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A well-matched field of 10 3-year-old fillies, representing four of the most powerful barns in Southern California, take to the GI Kentucky Oaks trail in today's GI Las Virgenes S. in Arcadia. Hall of Famer Bob Baffert saddles a pair of fillies, including wife Jill's **Maybellene** (Lookin at Lucky), in search of his fourth Las Virgenes trophy. After stumbling and being eased in this track's GI Chandelier S. Sept. 27, the bay bounced back to take a first-level optional claimer over track and trip Oct. 23. **Achiever's Legacy** (City Zip) was third in that heat, but defeated Maybellene in Del Mar's seven-furlong Desi Arnaz S. Nov. 16. Maybellene was last seen finishing a close third behind champion Take Charge Brandi (Giant's Causeway) in the GI Starlet S. at Los Alamitos Racecourse Dec. 13. **Cont. p3**



(L to R) **Achiever's Legacy, Maybellene, Light the City**
Benoit Photo

J&B MET A CLASH OF THE UNDERDOGS

By Liesl King

Racing seems to be an equal mix of hard-luck and fairytale stories. For the casual observer, Cape Town's biggest race, the G1 J&B Met over 10 furlongs at Kenilworth today, is seemingly a two-horse race, if the betting is to be believed. At 3-2 and 8-5, there is very little between number two **Futura (SAf)** (Dynasty {SAf}) and number three **Louis The King (SAf)** (Black Minnaloushe).

Both are 4-year-olds, both are colts, both are bay, both have a merit rating of 116 and both will be carrying the top weight allowed of 132 pounds. One is by local sire Dynasty and the other by American-bred Black Minnaloushe. Yet there is so much more to today's epic clash, for behind each of these two bay colts lies a tale that is so incredible it reads like a Hollywood script.

Louis The King is the not the biggest of boys, but what he lacks in stature he makes up for in presence, and with his signature bushy forelock, he is instantly recognizable. First offered for sale at the KZN Yearling Sale in Durban,

Louis The King went through the ring without a hand being raised. The auctioneer tried hard, but the bay colt out of the Rich Man's Gold mare Pamushana (SAf) was eventually waved out, with the damning words "no bid" recorded behind his name.

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Louis the King and Lucinda Woodruff, assistant to trainer Geoff Woodruff
Liesl King

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Zetcher Locked and Loaded

Steve Sherack catches up with Arnold Zetcher, whose pink and green colors will be carried by 'TDN Rising Star' **Punctuate** (Distorted Humor) in Sunday's GII San Vicente S. The prominent California-based owner's current roster also features the likes of GI Los Alamitos Futurity runner-up **Firing Line** (Line of David) and 'Rising Star' **Popover** (Lookin At Lucky).

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No Dubai for Cirrus des Aigles



Cirrus Des Aigles
Racing Post

Veteran Group 1 galloper **Cirrus Des Aigles (Fr)** (Even Top {Ire}) will bypass this year's Dubai World Cup card with an aim towards a seasonal debut at Longchamp prior to the G1 Prix Ganay at that course May 3.

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TODAY'S GRADED STAKES

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| 5:20p | Sam F. Davis S.-GIII, Tam | (Brisnet.com PPs) | HR/TVG |
| 6:00p | Palos Verdes S.-GII, SA | (Brisnet.com PPs) | HR/TVG |
| 6:30p | Aracadia S.-GII, SA | (Brisnet.com PPs) | HR/TVG |
| 7:00p | Las Virgenes S.-GI, SA | (Brisnet.com PPs) | HR/TVG |



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NORTH AMERICAN NEWS

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Baffert also saddles Spendthrift Farm's **Callback** (Street Sense). A \$375,000 FTSAUG yearling, the bay was a second-up winner over **Glory** (Tapit) going 5 1/2 panels at Los Al Dec. 4 and was second at 17-1 in the local 6 1/2-furlong GII Santa Ynez S. Jan. 3. She removes blinkers for this first route try, and is bred to get the trip--her dam is a half-sister to GI Kentucky Derby winner Super Saver (Maria's Mon). Fellow Hall of Famer Jerry Hollendorfer has five entries in this event, including Achiever's Legacy and Glory. Achiever's Legacy was fifth in the Starlet, while Glory turned heads with a commanding two-length maiden-breaking tally over 6 1/2 furlongs here Jan. 10. Mark DeDomenico and North American Thoroughbred Horse Company's **Majestic Presence** (Majestic Warrior) was fourth in the Chandelier, but ninth after a wide trip in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies. She was third behind Take Charge Brandi in the GIII Delta Downs Princess S. Nov. 22, and fourth in the Starlet. Hollendorfer also has Cheyenne Stables's Anoakia S. winner **Light the City** (Street Sense), who was third in the Desi Arnaz and fifth in the Santa Ynez; and KMN Racing's **Lutine Belle** (Bellamy Road), victoress of the grassy Blue Norther S. last out Jan. 1. Barber, Barber and Wachtel Stable's **Suva Harbor** (Rockport Harbor) has never been out of the exacta, and is two-for-two since being purchased privately and transferred from David Hofmans to John Sadler. The grey broke her maiden at a mile of Del Mar grass Nov. 8, and bested **Miss Mandate** (Pioneerof the Nile) in a main-track allowance here Jan. 4. Miss Mandate is one of two Mark Casse trainees along with Woodford Racing's **Mio Me** (Eskendereya), who earned her diploma when cutting back down the hill Jan. 3. "It's definitely a step up, but I kind of feel at least our fillies have two turn races under their belt, which is going to be a help," Casse said. "They're definitely going to have to step up their game to be competitive, but that's why they're Grade I races." Field p4

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 LAS VIRGENES S.-G1, \$300,000, 3yo, f, 1m

| PP HORSE | OWNER | BREEDER | TRAINER/JOCKEY | ML |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|------|
| 1 Glory (K) <i>(f, 3, Tapit--Ki Maniere {Ire}, by Sadler's Wells)</i> | Fox Hill Farms | Patchen Wilkes Farm LLC-KY | Hollendorfer Smith | 4-1 |
| 2 Maybellene (K) <i>(f, 3, Lookin at Lucky--Greathearted, by Giant's Causeway)</i> | Natalie Baffert | Colts Neck Stables LLC-KY | Baffert Bejarano | 3-1 |
| 3 Lutine Belle (K) <i>(f, 3, Bellamy Road--Timeless Trick, by Mazel Trick)</i> | KMN Racing LLC | WinStar Farm LLC & John Penn-KY | Hollendorfer Solis | 12-1 |
| 4 Achiever's Legacy <i>(f, 3, City Zip--Lure the Bear, by Lure)</i> | Campbell, Cellucci, Horowitz & Robertson | Richard Maynard-KY | Hollendorfer Van Dyke | 8-1 |
| 5 Mio Me (K) <i>(f, 3, Eskendereya--Missile Bay, by Yes It's True)</i> | Woodford Racing LLC | Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings-KY | Casse Nakatani | 15-1 |
| 6 Majestic Presence (K) <i>(f, 3, Majestic Warrior--Shining Victory, by Victory Gallop)</i> | DeDomenico/North American Tbred Horse | Judy Hicks-KY | Hollendorfer Stevens | 7-2 |
| 7 Callback <i>(f, 3, Street Sense--Quickest, by Forest Wildcat)</i> | Spendthrift Farm LLC | Vincent Colbert-KY | Baffert Garcia | 4-1 |
| 8 Suva Harbor <i>(f, 3, Rockport Harbor--Queen Dido, by Thunder Gulch)</i> | Gary & Cecil Barber & Wachtel Stable | William Gould-KY | Sadler Pedroza | 8-1 |
| 9 Miss Mandate <i>(f, 3, Pioneerof the Nile--Baba's Mandate, by Full Mandate)</i> | Gary Barber | Jack Hammer-FL | Casse Talamo | 12-1 |
| 10 Light the City (K) <i>(f, 3, Street Sense--Light From Above, by A.P. Indy)</i> | Cheyenne Stables LLC | Hargus & Sandra Sexton-KY | Hollendorfer Desormeaux | 6-1 |

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SHORT, BUT SOLID CAST IN PALOS VERDES

Brown, Klein and Leberherz's **Distinctiv Passion** (With Distinction) gets the slight morning line nod at 2-1 in a compact, but intriguing renewal of Santa Anita's GII Palos Verdes S. The fleet-footed Jeff Bonde trainee raced just three times last

season, finishing second in Los Alamitos Racecourse's Katella S. Sept. 20 before annexing a grassy five-furlong optional claimer at Del Mar Nov. 14. Let go at 6-1 for this strip's GIII Midnight Lute S. D

ec. 27, the dark bay ran his foes off their feet to score by 1 3/4 lengths. Somewhat inexplicably fourth that day was Pegram, Watson and Weitman's

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(Eddington). The 2013

GI Breeders' Cup Sprint winner

was beaten a neck by **Wild Dude** (Wildcat Heir) on seasonal debut in this race last season, and was third in the GI Santa Anita Sprint Championship Oct. 4 and second in the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint Nov. 1. He was a distant runner-up after a bad start behind Private Zone (Macho Uno) in the GI Cigar Mile H. Nov. 29, and will be outfitted with blinkers by Bob Baffert for the second time in his career.

Big Macher (Beau Genius), winner of the GII Potrero Grande S. over Wild Dude and the GI Bing Crosby S. last season, finished far back in subsequent tries in the GII Pat O'Brien S. and Breeders' Cup Sprint. He bounced back with a victory in Del Mar's Cary Grant S. Nov. 23, and skipped last week's California Cup Sprint for this after drawing the rail. Conquest Stable's \$420,000 OBSAPR buy of 2013 **Conquest Two Step** (Two Step Salsa) earned his second-career win down the hill in October, and nearly upended Shared Belief (Candy Ride {Arg}) when beaten just a neck by that superstar in the seven-furlong GI Malibu S. here Dec. 26.



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

PALOS VERDES S.-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 6f

| PP HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | TRAINER | ML |
|----------------------|------------------|----------|--------------|------|
| 1 Distinctiv Passion | With Distinction | Smith | Bonde | 2-1 |
| 2 Big Macher | Beau Genius | Baze | Baltas | 5-2 |
| 3 Conquest Two Step | Two Step Salsa | Talamo | Casse | 4-1 |
| 4 Secret Circle (K) | Eddington | Garcia | Baffert | 5-2 |
| 5 Wild Dude | Wildcat Heir | Bejarano | Hollendorfer | 4-1 |
| 6 Chief Lion (K) | Wildcat Heir | Pedroza | Harty | 15-1 |

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LOTS OF UPSIDE IN DAVIS

A promising field of 12 sophomores squares off in Saturday's \$250,000 GIII Sam F. Davis S. at Tampa Bay Downs. Stonestreet Stables LLC's **Ocean Knight** (Curlin) spots his competition in the experience department, but boasts plenty of promise. The \$320,000 OBS March juvenile aired by 4 1/4 lengths for Kieran McLaughlin on debut over six panels of Aqueduct inner track Dec. 13, earning a field's-best



Ocean Knight
NYRA/Coglianesse

93 Beyer Speed Figure. He fired a four-furlong bullet in :48.30 for this at Palm Meadows Jan. 23. Anthony Lenci's **Catalina Red** (Munnings) broke his maiden by 7 1/4 lengths in this venue's six-panel Inaugural S. Dec. 6, and was a neck best in the seven-furlong Pasco S. Dec. 27. He has paired up 89 Beyers in his last two starts, but will be making his first two-turn start on the dirt. The Chad Stewart pupil was third in a two-turn grassy Gulfstream Park West maiden special weight in October. Ivan Dalos's **Ami's Flatter** (Flatter) graduated first up over the Woodbine Polytrack Nov. 9, and was a solid second behind Bluegrass Singer (Bluegrass Cat) in Gulfstream's one-mile Mucho Macho Man S. Jan. 3. Bluegrass Singer returned to finish third behind Upstart (Flatter) in the GII Lambholm South Holy Bull S. a week ago. Eoin Harty saddles a pair of promising runners here in Casner Racing's **My Johnny Be Good** (Colonel John) and Sheikh Mohammed homebred **Crittenden** (Distorted Humor). The former donned cap and gown second out at Arlington Sept. 1, and completed the exacta behind well-regarded GII Kentucky Jockey Club Gold Cup third Eagle (Candy Ride {Arg}) in a Keeneland allowance over this trip Oct. 22. He resurfaced to air by 14 1/2 lengths in a local six-furlong optional claimer Dec. 28. Since being gelded, stretched out and switched to grass, Crittenden is two-for-two, having broken his maiden impressively Dec. 6 and cleared his first-level allowance condition here Dec. 26. "The [GI] Kentucky Derby winner is usually not precocious as a 2-year-old," noted Harty. "The good ones usually start developing around this time of year and really get good on Derby Day." He continued, "Basically, just about everybody [in this race] is in the same boat, but it's going to be a tough race. It's never easy when you're running for that kind of money. But you don't necessarily want your horse peaking on Jan. 31. There is a lot of time between now and the first Saturday in May."

Saturday, Tampa Bay Downs, post time: 5:20 p.m. EST

SAM F. DAVIS S.-GIII, \$250,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

| PP HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | TRAINER | ML |
|----------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|------|
| 1 Catalina Red | Munnings | Centeno | Stewart | 4-1 |
| 2 Royal Son | Tiznow | Velazquez | Pletcher | 8-1 |
| 3 Ami's Flatter | Flatter | Contreras | Carroll | 9-2 |
| 4 Crittenden | Distorted Humor | De La Cruz | Harty | 15-1 |
| 5 Divining Rod | Tapit | Garcia | Delacour | 20-1 |
| 6 Bandages | Any Given Saturday | Allen Jr. | Stewart | 20-1 |
| 7 Brother Bobo | Kantharos | Saez | Servis | 20-1 |
| 8 G Five | Flashy Bull | Maragh | Pletcher | 10-1 |
| 9 My Johnny Be Good | Colonel John | Gallardo | Harty | 6-1 |
| 10 Coomer | Midshipman | Leparoux | Maker | 20-1 |
| 11 Ocean Knight | Curlin | Ortiz Jr. | McLaughlin | 5-2 |
| 12 Bears Personality | Awesome Again | Prado | Baker | 20-1 |

GRADE I WINNER RETURNS AT TAMPA

Hard Not to Like (Hard Spun), winner of April's GI Jenny Wiley S. at Keeneland in her last start for Hillsbrook Farms and trainer Michael Matz, makes her belated return to the races for new conditioner

Christophe Clement in Tampa's GIII Lambholm South Endeavour S. Saturday. The grey, who also took a Gulfstream allowance last February in her only other 2014 outing, was scooped up for \$1.5 million at Keeneland November by Peter Flour and K.C. Weiner's burgeoning Speedway Stable ([click here for story](#)). She has



Hard Not to Like
Keeneland/Coady

been working regularly at Payson Park since mid-December. James Covello, Thomas Coleman and Doheny Racing Stable's **Testa Rossi (Fr)** (Dr Fong) also makes her seasonal bow. The Chad Brown pupil annexed the 2013 GIII Miss Grillo S. in her first Stateside start, and was second with a tough trip in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf. The chestnut added the course-and-distance GIII Florida Oaks here Mar. 8 over eventual Grade II winner Istanford (Istan) and next-out stakes winner Interrupted (Broken Vow). Fourth behind **Rosalind** (Broken Vow) in Keeneland's GI Ashland S. on the Polytrack last April, Testa Rossi was last seen finishing seventh in Churchill's GII Mrs. Revere S. Nov. 15. She has fired five consecutive bullet drills over the Palm Meadows turf leading up to this. After dead-heating for the win in the Ashland with GI American Oaks heroine Room Service, the aforementioned Rosalind finished a distant fourth behind Untapable (Tapit) in the GI Kentucky Oaks in May. She unfortunately unseated Kieren Fallon at the start of Royal Ascot's G1 Coronation S. in June, and was ninth back in the States in the July 5 GI Belmont Invitational S. The chestnut was 10th in Keeneland's GIII Valley View S. Oct. 17 in her final try for Kenny McPeck and Landaluce Educe Stables. She was a \$1 million Fasig-Tipton November purchase by SF Bloodstock, and runs here for Michael Dubb and Chad Brown. **Field p7**



Saturday, Tampa Bay Downs, post time: 4:50 p.m. EST
LAMBHOLM SOUTH ENDEAVOUR S.-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, f/m,
 1 1/16mT

| PP HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | TRAINER | ML |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|------------|------|
| 1 Testa Rossi (Fr) | Dr Fong | Ortiz Jr. | Brown | 3-1 |
| 2 Rosalind | Broken Vow | Goncalves | Brown | 12-1 |
| 3 Naughty Holiday (K) | Harlan's Holiday | Leparoux | Fawkes | 30-1 |
| 4 Save the Park | Divine Park | Gallardo | Baker | 15-1 |
| 5 Principessa Ava (Ire) | Ad Valorem | Saez | Sheppard | 20-1 |
| 6 I'm Already Sexy | Ready's Image | Mena | Catalano | 4-1 |
| 7 Medea (Ire) | Danehill Dancer (Ire) | Boyce | Abbott III | 20-1 |
| 8 Rock On Baby | Rock Hard Ten | Zayas | Wolfson | 20-1 |
| 9 Julie's Love (GB) (K) | Ad Valorem | Maragh | Motion | 8-1 |
| 10 Maria Maria (K) | Curlin | Emigh | DiVito | 20-1 |
| 11 Hard Not to Like (K) | Hard Spun | Velazquez | Clement | 7-2 |
| 12 Lots o' Lex | Kitalpha | Homeister | Aschinger | 30-1 |
| 13 Why Katherine | Whywhywhy | Centeno | Attard | 10-1 |
| 14 Tokyo Time | Medaglia d'Oro | Boulanger | McGaughey | 15-1 |

Saturday, Santa Anita Park, post time: 6:30 p.m. EST
ARCADIA S.-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 1mT

| PP HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | TRAINER | ML |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|----------|---------|------|
| 1 Play Hard to Get | Purim | Solis | Kruljac | 20-1 |
| 2 Home Run Kitten | Kitten's Joy | Talamo | Hofmans | 3-1 |
| 3 Baccelo (Brz) | Northern Afleet | Pereira | Lobo | 20-1 |
| 4 Kaigun | Northern Afleet | Nakatani | Casse | 5-2 |
| 5 Edge of Reality (K) | Lawyer Ron | Prat | Motion | 8-1 |
| 6 El Nino Terrible (K) | Malibu Moon | Perez | Miller | 12-1 |
| 7 Talco (Fr) | Pivotal (GB) | Van Dyke | Sadler | 8-1 |
| 8 Za Approval | Ghostzapper | Smith | Casse | 3-1 |
| 9 Avanzare | Grand Reward | Stevens | Proctor | 4-1 |

ZETCHER LOCKED AND LOADED

By Steve Sherack

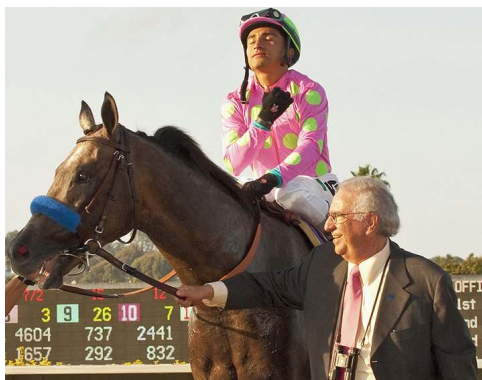
Jaw-dropping GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner Texas Red (Afleet Alex) isn't the only comebacking 3-year-old that will be looking to make a statement in Sunday's GII San Vicente S. at Santa Anita.

Arnold Zetcher's **Punctuate** (Distorted Humor) --the second foal out of the wildly popular unbeaten millionaire Peppers Pride (Desert God)

--will line up for the first time since delivering a **"TDN Rising Star"**

performance at the Great Race Place in his Sept. 27 debut ([video](#)).

"[Trainer] Bob [Baffert] just loved the way he took off at the end [of his six-furlong workout in 1:14 Jan. 25], and he felt that this was the right race to bring him back in," Zetcher commented. "We feel that he'll be able to go long, but the seven-furlong [distance of the San Vicente] is probably the right place to start him out."



Arnold Zetcher & 2012 GI Del Mar Futurity winner Rolling Fog
Benoit Photo

Away alertly from an extreme outside draw in his 6 1/2-furlong unveiling, the \$300,000 KEESEP yearling purchase was quickly outfooted to trail the field of 12 through an opening quarter in :22.02. With Rosie Napravnik aboard, the 9-1 chance began to advance between rivals entering the far turn, was swung out to the far outside for the stretch, and finished like a rocket to win going away by 1 3/4 lengths.

The runner-up that day Bronze Star (Tapit) has been sidelined since posting a next-out graduation going two turns for Jerry Hollendorfer in Arcadia Oct. 26.

"That was kind of an amazing race," Zetcher, the former CEO of the women's apparel company Talbots, offered. "When he was coming around the turn, there was no way he was going to win that race. He was behind horses, had so much more to make up down the stretch, then, all of sudden, she got him on the outside and he just took off and ran like a locomotive. It was a great race to watch."

Punctuate has posted 12 workouts since, including four in December and three in January. He needed a brief break in the fall with a minor issue, Zetcher reports.

"He came out of the last race with a little something, but just needed a little bit of time," he said. "I've been out there for his last couple of works and Bob was really impressed with the last one. That's why we're going ahead here."

While admittedly not looking to get too far ahead of himself, the former chairman of the Thoroughbred Owners of California is currently holding a promising hand of 3-year-olds.

Zetcher's **Firing Line** (Line Of David), second, beaten only a head by Dortmund (Big Brown) in a thrilling renewal of the GI Los Alamitos Futurity Dec. 20 ([video](#)), remains on schedule for next weekend's GII



Firing Line (center)
Benoit Photo

Robert B. Lewis S. at Santa Anita. Simon Callaghan trains the \$240,000 KEEAPR purchase.

"I kind of learned to take it one race at a time--we're still three months away [from the GI Kentucky Derby]," said Zetcher, who had his pink and chartreuse silks carried by Midnight Interlude (16th, 2011) and Liaison (sixth, 2012) to unplaced efforts in the Run for the Roses. "Firing Line may be a step ahead at the moment, but with Punctuate getting started now, they both have really high potential to make it to the Derby."

The level-headed Zetcher continued, "But if there's one thing I learned going through it, you just take it one race at a time and one day at a time. Let's get past this one, then see what comes after that." **Cont. p8**



Zetcher Locked and Loaded cont.

Zetcher may also be covered for the GI Kentucky Oaks if **Popover** (Lookin At Lucky)'s seven-length maiden win going a mile at Santa Anita Jan. 2 ([video](#)) was any indication. The ☆ **"TDN Rising Star"** ☆ and \$100,000 KEESEP yearling acquisition has needed a little time with a muscle issue since, but will still be pointed for the big races later this spring, Zetcher said.

MGISW Fashion Plate (Old Fashioned), an eventful 11th in last year's Oaks for Zetcher and Michael Tabor, brought \$1.2 million from Katsumi Yoshida at the FTKNOV sale. Zetcher's operation currently boasts 35 head, including seven broodmares and 15 horses in training scattered between California, New York and Florida.

"I'll tell ya, it's really fun to talk about these kind of horses at this time of the year," Zetcher concluded. "We've got some pretty high hopes, but we're controlling ourselves, and, hopefully, we can move forward with them."

With the Triple Crown prep season beginning to heat up, the fun may just be getting started for Zetcher and company.

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\$250,000 GIII Withers S. – Probable/Possible Starters
Aqueduct, Saturday, February 7, 2015

- CLASSY CLASS (Discreetly Mine)
- EL KABEIR (Scat Daddy)
- FAR FROM OVER (Blame)
- GENERAL BELLAMY (Bellamy Road)
- MARCH (Blame)
- MARKET CONDUCT (Super Saver)
- TENCENDUR (Warrior's Reward)

MCGAUGHEY STARS NEARING RETURNS

In a perfect world, the Shug McGaughey-trained duo of ☆ **"TDN Rising Stars"** ☆ of **Honor Code** (A.P. Indy) and **Top Billing** (Curlin) would be preparing for a race like next Saturday's GI Donn H. Instead they are each scheduled to work this morning at Payson Park with an eye on some less-ambitious spots over the coming week.

Lane's End Racing and Dell Ridge Farm's Honor Code, winner of the 2013 GII Remsen S., was runner-up to Social Inclusion (Pioneerof the Nile) in a March



Honor Code *Adam Coglianesse*

allowance, but suffered a slight tear in his right hind suspensory and was missing for the next eight months. He returned to action in a 6 1/2-furlong allowance at Aqueduct and looked hopelessly beaten at the head of the lane.

But he produced a tremendous late turn of foot to score by a length. The maternal great-grandson of the recently pensioned Serena's Song (Rahy) is penciled in for a start in the \$300,000 GII Gulfstream Park H. over the one-turn mile Mar. 7.

"I was tickled to death with his last race. He had trained that way," McGaughey said. "The only thing I was surprised with was that he had trained so aggressive I thought that he might lay up in the race a little closer. I think now that we're getting him stretched out a little bit hopefully he'll place himself a little bit better."

William S. Farish and E. J. Hudson's Top Billing won two of his first three trips postward, including a January allowance at Gulfstream, but has been sidelined with a cracked right front cannon bone suffered in a workout following his third-place effort in the GII Fountain of Youth S. last February. Top Billing is expected to make his comeback in a second-level allowance, McGaughey said.

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TDN PROGENY PP COUNTS

Top Sophomore Sires for the last 6 months
through Wednesday, January 28, 2015

| Sire | Total Listings | Unique Progeny |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Sea the Stars (Ire) | 37 | 30 |
| Pioneerof the Nile | 34 | 20 |
| Mastercraftsman (Ire) | 30 | 25 |
| Old Fashioned | 25 | 20 |
| Colonel John | 24 | 20 |

[Click here to access all Progeny PP Counts lists](#)



HOOD, GOSDEN JOIN WHOA

Racehorse Owners Association UK President Rachel Hood and her husband, trainer John Gosden, have joined the Water Hay Oats Alliance in support of federal legislation prohibiting the use



Gosden & Hood

of raceday medications in America. The WHOA released the following statement from Hood and Gosden: "We are deeply concerned about the pervasive medication of horses in American racing. Horses racing with drugs administered shortly before and on the day of racing is no longer acceptable. Not only does it bring into question the validity of a horse's performance, but it also degrades the breed. International standards demand Thoroughbred racehorses should race on their merits and drug free. American racing is now isolated on the world stage and until it reforms will continue to be questioned and reputationally damaged."

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COUNTDOWN TO THE DERBY: Arthur Hancock

Every few days or so, we get the sad news that another promising 3-year-old has a chip, fracture, or some other ailment that will prevent him from running in the prep races leading up to the Kentucky Derby and the Triple Crown. It was not this way years ago. It is my strongly held opinion that when horses that used to average 45 starts in a lifetime now average only 13, this "Countdown to the Derby" is what we can expect from now on. Unless we stop sticking needles in the jugular veins and knees of these beautiful athletes, it won't be the countdown to the Derby anymore, it will be the countdown to obscurity and oblivion. We are headed that way now and if you don't believe me, check the statistics.

Arthur Hancock
 WHOA Member

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NO DUBAI FOR CIRRUS DES AIGLES

Veteran Group 1 galloper **Cirrus des Aigles (Fr)** (Even Top {Ire}) will bypass this year's Dubai World Cup card with an aim towards a seasonal debut at Longchamp prior to the G1 Prix Ganay at that course May 3.

The 9-year-old gelding was last seen finishing fourth, beaten 1 1/2 lengths, in the G1 Hong Kong Cup in December.

"The horse is perfectly well and perfectly happy, just like always," said trainer Corine Barande-Barbe. "After he came back from Hong Kong, we wanted to give him a full month of relaxation. To go to Dubai would not give him enough time to be completely at his best, so we have decided to leave it this year. We like to go to Dubai every other year, so it might be we try again next year."

Cirrus des Aigles won the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic in 2012 prior to adding that year's Ganay. He was second to Gentildonna (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) in last year's Sheema Classic before reeling off three straight Group 1 victories in Europe: the Ganay over Treve (Fr) (Motivator {GB}), the Prix d'Ispahan over Anodin (Ire) (Anabaa) and the Coronation Cup over Flintshire (GB) (Dansili {GB}).

"He's very fresh and enjoying life, but I'd like to get him back for a race at Longchamp in the spring before we think about the Prix Ganay," Barande-Barbe added.

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Cirrus des Aigles
Racing Post

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J&B Met cont. from p1

Despondent, Louis the King's breeder Philip Kahan headed for the car park, where he happened to run into an old acquaintance, Epsom-born and five-time champion trainer Geoff Woodruff. Woodruff had not come to buy yearlings; he was simply dropping off a parcel for a friend. On enquiring how the sale had been, Kahan regaled him with the story of his friendless colt.

"What do you want for him?" A chance remark, and yet unbeknownst to either, the start of something magical for both Woodruff and the plain bay colt. R60,000 (US\$5,172), the answer came. "Ok I'll take him," Woodruff replied. A glance at the pedigree page, a shake of hands and without having ever seen the horse, Woodruff was Louis The King's new owner.

The rest, as they say, is history. Woodruff found Louis The King the perfect owner in Mr. Louis van der Vyver and in 2014, Louis The King, the horse nobody wanted, became only the second horse in South African racing history to win the Triple Crown. Louis The King would go on to add the G1 Summer Cup over 10 furlongs to his collection of trophies, prompting Woodruff to add, "there is nothing in his pedigree to suggest he could stay, you know. I think it is down to his demeanour--he just switches off."

The other bay colt is Futura (SAf), by Dynasty (SAf), sire of the moment and sire of 2014 Horse of the Year Legislate (SAf), who was scratched from the Met earlier this week. His dam, Scribblin' The Cat (SAf) (Badger's Drift {SAf}) happens to belong to stud manager Guy Murdoch, and hence Futura had an extraordinary upbringing. Conceived at Gary Player's Stud in the



Futura and Bernard Fayd'Herbe splashing through the surf at Muizenberg
Liesl King

Karoo, he was born at Yellow Star Stud in Kwa-Zulu Natal and then raised at Mauritzfontein Stud in the Northern Cape, where Murdoch currently resides. A fair bit of travelling for one so young and Futura's challenges were far from over.

Foals are fragile creatures and retained meconium at birth, a bad bout of diarrhea and a mom whose milk supply was extremely limited, would have meant the end of many a foal. Fortunately, Futura was made of sterner stuff, for after some dedicated care with milk powder and special formulas, the little colt pulled through, only to develop strangles at six months of age.

Today, Futura is a beautiful bright bay, with six victories, including the G1 Champions Cup over nine furlongs and the G1 L'Ormarins Queen's Plate over a mile behind his name. The colt that was never expected to make it has never been out of the first three in 10 starts and today he is joint-favourite for race of the season.

Futura will be ridden by Bernard Fayd'Herbe while Louis The King will have the services of champion jockey Piere Strydom. Drawn in barriers nine and eight, respectively, the two colts and their jockeys are sure to keep a beady eye on each other as the race unfolds. With a merit rating of 109, seven points behind the two colts, their nearest rivals are the evergreen **Gold Onyx (NZ)** (Black Minnaloushe), carrying 129 pounds and drawn in barrier 14, and Woodruff's other two charges **Tellina (SAf)** (Silvano {Ger}) (barrier 3) and **Killua Castle (Aus)** (Churchill Downs {Aus}) (barrier 10). Trained by Sean Tarry, Gold Onyx is a solid campaigner, as his recent third in the Queen's Plate will attest, while Tellina and Killua Castle are no slouches either.

Of the rest, the five runners from Justin Snaith's stable could all hit the board, but the pick of the bunch is probably **Arion (SAf)** (Silvano {Ger}), easy winner of the G2 Glorious Goodwood Peninsula H. over nine furlongs, while **Dynamic (SAf)** (Dynasty {SAf}) ran a sharp second in the 2013 G1 Investec Cape Derby over 10 furlongs on this card before being sidelined with a tendon injury.

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Saturday, Kenilworth, South Africa, post time: 9:45 a.m. ET

J & B MET H.-G1, R2,500,000 (US\$216,045), 3yo/up, 2000mT

| SC | PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | TRAINER | WT |
|----|----|----------------------|-------------------|------------|----------|-----|
| 1 | 4 | Legislate (SAf) | Dynasty (SAf) | Scr | Scr | Scr |
| 2 | 9 | Futura (SAf) | Dynasty (SAf) | Fayd'herbe | Crawford | 132 |
| 3 | 8 | Louis the King (SAf) | Black Minnaloushe | Styrdom | Woodruff | 132 |
| 4 | 14 | Gold Onyx (NZ) | Black Minnaloushe | Behr | Tarry | 129 |
| 5 | 1 | Jet Explorer (SAf) | Jet Master (SAf) | Cheyne | Snaith | 129 |
| 6 | 10 | Killua Castle (Aus) | Chrchll Dns (Aus) | Aucharuz | Woodruff | 129 |
| 7 | 3 | Tellina (SAf) | Silvano (Ger) | Lerena | Woodruff | 129 |
| 8 | 13 | Paterfamilias (SAf) | Trippi | Orffer | Bass | 129 |
| 9 | 12 | Punta Arenas (SAf) | Silvano (Ger) | Domeyer | Elley | 129 |
| 10 | 11 | Astro News (SAf) | Silvano (Ger) | Mxothwa | Snaith | 129 |
| 11 | 6 | Dynamic (SAf) | Dynasty (SAf) | Cormack | Snaith | 129 |
| 12 | 5 | Johnny Rockets (SAf) | Jallad | Byleveld | Snaith | 129 |
| 13 | 2 | Arion (SAf) | Silvano (Ger) | Khumalo | Snaith | 128 |
| 14 | 7 | Power King (SAf) | Silvano (Ger) | Neisius | Kannemyr | 128 |
| 15 | 15 | Helderbrg Blue (SAf) | Jet Master (SAf) | v Niekerk | Bass | 128 |

Saturday, Kenilworth, South Africa, post time: 8:05 a.m. ET

CAPE DERBY-G1, R1,000,000 (US\$86,552), 3yo, 2000mT

| SC | PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | TRAINER |
|----|----|------------------------|--------------------|------------|----------|
| 1 | 1 | Act Of War (SAf) | Dynasty (SAf) | Marcus | Ramsden |
| 2 | 3 | Light The Lights (SAf) | Western Winter | Cheyne | Kotzen |
| 3 | 10 | The Conglomerate (Aus) | Lonhro (Aus) | Strydom | Ramsden |
| 4 | 6 | Ertijaal (Aus) | Hard Spun | Lerena | De Kock |
| 5 | 9 | Liquid Mercury (SAf) | Trippi | Fayd'herbe | Ramsden |
| 6 | 7 | Catkin (SAf) | Horse Chstnt (SAf) | Neisius | Ramsden |
| 7 | 5 | Arniston (SAf) | Dynasty (SAf) | Cormack | Snaith |
| 8 | 4 | Krambambuli (SAf) | Blick Minnaloushe | Domeyer | Govender |
| 9 | 8 | Seven Oceans (SAf) | Sevnth Rock (Aus) | V.Niekerk | Bass |
| 10 | 2 | Bianzino (SAf) | Dynasty (SAf) | Fourie | Snaith |

All carry 128 pounds.



Saturday, Kenilworth, South Africa, post time: 8:45 a.m. ET

MAJORCA S.-G1, R1,000,000 (US\$86,552), 3yo/up, f/m, 1600mT

| SC | PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | TRAINER |
|----|----|-----------------------|---------------------|------------|----------|
| 1 | 6 | Hammie's Hooker (SAf) | Trippi | Fayd'herbe | Bass |
| 2 | 5 | Priceless Jewel (SAf) | Ashaawes | Marcus | Marcus |
| 3 | 3 | Arcetri Pink (Aus) | Rck Of Gbrltr (Ire) | Lerena | Woodruff |
| 4 | 4 | Jet Belle (SAf) | Jet Master (SAf) | Cheyne | Kotzen |
| 5 | 13 | Jet Aglow (SAf) | Jet Master (SAf) | SCR | SCR |
| 6 | 12 | Maybe Yes (SAf) | Tiger Ridge | Orffer | Crawford |
| 7 | 14 | Red Flame (SAf) | Jet Master (SAf) | Khumalo | Bruss |
| 8 | 9 | Jet Supreme (SAf) | Jet Master (SAf) | Fourie | Snaith |
| 9 | 8 | Supreme Sunset (SAf) | Western Winter | Domeyer | Bass |
| 10 | 10 | Acrostar (Aus) | Dnhill Dancer (Ire) | SCR | SCR |
| 11 | 11 | Lanner Falcon (SAf) | Trippi | Neisius | Bass |
| 12 | 7 | Cold As Ice (SAf) | Western Winter | Strydom | Ramsden |
| 13 | 1 | Inara (SAf) | Trippi | V. Niekerk | Bass |
| 14 | 2 | Carry On Alice (SAf) | Captain Al (SAf) | Behr | Tarry |

All carry 132 pounds, bar Cold As Ice, Inara & Carry On Alice, 122.

AUSTRALIA'S BUSIEST COVERING SIRES 2014

| Name | Mares | Farm | Fee (A\$) |
|-------------------------|-------|------------------|-----------|
| Pierro (Aus) | 220 | Coolmore | 77,000 |
| Snitzel (Aus) | 214 | Arrowfield | 71,500 |
| I Am Invincible (Aus) | 211 | Yarraman Park | 27,500 |
| Smart Missile (Aus) | 210 | Arrowfield | 22,000 |
| Sebring (Aus) | 192 | Widden Stud | 60,500 |
| Fastnet Rock (Aus) | 189 | Coolmore | Private |
| Fiorente (Ire) | 186 | Eliza Park Int'l | 17,600 |
| Zoustar (Aus) | 185 | Widden Stud | 44,000 |
| Love Conquers All (Aus) | 181 | Eliza Park Int'l | 11,000 |
| Denman (Aus) | 180 | Darley | 33,000 |

PIERRO BUSIEST STALLION IN AUSTRALIA

Interim statistics released by the Australian Stud Book show Coolmore Stud's Pierro (Aus) (Lonhro {Aus}) as the busiest sire in the country in 2014, with 220 mares covered. As of Jan. 26, the stud book has 509 stallions recorded as standing for 2014, with a completed forecast of 563. In 2013, 621 stallions stood in Australia.

Current records show 18,673 mares covered, with a forecast of 19,117. In 2013, 20,191 mares were



Pierro
Coolmore

covered. Given the forecasted final figures, Jacqueline Stewart, Keeper of the Australian Stud Book, has projected a 2015 foal crop of 13,616, down 3.3% from the 2014 final foal crop estimate of 14,081.

The current stats also show a continued increase in the

prominence of Australian-bred stallions. Of the top 20 stallions by coverings, 18 were Australian-bred, and Australian-bred stallions were responsible for 72% of the total coverings, compared to 70% in 2013. There were 39 shuttle sires that covered 24% of mares compared to 23% in 2013. Twenty-five (5%) of stallions covered books of 150 or more, compared to 23 (4%) in 2013, while 230 (45%) covered less than 10 mares.

"I believe that although there will be a decrease in coverings in the 2014 season, it is a marginal decrease in the context of the current economic conditions and worldwide trends," said Stewart. "The Australian breeding industry is remarkably resilient and the rationalization in the numbers of stallions and broodmares resulting in a decrease in coverings is an economic reality, not systematic of any inherent frailties in the breeding industry."

THREE QUEENSLAND TBREDS FLAGGED FOR COBALT

Cobalt irregularities have been detected in three Thoroughbreds and six Standardbreds in the State of Queensland, Australia, according to *Racing and Sports*. The three Thoroughbreds flagged come from three different stables, but Racing Queensland said it would not release names unless B samples revealed cobalt levels above the permitted threshold.

Despite these instances, Racing Queensland's General Manager of the Stewards and Integrity Operation, Wade Birch, insisted cobalt is not a widespread problem in the state.

"The results of our analysis for cobalt are consistent with what we are seeing generally within this sport and others where a small amount of participants are experimenting with practices they believe will deliver an advantage," he said.

Birch said the samples of the horses in question would be split and sent for referee analysis. These samples were taken between September 2013 and last June. Birch also revealed samples taken from Group 1 races at least year's winter carnival and the Magic Millions raceday earlier this month were clear.

NZB SELECT CLOSES ON PAR

New Zealand Bloodstock wrapped up its three-day Select Yearling Sale yesterday with figures nearly on par with last year. A total of 391 horses changed hands for NZ\$18,304,000 (down from NZ\$19,224,000 last year but with 25 fewer horses sold). The buyback rate of 25% was down marginally from last year's 25.2%, and the average climbed 1.3% to NZ\$46,813. The median was unchanged at NZ\$35,000. The select sale topper at NZ\$525,000 marked a new record for the sale and highlighted the strength at the top of the market; five horses sold for NZ\$200,000 or more this year, compared to one last year.

"We had a solid three days of selling here at Karaka," said NZB's Co-Managing Director Petrea Vela. "By all accounts buyers were very happy with the selection on offer and we saw good competition across the three days, with figures showing this session was very much on par with last year's successful sale." **Cont. p12**



NZB cont.

The top lot yesterday was a NZ\$160,000 son of Savabeel (Aus), currently New Zealand's leading sire. Consigned by Little Avondale Stud, [lot 999](#) is a half to the Group 3-placed Waikaha (NZ) (Towkay {Aus}), and was hammered down to the Hong Kong-based trainer Peter Ho Leung.



Yesterday's session-topping lot 999
NZB

"He's a lovely type of horse, he'll take a bit of time and hopefully he'll be able to run in a Derby someday," said agent Gary Carvill, who did the bidding on behalf of Leung. "Peter's got probably the best Savabeel in Hong Kong called Flame Hero (NZ). This colt's half-brother and half-sister are racing very well, the family is

very current and just keeps producing winners."

Savabeel was responsible for another six-figure transaction on the day when [lot 887](#), a colt from Rich Hill Stud, was purchased by Paul Moroney for NZ\$120,000.

Darley shuttler Iffraaj (GB) currently sits third on New Zealand's sire table, and he was in demand yesterday as well, with [lot 1016](#) selling for NZ\$150,000 to Michael Stedman Bloodstock.

Pins (Aus) was also the sire of a pair of six-figure lots yesterday, namely lots [1033](#) and [883](#), a pair of colts that sold to Wexford Stables and WC Lim for NZ\$140,000 and NZ\$125,000, respectively. Australian trainer Tony Noonan spent NZ\$115,000 on a colt by first-season sire Jimmy Choux (NZ), a winner of five Group 1s. The leading first-season sire of the sale was Coolmore's Pour Moi (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}), who shuttles to Windsor Park Stud in New Zealand and had 13 sell for an average of NZ\$51,923 and a top price of NZ\$140,000.

Local trainer Donna Logan, who conditions last weekend's Karaka 3YO Mile winner Volkstok'n'barrel (NZ) (Tavistock {NZ}) was the leading buyer at the Select sale, with eight purchased for NZ\$551,500.


"It's been a great sale today with some great quality and some really outstanding individuals," she said. "Volkstok'n'barrell was obviously bought here, but I think if you look at our records for the past 10 years we've done some very good purchasing out of this sale."

She continued, "I've spent more than I've ever spent, but I've got the client base to back me and people have got more confidence in us as we have got good results out of horses that we've bought through these sales."

The final session of the NZB National Yearling Sale Series takes place tomorrow with the one-day Festival sale. For catalogues, results and live streaming, visit www.nzb.co.nz.

NZB SELECT SALE DAY THREE TOP LOTS

| Lot | Sex | Sire | Dam | Price (NZ\$) |
|--|-----|------------------|---|--------------|
| 999 | c | Savabeel (Aus) | Harinui (NZ) <i>B-C R Grace</i> | 160,000 |
| Consigned by Little Avondale Stud Purchased by Mr Peter Ho Leung | | | | |
| 1016 | c | Iffraaj (GB) | Indian Sky (Aus) <i>(Walking video)</i> | 150,000 |
| <i>B-A Brow, T B R Dixon, D L Gould & Hauanui Bloodstock Ltd</i> Consigned by Hauanui Farm Purchased by Michael Stedman Bloodstock | | | | |
| 1033 | c | Pins (Aus) | Just Be Cos (NZ) <i>(Walking video)</i> | 140,000 |
| <i>B-Waikato Stud Ltd</i> Consigned by Waikato Stud Purchased by Wexford Stables | | | | |
| 883 | c | Pins (Aus) | Centelise (NZ) <i>(Walking video)</i> | 125,000 |
| <i>B-Waikato Stud Ltd</i> Consigned by Waikato Stud Purchased by Mr WC Lim | | | | |
| 887 | c | Savabeel (Aus) | Charmaine (NZ) <i>(Walking video)</i> | 120,000 |
| <i>B-P J B Smith</i> Consigned by Rich Hill Stud Purchased by Paul Moroney Bloodstock | | | | |
| 962 | c | Jimmy Choux (NZ) | Floramour (Aus) <i>B-Nearco Stud Limited</i> | 115,000 |
| Consigned by Curraghmore Stud Purchased by Mr AW Noonan | | | | |



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| CUMULATIVE | 2015 | 2014 |
|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Catalogued | 592 | 613 |
| No. Offered | 521 | 556 |
| No. Sold | 391 | 416 |
| RNAs | 130 | 140 |
| % RNAs | 25% | 25.2% |
| High Price | NZ\$525,000 | NZ\$200,000 |
| Gross | NZ\$18,304,000 | NZ\$19,224,000 |
| Average (% change) | NZ\$46,813 (+1.3%) | NZ\$46,212 |
| Median (% change) | NZ\$35,000 | NZ\$35,000 |



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NY FOAL CROP FIGURES CONTINUE TO GROW

by Mike Kane

New York's foal crop grew again last year--a jump of 4.4%--according to figures compiled by the state's Thoroughbred Breeding and Development Fund.

The stat, showing 1,603 live births, up from 1,534, is included in the annual report compiled by the fund's executive director, Tracy Egan, for New York Governor Andrew Cuomo and the state Legislature. The fund is required to submit the report by the end of January.

While the size of the national foal crop has been in decline and most state totals are down, New York continues to buck the trend. The opening of



New York-bred Upstart (Flatter), winner of the recent GII Holy Bull S.
Lauren King

the video lottery terminal (VLT) at Aqueduct Racetrack in 2011 produced long-anticipated revenue for the New York Racing Association and for the breeding fund and sparked the revival of the breeding business in the state.

"It's a positive sign," said Jeffrey Cannizzo, the executive director of the New York Thoroughbred Breeders Inc. and member of the fund's board. "I think it was an expected sign for those close to the New York breeding scene. Seeing a 4% spike in the foal crop from 2013 is right where I thought we'd be. I've said for a few years now that I don't think New York was going to see a dramatic change from year to year.

"A better way to look at this is what has happened since our smallest foal crop on record, which was back in '11 with a little over 1,200 foals. That's a 30% increase from 2011 to 2014 and that's the scale I tend to look at. It's a long-term process to better New York breeding with our regional program. Year to year, from '13 to '14, a 4% increase fits in well."

In August 2013, the Jockey Club projected that the 2014 national foal crop would be 22,000. New York's percentage of the national foal crop climbed over six percent in 2012 and could crack 7% in 2014.

"To line us up with the national scene, this is fantastic news," Cannizzo said. "With the foal crop being down nationally and ours being up 4%, the picture in New York state is very rosy."

Based on reports of mares bred last year, Cannizzo said he expects the 2015 New York foal crop will be similar to the 2014 figures.

The passage of the VLT legislation in 2001 led to a dramatic growth in the New York foal crops. The combination of the 10-year delay in the opening of the casino at Aqueduct and the international recession dealt a devastating blow to the New York breeding business. Thanks to increases in purses and breeders' awards administered by the fund, it has bounced back in this decade.

MONMOUTH RELEASES STAKES SCHEDULE

Monmouth Park will hold 17 graded stakes worth \$3.5 million during its 2015 meet, highlighted by the \$1-million Haskell Invitational Sunday, Aug. 2, during its 2015 meet. The Oceanport, NJ, oval also announced that its bonus program for owners and trainers will continue at this year's 58-day meet. All trainers will receive a \$300 bonus for every non-state-bred starter regardless of surface, and owners will receive a minimum of \$700 for every non-state-bred dirt starter and a minimum of \$500 for every open turf runner. Haskell day will also feature the GII Monmouth Cup, GIII WinStar Matchmaker S. and GIII Metropolitan Jets Oceanport S. The GI United Nations S. will take place July 5. Monmouth Park's meet kicks off May 9 and concludes Sept. 27. Click [here](#) for the complete stakes schedule.

OBS MARCH TO BE HELD OVER TWO DAYS

The Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's March Sale of 2-Year-Olds in training will be held Tuesday, Mar. 17 and Wednesday, Mar. 18, it was announced yesterday. The sale was originally scheduled to take place over three days in 2015. Selling will begin both days at 11 a.m. There will be three under-tack sessions, rather than the two originally planned, Mar. 11 through 13, starting at 8 a.m. "With just over 600 horses in the catalog, two sale sessions will be more beneficial for both buyers and sellers," said OBS president Tom Ventura. "Three under-tack sessions provide flexibility to adapt to weather conditions and affords buyers more time in the afternoon to evaluate potential purchases. The extended under-tack format was well received last year." OBS director of sales Tod Wojciechowski added, "The goal when we set out to expand the sale was to continue to attract the quality offerings expected at OBS March while adding another group of precocious and athletic horses. The response has been excellent and reflected in the catalog." The OBS March catalog will be available online early next week at obssales.com.

CORRECTION: Friday's *TDN* incorrectly listed the breeder of the session-topping short yearling at the OBS Winter Mixed Sale. The colt, by Tiz Wonderful, was bred in Kentucky by Troy Rankin. We regret the error.

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LADIES H., \$100,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m

| PP HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | TRAINER | ML |
|-------------------|------------------|----------|------------|------|
| 1 Moment in Dixie | Dixieland Band | Alvarado | Toner | 7-2 |
| 2 Belle Gallantey | After Market | Franco | Rodriguez | 7-5 |
| 3 Penwith | Bernardini | Jara | McLaughlin | 2-1 |
| 4 Holiday's Jewel | Harlan's Holiday | Arroyo | Friedman | 15-1 |
| 5 Shayjolie | Indian Charlie | J. Ortiz | Contessa | 6-1 |

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Yesterday's Results:

REGO PARK S., \$125,000, AQU, 1-30, (S), 3yo, 6f, 1:12 4/5, ft.

1--#SARATOGA DREAMER, 116, c, 3, by [Elusive Quality](#)
 1st Dam: St Francis Wood (SP-Eng), by Irish River (Fr)
 2nd Dam: Francisco Road, by Strawberry Road (Aus)
 3rd Dam: Brocaro, by Mr. Prospector
 (\$95,000 RNA yrl '13 KEESSEP). O-Peter Deutsch;
 B-Aynsford Holdings LLC (NY); T-Christophe Clement;
 J-Irad Ortiz Jr. \$75,000. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0,
 \$120,603.

Another Big Fish from **BLUEWATER**
Stephens Thoroughbreds Graduate

2--Regal Minister, 122, c, 3, [Posse](#)--Dattts Regal, by Mr. Greeley. O-DATTT Stable. \$25,000.
 3--Drama King, 116, c, 3, Nobiz Like Shobiz--Winters Bell, by Winter Glitter. (\$13,000 2yo '14 OBSJUN; \$8,000 RNA wlng '12 KEENOV). O-Lady Luck Stable. \$12,500.
 Margins: NK, 4 1/4, 2HF. Odds: 3.35, 5.20, 14.70.
 Also Ran: Breakin the Fever, Agent Van Alden, Deficit Hawk, Chasing Bubbles.

Saratoga Dreamer ran to the money as the 3-1 favorite in his debut sprinting versus Empire-breds over the Saratoga lawn Aug. 20, then failed to deliver as the



Saratoga Dreamer
 NYRA/Coglianesse

3-2 chalk when last of eight after an awkward break in Woodbine's GII Summer S. going a mile Sept. 13. Trying dirt for the first time and also adding Lasix here, Saratoga Dreamer fired a four-furlong warning shot in :47 1/5 (1/6) over the inner track Jan. 25. The second choice secured a good early position in fourth along the rail, was swung out three wide on the far turn and came with a sustained stretch rally to reel in the pacesetter for a narrow score. Deficit Hawk (Midnight Lute), favored at 3-5 off a first-out maiden score here Jan. 2, was a disappointing sixth.

"The horse had trained spectacularly on the dirt in Florida," winning trainer Christophe Clement said. "I was thinking about a race here for him, but it got cancelled. I saw this race and was able to get him up there to run in it. Before he ever ran, he trained so well on the grass I felt I had to run him on the grass. The second time, I tried stretching him out to a mile, but he acted up badly



Saratoga Dreamer as a yearling
 Bluewater/ThoroStride

behind the gate. He probably wants to sprint at this stage. He'll come back to Florida for a freshening and return to New York in the spring." Click for the [Brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).

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TODAY'S INSIGHTS

2nd-GP, \$45K, Msw, 3yo, f, 5 1/2f, 12:59 p.m. ET

Glencrest Farm and JSM Equine picked up **THEPARTYNEVERENDS** ([Smart Strike](#)) for \$700,000 after she breezed a furlong in :09 4/5 at the Fasig Tipton Florida sale last March. Trained by Todd Pletcher, the first-time starter is a half-sister to SW & MGSP Laurie's Rocket (Bluegrass Cat), and SW Greeley's Rocket (Mr. Greeley). Trainer Jimmy Jerkens saddles another newcomer in Peter Blum Thoroughbreds homebred **Spark** ([Speightstown](#)). The chestnut is a half-sister to SW & GSP Supreme (Empire Maker) and his dam is a full sister to GI Kentucky Derby winner Monarchos (Maria's Mon). [Click for Brisnet.com PPs](#).

3rd-SA, \$56K, Msw, 3yo, 5 1/2f, 4:30 p.m. ET

Hall of Famer Bob Baffert unveils a full-brother to newly crowned champion female sprinter and GI Breeders' Cup F/M Sprint heroine Judy the Beauty in **Z BESHA** ([Ghostzapper](#)). Zayat Stables snagged the gray for just \$125,000 at the Fasig-Tipton August sale. Hronis Racing went to \$560,000 to acquire **Yiannis** ([Midshipman](#)) at the OBS March sale after the ridgling worked a panel in :09 4/5. The bay is out of a daughter of MSW Sara's Success (Concorde's Tune), who also produced MGSW & MGISP Amen Hallelujah (Montbrook). The John Sadler trainee has been working well in preparation for this debut, including a six-panel bullet two works back in 1:12 4/5 here Jan. 18. [Click for Brisnet.com PPs](#).

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Florida

Yesterday's Results:

9th-GPX, \$43,800, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$75,000), NW1X, 3yo, f, 5fT, :55 4/5, fm.

SPANISH PIPE DREAM (f, 3, [Scat Daddy](#)--Doc's Leading Lady, by Doc's Leader), a \$125,000 FTKJUL yearling buy, wasted no time showing her talent with wire-to-wire score going 4 1/2 furlongs on debut over the all-weather surface at Keeneland Apr. 24. Sent to Royal Ascot for the five-furlong G2 Queen Mary S. June 18, the bay finished fourth in a field of 21--ultimately her final start of 2014. Hammered down to 4-5 favoritism for this return to the races, Spanish Pipedream charged to the front and led the field through a quarter-mile in :21.51. Asked for more turning for home, she turned back a challenge from longshot Kait's Great (Wildcat Heir) and prevailed by a measured length over that rival. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$64,289. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).

O-Hat Creek Racing. B-Hurstland Farm Inc & James H Greene Jr (KY). T-Wesley A Ward.

 **Hurstland Farm foaled, raised and sold** 

7th-GPX, \$44,500, Msw, 4yo/up, 7 1/2fT, 1:29 2/5, fm.

SUM UP (c, 4, [In Summation](#)--Roger's Sue, by Forestry) closed to be second by a neck behind Melville (Street Cry {Ire}) in his debut over this same trip and surface Dec. 26. Tabbed as the 7-5 favorite for this second try, the chestnut tracked the pace along the rail behind a half-mile in :47.18 and searched for running room on the far turn. Hemmed in until mid-stretch, Sum Up dove to the rail and rallied to earn victory by a nose in a three-horse photo finish. Fair Prospect (Exclusive Quality) edged out Easement (War Chant) for place honors. Tiz My Way (Tiznow), a full-brother to MGISW Tizway, scratched. The winner, whose sire was campaigned by these connections, is a half-brother to Turbulent Descent (Congrats), MGISW, \$1,211,640. His third dam is MGISW Gorgeous (Slew O'Gold), who finished second to Bayakoa (Arg) in the 1989 GI Breeders' Cup Distaff. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$34,560. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).

O-Waterford Stable. B-SF Bloodstock (FL). T-Christophe Clement.

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Eastern U.S.

Yesterday's Results:

4th-LRL, \$48,160, Msw, 3yo, 5 1/2f, 1:04 4/5, gd. JACKSON P (c, 3, [Two Punch](#)--Potomac Bend {GSW, \$149,345}, by Polish Numbers), a \$37,000 FTMSEP yearling turned \$87,000 FTMMAY juvenile purchase, cut the pace and held on determinedly to be second in his 5 1/2-panel unveiling at odds of 2-1 here Dec. 20. Bet down to 1-5 favoritism for this second try, the grey broke on top and led the field along the rail through a half-mile in :46.32. Jackson P pulled clear from the others entering the lane and drew off to register a 1 1/2-length victory over a late-rallying Hickory Hill (Congrats). The winner's dam won her first three starts--including a pair of stakes--here prior to annexing the GIII Cicada S. at Aqueduct in 1999. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$39,510. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).

O-Stony Brook Stables. B-Dr & Mrs Thomas Bowman, Dutrow Thoroughbred Ent Inc & Rebecca Davis (MD). T-Cathal A Lynch.

 2YO purchase by Xavier Int'l Bloodstock 

 **IT PAYS TO BREED MARYLAND-BREDS** 

Thursday Night's Results:

7th-CTX, \$27,000, Alw, (S), 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:17 3/5, ft.

LUCY'S BOB BOY (g, 6, [Flatter](#)--Love for Lucy {MSP}, by Not for Love), a winner in 21 of his previous 28 Charles Town appearances and the track record holder at today's distance, reeled off three consecutive wins here last summer, capped by a 7 1/4-length score in a restricted handicap going 1 1/16 miles Sept. 20. Second by a half-length to fellow local stalwart Russell Road (Wheaton) in the nine-furlong West Virginia Breeders' Classic Oct. 18, he returned to annex the A Huevo S. for state-breds over that same distance Nov. 22. The chestnut concluded his 2014 campaign Dec. 6 with a runner-up finish in a 1 1/16-mile allowance over a muddy track at Laurel. Hammered down to 2-5 favoritism for this cutback in distance, the homebred broke alertly from the rail and dictated the pace through a half-mile in :46 flat. Lucy's Bob Boy easily shook clear from his rivals on the far turn and coasted home to a comfortable 3 3/4-length victory. Allegheny Jack (Reparations) and In the Fairway (Posse) dead-heated for the place spot. Love for Lucy is the dam of a yearling full-brother to Lucy's Bob Boy. Lifetime Record: MSW, 33-22-5-0, \$891,445. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).

O-Michael Furr. B-Robert W Furr Sr (WV). T-Sandra A Dono.

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Central U.S.

Saturday, Oaklawn Park, post time: 5:38 p.m. EDT

MARTHA WASHINGTON S., \$100,000, 3yo, f, 1m

| PP HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | TRAINER | ML |
|----------------------|--------------------|-----------|----------|------|
| 1 Perfect Fit | Majesticperfection | Berry | Calhoun | 8-1 |
| 2 Cape Town Stevie | Stephen Got Even | Esquivel | Mullins | 30-1 |
| 3 High Dollar Woman | Super Saver | Rocco Jr. | Dutrow | 6-1 |
| 4 Indian Annie | Indian Charlie | Santana | Asmussen | 7-2 |
| 5 Sarah Sis | Sharp Humor | Felix | Mason | 5-1 |
| 6 Take Charge Brandi | Giant's Causeway | Court | Lukas | 1-1 |
| 7 Sweet Corinna | Corinthian | Hill | Casse | 10-1 |

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Willis Horton's recently crowned champion Take Charge Brandi makes her seasonal bow in this spot for Hall of Famer D. Wayne Lukas. The **"TDN Rising Star"** threw her hat in the ring for year-end honors with a 61-1 upset of the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Nov. 1, and sealed the deal with victories in the GIII Delta Downs Princess S. Nov. 22 and the GI Starlet S. Dec. 13. "When you're the champion, and you're on a roll like she is, you're not going to dodge anybody, nor is there any place to hide," Lukas said. "Every race we run in from here on out is going to get tougher." The veteran conditioner added, "We as trainers use that as an excuse because it's an easy one. Well, she needed the race.' But the reality of it is, I expect her to run better."

Yesterday's Results:

8th-OPX, \$60,500, Alw, NW1X, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:38 1/5, ft.

STREET STRATEGY (c, 4, [Street Sense--Spoken Softly, by Notebook](#)) began his career here last winter with a runner-up finish traveling six panels, and graduated next out when extended to today's distance with a 6 1/2-length score over subsequent GIII Illinois Derby winner Dynamic Impact (Tiznow). Sixth in the Mar. 15 Gil Rebel S. after a wide journey around the opening bend, he was put on the shelf for the remainder of the year. Displaying a consistent string of works dating back to early December in preparation for this return to the races, the grey was sent postward as the 2-1 second choice. Street Strategy tracked the pace closely through a half-mile in :47.70 and punched through an opening to take command on the far turn. Ridden out through the stretch, he coasted home to notch a 4 1/4-length victory. Lasting Impact (Broken Vow) was second best. The winner's dam is a full to MGISW Spoken Fur (Notebook). Sales history: \$30,000 yrl '12 KEESEP; \$425,000 2yo '13 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$84,300. Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).

O-Iron Horse Racing LLC (Clark). B-Glencrest Farm LLC & Darley (KY). T-Randy L Morse.

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5th-FGX, \$40,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$17,500), NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m70y, 1:44 1/5, ft.

CALI STAR (f, 4, [Street Cry {Ire}--Graeme Six {GSW & GISP, \\$338,854}](#), by Graeme Hall) began her career in the Bill Mott barn bearing the colors of Three Chimneys Farm and Besilu Stables, and graduated in her seventh career try for those connections going seven panels at Keeneland Oct. 25. Sold to these connections for \$175,000 at the Keeneland November sale, she returned from a brief freshening to run second in the one-mile, off-the-turf Pago Hop S. here Dec. 27. Most recently fifth in an allowance after a wide trip over a grassy mile here Jan. 10, Cali Star was sent postward as the even-money favorite for this shift back to dirt. The chestnut raced in mid-pack behind a half-mile in :49.54 and bid four wide for the lead turning for home. Gaining command in the final furlong, she held safe a 1 1/4-length margin over Comfort Level (Mizzen Mast) on the wire. Lifetime Record: 10-2-5-0, \$115,010. Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).

O-Ben P Walden Jr & Larry Taylor. B-Besilu Stables LLC (KY). T-Alice G Cohn.

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4th-FGX, \$38,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$30,000), NW2L, (S), 3yo, f, a1mT, 1:41 2/5, fm.

PACIFIC PINK (f, 3, [Private Vow--Truly Romantic, by Robyn Dancer](#)), a debut winner going 5 1/2 furlongs here Nov. 21, was third when stretched to a mile Jan. 4. Making her first attempt on grass here, she vied for early command, took off on the far turn and reported home a four-length victress. Pacific Pink is a half to Prospect of Love (Suave Prospect), SW, \$159,960; and Fearless Leader (Suave Prospect), SW & GSP, \$216,485. Sales history: \$11,500 yrl '13 ESLOCT; \$90,000 2yo '14 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$50,600. Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).

O-Keith Plaisance. B-Brandon Adcock (LA). T-Edward J Johnston.

7th-OPX, \$60,000, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 4/5, ft. + RADIANT RUBY (f, 4, [Tale of the Cat--Throw to Home, by Grand Slam](#)), off at 16-1 here, stamped herself as one to watch with an impressive performance at first asking here. Steadied soon after the start, she raced in ninth through fractions of :22.26 and :46.63. Radiant Ruby began to advance from the back entering the far turn, kept the momentum rolling with a sweeping move while at least six wide around the bend and impressively kept on coming on the outside to win going away by 3 3/4 lengths. Star Sighting (Malibu Moon), favored at 8-5, was second. The winner's dam is a half-sister to GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. winner Santiva (Giant's Causeway). Sales history: \$55,000 wlng '11 KEENOV; \$100,000 yrl '12 FTKJUL; \$135,000 2yo '13 FTFMAR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$36,000. Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).

O/T-William B VanMeter. B-Blandford Stud (KY).

Bred and Sold by Blandford Stud



9th-OPX, \$60,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:10 1/5, ft. SUPER SAKS (f, 3, Sky Mesa--Broadway Debut, by Unbridled's Song) never factored in her first three attempts last year, posting her third straight last-place finish going two turns at Churchill Nov. 29. Freshened, the gray looked like a new filly in her local debut staying on for third after setting a hot pace in the Dixie Belle S. Jan. 15. With a bullet five-furlong workout under her belt in the interim, she was favored at 3-5 to break through here. On the engine through fractions of :21.87 and :45.17, Super Saks dropped the hammer in the stretch to graduate by 11 lengths. Zealous Madame (More Than Ready) was second. Sales history: \$80,000 wIng '12 KEENOV; \$250,000 yrl '13 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: SP, 5-1-0-1, \$46,706. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).

O-Robert C Baker & William L Mack. B-Kennelot Stables Ltd (KY). T-D Wayne Lukas.

Broken and Trained by Randy Bradshaw

LANE'S END Sales Graduate

7th-FGX, \$39,000, Msw, 3yo, 6f, 1:10 3/5, ft. DEFONDO (g, 3, El Corredor--Blue Hills {SW, \$309,029}, by Cure the Blues), second in his Churchill Downs unveiling Nov. 30, finished fourth last time here in a sloppy 5 1/2-panel off the turfer Dec. 27. The 9-5 chalk sat right on the heels of the leader in a ground-saving third through early splits of :22.21 and :46.07. Tipped out three-wide in the lane, the bay gelding surged clear in the final furlong to don cap and gown by a visually impressive 3 1/4 lengths. Dion (Distorted Humor) completed the exacta. Firster Apocalypse (Candy Ride {Arg}--Twist Afleet) showed some late interest to finish a well-beaten fourth. Sales history: \$29,000 yrl '13 KEEJAN; \$55,000 yrl '13 FTKJUL; \$170,000 2yo '14 FTMMAY. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$32,820. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#). O-West Point Thoroughbreds. B-Mr & Mrs Bertram R Firestone (VA). T-Dallas Stewart.

Kip Elser's KIRKWOOD STABLES

"Rosie Day" Scheduled at Fair Grounds:

Fair Grounds Race Course will hold a celebration for the track's four-time leading rider Rosie Napravnik Feb. 21, it announced in a release. "Rosie Day" will coincide, fittingly, with Louisiana Derby Preview Day presented by Lamarque Ford, a day on which Napravnik captured three editions of the GIII Mineshaft H. and three runnings of the GIII Rachel Alexandra S.-including two with subsequent GI Kentucky Oaks winners Untapable (Tapit) and Believe You Can (Proud Citizen). Between 12:30 and 2 p.m., up to 500 fans will be able to purchase a commemorative photo for \$10 that can be personalized and autographed by Napravnik while supplies last. All proceeds from the sale of autographed photographs will benefit a pair of Napravnik's favorite charities. Napravnik, having won four consecutive leading rider titles at Fair Grounds, announced her retirement in October in the winner's

circle at Santa Anita after guiding Untapable to a win in the GI Breeders' Cup Distaff. She and her husband, trainer Joe Sharp, are expecting their first child as a couple in June. Napravnik earned more than \$15.4 million in purses at Fair Grounds over the last four seasons, won both the GII Louisiana Derby and GII Fair Grounds Oaks twice, and captured a total of 49 stakes races, including 13 graded events, at the New Orleans racetrack.

California

Yesterday's Results:

3rd-SAX, \$58,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$80,000), NW1\$X, 3yo, 1m, 1:35 3/5, ft.

PROSPECT PARK (c, 3, Tapit--Quiet Romance, by Bertrando), sixth on debut over the Del Mar synthetic July 26, finished second to **★ "TDN Rising Star" ★** One Lucky Dane (Lookin at Lucky) next out going a mile on the dirt here Oct. 4. Third to Bronze Star (Tapit) and GIII Sham S. third Pioneerof the West (Pioneerof the Nile) going 1 1/16 miles here three weeks later, the dark bay earned his diploma last time over this track and trip Dec. 27.

Always traveling strongly while saving ground from fourth in this five-horse affair, the 7-2 shot was on hold in search of room in upper stretch, but split rivals at the eighth pole and sailed clear under a hand ride to score a



Prospect Park
Benoit Photo

geared-down 5 1/4-length victory. St. Joe Bay (Saint Anddan) was the runner-up, while heavily favored The Gomper (Sky Mesa) could only manage fourth. "We want to stretch him back out of course, today was more about conditions," said winning trainer Clifford Sise Jr. "We wanted to school him, take him back a little bit and it worked out. Now we'll be looking at different races throughout the country for him and we'll try to get some [GI] Kentucky Derby [qualifying] points...If that goes well, then who knows?" The winner is half to Silent Sighs (Benchmark), GISW, \$442,700; and Proposed (Benchmark), MGSW, \$567,600. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, \$86,570. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#). O/B-Pam & Martin Wygod (KY). T-Clifford W Sise Jr.

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5th-SAX, \$56,750, Msw, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:36, ft. TWENTYTWENTYVISION (g, 4, Pollard's Vision--Miss Alphie, by Candi's Gold), a half to Alphie's Bet (Tribal Rule), GSW, \$303,670; and Unusual Heatwave (Unusual Heat), MSW, \$488,752, was backed down to 8-5 off a late-running third going six panels here Jan. 4. The bay stalked from second early before dropping back a spot or two while out in the clear entering the far turn. Given his cue approaching the quarter pole, the chalk struck the front with giant strides in upper stretch and leveled off nicely to best Nowalking (Hard Spun) by 2 1/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$40,320. Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).
 O-Ellen & Peter O Johnson. B-Peter O Johnson (KY). T-Richard E Mandella.

Basketball Charity Game Set for Feb. 12:

The 48th annual Santa Anita Jockeys vs. Holy Angels School Charity Basketball Game will take place Thursday, Feb. 12, at La Salle High School in Pasadena with proceeds to benefit the Holy Angels athletic program, the Kentucky-based Permanently Disabled Jockeys Fund (PDJF) and the Eye on Jacob Foundation, Santa Anita announced in a release. Sponsored by J. Paul Reddam's CashCall and Santa Anita Park, game time is 7:15 p.m., with admission doors opening at 6:15 p.m. Hall of Fame jockeys Kent Desormeaux, Laffit Pincay, Jr., Mike Smith, Alex Solis and Gary Stevens will be available for an autograph signing session beginning at 6:30 p.m. "We look forward to this game every year," said rider Corey Nakatani. "The game is fun for everyone, the jocks, the Holy Angels kids, all of our families and the fans that come to support us. It's a great night where we can all get together, have fun and help raise money for some great causes. I've really enjoyed it over the years." Tickets are \$5 per person, and for every two tickets purchased, individuals receive one free admission ticket to Santa Anita.



JIMMY CREED (Distorted Humor--Hookedonthefeelin, by Citidancer), winner of the 2012 GI Malibu S. and 2013 GII Potrero Grande S. A \$900,000 KEESEP yearling out of GISW Hookedonthefeelin (Citidancer), he is a half to MGISW Pussycat Doll (Real Quiet). Jimmy Creed earned \$439,250 from a 10-4-2-2 record and stands at Spendthrift Farm for a 2015 fee of \$12,000, stands and nurses. He is being offered on a limited basis through Spendthrift's Breed Secure program.
 ● Rush to War (Majestic Warrior) produced a filly in Wilmington, OH bred by Dr. Dan and Trish Yates Jan. 17. "She is a very nice filly," said Dr. Dan Yates. "She has a nice body, powerfully built, and glides over the ground. She should be a really nice yearling."

ROOKIES

First/second-crop starters to watch: Saturday, Jan. 31
*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2010 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

AFLEET EXPRESS (Afleet Alex), Gainesway, \$5K, 49/5/0
 9-FG, Msw, 6f, Flick of an Eye, \$70K RNA OBS APR 2yo, 9-2

BLAME (Arch), Claiborne, \$30K, 152/9/0
 4-TP, Msw, 1m, Hollywood Critic, 2-1

CHARITABLE MAN (Lemon Drop Kid), Taylor Mountain Farm, \$4K, 80/6/0
 2-CT, Msw, 7f, Double Bogey Blues, 10-1

DESERT PARTY (Street Cry {Ire}), Sequel, \$8K, 115/9/2
 4-TP, Msw, 1m, Stormy Desire, \$22K RNA FTK JUL yrl, 15-1

ESKENDEREYA (Giant's Causeway), Taylor Made, \$18K, 194/14/0
 2-TAM, Msw, 1m, +Quiet Ray, \$540K KEE SEP yrl, 15-1
 8-SA, Stk, 1m, Mio Me, \$130K KEE SEP yrl, 15-1
 2-GP, Msw, 5 1/2f, Cali Thirty Seven, \$52K OBS MAR 2yo, 15-1

HOLD ME BACK (Giant's Causeway), Winstar, \$6K, 153/9/1
 3-SA, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Commute, \$50K OBS AUG yrl, 8-1
 9-PRX, Alw, 6f, Truth in the Lies, \$35K KEE SEP yrl, 5-1
 2-AQU, Msw, 6f, Black Tide, \$50K OBS APR 2yo, 8-1

KANTHAROS (Lion Heart), Ocala Stud, \$5K, 74/19/1
 11-TAM, Stk, 1 1/16m, Brother Bobo, \$95K OBS APR 2yo, 20-1

KISS THE KID (Lemon Drop Kid), Journeyman, \$4K, 30/0/0
 9-SA, Msw, 1mT, Just Kidding, \$110K OBS OPN 2yo, 4-1

LINE OF DAVID (Lion Heart), Spendthrift Farm, \$6K, 90/10/1
 9-FG, Msw, 6f, Carolina Jasmine, \$60K OBS APR 2yo, 2-1

LOOKIN AT LUCKY (Smart Strike), Ashford Stud, \$15K, 175/31/3
 7-OP, Msw, 1 1/16m, Leitrim, 5-2
 8-SA, Stk, 1m, Maybellene, \$140K KEE SEP yrl, 3-1
 2-GP, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Lucky Boots, 20-1
 5-GP, Msw, 5fT, Asia, 8-1
 6-FG, Msw, 1mT, Lu Rae's Lucky Sky, 5-1

MAJESTICPERFECTION (Harlan's Holiday), Airdrie Stud, \$10K, 124/21/2
 7-OP, Msw, 1 1/16m, Perfectly, 9-2
 8-OP, Stk, 1m, Perfect Fit, \$34K FTK OCT yrl, 8-1
 9-FG, Msw, 6f, Chanteline, \$130K KEE NOV wnl, 9-2
 2-GP, Msw, 5 1/2f, Magic Reider, \$230K KEE SEP yrl, 4-1

MIDSHIPMAN (Unbridled's Song), Darley, \$8K, 117/19/2
 3-TAM, Aoc, 6f, Big Bad Max, \$7K EAS SEP yrl, 20-1
 11-TAM, Stk, 1 1/16m, Coomer, 20-1
 9-PRX, Alw, 6f, Avast, \$140K KEE SEP yrl, 15-1
 3-SA, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Yiannis, \$560K OBS MAR 2yo, 2-1

MUNNINGS (Speightstown), Ashford Stud, \$10K, 165/32/4
 11-TAM, Stk, 1 1/16m, Catalina Red, \$71K OBS APR 2yo, 4-1

STREET MAGICIAN (Street Cry {Ire}), Heritage Stallions, \$3K, 57/6/2
 9-PRX, Alw, 6f, Rockin Jojo, \$42K RNA OBS APR 2yo, 5-2

SUPER SAVER (Maria's Mon), Winstar, \$20K, 203/19/4
 8-OP, Stk, 1m, High Dollar Woman, \$675K OBS MAR 2yo, 6-1
 9-FG, Msw, 6f, Super Stylish, \$75K KEE SEP yrl, 8-1

TALE OF EKATI (Tale of the Cat), Darby Dan Farm, \$15K, 127/17/1
 6-FG, Msw, 1mT, Tale of Beauceette, 7-2
 6-TP, Stk, 6 1/2f, Ekati Told Me, \$31K FTK FEB yrl, 50-1

TEMPLE CITY (Dynaformer), Spendthrift Farm, \$5K, 161/11/3
 6-FG, Msw, 1mT, +Time Catcher, \$20K KEE SEP yrl, 12-1
 9-SA, Msw, 1mT, Nakamoto, \$77K OBS APR 2yo, 9-2

WARRIOR'S REWARD (Medaglia d'Oro), Spendthrift Farm, \$13K, 173/17/1
 9-FG, Msw, 6f, +Speak Softly, \$180K FTK JUL yrl, 12-1



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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

6th-LRL, \$47,000, Opt. Clm. (\$32,000-\$28,000), NW3X, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:23 2/5, gd.

CUTTY SHARK (g, 4, Old Fashioned--A Sea Trippi {MSW, \$334,734}, by Trippi) Lifetime Record: MSP, 19-5-3-2, \$173,486. O-Leslie Ruth & Barbara J Houck. B-Bridlewood Farm (FL). T-Donald H Barr. *\$38,000 yrl '12 KEESEP; \$70,000 2yo '13 FTMMAY; \$20,000 RNA yrl '12 KEEJAN.

7th-LRL, \$45,000, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000-\$20,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10 2/5, gd.

NEGRITO (g, 4, Wildcat Heir--White Ruffle {MSP}, by Vigers) Lifetime Record: 11-3-4-3, \$117,820. O-Germania Farms Inc. B-Jacarie Farm (FL). T-Timothy J Tullock Jr. *\$20,000 RNA yrl '12 OBSJAN. **1/2 to Gun Boat (Congrats), GSP, \$111,600.

8th-LRL, \$43,386, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:25 1/5, gd.

MISS MOONSHINE (m, 5, Malibu Moon--Shiny Sheet {MSW & GSP, \$543,432}, by Press Card) Lifetime Record: 12-2-3-2, \$83,862. O-Country Life Farm. B-Haymarket Farm LLC (KY). T-Michael J Trombetta. *\$70,000 wlng '10 KEENOV; \$56,000 yrl '11 FTMOCT. **1/2 to Small Town Talk (Yes It's True), GSP, \$216,640.

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8th-FGX, \$38,000, NW1X, 4yo/up, a1mT, 1:39, fm. **AQTAAR (g, 7, Smart Strike--Ashraakat {MSW & GSP-GB}, by Danzig)** Lifetime Record: 14-4-3-2, \$99,072. O-Daniel Peitz & Tom McCrocklin. B-Shadwell Farm LLC (KY). T-Daniel C Peitz. *\$3,000 HRA '11 KEENOV.

8th-DED, \$33,700, 1-29, NW1X, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:39 4/5, ft.

GREEN JUICE (g, 6, Langfuhr--Creativity {SW}, by Notebook) Lifetime Record: 17-5-1-2, \$64,061. O-Maggi Moss. B-Miller Thoroughbred Farm LLC (KY). T-Chris Richard. *\$50,000 yrl '10 FTKJUL.

5th-PEN, \$31,616, 1-29, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, 1m70y, 1:41 4/5, ft.

SLINGER (g, 6, Hard Spun--Binavicar, by Vicar) Lifetime Record: 54-7-9-9, \$201,351. O-Robert A Derr. B-Randy Bloch et al (KY). T-Timothy C Kreiser. *1/2 to Liberty Cap (Street Cry{Ire}), MSP, \$206,105.

8th-CTX, \$27,000, 1-29, NW1X, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:46 2/5, ft.

SHARP RAZOR (c, 4, Real Estate--Trellis, by Baederwood) Lifetime Record: 20-3-3-3, \$75,792. O-Cross Creek Farm. B-Maurice F Casey DVM (WV). T-Jeff C Runco. *\$9,500 yrl '12 FTMOCT. **1/2 to Touch of Class (Wiseman's Ferry), MSP, \$197,712.

9th-SUN, \$25,750, NW2L, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:08 4/5, ft. **HE'S A BLING (g, 4, Too Much Bling--Prado Lady, by El Prado {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 9-2-5-0, \$72,892. O-Skyler Kelley, Allen J Aldrich & Tom Mansor. B-Kathryn I East (TX). T-Ruben Payan. *1/2 to Officer Prado (Officer), SW, \$119,815.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ **Contradiction**, f, 3, **Diabolical--Accomodate**, by Pleasantly Perfect. SUN, 1-30, (S), 6f, 1:10 2/5. B-Spence, LLC (NM).

Mozambique Gold, f, 3, **Northern Afleet--Hishi Once More**, by Touch Gold. GPX, 1-30, (C), 1 1/16mT, 1:41 2/5. B-Masaichiro Abe (KY). *\$65,000 yrl '13 KEESEP. **No Lasix.

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Prom Dress, f, 3, **Stephen Got Even--Family Effort** (MSP, \$252,855), by Goldlust. GPX, 1-30, (C), 1m, 1:41 3/5. B-Dr Frank Batten (NC). *1/2 to Mariakel (Lit de Justice), MSP, \$191,406.

Flag On the Play, g, 4, **Bernardini--Dubai Belle** (SP-Fr), by Mr. Prospector. AQU, 1-30, 6f, 1:13 2/5. B-Darley (KY). *3/4 to Little Belle (A.P. Indy), GISW, \$666,395; Dubai Dancer (A.P. Indy), SW, \$111,450.

Mr. Itkins, g, 4, **Not for Love--Polo Ridge**, by Wild Rush. SAX, 1-30, (C), 6f, 1:09 4/5. B-Mr & Mrs Charles McGinnes (MD). *\$70,000 yrl '12 KEESEP; \$235,000 2yo '13 BESMAY.

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Wundahowigothere, m, 5, **Big Brown--Wonder Lady** Anne L (GISW, \$459,488), by Real Quiet. LRL, 1-30, 5 1/2f, 1:04 2/5. B-IEAH Stables, Andrew Cohen & Jachlen Farm (KY).

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IN BRITAIN:

Enriching, g, 7, **Lemon Drop Kid--Popozinha**, by Rahy. WOL, 1-29, 8f 141y (AWT). B-Adena Springs. *\$80,000 yrl '09 KEESEP.

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IN SOUTH KOREA:

Choegang Plus, f, 3, **Exchange Rate--Blasted**, by Dynaformer. Busan, 1-30, Cond. (\$52k), 1400m. B-Three Chimneys Farm LLC & J V Shields Jr (KY). *Now a winner of three races from five starts. *\$22,000 RNA yrl '13 KEESEP; \$36,000 2yo '14 OBSJUN.

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Yesterday's Results:

3rd-LIN, £4,800, Mdn, 3yo/up, 10f (AWT), 2:08.92, ft. SPARRING (IRE) (c, 3, Teofilo {Ire}--Henties Bay {Ire}, by Cape Cross {Ire}), who was fifth over an extended mile at Wolverhampton in November, was keen stalking the early pace in second before being committed approaching the quarter pole. Tackled on either side in the drive to the line, the 9-2 shot dug in to prevail by a nose from Monaleen (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}). Sales history: 120,000gns yrl '13 TATDEC; 100,000gns RNA yrl '13 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, £3,105.

[VIDEO, courtesy attheraces.com.](#)

O-Godolphin. B-F Drion & Ptns (IRE). T-Charlie Appleby.

4th-WOL, £4,600, Mdn, 3-5yo, 8f 141y (AWT), 1:50.49, ft.

+ SUNBIRD (GB) (f, 3, Echo of Light {Ire}--Sundrop {Jpn} {GSW-US, MSW & MG1SP-Eng, \$503,812}, by Sunday Silence), sent off the 11-4 joint-second favorite, was ridden forward to gain a prominent pitch initially. Always traveling easily near the lead, the homebred rolled to the front approaching the final furlong and was hand ridden to score by a comfortable 1 1/2-length margin from Quill Art (GB) (Excellent Art {GB}). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £2,976. [VIDEO, courtesy attheraces.com.](#)

O-Godolphin. B-Darley (GB). T-John Gosden.

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Yesterday's Results:

4th-DUN, €10,000, Mdn, 3yo, f, 7f (AWT), 1:24.35, ft.

LETTERS OF NOTE (IRE) (f, 3, Azamour {Ire}--Boo Boo Bear {Ire}, by Almutawakel {GB}), a promising debut fourth in a decent seven-furlong maiden at Leopardstown in September, was hammered into 4-6 favoritism and raced in second throughout the early stages. Sent to the front with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining, the €80,000 GOFORB yearling and €13,500 GORMAY 2-year-old drew away to score by five lengths from Period Piece (Ire) (Intikhab). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €8,100. [VIDEO, courtesy attheraces.com.](#)

O-Teddy Bear Partnership. B-Black Crow Syndicate (IRE). T-Michael O'Callaghan.

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The winners of the four other categories (Dedication to Racing Award, Lifelong Learning Award, Ancillary Services Award and Racecourse Grooms' Canteen Award) will each receive €2,500 and a trophy.

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The winners will be chosen by a selection panel of individuals representing the Irish Stable Staff Association, Horse Racing Ireland, the Irish Racehorse Trainers' Association, The Racing Regulatory Body and the Irish Thoroughbred Breeders' Association. Nominations are open until Mar. 18 and can be made by anyone within the industry. Forms will be distributed by ISSA and HRI.

OBSERVATIONS
on today's European racing scene

1.45 Cagnes-sur-Mer, Cond, €36,000, 3yo, 10f (AWT)
WAR DISPATCH (War Front) returns to action for Joseph Allen and Jean-Claude Rouget, having shown smart form at two when running second to the promoted G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere winner Full Mast (Mizzen Mast) on debut at Deauville in August. With three subsequent wins under his belt, the homebred--whose dam is a half to the UAE Derby scorer--Lines of Battle (War Front) has to give upwards of three pounds to four rivals to continue his sequence.



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
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CONDITIONS RESULTS:

2nd-CHA, €29,000, 1-30, 3yo, 9f (AWT), 1:56 4/5, ft.
LUCKY TEAM (FR) (c, 3, Namid {GB}--Kestria {Ire}, by Keltos {Fr}) Lifetime Record: 7 starts, 2 wins, 3 places, €33,000. O/B-Mme S Boulin Redouly & Haras du Hoguenet (FR). T-Joel Boissnard.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Hanabi (Ire), f, 3, **Lawman (Fr)**--She's a Minx (Ire), by Linamix (Fr). CHA, 1-30, 8f (AWT), 1:40 2/5. B-P & J Grimes (IRE). *€18,000 wnlg '12 GOFNOV; €75,000 yrl '13 ARQAUG.

Bonita De Mas (Ire), f, 3, **Lord Shanakill**--Crossbreeze, by Red Ransom. NAP, 1-30, 8.5fT, time: n/a. B-Joan Murphy (Ire). *€5,800 wnl '12 GOFNOV; €10,000 yrl '13 GOFSP.

UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

| Date | Race | Track | |
|--------------------|--|-------------------------|-----|
| Jan. 31 | GI Las Virgenes S. | SA | |
| | GI Arcadia S. | SA | |
| | GI Palos Verdes S. | SA | |
| | GI Endeavour S. | TAM | |
| | GI Sam F. Davis S. | TAM | |
| Feb. 1 | GI San Vicente S. | SA | |
| Feb. 7 | GI Donn H. | GP | |
| | GI Gulfstream Park Turf H. | GP | |
| | GI Robert B. Lewis S. | SA | |
| | GI San Antonio S. | SA | |
| | GI San Marcos S. | SA | |
| | GI Withers S. | AQU | |
| | GI Toboggan S. | AQU | |
| | GI Fred W. Hooper H. | GP | |
| | GI Suwannee River S. | GP | |
| | Feb. 14 | GI Santa Maria S. | SA |
| | | GI Barbara Fritchie S. | LRL |
| | | GI El Camino Real Derby | GG |
| | Feb. 15 | GI Hurricane Bertie S. | GP |
| | | GI Bayakoa S. | OP |
| | Feb. 16 | GI Buena Vista S. | SA |
| GI Southwest S. | | OP | |
| Feb. 21 | GI Fountain of Youth S. | GP | |
| | GI Risen Star S. | FG | |
| | GI Mac Diarmida S. | GP | |
| | GI Davona Dale S. | GO | |
| | GI Gulfstream Park Sprint Championship | GP | |
| | GI Fair Grounds H. | FG | |
| | GI Mineshaft H. | FG | |
| | GI Rachel Alexandra S. | FG | |
| | GI Canadian Turf S. | GP | |
| | GI Rampart S. | GP | |
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