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Undefeated In Hong Kong**
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'BLUES' RAISES THE STANDARD

In what turned out to be a storybook ending, **Bluesthestandard** (American Standard), who at one time ran for a \$50,000 tag, got the better of his royally bred rival **Marino Marini** (Storm Cat) when he fought his way to the front in deep stretch to score by a length in



Bluesthestandard Benoit photo

Sunday's GII Palos Verdes H. at Santa Anita. The winner of the GII Potrero Grande Breeders' Cup H. and the GIII Texas Mile S. last spring, the seven-year-old finished in the money in five of six subsequent starts, including third-place efforts in the GI Triple Bend BC H. and the GI Ancient Title BC H. before

rounding out a strong campaign with a second-place finish, beaten 2 1/4 lengths, in the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint at Santa Anita Park Oct. 25. *(report cont. p3)*
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Sunday, Santa Anita

PALOS VERDES H.-GII, \$150,000, SAX, 2-1, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:08, ft.

1--**BLUESTHESTANDARD**, 117, g, 7, by American Standard

1st Dam: Bob's Blue, by Bob's Dusty

2nd Dam: Swirlin Sue, by Amber Morn

3rd Dam: T. V. Nice, by T. V. Lark

(\$4,200 wlng '97 OBSOCT; \$20,000 2yo '99 OBSAPR). O-Jeffrey Sengara; B-Terry Brown (GA); T-Ted H West; J-M Smith; \$90,000. Lifetime Record: MGISP, 28-15-6-3, \$897,184. *1/2 to Arrive Alive (Broad Brush), SW, \$173,904.

2--**Marino Marini**, 115, c, 4, Storm Cat--Halo America, by Waquoit. (\$1,800,000 yrl '01 KEESEP). O-Rancho San Miguel; B-Hill 'n' Dale Farms & J Franks (KY); \$30,000.

3--**Our New Recruit**, 114, h, 5, Alphabet Soup--Delta Danielle, by Lord Avie. (\$40,000 wlng '99 KEENOV; \$47,000 yrl '00 KEESEP; \$120,000 2yo '01 BESMAR). O-R K Stable; B-T Graul (MD); \$18,000.

Margins: 1, 4, HF. Odds: 1.80, 4.20, 18.10.
Also Ran: Boston Common, Captain Squire, Tough Game, Giovannetti. Scratched: Summer Service.

JUVENILE CHAMPIONS TOP EARLY TRIPLE CROWN NOMINATIONS

Recently crowned juvenile champions **Action this Day** (Kris S.) and **Halfbridled** (Unbridled) were among 434 nominees still eligible for the 2004 VISA Triple Crown series when the early nomination period closed Jan. 17. Todd Pletcher led all trainers with 35 nominees, including GII Sanford S. winner Chapel Royal (Montbrook), while trainer Nick Zito was represented by 22 nominees, topped by **Birdstone** (Grindstone), **Eurosilver** (Unbridled's Song) and **The Cliff's Edge** (Gulch). Leading the owner's ranks was Michael Tabor, alone or in partnership, with 13 individuals, including GI Hollywood Futurity hero **Lion Heart** (Tale of the Cat). Conspicuously absent from the list of early nominees was Sheikh Mohammed's Godolphin Racing operation, which led all owners with 19 nominations last year. Godolphin's main hope, GII Norfolk S. winner **Ruler's Court** (Doneraile Court), is currently on the sidelines while recovering from a knee injury sustained late last year. Late nominations, which can be made through March 27, will require a \$6,000 investment per horse.

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Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong

BAUHINIA SPRINT TROPHY-G1-HK, HK\$4,500,000, Sha Tin, 2-1, 3yo/up, 1000mT, :56.5, gd/fm.

1--**SILENT WITNESS (AUS)**, 126, g, 4, by El Moxie

1st Dam: Jade Tiara (Aus), by Bureaucracy (NZ)

2nd Dam: Jade-Amanda (NZ), by Grosvenor (NZ)

3rd Dam: Comptroller (NZ), by Smuggler (GB)

O-Arthur Antonio & Betty da Silva; B-I K Smith; T-A S Cruz; J-F Coetzee; HK\$2,565,000. Lifetime Record: 9-9-0-0, HK\$18,051,900. *Formerly Eltira (Aus).

2--**Firebolt (Ire)**, 126, g, 6, Flying Spur (Aus)--

Musianica (GB), by Music Boy (GB). (20,000gns wnlng '98 TATDEC; 37,000gns yrl '99 TATOCT). O-Tony Y K Leung; B-Bolton Grange; HK\$990,000. *Formerly Volata (Ire).

3--**Cape of Good Hope (GB)**, 126, g, 6, Inchinor (GB)--

Cape Merino (GB), by Clantime (GB). (25,000gns yrl '99 DONSEP). O-The Exors of the Estate of the late Ronald Carstairs; B-Mrs D Ellis; HK\$517,500.

Margins: 2 3/4, NO, 3/4. Odds: 1-20, 20-1, 25-1.

Also Ran: Planet Ruler (Aus), Celestial Magic (Aus), Prime Witness (Aus), Century Star (GB).

Can I get a Witness? With lackadaisical ease, the four-year-old Silent Witness captured the first leg of Hong Kong's Champion Sprint Series, running his record to nine wins in as many starts. The star Aussie-bred, making his first start since capturing the Dec. 14 G1 Hong Kong Sprint, jumped out to the early lead from his inside post and was relaxed on the front end under jockey Felix Cortez. Facing a sudden challenge by the Anton Marcus-partnered Firebolt with two furlongs to run, Silent Witness lost the advantage briefly, but three shakes of the reins from Cortez was all that was needed for the highest rated horse in Hong Kong to establish a clear advantage once again. The gelding finished with ears pricked as the crowd cheered on in approval. "When he extends, it's like some kind of double overdrive," exclaimed Coetzee. "And it's just so easy for him. [He's] just amazing." Trainer Tony Cruz just doesn't know exactly where the limits of his charge lie. "There was plenty in the tank at the finish there--he's done it with his ears pricked and it seems he's getting better," Cruz said. Silent Witness will now be pointed towards the second leg of the Sprint Series, the Centenary Cup Mar. 13. [Click here for the HKJC chart](#) or [click for a video replay: modem or broadband.](#)

Sunday, Fair Grounds

WHIRLAWAY H.-GIII, \$100,000, FGX, 2-1, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:45 2/5, ft.

1--**OLMODAVOR**, 121, h, 5, by [A.P. Indy](#)

1st Dam: Corrazona (GISW-US & MGSW-Fr, \$513,919), by El Gran Senor

2nd Dam: Heartbreak, by Stage Door Johnny

3rd Dam: Royal Folly, by Tom Fool

O-Wertheimer & Frere & G Wertheimer & C Heilbronn; B-Wertheimer et Frere (KY); T-Richard E Mandella; J-C Lanerie; \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 11-5-3-1, \$417,540.

2--**Spanish Empire**, 118, c, 4, Pleasant Colony--La Paz,

by Hold Your Peace. (\$500,000 wlng '00 KEENOV; \$400,000 yrl '01 KEEOCT). O-Jubilee Stable, Martin L Cherry and Twin Creeks Farm; B-John R Gaines Thoroughbreds & Twin Creeks Farm (KY); \$20,000.

3--**Almuhathir**, 114, h, 6, Capote--Rose Park, by

Plugged Nickle. (\$850,000 yrl '99 KEESEP).

O-Shadwell Stable; B-Ward C Pitfield (KY); \$11,000.

Margins: 3/4, 2 1/4, HF. Odds: 1.50, 2.40, 30.30.

Also Ran: Kodema, Total Impact (Chi), Classic Par, M B Sea, G. W.'s Skippie, El Ruller.

Olmodaver closed out 2003 with a half-length win in the GIII Native Diver H. going nine furlongs at Hollywood Park Dec. 6 before returning with a third-place finish in his 2004 debut in the GII San Pasqual H. over this track and distance Jan. 3. Sent off the 3-2 choice to return to his winning ways, Olmodaver was unhurried early, content to linger in eighth place through an opening half mile in :47.54, before closing in on the front rank on the second turn. A length behind leading Spanish Empire with a furlong left to go, the bay rallied in the final strides to eke out the victory. "This horse only lost by three lengths to Mineshaft last year [in the New Orleans H.], and I think he'll do better with added distance and a track that won't be as heavy and deep," said winning jockey Corey Lanerie. According to trainer Richard Mandella, the five-year-old looks likely to make his next appearance in the GII New Orleans H. Feb. 29. [Click for the brisnet.com chart.](#)

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Currency	Unit/US\$	Unit/British £
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EUROSILVER RETURNS WEDNESDAY Eurosilver (Unbridled's Song), just one of several Triple Crown bullets in the holster of trainer Nick Zito, is slated to make his three-year-old bow in the third race at Gulfstream Wednesday, a \$36,000 seven-furlong allowance race. The Buckram Oak Farm colorbearer is unraced since his decisive 4 1/2-length tally over **Tiger Hunt** (Kris S.) and **Limehouse** (Grand Slam) in the Oct. 4 GII Lane's End Breeders' Futurity at Keeneland. Javier Castellano, who partnered Eurosilver to victory in the Breeders' Futurity, is named to ride.

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SIR CAT COLT LEADS FINAL TACK SHOW [Hip 20](#), a colt by Sir Cat out of Limestone Landing (Red Ryder), recorded a sharp quarter-mile work in :21 1/5, the fastest at the distance, at Calder Race Course Sunday at the Under Tack Show for the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's 2004 Sale of Selected Two-Year-Olds. The half brother to stakes winner and multiple graded stakes placed It'sallinthechase is consigned by Equine Legacy Farm, agent. At an eighth of a mile, five juveniles shared top honors, recording a :10.1 final clocking. Agent Wavertree Stables consigned [Hip 16](#), a colt by Meadowlake out of stakes-winning Launching Shot (Relaunch), as well as [Hip 61](#), who is by Yankee Victor out of the stakes-winning mare Rare Ruby (Rare Brick). Also among the leading group is [Hip 72](#), a filly by sophomore stallion Good and Tough out of the Mr. Leader mare Saratoga Ball, who is from the Equine Legacy Farm consignment. The chestnut is a half sister stakes winner Ballonenostrikes. Rounding out the quintet is [Hip 132](#), a filly by Scatmandu out of Anelda (Pancho Villa), consigned by Murray Smith, agent; and [Hip 117](#), a filly by Successful Appeal out of the Diablo mare Wicked Diablo. The bay is consigned by agent Timber Creek.

You can also pick up a copy of the TDN today at the OBS Selected Sale of Two-Year-Olds in Training at Calder.

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Singing the Blues..

Before the race, jockey Mike Smith worried that the gelding might not be 100 percent for his seasonal bow, but the bay quickly dispelled any misgivings. Settled just off the early pace, Bluesthstandard bid three wide leaving the turn, took a short lead past the eighth pole and proved best in the drive for the wire, scoring by a length over \$1.8-million Keeneland September purchase Marino Marini. "It was a picture perfect race," said Smith. "He was a total gentleman, so relaxed. I was a little worried that he would be a little hot and sweaty, but he was just so cool and calm." According to trainer Ted West, Bluesthstandard will target the GII San Carlos H. Mar. 7 as his next goal before trying for a repeat win in the GII Potrero Grande Breeders' Cup H. Mar. 28.

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LEADING SIRES BY TRIPLE CROWN NOMINATIONS
Sophomore Sires

Stallion	Sire	Runners
Forestry	Storm Cat	11
Charismatic	Summer Squall	6
Silver Charm	Silver Buck	6
Old Trieste	A.P. Indy	5
Victory Gallop	Cryptoclearance	5
Malibu Moon	A.P. Indy	4
Mazel Trick	Phone Trick	4
Menifee	Harlan	3
Real Quiet	Quiet American	3
Horse Chestnut (SAf)	Fort Wood	2
Lucky Roberto	Belong to Me	2
Scatmandu	Storm Cat	2
Stormin Fever	Storm Cat	2
Tactical Cat	Storm Cat	2

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 **NORTH AMERICA** 

WEATHER KO'S GULFSTREAM, ELSEWHERE

Even racing in the Sunshine State isn't immune to the recent wrath of Mother Nature. Sunday's card at Gulfstream was scratched following the second race after jockeys informed management that track conditions were unsuitable. The Hallandale, Florida racecourse was inundated with overnight rains and came up a quagmire for yesterday's scheduled 10-race card, which was to feature the Gaily Gaily S. Racing is expected to resume this afternoon with a first post of 1:30 p.m. EST. Meanwhile, several tracks due north of Gulfstream were also forced to cancel. West Virginia's Mountaineer and Kentucky's Turfway Park called off the entirety of their Saturday night cards because of extreme cold and high winds, while Penn National made it through four races Saturday night before cancelling.

184 CATALOGUED FOR F-T MIDLANTIC Fasig-Tipton hosts its single-session Midlantic Winter Mixed Sale today, held at the Timonium Sales Pavilion in Maryland. With 184 hips catalogued, the sale will feature broodmare and broodmare prospects (hip #'s 1-100), yearlings (101-152) and horses of racing age (153-184). Captain Bodgit, Charismatic, Favorite Trick, Gentlemen (Arg), Judge TC, Malibu Moon, Numerous and Skip Away are all represented by yearlings at this year's sale, while Deputy Minister, Eastern Echo, Tactical Cat, Royal Anthem and Runaway Groom are among covering sires. Bidding begins at 10:00 a.m.

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Yesterday's Results:

8th-AQU, \$54,000, Alw, C, 4yo/up, a1m70yd, 1:41 1/5, ft.

1--LORD OFTHE THUNDER, 114, h, 5, Saint Ballado--Astarte, by Deputy Minister. (\$240,000 yrl '00 FTNAUG). O-Paraneck Stable; B-Barbara Brewer (NY); T-Jennifer Pedersen. Lifetime Record: SW, 22-7-3-4, \$316,282.

2--Classic Endeavor, 122, h, 6, Silver Buck--Bold Juana, by John Alden. (\$20,000 yrl '99 OBSJAN; \$40,000 2yo '00 OBSMAR).

3--New York Hero, 112, c, 4, Partner's Hero--Nin Two, by John Alden. (\$6,000 yrl '01 KEESEP; \$135,000 2yo '02 FTMMAY).

Margins: 3, 1, NO. Odds: 1.65A, 9.30, 1.65A.

Stablemates Lord ofthe Thunder and New York Hero book-ended the trifecta in yesterday's feature at the Big A. The former, a \$240,000 FTNAUG yearling, hadn't visited the inside of a winner's circle since taking the Kings Point H. for statebreds last May. Third in an optional claimer over trip and track Jan. 2, the dark bay most recently finished a non-threatening fourth in the GIII Aqueduct H. Jan. 17. Here, the Paraneck representative was content to caboose the field as New York Hero duelled through snappy opening fractions with GSW Danthebluegrassman (Pioneering). Cutting into the healthy lead that pair had established, Lord ofthe Thunder moved into striking range turning for home, then beat fellow closer Classic Endeavor to a narrow opening between rivals in mid-stretch to run off with the win.

9th-AQU, \$44,000, Alw, NW1X, 4yo/up, 8.5f, 1:44, ft.

MR. AMANO (g, 4, Devil His Due--Miss Vesuvio, by Thirty Six Red), claimed for \$50,000 from trainer John Hertler when fifth in an off-the-turfer at Saratoga in late July, needed two starts under his belt for new conditioner Steve Klesaris before winning at the \$20,000 level over course and distance on the last day of 2003. Kicking his 2004 campaign off the right way, the \$3,000 KEENOV weanling pounced from a mid-pack position at the top of the lane and drew off to the 3 1/4-length decision. The pacesetting 6-5 chalk July Child (Distorted Humor) held on for second. Lifetime Record: 10-3-0-2, \$76,635.

O-S Goldfarb & S Klesaris. B-B Hunter (KY). T-S Klesaris.

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7th-AQU, \$43,000, Alw, NW1X, 3yo, 6f, 1:11 2/5, ft. MATSUI (g, 3, Double Honor--Proud n' Precious, by Valid Appeal), whose big sis' Mooji Moo (Jeblar), MSW & GSP, \$274,450, upset the Jan. 24 Sunshine Millions Filly & Mare Sprint S. as a 17-1 outsider, displayed some of that family talent by opening his account by eight lengths in a Philly Park maiden Dec. 26. Moved to Laurel for his next, he pressed the pace before weakening to fourth at this distance Jan. 18. Becoming the third Matsui to come to New York--following less talented sprinters on the Yankees' and Mets' payroll--the first-time Lasix user was quickest into stride and pulled clear once asked the question, scoring by 2 3/4 lengths over 4-5 pick Crafty Player (Crafty Prospector). Matsui was a \$3,500 OBSOCT yearling and a \$12,000 OBSAPR two-year-old. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$38,700. O-Team Westview Stables & Barbara Kurtin. B-Farnsworth Farms (FL). T-Derek S Ryan.

6th-AQU, \$42,000, Msw, 3yo, 1 1/8m, 1:54, ft. GALLOP TO VICTORY (c, 3, Victory Gallop--Flying Red Jet {SP}, by Halo) was overlooked here after two disappointing efforts, finishing seventh in his debut in the mud going a mile Nov. 20 and fifth when moved to the inner track Dec. 28. A second-time Lasix user who was adding blinkers, the 18-1 longshot lay last of nine through six furlongs, but a strong run two furlongs out saw him pick off each and every rival, scampering clear late to win by two. The victor was a \$50,000 KEESEP yearling and \$92,000 OBSFEB two-year-old. Pacefactor Rating Agency (Honour and Glory) was second best. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$26,460. O-Alan Brodsky. B-Dr Paul R Gutheil (KY). T-M Hennig.

4th-AQU, \$42,000, Msw, (S), 3yo, a1m70yd, 1:43 3/5, ft. BOUNDARY BAY (c, 3, Maria's Mon--Open Flap, by Carr de Naskra) went off a 14-1 outsider in his Nov. 20 debut going six panels over a sloppy Aqueduct oval, but came roaring from 20 lengths out of it to hit the runner-up spot. Taking much more play the next time around as the 3-5 pick, he was bumped shortly after the start and could muster only a third-place finish on New Year's Day. The \$45,000 FTNAUG yearling, making his two-turn bow as the crowd's 8-5 chalk, prompted the pace and was joined on the front end through sensible fractions of :24 2/5 and :49 2/5. Shaking loose after three-quarters, he opened up by as many as seven lengths and was kept to task late to win by three lengths over longshot Mumbles (Expensive Decision). Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$37,500. O-Evelyn Pollard. B-Glen Gray Farm (NY). T-G Weaver.

Yesterday's Results:

9th-OPX, \$40,000, Alw, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:38, ft. CRAFTY SHAW (h, 6, Crafty Prospector--Her She Shawklit {GISP, \$284,358}, by Air Forbes Won), the hard-knocking veteran who has a pair of victories in the GIII Turfway Park Fall Championship S. to his credit, won his second straight Michael G. Schaefer Mile S. at Hoosier Park Nov. 16. The chestnut appeared to not like the sloppy conditions at Churchill in the GII Clark H. in late November and trailed home 11th in his most recent. The crowd's 3-5 pick to rebound, the \$130,000 KEESEP yearling overcame a bobbling start and raced up to lead the way with Docent (Waquoit) glued to his flank. That rival put a head in front a furlong out, but a dead-game Crafty Shaw fought back for the nose triumph. The winner is a half to Her She Kisses (Dehere), MSW & MGSP, \$270,595. Lifetime Record: MGSW, 35-14-4-5, \$874,439. O-Charles J Cella. B-Lance K Robinson (KY). T-Peter M Vestal.

6th-FGX, \$32,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:45 4/5, ft.

ROAR ON TOUR (c, 4, Roar--Fatal Romance, by Bates Motel), a solid claiming performer who had his picture taken seven times prior to this race, was halted by current connections for \$25,000 out of a third-place finish at Calder Oct. 6. The recipient of a 3 1/2-month breather, he came back to take a nine-furlong race while in for a \$25,000 tag at Fair Grounds Jan. 17, an effort that prompted trainer Gamaliel Vazquez to give him a shot here. The 9-1 outsider jumped out to set measured fractions up the backstretch before a trio of challengers made their bids leaving the turn. Maintaining a one-length advantage, Roar on Tour rebuffed all rivals and dug in gamely late to keep the odds-on pick, Political Risk (A.P. Indy), at bay by 1 3/4 lengths on the line. Lifetime Record: 19-8-0-4, \$99,466. O-Michael J Gill. B-Robert D Gibson (KY). T-Gamaliel Vazquez.

The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the \$37,000 7th race (Allowance NW1X) at Fair Grounds. For pps and a complete race analysis, click [here](#).

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7th-OPX, \$31,000, Msw, 3,4,5yo, f/m, 6f, 1:12, ft.
+ DASH OF HUMOR (f, 4, [Distorted Humor](#)--Dot Dot Dash, by Nureyev) had those who took a shot on her as a 17-1 bomb chortling all the way to a mandatory IRS form. The chestnut was away in good order and dueled from an inside position, but looked a beaten filly as she began to fall back on the turn. Re-engaging gamely, however, she put a nose in front in mid-stretch and inched away late to prevail by 1 1/2 lengths. The victress, a \$4,800 FTKOCT yearling, is a half to Two Dot Slew (Evansville Slew), MSP, \$215,792. Fellow firster Speedy Sunrise (Cherokee Run) rounded out the exacta. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$18,600.
 O-James D Conway. B-Dullea Farms LLC (KY). T-Ron Moquett.

5th-FGX, \$28,000, Msw, 3yo, 1m, 1:39, ft.
GRANDE'S GRANDSLAM (c, 3, [Grand Slam](#)--Grande Armee, by Dayjur), a \$200,000 FTSAUG yearling acquisition, finished well out of it in his first two starts last fall in Kentucky, but showed new life when introduced to New Orleans, running a good second at a mile and a sixteenth over this track Dec. 26. A well-supported 4-5 to do one better, the Stan Fulton colorbearer took charge just before the half, strode clear from the challenge of Kiss the Groom (Runaway Groom) on the second turn, then turned it into a procession through the lane in a 9 1/2-length romp. A rallying Fantasticat (Storm Cat), whose dam Lotta Dancing (Alydar) sold in foal to Storm Cat for \$2.7 million at the 1999 KEENOV sale, got a neck in front of Kiss the Groom for place honors. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$24,595.
 O-Stan E Fulton. B-Du Mezeray Haras (KY). T-David M Carroll.

★ SO. CALIFORNIA ★

'Action' on the Santa Anita Worktab:

Two-year-old champion **Action This Day** (Kris S.), preparing for his 2004 debut in Sunday's Sham S., worked seven furlongs in 1:25.40 yesterday over the Santa Anita main track. The colt negotiated the opening half mile in :50 2/5 and six furlongs in 1:13 2/5 before covering the final three-eighths in :35 flat. "He worked very nice," commented trainer Richard Mandella. "He's ready to go."

Albarado Gets the Call on Toccet:

Jockey Robby Albarado will replace Victor Espinoza on **Toccet** (Awesome Again) for Saturday's \$300,000 GII Strub S., according to trainer John Scanlan yesterday. "My owner [Daniel Borislow] likes Robby Albarado," said Scanlan. "It's not that he doesn't like Victor, but Robby committed to ride the horse and that is my boss's choice." Scanlan added, "The horse worked Friday really well [six furlongs in 1:15.40]. He went easy and he is coming into top form."

Sarava and Ten Most Wanted Work:

GI Travers S. and GI Super Derby winner **Ten Most Wanted** (Deputy Commander) and GI Belmont S. hero **Sarava** (Wild Again) hit the track Saturday with a pair of impressive works. Clockers caught Sarava's five-panel move in :58.80, the fastest of 60 drills at the distance at Santa Anita, while Ten Most Wanted posted a bullet 1:28.80 going seven furlongs at Hollywood. Trainer Wally Dollase still remains unsure as to the colt's next start. Sarava finished ninth most recently in his turf debut at one-mile over this track Jan. 22.

Yesterday's Results:

6th-SAX, \$52,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$80,000), NW1X, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:35 1/5, fm.

SHAKE OFF (f, 3, [A.P. Indy](#)--Shake the Yoke {GB} {G1SW-Eng, MGSW & MG1SP-Fr, GSW & GISP-US, \$701,620}, by Caerleon) flashed some early speed before fading to sixth in her bow over this trip back in mid-October, then looked very good breaking her maiden over Hollywood's lawn Nov. 20. Tossed in against stakes company off a bit of a rest, she couldn't sustain her early momentum and wound up last of eight in the Blue Norther S. Jan. 14. Inexplicably sent off an 11-1 outsider in her first try against allowance competition, the B. Wayne Hughes homebred made a clandestine move up the rail from off the pace and surged through in the final sixteenth for the victory. Favored Penny's Fortune (Storm Cat), a half sister to the ill-fated Old Trieste, ran strongly to finish 3/4 lengths back in second. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$55,800.
 O/B-B Wayne Hughes (KY). T-Bob Baffert.

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4th-SAX, \$44,000, Msw, (S), 3yo, 6f, 1:11, ft. + RUNS IN THE FAMILY (c, 3, Cee's Tizzy--Refined Gold, by Gold Stage) had a lengthy series of stamina-building works leading up to his debut and the colt's strong closing kick was what was needed to take this test as a 16-1 longshot. The homebred had only two beaten after breaking sluggishly from post 10, but reeled off the turn with the leaders in his sights. Closing determinedly with a wide move, he chased down the pacesetting duo of Go Wild (Bonus Money {GB}) and Reckless Hero (Smokester) and got up in the closing strides to best those two by 3/4 lengths and a length, respectively. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$26,400. O/B-Mr & Mrs Alvin E Toffel (CA). T-Brian A Lynch.

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First-time starters/stakes runners: Monday, Feb. 2

Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2000 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/SW
Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

BUSTOPHER JONES (Storm Cat), Schvaneveldt, \$2K, 63/4/0
2-MNR, Msw, 6f, +Saucy's Hot Sauce, 15-1

VICTORY GALLOP (Cryptoclearance), Winstar, \$15K, 144/14/2
2-MNR, Msw, 6f, J B's Victoria, \$2K FTK OCT yrl, 6-1

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The first day of the Festival Session of the National Yearling Sales got off to a promising start with average, median and clearance rate showing improvement over last year's figures. Lot 1232, a colt from the consignment of White Robe Lodge Stud, led the way on the afternoon, eliciting a bid of NZ\$52,000 from Stephen Johnson of Victoria. The Yamanin Vital (NZ) youngster is out of the Noble Bijou mare Our Addiction (NZ), herself a full sister to Australian champion Our Sophia (NZ). Average for the session jumped 27 percent, from NZ\$7,954 last year to NZ\$10,154. The median enjoyed a similar rise, from \$5,000 to \$7,000, while the buy-back rate dropped to 15 percent, an 18-percent improvement over the 2003 rate. The second and final day of the Festival Session gets underway this morning.

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STAKES RESULTS:

CHEVAL S., \$40,000, DED, 1-31, 4yo/up, 5f, :59 4/5, ft.
*1--**JOYFUL TUNE, 118, g, 6, Concorde's Tune--Strike for Joy, by Strike the Anvil.** O-R D Racing; B-Sugar Hill Farm & Training Center (FL); T-Cole Norman; J-G P Melancon; \$8,000. Lifetime Record: 28-12-8-4, \$307,165.
2--**Spin Zone, 118, h, 5, Wild Zone--Twist the Facts, by Known Fact.** (\$310,000 2yo 2001 OBSMAR). \$8,000.
3--**Taxicat, 118, c, 4, Tale of the Cat--Kowloon, by Pleasant Colony.** \$4,400.
Margins: 1, NO, 1 3/4. Odds: 2.70, 15.70, 5.40.
*Dirty Red (Nasty And Bold) finished first, but was DQ'd and placed seventh.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

2nd-AQU, \$44,000, NW1X, (S), 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:46 1/5, ft.

GAELIC ISSUE (c, 3, Concern--Waiting for Love, by Hay Halo) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-2, \$70,460. O/B-Ross Maghan (NY). T-J Willard Thompson.

7th-FGX, \$34,000, Opt. Clm. (\$62,500), NW3X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16 m (off turf), 1:47 3/5, ft.

MISS CONFUSION (f, 4, Miswaki--Carol, by Jaklin Klugman) Lifetime Record: SP, 16-4-4-1, \$85,680. O-Earl & Keith Hernandez. B-Curtis G Mikkelsen, Patricia J Horth & George Gleason (FL). T-Frank Leggio. *\$25,000 wIng '00 KEENOV; \$25,000 yrl '01 KEESEP.

9th-DED, \$32,200, 1-31, NW2L, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:28 2/5, ft.

L CAITLIN EADES (f, 4, Excavate--Little Quartermoon, by Dustin Power) Lifetime Record: 20-3-4-4, \$89,394. O-Lessee Maxine Logue. B-Helen Hilburn (LA). T-F M Logue Jr.

8th-OPX, \$32,000, NW1X, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11 3/5, ft. INJUSTICE (f, 3, Lit de Justice--Mello But Bold {SP}, by Nasty and Bold) Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$29,000.

O-Peggy Graham. B-Mt Joy Stables & Dan Dressel (KY). T-Jerry K Hardin. *\$7,000 yrl '02 KEEJAN; \$9,000 2yo 2003 OBSAPR.

8th-CTX, \$31,700, NW2X, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:29, ft.

GREAT COMMANDER (c, 4, Langfuhr--Goggles, by Dust Commander) Lifetime Record: 20-8-2-2, \$121,453. O-Nick Sanna Stables LLC. B-Farnsworth Farms (FL). T-Ronney W Brown. *\$25,000 2yo 2002 FTMMAY. **1/2 to Play It Again Stan (Big Stanley), GSW, \$194,309.

6th-CTX, \$31,000, NW3L, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:30, ft.

GUPPIE'S SECRET (g, 5, West By West--Mint Julee, by Key to the Mint) Lifetime Record: 19-3-0-4, \$53,991. O/T-Edward Clouston. B-Richard Paul Stenger (KY). *\$5,000 yrl '00 FTKOCT.

8th-CTX, \$31,000, 1-31, NW1X, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:31 4/5, ft.

FULLY PACKED (h, 5, Valiant Lark--Plump, by Kokand) Lifetime Record: 34-10-9-5, \$133,788. O/T-Gerald L Burns. B-O H Wienges & Son (SC).

10th-SUN, \$30,700, NW19MX, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 3/5, ft.

JACKIE JAN (f, 4, Jack Wilson--Northern Focus, by Northern Prospect) Lifetime Record: MSP, 15-4-8-1, \$158,586. O-Pierre Jean & Leslie A Amestoy. B-Larry R Teague (NM). T-Lorence Lucero. *\$9,200 yrl '01 RUIAUG.

9th-TPX, \$30,200, NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:17 3/5, ft.

MALO (m, 5, Gold Case--Mandarin Monarch, by Waverling Monarch) Lifetime Record: 20-8-4-1, \$99,687. O-Michael F Buccina. B-George Waggoner Stables Inc (KY). T-Daniel Allen.

9th-PHA, \$28,248, Opt. Clm. (\$32,000), NW3X, 4yo/up, f/m, a1m70yd, 1:41 2/5, gd.

NO SECRETS HERE (f, 4, Not for Love--Miss Austina, by Hatchet Man) Lifetime Record: 27-11-4-2, \$180,804. O-Timber Creek Farm. B-Denise McHenry Dommel (PA). T-Cynthia G Reese. *\$10,000 yrl '01 FTMOCT.

8th-LRL, \$25,000, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m, 1:54 2/5, ft.

LIVELY MOMENT (f, 4, Deputed Testamony--Sold the Yacht, by Time for a Change) Lifetime Record: 12-4-2-1, \$50,530. O-John V Alecci Stable Inc. B-Francis P Sears (MD). T-John V Alecci.

4th-LRL, \$24,500, NW1X, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:45 1/5, ft.

WATER CANNON (g, 3, Waquoit--Crying in the Rain, by Baederwood) Lifetime Record: 8-2-2-1, \$46,750. O-The Nonsequiter Stable LLC. B-Mr & Mrs Charles McGinnes (MD). T-Linda L Albert. *\$13,500 yrl '02 FTMSEP; \$37,000 2yo '03 FTMMAY.

8th-SUN, \$24,000, NW3L, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38 3/5, ft.

CRAFTY MADNESS (f, 4, Crafty Prospector--Puddlejump {GSP, \$115,840}, by Summer Squall) Lifetime Record: 13-2-3-2, \$57,150. O-Mike Wilson. B-R C Durr & George Budig (KY). T-Archie E Whatley.

8th-TPX, \$19,985, NW1X, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:39 3/5, ft.

SLEWPTY'S STORM (f, 3, Storm Creek--She's a Slewpy, by Slewpy) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$24,880. O-Oak Haven Farm. B-Stephen Baker (TX). T-Edward Harrison Frederick.



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- Bold Sterling**, c, 3, **Bold Anthony**--Lillian Gish, by Lothario. OPX, 2-1, (S), 6f, 1:12 2/5. B-McDowell Farm (Ar). *1/2 to Kept His Cool (Talc), MSP, \$186,493.
- Ameri Lady**, f, 3, **Minister's Mark**--She's His Equal, by Fight Over. AQU, 2-1, (C), 6f, 1:13 1/5. B-Woodrow M Sedlacek (Fl).
- Afleet Command**, c, 3, **Northern Afleet**--Kathcarn, by Joanie's Chief. CTX, 2-1, 6 1/2f, 1:23. B-Janet Brickle (Fl). *\$90,000 yrl '02 OBSAUG; \$250,000 2yo '03 OBSFEB.
- Gold Rush Jones**, c, 3, **Prospector Jones**--Madam Q. (SP), by Raise a Cup. SUN, 2-1, (S), 1m, 1:41. B-Richard Brunacini & Kay Thurman (NM). *\$9,500 yrl '02 RUIAUG.
- Nott's Gold**, c, 4, **Kelly's Gold**--Dileb, by Even Stephen. DED, 1-31, (S), 1m, 1:45 1/5. B-Andress Bourque (La).
- Speedy Dancer**, f, 4, **Senor Speedy**--Hanoof, by Northern Dancer. CTX, 2-1, 4 1/2f, :55 2/5. B-Robert Perez (NY).
- Zarb's Dahar**, g, 4, **Zarbyev**--Daharscreen, by Dahar. FGX, 2-1, (S), 1m, 1:41 3/5. B-Foxwood Plantation, Inc (La).

SO. HEMISPHERE WINNERS BY U.S. STALLIONS:

- Mooralana (Aus)**, f, 2, **Irgun**--Our Opal Flash (NZ), by Rangong (GB). Eagle Farm (Brisbane), 1-31, 2yo, hcp, 5fT. B-G E Arthur.
- Glasnost (Aus)**, f, 2, **Red Ransom**--Virage (Aus), by Kenmare (Fr). Flemington (Melbourne), 1-31, 2yo, f, hcp, 6fT. B-Segenhoe Stud.
- Kidnapper (Aus)**, f, 3, **Red Ransom**--Lori's Plan, by Ankara. Doomben (Brisbane), 1-30, 3yo/up, f/m, mdn, 5f 120ydsT. B-C & Mrs C Barlow.
- Sweet Thunder (Aus)**, f, 3, **Thunder Gulch**--Sweetliner (NZ), by First Norman. Moonee Valley (Melbourne), 1-30, 3yo, hcp, 1mT. B-Mrs J M Wilding.
- Campari Belle (NZ)**, f, 4, **Slavic**--Amarula Belle (NZ), by Racing is Fun. Te Rapa (Auckland), 1-31, 3yo/up, mdn, 7fT. B-D W & Mrs J A Moss.
- Super Imprint (Aus)**, g, 5, **Thunder Gulch**--Narmada, by Blushing Groom (Fr). Eagle Farm (Brisbane), 1-31, 3yo/up, hcp, 1 1/8mT. B-Stone Lodge Farm Pty Ltd.

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CONDITIONS RESULTS:

- ITALY, Pisa, 2.45**, 2-1, €15,300, 3yo, f, 1 1/4mT, time: n/a, gd/sf.
- SOKOA (IRE) (f, 3, Dr Devious {Ire}--Sentimental Mood {Ire}, by Dunbeath)** Lifetime Record: 7 starts, 2 wins, 2 places, €17,850. O-Scuderia Niki; B-Mario Parola; T-Alduino & Giuseppe Botti.
- ITALY, Pisa, 3.40**, 2-1, €15,300, 3yo, f, 1 1/4mT, time: n/a, gd/sf.
- GASAT (IRE) (c, 3, Marju {Ire}--Pechenga {GB}, by Nureyev)** Lifetime Record: 5 starts, 2 wins, 2 places, €18,870. O/B-Scuderia Siba SPA; T-Alduino & Giuseppe Botti.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

- Caban (Ger)**, c, 3, **Goofalik**--Cordona (Ger), by Lagunas (GB). Neuss, Germany, 2-1, Mdn, 3yo, 1 3/16m (AWT). B-Gerd Schmitz.

SO. HEMISPHERE WINNERS BY EURO STALLIONS:

- #Successor (NZ)**, g, 2, **Bahhare**--Betty Doolin (NZ), by The Jogger. Te Rapa (Auckland), 1-31, Mercedes Bonus Classique (RL), 2yo, 6fT, NZ\$263,750 to winner. B-C Kim; T-John Sargent & Karl Allpress.
- Danny Blue (Aus)**, g, 2, **Danzero (Aus)**--Evian (Aus), by Jon George (GB). Ascot (Perth), 1-31, 2yo, hcp, 5ft. B-Coral Park Stud.
- Sharp (Aus)**, f, 3, **Danzero (Aus)**--Snarl (Aus), by Don't Say Halo. Rosehill (Sydney), 1-31, Satellite S.-Listed, 3yo/up, 5 1/2fT, A\$45,500 to winner. B-A W Thompson; T-John Hawkes.
- Impaler (Aus)**, g, 3, **Dracula (Aus)**--Catecombe (Aus), by Papal Power. Rosehill (Sydney), 1-31, 3yo, hcp, 6fT. B-H J R Syndicate.
- Vision (NZ)**, f, 3, **Entrepreneur (GB)**--Eye Full (NZ), by Palatable. Te Rapa (Auckland), 1-31, 3yo/up, hcp, B-Mrs M I D & the Estate of the Late G H Murfitt.
- Sovereign Spur (Aus)**, c, 3, **Flying Spur (Aus)**--Sovereign View (Aus), by Bletchingly (Aus). Doomben (Brisbane), 1-30, 3yo/up, hcp, 1m 45ydsT. B-M & C Lowe Bloodstock.

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