



DICK ENBERG, TV CO-HOST FOR FIRST BREEDERS' CUP, DEAD AT 82



Dick Enberg (right) & Dave Johnson during the 1984 Breeders' Cup broadcast on NBC | NBC Sports Group

By T.D. Thornton

Dick Enberg, a National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association Hall of Fame member who earned 13 Emmy Awards while calling every sport imaginable during a 60-year television and radio career—including horse racing—died suddenly Dec. 21 at his home in San Diego. He was 82.

Enberg's daughter, Nicole Enberg Vaz, confirmed to The Associated Press that family members became concerned when her father didn't arrive as planned on a flight to Boston to meet his wife and children for a holiday gathering, and that a subsequent wellness check found Enberg dead in his home in the La Jolla neighborhood near his packed luggage. She said a heart attack is suspected as the cause of death, but that the family is awaiting official word from examiners.

Enberg honed an understated, precisely punctuated, gentlemanly style that allowed sporting events to essentially tell their own stories. But when he let fly with one of his trademark, enthusiastic "Oh, my!" ad libs, viewers and listeners were sure to know that it signified a big shift or a stunning development in whatever game, race, or match Enberg happened to be calling.

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JOCKEYS' GUILD AND NYRA AT IMPASSE, WALKOUT POSSIBLE

By Bill Finley

With a contract covering health benefits and life insurance for jockeys riding in New York about to expire at the end of the year, the possibility of a walkout by Aqueduct jockeys is looming as the two sides are not close to an agreement on a new deal.

The story was first reported by the *Daily Racing Form*.

The Guild has asked NYRA to sign a three-year contract and has asked for a 1% increase in the amount NYRA pays into a pool during the second and third years of the contract. Jockeys' Guild National Manager Terry Meyocks said he has not heard from NYRA officials in "three or four days" and that he does not know when and if negotiations will continue. **Cont. p9 (Click here)**

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Hollywood Park, 1984. Left to right: Pete Axthelm, Dick Enberg, and Dave Johnson cover the television debut of the Breeders' Cup for NBC Sports. Story and remembrances continue on page 3. | Photo courtesy of NBC Sports Group

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Enberg’s personal highlight reel included being the on-air personality for national broadcasts of Super Bowls, the Olympics, Wimbledon tennis championships, and college basketball’s Final Four. He also had a decades-long southern California presence as the play-by-play baseball and football voice of the California Angels, San Diego Padres, and Los Angeles Rams.

Although it was not a sport he covered regularly, Enberg had a lead role in one of Thoroughbred racing’s benchmark broadcasts: On Nov. 10, 1984, he co-hosted the very first Breeders’ Cup on *NBC*.

At the time, the concept was an unprecedented and somewhat daunting challenge for both the on-air and production teams, because no entity had ever attempted to fit seven horse races that run roughly two minutes each into a four-hour telecast.

As Enberg recalled in an interview with the *San Diego Union-Tribune* just three months prior to his passing, the *NBC* team compensated by over-preparing, but a number of those planned segments went unused when the drama and spirit of racing’s first championships ended up carrying the broadcast.

“The races took care of themselves,” Enberg told the *Union-Tribune*, downplaying how he had personally prepared for his first go at covering Thoroughbred racing by immersing himself in an 18-month crash course in the sport. “We got millions of viewers to tune in for something they weren’t super-passionate fans about. We were all thrilled.”

Dave Johnson, who shared co-hosting duties with Enberg for the first three Breeders’ Cups (Enberg would later partner with Tom Hammond for the 1987-90 broadcasts), recalled not only the “flying by the seat of our pants” nature of those first few Breeders’ Cup telecasts, but how hard Enberg worked behind

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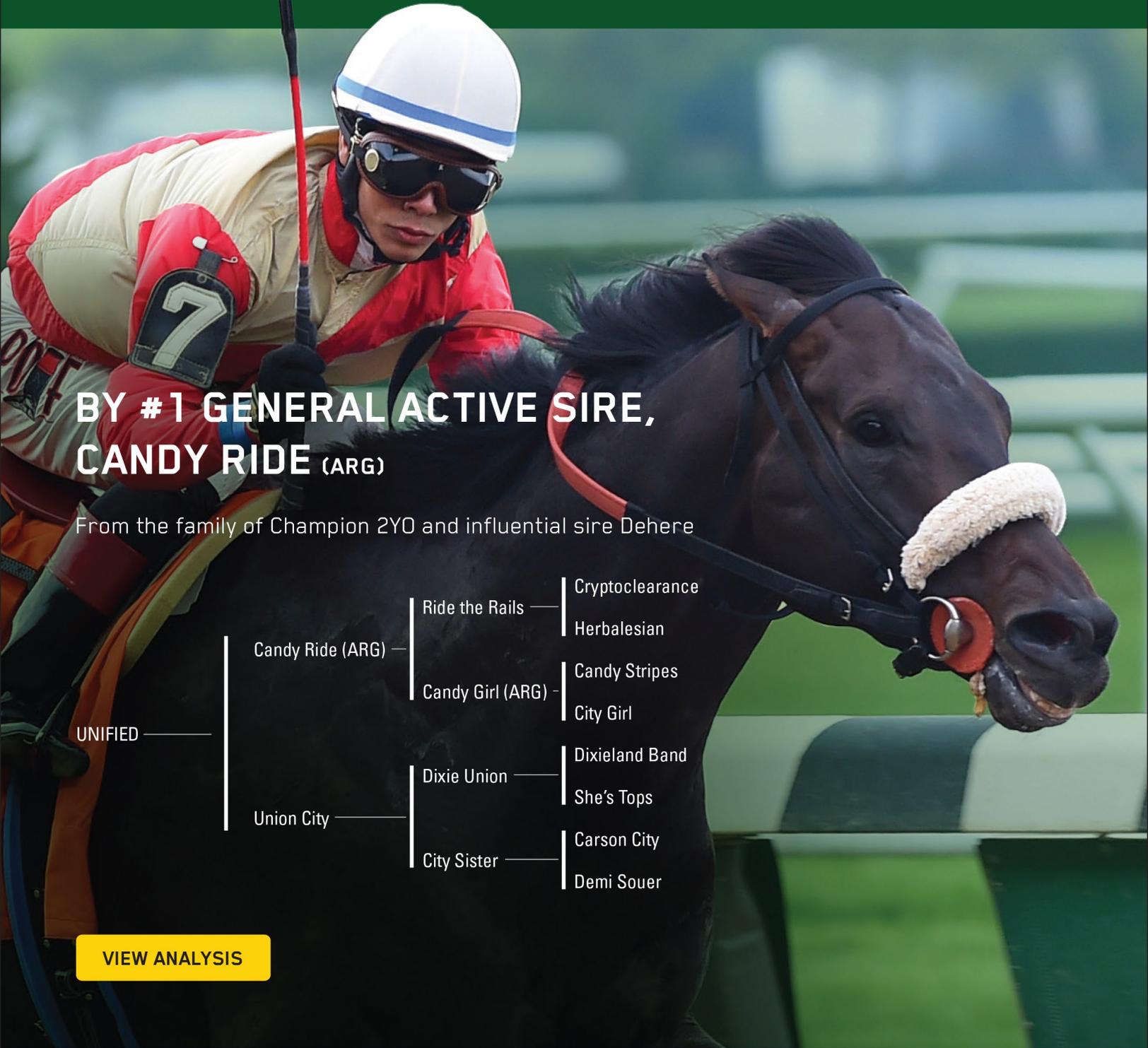
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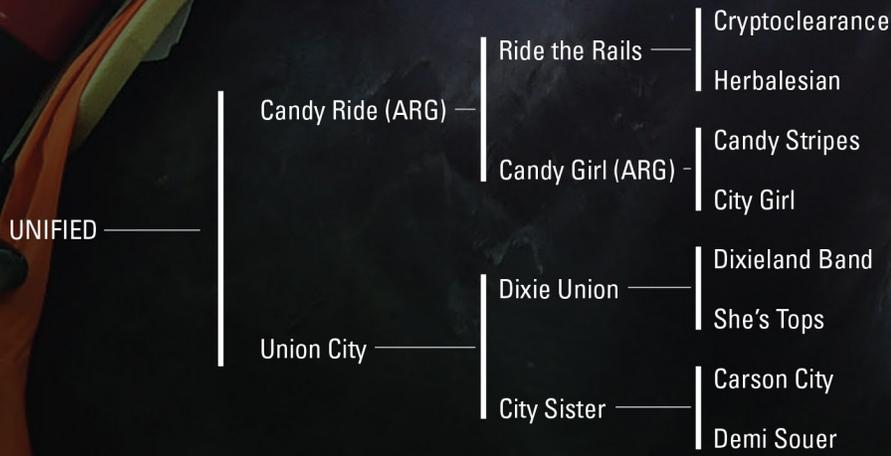


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"I'm going to use the word 'generous,'" Johnson said via phone on Friday when asked what Enberg's style was like behind the microphone. "Because his whole broadcasting mantra was make the other people look good. He was well-prepared and thoroughly professional. He never threw you a curve ball, and he did it to make everybody on the broadcast look good."

Despite being known for elevating meticulous preparation to an art form, a *Washington Post* remembrance of his work noted one frenzied exception: In 1989, on the eve of the Breeders' Cup, Enberg returned to his hotel room only to find that his entire dossier of notes for the broadcast had gone missing.

"That was the most anxious I'd ever seen him in his life. He was hyperventilating," his wife, Barbara, said in 2016. Believing the maid had mistakenly thrown away the paperwork, the Enbergs

spent a good chunk of the evening digging through the hotel's massive trash receptacle before finding that the housekeeper had instead tucked his notes on an unseen shelf behind window blinds in the room. "I was ready-to-cry kind of panicked," Enberg later recalled with characteristic good humor.

When Enberg retired from his last main gig, the Padres telecasts, in 2016, he said in a *Union-Tribune* retrospective that horse racing had also provided his toughest assignment as a broadcaster: the fateful GI Breeders' Cup Distaff in 1990, when the scintillating stretch duel between Go For Wand and

Bayakoa turned tragic on national TV after Go For Wand suffered a catastrophic injury and had to be euthanized.

"It's like someone dropped a curtain on 50,000 people--just silence," Enberg said in the retrospective. "It was an awful



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GUN RUNNER (c. by Candy Ride (ARG)). 11 wins, 2 to 4, 2017, \$1,000,000. **[G1]**, Cup Classic **[G1]**, Whitney S. **[G1]**, Woodward S. **[G1]**, Stephen Foster S. **[G1]**, Twinspires.com Louisiana Derby **[G2]**, Veterans Ford F. S. **[G3]**, Razorback H. **[G3]**, 2nd Emirates Airline Dubai Turf S. **[G1]**, Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile **[G1]**, Pennsylvania Derby **[G2]**, Travers S. **[G1]**.

Quiet Flirt (f. by Malibu Moon). Placed in 1 start at 3, 2017.

2nd dam

QUIET DANCE, by Quiet American. 6 wins, 2 to 4, \$224,200. **[G2]**. Dam of 12 winners--

SAINT LIAM (c. by Saint Ballado). 9 wins, 3 to 5, \$4,000.

Champion older horse in U.S., Breeders' Cup Turf S. **[G1]**, Donn H. **[G1]**-ntr, 1 1/8 miles in 1:48.43, Woodward S. **[G1]**, Woodward S. **[G1]**, New Orleans H. **[G2]**, et al.

QUIET GIANT (f. by Giant's Causeway). Black type winner.

DANCE QUIETLY (f. by A.P. Indy). Winner at 2 and 3, \$12,000.

CONGRESSIONALHONOR (c. by Forestry). 2 wins at 3, \$12,000. **[G3]**. Sire.

Miss Besilu (f. by Medaglia d'Oro). Winner at 2 and 3, \$18,000. Alabama S. **[G1]**, TVG Coaching Club American Oaks **[G1]**.

American Dance (c. by A.P. Indy). 3 wins, 2 to 5 in NA and PAN, \$12,000. Remsen S. **[G2]**.

Quiet Now (f. by Tiznow). Winner at 3, \$37,020. Dam of--

LULL (f. by War Front). 3 wins at 2 and 3, 2017, \$608,050. Sprint S., Exacta Systems Juvenile Fillies S., 2nd San Cle Chase Jessamine S. **[G3]**, Soaring Softly S., etc.

Irsaal (g. by More Than Ready). 6 wins, 2 to 6, placed at \$340,000. Birdstone S., 3rd Easy Goer S., Jazil S., Bert Allen S.

Beatem Buster (f. by Honour and Glory). Unraced. Dam of--

BUSTER'S READY (f. by More Than Ready). 4 wins at 2 and 3, \$4,884. Mo Goose S. **[G1]**, 2nd Black-Eyed Susan S. **[G2]**, 3rd Out Rule S.

3rd dam

MISTY DANCER, by Lyphard. Unplaced. Half-sister to **MINSTRELLA** (\$317,000), **Champion 2YO in IRE**, Heinz 57 Phoenix S. **[G1]**, etc.), **MISTY GALLORE** (\$1,000,000), H.-**G2**, etc.). Dam of 7 winners--

QUIET DANCE **(\$70,000 S&N)**. Black type winner, see above.

Fog Dance (f. by Unbridled's Song). Unplaced in 1 start. Dam of--

ROLLING FOG (c. by Gosse). 5 wins, 2 to 5 in NA and PAN, \$222,000. Futurity **[G1]**.

Xylia (f. by More Than Ready). 2 wins at 2 and 4, placed at 5, 2017. Alberto (Philippines) S. **[G2]**, Jose A. Perez y Bernabe Perez S. **[G2]**.

Opera Song (f. by Unbridled's Song). Unraced. Dam of--
Saint Archa (c. by More Than Ready). 3 wins, 2 to 3, \$85,182. 3rd Tom Ridge S.

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silence. I'm trying to explain it on the air [and] instead of going on a 'talk-back' or 'cough' button, I said on air, 'Please don't play that again.'"

Enberg ended up maintaining his enthusiasm for racing even after he stopped hosting the Breeders' Cup. When assignments took him to the Bluegrass region, he would arrange for tours of stallion farms, and he would often attend events like the Dr. Tony Ryan Book Award ceremony at Castleton Lyons. In the week that Del Mar Thoroughbred Club hosted the Breeders' Cup this past November, those two entities teamed up to honor Enberg with the Sports and Racing Excellence Award.

Within the fraternity of sports broadcasters, Enberg was particularly known for his willingness to help newcomers just breaking in behind the microphone.

Enberg's humility and helpfulness extended back to his own formative days as a sports broadcaster in his native Michigan, where he leaped at the chance to rise from being a one-dollar-an-hour radio station custodian to calling play-by-play for local high school football games.

Funeral arrangements are pending for Enberg, who is survived by his wife and six children. His attorney, Dennis Coleman, said in a statement that the family "is grateful for the kind thoughts and prayers of all of Dick's countless fans and dear friends. At this time we are all still processing the significant loss, and we ask for prayers and respectful privacy in the immediate aftermath of such untimely news" -@thorntontd

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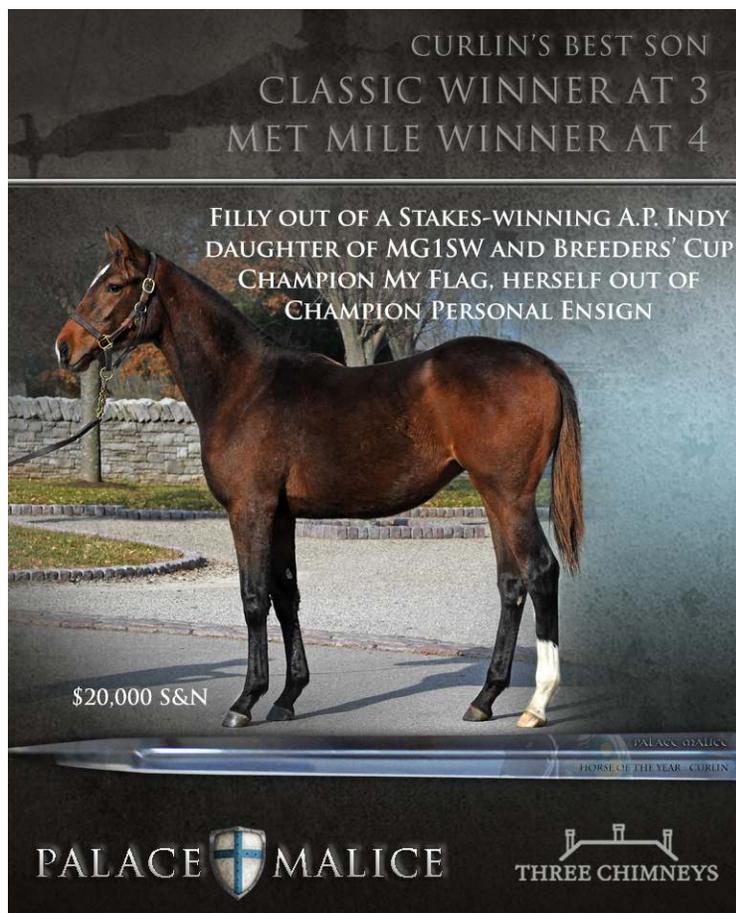
RACING LOSES A GREAT FRIEND

by Barry Weisbord

With Dick Enberg's sudden passing, racing has lost a great friend. You will read words describing Dick as a true gentleman, the consummate professional, a great teacher of broadcasting (he started out as a college professor after earning a PhD in health science)--all with unbridled enthusiasm. As a friend for over 30 years, I can attest that those characterizations are all true.

What you might not read elsewhere, is what a good friend of racing he was. On a summer day off--not that there were many--he often could be found at Del Mar, a short drive from his home, just trying to pick a winner. He loved being at the track even more on days he was not getting paid to be there.

We originally met in the early 80s when Tom Hammond, who was the Matchmaker Sales announcer at the time, asked if he



TDN Publisher Barry Weisbord with Dick & Barbara Enberg and screenwriter Gina Wendkos (left) at Royal Ascot in the 80s

could bring his NBC colleague to Royal Ascot. Along with his love of racing, he also enjoyed Broadway, and had a vast knowledge of show tunes. With racing, sports, and a strong propensity to break into Broadway song, for me it was a match made in heaven that included many great days racing in America and Europe, and memorable nights at the theater in London and

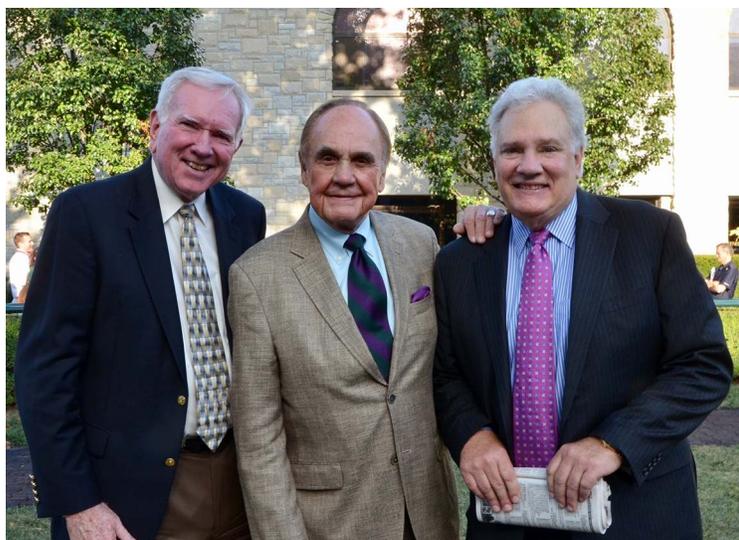
New York. I also got to enjoy the play he wrote, "Coach," about his long time college basketball broadcast partner, the free-spirited Al McGuire.

I observed his professionalism first hand. Dick was always so well prepared, even more so when doing a sport not in his "wheel house." I was involved with the NBC telecast of the Tour de Trump, a bike race in Atlantic City in 1989. Dick was anchoring the broadcast from the casino roof, off the boardwalk. It was a very windy day. He had copious notes that blew away very early in the lengthy live broadcast. There was no panic, just some frantic writing between commercial breaks and some helpful assists from the production team. The audience was none the wiser. Some strong cocktails were shared by all when we left the air. It was amazing to witness such rare skill. His sports "wheel house " was vast. He was considered an expert in so many sports. Baseball was a true love--he played in college and later coached, but along with the first Breeders' Cups were Super Bowls, Olympics, Final Fours, Rose Bowls, Wimbledons, and so much more, which earned him induction into sports and broadcast Hall of Fames and numerous Sports Emmys. All the preparation and knowledge were delivered with unique enthusiasm. He loved the theater of the broadcast and loved playing to his audience. I have had a few great enthusiasm mentors in my life, but none more important than Dick. He enjoyed his work, his life, his family, like none other.

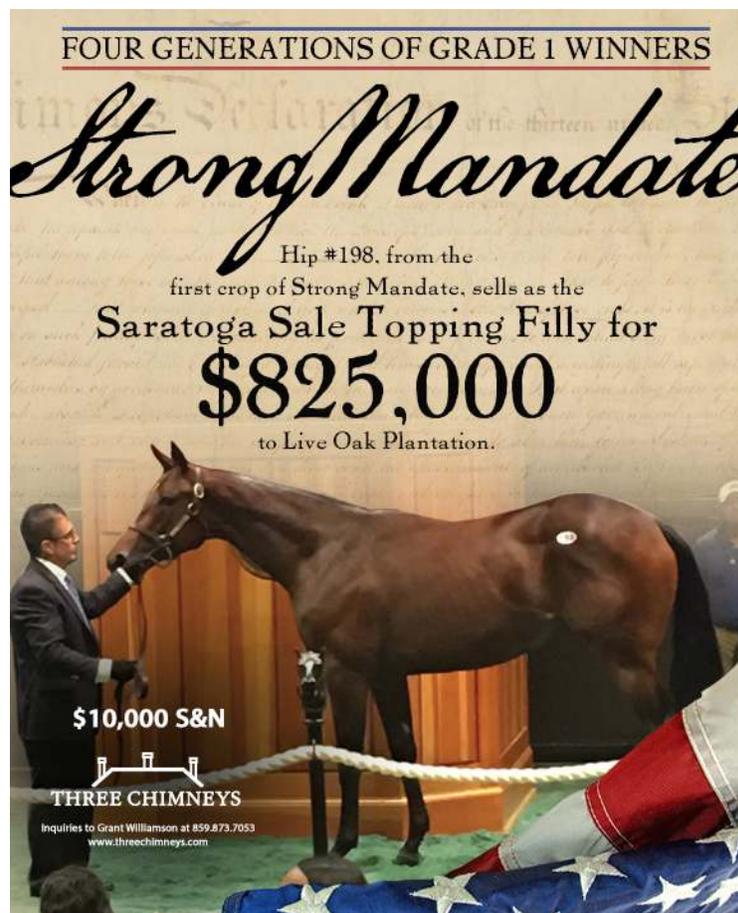
Our thoughts go out to his wife Barbara, his children and their families. His was a life well lived.

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"He was my friend and mentor. I tried to emulate him in many ways. He was always supportive and I couldn't have had the career I have at NBC without his help, guidance and kind words to those who hired me initially.

We sort of bonded when I was working at the local Lexington NBC affiliate, WLEX TV. He would come in to do UK basketball games. Since I worked for the NBC affiliate, I would always go meet the crew and tell them what I knew that might help them in the broadcast. One of those days after the game, he had a lot of time after his flight, so I took him to meet Secretariat out at Claiborne Farm. It was a memorable visit. He was so taken by Secretariat. The horse knew he was the star of the show and he would just pose and look. The look in his eyes just struck Dick Enberg and it was something he never forgot. From that day on we became friends and kept in touch.

He helped me get hired for the first Breeders' Cup in 1984 as a reporter and at the end of the day NBC offered me a full-time job doing NFL football, and 34 years later I am still there. If not for Dick recommending me to those people as a 'horse racing expert' none of that probably would have happened. I eventually became the host with Dick on the Breeders' Cup and then succeeded him as the host.

He loved horse racing. He came to Keeneland every opportunity he got. He also loved Del Mar. He always bet his age

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in the daily double back in the day when that was the only gimmick bet there was. He just loved to go to the races. He loved Central Kentucky and all the farms and the atmosphere. His good friend Gary Bizantz from their days as neighbors back in Rancho Santa Fe has Cobra Farm and Dick would always stay there. That is even the place where he wrote his autobiography, so he had a great affinity for Kentucky. We were even working on a deal for him to teach a journalism class at UK last fall. He said he wanted to be like a sophomore in college again and enjoy everything that goes on at a college campus.

He meant so much to me, not only to my career, but to me personally. He was a great friend and we would laugh and tell old stories everytime we got together. It is a sad day for me. He was here in October and went to Keeneland. I saw him a lot and he gave a lecture at UK and I introduced him. He seemed so healthy and full of life that it is kind of a shock.” -Tom Hammond

“He was one of my very best friends and we shared so many wonderful experiences over many, many years, including times at Wimbledon, the French Open, Royal Ascot, basketball games, horse racing, ski trips, etc... There is just an unbelievable amount of things I did with him and I was just fortunate enough to have him as a friend. He was such a wonderful person and, in my opinion, the most respected sportscaster in history. He was probably one of the most likeable people in America or even the world. Everybody liked him. He never had an enemy. There was never anybody who could say anything but a good word about him. Great guy.

He would always stay at the farm and go to Keeneland with me. He loved to go to the races. Everybody at Keeneland loved him. They would all ask me, ‘Is Dick Enberg coming? When is Dick Enberg coming?’ It was one of his favorite places.” -Gary Bizantz

“I first met Dick in the pressbox at Santa Anita back in the mid-60s. He was working as a sports guy at one of the local t.v. stations in L.A. and just liked to come out to the racetrack. I always told him I knew him before he was Dick Enberg. He was a good guy and just had a presence.

I was working as a camera guy in those days shooting film around the racetrack. We had a little show going on about the Shell oil company. When you went to get gas, they had a thing you would scratch off with numbers. They had a show to watch the old races, and if your numbers matched up with the winners, you won either a tank of gas or \$1,000. We needed an on-screen announcer. We thought what about that guy at Channel 5? Maybe he will do it.

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He is halfway decent looking and likes the races, so we did it. We became friends then with me shooting the camera and him reading the lines. We were both in our 20s then and has been a friend for all these years.

He still loved racing. He was the first guy to do the Breeders' Cup shows. He knew the business and he knew the people. He was a natural announcer. When you listened to Dick, you knew he knew the game. That wasn't that easy to find, but when you listened to Dick, you knew he had it.

We gave him a party a month ago just for something for people to go to while they were out here for Breeders' Cup with Dick being the guy to do the first show. We had lunch and I told him I wanted to honor him and he said, 'Oh no, you can find somebody else.' I said, 'We probably could, but you're handy Dick. You have to do it.' Thank goodness we did it and he had a great evening and enjoyed it. A number of people got up and said some really nice things about him. Looking back, I am glad we did that. He told me he had a good time." -Joe Harper, Del Mar President and CEO

"First of all, we were extremely sad to get the news yesterday. Dick was a wonderful guy and total gentleman. If you knew him, you liked him, and most people liked him very much. He was extremely important to the Breeders' Cup as a notable member

of our broadcast team. As one of the great talents in sports broadcasting, Dick gave us immediate credibility. We will always be grateful to him and NBC for his presence on those early broadcasts.

I don't think he had a lot of exposure to horse racing before [the Breeders' Cup], but he was quite enthused and I believe he actually owned some horses thereafter. He was a fan.

Our hearts, thoughts and prayers go out to his family." -D.G. Van Clief, former Breeders' Cup President

"All of us who love sports and racing are greatly saddened today with the passing of Dick Enberg, one of America's greatest sports broadcasters and an even greater person, who exuded enormous warmth and respect for friends and fans in his wonderful life. Dick hosted the first seven broadcasts of NBC's coverage of the Breeders' Cup, beginning with the unprecedented four-hour live program of the inaugural event from Hollywood Park in 1984. As with his remarkable proficiency and versatility in delivering play-by-play for the local teams in Southern California, and for the many World Series, Super Bowls and NCAA Final Fours he worked, Dick brought the same energy, passion and knowledge of his craft to horse racing on the national stage.

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JOCKEYS' GUILD & NYRA AT IMPASSE, WALKOUT POSSIBLE cont.



Off and running at the Big A | Adam Coglianese

Because entries for the cards of Jan. 1, 4 and 5 are taken during 2017, the riders will be covered for those days. The first day of racing that could be impacted would be Jan. 6.

"What the riders do (in case there is no contract agreement) would be up to them as individuals," said Guild attorney Tom Kennedy. "But they understand the issues and the risks. This is a strong colony and there is a lot of loyalty among them to the Jockeys' Guild."

"We have to stay together," Irad Ortiz Jr. told *DRF*. "We're not asking for more or less than we have right now, we're just asking for the same thing. If they don't do it, I guess we're going to have to stop riding. We have to stay together. Nobody can do something different, then it's going to be a mess. We're all jockeys."

According to Kennedy, both the Stronach Group and Churchill Downs have agreed to the same contract the Guild is seeking from NYRA.

The contract does not involve health insurance. Rather, the money involved is used for life insurance, accidental death and dismemberment policies and for a fund that goes to jockeys to help them out financially if they are sidelined by injury. Meyocks

said that since 2007, the Guild has paid out over \$13 million from the pool of money it receives from the racetracks.

"Hopefully, we will have an agreement in place," Meyocks said. "Hopefully, we will get this resolved, but we have to make sure that not, if, but when, the riders get injured they are taken care of. We've had so many situations like this, with jockeys like Ramon Dominguez, Jose Espinoza, Rajiv Maragh. Jockeys get hurt and we have to make sure they are taken care of."

Meyocks said the benefits include a \$250 weekly payment to any Guild member who cannot ride due to injury.

"The NYRA jockey colony has always been a leader for the Guild," Meyocks said. "They realize we take care of the 'little guy' jocks and how important that is."

NYRA officials have not commented on the impasse and Martin Panza, NYRA's senior vice president of racing operations, told the *Form* he would not "negotiate in the press."

The last time there was a jockey action in New York was in the fall of 1988 when the track's top jockeys refused to ride over a handful of issues, primarily how much they were paid when finishing second or third. Racing continued with exercise riders and riders from lower level tracks coming in to accept mounts. Then known as the NYRA Mile, the first running of the GI Cigar Mile was contested with all replacement riders and was won by Billy Fox Jr. aboard Forty Niner.

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HOOTENANNY RETIRED TO BUCK POND



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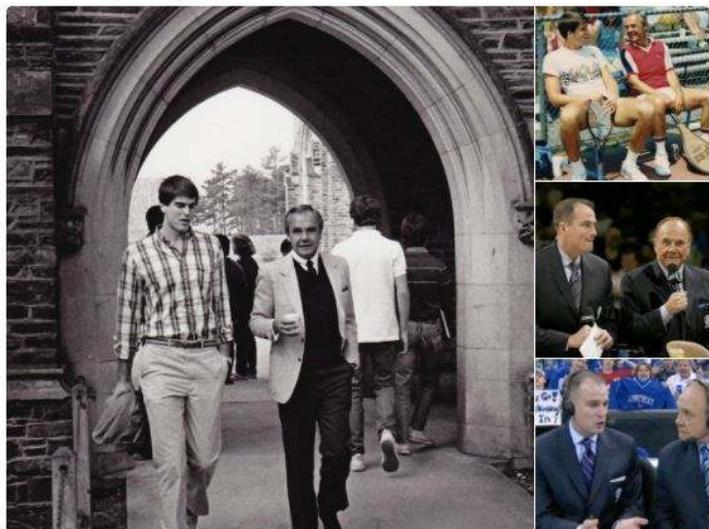
Hootenanny (Quality Road--More Hennessy, by Hennessy), hero of the 2014 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf and runner-up in that season's G1 Darley Prix Morny, has been retired from racing and will stand the 2018 breeding season at Douglas S.



Jay Bilas [@JayBilas](#)

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I first met Dick Enberg when I was in college, and had the honor and privilege of knowing him ever since. I grew up listening to Dick in Los Angeles, and had the great honor of working with him. He was the best of the best in every way. RIP Dick Enberg.



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We are deeply saddened by the sudden passing of **Dick Enberg**. Dick launched the Breeders' Cup on NBC in 1984. He personified class and grace, he will be missed dearly.



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Dick Enberg, as good as it gets. He cared about the game and the viewers. He elevated his partners. A perfect fit calling any sport .. and even better guy when you got to meet him. I will cherish our chats in Queens, Northern Michigan and at Wimbledon. Prayers to his family.



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"To me, **Dick Enberg** was the greatest all-around sportscaster who ever lived and will never be emulated. He was a very dear friend of mine. He had my respect, admiration and my friendship. He will be sorely missed." -Vin Scully



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Just received Dick Enberg's Christmas card yesterday. Above all else he loved family...sports & broadcasting was a very close second. I'll remember him for his kindness, class, enthusiasm & timeless talent. He was truly one of a kind and ... Oh My...he will be missed.



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dick enberg - oh my, what a loss. we arrived in LA about the same time, 2 midwesterners, wide eyed and excited about opportunities. he stayed the nice guy to the very end. RIP, my friend.

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Met Dick Enberg in his Angels' booth as a 12 y-o dreamer & wannabe. I've learned from & admired his unmatched class & grace ever since... was immensely proud to call him an ESPN tennis colleague. Such sad news this morning. I'll miss him deeply, especially while at Wimbledon

5:35 AM - 22 Dec 2017



Larry Collmus [@larrycollmus](#) · 4h

RIP Dick Enberg, the host of the first [@BreedersCup](#) on [@NBCSports](#) in 1984. Dick added class and grace to every broadcast he did. I never got to meet him but wish I did.

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Arnold's Buck Pond Farm in Versailles, Kentucky. A stud fee has yet to be determined.

The \$120,000 KEENOV weanling and \$75,000 KEESEP yearling was campaigned by owners Michael B. Tabor, Mrs. John Magnier and Derrick Smith and trained by Wesley Ward. A winner at two, three, and four, the 2014 Windsor Castle S. winner retires with a record of 16-5-3-1 and earnings of \$876,698. Produced by a half-sister to GI Prioress S. heroine Cat Moves (Tale of the Cat), he was bred in Kentucky by Barronstown.

"Hootenanny was a brilliant racehorse, and he is a brilliant individual," Arnold said. "When breeders see him, they will love him. We are very excited to have a horse with his ability and pedigree at Buck Pond."

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CORRECTION: Friday's edition incorrectly stated that Steve Asmussen trained Tapit when it was actually Michael Dickinson. We regret the error.



HORSES LOST IN LILAC FIRE IDENTIFIED

The following from the California Horse Racing Board is a list of 43 horses that have been either positively identified or reported as missing and presumed to be among those that perished.

RACEHORSES

Handsome Beau (Trainer-Herman Ackerson).
Royal Kuna; Wild Bill Hickory (T-Martine Bellocq).
OddsMaker; Riri (T-Phil D'Amato).
Packin Heat; Sir Charmalot (T-Daniel Dunham).
Monster Man; Oughttobeking; Puig; Stormin Norman; Aussie Rock Star (Ire); Baby Bruin; Chrysaor; Dodgertown; Fregosi; He's a Pleasure; Malibu Vixen; Mr. Hockey; Rocknrollallnight; Sunset Grill; Potent (T-Scott Hansen).
Call Me First; Everlovin Woman; Only One Love; Ourroseofthenile; Ral Rue; Sarah Sunshine (T-Joe Herrick).
Fast Freddie (T-Juan C. Lopez).
Amalfi Drive; California Diamond; Doc Raj; Lizmeister; Los Borrachos (T-Peter Miller).
Shortstormcoming (T-Kimberly Schaffer-Marrs).
Candy Twist; Scat Home Lady (T-Clifford Sise)

YEARLINGS

Colt-Slew's Tiznow-Chalula One (T-Juan C. Lopez).
Colt-City Zip-Sweet Thoughts; Colt-Quality Road-Cool Flame; Filly-Into Mischief-Warm Hugs (T-Clifford Sise).

PONIES

Cat Dreamer (T-Scott Hansen).
Paint pony (Outrider-Les Baker).

UNKNOWN HORSES

Three

UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Track</u>
12/23	GIII Mr. Prospector S.	GP
12/26	GI La Brea S.	SA
	GI Malibu S.	SA
12/30	GI American Oaks	SA
1/13	GII Fort Lauderdale S.	GP
	GIII Marshua's River S.	GP
	GIII Skip Away S.	GP
	GIII Lecomte S.	FG
	GIII Col. E.R. Bradley H.	FG
1/27	GI Pegasus World Cup	GP
	GIII W.L. McKnight H.	GP
	GIII Hurricane Bertie S.	GP
	GIII Fred W. Hooper S.	GP
	GIII Hurricane Bertie S.	GP
1/28	GIII Houston Ladies Classic	HOU
	GIII John B. Connally Turf Cup	HOU
2/3	GII Holy Bull S.	GP



Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 4:37 p.m. EST

MR. PROSPECTOR S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	First Growth	Candy Ride (Arg)	Michelle Winters	Londono, Jr.	Corrales	6-1
2	Sonic Mule	Distorted Humor	Calumet Farm	Pletcher	Velazquez	8-1
3	Yourdreamsormine	Mr. Sekiguchi	Imaginary Stables	Dobles	Saez	12-1
4	Sweetontheladies	Twirling Candy	The Four Horsemen Racing Stable, Inc. & Lady Lindsay Racing Stables	Collazo	Reyes	15-1
5	K Wave	Blame	KRA Stud Farm	Colebrook	Jimenez	30-1
6	X Y Jet	Kanthalos	Hartunian, Gary & Rodriguez, Ivan	Navarro	Jaramillo	7-5
7	Fire Mission	Wildcat Heir	AI & Michelle Crawford Racing	Navarro	Gaffalione	6-1
8	Quijote	Pomeroy	Midwest Thoroughbreds, Inc.	De la cerda	Batista	5-1
9	Fast Friar	Girolamo	Holly Crest Farm	Mazza	Juarez	12-1
10	Quinientos	Sky Mesa	Rontos Racing Stable Corp.	Ronso	Vasquez	30-1

Breeders: 1-Alexander Groves Matz, LLC, 2-WinStar Farm, LLC, 3-Bridlewood Farm, 4-English Range Farm, 5-Pauleeanna Thoroughbreds, LLC & Wickham Equine Holdings, LLC, 6-Didier Plasencia, 7-Bailey Bolen, 8-Ramiro Rosas Medina, 9-Holly Crest Farm, 10-Oxley, TCF Stallions et al, Barry Simpson & Shelly Simpson

Tuesday, Santa Anita Park, post time: 6:00 p.m. EST

LA BREA S.-GI, \$300,000, 3yo, f, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Miss Sunset	Into Mischief	Klein, Alan & Lebhen, Philip	Bonde	Leparoux	122
2	Marley's Freedom	Blame	Cicero Farms, LLC	Hess, Jr.	Castellano	120
3	Unique Bella	Tapit	Don Alberto Stable	Hollendorfer	Smith	122
4	Mopotism	Uncle Mo	Reddam Racing LLC	O'Neill	Gutierrez	120
5	Faypien	Ghostzapper	Baoma Corporation	Baffert	Van Dyke	122
6	Just a Little Hope	Flatter	Catherine Zoc	Hendricks	Stevens	120
7	Paradise Woods	Union Rags	Sarkowsky, Steven, Wygod, Martin J. & Pam	Mandella	Prat	124
8	Princess Karen	Stay Thirsty	Bonde, Jeff, Brown, Jr., & Norton	Bonde	Desormeaux	120

Breeders: 1-Premier Thoroughbreds LLC & Alan Klein, 2-Jack Swain III, 3-Brushwood Stable, 4-Frank T Batten, 5-Off The Hook LLC, 6-Catherine Zoc, 7-Herman Sarkowsky, 8-Bell Tower Thoroughbreds



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Tuesday, Santa Anita Park, post time: 6:30 p.m. EST**MALIBU S.-GI, \$300,000, 3yo, 7f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	City of Light 🌿	Quality Road	Warren, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. William K.	McCarthy	Van Dyke	120
2	Edwards Going Left	Midnight Lute	Hronis Racing LLC	Sadler	Baze	120
3	Irish Freedom 🌿	Pioneerof the Nile	Donegal Racing	Baffert	Smith	120
4	Favorable Outcome	Flatter	Klaravich Stables, Inc. & Lawrence, William H.	Brown	Castellano	122
5	The Street Fighter	Street Boss	Bruce Headley	Headley	Maldonado	120
6	Pavel 🌿	Creative Cause	Reddam Racing LLC	O'Neill	Gutierrez	122
7	Heartwood	Tapit	Chapman, James K. & Tsujimoto, Stuart	Chapman	Rosario, Jr.	120
8	Dabster 🌿	Curlin	Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa al Maktoum	Baffert	Prat	120
9	C Z Rocket	City Zip	Frank Fletcher Racing Operations, Inc.	Stall, Jr.	Lezcano	120

Breeders: 1-Ann Marie Farm, 2-Red Baron's Barn & Vaya Con Suerte, 3-Philip Robertson & Brenda Robertson, 4-Charles T. Matses, 5-Bruce Headley & Andrew Molasky, 6-Brereton C. Jones & WinStar Farm, LLC, 7-Blue Heaven Farm, LLC, 8-G. Watts Humphrey Jr., Susan Keller, Victoria Oliver & G. Watts Humphrey III, 9-Farm III Enterprises LLC

Tuesday, Santa Anita Park, post time: 4:00 p.m. EST**SAN ANTONIO S.-GII, \$300,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Hoppertunity 🌿	Any Given Saturday	Watson, Karl, Pegram, Michael E. & Weitman, Paul	Baffert	Prat	122
2	Top of the Game	Desert Party	Wilson, Holly & David	Cerin	Desormeaux	120
3	Giant Expectations 🌿	Frost Giant	Exline- Border Racing LLC, Gatto Racing, LLC & Zubok, Garrett	Eurton	Stevens	120
4	Prime Attraction 🌿	Unbridled's Song	D P Racing	Cassidy	Espinoza	122
5	Accelerate 🌿	Lookin At Lucky	Hronis Racing LLC	Sadler	Castellano	124
6	Collected 🌿	City Zip	Speedway Stable LLC	Baffert	Smith	124

Breeders: 1-Betz/D.J. Stable/Kidder/J. Betz/Robenalt, 2-Cantrell Family Partnership Ltd., 3-Sunrise Stables, 4-Payson Stud, Inc., 5-Mike Abraham, 6-Runnymede Farm Inc. & Peter J. Callahan

Tuesday, Santa Anita Park, post time: 5:30 p.m. EST**MATHIS BROTHERS MILE S.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo, 1mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Kroy	The Factor	Midwest Thoroughbreds, Inc.	De la cerda	Castellano	120
2	B Squared	Square Eddie	Reddam Racing LLC	O'Neill	Gutierrez	122
3	Colonist 🌿	Pioneerof the Nile	Stonestreet Stables LLC	Hollendorfer	Nakatani	120
4	Harbour Master (GB)	Harbour Watch (Ire)	D P Racing	Cassidy	Espinoza	120
5	Bowies Hero 🌿	Artie Schiller	Agave Racing Stable	D'Amato	Desormeaux	122
6	Holiday Stone 🌿	Harlan's Holiday	Hill, Jim and Susan	Weaver	Bejarano	120
7	Hootie 🌿	Candy Ride (Arg)	Warren, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. William K.	McCarthy	Van Dyke	120
8	Big Score	Mr. Big	George Krikorian	Yakteen	Prat	122

Breeders: 1-Machmer Hall & Milan Kosanovich, 2-Reddam Racing, LLC, 3-Springland Farm and HKN, 4-Mrs R. F. Johnson Houghton, 5-Pope McLean, Pope McLean Jr. & Marc McLean, 6-Nesco II Limited, 7-Halo Farms, 8-George Krikorian



ESKENDEREYA COLT IMPRESSES WITH ‘RISING STAR’ DEBUT IN NOLA

Retirement Fund (Eskendereya) flew under the radar at odds of 12-1 in this debut and proved he should not be overlooked in the future with an impressive 7 1/4-length graduation. Breaking sharply from his rail draw, the \$100,000 FTSAUG grad ticked off opening splits of :24.78 and :49.13 with 8-5 favorite Enjoy the Journey (Uncle Mo) hot on his heels. The chalk turned up the pressure entering the far turn, but Retirement Fund quickly shut the door on that rival and stormed clear to win as he pleased.

The winner is a half-brother to Barbados (Speightstown), GSW, \$377,241, a \$230,000 KEEAPR purchase by WinStar in 2014, who sold for \$340,000 when returned to that auction house the following November as part of WinStar’s horses-of-racing-age consignment. He went on to win the Spectacular Bid S. and GIII Hutcheson S. the following year and placed in three other graded events, including a runner-up effort behind subsequent GI Breeders’ Cup Sprint winner and champion Runhappy (Super Saver) in the 2015 GIII Stoll Keenon Ogden Phoenix S. His stakes-winning dam produced a Tiznow filly in 2016 and an Uncle Mo filly May 5 of this year. Retirement Fund also hails from the family of GISWs Raven’s Pass and No Matter What; and MGSW & MGISP sire E Dubai.

Click [here](#) for a recent feature on winning trainer Steve Asmussen and his parents’ El Primero Training Center, where Retirement Fund was broken and trained. Click [here](#) for a feature on winning owner L and N Racing, who also campaign GI Kentucky Derby runner-up Lookin at Lee (Lookin at Lucky).



7th-FG, \$41,000, Msw, 12-22, 2yo, 1m 70y, 1:44.14, ft.

RETIREMENT FUND, c, 2, by Eskendereya



1st Dam: Northern Station, by Street Cry (Ire)

2nd Dam: Quiet Word, by Quiet American

3rd Dam: Word O’ Ransom, by Red Ransom

Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$24,600. O-L and N Racing LLC; B-Tommy Town Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY); T-Steven Asmussen.

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FLORIDA

Friday’s Results:

3rd-TAM, \$20,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 12-22, 2yo, 1m 40y, 1:41.82, ft.

VINO ROSSO (c, 2, Curlin--Mythical Bride, by Street Cry {Ire}) took his record to two-for-two with a first-level allowance win at Tampa Bay Downs Friday afternoon. A decisive debut winner at Aqueduct Nov. 11, the \$410,000 KEESEP buy was hammered down to 1-9 favoritism for this first try against winners. Tracking from third through early fractions of :24.81 and :50.06, the chestnut drew alongside pacesetter Bon Raison (Raison d’Etat) entering the far turn and readily responded when given the signal by John Velazquez in the stretch, skipping clear to a 2 1/2-length success. Bon Raison held second. “He remained undefeated and he showed he can stretch out around two turns, so I feel this was another step in the right direction toward bigger things, hopefully, down the road,” winning trainer Todd Pletcher said. “It’s always fun this time of year when you have an exciting 2-year-old prospect, and he has shown lots of ability, has a lot of stamina in his pedigree and we’re pleased at how he is developing.” VINO Rosso is the second foal out of Mythical Bride, but first to race. She has since produced a yearling colt by Super Saver and weanling colt by Pioneer of the Nile. A half-sister to MGSW & GI Belmont S. runner-up Commissioner (A.P. Indy) and GSW & GISP Laugh Track (Distorted Humor), Mythical Bride is currently in foal to Uncle Mo and breeder Tanya Gunther tweeted that she would return to Curlin next year. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$48,000. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Repole Stable & St. Elias Stable; B-John Gunther (KY); T-Todd Pletcher.

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Gulfstream Announces Owners' Appreciation Week:

Officials at Gulfstream Park have announced that Dec. 26-31 will be Owners' Appreciation Week, with purse increases from \$7,500 to \$10,000. Purse increases during Owners' Appreciation Week come on top of the 10% purse increase announced for December at the beginning of the Championship Meet. Maiden special weight and allowance races will be increased \$10,000 during the week while claiming races will be increased \$7,500. The increases go into effect when eight or more horses leave the paddock. "We have had a very good December and we want to thank our owners and trainers for their participation in making Gulfstream Park a successful year-round program," said P.J. Campo, Vice President of Racing for Gulfstream and The Stronach Group.

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Florida Sire Stakes Highlights Innovative \$2.5-Million Deal:

The recently signed agreement between Gulfstream Park, the Florida Thoroughbred Breeders' and Owners' Association (FTBOA) and Florida Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (FHBPA) marks, "a new beginning with unlimited potential," per P.J. Campo.

"We're moving in an exciting direction with this agreement," said Campo, Vice President of Racing for Gulfstream Park and The Stronach Group.

The tri-party agreement not only secures the 37th running of the \$1.5 million Florida Sire S.--the three-race series for 2-year-old Florida bred by nominated stallions--but also includes an additional \$1 million in overnight races for registered Florida bred. They include:

- A \$10,000 bonus for horses registered in Florida running in select "open company" overnight races for 2-year-olds in the summer.
- A \$10,000 bonus for 3-year-olds and up in the fall for horses registered in Florida.
- Florida-breds running in select restricted overnight races will run for \$10,000 more in purses.

"While we've always supported the Florida Sire S. and the Florida stakes program, this agreement is the first to really extend that support to overnight races," Campo said. "We believe by doing this it will encourage even more participation by breeders and owners to breed and race in Florida year-round. We're really looking forward to the implementation of this program with our partners at the FTBOA and FHBPA and the continued growth of Florida racing."

Lonny Powell, CEO of the FTBOA, added, "This innovative three-way agreement recognizes the growing importance of supporting and promoting state-bred programs as well as their

significance to tracks to compete and card races. Our re-energized partnership with the track and the FHBPA takes a significant and timely step in enhancing the economics of racing Florida-breds at Gulfstream. We appreciate the collaborative efforts of The Stronach Group, P.J. Campo and new FHBPA president Steve Screnci, which culminated in achieving the traditional offering of our nationally acclaimed signature Florida Sire Stakes for 2 year-olds while also creating an exciting new means of offering premium purses and bonuses for Florida-breds competing at all levels as well as in open company during the summer and fall."

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NEW YORK

Friday's Results:

6th-AQU, \$55,000, (S), Msw, 12-22, 2yo, 1m, 1:41.46, ft.
SMOOTH MOVE (g, 2, More Than Ready--Satin Smooth, by Giant's Causeway) failed to hit the board in his first two attempts on the turf this fall, most recently finishing sixth against fellow Empire-breds over the Aqueduct sod Nov. 26. Favored at 9-5 in this surface switch, the homebred was away well from his rail draw, but was content to sit near the back of the pack, hugging the rail through an opening half-mile in :48.21. Tipped out four wide approaching the far turn, the chestnut displayed some greenness, but was kept to task Irad Ortiz and pushed past the leaders in the final strides to win by a head. Gio d'Oro (Medaglia d'Oro) was the runner-up. Winning trainer Linda Rice has been on fire during this meet, especially when teaming up with Ortiz. The pair have won 15 of 30 starts together and Rice has won 24 of her 86 races thus far. The winner's dam Satin Smooth did not produce a foal in 2016, but had a Maclean's Music filly earlier this year. She was bred back to Algorithms. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$34,958. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**
 O/B-Chester Broman & Mary R. Broman (NY); T-Linda Rice.

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3rd-AQU, \$60K, Msw, 2yo, f, 6f, post time: 1:18 p.m. E.T.

Courtlandt Farms's **MY MISS LILLY (TAPIT)** will look to impress as the lone first timer in this field. The \$670,000 Keeneland September yearling purchase is out of SW Wicked Deed (Harlan's Holiday), who is a half to MSW Western Prize (Pure Prize). Wicked Deed, who was a winner at age 2, has produced two juvenile winners, including Just Wicked, a full-sister to My Miss Lilly, who won the GII Adirondack S. at Saratoga in 2015.

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EASTERN U.S.

Friday's Results:

4th-LRL, \$42,520, Msw, 12-22, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:13.92, ft.

IT'S A DOOZY (f, 2, Shanghai Bobby--It's the Cats Meow, by Stormy Atlantic) failed to fire when seventh when unveiled in an off-the-turf event here Oct. 14 and was fourth last time over this strip Dec. 1. Dismissed at 41-1 off those efforts, the dark bay was hot on the quartet of dueling leaders' tails through opening splits of :23.08 and :47.73. Swung way out to the center of the track on the far turn, the bay surged past her rivals in the lane to graduate by a length and become the 15th winner for her freshman sire (by Harlan's Holiday). Velocita Brillante (J P's Gusto) completed the exacta. The winner is a half-sister to Atlantic Hurricane (Halo's Image), Ch. Female Sprinter-Can, MGSW, \$637,165. Sales history: \$37,000 RNA Ylg '16 KEESEP; \$15,000 2yo '17 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$25,200.

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Kasbah Prince, c, 2, El Corredor--Malindi (SP), by Outflanker. Busan, 12-22, Hcp. (\$51k), 1200m. B-Aleta Overby (LA). *Won by eight lengths as the 8-5 favorite. *\$4,000 Ylg '16 OBSJAN; \$30,000 2yo '17 OBSJUN.

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107 foals of racing age/10 winners/3 black-type winners
8-GP, Aoc 7 1/2fT, MOTATAN, 20-1
\$20,000 KEE SEP yrl
3-GP, Msw 5fT, THY KINGDOM COME, 10-1
\$205,000 OBS MAR 2yo
8-GP, Aoc 7 1/2fT, WICKED BOY, 30-1
\$30,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$37,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo

Awesome Patriot (Awesome Again), Spendthrift Farm, \$3,500
37 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
1-MVR, Alw 6f, FOOLISH PATRIOT, 6-1
\$37,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl
4-MVR, Msw 5 1/2f, PRAIRIE'S GIFT, 20-1

Brethren (Distorted Humor), Pleasant Acres Stallions, \$6,000
37 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
7-GP, Msw 5 1/2f, WEISSER, 12-1

Data Link (War Front), Claiborne Farm, \$7,500
99 foals of racing age/10 winners/1 black-type winner
11-GP, Msw 1 1/16mT, GIGGLE BYTE, 5-1
\$200,000 KEE SEP yrl

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Rookies cont.**Denman (Aus)** (Lonhro {Aus}), Darley, \$15,000

47 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
3-GP, Msw 5fT, GRANDMAS FAVORITE, 7-2
\$19,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

Flashpoint (Pomeroy), Le Mesa Stallions, \$2,500

30 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
2-FG, Msw 1mT, NEBULAS, 9-2
\$49,000 KEE NOV wnl

Graydar (Unbridled's Song), Taylor Made Stallions, \$15,000

100 foals of racing age/16 winners/0 black-type winners
7-GP, Msw 5 1/2f, TOOTHPIC, 9-2
7-GP, Msw 5 1/2f, VOY, 30-1
\$4,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

I Want Revenge (Stephen Got Even), Millennium Farms, \$10,000

34 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
5-DED, Msw 6 1/2f, PLAIN OLE HEART, 8-1

Jimmy Creed (Distorted Humor), Spendthrift Farm, \$12,500

93 foals of racing age/19 winners/2 black-type winners
1-DED, Alw 7 1/2f, CAJUN CREED, 9-5
\$9,500 RNA KEE SEP yrl

Morning Line (Tiznow), Lane's End Farm, \$10,000

72 foals of racing age/12 winners/1 black-type winner
1-MVR, Alw 6f, HONEY DIP, 15-1
\$3,200 RNA KEE SEP yrl

O'Prado Again (El Prado {Ire}), KY, \$5,000

13 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
7-TP, Msw 6 1/2f, O'PRADO'S GIFT, 30-1

Orb (Malibu Moon), Claiborne Farm, \$25,000

99 foals of racing age/10 winners/1 black-type winner
8-GP, Aoc 7 1/2fT, EARTH, 8-1
\$190,000 FTK JUL yrl
3-GP, Msw 5fT, OROSCOPO, 15-1
\$75,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$325,000 OBS APR 2yo

Our Entourage (Street Cry {Ire}), O'Sullivan Farms LLC, \$2,000

12 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
1-CT, Msw 1 1/16m, REDMARK, 8-1

Overanalyze (Dixie Union), WinStar Farm, \$10,000

113 foals of racing age/26 winners/4 black-type winners
6-TP, Aoc 6f, MAUK'S TUFF, 4-1
\$30,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$67,000 RNA FTK JUL yrl; \$115,000 RNA
OBS APR 2yo
6-PEN, Msw 6f, NOT FAKE NEWS, 4-1
\$72,000 KEE NOV wnl
6-PEN, Msw 6f, OVER SENSUAL, 7-2

Passion for Gold (Medaglia d'Oro), dead/retired/exported USA, \$5,000

20 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
11-GP, Msw 1 1/16mT, TROPICALITY, 8-1
\$17,000 OBS APR 2yo

Prospective (Malibu Moon), Ocala Stud Farm, \$5,000

61 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners
4-MVR, Msw 5 1/2f, STRABANE, 9-2
\$19,000 RNA OBS WIN yrl

Raison d'Etat (A.P. Indy), Calumet Farm, \$15,000

19 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
7-TP, Msw 6 1/2f, HERE'S CARLOS, 20-1
\$1,200 FTK OCT yrl

Shanghai Bobby (Harlan's Holiday), Ashford Stud, \$20,000

114 foals of racing age/15 winners/3 black-type winners
4-MVR, Msw 5 1/2f, CANTANKEROUS BOBBY, 20-1
\$35,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$70,000 KEE SEP yrl



Shanghai Bobby seeks his 16th winner Saturday | *Christie DeBernardis*

Soldat (War Front), Woodford Thoroughbreds, \$5,000

88 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners
3-AQU, Msw 6f, MY ROSE OF SAVANNA, 12-1
\$2,500 OBS AUG yrl

Take Charge Indy (A.P. Indy), Kor, \$20,000

103 foals of racing age/23 winners/2 black-type winners
7-TP, Msw 6 1/2f, BURCIAGA, 4-1
\$14,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl
6-PEN, Msw 6f, JUST CHARGE IT, 6-1

Second-crop starters to watch: Saturday, December 23

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Algorithms (Bernardini), Claiborne Farm, \$7,500

155 foals of racing age/65 winners/5 black-type winners
7-GP, Msw 5 1/2f, SHANA TOVA, 12-1
\$70,000 OBS APR 2yo

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Bold Warrior (Bernardini), Roseglade Farm, \$2,500
38 foals of racing age/13 winners/1 black-type winner
6-PEN, Msw 6f, WARRIOR ROSE, 6-1
\$6,500 OBS OCT wnl; \$10,000 OBS AUG yrl; \$40,000 OBS MAR 2yo

The Factor (War Front), Lane's End Farm, \$15,000
219 foals of racing age/77 winners/8 black-type winners
7-TP, Msw 6 1/2f, SMELL OF ROSES, 10-1
\$65,000 FTK OCT yrl

Friend Or Foe (Friends Lake), Smallwood Farm
8 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
6-AQU, Msw 6f, CAIN IS ABEL, 10-1

Gemologist (Tiznow), WinStar Farm, \$15,000
205 foals of racing age/68 winners/5 black-type winners
6-AQU, Msw 6f, CONNOLLY'S BEADS, 4-1
\$235,000 SAR AUG yrl

Mission Impazible (Unbridled's Song), Sequel Stallions New York, \$7,500
121 foals of racing age/29 winners/2 black-type winners
6-AQU, Msw 6f, BOURBON DID IT, 5-1
\$15,000 FTN MIX wnl; \$40,000 SAR AUG yrl; \$135,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Nicanor (Dynaformer), Shamrock Farm, \$2,500
24 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
1-CT, Msw 1 1/16m, NICKY BLUE EYES, 15-1

Reward the Cat (Good Reward),
5 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
6-PEN, Msw 6f, SPYDERBOLT, 12-1

Simmard (Dixieland Band), Mill Creek Farm, \$2,800
74 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
6-AQU, Msw 6f, SIMMA CUM LAUDE, 30-1

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3rd-AQU, \$78,000, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 12-22, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:25.02, ft.

HEAVENLY SCORE (f, 3, Even the Score--Celestial Crown, by Holy Bull) Lifetime Record: 11-4-2-1, \$234,750. O-Curragh Stables; B-McDowell Farm (AR); T-John P. Terranova, II. *\$5,000 Wlg '14 OBSOCT; \$4,500 Ylg '15 OBSAUG; \$70,000 RNA 2yo '16 OBSMAR.

8th-AQU, \$69,000, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 12-22, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.80, ft.

SKYLER'S SCRAMJET (g, 3, Creative Cause--Abundantly Blessed {SW & GSP, \$217,529}, by Phone Trick) Lifetime Record: 8-3-0-0, \$129,672. O-SJB Stable & Marcello Micozzi; B-Tommy G Ligon (KY); T-Michelle Nevin. *\$25,000 Ylg '15 FTKOCT; \$70,000 2yo '16 EASMAY. **1/2 to Heaven on Hold (Deputy Commander), SW, \$119,990; and Arcadian (Songandaprayer), SW.

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8th-LRL, \$45,000, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000-\$25,000), 12-22, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.57, ft.

MR. BENZ (g, 5, Ghostzapper--Miss Mercedes {SW}, by Mercedes Won) Lifetime Record: 22-6-3-3, \$165,370. O-Joseph E. Besecker; B-John Follmer & Lee V. Felts (KY); T-Claudio A. Gonzalez. *\$100,000 Ylg '13 KEESSEP. **1/2 to Southern Missile (Devil His Due), MSP, \$491,121; and El Real Madrid (Boundary), SP, \$173,352.

2nd-FG, \$42,000, (S), (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 12-22, 3yo/up, f/m, 7 1/2ft, 1:31.49, gd.

TAP CITY BABY (f, 4, Due Date--Rosie Lee City, by Leestown) Lifetime Record: 14-5-4-0, \$106,560. O-Tap City Racing LLP; B-Pierre Landry (LA); T-Sam B. David, Jr.

8th-FG, \$40,000, 12-22, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2ft, 1:03.29, gd.
GAGAOVERYOU (m, 6, Zensational--Eau de Vie, by Hennessy) Lifetime Record: 27-8-5-5, \$224,549. O-Midwest Thoroughbreds, Inc.; B-Savannah DeHaven (KY); T-Thomas M. Amoss.

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7th-DED, \$40,000, (S), 12-21, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:20.54, ft.
FIRE BLASTER (c, 3, Star Guitar--Wine Diva {MSW, \$150,033}, by Pine Bluff) Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-0, \$43,085. O-Susan K. Love; B-Becky Winemiller (LA); T-Eduardo Ramirez. *\$18,500 Ylg '15 BSCYRL.

8th-DED, \$36,315, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 12-21, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40.89, ft.

SHE'SAGRACIOUSLADY (f, 3, Gemologist--Grace Happens {SP, \$187,063}, by Aptitude) Lifetime Record: 15-3-2-5, \$90,524. O-Thomas L. Holyfield; B-Briland Farm, Robert Mitchell & Stacy Mitchell (KY); T-J. R. Caldwell. *\$16,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEESSEP; \$37,000 2yo '16 OBSOPN.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Circuit Judge, c, 2, **Colonel John--Shadow of Storm**, by Storm Cat. PEN, 12-21, (S), 6f, 1:11.46. B-MMG Stables (PA).
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Gita's Lad, g, 2, **Ghaaleb**--Gita, by Sahn. HAW, 12-22, (S), 6f, 1:11.80. B-William P. Stirtz (IL).

Satiate, f, 2, **Kitten's Joy**--Double Faced (SP), by More Than Ready. HAW, 12-22, 1m 70y, 1:44.64. B-Kenneth & Sarah Ramsey (KY). *\$75,000 RNA Ylg '16 KEESEP; \$110,000 2yo '17 OBSAPR.

Swanky, f, 2, **Mr. Nightlinger**--This Crazy Life, by Lydgate. DED, 12-21, 5f, :59.65. B-Carl Moore Management LLC (OK).

Glorious Day, f, 2, **New Year's Day**--La Salle Glory (MSP, \$506,039), by Lit de Justice. DED, 12-21, (S), 5f, 1:00.25. B-Montgomery Equine Center (LA). *\$15,000 RNA Ylg '16 ESLYRL. *12th winner for freshman sire (by Street Cry {Ire}).

Beau Dan, g, 2, **Successful Appeal**--Sotogenic, by Soto. TP, 12-21, 1m (AWT), 1:40.43. B-Larry Goodwin & Earl Evan (KY). *1/2 to Mr Manning (Greatness), MSP, \$234,040.

Violent Delights, c, 2, **Violence**--Eleganter, by A.P. Indy. AQU, 12-22, (S), 1m, 1:42.66. B-Eaton & Thorne, Inc (NY). *\$85,000 RNA Wlg '15 FTKNOV; \$75,000 Ylg '16 SARAUG.

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Paranoia, f, 2, **With Distinction**--Lady Cheryl (SW, \$189,054), by Williamstown. AQU, 12-22, (C), 6f, 1:14.41. B-Richard E. Wilson (FL). *\$1,200 Ylg '16 OBSAUG.

Distorted Admiral, g, 3, **Admiral Alex**--Shandrea, by Distorted Humor. AQU, 12-22, (C), 1m, 1:40.97. B-Leon Bluziewicz (MD). *\$14,000 RNA Wlg '14 KEENOV.

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Cairenn, f, 3, **First Dude**--Expect Nothing (SP, \$134,469), by A. P. Jet. LRL, 12-22, 5 1/2f, 1:04.88. B-Best A Luck Farm LLC (FL). *\$30,000 2yo '16 OBSOPN.

She Is Gorgeous, f, 3, **Forest Attack**--Sole of the City (SW, \$291,906), by Salt Lake. HAW, 12-22, (S), 6f, 1:12.01. B-Scarlet Stable (IL). *1/2 to House of Sole (Limehouse), MSP, \$156,040.

Wage Acceleration, c, 4, **Quality Road**--Rebalite, by More Than Ready. GP, 12-22, (C), 1mT, 1:38.24. B-James Franklin Miller (KY). *\$250,000 Ylg '14 FTSAUG. **1/2 to Race Day (Tapit), MGSW, \$748,000; and Banded (Bandini), MSP, \$153,721.

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Trainer Hughie Morrison has avoided a potentially career-ending ban after a British Horseracing Authority disciplinary panel ruled on Friday that he was not at fault for an anabolic steroid positive returned by a filly in his care in January. While he has been cleared of a ban—which could have been one to 10 years—he has been slapped with a £1,000 fine.

Our Little Sister (Ire) (Big Bad Bob {Ire}) tested positive for nandrolone as the result of random sampling after finishing last of eight at Wolverhampton on Jan. 14. The case had ensued since, with Morrison denying his involvement and arguing foul play while offering a £10,000 cash reward for anyone that could help prove his innocence. Morrison has canvassed a handful of possible culprits—including disgruntled former employees, a hostile neighbour and a rival trainer—but it is still unclear who in fact injected the filly. An equine toxicologist engaged by Morrison determined the steroid was likely administered between Dec. 8 and Jan. 8, and likely during the midpoint of that time period, all of which she was stabled at Morrison's yard.

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EARTH ANGEL PREPARING FOR RETURN

Earth Angel (Aus) (Animal Kingdom), a 3-year-old daughter of the five-time Group 1 winner Miss Finland (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), is back with trainers David and Ben Hayes and Tom Dabernig after suffering a setback that saw her sit out the spring, according to *Racing.com*. Racing in the colours of her breeder Arrowfield Stud, Earth Angel was named a **'TDN Rising Star'** after winning on debut at Ballarat in March, and she was fourth in the Listed Fernhill S. a month later in her only other start. Hayes told *Racing.com* the chestnut had been preparing for an autumn campaign when she kicked a wall and "went very sore behind." She subsequently spent the spring at Arrowfield.

"She's been back with me a month, moving beautifully, I think the setback's been a bonus because she's always been a leggy filly, and she's got a bit stronger," said David Hayes. "She'll be building up and be set for the big autumn 3-year-old races. She looks great."

Hayes also trained Earth Angel's Classic-winning half-sister Stay With Me. "We haven't pushed the button yet, but she's carrying herself brilliantly. She looks fantastic," Hayes said. "I think she will hopefully be as good as Stay With Me, or better. I think she'll stay better than Stay With Me."

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Morrison Avoids Steroid Ban cont. from p1

Morrison argued that the substance could have been administered when the filly was at Southwell to race on Jan. 2; Surveillance footage of that meeting was no longer available when requested in March.

As the caretaker responsible for the filly, Morrison was subject to a lengthy ban unless he could establish that the substance was not administered intentionally by him or anyone involved with him in any way, and that he had taken all reasonable precautions to avoid a prohibited substance being given to the horse.

The 57-year-old Morrison said on Friday, "There's no ban. We've been completely exonerated, so the hell of the last 11 months can be forgotten. All my staff are having a celebration now and it's very emotional."

"I cannot overstate the stress that has been caused by this long-running case both for me, my wife, all my staff and connections and the relief now felt having been rightly and so

comprehensively exonerated," he added. "The culprit who injected the filly is still out there so everyone needs to be on their guard."

Morrison's lawyer Andrew Chalk said in a statement, "The most important thing is that the panel has concluded that the prohibited substance was not administered by Mr. Morrison or anyone under his control. From an early stage the weight of the evidence pointed towards that conclusion but it is always a relief when the correct decision is made in a case where the career of a highly respected trainer with an impeccable record is on the line, and when any disqualification would have a devastating impact on those working in the yard and the local community. The panel have concluded that no fault lies at Mr. Morrison's door, and he can hold his head high. Let's now hope that the real culprit can be found."

BHA chief regulatory officer Jamie Stier said in a statement, "As was set out in our opening submissions, the BHA had no positive case to put to any individual witness because the BHA could not say who administered the anabolic steroid to the horse. However, it was the BHA's case that Mr. Morrison's assertion that this was a malicious act by someone completely outside of his control is unlikely. It was not the BHA's case that the administration of the substance 'must have been done by Mr. Morrison or somebody at his direction.' [Cont. p3](#)

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We respect the panel's decision, the rules of racing have been upheld and the matter of penalty is a matter wholly for the disciplinary panel to determine."

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RECORD PRIZEMONEY FOR IRELAND IN '18

Prizemoney for Irish racing is set to rise by €2.2-million next year to a record €63.3-million. This was unveiled by Horse Racing Ireland on Friday as part of Irish racing's budget for 2018. There will be eight additional fixtures staged in Ireland next year, and prizemoney for point to points will rise by 23%. Capital improvements of the facilities at The Curragh, Galway, Naas, Punchestown and other racecourses will continue next year, supported by grant aid from HRI.



Leopardstown will undergo a significant redevelopment in 2018 | *Racing Post*

Next year will also see the commencement of the next phase of the redevelopment of Leopardstown, including €15-million towards a new weighroom, saddling boxes, bars, restaurants and public facilities. Further investment will be made towards HRI's ownership department, including international marketing, industry staff training including the launch of the Jockey Pathway programme, and €9.1-million has been allocated to integrity services.

"Despite the static nature of the Horse and Greyhound Racing Fund in 2018, the Board has opted to invest further in policies which will develop and grow the industry," said HRI Chief Executive Brian Kavanagh. "The Budget approved for 2018 by the HRI Board will stimulate future revenue streams for the industry and provide development opportunities for the industry's most important resource--the people that work in it.

Record Prizemoney for Ireland cont.

The priority for 2018 will be to develop sustainable income streams for the industry and to work with Government to put in place a long-term permanent funding basis for the sector. The measures announced today are sustainable in the short-term only as the result of prudence in previous years. However, in the absence of a funding solution, these programmes are not sustainable in the long-term. Given the challenges provided by Brexit and the infrastructural issues facing the industry, the need for this solution is greater than ever.”

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COSGROVE RETIRES AS GOFFS DIRECTOR

Stan Cosgrove has retired from the board of Robert J Goff & Co PLC, the parent company of Goffs, after over 40 years of service. Cosgrove, a veterinary surgeon and former manager of Moyglare Stud, has been a director of the company since it became a PLC and moved to Kildare Paddocks in 1975.

“Stan has been a stalwart of the Goffs board for many years and his advice, wisdom and industry insight has been invaluable to the company during some of the most important decades in its history,” said Goffs Chairman Eimear Mulhern. “On behalf of the shareholders and board members past and present I would like to thank Stan for his commitment to Goffs and wish him the very best on his retirement. We will certainly miss both his knowledge and his unflinching humour but look forward to seeing him at Goffs sales.”

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TDN ‘HORSES OF THE YEAR’: HARRY ANGEL

Every day this week, a member of the TDN's Europe/International team nominates a personal 'Horse of the Year.' Kelsey Riley's choice is the European champion sprinter Harry Angel (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}).

The 3-year-old sprinter Harry Angel endeared himself to me early on with his sheer enthusiasm for racing and his tendency to fly from the gates and dare the opposition to try to go with him. His tactics worked twice on the biggest stage in 2016 and earned him the title of Europe's champion sprinter, and it will be fascinating to see what he can do in 2018 with some seasoning and maturity.

When trainer Clive Cox plucked Harry Angel out of the Doncaster Premier yearling sale for £44,000 in 2015 he had some insider knowledge on the family, having trained the dam's half-brother Xtension (Ire) (Xaar {GB}) to win the 2009 G2 Vintage S. Xtension was sold to Hong Kong and would go on to win the 2012 G1 Champions Mile for trainer John Moore, but Cox found able compensation five years later with Harry Angel.

Like Xtension, Harry Angel was a Group 2 winner at two, taking the Mill Reef S. for owner Peter Ridgers. It is speculation to say when the bay came onto Godolphin's radar, but the boys in blue were certainly watching when Harry Angel finished second to their Blue Point (Ire) (Shamardal) first up at three in the G3 Pavilion S. in May. **Cont. p5**

Harry Angel was still in the Ridgers silks when he ran away with the G2 Sandy Lane S. by four lengths next out, but a private sale to Godolphin in the interim saw him line up in the royal blue for Royal Ascot's G1 Commonwealth Cup and a first match-up with the 'Ballydoyle Bullet' Caravaggio (Scat Daddy), who was carrying an unbeaten record. Harry Angel blazed the trail in that sixth furlong contest under Adam Kirby, hounded all the way by Caravaggio's pacesetter Intelligence Cross (War Front). It was only well inside the final furlong that Harry Angel succumbed to Caravaggio on his inside, all the while holding off a very stubborn Blue Point to keep second.



Harry Angel | *Racing Post*

Three weeks later Harry Angel once again found himself in an early-race tussle with Intelligence Cross, this time in the G1 Darley July Cup.

Like he had at Royal Ascot Harry Angel raced sharply on the front end, keen to assert his dominance from the outset, but this time when he shook off Intelligence Cross and kicked for home no one could match strides, including the elder Group 1 winner Limato (Ire) (Tagula {Ire}) and Caravaggio himself.

"He's gone from boy to man with every race and I can't express how good he is," Kirby said after the July Cup.

Those words couldn't have rang more true on Sept. 9 at Haydock, when Harry Angel blitzed the opposition in the G1 Haydock Sprint Cup despite connections' concerns over the heavy going. Exuberant as ever at Haydock but joined on the front end by Blue Point in the absence of Intelligence Cross and Caravaggio,

Harry Angel suddenly burst clear approaching the furlong marker. [Cont. p6](#)



Seven-time Group 1 winner Highland Reel arrived last week at Coolmore Stud, where he will begin his stud career next year for €17,500.

Coolmore

Harry Angel cont.

His four-length margin of victory was remarkable for a sprinter over heavy going, and truly set him apart at the head of his division.

Harry Angel was handed even heavier ground for his rematch with Caravaggio in the G1 Qipco British Champions Sprint at Ascot on Oct. 21. While neither colt proved up to the task—Harry Angel checking in fourth and Caravaggio one spot ahead of him—Harry Angel will get the chance to grow his profile further in 2018, as he stays in training. With Kirby and Cox insisting Harry Angel matures and improves with each outing, one can only imagine what he can add to his CV next year. Harry Angel ended the season as the Cartier Champion Sprinter and Europe’s third-highest rated 3-year-old, behind only the joint-leaders Battaash (Ire) and Cracksman (GB) and the Arc winner Enable (GB). Battaash, also by Dark Angel, has been a later-maturing sprinter but he bested Marsha (GB) (Acclamation {GB}) by four lengths in the G1 Prix de l’Abbaye. He has thus far excelled at five furlongs and Harry Angel at six, but a 2018 match-up would undoubtedly generate great anticipation.

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Lethal Force, winner of a pair of Group 1 sprints at four, has done well with his first 2-year-olds | *Racing Post*

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Friday’s Result:

2nd-WOL, £4,500, Cond, 12-22, 2yo, f, 7f 36y (AWT), 1:29.92, st. UNVEILING (GB) (f, 2, Mayson {GB}--Silkenveil {Ire}, by Indian Ridge {Ire}), let go at 12-1, was green throughout the early stages tracking the pace in fifth. Cajoled into contention at the end of the back straight, the bay hit the front 1 1/2 furlongs out and stayed on to score by a half-length from Golden Image (GB) (Havana Gold {Ire}).

2nd-WOL, cont.

The dam is a half-sister to two stakes performers headed by the G2 Dubai City of Gold winner Excellent Result (Ire) (Shamardal). From the family of the G1 Premier's Champion S.-winning sire Potala Palace (SAf) (Singspiel {Ire}), she has a yearling filly by War Command and a filly foal by Kodiak (GB). Sales history: 6,000gns RNA Wlg '15 TATFOA; £7,000 Ylg '16 GOUKPR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$3,896. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**
O/T-Johnny Portman; B-D. R. Botterill (GB).

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Mount Wellington (Ire), g, 2, **Invincible Spirit (Ire)**--Marvada (Ire) (GSW-Ire & SP-Eng, \$166,526), by Elusive City. B-Alan O'Flynn (IRE). WOL, 12-22, 6f 20y (AWT), 1:14.73. *€475,000 Ylg '16 ARAUG.

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IRELAND



Friday's Results:

3rd-DUN, €15,000, Cond, 12-22, 2yo, 8f (AWT), 1:38.36, st. THEOBALD (IRE) (c, 2, Teofilo {Ire}--Sanaara, by Anabaa), who was second in the G3 Anglesey S. at The Curragh on July 15 and in the G3 Tyros S. at Leopardstown 12 days later, was in need of a confidence-restorer following three unplaced efforts culminating in a last of 12 in Doncaster's G1 Racing Post Trophy on Oct. 28 and raced in a close-up second early. Committed passing the two-furlong pole, the 11-10 favourite asserted to score by 3/4 of a length from Noivo (Ire) (Casamento {Ire}). The dam, who also has a colt full-brother to the winner, is a half to the G3 Manuel J. Guiraldes winner Plainswoman (Arg) (Zensational) who descends from the GI Spinster S., GI Kentucky Oaks, GI Beldame S. and GI Gazelle H. heroine Dispute (Danzig). Lifetime Record: MGSP-Ire, 7-2-2-0, \$50,557. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**
O-Mrs J. S. Bolger; B/T-Jim Bolger (IRE).

Irish Report cont.

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BATTAASH winning the G3 Coral Charge at Sandown on July 8.
Steven Cargill / Racingfotos.com

5th-DUN, €15,000, Cond, 12-22, 2yo, 7f (AWT), 1:25.63, st. ZIHBA (IRE) (c, 2, **Choisir {Aus}--Fancy Vivid {Ire}, by Galileo {Ire}),** who traded as the 15-8 second favourite, was always travelling strongly in the slipstream of the leading duo. Sent past Port Lions (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}) with a furlong to race, the €62,000 TIRSEP yearling asserted under hand riding to win comfortably by 1 1/4 lengths. The dam, who also has a colt foal by Anjaal (GB), hails from the family of the G2 Flying Childers S. and G3 King George S. winner Land of Dreams (GB) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}) and her high-achieving son Dream Ahead (Diktat {GB}), the dual European champion and G1 July Cup, G1 Haydock Sprint Cup, G1 Middle Park S., G1 Prix Morny and G1 Prix de la Foret hero. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$10,973. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Pension Fund II Syndicate; B-Mark & Caroline Hanly (IRE); T-Fozzy Stack.

2nd-DUN, €15,000, Mdn, 12-22, 2yo, 5f (AWT), 1:00.37, st. CANFORD ART (IRE) (f, 2, **Canford Cliffs {Ire}--Saldenart {Ger} {SW-Ger}, by Areion {Ger}),** sent off the 4-1 joint-second favourite, was slowly away and forced to play catch-up towards the rear initially. Making headway once straightened for home, the €20,000 GOYHIT yearling seized the lead with 150 yards remaining and stayed on strongly to register a 1 1/4-length verdict over It's All a Joke (Ire) (Dandy Man {Ire}). The useful dam Saldenart hails from the family of the MGSW highweight Saldenschwinge (Ger) (In the Wings {GB}) and the similarly talented Saldentigerin (Ger) (Tiger Hill {Ire}), who is also the dam of the G1 Preis der Diana heroine Salomina (Ger) (Lomitas {GB}). Also connected to last year's G1 Preis der Diana victress Serienholde (Ger) (Soldier Hollow {GB}), she has a yearling full-sister to the winner named Cliffs Art (Ire) and a colt foal by Rock of Gibraltar (Ire). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$10,973. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Kildare Racing Club; B-Marlene Haller (IRE); T-Peter Fahey.

CONDITIONS RESULT:

4th-DUN, €12,000, 12-22, 3yo/up, 8f (AWT), 1:38.55, st. SETTLE FOR BAY (FR) (g, 3, **Rio de la Plata--Dissitation {Ire}, by **Spectrum {Ire}**)** Lifetime Record: 10-4-0-0, \$34,014. O-McGettigans Management Services JLT & Maurice Casey; B-S.C.E.A. Haras du Ma & Adrien Bietola (FR); T-David Marnane. *€7,000 Wlg '14 ARQDEC; €35,000 Ylg '15 BBAGS.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Kirk's Dancer, f, 3, Dunkirk--Mycatcandance (SW & GSP-US, \$121,607), by Storm Cat. DUN, 12-22, 12f (AWT), 2:34.29. B-Castleton Lyons & Kilboy Estate (KY). *\$20,000 Wlg '14 KEENOV; €45,000 Ylg '15 GOFORB.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

SON OF MORE JOYOUS WINS TRIAL

More Sundays (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), the second foal and first colt out of the eight-time Group 1 winner More Joyous (NZ) (More Than Ready), won his first trial at Rosehill on Friday. The Bjorn Baker-trained 2-year-old had to be hustled a touch out of the barriers by Jason Collett but soon settled into a prominent third on the fence. Working his way up to join the front runner as they turned for home, More Sundays took the lead inside the final 100 metres under a handride and was a comfortable three-quarter length winner ([video](#)). The 900 metre heat was timed in :53.70 over the soft going.



Eight-time Group 1 winner More Joyous | *Racing and Sports*

"He's a lovely big horse and we're really happy with the way he's come through this preparation," Baker told *Racing.com*. "We might give him a little break now and then get him back to trial at the end of January and look at some of the big 2-year-old races with him."

Baker said he trains a few horses for More Sundays' and More Joyous's owner John Singleton.

"I am really lucky to get a well-bred horse like that in the stable so it's exciting," he said. "He's got a very good constitution and we are continually learning about him but he has got a lot of speed. It was his first trial away from home and it's certainly encouraging to see him perform like that. Horses like him give you hope that's for sure."

More Joyous's first foal is the Frankel (GB) filly Woman (Aus), the winner of her lone career start on Sept. 13 for Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott. More Joyous was barren in 2016 and produced a Snitzel (Aus) colt this season.

RIVALRIES RENEWED IN ARIMA KINEN

The G1 Arima Kinen, with its eligible runners chosen by fan vote, is one of the most popular races in Japan. Its lucrative purse--the winner's share equal to that of the G1 Japan Cup--makes it enticing for horsemen and owners as well, and as such the first and third from this year's Japan Cup, **Cheval Grand (Jpn)** (Heart's Cry {Jpn}) and **Kitasan Black (Jpn)** (Black Tide {Jpn}), are back to face off again at Nakayama on Sunday.



Cheval Grand (left) and Hugh Bowman defeated Kitan Black into third in the G1 Japan Cup | Horsephotos

Kitasan Black, the \$1.60 (3-5) favourite and reigning Japanese Horse of the Year, has done things the hard way this year. The winner of the G1 Osaka Hai and G1 Tenno Sho (Spring)--the latter over Cheval Grand--to open his 5-year-old campaign, Kitasan Black slipped to ninth in the G1 Takarazuka Kinen at the end of June and was given the customary summer holiday. He had to call on all his reserves to best **Satono Crown (Jpn)** (Marju {Ire}) in a boggy G1 Tenno Sho Autumn on Oct. 29, and just four weeks later did all the hard work on the front end in the Japan Cup before being run down well inside the final furlong by Cheval Grand and Rey de Oro (Jpn) (King Kamehameha {Jpn}). Kitasan Black finished third in this in 2015 and second last year, and looks to close out his career in style before heading to stud at Shadai next year. Trainer Hisashi Shimizu said he instructed Kitasan Black's work rider to push him hard last week and he was pleased with the result. "I'm getting pretty excited," the trainer said. "Kitasan Black won the most fan votes by a landslide and he hasn't won this race yet. I very much want him to get good results this time."

Hugh Bowman, named the Longine's World Best Jockey in the aftermath of his Japan Cup win, reunites with Cheval Grand.

The 5-year-old was earning his first Group 1 win in the Tokyo feature and while he was sixth in this last year, he was beaten just 2 3/4 lengths. Cheval Grand is a son of the Arima Kinen winner Heart's Cry, and previous wins over this trip and further suggest the distance won't be a problem. "In the shape he's in now, he should be able to handle the tighter turns of Nakayama," said trainer Yasuo Tomomichi. "And I'm counting on Bowman to do it again."

Kitasan Black's year-long rival Satono Crown looks to bounce back from a 10th-place finish in the Japan Cup. Sixth behind Kitasan Black in the Osaka Hai, Satono Crown bested both Kitasan Black and Cheval Grand in the Takarazuka Kinen before coming out a nose behind Kitasan Black in the Tenno Sho (Autumn). Satono Crown contests the Arima Kinen for the first time, having sat it out last year in favour of the G1 Longines Hong Kong Vase, which he won over Highland Reel (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), and he gets the services of Ryan Moore on Sunday, under whom he won a Group 3 win 2014.

Looking to upset the favourites will be another son of Heart's Cry, the 3-year-old **Suave Richard (Jpn)**. The chestnut finished second behind Rey de Oro in May in the G1 Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby), and while Rey de Oro went on to frank that form with his Japan Cup second, Suave Richard has enjoyed a quieter campaign. He comes into this off a 2 1/2-length win over elders in the G2 Copa Republica Argentina on Nov. 5. and will enjoy a four-pound weight break on Sunday.

**Please note the result of the Arima Kinen will appear in the TDN of Dec. 27.*

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SIZE CALLS AUDIBLE WITH 'PRAWN'

by Alan Carasso

In the few minutes after **Hot King Prawn (Aus)** (Denman {Aus}) ran his record to a perfect four-from-four with a facile victory in Class 3 up the Sha Tin 1000-metre straight Dec. 3, trainer John Size all but guaranteed that the sophomore would get a break with an eye on the final few months of the season. Just 20 days removed from that effort, Hot King Prawn is back at it Saturday afternoon as the long odds-on favourite in his first start in Class 2 (**HKJC PPs**).

An A\$90,000 purchase out of the 2016 Inglis Sydney Classic Yearling Sale, Hot King Prawn torched his rivals in a pair of events restricted to griffins last season and has picked up where he left off last season. An easy winner of his Nov. 5 return to action, the gray made light work of it last time, carrying 130 pounds to a 2 1/4-length success ([video](#)). Hot King Prawn will leave from gate two--second furthest from the stands' rails--and will be ridden by Zac Purton, who has been aboard for each of the gelding's four wins. **Cont. p10**

Among the opposition is **Strathmore (Aus)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), third to Chautauqua (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}) in the 2016 G1 Chairman's Sprint Prize and third in the G3 Bauhinia Sprint Trophy when last seen over 1000 metres nearly two years ago.

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Hot King Prawn (right) won his fourth straight Dec. 3 | HKJC photo

AUSTRALIAN-BRED WINNERS

IN SOUTH AFRICA:

Roy's Riviera (Aus), f, 3, **All Too Hard (Aus)**--Donna Amata (Aus), by Anabaa. Greyville, 12-22, Hcp., 1600m (AWT), 1:34.32. O-Roy Moodley; B-G Harvey (NSW); T-Frank Robinson. *A\$70,000 Ylg '16 MMGCYS. **1/2 to Sebring Sally (Aus) (Sebring {Aus}), SW & GSP-Aus, A\$164,740.



Roy's Riviera is one of 37 first-crop winners by Black Caviar's half-brother All Too Hard
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2	Kitasan Black (Jpn)	Black Tide (Jpn)	Take	Shimizu	125
3	Queens Ring (Jpn)	Manhattan Cafe (Jpn)	Lemaire	Yoshimura	121
4	Bless Journey (Jpn)	Battle Plan	Miura	Sasaki	121
5	Tosen Victory (Jpn)	King Kamehameha (Jpn)	Tanabe	Sumii	121
6	Satono Chronicle (Jpn)	Heart's Cry (Jpn)	Tosaki	Ikee	121
7	Sciacchetra (Jpn)	Manhattan Cafe (Jpn)	Fukunaga	Sumii	125
8	Rainbow Line (Jpn)	Stay Gold (Jpn)	Iwata	Asami	125
9	Sakura Empereur (Jpn)	King Kamehameha (Jpn)	Ebina	Kanari	125
10	Cheval Grand (Jpn)	Heart's Cry (Jpn)	Bowman	Tomomichi	125
11	Rouge Buck (Jpn)	Manhattan Cafe (Jpn)	Kitamura	Otake	121
12	Satono Crown (Jpn)	Marju (Ire)	Moore	Hori	125
13	Mikki Queen (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Hamanaka	Ikee	121
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