



# MAURICE GOES OUT WITH A BANG



Maurice runs out an ultra-impressive winner of the Hong Kong Cup Sunday at Sha Tin | HKJC photo

### by Alan Carasso

A two-time Group 1 winner going a mile over the Sha Tin turf course, Kazumi Yoshida's Maurice (Jpn) (Screen Hero {Jpn}) had been pointing for a start in the HK\$25-million G1 Longines Hong Kong Cup ever since running second to Logotype (Jpn) (Lohengrin {Jpn}) in the G1 Yasuda Kinen at Tokyo in June. The plan came to a successful conclusion on Sunday at Sha Tin, as Maurice took flight beneath Ryan Moore entering the stretch, took aim on defending titleist A Shin Hikari (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) with a withering run into the final eighth of a mile, claimed that one with a minimum of fuss and raced away for a decisive and convincing three-length tally.

That outcome could scarcely have been predicted at the start. Customarily a good horse from the gates, he bombed the start alongside **Designs on Rome (Ire)** (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}), and whereas he raced fairly handy to the pace when winning the G1 Tenno Sho (Autumn) six weeks ago, he found himself far off loose-on-the-lead A Shin Hikari. But the Longines World's Best Jockey called upon the skills that won him that award, waiting for just the right time before cutting Maurice loose.

"Fortunately there was good pace in the race and halfway down the back I thought it was setting up nicely for him and it was just a matter of finding the room," Moore explained.

# FIRST GROUP 1 WINNER FOR FRANKEL

Peerless champion Frankel (GB) has enjoyed a remarkable 2016 with his first-crop 2-year-olds, and Shadai's homebred filly Soul Stirring (Jpn) put the cherry on top by providing her sire with a first Group 1 winner in Japan's Hanshin Juvenile Fillies on Sunday. Unbeaten in two prior outings heading into this championship event, Soul Stirring--a daughter of French Classic winner and multiple Group 1 winner Stacelita (Fr) (Monsun {Ger})--jumped well from gate two and stalked the pace on the fence under Christophe Lemaire about three lengths off the lead of the front-running **Arinna (Jpn)** (Matsurida Gogh {Jpn}). Sticking to the inside path as the field straightened for the stretch run, Lemaire appeared confident at the top of the lane, stealing a glance back before giving Soul Stirring a slight shake of the reins. That was all it took for the dark bay to burst clear. She opened up a two-length lead in the final furlong and was never truly threatened by Lys Gracieux (Jpn) (Heart's Cry {Jpn}), who came with a late drive to close the gap to 1 1/4 lengths.

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# Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong

**LONGINES HONG KONG CUP-G1**, HK\$25,000,000 (£2,558,364/ €3,034,967/A\$4,315,690/US\$3,222,201), 3yo/up, 2000mT, 2:00.95, gd.

1--MAURICE (JPN), 126, h, 5, by Screen Hero (Jpn)
1st Dam: Mejiro Frances (Jpn), by Carnegie (Ire)
2nd Dam: Mejiro Monterey (Jpn), by Mogami (Fr)
3rd Dam: Mejiro Quincey (Jpn), by Fidion (Fr)
(¥1,575,000 Ylg '12 HOKSUM; ¥10,500,000 2yo '13 HOK2YO).

(¥1,575,000 Ylg '12 HOKSUM; ¥10,500,000 2yo '13 HOK2YO). O-Kazumi Yoshida; B-Togawa Bokujo; T-Noriyuki Hori; J-Ryan Moore; HK\$14,250,000. Lifetime Record: Horse of the Year, Ch. Sprinter, Ch. Miler & MG1SW-Jpn, 18-11-2-1, HK\$71,555,030. Werk Nick Rating: D+. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

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- 2--Secret Weapon (GB), 126, g, 6, Choisir (Aus)--Just Devine (Ire), by Montjeu (Ire). O-Leung Lun Ping; B-; T-Dennis Yip; HK\$5,500,000.
- 3--**Staphanos (Jpn)**, 126, h, 5, Deep Impact (Jpn)--Kokoshnik (Jpn), by Kurofune. O-Carrot Farm Co Ltd; B-; T-H Fujiwara; HK\$2.500.000.

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Margins: 3, HF, NO. Odds: 7-10, 10-1, 17-1.

Also Ran: Lovely Day (Jpn), Blazing Speed (GB), Horse of Fortune (SAf), Elliptique (Ire), Designs On Rome (Ire), Queen's Ring (Jpn), A Shin Hikari (Jpn), Gun Pit (Aus), Helene Super Star.

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Moore added, "As soon as he got room and I put him into gear he just let down exceptionally well. He finished off easily and he got to the leader early and then he was just easing up really. He has improved every time I've ridden him."

Originally mooted as a possibility for the G1 Dubai Turf, Maurice instead remained at home and prepared for a return to action in the Champions Mile back at Sha Tin. With no Able Friend around as a potential fly in the ointment, Maurice cruised around Sha Tin to yet another facile success. Maurice had a two-

race prep towards this career-ending performance, a runner-up effort to Neorealism (Jpn) (Neo Universe {Jpn}) in a salty renewal of the G2 Sapporo Kinen in August ahead of a defeat of G1 Dubai Turf hero Real Steel (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) in the G1 Tenno Sho (Autumn) at Tokyo Oct. 30. Despite the reasonably convincing nature of that score, some still questioned Maurice's ability to run a strong 2000m, but the 5-year-old silenced those doubters in no uncertain terms in the waning hours of Sunday afternoon.

Happy enough to let A Shin Hikari open a daylight advantage, Maurice was switched off near the back of the pack, and Moore by all accounts knew what was underneath him, as he seemed to be in no hurry to wind up the odds-on favorite. Held together on the turn as A Shin Hikari led by a near double-digit margin, Moore pinched ground at the fence and had Maurice in full gear as they hit the stretch. Sent through an opening outside of Helene Super Star (War Front) and to the inside of Secret Weapon (GB) (Choisir {Aus}), Moore had A Shin Hikari in his sights, pulled tight against Maurice's left rein so as not to run up on his heels and the duo streaked home to score very impressively. Secret Weapon stayed on into second, while Staphanos parlayed a perfect trip into a third-place effort.

"There was a good pace to the race, and going down the backstretch I thought things were going well, it was just a question of finding a way through," Moore added. "When I asked him, he picked up, and really he got to the front almost too soon. He was a special horse at a mile, and at 10 furlongs he's even better. He has improved every time I have ridden him."

### Drama Pre-Race And At the Gate...

There were some tense moments prior to the running of the Cup. A Shin Hikari was led into the parade ring as the Mile was being run, but he shook loose of his bridle and took a couple turns of the paddock before being caught. He was uninjured and was passed fit to run. Cont. p3

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Secret Weapon was dismounted by jockey Zac Purton a short time before the field was set to load and was subsequently examined by vets. After about five minutes and a consultation with Purton, Secret Weapon was given a green light to run.

# Pedigree Notes...

Though heretofore best at a mile, Maurice's sire won the G1 Japan Cup at 12 furlongs, while his grandsire, Grass Wonder, won the 2500-metre Arima Kinen back-to-back in 1998 and 1999. Carnegie, the sire of Maurice's dam, won the 1994 G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. Mejiro Frances's dam Mejiro Monterey was a four-time black-type winner over trips 10 furlongs and beyond. Mejiro Frances has been bred back to Screen Hero in each of the last two years, producing a full-brother to Maurice in 2015 and his full-sister earlier this year.

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adding to that of Beauty Flash (NZ) (Golan {Ire}) in 2010.

A Group 3 winner in Italy, Beauty Only won the Hong Kong Classic Mile in early 2015, but did not handle the stretch-out in distance and was returned to shorter trips. Third to Contentment (Aus) (Hussonet) in the G1 Queen's Silver Jubilee Cup (1400m), he won the Chairman's Trophy back at this distance, was fourth to Maurice in the G1 Champions Mile in May and closed the season with a second to Rapper Dragon (Aus) (Street Boss) later that month. Placed in each of his first two runs this term, the blaze-faced bay came calling late to best Romantic Touch (Aus) (Northern Meteor {Aus}) in the G2 Jockey Club Mile Nov. 23.

Drawn gate 13, one spot to the inside of favored Able Friend, Beauty Only was soon near the back of affairs as fellow Kwok colorbearer Beauty Flame (Ire) (Footstepsinthesand {GB}) led out through the opening stages from Contentment, and then the Japanese duo of Neorealism (Jpn) (Neo Universe (Jpn)) and Logotype (Jpn) (Lohengrin {Jpn}). The latter made all in the G1 Yasuda Kinen, but was sluggish to begin here before mustering up the fence. There was little change in the order, as Beauty Flame led into the turn, but Beauty Only commenced a rally beneath Zac Purton, only to be matched by Hugh Bowman atop

> the well-bet Helene Paragon. That strategy flushed Beauty Only out into the four path on the circle, but he was well into the clear and in the midst of his rally when heads were turned for home. There were as many as six or seven chances at the 200m, as Neorealism led briefly between calls, but Beauty Only claimed a narrow advantage with a little more than a sixteenth of a mile to come and was along in time. Helene Paragon closed off well for second, just ahead of stablemate Joyful Trinity.

# MILE RETURNS TO HONG KONG

by Alan Carasso

Following the victory of Japan's Hat Trick (Jpn) (Sunday Silence) in 2005, Hong Kong-based horses won nine straight renewals of the G1 Longines Hong Kong Mile, capped by the barnstorming success of Able Friend (Aus) (Shamardal) in 2014. Maurice (Jpn) (Screen Hero {Jpn}) returned the Mile trophy to the Land of the Rising Sun last year, defeating Able Friend into third, but Hong Kong took it back on Sunday, as Beauty Only (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor (Ire) led home a topfour sweep for the locals. It was the second Mile win for the Kwok Family,



Beauty Only home first in the Mile HKJC photo





The HKIR ended with the packed stands treated to a fireworks display. | HKJC photo

# **G1** Longines Hong Kong Mile Cont.

"He is much improved this season and he was very strong today," said Purton, winning his second Group 1 in succession. "[Jockey] Hughie [Bowman] pushed off the fence about the 700 which made me have to go a bit earlier than I wanted to, but the horse has got a big set of lungs and kept running. We set sail after the leaders and he responded really well. I believe he can stretch out to 2000 [metres], so there was no doubting him being strong at the end of the mile."

Able Friend raced just behind Beauty Only for much of the trip, but could not summon the necessary late response. Joao Moreira said he was wishing that the race favorite, a first-up fourth in the G2 Jockey Club Sprint Nov. 20, had one more tightener heading into the Mile.

"He feels like he needed another run--his lack of fitness told. He should be right on his next run," Moreira commented.

# **Pedigree Notes...**

Beauty Only, who raced in Italy as Gentleman Only, is kin to the current 3-year-old colt Dee Dee d'Or (Ire) (Zebedee {GB}), a stakes winner and runner-up in this year's G2 Derby Italiano. Beauty Only's dam is a half-sister to Italian highweight and GSW Late Parade (Ire) (Astronef {Ire}), the dam of U.S. GSW & GISP

Sweet Ludy (Ire) (Be My Guest). Goldendale's most recent produce is a yearling colt of this year by Fastnet Rock (Ire), who fetched €95,000 as a weanling from WE Bloodstock at Goffs last November. Beauty Only becomes the third representative of Holy Roman Emperor (Ire) based in Hong Kong to achieve Group 1 success, joining Designs On Rome (Ire) and the now-retired Rich Tapestry (Ire). Click here for a piece on Holy Roman Emperor following Beauty Only's Classic Mile in 2015.

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**Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong LONGINES HONG KONG MILE-G1**, HK\$23,000,000
(£2,354,133/€2,792,351/A\$3,968,841/US\$2,964,599), 3yo/up, 1600mT, 1:33.48, gd.

1--&BEAUTY ONLY (IRE), 126, g, 5, by Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)

1st Dam: Goldendale (Ire), by Ali-Royal (Ire)

2nd Dam: Skisette, by Malinowski 3rd Dam: Salette (Ire), by Sallust (GB)

(€72,000 Ylg '12 ITYSEP). O-Eleanor Kwok Law Kwai Chun & Patrick Kwok Ho Chuen; B-Massimo Parri; T-Tony Cruz; J-Zac Purton; HK\$13,110,000. Lifetime Record: GSW-lty, 28-10-5-3, HK\$33,616,620. \*1/2 to Dee Dee d'Or (Ire) (Zebedee {GB}), SW & GSP-lty, \$190,118. Werk Nick Rating: A++. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

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# **G1** Longines Hong Kong Mile Cont.

- 2--Helene Paragon (Fr), 126, c, 4, Polan (Fr)--High Zaff (GB), by High Chaparral (Ire). O-Sir Po-shing & Lady Woo, Wilson Woo Ka Wah, Jackson Woo Ka Biu & Dawson Woo Ka Chung; B-Angel Jordan Torres; T-John Moore; HK\$5,060,000.
- 3--Joyful Trinity (Ire), 126, g, 4, Zanzibari--Bargouzine, by Stravinsky. O-Lai Wai Chi; B-Ecurie Peregrine Sas; T-John Moore; HK\$2,300,000.

Margins: HF, HF, NK. Odds: 5-1, 49-10, 14-1.

Also Ran: Contentment (Aus), Logotype (Jpn), Able Friend (Aus), Satono Aladdin (Jpn), Romantic Touch (Aus), Neorealism (Jpn), Cougar Mountain (Ire), Giant Treasure, Sun Jewellery (Aus), Beauty Flame (Ire), Packing Pins (NZ).

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# **AEROVELOCITY FINDS FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH**

by Alan Carasso

Aerovelocity (NZ) (Pins {Aus}) may never achieve the legendary status accorded Hong Kong-based horses named Silent Witness (Aus) or Vengeance of Rain (NZ) or Ambitious Dragon (NZ). But when the dust finally settles on his career, he will have accomplished a great deal, and he added to an already-

impressive resume with a gutsy victory in Sunday's G1 Longines Hong Kong Sprint, his second in three years.

Aerovelocity broke alertly from gate two and got the perfect sit behind the speed as defending champion **Peniaphobia (Ire)** (Dandy Man {Ire}) led from **Super Jockey (NZ)** (Sandtrap), but



**Aerovelocity** | *HKJC photo* 

the early pace was not a demanding one. The front-running duo had the race between them into the turn, with Aerovelocity lying in wait, and the veteran was right on the back of Super Jockey turning in. Peniaphobia got the best of the speed duel,

as Super Jockey finally capitulated at midstretch, but Zac Purton produced Aerovelocity about three off the inside entering the final 150 metres and dug in late for the victory as favored **Lucky Bubbles (Aus)** (Sebring {Aus}) took a dive at them late. Peniaphobia held for third ahead of **Amazing Kids (NZ)** (Falkirk {NZ}). **Cont. p6** 



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### **G1** Longines Hong Kong Sprint Cont.

"It's a good feeling because we were of the opinion that we're starting to lose him," the winning jockey admitted. "And we know he's a warrior and he gives everything he's got and although he didn't perform at his best today, his heart is so big that he's able to give us that effort. [Trainer] Paul [O'Sullivan] had fine-tuned him and dropped the extra little pounds that he was carrying and got him as best as he could for today so he's done a great job. We had a lovely run in the race and he came out and he was just able to amble up. It was hard-fought in the end, but he is all heart."

A Group 1 winner in Singapore and in Japan, Aerovelocity missed a title defence in last year's Sprint and resumed this term with a third-place effort behind Lucky Bubbles in the G2 Premier Bowl H. Oct. 23 and filled the same spot behind Not Listenin'tome (Aus) (Dylan Thomas {Ire}) in the G2 Jockey Club Sprint Nov. 20.

# **Pedigree Notes...**

Aerovelocity is one of just three to make the races for his dam, a full-sister to GSW Kapitain Kash (NZ) and a half to SW & GSP Dante's Paradiso (NZ) (Danske {NZ}). This is the further female family of GSW & G1SP Eurostar (NZ) (Star Way {GB}). The winner's sire has tasted success at the HKIR meeting previously, having produced Horse of the Year and 2012 Mile hero Ambitious Dragon (NZ).

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Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong LONGINES HONG KONG SPRINT-G1, HK\$18,500,000 (£1,895,025/€2,260,450/A\$3,193,093/US\$2,384,386), 3yo/up, 1200mT, 1:08.80, gd.

1--AEROVELOCITY (NZ), 126, g, 8, by Pins (Aus)
1st Dam: Exodus (NZ), by Kaapstad (NZ)
2nd Dam: Lady Genesis (NZ), by Star Way (GB)
3rd Dam: Arga (NZ), by Arragon (GB)
(NZ\$120,000 Ylg '10 NZBPRE). O-Daniel Yeung Ngai; B-N E
Schick & S J Till; T-Paul O'Sullivan; J-Zac Purton;
HK\$10,545,000. Lifetime Record: Ch. Sprinter-HK, G1SW-Jpn &
Sin, 24-12-4-3, HK\$45,301,608. Werk Nick Rating: A++. Click
for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

- 2--**Lucky Bubbles (Aus)**, 126, g, 5, Sebring (Aus)--Bubble Below (Aus), by Hussonet. (A\$90,000 Ylg '13 INGMEL). O-Lucky Syndicate; B-Gilgai Farm; T-Francis Lui; HK\$4,070,000.
- 3--Peniaphobia (Ire), 126, g, 5, Dandy Man (Ire)--Umlani (Ire), by Great Commotion. (€11,000 Wlg '11 GOFNOV; £20,000 Ylg '12 DONAUG). O-Huang Kai Wen; B-Aidan Fogarty; T-Tony Cruz; HK\$1,850,000.

Margins: SHD, 3/4, HF. Odds: 13-2, 6-5, 10-1.

Also Ran: Amazing Kids (NZ), Signs of Blessing, Takedown (Aus), Not Listenin'tome (Aus), Super Jockey (NZ), Strathmore (Aus), Big Arthur (Jpn), Rebel Dane (Aus), Red Falx (Jpn), Growl (GB). Scratched: Pure Sensation.

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# SATONO CROWN 'REELS' IN THE VASE

by Alan Carasso

In 2001, Stay Gold (Jpn) (Sunday Silence) got the HKIR off to a flying start for Japan by taking out the G1 Hong Kong Vase, the first of three wins on the day for the nation. On Sunday for the first time since, Satono Crown (Jpn) (Marju {Ire}) came flying late and pegged back hot favorite **Highland Reel (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) to take the Vase back to Japan. One Foot In Heaven (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) rounded out the tierce, a country mile off the top two.

Drawn gate nine, Satono Crown was guided down onto the rail by Joao Moreira inside of the opening 200 metres and settled



Satono Crown | HKJC photo

slightly worse
than midfield as
Highland Reel
took over from
Eastern Express
(Ire) (Fastnet
Rock {Aus})
passing the
winning post for
the first time.
Allowed to lob
them along at a

steady pace, Highland Reel took them into the backstretch, but Big Orange (GB) (Duke of Marmalade {Ire}), posted three wide around the first turn and racing without cover, whipped around them and applied some mid-race pressure to the front-runner. Ryan Moore let it out a notch at midway to regain a clear lead into the final half-mile, while behind him, Satono Crown was asked to improve his position and raced past Silverwave (Fr) (Silver Frost {Ire}) with five furlongs to race. In about sixth spot entering the third corner, Satono Crown was in tight for a stride or two and was shuffled back to about fourth last as Highland Reel still traveled strongly nearing the stretch. Able to find a bit extra with 400 metres to race, Satono Crown emerged as the lone danger and, although Highland Reel was staying on well, Satono Crown showed the superior turn of foot late to cause the upset. With the win, Moreira joins Gerald Mosse as the only riders to post victories in each of the four International Races.

# **G1** Longines Hong Kong Sprint Cont.

"It's a dream come true to achieve the full house," the 'Magic Man' said. "I thought this horse was a very good chance before the race and the feeling that he gave me on the track the other day was great, so I knew I had a lot of horse underneath. The way he won today, he's shown that he's got a lot of talent. He beat a world-class horse in Highland Reel and being his rider today is a blessing."

For his part, trainer Aidan O'Brien was not dismayed with the effort from the runner-up.

"He ran very well, he's had a long season but he ran a great race--he ran his heart out," he commented. "He's had a phenomenal season."

# **Pedigree Notes...**

The winner's dam was offered carrying the foal that would become Satono Crown at the Goffs November Sale in 2011, but was led out unsold on a bid of €36,000, despite having produced that year's G1 Cheveley Park Stud S. winner Lightening Pearl (Ire). Sold privately to Japan, she has become a commercial success, as her foal of 2014, a colt by Deep Impact (Jpn) now named Satono Victory (Jpn), topped the JRHA Yearling Sale on a bid of ¥253,800,000 from Satono Crown's owner Hajime Satomi. Jioconda produced a filly by Heart's Cry (Jpn) in 2015. Marju was the sire of 1998 Vase winner Indigenous (Ire) as well as Hong Kong legend and MG1SW Viva Pataca (GB), runner-up in the 2007 Cup.

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Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong LONGINES HONG KONG VASE-G1, HK\$16,500,000 (£1,691,721/€2,014,034/A\$2,854,738/US\$2,126,494), 3yo/up, 2400mT, 2:26.22, gd.

1--&SATONO CROWN (JPN), 126, c, 4, by Marju (Ire)
1st Dam: Jioconda (Ire) (SW & GSP-Ire), by Rossini
2nd Dam: La Joconde (Ire), by Vettori (Ire)
3rd Dam: Lust (GB), by Pursuit of Love (GB)

(¥60,900,000 Ylg '13 JRHAJUL). O-Hajime Satomi; B-Northern Racing; T-Noriyuki Hori; J-Joao Moreira; HK\$9,405,000. Lifetime Record: MGSW & G1SP-Jpn, 11-5-0-1, HK\$23,826,510. \*Full to Jolie Jiconde (Ire), GSP-Ire; and Lightning Pearl (Ire), G1SW-Eng, GSW-Ire, \$219,015. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: A++.

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2--**Highland Reel (Ire)**, 126, c, 4, <u>Galileo (Ire)</u>--Hveger (Aus), by Danehill. (460,000gns Ylg '13 TATOCT). O-Derrick Smith, Mrs John Magnier & Michael Tabor; B-Hveger Syndicate; T-Aidan O'Brien; HK\$3,630,000.

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3--One Foot in Heaven (Ire), 126, c, 4, Fastnet Rock (Aus)--Pride (Fr), by Peintre Celebre. O-Fair Salinia Ltd; B-Craigavon Agro Ltd; T-Alain de Royer-Dupre; HK\$1,650,000.

Margins: HF, 6 3/4, 3/4. Odds: 19-1, 1-2, 18-1.

Also Ran: Nuovo Record (Jpn), Smart Layer (Jpn), Benzini (Aus), Garlingari (Fr), Quechua (Arg), Flame Hero (NZ), Eastern Express (Ire), Big Orange (GB), Silverwave (Fr), Helene Happy Star (Ire), Anticipation (Ire).

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# **PURE SENSATION SCRATCHED**

Patricia Generazio's **Pure Sensation** (Zensational) was officially scratched from the G1 Longines Hong Kong Sprint after failing a vet check on Sunday morning. Winner of this year's GIII Jaipur S.



Pure Sensation | HKJC photo

and a latest third in the GI Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint at Santa Anita, the homebred breezed three furlongs in :37 flat Dec. 6, but was first lame in his left hind with what was described as an abscess. He was subsequently found to be off in his left fore as well, missed

trackwork Thursday and Friday, but was back out for a light gallop Saturday morning. Hong Kong Jockey Club vets delayed a decision as long as was possible, but upon examination Sunday, Pure Sensation remained lame in his left fore and was declared unsuitable to race.

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# SHA TIN by Alan Carasso

Of the four horses to be sent away as odds-on favorites during Sunday's 10-race program at Sha Tin, three were beaten, including a couple of the most promising young horses on the local scene.

In the day's first race, **Jing Jing Win (Aus)** (Starcraft {NZ}) was the cat's meow as the 1.3 (3-10 favorite), but he raced close to an above-par pace and though he closed well up the fence, it was not good enough, as he finished third, beaten about one length (video). Jing Jing Win, an A\$360,000 Inglis Easter graduate who topped the 2016 Hong Kong International Sale on a bid of HK\$8.5 million, was tasting defeat for the first time in three career starts.

#### Mixed Results for New Shooters at Sha Tin Cont.

The winner, **Water Diviner (Aus)** (Equiano {Fr}), was making it two straight since arriving in Hong Kong.

Mr Stunning (Aus) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) went round in the race immediately following Maurice (Jpn) (Screen Hero {Jpn})'s



Jing Jing Win | HKJC photo

win in the G1 Hong Kong Cup as the 3-5 chalk, and in a dramatic change of tactics, made all the running in the sixfurlong Class 2 to score by a diminishing halflength (video). Mr Stunning was winning for the

fourth time in six career starts, though each of his previous wins had come from well off the pace.

The day's finale featured 'TDN Rising Star' Pakistan Star (Ger) (Shamardal) squaring off against some other potentially dangerous rivals, including Eagle Way (Aus) (More Than Ready), the reigning G1 Queensland Derby winner having his first Hong Kong start. As is his unfortunate custom, Pakistan Star, the 3-5 chalk, walked out of the gate and caboosed the field into the stretch. Pulled out widest, he closed his final 400m in a sparkling :21.88, but he was left with too much to do and was beaten about 1 1/4 lengths into fifth by Eagle Way (video). Werther (NZ) (Tavistock {NZ}) won this very event in his Hong Kong debut 12 months ago on this program before going on to glory in the Hong Kong Derby and G1 Audemars Piguet Queen Elizabeth II Cup. Like Werther, Eagle Way was ridden by Hugh Bowman.

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# **HKIR SET BENCHMARK**

The annual HK\$83 million Longines Hong Kong International Races saw 100,710 turn out to savor the four Group 1 races on tap, an increase of 17.4% from last year's mark. Total turnover for the 10-race card came to HK\$1.518 billion.

"This was one of the most astonishing days of international racing we have seen in Hong Kong," commented Mr. Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges, the Hong Kong Jockey Club's Chief Executive Officer. "It's the highest turnover ever for this day, and an increase of 4.7% on last year. But the attendance was even more pleasing, with a record for the day of more than 100,000 people, combining Sha Tin and Happy Valley."

Continued Engelbrecht-Bresges, who was also pleased with the commingling return, a record at HK\$72.8 million, "Our commingling figure was an increase of more than 40% on last year, with a figure of over HK\$72 million, which accounts for 4.8% of the day's total turnover. This shows again that we think our strategy of world class racing, including beaming the races around the world, giving customers the opportunity to bet into the largest per-race tote pools in the world is the right strategy."

Engelbrecht-Bresges was quick to also note the overall success of the Longines HKIR, which kicked off Dec. 7, with the Longines Hong Kong International Jockeys' Championship at Happy Valley.

"I'd like to thank the Jockey Club team for putting on such an excellent show," he said. "It is, we humbly believe, the greatest show on turf and it takes a huge effort and detailed planning from the many people who are involved. And a special thanks to the media--the coverage this year has been outstanding."

Added Mr. Anthony Kelly, the Hong Kong Jockey Club's Executive Director, Racing Business and Operations, "On Wednesday evening at Happy Valley we had over 29,000 people in attendance, and we had more than HK\$1.2 billion in turnover, so between four days in Hong Kong, we've had 130,000 race goers and HK\$2.8 billion in turnover on 19 races, so that speaks for itself."

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Sunday, Hanshin, Japan HANSHIN JUVENILE FILLIES-G1, ¥125,140,000, Hanshin, 12-11, 2yo, f, 1600mT, 1:34.00, fm.

1--#@&SOUL STIRRING (JPN), 119, f, 2, by Frankel (GB)

1st Dam: Stacelita (Fr) (Hwt. 3yo Filly-Fr at 9.5-11f, Ch.

Grass Mare-US, MG1SW-Fr & US, G1SP-Eng,

\$2,371,241) by Monsun (Ger)

2nd Dam: Soignee (Ger), by Dashing Blade (GB) 3rd Dam: Suivez (Fr), by Fioravanti

O-Shadai Race Horse; B-Shadai Farm; T-Kazuzo Fujisawa; J-Christophe Lemaire; ¥66,288,000. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: B. \*1st Group 1 winner for first-season sire (by Galileo [Ire])

- 2--**Lys Gracieux (Jpn)**, 119, f, 2, Heart's Cry (Jpn)--Liliside (Fr), by American Post (GB). O-Carrot Farm; B-Northern Farm; ¥26,368,000.
- 3--Reine Minoru (Jpn), 119, f, 2, Daiwa Major (Jpn)--Daiwa Angel (Jpn), by Taiki Shuttle. O-Minoru Yoshioka; B-Fujiwara Farm; ¥16,184,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, 1 3/4, 2. Odds: 1.80, 2.00, 5.90.



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#### **G1** Hanshin Juvenile Fillies Cont.

Also Ran: Dipavamsa (Jpn), Vous Etes Jolie (Jpn), Gold Cape (Jpn), Satono Alicia (Jpn), Arinna (Jpn), Feldberg (Jpn), Suzukaze (Jpn), Jeune Ecole (Jpn), Black Onyx (Jpn), Show Way (Jpn), Sigrun (Jpn), Queen's Sarina (Jpn), Just the Marine (Jpn), Pompon (Jpn), M O Venus (Jpn).

Click for the <u>JRA chart and video</u> or the <u>free Equineline.com</u> catalogue-style pedigree.

Soul Stirring was making a rather rare move in the juvenile realm by stepping back in distance for her Group 1 debut on Sunday, her first two winning efforts having both come over nine furlongs. The dark bay scored by a neck in her initial outing at Sapporo July 31 before advancing to take a Tokyo allowance by 1 3/4 lengths Oct. 22, with Christophe Lemaire in the saddle on both occasions. Lemaire noted the poignancy of Sunday's accomplishment when saying, "I'm ecstatic. It's so special because I used to also ride her dam Stacelita and Soul Stirring is out of her and by that great horse Frankel. I was confident from the beginning and we were in a good position and she was relaxed. She easily hit the front at the stretch and with her big strides and stamina, I think she can go a little bit further in distance."

# **Pedigree Notes...**

Stacelita was purchased privately by Shadai off the back of a racing career that included six transatlantic Grade/Group 1 wins. She won three straight Group 1s as a 3-year-old in France in 2009--the Prix Saint-Alary, Prix de Diane and Prix Vermeille (via disqualification)--before checking in seventh behind Sea The



**Soul Stirring as a foal** facebook.com/ShadaiFarm

Stars (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}) in the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. She added the G1 Prix Jean Romanet in 2010 but went winless in her next four outings, after which she was switched to the care of American trainer Chad Brown. Stacelita regained her form in the second half of 2011 with wins in the GI Beverly D.S. and GI Flower Bowl Invitational and, despite beating just one home in the GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf, earned that year's Eclipse award as U.S. champion grass mare.

Stacelita was purchased privately by Shadai upon the conclusion of her racing career, and her first foal is the British-

bred filly Southern Stars (GB) (Smart Strike), who is now three and was a maiden winner in April for trainer John Gosden.

Soul Stirring becomes the sixth stakes winner--and first Group 1 winner--worldwide from the first crop of Frankel. Those stakes winners also comprise four Group 3 winners and Group 2 winner Queen Kindly (GB). Soul Stirring is his second stakes winner in Japan, the first being 'TDN Rising Star' Mi Suerte (Jpn), winner of the G3 Kyoto Sho Fantasy S.

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Frankel at Juddmonte Farms | Juddmonte photo

# Sunday, Nakayama, Japan

**CAPELLA S.-G3**, ¥68,860,000, Nakayama, 12-11, 3yo/up, 1200m, 1:10.20, gd.

1--NOBO BACCARA (JPN), 126, c, 4, by Admire Aura (Jpn)

1st Dam: Nobo Kiss (Jpn), by French Deputy

2nd Dam: Rise Kiss, by Dayjur

3rd Dam: Take Lady Anne, by Queen City Lad

O-LSM Inc; B-Yasuhiro Hagisawa; T-Shoichi Temma; J-Hiroyuki Uchida; ¥36,602,000. Lifetime Record: 23-7-4-4. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: A+++. \*Triple Plus\*.

- 2--Nishiken Mononofu (Jpn), 123, h, 5, Meisho Bowler (Jpn)--Green Hill Komachi (Jpn), by Afleet. O-Tsuru Nishimori; B-Tsuneo Yagi; ¥14,172,000.
- 3--Corin Berry (Jpn), 123, m, 5, South Vigorous--Korin la Vie En (Jpn), by Mythic Tribe. O-Keiko Ito; B-Imai Farm; ¥9,086,000. Margins: 1 3/4, 1 1/4, HD. Odds: 3.90, 3.90, 2.20.

Also Ran: Going Power (Jpn), Tahitan, Sweep Away (Jpn), Grape Brandy (Jpn), A Shin Bullseye, Kitasan Mikazuki (Jpn), Danon Good (Jpn), Macavity (Jpn), Satono Tiger (Jpn), Kajiki (Jpn), Temujin (Jpn), Flatliners (Jpn), Looks That Kill.

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**3rd-WER, A\$23,000, Mdn**, 12-11, 3yo/up, 1110mT, 1:07.03, gd. **ALTER CALL (AUS)**, **f**, **3**, **by Fastnet Rock (Aus)** 

1st Dam: Response (Aus) (MG1SW-Aus, \$807,781), by Charge Forward (Aus)

2nd Dam: Live It Up, by Match Winner (Fr)
3rd Dam: Relive (Aus), by King Hadrian (Aus)

Alter Call took her first turn in the spotlight when knocked down to China Horse Club for A\$1.05-million nearly two years ago at the 2015 Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale, making her the most expensive filly at that auction. With Newgate SF staying in for a piece of the filly, Alter Call made her debut Mar. 5 for then-trainer Peter Moody, finishing second to the more experienced Selenia (Aus) (Not A Single Doubt {Aus})--a subsequent Group 3 winner--in Flemington's 1000-metre Listed Festival Of Racing S. Transferred to Price thereafter, Alter Call



Alter Call at the Gold Coast yearling sale in 2015 | Kelsey Riley

missed the spring carnival and was not seen again until this lower-key event on Sunday. Away strongly from the inside barrier, Alter Call led with ears pricked while Braemar (Aus) (Commands {Aus}) pressed her on the

outside. The stage appeared briefly set for a stretch-run tussle between Alter Call and Braemar, but Alter Call responded to a shake of the reins from Damien Oliver, kicking clear of her overmatched rival to win by nearly two lengths eased down. Alter Call's next call to action is likely to be in the A\$2-million Magic Millions 3YO Guineas Jan. 14.

"It was a good, confident win for her I thought," Oliver told *Racing.com*. "It was pretty painless. She jumped well, controlled the tempo and gave a great kick. She's a quality filly, it's nice to see her come back in good order and I'm sure she's going to be up to better races than this."

Alter Call is the first foal out of Response, the winner of the G1 Robert Sangster S. and G1 Sir Rupert Clarke S. who was bought by SF Bloodstock for A\$840,000 at Inglis's Easter Broodmare Sale in 2012. Four months after selling Alter Call on the Gold Coast, SF sold Response for A\$1.5-million at the Magic Millions National Broodmare Sale to Katsumi Yoshida of Northern Farm. Response has an as-yet unraced 2-year-old colt

named De Gaulle (Aus) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}), and yearling and filly foals by Snitzel (Aus). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$34,250. Click for the free <a href="Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree">Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree</a> or the Racing.com Chart.

O-Newgate S F (Mgr: G D Murphy) & China Horse Club Racing Pty Ltd (Mrg: A K Teo). B-S F Bloodstock LLC. T-Mick Price.

# **BRITAIN**



# **ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

New Signal (GB), g, 3, New Approach (Ire)--Davie's Lure, by Lure. WOL, 12-10, 7f 32y (AWT), 1:29.94. B-Scuderia Blueberry SRL (GB). \*150,000gns Ylg '14 TATOCT; 95,000gns RNA HRA '16 TATAHI. \*1/2 to Salure (GB) (Sakhee), Hwt. 2yo Colt & GSP-Ity, G1SP-Fr, \$196,757.

# **FRANCE**



# **Sunday's Results:**

**PRIX MAX SICARD-Listed**, €60,000, TLU, 12-11, 3yo/up, 12fT, 2:29.28, sf.

- 1--SATANICJIM (IRE), 127, h, 7, Pivotal (GB)--Infinity (Fr), by Bering (GB). (70,000gns Wlg '09 TATFOA; €32,000 Ylg '10 GOFORB; €185,000 2yo '11 ARMAY; €23,000 RNA 4yo '13 ARNOV; €30,000 6yo '15 ARNOV). O-Mme Karine Perreau & Couetil Elevage; B-Moorpark Stud & Cheveley Park Stud (IRE); T-Alain Couetil; J-Adrien Fouassier. €30,000. Lifetime Record: 45-8-3-6, €247,780.
- 2--Chemical Charge (Ire), 131, c, 4, Sea the Stars (Ire)--Jakonda, by Kingmambo. (€95,000 Ylg '13 ARAUG). O-Qatar Racing Ltd. €12.000.
- 3--**Holdthasigreen (Fr)**, 136, g, 4, Hold That Tiger--Greentathir (Fr), by Muhtathir (GB). O-Claude Le Lay. €9,000.

Margins: 2, 1HF, 1 1/4. Odds: 16.00, 2.40, 8.80.

Also Ran: Star Victory (Fr), Lily Passion (GB), Master's Spirit (Ire), Prince Nomad (Fr), Shutterbug (Fr), Saane (Fr), Spirit's Revench (Fr), Quiliano (Ire), Ziga (GB), Eos Quercus (Ire), Flambeuse (GB), Best Fouad (Fr).

Having beaten the subsequent G2 Prix d'Harcourt winner Garlingari (Fr) (Linngari {Ire}) in this race 12 months ago, Satanicjim had failed to raise his game thereafter and after a lacklustre summer campaign put up only a fair performance when fourth in a conditions event prepping for this repeat bid over 11 furlongs at Nantes Oct. 17. In rear throughout the early stages and needing time to warm up, the chestnut crept closer against the fence out of the back straight and, once angled out for his effort, produced a surge to take command 100 metres from the line and register an ultimately impressive success.

#### **Listed Prix Max Sicard Cont.**

The dam, who has a colt foal by Battle of Marengo (Ire), is a daughter of the stakes-winning high-class producer Specificity (Alleged). She is responsible for the G1 Champion S., G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud and G1 Hong Kong Cup heroine Pride (Fr) (Peintre Celebre), whose son One Foot in Heaven (Ire) (Fastnet Rock (Aus)) captured this year's G2 Grand Prix de Chantilly and G2 Prix du Conseil de Paris and was third in Sunday's G1 Hong Kong Vase, and also the G3 Prix de Flore scorer and G1 Prix Ganay third Fate (Fr) (Teofilo {Ire}). Her daughter Specifically (Sky Classic) has excelled in her own right as a broodmare with her G1 1000 Guineas-winning daughter Speciosa (Ire) (Danehill Dancer (Ire) joined by the GIII Stars and Stripes Breeders' Cup Turf H. scorer Major Rhythm (Rhythm), the listed-winning Special Meaning (GB) (Mount Nelson {GB}) and GIII Hillsborough S. third Liberally (Ire) (Statue of Liberty), while her daughter Bold Classic (Pembroke) is the dam of the G1 Irish Derby third Festive Cheer (Fr) (Montjeu {Ire}). This is also the family of the sires African Dancer, Touching Wood and Fools Holme. Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

**2nd-TLU, €27,000, Cond**, 12-11, 3yo, 10fT, 2:06.83, sf.

VIRGINIE (FR) (f, 3, Silver Frost {Ire}--Hallen {Fr}, by Midyan)
Lifetime Record: 16-3-2-2, €37,350. O-Jean-Pascal Ducellier;
B-Thierry & Danielle de la Heronniere (FR); T-Tony Clout. \*1/2 to
Zayade (Fr) (Country Reel), MSP-Fr, \$194,973; Winter Springs
(Fr) (Stormy River {Fr}), SP-Fr, \$125,781.

**5th-TLU, €10,000, Cond**, 12-11, 4yo/up, 12fT, 2:34.49, sf.

KHAREEF (IRE) (c, 4, Monsun {Ger}--Hanami {GB} {GSW-Ire & SW-Eng, \$150,504}, by Hernando {Fr}) Lifetime Record: MSP-Fr & SP-Ger, 15-3-2-3, €75,750. O-Guy Heald; B-GB Partnership (IRE); T-Henri-Alex Pantall. \*1/2 to Regent Street (Ire), MGSP-Ire.

# **EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS**

# **IN AUSTRALIA:**

High Church (Ire), g, 5, <u>High Chaparral (Ire)</u>--Tamso, by Seeking the Gold. Werribee, 12-11, Tab Werribee Cup, 2030mT, 2:05.90. B-The Right Honourable Lord Rothschild (Ire). \*GSP-Aus.

# IN THE UAE

Akeed Champion (GB), c, 4, <u>Dubawi (Ire)</u>--Shy Lady (Fr) (SW-Ger), by Kaldoun (Fr). Abu Dhabi, 12-11, Hcp, 3yo/up, 1400mT. B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd. \*85,000gns HRA '15 TAAOCT. \*\*1/2

to Ya Hajar (GB) (Lycius), GSW-Fr; Zafeen (Fr) (Zafonic), Hwt. 3yo-Eng at 7-9.5f, G1SW-Eng & G1SP-Fr, \$503,635; Atlantic Sport (Machiavellian), SW-Eng, SP-Ity, \$145,625; Akeed Wafi (Ire) (Street Cry {Ire}), GSP-Ire.

# WORLDWIDE NEWS

# WHYTE HANDED ONE-MONTH BAN

Jockey Douglas Whyte has been banned for one month by Perth stewards for failing to ride his mount, Scales Of Justice



**Douglas Whyte** | South China Morning Post

(Aus) (Not A Single Doubt {Aus}), to the line in the Dec. 3 G1 Kingston Town Classic, according to *Racing.com*. Scales Of Justice was caught on the wire that day by the fast-finishing Stratum Star (Aus) (Stratum {Aus}), and Whyte was suspended despite support from trainer

Lindsey Smith and owner Chris Wells for his claim that Scales Of Justice was beaten when he stopped riding.

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# MASTERY HAS DOBSON ALL SMILES



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by Jessica Martini

Everett Dobson of Cheyenne Stables was in an understandably jubilant mood Sunday evening. A day after watching his unbeaten juvenile **Mastery** (Candy Ride {Arg}) romp home a 7 1/4-length winner of the GI Los Alamitos CashCall Futurity, Dobson and bloodstock agent Gatewood Bell watched remotely as another unbeaten 2-year-old from the stable, **Cowboy Culture** (Quality Road), capped the weekend with an allowance win at Fair Grounds.

"Both horses were picked out by Gatewood Bell," Dobson was quick to point out. "He's got a big smile on his face now, too."

Mastery, a \$425,000 Keeneland September yearling, is now three-for-three after cruising in his two-turn debut for trainer Bob Baffert in Saturday's Futurity.

"I was obviously just thrilled," Dobson said of the win. "He looked like, on paper, that he was the best horse. But they don't hand out those trophies from what it looks like on paper. To see him perform the way he did was quite a thrill. And we are very excited about his future."

Mastery was backed as the second choice in the first 2017 Kentucky Derby Future wager pool which closed Nov. 27, but Dobson is taking it one race at a time with the talented colt.

"I have had some nice horses do well early, but probably none at his level," Dobson said. *Cont. p3* 

# STRAIGHT AS AN ARROW IN SPRINGBOARD

Brad and Misty Grady's **Cool Arrow** (Into Mischief) was allowed to set leisurely fractions before kicking clear with authority to take the \$300,000 Springboard Mile by 3 1/2 lengths at Remington Park Sunday. The 8-5 favorite broke alertly from the outside post in the field of 12 and was guided to the rail by Luis Saez. Loping along unchallenged through fractions of :24.68, :49.79 and 1:14.54, he scampered clear in upper stretch and came home an easy winner, completing the one mile in 1:38.72.

Cool Arrow, who graduated by a front-running 5 1/2 lengths versus \$40,000 maiden claimers at Laurel July 15, captured the Kip Deville S. going six furlongs at Remington Sept. 25. He was second behind Warrior's Club (Warrior's Reward) in the Oct. 30 Spendthrift Stallion S. at Churchill Downs last time out.

"The Kip Deville was the first step in the right direction for him," said winning trainer Joe Sharp. "The patience from Brad and the crew has paid off. [Saez] did a great job getting a good position early and making the best of a bad post position, but good horses overcome that stuff." *Cont. p3* 

# IN TON EUROPE TODAY

# MAURICE GOES OUT WITH A BANG

Mineshaft - Miss Doolittle, by Storm Cat . Fee \$15,000

Maurice (Jpn) (Screen Hero (Jpn)) closed out his career with a three-length win in Sunday's G1 Longines Hong Kong Cup. Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Europe.



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The Longines Hong Kong International Races concluded with a dazzling fireworks display at Sha Tin Sunday. | HKJC

# **NEOLITHIC EYES PEGASUS BERTH**

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Starlight Stable's Neolithic (Harlan's Holiday), second in the GIII Discovery S., could earn a spot in the GI Pegasus World Cup in a Wednesday allowance start at Gulfstream Park.

# LECOMTE LIKELY FOR SAINT'S FAN

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Owner, breeder and trainer Dallas Stewart said the Jan. 21 GIII Lecomte S. could be next on the agenda for Saint's Fan (Tale of Ekati), who took his record to a perfect two-for-two with a win in Saturday's Louisiana Champions Day Juvenile S.

### **ROMANS HOPEFUL WITH J BOYS ECHO**

Dale Romans lost a potential Derby contender when Not This Time (Giant's Causeway) was retired, but he has high hopes for the promising J Boys Echo (Mineshaft).



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# Mastery Has Dobson All Smiles (cont. from p1)

"We're looking forward to every race and we're certainly not ignoring that the Kentucky Derby is out there," Dobson continued. "Hopefully we'll get there."

Mastery went wire-to-wire to win his Oct. 22 debut at Santa Anita before adding the Nov. 19 GIII Bob Hope S. Dobson said expectations were always high for the youngster.

"Even when he was getting broke last winter down with Randy Bradshaw, he was touting the horse," Dobson recalled. "Then he got with Baffert and he and his assistants continued to say he was doing everything as good as a horse can do it. He was very professional. He has a very efficient stride and a



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long stride. So far, everybody that has been around him has been very high on him and I'm certainly in that camp as well."

Mastery was doing well Sunday, but future plans are still up in the air.

"I got a text from Bob earlier and he came out of the race very good and was not particularly tired this morning," Dobson said. "We really haven't even thought about [what's next] yet. Bob will start assigning horses to races down the road and I'll let Bob drive the bus on that one."

Dobson has another juvenile to look forward to in the promising Cowboy Culture. A \$100,000 Keeneland September purchase and trained by Brad Cox, the bay was a first-out winner over the Churchill turf Oct. 30. He remained unbeaten Sunday in New Orleans with a half-length victory in a one-mile turf allowance victory.

"We watched the race on our phones, but from what we could tell, he looked very good," Dobson said of Cowboy Culture's race. "He made a good move. He could certainly be a nice one."

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# Straight as Arrow in Springboard (cont. from p1)

Grady's Grand Oaks purchased Cool Arrow for \$120,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton Saratoga sale. He is a half-brother to stakes winner Phoenician Moon (Malibu Moon). Phoenicia produced an Itsmyluckyday half-sister to the winner this year and was bred back to Bodemeister. The mare also has a yearling colt by Street Sense. From the Remington Park winner's circle, breeder Allen Poindexter said the yearling is currently at Grady's farm in Florida, adding, "We'll see what we'll do with him."

The Springboard Mile has been a productive race in recent years, with last year's runner-up Suddenbreakingnews (Mineshaft) going on to be second in the GI Arkansas Derby and fifth in the GI Kentucky Derby. Will Take Charge (Unbridled's Song) was second in 2012 before being named champion 3-year-old colt the following season.

**REMINGTON SPRINGBOARD MILE S.**, \$300,000, RP, 12-11, 2yo, 1m, 1:38.72, ft.

1--COOL ARROW, 121, c, 2, by Into Mischief

1st Dam: Phoenicia, by Mr Purple 2nd Dam: Scram, by Stalwart 3rd Dam: Flaxen, by Graustark

(\$120,000 Ylg '15 FTSAUG). O-Brad Grady; B-H. Allen Poindexter (KY); T-Joe Sharp; J-Luis Saez. \$180,000. Lifetime Record: 6-3-2-0, \$282,835.

# Consigned by GAINESWAY

2--**Totality**, 121, c, 2, <u>Tapit</u>--Jackpot Joanie, by Giant's Causeway. (\$625,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEESEP; \$700,000 RNA 2yo '16 EASMAY). O/B-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen. \$60,000.

# Consigned by GAINESWAY

3--**U S Officer**, 121, c, 2, U S Ranger--Lacey Officer, by Officer. O-Jerry Durant & Bill Jordan; B-J Durant (KY); T-D Pish. \$33,000. Margins: 3HF, HD, HF. Odds: 1.60, 4.70, 15.50. Also Ran: Rowdy the Warrior. Halleluiah Hit. Young American.

Also Ran: Rowdy the Warrior, Hallelujah Hit, Young American, Equator, Imma Wild Bling, Cu Rahy, Prados Way, Raising Rumors, My Golden Aura. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.



# **NEOLITHIC EYES PEGASUS BERTH**

Starlight Racing owns a spot in the starting gate of the Jan. 28 GI Pegasus World Cup and could have a candidate to fill that berth in graded-stakes placed **Neolithic** (Harlan's Holiday), who is entered in an allowance at Gulfstream Park Wednesday.

"Starlight owns a gate, so we'll see how he runs on Wednesday," trainer Todd Pletcher said.

Neolithic, who broke his maiden going 1 1/16 miles at

Gulfstream last December, was sidelined eight months before finishing second in a Saratoga allowance in August. Most recently, he added blinkers and stretched out past a mile for the first time since his maiden win to finish second in the Nov. 12 GIII Discovery S.



**Neolithic chases Sticksstatelydude** home in Discovery S. Joe Labozzetta

"I think he's a better horse than his form suggests," Pletcher said. "That's why we ran him in the Discovery even though he's still eligible for a one-other-than [allowance]."

Javier Castellano has been named to ride Neolithic, who breaks from the rail in Wednesday's ninth race, a 1 1/16-mile allowance, and is the even-money morning-line favorite.

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# LECOMTE LIKELY NEXT FOR SAINT'S FAN

Saint's Fan (Tale of Ekati), winner of Saturday's Louisiana Champions Day Juvenile S., will now be pointed towards the

Jan. 21 GIII Lecomte S., according to owner, breeder and trainer Dallas Stewart.

"He looked great today," Stewart said Sunday. "He's just a natural athlete. He knows how to finish these races off. He showed a good sign



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yesterday and he had one horse beat on the backside and then came running. Knock on wood, hopefully he stays healthy. He has the best appetite of any young horse I've ever had."

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The Juvenile S. was Saint's Fan second career start. The chestnut colt was an impressive first-out winner going six furlongs at Churchill Nov. 4.

"He's won every [in-company] workout all year long," Stewart concluded. "He's just been the best and I can't say enough about him as a 2-year-old. He's scary-good. We'll point for the Lecomte."

Saint's Fan is out of Boy Crazy (Sky Mesa), who raced once for Stewart and co-owner Murray Smith in 2008.

"[Saint's Fan] had a sister named Nola Girl who made about \$50,000 and he had another sister who didn't get to the races, so he's the third foal," Stewart continued. "I also have a yearling half by Custom for Carlos and a foal who is a full-brother by Tale of Ekati. I've got one mare and she puts a great body on them and knocks it out of the park."

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# ROMANS HOPEFUL WITH J BOYS ECHO

Trainer Dale Romans lost one promising 2-year-old when GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile runner-up Not This Time (Giant's Causeway) was retired due to injury, but he is hopeful he has another exciting up-and-comer in the barn in **J Boys Echo** (Mineshaft). Owned by Albaugh Family Stables, J Boys Echo graduated by five lengths when stretching out to 1 1/16 miles at Keeneland Oct. 27.

He closed late to be fourth behind Gunnevera (Dialed In) in the Nov. 19 GIII Delta Downs Jackpot S. last time out.

"He had a horrendous trip and came flying at the end," Romans said of the Jackpot. "It looked like, to me, he might have been second-best, but the winner ran a monster race. He

galloped out strong. He wants to go on forever. He's a big, ol' Mineshaft and Mineshaft went forever, so we figure he will, too."

J Boys Echo, a \$485,000 Keeneland September yearling, is out of graded stakes winner Letgomyecho (Menifee) and is a half-



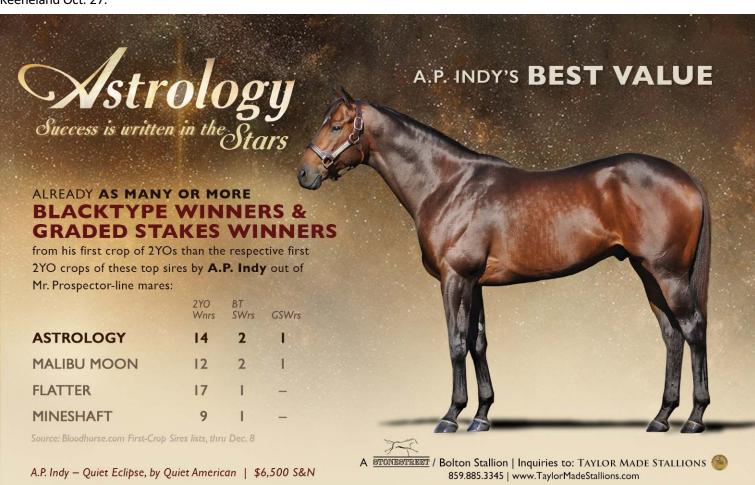
J Boys Echo | Coady Photography

brother to graded stakes placed Unbridled Outlaw (Unbridled's Song).

Romans is keeping his options on the bay colt open

"I don't know what's next," Romans said. "I watched him train today and got excited, so I have to start thinking about it. I think he ran a sneaky good race in the Jackpot. We'll try to get him on the Derby trail."

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# **NEW YORK**

# Sunday's Results:

**BAY RIDGE S.**, \$100,000, AQU, 12-11, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:47.16, ft.

- 1--ISABELLE, 116, m, 5, Successful Appeal--Merrill Gold (SP, \$150,904), by Gold Fever. (\$100,000 Ylg '12 FTSAUG).

  O-William C. Schettine; B-Bluegrass Farm Partners & Jeffrey Tucker (NY); T-William I. Mott; J-Kendrick Carmouche.
  \$60,000. Lifetime Record: MSW, 17-6-3-0, \$392,102.
- 2--Super Surprise, 120, f, 3, Giant Surprise--Miz Lynne Kelly, by Langfuhr. (\$55,000 Ylg '14 SARAUG). O-Repole Stable; B-Allen C. Hallett (NY); T-Todd A. Pletcher. \$20,000.

# Trained at Crupi's New Castle Farm VINERY SALES GRADUATE 3--Kathy's Humor, 116, f, 4, Justenuffhumor--Top That, by Top

3--Kathy's Humor, 116, f, 4, Justenuffhumor--Top That, by Top Account. O-James D. Nolan,, Marc & Amanda Padellaro; B-James & JoAnn Nolan (NY); T-Richard A. Violette, Jr. \$10,000.

Margins: 5HF, HD, 4 3/4. Odds: 9.10, 2.40, 14.30. Also Ran: Jules N Rome, Literata, Mecke's Madalyn, First Service, Storied Lady.

Isabelle won three of her first six starts for trainer Lisa Lewis, including the 2014 Bouwerie S. for state-bred sophomore fillies.

Transferred to the Mott barn ahead of the 2015 season, she captured the restricted Broadway S. going six furlongs over the inner track in February, but failed to find the winner's circle in eight subsequent tries. The bay showed some signs of reawakening when runner-up behind Jules N Rome (Dunkirk) in the nine-furlong Saratoga Dew S. at the Spa Aug. 15, but she

recently could do no better than fifth in the 1 1/16-mile Empire Distaff H. at Belmont Oct. 22. Overlooked by the betting public in this return to a two-turn trip, the 5-year-old secured position along the rail behind a trio of leaders through a half-mile in



Isabelle | NYRA Photo

:49.43. Patiently handled in search of a seam entering the lane, she punched through a narrow opening in upper stretch and finished full of run in a decisive triumph. "Heading into the race, it looked like there was some outside speed, and she's shown some speed in her other races going long, but Kendrick [Carmouche] got an absolutely perfect trip," said Riley Mott,



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trainer Bill Mott's assistant and son. "He got her nice and relaxed and obviously came up the inside and she was loaded on the turn for home. It was good performance by the jockey and the filly." The winner has a weanling full-brother, and her stakes-placed dam was bred back to Competitive Edge this year. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

4th-AQU, \$55,000, (S), Msw, 12-11, 2yo, f, 1m, 1:42.57, ft. TIZNOW'S SMILE (f, 2, Tiznow--Serenity's Smile {MSP, \$178,634}, by Dixie Brass), second and third in the state-bred Aug. 26 Seeking the Ante S. and Oct. 2 Joseph A. Gimma S. at Saratoga and Belmont Park, respectively, just missed by a nose after stalking the pace going seven furlongs on the outer dirt track here Nov. 13. Bet down to 3-5 favoritism in this first attempt trying a mile, the dark bay seized the advantage from the bell and steamed into the clubhouse turn under mild pressure from her rivals. Waltzing on the front end while very relaxed for Jose Ortiz, Tiznow's Smile covered the first half mile in :49.59, still pursued by the persistent My Girl Annie (Boys At Tosconova). Whirling her tail a bit in the lane, the juvenile miss pulled away from that foe late on to win by 2 3/4 lengths. It was a gap of 7 3/4 lengths back to the remainder of the field. The winner is a half-sister to Johannesburg Smile (Johannesburg), MSW & GSP, \$548,260; Wildcat's Smile (Forest Wildcat), MSW & MGSP, \$420,321; and Atlantic's Smile (Stormy Atlantic), SW, \$301,076. Serenity's Smile has a yearling filly named Droselmeyr's Smile (Drosselmeyer), a weanling filly of this year christened Arch's Smile (Arch), and she was covered by Midnight Lute later this spring. Sales history: \$345,000 RNA Ylg '15 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: MSP, 5-1-2-1, \$97,650. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton. O/B-Francis J. Paolangeli (NY); T-Charlton Baker.

1st-AQU, \$55,000, (S), Msw, 12-11, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:14.04, ft. +PURSUER (g, 3, Posse--Duchess of Rokeby {SP, \$112,499}, by City Zip) posted a steady series of works at Belmont dating back to late summer and drew the outside post for this career debut. Sent postward at odds of 5-1, the gelding broke alertly and assumed position in the wake of the leading duo behind a quarter-mile in :23.87. Tipped out to the three path entering the lane, he struck the front in midstretch and dug in determinedly to hold off a late bid from Chosen One Elijah (Western Expression) by a neck. The winner's dam is also responsible for an unraced juvenile filly named Kinsale (Dublin), a yearling colt by Posse and a weanling colt named Big Browning (Big Brown). She most recently visited Afleet Alex earlier this year. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$33,000. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Howard T. Whitbred; B-Christine Brennan & H. T. Whitbred (NY); T-James A. Jerkens.



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# **FLORIDA**

# Sunday's Results:

**4th-GP, \$38,700, Alw** (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 12-11, 3yo/up, 7f (off turf), 1:22.88, sy.

DOLPHUS (c, 3, Lookin At Lucky--Lotta Kim {SW & GSP, \$146,485}, by Roar), a half-brother to Hall of Famer Rachel Alexandra (Medaglia d'Oro; Horse of the Year & Ch. 3yo Filly & MGISW, \$3,506,730), captured two of his first three starts at the Fair Grounds last winter and was sent to the sidelines for an extended rest following a win in an optional claimer there



Dolphus | Lauren King

Jan. 31. The chestnut returned to action with a fifth-place finish behind subsequent GII Pennsylvania Derby and GI Cigar Mile H. hero Connect (Curlin) in Saratoga's ninefurlong Curlin S. July 29, and completed the superfecta in the 1 1/16-mile Grover Delp Memorial S. at Delaware

Park Aug. 24. Fourth again in a one-mile allowance test at Keeneland Oct. 27, Dolphus was entered for main track only and drew in when this race was taken off the turf due to torrential rains. The 3-year-old dodged a significant bullet at the start when Cheyenne Bull (Curlin), posted directly to his inside, broke through the gate prematurely while in the hands of the starter and veered leftward, impeding four rivals. Cheyenne Bull was eventually declared a non-starter due to the incident, which left 7-2 shot Dolphus on an uncontested lead through a quarter-mile in :23.26. Well-rated by jockey Paco Lopez through a half in :46.15, he turned for home well in front and romped to the wire in the slop, 9 1/4 lengths clear of

GII Futurity S. winner Annual Report (Harlan's Holiday), who was knocked off stride by the bumping at the break. Rachel Alexandra is herself the dam of 'TDN Rising Star' and GISW Rachel's Valentina (Bernardini), as well as unbeaten 'Rising Star' Jess's Dream (Curlin). Lotta Kim is also responsible for an unraced 2-year-old colt named Fayeq (Malibu Moon) and a yearling colt by Awesome Again. She was bred back to Tapit this year. "I feel he finally applied himself for the first time in a while," winning trainer Joe Sharp said. "Obviously, [Cheyenne Bull] broke in and changed the dynamic of the race. Having said that, he ran his race. I think he liked the firm going of the sealed sloppy track." Lifetime Record: 7-3-0-1, \$86,340. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
O-Dede McGehee; B-Heaven Trees Farm (KY); T-Joe Sharp.





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3rd-GP, \$36,000, Msw, 12-11, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:12.37, sy. +WAVES OF BLUE (f, 2, Quality Road--Cayuga's Waters {SW, \$194,422}, by Langfuhr) backed up a strong worktab and showed big gate speed en route to a debut score in the slop at Gulfstream. Showing some eye-popping local breezes, including a five-furlong move from the gate in :59 3/5 (2/14) Nov. 13, the \$210,000 Fasig-Tipton August buy caught a flyer at 21-10 and was ahead by multiple lengths almost immediately after leaving the blocks. Running clear through splits of :22.27 and :45.24, the bay widened away strongly by the eighth pole before starting to get a bit leg-weary late in the proceedings. Seam (Union Rags), the favored firster from the red-hot Todd Pletcher barn, put in a good late close, but Waves of Blue had built up too big of a cushion and held on for a 1 1/2-length graduation. The victress, slated to sell at OBS January, is a half to Glorious View (Pleasant Tap), GSW, \$307,190; Cascadilla Falls (E Dubai), SW, \$140,310; and Highball (Lemon Drop Kid), MGSP, \$229,471. Her stakeswinning dam is responsible for a yearling filly by Giant's Causeway who sold for \$235,000 at Fasig-Tipton August, and was bred to Bernardini this spring. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$21,600. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Niall J. Brennan; B-Brant Laue (KY); T-David Fawkes.



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**7th-GP, \$36,000, Msw**, 12-11, 2yo, f, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:48.05, sv.

FRANK'S FOLLY (f, 2, Mineshaft--Fools in Love {SW, \$240,746}, by Not For Love) was away slowly and rallied mildly to be sixth in her 5 1/2-furlong unveiling at Parx July 24 and reported home a non-factor seventh after being bumped at the start traveling that same trip at Monmouth Aug. 26. Entered for main track only and allowed to meet the starter when this race came off the rain-soaked turf, the 9-2 shot momentarily lost position entering the first turn, but quickly advanced to track the pace from the three path through a half-mile in :49.87. Sent to the front with a swift move on the far turn, the bay cornered for home with a two-length advantage and bounded across the wire 4 1/2 lengths ahead of Bogulator (Bodemeister), giving leading rider Paco Lopez his second winner of the day. Fools in Love, a half-sister to MGSW International Star (Fusaichi Pegasus), carried the Hall colors to five victories. She produced a Scat Daddy colt in 2015, an Exchange Rate colt in 2016 and was bred back to Honor Code. Sales History: \$50,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$22,600. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

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**2nd-GP, \$36,000, (S), Msw**, 12-11, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:12.40, sy. +BONES (f, 2, Kantharos--Songandashinyband, by Songandaprayer) worked four times during the month of November over the local track, culminating in a swift four-furlong gate breeze in :47.75 (3/33) Nov. 30, and was bet down to 8-5 favoritism for this career unveiling. Away in good order over the rain-inundated strip, the gray tracked the pace from second as Day by Day (Awesome of Course) led through a quarter-mile in :22.19. Asked for more as that one cut the corner turning for home, the homebred responded well late and got up to win by a half-length. The winner's second dam is GSW Shiny Band (Dixieland Band). Songandashinyband produced a filly by Macho Uno in 2015 and was most recently bred back to Kantharos. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$21,600. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton. O/B-Rustlewood Farm, Inc. (FL); T-Ralph E. Nicks.

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# EASTERN U.S.

# Sunday's Results:

**5th-PRX, \$53,244, Alw** (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 12-11, 2yo, 7f, 1:24.11, ft.

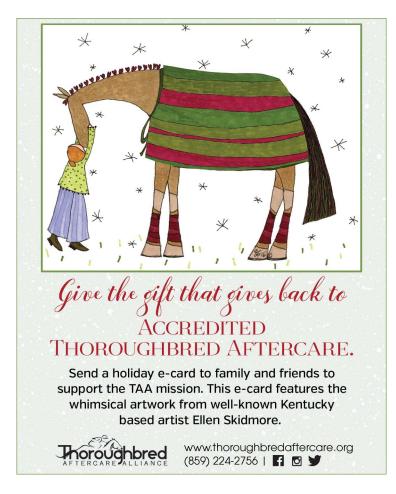
SQUARE SHOOTER (c, 2, Trappe Shot--Flask, by Maria's Mon) graduated at first asking as the 3-1 second choice going 6 1/2 panels here Nov. 1 and was tabbed as the 4-5 chalk to remain undefeated facing just four rivals Sunday. The gray departed from the gate in good order and vied for command along the inside through a quarter-mile in :23.20. Holding a narrow lead from Oneballnostrikes (Include) on the far turn, the colt finally shook loose from that rival once straightened out for the drive and edged clear to score by 2 3/4 lengths. The winner, an \$80,000 Keeneland September yearling turned \$125,000 OBS April juvenile, has a yearling full-sister and a weanling half-brother by Lemon Drop Kid. Flask visited Lemon Drop Kid again in 2016. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$60,600. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton. O-Gold Square LLC; B-Stone Farm & Joseph W. Sutton (KY); T-Michael Lerman.



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7th-LRL, \$46,840, Msw, 12-11, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39.24, ft. BORINO (f, 3, Include--Touchnow {SW, \$388,237}, by Pleasant Tap) was fifth sprinting here on debut Sept. 17 and ran sixth over the local turf Oct. 22 before filling the trifecta over track and trip Nov. 28. Made the 13-10 favorite in this spot, the bay



settled second-last, well off of a :24.20 quarter. Scrubbed on passing the five-eighths pole, she gradually ate into the pacesetter's advantage around the turn while angling four-deep and surged to the lead between rivals late to earn a two-length triumph. Double Sharp (Distorted Humor) was second-best. Touchnow's most recent produce is a yearling colt by Proud Citizen. \$120,000 Ylg '14 EASSEP. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, \$37,560. Click for the <a href="Equibase.com chart">Equibase.com chart</a> or <a href="VIDEO">VIDEO</a>, sponsored by <a href="Fasig-Tipton">Fasig-Tipton</a>.

O-Matthew Schera; B-Dark Hollow Farm, Dorsey Brown & Arnold Davidov (MD); T-Cathal A. Lynch.





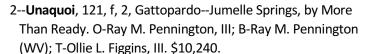
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# Saturday Night's Result:

**ELEANOR CASEY MEMORIAL S.**, \$51,200, CT, 12-10, (S), 2yo, f, 7f, 1:28.71, ft.

1--#HONEYMOON CRUISE, 121, f, 2, <u>Archarcharch</u>--Gildey, by Gilded Time. (\$35,000 Ylg '15 FTKOCT). O-Debbie Rhodes; B-Barak Farm (WV); T-Jeff C. Runco; J-Arnaldo Bocachica. \$30,720. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$44,400.

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3--Scottish Denis, 121, f, 2, Denis of Cork--Scottish Punch, by My Boy Adam. O-Taylor Mountain Farm LLC; B-James W. Casey (WV); T-James W. Casey. \$5,632.

Margins: HF, 4, 2HF. Odds: 5.80, 3.10, 1.90.

Also Ran: Fancy and Fast, Kathleen Elizabeth, Lime Away, House of Love, Annies Alliance, Lies and Scandals, Lady Bearoness. Scratched: Insidious Cat.

Honeymoon Cruise notched a hard-fought victory on debut going 6 1/2 furlongs here Nov. 16 and was sent postward as the fourth choice in the wagering in this stakes debut. Away in midpack, the bay was asked to inch a bit closer along the rail around the opening bend and raced in third behind a quarter-mile in :23.92. Put to a drive as Unaquoi spurted clear to a five-length advantage on the far turn, Honeymoon Cruise reeled that one in the final furlong and got up to score in the dying strides. The winner's dam was bred to Stroll earlier this year. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.



Trainer Richard Vega earned the 1,000th win of his career when Masio came home first in the seventh race at Parx Sunday.

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# **KENTUCKY**

# **Saturday Night's Results:**

**8th-TP, \$20,210, Alw** (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 12-10, 2yo, 1m (AWT), 1:39.85, ft.

SAILIN' SHOES (g, 2, Midshipman--Magic Shoes, by Mineshaft) won on debut in a five-furlong off-the-turfer at Belterra Sept. 11 and faded to fourth in a six-panel allowance at Thistledown Oct. 14. Given a 3-1 chance stretching out in distance here, he raced off the pace behind a half-mile in :47.63 and rallied past Hunka Burning Love (Into Mischief) to score by a neck. Sales History: \$25,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$22,188. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Greenhill Racing Stables, Inc.; B-Pat Tanner (KY); T-Jeffrey L. Greenhill.



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**5th-TP, \$18,500, Msw**, 12-10, 2yo, f, 1m (AWT), 1:40.06, ft. BELTED (f, 2, Bellamy Road--Tie, by Even the Score) began her career under the care of Kellyn Gorder and failed to factor on debut in the wake of eventual GII Golden Rod S. heroine Farrell (Malibu Moon) going 6 1/2 furlongs over a wet/fast strip at Churchill Oct. 1. Transferred to the Correas barn following that effort, the gray showed marked improvement when third in another 6 1/2-panel test beneath the Twin Spires Nov. 19. Bet down to 3-5 favoritism for this first spin over the All-Weather track, the gray traveled four wide around the opening bend and took back to track the pace from third behind a half-mile in :47.99. Belted quickened on the far turn, entered the stretch in the three path and kicked on to earn a 3/4-length victory over first-timer Never Grow Old (Scat Daddy), who followed the winner's rally up the rail. Sales History: \$3,000 Wlg '14 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$17,107. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

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# CENTRAL U.S.

# **Sunday's Results:**

**TRAPEZE S.**, \$100,000, RP, 12-11, 2yo, f, 1m, 1:38.37, ft. 1-#PERFECT WIFE, 117, f, 2, by Majesticperfection

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1st Dam: Crozat, by Street Sense

2nd Dam: Wayward Song, by Seattle Song 3rd Dam: Wayward Action, by Hitting Away

(\$40,000 Wlg '14 KEENOV; \$90,000 Ylg '15 FTKOCT). O-Fern Circle Stables; B-Nick Bentley (KY); T-Kenneth G. McPeek; J-Corey J. Lanerie. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$99,000.

# Another Winning **WAR HORSE PINHOOK**

- 2--**Torrent**, 116, f, 2, <u>Blame</u>--Tidal Pool, by Yankee Gentleman. O-Westrock Stables LLC; B-Westrock Stables, LLC (KY); T-Ron Moquett. \$20,000.
- 3--Gris Gris, 118, f, 2, Spring At Last--That Voodoo Youdo, by Speightstown. (\$32,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEESEP). O/B-Naveed Chowhan (KY); T-Bernard S. Flint. \$11,000.

Margins: 5, 13/4, 43/4. Odds: 2.70, 1.90, 2.90.

Also Ran: Chanel's Legacy, Gold Shock, High Fashion Diva, Christina's Comet, Tickled by Elmo, Kentucky Brown.

Perfect Wife won first out at Keeneland in a six-furlong maiden dash Oct. 28 and closed belatedly into a moderate pace to finish fourth traveling that same trip in a Churchill optional claimer Nov. 26. Sent postward as the second choice for this first try around two turns, the dark bay seized control around the opening bend and coasted along comfortably through a halfmile in :47.74. Stepping on the gas on the far turn, she entered the stretch with a widening advantage and crossed the wire well in front under minimal encouragement. The winner's dam is a half to GSW and MGISP Jungle Prince (Sir Cat). Trainer Ken McPeek took to Twitter after the race, noting that Perfect Wife will likely make her next start in the Martha Washington S. at Oaklawn Park Feb. 11. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

**7th-FG, \$40,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000),** 12-11, 2yo, 1mT, 1:38.97, fm.

COWBOY CULTURE (c, 2, Quality Road--English Willow, by Smart Strike) stayed perfect in two starts, parlaying a perfect trip into a victory on the Fair Grounds turf. Rallying from off the pace to graduate at first asking going this distance on the Churchill lawn Oct. 30, the \$100,000 KEESEP purchase was bet down to 3-5 to repeat here. Checking a bit in traffic early on, the bay sat in midpack as a moderate tempo of :24.38 and :49.29 developed up top. Moving into fourth on the far turn, he awaited room at the top of the lane and surged through once clear inside under strong urging, striking the lead at the eighth pole and holding sway for a half-length victory over Hot Dad

(Sidney's Candy). The winner's second dam, Capote's Tune (Capote), is a half to MSW and successful sire Concorde's Tune (Concorde Bound) and MGSW Parisian Flight (Concorde Bound). English Willow is responsible for a yearling colt by Blame named Man At Arms and visited both Constitution and Bodemeister this term. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$58,800. Click for the Equibase.com chart.

O-Cheyenne Stables LLC; B-Rhineshire Farm LLC (KY); T-Brad H. Cox.

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**5th-FG, \$40,400, Msw,** 12-11, 2yo, f, 5 1/2fT, 1:04.55, fm. **JO JO'S WINE (f, 2, D'wildcat--Block, by Dynaformer)** took a lot of play for her Nov. 20 debut against state-breds on the local dirt and had a difficult trip en route to a sixth-place finish. Let go at 46-5 in this move to turf, the bay broke sharply and sprinted clear through a :22.21 quarter. Turning back the bid of favored Oh So Terrible (Cape Blanco {Ire}) by the eighth pole, she dug in to hold off the closing Honey Bunny (Tapizar) for a neck tally. Jo Jo's Wine is a half to Lideris (Mizzen Mast), G1SW-Per, \$373,834. Her dam produced a filly by Violence this season before visiting Sum of the Parts. Sales History: \$45,000 2yo '16 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$25,200. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.** 

O-Newport Stables LLC; B-Schreiber, Vanlandingham, et al (LA); T-Joe Sharp.

# CALIFORNIA

# Sunday's Results:

9th-LRC, \$46,380, (S), Msw, 12-11, 2yo, 5 1/2f, 1:03.70, ft. PAMPERS N' BOOTS (g, 2, Papa Clem--She's Borracho, by Tale of the Cat) finished with interest to be second against state-breds for a \$50,000 tag Nov. 26 at Del Mar and was given a 24-5 chance to go one better here. Sitting fourth in the early going behind a solid quarter in :21.76, the gelding moved to second as Potente Alba (Eskendereya) inherited the lead by midstretch, and relentlessly reeled that one in to get up by a head in the final strides. The winner's dam is a half to MGISW Habibti (Tabasco Cat), who in turn produced MGSW Eldaafer (A.P. Indy). She foaled a filly by Stormberg this term before being bred to Square Eddie. Sales History: \$11,000 2yo '16 BARMAY. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$32,600. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Victor Garcia & Rafael Gutierrez; B-Jack Sims & Joey Platts (CA); T-Victor L. Garcia.





# First-crop starters to watch: Monday, December 12

Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2013 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/ BlackTypeWnrs \* Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

INDIAN FIREWATER (Indian Charlie), Doubletree Farm, \$3K, 25/4/0 9-ZIA, Msw 5 1/2f, By Golly Who, 8-1

MCKENNA'S JUSTICE (Medaglia d'Oro), 6/0/0

9-ZIA, Msw 5 1/2f, McEve, 5-1

SHACKLEFORD (Forestry), Darby Dan Farm, \$20K, 119/13/1 6-PRX, Msw 6 1/2f, Cape Lookout, \$100K KEE SEP yrl, 2-1 STAY THIRSTY (Bernardini), Ashford Stud, \$17.5K, 91/16/1 6-PRX, Msw 6 1/2f, Jamminwithbrandon, \$100K OBS OPN 2yo, 6-1 TAPIZAR (Tapit), Gainesway Farm, \$15K, 100/15/1 6-PRX, Msw 6 1/2f, Popizar, \$37K EAS MAY 2yo, 9-2

# **BREEDERS' EDITION**

# **STAKES RESULTS:**

**SHE'S ALL IN H.**, \$100,000, RP, 12-11, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:42.65, ft.

1--#MISS MO KELLY, 118, f, 4, Congrats--Saratoga Drive (SP), by **Siphon (Brz)**. (\$75,000 2yo '14 OBSAPR). O-Dundalk 5 LLC; B-Delfiner Partners (KY); T-Paul E. Holthus; J-Belen Quinonez. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 18-3-6-3, \$216,841.



- 2--Chronologic'sghost, 116, f, 4, Parading--Platinum Streak, by Fight Over. (\$27,000 2yo '14 TEXAPR). O-J. C. Racing Stable; B-Oak Haven Farm (TX); T-Manuel Badilla. \$20,000.
- 3--More Than Most, 116, f, 3, Indygo Mountain--Better Than Most, by Elusive Quality. O/B-Clarence Scharbauer (TX); T-W. Bret Calhoun. \$11,000.

Margins: 2, 1 1/4, HD. Odds: 27.90, 10.10, 6.10.

**USEEIT S.**, \$50,000, RP, 12-11, (S), 3yo, f, 1m, 1:38.42, ft.

1--#HAILSTORM SLEW, 117, f, 3, Munnings--Successful Slew, by Successful Appeal. O/B-C R Trout (OK); T-C. R. Trout; J-Israel Ocampo. \$30,000. Lifetime Record: 8-3-2-1, \$104,513.

- 2--Chaparella, 120, f, 3, Service Stripe--Donna D, by Dixie Union. (\$10,000 Ylg '14 HERDEC). O-Twisted Chaps Racing Stables LLC; B-Rusty Roberts (OK); T-Roger F. Engel. \$10,000.
- 3--Another Bond Girl, 120, f, 3, Don't Get Mad--She's a Bond Girl, by Truluck. O/B-William Higgins & Brent Davidson (OK); T-M. Brent Davidson. \$5,500.

Margins: 1, 4 3/4, 3. Odds: 12.80, 4.60, 7.50.

### **ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

3rd-AQU, \$67,000, 12-11, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:48.53, ft.

CHORUS LINE (f, 3, Parading--Brief Encounter, by Lion Hearted) Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-1, \$105,472. O-Edward J. DeLauro, Frank Giammarino, Jack Montelbano & Catherine Mazzatto; B-William M. Backer Revocable Trust (VA); T-Edward J. DeLauro.

8th-PRX, \$65,730, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 12-11, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.32, ft.

ROWD E ALLIE (f, 4, E Dubai--Pining, by Pine Bluff) Lifetime Record: 18-6-2-1, \$250,613. O-Shindel Thoroughbred Ventures LLC; B-Two-Turn Farm LLC (PA); T-Kelly J. Breen.

**8th-DED, \$43,700**, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$30,000), 12-10, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:27.06, ft.

BELIEVEINSOMETHING (f, 4, Etbauer--Ls Believeinmagic, by Believe It) Lifetime Record: MSW, 16-7-2-2, \$247,440. O/T-Brian Schweda; B-Margie K. Averett (LA).

8th-RP, \$43,350, (S), 12-10, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.97, ft. VIZZY (f, 3, The Visualiser--Filliano, by Jamiano) Lifetime Record: 9-2-3-0, \$78,100. O-William T. Reed; B-Center Hills Farm (OK); T-W. Bret Calhoun. \*\$8,500 Ylg '14 OKCYRL; \$25,000 2yo '15 TEXAPR. \*\*1/2 to Lord Kipling (Kipling), SW, \$432,143.

3rd-FG, \$40,000, (S), (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$12,500), 12-11, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:45.17, fm.

CAMERON RULES (g, 3, Roman Ruler--Special Broad (GSW, **\$265,740}, by Broad Brush)** Lifetime Record: 15-2-3-5, \$72,680. O-Steve D. & Patricia L. Roe; B-J. Adcock (LA); T-Patrick Mouton. \$10,000 Ylg '14 ESLYRL. \*1/2 to Sheeler (Dixie Union), SW, \$114,580.

6th-DED, \$40,000, (S), 12-10, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:21.27, ft.

FLIT N TIME (g, 3, Time Bandit--Miss Flit N Flot, by Leestown) Lifetime Record: 8-2-2-1, \$53,375. O-Bonnie Wall; B-Margie K. Averett (LA); T-Samuel Breaux.

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**7th-GG, \$35,514**, 12-11, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:09.51, ft. TOP PIRANA (g, 4, Old Topper--Royal Prana, by Royal Academy) Lifetime Record: 10-5-0-2, \$82,239. O-Jerry Hollendorfer & George Todaro; B-Ellen Jackson & Margaret Sherr (CA); T-Jerry Hollendorfer.

**8th-LRL, \$35,000,** (S), 12-11, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.00,

CLARE'S DOWERY (f, 3, Jump Start--She Shines, by Polish Numbers) Lifetime Record: 9-2-0-2, \$69,340. O-Mrs. Frank P. Wright; B-Frank P Wright (MD); T-Robin L. Graham.

# **ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

Smart Prospector, c, 2, Calibrachoa--Prospect of Love (SW, \$159,960), by Suave Prospect. DED, 12-10, (S), 5f, :59.76. B-Nathan C. Granger (LA). \*\$27,000 2yo '16 OBSOPN.

\*\*Second winner for freshman sire (by Southern Image).



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Chicfillyonsunday, f, 2, Don't Get Mad--Expect Diamonds, by Valid Expectations. RP, 12-10, (S), 6f, 1:12.73. B-Hal Browning & Dave Faulkner (OK).

Sooner Heat, g, 2, Latent Heat--Varna (SP, \$106,094), by Kipling. RP, 12-11, (S), 6f, 1:13.11. B-Francisco Bravo & Allen Poindexter (OK).

Outback Jack, g, 2, Put It Back--Speightstown Belle (SP), by Speightstown. FG, 12-10, (S), 6f, 1:12.58. B-Coteau Grove Farms, LLC. (LA). \*\$30,000 Ylg '15 OBSAUG.



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Worth His Salt, g, 2, Roman Ruler--Saltster, by Salt Lake. LRL, 12-11, (C), 6f, 1:12.67. B-Charles McGinnes (MD). \*\$9,000 Ylg '15 EASOCT. \*1/2 to Ridgester (Cactus Ridge), GSP, \$176,245.

On Her Honor, f, 2, To Honor and Serve--Special Grayce (GSP, \$124,129), by Smart Strike. TP, 12-10, 1m (AWT), 1:40.25. B-White Fox Farm (KY). \*\$40,000 RNA 2yo '16 OBSAPR; \$30,000 2yo '16 OBSOPN.

War Moccasin, f, 2, War Chant--Suede Shoe, by Pulpit. GG, 12-11, 1m (AWT), 1:40.67. B-Calumet Farm (KY). \*\$6,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP.

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Master's Bouquet, f, 3, Foreign Policy--Shhh Hush Hush, by Real Quiet. RP, 12-11, 6 1/2f, 1:19.43. B-Bob & Paulette Pogue (OK).

Hot Rodin, g, 3, Heat Shield--Gorgeous Goomah, by Maria's Mon. LRC, 12-11, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:03.14. B-Kristin Mulhall (CA).

Marine Pilot, g, 3, Line of David--My Darling Debbie, by Friends Lake. RP, 12-10, 1m 70y, 1:45.46. B-Marian M. Pearcy (KY).

**+Why Me's Legacy**, f, 3, **Silent Pleasure**--Why Me, by Northern Niner. FG, 12-11, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05.53. B-Thomas R. Peters (LA).





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