2, Smart Strike--Freedom Flag, by Dixie Union) was fourth behind GISW Separationofpowers (Candy Ride {Arg}) in her debut July 30 at Saratoga before a runner-up effort last time out Oct. 29 under the Twin Spires of Churchill. The 5-2 shot saved ground into the first turn and tucked in behind the early pace heading onto the backstretch. The homebred swung to the outside on the far turn for clear running room and put her head in front at the eighth pole. From there, a battle ensued between Memorial Drive and Make It Run (Creative Cause) with the former getting her nose down first at the wire for the victory. The winner's dam is out of GISW Runup The Colors (A.P. Indy) and is a half to MGSW Revolutionary (War Pass). She also has a weanling colt by Honor Code and was bred back to him this season. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$40,750. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

Lynwood Stable Graduate

O/B-W. S. Farish (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen.

4th-FG, \$38,000, Msw, 12-17, 2yo, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:48.82, sy.

ZANESVILLE (c, 2, Tiznow--Scandalous Song, by Unbridled's Song) came in off a fourth-place effort last time out at Keeneland Oct. 22. Stretching out to two turns for the first time, the 5-2 shot pressed the early tempo and went three wide into the clubhouse turn. The homebred tracked in second down the backstretch before putting his head in front at the quarter pole and inched away in the final sixteenth under strong urging from

Miguel Mena to graduate by 1 1/2 lengths. Zero Gravity (Orb) rallied for second. This is the first juvenile winner out of Scandalous Song, who is a half to 2008 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies heroine and Champion 2-Year-Old Filly Stardom Bound (Tapit). Scandalous Song was bred to California Chrome this season. Sales history: \$90,000 RNA Ylg '16 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$26,296. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#).** O/B-Rosemont Farm LLC (KY); T-Thomas M. Amoss.

6th-FG, \$38,000, Msw, 12-17, 2yo, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:47.11, sy.

RIDE A COMET (c, 2, [Candy Ride {Arg}](#)--[Appealing Zophie {GISW, \\$497,898}](#), by [Successful Appeal](#)) has been steadily improving with each start and came out of a fourth-place performance here Nov. 18. The \$375,000 OBS April purchase broke on top as the 13-10 favorite and raced to the inside of pacesetter Run Your Race (Mizzen Mast) around the first turn. The bay took control midway down the backstretch and led the field into the far turn. Ride a Comet was game down the straight as he fended off the challenge of Time Flies By (Jimmy Creed) all the way to the wire for a 1 1/2-length score. Time Flies By was clear by five lengths for second while Run Your Race faded to last. Ride a Comet is a half to this year's GI Belmont S. victor Tapwrit (Tapit), \$1,228,902. Their dam has a yearling colt by Speightstown and was bred to Frosted this season. Sales history: \$45,000 RNA Ylg '16 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$25,689. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#).**

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O-John C. Oxley & My Meadowview Farm LLC; B-My Meadowview LLC (KY); T-Mark E. Casse.

CALIFORNIA

Sunday Results:

5th-LRC, \$50,073, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 12-17, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:35.46, ft.

THE LIEUTENANT (c, 4, [Street Sense](#)--[Stage Magic {GSP, \\$133,981}](#), by [Ghostzapper](#)) graduated at third asking last May at Santa Anita before being shelved for over a year and returning with a seventh-place effort July 23 at Del Mar. Scoring in an optional claimer there Sept. 3, the \$185,000 OBS March buy was last seen running fifth in the Comma To The Top S. Oct. 28 in Arcadia. Made a narrow 5-2 third choice here, the bay settled last of six behind fractions of :24.25 and :47.75, rallied into contention three wide nearing the top of the lane and wore down Hot Sean (Flatter) in the final furlong to score by a half-length. The victor has a 2-year-old Scat Daddy half-brother named Justify who sold to China Horse Club and Maverick

Racing for \$500,000 at Keeneland September, a yearling Pioneerof the Nile half-sister named Egyptian Storm who hammered for \$230,000 to Robert S. Evans and West Point Thoroughbreds at the same sale, and an unnamed weanling half-brother by Will Take Charge. His dam returned to Pioneerof the Nile this season. Sales History: \$50,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 7-3-0-0, \$108,125. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Mr. & Mrs. William K. Warren, Jr.; B-John D. Gunther (KY); T-Michael W. McCarthy.

6th-LRC, \$41,380, Msw, 12-17, 2yo, 6f, 1:09.25, ft.

ALL OUT BLITZ (c, 2, [Concord Point](#)--[Smart and Single](#), by [Smart Strike](#)) dueled on the pace before fading to be fifth debuting Oct. 9 at Santa Anita and improved two spots coming from off the speed at Del Mar Nov. 11. Let go at 37-10 in this spot, the bay stalked favored firster Montmartre (Distorted Humor) from second through splits of :22.34 and :44.31, edged past that one entering the final furlong and held on desperately from hard-charging Restoring Hope (Giants' Causeway) to graduate by a nose. The winner has a yearling full-brother named Bachchan and his dam was bred to Bayern this term. Second dam Leave Me Alone (Bold Badgett) took the GI Test S. in 2005. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$31,240. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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1-MVR, Msw 1m, KETTLE CHROME, 10-1

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\$4,000 FTK OCT yrl

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5-PRX, Msw 1m, TAKE CHARGE TINA, 8-5

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STAKES RESULTS:

SHE'S ALL IN S., \$100,600, RP, 12-17, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:41.93, ft.

1--**READY TO CONFESS, 117, f, 4, More Than Ready--**

Confessional (GISW, \$827,638), by Holy Bull.

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O/B-Pin Oak Stud, LLC (KY); T-Donnie K.

Von Hemel; J-David Cabrera. \$60,000. Lifetime Record:

MGSP,15-4-4-2, \$355,462. *1/2 to Timely Advice (A.P. Indy),

GSP, \$158,500.

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2--**Dreamcall, 120, f, 3, Midnight Lute--**Foxcaller, by Beau

Genius. (\$147,000 RNA Ylg '15 FTKJUL; \$50,000 RNA Ylg '15

FTKOCT). O/B-Mike G. Rutherford (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen.

\$20,000.

3--**Adore, 123, f, 4, Big Brown--**Cozshesaidso, by Empire Maker.

(\$15,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP). O-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC;

B-Charles P. Merrick (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen. \$11,000.

Margins: 2 3/4, HF, 1 3/4. Odds: 2.50, 7.70, 1.10.

JOHNIE L. JAMISON H., (NB) \$85,000, SUN, 12-17, (S), 3yo/up, 6

1/2f, 1:13.94, ft.

1--**SHINING SOURCE, 120, g, 6, Source--**Shine Miss Comet, by

Comet Shine.

O-Barton Ranch Stables, LLC & Blake Rust; B-Susan K. Vescovo

(NM); T-Blake Rust; J-Luis Contreras. \$51,000. Lifetime Record:

36-9-5-6, \$352,458. *1/2 to Kimbell (Western Gambler), MSP,

\$168,271.

2--**Go for a Stroll, 115, g, 3, Attila's Storm--**Garter, by Bernardini.

O/B-R. D. Hubbard (NM); T-Todd W. Fincher. \$18,700.

3--**Way Nifty, 120, g, 4, The Way Home--**Nifty Lady, by Gone

West. O/B-Larry Strain & Helen Nave (NM); T-Todd W. Fincher.

\$8,500.

Margins: 2 1/4, 1 3/4, 3/4. Odds: 8.00, 16.50, 11.40.

NEW MEXICO STATE RACING COMMISSION H., (NB) \$85,000,

SUN, 12-17, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:08.28, ft.

1--**TILLA CAT, 118, f, 4, Attila's Storm--**Charlotte's Drone, by B.

G.'s Drone. O-Dale Taylor, Lee R. Lewis, Joe Dee Brooks, Scott

Bryant & Derrol Hubbard; B-Robert & Del Rae Driggers

(NM); T-Todd W. Fincher; J-Tracy J. Hebert. \$51,000. Lifetime

Record: 22-5-6-7, \$294,869.

2--**Tijuana, 122, f, 4, Devon Lane--**Quell, by Look See. O-J.

Brooks, S. Bryant, D. Taylor, T. Rushing, L. Lewis, L. & D.

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3--**Diabolical Dame**, 125, m, 5, Diabolical--Vipervapor, by Devon Lane. (\$25,000 Ylg '13 RUIIMIX). O-Joe Dee Brooks, Scott Bryant & Derrol Hubbard; B-Fred Alexander, Todd Fincher & Brad King (NM); T-Todd W. Fincher. \$8,500.

Margins: HF, 2HF, 1HF. Odds: 8.80, 4.60, 0.80.

JEFFREY A. HAWK MEMORIAL S., \$75,825, RP, 12-17, 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:41.29, ft.

1--**DAN THE GO TO MAN, 122, c, 4, Smoke Glacken--Flora and Fauna, by Grand Reward. (\$50,000 Ylg '14 FTKOCT).**

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Keene Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Dede McGehee (KY); T-Allen Milligan; J-Iram Vargas Diego. \$45,000. Lifetime Record: 23-4-11-2, \$280,012.

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2--**Dazzling Gem**, 118, g, 4, Misremembered--Dazzler, by Vindication. (\$95,000 Ylg '14 KEESep). O-Steve Landers Racing LLC; B-Lisa Reynolds & Jennifer Feiner (KY); T-Brad H. Cox. \$15,000.

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3--**Shotgun Kowboy**, 124, g, 5, Kodiak Kowboy--Shotgun Jane, by Siphon (Brz). O-C. R. Trout; B-C. R. Trout (OK); T-C. R. Trout. \$9,075.

Margins: HD, NK, 1HF. Odds: 17.30, 2.30, 1.90.

JIM THORPE S., \$50,000, RP, 12-17, (S), 3yo, 1m, 1:37.64, ft.

1--**HALLELUJAH HIT, 120, g, 3, Mr. Nightlinger--Halo Hit, by Sahn.**

O/B/T-C. R. Trout (OK); J-Luis S. Quinonez. \$30,000. Lifetime Record: MSW, 11-4-1-2, \$171,052. *1/2 to Imahit (Whywhywhy), MSW, \$506,168.

2--**Curmit**, 120, c, 3, **Curlin--Merrymaker** (Arg), by Rainbow Corner (GB). (\$27,000 Wlg '14 KEENOV; \$80,000 Ylg '15 FTKJUL). O-L and N Racing LLC; B-Jon L. Starr (OK); T-Steven M. Asmussen. \$10,000.

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3--**Touch 'Em Up**, 120, g, 3, Euroears--Oklahoma Wind, by Parade Ground. O-Gary & Gordon Stork & David S. Heald; B-Gary Stork & David Heald (OK); T-Randy Oberlander. \$5,500.

Margins: HF, 4, 3/4. Odds: 1.00, 2.80, 6.00.

USEEIT S., \$50,000, RP, 12-17, (S), 3yo, f, 1m, 1:39.17, ft.

1--**OKIE DIVA, 122, f, 3, Chitoz--Dana Okie, by Prospector's Music.**

O/B-Richter Family Trust (OK); T-Donnie K. Von Hemel; J-Luis S. Quinonez. \$30,000. Lifetime Record: 10-5-4-0, \$222,906.

2--**Honolulu**, 120, f, 3, **Maclean's Music--Gizzy**, by Malabar Gold. (\$13,000 RNA 2yo '16 EASMAY). O-Poindexter Thoroughbreds

LLC; B-H. Allen Poindexter (OK); T-Lynn Chleborad. \$10,000.

3--**Natalie's Mischief**, 120, f, 3, **Into Mischief--Miss Natalie**, by Fistfite. O/B-GAR Oil Corp. (OK); T-Joe S. Offolter. \$5,500.

Margins: 1HF, 3/4, HD. Odds: 1.30, 4.10, 20.60.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

3rd-AQU, \$57,820, (S), (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 12-17, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:39.84, ft.

STORM PROPHET (g, 4, Tale of the Cat--Andraste, by Pulpit)

Lifetime Record: 17-3-6-2, \$198,978. O-Blue Bison Stable; B-Waterville Lake Stables Ltd LLC (NY); T-Linda Rice. *\$225,000 Ylg '14 SARAUG. **1/2 to Epping Forest (Exchange Rate), SP, \$204,100.

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7th-AQU, \$57,000, (S), 12-17, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 7f, 1:26.89, ft.

FOR POPS (g, 3, Soaring Empire--Good Habits, by Freud)

Lifetime Record: 9-4-0-1, \$82,868. O-Our Blue Streaks Stable; B-Margaret N Carrothers (NY); T-Ralph D'Alessandro. *\$16,000 Ylg '15 OBSAUG; \$25,000 2yo '16 EASMAY.

8th-LRL, \$46,060, (NW3X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,500-\$32,000), 12-17, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.40, ft.

SOMETHING AWESOME (g, 6, Awesome Again--

Somethinaboutlaura {MGSW, \$1,129,365}, by Dance Floor)

Lifetime Record: 20-6-2-5, \$181,051. O-Stronach Stables; B-Adena Springs (ON); T-Jose Corrales.

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6th-RP, \$45,500, 12-16, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.47, ft.

COUNTERFORCE (c, 4, Smart Strike--Achieving, by Bernardini)

Lifetime Record: SW, 15-4-3-3, \$271,861. O-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc. & George Prussin (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen. *\$310,000 RNA Ylg '14 KEESep. **1/2 to Arabian Hope (Distorted Humor), G1SP-Eng, \$217,876.

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10th-GP, \$44,000, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 12-17, 3yo/up, 5fT, :55.81, fm.

SUCCESSFUL NATIVE (h, 6, Successful Appeal--Picketline, by Street Cry {Ire}) Lifetime Record: MSW, 23-8-3-3, \$494,530.

O-Marco Thoroughbred Corp.; B-Fares Farm LLC (KY); T-Aubrey A. Maragh.

1st-RP, \$43,350, (S), 12-16, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:39.93, ft.

LINNAEUS (g, 3, Latent Heat--Chaffinch, by Lear Fan) Lifetime

Record: 17-3-3-1, \$66,039. O/B-Clark Otto Brewster (OK); T-Scott E. Young. *\$0 RNA Ylg '15 OKCYRL; \$2,400 RNA Ylg '15 HEROCT.

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9th-FG, \$43,000, (S), 12-17, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13.25, sy.
DREAMY ART (f, 4, Tiz the One--Swingtime Music, by Woodman) Lifetime Record: 13-2-7-0, \$121,360.

O-Gelfenstein Farm; B-B & B Bloodstock Inc. & Desmond Ryan (LA); T-Efren Loza, Jr. *\$6,500 Ylg '14 OBSWIN; \$55,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR. **1/2 to Seven Nation Army (General Meeting), SW, \$213,043.

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8th-FG, \$42,000, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 12-17, 3yo/up, 1m (off turf), 1:39.54, sy.

THIRSTFORLIFE (g, 3, Stay Thirsty--Promenade Girl {GSW & MGISP, \$78,990}, by Carson City) Lifetime Record: GSP, 12-4-1-3, \$173,115. O/T-Wesley E. Hawley; B-Camas Park Stud (KY). *\$240,000 Wlg '14 KEENOV. **1/2 to Cavorting (Bernardini), MGISW, \$2,063,000.

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6th-LRL, \$42,000, 12-17, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 7f, 1:24.16, ft.
SPIRIT GRABBER (c, 4, Ghostzapper--Elusive Royalty, by Elusive Quality) Lifetime Record: 27-5-3-3, \$90,247. O-James C. Wolf; B-H. Allen Poindexter (KY); T-Anthony Farris. *\$185,000 Wlg '13 KEENOV; \$110,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP.



8th-DED, \$40,000, (S), 12-16, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:41.12, ft.

MISS SID N SAY (f, 3, Interactif--Intimissimi {SW, \$305,085}, by Posse) Lifetime Record: 14-4-1-2, \$81,080. O-End Zone Athletics, Inc.; B-Montgomery Equine Center, J. Adcock & David Nassif (LA); T-Karl Broberg. *\$20,000 Ylg '15 ESLYRL; \$12,000 2yo '16 EQL2YO.

6th-RP, \$36,300, 12-17, (NW2X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:37.48, ft.
STORY ONTHE STREET (g, 4, Street Hero--Noontime Nuggets, by Quiet American) Lifetime Record: 20-5-2-5, \$79,637. O-John M. Hayes; B-Timber Town Stable, LLC (KY); T-Andy Gladd. *\$15,000 Wlg '13 KEENOV; \$22,000 RNA 2yo '15 OBSOPN.

3rd-RP, \$34,000, (NW2L)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 12-16, 2yo, 6f, 1:10.98, ft.
WILD CARAMELO (c, 2, Twirling Candy--Wild Bout Tiffany {SW, \$238,505}, by Wildcat Heir) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$45,200. O-Jerry Durant; B-Clearsky Farms (KY); T-Danny Pish. *\$33,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP; \$92,000 2yo '17 TTAAPR.

2nd-SUN, \$27,000, (S), 12-17, (NW1X), 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:03.09, ft.
MCGOLDIE (f, 2, McKenna's Justice--Thanks Be to Gold, by Formal Gold) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, \$28,450. O-Judge Lanier Racing; B-McKenna Thoroughbreds LLC (NM); T-Miguel L. Hernandez.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

She's Delightful, f, 2, **Mission Impazible**--Chimichurri (GISP & GSW, \$269,126), by Elusive Quality. AQU, 12-17, (S), (C), 6 1/2f, 1:20.90. B-Sequel Thoroughbreds & JMJ Racing Stables (NY). *\$24,000 Ylg '16 OBSAUG; \$40,000 2yo '17 OBSMAR.

Catdaddy, c, 2, **Munnings**--Catofmine, by Cat Thief. RP, 12-16, 1m 70y, 1:45.61. B-Michael Power (KY). *\$85,000 RNA Ylg '16 KEESEP.

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Goldie Again, f, 2, **Oxbow**--Goldie Pops, by Strike the Gold. RP, 12-17, 1m 70y, 1:44.90. B-S. Bruce Smart (MD). *\$30,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP. **1/2 to Redaspen (Bianconi), GSW, \$459,473.

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Catch Twenty Two, c, 2, **Super Saver**--Starstream, by Awesome Again. AQU, 12-17, (C), 1m, 1:42.97. B-Aschinger Bloodstock Holdings, LLC (KY). *\$70,000 Ylg '16 KEEJAN; \$225,000 Ylg '16 FTSAUG. **1/2 to Tommy Macho (Macho Uno), MGSW, \$813,920. ***1ST-TIME STARTER.

Factor This, c, 2, **The Factor**--Capricious Miss (GB), by Singpiel (Ire). AQU, 12-17, 1m, 1:41.31. B-Maccabee Farm (KY). *\$2,700 Ylg '16 KEESEP; \$11,000 2yo '17 OBSAPR.

Diamond Jen Brady, f, 2, **Yes It's True**--Gribble's Gamble, by Fusaichi Pegasus. AQU, 12-17, (S), (C), 6 1/2f, 1:22.86. B-Everette James (NY). *\$47,000 Wlg '15 FTNMIX; \$65,000 Ylg '16 SARAUG. **1ST-TIME STARTER.



Shoe Game, f, 3, **Distorted Reality**--Shovunda, by Saratoga Six. SUN, 12-17, 6f, 1:09.30. B-John McCulloch (AZ).

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DARK ANGEL PROVING ONE OF THE 'GREATS'



Dark Angel | Yeomanstown Stud

by John Berry

One might say that the true mark of a great stallion is the ability to sire good horses from indifferent mares. This is a test which many of the great sires have never had the chance to pass (or fail) because they have covered high-class mares right from the outset. One stallion who has proved that he can sire top-class horses from unremarkable mares is **Dark Angel (Ire)** (Acclamation {GB}). Now that he has shown himself to be one of the best stallions in Europe, he is only covering mares who can justify the outlay of a high stud fee, but that certainly wasn't always the way for him.

Bred in Ireland by Gay O'Callaghan's Yeomanstown Stud, Dark Angel made his first public appearance at Doncaster's St Leger Yearling Sale in August 2006. It would have been an easy decision for O'Callaghan to choose that sale for him, as he fit its precocious sprinting bill perfectly. He was a strong, imposing colt, and his pedigree was very suitable. He was the son of a first-season sprinting sire: Acclamation (GB), who had won the G2 Diadem S. over six furlongs at Ascot. Furthermore, both of Acclamation's parents had won sprints at Royal Ascot: his sire Royal Applause (GB) (Waajib {Ire}) and his dam Princess Athena (Ire) (Ahoonora {GB}).

There were no group or graded stakes winners in the first three generations of Dark Angel's pedigree, but there were plenty of smart sprinters on the page, most notably his second dam Night At Sea (GB) (Night Shift). She had won a listed five-furlong race at Sandown when trained by Luca Cumani, and had gone on to foal seven winners. Dark Angel's unraced dam Midnight Angel (GB) (Machiavellian) wasn't one of them, but she had made a decent start at stud. Her first three foals were winners, and this yearling (unlike those predecessors) was by a proper sprinter. Dark Angel duly sold well, bought by the BBA Ireland for £61,000. Trained by Barry Hills for the Hon Mrs Catherine Corbett and Chris Wright, Dark Angel spent 2007 proving that he was exactly what one had hoped that he might be, i.e. the perfect sprinting 2-year-old. [Cont. p2](#)

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ALWAYS DREAMING SET TO RETURN TO PLETCHER

After an autumn-long freshening at WinStar Farm, GI Kentucky Derby hero Always Dreaming (Bodemeister) is set to return to trainer Todd Pletcher's barn this week. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.](#)

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Dark Angel Proving One Of The 'Greats' Cont.

Having finished second on debut at Newmarket's first meeting of the season that April, Dark Angel went on to run regularly and consistently well all year. His finest hour came in his eighth start when, early in October, he saluted the judge for the fourth time, taking the G1 Middle Park S. over six furlongs at Newmarket.

He had previously won a five-furlong maiden race at the Chester May Meeting, a valuable six-furlong sales-race at the York Ebor Meeting in August and the G2 Mill Reef S. over six furlongs in September. His season ended on a low note in October when out of contention behind New Approach (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in the G1 Dewhurst S., but that was his only venture beyond six furlongs and it did nothing to diminish his reputation of having been everything that a high-class 2-year-old sprinter should be.

Dark Angel's connections had plenty to look forward to during the forthcoming seasons. This was before the bolstering of Europe's 3-year-old sprinting programme with the introduction of the G1 Commonwealth Cup and other races, but there have always been appealing options for sprinters aged three and above if they are good enough. And Dark Angel promised to be every bit good enough and was clearly a sound horse. However, he also promised to be a popular sprinting stallion, and there is always good money to be made with that type of horse. O'Callaghan clearly decided that there was no time like the present, made an offer for the horse which his connections couldn't refuse and took him home.

Dark Angel duly began covering at Yeomanstown's sister stud Morrinstown Lattin in February 2008 at a fee of €10,000, an appealing prospect for the many commercial breeders in Ireland looking to present a popular youngster at the yearling sales two years later. There is such a premium on first-season sires that this €10,000 fee proved unsustainable in the short-term. The fee was reduced to €7,500 for his second season and to €7,000 for his third and fourth years. However, his popularity began to rise again as soon as he started to have runners in 2012. It has continued to rise throughout the subsequent five years, and is still rising.

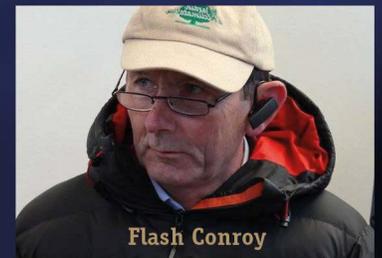
Dark Angel's first crop of juveniles were every bit as successful as even his most optimistic fans could have hoped. 62 of them ran in Britain and Ireland that year and 27 of them won, collectively taking 44 races. The pick of them at this early stage was the well-named Irish youngster **Tough As Nails (Ire)**, who got the ball rolling in the right direction by passing the post first at the Curragh's opening meeting of the spring in Ireland's first juvenile race of the year (he was demoted to second for having caused interference, but put that right three weeks later when winning by seven lengths at Tipperary). Later in the season, Tough As Nails finished second in the G2 Railway S. and the Marble Hill S. and third in the G1 National S. In the summer, **Lily's Angel (Ire)** became her sire's first stakes winner by taking the Empress S. at Newmarket in June en route to a second-place finish in the G3 Sweet Solera S. at the same track. Tough As Nails had cost €3,000 as a yearling at Fairyhouse and Lily's Angel had fetched £8,000 at Doncaster. Both mare-owners and yearling-buyers were quickly being shown that Dark Angel could be a stallion offering great value.

The path of Dark Angel's stud fee tells the tale. After that very good first season, he covered for €12,500 in 2012. Two years later, his fee more than doubled, going up to €27,500. In 2016, it went up to €60,000 (with the horse transferred from Morrinstown Lattin to Yeomanstown). This year, he stood for €65,000. Next year, his fee will be €85,000. And he will be full at that price, with plenty of support from all the leading breeders (most obviously from Darley, who bought into him in 2015). It is a sobering thought that the best really should still be to come with Dark Angel, as all his good horses so far come from more humble origins than will be the case for those yet to come. It is relatively easy to sum up the strengths of Dark Angel's stock. The high-class jumper **Guitar Pete (Ire)** notwithstanding, they are almost invariably sprinters, sprinter/milers or milers. He is a notable sire of juveniles and (paradoxical though this sounds) even more adept at siring horses who are abnormally durable and who can make remarkable progress as they age.

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Dark Angel Proving One Of The 'Greats' Cont.

While his first crop threw plenty of terrific 2-year-olds, it also contained the likes of **Lethal Force (Ire)**, who won the G2 Hungerford S. over seven furlongs at three before improving further to take both the G1 Diamond Jubilee S. and the G1 July Cup over six furlongs at four; **Bronze Angel (Ire)**, who won the Cambridgeshire H. over nine furlongs aged both three and five; **Heeraat (Ire)**, who enjoyed his best season aged four, winning the G3 Hackwood S. over six furlongs; the dual listed winner **Gabrial (Ire)**, whose best run came when he was placed in the G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. over a mile at the age of six and **Sovereign Debt (Ire)**, whose best season (so far!) was at the age of eight in 2017, when he won the G2 Bet365 Mile S. at Sandown, the G3 Diomed S. over 8.5 furlongs at Epsom (in a quinella of Dark Angel 8-year-olds, as Gabrial was second) and a valuable international mile race in Qatar.



Dual Group 1 winner Lethal Force came from Dark Angel's first crop | Racing Post

From Dark Angel's second crop came the smart juvenile **Alhebayeb (Ire)**, winner of the G2 July S. at two and **Dark Emerald (Ire)**, who came into his own as a 5-year-old, winning two valuable handicaps in Dubai before finishing second in the G2 Zabeel Mile. He was then G2-placed in the UK at six. The terrific sprinting siblings, dual G1 Nunthorpe S. heroine **Mecca's Angel (Ire)** and dual G3 winner **Markaz (Ire)** came from his third and fourth crops, the latter batch also containing the dual G2-winning juvenile **Estidhkaar(Ire)**.

All of these horses were conceived at fees of €10,000 or less. His fifth crop was the first conceived at a higher sum (€12,500) and that included **Persuasive (Ire)**. She was a Group 3 winner and was Group 1-placed as a 3-year-old in 2016 before progressing into the very top tier at four in 2017, ending the season with victory in the G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. over a mile on QIPCO Champions' Day at Ascot. **Cont. p4**

Dark Angel Proving One Of The 'Greats' Cont.

The excellent sprinting filly **Easton Angel (Ire)** came from the same batch. Even Dark Angel's outstanding batch of 3-year-olds of 2017 was still only conceived at €12,500. This crop contained arguably the two best sprinters in Europe: **Harry Angel (Ire)**, who took the G1 July Cup, G1 Haydock Park Sprint Cup and G2 Temple S., and **Battaash (Ire)**, who won the G1 Prix de l'Abbaye, G2 King George S. and G3 Coral Charge Sprint S.

It is rare for a stallion to work his way from the lower rungs to the top of the ladder. Danehill Dancer (Ire) (Danehill) did so, graduating from being the cheapest stallion on the Coolmore roster in his first season (1998) to being champion sire of Great Britain and Ireland 11 years later. Dark Angel's maternal grandsire Ahonoora (GB) (Lorenzaccio {Ire}) went from the bottom drawer to the top, and Ahonoora's son Indian Ridge (Ire) did something similar.



Harry Angel winning the G1 Darley July Cup | *Racing Post*

Now Dark Angel, who is lying third behind Galileo (Ire) and Dubawi (Ire) on the *TDN's* table of European-based stallions ranked on combined North American and European earnings for 2017, can be put in the same category of self-improvement. Over and above the success of his stock on the racecourse, he has been a massive commercial success. The median price of his yearlings has risen virtually every year. When his first yearlings went through the ring in 2010, 57 were sold with a median price of 17,000 gns; in 2017, 106 were sold with a median price of 100,000 gns. Furthermore, he already has enough good sons at stud to establish a solid reputation as a sire of sires and, even though it's obviously still early days, he is already the broodmare sire of one of Europe's fastest juveniles, G3 Molecomb S. winner **Havana Grey (GB)** (Havana Gold {Ire}).

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DARK ANGEL'S PROGENY

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BATTAASH winning the Group 1 Prix De L'Abbaye at Chantilly on October 1. | *Steven Cargill / Racingfotos.com*

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AIDAN O'BRIEN: RTE SPORTS MANAGER OF THE YEAR



Aidan and Joseph O'Brien pictured overseeing track work at Del Mar last month | *Racing Post*

Aidan O'Brien's marvelous achievements this year were recognised outside of the racing arena when the Ballydoyle trainer was presented with Manager Of The Year at the RTE Sports Awards in Dublin Saturday night. Racing was doubly represented among the nominees for the award, as Jessica Harrington was also short-listed for the category, but it was O'Brien who was selected by the RTE Sports Department as the recipient. Other nominees included Jim Gavin, who has coached the Dublin GAA team to three all-Ireland titles in a row.

O'Brien's **Saxon Warrior (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) provided the trainer with a record breaking 26th Group 1 win of the year when taking the G1 Racing Post Trophy at Doncaster in October, and he made the record extremely difficult to break when adding a further two top-flight events to his haul, courtesy of **Mendelssohn** (Scat Daddy) in the G1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf at Del Mar and **Highland Reel (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Vase at Sha Tin last week.

O'Brien was in attendance at the awards ceremony along with his family and there was a surprising twist to the tale when the trainer was presented with his award by his son Joseph, who famously denied his father a first win in the G1 Emirates Melbourne Cup at Flemington last month.

Speaking to *RTE's* Joanne Cantwell while accepting the award, O'Brien said, "We feel so privileged to be part of an incredible team of people who all work in a totally selfless way to achieve



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these results." Asked how he could possibly top such an amazing season in 2018, O'Brien replied, "The way we go every year is we start off and do our best every day and accept what comes and be grateful for the races we win, so all we can do is our best and look forward to it really." Reflecting on his father's achievements in 2017 Joseph added, "You need an awful lot of luck for the horses to stay sound throughout the year and Dad just had the most wonderful year."

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STIER RETURNING TO AUSTRALIA

After almost eight years with the BHA, the organisation's Chief Regulatory Officer Jamie Stier will leave his position in 2018 to return home to his native Australia. Stier will be taking up a position within Australian racing, the details of which are expected to be announced shortly. Leading the tributes to Stier was the BHA's chief Executive Nick Rust who said, "Jamie has made a significant contribution as Chief Regulatory Officer and in his previous roles at the BHA since he joined in 2010. I would like to thank him for his work, and wish him well for the future. Our system of regulation has been improving and becoming much more transparent and progressive over the last few years."

Stier Returning to Australia Cont.

Of his time with Britain's racing regulator, Jamie Stier himself added, "I have greatly enjoyed the privilege of working in British racing, and more particularly the BHA, during the last eight years. I have been fortunate to have worked with many fantastic people during my time here and the current team guiding the BHA, under Nick's leadership, is no exception. I would like to thank those who have offered me support during my time here."

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BRITAIN



Sunday's Result:

2nd-CHD, £5,000, Cond, 12-17, 2yo, f, 8f (AWT), 1:40.78, st. EJTYAH (GB) (f, 2, Frankel {GB})--Darysina, by Smart Strike), a 7-2 shot, was restrained from the break and raced greenly in rear of the tightly-packed group. Sent after Calypso Blue (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) at the top of the straight, the bay responded to a smack at the furlong pole to get on top 100 yards later and assert for an ultimately cosy half-length success. The winner is the first foal out of Darysina, who was sold by His Highness The Aga Khan's famed breeding operation for €800,000 to McKeever Bloodstock Limited at the 2013 Arqana December Sale. She is a half-sister to four black-type performers, headed by the G2 Prix du Conseil de Paris scorer Daramsar (Fr) (Rainbow Quest) and the G1 Hong Kong Vase and G2 Prix de Royallieu heroine Daryakana (Fr) (Selkirk). The latter went on to produce last year's G1 Prix Ganay hero Dariyan (Fr) (Shamardal), who was third in the Hong Kong Vase and now stands at Haras de Bonneval. The second dam is the G1 Prix de Diane and G1 Prix Vermeille heroine Daryaba (Ire) (Night Shift), a daughter of the SW and MGSP Darata (Ire) (Vayrann {Ire}), who is a half-sister to the group winners Gentle Genius (Aus) and Daralinsha. Next up from Darysina is a yearling filly by Dutch Art (GB) named Daryana (GB) and a filly foal by Invincible Spirit (Ire). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,310. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Abdullah Saeed Al Naboodah; B-Good Breeding (GB); T-David Simcock.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Star Quality (GB), f, 3, Champs Elysees (GB)--Starfan (SP-Eng), by Lear Fan. WOL, 12-16, 7f 36y (AWT), 1:28.59. B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB). *11,000gns HRA '17 TATAHI. **1/2 to Glaswegian (GB) (Selkirk), GSW-Fr & MSP-HK, \$643,394.

Wicker (GB), f, 3, Myboycharlie (Ire)--Lady Berta (GB), by Bertolini. CHD, 12-17, 8f (AWT), 1:39.69. B-Lady Berta Partnership (GB). *£50,000 Ylg '15 DNPRM; £20,000 2yo '16 GOFBRE.

FRANCE



CONDITIONS RESULT:

6th-LLS, €20,000, 12-17, 3yo, 9f (AWT), 1:55.58, st. SUBLISSIMO (FR) (g, 3, Bertolini--Katie Arden {Ire}, by Barathe {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 18-6-4-1, €69,950. O-Guillaume Luyckx & Julien & Jacques Phelippon; B-P & C Baillet & A B Cuvillier (FR); T-Julien Phelippon. *€16,000 Ylg '15 OSASEP.

ITALY

Sunday, Naples, Italy

PREMIO UNIRE-Listed, €42,900, AGN, 12-17, 3yo/up, 11fT, sft.

1-**CHASEDOWN (IRE)**, 125, c, 3, Nathaniel (Ire)-Whipcla (Ire), by Whipper. O/B-Scuderia Effevi; T-Alduino Botti; J-Dario Vargiu. €16,575. Lifetime Record: 11-5-2-2 €82,569.

2-**Dirk (Ire)**, 122 c, 3, Mujahid-Docksil (GB) (GSW-Ity), by Docksider. O-Quafin; B- Allevamento Dei Lagoni; T-Alduino Botti. €7,293.

3--**Shamashad (Fr)**, 124, g, 4, Sea The Stars (Ire)-Shamakaiya (Ire) (SW-Fr), by Intikhab. (€12,000 3yo '16 ARQNOV). O-Scuderia San Lorenzo; B-S A Aga Khan; T-Vincenzo Di Napoli. €3,978.

Margins: 2 1/4, 2, NK. Odds: 1.55, 1.12, 11.56.

Also Ran: Keplero (Ity), Aethos (Ire), Veuve Noire (Ire).



Killahara Castle caused a major surprise on Sunday when winning a listed mares hurdle at Thurles at odds of 200/1, flooring the odds on favourite True Self. The win was a great family affair, as Killahara Castle is trained in Tipperary by John Burke for his sister Elaine and was ridden by their brother Martin | Racingfotos.com

WORLDWIDE NEWS

DANON DOMINATES FUTURITY

Japan's 2-year-old colts got their chance to do battle for juvenile supremacy in the G1 Futurity S. at Hanshin on Sunday and the race produced an utterly dominant performance from **Danon Premium (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}), with this imposing colt running out a facile winner of the one-mile contest in record time. Sent to post the 13/10 favourite in a strong field of

16 runners, Danon Premium broke smartly from his plum draw and was restrained early on by jockey Yuga Kawada as outsider **KT Clever (Jpn)** (Harbinger {GB}) was rushed up to set the early fractions. Danon Premium remained disputing third or fourth throughout the first five furlongs and as the field swung for home and the pacesetter began to paddle, the winner tanked into the lead and quickly put the race to bed, pulling four lengths clear. Kawada had the luxury of easing his mount 50 metres from the line, giving him a celebratory pat on the neck, and he crossed the line 3 1/2 lengths clear of **Stelvio (Jpn)** (Lord Knaloo {Jpn}), with **Tower Of London (Jpn)** (Raven's Pass) another neck back in third.

"He's a smart horse," said the winning jockey. "He was a bit keen to go today, but I believed in his strength and urged him to go when I saw a clear path entering the lane. He stretched and accelerated really well, just as we had expected. We need to extend the distance of his races in order for him to win the Classics next year, but I think he will continue to develop well toward this goal."

Danon Premium was providing trainer Mitsumasa Nakauchida with his first top-level victory and if he stays healthy and sound, he could give Nakauchida many more such wins. He is now unbeaten in three starts and announced his intentions with a smooth debut win at Hanshin in June before handling a step up in grade to win the G3 Saudi Arabia Royal Cup at Tokyo Oct. 7.



Danon Premium winning the Futurity | Horsephotos

Pedigree Notes...

Danon Premium is a first black-type winner for his dam Indiana Gal (Ire) (Intikhab), who was a smart stakes performer herself in Ireland. The now 12-year-old won a listed race at Dundalk and was group-placed on five occasions during her 46-race career before being sold to K.I. Farm at Tattersalls for 160,000gns in 2010.

Danon Premium Pedigree Notes Cont.

Danon Premium is her fourth produce, with her first two visits to Deep Impact (Jpn) producing a pair of winners in Lord Glanz (Jpn) and Lord Premium (Jpn). While Danon Premium is the 33rd Group 1 winner for his sire Deep Impact (Jpn), he is the first Group 1 winner in three generations of his female family, one that also includes the prolific Italian stakes winner Champion Place (GB) (Compton Place {GB}) and the stakes-placed Knock Stars (Ire) (Soviet Star). [Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

Sunday, Hanshin, Japan

ASAHI HAI FUTURITY S.-G1, ¥135,640,000, Hanshin, 12-17, 2yo c/f, 1600mT, 1:33.30 (NSR), fm.

1--**DANON PREMIUM (JPN)**, 121, c, 2, by Deep Impact (Jpn)

1st Dam: **Indiana Gal (Ire) (MSW & MGSP-Ire, \$319,044)**, by Intikhab

2nd Dam: **Genial Jenny (Ire)**, by Danehill

3rd Dam: **Joma Kaanem (Ire)**, by Double Form (Ire)

***1ST GROUP 1 WIN.** O-Danox Inc; B-K I Farm; T-Mitsumasa Nakauchida; J-Yuga Kawada; ¥71,148,000. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, ¥111,799,000. **Werk Nick Rating: A++.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Stelvio (Jpn)**, 121, c, 2, Lord Kanaloa (Jpn)--L'Archetto (Jpn), by Falbrav (Ire). O-Sunday Racing; B-Northern Farm; ¥28,328,000.

3--**Tower of London (Jpn)**, 121, c, 2, **Raven's Pass**--Snow Pine (GB), by Dalakhani (Ire). O-HH Sheikh Mohammed; B-Darley Japan Farm; ¥18,164,000.

Margins: 3HF, NK, NO. Odds: 1.30, 4.30, 2.90.

Also Ran: Keiai Nautique (Jpn), Danon Smash (Jpn), Fast Approach (Jpn), Cassius (Jpn), Frontier (Jpn), Double Sharp (Jpn), Asakusa Genki, K T Clever (Jpn), Right on Cue (Jpn), Muscoloso (Jpn), Iron Claw (Jpn), Hishi Cosmah (Jpn), Ishimatsu (Jpn).

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WINX BACK BUT SO TOO ARE CHALLENGERS

Australia's darling **Winx (Aus)** (Street Cry {Ire}) has completed her spell and has returned to her training base at Chris Waller's stable. The 6-year-old is now set to resume training again as connections look forward to an autumn campaign having enjoyed a glorious spring, capped by a history-equaling third win in the G1 Ladbrokes Cox Plate at Moonee Valley Oct. 28.

"She's back in the stable, but I'm not sure yet where she will start off," Waller told *Racing And Sports*. "And there is no decision yet whether she goes overseas," was his answer to the refrain he will no doubt begin to hear more and more of in the New Year.

A new year will also bring potential fresh challengers to Winx, and one that could possibly step up to the mark is **Aloisia (NZ)** (Azamour {Ire}). The Aaron Purcell-trained filly won the G1 Schweppes Thousand Guineas at Caulfield in October and followed up in the G2 Drummond Golf Vase two weeks later at Moonee Valley before a beaten favourite when upped to a mile and a half in the G1 Kennedy Oaks at Flemington in November.

"She's back in work with the pre-trainer and has spelled really well and looks good," said Terry Henderson of owners OTI Racing. Mapping out a potential campaign for the 3-year-old, Henderson told *Racing.com*, "She'll resume in the [G3] Vanity [in February] and then head to the Australian Guineas, the Vinery Stud Stakes and then the ATC Oaks. If she was to win the Australian Guineas, then we might give some thought to the Queen Elizabeth rather than the Oaks."

That latter target opens up the potential of a clash with Winx in April, and given the great mare's dominance against her domestic rivals, some fresh new opponents are badly needed to keep her next campaign as exciting as the one gone by.

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Winx winning her third Cox Plate | Bronwen Healy

MALAGUERRA DOWN BUT NOT OUT

Group 1 sprinter **Malaguerra (Aus)** (Magnus {Aus}) faces an uphill battle to get back to his best as he continues to recover from tendon trouble sustained in the G1 Darley Classic at Flemington last month. The dual Group 1 winner was a leading candidate for the Darley Classic off the back of his penultimate third in the G1 Ladbrokes Mankiato S. at Moonee Valley in October. He can be forgiven his 10th-place finish behind **Redzel (Aus)** (Snitzel {Aus}), as his trainer Peter Gelagotis explained to *Racing.com*, "He slightly strained both front suspensory ligaments, one more so than the other, but very mildly."

Malaguerra Down But Not Out Cont.

“He’s in a rehab phase at the moment, but is recovering well,” the trainer added. Gelagotis is resigned to the fact that Malaguerra will miss some major races in the autumn, but is hopeful of having the 6-year-old back on the team for the spring. “One leg has settled right down and you could argue is clear on scan and the other leg is 50-60% better, so we’ve just got to persevere with the rehab for another month to six weeks and then give him a short break and he’ll be right to go. We’ll miss the autumn, but he might be able to venture to Brisbane and if not, we’ll bite the bullet and bring him back for the spring.”

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AUSTRALIAN-BRED WINNERS

IN HONG KONG:

Lean Perfection (Aus), g, 3, **Sebring (Aus)**--Suzy Rocks (Aus), by Rock of Gibraltar (Ire). Sha Tin, 12-17, Hcp. (A\$147k), 1000mT, :57.62. B-F Peisah (NSW). *1ST START WIN. **A\$150,000 Ylg '16 MMNAT. **VIDEO**

Noble Steed (Aus), g, 4, **Street Cry (Ire)**--Extension of Time (Aus) (SW & G1SP-Aus, A\$328,535), by Dash For Cash (Aus). Sha Tin, 12-17, Hcp. (A\$147k), 1400mT, 1:22.89. B-Rydell Bloodstock Pty Ltd, Derril Pty Ltd, Shetland Nominees, Glastonbury Farms, Stud Consultants Pty Ltd (Vic). *A\$460,000 Ylg '15 INGEAS; HK\$7,500,000 HRA '17 HKIS. **VIDEO**

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