THE “UNTOLD” STORY OF SYNTHETICS IN CALIFORNIA

by Dan Ross

It may have started in 2006, but California’s synthetics experiment sure seems like a tale as old as time. Certainly, its tangled plot lines—ill-chosen sands, cut corners, drainage problems—have endured more renditions than there are campfires to sit around.

But now, as tongues wag with growing enthusiasm for another round of synthetics in the state, it’s time to revisit the story once more, and a hitherto undisclosed cautionary tale with the tarnished sheen of what might have been.

“We were going to understand how these materials were going to function under the unique environmental factors here,” said attorney, Drew Couto, about a previously untold plan to employ Kenneth Vecchio—a professor of nanoengineering at the University of California San Diego—to conduct a battery of scientific tests to see how the available synthetic materials would have behaved under the conditions at each SoCal track.

This, before the first synthetic surface in California had even been identified and installed.

The objective, Couto said, was to single out the one surface that best adapted to the environments across each track location.

“By having a uniform surface, when they went from one [track] to the other, we were going to reduce the risk of injury,” said Couto, who at the time was president of the Thoroughbred Owners of California (TOC). Cont. p3

DID YOU GET THE MEMO? THE LATE-YEAR STAKES RACING HAS BEEN UNSEASONABLY IMPRESSIVE

The Week in Review, by T.D. Thornton

In case you haven’t noticed, the tail end of 2019—destined to go down in history as the sport’s Year of Widespread Dysfunction—has bestowed upon us an unexpected gift: The racing at the top end of the totem pole has been unseasonably solid the past two weekends; satisfyingly replete with entertaining, exciting finishes that will serve as nuggets of intrigue heading into 2020.

The extended Thanksgiving weekend yielded no fewer than eight graded stakes across the country in which winners were decided by less than a length at the wire. The first full weekend in December gave us a rousing renewal of the GI Cigar Mile H., plus bi-coastal Triple Crown prep races whose results are sure to provide ample argumentative fodder for early-season GI Kentucky Derby rankings. Cont. p7

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(Oasis Dream {GB}), in foal to Mastercraftsman (Ire), topped Sunday’s session of the Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale at €200,000.

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QUEEN BEE TO YOU WINS BAYAKOA
Queen Bee to You (Old Topper)’s last-to-first victory in the GIII Bayakoa S. at Los Alamitos Sunday gave trainer Andrew Lerner the first graded win of his career.

HAPPY FARM WINS FALL HIGHWEIGHT
Happy Farm (Ghostzapper), claimed for $30,000 in March, captured his first graded victory with a 3/4-length score in the GIII Fall Hightweight H. at Aqueduct Sunday.
The “Untold” Story of Synthetics in California (cont. from p1)

“We were saying, ‘Let’s take an analytical, methodical approach to this,’” Couto said. So, who does Couto mean by “we”?

The year 2006 smacks of similarities with today. Rising fatality rates had led to simmering public discontent. The powers that be had their backs against the wall. Synthetics, it was widely thought, were a white knight. Indeed, in May of that year, the CHRB gave Hollywood Park, Santa Anita, Golden Gate Fields and Del Mar until the end of 2007 to switch out their dirt surfaces for synthetic.

At this point, Couto and a group of executives—California Thoroughbred Trainers’ Ed Halpern, Del Mar’s Tom Robbins and Craig Fravel, and Santa Anita’s Ron Charles—decided the mandate required a prudent approach guided by expert opinion, said Couto. “That was the fundamental objective of bringing in Dr. Vecchio,” he said.

A few weeks after the CHRB’s mandate was inked, most of the group met Vecchio for a lunch at the exclusive Lodge at Torrey Pines, in La Jolla, said Couto.

“The lunch was very enlightening,” Couto explained. “Here was an expert who had a lot of experience doing failure analysis and a lot of experience in material science—in how you evaluate these types of combined substances.”

The study—projected to cost between $180,000 and $200,000—was to be funded using money from the California Marketing Committee, Couto said.

“We thought we had enough support [from the board] to get this done,” he said.

Only, days after that lunch, Hollywood Park made the formal announcement that it was installing a Cushion Track.
“[Craig] Fravel and I just looked at each other and went, ‘Well, there goes that idea,’” said Couto. In the mad scramble to implement synthetic tracks in California—indeed, Hollywood Park’s Cushion Track was open to training by the start of September that year—Vecchio never conducted his study.

“**We were hell-bent on putting in a synthetic track**”

Vecchio told TDN that, at the time of Hollywood Park’s formal announcement, he had already acquired samples from a variety of potential surface composites, and had used some of the scientific literature on their “mixes and their makeups,” to put together a proposed outline of a study. He had also fielded quotes for laboratory “test chambers” which were needed to evaluate the materials under a battery of different conditions.

So, what would the study have looked like? According to Vecchio, it would have taken about six months to complete, and was designed to comprise a series of accelerated tests on some of the proposed synthetic surfaces to see how the materials used would have reacted in an environment and under conditions resembling that of the various Southern Californian racetracks.

“The idea was to accelerate the nominal conditions you were expecting the materials to experience in the working environment,” he said.

That involved looking at the degradation of the materials in two ways as they were constantly exposed to harsh ultraviolet light and to saline water. The first concerned “overall compaction behavior changes” of the surfaces, he said, while the other related to the “material properties” of the individual surface components.

“Let’s say it starts to compact differently—you want to know which material components of the surface are causing that,” he said.

Vecchio wasn’t aware of any prior accelerated tests that had been conducted on the proposed surface materials to understand their degradation rate in an environment peculiar to the ones in which they would soon be employed, he said.

“If they didn’t really have information about the durability of the surface in Southern California conditions, it would have made sense to do that before investing money in the track,” Vecchio added. “I would have wanted to know that for that kind of investment.”

According to Jack Liebau, president of Hollywood Park when the Cushion Track was singled out and installed, track management had been eyeing synthetics since the year prior, when the Bay Meadows Land Company purchased the property from Churchill Downs Incorporated, well before the CHRB’s mandate on synthetics.
Graded Stakes winner Curlin’s Voyage, bred by Hill ‘n’ Dale Equine Holdings, Inc., and owned by Hill ‘n’ Dale Equine Holdings, Inc. (J. G. Sikura) and Windsor Boys Racing, distinguished herself as the Leading 2YO filly in Canada as well as a Leading Sovereign Award Candidate.

Ontario Lassie Stakes Winner

Curlin’s Voyage

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“We were hell-bent on putting in a synthetic track,” said Liebau. “But at that point in time, it was clear that Polytrack was the flavor of the month because it had the backing of Keeneland. Keeneland in fact owned 50% of it.”

Liebau wasn’t wedded, he said, to the idea of the Polytrack, however. And so, during the winter of 2005-2006, he and a small contingent from Hollywood Park—Martin Panza, Hollywood Park’s racing executive at the time, general manager Eual Wyatt, and the track’s former superintendent, Dennis Moore—took a series of reconnaissance trips to the United Kingdom, to examine some of the synthetic surfaces already in use over there.

They ended up bringing back with them “piles of samples”—materials they stored in the Hollywood Park car park, where they studied them over a couple of months to “see how they reacted to the temperatures,” said Liebau. “It wasn’t a half-assed investigation.”

In the end, the decision came down to a toss-up between Cushion Track or Tapeta—the former, imported from England, winning out. “We went the extra mile as far as the under-surface was concerned, and it proved to be a very successful track,” he said, of an eventual hybrid material, part Cushion Track, part sand. “We used it for eight years, until we closed in December of 2013.”

Liebau said that he “wasn’t party” to Vecchio’s planned experiments (something that Couto confirms). But Liebau—who suggested that talk now of such a plan is “a bit of historical revisionism”—warned the “rush” to put in synthetic tracks can’t be replicated again, if California once again heads in that direction.

“For that reason alone,” he said, “there needs to be much steady thought about what the hell’s going on.”
“There’s nothing like experience”

What do the manufacturers themselves say about preparations they took before installation? Martin Collins, founder of the Polytrack, which was installed at Del Mar, explained that his company had conducted their own accelerated scientific tests at a laboratory in France.

“It wasn’t done specifically for Del Mar, it was done specifically to understand what happens to the waxes under high temperatures and consistent heat,” he said.

Nevertheless, “There’s nothing like experience” to see how the materials will adapt to a particular climate, he said. “You can’t simulate the environment—it’s impossible. You can’t simulate everyday changes. Some days you get more sun than others, more wind than other days. It varies all the time.”

And while the series of evaluations that Vecchio had planned might have helped “to some degree,” what would have been more beneficial is if the surface had first been trialed at a nearby training facility to see how the waxes responded over a period of time, Collins said.

“For all the testing in the world, there’s nothing like sticking it outside and getting horses to go over it,” he said. “There’s a lot of factors here.”

For, more than just an issue of producing the perfect surface, the success or failure of any synthetic is incumbent upon the way it’s managed on a daily basis, Collins said. Indeed, his Polytrack is currently installed at 26 different racetracks around the world, he said, emphasizing how there’s no one-size-fits-all maintenance protocol that can be employed at each individual location, though a general rule-of-thumb is “the less work you give it,” the better.

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“The trouble is, a lot of these people overwork the track, especially in America, where they’ve had dirt tracks, which needs so much work. They find it hard to leave it alone. You need a good maintenance guy, and if you haven’t got a good maintenance guy, there’s always going to be problems,” he said.

“Since all this happened, we have spent literally hundreds of thousands of pounds, developing better quality waxes and polymers,” Collins added. “We can produce a much better surface now than we did then.”

Couto, nevertheless, is more confident that, had Vecchio had the opportunity to conduct his six-month battery of tests, California’s relationship with synthetics could have been a far more magnanimous one.

“I’ve never been surprised by the outcome,” said Couto, of an experiment which has been estimated to cost the state as much as $40 million. “Knowing how it came about in the first place, nobody should have been surprised.”

[Note: TDN reached out to a number of individuals familiar with the plan to employ Kenneth Vecchio, though none, other than those quoted above, were willing to go on record. Of those that remembered the plan, all confirmed the general outline of events, though their chronologies of events were a little hazy from the near 15 years that subsequently passed. TDN also reached out multiple times to Tapeta founder, Michael Dickinson, but didn’t hear back before deadline].

The Week in Review (cont. from p1)

One-turn miles are among the most fascinating contests to handicap in American dirt racing because the configuration brings together extended sprint specialists pushing their distance limits and proven stayers who must withstand pace demands beyond their comfort zones. It’s an impressive accomplishment when a one-turn mile victory is pulled off with panache, and Maximum Security (New Year’s Day)’s score in Saturday’s Cigar Mile at Aqueduct effectively closed the book on the 2019 East Coast stakes season with a resounding slam that is likely to reverberate until the GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational S. at Gulfstream Park Jan. 25.

Saturday’s racing at Aqueduct was conducted under chilly but clear conditions with temperatures in the 30s, and although the card unfolded formfully, every race run after 2 p.m. was won in wire-to-wire fashion. That spread of five speed-dominated races included four graded stakes, and by the time jockey Luis Saez guided Maximum Security into the gate for the Cigar Mile, he must have had no doubt as to what his strategy would be with the freewheeling 13-10 favorite.
In the previous two races on the card, Saez had finished second on a favored closer in the GII Demoiselle S. and orchestrated an unexpected wire-to-wire win atop an 8-1 shot in the GII Remsen S. Those two contrasting tours of the track likely underscored his need to employ Maximum Security's chief tactical asset as a frontrunner rather than taking back in deference to the other pace-pressing rivals in the Cigar Mile who were sure to give him a hard time for the lead.

“Max” broke alertly, but was put straight to pressure by Spun to Run (Hard Spun), whose status as the GI Breeders’ Cup Dirt Mile winner marked him as no slouch to shrug off. The two dueled through brisk opening splits of :22.80 and :46.17, with Max always in control, but feeling the heat. Just after passing the half-mile pole, Saez asked Max to pick it up a notch, and Spun to Run quickened gamely in response.

The two favorites were roused by their riders until about 2 1/2 furlongs out, but then Saez, sensing that Max had the upper hand, backed off just a beat for half a furlong in order to give his colt a breather before the stretch run. Spun to Run continued to hound Max at the quarter pole, but when Saez set down the favored frontrunner three-sixteenths out, Spun to Run came unglued, while Max confidently clicked into another gear. No serious closers were in it to win it by the eighth pole, and Saez kept Max to task before wrapping up in the final few strides before the wire, 3 1/2 lengths clear of everyone else.

It’s now been nearly a year since Maximum Security debuted a winner in a $16,000 Gulfstream maiden-claimer. His 2019 dossier includes two allowance wins by a combined 24 3/4 lengths and crossing the finish wire first in all four Grade I races he’s attempted, at distances of eight, nine (twice) and 10 furlongs (he was disqualified for a foul in the GI Kentucky Derby).
Maximum Security’s only on-track lifetime loss was a gutsy second when clearly not fully cranked off a layoff in a Monmouth prep stakes in June. And easily overlooked is Max’s professional October win in the GIII Bold Ruler H., which came after an acute bout of colic while facing older horses for the first time over seven furlongs, which is not an optimal distance for him.

Despite all of those accomplishments, the truly scary-good aspect of Maximum Security’s career arc is that he is just now exuding a palpable sense of rounding into peak prowess approaching age four. The Pegasus World Cup looms as his next challenge. Potential rivals probably don’t want (or need) to be reminded that Max is four-for-four at speed-centric Gulfstream Park.

Juvenile Jousting...

Let’s be clear about that point about five straight wire-to-wire winners closing out Saturday’s Aqueduct card: Maximum Security’s performance did not at all appear to be bias-derived. But that Remsen win by Shotski (Blame) one race prior does have a “saved by the wire” aura to it, and the bay colt is going to have to prove in subsequent starts that his mild upset victory was not overtly aided by a speed-favoring surface and a tepid pace.

Shotski’s connections aimed for a change of tactics in the Remsen, and the January foal was up to the task of racing at the front of the pack like he did in his maiden sprint win at Laurel two starts back. He fought for the top in the two path through the clubhouse turn, and Saez made a bid for the lead soon after they hit the back straight, shaking off a 5-1 inside rival and then picking up another 22-1 challenger pressing from the outside.

 shotski | Sarah Andrew
The internal splits were easy (:24.26 and :50.08), but the mid-race pressure was steady, and by the time the field hit the far turn, the front five were all within four lengths and under drives. Shotski rounded the bend for home still on top, but the main danger, Ajaaweed (Curlin), was the only foe making clear headway from the back with a loop-the-group move that had him parked widest into the lane.

Ajaaweed commenced a relentless grind while Shotski did all he could do to keep his deep-stretch cushion of 3 1/2 lengths from evaporating. By the time they hit the wire, the top two were only separated by a half-length, with the remainder of the tired field scattered by open lengths. The two galloped out on equal terms, but the runner-up left the impression of having put together the more impressive race. Ajaaweed gave up considerable real estate while parked wide on both turns, and when asked for a bit more oomph in the final furlong, he delivered with a response that suggests Classic-distance accomplishments are within his grasp.

The 1:54.24 final time for Saturday’s Remsen was the slowest clocking since that stakes was elongated from a mile to nine furlongs in 1973. In addition, only three horses in the last 56 years--Thunder Gulch, Go For Gin and Pleasant Colony--have successfully parlayed the Remsen into a blanket of Derby roses on the first Saturday in May.

And on the Left Coast...

Bob Baffert trainees won five consecutive races on the Saturday card at Los Alamitos, including three juvenile races (two of them stakes). His score with the $1-million KEESEP colt Thousand Words (Pioneerof the Nile) was Baffert’s sixth consecutive victory in the Los Alamitos Futurity, which this year was downgraded from a Grade I to a Grade II stakes.

Thousand Words’s win over a sealed wet track (and only three other rivals) was the more eye-catching of the pair of bi-coastal Derby preps over the weekend. Equipped with blinkers for the first time coming off a maiden debut win, Thousand Words engaged favored stablemate High Velocity (Quality Road) through rapid splits of :22.47 and :45.87 before launching for the lead three-eighths out.

High Velocity didn’t spit the bit though, and the two sniped back and forth, exchanging heads on the lead through the far turn while the pocketed closer Anneau d’Or (Medaglia d’Oro) switched off the rail to commence a wide-and-driving attack.

Having dispatched with High Velocity in the home straight, Thousand Words dug in for the fresh challenge from the lumbering Anneau d’Or, who caught Thousand Words yet never was able to put his nose perceptibly in front as they dueled to the wire, where Thousand Word prevailed by a hard-earned neck.

Thousand Words gets style points for surviving both the internal pace battle and refusing to yield in the overall war when confronted anew, and he galloped out stronger than the runner-up after winning the 1 1/16-mile Futurity in 1:43.19, the fifth-slowest time for that stakes in its six runnings at Los Al.

Keep an eye on next-race placement for Thousand Words. Of Baffert’s six Los Al Futurity winners, the only two to go on and start in the Kentucky Derby--Dortmund and Mor Spirit--both won Santa Anita’s GII Robert B. Lewis S. in their next starts. Overall, Baffert has won 12 iterations of this race (including the predecessor versions known as the Hollywood Futurity). But the only horse out of that dozen to go on and win the Kentucky Derby was Real Quiet in 1998.
Sunday, Los Alamitos Race Course

BAYAKOA S.-GIII, $100,351, Los Alamitos, 12-8, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:44.21, gd.

1--QUEEN BEE TO YOU, 119, m, 5, by Old Topper

1st Dam: Silk Queen, by Touch Gold
2nd Dam: French Madam, by Rahy
3rd Dam: Mme. Mitterand, by Mr. Prospector

1ST GRADED STAKES WIN. O-Christopher St. Hilaire & Adam Vali; B-Tommy Town Thoroughbreds, LLC (CA); T-Andrew Lerner; J-Ruben Fuentes. $60,000. Lifetime Record: 32-7-11-5, $538,770. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: B+.

2--Zusha, 120, f, 4, Congrats--Icy Tea, by Storm Cat. ($42,000 RNA Ylg '16 KEESEP). O-Rafael Steinbruch; B-Clearsky Farms (KY); T-Gary Mandella. $20,000.

3--Lady Suebee, 119, f, 4, First Defence--Freeroll, by Touch Gold. ($85,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP; $230,000 3yo '18 KEENOV). O-Hronis Racing LLC; B-Claiborne Farm (KY); T-John W. Sadler. $12,000.

Margins: 3HF, NK, 3HF. Odds: 2.60, 8.80, 1.90.

Also Ran: Kim K, Mongolian Humor, Arctic Roll (GB). Scratched: Mo See Cal, Mirth. Click for the Equibase.com chart, the TJCIS.com PPs or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

Queen Bee to You, who upset the boys to take the Bertrando S. in June and most recently captured the Betty Grable S. at Del Mar, returned to the Las Alamitos winner’s circle following a last-to-first victory in the GIII Bayakoa S. Sunday. The bay mare dropped back to last soon after the break and was well off the rail as longshot Arctic Roll (GB) (Champs Elysees {GB}) took the field through an opening quarter in :23.19. She made rapid progress down the backstretch and loomed a threat after a half in :47.00. She powered to the lead at the top of the stretch and strode clear late to an easy victory.

“There was a little hesitation running her back [three weeks after her win in the Betty Grable], but she came out of the race so well and we worked her back and she went so spectacularly that we said we have to go for it,” said winning trainer Andrew Lerner. “The plan wasn’t to take her back that far, but she kind of missed the break a little bit. I could see she was traveling smoothly and [jockey] Ruben [Fuentes] always does a fantastic job with her.”

The Bayakoa was the first graded stakes victory for Lerner.

“IT’s a huge accomplishment,” he said of the milestone. “I’m so grateful for my team. My foreman Isidro [Hernandez] and I started with one horse we claimed 2 1/2 years ago and now we have a stable of 45.”

Queen Bee to You, claimed from her breeder for $50,000 three years ago, won the June 29 Bertrando in her first start for trainer Andrew Lerner.

A well-beaten sixth in the July 28 GI Clement L. Hirsch S., she returned to state-bred company to finish third in the Sept. 7 E.B. Johnston S. at Los Alamitos. Fifth over the lawn in the Oct. 12 California Distaff S. at Santa Anita, she was coming off a 4 1/2-length victory in the Nov. 17 Betty Grable S. at Del Mar.

Pedigree Notes:

Silk Queen is a half-sister to Ginger Pop (El Prado {Ire}), second in the 2008 GI La Brea S. Tommy Town Thoroughbreds purchased the mare, in foal to Milwaukee Brew, for $27,000 at the 2009 Keeneland November sale. She produced a filly by Boisterous in 2018 and was bred to Grazen this year.

Queen Bee to You is the second graded stakes winner for the now-pensioned Old Topper, who won the 1998 GII Pat O’Brien H. and 1997 GII Best Pal S. He is also the sire of Top Kisser, who won the 2014 GII L.A. Woman S. in the Tommy Town Thoroughbreds colors.

Sunday, Aqueduct

FALL HIGHWEIGHT H.-GIII, $206,100, Aqueduct, 12-8, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.91, ft.

1--HAPPY FARM, 125, g, 5, by Ghostzapper

1st Dam: Gospel Girl, by Holy Bull
2nd Dam: Blue Begonia, by Seeking the Gold
3rd Dam: Icy Time, by Icecapade

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN, 1ST GRADED STAKES WIN. ($45,000 Ylg '15 OBSAUG). O-M and A Racing LTD; B-Rustlewood Farm, Inc. (FL); T-Jason Servis; J-Jorge A. Vargas, Jr. $115,500. Lifetime Record: 19-8-4-2, $398,888. Werk Nick Rating: A++. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

2--Wonderful Light, 127, h, 5, Tiz Wonderful--By the Light, by Malibu Moon. O-Jay Em Ess Stable; B-Samantha Siegel (KY); T-Michelle Nevin. $40,000.
Recruiting Ready, 132, h, 5, Algorithms--Need, by Strong Hope. ‘TDN Rising Star’ ($110,000 Ylg ’15 KEESEP; $240,000 RNA 2yo ’16 FTFMAR). O-Sagamore Farm LLC; B-Claiborne Farm (KY); T-Stanley M. Hough. $24,000.

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Happy Farm, claimed for $30,000 in March, successfully made the jump to the graded ranks with a 3/4-length victory in the twice-delayed GIII Fall Highweight H. at Aqueduct. The dark bay gelding pressed pacesetting Strike Power (Speightstown) through an opening quarter in :22.55. He stuck his head in front midway on the turn and was in command after a half in :45.96. He extended his advantage in upper stretch despite drifting out and held on gamely as Wonderful Light closed late to be second.

“My horse broke quick and the assistant [Henry Argueta, assistant to Jason Servis] told me he was going to be sharp,” said winning rider Jorge Vargas, Jr. “I just tried to relax him. By the turn, he was going quick, but he was relaxed. I smooched at him a little bit and he jumped on it right away. When they came to me, I had something to fight back with.”

Happy Farm was being claimed for the fifth time when M and A Racing and trainer Jason Servis halted him for $30,000 following a fourth-place effort over the Fall Highweight’s track and trip Mar. 3. Second in his first start for the new connections Apr. 17, he won three straight at Belmont, most recently earning a 1 3/4-length tally in a 6 1/2-furlong optional claimer Oct. 10.

Pedigree Notes:
George and Karen Russell’s Rustlewood Farm purchased Gospel Girl, with Happy Farm in utero, for $107,000 at the 2013 Keeneland November sale. Her First Samurai filly sold for $150,000 at this year’s Keeneland September Yearling Sale. She produced a colt by Lord Nelson this year and was bred back to Kantharos.

ORTIZ, BROWN EARN FALL MEET TITLES
Irad Ortiz, Jr. was leading jockey and Chad Brown took the trainer’s title at Aqueduct Racetrack’s 25-day fall meeting that concluded Sunday. Ortiz’s 29 wins during the stand included Empress of the Nile (Pioneer of the Nile)’s win in the Nov. 3 Zagora S.

“You need the horses first and you need the help from the trainers and owners, and they give me the help. If they give me the horses, I can win races,” said Ortiz. “Without them, it wouldn’t be possible.”

Brown won 17 races at the fall meet to earn his fourth consecutive New York Racing Association trainer’s title.

Klaravich Stables finished as the top owner for the fifth consecutive meet. Drawing Away Stable had two winners Sunday to draw even with Klaravich and tie for the owner’s title with nine wins apiece.

Aqueduct’s winter meet begins Thursday and continues through Mar. 29.

Happy Farm | Chelsea Durand
Sunday, San Isidro, Argentina
GRAN PREMIO COPA DE PLATA-ARQUITECTO ROBERTO
VASQUEZ MANSILLA-G1, ARGS4,652,000, San Isidro, 12-8, f/m, 3yo/up, 2000mT, 1:58.82, fm.
1--SEAS ALABADA (ARG), 132, f, 4, by Sebi Halo (Arg)
   1st Dam: Calling You (Arg), by Colonial Affair
   2nd Dam: La Web (Arg), by Octante (Arg)
   3rd Dam: Insondable (Arg), by Interprete (Arg)

2--Sankalpa (Arg), 119, f, 3, True Cause--Lima De Veras (Arg), by Sekari (GB). O-Stud Tres Marias; B-Oswaldo Antonio Salas Avilez (Arg); T-Juan Manuel Etchechoury.

3--Joy Epifora (Arg), 132, f, 3, Fortify--Stormy Epistola (Arg), by Bernstein. O-Stud La Nora; B-Haras La Biznaga (Arg); T-Juan Manuel Etchechoury.

Margins: 2, NK, 2 1/2. 1.90, 14.30, 4.80.
Also Ran: Miss Oasis (Arg), Gianella (Arg), Dona Capanga (Arg), Mirta (Arg), Eladia Vuelve (Arg), Estadista Rate (Arg), Nessum Dorma (Arg). Click for Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. VIDEO.

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Queen Bee to You (Old Topper) powers home first in the GIII Bayakoa S.
IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**CLASICO INTERNACIONAL DEL CARIBE S.,** $300,000, Gulfstream, 12-8, (C), 3yo, 1 1/8m, 1:51.76, ft.

1--**THE BROTHER SLEW (VEN),** 118, c, 3, by Slew’s Tizzy  
   1st Dam: Miss Venezuela (Ven) (SW-Ven),  
   by Water Poet (Ire)  
   2nd Dam: Amandina Lady (Ven), by Slew Prince  
   3rd Dam: Amandina (Ven), by Inland Voyager  
   O/T-Paul Valery; B-Noel Enrique Kucich Pocaterra (VEN);  
   J-Paco Lopez. $174,000. Lifetime Record: SW-Ven, 7-2-1-2, $175,642. *Full to My Racing Mate (Ven), MSW-Ven.

2--**Gran Omero (Ven),** 118, c, 3, King Seraf (Ven)--Gran Manisera (Ven), by Shawaf. O-Stud Los Grandes; B-Agropecuaria La Orlyana, C.A. (VEN); T-Reynaldo Yanez. $60,000.

3--**Turpin Time (Pan),** 118, c, 3, Indiano--Ricura (Pan), by Wheaton. O-Go Frogs Stable; B-Juan Raul Moses (PAN); T-Mario Estevez. $30,000.  
   Also Ran: Papa Candelo, Fix (Pan), Juice Man (Jam), Senor Concerto (Pan), Supreme Soul (Jam), Thibaut (Mex), El Santo (Mex), Doctor Sotelo (Ven). Scratched: Lopecitos (Mex).

The Brother Slew had earned just $1,642 heading into the Clasico Internacional del Caribe S., but he came out of it with a much larger bankroll, as did those who backed him as the longest shot on the board at 45-1. Chasing freewheeling Papa Candelo (Hockenheim) early, the dark bay was joined by Turpin Time down the backside and was ridden along into the turn to get off the fence and come to tackle the pacesetter. Well off the inside as he took over, The Brother Slew was guided back down to the rail by Paco Lopez as Gran Omero made a menacing run up the fence, and he kept that rival pinned in down to the line. An inquiry was conducted into the finish, but no change was made. The victory was the only one of the five Clasico Internacional del Caribe stakes contested Sunday not won by a horse from Mexico. Cont. p2
Clasico International del Caribe cont.

“What an amazing feeling this is, I’m so lucky to have this opportunity,” said Lopez, a native of Mexico himself. “This was a long shot, but I really love this horse and when I went to the paddock with no pony my horse felt very comfortable and very happy jumping around. I didn’t know if I’d win, but I knew we’d be one, two, three... I waited and my horse was looking around a little bit, because there were a lot of people, but my horse ran very big.” Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

ONTARIO LASSIE S., C$125,000, Woodbine, 12-8, (S), 2yo, f, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:43.85, ft.
1--CURLIN’S VOYAGE, 121, f, 2, by Curlin
1st Dam: Atlantic Voyage, by Stormy Atlantic
2nd Dam: Wilshewed, by Carson City
3rd Dam: So Cozy, by Lyphard
O-Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc. (J. G. Sikura) & Windsor Boys Racing; B-Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc (ON); T-Josie Carroll; J-Patrick Husbands. C$75,000. Lifetime Record: GSW, 6-3-1-1, $200,429. *1/2 to Brass Compass (Malibu Moon), SP, $316,795.

2--Merveilleux, 118, f, 2, Paynter--Breech Inlet, by Holy Bull. ($45,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; $150,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR). O-Al & Bill Utlson; B-Mike Carroll (ON); T-Kevin Attard. C$25,000. Hip 1454 - Alw winning ½ sis sells at KEEJAN with Cara Bloodstock

3--November Fog, 118, f, 2, Frac Daddy--Molly Maguire, by Whiskey Wisdom. (C$47,700 RNA Ylg '18 CANNOV). O-Richard Moylan & Sarah Ritchie; B-Box Arrow Farm (ON); T-Sarah Ritchie. C$13,750. Margins: HD, 2 1/4, 1HF. Odds: 2.80, 2.85, 22.70. Also Ran: Avie's Samurai, Cool Shadows, The Pink Pegasus.

Curlin’s Voyage, elevated to a stakes win earlier this year via disqualification, crossed the wire first this time in a game performance to take the Ontario Lassie S. Sunday at Woodbine.

A runner-up to undefeated multiple stakes winner Mr. Hustle (Declaration of War) when debuting against males in the Victoria S. here July 7, the chestnut was third in the restricted Shady Well S. 20 days later before graduating in her first two-turn try Sept. 8. Put up for the victory in the Oct. 5 Gilli Mazarine S. after having her path taken away, she was last seen running a disappointing fourth at 2-5 in the Ontario-bred Princess Elizabeth S. Oct. 26. Let go as one of four horses between 2-1 and 3-1 in this sextet, Curlin’s Voyage hopped a bit at the start and settled in fourth as longshot November Fog took them along through splits of :24.62 and :48.95. Advancing three wide midway around the far turn, she hooked up with Merveilleux a furlong from home and those two threw down in a good battle with Curlin’s Voyage just getting her nose on the wire first to prevail. November Fog stayed for third.

The winner’s dam is a full-sister to GISW Stormello and GSW My Best Brother, as well as a half to SW/GISP ‘TDN Rising Star’ Cherry Lodge (Bernardini) and GSW Gala Award (Bernardini). She produced a colt by Kitten’s Joy this term before being paired with Speightstown. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

GARLAND OF ROSES S., $102,750, Aqueduct, 12-8, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.91, ft.
1--PAUSEFORTHECAUSE, 122, f, 4, Giant’s Causeway--Spritely (MSW & GISP, $463,378), by Touch Gold. O/B-Chester & Mary R. Broman (NY); T-Kiaran P. McLaughlin; J-Manuel Franco. $57,750. Lifetime Record: 23-7-4-6, $518,793.

2--Our Circle of Love, 120, f, 4, Distorted Humor--Edit, by Unbridled's Song. ($380,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP). O-Jay Em Ess Stable; B-Taylor Brothers Properties LLC, Springdell Farm, LLC, George E. Saufley, et al (KY); T-Michelle Nevin. $20,000.

TAYLOR MADE FOR YOU! 3--New Year’s Wish, 120, f, 4, New Year’s Day--Circuit Breaker, by Yes It’s True. ($42,000 Wlg '15 OBSOCT). O-Grey Fox Stable; B-Isidro Centeno (FL); T-Linda Rice. $12,000. Margins: 2HF, 1, 3 1/4. Odds: 1.30, 1.30, 3.50.

Also Ran: Angel At War, Sea Sparkle, Miss Imperial. Scratched: Calinas Song, Wildcat Combat. Pauseforthecause, placed in a quartet of New York-bred stakes, broke through with a wire-to-wire conquest of the Empire-bred Iroquois S. last out Oct. 19 at Belmont and was made a co-favorite stepping into open stakes waters for the first time here. Away well as third choice New Year’s Wish missed the break entirely, the bay was left alone to dictate terms in the clear past splits of :22.61 and :46.28. Chased by Our Circle of Love through the lane, she was always doing enough to hold that one at bay and remained clear to the wire. New Year’s Wish ran well to be third after her poor start. The victress has a yearling half-brother by Curlin and her dam visited West Coast this spring. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

COPA INVITACIONAL DEL CARIBE S., $85,000, Gulfstream, 12-8, (C), 3yo/up, 1 1/4m, 2:04.01, ft.
1--LETTRUSKA, 110, f, 3, Super Saver--Magic Appeal (GSP), by Successful Appeal. 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O-Cuadra San Jorge; B-St. George Stables LLC (KY); T-Fausto Gutierrez; J-Emisael Jaramillo. $49,300. Lifetime Record: 7-7-0-0, $82,555. *1/2 to Trigger Warning (Candy Ride (Arg)), MSW & GISP, $555,378.
Copa Invitacional del Caribe S. cont.
2--Bravo Ignacio (Arg), 122, h, 5, Mutakddim--Biromista (Arg), by High Yield. 0-Stud Marluna; B-La Quebrada (ARG); T-Roberto Arango. $17,000.
3--Celadine, 118, c, 3, Street Sense--Oil Empress, by Empire Maker. ($20,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP). O-Sonata Stable; B-Ashview Farm & Mike & Geri Duffy (KY); T-Edwin Díaz, Jr. $8,500.

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Letruska was a perfect six-for-six at Mexico City, most recently taking the Clasico Diamante July 20 by 14 lengths. She'd worked for times in Florida for this, and was second choice in the wagering as the only runner without experience beyond 1 1/16 miles. Possessing all the early speed, Letruska was all by herself from start to finish. The winner's dam is a full to GISW J P's Gusto (Successful Appeal). She has an unraced 2-year-old filly named Mixteca (Tapizar), a yearling colt by Street Sense and a weanling filly by Hard Spun. Her dam visited Arrogate earlier this season. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

GOLD RUSH S., $76,200, Golden Gate Fields, 12-7, 2yo, 1m (AWT), 1:38.92, ft.
1--BETTOR TRIP NICK, 122, g, 2, by Boat Trip
   1st Dam: Bettor Knot, by In Excess (IRE)
   2nd Dam: Farr Bettor Miss, by Sir Harry Lewis
   3rd Dam: Lower Deck, by Roberto
O-William J. Delia, Gary Oetman & Tab Pagano; B-Running Horse Equine Training Center (CA); T-William Delia; J-Catalino Martinez. $45,000. Lifetime Record: 5-4-1-0, $110,180.

2--Sacred Rider, 122, g, 2, Lucky Pulpit--Lady Railrider, by Ride the Rails. O-Mr. & Mrs. Larry D. Williams; B-Larry D. Williams (CA); T-Steven Specht. $15,000.

3--Music Icon, 119, c, 2, Maclean's Music--Curie, by Chief Seattle. ($52,000 2yo '19 EASMAY). O-Tracy & Paula Henline; B-Stanley Inman (KY); T-Blaine D. Wright. $9,000.

IN ORDER OF PURSE:
6th-Aqueduct, $83,520, Alw (NW2$X)/Opt. Clm ($62,500), 12-8, 3yo//up, 6fT, 1:10.90, gd.
PULSATE (c, 3, Speightstown--Celestial Kitten {MGSP, $233,843}, by Kitten's Joy) broke his maiden and cleared his next condition on the dirt here early in the season before finishing second in the May 25 Paradise Creek S. on the Belmont grass. He was a close third in the Allied Forces S. going this trip back in Elmont Sept. 8, but was ninth in a Laurel allowance in the sloop Oct. 20. The chestnut earned a career-best 88 Beyer Speed Figure when third returning to the lawn here Nov. 8, and was 9-2 to end his win drought. Content to travel towards the back of the field early, the bay moved up in between rivals around the bend, tipped out at the head of the lane and ground his way to the front before holding off late-on-the-scene Kitten's Cat (Kitten's Joy) by a head. The winner has an unraced 2-year-old half-brother by Bodemeister and a weanling half-sister by Frosted. His dam was bred to Collected for 2020. Sales history:
$135,000 Ylg '17 FTKOCT; $280,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: MSP, 11-3-2-2, $186,655.

7th-Aqueduct, $76,275, Alw, 12-8, (NW1$X), 3yo//up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.18, ft.
BRIDLEWOOD CAT (f, 3, Street Sense--Ithinkisawapudycat {SP}, by Bluegrass Cat), a $750,000 KEESEP buy, was fifth debuting going two turns at Tampa Mar. 29 and was laid up for over six months before returning with a dominant 11 1/4-length graduation Oct. 13 at Belmont. Made the 2-1 second choice here, the bay pressed the pace through a :22.74 quarter, poket her head in front at the top of the lane and edged clear to score by 2 3/4 lengths over odds-on Newly Minted (Central Banker). The winner is a half to Sweet Loretta (Tapit), GISW, $386,520.

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7th-AQU cont.

Her dam, a half to GISW and Canadian champion Spring in the Air (Spring At Last), sold to Mount Brilliant Farm for $2.2 million at KEESEP in 2016. She has an unraced juvenile colt by Constitution named Established who hammered for $400,000 to Twin Creeks Racing at KEESEP last year, a yearling colt by War Front and foaled a Tapit colt this season before being bred to Uncle Mo. Sales History: $750,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, $82,750. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Bridlewood Farm; B-ASHVIEW FARM & COLTS NECK STABLES (KY); T-JONATHAN THOMAS.

6th-Gulfstream, $44,900, Alw, 12-8, (NW1$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:35.83, fm.

SHIFTY SHE (f, 3, Gone Astry--Perilous Hope, by Strong Hope) was fourth on debut here Aug. 4, took an open maiden special weight by daylight Sept. 29, and added a Gulfstream Park West state-bred allowance Nov. 2. Installed as the public’s 3-1 pick, the bay broke on top from a wide draw and was able get down to the rail and grab a pocket spot. She was shuffled back slightly down the backside as a longshot from the back of the pack made an aggressive middle move into the slow pace, but was produced down the center of the course in upper stretch to outkick Stefanie On Fleek (Orb) by a measured 3/4 of a length. The pacesetter held on for second. Myamanoi has a third dam is MGISW Educated Risk (Mr. Prospector). She has an unraced 2-year-old half-sister named Fivejaz (Csaba). Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, $83,200. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Pedigree Partners LLC; B-Chris Pallas & George Klein (FL); T-LiLli KURTINECZ.

6th-Fair Grounds, $41,120, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($50,000), 12-8, 2yo, 1mT, 1:40.89, fm.

PERFECT STAR (c, 2, Into Mischief--Chic Dancer (GSW, $308,336), by Joyeux Danseur) finished midpack in his dirt sprint unveiling at Keeneland Oct. 4, but returned 13 days later to run to a turfy dam side pedigree and steal a two-turn grassy maiden special weight at 20-1. He was a well-beaten sixth with some trouble over yielding ground at Churchill Nov. 21, but was able to make the early lead again here. Doling out comfortable fractions of :24.97, :49.72 and 1:15.70, the bay was not for catching and streaked home 3 1/4 lengths to the good of The Gray Blur (Fast Anna). The winner is a half to Her Emmynency (Successful Appeal), GISW, $560,595 and a More Than Ready weanling filly. Chic Dancer, winner of the 2006 GIII Modesty H., was bred to Violence earlier this season. Sales history: $190,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; $20,000 2yo '19 OBSOPEN. Lifetime Record:

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O-Anton Kubacak; B-S. D. Brilie, L.P. (KY); T-Scott Gelner.

3rd-Gulfstream, $41,000, Alw (NW2$X)/Opt. Clm ($62,500), 12-8, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.28, ft.

EPIC DREAMER (c, 3, Orb--Dixie Crisp (SP), by Dixieland Band) showed immediate promise as a juvenile, and was fourth in the GII Fasig-Tipton Holy Bull S. in February. He was far back in the GII Xpressbet Fountain of Youth S. the following month, however, and fourth as the favorite in a first-level Monmouth allowance Sept. 2. He checked in second at Parx Sept. 24 and third Oct. 15, but was subsequently awarded a victory after the winner from that Sept. 24 race came up with a positive test. Sprinting for the first time since his debut, in which he finished second to eventual MGISW Vekoma (Candy Ride {Arg}), Epic Dreamer tracked the pace from the two path early. The 3-1 shot seized command midway along the turn, and scammed clear from there to dominate by 6 1/4 lengths. Malibu Max (Malibu Moon) was second. The winner is half to Reconstruction (Broken Vow), SW, $117,374; Southern Freedom (Pure Prize), SW & GSP, $284,284. He has a yearling half-brother by Constitution, and his dam most recently visited Gun Runner. Sales history: $185,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 9-3-1-1, $162,270. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

3rd-Aqueduct, $70,000, Msw, 12-8, 2yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:44.93, gd.

MYAMANOI (c, 2, Temple City--Hunter's Mark, by Titus Livius {Fr}) was fifth behind GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Turf winner Sturcor (Palace Malice) first out at Saratoga Aug. 31, and was co-favored at 7-2 to improve with the time off. Sluggish and a bit awkward from the gate, the dark bay tugged himself between rivals and into a midpack spot. He made a head-turning move into the turn, slicing through foes and into second after a :48.89 half set by Justintimeforwine (Justin Phillip), and that moved proved to be a winning one as he opened up 4 1/2 lengths in the lane. The pacesetter held on for second. Myamanoi has a yearling half-sister by Fed Biz.

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EDITORIAL — A HALF TO UNCLE MO

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3rd-AQU cont.

His dam, a half to late leading Japanese sire King Kamehameha (Jpn) (Kingmambo), was bred to Summer Front for 2020. Sales history: $50,000 Ylg ‘18 FTOKCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $42,100. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Corns Racing Stable and R. A. Hill Stable; B-Runnymede Farm Inc. & Peter J. Callahan (KY); T-Danny Gargan.

1st-Aqueduct, $67,900, Msw, 12-8, 2yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:20.74, ft. TRUTH HURTS (f, 2, Tonalist--Witty Gal, by Distorted Humor) showed an above-average worktab for this unveiling, capped by a five-furlong breeze over the Belmont training track in 1:02 flat (5/14) Nov. 29, and was let go at 11-1. Away in good order, the $35,000 KEESEP buy tracked from a joint third past a :23.72 quarter and crept closer three wide midway around the bend. Soon after straightening for home, it became a virtual match race between her and heavy favorite Halo City (Commissioner), and Truth Hurts wore down her rival in the final 50 yards to prevail by a half-length. The winner, the 13th for her freshman sire (by Tapit), has a yearling full-sister and a weanling half-sister by Classic Empire. Her dam was bred to Midnight Lute this term. Sales History: $35,000 Ylg ‘18 KEENOV; $32,000 Ylg ‘18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $38,500. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Chad Summers & J Stables, LLC; B-William D. Graham (ON); T-Chad Summers.

2nd-Gulfstream, $41,000, Msw, 12-8, 2yo, f, 1mT, 1:35.52, fm. RUNWAY DREAMER (f, 2, Tonalist--Runway Rosie (MSW & GISP, $387,776), by Include) completed a productive 20 or so minutes for her first-crop sire (by Tapit), providing him with his 14th winner shortly after Truth Hurts (Tonalist) won on debut at Aqueduct. She was a close fourth going a grassy mile at Woodbine Aug. 24, but failed to make much headway against much tougher when seventh in the GI Natalma S. over yielding ground Sept .15. Runway Dreamer was most recently second by a nose back in Etobicoke Oct. 19, and was flattered when race winner Gun Society (Society’s Chairman) returned to take the South Ocean S. last month. Away well, the 9-5 favorite took up a perfect drafting spot along the inside early. She worked her way off the fence for clear sailing in upper stretch, and took over midway down the lane before holding off longshot Three Flamingos (English Channel) by a half-length. The winner has a yearling half-sister by American Pharaoh. Sales history: $95,000 RNA Ylg ‘18 FTOKCT. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, $39,906. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O/B-Craig B. Singer (KY); T-Josie Carroll.

3rd-Los Alamitos, $40,702, Msw, 12-8, 2yo, 1m, 1:38.59, gd. AZUL COAST (c, 2, Super Saver--Sky Treasure (GSW, $492,426), by Sky Mesa) kept the Bob Baffert barn rolling after the Hall of Famer won five consecutive races here Saturday, including a pair of graded events for juveniles. Prepping for this by working in company at Santa Anita Dec. 1 with GSW and ‘TDN Rising Star’ Eight Rings (Empire Maker) (5f, 1:00 1/5, 5/46, XBTV Video), the bay was co-favored at 2-1. Out-footed and seemingly climbing over the wet surface early, the bay was hung very wide into the first turn as riders kept their mounts well off the rail, as they had all weekend. He quickly gained on his foes into the long Los Al lane, and leveled off well by midstretch to power clear by four lengths from Special Day (Tiznow). The winner, who was a $360,000 in utero purchase at the 2016 Keeneland November sale, has Capitalist (Aus) half-sisters born in Australia in 2018 and 2019. Sales history: $150,000 Wlg ‘17 KEENOV; $320,000 Ylg ‘18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $24,000. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Karl Watson, Michael E. Pegram & Paul Weitman; B-SF Bloodstock LLC (KY); T-Bob Baffert.

4th-Gulfstream, $40,000, Msw, 12-8, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:34.43, fm. MOTATAABEQ (g, 3, City Zip--Bluegrass Princess (MGSP, $179,908), by Dynaformer) was far back in a rained-off nine-furlong heat at Saratoga Sept. 2, and seventh at Belmont getting on the grass 26 days later. Away at a couple ticks under 7-1, the $450,000 KEESEP yearling sat third last in a very strung-out field. Clearly ready to roll as Julien Leparoux finally gave him his cue at the head of the lane, he circled up widest and out-kicked Rochambeau (Noble Mission {GB}) by a neck. The winner is half to Partisan Politics (More Than Ready), MSW, $276,880 and unraced 2-year-old colt Onwoir (Honor Code). Sales history: $450,000 Ylg ‘17 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, $28,050. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Shadwell Stable; B-Dell Ridge Farm, LLC (KY); T-Kiaran P. McLaughlin.

5th-Gulfstream, $40,000, Msw, 12-8, 2yo, 7f, 1:23.08, ft. PREMIER STAR (c, 2, Tapiture--Letthetigergparty, by Hold That Tiger) compiled an encouraging worktab for this career bow, capped by a five-furlong bullet in 1:01 3/5 (1/8) Dec. 1 at Gulfstream West, and was bet strongly to be an 11-5 favorite. Tracking second choice and fellow firstr Caracaro (Uncle Mo) through sharp fractions of :22.27 and :45.12, the chestnut was carried out by that rival approaching the lane and gradually wore his foe down in the final furlong despite drifting further out to score by 1 3/4 lengths. Militarist (Liam’s Map) ran on late to complete the trifecta as first-time starters ran one-two-three.
5th-Gulfstream cont.

The winner is the 24th for his freshman sire (by Tapit). Sales History: $105,000 Ylg '18 KEESSEP; $100,000 2yo '19 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $24,000. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Sonata Stable; B-Charles H. Deters (KY); T-Jorge Navarro.

FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

Bahamian Squall (Gone West), Double Diamond Farm, $5,000
31 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Parx Racing, Wmc 1m, CURRY'S MOUNTAIN, 12-1
$1,000 RNA OBS WIN wnl

The Big Beast (Yes It’s True), Ocala Stud Farm, $6,000
69 foals of racing age/15 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Parx Racing, MsW 6f, VAL'S MY GAL, 10-1
$14,000 RNA OBS WIN wnl; $20,000 OBS OCT yrl; $49,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo; $20,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Constitution (Tapit), WinStar Farm, $15,000
123 foals of racing age/26 winners/4 black-type winners
4-Parx Racing, Wmc 6 1/2f, FASTROADAHEAD, 15-1
$7,000 KEE SEP yrl

Japan (Medaglia d'Oro), Waldorf Farm
37 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Parx Racing, Wmc 1m, HIBACHI, 6-1
1-Parx Racing, Wmc 1m, RONIN WARRIOR, 6-1

Last Gunfighter (First Samurai), Pin Oak Lane Farm
24 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
4-Parx Racing, Wmc 6 1/2f, GUNFIGHTER'S GIRL, 10-1

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

Abstraction (Pulpit), Doubletree Farm, $3,500
61 foals of racing age/20 winners/1 black-type winner
9-Zia, $145K Steve Prather S., 1m, EVACUEE, 10-1
$30,000 RUI AUG yrl
9-Zia, $145K Steve Prather S., 1m, MORE ACTION, 20-1
9-Zia, $145K Steve Prather S., 1m, TOM T WHO, 30-1

Cairo Prince (Pioneerof the Nile), Airdrie Stud, $25,000
228 foals of racing age/81 winners/7 black-type winners
5-Parx Racing, MsW 6f, STARLING PRINCE, 10-1
$75,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Laugh Track (Distorted Humor), Double Ll Farm, $2,500
68 foals of racing age/21 winners/1 black-type winner
9-Zia, $145K Steve Prather S., 1m, GO NOW GO, 15-1
$31,000 RUI AUG yrl

Copano Kicking, g, 4, Spring at Last. See “Worldwide”.

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STAKES RESULTS:

COPA VELOCIDAD DEL CARIBE S., (NB) $115,000, Gulfstream, 12-8, (C), 3yo, 6f, 1:10.41, ft.

1--SACAMANDU (MEX), 118, c, 3, by Drover--Bilirubina (Mex) (SP), by Election Day (Ire). O/B-Rancho Pozo de Luna (MEX); T-Ariel Ruiz; J-Luis Contreras. $66,700. Lifetime Record: 13-5-1-3, $88,487.

2--Ferragamo (Mex), 118, c, 3, Quincy (Mex)--Zambuka (Mex), by Reverberate. O/Cuadra San Isidro; B-Granja San Isidro (MEX); T-Oscar M. Gonzalez. $23,000.

3--El Muchachito (Pan), 118, c, 3, Jaguar Paw--La Bolocco (Pan), by Charlie (Pan). O/Stud Isabelita; B-Haras San Miguel (PAN); T-Carlos Espino. $11,500.

Margins: 3 3/4, 3HF, 4. Odds: 32.50, 2.80, 10.10.

COPA CONFRATERNIDAD DEL CARIBE S., $98,000, Gulfstream, 12-8, (C), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:41.10, ft.

1--KUKULKAN (MEX), 122, c, 3, by Point Determined--The Real Mayo, by Bernardini. O/Cuadra San Jorge; B-Rancho San Jorge (MEX); T-Fausto Gutierrez; J-Irad Ortiz, Jr. $58,000. Lifetime Record: Horse of the Year, Ch. 2yo Colt & Ch. 3yo Colt-Mex & (SP), by Election Day (Ire)

2--Fray Angelico (Pan), 122, h, 5, Concerto--Angelical (Pan), by Screen King. O/Stud Campo Azul; B-Haras Cerro Punta (PAN); T-Efren Loza, (Mex), by Bold Legacy

3--Cutefacechubywaist (f, 3, Hey Chub--Geeky Gorgeous, by Reverberate). O/Cuadra San Isidro; B-Rancho San Jorge (MEX); T-Fausto Gutierrez. $20,000.

Margins: 3 3/4, 3HF, 4. Odds: 32.50, 2.80, 10.10.

COPA DAMA DEL CARIBE S., $86,500, Gulfstream, 12-8, (C), 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:46.35, ft.

1--Genubi Asqifar (MEX), 118, f, 3, by Win Willy--Maricoles (Mex), by Bold Legacy. O-Rancho La Soledad; B-Ing. Guillermo Elizondo Collard (MEX); T-Efren Loza, Jr.; J-Paco Lopez. $50,170. Lifetime Record: 12-8, (C), 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:46.35, ft.

2--Laika (Mex), 118, f, 3, Impervious--Glitzen Glory, by Honour the Cat. O-Cuadra San Jorge; B-Rancho San Jorge (MEX); T-Fausto Gutierrez. $17,300.

3--Best Trebol (Dom), 118, f, 3, As de Trebol--Bestseller (Dom), by Forty Ninth Street. O/ Sonata Stable; B-Jorge Olivero Toral (DOM); T-Tose D. Velez. $8,650.


ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-Woodbine, C$50,100, Ocl (C)/Opt. Clm ($30,174), 12-8, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:44.44, ft.

FULL EXTREME (g, 4, Sligo Bay (Ire)--Victoria Bay, by Northern Afleet) Lifetime Record: 15-3-6-1, $160,645. O-Derek Chin; B-Frank Mermanstein (ON); T-Kevin Attard.

5th-Penn National, $31,600, (S), 12-7, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:37.53, gd.

JUSTINIAN (c, 3, Justin Phillip--Miss Wined Up, by Roman Ruler) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, $58,053. O-Roberta & Ward Loafers Boy

7th-Los Alamitos, $46,512, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($50,000), 12-8, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:37.53, gd.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Sugar Pickel, f, 2, Candy Ride (Arg)--Sweetest Sound, by Smart Strike. Los Alamitos, 12-8, (C), 5 1/2f, 1:05.08. B-Whisper Hill Farm, LLC (KY). *$42,000 RNA 2yo '19 OBSMAR. **21st winner for freshman sire (by Offlee Wild).

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Cowgirl Dom, f, 3, Dominique's Cat—Bwana Be Cowgirl, by Bwana Charlie. Zia, 12-8, (S), 6 1 2f, 1:20.49. B-McKenna Thoroughbreds LLC (NM).


Stormin Ranger, f, 3, U S Ranger—Stormin Mon (GSP, $193,491), by Maria's Mon. Los Alamitos, 12-8, (S), 5 1 2f, 1:04.96. B-Liberty Road Stables (CA). *$60,000 Ylg '17 BARSEL. **1/2 to Psycho Dar (Storm Wolf), MSP, $188,528.

BAYERN, Aubrey Tate, f, 2, o/o D'wild Ride, by D'wildcat. MSW, 12-8, Aqueduct

BOAT TRIP, Bettor Trip Nick, g, 2, o/o Bettor Knot, by In Excess (Ire). Gold Rush S., 12-7, Golden Gate

CANDY RIDE (ARG), Sugar Pickel, f, 2, o/o Sweetest Sound, by Smart Strike. MCL, 12-8, Los Alamitos Thoroughbred

CITY ZIP, Motataabeq, g, 3, o/o Bluegrass Princess, by Dynaformer. MSW, 12-8, Gulfstream

COIL, Loafers Boy, g, 3, o/o All Star Cast, by Theatrical (Ire). MSW, 12-8, Los Alamitos Thoroughbred

CONGRATS, Glorious Tribute, g, 2, o/o Clare's Bernardine, by Action This Day. MSW, 12-8, Woodbine

CURLIN, Curlin's Voyage, f, 2, o/o Atlantic Voyage, by Stormy Atlantic. Ontario Lassie S., 12-8, Woodbine

DOMINIQUE'S CAT, Cowgirl Dom, f, 3, o/o Bwana Be Cowgirl, by Bwana Charlie. MSW, 12-8, Zia

DROVER, Sacamandu (Mex), c, 3, o/o Bilirrubbina (Mex), by Election Day (Ire). Copa Velocidad del Caribe S., 12-8, Gulfstream

GHOSTZAPPER, Happy Farm, g, 5, o/o Gospel Girl, by Holy Bull. GII Fall Highweight H., 12-8, Aqueduct

GIANT'S CAUSEWAY, Pauseforthecause, f, 4, o/o Spritely, by Touch Gold. Garland of Roses S., 12-8, Aqueduct

GONE ASTRAY, Shifty She, f, 3, o/o Perilous Hope, by Strong Hope. ALW, 12-8, Gulfstream

GOVENOR CHARLIE, Baltimore Beecho, c, 2, o/o Elusive Beauty, by Any Given Saturday. MCL, 12-7, Los Alamitos Thoroughbred

HEY CHUB, Cutefacechubbywaist, f, 3, o/o Geeky Gorgeous, by Devil His Due. ALW, 12-7, Penn National

INTO MISCHIEF, Perfect Star, c, 2, o/o Chic Dancer, by Joyeux Danser. AOC, 12-8, Fair Grounds

JUSTIN PHILLIP, Justinian, c, 3, o/o Miss Wined Up, by Roman Ruler. AOC, 12-8, Los Alamitos Thoroughbred


OLD TOPPER, Queen Bee to You, m, 5, o/o Silk Queen, by Touch Gold. Glll Bayakoa S., 12-8, Los Alamitos Thoroughbred

ORB, Epic Dreamer, c, 3, o/o Dixie Crisp, by Dixieland Band. AOC, 12-8, Gulfstream

POINT DETERMINED, Kukulkan (Mex), c, 4, o/o The Real Mayo, by Bernardini. Copa Confraternidad del Caribe S., 12-8, Gulfstream

SHAME ON CHARLIE, Effort N Results, g, 2, o/o Happy N Harmony, by Desert God. MSW, 12-8, Zia

SLEW'S TIZZY, The Brother Slew (Ven), c, 3, o/o Miss Venezuela (Ven), by Water Poet (Ire). Clasico Internacional del Caribe S., 12-8, Gulfstream

TEMPLE CITY, Myamanoi, c, 2, o/o Hunter's Mark, by Titus Livius (Fr). MSW, 12-8, Aqueduct

TONALIST, Runway Dreamer, f, 2, o/o Runway Rosie, by Include. MSW, 12-8, Gulfstream

TONALIST, Truth Hurts, f, 2, o/o Witty Gal, by Distorted Humor. MSW, 12-8, Aqueduct

U S RANGER, Stormin Ranger, f, 3, o/o Stormin Mon, by Maria's Mon. MSW, 12-8, Los Alamitos Thoroughbred

WICKED STRONG, Cruising Strong, f, 2, o/o Baby Lets Cruise, by Tale of the Cat. MCL, 12-8, Aqueduct

WIN WILLY, Genubi Asquifar (Mex), f, 3, o/o Maricoles (Mex), by Bold Legacy. Copa Dama del Caribe S., 12-8, Gulfstream
ARQANA LEADER BOUND FOR AMERICA

By Kelsey Riley

DEAUVILLE, France—Citation One (GB) (Oasis Dream GB) (lot 352) is British-bred, from a German family and in-foal to an Irish stallion, and she is headed to America after being bought by Christian Black of Blackstone Farm for €200,000 to top the second session of the Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale on Sunday. The unraced 3-year-old, offered by Coulonces Sales, is out of the stakes-winning Chantra (Ger) (Lando Ger) and is a half-sister to two stakes horses, including the German Group 3 winner Calyxa (GB) (Pivotal GB). Citation One is in foal for the first time to Mastercraftsman (Ire).

Blackstone Farm, a 350-acre nursery in the state of Pennsylvania, has been improving the quality of its commercial broodmare band in recent years and Christian Black revealed that Citation One could visit Justify next year.

"She'll go to America for our partnership Blackstone Farm," Black said. “We'll see what happens when we get there but we'll probably breed her back to Justify. She's a beautiful mare and you get so much soundness with that German family. We're very happy to have her and we're hoping she produces a nice Mastercraftsman now.

"We bought one yesterday too, Grey Anatomy [lot 122 for €180,000], but she'll stay here in France."

A ‘BRIGHT’, ‘ADMIRE’-ABLE AND ‘GLORY’-OUS DAY FOR JAPAN AT SHA TIN

by Alan Carasso

HONG KONG—By now, it is a well-known fact that when Japanese-trained horses take their show on the road, they mean business.

Prior to Sunday’s Longines Hong Kong International Races at Sha Tin Racecourse, Japanese-based gallopers had won top-level races overseas such as the G1 Dubai Turf, the G1 Caulfield Cup and G1 Cox Plate in Australia and the G1 Nassau S. in England.

Win Bright (Jpn), a son of 2001 G1 Hong Kong Vase hero Stay Gold (Jpn), did his part earlier in the season, knocking off Hong Kong’s best middle-distance runners in the G1 FWD Queen Elizabeth II Cup (2000m).

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IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

THE ‘UNTOLD’ STORY OF SYNTHETICS IN CALIFORNIA

Dan Ross chronicles the ‘untold’ story of synthetic surfaces in California, as the state comes under pressure to improve safety measures at its racetracks by the public. Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.
Compared to 2018, the clearance rate rose from 74.3% to 78.8% for 204 sold from 259 offered. The gross was €7,040,500, and the average of €34,512 (+29.8%) and the €26,000 (+18.2%) median posted double-digit increases.

Return Trip For Vadariya

The 7-year-old Vadariya (GB) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) has started her career as a broodmare off in promising fashion, her first foal--a filly by Le Havre (Ire) now named Waliyak (Fr) and a winner for Roger Varian--selling for €240,000 at Arqana’s August yearling sale last year and her second, a daughter of Siyouni (Fr), fetching €115,000 this year. Vadariya will return to Le Havre in 2020 after being bought by Jeremy Brummitt for €180,000 on Sunday. The two-time winner was offered as lot 283 by The Channel Consignment as part of the dispersal of the Marquise de Moratalla. An Aga Khan-bred, Vadariya was bought off the track by Laurent Benoit’s Broadhurst Agency for €210,000 at this sale four years ago.

Brummitt, who signed the ticket standing alongside Stradivarius (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire})’s owner/breeder Bjorn Nielsen, said he was underbidder on the Le Havre filly and admitted he wished he had bought the mare her first time through the ring.

“I wish I’d been smart enough to see how nice the mare was the first time she went through the ring, but I wasn’t,” he said. “When you get a second bite at the cherry you take the opportunity.

“I don’t think the mare has done anything wrong. She’ll go back to Le Havre.” CONT. P3
Vadariya, twice a winner for the Aga Khan and Alain de Royer-Dupre, is out of the dual Group 3 winner Vadapolina (Fr) (Trempolino), a half-sister to G1 Prix Saint-Alary winner Vadawina (Fr) (Unfuwain), the dam of G2 Prix du Conseil de Paris winner Vadamar (Fr) and, since Vadariya was last sold, Ballydoyle's G3 Tyros S. winner The Pentagon (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). Vadawina was bought by Horse France for €600,000 at Arqana December in 2013.

The Channel Consignment also sold Sage Melody (Fr) (Sageburg {Fr}) (lot 375) – as part of the reduction sale of Al Shahania Stud to Chantilly Bloodstock Services for €90,000. The 9-year-old Group 3-placed mare is the dam of three winners from three to race and was sold in foal to Le Havre (Ire).

**Father, Son Lead Foal Trade**

Wootton Bassett (GB), a rapidly rising star in the French sire ranks, should have plenty of success ahead of him with his first crops bred off five-figure fees just beginning to hit racecourses, and pinhookers were out in full force on Sunday to secure members of his latest crop. Philipp Stauffenberg had to extend to €190,000 midway through the session for lot 411, La Motteraye Consignment’s half-sister to the stakes-winning juvenile Lady Galore (Ire) (Raven’s Pass). The dark bay is a granddaughter of the GI Breeders’ Cup Distaff and GI La Brea S. victress Spain (Thunder Gulch), who has also produced the stakes winners and Grade/Group 1-placed Plan (Storm Cat) and Dreamtheimpossible (Giant’s Causeway). The filly will be re-offered next year.

“She's a lovely, quality filly,” Stauffenberg said. “She's a very good mover and it's a really beautiful family. She'll be coming back to an Arqana sale next year.”

Hubert Guy and Jamie Railton both struck early on Sunday for progeny of Wootton Bassett to pinhook. Guy, signing as Bloodstock Management Services, picked up a filly (lot 239) from Haras de Grandcamp for €140,000. The Feb. 1 foal is out of the unraced Sarai (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}), a half-sister to the triple Group 1-winning mare Pride (Fr) (Peintre Celebre) and the dual group winner Fate (Fr) (Teofilo {Ire}). Pride is also the dam of the dual group winner One Foot In Heaven (Fr) (Shamardal), and it is also the family of the G1 1000 Guineas winner Speciosa (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}). Sarai was bought for 55,000gns at Tattersalls December two years ago carrying her first foal, a filly by Free Eagle (Ire) that was a €30,000 foal and €10,000 yearling.

“We loved the physical, the way she moved,” said Guy. “She had a very good vet exam and it's a really beautiful family. She'll be coming back to an Arqana sale next year.” **Cont p4**
**THE SOURCE of 2YO success**

**Leading Sires of 2YOs in GB & Ire 2019**

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**AUSTRALIA** had 3 juvenile SWs in GB & Ire this year with a whopping BT W/R strike rate of 8.82% - higher than Kingman, Lope De Vega, Night Of Thunder, No Nay Never etc
Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale Day 2 Cont.

Railton sold Wootton Bassett as a yearling for Laundry Cottage Stud for £46,000, and he was sweet on Elevage des Troir Rivieres’s colt who is the first foal out of Sous Le Soleil (Tizway) (lot 255), for which he paid €75,000.

“He’ll probably come back here at some stage; he’ll likely stay in France to keep the premiums,” Railton said. “I sold Wootton Bassett as a yearling so I know plenty about them.”

The colt, already named Wootton’s Sun, is a grandson of the G2 Preis der Diana and G2 Henkel Rennen winner and G1 Prix Ganay second Que Belle (Seattle Dancer).

The next lot through the ring was Trois Rivieres’s Moranda (Fr) (Indian Rocket (Ire)) (lot 256), whose first foal, the Oct. 5 G3 Cumberland Lodge S. winner Morando (Fr) (Kendargent (Fr)), has been prominent in the British staying ranks this season. The 11-year-old Moranda, in foal to Anodin (Ire), was bought by Ghislain Bozo’s Meridian International for €52,000.

The verdict is in on the first-crop foals of Wootton Bassett’s best son, the Cartier champion 3-year-old and triple Group 1 winner Almanzor (Fr), and they have passed their initial test with aplomb. The Haras d’Etreham stallion—who had top prices of 160,000gns and 125,000gns at Tattersalls—enjoyed a top price of €260,000 for a filly on Saturday, and early in Sunday’s session the Fairway Partners went to €125,000 for lot 241, La Motteraye’s filly out of the two-time winner Sea Claria (Fr) (Sinndar (Ire)).

The same group that pinhooked this year’s G2 Coventry S. winner Arizona (Ire) (No Nay Never) will re-offer the filly next year.

“She is a great mover and Almanzor is a very popular first-season sire,” said Fairway’s Charles Briere. “For me she was the filly of the sale; she’s an exceptional mover and she has a nice pedigree as well. She’ll come back to a sale next year—we don’t know yet whether it will be August or Newmarket.” Cont. p5
Lot 513, a filly by first-season sire Almanzor | Zuzanna Lupa

Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale Day 2 Cont.

The Jan. 27 foal is the third foal out of Sea Claria; her second, a son of Intello (Ger), brought €17,000 at Osarus’s September yearling sale this year. Sea Claria is a three-quarter sister to Sea Calisi (Fr) (Youmzain {Ire}), winner of the GI Beverly D. S, GI Sheepshead Bay S. and G2 Prix de Malleret. Bertrand Le Metayer bought Sea Claria for 49,000gns at Tattersalls July in 2015.

Later in the session, two more Almanzor foals hit the six-figure mark, with La Motteraye selling the first--lot 499, a son of Onceuponastar (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) to Emerald Bloodstock for €105,000. The bay’s dam is a half-sister to SW and G3 Prix Eclipse third Royal Spring (Fr) (Tamayuz {GB}), while under the SW & GSP third dam is G1 Queen Elizabeth S. hero My Kingdom of Fife (GB) (Kingmambo).

Haras d’Etremham’s Quara (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}) filly (lot 513) made €100,000 just 10 lots from the end of Sunday’s session. Flamingo Bloodstock snapped up the granddaughter of SW Quanzhou (Fr) (Dubawi {Ire}), a half-sister to G1 Prix du Cadran scorer Mille et Mille (GB) (Muhtathir {GB}).

First-Season Sires Prominent

Another first-season sire that was sought after at Arqana was Coolmore’s Caravaggio (Ire), who on Saturday had a pair of colts sell for €130,000 and €120,000. His barnmate in Tipperary, the G1 2000 Guineas winner Churchill (Ire), was also prominent among the newcomers, with a colt foaling for €85,000 on Saturday.

A colt from the first crop of Darley’s four-time Group 1-winning miler Ribchester (Ire), Haras de Castillon’s lot 279, was also among the top lots on Sunday when hammered down to Sebastian Desmontils of Chauvigny Global Equine for €80,000. This is the same family as one of Saturday’s star turns, Uni (More Than Ready)’s dam Unaided (GB) (Dansili {GB}), who was bought by Peter Brant for €1.25 million. The Feb. 2 colt is a grandson of the Listed Chesham S. winner Whazzat (Ire) (Daylami {Ire}), who is a half-sister to Unaided and is also the dam of the G2 Mill Reef S. and G3 Greenham S. winner James Garfield (Ire) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}).

Three lots earlier, Michel Zerolo and Eric Puerari’s Haras des Capucines had spent €80,000 on a HSV Agency’s colt by Starspangledbanner (Aus) (lot 276). The colt is the second foal out of Tokyoite (GB) (Dream Ahead), who is a half-sister to listed winner Duke Derby (Ire) (Duke of Marmalade {Ire}) and from the family of German Group 1 and Classic winner Turfkonig (Ger). Chauvigny Global Equine purchased Tokyoite for €31,000 at Arqana December in 2013 and her first foal, a filly by Territories (Ire), made €20,000 at Arqana August this year.

Haras de Bouquetot’s G1 Prix Jacques le Marois winner Al Wukair (Ire) has his first foals this year, and one that met with acclaim in the Arqana ring was Haras de Bourgeauville’s colt out of the stakes-placed Felcine (Ire) (Duke of Marmalade {Ire}) (lot 394). He was bought by Alain Decron for €70,000. Al Wukair’s Bouquetot barnmate Shalaa (Ire), whose first yearlings sold so well this year, continues to be popular with his second crop: after a filly by the G1 Prix Morny winner sold for €115,000 on Saturday, his youngsters sold for up to €75,000 on Sunday.

On Show Again

Descendants of the great producer Best In Show were on show during Saturday’s session, including the €1.3-million top-priced Frankel Light (Ire) (Frankel {GB}) and a €260,000 Almanzor filly, and that family popped up again midway through Sunday’s session when Haras du Mezeray’s Motivation (Fr) (Muhtathir) (lot 422) strolled into the ring. Cont. p6
Congratulations to the connections of Australian-bred BEAT THE CLOCK who flew late to top an Australian-bred trifecta in the Group One Longines Hong Kong Sprint Sunday at Sha Tin, making it three consecutive years that a horse from Australia has won the prestigious race.
**Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale Day 2 Cont.**

It was Michel Zerolo who had the final say at €160,000, and the Oceanic Bloodstock agent, who was busy on Saturday on behalf of Peter Brant, noted he was adding the mare to his own collection. The 10-year-old great-granddaughter of Best In Show was sold in-foal to Wootton Bassett and she is already the dam of the 3-year-old Rockemperor (Fr) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}), who was third in the GI Belmont Derby in July for Chad Brown.

The winning Oceanie (Fr) (Dansili {GB}) (lot 498), herself a half-sister to French MGSW Watar (Ire) (Marju {Ire}), caught the eye of Eric Puerari for €115,000 close to the end of the session. Consigned by Haras du Mezeray, the 9-year-old has already produced G3 Preis der Winterkonigin victress Ocean Fantasy (Fr) (Make Believe {GB}), and she is carrying to G1 Prix Ganay hero Cloth of Stars (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire}). Under the Group 3-winning third dam One Way Street (Ire) (Habitat) is G1SW Grape Tree Road (GB) (Caerleon), GSW Red Route (GB) (Polish Precedent) and SPs Good Surprise (GB) (Halling) and Souffle (GB) (Zafonic).

**Update Propels Motivator Filly**

**Forever Yours** (Fr) (Motivator {GB}) (lot 387) did herself and connections a favour when picking up black-type when third in the mile-and-a-half Listed Prix du Grand Camp at Lyon Parilly on Nov. 13, and she subsequently saw her €25,000 yearling price tag more than quadrupled when bought by Laurent Benoit’s Broadhurst Agency for €105,000 at Arqana on Sunday. The 4-year-old has won six of 17 starts and now heads for retirement. Forever Yours is bred on the same Motivator over Anabaa cross as the dual G1 Prix de l’Arc de Triomphe winner Treve (Fr).

“Motivator and Anabaa is a cross we know works well and has produced good fillies in the past,” Benoit said. “Motivator–by Montjeu out of a Gone West mare—is a good broodmare sire. She’s going for a broodmare career and maybe abroad, possibly Japan.”
While August draws the bigger crowds, there is an abiding charm to Deauville during the Arqana December sales time, when buyers bring home not only mares and foals, but get their Christmas shopping done amidst the festive lights in town. Click the photo above to watch our video on the sights and sounds of Deauville in December.

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FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Monday, Dec. 9, 2019:

UNITED KINGDOM

Anjaal (GB) (Bahamian Bounty {GB}), Rathasker Stud
149 foals of racing age/18 winners/0 black-type winners
13:00-LINGFIELD PARK, 7f, TOP SECRET (GB)
100,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 1

Brazen Beau (Aus) (I Am Invincible {Aus}), Dalham Hall Stud
78 foals of racing age/14 winners/1 black-type winner
15:45-NEWCASTLE, 6f, DREAM GAME (GB)
£2,800 RNA Tattersalls Ireland Ascot Sept. Yearling Sale 2018;
7,500gns Tattersalls Autumn Horses-in-Training Sale 2019

Due Diligence (War Front), Whitsbury Manor Stud
85 foals of racing age/18 winners/3 black-type winners
16:45-NEWCASTLE, 5f, LEZARDRIEUX (GB)
£3,000 RNA Tattersalls Ireland Ascot Sept. Yearling Sale 2018

FRANCE

Hunter’s Light (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), Haras du Logis
69 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
4-PORNICHET, 1700m, GALIDERMES (Fr)
€12,000 Osarus September La Teste Yearling Sale 2018

Prince Gibraltar (Fr) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}), Haras de Montaigni
51 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
4-PORNICHET, 1700m, HARRY’S PRINCESS (Fr)
€8,000 RNA Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2018

16:15-NEWCASTLE, 5f, LITTLEMISSATTITUDE (GB)
12:00-LINGFIELD PARK, 8f, OUT FOR A DUCK (GB)
1,500gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 3

Gleneagles (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Coolmore Stud
111 foals of racing age/25 winners/3 black-type winners
12:00-LINGFIELD PARK, 8f, AGREED (GB)

Gutaifan (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), Yeomanstown Stud
166 foals of racing age/29 winners/0 black-type winners
16:45-NEWCASTLE, 5f, THE GREY BAY (Ire)
£20,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2018; £35,000
Goffs UK 2yo Breeze-Up Sale 2019

16:45-NEWCASTLE, 5f, SMART PROJECT (Ire)
€9,500 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2018

Music Master (GB) (Piccolo {GB}), Throckmorton Court Stud
15 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
16:45-NEWCASTLE, 5f, NEWSICAL (GB)
£10,000 RNA Goffs UK Autumn HIT & Yearling Sale 2018

Night of Thunder (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), Kildangan Stud
108 foals of racing age/28 winners/7 black-type winners
12:00-LINGFIELD PARK, 8f, NIGHT TIME GIRL (GB)

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:
Brighton Pier (Ger), g, 3, Farhh (GB)--Bearlita (Ger), by Lomitas (GB). Wolverhampton, 12-7, 12f 51y (AWT), 2:39.64. B-C U A Rom (GER). *€22,000 RNA Ylg >17 BBAGS; €20,000 3yo ‘19 BBMAYM. **1/2 to Blues Wave (Ger) (Gentlewave {Ire}), SP-Spa, $152,415, & to Bourree (Ger) (Siyouni {Fr}), Hwt. 2yo Filly-Ger, MGSW-Ger & GSW-Fr, $162,301.

Sunday’s Result:
PRIX MAX SICARD - 18EME ETAPE DU DEFI DU GALOP-Listed, €60,000, Toulouse, 12-8, 3yop/up, 12fT, 2:37.30, hy. 1--CARAVAGIO (FR), 127, h, 6, American Post (GB)--Semire (Fr) (SW & GSP-Fr), by Mizoram. 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O-Philippe Jeanneret & Mohsen Ben Hamouda; B-SCEA Haras De Gratte Panche (FR); T-Alain Couetil; J-Mathieu Androuin. €30,000. Lifetime Record: 30-7-5-2, €245,318. *Full to Semos (Fr), MSP-Fr, €195,647.

1--Agnes (Fr), 119, f, 3, Planteur (Ire)--Agenda (Ire), by Sadler’s Wells. O-Ecuries Serge Stempniak. €12,000.

3--Soleil d’Octobre (Fr), 127, h, 5, Great Journey (Jpn)--Marie Octobre (Fr), by Daylami (Ire). O-Serge Francois & Haras De Lonray. €9,000. Margins: 3HF, 2, NK. Odds: 11.50, 8.50, 14.00. Also Ran: Libello (Ire), Good Question (Fr), Dalvini (Fr), Made To Lead (Fr), Cnicht (Fr), Jizellita (Fr), Nikkei (Ger), Pontille (Fr), Falcao Negro (GB), Alkuin (Ire), Salomina (Fr).

Runner-up attempting back-to-back wins in the Grand Prix De La Sorec which forms part of this Defi du Galop series at Casablanca Nov. 16, Caravagio improved on three previous placings at this level to open his black-type account in style. Always travelling strongly just off the lead, the chestnut moved forward to the lead straightening for home and despite a stern challenge from Agnes approaching the furlong pole drew away to score with authority. The winner is the last known foal out of the dam, a half to the G2 Prix Robert Papin, G3 Prix du Bois, G3 Prix d’Aumale and G3 Prix du Calvados-placed Leila (Fr) (Lahint), who also produced the dual listed-placed Semos also by American Post. Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

LONGINES HKIR Cont. from p1
But the best was yet to come, as the 5-year-old gray completed a Japanese hat trick at the ‘Turf World Championships,’ adding to victories earlier on the program courtesy of Glory Vase (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), who led home his compatriot Lucky Lilac (Jpn) in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Vase; and of longshot Admire Mars (Jpn) (Daiwa Major {Jpn}) in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Mile. Cont. p10
Longines HKIR Cont.

All this despite the 11th-hour defection of reigning Japanese Horse of the Year Almond Eye (Jpn) (Lord Kanaloa {Jpn}).

The successes took Japan’s winning grab at the Hong Kong International Races meeting to 13 overall (four each in the Cup and Vase; three in the Mile; and a pair by Lord Kanaloa in the Sprint). Sunday marked the second time in the history of the event that Japan won as many as three of the races. In 2001, the aforementioned Stay Gold, Eishin Preston (Green Dancer, Mile) and Agnes Digital (Crafty Prospector) achieved the same feat.

Bright Wins Tight Photo in Cup

When Win Bright won the QE II Cup 7 1/2 months ago—in course-record time of 1:58.81—he was an unknown commodity and returned his backers 47-1 in defeating Exultant (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}) by 3/4 of a length. There was to be no such financial windfall Sunday, but he confirmed his affinity for the Sha Tin 2000 metres, toughing it out to best a game Magic Wand (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in a narrow decision.

Win Bright broke to his outside just a bit, but recovered to race with cover on the back of 2017 Cup winner Time Warp (GB) (Archipenko) rounding the first time. When Time Warp was finally able to cross and clear his brother and defending champ Glorious Forever (GB) as they turned up the backstretch, Win Bright was left with out cover for 100 metres, but got back into the sliptream passing midway. Now following the move of Glorious Forever on the final bend, Win Bright worked into the clear at the 500m and had aim on the dueling front-runners once heads were turned for home. Poking his head in front inside the furlong, Win Bright turned back a bid from Rise High (Fr) (Myboycharlie {Ire}) on his outer and found the line narrowly best. Magic Wand enjoyed the run of the race, same as she did in her last-start G1 Mackinnon S. win, but she was left a bit flat-footed in upper stretch. Blocked at a crucial stage, she kicked hard one in the clear and just failed.

“It went the way we were expecting,” said winning jockey Masami Matsuoka. “I thought the pace would be slow so I sat about third or fourth. I was really happy the way it went. It’s a great honour to be representing Japan.”

A five-time group winner at home, Win Bright was exiting an eighth to Almond Eye in the G1 Tenno Sho (Autumn) Oct. 27 in which he tracked wide and appeared to run out of steam in the final furlong.

Pedigree Notes

One of 10 Group 1 winners for his sire, Win Bright it one of four winners from six to the races for his dam, who is also responsible for 2015 G1 Hanshin (Juvenile Fillies) S. runner-up Win Fabulous (Jpn) (Stay Gold {Jpn}). Summer Eternity is the dam of the once-raced Win Radiant (Jpn) (Orfevre {Jpn}) and produced a filly by the late Deep Impact (Jpn) on Mar. 31.

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong

LONGINES HONG KONG CUP-G1, HK$28,000,000
(C$2,727,210/€3,227,098/AS$5,229,719/US$3,576,655), Sha Tin, 12-8, 3yo/up, 2000mT, 2:00.52, gd.

1--WIN BRIGHT (JPN), 126, h, 5, by Stay Gold (Jpn)
1st Dam: Summer Eternity (Jpn), by Admire Cozzene (Jpn)
2nd Dam: All for Guelain (Jpn), by Jade Robbery
3rd Dam: Miss Guelain (Jpn), by Maruzensky (Jpn)
O-Win Co. Ltd.; B-Cosmo View Farm; T-Yoshihiro Hatekeyama; J-Masami Matsuoka; HK$15,960,000. Lifetime Record: MGSW-Jpn, 21-9-2-0, HK$50,906,130. *Full to Win Fabulous (Jpn), G1SP-Jpn, $717,278. Werk Nick Rating: A++. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

2--Magic Wand (Ire), 122, f, 4, Galileo (Ire)--Prudenzia (Ire), by Dansili (GB). (€1,400,000 Ylg ‘16 ARQAUG). O-Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith & Mrs John Magnier; B-Ecurie des Monceaux & Skymarc Farm; T-Aidan O’Brien; J-Ryan Moore; HK$50,906,130. *Full to Win Fabulous (Jpn), G1SP-Jpn, $717,278. Werk Nick Rating: A++. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

3--Rise High (Fr), 126, g, 5, Myboycharlie (Ire)--Lana Girl, by Arch. (€42,000 Ylg ‘15 ARQAUG). O-Au-dela Syndicate; B-Mme Marie-Claude Biaudis; T-Caspar Fownes; J-Vincent Ho; HK$2,800,000.

SOLD BY HARAS DU CADRAN
Margins: SHD, NK, NK. Odds: 22-5, 49-10, 11-5.
Also Ran: Furore (NZ), Edisa, Glorious Forever (GB), Dark Dream (Aus), Time Warp (GB). Click for the HKJC chart, PPs and sectional timing. VIDEO. Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.
ADMIRE MARS SCORES FOR LATE OWNER

Owner Riichi Kondo, who campaigned other ‘Admire’ horses Admire Moon (Jpn) (End Sweep)—a nose second in the 2006 G1 Hong Kong Cup—and the late G1 Caulfield Cup hero Admire Rakti (Jpn) (Hearts Cry {Jpn})—passed away just weeks ago and Sunday at Sha Tin, Admire Mars (Jpn) (Daiwa Major {Jpn}) came from midpack beneath Christophe Soumillon en route to an emotional victory in Sunday’s G1 Longines Hong Kong Mile.

“He was probably one of the biggest private owners in the Japanese racing industry, he was somebody very famous who loved horses,” said Soumillon, while trainer Yasuo Tomomichi—dressed to match the colt’s silks—fought back tears not far away.

“We could see his colours from a long time ago, they won nearly everywhere. We had the bad news a few weeks ago so I’m really proud and happy to take these colours so high today.”

Beauty Generation (NZ) (Road to Rock {Aus}) entered Sunday’s event with a chance to equal the three Mile wins of Good Ba Ba (Lear Fan) and jumped the slight favourite over Japan’s G1 Yasuda Kinen and G1 Mile Championship hero Indy Champ (Jpn) (Stay Gold {Jpn}). The two-time reigning Horse of the Year allowed Ka Ying Star (GB) (Cityscape {GB}) to make the running underneath him as Admire Mars settled between horses from midfield behind a modest early tempo. Beauty Generation traveled apparently well into the stretch and looked at the 300m like he was going to put a pair of recent defeats behind him, but the tank was empty soon after, and Admire Mars came to him with about a furlong to race before holding sway to the wire.

Waikuku (Ire) (Harbour Watch {Ire}) was forced to drop all the way to a joint-last early on from his wide draw and showed sharp acceleration when cut loose wide into the stretch, but could not quite reel in Admire Mars. Beauty Generation held for third.

“The first time I saw Beauty Generation running this year, and last time also, I saw he didn’t have the magic he had last year, so that gave me a chance to think that he was beatable,” said Soumillion, whose lone prior HKIR win came aboard Good Ba Ba in 2008. “For a few strides I thought Zac would go and then at the 300-metre mark I thought ‘I will grab him’. I felt Joao coming on the outside and he’s flying so much at the moment, I thought it would be hard to push my horse into the line but he did it really well.”

After winning 10 straight races, Beauty Generation has now dropped three in a row, his march towards HK$100 million in career earnings stymied.

“Disappointing mate. He’s just not finishing off in the straight,” said his jockey Zac Purton, who finished third in each of the day’s first three Group 1s.

Japan’s champion 2-year-old last season and winner of the G1 Asahi Hai Futurity over Sunday’s trip, Admire Mars overcame a wide passage to add this year’s G1 NHK Mile Cup in May. Rested thereafter, he was ninth as the favourite to Normcore (Jpn) (Harbinger {GB}) in the G3 Fuji S. over 1800m Oct. 19.

Pedigree Notes

The third 3-year-old winner of the Mile and first since Lucky Owners (NZ) (Danehill) in 2003, Admire Mars is out of G3 Prix de Lieurey victress Via Medici, who was purchased by Emmanuel de Seroux’s Narvick International for €480,000 in foal to Dansili (GB) from the Haras de Saint Pair draft at the 2014 Arqana December Sale. The foal she was carrying at the time, a colt now named Freccia (Jpn), cost ¥62 million at the 2016 JRHA Select Yearling Sale and is a three-time winner from eight career starts.

Cont. p12
G1 Longines Hong Kong Mile Cont.
The mare's current 2-year-old, the filly Aloha Nui Loa (Jpn), was a ¥31 million JRHA Foal Sale grad in 2017 and she produced fillies by Duramente (Jpn) and Heart's Cry (Jpn) in 2018 and 2019, respectively.

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong
LONGINES HONG KONG MILE-G1, HK$25,000,000 (£2,435,246/$2,881,541/A$4,670,140/US$3,193,369), Sha Tin, 12-8, 3yo/up, 1600mT, 1:33.25, gd.
1--ADMIRE MARS (JPN), 122, c, 3, by Daiwa Major (Jpn)
1st Dam: Via Medici (Ire) (GSW-Fr, $111,524), by Medicean (GB)
2nd Dam: Via Milano (Fr), by Singspiel (Ire)
3rd Dam: Salvinaxia, by Linamix (Fr)
(¥52,000,000 Ylg ‘17 JRHAJUL). O-Riichi Kondo; B-; T-Yasuo Tomomichi; J-Christophe Soumillon; HK$14,250,000. Lifetime Record: Ch. 2yo Colt, MG1SW-Jpn, 9-6-1-0, HK$33,533,510.
*1/2 to Via Pisa (Fr) (Pivotal {GB}), SW-Fr, G1SP-Ity, $104,884; Via Firenze (Ire) (Dansili {GB}), SW & MGSP-Fr, GSP-UAE, $150,624. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.
Werk Nick Rating: B.

2--Waikuku (Ire), 126, g, 4, Harbour Watch (Ire)--London Plane (Ire), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). (€33,000 Ylg ‘16 TISEP).
O-Jocelyn Siu Yang Hin Ting; B-Shane Molan; T-John Size; J-Joao Moreira; HK$5,250,000.

3--Beauty Generation (NZ), 126, g, 7, Road To Rock (Aus)--Stylish Bel (Aus), by Bel Esprit (Aus). (A$60,000 Ylg ‘14 NZBJAN).
O-Patrick Kwok Ho Chuen; B-Nearco Stud Ltd; T-John Moore; J-Zac Purton; HK$2,500,000.

SIZING UP THE COMPETITION
Boom 3-year-old Aethero (Aus) (Sebring (Aus)) had been anointed Hong Kong’s next great champion in several circles and was sent off 1-2 favourite to step up to the plate in Sunday’s G1 Longines Hong Kong Sprint. But he had some race-hardened older sprinters to deal with, and at the end of the day, the John Size-trained Beat the Clock (Aus) (Hinchinbrook {Aus}) called on his experience and his consistency to defeat stablemate Hot King Prawn (Aus) (Denman {Aus}). Aethero finished a gallant third.

Committed to a speed try minutes after Thursday’s barrier draw, Aethero was kicked straight into the lead by Zac Purton from gate 10 and made his way across the face of the field and down onto the inner running rail with a minimum of effort within the first 250 metres. Two-time defending Sprint champ Mr Stunning (Aus) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) and Hot King Prawn was in touch, while Beat the Clock—not the best away—settled in fifth spot, three back at the fence. With his feathery weight of 117 pounds as a Southern Hemisphere 3-year-old, Aethero set sail for home, but his more seasoned rivals were not going to gift him the victory and were sticking close by. But it was Beat the Clock, third in this race last year, who was steered out and around Mr Stunning to secure dead aim at the furlong marker and raced over the top for the victory. Hot King Prawn, last year’s beaten favorite and making just his second start since, kept on well for second money.

“It’s just his character I guess, his will to win and fighting spirit; all the good things that good horses have, he has all those attributes,” said Size, who saddled Mr Stunning in 2017. “He helps himself a lot with his training. He saves his energy for raceday. I think he’ll sleep for a week now. He used every ounce of energy in his body in today’s effort and it’s humbling to see a horse do that actually.”

Never outside the top three in his career to date, Beat the Clock turned the tables on Mr Stunning in the G1 Centenary Sprint Cup last January and closed the season with a half-length defeat of Rattan (NZ) (Savabeel {Aus}) in the G1 Chairman’s Sprint Prize in April. Cont. p13
G1 Longines Hong Kong Sprint Cont.
He had one start under his belt this term, a third to Aethero when forced to give him 15 pounds in the G2 Jockey Club Sprint Nov. 17.

Meanwhile, the connections of Aethero were not willing to dwell on the loss.
“He’s a 3-year-old, only got beaten a neck, so I’m very pleased with the run,” trainer John Moore said. “He didn’t win but was gallant in defeat. [Jockey] Zac [Purton] said that when he went for him at the 200m, he was expecting something there—that they could kick away a bit but it wasn’t there. He changed legs and that was the difference. He’s definitely still an exciting horse.”

**Pedigree Notes**
Beat the Clock is one of four Group 1 winners for his sire, who died at Yarraman Park Stud following an exercise accident in July 2018. A half-brother to a 3-year-old colt by Rubick (Aus), Beat the Clock has a yearling half-sister by Your Song (Aus) and a filly foal by Smart Missile (Aus). Flion Fenena was most recently bred to Encryption (Aus) (Lonhro {Aus}--Guelph {Aus}) on a Nov. 1 cover.

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong
LONGINES HONG KONG SPRINT-G1, HK$20,000,000 (€1,948,169/$2,305,125/A$3,735,990/US$2,554,706), Sha Tin, 12-8, 3yo/up, 1200mT, 1:08.12, gd.

1--BEAT THE CLOCK (AUS), 126, g, 6, by Hinchinbrook (Aus)
1st Dam: Flion Fenena (Aus), by Lion Hunter (Aus)
2nd Dam: Fenena (NZ), by Crested Wave
3rd Dam: On the Wind (NZ), by Sea Anchor (Ire)
(A$70,000 Ylg ‘15 INGMAR; NZ$200,000 2yo ‘15 NZBRTR). O-Merrick Chung Wai Lik; B-Miss J Henderson (NSW); T-John Size; J-Joao Moreira; HK$11,400,000. Lifetime Record: Ch. Sprinter-HK, 23-9-8-6, HK$46,861,525. Werk Nick Rating: A. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

2--Hot King Prawn (Aus), 126, g, 5, by Denman (Aus)--De Chorus (Aus), by Unbridled’s Song. (A$90,000 Ylg ‘16 INGFEB). O-Lau Sak Hong; B-Torryburn Stud (NSW); T-John Size; J-Karis Teetan; HK$4,400,000.

3--Aethero (Aus), 117, g, 3, by Sebring (AUS)--Pinocchio (Aus), by Encosta de Lago (Aus). (A$57,500,000 Ylg ‘18 INGEAS). O-Andrea Tien & Arthur Cheng; B-Wallings Bloodstock Pty Ltd (NSW); T-John Moore; J-Zac Purton; HK$2,000,000.

Also Ran: Mr Stunning (Aus), Full of Beauty (Aus), Wishful Thinker (Aus), D B Pin (NZ), Danon Smash (Jpn), Seasons Bloom (Aus), Rattan (NZ), Ivictory (Aus), Regency Legend (NZ). Scratched: Little Giant (NZ), In Her Time (Aus). Click for the HKJC chart, PPs and sectional timing. VIDEO. Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.

MOREIRA BACK ON THE HKIR SCORESHEET
During various hit-and-run missions in Japan, jockey Joao Moreira established some long-term connections that culminated with a defeat of defending champion Highland Reel (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in the 2016 G1 Longines Hong Kong Vase. The Brazilian nearly repeated the dose when partnering Lys Gracieux (Jpn) (Heart’s Cry {Jpn}), second to Exultant (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}) in last year’s Vase. Looking to snap an 11-race HKIR skid dating back to 2016, the ‘Magic Man’ sat a midfield trip in a truly run race aboard Glory Vase (Jpn) (Stay Gold {Jpn}) and stormed clear in the final furlong to best his compatriot Lucky Lilac (Jpn) (Orfevre {Jpn}) by 3 1/2 lengths. Exultant tired to third after making the majority of the pace, while Deirdre (Jpn) (Harbinger {GB}), second in last year’s Cup, raced wide into the lane, but kept on for fourth.

Exultant jumped alertly, but was trapped out after leaving gate 14, forcing jockey Zac Purton to either take back and slot in or roll forward and show the way. Plan B it was, and the hard-knocking 5-year-old kicked on aggressively, with a second quarter in :23.06 that would ultimately come back to haunt him. The odds-on chalk had a good kick when set down in upper stretch, but Glory Vase had quietly worked his way into a threatening position on the turn and slalomed through the lane en route to a convincing victory. Lucky Lilac looked dangerous at the furlong before settling for second. Cont. p14
G1 Longines Hong Kong Vase Cont.

"I was quite blessed to get in two off the fence, get cover and get him to relax," Moreira said. "I had horses on top of me at the 800 metres but good horses, if they face a tough situation, they just go through with it and he wasn't any different. He just kept himself in the gap and just before we turned for home I was kind of trapped and had to ride for luck. I sneaked on the inside and hoped the gap would come. Fortunately it did."

Purton suggested the draw was his mount's undoing.

"The barrier (14) was always going to make it difficult, so it was what it was. He tried his best and ran well," he said.

Winner of this year’s G2 Nikkei Shinshun Hai (2400mT), Glory Vase was runner-up in the G1 Tenno Sho (Spring) over a 3000-meter trip. His most recent appearance resulted in a sixth in the G2 Kyoto Daishoten (2400m) Oct. 6.

Pedigree Notes

Glory Vase, the 45th Group 1/Grade I winner for his sire, has younger siblings by a pair of two-time HKIR winners. Mejiro Tsubone is the dam of the 3-year-old colt Kanumera Beach (Jpn) (Lord Kanaloa (Jpn)) and a yearling filly by Maurice (Jpn) (Screen Hero (Jpn)). She is also responsible for the 2-year-old filly Hanabi Makabi (Jpn) (Deep Impact (Jpn)), an ¥84 million JRHA yearling in 2018. Mejiro Tsubone missed to Deep Impact this term.

LONGINES HKIR WRAPS WITH RECORD TURNOVER

Japanese horses saluted in three of the four Group 1s during Sunday’s Longines Hong Kong International Races, and turnover was HK$1.71 billion, a record for the meeting, the Hong Kong Jockey Club reported. Attendance at Sha Tin was 27,965, well down on the usual numbers, as there was a major protest taking place during the same time slot on Hong Kong Island.

"We are more than delighted about the turnover," said Hong Kong Jockey Club Chief Executive Officer Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges. "The interesting part is that the local turnover, even though we had to close down some of our Off-Course Betting Branches, was above last year at HK$1.376 billion. The major growth seen today came from commingling turnover, which has been amazing. This shows that our strategy of globalization, of making Hong Kong racing—with our integrity, with all the excitement, with the deep liquidity in our pool—available to the world, is working.

"The commingling turnover was HK$334 million, which is up by nearly 30% from HK$258 million last year. We deliberately were not pushing our attendance. We wanted to be absolutely sure that everybody who came to the races would be able to go home safely because we knew there was a big demonstration on the island and we didn't want to take a risk. For us to be able to stage this international event when all other major sporting events here have been cancelled, we have demonstrated that we manage what we do extremely professionally, with a real risk assessment.

"Thanks firstly to our outstanding people here in Hong Kong and second of all the international connections who have put their trust in us and have brought some of the best horses in the world to compete and put on a race meeting of real excellence. I thank the media for trusting us and coming here, and our colleagues and the media here in Hong Kong who have covered the race meeting exceptionally well."
CHALK ONE UP FOR RESISTENCIA

Flawless prior to Sunday’s G1 Hanshin Juvenile Fillies, **Resistencia (Jpn)** (Daiwa Major (Jpn)), a winner of the Nov. 2 G3 Fantasy S., turned the Hanshin feature into a tour-de-force, drawing off to win by five lengths over Saffron Sho heroine **Maltese Dias (Jpn)** (Kizuna (Jpn)). She covered the 1600 metres over firm turf in a sparkling 1:32.70, bettering two-time Japanese Horse of the Year Vodka (Jpn) (Tanino Gimlet (Jpn))’s course/race record by 0.4 seconds set in 2006. Third choice **Cravache d’Or (Jpn)** (Heart’s Cry (Jpn)) was a nose back in third.

Zipping straight to the head of affairs, the bay raced initially under light pressure from **Lotus Land** (Point of Entry) and covered the first half-mile in :45.50. Still traveling ominously well turning into the home stretch, the 10-1 shot scamped clear to win going away as much the best. 4-5 favourite **Ria Amelia (Jpn)** (Deep Impact (Jpn)), who won the G3 Artemis S. on Oct. 26, made up some late ground from the tail of the field to finish sixth.

“I knew she had the necessary speed as long as she broke well so I concentrated on keeping her relaxed in the middle stages,” said Yuichi Kitamura. “We were hoping she would mature mentally and I’m happy to see that she was calm and relaxed today. She was so strong and has so much potential—her future is definitely something to look forward to.”

The Carrot Farm runner lifted a Kyoto newcomers’ race going 1400 metres when unveiled on Oct. 14 and returned on Nov. 2 to add the G3 Fantasy S. to her haul.

**Pedigree Notes**

She is the sixth Group 1 winner for dual Japanese Champion Stakes and Shadai stallion Daiwa Major (Sunday Silence), whose Admire Mars (Jpn) saluted in Sunday’s Longines Hong Kong Mile at Sha Tin. One of 34 black-type winners for her sire, the Northern Farm-bred is the second foal and second winner out of the G1 Gran Premio Gilberto Lerena heroine Malacostumbrada. Resistencia, who counts Argentinean Champion Juvenile Filly Pulma (Arg) (New Dandy (Arg)) as her third dam, is a half-sister to yearling and weanling colts by Heart’s Cry (Jpn).

**1ST GROUP 1 WIN.** O-Carrot Farm; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); T-Takeshi Matsushita; J-Yuichi Kitamura. ¥66,162,000. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0. Werk Nick Rating: A. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

2--**Maltese Diosa (Jpn)**, 119, f, 2, Kizuna (Jpn)

1st Dam: Top of Dora, by Grand Slam
2nd Dam: Maltese Dianne, by Spinning World
3rd Dam: Lavish Gift (GB), by Generous (Ire)
O-Nagako Fujita; B-Reiji Amaba (Jpn); ¥26,332,000.

3--**Cravache d’Or (Jpn)**, 119, f, 2, Heart’s Cry (Jpn)

1st Dam: Path of Dreams, by Giant’s Causeway
2nd Dam: Path of Thunder, by Thunder Gulch
3rd Dam: Drina, by Regal and Royal
O-Sanshisuimei Inc.; B-Shimokobe Farm (Jpn); ¥16,166,000. Margins: 5, NO, 2HF. Odds: 10.20, 42.70, 3.80.

Also Ran: Woman’s Heart (Jpn), Yamakatsu Mermaid (Jpn), Ria Amelia (Jpn), Kawakita Ajin (Jpn), Christie (Jpn), J’Ai la Peche (Jpn), Buon Voyage (Jpn), Autumn Red (Jpn), Lotus Land, Himesama (Jpn), Sweet Melina (Jpn), Elena Avanti (Jpn), Luce della Vita (Jpn).

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Sunday, Nakayama, Japan

**CAPELLA S.-G3**, ¥68,810,000 (US$633,571/E482,221/E572,914), Nakayama 12-8, 3yo/up, 1200m, 1:09.30, gd.

1--**COPANO KICKING**, 128, g, 4, Spring At Last

1st Dam: Celadon, by Gold Halo (Jpn)
2nd Dam: Chalna (Ire), by Darshaan (GB)
3rd Dam: Chalon (Ire), by Habitat
($19,000 RNA Ylg ’16 KEESEP; $100,000 2yo ’17 FTBMAR).
O-Sachiaki Kobayashi; B-Reiley McDonald (KY); T-Akira Murayama; J-Nanako Fujita. ¥36,567,000. Lifetime Record: 15-9-3-1. *Nanako Fujita became the first female jockey to win a JRA group race. Werk Nick Rating: C. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

2--**T O Genius (Jpn)**, 123, c, 4, by Gold Allure (Jpn)—Reagle Mary, by Afternoon Delites. O-Tomoya Ozasa; B-Yanagawa Farm (Jpn); ¥14,162,000.

3--**Shuji (Jpn)**, 126, h, 6, Kinshasa no Kiseki (Aus)—Kastraia, by Kingmambo. O-Koji Yasuhara; B-Hamamoto Farm (Jpn); ¥9,081,000. Margins: 2HF, NO, 1. Odds: 2.40, 4.50, 29.60.

Also Ran: Red Anela (Jpn), Gold Queen (Jpn), Hiro Shige Gold (Jpn), Tateyama (Jpn), Doryu (Jpn), Hizakurige (Jpn), Oken Believe (Jpn), Danon Good (Jpn), Honey Jade, Hungry Ben (Jpn), Old Bailey, Vip Lively (Jpn), Shine Vite (Jpn).

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Sunday’s Result:
SHEIKH ZAYED BIN SULTAN AL NAHYAN NATIONAL DAY CUP-Listed, AED380,000, Abu Dhabi, 12-8, NH & SH 3yo/up, 1600mT, 1:35.38, gd.

1--TAAMOL (IRE), 128, g, 5, Helmet (Aus)
   1st Dam: Supreme Seductress (Ire), by Montjeu (Ire)
   2nd Dam: Private Seductress, by Private Account
   3rd Dam: In Full Cry, by Seattle Slew
   (95,000gns Wlg ‘14 TATNOV; 140,000gns Ylg ‘15 TAOOCT).
   O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Derek Gibbons,
   Tomas Kerin & Ann Gibbons (Ire); T-Ali Rashid Al Rayhi;
   J-Sandro Paiva; AED228,000. Lifetime Record: SW-Eng,
   25-4-2-0, $197,879.

2--Golden Jaguar, 126, c, 3, Animal Kingdom--Golden Sunray, by Crafty Prospector. ($90,000 RNA Ylg ‘17 KEESEP; $60,000 2yo ‘18 OBSAPR). O-Phoenix Ladies Syndicate; B-William J Betz & Peter V Lamantia (KY); AED76,000.

3--Mukalal (GB), 128, g, 5, Mawatheeq--Misdaqeya (GB), by Red Ransom. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum;
   B-Shadwell Estate Co. Ltd. (GB); AED38,000.
   Margins: 1 1/4, HD, 2 1/4.
   Also Ran: Gm Hopkins (GB), Wasim (Ire), Riflescope (Ire),
   Portamento (Ire), Championship (Ire), Azmaam (Ire), Ajwad (GB),
   Gabr (GB), Above N Beyond (GB), Shamaal Nibras, Zainhom,
   Graffiti Master (GB), Nayslayer (Ire).
   Scratched: Above Normal (GB), Mailshot, Yaalail (Ire).

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