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HONG KONG BLITZ

Trainer Ricky Yiu knows a good sprinter. The conditioner of two-time G1 Hong Kong Sprint hero Sacred Kingdom (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}) chose to send



Dynamic Blitz Andrew Watkins

Dynamic Blitz (Aus) (Elusive Quality) for a run at the Dubai International Racing Carnival to see if he might have a prospect for the G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen Mar. 26. The seven-year-old, victorious in just one of his last 12 starts, ran his all-weather winning streak to five,

coming from just off the pace to post a decisive 2 1/4-length victory over **Alazeyeb** (El Prado {Ire}) in the G3 Al Shindagha Sprint S. at Meydan Thursday. Favored **Our Giant (Aus)** (Giant's Causeway) lingered near the tail of the field and made solid progress late, but came up a non-threatening fourth. **Cont. p2**

HASSLEFREE WIN FOR BOLD SILVANO

Leaving the eighth pole and with the result all but a formality, Christophe Soumillon took a look to his left at the infield screen. His mount **Bold Silvano (SAf)** (Silvano



Bold Silvano Andrew Watkins

{Ger}) took some exception, drifting several paths towards the outside, but that would rank as his biggest scare, as last year's G1 Durban July Cup H. hero waltzed home an easy 1 1/2-length winner from Godolphin's **Spring of Fame** (Grand Slam) in yesterday's G3 Maktoum Challenge R2.

It was another gap back to reigning G1 Carlos Pellegrini hero **Interaction (Arg)** (Easing Along), who edged last year's G1 Dubai Duty Free victor **Al Shemali (GB)** (Medicean {GB}) out of third. "This was the plan for his comeback, but I did not expect him to win that well," winning trainer Mike de Kock told *Racing Post*. "The World Cup is his target and he was probably 85 percent tonight, but Christophe gave him a great ride." **Cont. p2**

BLACK-TYPE PREVIEWS

Sunday, Santa Anita Park, post time: 4:31 p.m. EDT

SAN ANTONIO S.-GII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m

PP	Horse	Sire	Jockey	Trainer	Wt
1	Gladding	Sarava	Bejarano	Sadler	118
2	Big Shot Syd	Chapel Royal	Quinonez	Armstrong	118
3	Dakota Phone	Zavata	Nakatani	Hollendorfer	123
4	Quindici Man	Came Home	Valenzuela	Lewis	118
5	Pode Ir (Brz)	Crimson Tide (Ire)	Flores	Avila	118
6	Spurrier	Dixieland Band	Rosario	Baffert	118
7	Aggie Engineer	E Dubai	Talamo	Gallagher	123

Dakota Phone, who was also entered for the GIII Thunder Road H. on the turf, appears likely to make his next start in the one-mile test Saturday instead of trying the dirt. "The turf race is coming up with a lot of speed and it looks like a better spot," said Jerry Hollendorfer's assistant Dan Ward. The late-closing Dakota Phone was fifth most recently in the GII San Pasqual S. Jan. 8. A private purchase by the C R K Stable of Lee and Susan Searing after breaking his maiden by 17 1/4 lengths going a mile at Calder, **Gladding** makes his stakes debut Sunday. After joining John Sadler's string, the gelding made a successful transition to Southern California when winning an optional claimer by 2 1/4 lengths Dec. 29 at Santa Anita despite being bumped in deep stretch. Rafael Bejarano will be back aboard the four-year-old Sunday.

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Meydan Results cont.

Thursday, Meydan, Dubai

AL SHINDAGHA SPRINT S.-G3, \$200,000, Meydan, 2-3, NH/SH3yo/up, 1200m (AWT), 1:10.47, std.

1-#**@DYNAMIC BLITZ (AUS)**, 126, g, 7, by [Elusive Quality](#)

1st Dam: **Assertive Lass (Aus) (MG1SW-Aus)**, by **Zeditave (Aus)**

2nd Dam: **Sommes Sound**, by **Assert (Ire)**

3rd Dam: **Fast Approach**, by **First Landing**

O-Lam Yin Kee; B-Mr DPR Esplin; T-Ricky Yiu; J-Olivier Doleuze; \$120,000. Lifetime Record: 27-9-2-1, \$615,001. *1/2 to So Assertive (NZ) (Zabeel {NZ}), GSW-Aus; Reset (Aus) (Zabeel {NZ}), MG1SW-Aus; and Assertive Choice (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), GSP-Aus. **Werk Nick Rating: First SW this cross. Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#).**

2--**Alazeyeb**, 126, h, 5, El Prado (Ire)--ltnab (GB), by Green Desert. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Farm LLC; T-Ali Rashid Al Raihe; \$40,000.

3--**Mutheeb**, 126, h, 6, Danzig--Magicalmysterykate, by Woodman. (\$825,000 yrl '06 KEESEP). O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Jayeff B Stable; T-Musab al Muhairi; \$20,000.

Margins: 2 1/4, 3/4, NK. Odds: 14-1, 29-1, 8-1. Also Ran: Our Giant (Aus), Inxile (Ire), Dohasa (Ire), Banna Boirche (Ire), Prohibit (GB), Frosty Secret, Terrific Challenge, Sangaree, Force Freeze. Scratched: Alo Pura (GB), Invisible Ash (Ire), Orife (Ire), Rain Delayed (Ire).

Though he'd lost seven straight, Dynamic Blitz had won his last four on the all-weather, his most recent victory at Sha Tin last March. Seventh in a pair of domestic Group 3s on turf in October, he bounced back with a close third in a Class 1 handicap Nov. 14, but was given this chance on foreign soil. Nicely into stride from the 10 hole, Dynamic Blitz took up a stalking position just outside the early pacesetter. Driven along by Olivier Doleuze at the quarter pole, the veteran put a couple of lengths on the field within a few strides and was never threatened the remainder, as Alazeyeb outstayed Mutheeb for the runner-up spot. **Click for the [Emirates Racing chart](#), the [brisnet.com PPs](#). or the [video replay](#).**

Thursday, Meydan, Dubai

AL MAKTOUM CHALLENGE R2-G3, \$200,000, Meydan, 2-3, NH4yo/up, SH3yo/up, 1900m (AWT), 1:57.71, std.

1--**BOLD SILVANO (SAF)**, 126, c, 4, by **Silvano (Ger)**

1st Dam: **Bold Saffron (SAf)**, by **Al Mufti**

2nd Dam: **Saffron (SAf)**, by **Enchanter (SAf)**

3rd Dam: **Fair Loot (SAf)**, by **Fair Reward (GB)**

O-Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa al Maktoum & Mrs Thompson; B-Ascot Stud (Pty) Ltd; T-Michael F de Kock; J-Christophe Soumillon; \$120,000. Lifetime Record: G1SW-SAf, 14-7-3-1, \$454,298. **Werk Nick Rating: A + + + *Triple Plus***. **Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#).**

2--**Spring of Fame**, 126, h, 5, **Grand Slam**--Bloomy, by Polish Numbers. (\$170,000 yrl '07 KEESEP). O-Godolphin; B-Brushwood Stable (PA); T-Saeed bin Suroor; \$40,000.

3--**Interaction (Arg)**, 126, c, 4, Easing Along--Inter Rails (Arg), by Ride the Rails. O-Jose Cerrillo & Fernando Fantini B; B-Haras Futuro S R L; T-Pascal Bary; \$20,000.

Margins: 1HF, 1HF, NO. Odds: 3-2, 3-1, 22-1. Also Ran: Al Shemali (GB), Gitano Hernando (GB), My Indy (Arg), Crowded House (GB), Trois Rois (Fr), Silverside.

Fourth in the 2010 G1 Cape Derby, Bold Silvano resumed with a neck score in the G2 Greyville 1900 S. May 21, then went down by a neck in the G1 Greyville Daily News 2000 June 5. Well-backed when fourth in the G1 Champions Cup at Clairwood July 3, the bay successfully negotiated 11 furlongs for the first time, stalking from close range for a one-length tally in the prestigious G1 Durban July Cup July 31. He'd been off since, but had reportedly trained well over the Tapeta and was the clear international favorite. A half-step slow from the stalls, Bold Silvano took control of a paceless affair until allowing Spring of Fame to lead approaching the half-mile pole. Bold Silvano never gave up the fence, though, countered to reassert nearing the stretch and strode home a comfortable winner despite his late-race antics. **Click for the [Emirates Racing chart](#), the [brisnet.com PPs](#) or the [video replay](#).**

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Lot 867
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(Van Nistelrooy). Thus far, Iffraaj has been represented by 27 sold for an aggregate of NZ\$2,230,500 and average of NZ\$82,611. Top priced filly of the session was Lot 710, who brought NZ\$130,000 from A Sharrock. Offered from the draft of Westbury Stud, the daughter of Postponed--who is a half-sister to GS1P Booming (NZ) (Don Eduardo {NZ})--is out of the unraced Beautiful Sea (NZ) (Grosvenor {NZ}). The leading individual buyer Thursday was West Australian agent John Chalmers, who secured six yearlings for a total of NZ\$377,000. Among them was [Lot 913](#), a filly by Iffraaj out of Honeymoonzova (NZ) (Volksraad) who brought NZ\$110,000. At the conclusion of Thursday's second session, a total of 294 yearlings have been sold for a gross of NZ\$13,717,500. The average after two days of selling closed out at NZ\$46,658, while the median was NZ\$38,000. The clearance rate through the first two sessions was 73 percent. The third and final session of the Select sale, which features 190 yearlings, begins today (Friday) at 11 a.m. (local time). The two-day Festival sale begins Sunday, with selling commencing at 11 a.m. both days. For complete results and catalog visit www.nzb.co.nz.

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★ "TDN Rising Star" ★

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by Afternoon Deelites)

RNA \$95,000 yrl '08 KEESEP

O-IEAH Stables; B-Brereton C. Jones &
Timothy C. Thornton (Ky);
T-Richard Dutrow Jr.

Last Start: Pleasant Colony S.
at Saratoga Aug. 27 (1st)

★ "TDN Rising Star" ★ Trickmeister, unbeaten in four career starts, including a devastating 11 3/4-length tally in Saratoga's Pleasant Colony S. last out Aug. 27 ([video](#)), is on the comeback trail at the Randy Bradshaw Breaking and Training facility in Williston, Florida. The IEAH Stables colorbearer was freshened after posting an unsatisfactory workout in preparation of the \$1-million GII Pennsylvania Derby last September.

"He had some minor issues, and by giving him time, we were just being sure that the issues would only be minor and be a thing of the past," Michael Iavarone, president of IEAH Stables, revealed. "Randy Bradshaw is very happy with him in Florida right now, will be able to get him under tack in early-March, and I'm sure we will have him back to [trainer Rick] Dutrow [Jr.] shortly thereafter. We remain very hopeful that Trickmeister will be an important horse in 2011."

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Trickmeister kicked off his career with three straight impressive wins for co-owners/breeders Brereton C. Jones and Timothy C. Thornton and trainer Cindy Jones at Delaware Park, led by a front-running score in the 1 1/16-mile Barbaro S. over a sloppy track July 10 ([video](#)). Subsequently purchased privately by IEAH and turned over to Dutrow, the bay turned in a tour-de-force at the Spa in his debut sporting the red, white and blue. Favored at even-money, the son of Afternoon Trick (Afternoon Deelites) exited stall one running, rattled off sharp fractions of :23.47 and :46.58, opened daylight in the stretch after a couple of taps from Garrett Gomez's whip, and was geared down late, stopping the clock for nine furlongs in 1:48 4/5. He earned a 104 Beyer for the effort.

"Trickmeister has obviously already shown us that he is a tremendous raw talent," Iavarone continued. "His race at Saratoga was a good test for him, and he easily handled Our Dark Knight (Medaglia d'Oro), a nice colt, in a race that gives you chills if you watch it. From there, we aimed for the Pennsylvania Derby, and it just wasn't meant to be." -SS

STATUS: At Randy Bradshaw Breaking & Training in Williston, FL



Adam Coglianese

TRAPPE SHOT

Long Branch S. winner & GI Haskell Invitational S. runner-up

★ **"TDN Rising Star"** ★
(c, 4, [Tapit](#)-Shopping, by Private Account)
\$850,000 2yo '09 FTMMAY

O-Mill House; B-Hobeau Farm Ltd (FL);
T-Kiaran McLaughlin

Last Start: GI Travers S. at Saratoga
Aug. 28 (9th)

★ **"TDN Rising Star"** ★ Trappe Shot, hero of last July's Long Branch S. at Monmouth Park ([video](#)) and runner-up behind champion Lookin at Lucky (Smart Strike) in a very deep renewal of the GI Haskell Invitational S. at the Jersey Shore track Aug. 1 ([video](#)), earned a vacation following a puzzling ninth-place finish as the 7-2 favorite in the GI Travers S. at Saratoga Aug. 28. The flashy chestnut took his first step toward a return to the races with an easy three-furlong breeze at Vinery Stable Wednesday, according to Steve Young, who acquired the Florida-bred on behalf of Nicholas and James Brady's Mill House for \$850,000 at the 2009 FTMMAY two-year-old sale.

"He was electively turned out with nothing really wrong with him after the Travers," Young explained of Trappe Shot, who ran out of gas in the stretch to finish 23 lengths behind Afleet Express (Afleet Alex) and Fly Down (Mineshaft) in the Midsummer Derby. "He'll breeze again next week, then the plan is for him to go down to Kiaran McLaughlin at Palm Meadows some time in the middle of the month."

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Young added, "He has matured as you would expect a horse going from three to four."

A troubled fifth in his lone start at two at the Spa, Trappe Shot kicked off his sophomore season in style at Gulfstream with a pair of visually impressive double-digit wins versus overmatched state-breds Feb. 21 ([video](#)) and Mar. 21 ([video](#)). Freshened, the half-brother to millionaire Miss Shop (Deputy Minister) stole the show before a packed house on the GI Belmont S. undercard, soundly defeating the highly regarded Tahitian Warrior (Maria's Mon) in a seven-panel first-level allowance by four lengths ([video](#)). He punched his ticket to the Haskell and Travers after passing his initial two-turn test by 2 1/4 lengths in the 1 1/16-mile Long Branch.

"He's a Grade I caliber horse," Young continued of the son of Shopping (Private Account), who outkicked the multiple Classic-placed First Dude (Stephen Got Even) and GI Kentucky Derby one-two Super Saver (Maria's Mon) and Ice Box (Pulpit) in Monmouth's centerpiece. "There are plenty of opportunities for him. In a perfect world, races like the [GI] Carter [H. at Aqueduct Apr. 9] and [GI] Met Mile [at Belmont May 30] would be on his schedule. He's one of those horses that always gets ready quicker than you think, but it's a tick early to think about [when he'd be ready to return]." -SS

STATUS: In training at Vinery Florida



Horsephotos

PADDY O'PRADO

1st in '10 GI Secretariat S.,
GI Virginia Derby &
GI Colonial Turf Cup

(c, 4, El Prado {Ire}--Fun House, by Prized)
O-Donegal Racing; B-Winchell Thoroughbreds,
LLC (KY); T-Dale Romans
Last Start: 5th in Nov. 6 GI Breeders' Cup Classic.

Donegal Racing's **Paddy O'Prado**, winner of the GI Secretariat S. in addition to three additional Grade I placings in 2010, is soon to complete his winter's vacation and resume serious training, said Jerry Crawford, the principal of Donegal Racing. "We gave him 90 days off at WinStar Farm and he will fly to Florida Feb. 7 to join Dale Romans," Crawford commented. "The rule of thumb is a day of training for every day off, so he could make his first appearance on Derby Day [in the GI Woodford Reserve Turf Classic]. Or, if he's ready, he could have a prep race late at Gulfstream or early at Keeneland. Dr. John Garrity, who watched over him at WinStar, says he has done great, that he's a more mature-looking animal and we expect great things from him this year." Despite four graded-stakes wins on the grass last season, Crawford says Paddy O'Prado is likely to make at least a start or two on dirt this term. "I think he's the most versatile horse in the world today," he offered. "He has great figs on dirt, Poly and grass," he stated, adding that races such as the GI Stephen Foster H. and the GI Breeders' Cup Classic are squarely in the crosshairs. In any event, Crawford said, a return trip to the Windy City is a near certainty. "Dick Duchossois put on a great show and welcomed us to Arlington last year. We received some spectacular hospitality around the country, but I think my partners would shoot me if we didn't go back there for the [GI] Arlington Million," he commented.-AC

STATUS: Departs Kentucky for Florida Monday, Feb. 7.

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THE GREEK IS BACK

Ron the Greek (Full Mandate), who had been on the sidelines after sustaining a knee injury during a sixth in the GI Louisiana Derby last March, marked his return to the races with a credible second behind Our Dark Knight (Medaglia d'Oro) at Gulfstream Jan. 22. "I was really pleased with his race," said trainer Tom Albertrani Thursday morning at Palm Meadows training center. "I was just hoping to get a good race out of him. I loved the way he finished that day, and two turns is definitely going to help him for the next race. We're coming back a little quick, but we've been aiming at the Donn for a long time now, so we're going to take our chance and see how he does." The bay was formerly conditioned by Tom Amoss for owner/breeder Jack Hammer. "He came back in great condition," the trainer confirmed. "The first race was a really good start. Hopefully, there are good things to come with him this year." The Florida-bred colt will be ridden by Jose Lezcano. "He's a big scopey horse," added Albertrani. "He had a good three-year-old campaign; he won three out of his six races and looked like a horse on the Derby trail. He's definitely a horse that wants a mile-and-a-quarter, so I think maybe if he stayed healthy he would have been a contender in there. As an older horse, this could be a good year for him."



Ron The Greek
Lou Hodges



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TDN's The Hot List

IN LANDS OF THE SUN, NORTH IS UP

The 1996 renewal of the King's Bishop S. at Saratoga (then a Grade II) has been widely recognized as a vintage edition, mostly because it produced a number of today's top sires. The first three across the wire--Hon-



Northern Afleet


our and Glory, Elusive Quality and Distorted Humor--have all sired Eclipse Award winners. The following year's GI Met Mile probably wouldn't be given a second thought by many, but the last two weeks have shown that it's be a fine sire-producing race in its own right. Winner Langfuhr, sire of champion Lawyer Ron and others, saw his veteran son Euroears get a deserved first graded stakes success in the

GII Palos Verdes S. at Santa Anita Jan. 22. Western Winter, a son of Gone West who is little known to North American breeders, had two three-year-old Group 1 winners in South Africa--What a Winter (SAf) won the G1 Cape Flying Championship Jan. 22, while Covenant took the G1 Klawervlei Majorca S. Jan. 29. (Western Winter also concluded South Africa's recent Cape Premier Yearling Sale as the fifth-leading sire, with 11 of 13 sold for R591,818--roughly \$82,500.)

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Year-to-Date Earnings TDN Sire List for Thursday, Feb. 3

Rank	Stallion	YOB	Crops	Earnings	Rnrs	Wnrs	BT Wnrs	BT Horses	GS Wnrs	GS Horses	G1S Wnrs
1	Northern Afleet Sire: Afleet	1993	10	\$595,885	75	15	3	3	0	0	0
				Stands: KY [US\$12,500]							
2	Trippi Sire: End Sweep	1997	7	\$514,406	82	15	1	2	0	1	0
				Stands: SAF [—]							
3	Grand Slam Sire: Gone West	1995	10	\$472,433	89	14	1	3	1	1	0
				Stands: KY [US\$15,000]							
4	Montbrook Sire: Buckaroo	1990	14	\$449,276	31	5	2	2	1	1	0
				Stands: FL [US\$7,500]							
5	Mineshaft Sire: A.P. Indy	1999	5	\$441,802	46	11	1	2	1	1	0
				Stands: KY [US\$25,000]							
6	Sky Mesa Sire: Pulpit	2000	5	\$432,752	57	15	2	5	1	1	0
				Stands: KY [US\$30,000]							
7	Unusual Heat Sire: Nureyev	1990	11	\$412,343	45	7	0	1	0	0	0
				Stands: CA [—]							
8	Songandaprayer Sire: Unbridled's Song	1998	7	\$408,542	79	20	0	1	0	0	0
				Stands: KY [US\$6,500]							
9	Tapit Sire: Pulpit	2001	4	\$397,199	81	10	1	4	1	4	0
				Stands: KY [US\$80,000]							
10	Harlan's Holiday Sire: Harlan	1999	5	\$396,248	70	8	2	5	1	1	0
				Stands: KY [US\$25,000]							



Hot List Cont.

And **Northern Afleet**, third by a length in the '97 Met Mile, landed a lucrative trifecta during last weekend's Sunshine Millions event. At Santa Anita, his four-year-old daughter Evening Jewel, in a return to form, won the \$300,000 Distaff, while the gelding Amazombie captured the \$200,000 Sprint S. Back east at Gulfstream, his daughter Aegean upset the \$200,000 Filly & Mare Sprint.

The result of this \$385,000 aggregate payday? Northern Afleet now sits atop the *TDN's* Year-to-Date General Earning List with \$595,885 in earnings.

The big purses of the Sunshine Millions put two other sires in the mix. **Trippi**, sire of \$300,000 F/M Turf heroine Trip for A. J., is ranked second. **Montbrook**, whose progressive four-year-old Tackleberry dropped a 27-1 bomb on the \$500,000 Classic, is fourth. A former resident at Ocala Stud, Trippi now stands at Drakenstein Stud Farm in South Africa. Between that pair is **Grand Slam**. His son Apriority was second in the SM Sprint at Santa Anita. Four weeks earlier, Grand Slam's Dilemma won that track's grassy GIII Daytona S. Completing the top five is **Mineshaft**, who could enjoy a big spring thanks to Dialed In, who remained unbeaten in a last-to-first win in the GIII Holy Bull S. Sunday.

The Deets On Northern Afleet...

Northern Afleet, in many ways, has been a horse of contrasts dating back even to his racing days. He was regarded primarily as a sprinter/miler, but he showed plenty of versatility in four starts at a mile or beyond on the main track. In those four starts, he won two graded events (the GII San Fernando BC S. at nine furlongs and GIII San Diego H. at 1 1/16 miles), finished third in the Met Mile, and ran a decent fifth in the GI Strub S. at 10 furlongs. (He didn't fare nearly as well in four grass starts at a mile.)



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Northern Afleet entered stud in 1999 at Double Diamond Farm in Florida and stood there for the next six seasons. His early runners, bred on a \$5,000 fee, included the likes of G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen winner Big City Man; Grade II winner Saint Afleet, who himself stared on Sunshine Millions Day, winning the SM Dash S. in 2004; Grade III winner G P Fleet; and Unforgettable Max, a SW and MGSP son of Maggy Hawk (Hawkster).

It was the latter's full-brother, however, that would really bring Northern Afleet to prominence. Afleet Alex, from Northern Afleet's third crop, zigzagged his way to victory in the 2004 GI Hopeful S. and finished second in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile. He was even better at three, earning divisional honors after winning the GI Preakness S., GI Belmont S. and GII Arkansas Derby.

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Afleet Alex was too good going around two turns not to target the big-money prizes as a three-year-old, but it's interesting to note that he was undefeated in five sprint starts, including the Hopeful and the GII Sanford S. at two, and a visually impressive win in the six-furlong Mountain Valley S. at Oaklawn at three (where the comment line reads: "bothered, out in 1:22.3").

Afleet Alex's success earned Northern Afleet a spot on Taylor Made's roster in Kentucky, where he's gone on to sire Neglige, winner of the 2009 GI Darley Alcibiades S.; and Evening Jewel.

Ben Taylor, vice president of Taylor Made Stallions, said the best may be yet to come for Northern Afleet, who bred 126 mares last year at a fee of \$10,000. Taylor made special note of the stallion's two seasons at Stud TNT in Brazil.

"Since we moved him up from Florida, his books have gotten better, and his books have gotten bigger," he said. "We actually shuttled him to South America, too, so he has two crops of foals there. And we specifically chose [Stud TNT] because they have a good track record of sending horses up here to run. I think they've had seven group stakes winners down there that then came up here and won stakes. So, basically, the pipeline for Northern Afleet looks pretty good."

The versatility displayed by Afleet Alex has been mirrored by Northern Afleet's latest star, Evening Jewel, whose exploits last season helped justify a bump in Northern Afleet's stud fee, to \$12,500, in 2011. A modest \$8,000 KEESSEP yearling, Evening Jewel has won Grade I stakes on synthetics (Keeneland's Ashland) and turf (Del Mar Oaks). She was beaten just a nose by Blind Luck (Pollard's Vision) in the GI Kentucky Oaks in her first start on dirt. And she lost little in defeat when third to Dubai Majesty (Essence of Dubai) and the emerging star Switch (Quiet American) in the seven-furlong GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint.

"They're a versatile bunch, for sure," said Taylor. "They'll go on any surface, and they go a lot of different distances."

Northern Afleet is by Afleet, a son of Mr. Prospector who was exported to Japan early in his career. Before shipping out, however, he sired Grade I winners Flat Fleet Feet and Twist Afleet, and to date, according to *brisnet.com*, has no fewer than 63 black-type winners on his resume.

Taylor said that Northern Afleet's female family is plenty strong, too. And that's not just a stallion manager talking his sire up. A half to GISW Tap to Music (Pleasant Tap), Northern Afleet was produced by Nuryette, herself a half-sister to GISW Cuddles (Mr. Prospector) and a daughter of GSW Stellarette (Tentam). His third dam is champion Square Angel (Quadrangle), dam of Broodmare of the Year Kamar, and granddam of Swain (Ire), Gorgeous, Seaside Attraction, etc. *cont. p10*

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"If you look at his pedigree, you can see where the quality comes from," said Taylor. "He had the ability, and it is a blue-blooded pedigree. He's out a Nureyev mare, and he's got a lot of things in there that I love. You know, we stood the stallion Afleet, and he was a real good-looking horse. I remember when we bred [Nuryette], I thought, 'Man, I just love this mare.' I think some people don't realize what kind of mare he's out of."

Pedigree-wise, Taylor says Northern Afleet matches up pretty well with any sire line. Of his four Grade I winners, three are from distinct lines: Afleet Alex from Hail to Reason/Roberto, Big City Man from In Reality/Valid Appeal, Neglige through In Reality/Relaunch, and Evening Jewel from Storm Cat. Of last weekend's stakes winners, Amazombie was produced by a mare by In Excess (Ire), a grandson of Caro (Ire); and Aegean was produced by a mare by A.P. Indy's son Aptitude.

Taylor said there are some physical traits to watch out for, though. "A big mare is what you need," he said. "He'll cross with about anything. He's gotten runners out of every type of mare, but what you need is a big, strong mare. And you don't want long pasterns. He has longer pasterns himself and tend to throw it sometimes. I wouldn't breed a real small mare to him, but if you breed an average or real big mare to him, he'll put a body on them. Physically, you want size and short pasterns."

Taylor said the current market climate has put an emphasis on sires with a proven track record, and that has helped stallions like Northern Afleet. "I think more people are gravitating toward horses like him, who they know they can get a runner by if they keep it, or they can bring it to a sales, too," he said. "If you get one out of the right mare and breed them right and get the right physical, you can sell one for a lot of money. He fits a lot of mares, and he'll get you a good physical. And people know he can get a good horse. Big City Man was a good horse, Afleet Alex was something. He can get a Grade I horse, and you're talking a \$12,500 stud fee. I think he's a steal." -LM



NEWS TODAY

LIVE COVERAGE OF VOX POPULI ON HRTV

HRTV will offer live coverage of the inaugural Secretariat Vox Populi Award presentation, which will be bestowed upon 2010 Horse of the Year **Zenyatta** (Street Cry {Ire}) at Santa Anita on Saturday. The newly-created award will recognize a horse whose popularity and racing excellence resonated with racing fans and gained additional recognition for the sport during the previous year. Secretariat's charismatic owner, Penny Chenery, will present the award to Zenyatta's owners, Ann and Jerry Moss, following the fifth race. Also expected to be on hand are Chenery's daughter, Kate Tweedy, along with Zenyatta's trainer, John Shirreffs, and his wife, Dottie, as well as the mare's jockey, Mike Smith. "All of us at HRTV joined the fans around the world in watching Zenyatta's amazing career," said Amy J. Zimmerman, Executive Producer of HRTV. "This award unites two of racing's most popular horses of all time. We are excited to bring this coverage to the many Zenyatta and Secretariat fans, but also to show them how well the great mare is adapting to her new home."

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NORTH AMERICA



Yesterday's Results:

4th-GPX, \$40,500, Alw, NW1\$X, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:48 3/5, ft.

S. S. STONE (h, 5, Birdstone--Sing and Swing {MSW, \$228,941}, by Dixieland Band) started his career out West with a debut score over subsequent GISW Street Hero (Street Cry {Ire}), but couldn't quite recapture that early success in four subsequent efforts for Doug O'Neill. The grey was fifth in a Calder optional claimer in his first start for Nick Zito Dec. 13, but bounced back in a big way here Jan. 5, taking a \$20,000 claimer by eight lengths with a 95 Beyer Speed Figure. S. S. Stone was the 3-2 choice on the class jump here, and ran to his price. Stalking ominously from third behind a half in :47.79, the chalk swung up to take over at the quarter pole and drew off by six lengths over Palatine Hill (Roman Ruler). The winner is a half to Got That Swing (With Approval), SP, \$168,225. Sales history: \$135,000 yrl '07 KEESEP; \$300,000 RNA 2yo '08 FTFEB. Lifetime Record: 8-3-0-2, \$77,630.

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7th-GPX, \$41,500, Msw, 3yo, f, 5fT, :55 2/5, fm. CHRISTINA D'ORO (f, 3, Medaglia d'Oro--lonlyhaveeyesforu, by Tunerup), a half to Gaff (Maria's Mon), MGSW-US & MGSP-Ire, \$441,451, was fourth in the slop at Aqueduct on debut Dec. 12, and was given an 8-1 chance in her turf bow. The sophomore rated in mid-pack from the two path early behind splits of :21.00 and :43.77, made a move in between horses to race into contention at the top of the lane and outkicked odds-on choice Too Clever By Half (With Distinction) for a one-length success. It was another five lengths back to firster Exchanging Smiles (Exchange Rate) in third. Sales history: \$160,000 KEESEP; \$235,000 RNA 2yo '10 FTFEB. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$25,350. Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#).

O-R J Nappi Stables. B-Liberation Farm & Stonewall Farm (KY). T-David P Duggan.

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EAST

Yesterday's Results:

4th-LRL, \$30,000, Msw, 3yo, 6f, 1:12 2/5, gd. MY SUMMATION (r, 3, Closing Argument--Be Mine {SP}, by Belong to Me), a \$4,500 KEENOV weanling, came up just a head short of graduating on debut here Jan. 17 and was the 2-1 second choice behind Aqueduct invader He's In The Bag (Holy Bull). The pair duled on the lead through a half in :46.84, but My Summation had more left in the tank when the chalk faltered, and the bay came home a three-length winner. Capital Fellow (Dance With Ravens) was second, while the favorite faded to fifth. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$22,980. Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#).

O-Manfred Roos. B-Terrapin Stables Inc (FL). T-John Rigattieri.

9th-TAM, \$20,000, Msw, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 3/5, ft. GOT DIMPLES (f, 4, Wildcat Heir--Bright Smile, by Black Tie Affair {Ire}) showed speed before fading to seventh in her grassy unveiling at Gulfstream Jan. 20, but was well-bet at 5-2 in this change of surface and scenery. The grey dashed quickly to the front, carved out splits of :22.40 and :45.88 and never looked back, increasing her advantage to 10 1/4 lengths. Island Bound (Speightstown), the 3-5 choice, closed from last to be second. Sales history: \$35,000 RNA 2yo '09 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$13,585. Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#). O-Janice M Clark. B-Kelli Charles (FL). T-Herbert R Smith.



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Yesterday's Results:

4th-FGX, \$45,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$62,500), C, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09 1/5, ft.

1--**STARLITE STARBRITE, 119, f, 4, Mutakddim--**

Starlight Surprise (SW, \$171,643), by Salutely.

O/B-Andrena F Van Doren (KY); T-Thomas M Amoss. Lifetime Record: SP, 10-5-4-0, \$186,501.

2--**Beat the Blues, 119, f, 4, Great Pyramid (Ire)--** Imtheblues, by Pentelicus.

3--**She's Extreme, 119, m, 5, Unbridled's Song--Classic Threat, by Regal Classic.** (\$90,000 RNA yrl '07 KEESEP; \$160,000 RNA 2yo '08 KEEAPR).

Margins: 1 1/4, 7 3/4, 5 3/4. Odds: 0.60, 1.50, 11.90.

Starlite Starbrite came into this with an impressive career record, having been off the board only once from nine starts when fourth in the Miss Woodford S. at Monmouth Aug. 28 two back. She was last seen scoring by 5 1/2 in an allowance at Hoosier Sep. 16, and justified her heavy favoritism here. Always on the lead through a half in :44.82, the bay disposed of her only competition--Jersey invader Beat the Blues--at the top of the lane and drew clear to for her fifth lifetime victory. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

Jocks/Cagers Meet for Annual Benefit:

Edited Press Release

The 44th annual Holy Angels/Santa Anita Jockeys Charity Basketball Game will take place Thursday, Feb. 24, at La Salle High School in Pasadena. Tip-off is set for 7 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the Holy Angels athletic department and the Permanently Disabled Jockeys Fund (PDJF). Hall of Fame jockeys Eddie Delahoussaye, Don Pierce, Laffit Pincay Jr., Gary Stevens and Mike Smith will serve as honorary captains and will be on hand to autograph memorabilia from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the La Salle High gymnasium. "This has been a great event over the years and we always have a lot of fun with it," said jockey David Flores, who will again serve as game captain for the jockeys. "What's really exciting about this year is that for the first time, we are going to include the Disabled Jockeys Fund in our fundraising effort. Racing is a very, very dangerous sport and this means a lot to all of us in the racing industry. "We want to do all that we can to try and help all of these people who have been hurt so badly. Just the fact that we are helping to draw attention to their situation is very important. We hope that everyone coming to the game this year will do what they can to help us help all of these jockeys who will never be able to ride again." Holy Angels, located just south of Santa Anita Park, on Huntington Drive, has partnered with Santa Anita on numerous charity events over the years. The PDJF, which was founded in 2006, provides financial assistance to professional jockeys (both Thoroughbred and quarterhorse) who have sustained serious injuries such as paralysis and brain trauma, which often result in permanent disabilities. This year's Santa Anita jockey squad figures to include: David Flores (Captain), Pedro Arambula, Paul Atkinson, Rafael Bejarano, Alex Bisono, Brice Blanc, Antonio Castanon, Victor Espinoza, Martin Garcia, Kerwin John, Edwin Maldonado, Corey Nakatani, Iggy Puglisi, Alonso Quinonez, Joel Rosario, Christian Santiago Reyes, Chantal Sutherland, Mike Smith, Kayla Stra, Joe Talamo and Patrick Valenzuela. La Salle High School is located at the southwest corner of Michillinda Ave. and Sierra Madre Blvd. in Pasadena, approximately four miles from Santa Anita. Admission is \$5.

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4th-GP (Alw) S. S. Stone (Birdstone) continues his return to form.

4th-FG (Alw) Starlite Starbrite (Mutakddim) adds to her impressive record.

7th-GP (Msw) Christina d'Oro (Medaglia d'Oro) takes to the turf to graduate second time out.

9th-TAM (Msw) Got Dimples (Wildcat Heir) demolishes competition while going turf to dirt.

The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the 7th Race, \$32,000 Allowance, at Penn National. For pps and a complete race analysis, click [here](#).

Career Victory Who: Jockey Corey Lanerie
#3,000 When: Thursday, Feb. 3
 Where: 3rd race, Fair Grounds
 With: Native Mambo (Black Mambo)



California Report cont.

TODAY'S INSIGHTS

4:00p HRTV **1st-SA, \$54K, Msw, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f**
 Patti and Hal Earnhardt's **RANCHERO** ([Closing Argument](#)) makes his belated debut for Bob Baffert. The \$240,000 OBSMAR two-year-old was the highest-priced son or daughter of his sire to go through the ring in 2009. The Hall of Fame conditioner also saddles George Krikorian's \$350,000 KEESEP yearling **Sacred Oath** ([Tiznow](#))--a son of GISW Oath (Known Fact) and half to MGSW Honest Man (Unbridled's Song)--for his first go. The pair both show speedy works in the typical style of their trainer, and may have drilled in company at Hollywood Jan. 17. Ranchero went five furlongs from the gate that day in :59.60, good for the sixth-fastest of 31 spins, while Sacred Oath went in :59.80, which was the eighth-quickest. [Brisnet.com PPs](#)

7:07p HRTV **7th-SA, \$68K, Alw, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f**
 Yatse Stables I LLC's MG1SW in Chile **MATTO MONDO (CHI)** (**Sir Cat**) was an impressive victor of the 2009 GIII Thunder Road H. over synthetic at a mile here Feb. 7, and went off favored in the GI Santa Anita H. a month later. He was a close-up third that day behind MGISWs Einstein (Brz) (Spend a Buck) and Champs Elysees (GB) (Danehill), and defeated four other Grade I/Group 1 winners. He hasn't faced the starter since. Conditioner Richard Mandella hits at a 15-percent clip with returnees gone for 180 days or more according to *DRF Formulator*. The seven-year-old is GSP in his native land at the distance, but was a well-beaten ninth in the GIII Morvich H. going down the hill in 2008. Saleh Al-Homaizi's **Sayif (Ire)** ([Kheleyf](#)) makes his stateside debut for Patrick Biancone. The five-year-old was Group 1-placed at two in England, and took the G2 Diadem S. at Ascot in 2009. Sayif made just three starts in 2010 and never contended, but he appears to be working up a storm over both the dirt and turf here. Biancone wins with 22-percent of his newly acquired imports according to *DRF Formulator*. Recent course-and-distance GIII Daytona S. winner **Dilemma** ([Grand Slam](#)), and GSWs **Gallant Son** (**Malabar Gold**) and **Rendezvous** (**Victory Gallop**) add further intrigue to this stakes-level event. [Brisnet.com PPs](#)

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Yesterday's Results:

6th-SAX, \$55,200, Msw, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:43 1/5, ft. SPECIAL KID (g, 3, [Lemon Drop Kid](#)--**Little Tom Cat**, by **Tomorrows Cat**) was third on debut--one spot behind GI Norfolk S. hero Jaycito (Victory Gallop)--at Del Mar Aug. 21. After a pair of off-the-board efforts during the Oak Tree meet, the dark bay ran second to well-regarded Uncle Sam (Tapit) here at a mile Dec. 27. He was the 2-1 second-choice to break through in his second dirt route. Stalking from fourth inside behind splits of :23.61, :48.12 and 1:12.64, Special Kid came out to commence his rally and narrowly bested front-running Red Sharp Humor (Sharp Humor) by a nose. Sales history: \$25,000 yrl '09 KEESEP; \$55,000 RNA 2yo '10 KEEAPR; \$80,000 2yo '10 OBSJUN. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, \$51,880. [Click for the brisnet.com chart or Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) O-S A Y Racing LLC and Young, Jason and Heather. B-Mr & Mrs John D Rio (FL). T-Doug F O'Neill.



Yesterday's Results:

7th-GGX, \$36,952, Alw, NW1\$X, 3yo, f, 6f (AWT), 1:10 3/5, ft. JUSTENUFAPPEAL (f, 3, **Exchange Rate**--**Hasty Appeal**, by **World Appeal**) won on debut over this track last October before coming home in her next two, the Golden Gate Debutante Nov. 6 and the latest against allowance company here Jan. 9. Close up to an honest pace, the 1-2 favorite took over a furlong out and drew clear to win by 1 1/4 lengths over Emily Pearl (Game Plan). The winner is a half to Dr. Park (Honor Grades), GSW, \$231,559 and Kelly Leak (Runaway Groom), SW, \$742,810. Sales history: \$150,000 yrl '09 KEESEP. [Click for the brisnet.com chart or Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: SP, 4-2-2-0, \$52,200. O-Praz Racing Stable, Eddie Delahoussaye & Michael Dye. B-Luis de Hechavarria (FL). T-Steven Specht.

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FAIR GROUNDS

Bouquet Booth (Flower Alley), 4f, :50.00, 30/41
 Comedero (Posse), 3f, :39.00, 8/8

GULFSTREAM PARK

Acting Happy (Empire Maker), 6f, 1:15.80, 2/2
 Madman Diaries (Bring The Heat), 6f, 1:14.20, 1/2

PALM MEADOWS

Aikenite (Yes It's True), 5f, 1:01.40, 8/21
 Convocation (Pulpit), 4f, :49.45, 25/37
 Our Dark Knight (Medaglia D'Oro), 4f, :49.15, 15/37

SANTA ANITA

Brock (Distorted Humor), 6f, 1:13.00, 12/27
 Champ Pegasus (Fusaichi Pegasus), 6fT, 1:17.80, 3/3
 Clair de Lune (Ger) (Marchand De Sable), 4f, :49.40, 3/5



ROOKIES

First/Second-crop starters to watch: Friday, Feb. 4
*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2007 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/
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- BLUEGRASS CAT** (Storm Cat), Winstar Farm LLC, \$50K, 207/25/2
 10-SUN, Msw, 5 1/2f, Cassy Sue, 6-1
 3-AQU, Aoc, 1m, Cat Sweep, 3-1
- FIRE SLAM** (Grand Slam), Elite Thoroughbreds, \$6K, 32/4/1
 7-TAM, Msw, 1mT, R U Smokin, 12-1
- FLOWER ALLEY** (Distorted Humor), Three Chimneys Farm, \$25K, 160/11/2
 9-TP, Msw, 6f, Barry Dale, \$1,000 FTK OCT yrl
 10-SUN, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Flowersinthealley, \$12K KEE SEP yrl, 5-1
- GIACOMO** (Holy Bull), Adena Springs Kentucky, \$13K, 151/10/1
 3-DED, Msw, 5f, +Tina Lena Too, LOU OCT yrl, 3-1
- IMPERIALISM** (Langfuhr), Get Away Farm, \$5K, 93/9/0
 3-GP, Str, 1m, Fightingforfreedom, \$17K OBS APR 2yo, 12-1
- POMEROY** (Boundary), Vinery Ltd., \$13K, 150/28/2
 9-HOU, Alw, 6f, Imperial Pomeroy, 6-1
- REY DE CAFE** (Kingmambo), Double Diamond Farm, \$5K, 63/1/0
 7-TAM, Msw, 1mT, Tibo Cafe, 50-1
- ROCKPORT HARBOR** (Unbridled's Song), Darley, \$20K, 215/27/2
 9-TP, Msw, 6f, Rocky Bear, \$17K KEE APR 2yo
- SILVER TRAIN** (Old Trieste), Vinery, \$25K, 203/30/1
 7-TAM, Msw, 1mT, Adirondack Express, \$140K EAS MAY 2yo, 4-1
- UNBRIDLED ENERGY** (Unbridled's Song), Cristwood Farm, \$10K, 128/9/0
 9-TP, Msw, 6f, +No Rain No Rainbow



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IN BRITAIN:

- Ana Emarati**, c, 3, [Forestry](#). See "Breeders' Edition Europe."
- Eseej**, h, 6, [Aljabr--Jinaan](#), by Mr. Prospector.
 Southwell, 2-3, Hcp, 4yo/up, 1 3/8m (AWT).
 B-Shadwell Farm LLC. *800gns HIT '08 TATJUL;
 £33,000 HIT '09 DONHIT.

IN FRANCE:

- Etive**, f, 3, [Elusive Quality](#). See "France."
- Louvakhova**, f, 3, [Maria's Mon](#). See "France."
- War Pact**, g, 3, [War Front](#). See "France."



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DUAL TOPPERS AT TATTS FEBRUARY There were two six-figure lots at Tattersalls' first fixture of 2011, the February Sale, in Newmarket yesterday led by the 160,000gns Juddmonte homebred filly **Full Steam (GB)** (Oasis Dream {GB}). The four-year-old landed a Chantilly conditions event for trainer Andre Fabre last year before finishing down the field in the G1 Prix d'Essai des Pouliches. Kern Lillingston's Ed Sackville bid into six figures for her yesterday although the final battle was between agents Tony Nerses and Patrick Cooper of BBA Ireland. Nerses, acting for owners Saleh Al Homaizi and Imad Al Sagar, put in the successful bid, and his purchase will head to his clients' Blue Diamond Stud near Newmarket.



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"The bloodline really interested me, and it's one that hard to get into," said Nerses. "She's mare number 14 for our broodmare band but I don't know which stallion she will be covered by." Last year's G3 Park Express S. winner **Pollen (Ire)** (Orpen) was the subject of a battle between two Irish agents. After Hugo Merry offered an unconventional 112,000gns to auctioneer Philip Myerscough, Lizzie Lyons of John McCormack Bloodstock successfully countered with a 114,000gns offer. "John is in Ireland, and I came over especially to get her," said Lyons. "She's been bought for undisclosed client and has been purchased to breed from." Last year's G3 Round Tower S. winner Dingle View (Ire) (Mujadil {Ire}) was expected to be one of the stars of the sale, but could not be offered under the hammer after arriving at Park Paddocks with incorrect documentation. She was subsequently sold privately for 80,000gns to Scandinavian trainer Bent Olsen, buying for owner Stall Cambre.

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G1 Oaks heroine Snow Fairy {Ire} (Intikhab {Ire}) gained a new lead horse when BBA Ireland's Patrick Cooper, who acts as racing manager to the filly's owner Cristina Patino, spent 50,000gns on the classy handicapper Swift Gift (GB) (Cadeaux Genereux). "He'll be joining Snow Fairy at Ed Dunlop's stable and was recommended to us by his former trainer Brian Meehan," said Cooper. At the end of trading last night, Tattersalls chairman Edmond Mahony commented, "It is always good to make a positive start to the year, and the 2011 Tattersalls February Sale produced improved figures across the board and lively international trade from start to finish. Turnover, average and median have all made significant gains over last year, and the clearance rate of 79 percent is the highest ever at this sale. Another positive indicator was the 160,000gns Juddmonte Farms sale topper Full Steam (GB)." He continued, "Not only was she the second highest priced filly ever sold at the February Sale, but also a clear demonstration of the enduring demand for quality bloodstock which has been the feature of today's trade. Without doubt, the market remains testing and we all continue to face plenty of challenges, but the crowd of buyers at Tattersalls today should be a source of encouragement for the industry."



**TATTERSALLS FEBRUARY SALE
THURSDAY, FEB. 3, 2011**

SESSION	2011	2010
No. Catalogued	272	289
No. Offered	207	233
No. Sold	164	147
RNAs	43	86
% RNA	20.8%	36.9%
No. Over 500K	0	0
High Price	160,000gns	55,000gns
Gross	1,672,300gns	991,500gns
Average (% Change)	10,197gns (+51.2%)	6,745gns
Median (% Change)	4,500gns (+28.6%)	3,500gns

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FRANCE



Yesterday's Results:

Cagnes-sur-Mer, 12.30, Cond, €27,000, 3yo, 7 1/2fT, 1:40.13, vsf.

ETIVE (f, 3, Elusive Quality--Firth of Lorne {Ire} {SW & G1SP-Fr, MGSP-US, \$168,220}, by Danehill), runner-up in the Oct. 26 Listed Prix des Sablonnets at Nantes and a last-out 10th here Jan. 22, set a steady pace until turning for home in this one. Increasing the tempo at the top of the straight, the 6-5 pick was pushed out in the closing stages to comfortably hold Pump Pump Boy (Fr) (Kingsalsa) by a half length. Lifetime Record: SP-Fr, 6 starts, 2 wins, 2 places, €43,800.

O-Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Darley; T-Henri-Alex Pantall.

Cagnes-sur-Mer, 14.35, Mdn, €20,000, 3yo, f, 1m (AWT), 1:36.17, stn.

LOUVAKHOVA (f, 3, Maria's Mon--Louvain {Ire} {GSW-US, MSP-Fr, \$223,742}, by Sinndar {Ire}), a first-up second over track and trip Jan. 19, raced in second until shuffled back one spot on the home turn. Shaken up to challenge passing the two pole, the 4-5 favorite led soon after and surged clear to best Hail Holy Queen (Ire) (Highest Honor {Fr}) by 2 1/2 lengths. Sales history: €55,000 yrl '09 ARQAUG. Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 1 win, 1 place, €14,000.

O-Cuadra Montalban; B-Edmund Gann; T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

Cagnes-sur-Mer, 13.30, Mdn, €20,000, 3yo, c/g, 1m (AWT), 1:35.86, stn.

WAR PACT (g, 3, War Front--Tempo West, by Rahy), a course-and-distance third on debut last time Jan. 19, led after the initial strides of this second go. Maintaining control throughout, the 2-5 chalk was allowed an inch of rein approaching the final quarter mile and effortlessly cruised clear of toiling rivals thereafter to score by five lengths from Prince Verde (Fr) (Vatori {Fr}). The Allen homebred is a half-brother to Vertiformer (Dynaformer), SW-Fr. Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 1 win, 1 place, €13,000.

O/B-Joseph Allen; T-Jean-Claude Rouget.



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Yesterday's Results:

UAE 1000 GUINEAS-Listed, \$250,000, Meydan, 2-3, NH/SH3yo, f, 1600m (AWT), time: n/a, std.

1--**MAHBOOBA (AUS)**, 130, f, 3, by [Galileo \(Ire\)](#)

1st Dam: **Sogha (Aus)**, by **Red Ransom**

2nd Dam: **Marple**, by **Diesis (GB)**

3rd Dam: **Great Lady Slew**, by **Seattle Slew**

O/B-Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa al Maktoum;

T-Michael F de Kock; J-Christophe Soumillon;

\$150,000. Lifetime Record: G1SW-SAf, 6-4-1-1,

\$229,585.

2--**Reem (Aus)**, 130, f, 3, [Galileo \(Ire\)](#)--Al Afreet (Aus), by Danehill. O/B-Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa al Maktoum; T-Michael F de Kock; \$50,000.

3--**Chocolicious (SAf)**, 130, f, 3, Kahal (GB)--Candy Box (SAf), by Exclusive Patriot. O-Brown, Ebbs, Robinson et al; B-Backworth Stud; T-Herman Brown; \$25,000.

Margins: 3 3/4, 1HF, HF. Odds: 3-5, 9-2, 6-1.

Also Ran: **Empire Rose (Arg)**, **Abtasaamah**, **Quick Val (Arg)**, **Amica (SAf)**, **Crying Lightening (Ire)**.

As expected, the Southern Hemisphere-bred three-year-old fillies dominated here, giving owner Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa, trainer Mike de Kock and sire Galileo a top-two sweep. Victorious in her first two career starts, Mahbooba tasted defeat for the first time

when third at the hands of Chocolicious in the G1 Allan Robertson Championship at Scottsville last May, but more than made up for that disappointment with a popular success in the G1 Golden Slipper S. in July. The bay returned from a six-month absence with a solid runner-up effort while giving seven pounds to Reem in the seven-furlong trial for this event

Jan. 13 and was odds-on in international pools to reverse that form here. Well-held just off the heels of the leaders by Christophe Soumillon, Mahbooba was steered outside of Reem inside the final furlong and ran out an easy winner. [Click for the Emirates Racing chart](#), the [brisnet.com PPs](#) or the [video replay](#).



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Meydan, 19.00, Cond., \$50,000, NH/SH3yo, 1400mT, 1:24.45, gd.

LORD OF THE STARS (c, 3, [Speightstown](#)--Charmant Forest, by Forestry), a \$105,000 KEENOV purchase, was last but one in the Ripon Champion 2YO Trophy Aug. 30 before airing by 4 1/2 lengths in a Southwell



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novice Oct. 25 in his final start for Ralph Beckett. Purchased for 52,000gns out of Doncaster's November Horses in Training Sale, he split the field when seventh in the UAE 2000 Guineas Trial going this distance on the Tapeta Jan. 20. Soon in front and returning to the

grass for this, Lord of the Stars, a 12-1 chance, began to get away in upper stretch and was never in serious danger as Krypton Star (GB) (Kyllachy {GB}) got to within just 2 3/4 lengths. The winner is out of a half-sister to MGISW Tout Charmant (Slewvescent). Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-0, \$48,932. [Click for the Emirates Racing chart](#) or the [video replay](#).

O-Ahmad Al Shaikh. B-JMJ Racing Stables LLC (KY).

T-David Simcock.

AMERICA'S BEST SELLERS...TAYLOR MADE

Meydan, 22.45, Hcp., \$175,000, NH4yo/up, SH3yo/up, 2000mT, 2:03.54, gd.

LOLAMAR (ITY) (f, 4, Martino Alonso {Ire}--Lodgetta {Ire}, by Grand Lodge) missed by the narrowest of margins when second as the favorite in the G3 Premio Mario Incisa della Rocchetta in Milan June 27 and was seen just once more in 2010, finishing sixth in the G3 Premio Verziere at the San Siro Oct. 9. In touch from fourth while racing with cover, Lolamar went up to challenge for the lead at the eighth pole and held on for a short-head success at odds of 37-1. Shimmering Moment (Afleet Alex) lunged late, but just missed. Lifetime Record: GSP-Itly, 12-4-2-0, \$193,207. [Click for the Emirates Racing chart](#) or the [video replay](#).



Lolamar (inside) Andrew Watkins

O-Scuderia Siba - Antezzate SRL. B-Az Ag Antezzate SRL. T-Marco Botti.

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ADDITIONAL HANDICAP RESULTS:

Meydan, 20.15, Hcp., \$175,000, NH4yo/up, SH3yo/up, 2485mT, 2:36.76, gd.

STAR EMPIRE (SAF) (g, 4, Second Empire {Ire}--Lady Maroof {NZ}, by Maroof) Lifetime Record: SW-SAf, 13-5-0-4, \$159,858. O-Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa al Maktoum; B-Sydney A Muller, F M Ratner & L M Salzman; T-Michael F de Kock. *1/2 to Fabiani (SAf) (Model Man {SAf}), GSW & G1SP-SAf.

Meydan, 21.35, Hcp., \$175,000, NH4yo/up, SH3yo/up, 1400mT, 1:24.10, gd.

WARSAW (IRE) (h, 6, Danehill Dancer {Ire}-For Evva Silca {GB}, by Piccolo {GB}) Lifetime Record: SW-Ire, 20-6-1-1, \$361,489. O-Mohammed Khaleel Ahmed; B-Redpender Stud Ltd; T-Michael F de Kock. *250,000gns '06 TATOCT.

Friday, Jebel Ali, post time: 3:15 p.m.

JEBEL ALI MILE-Listed, Dhs500,000, 3yo/up, 1600m

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	4	Al Farahidi	Seeking the Gold	Rosales	bin Huzaim
2	2	Atlantic Brave (GB)	Piccolo (GB)	Dobbs	al Muhairi
3	8	Bab al Bahrain	Kingmambo	Scr	Scr
4	13	Escape Route	Elusive Quality	Mullen	Seemar
5	11	Golden Arrow (Ire)	Danehill	Supple	Charpy
6	7	Il Grande Maurizio (Ire)	King Charlemagne	Cosgrave	al Raihe
7	6	Jet Express (SAf)	Jet Master (SAf)	Ffrench	al Raihe
8	16	Lion Sands (GB)	Montjeu (Ire)	Sandoval	bin Huzaim
9	1	Marching Time (GB)	Sadler's Wells	Scr	Scr
10	5	Mufarrh (Ire)	Marju (Ire)	Scr	Scr
11	10	Otaared (GB)	Storm Cat	Fallon	D Slvrtnam
12	12	Snaafy	Kingmambo	R Hills	al Muhairi
13	3	Step in Line	Giant's Causeway	Scr	Scr
14	14	Tayyab	Belong to Me	Smith	al Muhairi
15	15	Tiz Now Tiz Then	Tiznow	O'Shea	Seemar
16	9	Wonder Lawn (SAf)	Fort Wood	Shea	de Kock

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Date	Race	Cond.
Jan. 20	G2 Cape Verdi	1600mT, f/m
Jan. 27	G2 Al Rashidiya	1800mT
Feb. 3	G3 Al Maktoum Challenge - R2	1900m (AWT)
	G3 Al Shindagha Sprint	1200m (AWT)
Feb. 10	G3 UAE 2000 Guineas	1600m (AWT), 3yo
Feb. 17	G2 Al Fahidi Fort	1600mT
Feb. 18	G2 Balanchine	1800mT, f/m
Feb. 24	G3 UAE Oaks	1900m (AWT), 3yo, f
Mar. 3	G2 Dubai City of Gold	2400mT
	G2 Al Maktoum Challenge - R3	2000m (AWT)
	G2 Jebel Hatta	1800mT
	G3 Burj Nahaar	1600m (AWT)
	G3 Mahab Al Shimaal	1200m (AWT)
Mar. 10	G2 Zabeel Mile	1600mT
	G3 DRC Gold Cup	3200mT
Mar. 27	G1 Dubai World Cup	2000m (AWT)
	G1 Dubai Sheema Classic	2400mT
	G1 Dubai Duty Free	1800mT
	G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen	1200m (AWT)
	G2 UAE Derby	1900m (AWT), 3yo
	G2 Godolphin Mile	1600m (AWT)
	G2 Al Quoz Sprint	1000mT

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CENTRAL QUEENSLAND SALE NOW IN MAY

(Edited press release) The Magic Millions Central Queensland Yearling Sale was originally scheduled for April, but had to be moved back to May 6 so Rockhampton Showgrounds could recover from recent flooding. Approximately 110 yearlings will be catalogued. Late last year Magic Millions, in conjunction with the Central Queensland Thoroughbred Breeders Association (CQTBA), announced an agreement to conduct the auction. "We're very much looking forward to the Central Queensland Yearling Sale on the new date of May 6," Magic Millions' Acting Managing Director David Chester said. "We look forward to working closely with the CQTBA, the Rockhampton Jockey Club and Racing Queensland to take this sale to a new level. The first ever sale was held in Rockhampton in the 1970s by Australian Estates Company Limited, and has endured the test of time, Magic Millions are very proud to be play a part in its future." Catalogues for the sale will be available from Mar. 11.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

2nd-SAX, \$57,408, NW1\$X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT, 1:49 1/5, fm.

FIRST SETTLER (f, 4, War Chant--Cold Cold Woman (GB) {SW, \$116,690}, by Machiavellian) Lifetime Record: 8-2-0-0, \$64,220. O-Charles A Winner. B-Neil Jones (KY). T-Neil D Drysdale.

7th-SAX, \$56,800, NW1\$X, (S), 4yo/up, a6 1/2fT, 1:13 2/5, fm.

SAMMARTINO (g, 5, Siberian Summer--Miss Excitement, by Rajab) Lifetime Record: 11-2-5-2, \$115,640. O/B-Fred Carrillo & Daniel A Cassella (CA); T-William Spawr. *1/2 to Bordonaro (Memo {Chi}), GISW, \$938,128.

8th-GPX, \$43,000, Opt. Clm. (\$62,500), NW2\$X, 4yo/up, 1 3/8mT, 2:15 4/5, fm.

CAUSE OF FREEDOM (g, 5, Alphabet Soup--Lady Liberty, by Unbridled) Lifetime Record: 14-3-2-2, \$104,907. O/B-Stuart S Janney III & Phipps Stable (KY). T-Claude R McGaughey III. *Won via DQ.

9th-FGX, \$43,000, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:45 2/5, ft.

HARMONIZER (g, 5, Volponi--Rich Hill, by Colonial Affair) Lifetime Record: 16-5-6-1, \$164,330. O-William J Butler, et al. B-Hopewell Investments LLC (KY). T-Michael J Maker. *\$37,000 RNA yrl '07 KEESEP.



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02-19 \$300,000 Risen Star-III, FG, 3yo, 8.5f (300)

02-19 \$150,000 Rachel Alexandra-III, FG, 3yo, f, 8.5f (150)

02-19 \$125,000 Mineshaft H.-III, FG, 4yo/up, 8.5f (100)

02-19 \$125,000 Fair Grounds H.-III, FG, 4yo/up, a9fT (125)

02-19 \$100,000 Sabin-III, GP, 4yo/up, f/m, 8f (0)

02-20 \$100,000 The Very One-III, GP, 4yo/up, f/m, 11fT (0)

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8th-LRL, \$31,000, NW1X, 4yo/up, a1 1/16m, 1:49 1/5, gd.

COWBOY GETS EVEN (g, 4, Stephen Got Even--Smoking Quality, by Elusive Quality) Lifetime Record: 10-4-3-1, \$78,330. O-Hillwood Stable LLC. B-William A Carl (KY). T-Rodney Jenkins. *\$42,000 yrl '08 KEESEP; \$90,000 RNA 2yo '09 FTFEB; \$160,000 2yo '09 FTMMAY.

Arrived & Thrived at Woodstock Farm

8th-CTX, \$26,300, 2-2, NW2LX, 4yo/up, f/m, 4 1/2f, :53 4/5, ft.

MISSED FLY BALL (m, 5, Rugby--First Dream, by Pancho Villa) Lifetime Record: 19-4-5-1, \$98,060. O-Laura J Bowman. B/T-Elex D Bowman (WV).

6th-TAM, \$17,200, Opt. Clm. (\$16,000), NW1X, 4yo/up, 1m40y, 1:40 1/5, ft.

VALERIUS (g, 4, Aldebaran--Slew Deputy, by French Deputy) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, \$32,587. O/B-Lothenbach Stables Inc (KY). T-Ian R Wilkes. *\$55,000 RNA yrl '08 KEESEP. **1/2 to Haven's Honey (E Dubai), MSP, \$219,704.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ **Sever, c, 3, Horse Chestnut (SAf)--Detach, by Unbridled. FGX, 2-3, (C), 1m70y, 1:44. B-Adele B Dilschneider (KY). *1/2 to Apart (Flatter), MGSW, \$475,518.**

My Cousins and Me, f, 3, Lion Tamer--Phone Carol, by Phone Trick. FGX, 2-3, (S), 1m70y, 1:46 1/5. B-Roy Zuppardo (LA). *\$10,000 yrl '09 LTBSEP.

+ **Big Grandpa, g, 3, Medallist--Mighty Many, by Cat Thief. LRL, 2-3, (C), 7f, 1:26 3/5. B-Stephanie Brady Trust & Bradyleigh Farms (KY). *\$9,000 RNA wlng '08 KEENOV; \$1,000 yrl '09 FTKOCT.**

Fleet Continental, g, 4, Cee's Tizzy--Continental Wine, by Flying Continental. SAX, 2-3, (S), (C), 6 1/2f, 1:16 1/5. B-Stephen A Young (CA).

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Cagnes-sur-Mer, 13.00, €20,000, 4yo, 10f 165ydsT, 2:24.62, vsf.

MAKADANE (GB) (f, 4, Danehill Dancer {Ire}--Makam {Ire} {SP}, by Green Desert) Lifetime Record: 8 starts, 4 wins, 3 places, €33,750. O-Ecurie I M Fares; B-Fares Stables Ltd; T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Ana Emarati, c, 3, Forestry--Triple Edition, by Lear Fan. Southwell, Britain, 2-3, Mdn, 3-5yo, 7f (AWT). B-Paulyn Ltd. *\$150,000 RNA wnlg '08 KEENOV; \$70,000 yrl '09 KEESEP.