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TIZ THE LAW BACK TO HIS BEST IN HOLY BULL



Tiz The Law | Lauren King

While it briefly looked like he was finding similar traffic trouble to what he faced when a disappointing third in the GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. Nov. 30, last year's leading juvenile colt **Tiz the Law** (Constitution) kicked off his sophomore season Saturday with an impressive tally in Gulfstream's GIII Holy Bull S. Drifting up to 6-5 at the off as well-connected **Toledo** (Into Mischief) took late action, the blaze-faced bay broke like a shot but rider Manny Franco took a hard hold of him to concede the early advantage to **Ete Indien** (Summer Front). He found himself shuffled all the way back to fourth heading down the backside after getting squeezed out of a spot, and had to be guided into the clear and ridden along by Franco to find a more comfortable position. Ete Indien got the half in :46.60, and Tiz the Law was soon on him as they headed for home. Tiz the Law had about a half length on his pesky foe when he hit the quarter pole and, after crossing over on him once clear, pulled away to a three-length victory. There was a chasm of 11 lengths back to Toledo in third.

"He ran like I expected him," Franco said. "He got out of there and I was able to decide where I wanted to be. For a second, I had to make the turn and I was back on the rail, but when I saw those guys putting pressure on, I was able to drop back and get outside where I wanted to be. After that, he jumped in the bit and I was traveling like I wanted."

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THOUSAND WORDS THREE THOUSANDTH WINNER FOR BAFFERT

Albough Family Stables and Spendthrift Farm's \$1-million **Thousand Words** (Pioneerof the Nile) provided Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert with his 3,000th career victory--and eighth in this race--with a gutsy effort in Saturday's GIII Robert B. Lewis S. at Santa Anita. A debut winner sprinting here Oct. 26, he was last seen besting GI TVG Breeders' Cup Juvenile runner-up Anneau d'Or (Medaglia d'Oro) in the GII Los Alamitos Futurity Dec. 7 and was pounded down to 3-5 to remain unbeaten. Breaking in slightly, the bay was unhurried early by Flavien Prat as fellow Baffert trainee **High Velocity** (Quality Road) showed the way. Thousand Words was able to creep closer up a wide-open rail into a :47.20 half, and bowled his way through a tight seam between High Velocity and **Tizamagician** (Tiznow) at the head of the lane. He eventually wore down his stablemate before holding off longshot **Royal Act** (American Pharoah) by 3/4 of a length. **Cont. p5**

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Max Player (Honor Code) goes from maiden winner to graded winner in Saturday's GIII Withers S. at Aqueduct. See page 6 for more. | Sarah Andrew

TONALIST FILLY STAYS PERFECT FOR JOSEPH

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Tonalist's Shape (Tonalist) kept her unbeaten record intact and trainer Saffie Joseph, Jr.'s hot streak going while becoming her sire (by Tapit)'s first graded winner in Gulfstream's GIII Forward Gal S.

TARAZ PASSES TWO-TURN TEST

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Saturday, Gulfstream

HOLY BULL S.-GIII, \$250,000, Gulfstream, 2-1, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:42.04, ft.

1--**TIZ THE LAW, 124, c, 3**, by **Constitution**



1st Dam: Tizfiz (GSW, \$410,944), by Tiznow

2nd Dam: Gin Running, by Go for Gin

3rd Dam: Crafty and Evil, by Crafty Prospector

(\$110,000 Ylg '18 SARAUG). O-Sackatoga Stable; B-Twin Creeks Farm (NY); T-Barclay Tagg; J-Manuel Franco. \$151,900.

Lifetime Record: GISW, 4-3-0-1, \$498,900. *1/2 to Awestruck (Tapit), MSP, \$357,116. **Werk Nick Rating: A. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

Sequel New York graduate

2--**Ete Indien, 120, c, 3**, **Summer Front**--East India, by Mizzen Mast. (\$85,000 RNA Wlg '17 KEENOV; \$80,000 Ylg '18 KESEEP; €240,000 2yo '19 ARQMA). O-Linda Shanahan, Sanford Bacon, Dream With Me Stable, Inc., Horse France America, D P Racing LLC & Patrick L. Biancone Racing LLC; B-Robert B. Tillyer & Eric Buckley (KY); T-Patrick L. Biancone. \$49,000.

A Two-Year-Old Pinhook by Casse/Bozzi/Powerstown

EUROPEAN BREEZE-UP GRADUATE

3--**Toledo, 118, c, 3**, **Into Mischief**--Endless Chat, by Bernardini. O/B-Juddmonte Farms Inc (KY); T-Chad C. Brown. \$24,500.

Margins: 3, 11HF, 4 1/4. Odds: 1.30, 4.20, 1.80.

Also Ran: Relentless Dancer, Mayberry Deputy, Uncork the Bottle, Clear Destination. **Click for the Equibase.com chart, the TJCS.com PPs or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

The recipient of a strong 90 Beyer Speed Figure for a 4 1/4-length debut score against fellow New York-beds at Saratoga Aug. 8, Tiz the Law turned in another powerhouse performance when besting Saturday's GIII Swale S. third Green Light Go (Hard Spun) in the GI Champagne S. going a one-turn mile at Belmont in October. His connections opted to skip a cross-country trip to Santa Anita for the GI TVG Breeders' Cup Juvenile, and instead gave him a tour around Churchill Downs in the Kentucky Jockey Club, but he could only manage third in the slop at 3-5 with some traffic trouble that many felt he should've overcome. Last month's GIII Lecomte S. winner Enforceable (Tapit) finished one spot behind Tiz the Law in that event.

"His race was perfect," said trainer Barclay Tagg, who teamed up with owner Sackatoga Stables to take the 2003 GI Kentucky Derby and GI Preakness S. winner another New York-bred in Funny Cide (Distorted Humor). "We told [Franco], 'Stay off the rail no matter what you have to do. Lose the ground and go around them... It worked out perfectly."

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Holy Bull S. cont.

Tiz the Law could make his next start at Fair Grounds.

“We’ll try to stretch it out a little bit,” Tagg said. “They’re just young horses. We’ll probably go to Louisiana [for the Mar. 21 [GII] Louisiana Derby], but I’m not sure.”

Pedigree Notes:

Part of a huge first season with runners for his young sire Constitution, Tiz the Law’s dam took the 2009 GII San Gorgonio H. over nine grassy panels. Tizfiz’s full-brother Fury Kapcori was a Grade I-placed juvenile and annexed the GIII Precisionist S. as a 4-year-old on the Santa Anita main track. Tizfiz produced a Mission Impazible filly in 2018 and colt by the same New York-based sire in 2019. She was bred back to Constitution for 2020.

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Tiz the Law’s large ownership group | *Coglianesse Photo*

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ROBERT B. LEWIS S.-GIII, \$100,500, Santa Anita, 2-1, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:43.64, ft.

1--**THOUSAND WORDS, 124, c, 3, by Pioneerof the Nile**

1st Dam: Pomeroy's Pistol (MGSW & MGISP, \$574,678), by Pomeroy

2nd Dam: Prettyatthetable, by Point Given

3rd Dam: Swearingen, by Deposit Ticket

(\$1,000,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP). O-Albaugh Family Stables LLC and Spendthrift Farm LLC; B-Hardacre Farm (FL); T-Bob Baffert; J-Flavien Prat. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$211,000.

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2--**Royal Act, 120, c, 3, American Pharoah**--True Feelings, by Latent Heat. (\$500,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP). O-C R K Stable LLC; B-Stonehaven Steadings (KY); T-Peter Eurton. \$20,000.

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3--**High Velocity, 120, c, 3, Quality Road**--Ketel Twist, by Dixie Union. (\$350,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP). O-Gary and Mary West; B-Dell Ridge Farm, LLC (KY); T-Bob Baffert. \$12,000.

Margins: 3/4, NK, 3/4. Odds: 0.60, 18.50, 2.70.

Also Ran: Tizamagician, Encoder, Zimba Warrior.

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Thousand Words | Benoit Photo

“He ran very well,” Prat said. “He put me in a good spot and he was comfortable down there. He took the dirt well and when I asked him to run, he really accelerated.”

Baffert said, “Prat knows him pretty well; I didn’t give him any instructions. Both riders were kind of on their own. Prat says he is getting better, he was a sort of immature colt. He grinds and you gotta really work at him. Being stuck down inside he got the worst of it. Usually a young horse like that they don’t run that well and they don’t respond. He’s got that big long stride and the further the better with him. You could tell about the last 50 yards he was really getting going. He came back he wasn’t even tired so that is a good sign. He is progressing with every race and to win three in a row like that it is pretty impressive.”



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As for his own career milestone, the conditioner said, “I’ve always thought things happen for a reason. Running in the Bob Lewis, with a horse named Thousand Words and going for 3,000 wins. I mean you can’t make that up. I had a feeling it was going to happen in this race. I’ve had a lot of good people work for me through the years, the first 50 wins were probably the hardest, 100 were life changers. I feel very blessed and fortunate that I’ve been able to last this in this business and do so well in this business after coming from the Quarter Horse business. I’ve never dreamt of coming into Thoroughbreds, there was never one instant I was thinking about it. I came over with Mike Pegram and Hal Earnhardt who I still have after all these years, they are a big part of the team.” **Cont. p6**

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Pedigree Notes:

Thousand Words is one of 14 graded winners for his late sire, who of course was also responsible for the Baffert-trained Triple Crown-winning sire of Royal Act. He was his sire's second most expensive yearling (and most expensive colt) when he brought and even \$1 million at the 2018 Keeneland September sale. Dam Pomeroy's Pistol, a MGSW sprinter for owner/breeder/trainer Amy Tarrant, sold for \$475,000 to Mike Ryan at last month's Keeneland January sale in foal to Arrogate. A full-sibling to Thousand Words was born dead in 2018, and Pomeroy's Pistol produced a Hard Spun colt in 2019.

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FIRST BT & GRADED STAKES WINNER FOR SIRE

Saturday, Aqueduct

WITHERS S.-GIII, \$250,000, Aqueduct, 2-1, 3yo, 1 1/8m, 1:53.87, ft.

1--**MAX PLAYER, 118, c, 3**, by **Honor Code**

1st Dam: **Fools in Love (SW, \$240,746)**, by **Not For Love**

2nd Dam: **Parlez**, by **French Deputy**

3rd Dam: **Speak Halory**, by **Verbatim**

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN, 1ST GRADED STAKES WIN. (\$150,000

RNA Ylg '18 KESEEP). O-George E. Hall; B-K & G Stables (KY);

T-Linda Rice; J-Dylan Davis. \$137,500. Lifetime Record:

3-2-1-0, \$173,500. *1/2 to Seahenge (Scat Daddy), GSW &

G1SP-Eng, \$136,394. **Werk Nick Rating: A+.**

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2--**Shotski, 123, c, 3**, **Blame**--She Cat, by Bluegrass Cat. (\$25,000 Ylg '18 FTKOCT). O-Barber, Gary, Wachtel Stable, Pantofel Stable and Howling Pigeon Farms, LLC; B-Springland Farm & Prime Bloodstock LLC (KY); T-Jeremiah O'Dwyer. \$50,000.

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3--**Portos, 118, c, 3**, **Tapit**--Fierce Boots, by Tiznow.

O/B-Wertheimer Et Frere (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher. \$30,000.

Margins: 3 1/4, HF, HF. Odds: 5.40, 1.85, 2.95.

Also Ran: Monday Morning Qb, New Commission, Prince of Pharoahs, Mr. Shortandsimple, Vanzzy. **Click for the**

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Max Player went from maiden winner to graded winner by outstaying his competition in Saturday's GIII Withers S. His victory was both the first black-type and graded for sire Honor Code (A.P. Indy), whose Lane's End barn mate Tonalist was also represented by his first graded winner Saturday in the form of GIII Forward Gal S. romper Tonalist's Shape. Awkward early but flying home late when second on debut going a mile at Parx Nov. 12, Max Player broke through in the slop by 4 1/4 lengths back in Bensalem Dec. 17, and was flattered when three of the foes behind him that day came back to grab their diplomas.

Climbing into the kickback a bit while third last around the first bend, Max Player advanced out wide down the backside behind splits of :23.96 and :49.16. Seemingly ridden busily while losing ground heading for home, he started to find his best stride near the quarter pole and was one of many still in with a chance at that point. Gil Remsen S. winner Shotski boxed on up front, but Max Player continued to grind it out down the center of the track and struck the front in the final sixteenth before widening his advantage to a convincing margin.

"It was a good thing I watched his replays coming into today," said winning rider Dylan Davis. "He doesn't like too much kickback. He broke well for me today and right when the first kickback came to him into the first turn, he immediately got distracted. I got him back outside and he got on pace and started running well. Going into the second turn, he was traveling well and I had to get into him early because he started getting a little green. Once he got to the stretch he was all business." **Cont. p7**



Max Player | Sarah Andrew

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Withers cont.

Conditioner Linda Rice added, "He's becoming more professional all the time in his morning workouts. Anyone that watched his two races at Parx could see he ran pretty green... He got pinched out a little bit into the first turn and Dylan [Davis] did a nice job of getting him back into the race and into the clear. He had a bit of a wide trip, but it was a great ride by Dylan. He's shown us in the morning that he's had a lot of run at the end of his workouts."

Of what could be next for the colt, Rice said, "I would think the [Apr. 4 GII] Wood Memorial would be the right spot. I don't want to shorten him up to one turn in the [Mar. 7 Gotham at the Big A]. We'll point towards the Wood and whether we do something in between, [owner/breeder George Hall] and I will figure that out."



Davis, Hall & Rice | Sarah Andrew

Pedigree Notes:

'TDN Rising Star' Honor Code (A.P. Indy) annexed the track-and-trip GII Remsen S. late in his 2-year-old season in 2013, and added highest-level wins in the Metropolitan H. and Whitney S. as a 4-year-old. Broodmare sire Not For Love is responsible for the dams of eight other graded winners, including Max Player's half-brother Seahenge and two-time Horse of the Year California Chrome, who also hails from the A.P. Indy sire line. Dam Fools in Love was an \$80,000 yearling who earned her stakes victory going a two-turn seven furlongs at Delta Downs.

Her half-brother International Star (Fusaichi Pegasus) swept the Fair Grounds graded Triple Crown preps in 2015, the same year Fools in Love produced Seahenge (Scat Daddy), who would sell to Coolmore's MV Magnier for \$750,000 at the following year's Keeneland September sale. Seahenge went on to take the G2 Champagne S. and finish third in the G1 Darley Dewhurst S. in 2017, and Fools in Love brought \$1 million from Cheveley Park Stud in foal to Speightstown that Keeneland November. She failed to have a foal in 2018, but produced a Ulysses (Ire) colt in 2019.

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Saturday, Santa Anita

SAN PASQUAL S.-GII, \$202,000, Santa Anita, 2-1, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:48.49, ft.

1--**MIDCOURT, 122, g, 5, by Midnight Lute**

1st Dam: Mayo On the Side (GISW, \$642,366), by French Deputy

2nd Dam: Slewveau, by Slew o' Gold

3rd Dam: Istria (GB), by Silly Season

(\$450,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP). O-C R K Stable LLC; B-Dixiana Farms LLC (KY); T-John A Shirreffs; J-Victor Espinoza. \$120,000.

Lifetime Record: 9-5-1-1, \$342,695. *1/2 to French Dip (Speightstown), SW, \$141,348. **Werk Nick Rating: A+.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

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2--**Two Thirty Five**, 120, g, 6, Stay Thirsty--A Footstep Away, by Giant's Causeway. (\$55,000 RNA Wlg '14 KEENOV; \$47,000 RNA Ylg '15 FTKJUL; \$40,000 2yo '16 OBSOPN). O-Richard Baltas, Tom Mansor, Tammi Nielsen & Kim Rasmussen; B-A Footstep Away Syndicate (KY); T-Richard Baltas. \$40,000.

3--**Combatant**, 120, r, 5, **Scat Daddy**--Border Dispute, by Boundary. (\$320,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP; \$220,000 4yo '19 KEENOV). O-Hronis Racing LLC; B-Paget Bloodstock (KY); T-John W Sadler. \$24,000.

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Margins: 3HF, 2 1/4, 1. Odds: 2.20, 22.00, 18.20.

Also Ran: King Abner, Restrainedvengeance, Instagrاند, Roadster, California Street, Bold Endeavor. Scratched: Route Six Six. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#), [the TJCIS.com PPs](#) or the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#). **VIDEO**, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

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San Pasqual cont.

Since returning from an 18-month absence and joining this barn early last year, Midcourt had not finished outside the top three and that streak continued Saturday with a powerful front-running display in the GII San Pasqual S. at Santa Anita.

Though there appeared to be plenty of speed signed on, none of those that showed the most early interest seemed overly keen to make the running, and Victor Espinoza seized the initiative, sending Midcourt into the lead passing under the line with a circuit to travel. Allowed to roll along comfortably through a half-mile in :47.31, the 5-year-old was asked to quicken at the 3 1/2-furlong pole and led clear passing the quarter pole. He responded to a couple of right-handed cracks of the whip inside the furlong marker and proved not for catching.

Runner-up in maiden company in his return to action just shy of a year ago, Midcourt strung together four in a row, including the Comma To the Top S. at this venue Oct. 27 from off the pace and Del Mar's GIII Native Diver S. on the engine Nov. 23. The dark bay was off slowly when last seen in the GII San Antonio S. Dec. 28 and could finish only third behind 'TDN Rising Star' Gift Box (Twirling Candy).

Midcourt is out of Mayo On the Side, who upset Azeri (Jade Hunter) in the GI Humana Distaff H. for Lothenbach Stables and Carl Nafzger back in 2004. Midcourt, who is also a half-brother to the dam of Mexican Horse of the Year Kukulcan (Mex) (Point Determined), is the last listed produce for his dam.



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SAN MARCOS S.-GII, \$200,500, Santa Anita, 2-1, 4yo/up, 1 1/4mT, 1:59.04, fm.

1--**UNITED**, 120, g, 5, by **Giant's Causeway**



1st Dam: **Indy Punch**, by **Pulling Punches**

2nd Dam: **Indy Flash**, by **A.P. Indy**

3rd Dam: **Mirror Bright**, by **Gleaming**

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN, 1ST GRADED STAKES WIN. (\$240,000 Wlg '15 KEENOV; \$300,000 Ylg '16 FTSAUG). O-LNJ Foxwoods; B-Rosemont Farm LLC (KY); T-Richard E. Mandella; J-Flavien Prat. \$120,000. Lifetime Record: 12-4-3-1, \$1,013,549. *1/2 to Tensas Punch (War Front), SW, \$251,200; and Harlan Punch (Harlan's Holiday), GSW, \$779,058. **Werk Nick Rating: B. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

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3--**Oscar Dominguez (Ire)**, 124, g, 7, Zoffany (Ire)--American Queen (Fr), by Fairy King. O-Nancy Messineo & Bruce Sands; B-Whisperview Trading Ltd (IRE); T-Richard Baltas. \$24,000.

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Also Ran: Brown Storm (Chi), Multiplier, Chosen Vessel.
Scratched: Campaign. **Click for the Equibase.com chart, the TJCIS.com PPs or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

Just a head shy of pulling a massive 51-1 upset in the GI Breeders' Cup Turf at Santa Anita Nov. 2, United delivered his first career stakes victory here. Last term's GII Charles Whittingham S. runner-up and GII John Henry Turf Championship S. third-place finisher traveled nicely on the outside in fourth for most of the way. Under a ride on the far turn, he spun into the stretch four wide and had to call on all his class to eke out a narrow decision. United was last seen coming up a neck short as the even-money favorite in Del Mar's GII Hollywood Turf Cup S. Dec. 1.

Pedigree Notes:

United becomes the 113th graded stakes winner for the late, great sire Giant's Causeway. The unraced Indy Punch, most recently a \$200,000 KEENOV purchase in 2016 by Fascinating Rock Mares, agents Sallusto & Albina, is also responsible for the 2-year-old filly Friendly Skies (Carpe Diem) and a yearling filly by Uncle Mo. She was bred to War Front for the 2020 season. Indy Punch is a half-sister to multiple stakes winner Galloping Gal (Victory Gallop), who produced GISW Liaison (Indian Charlie).



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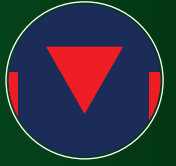
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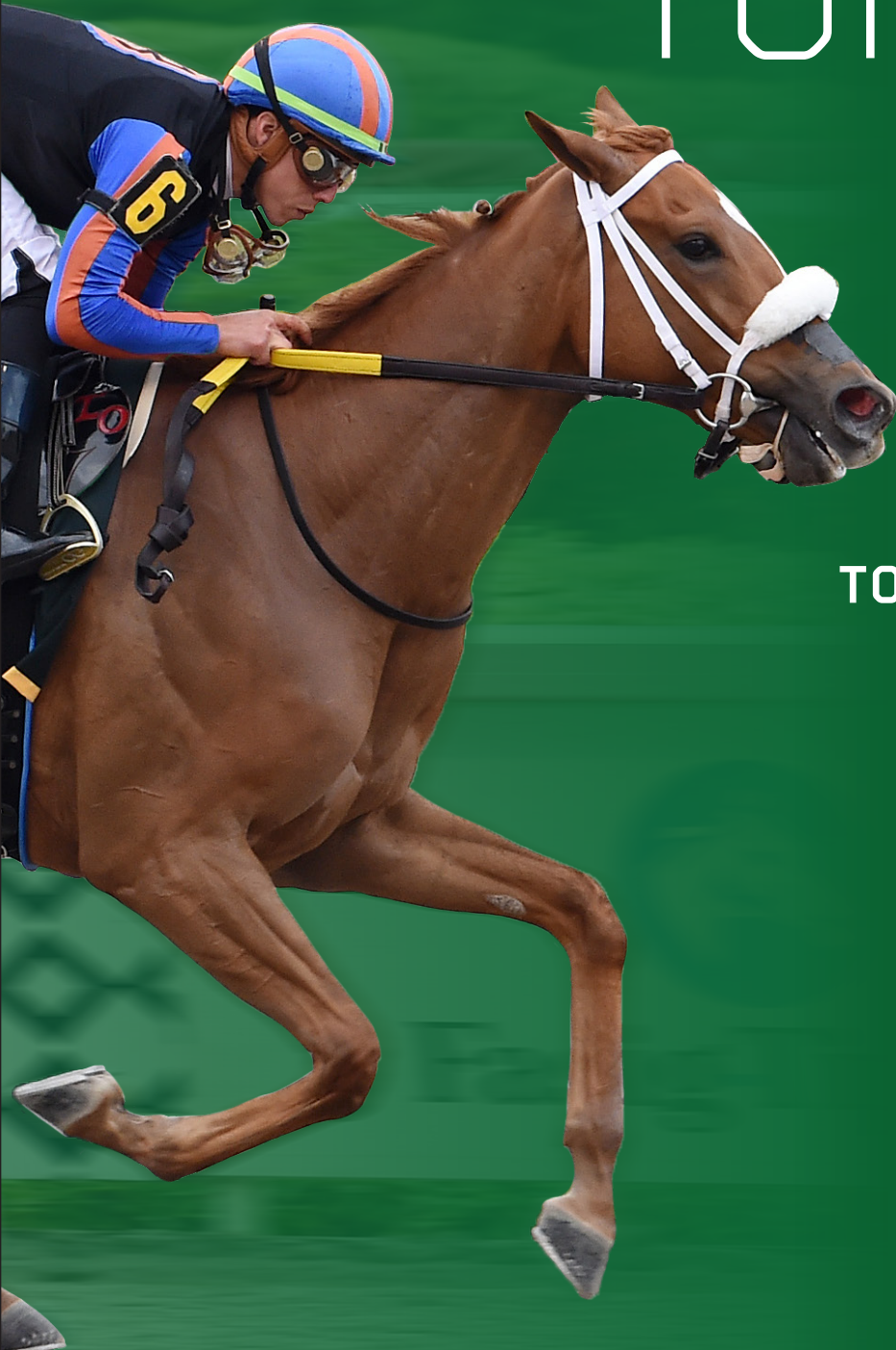
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Saturday, Gulfstream Park

SWALE S.-GIII, \$150,000, Gulfstream, 2-1, 3yo, 7f, 1:22.83, ft.

1--**MISCHEVIOUS ALEX, 122, c, 3, by Into Mischief**

1st Dam: **White Pants Night, by Speightstown**

2nd Dam: **More d'Amour, by Tour d'Or**

3rd Dam: **Love Connection, by Master Derby**

1ST GRADED STAKES WIN. (\$75,000 Ylg '18 KESEEP; \$140,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR). O-Cash is King LLC & LC Racing LLC; B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-John C. Servis; J-Irad Ortiz, Jr. \$90,210. Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-1, \$179,230. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.** **Werk Nick Rating: A+++ *Triple Plus*.**

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2--**Shivaree, 122, c, 3, Awesome of Course**--Garter Belt, by Anasheed. O/B-Jacks or Better Farm Inc. (FL); T-Ralph E. Nicks. \$29,100.

3--**Green Light Go, 124, c, 3, Hard Spun**--Light Green, by Pleasantly Perfect. O-Stronach Stables; B-Adena Springs (KY); T-James A. Jerkens. \$14,550.

Bred by **Adena Springs**
 Margins: 7, NK, HD. Odds: 4.90, 8.90, 1.70.
 Also Ran: Untitled, Necker Island, Inter Miami, Point Winner, Flash Pass. **Click for the Equibase.com chart, the TJCIS.com PPs or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.** **VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**



Mischevious Alex | Adam Coglianese

Last term's GII Saratoga Special S. winner and GI Champagne S. runner-up Green Light Go and the runaway debut winner Untitled (Khozan) took all the money here, but it was Mischevious Alex who ran more like an odds-on favorite.

Swiftly into stride from the inside post, the last-out runaway winner of the Parx Juvenile S. held inside position at the fence as the two market leaders lingered behind. Both Green Light Go and Untitled were up and down approaching the stretch, but Mischevious Alex, who turned for home in complete command, had plenty left and shot clear en route to a daylight victory.

Mischevious Alex, a narrow debut winner at Parx last June, was a close third in Monmouth's Sapling S. Sept. 1. He followed his lone off-the-board finish in the grassy Laurel Futurity Sept. 21 with an impressive score with blinkers added in the Parx Juvenile last time Nov. 5.

"If you throw out this horse's turf race, he should be undefeated," winning trainer John Servis said. "He's always been a push-button horse, but very green. When we did decided to put the blinkers on him, that's when he started to mind his business. I really think, me personally, a one-turn mile is going to really hit him on the head. Is he a mile and a quarter horse? I don't think so."

Pedigree Notes:

Mischevious Alex becomes the 27th graded winner for leading sire Into Mischief. Two-time winner White Pants Night was purchased as a broodmare prospect by WinStar Farm for \$100,000 at the 2014 KEENOV Sale. The 9-year-old mare is a half-sister to graded winner Hebronville (Majesticperfection) and stakes winners Master of Disaster (Dance Master) and A Day for Dancing (Dance Master). She is also represented by the 2-year-old colt named Great Gasby (Tiznow) and a yearling colt by Outwork. She was bred to Wicked Strong for the 2020 season.

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FIRST GRADED STAKES WINNER FOR SIRE

Saturday, Gulfstream Park

FORWARD GAL S.-GIII, \$150,000, Gulfstream, 2-1, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:24.77, ft.

1--**TONALIST'S SHAPE, 122, f, 3, by Tonalist**

1st Dam: **Hitechnoweenie (SW, \$175,332), by Harlan's Holiday**

2nd Dam: **Hi Tech Honeycomb, by Meadow Monster**

3rd Dam: **Star of Fairway, by It's Freezing**

1ST GRADED STAKES WIN. (\$45,000 RNA Ylg '18 KESEEP; \$60,000 RNA 2yo '19 OBSAPR). O-Slam Dunk Racing, Doug Branham & Legacy Ranch, Inc.; B-Sabana Farm (KY); T-Saffie A. Joseph, Jr.; J-Irad Ortiz, Jr. \$92,070. Lifetime Record: 4-4-0-0, \$190,350. **Werk Nick Rating: A++.**

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Forward Gal cont.

2--**Street of Dreams**, 118, f, 3, **Street Sense**--Breaking Promises, by Broken Vow. (\$80,000 Ylg '18 FTKOCT; \$150,000 2yo '19 EASMAV). O-Lothenbach Stables, Inc. (Bob Lothenbach); B-New Cal Stable (KY); T-Ilan R. Wilkes. \$29,700.

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3--**Nikki and Papa**, 118, f, 3, **Mineshaft**--Starship Spirit, by Grand Slam. (\$70,000 Ylg '18 FTKJUL; \$500,000 2yo '19 FTFMAR). O-Ron Paolucci Racing, LLC, Todd Cady, Leigh Anderson-Butler, Jeffrey Lambert, Steve Melen & Nydia M. Sigband; B-Susan King (OH); T-Robert B. Hess, Jr. \$14,850.

THINK INDIAN CREEK

TOP LINE SALES, LLC Graduate

Margins: 3 3/4, 1 3/4, NK. Odds: 0.30, 3.20, 22.50.
Also Ran: Fujairah, Compensate, New Day Dawning.
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Tonalist's Shape kept her unbeaten record intact and trainer **Saffie Joseph, Jr.**'s hot streak going while becoming her sire (by Tapit)'s first graded winner. The chestnut belied 19-1 odds to take her Sept. 28 unveiling here while in the barn of trainer Juan Avila and carrying the colors of Sabana Racing Stable Corp.

The phone started to ring after that, and she resurfaced with her current connections to take a Gulfstream Park West optional claimer by daylight Oct. 20. Tonalist's Shape aired by nine lengths and earned a strong 89 Beyer Speed Figure for her Nov. 30 Hut Hut S. effort over an additional furlong, and looked more or less like a lock for this one on paper.



Tonalist's Shape | Lauren King

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Forward Gal cont.

Not away particularly quickly, the favorite advanced down the backside and was third out in the clear as they entered the bend. She seemed to idle for a few strides midway around the turn, but Eclipse-winning pilot Irad Ortiz, Jr. soon gave a confident flick of his stick and she started to take off. She bounded clear in upper stretch, and was wrapped up late after proving too much for her competition to handle.

Debuting Nikki and Papa, a \$500,000 Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream purchase last term, broke in very badly from the rail, but ran well to make up the ground she spotted her more experienced foes to get up for third.

"I got a perfect trip," said winning pilot Irad Ortiz, Jr. "She broke out of there a little slow, but she usually does that. She worked her way up pretty quick and after that I just went with the flow. When I asked her turning for home, she really responded. She did everything right."

Joseph added, "It's so important that she wins a graded stake because they paid good money for her and now it makes her valuable in that sense. This race came by design. It was to give her a break for the Forward Gal and go through the Gulfstream series because they have a good series for 3-year-old fillies. Today was the first stepping stone. She did everything we asked. She was a farther back in the beginning. I know cutting back, she doesn't really want to be [sprinting], but it was the right way to get her where we need to get her. She did everything we asked and we can't be more proud of her."

"She's not flashy, but she's going to do what she needs to do. I'm just glad to have her and thankful that the owners put her in our barn. She's won with four different riders and she could have probably won with four different trainers. All being well, we'll go in the [Feb. 29 GII] Davona Dale and the [Mar. 29 GII] Gulfstream Park Oaks. That would be a good plan for her."

Pedigree Notes:

Tonalist's Shape was the also first black-type winner for her Classic-winning 'TDN Rising Star' sire. She RNA'd for \$60,000 at OBS April after breezing in :10 2/5. Her dam annexed the Panthers S. going a mile at Prairie Meadows in 2013 and was second by a nose sprinting on the Turfway all-weather in the 2014 Holiday Inaugural S. Second dam Hi Tech Honeycomb also took the Panthers in 2002, and was graded-placed on the grass and in the slop. Hitechnoweenie produced an Outwork filly in 2018 and a Connect colt in 2019 before visiting Tiznow for 2020. Tonalist's Shape is the eighth graded/group winner out of a Harlan's Holiday mare, and is bred like 2015 GII Adirondack S. heroine Just Wicked (Tapit).

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Saturday, Gulfstream

SWEETEST CHANT S.-GIII, \$100,000, Gulfstream, 2-1, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:37.25, gd.

1--**CHEERMEISTER, 122, f, 3, by Bodemeister**

1st Dam: Kuhlu, by Ghostzapper

2nd Dam: Golden Antigua, by Hansel

3rd Dam: Greinette, by Greinton (GB)

1ST GRADED STAKES WIN. (\$30,000 RNA Ylg '18 FTKJUL; \$20,000 Ylg '18 FTKOCT; \$195,000 RNA 2yo '19 OBSAPR).

O-Teresa & David Palmer; B-Mike Abraham (KY); T-Armando De La Cerda; J-Emisael Jaramillo. \$60,760. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, \$129,200. **Werk Nick Rating: A++.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

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2--**Micheline, 122, f, 3, Bernardini--Panty Raid, by Include.**

O-Godolphin, LLC; B-Godolphin (KY); T-Michael Stidham. \$19,600.

Scanlon Training Graduate

3--**Ivetsu, 118, f, 3, Tapit--Compelling (Ire), by Kingmambo.**

(\$300,000 RNA Ylg '18 KEESEP). O/B-Michael & Reiko Baum (KY); T-George R. Arnold, II. \$9,800.

Margins: 3/4, HD, 3/4. Odds: 7.60, 13.60, 18.00.

Also Ran: She's My Type (Fr), Moral Reasoning, Reluctant Bride, Moana's Tale. Scratched: Sunset Promise, Filly Jean King.

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Cheermeister goes wire-to-wire to take the Sweetest Chant Saturday in Hallandale. Seizing the early advantage, the bay clocked opening splits of :24.24 and :49.57. Showing the way into the lane, she kept on finding to register her first graded win. Micheline closed from out of the clouds to be a close second.

"I thought she was going to win last time but she got very nervous in the gate and in the paddock, too," said winning trainer Armanda De La Cerda. "There were a lot of people and it made the horse nervous. I knew I had to work with her at the gate so we worked last week a couple times and we went to the paddock and she was much better this time. It's the way she likes to be, I think [on the lead]. There was only one other speed in the race [Moana's Tale], but I don't think it was as much as my filly. When I saw :24 [seconds] and change and :49, I knew when everybody tried to catch her she was going to kick on. She's a nice filly."

Cheermeister crossed the line second on debut at Gulfstream West Oct. 14 after being slammed into and forced in, so she was promoted to first after the winner was disqualified for that action. **Cont. p13**

Sweetest Chant cont.

Capturing the Wait a While S. over this course and distance Nov. 30, she was a well-beaten 10th behind She's My Type and Moral Reasoning (More Than Ready) last time in this venue's Ginger Brew S. Jan. 4.



Cheermeister | Coglianese

Pedigree Notes:

Cheermeister is the fifth graded winner for her sire Bodemeister, who was sold to Turkey last year. She is also one of 16 black-type winners for the former WinStar stallion. The sophomore is the 14th graded winner produced by a daughter of Ghostzapper, who is also the broodmare sire of Triple Crown winner Justify. Her dam Kuhlu is a half-sister to MGSWs Giant Gizmo (Giant's Causeway) and Tableaux (Giant's Causeway); and GSW Eons (Giant's Causeway). The 12-year-old mare is also responsible for the a juvenile colt by Dialed In and a yearling filly by Midnight Storm, born May 31 of last year.

ZAYAT ADDRESSES MAKER COMPLAINT

Jay Ingle, an attorney with the Lexington, Kentucky-based law firm Jackson Kelly PLLC, released a statement on behalf of owner Ahmed Zayat Saturday morning addressing the **complaint filed by trainer Mike Maker** in Jefferson County Court this past Thursday seeking better than \$120,000 in alleged unpaid training bills.

"This lawsuit from Mike Maker is absurd," the statement read. "Ahmed Zayat made all payments required under his prior settlement with Mr. Maker until MGG seized control of Zayat Stables' bank account last month. It is outrageous for Mr. Maker to cry foul given that he agreed to the terms of the workout, which Mr. Zayat has fully honored in an effort to keep his business afloat and repay each of his creditors. To suggest he's done anything less and accuse Mr. Zayat of fraud is scurrilous and defamatory. Mr. Zayat fully expects this lawsuit will be

dismissed and intends to seek appropriate sanctions against Mr. Maker for pursuing this malicious action."

Zayat Stables and its horses were put into receivership Jan. 22 and a \$23-million lawsuit was filed MGG Investment Group in Fayette County courts. **In an action of his own** Jan. 28, Zayat filed a motion asking the same court to dissolve the receivership and to allow MGG and Zayat to resolve the dispute in a different manner.

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The catalog for the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's 2020 March Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training is now available via the OBS website at www.obssales.com.

A total of 681 juveniles have been cataloged for the two-day sale, set for Tuesday and Wednesday, Mar. 17 and 18, with both sessions beginning at 10:30 a.m. The Under Tack Show will span three days, beginning Thursday, Mar. 12 with Hips 1-227. Hips 228-454 will breeze Friday, Mar. 13 and Hips 455-681 will go Saturday, Mar. 14. All three sessions will begin at 8:00 a.m.

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KERI BRION, ASSISTANT TO JONATHAN SHEPPARD

What was the experience that made you fall in love with horse racing?

I grew up down the road from a horse racing training and breeding farm and I used to walk down the road and feed the mares and foals carrots. When I was 10 years old, I started working at the farm and when I started learning to gallop at 13, I gave up all my showing aspirations and knew horse racing was for me. Everything, the training, the racing, the breeding...the racing community which is really like family, all of it was so fascinating and it really sucks you in. Seeing the ins and outs of the business from the breeding side of things to the training and racing really got me attached, but the first time I stood in the winner's circle with a horse that I was around on a regular basis was when I was truly hooked. **Cont. p14**

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I would gladly to commit to making one new fan this year. I am lucky enough to be the assistant to Jonathan Sheppard whose facilities are one of a kind in that the horses get turned out before they train and you really get to see the horses' personalities. I would love to bring someone around to the stable and let them watch the horses play and be horses in turnout and watch them play and train and maybe even have them pick out a few favorites. I think if they came a few times a month just to enjoy the horses and watch us work and the horses train, they would get the same kind of thrill if I could them get them to the races. They would feel a part of things and, if they got to stand in the winners circle with some sort of connection to the horse/team, I think it would really get them hooked to the sport!

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WHAT'S IN A NAME?

By Andrea Branchini

DAY THE MUSIC DIED (g, 5, Maclean's Music--Kelly's Question, by Mr. Greeley) Laurel Park, 1-31, Alw, 6f, 1:10.95. O-Electric Rooster Racing Stable, LLC; B-R. Larry Johnson (MD).

The recent Laurel winner Day the Music Died is poetry in motion, literally. Don McLean is the author of the 1971 song and world hit "American Pie," whose most famous and often repeated verse is the refrain line "the day the music died." The song is supposedly about the plane crash in 1959 that killed early rock and roll performers Buddy Holly, The Big Bopper and Ritchie Valens.

The first refrain goes like this:

*I can't remember if I cried
When I read about his widowed bride
Something touched me deep inside
The day the music died*

An ingenious name. A little esoteric, but not too much.

An Italian native, Andrea Branchini now lives in Lexington, Ky. where he works in the equine transport industry.

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OAKLAWN POSTS OPENING WEEKEND HANDLE RECORDS

Oaklawn Park, which opened last Friday, posted strong opening week handle and attendance numbers, including record opening day and January handle. Estimated total attendance for the first three racing dates (Jan. 24-26) was 57,500, a 3.6% increase over the corresponding period last year. Total off-track handle of \$12,787,682.84 increased 13.1%. Total all sources handle of \$15,400,631.44 represented a 7.7% increase. Opening day all-sources handle \$5,789,986.10 and off-track handle \$4,759,768 were both Oaklawn records, as was the January off-track record of \$4,629,703.63 set last year.

"What a great weekend to start the 2020 race season," General Manager Wayne Smith said. "Many thanks go out to our equine athletes, the owners, trainers and jockeys for putting the best racing on the track. And, a huge thank you to all our team members for enhancing the fan experience. We're looking forward to an amazing race meet."

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GRAN PREMIO MIGUEL ALFREDO MARTINEZ DE HOZ -G1,
 ARG\$3,600,080, San Isidro, 2-1, 3yo/up, 2000mT, 1:57.87, fm.
 1--**IMPERADOR (ARG), 120, c, 3, by Treasure Beach (GB)**

1st Dam: Duchess Royale (Ire), by Danehill

2nd Dam: Fantasy Royale, by Pleasant Colony

3rd Dam: Nikinsky's Lover, by Nijinsky

O/B-Stud & Haras Rio Dois Irmaos S.R.L. (Arg); T-Diego Pena.
 J-Altair Domingos. Lifetime Record: 7-3-2-0. **Click for the**
eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: **A+++.**

Triple Plus

2--**Nacho Surge (Arg), 132, c, 4, Storm Surge--La Caperusa (Arg),**
 by Not For Sale. O-Stud Marca Borrada; B-Carlos Alberto
 Cocilobo (Arg); T-Eduardo Gaston Accosano.

3--**Roman Joy (Arg), 120, c, 3, Fortify--The Rosy (Arg), by**
 Hennessy. O-Haras El Angel de Venecia; B-Haras La Biznaga
 (Arg); T-Carlos Daniel Etchehoury.

Margins: 1 1/2, 2 1/2, 1 1/2. Odds: 2.85, 24.65, 3.70.

Also Ran: Jolly Good (Arg), Ya Te Muestro (Arg), Fantasiioso
 (Arg), Willander (Arg), Top One Scape (Arg), Global Big (Arg),
 Kohinoor (Arg). **Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-**
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Edge of Fire | Lauren King

Chiefswood Stable homebred **Edge of Fire** (Curlin) was crunched into 17-10 favoritism off a morning line nearly three times that and the money proved smart indeed, as the chestnut wheeled off heels passing the midstretch marker and went on to a deceptively easy two-length debut score and 'TDN Rising Star' honors in the process.

Away fairly, but given a busy ride by Jose Ortiz, Edge of Fire--who blew out three furlongs in a bullet :35 1/5 Jan. 28--was roused along and responded to sit just behind the leading trio while well in hand on the turn. Held together into the final three-sixteenths of a mile, Ortiz switched him out at the furlong grounds and never asked his colt for anything approaching a top effort while edging away to score by daylight. The well-trying **Tapir Frost** (Tapizar) hit the front inside the eighth pole, but was no match for the winner and settled for second.

The winner is the first foal from his dam, third in the 2015 GIII Selene S. and a daughter of Chiefswood's Essential Edge (Storm Cat), victorious in the grassy GII Canadian S. and third in the Bison City S. during her sophomore season. Edge of Fire's third dam Rose of Tara (Ire) (Generous {Ire}) was a half-sister to champion Salsabil (Ire) and G1SW Marju (Ire) and served as the second dam of MGSW Flameaway (Scat Daddy). Chiefswood's MGSW and Woodbine course-record holder Tiz A Slam (Tiznow) also appears under the third dam. Leading Edge is the dam of the 2-year-old filly Hard Edge (Hard Spun) and a yearling Pioneer of the Nile filly. She was most recently covered by Justify.

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2nd-Gulfstream, \$43,000, Msw, 2-1, 3yo, 6f, 1:11.83, ft.

EDGE OF FIRE, c, 3, by **Curlin**

1st Dam: **Leading Edge** (GSP), by **Tapit**

2nd Dam: **Essential Edge**, by **Storm Cat**

3rd Dam: **Rose of Tara** (Ire), by **Generous** (Ire)

Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$25,800.

O-Chiefswood Stables Limited; B-Chiefswood Stables Limited (ON); T-James A. Jerkens. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton. Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**



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BAFFERT UNVEILS PRICED STREET SENSE

1st-SA, \$55K, Msw, 3yo, 7f, 2:30p.m.

Bob Baffert and longtime owners Pegram, Watson and Weitman have enjoyed plenty of success with a son of Street Sense, courtesy of MGSW McKinzie, and they hope lightning strikes twice with **MASTERING** (**Street Sense**). The \$500,000 2018 FTKOCT topper prepped for this debut with a half-mile bullet in :47 2/5 (1/49) here Jan. 25. **Cont. p2**

Baffert Unveils Pricey Street Sense cont.

The dark bay is a half to GSP Sister Moon (Dixie Union), who is the dam of GSW Nolde (Pioneerof the Nile). Gary and Mary West's \$200,000 KEESEP purchase **West Sider (Uncle Mo)** also makes his career bow in this spot for Baffert. The bay is out of a half-sister to GISW Overanalyze (Dixie Union) and GISW Meadow Breeze (Meadowlake), who is the dam of SW & GSP Magic Star (Scat Daddy) and GISP Royal Copy (Bodemeister).

TJCIS PPs

EXPENSIVE WAR FRONTS DEBUT AT GP



Messina at FTSAUG | Fasig-Tipton

5th-GP, \$50K, Msw, 3yo, f, 1mT, 2:34 p.m. ET

Todd Pletcher unveils **MESSINA (War Front)**, the first foal out of GSP Pine Needles (Giant's Causeway), Sunday at Gulfstream. A daughter of Group 1 winner Meridiana (Ger) (Lomitas {GB}), Pine Needles is a half to SW & MGSP Chamois (Smart Strike) and SW Infinite Wisdom (Smart Strike); and a full to GISP Center Divider. Bloodstock agent Steve Young signed the \$825,000 ticket on Messina 18 months ago at the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Sale and she runs for the partnership of Bass Stables and Cheyenne Stables. Wesley Ward saddles another daughter of the mighty War Front in **Sunceri**, a \$400,000 KEESEP buy. Owned by Lindy Farms and St. Elias Stables, the bay is out of the Galileo (Ire) mare Often (Ire), who is a daughter of MGSW Mariah's Storm (Rahy). That blue-hen is responsible for the likes of legendary sire and European Horse of the Year Giant's Causeway (Storm Cat); the dams of GSW & G1SP sire Storm the Stars (Sea the Stars {Ire}) and MG1SW Decorated Knight (GB) (Galileo {Ire}); and MGSW You'resothrilling (Storm Cat), who produced some of Galileo's best in European Highweight Gleneagles (Ire), MG1SW Happily (Ire), MGSW & GISP Taj Mahal (Ire), G1SW Marvellous (Ire) and GSW & GISP Coolmore (Ire).

TJCIS PPs

CONSTITUTION RISING STAR RETURNS IN HOT SPRINGS

8th-OP, \$86K, Opt. Clm. (\$80K), 3yo, 6f, 4:52p.m.

Al Graziana homebred **ANCIENT WARRIOR (Constitution)** looks to take his record to two-for-two in this test. The bay earned the **'TDN Rising Star'** nod following his 4 1/4-length debut win at Del Mar Nov. 23, for which he earned an 81 Beyer Speed Figure. Phoenix Thoroughbreds' \$460,000 FTSAUG buy **Little Menace (Into Mischief)** earned the same number for his 7 3/4-length graduation at second asking at Churchill Downs Dec. 1. **TJCIS PPs**

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MARTHA WASHINGTON S., \$142,500, Oaklawn, 2-1, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:38.64, ft.

1--**TARAZ, 119, f, 3, by Into Mischief**

1st Dam: Silk Route, by Empire Maker

2nd Dam: Jibe, by Danzig

3rd Dam: Slightly Dangerous, by Roberto

O/B-Juddmonte Farms Inc (KY); T-Brad H. Cox; J-Florent Geroux. \$90,000. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$192,412.

'TDN Rising Star'

2--**O Seraphina, 118, f, 3, Congrats--Deherewego, by Dehere.** (\$60,000 Wlg '17 KEENOV; \$180,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP).

O-Scott & Evan Dilworth and Randy & Susan Andrews; B-Carolin Von Rosenberg & Mike Yovankin (FL); T-Joe Sharp. \$30,000.

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Martha Washington S. cont.

3--**High On Gin**, 122, f, 3, Fury Kapcori--Holiday Ashley, by The Cliff's Edge. (\$7,500 RNA Ylg '18 OBSOCT; \$7,500 2yo '19 OBSOPN). O-Jerry Caroom; B-Deborah A Silveira (FL); T-Carl J. Deville. \$15,000.

Margins: 3 3/4, 6 1/4, 13. Odds: 0.10, 9.50, 14.30.

Also Ran: Princesinha Julia. Scratched: Shedaresthedevil.



Taraz | Coady

Taraz earned the 'TDN Rising Star' moniker after romping by 7 1/2 lengths in her Churchill Downs unveiling Nov. 14 and made good on that initial promise with an 11 1/4-length tour de force in the Letellier Memorial S. in the slop at the Fair Grounds Dec. 21. Heavily favored to continue her hot streak in this sophomore bow, the Juddmonte homebred went straight to the front, cruising through early splits of :23.44 and :47.50. Still just cantering along as she turned for home in front, Taraz sauntered home to a facile victory.

"It was a big effort in her first race around two turns," said trainer Brad Cox. "We knew she would be tough to catch, but she has a lot of improving to do. Her talent is there but she needs to settle down mentally."

The winner has a juvenile full-brother named Silk Trade and a yearling half-sister by Flintshire (GB). Her second dam is SW & G1SP Jibe. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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AMERICAN BEAUTY S., \$125,000, Oaklawn, 2-1, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.91, ft.

1--**SPECIAL RELATIVITY**, 115, m, 5, **Cowboy Cal--Lil American, by Quiet American**. O-M and M Racing (Mike Sisk); B-Chester Thomas (KY); T-Robertino Diodoro; J-Orlando Mojica. \$75,000. Lifetime Record: MGSP, 26-8-5-6, \$535,900.

2--**Irish Mischief**, 122, f, 4, Into Mischief--Celtic Chant, by Songandaprayer. (\$40,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP; \$37,000 RNA 2yo '18 OBSAPR). O-Pietrangelo, Michael A., Ten Strike Racing and Madaket Stables LLC; B-Clarkland Farm (KY); T-Brad H. Cox. \$25,000.

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3--**Mt. Brave**, 117, f, 4, Malibu Moon--Wild Gams, by Forest Wildcat. (\$235,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEESEP). O-Stonestreet Stables LLC and Leidel, Peter; B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen. \$12,500.

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Margins: 4 1/4, 3/4, 3/4. Odds: 6.00, 2.00, 5.80.

Also Ran: Amy's Challenge, Talbeya, Raintree Starlet, Ascot Day. Scratched: Three Chords.



Special Relativity | Coady

Winner of Saratoga's Shine Again S. last summer, Special Relativity was second in Woodbine's GIII Ontario Fashion S. Oct. 19 and third in the GII Bessarabian S. there Nov. 24. Runner-up in the Pippin S. here a week ago, she was a bit overlooked at 6-1 on short rest. Saving ground in mid-pack early, the bay split foes in the lane and charged clear for a decisive victory. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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DANIA BEACH S., \$100,000, Gulfstream, 2-1, 3yo, 1mT, 1:35.70, gd.

1--**FIELD PASS**, 118, c, 3, by **Lemon Drop Kid**

1st Dam: **Only Me**, by **Runaway Groom**

2nd Dam: **Rackliff Island**, by **Polish Numbers**

3rd Dam: **Foggy Moon**, by **Grey Dawn II**

(\$37,000 Ylg '18 EASOCT). **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O-Three Diamonds Farm; B-Mark Brown Grier (MD); T-Michael J. Maker; J-Paco Lopez. \$58,900. Lifetime Record: GSP, 7-2-2-0, \$174,650.

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2--**Get Smokin**, 118, g, 3, Get Stormy--Hookah Lady, by Smoke Glacken. (\$11,000 Ylg '18 FTKOCT). O-Mary Abeel Sullivan Revocable Trust; B-Hurstland Farm, Inc. & James Greene Jr. (KY); T-Thomas M. Bush. \$19,000.

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3--**South Bend**, 122, c, 3, **Algorithms**--Sandra's Rose, by Old Trieste. (\$47,000 RNA Ylg '18 FTKJUL; \$70,000 2yo '19 OBSMAR). O-Sagamore Farm LLC; B-Highclere Inc. (KY); T-Stanley M. Hough. \$9,500.

Pick View LLC Graduate

Another Yearling Graduate from Stuart Morris, Agent

Margins: NK, HD, HF. Odds: 12.30, 7.50, 7.00. Also Ran: Myamanoi, Famished, Mr. Kringle, Sprawl, Homeland, Dominate Themoment, Peruvian Boy. Scratched: Smash, Disc Jockey.



Field Pass | Adam Coglianese

Field Pass, a grassy Saratoga maiden winner at second asking over subsequent GI Summer S. hero Decorated Invader (Declaration of War), was second in the GIII With Anticipation S. at the Spa Aug. 28. He rolled a pair fours in the Laurel Futurity Sept. 21 and GIII Dixiana Bourbon S. at Keeneland Oct. 6., and was freshened after a well-beaten sixth in his first try on dirt in a

Churchill Downs optional claimer Oct. 27. Placed in a ground-saving fifth for most of the way beneath Paco Lopez here, he was loaded for bear at the top of the stretch and finally made his way through traffic to gun down Get Smokin right on the wire. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

RANDY P. ROMERO MEMORIAL OVERNIGHT S., \$57,600, Fair Grounds, 2-1, 3yo, 1mT, 1:39.49, fm.

1--**HIERONYMUS**, 118, c, 3, **Girolamo--Pamona Ball (SW & GSP, \$185,640)**, by **Pleasantly Perfect**. **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.**

O/B-Godolphin (KY); T-Brad H. Cox; J-Brian Joseph Hernandez, Jr. \$36,000. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, \$91,714. *1/2 to Snowy Winter (Elusive Quality), SW & GSP-Ire, G1SP-Ity, MSP-Eng, \$173,813; Pamina (Street Cry {Ire}), GSW, \$198,072.

2--**Jack the Umpire**, 118, c, 3, **Bodemeister**--Sittin At the Bar, by Into Mischief. O-P. Dale Ladner; B-Brett A. Brinkman & P. Dale Ladner (KY); T-Brett A. Brinkman. \$12,000.

3--**Perfect Star**, 118, c, 3, **Into Mischief**--Chic Dancer, by Joyeux Danseur. (\$190,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$20,000 2yo '19 OBSOPN). O-Anton Kubacak; B-S. D. Brilie, L.P. (KY); T-Scott Gelner. \$6,000.

Bradley Thoroughbreds Pinbook Venture Graduate

Margins: 9 3/4, 2HF, NK. Odds: 1.00, 7.10, 3.60.

Also Ran: Duke of Carthania, Richard Ronald. Scratched: Kunal, The Gray Blur.

Hieronymus was well-supported to collect his third lifetime win and did it in a laugher, scoring by an embarrassingly easy margin in the race named in honor of Hall of Fame rider Randy Romero who passed away last August. A front-running first-out winner over the Ellis lawn Aug. 11, the chestnut faded to eighth after getting baked in the early going of an allowance over a yielding Churchill Downs turf course Nov. 21. Bumped at the start while catching another rain-softened course in a \$50,000 optional claimer here Dec. 28, he came home a narrow winner and was sent off at even money to make it two straight. Quickly to the front this time, the Godolphin hombred extended his advantage throughout and rolled home a 9 3/4-length winner over Jack the Umpire. Perfect Star was third.

Stakes winning Pamona Ball produced a Hard Spun colt in 2018 followed by a colt by Smiling Tiger last term. She was bred back to that stallion. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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Sunday, Aqueduct, post time: 4:25 p.m. EDT

BUSANDA S., \$100,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/8m

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1 Water White	Conveyance	Vargas	Rodriguez	5-2
2 Ankle Monitor	Raison d'Etat	Franco	Gonzalez	12-1
3 Quality Heat	Quality Road	Cancel	Casse	12-1
4 Persisto	Orb	Davis	Breen	4-1
5 Truth Hurts	Tonalist	Rodriguez	Summers	8-1
6 Harvey's Lil Goil	American Pharoah	Alvarado	Mott	2-1
7 Fiftshays Ofgreen	Bernardini	Carmouche	Servis	4-1



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

3rd-Oaklawn, \$86,000, (S), Alw, 2-1, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13.03, ft.

PROUD VICTORIA (f, 3, Laurie's Rocket--Rainbows Are Due, by Devil His Due) came from off the pace to take her debut at Remington Park Dec. 5 and was given a 6-1 chance against state-bred rivals this time. Flat-footed at the start, Proud Victoria was given plenty of encouragement down the backside through an opening quarter in :22.29. Starting to make some headway approaching the quarter pole, she swung out three wide turning for home, but seemingly had too much left to do as Tiddly (Primary Suspect) hit the front. Running greenly through the length of the lane, Proud Victoria closed the gap as the leader shortened stride and got her head down right on the line. Tiddly was second. The winner is a half to Devil and a Half (Storm and a Half), SW, \$281,018. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$71,145. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-JRita Young Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Bill McDowell (AR); T-Ron Moquett.

3rd-Santa Anita, \$57,000, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 2-1, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:10.09, ft.

AUBERGE (f, 3, Palace--Prenuptial Vow, by Broken Vow) earned 'TDN Rising Star' honors after airing in her unveiling at Santa Anita Oct. 27, then was second after battling through sharp fractions behind her MGISW stablemate Bast (Uncle Mo) in the GII Santa Ynez S. Jan. 5. Favored at 3-5 to go one better here, the Iowa-bred was hustled to the front and showed the way through fractions of :22.07 and :45.10. The bay began to shake free as they straightened for home and kept finding in the stretch to score by 2 1/4 lengths over Speech (Mr Speaker). The most expensive offspring for MGISW Palace, Auberge is a half to Theperfectvow (Majesticperfection), MSW, \$245,311 and hails

from the family of champion Banshee Breeze (Unbridled). Prenuptial Vow produced a filly by Super Saver in 2018 and was bred to Mendelssohn for the 2020 season. H. Allen Poindexter bred the first *three* winners of Santa Anita's Saturday card. Sales history: \$140,000 Wlg '17 FTKNOV; \$170,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$570,000 2yo '19 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: GSP, 3-2-1-0, \$104,200. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Speedway Stable LLC; B-H. Allen Poindexter (IA); T-Bob Baffert.



8th-Laurel, \$50,985, Alw (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 2-1, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:24.79, ft.

BYE BYE BERTIE (f, 4, Alternation--Dream of Bertie, by Ready's Image) graduated at second asking in August of her 2-year-old season, then finally resurfaced after missing her entire 3-year-old campaign with a first-level allowance win in the mud here Jan. 4. Favored at 6-5 to keep the winning streak alive, the dark bay chased from second, challenged for command as they straightened and charged home a one-length winner over longshot Money Fromheaven (Munnings). Dream of Bertie had a colt by Cairo Prince last year and was bred back to Collected. Sales history: \$32,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-3-1-0, \$80,790. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Jerry Romans, Charlie Spiring & Zoom and Fish Stable Inc.; B-Brereton C. Jones (KY); T-Hamilton A. Smith.

4th-Gulfstream, \$45,400, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 2-1, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:42.13, ft.

FEARLESS (g, 4, Ghostzapper--And Why Not {MGISP, \$262,965}, by Street Cry {Ire}) won on debut going six panels over this strip Dec. 22 and was given a 3-1 chance for this stretch out in distance. Away alertly from the outside post in this eight-horse affair, the \$725,000 KEESEP buy showed good early initiative, pressing from a head second through opening splits of :23.65 and :46.48. Still just loping along as he took control on the backstretch, the dark bay effortlessly sailed clear under a hand ride from Irad Ortiz and crossed the line with his ears pricked, finishing 8 1/2 lengths clear of Winking At Thedude (First Dude). His MGISP dam And Why Not, herself a \$775,000 FTSAUG purchase, is also responsible for the GSP 5-year-old Just Whistle; an unraced sophomore filly named Choosy (Super Saver), who was purchased by Sallusto and Albina for \$25,000 at the recent KEEJAN sale; a juvenile filly named Potion (Ghostzapper); and a yearling filly by Candy Ride (Arg). **Cont. p6**

GP4 cont.

The half-sister to GSW Far From Over (Blame) was bred back to Blame. This is also the family of MGISW Aldiza (Storm Cat); MGSWs Timeline (Hard Spun) and Aurelia's Belle (Lemon Drop Kid); and GSWs Altesse (A.P. Indy) and Lone Sailor (Majestic Warrior). Sales history: \$725,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$50,400. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-China Horse Club International Ltd. and WinStar Farm LLC; B-Helen K. Groves Revocable Trust (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

6th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$20,250, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$16,000), 2-1, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.39, gd.

SO CUNNING (f, 4, Blame--So Glitzy {GSP, \$179,405}, by Gilded Time) captured her career bow at Delaware May 25 and was subsequently shelved. Given a 3-1 chance in this return, the bay saved ground in fourth through moderate early fractions. Taking control in early stretch, So Cunning opened up to win by 4 1/4 lengths over favored Naughty Shirley (Jafmil). The winner's dam So Glitzy is a half-sister to MGISW Silver Wagon (Wagon Limit) and MSW & MGSP Rehoboth (Wagon Limit). Her only produce since the winner is a 2-year-old filly by Tapizar. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$32,400. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Leverett S. & Linda Miller (KY); T-Christophe Clement.

**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

5th-Aqueduct, \$60,000, (S), Msw, 2-1, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:14.15, ft. QUALITY STONES (f, 3, Quality Road--She's Stones Sis, by Giant's Causeway), dispatched at 7-2 in this career bow, shot straight to the front, ticking off a :22.88 opening quarter. Showing the way into the lane, the homebred charged home a never-in-doubt 4 3/4-length victress. Eloquent Speaker (Flatter) completed the exacta. She's Stones Sis, a half-sister to GISW Bustin Stones (City Zip), produced a Twirling Candy colt last year and was bred back to Big Brown. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$33,000. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Roddy J Valente (NY); T-Bruce N. Levine.

5th-Santa Anita, \$58,000, Msw, 2-1, 3yo, f, 5 1/2ft, 1:03.17, fm. SHINES HER LIGHT (IRE) (f, 3, No Nay Never--Sarawati {Ire}, by Haafhd {GB}) made her first five starts in Ireland, most recently finishing ninth at Dundalk Oct. 4. Overlooked at 13-1 in this U.S. debut, the bay raced off the rail in mid-pack off a swift first quarter in :22.01. Launching a two-wide bid as the half went in :45.04, she sailed clear late to earn her diploma. Favored Moonhall Milly (Ire) (Bungle Inthejungle {GB}) closed the gap to 3/4 of a length on the line. The winner is a half to Venutra Storm (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}), G1SW-Ity & MSW & G1SP-Eng, \$278,379. Her dam produced a Zoffany (Ire) colt in 2018 and a Churchill (Ire) colt in 2019. Sales history: €60,000 Ylg '18 GOFOR. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-1, \$38,252. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Yuesheng Zhang; B-Pigeon Park Stud (IRE); T-John W. Sadler.

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4th-Santa Anita, \$56,000, Msw, 2-1, 3yo, 1m, 1:38.06, ft. RUSHIE (c, 3, Liam's Map--Conquest Angel, by Colonel John) finished sixth behind next-out GII Los Alamitos Futurity S. victor and Saturday's GIII Robert B. Lewis S. winner Thousand Words (Pioneerof the Nile) in his 6 1/2-panel unveiling over this strip Oct. 26. Dispatched at 6-1 this time, the gray went right to the front and never looked back, earning his diploma by a length over favored Divine Armor (Include). The winner's unraced dam Conquest Angel, a half-sister to GISW Peace and War (War Front), is also responsible for a juvenile filly by Uncaptured and a yearling filly by Jess's Dream. She was bred back to Awesome Slew. Sales history: \$70,000 2yo '19 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$33,351. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Jim & Donna Daniell; B-Ocala Stud (FL); T-Michael McCarthy.

Purchased by Jacob West Bloodstock

2nd-Santa Anita, \$55,000, Msw, 2-1, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:25.48, ft. CLIVETTY (f, 3, Into Mischief--Rosemonde, by Indian Charlie) brought \$375,000 as a yearling at the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Sale and RNA'd for \$400,000 at OBS the following March, but returned to the Ocala auction ring in June, topping the sale at \$900,000 after breezing in a snappy :20 4/5. Sent off at 5-1 in this career bow, the hulking bay filly was off a half-step slow and trailed the quintet as Eyes Open (Street Sense) clocked early splits of :22.37 and :45.57. Making rapid progress up the outside on the backstretch, she was three-wide turning for home and wore down the top two late for a 3/4-length success. The pacesetter held second by a neck over My Happy Girl (American Pharoah), a daughter of My Happy Face (Tiz Wonderful). Clivetty is the second foal out of Rosemonde and the first is her stablemate and fellow OXO Equine colorbearer Rowayton (Into Mischief), MGISP, \$251,630. **Cont. p7**

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Rosemonde produced a Frosted colt in 2018 and a filly by that Darley sire in 2019. She was bred back to Justify. Clivetty hails from the family of champion Proud Spell (Proud Citizen), Canadian champion Miss Mischief (Into Mischief) and GISW J.P.'s Gusto (Successful Appeal). Sales history: \$375,000 Ylg '18 FTSAUG; \$400,000 RNA 2yo '19 OBSMAR; \$900,000 2yo '19 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$33,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**



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8th-Fair Grounds, \$45,000, Msw, 2-1, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.03, ft. SPIN RATE (c, 4, Hard Spun--Dancing Raven {MSW, \$396,338}, by Tomahawk), sent off at 7-1 for this belated unveiling, proved problematic during the loading process and once sprung, caboosed the field through initial splits of :22.19 and :46.32. Still last while fanned four wide turning for home, he was spurred on by James Graham and, despite running greenly in the lane, was up to win by a widening 2 1/2-length margin over 3-1 chance Fairway Magic (Violence). Dancing Raven, a half sister to Canadian Horse of the Year and champion juvenile Uncaptured (Lion Heart), is responsible for a juvenile colt by Overanalyze and a yearling filly by Liam's Map. She was bred back to that stallion. Sales history: \$92,000 Wlg '16 FTKNOV; \$150,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEESEP; \$7,000 2yo '18 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$27,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Robert V LaPenta. and Harry T. Rosenblum; B-Patrick & Brittney Durtschi (KY); T-Thomas M. Amoss.



7th-Gulfstream, \$43,000, Msw, 2-1, 3yo, 1m, 1:37.16, ft. PALM SPRINGS (c, 3, Uncle Mo--Sweet Bliss {GSP}, by Street Cry {Ire}) finished second behind a 'TDN Rising Star' performance from Violent City (Violence) in his six-panel unveiling here Jan. 11 and was bet down to 1-2 favoritism to go one better here. Away in good order from the nine-hole, the \$1-million KEESEP buy was on the outside of a four-horse duel for early control through a :22.85 first quarter and :45.53 half-mile. Seizing command on the backstretch run, the bay skimmed the rail to victory. Mister Candy Ride broke slowly and to the right, trailing the field early, but made a powerful run late, not switching lead until the final strides, to be just a nose short at the wire. The winner's dam Sweet Bliss produced an Into Mischief colt last year and was bred back to that Spendthrift

stallion. Palm Springs hails from the family of champion Sweet Catomine (Storm Cat) and MGISW Life is Sweet (Storm Cat). Sales history: \$1,000,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$34,400. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton**

O-China Horse Club International Ltd. and WinStar Farm LLC; B-Wygod Equine, LLC (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.



3rd-Laurel, \$42,120, Msw, 2-1, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:52.99, ft. ONE EYED JACK (c, 4, Uncle Mo--Free Money {SP}, by Street Sense) finished third on debut sprinting at Belmont June 29 behind Performer (Speightstown), who went on to win his next three starts, including the GIII Discovery S. Second next out when stretched to nine panels at Saratoga Aug. 11, the \$675,000 KEESEP buy was transferred from Chad Brown to Todd Pletcher and was a well-beaten fourth in his first try for this barn going a mile in the slop at Aqueduct Dec. 30. Hammered down to 1-5 favoritism to improve in this softer spot, the dark bay broke sharply from his rail draw and dueled Welling on the front end through glacial early splits of :25.03 and :49.43. The duo drew well clear of the field as they continued their battle heading into the far turn. One Eyed Jack began to shake free of his foe a bit in the lane, but Welling re-rallied after switching leads late and came with a strong run in the final sixteenth. However, he ran out of time and was a neck short of One Eyed Jack at the line. The winner is the first foal out of Free Money, a half-sister to MGSW Doctor Mounty (Street Sense) and MSW & MGSP Dabster (Curlin). She has since produced the unraced 3-year-old Free Cause (Giant's Causeway) and a pair of colts by Not This Time. Free Money was bred back to that young stallion again last term. One Eyed Jack hails from the family of MGISW A.P. Indian (Indian Charlie) and GSW Tiz Shea D (Tiznow). Sales history: \$675,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP; \$200,000 3yo '19 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, \$54,480. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

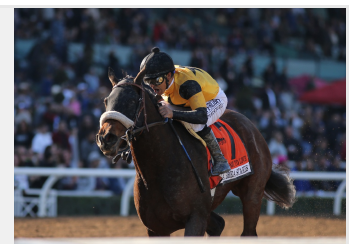
O-Mathis Stable LLC; B-Albaugh Family Stables LLC (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.



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5th-Sam Houston Race, \$36,000, Msw, 1-31, 3yo, 1mT, 1:39.71, fm.

NOBLE ORDER (c, 3, Union Rags--Escampette, by Smart Strike) endured a brutal start in his debut in an off-turf affair at the Fair Grounds Jan. 2, finishing a distant fifth in the slop as the 7-5 favorite. Installed the lukewarm 5-2 choice for his turf bow, the bay settled in a stalking fourth through opening fractions of :23.22 and :47.98. Continuing to save ground around the far turn, he was taken out to the three path turning for home. In control from there, the Juddmonte runner strode home a 3 3/4-length winner over 5-1 chance Battleship Bevo (Midshipman). Escampette has a 4-year-old unraced colt by Declaration of War named Thahaby and subsequently produced a colt by American Pharoah in 2018--who brought \$1.3 million at Keeneland last September. A granddaughter of Aquilegia (Alydar)--a full sister to champion juvenile filly Althea--the 9-year-old mare was bred back to the Triple Crown winner last season. This represents the family of GI Breeders' Cup Classic winner Bayern (Offlee Wild). Sales history: \$210,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$22,440. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

O-Juddmonte Farms Inc.; B-Dixiana Farms LLC (KY); T-Brad Cox.



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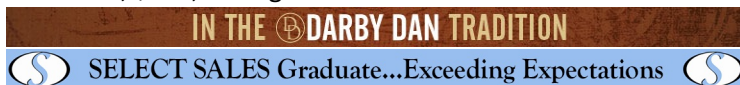
Arabic Channel, c, 4, English Channel--Mahogany Lane, by A.P. Indy. Al Rayyan, 2-1, Alw., 1400mT, 1:25.20. B-Calumet Farm (KY). *\$3,500 Ylg '17 KEEJAN. VIDEO

IN THE UAE:

Al Mukhtar Star, c, 3, Lemon Drop Kid. See 'TDN Europe--Middle East'



Lacienegaboulevard, g, 4, Shanghai Bobby--Lady Pecan (GISP), by Concerto. Meydan, 2-1, Maiden, 1400m, 1:24.83. B-Meritage LLC & Angelo Ferro (KY). *\$55,000 Wlg '16 KEENOV; \$100,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP. VIDEO



Gundogdu, g, 5, Bernardini--Cloud Jumper, by Street Cry (Ire). Meydan, 2-1, Hcp, 2000m, 2:05.84. B-Brushwood Stable (PA). *\$75,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP; \$50,000 2yo '17 OBSMAR. VIDEO

Moqarrar, g, 5, Exchange Rate--Time to Enjoy, by Distorted Humor. Meydan, 2-1, Hcp., 1600m, 1:37.97. B-Exchange Rate Syndicate & Millennium Farms (KY). *1/2 to Enjoy the Score (Even the Score), SW, \$115,189; and Happyfromthegitgo (Easyfromthegitgo), MSW, \$188,457. **\$47,000 Wlg '15 KEENOV; 120,000gns Ylg '16 TATOCT.



IN SINGAPORE:

Shanti, f, 3, Shanghai Bobby--Shadowlan, by Include. Kranji, 2-1, Restricted Maiden (\$63k), 1200mT, 1:09.99. B-Bell Tower Thoroughbreds (KY). *\$47,000 RNA Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$70,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR. VIDEO

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American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile), Ashford Stud, private 318 foals of racing age/29 winners/4 black-type winners 8-Oaklawn, Aoc 6f, AMERICAN BUTTERFLY, 8-1 \$390,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo
 7-Aqueduct, \$100K Busanda S., 1 1/8m, HARVEY'S LIL GOIL, 2-1 5-Gulfstream, Msw 1mT, LIPSTIKLIESNLOVERS, 20-1 \$145,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl
 5-Gulfstream, Msw 1mT, SLIP SLIDING AWAY, 12-1 \$145,000 RNA EAS MAY 2yo

Bayern (Offlee Wild), Hill 'n' Dale Farms, \$15,000 157 foals of racing age/24 winners/0 black-type winners 5-Gulfstream, Msw 1mT, LA BABIA, 10-1 3-Gulfstream, Msw 1mT, UNPRECEDENTED, 20-1 \$100,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$220,000 EAS MAY 2yo

The Big Beast (Yes It's True), Ocala Stud, \$6,000 102 foals of racing age/20 winners/0 black-type winners 8-Oaklawn, Aoc 6f, CREEKMORE, 15-1 \$13,000 OBS WIN wnl; \$25,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$35,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Carpe Diem (Giant's Causeway), WinStar Farm, \$15,000
 231 foals of racing age/19 winners/2 black-type winners
 5-Oaklawn, Wmc 6f, AXIS, 5-1

Competitive Edge (Super Saver), Ashford Stud, \$12,500
 155 foals of racing age/32 winners/4 black-type winners
 5-Oaklawn, Wmc 6f, ON TILT, 7-2
 \$60,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$120,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

Constitution (Tapit), WinStar Farm, \$40,000
 233 foals of racing age/30 winners/5 black-type winners
 8-Oaklawn, Aoc 6f, ANCIENT WARRIOR, 4-1

Conveyance (Indian Charlie), Buck Pond Farm, \$3,500
 68 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
 7-Aqueduct, \$100K Busanda S., 1 1/8m, WATER WHITE, 5-2
 \$50,000 FTK JUL yrl

Danza (Street Boss), Fair Winds Farm, \$2,500
 140 foals of racing age/14 winners/2 black-type winners
 4-Laurel, Alw 1m, PITCHING ARI, 8-5

Golden Lad (Medaglia d'Oro), Northview Stallion Station, \$5,000
 124 foals of racing age/11 winners/2 black-type winners
 3-Gulfstream, Msw 1mT, OXIDE, 10-1
 \$50,000 EAS OCT yrl; \$120,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Honor Code (A.P. Indy), Lane's End Farm, \$30,000
 213 foals of racing age/16 winners/1 black-type winners
 5-Gulfstream, Msw 1mT, PINK CHANEL, 20-1
 \$120,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$30,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$37,000 RNA
 BAR OCT yrl; \$145,000 OBS APR 2yo

Lea (First Samurai), Claiborne Farm, \$7,500
 103 foals of racing age/10 winners/2 black-type winners
 3-Gulfstream, Msw 1mT, FORK UNION, 20-1
 \$65,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$200,000 KEE SEP yrl
 6-Gulfstream, Msw 6f, GIBBERISH, 4-1
 \$230,000 KEE NOV wnl

Liam's Map (Unbridled's Song), Lane's End Farm, \$35,000
 232 foals of racing age/19 winners/2 black-type winners
 5-Gulfstream, Msw 1mT, LILI'S SONG, 10-1
 \$45,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$190,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$400,000 FTF
 MAR 2yo
 3-Gulfstream, Msw 1mT, MILITARIST, 15-1
 \$70,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$295,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo

Moonshine Mullin (Albert the Great), Lake Hamilton Equine

Center, \$1,000
 30 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
 3-Oaklawn, Msw 6f, HUMMEL ONE, 30-1
 3-Oaklawn, Msw 6f, MOONSHINE MOMENT, 20-1
 3-Oaklawn, Msw 6f, RANDOM AFFAIR, 15-1

Race Day (Tapit), Spendthrift Farm, \$7,500
 145 foals of racing age/20 winners/4 black-type winners
 3-Oaklawn, Msw 6f, IMPLICATOR, 6-1

Tapiture (Tapit), Darby Dan Farm, \$7,500
 246 foals of racing age/30 winners/2 black-type winners
 4-Laurel, Alw 1m, TAPPING THE GLASS, 3-1
 \$22,000 KEE SEP yrl

Tonalist (Tapit), Lane's End Farm, \$15,000
 179 foals of racing age/20 winners/2 black-type winner
 7-Aqueduct, \$100K Busanda S., 1 1/8m, TRUTH HURTS, 8-1
 \$35,000 KEE SEP yrl

Wicked Strong (Hard Spun), Spendthrift Farm, \$6,000
 232 foals of racing age/29 winners/1 black-type winner
 1-Santa Anita, Msw 7f, DOCTRINAIRE, 10-1
 \$25,000 ESL YRL yrl; \$20,000 OBS MAR 2yo
 5-Oaklawn, Wmc 6f, WICKED CITI, 9-2
 \$5,000 OBS OCT yrl



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9th-Oaklawn, \$86,000, 2-1, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10.13, ft.
GRIT AND CURIOSITY (g, 4, Macho Uno--Exchange Cat {MSP},
by Exchange Rate) Lifetime Record: 7-2-3-0, \$128,224. O-J. Kirk
and Judy Robison; B-Elm Tree Farm, LLC & Brookfield Stud (KY);
T-Peter Miller. *\$77,000 Ylg '17 FTKOCT.

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6th-Aqueduct, \$65,668, (S), 2-1, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:19.87, ft.

AWILLAWAY (f, 4, Dublin--Reddaxle, by Redattore {Brz})

Lifetime Record: 11-3-2-2, \$101,591. O-Kelly Carll; B-Rockridge Stud, LLC & Kelly Carll (NY); T-Robert P. Klesaris.

Another Webb Carroll Training Center Graduate

8th-Parx Racing, \$62,994, 2-1, (NW2L), 4yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:55.00, ft.

WISE JUDE (h, 5, Wiseman's Ferry--Sweet as You Are, by

Mecke) Lifetime Record: 21-2-2-7, \$152,222. O/B-A & J Racing Stable LLC (PA); T-David Dotolo.

7th-Turfway, \$47,884, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 1-31, 4yo/up, 1 1/4m (AWT), 2:08.37, ft.

LO'S JOURNEY (g, 8, Purim--Sister Bay, by Acceptable) Lifetime Record: 30-2-5-6, \$85,012. O/B-Peter Strandwitz (KY); T-Cheryl Shifflett.

9th-Parx Racing, \$46,750, 2-1, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10.37, ft.

FACTOR THIS IN (g, 6, The Factor--Ba Ba's Bunch, by El

Corredor) Lifetime Record: 28-7-2-4, \$150,303. O-Yo Berbs Racing; B-Golden Pedigree LLC (KY); T-Marcos Zulueta.

*\$130,000 Wlg '14 KEENOV; \$27,000 3yo '17 OBSWIN.

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6th-Fair Grounds, \$46,000, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$17,500), 2-1, 4yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:43.73, ft.

EASY SHOT (c, 4, Trappe Shot--Daddy's Dreamgirl, by Scat

Daddy) Lifetime Record: GSP, 11-2-3-1, \$135,579. O-Calumet Farm; B-Hinkle Farms (KY); T-J. Keith Desormeaux. *\$80,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP.

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5th-Gulfstream, \$45,000, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 2-1, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m (off turf), 1:50.48, ft.

IDENTIFIER (c, 4, Creative Cause--Can't Catch Kate, by

Shakespeare) Lifetime Record: 10-3-4-0, \$110,110.

O-Gelfenstein Farm; B-Heinz J. Steinmann (KY); T-Oscar M. Gonzalez. *\$17,000 RNA Wlg '16 KEENOV; \$30,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP; \$80,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR.

6th-Laurel, \$44,940, 2-1, (NW1X), 3yo, f, 1m, 1:38.29, ft.

PRINCESS CADEY (f, 3, Dialed In--Dyrce, by Sandpit {Brz})

Lifetime Record: 11-2-5-1, \$84,930. O-Magic Stable LLC; B-Martin J Keogh & Tanya Johnson (KY); T-Claudio A. Gonzalez.

*\$28,000 Wlg '17 KEENOV; \$16,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. **1/2 to

Artie Hot (Black Minnaloushe), GSW, \$508,469.

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9th-Fair Grounds, \$41,000, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 2-1, 3yo, 5 1/2f, 1:05.88, fm.

THE GRAY BLUR (c, 3, Fast Anna--Special Grayce {GSP,

\$124,129), by Smart Strike) Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-1, \$65,830.

O-Dare To Dream Stable LLC (Michael Faber); B-Woods Edge Farm, LLC (KY); T-Christopher Davis. *\$20,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$55,000 2yo '19 OBSMAR.

7th-Sam Houston Race, \$38,000, (NW33MX)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 1-31, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:38.97, fm.

SONIC BOOM (g, 6, More Than Ready--Silent Circle, by Indian Charlie) Lifetime Record: GSW, 28-7-3-3, \$369,838. O-End Zone Athletics, Inc.; B-Athens Woods, LLC & More Than Ready Syndicate (KY); T-Karl Broberg. *\$135,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP. *Full to Galientos, GSP, \$160,882.

7th-Laurel, \$37,450, (C), 2-1, (C), 4yo/up, 1m, 1:37.85, ft.

MUCHACHO (g, 4, Mucho Macho Man--Scrumptious Girl, by

Chapel Royal) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, \$68,212. O-Reeves Thoroughbred Racing and Sinatra Thoroughbred Racing; B-Sinatra Thoroughbred Racing and Breeding (MD); T-Corby Caiazzo.

4th-Charles Town, \$32,500, (S), 1-31, 4yo/up, 4 1/2f, :51.24, ft.

AARON'S TAP (g, 6, Northern Afleet--Tapforaly, by Pleasant

Tap) Lifetime Record: SW, 27-14-4-3, \$320,439. O-Smart Angle LLP; B-A & B Bloodstock (WV); T-Jeff C. Runco. *Full to Nay's Tap, MSW, \$275,758; Aly's Tap, SP, \$125,176.

4th-Penn National, \$31,600, (S), 2-1, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.25, ft.

YELLOW CHICK (f, 4, Afleet Alex--Topeka, by American Chance)

Lifetime Record: 23-2-7-7, \$159,192. O-Hardesty Stables and M3 Racing Stable; B-Carol G Zacney (PA); T-Michael M. Moore.

1st-Charles Town, \$30,000, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$30,000), 2-1, 3yo, 7f, 1:28.14, ft.

DREW (c, 3, Bayern--Saoirse Cat {MSP, \$184,498}, by Storm

Cat) Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-0, \$36,825. O-Nirvana Farm LLC; B-Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc (ON); T-James K. Chapman. *\$5,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$9,000 RNA Ylg '18 BAROCT.

Hill 'n' Dale Bred, Raised and Sold

6th-Penn National, \$29,120, 1-31, (NW1X), 3yo, 1m, 1:37.69, ft. **GRAY GARY (g, 3, Graydar--Lady Vi {SW, \$210,017}, by Tale of the Cat)** Lifetime Record: 7-3-0-2, \$59,270. O-Madison Avenue Racing Stable, Inc. and Jagger, Inc.; B-Redmon Farm, LLC (KY); T-Jamie Ness. *\$28,000 RNA Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$21,000 Ylg '18 EASOCT; \$14,000 2yo '19 EASDEC.

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7th-Charles Town, \$28,000, (S), 1-31, (NW2L), 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:27.92, ft.

LOVE HAPPY (f, 4, Charitable Man--Hot Citi Love, by Not For Love) Lifetime Record: 15-2-4-2, \$50,078. O/T-John A. Casey; B-Walter M. Holloway (WV).

8th-Penn National, \$28,000, 1-31, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:44.51, ft.

RAG TOP (m, 5, Union Rags--Cherry Bomb, by Honor Grades) Lifetime Record: 26-4-3-5, \$102,063. O-Michael R. Anspach; B-Peachtree Stable (KY); T-Craig S. Miller.

8th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$20,000, 2-1, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 1 1/8m (off turf), 1:52.35, gd.

KING CAUSE (g, 5, Creative Cause--Street Mate, by Street Cry {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 18-2-1-5, \$118,358. O-Nice Guys Stables; B-Bret Jones (KY); T-Derek S. Ryan. *\$27,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP; \$200,000 2yo '17 OBSAPR. **1/2 to Bell's The One (Majesticperfection), GSW, \$400,350.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Starling Prince, c, 3, **Cairo Prince**--Lovely Steps, by Gone West. Parx Racing, 2-1, (C), 1m, 1:42.46. B-BG B/S (KY). *\$75,000 2yo '19 OBSMAR.

Star of Night, f, 3, **Creative Cause**--Splendiferous Moon, by Malibu Moon. Charles Town, 1-31, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:20.97. B-Heinz J. Steinmann (WV).

Cryptonic Catwalk, f, 3, **Cryptolight**--Cat Zone, by Winthrop. Mahoning Valley, 2-1, (S), 6f, 1:15.11. B-Ronald DeWolf (OH).

Make Or Break, f, 3, **Flatter**--Julie From Dixie, by Dixie Union. Aqueduct, 2-1, (C), 1m, 1:41.65. B-E. H. Beau Lane (KY). *\$100,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. **1/2 to Captain Von Trapp (Trappe Shot), SP, \$162,830.

Octoraro Orphie, g, 3, **Jump Start**--Marquee Kelly (MSP, \$180,130), by Marquetry. Penn National, 2-1, 6f, 1:12.00. B-WMT Stables, Inc. (PA). *1/2 to Raging Smoke (More Smoke), MSW, \$422,282.

Jamaican Magic, c, 3, **Magician (Ire)**--Lyndenshire, by Langfuhr. Mahoning Valley, 2-1, 5f, :59.72. B-Spring Farm (ON). *C\$7,000 RNA Ylg '18 CANSEP; \$7,500 2yo '19 OBSOPN.

Manoso, g, 3, **Mail**--Mamie Mom, by Grand Slam. Sunland, 2-1,

(S), 1m, 1:40.32. B-Miguel Gallegos (NM).

Secret Biscuit, g, 3, **Secret Circle**--Becker County Miss (SP), by Langfuhr. Delta Downs, 1-31, 5f, :59.42. B-Calabria Farms, LLC (OK). *\$2,000 Wlg '17 KEENOV; \$3,000 Ylg '18 OKCYRL. **1ST-TIME STARTER.

Tacocat, f, 3, **Tale of the Cat**--Indian Safari, by Indian Charlie. Sunland, 2-1, 6f, 1:10.39. B-Dan Agnew (KY). *\$75,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP.

Bell Ringer, c, 4, **Hard Spun**--Temptress, by Tapit. Sam Houston Race, 1-31, 1mT, 1:39.10. B-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC (KY). *\$105,000 Ylg '17 FTKOCT. **1/2 to Tenfold (Curlin), MGSW & GISP, \$1,018,390.

Consigned by GAINESWAY

Kick N Kiss, f, 4, **My Golden Song**--Ready for Kisses, by More Than Ready. Fair Grounds, 2-1, (S), 7 1/2ft, 1:36.57. B-Sue & James Burns (LA).

Justice of War, c, 4, **Strong Mandate**--Callous Effect, by Majestic Warrior. Aqueduct, 2-1, (WC), 6f, 1:13.66. B-Robert H. Lail (KY). *\$60,000 Ylg '17 FTKOCT; \$550,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR.

Dancing Willard, g, 4, **Wilburn**--Dixie Marrone, by Smoke Glacken. Mahoning Valley, 2-1, (S), 1m, 1:41.62. B-Daryl & Sally Duncan (OH). *\$4,200 RNA Ylg '17 PEDOH.



AFLEET ALEX, Yellow Chick, f, 4, o/o Topeka, by American Chance. ALW, 2-1, Penn National

ALTERNATION, Bye Bye Bertie, f, 4, o/o Dream of Bertie, by Ready's Image. AOC, 2-1, Laurel

BAYERN, Drew, c, 3, o/o Saoirse Cat, by Storm Cat. AOC, 2-1, Charles Town

BLAME, So Cunning, f, 4, o/o So Glitzy, by Gilded Time. AOC, 2-1, Tampa Bay

BODEMEISTER, Cheermeister, f, 3, o/o Kuhlu, by Ghostzapper. GIII Sweetest Chant S., 2-1, Gulfstream

CAIRO PRINCE, Starling Prince, c, 3, o/o Lovely Steps, by Gone West. MCL, 2-1, Parx Racing

CHARITABLE MAN, Love Happy, f, 4, o/o Hot Citi Love, by Not For Love. ALW, 1-31, Charles Town

CONSTITUTION, Tiz the Law, c, 3, o/o Tizfiz, by Tiznow. GIII Holy Bull S., 2-1, Gulfstream

COWBOY CAL, Special Relativity, m, 5, o/o Lil American, by Quiet American. American Beauty S., 2-1, Oaklawn

CREATIVE CAUSE, Identifier, c, 4, o/o Can't Catch Kate, by Shakespeare. AOC, 2-1, Gulfstream

CREATIVE CAUSE, King Cause, g, 5, o/o Street Mate, by Street Cry (Ire). ALW, 2-1, Tampa Bay

CREATIVE CAUSE, Star of Night, f, 3, o/o Splendiferous Moon, by Malibu Moon. MSW, 1-31, Charles Town

CRYPTOLIGHT, Cryptonic Catwalk, f, 3, o/o Cat Zone, by Winthrop. MSW, 2-1, Mahoning Valley

CURLIN, Edge of Fire, c, 3, o/o Leading Edge, by Tapit. MSW, 2-1, Gulfstream

DIALED IN, Princess Cadey, f, 3, o/o Dyrce, by Sandpit (Brz). ALW, 2-1, Laurel

DUBLIN, Awillaway, f, 4, o/o Reddaxle, by Redattore (Brz). ALW, 2-1, Aqueduct

FAST ANNA, The Gray Blur, c, 3, o/o Special Grayce, by Smart Strike. AOC, 2-1, Fair Grounds

FLATTER, Make Or Break, f, 3, o/o Julie From Dixie, by Dixie Union. MCL, 2-1, Aqueduct

GHOSTZAPPER, Fearless, g, 4, o/o And Why Not, by Street Cry (Ire). AOC, 2-1, Gulfstream

GIANT'S CAUSEWAY, United, g, 5, o/o Indy Punch, by Pulling Punches. GII San Marcos S., 2-1, Santa Anita

GIROLAMO, Hieronymus, c, 3, o/o Pamona Ball, by Pleasantly Perfect. Randy P. Romero Memorial Overnight S., 2-1, Fair Grounds

GRAYDAR, Gray Gary, g, 3, o/o Lady Vi, by Tale of the Cat. ALW, 1-31, Penn National

HARD SPUN, Bell Ringer, c, 4, o/o Temptress, by Tapit. MSW, 1-31, Sam Houston

HARD SPUN, Spin Rate, c, 4, o/o Dancing Raven, by Tomahawk. MSW, 2-1, Fair Grounds

HONOR CODE, Max Player, c, 3, o/o Fools in Love, by Not For Love. GIII Withers S., 2-1, Aqueduct

INTO MISCHIEF, Clivetty, f, 3, o/o Rosemonde, by Indian Charlie. MSW, 2-1, Santa Anita

INTO MISCHIEF, Mischevious Alex, c, 3, o/o White Pants Night, by Speightstown. GIII Swale S., 2-1, Gulfstream

INTO MISCHIEF, Taraz, f, 3, o/o Silk Route, by Empire Maker. Martha Washington S., 2-1, Oaklawn

JUMP START, Octoraro Orphie, g, 3, o/o Marquee Kelly, by Marquetry. MSW, 2-1, Penn National

LAURIE'S ROCKET, Proud Victoria, f, 3, o/o Rainbows Are Due, by Devil His Due. ALW, 2-1, Oaklawn

LEMON DROP KID, Field Pass, c, 3, o/o Only Me, by Runaway Groom. Dania Beach S., 2-1, Gulfstream

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MAIL, Manoso, g, 3, o/o Mamie Mom, by Grand Slam. MSW, 2-1, Sunland

MIDNIGHT LUTE, Midcourt, g, 5, o/o Mayo On the Side, by French Deputy. GII San Pasqual S., 2-1, Santa Anita

MORE THAN READY, Sonic Boom, g, 6, o/o Silent Circle, by Indian Charlie. AOC, 1-31, Sam Houston

MUCHO MACHO MAN, Muchacho, g, 4, o/o Scrumptious Girl, by Chapel Royal. ALW, 2-1, Laurel

MY GOLDEN SONG, Kick N Kiss, f, 4, o/o Ready for Kisses, by More Than Ready. MSW, 2-1, Fair Grounds

NO NAY NEVER, Shines Her Light (Ire), f, 3, o/o Sarawati (Ire), by Haafhd (GB). MSW, 2-1, Santa Anita

NORTHERN AFLEET, Aaron's Tap, g, 6, o/o Tapforaly, by Pleasant Tap. ALW, 1-31, Charles Town

PALACE, Auberge, f, 3, o/o Prenuptial Vow, by Broken Vow. AOC, 2-1, Santa Anita

PIONEER OF THE NILE, Thousand Words, c, 3, o/o Pomeroy Pistol, by Pomeroy. GIII Robert B. Lewis S., 2-1, Santa Anita

PURIM, Lo's Journey, g, 8, o/o Sister Bay, by Acceptable. AOC, 1-31, Turfway

QUALITY ROAD, Quality Stones, f, 3, o/o She's Stones Sis, by Giant's Causeway. MSW, 2-1, Aqueduct

STRONG MANDATE, Justice of War, c, 4, o/o Callous Effect, by Majestic Warrior. WMC, 2-1, Aqueduct

TALE OF THE CAT, Tacocat, f, 3, o/o Indian Safari, by Indian Charlie. MSW, 2-1, Sunland

THE FACTOR, Factor This In, g, 6, o/o Ba Ba's Bunch, by El Corredor. ALW, 2-1, Parx Racing

TONALIST, Tonalist's Shape, f, 3, o/o Hitechnoweenie, by Harlan's Holiday. GIII Forward Gal S., 2-1, Gulfstream

TRAPPE SHOT, Easy Shot, c, 4, o/o Daddy's Dreamgirl, by Scat Daddy. AOC, 2-1, Fair Grounds

UNCLE MO, One Eyed Jack, c, 4, o/o Free Money, by Street Sense. MSW, 2-1, Laurel

UNCLE MO, Palm Springs, c, 3, o/o Sweet Bliss, by Street Cry (Ire). MSW, 2-1, Gulfstream

UNION RAGS, Noble Order, c, 3, o/o Escampette, by Smart Strike. MSW, 1-31, Sam Houston

UNION RAGS, Rag Top, m, 5, o/o Cherry Bomb, by Honor Grades. ALW, 1-31, Penn National

WILBURN, Dancing Willard, g, 4, o/o Dixie Marrone, by Smoke Glacken. MSW, 2-1, Mahoning Valley

WISEMAN'S FERRY, Wise Jude, h, 5, o/o Sweet as You Are, by Mecke. ALW, 2-1, Parx Racing



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FRIENDS CELEBRATE WIN IN AFRICA'S RICHEST RACE



Count Jack winning the CTS 1600 | Liesl King

By Kelsey Riley

They say winning is more fun with friends, and that was certainly the case on Saturday for The Big Five Syndicate—a group of familiar industry faces from Ireland and the U.S.—as it celebrated its victory in the CTS 1600, Africa's joint-richest race with a purse of R5-million (£252,322/€300,317), at Kenilworth Racecourse in Cape Town, South Africa, with the ascendant 3-year-old colt **Count Jack (SAf)** (Jackson {SAf}).

The Big Five comprises Mick Flanagan, Tom Ryan, Craig Bernick, David Cox, Justin Casse, Ross Doyle and Anna Doyle, the latter of whom was in Cape Town to collect the trophy with husband Peter. The CTS 1600 was one of two sales races staged on the G1 Sun Met undercard, in addition to the CTS 1200. Both are non black-type races restricted to graduates of Cape Thoroughbred Sales yearling sales and are the joint-richest races in Africa with purses of R5-million apiece.

About an hour after the race on Saturday afternoon, Mick Flanagan was heading into Dublin to celebrate at the rugby with Ross Doyle and David Cox, and he explained how he and Ross Doyle landed on Count Jack for R250,000 (£12,616/€15,016) at the 2018 Cape Premier Yearling Sale. [Cont. p2](#)

ALL CLASS: BERTRAM AND DIANA FIRESTONE *By John Berry*

Somewhere along the way, the Sport of Kings became the racing industry. That was inevitable because that's the way of the modern world in which most people have to earn a living. However, for many it remains a sport in which the joy comes from taking part, with the wins being the icing on the cake and any financial return a bonus.

Few have played the game with a truer Corinthian spirit or more successfully than Bertram and Diana Firestone, who have graced the upper echelons of the sport which they love for half a century.

Last month, Mr and Mrs Firestone, with a characteristic absence of fanfare, completed the dispersal of their stud as their last broodmare Tap Shoes (Tapit) passed through the ring at the Keeneland January Sale, along with two yearlings and a couple of 2-year-old fillies.

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Bertram and Diana Firestone | Equi-Photo

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"When I was starting out, I used to tag around at the sales in Johannesburg with Peter Doyle, so for the last five or six years we all met down there after Christmas in January and that year we teamed up and bought a couple horses," Flanagan said. "The other horse we bought, he won a couple races and we sold him on to Mauritius. We saw this colt at the Kieswelters' farm [Highlands Stud, in the Western Cape and formerly owned by the Beck family] and liked him. We all sat with each other at the sale and ate and drank together, and ended up buying him together."

The other colt was a R525,000 (£26,494/€31,533) son of Gimmethgreenlight (Aus), and while Flanagan admitted he blew the budget, he is betting his partners have forgiven him.

"Tom Ryan is in the partnership, and at the time I asked him to come in he said, 'don't spend more than \$10,000,'" Flanagan recalled. "Well, I ended up spending about \$50,000 on the two

horses. I gave him the bad news a few days later, but he was game and he's had a blast as well."

Flanagan is well-versed in the South African industry, having spent some of his formative years working in the nation.

"We've been going down to South Africa for years," he said. "I first started going there when I was about 19 or 20. I worked for Mick Goss at Summerhill Stud and then was an assistant to Mike de Kock, so I've always had a bit of an attachment to the country. I try to go down there once or twice a year. It's a pity I couldn't be there today but we will be back, and onwards and upwards with Count Jack."

After the group secured Count Jack two years ago, they sent him to trainer Brett Crawford.

"We've had horses with Brett Crawford before and he's a great guy, he's based in Cape Town and knows exactly what he's doing," Flanagan said. "He's done a fabulous job with the horse; he's not the easiest horse in the world, he's quite a handful, but he's obviously done a great job."



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Count Jack didn't step out until after his third birthday last September, and after running fourth first out he graduated at Kenilworth on Oct. 29. He slipped back to fifth in a 1400 metre handicap two weeks later but bounced back to win a pair of handicaps over the CTS 1600 course and distance prior to Saturday's mild upset win at 15/2.

"Brett was always high on this horse," Flanagan said. "He gave him a bit of time but once he hit the track he hit it running. [Jockey] Pierre Corne Orffer, who is a great friend of mine who I used to pal around with when I worked for Mike de Kock in Durban, he gave the horse a great ride [on Saturday]. It's good for a number of different reasons and everyone's gotten a kick out of it."

South Africa's complicated equine export protocols have meant that yearling prices in the country have typically been capped, as it is difficult and expensive for buyers to export their purchases and for breeders to trade in foreign markets, but that element combined with a weak currency, on the flip side, has meant that shrew overseas shoppers can find horses at a premium with a good shot at making money racing locally.

It was announced last autumn, however, that purses at most of the country's tracks would be slashed by an average of 13%. One of the country's most important races, the G1 Sun Met also staged on Saturday, was among the races hit hardest, its purse dropped from R5-million to R3-million.

But Flanagan—who has had pieces of up to six horses in training at a time in South Africa—said there is still upside to buying and racing horses in South Africa.

"I've been doing this four or five years now and I've only sent money down one time," he said. "I think the cost to reward ratio racing a horse is actually very good there. The landscape is obviously changing with a couple guys no longer involved and different things happening politically, but it's a good, fun place, and who doesn't love winning races in Cape Town in the month of January? It provides a great platform for people to get into horses and enjoy it. I can't see us not doing it again. It's been a pretty sweet experience. It's just a bloody great day."

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THE CTS 1600-R5,000,000, NBT, Kenilworth, 2-1, 1600mT, 1:38.35, gd.

1–**COUNT JACK (SAF), 132, c, 3, Jackson (SAf)–For The Count (Aus) (SP-SAf), by Dylan Thomas (Ire)**. (R250,000 yrl '18 CAPJAN) O-The Big Five Syndicate; B-Highlands Farms Stud; T-Brett Crawford. Lifetime Record: 6-4-0-0.

2–**Sachdev (SAf), 132, g, 3, Silvano (Ger)–Quetta (SAf), by Kabool (GB)**. (R1,300,000 yrl '18 CAPJAN) O-Mr N Jonsson; B-Normandy Stud; T-Justin Snaith.

3–**Sovereign Secret (SAf), 127, f, 3, Dynasty (SAf)–All Is Secret (SAf), by Captain Al (SAf)**. (R1,000,000 yrl '18 CAPJAN) O-Pete & Janet Carolin; B-Klawervlei Stud; T-Justin Snaith.

Margins: 3/4, 3/4, 2.5. Odds: 7.50, 5.25, 55.00.

THE CTS 1200-R5,000,000, NBT, Kenilworth, 2-1, 1200mT, 1:11.24, gd.

1–**INVIDIA (SAF), 132, g, 3, Twice Over (GB)–Zili (SAf) (SP-SAf), by Parade Leader**. (R100,000 yrl '18 CTSAPR; R180,000 HRA '18 CAPNOV) O-Mr M J A Ferreira; B-Klawervlei Stud; T-Ashley Fortune. Lifetime Record: GSP-SAf, 10-3-3-2. *1/2 to Outlander (SAf) (Philanthropist), SP-SAf.

2–**Cartel Captain (SAf), 132, g, 3, Captain Of All (SAf)–Ruby Cartel (SAf), by Mogok**. (R100,000 yrl '18 CTSAPR) O-Messrs M B Pitman, M R Collins, D S Pitman, Mr W G Drier & Miss C S Drier & Mrs G M Drier; B-Klawervlei Stud; T-Dennis Drier.

3–**Vaseem (SAf), 132, g, 3, Vercingetorix (SAf)–Giant's Bounty (Aus), by Giant's Causeway**. (R275,000 yrl '18 CAPJAN) O-Al Adiyaat South Africa (Pty) Ltd; B-Klawervlei Stud; T-Mike de Kock.

Margins: 3/4, 3/4, 1 1/4. Odds: 12.00, 8.50, 25.00.

All Class: Bertram and Diana Firestone cont. from p1

The Firestones have thus brought the curtain down on one of the most special bloodstock operations of the modern era, one which has been a successful, popular, passionate and dignified player at a high level on both sides of the Atlantic since they enjoyed their first top-level victory in May 1971 when King's Company (Ire) (King's Troop {GB}) landed the Irish 2000 Guineas at the Curragh before taking the Cork And Orrery S. at Royal Ascot the following month.

By this time, Bertram Firestone had built up a successful real estate business in the U.S., primarily in Florida. (He would later merge his real estate and racing involvements when for a time he owned both Gulfstream Park and Calder Racecourse). He and his wife were not, though, coming to ownership as inexperienced enthusiasts but as long-standing, hands-on horse-people. Both were extremely competent show-jumpers

and for many years they hunted in Virginia with the Loudoun and Middleburg Hunts. Mr Firestone had spent a summer early in the 1950s as an exercise rider for Charlie Whittingham at Santa Anita. Later in life he would put the skills which he had learned there to good use when he rode in a couple of amateurs' races in Ireland, winning the Madhatters' Private Sweepstakes in 1974, and also training some of their own horses in the U.S. for a period in the early 1980s. Meanwhile Diana Firestone would always be involved in the breaking-in of the horses on their stud.

King's Company's success stemmed from a union of kindred spirits because he was trained by one of the legends of the saddle. The colt had been raced as a 2-year-old by Mrs. R. Vereker when, trained at The Curragh by David Ainsworth, he had won two of Ireland's premier juvenile events, the National S. and the Irish Chorus S.



The Firestones' Kentucky Derby winner Genuine Risk | Getty

Sent to Tattersalls's 1970 December Sale in Newmarket, he was bought there by Mr Firestone for 35,000gns and sent back to Ireland to join the first-season stable of the great horseman Willie Robinson, who was setting up as a trainer after a stellar race-riding career which had seen him complete the treble of the three greatest jumps races (the Grand National, Cheltenham Gold Cup and Champion Hurdle) and also ride a place-getter in the greatest Flat race, bringing Paddy's Point (GB) (Mieuxce {Fr}) home second in the 1958 Derby.

With one of the best colts in Europe on their hands, the Firestones were in a perfect position to establish their own stud. Consequently, they bought Gilltown Stud and Sallymount Stud in Co. Kildare from the Aga Khan, and King's Company retired to the historic 1,200-acre Gilltown property in 1972.

All Class: Bertram and Diana Firestone cont.

Thereafter the Firestones increasingly became highly successful as breeders as well as owners, to the extent that they were honoured in America with the Eclipse Award for Outstanding Owners in 1980 and the New York Turf Writers Association Award for Outstanding Breeders in 1982.

The Firestones' next top-class horse was, like King's Company, also trained in Ireland. Red Alert (Ire) (Red God {Ire}) won the G3 Jersey S. at Royal Ascot and Stewards' Cup H. at Glorious Goodwood in the summer of 1974, ridden each time by Johnny Roe. As had been the case when they had sent King's Company to Willie Robinson, with Red Alert they again gave a budding trainer a chance. Dermot Weld had taken over his father's stable at The Curragh at the end of the 1972 season and Red Alert proved to be one of the horses who put him on the map. This turned out to be the start of a beautiful friendship, with the Firestone/Weld combination becoming as harmonious and long-lasting as it was successful.

Dermot Weld took time to reflect on them as both patrons and friends. He said, "They were wonderful owners to train for. We had a lot of success together: Classic winners, Group 1 winners, many stakes winners. Blue

Wind winning the Epsom and Irish Oaks and being the Champion filly of her year was a highlight. She was very, very good, a brilliant filly. Theatrical was a very good horse; second, beaten half a length, in the Irish Derby and then going on to win all those Grade 1s in America."

Weld continued, "They loved Royal Ascot and we had some great days with them there. Nanticoious winning the Ribblesdale S. and Day Is Done taking the Norfolk stand out. And going right back we had Red Alert. That was right at the start of my career and it was a great boost to a young trainer to be training for major international owners. They gave me great support throughout.

"On a personal note, they became great friends of our family and I enjoyed many days out hunting with them when they were Joint-Masters of the Kildare Foxhounds. They were much more than just owners: they were and are great friends, wonderful people."



Trainer Leroy Jolley enjoyed plenty of success with the Firestones' | Horsephotos

Having got the ball rolling in Europe, the Firestones soon began having top-class winners back home in the U.S. too. In 1975 they owned the two best 2-year-olds in the land. Mr Firestone raced the Leroy Jolley-trained Honest Pleasure (What A Pleasure) who was awarded the Eclipse Award for champion 2-year-old colt in 1975 as a result of his victories in the GI Arlington-Washington Futurity, the GI Laurel Futurity and the GI Champagne S. Mrs Firestone raced the Jolley-trained Optimistic Gal (Sir Ivor) who ended the year as the top-weighted filly on the 2-year-old Free Handicap after victories in five graded stakes including the GI Matron S., the GI Selima S. and the GI Frizette S. Both horses excelled again, the next year, Honest Pleasure taking the GI Flamingo S., the GI Florida Derby, the GI Blue Grass S. and

the GI Travers S. as well as finishing second in the GI Kentucky Derby; and Optimistic Gal winning the GII Kentucky Oaks, the GI Alabama S., GI Delaware H. and GI Spinster S.

The Firestones' next champion was What A Summer (What Luck) who, trained by Jolley, was awarded the Eclipse Award for champion sprinter in 1977 after a campaign which yielded victories in four graded stakes headed by the GI Go For Wand H. The same year they nearly won another Classic in Europe when the aforementioned Weld-trained

Nanticoious (Nantallah) was beaten in a photo-finish in the G1 Irish Guinness Oaks after winning the G2 Ribblesdale S. at Royal Ascot.

One could say that the Firestones enjoyed their golden racing age through the '70s and '80s. The champions just kept coming. Pole position in their pantheon has to go to the mighty Genuine Risk (Exclusive Native), one of the few fillies to take the Kentucky Derby (in 1980). Leroy Jolley had been understandably cautious about taking on the colts at Churchill Downs but the Firestones (who were always happy to have their fillies or mares take on the males, as Genuine Risk had already done when a strong-finishing third in the GI Wood Memorial S.) decided upon the bold option, with the confidence of jockey Jacinto Vasquez helping to firm up the plan. Happily, fortune favoured the brave, Genuine Risk going one better than both Honest Pleasure and the Firestones' brilliant home-bred General Assembly (Secretariat) had done.

All Class: Bertram and Diana Firestone cont.

The latter was a terrific horse who won the GI Hopeful S. as a 2-year-old in 1978 and then broke Saratoga's 10-furlong record when winning the GI Travers S. at three. He subsequently spent several seasons in the '80s at stud in Ireland at Gilltown alongside their 1980 GI Laurel Futurity winner Cure The Blues (Stop The Music).

Inevitably, 1980 ended with Genuine Risk, who had followed up her Kentucky Derby triumph by taking the GI Ruffian H. back against her own sex, honoured with the Eclipse Award for champion 3-year-old filly. The following year further honours flooded in. Blue Wind (Ire) (Lord Gayle), the Oaks winner at both Epsom and The Curragh, was champion 3-year-old filly in both Britain and Ireland, and the Francois Boutin-trained April Run (Ire) (Run The Gantlet) was champion 3-year-old filly in France; while G1 Prix Marcel Boussac winner Play It Safe (Ire) (Red Alert {Ire}) was champion 2-year-old filly in France. Further Royal Ascot glory came that year courtesy of the victory of Day Is Done (Ire) (Artaius), trained by Weld to win the G3 Norfolk S.

April Run had been a wonderful filly as a 3-year-old in 1981 but proved even better in 1982. In addition to a rewarding campaign in France, she landed two championship events in the U.S., the GI Turf Classic (repeating her win in the previous year's renewal) and the GI Washington DC International. She ended the year with the Eclipse Award for champion female turf horse and as champion older mare in France. Her final appearance of the season came in Tokyo when she finished third in the G1 Japan Cup behind another Firestone horse, the Stanley Hough-trained Half Iced (Hatchet Man). There was plenty of jocular family rivalry in the unsaddling enclosure afterwards as Mr Firestone observed, "I am happy that my horse won the race and my wife's horse was third!" (This came about because, while they owned the horses together, they would generally put the fillies in her name and the colts in his)

The two batches of yearlings which the Firestones dispatched to Dermot Weld's Curragh stable in the autumns of 1983 and '84 each yielded a home-bred star. In the early days, Flash Of Steel (Ire) (Kris {GB}) fared better, as he showed by taking the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas in 1986.

Even as youngsters, though, Theatrical wasn't far behind; witness his win in the G2 Derrinstown Stud Derby Trial and his second place in the G1 Irish Sweeps Derby of 1985. In maturity, however, Theatrical reigned supreme. Transferred to the U.S., he scooped the Eclipse Award for champion male turf horse under Bill Mott's care in 1987, the award being a formality after he had won six Grade I races, culminating in the GI Breeders' Cup Turf, through the season.

Unsurprisingly, the professionals who have enjoyed the Firestones' patronage speak of them with genuine warmth and affection. Bill Mott's respect for them is immense, regarding them as key people in the development of his career.

"I can take you back to when I started training for them," he

said. "I was training in Kentucky on the Kentucky/Chicago/New Orleans/Arkansas Midwest circuit. Their manager called me and asked me to interview for a position in the fall of '86. They flew me up to Catoctin Stud and offered me a job, which would take me from my place in Kentucky, where I was doing well, to New York.

"This was a great opportunity to break into New York, training all their horses there. Initially I didn't know about Theatrical, who was with Bobby Frankel at the time, but



The Firestones' champion 2-year-old Honest Pleasure | Horsephotos

after a couple of months Mr Firestone asked me to train him too. He was my first champion, winning six Grade I races in '87 including my first Breeders' Cup race, and being champion turf horse."

Mott continued, "They were so generous to me, giving me that great opportunity. Moving from the Midwest to New York, sometimes it works and sometimes it doesn't. But training for them was wonderful. They were the most generous and kind people you could possibly have worked for. They had already had great success with horses like Honest Pleasure and Genuine Risk, and it was a great to know them, befriend them, be around them. They were so good to me and my family. Everyone who spent time around them seemed to do well and be better for the experience.

"They are great horse-people. They understand horses, understand racing. They are people who are passionate about the horses themselves, and when people are passionate about the horses as individuals, then it makes it easy for everything to go well."

All Class: Bertram and Diana Firestone cont.

The year following Theatrical's tour de force saw Grade I glory for another former Weld inmate, Gaily Gaily (Ire) (Cure The Blues), taking the GI Flower Bowl H. from Mott's barn. She was a terrific mare, landing her first pattern win (in, appropriately, the G3 C. L. Weld Park S. at The Curragh) in 1985 and her final one (in the GIII Modesty H. at Arlington Park) in 1990. In 1988, another Eclipse Award came the Firestones' way when the Jonathan Sheppard-trained Jimmy Lorenzo (GB) (Our Jimmy) collected champion steeplechase horse.

The couple began to scale back their involvement at the end of the 1980s, selling Gilltown and Sallymount back to the Aga Khan in 1989. They also sold Catocin, their 2,000-acre stud in Virginia, but they did replace it with another magnificent, albeit smaller, property, Newstead. Top-level success started to come less frequently, although their home-bred 1992 GI Hollywood Derby hero Paradise Creek (Irish River {Fr}) won four graded stakes for them before being sold and picking up an Eclipse award in 1994 for his new owner. Other stars whom they bred who ended up winning big races for others included 1981 Washington DC International winner Providential (Ire) (Run The Gantlet), 1993 G1 Melbourne Cup and dual G1 Irish St Leger hero Vintage Crop (GB) (Rousillon) and Steady Flame (GB) (General Assembly), a three-time champion sprinter in Hong Kong (where he raced as Quicken Away). The terrific home-bred Winchester (Theatrical) became their final winner at the top level when carrying their green and white livery to victory in four Grade I races between 2008 and 2011. He was trained by Dermot Weld for the first of those wins (in the 2008 GI Arlington Million) and by Christophe Clement for the subsequent ones.

Clement has been their American trainer in recent years and he leaves one in no doubt how much he has valued his association with the couple, reflecting, "It was an honour when Mr and Mrs Firestone contacted me through Fiona Craig to train for them. Very rarely will one train for people who have been a leading owner and breeder in both the States and Europe. It was also a touch intimidating, as Mr Firestone had a great knowledge of racing through his time as a trainer and in racetrack ownership."

He added, "Of course, it has also been very rewarding to have stakes horses for them like Winchester, who won multiple Grade Is in New York. Mr and Mrs Firestone are wonderful owners: they are great horse-people and the horses always come first."

The Firestones loved every aspect of their transcontinental racing enterprise, with horses trained in the U.S., Ireland and France (and occasionally in England). They delighted both in the general sporting involvement and in their success, and would invariably travel to the big races, wherever they were. Of all the destinations, though, Ireland arguably suited them best and they

made many friends there. Life in Kildare revolved around horses and horse-people; not just around the racehorses and breeding stock, but also the stable of hunters which they rode with the Kildare Hunt.

Aside from Dermot Weld's jockeys Mick Kinane and Pat Smullen, another horseman who featured in their life in Ireland was the great T. P. Burns, the legend of the saddle who as an apprentice between the wars had ridden gallops alongside Steve Donoghue and who in 1957 had recorded the remarkable double of riding a winner over jumps at the Cheltenham Festival in the spring and a British Classic winner (the Vincent O'Brien-trained Ballymoss (Ire) (Mossborough {GB}) in the St Leger) in the autumn. Burns, long since retired from the saddle, was working as an assistant to Weld when the idea was floated that he might ride in the odd veterans' race. When the 65-year-old finally rode his last winner (at Punchestown in July 1989) it was on board the Firestones' Old Man River (GB) (Artaius).

Pat Smullen, who rode their Irish horses in more recent years, winning big races on the likes of 2002 G3 Ballycorus S. victrix Rum Charger (Ire) (Spectrum {Ire}) and her son Winchester as well as 2001 G3 Greenlands S. winner Final Exam (Ire) (College Chapel {GB}), reflects, "For me, personally, first and foremost, they are a lady, Diana, and a gentleman, Bert. That comes before any business associations. It was always a pleasure to ride for them. They have a great knowledge of the game which always shone through, especially when anything went wrong. They could read a race from a jockey's point of view and were so understanding. I have nothing but good memories of great enjoyment with them."

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BRITAIN

Saturday's Results:

BETWAY CLEVES S.-Listed, £45,000, Lingfield, 2-1, 4yo/up, 6f 1y (AWT), 1:09.28, st.

1--**GOOD EFFORT (IRE)**, 126, h, 5, **Shamardal**--Magical Crown, by Distorted Humor. **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O-Mr Abdulla Al Mansoori; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited (IRE); T-Ismail Mohammed; J-Ben Curtis. £25,520. Lifetime Record: 20-5-2-2, \$108,898.

2--**Soldier's Minute (GB)**, 126, g, 5, Raven's Pass--Hadba (Ire), by Cape Cross (Ire). (5,000gns Ylg '16 TATDEY; €85,000 2yo '17 GBMBR). O-Weldspec Glasgow Limited; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited (GB); T-Keith Dagleish. £9,675.

Cleves S. cont.

3--**Lady Dancealot (Ire)**, 121, m, 5, Sir Prancealot (Ire)--Mayorstone (Ire), by Exceed and Excel (Aus). (€11,000 Wlg '15 GOFNOV; €30,000 Ylg '16 GOFSP). O-Mr Kevin Quinn; B-P. J. B. O'Callaghan (IRE); T-David Elsworth. £4,842.

Margins: 1 3/4, 3/4, 1. Odds: 1.63, 7.00, 16.00.

Also Ran: Merhoob (Ire), Habub, Tinto (GB), Royal Birth (GB).

Scratched: Kachy (GB). **Click for the [Racing Post result](#). [Video](#), sponsored by [Fasig-Tipton](#).**

Upping his game since switched to the all-weather in November, Good Effort has proven equally adept on Newcastle's Tapeta and on the Polytrack at Deauville and followed wins at both circuits in recent weeks with a smooth first black-type success here. Soon in front, the bay was too strong as he cut loose in the straight and had the contest wrapped up by the final 100 yards. The winner is the first foal out of the unraced dam, whose 3-year-old colt With Promise (GB) also by Shamardal won on his sole start for the David Lanigan stable in August. Also with a 2-year-old colt by Sepoy (Aus) waiting in the wings, she is a daughter of the GI Garden City Breeders' Cup H. heroine Indy Five Hundred (A.P. Indy) and a granddaughter of the G2 Nassau S. winner Lyphard's Delta (Lyphard). Therefore connected to the celebrated Royal Delta (Empire Maker), she has been bred to Street Sense.



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BETWAY WINTER DERBY TRIAL S.-Listed, £45,000, Lingfield, 2-1, 4yo/up, 10f (AWT), 2:00.54, st.

1--**BANGKOK (IRE)**, 126, c, 4, **Australia (GB)**--**Tanaghum (GB) (SP-Eng)**, by **Darshaan (GB)**. (500,000gns Ylg '17 TATOCT).

O-King Power Racing Co Ltd; B-Barronstown Stud (IRE); T-Andrew Balding; J-Rob Hornby. £25,520. Lifetime Record: GSW-Eng, SP-Qat, 11-3-4-0, \$294,628. *1/2 to Tactic (GB) (Sadler's Wells), GSW-Ire, SW & GSP-Eng, \$142,213; Yaazy (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}), SW & MGSP-Fr; & to Matterhorn (Ire) (Raven's Pass), SW & MGSP-Eng, GSP-Ire, \$397,489.

2--**Court House (Ire)**, 126, g, 5, Dawn Approach (Ire)--Crossanza (Ire), by Cape Cross (Ire). (€38,000 RNA Wlg '15 GOFNOV; €200,000 Ylg '16 GOFORB). O-H. R. H. Princess Haya of Jordan; B-Nanallac Stud (IRE); T-John Gosden. £9,675.

3--**Dalgarno (Fr)**, 129, g, 7, Sea the Stars (Ire)--Jakonda, by Kingmambo. (€375,000 Ylg '14 ARAUG). O-Mrs Fiona Carmichael; B-Viktor Timoshenko (FR); T-Jane Chapple-Hyam. £4,842.

Margins: 4HF, 7, 3. Odds: 1.63, 3.30, 6.00.

Also Ran: Pactolus (Ire), Master the World (Ire), Extra Elusive (GB), Extrodinair (GB). **Click for the [Racing Post result](#). [Video](#), sponsored by [Fasig-Tipton](#).**

On the fringes of top-class competition in 2019, the G3 Sandown Classic Trial winner Bangkok made the switch to the all-weather in effortless fashion to open up new possibilities. Also runner-up in the 12-furlong G2 King Edward VII S. at Royal Ascot in June and in York's G3 Strensall S. over nearly nine furlongs in August, the bay was last seen finishing second in the Qatar Derby at Doha in December. Anchored in mid-division early, he was eased into contention down the back straight and after seizing control with a furlong remaining readily drew clear.

Bangkok's listed-placed dam has proven a prolific producer, responsible for five black-type performers including the listed winner and Polytrack specialist Matterhorn who was also placed in last year's G2 Huxley S. and G2 Solonaway S., G3 Brigadier Gerard S., G3 Superior Mile and G3 Winter Hill S. Her daughter Mularah (Ire) (Marju {Ire}) threw Ribchester (Ire) (Ifraaj {GB}) who conquered the G1 Queen Anne S., G1 Lockinge S., G1 Prix Jacques Le Marois and G1 Prix du Moulin de Longchamp. A daughter of the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas heroine Mehthaaf (Nureyev) from the famed dynasty of the high-class Elnadim (Danzig) and Occupandiste (Ire) (Kaldoun {Fr}), her yearling filly is by Churchill (Ire).

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

3rd-Lingfield, £19,000, 1-31, 4yo/up, 15.7f (AWT), 3:20.00, st.

MILDENBERGER (GB) (h, 5, Teofilo {Ire})--Belle Josephine {GB}, by Dubawi {Ire} Lifetime Record: MSW & MGSP-Eng, 14-5-1-6, \$218,187. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-Godolphin (GB); T-Mark Johnston.

★ TDN RISING STAR ★

Star Catcher (GB) (Sea the Stars {Ire})

Owner: Mr A. E. Oppenheimer

Breeder: Hascombe & Valiant Studs (GB)

Trainer: John Gosden

4th-Lingfield, £5,300, 1-31, 3yo/up, 5f (AWT), 0:58.48, st.
NIGEL NOTT (GB) (g, 4, Dutch Art {GB}--Baileys Jubilee {GB} {G1SP-Eng, SW & MGSP-Fr, \$162,039}, by Bahamian Bounty {GB}) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$12,633. O-The Future; B-G. R. Bailey Ltd (GB); T-David Simcock. *42,000gns RNA Wlg '16 TATFOA; 80,000gns Ylg '17 TAOCT.

6th-Lingfield, £5,300, 2-1, 4yo/up, 12f (AWT), 2:29.86, st.
WHERE'S TOM (GB) (g, 5, Cape Cross {Ire}--Where's Susie {GB}, by Where Or When {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-0, \$10,629. O/B-Recycled Products Limited (GB); T-Michael Madgwick.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

No Nay Bella (Ire), f, 3, No Nay Never--Illuminating Dream (Ire), by High Chaparral (Ire). Kempton, 2-1, 8f (AWT), 1:40.27. B-Lynn Lodge Stud (IRE). *€38,000 Ylg '18 TIRSEP.

Elham Valley (Fr), c, 3, Tin Horse (Ire)--Dame du Floc (Ire), by Peintre Celebre. Lingfield, 1-31, 10f (AWT), 2:09.45. B-Mme Sarah Lhermite (FR). *€12,000 Ylg '18 BBAGS.

IRELAND

CONDITIONS RESULT:

Dundalk, €13,000, 1-31, 4yo/up, 10.6f (AWT), 2:16.20, st.
BOWERMAN (GB) (g, 6, Dutch Art {GB}--Jamboretta {Ire}, by Danehill) Lifetime Record: 12-6-2-1, \$59,674. O-Total Recall Racing Club; B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd (GB); T-Adrian McGuinness. *150,000gns Ylg '15 TAOCT; 52,000gns HRA '19 TATJUL.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Mr Mooj (Ire), g, 3, Camelot (GB)--Bella Bella (Ire), by Sri Pekan. Dundalk, 1-31, 8f (AWT), 1:41.32. B-Yeomanstown Lodge Stud (IRE). *52,000gns Wlg '17 TATFOA; 110,000gns Ylg '18 TAOCT.

Annie B (Ire), f, 4, Dark Angel (Ire)--Elshamms (GB) (GSP-Eng), by Zafonic. Dundalk, 1-31, 8f (AWT), 1:39.16. B-Gerry Flannery Developments (IRE). *€190,000 Wlg '16 GOFNOV. **1/2 to Taqseem (Ire) (Fantastic Light), SW-UAE, \$246,453, to Desert Blossom (Ire) (Shamardal), GSP-Eng, & to Flaming Spear (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}), SW-Eng, \$262,816.

FRANCE

Saturday's Result:

4th-Cagnes-sur-Mer, €21,000, Mdn, 2-1, 3yo, f, 7 1/2ft, 1:34.20, sf.

LIGHT BREEZE (FR) (f, 3, Kodiak {GB}--Passiflore {Fr} {SP-Fr}, by Siyouni {Fr}), sent off the 11-5 favourite, raced keenly behind the leading trio early. Thrust to the front passing the furlong marker, the chestnut stayed on strongly to beat Revolver Eyes (Ire) (Kendargent {Fr}) by 3 1/2 lengths. The winner is the first foal out of the listed-placed dam, who is a half to Pride Dancer (Ire) (Fasliyev) who scored at that level before finishing third in the GIII Seniorita S. Also a half to the dam of the dual Group 3 winner Bello Matteo (Fr) (Montmartre {Fr}), she has the 2-year-old filly Tayberry (Fr) (Oasis Dream {GB}). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €10,500.

O-Haras du Logis Saint Germain, F Vermeulen & Bernard Giraudon; B-Ecurie Loick Fouchet (FR); T-Fabrice Vermeulen.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

2nd-Cagnes-sur-Mer, €28,000, 2-1, 3yo, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:18.05, st.

XAAROS (FR) (c, 3, Kendargent {Fr}--Xaarina {Fr}, by Aussie Rules) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, €34,600. O-Guy Pariente & Philippe Sogorb; B-Guy Pariente Holding (FR); T-Philippe Sogorb. *€42,000 Ylg '18 OSASEP.

6th-Cagnes-sur-Mer, €28,000, 2-1, 4yo/up, 12 1/2f (AWT), 2:42.23, sf.

LIBELLO (IRE) (h, 7, Archipenko--Scarlett's Pride {Fr} {SP-Ger}, by Singspiel {Ire}) Lifetime Record: MSP-Fr, 30-8-2-2, €178,180. O-Ecurie Benoit Roualec, C Boutin, Ecuries Serge Stempniak & Bruno Touzeau; B-Elevage Haras de Bourgeauville (FR); T-C Boutin. *€32,000 Ylg '14 AROCT. **1/2 to Privilegiado (GB) (Sea the Moon {Ger}), SW-Nor, \$235,632.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Asharann (Fr), c, 3, Zoffany (Ire)--Ashalanda (Fr) (GSW-Eng & Fr, GSP-Ity, \$374,296), by Linamix (Fr). Cagnes-sur-Mer, 2-1, 7 1/2ft, 1:34.02. B-Haras de S.A. Aga Khan SCEA (FR). *1/2 to Ashlan (Fr) (Dansili {GB}), SW-Fr, \$703,376, & to Ashkannd (Fr) (Sinndar {Ire}), SP-Fr, \$177,730.

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**IN QATAR:**

Think Big (Ire), c, 3, **Night of Thunder (Ire)**--Avenue Montaigne (Ire) (SP-Ire), by Showcasing (GB). Al Rayyan, 2-1, Cond., 1400mT, 1:24.70. B-. *€100,000 Ylg '18 GOFCHM. **VIDEO**

Dark Pursuit (GB), g, 4, **Pastoral Pursuits (GB)**--Ogre, by Tale of the Cat. Al Rayyan, 2-1, Cond., 1200mT, 1:12.79. B-Diamond Racing Ltd. *3,000gns Wlg '16 TATDEF; €20,000 Ylg '17 TISEP; £60,000 2yo '18 GOFSEP; 65,000gns 2yo '18 TATOCT. **VIDEO**

The Blue Eye (GB), h, 8, **Dubawi (Ire)**--Soneva (GSW-UAE & Fr, \$339,837), by Cherokee Run. Al Rayyan, 2-1, Cond., 2200mT, 2:21.05. B-Aleyrion Bloodstock Ltd. *4x Hwt. Older Horse & MSW-Qat. **€400,000 2yo '14 ARQARC. **VIDEO**

IN THE UAE:

Dolmen (Fr), g, 5, **Dawn Approach (Ire)**--Acatama, by Efisio (GB). Meydan, 2-1, Hcp., 1800mT, 1:50.68. B-Aleyrion Bloodstock Ltd. *1/2 to Odeliz (Ire) (Falco), Hwt. Older Mare-Eng & Ity at 9.5-11f, G1SW-Fr & Ity, GSW-Ger, GISP-NA, MGSP-Ire, \$641,680; and Pamplermousse (Ire) (Siyouni {Fr}), SW-Fr. **€190,000 Wlg '15 ARQDEC. **VIDEO**

Speedy Move (Ire), g, 8, **Iffraaj (GB)**--Beautiful Filly (GB), by Oasis Dream (GB). Meydan, 2-1, Hcp., 1200mT, 1:10.33. B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd. *1/2 to Raven's Corner (Ire) (Raven's Pass), GSW-UAE, \$320,016; and Unforgettable Filly (GB) (Sepoy {Aus}), GSW-Ger, MSW & MGSP-Eng, \$198,960. **57,000gns Ylg '13 TATOCT; 50,000gns HRA '15 TATOCT. **VIDEO**

IN AUSTRALIA:

Just Benjamin (GB), g, 4, **Epaulette (Aus)**--Desert Royalty (Ire) (MSP-Eng), by Alhaarth (Ire). Caulfield, 2-1, Hcp. (£63k/€75k), 1800mT, 1:53.85. B-Mrs J M Quay. *18,000gns RNA '17 TATOCT.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

ONE WORLD UPSETS SUN MET

Runner-up in the G1 L'Ormarins Queen's Plate on Jan. 11, **One World (SAf)** (Captain Al {SAf}) made amends in a thrilling stretch duel with **Rainbow Bridge (SAf)** (Ideal World) in Saturday's G1 Sun Met at Kenilworth in Cape Town, springing a 15-1 upset

with favoured **Hawwaam (SAf)** (Silvano {Ger}) coming from further back to be third.

Unbeaten through his first five runs at two, One World picked up a listed win at the end of that season and earned a first pattern win at three in the G2 Concorde Cup before finishing third in the G1 Cape Guineas. He took the R5-million CTS 1600 on this card a year ago and picked up a Group 3 win going a mile off a three-month rest last April. He picked up another Group 3 dropped back to seven furlongs at Durbanville in October before taking a Kenilworth conditions race and finishing second to Vardy (SAf) (Var) in the G2 Green Point S. on Dec. 14. He was again second to that rival in the Queen's Plate, but turned the tables here while racing beyond a mile for the first time, with Vardy failing to factor in sixth.

Spotting the pacesetter Head Honcho (SAf) (Querari {Ger}) a length through the first mile of the race, One World was left with the lead when that rival promptly retreated turning for home. Defending Sun Met winner Rainbow Bridge emerged from the pack and looked likely to blow right by One World, but the latter was game on the rail and held his rival at bay to win by a head.

Pedigree Notes

One World is the second black-type horse out of Aquilonia (GB) (Giant's Causeway), a granddaughter of Dinalina (Fr) (Top Ville {Ire}), best known as the dam of G1 Prix de Diane winner Caerlina (Ire) (Caerleon). Caerlina's descendants include G1 Prix Jacques le Marois winner and young sire Al Wukair (Ire) (Dream Ahead), as well as the 2018 G3 Prestige S. victress Antonia de Vega (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}). Aquilonia was bought for 95,000gns out of the Tattersalls December Mares Sale in 2006.

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Saturday, Kenilworth, South Africa

THE SUN MET-G1, R3,000,000, Kenilworth, 2-1, 3yo/up, 10fT, 2:02.48, gd.

1--**ONE WORLD (SAF)**, 132, c, 4, by **Captain Al (SAf)**

1st Dam: **Aquilonia (GB)**, by **Giant's Causeway**

2nd Dam: **Leonila (Ire)**, by **Caerleon**

3rd Dam: **Dinalina (Fr)**, by **Top Ville (Ire)**

1ST GROUP 1 WIN. (R425,000 yrl '17 CAPJAN) O-Messrs E A Braun, K P Truter & A J van Huyssteen & Mrs Jane Truter; B-Klawervlei Stud (SAF); T-Vaughan Marshall; J-M Byeleveld. R1,710,000. Lifetime Record: 14 starts, 10 wins, 4 places, R5,631,875. *1/2 to Count To Ten (SAf) (Count Dubois {GB}), SP-SAf. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.** **Werk Nick Rating: A.**

The Sun Met cont.

2--**Rainbow Bridge (SAf)**, 132, g, 5, Ideal World--Halfway To Heaven (SAf), by Jet Master (SAf). (R300,000 yrl '16 BSAAPR) O-Mr & Mrs M L P Rattray; B-Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein (SAF); T-Eric Sands. R600,000.

3--**Hawwaam (SAf)**, 132, c, 4, Silvano (Ger)--Halfway To Heaven (SAf), by Jet Master (SAf). (R1,000,000 yrl '17 BSAMAY) O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein (SAF); T-Mike de Kock. R300,000.

Margins: HD, 3HF, HD. Odds: 15.00, 4.25, 2.15.

Also Ran: Twist of Fate (SAf), Bunker Hunt (SAf), Vardy (SAf), Pack Leader (SAf), Undercover Agent (SAf), Do It Again (SAf), Majestic Mozart (SAf), More Magic (SAf), Eyes Wide Open (SAf), Head Honcho (Saf). Scratched: Roy Had Enough (Aus).

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Saturday, Kenilworth, South Africa

CAPE FLYING CHAMPIONSHIP-G1, R1,000,000, Kenilworth, 2-1, 3yo/up, 5fT, 0:58.20, gd.

1--**RUSSET AIR (SAF)**, 132, g, 4, by **What a Winter (SAF)**

1st Dam: Icy Air (Saf) (Ch. 3yo Filly, MGSW & MG1SP-SAf, \$178,851), by Jallad

2nd Dam: Nordic Air (SAf), by Northern Guest

3rd Dam: Laughing Music (Fr), by Luthier (Fr)

1ST GROUP 1 WIN. O-Messrs M W Bass, B P Finch & N M Shirliff & Mrs K Finch; B-Lammerskraal Stud (SAF); T-Candice Bass-Robinson; J-A Domeyer. R625,000. Lifetime Record: 15 starts, 5 wins, 6 places, R1,124,150. *3/4 to Izora (SAf) (Western Winter), GSP-SAf; Icy Winter Air (SAf) (Western Winter), GSP-SAf; 1/2 to Iceagelegacy (SAf) (Rakeen), SP-SAf; Icy Trail (SAf) (Go Deputy), GSW-SAf; and Perfect Air (SAf) (Dynasty {SAf}); SP-SAf. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++ *Triple Plus***. **Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#).**

2--**Bold Respect (SAf)**, 132, g, 5, Bold Silvano (SAf)--Respectable Lady (SAf), by Kabool (GB). (R200,000 HRA '16 CAPOCT) O-Mrs D J Sherrell; B-Ascot Stud (Pty) Ltd (SAF); T-Brett Crawford. R200,000.

3--**Kasimir (SAf)**, 132, g, 5, Captain Al (SAf)--Aquatint (Aus), by Peintre Celebre. (R1,200,000 yrl '16 CAPJAN) O-Messrs W P Drew & B Kantor, Mesdames A M Doyle, D Nagle & Paul Shanahan; B-Drakenstein Stud (Nom: Mrs G A Rupert) (SAF); T-Justin Snaith. R100,000.

Margins: NO, 3/4, HF. Odds: 25.00, 20.00, 3.20.

Also Ran: Run Fox Run (Aus), Chimichuri Run (SAf), Celestial Storm (SAf), Elusive Trader (SAf), Pacific Trader (SAf), Princess Rebel (SAf), Machiavelli (SAf), Pleasedtomeetyou (Saf).

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Saturday, Kenilworth, South Africa

BIDVEST MAJORCA S.-G1, R1,000,000, Kenilworth, 2-1, 3yo/up, f/m, 8fT, 1:37.48, gd.

1--**CLOUDS UNFOLD (SAF)**, 132, f, 4, by **What a Winter (SAF)**

1st Dam: Montelissima (Ire), by Montjeu (Ire)

2nd Dam: Issa (GB), by Pursuit of Love (GB)

3rd Dam: Catawba (GB), by Mill Reef

O/B- Drakenstein Stud (Nom: Mrs G A Rupert) (SAF); T-Candice Bass-Robinson; J-A Domeyer. R625,000. Lifetime Record: 12 starts, 8 wins, 2 places, R2,228,125. **Werk Nick Rating: C+**.

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2--**Celtic Sea (SAf)**, 132, f, 4, Captain Al (SAf)--Ireland (Brz), by Mark of Esteem (Ire). (R325,000 yrl '17 BSAMAY) O-Mr A R & Mrs A B L Beck; B-Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein (SAF); T-Sean Tarry. R200,000.

3--**Temple Grafyn (SAf)**, 132, f, 4, Duke of Marmalade (Ire)--Inner Temple (SAf), by Greys Inn (Saf). (R300,000 yrl '17 CAPJAN) O-Chrigor Stud (Pty) Ltd (Nom: Mrs S Hattingh); B-Mrs Fran Cowe (SAF); T-Glen Kotzen. R100,000.

Margins: NK, 1 1/4, NO. Odds: 5.25, 2.45, 66.00.

Also Ran: Kelpie (SAf), Miyabi Gold (SAf), Silvano's Pride (SAf), Sleeping Single (GB), Star Fighter (SAf), Santa Clara (SAf), Helen's Ideal (SAf), Front and Centre (SAf), Queen Supreme (Ire), Stelvio (SAf), Third Runway (Saf).

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MIDDLE EAST**Saturday's Results:**

2nd-MEY, AED165,000, Maiden, NH/SH3yo, 1600mT, 1:38.04, gd
AL MUKHTAR STAR (c, 3, Lemon Drop Kid--Alec's Moon {SW, \$125,930}, by Malibu Moon) ran on well enough to be a debut fifth going 1600 meters on the main track Dec. 19 and never reached contention from gate 15 of 15 in a similar event Jan. 18, finishing well back in ninth. Drawn more favorable here in stall six, Al Mukhtar Star took up a spot in mid-field racing one off the inside and was smothered away with plenty to do at the quarter pole. Switched into the clear by Adrie de Vries with about a furlong and a half to run, he began to find his best stride on the grandstand side and flashed home to best Varsha (GB) (No Nay Never) by a half-length. The winner's dam has a yearling half-brother by Brody's Cause and was most recently bred to Mor Spirit. Sales history: \$20,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; €70,000 2yo '19 TATMAY. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$28,306. **VIDEO**
O-Al-Afoo Racing Stable; B-Machmer Hall (KY); T-Fawzi Nass.

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In the Sydney juvenile features, it was a clean sweep for trainers Ciaron Maher and David Eustace and jockey Tom Marquand. Along with the likes of Cellsabeel (Hinchinbrook), Muntaseera (I Am Invincible) and A Beautiful Night (Night Of Thunder {Ire}), the stable has an array of 2-year-old talent to call on.

In Melbourne, Mildred was a gallant winner of the G3 Lamaro's Hotel South Melbourne Chairman's S. to boost trainer Grahame Begg's hopes of another G1 Blue Diamond S. victory after winning it with the now Widden Stud-based Written By in 2018.

Away Game was in dazzling form in Queensland in her summer preparation with success in the Listed Calaway Gal S. ahead of her dominant victory in the Magic Millions 2YO and she continued where she left off in some style on Saturday.

"She's thrived since then and she travelled down here well. When this race came up light I thought great, she can get enough money to get in the G1 Golden Slipper," said Ciaron Maher, who prepares the filly with David Eustace.

The winning cheque Away Game earned in the Magic Millions 2YO Classic, a Restricted Listed race, doesn't count toward a place in the Golden Slipper.

Away Game jumped well to land in front, but she didn't have it all her own way in a small field with September Run (Exceed And Excel) keeping her honest, but she kicked strongly to surge clear 200 metres from home under rider Tom Marquand to beat Centinental (Snitzel).

"She looked a bit lost out in front, but got the job done. She's now a dual stakes winner very early in her career," Maher said. "Tommy rode her very well and it's great to get another winner for the Mathiesen family.

"She's a very valuable filly and it's on to the Slipper. She might not race again before that, we'll just see. She doesn't need a lot of racing.

Marquand said Away Game's performance emphasised her class and tenacity.

"She had to do it the hard way, they didn't make it easy for me in front. She showed equal measures of grit and determination and she's clearly very talented and up with the best."

Away Game was sold at the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling for \$425,000 by breeder Mill Park Stud and is a daughter of Elusive Wonder (Elusive Quality {USA}). Also the dam of the Listed Dequetteville S. winner Modern Wonder (Snitzel), Elusive Wonder was a 2-year-old winner and stakes placed and is a half-sister to the Listed McDougall S. winner Tantra (Royal Academy {USA}). It's also the family of the Listed Rotorua S. winner Oak Park (More Than Ready {USA}).

Colt stays unbeaten

Away Game's barnmate Prague (Redoute's Choice) kept his perfect record intact in the Canonbury having posted an impressive debut victory at Canterbury Park last month.

Marquand kept the colt one off the fence close to the pace and when he asked him to let down in the straight, the response was impressive and he strode away to beat Global Quest (More Than Ready {USA}).

"I just love his progression. He went to his first start and I thought he would improve in the coat and I'm rapt with him. He's a pretty exciting horse," Maher said.

"I had a bit of a feeling about him today with the shades on. There was a bit of timing about him and, again, the team have done a great job.

"Tom is riding up a storm and he had to feel for him, he got a bit lost when he got to the front, but he's a strong rider.

“His old man Redoute’s has passed away and hopefully he can fill the void in time. He’s a very relaxed customer with a lot of improvement to come.

“He pinned his ears back and he’s working out what it’s all about. He’s a great physical, very natural and a lovely temperament so he ticks all the boxes.”

Maher has yet to decide whether Prague runs again before the Golden Slipper.

“He might need one more to get a bit more money and experience. I’m very, very happy,” he said. “The stable is going well and it’s exciting times. We just try and place the horses where we think they are best suited.”

Marquand said he was confident of success with Prague a fair way out.

“He popped up into the bridle and three furlongs from home there was relatively little doubt what he’d do and he was strong to the line.”

Prague was bred by GSA Bloodstock and was bought out of Bhima Thoroughbreds’ draft at the Gold Coast by Aquis and Phoenix Thoroughbreds for \$1.6 million.

He is a half-brother to the two-time Group 1 winner Stratum Star (Stratum) with their dam Purely Spectacular (NZ) (Pins). She is a sister to the stakes winner and Group 1 performer Raid (NZ) and they are direct descendants of the former champion 3 and 4-year-old Emancipation (Bletchingly).

Rain no problem

At Caulfield, Mildred had to overcome a heavily rain-affected track in her first appearance since the spring and she did it in style, leading all the way under Jordan Childs.

“She goes out and puts it in the line every time, it’s very exciting. I thought she might have been a bit underdone, but her work during the week was very encouraging,” Begg said. “She’ll probably run in the Talindert S. next, it’s all about optimising her value with as much black type as possible.”

Mildred is raced by Begg’s father Neville, also a Group 1 winning trainer, and partners and was a \$45,000 purchase out of Middlebrook Valley Lodge’s draft at the Inglis Classic Yearling Sale.

She is a daughter of the Magic Millions 3YO Trophy winner Tempest Tost (Statue Of Liberty {USA}), who has a 100 per cent record at stud with all four of her foals to race successful.

The mare is a half-sister to the G1 Salinger S. winner Notoire (Export Price {Fr}) and the Listed winner Well Known (The Pug {GB}). The pedigree also features the multiple stakes winner Happy Hippy (Shamardal {USA}), who also ran third in the G1 Queen of the Turf S.




IN SINGAPORE:

Bluestone, g, 3, **Hallowed Crown**--Rip Trice, by Keltrice. Kranji, 2-1, Hcp. (\$55k), 1200m, 1:09.96. B-Rangal Park Stud (Vic). *\$37,500 Wlg '17 INGJUN; \$40,000 Ylg '18 INGFE. **VIDEO**

Surge, g, 4, **Exceed and Excel**--Antillanca, by Street Cry (Ire). Kranji, 2-1, Hcp. (\$55k), 1100m (AWT), 1:05.60. B-Darley (NSW). *Formerly Osorno. *\$80,000 HRA '19 MMJAN. **VIDEO**

Street Cry Success, g, 5, **Street Cry (Ire)**--Koala Bear (SW-Aus), by Exceed and Excel. Kranji, 2-1, Hcp. (\$55k), 1200m, 1:09.80. B-Darley (NSW). *SP-Aus. **Formerly Marsupial. ***\$150,000 HRA '19 MMMAR. **VIDEO**

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