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Saffie Joseph, Jr. | Ryan Thompson

by Bill Finley and Dan Ross

Churchill Downs has suspended Saffie Joseph, Jr. indefinitely and until further notice, the track announced Thursday. The announcement came on the heels of the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission (KHRC)'s order to scratch all horses trained by Joseph from racing at the track, including **Lord Miles (Curlin)** in Saturday's GI Kentucky Derby.

The news came at the end of a day of announcements from Joseph and others, after two of Joseph's horses died at Churchill this week, regarding whether or not he would seek to run his horses over the weekend.

Parents Pride (Maclean's Music) and **Chasing Artie (We Miss Artie)**--both owned by Ken Ramsey and trained by Joseph--suffered sudden-death events, the former after being eased mid-race Saturday, and the latter on his way back to the unsaddling enclosure Tuesday.

The statement from Churchill reads, "Churchill Downs Incorporated ("CDI") announced today the indefinite suspension of trainer Saffie Joseph, Jr. until further notice. The suspension prohibits Joseph, or any trainer directly or indirectly employed by Joseph, from entering horses in races or applying for stall occupancy at all CDI-owned racetracks."

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PRACTICAL MOVE SCRATCHED FROM KENTUCKY DERBY

Leslie and Pierre Amestoy and Roger Beasley's **Practical Move (Practical Joke)** will be scratched from the 149th GI Kentucky Derby due to an elevated temperature, according to trainer Tim Yakteen.

With the scratch of Practical Move, Albaugh Family Stables' **Cyclone Mischief (Into Mischief)**, who is trained by Dale Romans, will draw into the field and will break from the outside post 20, but his program number will remain the same as No. 21, Churchill Downs said in a release on Thursday afternoon.

"You have to be in it to win it," Romans, who drew in after the defection, said by phone. "I feel bad for Tim [Yakteen] and all the connections. They have such a good horse. But I'm glad to be in the race. I think he's got a shot." **Cont. p4**

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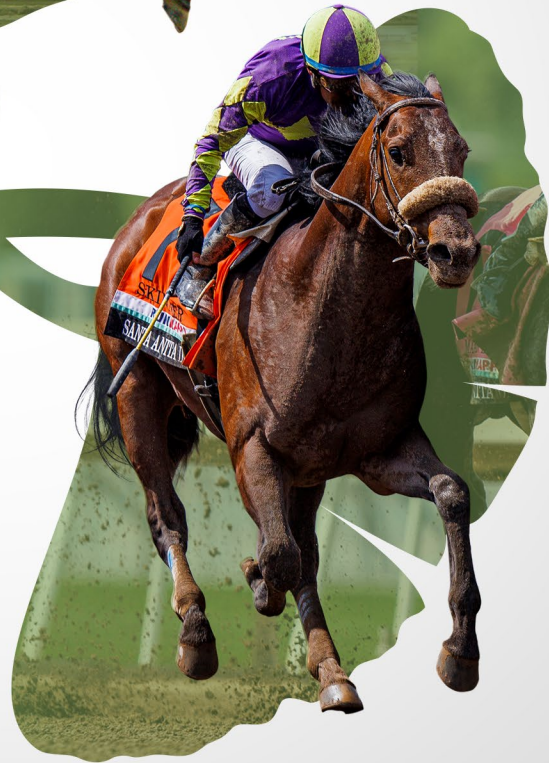
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With the mandatory scratch by the KHRC of Saffie Joseph, Jr.'s Lord Miles (Curlin), Mandarin Hero (Jpn) (Shanghai Bobby), shown on the outside, draws into the Derby. | Coady Photography

KENTUCKY DERBY SPECIAL EDITION

Following today's headline news, find our Derby special edition with bonus content including detailed information on all 20 Derby contenders. (Or simply click here to jump to that part of the paper.)

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Joseph suspended, cont. from p1

The statement continued: "CDI's decision follows the highly unusual sudden deaths of two horses trained by Joseph at Churchill Downs Racetrack: Parents Pride on Saturday and Chasing Artie on Tuesday. Lord Miles, trained by Joseph, has been scratched from Saturday's 149th running of the Kentucky Derby."

"Given the unexplained sudden deaths, we have reasonable concerns about the condition of his horses, and decided to suspend him indefinitely until details are analyzed and understood," said Bill Mudd, President and Chief Operating Officer of CDI. "The safety of our equine and human athletes and integrity of our sport is our highest priority. We feel these measures are our duty and responsibility."

The announcement followed one issued by the KHRC Board of Stewards about an hour earlier on Thursday. "For the betterment of racing, the health and welfare of our equine athletes, and the safety of our jockeys, all horses trained by trainer Saffie Joseph, Jr. are scratched effective immediately and until further notice. This action is taken after consultation with Mr. Joseph, and includes Lord Miles who was entered into the 149th running of the Kentucky Derby."

The KHRC also released a joint statement from Ray Perry, Secretary of the Public Protection Cabinet, and Jonathan Rabinowitz, Chairman of the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission, which reads, "Kentucky is committed to being the global leader in safety and integrity of horse racing. We fully support the stewards' actions today to ensure the safety of our equine and human athletes while an investigation is ongoing into the unusual circumstances surrounding these tragic fatalities."

Joseph had originally sought to have some horses scratched while racing others, advancing a theory that because the two who died had come from his Keeneland barn earlier in the spring, that there may be a connection there. But blood tests on all of those horses revealed no abnormalities whatsoever.

The trainer was not pleased with Churchill's decision.

"What happened this week earlier, no one wants that to happen to anyone," he told the *TDN* by phone Thursday. "I've run almost 3,800 horses and never before had horses die like that for an unknown cause. I've had injuries before but nothing like this. We've done every test and everything in our power to find out what happened. It happened at a bad time.

"The Kentucky Racing Commission told me there was no wrongdoing on my part. They looked at my barn and said you did nothing wrong. Churchill asked me to scratch all the horses and I did. Then for Churchill to come out and suspend me indefinitely, they're trying to save their face. My horses are two of many that they've had die on the track." **Cont.**



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Joseph suspended, cont.



Lord Miles on Tuesday morning | Coady

Joseph continued: "They want someone to take the blame for them. I take responsibility for my horses, but we are talking about other horses, also. It's sad. I worked hard and I try to do everything the right way and the correct way and then they jump the gun after everything that has been proven shows that I did no wrongdoing.

"They jumped the gun and are trying to tarnish my reputation and that's not right at all. They are doing it to save their face. In the last week, they've had five deaths, but they aren't talking about the other three horses. Ask them how many deaths they've had here over the last five years. They're not talking about that either."

Lord Miles did not go to the track Thursday morning, but walked the shedrow, according to the Churchill Downs press notes.

Earlier Thursday, the KHRC said that an investigation would be carried out after the two sudden-death events from the same barn.

"The Kentucky Horse Racing Commission is actively investigating the recent and tragic racing and training fatalities in Kentucky," said Kristin Voskuhl, a spokesperson for the Public Protection Cabinet, which oversees the KHRC. "The KHRC is committed to the health and safety of every horse and rider and will follow the robust investigative procedures in place for issues of safety and racing integrity."

After Churchill Downs **issued a statement Wednesday** following five equine fatalities at the facility on the eve of the track's biggest annual weekend of racing, representatives for the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA) and the KHRC issued their own respective statements in response to questions by the *TDN*.

The KHRC failed to answer questions about how long the post-mortem examinations will take, and if the findings will be

made public--which is typically not the case.

The musculoskeletal and sudden-death necropsies are being performed at the University of Kentucky. "Both types of necropsy are complete post-mortem examinations.

Musculoskeletal necropsies focus on a known injury, while sudden-death necropsies are broader in scope," Voskuhl wrote.

While HISA's Anti-Doping and Medication Control (ADMC) program won't begin until May 22, the federal law's racetrack safety program went into effect on July 1 last year.

This program requires tracks to adhere to a baseline set of racetrack welfare and safety rules, including the retention of a core group of safety and welfare personnel and racetrack surface maintenance protocols.

HISA CEO Lisa Lazarus issued a statement Wednesday evening writing that there is "nothing more important" to HISA than the welfare of both horse and rider.

"When horses die unexpectedly, we all suffer, but we take comfort in the tools and practices we have collectively developed to investigate contributing factors and deploy those learnings to minimize future risk," Lazarus wrote.

Lazarus added: "HISA's Racetrack Safety Program mandates that we work alongside state regulators and racetrack operators to protect our equine and human athletes. We are in contact with the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission and Churchill Downs to support their processes. HISA also intends to conduct its own in-depth analysis of the fatalities and will share those findings once the full investigation is complete."

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Practical Move, cont. from p1

Romans continued: "Speed is dangerous and I think he's the speed of the race. I don't think the 20 hole will bother him because he'll come out of there running and get in good position in the first turn and, from there, we'll see what happens." **Cont.**



Practical Move | Coady Photography

Practical Move, cont.

Cyclone Mischief's regular jockey, Joel Rosario, has already committed to **Disarm (Gun Runner)**, and Romans said there had been no decision yet on a replacement. "We'll have to see who is available."

The program numbers of all of the other horses will also remain the same, but those who were drawn outside Practical Move will break from one gate to their inside.

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CONTINUAR OUT OF DERBY LATE THURSDAY, KING RUSSELL IN AS LAST AE



Continuar | Coady Photography

Lion Horse Race Co. Ltd.'s **Continuar (Jpn)** (Drefong) will reportedly be scratched from this year's GI Kentucky Derby, according to trainer Yoshito Yahagi.

"After evaluating the colt upon my arrival, I feel that he has not been able to reach the peak fitness required to take on a race as tough as the Kentucky Derby," Yahagi said. "Considering the future of the horse and the fact that we cannot show the horse's true ability in his current state, we have decided to scratch Continuar from the Kentucky Derby. I am very sorry that I cannot participate in the world's number one horse racing festival, however I sincerely hope to return to the Derby in the future. I want to thank everyone who has supported Continuar and Yahagi Stable on this journey."

Continuar qualified for the Kentucky Derby through the Japan Road to the Kentucky Derby point series where he received an invitation to compete in the first leg of the Triple Crown. With this defection, Brereton Jones and Naber Racing's **King Russell (Creative Cause)**, trained by Ron Moquett, will draw into the field and break from the outside post 20. The program number 23 will remain the same. Rafael Bejarano will be aboard.

"You can't help but feel for the ones that scratch," Moquett

said by phone, when asked about the news that his horse had drawn in. "This is an opportunity for the team, our owners, and we have been here all week preparing just like King Russell was already entered. We know he is special horse and like Babe Ruth calling his shot, I predicted that he would finish in the top three in the Arkansas Derby and that he would be in the Derby. Here we are. After the training, pointing him here, galloping, schooling, we are going to see if he can get the mile and a quarter. I've been here before with Far Right in 2015 and that following year with Whitmore, and now it is time to get down to business because we are wanting to do more."

Scratch time for Kentucky Derby 149 is Friday at 9 a.m. ET.

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OAKS 'PICTURE' GOES THROUGH COX BARN



Wet Paint | Coady

by Steve Sherack

LOUISVILLE, Ky. -- In a division still crying out for a clear-cut leader, a full field of sophomore fillies will take centerstage in a deep renewal of Friday's GI Kentucky Oaks at Churchill Downs.

Trainer Brad Cox will have three chances, including the top two choices on the morning-line, to collect a third Oaks trophy following wins with Monomoy Girl in 2018 and Shedaresthedevil in 2020.

After sweeping the Oaklawn Park series for 3-year-old fillies, Godolphin homebred and 5-2 Oaks morning-line favorite **Wet Paint (Blame)** shoots for a fourth straight victory following a visually impressive come-from-behind win in the GIII Fantasy S. Apr. 1.

"She can make you a little nervous with her running style, but overall she's just been really consistent," Cox said. "She'll love the mile and an eighth here. If she puts in her run, she's going to be tough. She just brings it every time." **Cont.**

Oaks preview, cont.

Front-running Bourbonette Oaks heroine **Botanical** (*Medaglia d'Oro*) could vie for favoritism with her stablemate despite never racing on dirt before. Cox will also saddle GII Fair Grounds Oaks third-place finisher **The Alys Look** (*Connect*).

“The Alys Look is flying under the radar, but I love the way she’s developing,” Cox said. “Botanical needs to step up on the dirt, but I like what I am seeing. Physically, she looks great. She’s doing really well.”

Last year's champion 2-year-old filly **Wonder Wheel** (*Into Mischief*) looks for her first victory since capturing the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies at Keeneland. She was a disappointing sixth behind **Defining Purpose** (*Cross Traffic*) in the GI Ashland S. at Keeneland Apr. 7.

Southlawn (*Pioneer of the Nile*) has taken a major step forward for trainer Norm Casse in two attempts since turning three, led by a 3 1/4-length victory over **Pretty Mischievous** (*Into Mischief*) in the GII Fair Grounds Oaks Mar. 25.

Affirmative Lady (*Arrogate*), hung out wide in post 13, also enters in top form following a breakthrough win in the GII Gulfstream Park Oaks Apr. 1. She's gone two-for-two since adding blinkers for Graham Motion.

The gone-too-soon *Arrogate*, responsible for last year's Oaks winner *Secret Oath*, will also be represented by GISW and GII

Santa Anita Oaks runner-up **And Tell Me Nolies** (*Arrogate*).

With a delightful forecast calling for cloudy skies and a high of 75 degrees, the stacked 13-race Kentucky Oaks program also includes: a deep field of 10 in the GI La Troienne S., featuring last year's GI Kentucky Oaks heroine **Secret Oath** (*Arrogate*); a fantastic renewal of the GII Alysheba S., led by GI Kentucky Derby winner **Rich Strike** (*Keen Ice*) and GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational S. winner **Art Collector** (*Bernardini*); unbeaten **'TDN Rising Star' Munnys Gold** (*Munnings*)'s graded stakes debut in the GII Eight Belles S.; and the grassy GII Edgewood S. and GIII Modesty S. Last year's GI Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint winner **Caravel** (*Mizzen Mast*) will also line up on the undercard in the Unbridled Sidney S.

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KENTUCKY DERBY REPORT: EVENTFUL THURSDAY MORNING BENEATH THE TWIN SPIRES *by Steve Sherack*



Before: Verifying galloping Thursday | *Sherackatthetrack*



And after: Verifying gets apprehended after losing his rider on the backstretch | *Sherackatthetrack*

LOUISVILLE, Ky. -- With no shortage of racing fans, horsemen and media lined up along the outer rail, the Churchill Downs backstretch got awfully quiet in a hurry as **Verifying (Justify)** lost his exercise rider leaving the five-eighths marker during Thursday morning's special training session for GI Kentucky Derby and Oaks horses.

A big tip of the cap goes out to outriders Greg Blasi and Lee Lockwood, who did a fantastic job of apprehending the GI Blue Grass S. runner-up at the quarter pole.

Trainer Brad Cox later reported that Verifying was in fine form following the mishap and remains on target for the Derby.

The siren went off for a second time just moments later as last term's GI TVG Del Mar Debutante S. heroine **And Tell Me Nolie**s (Arrogate) beelined for her current digs at Barn 24 after rearing up and losing her rider exiting the track. Trainer Peter Miller said that all was O.K. with the 15-1 Kentucky Oaks longshot afterwards.



Disarm looking a picture on Thursday | *Sherackatthetrack*

Practical Move (Practical Joke)--the subject of plenty of chatter after just jogging the past few days--made his presence felt while out for a routine gallop. Nearly six hours later, however, trainer Tim Yakteen broke the gut-punching news that **Practical Move would be scratched from the Derby** due to an elevated temperature. Really doesn't get much rougher than that.

On a much lighter note, it was business as usual for Todd Pletcher's imposing trio of Kentucky Derby morning-line favorite **Forte (Violence)**, unbeaten **Kingsbarns (Uncle Mo)** and **Tapit Trice (Tapit)**, who all galloped a mile and three eighths at 7:30 a.m.

If anyone stood out on the sunsplashed morning during Thursday's trackwork, it had to be the stunning chestnut **Disarm (Gun Runner)**. He just couldn't be looking any more locked and loaded for the first Saturday in May.

With the late defections of Practical Move and the **Saffie Joseph, Jr.-trained Lord Miles (Curlin)**, **Cyclone Mischief** (Into Mischief) and **Mandarin Hero (Jpn)** (Shanghai Bobby) have now drawn into the body of the Derby field.

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Kentucky DERBY
SPECIAL EDITION

FEDERAL JUDGE RULES HISA CONSTITUTIONAL AFTER LAW'S REWRITE

by T.D. Thornton

The revamped Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA) statute that got signed into law back in December was judged to be constitutional late on Thursday by the Texas federal district judge handling the case on remand from the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

"Congress answered the call--identifying the three constitutional concerns that led the Fifth Circuit to hold HISA unconstitutional and rectifying each with the amendment," wrote United States District Court Judge James Wesley Hendrix in his May 4 order out of the Northern District of Texas (Lubbock Division).

"The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) can now initiate rulemaking according to its own policy preferences," Hendrix wrote.

"Given the Court's findings of fact and conclusions of law, the plaintiffs fail to establish that HISA, as amended following the Fifth Circuit's opinion, continues to violate the **Constitution**," Hendrix wrote. "The Court denies all other requested relief."

The HISA Authority issued a statement in the aftermath of the ruling that said, "We appreciate the Federal District Court's re-affirmation of HISA's constitutionality. The urgent need for nationwide, uniform rules to enhance the safety and integrity of Thoroughbred racing has never been clearer. We look forward to the resumption of HISA's Anti-Doping and Medication Control program on May 22, as ordered by the FTC."

The court order delivers a legal blow to efforts by the National Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (NHBPA), which had initiated the underlying lawsuit along with 12 of its affiliates in 2021. But Thursday's ruling won't end the case.

"We plan an immediate appeal of this decision, and we remain confident in our legal arguments," Daniel Suhr, the lead attorney representing the NHBPA, stated in a press release. "Congress cannot abdicate its authority to a private corporation. Challenging this law is critical to protecting democratic accountability enshrined in our constitution."

Eric Hamelback, the NHBPA's chief executive officer, stated in the same release that, "We've been down this road before. After a loss in the district court, we secured a win in the Fifth

Circuit Court of Appeals. We will win there again, we will fight to protect horsemen and their constitutional rights all the way to the Supreme Court if needed."

The NHBPA's case was later joined by other intervenors in Texas and private racetrack entities in that same state who had their case recently transferred to the Lubbock Division because of the overlapping nature of the complaints. The defendants are personnel from the HISA Authority and the FTC.

Hendrix was the same judge who, back on March 31, 2022, dismissed the NHBPA's underlying lawsuit, writing in an order that "despite its novelty, [HISA] as constructed stays within current constitutional limitations as defined by the Supreme Court and the Fifth Circuit."

The NHBPA plaintiffs appealed that decision, leading to the Fifth Circuit's reversal on Nov. 18, 2022. That ruling stated HISA was unconstitutional because it "delegates unsupervised government power to a private entity," and thus "violates the private non-delegation doctrine."

But the Fifth Circuit's order also remanded the case back to the Lubbock Division for "further

proceedings consistent with" the Appeals Court's reversal.

In the interim, Congress passed and President Biden signed into law on Dec. 29 an amendment to HISA designed to bring the law into constitutional compliance consistent with the Fifth Circuit's identified flaws.

"The Court finds that the congressional amendment to § 3053(e) cured the constitutional issues identified by the Fifth Circuit," Hendrix wrote in his May 4 order. "First, the Fifth Circuit identified that HISA improperly granted the Authority 'sweeping rulemaking power,' but the FTC's new power to 'abrogate, add to, and modify' the 'rules of the Authority' closed the necessary gap in the relative rulemaking power between the FTC and the Authority.

"Second, the Fifth Circuit noted that the FTC's review of Authority rulemaking was limited to so-called consistency review, which gave the Authority the final word on policy. But because the FTC now has the right to make its own policy choices, the amendment remedied that concern," Hendrix wrote.

"In sum, the only fair reading of the statute is that the FTC can create new rules as necessary to accomplish its policy preferences," Hendrix wrote. **Cont.**



Sarah Andrew

Federal judge rules HISA constitutional, cont.

"It is no secret that Congress amended HISA in response to the Fifth Circuit's opinion. For Congress to amend the law without addressing one of the critical issues identified by the Fifth Circuit would be, to say the least, unusual," Hendrix wrote.

"For all these reasons, the Court rejects the plaintiffs' arguments and conclude that Congress cured the unconstitutional aspects of HISA's original approach," Hendrix wrote.

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ANDY BEYER JOINS THE TDN WRITERS' ROOM PODCAST AS THE TEAM HANDICAPS THE KENTUCKY DERBY



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Andy Beyer, the longtime racing columnist for the *Washington Post* and the creator of the Beyer Speed Figures that appear in the *Daily Racing Form*, is never short of opinions, especially when it comes to who will win the GI Kentucky Derby. With the race right around the corner, we asked Beyer to give us his thoughts on the race and share his handicapping acumen on the TDN Writers' Room podcast, which is presented by [Keeneland](#). Beyer was this week's [Green Group](#) Guest of the Week.

After some spirited and amusing debate about how to pronounce Forte's name, Beyer said he's no fan of that horse, saying that Forte ([Violence](#)) "won't hit the board."

"I don't like him," he said. "I don't like him because the name issue grates on me every time I hear it. He is not historically what we look for in the Kentucky Derby, which is a horse on the upgrade coming into the Derby. He clearly doesn't fit that profile. Yes, he is trained by Todd Pletcher. But as we know, Todd's forte is not training horses to win the Derby. His record in this race is two for 62. So I don't think you get any extra credit for being in the Pletcher barn in this race. I want no part of

Forte. I don't think he'll hit the board."

Then who does he like? It's Derma Sotogake (Jpn) (Mind Your Biscuits).

"I am looking for a history-making Japanese victory on Saturday night with Derma Sotogake," Beyer said. "It's not a great Derby. But what makes it really interesting to me is the Japanese presence. And I've been looking a lot at this and I think that Japan is really on the brink of becoming the number one power in world horse racing, eclipsing even Great Britain and the United States. It's going to happen at the present rate eventually. And the coming out party just might be Saturday."

Beyer said he is so bullish on the Japanese horses that he even gave a long look to longshot Continuar (Jpn) (Drefong).

"I was going to pick Continuar as my 50-to-1 bomber just because he is trained by the top Japanese trainer and was really going to be under the radar," Beyer said. "But he evidently has not trained that well since he's been at Churchill."

Based on the Beyer figures, the field for the GI Kentucky Oaks is among the slowest ever. Predictably, Beyer didn't have anything good to say about that race.

"I was so depressed looking at the figures in the Oaks that I just haven't even focused on it yet," he said. "The idea that nobody in that field has run a figure over 91 is just embarrassing. I've never seen a race this famous look so bad from the speed figure standpoint."

Elsewhere on the podcast, which is also sponsored by [Coolmore](#), the [Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association](#), [Kentucky Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders](#), [1/st Racing](#), [WinStar Farm](#), [XBTv](#) and [West Point Thoroughbreds](#), podcast regulars Zoe Cadman, Randy Moss and Bill Finley ran through the entire 20-horse field, giving their opinions on each starter. Finley picked [Tapit Trice](#) ([Tapit](#)) to win, Moss selected Derma Sotogake and Cadman gave the nod to Practical Move ([Practical Joke](#)). As was the case with Beyer, none were particularly high on Forte.

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SERVIS SENTENCING DELAYED FROM MAY 18 TO JULY 26

by *T.D. Thornton*

The sentencing for barred trainer Jason Servis, the final--and most notoriously prominent--defendant in the 2020 racehorse doping conspiracy scandal, was rescheduled by a judge's order on Thursday, from May 18 to July 26.

The May 4 court order got handed down four years to the date that the Servis-trained [Maximum Security](#) (New Year's Day) crossed the finish wire first in the GI Kentucky Derby. The colt was subsequently disqualified for in-race interference. **Cont.**

Servis sentencing, cont.

Jason Servis | Sarah Andrew

Unbeknownst to Servis at the time, federal investigators had already begun compiling a trove of wiretapped phone conversations between Servis and other now-convicted horsemen, veterinarians, and pharmaceutical suppliers, 31 of whom were arrested and charged in a series of coordinated law enforcement sweeps in March 2020.

Even after being implicated by other guilty-pleading conspirators, Servis had maintained his innocence and held out for a trial until Dec. 9, 2022.

As part of a negotiated plea deal with the government, **he then pled guilty** to a felony charge of misbranding and adulterating a chemical substance (described by prosecutors as similar to the bronchodilator clenbuterol but stronger), and to a misdemeanor, of misbranding and adulterating a purportedly performance-enhancing chemical called SGF-1000.

Prosecutors had alleged (and other convicted conspirators had admitted their roles in) Servis's administration of SGF-1000 to **Maximum Security** during the first half of 2019, when the colt rose from being a \$16,000 maiden-claimer to a Grade I winner.

Judge Mary Kay Vyskocil of United States District Court (Southern District of New York) granted the sentencing date change at the request of Servis's attorney.

"I make this request for the following reasons," attorney Rita Glavin wrote in a May 3 letter to the court. "First, the Apr. 27, 2023, Presentence Investigation Report contains numerous defense objections to certain factual assertions, as well as the Government's responses to the defense objections. Because of (i) the number of disagreements and (ii) the issues around those disagreements, the defense needs additional time to review documents and respond.

"Further, given the extent of the disagreements, the parties have scheduled time to meet and engage in a good faith effort

to resolve as many disagreements as possible, such that if there remain disagreements, they can be streamlined and narrowed for the Court.

"Finally, I am lead counsel on another matter proceeding to trial in June 2023, which is why we seek a date later in July," Glavin wrote.

The presentence investigation report is generally a public document that is available for anyone to access on the court's electronic docket. But the disputed one Servis's attorney referenced was not listed there as of deadline for this story.

Servis, 66, faces four years in prison when he is sentenced.

Prior to his plea deal, Servis had been scheduled to go on trial on two felony counts: Conspiracy to misbrand and adulterate performance-enhancing drugs, and conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud. He would have faced 25 years in prison on those two counts if convicted.

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OAKS CONTENDER GAMBLING GIRL REPRESENTS FOUR GENERATIONS OF GALLAGHER'S STUD

by Sara Gordon



Gambling Girl | Susie Raisher

Under the guidance of Hall of Fame trainer Laz Barrera, Buryyourbelief (Believe It) became the first New York-bred filly to win the GI Kentucky Oaks at Churchill Downs in 1987 as the 8-1 upset, coasting home a 2 3/4-length winner in the nation's most prestigious race for 3-year-old fillies.

This Friday, 37 years later, the Todd Pletcher-trained **Gambling Girl (Dialed In)** will fly the flag for the Empire State as the lone New York-bred in a field of 14. Owned by Queens native Mike Repole, Gambling Girl represents the fourth generation in a long line of mares bred by Marlene Brody's Gallagher's Stud in Ghent, NY. **Cont.**

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Gambling Girl, cont.

Gambling Girl is her breeder's first Kentucky Oaks contender, stemming from a family line that began at Gallagher's Stud with the purchase of the filly's fourth dam, Grand Bonheur (Blushing Groom {Fr}), as a yearling in 1980. From the 11 foals she produced came Felicita (Rubiano), dam of Grade I winner and Grade I producer Take Charge Lady, who Gallagher's Stud sold in utero and went on to produce the likes of champion Will Take Charge (Unbridled's Song), Grade I winners **Take Charge Indy** (A.P. Indy) and **As Time Goes By (American Pharoah)**, and **Charming (War Front)**, the dam of multiple Grade I winner Omaha Beach.

Before Take Charge Lady, there was Eventail (Lear Fan), Felicita's first foal who produced Tulipmania, Gambling Girl's dam, along with Grade II winner Straight Story (Giant's Causeway), before going through the ring at the 2006 Keeneland November Breeding Stock Sale, in foal to El Prado (Ire), and selling for \$925,000 to Shadai Farm.

"Tulipmania was actually a very useful racehorse. She was very close to a stakes-caliber filly. She ended up injuring a knee, but she beat stakes winners running in allowance races and stuff like that so she was a pretty nice race filly," said Mallory Mort, who has worked with all facets of the farm's equine and cattle operations for 44 years and took over as manager of the entire farm in 2005. "It's very gratifying when that many generations of breeding comes to fruition."

Tulipmania has produced 11 foals, with four winners from eight starters, topped by stakes winner and GII-placed Gambling Girl. The third foal from her dam to sell for six figures as a yearling at Fasig-Tipton's New York Bred Yearlings Sale, she was purchased for \$200,000 by West Bloodstock, agent for Repole Stable, from the Denali Stud consignment in 2021.

"From the beginning, she was just a piece of cake. Nothing ever went wrong with her and she was always easy to work with. We were expecting pretty good money for her [at the sale]. She was a good individual and obviously had a nice page," said Mort. "I think if one of the mare's earlier progeny had jumped up and run really well, she would have brought considerably more money, but that's the way it goes. She ended up bringing in the range we were thinking and we were really fortunate that they bought her. She's in really great hands and a

New York guy racing a nice New York-bred is really special."

The bay filly, who has raced primarily in her home state, debuted as a 2-year-old last summer at Belmont Park and broke her maiden at Saratoga in her third career start, winning a seven-furlong state-bred maiden special weight by 10 1/2 lengths. In her next start, she won her stakes debut in the Joseph A. Gimma at the Belmont at the Big A meet and later closed out the season with a third in the Dec 3. GII Demoiselle Stakes, just a length behind winner Julia Shining (**Curlin**).

Returning this January, Gambling Girl was second in the Busanda Stakes, fourth in the GIII Honeybee Stakes in February

at Oaklawn, and a hard-fought second in the Apr. 8 GIII Gazelle Stakes, just a head behind fellow Oaks contender Promiseher America (**American Pharoah**).

Though a small breeding operation with a broodmare band that hovers around 10 to 15 mares, Brody and her team have always prided themselves on producing horses of quality and class, and Gambling Girl is just the latest success story to validate those efforts.

"We had a horse many years ago named Allez Milord [Tom Rolfe], who won a Group 1 in

Germany and a Grade I in this country. He was also a champion in Germany and ran second in the [1987] G1 Japan Cup. He was quite an international horse. Icabad Crane [Jump Start] ran third in the GI Preakness several years ago, so we've had some pretty good Classic-type horses over the years and a lot of graded stakes winners. We also had a filly a few years ago named Inimitable Romance [Maria's Mon], who won three graded stakes for us. Maximova [Daneshill Dancer {Ire}] is another one of our mares who was a stakes winner and multiple graded stakes placed," said Mort. "We don't have that many mares so we don't get a ton of them, but it's great when they come along."

Tulipmania had a full-brother to Gambling Girl last year, who will be heading to the sale ring this summer, and just last week, she foaled a **Medaglia d'Oro** filly on Apr. 25.

"We've always thought that **Dialed In** is an underrated stallion. For his stud fee, a good one will sell really well, and that's mainly what we do, so we decided to go back to him. The yearling is a very nice colt as well," said Mort. "**Dialed In** was a really good racehorse and I think he is physically a lot different than some of the Mineshafts. [His progeny] are earlier and faster and we liked that. He's proven to be a pretty darn good sire." **Cont.**



Training at Churchill | Coady

Gambling Girl, cont.

Gambling Girl's start in Friday's Run for the Lilies also stands as a testament to Brody's dedication to her farm, which her and her late husband Jerry purchased in April of 1976, her horses, and the team that keeps everything going day-in and day-out.

"It's been great to work for someone that just wants to put the horses and the people first. We try to make some money to keep things going obviously, but really the emphasis is on the horses' health and the people that are working for us. Anybody that stays in this business for as long as she's been in it, they just have to love it. They can roll with the punches and those are great people to work for. They know how to enjoy the good times and not take the low too badly, to just keep on going. She's been a wonderful person to work for, for this many years, otherwise I wouldn't have been here for this long," said Mort. The farm will only be foaling out four mares this year, and breeding seven back, along with cutting back their racing operation slightly. But even at 91, Brody remains devoted, as she and the rest of the Gallagher's Stud team look forward to what's still to come.

"These are the horses we've tried to breed for a long time and so it's very gratifying when one can reach this kind of Classic contention and run in these kinds of races. It's great. And Gambling Girl being a New York-bred on top of that, obviously we've been breeding in New York for over 40 years or something, it's really nice when this happens. It makes it all worthwhile, even if it doesn't come around very often," said Mort.

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BACKGROUND CHECK: KENTUCKY OAKS

by Jill Williams



Kentucky Oaks winner Rags to Riches, shown beating future super sire Curlin in the Belmont S., is descended from 1982 Oaks winner Blush With Pride | Sarah Andrew

In this continuing series, we examine the past winners of significant filly/mare races by the lasting influence they've had on the breed. Up today is the GI Kentucky Oaks, second only in stature at Churchill Downs to the GI Kentucky Derby.

The Derby isn't alone as the oldest continuously held major sporting event in the U.S. The Oaks is right there with it, having been held every year, without interruption for wars or pandemics, since racing first began at Churchill in 1875 when the Louisville oval was known as the Louisville Jockey Club. Although the 'Lilies for the Fillies' is somewhat of a prelude to the big event in the public consciousness, it's also a special Classic all on its own. Whether it was Silverbulletday's popular win as the shortest-priced favorite in Oaks history or Rachel Alexandra's 20 1/4-length tour de force or D. Wayne Lukas's record-tying fifth Oaks score last year with Secret Oath, the race has provided so many wonderful moments.

With 149 Kentucky Oaks winners (including two victresses from a 1959 split division), following are highlights of some of the most important by what impact they've had on the sport through their sons and daughters.

Lemons Forever (2003, Lemon Drop Kid--Critikola {Arg}, by Tough Critic), bred by Farfellow Farms Ltd.: The only Kentucky Oaks winner to be officially honored as Broodmare of the Year, she produced champion Forever Unbridled (Unbridled's Song) and additional GISW Unbridled Forever (Unbridled's Song). Her daughters are young and she still has a few more in the pipeline herself, so more could be in her future.



2006 winner Lemons Forever is the only Oaks winner to be named a Broodmare of the Year | Horsephotos

Seaside Attraction (1987, Seattle Slew--Kamar, by Key to the Mint), bred by Hermitage Farm, Inc., A. G. Clay, and Robert N. Clay: She only had five foals, but four of them were graded winners, including champion Golden Attraction (Mr. Prospector) and GISW Cape Town (Seeking the Gold). **Cont.**

Background Check, cont.

Both of her daughters are dams of two or more stakes winners apiece, with French champion Desert Lord (GB) (Green Desert) among their offspring.

Blush With Pride (1979, Blushing Groom {Fr}--Best in Show, by Traffic Judge), bred by Mr. & Mrs. Darrell Brown:

Broodmare of the Year Better Than Honour (Deputy Minister), dam of GI Belmont S. winners Rags to Riches (A.P. Indy) (also a champion and Kentucky Oaks winner) and Jazil (Seeking the Gold), is one of her daughters. Other top runners tracing to her to date are European champion Peeping Fawn (Danehill) and GISWs Thewayyouare (Kingmambo), Streaming (Smart Strike), and Paris Lights (Curlin).

Hidden Talent (1956, Dark Star--Dangerous Dame {GB}, by Nasrullah {GB}), bred by Harry F. Guggenheim:

Dam of Broodmare of the Year Too Bald (Bald Eagle), her descendants include U.S. champion Capote (Seattle Slew), Canadian champion Lake Country (Caucasus), plus MGISWs Exceller (Vaguely Noble {Ire}) and Broad Brush (Ack Ack).

Lalun (1952, Djeddah {Fr}--Be Faithful, by Bimelech), bred by H. F. Guggenheim: Her two top sons were champion Never Bend (Nasrullah {GB}) and Travers winner Bold Reason (Hail to Reason). Both hit the board in the Kentucky Derby and both had significant influence on the breed.

Real Delight (1949, Bull Lea--Blue Delight, by Blue Larkspur), bred by Calumet Farm: This mare produced three black-type winners, but it's the next generations through her daughters that will keep her in pedigrees. Among the legions of top-class horses descending from her are Hall of Famer and leading sire Alydar (Raise a Native), Broodmare of the Year Sweet Tooth (On-and-On), champions Our Mims (Herbager {Fr}) and Christmas Past (Grey Dawn II {Fr}), and GISWs Sugar and Spice (Key to the Mint), Codex (Arts and Letters), and Grand Slam (Gone West).

How (1948, Princequillo {GB}--The Squaw II {Fr}, by Sickie {GB}), bred by D. Djordjadze: She is the dam of Broodmare of the Year Pocahontas (Roman), whose five stakes winners included champion and excellent sire Tom Rolfe (Ribot {GB}), as well as good sire Chieftain (Bold Ruler) and the dam of

outstanding European sire Alzao (Lyphard).

Nellie L. (1940, Blenheim II {GB}--Nellie Flag, by American Flag), bred by Calumet Farm: Among the Grade I winners of the last 50 years tracing to this 1943 Oaks winner are champion and Kentucky Derby winner Bold Forbes (Irish Castle), who was her grandson, and Life At the Top (Seattle Slew), Saratoga Six (Alydar), Lakeway (Seattle Slew), Jilbab (A.P. Indy), and England's Dunbeath (Grey Dawn II {Fr}).



Breed-shaping sire Mr. Prospector traced to 1942 Oaks winner Miss Dogwood | Dell Hancock

Miss Dogwood (1939, Bull Dog {Fr}--Myrtlewood, by Blue Larkspur), bred by Brownell

Combs: Breed-shaping sire Mr. Prospector (Raise a Native) is a grandson of her daughter Sequence (Count Fleet), who is also the ancestress of GISWs Sewickley (Star de Naskra), Shared Interest (Pleasant Colony), Forestry (Storm Cat), and Cash Run (Seeking the Gold), as well as Canadian Broodmare of the Year Amelia Bearhart (Bold Hour) and her dual Canadian Horse of the Year son Chief Bearhart (Chief's Crown), who was also a U.S. champion.

Two Bob (1933, The Porter--Blessings, by Chicle {Fr}), bred by C. V. Whitney: What a mare. Her Hall of Fame daughter Two **Lea** (Bull **Lea**) produced Hall of Famer and 1958 Kentucky Derby winner Tim Tam (Tom Fool), as well as seven-time black-type winner and sire On-and-On. Another daughter founded the Chris Evert (Swoon's Son) line, the latter being a Hall of Famer whose descendants include champion Chief's Crown (Danzig), MGISWs Sightseek (Distant View) and Tates Creek (Rahy), and so many more top horses. Derby winning filly Winning Colors (Caro {Ire}) also is a direct descendant of Two Bob, as is solid sire Best Turn (Turn-to {Ire}), and a slew of other high-caliber horses.

Fiji (1931, Bostonian--O Girl, by Ormondale), bred by Jack S. Young and Tom B. Young: A daughter produced 1953 Kentucky Derby winner Dark Star, the only horse to defeat Native Dancer, and a granddaughter produced 1964 Kentucky Oaks winner Blue Norther.

Alcibiades (1927, Supremus--Regal Roman {GB}, by Roi Herode {Fr}), bred by Hal Price Headley: Four of her eight foals were black-type winners, including champion and influential sire Menow (Pharamond II {GB}). European champion and another influential sire in Sir Ivor (Sir Gaylord) descended from an Alabama-winning daughter, while a slew of other high-class stakes winners trace to her. **Cont.**

Background Check, cont.

Black Maria (1923, Black Toney--Bird Loose {Fr}, by Sardanapale {Fr}), bred by Himyar Stud or Colonel E. R. Bradley (conflicting accounts): She had only one foal, but one was all she needed. Her descendants include Preakness winner and excellent sire Polynesian, of course responsible for Native Dancer.

Audience (1901, Sir Dixon--Sallie McClelland, by Hindoo), bred by Mrs. Byron McClelland: Among her foals were Whisk Broom II (Broomstick), an eventual Hall of Famer who won major races in both the U.S. and England before becoming a top sire, and Matinee, a blue hen for the Whitneys whose descendants include Hall of Famer Top Flight (Dis Donc {Fr}).

Modesty (1881, War Dance--Ballet, by Planet), bred by George H. Clay: A number of stakes winners trace to this grand chestnut, most notably Regret (Broomstick), the first female winner of the Kentucky Derby in 1915. The GIII Modesty S., to be run on the Oaks undercard after moving to Churchill from Arlington, is named after her.

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50 YEARS AGO TODAY, I WAS AT SECRETARIAT'S DERBY

by Dan Liebman



Secretariat wins the May 5, 1973 KY Derby | Getty Images

It hit me hard the other night how old I have become. My brain was slowly processing that it was 50 years ago I saw Secretariat win the Kentucky Derby.

I exaggerate. A lot.

I caught a brief glimpse of Secretariat as he flew by my strained vantage point.

After insistent begging, my older sister and her friends relented and took me with them to my first Derby.

It was May 5, 1973 and we were in the infield.

Frankly, at age 14, my day was already complete way before post time for the Derby rolled around.

I was allowed to stay up all night, since we had to get in the

infield queue around midnight. On top of that, by noon on Derby day, I had witnessed more infield debauchery than I could wrap my young head around--alcohol, drugs, nudity.

Remember it was the '70s.

How could the day get better?

The day could get better by having seen Secretariat, the horse who would captivate America by winning the Triple Crown and chart the course of my future by hooking me on Thoroughbred racing and breeding.

Why was I processing that it had been 50 years since that magical day?

Because I just moved into a new home I built and was unpacking boxes.



Liebman's Secretariat memorabilia | Courtesy Dan Liebman

I unpeeled the bubble wrap from my framed photo of Secretariat, bought to commemorate another anniversary, upon which his owner wrote: "To Dan, A Real Expert, Penny Tweedy, 1993."

In a nearby box were other framed items: Secretariat's four-cross pedigree; his past performances as they appeared in *Daily Racing Form* on Derby Day 1973; a copy of the first page of his syndication agreement; and a limited edition head shot, taken in 1973 by Tony Leonard.

Another box contained my four envelopes sealed in plastic when the Secretariat Stamp was unveiled--two from Keeneland dated Oct. 16, 1999; the other pair from Churchill Downs dated Nov. 20, 1999.

A plastic bin had my cache of bobbleheads of horses, trainers, and jockeys, among them a Secretariat model, wearing his trademark blinkers and saddle cloth 1A. In the same treasure trove I found my mini Secretariat Louisville slugger bat.

Among the more than 200 Derby, Preakness, Belmont and Breeders' Cup glasses that had been packed away were the glass from the year Secretariat won the Derby, the year after when his name first appeared as a winner of the race, and two glasses issued on the 25th anniversary of his Derby win. **Cont.**

50 years ago, cont.

In a small box, carefully wrapped in tissue paper, a pair of jockey goggles purchased at auction last year. Inscribed on the goggles: "Ron Turcotte, TC 73."

There is a new addition to the collection of memories, just acquired; a 2023 Woodford Reserve Secretariat bottle. On the front stands a beautifully painted picture of Secretariat in the Churchill Downs winner's circle. It will fit neatly alongside my numbered 2003 Maker's Mark bottle, signed at Keeneland by Penny, then track president Nick Nicholson, and then Maker's president Bill Samuels, Jr.

From that day in the infield I charted a course that saw me work for *The Frankfort State-Journal* (twice), *Daily Racing Form*, *The Racing Times*, and *The Blood-Horse*.

Of course I have watched, and handicapped, every Derby since Secretariat set the track record of 1:59 2/5 for the 10 furlongs. Here's hoping that record stands forever.

I've attended many Derbies along the way as well, both as a spectator and member of the press.

Never seen a horse as good as Secretariat. Never expect to. Maybe never want to.

As good as his Derby win was for this Kentucky-bred, Secretariat's move in the Preakness and domination in the Belmont were even more spectacular.

It is not so bad being 64 years old, knowing 50 years ago you saw the greatest racehorse run the fastest time in the history of the world's most well-known horse race.

It is what put Secretariat atop my horse pedestal.

I wish I had taken a Kodak to the Churchill Downs infield that day in 1973.

Alas, I have no photo of that day, but I do have a lifetime of cherished memories, and memorabilia collected ever since that reminds me every day of how special that day--and that horse--was.

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OAKLAWN'S NO. 1 FAN, BETTY HENDERSON PASSES AT 98

by Bill Finley

You probably didn't know Betty Henderson, which is your loss. I did. She was my aunt and she passed away Wednesday at her home in Hot Springs, Arkansas at the age of 98.

I'm writing this not because I lost a beloved aunt and my father's sister, but because, unbeknownst to the sport, the game has lost the type of fan we want all fans to be. If you're reading this, you probably like horse racing. Then there are those like Betty. They don't just like it. It gets so ingrained within some that it becomes a part of their very being. It's their primary focus, their greatest pleasure and it makes their lives



Henderson at Oaklawn in 2019 | Courtesy of Betty Henderson

demonstrably better. With its myriad problems, racing can turn most of us into cynics. But not the Aunt Bettys of the world. They find so much joy in the sport that their view is forever through rose-colored glasses. Good for them.

She was born in 1925 in Missouri and had a tough life growing up, as her father lost his job during the Great Depression and the family became sharecroppers in order to survive. She worked alongside her parents and siblings picking cotton in the fields when she was just a child. It was not until she was in her 30s that she discovered horse racing, but it became one of the great passions of her life.

Until her health started to fail her a year or so ago, she was the happiest, liveliest nonagenarian you could ever hope to meet, and she would tell you, if you asked, that the reason was horse racing. Especially racing at her home track, Oaklawn Park. It's no exaggeration to say that it became the most important thing in her world and I have no doubt she never would have lived as long as she did without racing and the way it stimulated her life.

"Now that I am back to feeling good I am looking forward to the big races," she told me in a 2015 email, then a spry 90-year-old. "Love every minute I spend working on the PP's. Besides, it keeps my brain going and, believe me, when you get old you need something interesting to do and I can't think of anything as good as horse racing. Hot Springs is a wonderful racing town and I am so glad I live here."

In 2013, she couldn't resist bragging about a winning streak she went on.

"Out of the 12 races yesterday, I cashed in on nine of them," she wrote in another email. "Didn't have information from anyone, just worked off my Brisnet and my own knowledge. I sure did need that boost as for the past month I had been losing. So I had a day to remember. I thought my tired old, almost 90-year-old brain was letting me down. Now I know I have a few cells left." **Cont.**

Betty Henderson, cont.

It might have been different if she just played her favorite numbers, the hot jockey or some hunch plays. But that was never her. She couldn't understand why some of her friends at the track never bothered to learn more about the fascinating riddle to be solved that was handicapping. She'd bet \$2 a race, maybe \$5 if she had a good opinion on a horse, and that was only after she studied the past performances and her Brisnet data for hours. She always thought the best way to promote racing was to teach people how to handicap and how to bet, a theory she put forth in [an interview in the TDN in 2020](#).



Henderson at Saratoga with her brother, Joseph Finley, in 1989. Finley was a labor lawyer who wrote handicapping books under the pen name of William L. Scott. | Lucinda Finley photo

"I feel that the tracks should have a one-hour teaching program every day, advertise it and really teach the population to handicap," she said in the story. "I was so fortunate to have the best-ever teacher, my brother Joe Finley, who wrote the popular handicapping book *How Will Your Horse Run Today?* and others under the pen name of William L. Scott. I now have enjoyed handicapping races for 50 years and hope to enjoy it for a few more."

While she was serious about her gambling, she was also at Oaklawn to socialize. As she got older, she would go to the track less often and always avoided the biggest days, like GI Arkansas Derby Day, because the track was too crowded. But on most Saturdays, she would be there, always perched at her regular table in the Post Parade restaurant on the first floor of the grandstand. She commanded the room like no one else.

"She was one of our regulars," said Karie Hobby, Oaklawn's manager of food and beverage operations. "She had a love for the game and she knew every racetrack and every horse. She was just so engaging. It was hard not to know her. She was definitely loved. When Miss Betty would come in the restaurant,

it was like the world stopped a little bit. Everybody had to say hello to her and she knew everyone's name. She was just so caring and considerate. She fell in love with Oaklawn Park. She touched way more people here than you could ever imagine."

I sent Betty a couple of emails around the opening day of the 2022-2023 Oaklawn meet, wishing her well and hoping that she'd have a winning meet at the windows. When she didn't answer I knew something had to be wrong. She had had some pulmonary issues, had lost a great deal of weight and, as it turned out, was too frail to make it to the track or to correspond with her nephew.

"From the beginning of the meet, she wasn't there at her regular table," Hobby said. "We started reaching out and were told her health was not so good but she would come if she ever felt up to it. Everyone in the restaurant started looking around and asking, 'Where's Betty...Where's Betty?'"

Hobby doesn't believe she made it to the races even once during the meet, which tells you how sick she must have been.

This is what she had to say in the last email I ever received from her: "I just know I will attend the races this coming Saturday and enjoy every minute of it!!!!" she wrote.

Win or lose, I'm sure she did. She wasn't rich or famous. She never owned or trained a horse. I imagine that on the best day she ever had at the windows she probably won a couple hundred dollars or so. But there's never been anyone that got more out of horse racing than Betty Henderson. Racing was lucky to have her, but she was even luckier to have racing.

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WEEKLY STEWARDS AND COMMISSIONS RULINGS, APR. 25-31 by Dan Ross

Every week, the *TDN* publishes a roundup of key official rulings from the primary tracks within the four major racing jurisdictions of California, New York, Florida and Kentucky.

[Here's a primer](#) on how each of these jurisdictions adjudicates different offenses, what they make public (or not) and where.

With the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA) having gone into effect on July 1, 2022, the *TDN* will also post a roundup of the relevant HISA-related rulings from the same week.

California

Track: Santa Anita

Date: 04/28/2023

Licensee: Lisa Bernard, owner-trainer

Penalty: Suspended license

Violation: Failure to appear for hearing

Explainer: Owner/Trainer Lisa Bernard, having failed to appear before the Board of Stewards at Santa Anita Park on April 18,

2023, to answer a complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1840 (Veterinary Practices and Treatments Restricted), Rule #1842.5 (Trainer to Maintain Medication Treatment Records) and Rule #1902 (Conduct Detrimental to Horse Racing) is suspended pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1547 (Failure to Appear).

Florida

The following was taken from the Association of Racing Commissioners International's "[Recent Rulings](#)" webpage.

Track: Gulfstream Park

Date: 03/13/2023

Licensee: Rohan Crichton, trainer

Penalty: Written warning

Violation: Medication violation

Explainer: Stipulation and Consent Order # 2022-051930 - F.S. 550.2415 violation = Phenylbutazone. Written Warning imposed and issued. "PROVOCATIVA"

Track: Gulfstream Park

Date: 03/13/2023

Licensee: Rohan Crichton, trainer

Penalty: Written warning

Violation: Medication violation

Explainer: Stipulation and Consent Order # 2022-052364 - F.S. 550.2415 violation = Phenylbutazone. Written Warning Imposed and Issued. "SEPTEMBERTEN"

Track: Gulfstream Park

Date: 04/10/2023

Licensee: Harold Simms, trainer

Penalty: Written warning

Violation: Medication violation

Explainer: 4/10/2023 - Stipulation and Consent Order # 2023-009297 - F.S. 550.2415 Violation = Phenylbutazone. Written Warning imposed and issued. "HEY PORTER"



Cristian Torres | Lauren King

New York

Track: Aqueduct

Date: 04/26/2023

Licensee: Dylan Davis, jockey

Penalty: Seven-day suspension

Violation: Careless riding

Explainer: Mr. Dylan Davis having waived his right to an appeal is hereby suspended seven (7) Calendar days May 7th 2023, through May 13th 2023, inclusive. This for careless riding during the running of the 8th race at Aqueduct racetrack on April 22nd 2023.

Track: Aqueduct

Date: 04/30/2023

Licensee: Katherine Davis, jockey

Penalty: Three-day suspension

Violation: Careless riding

Explainer: Katherine Davis is hereby suspended three (3) NYRA racing days. This for careless riding during the running of the 8th race at Aqueduct racetrack on April 23rd 2023. Having appealed a stay has been granted.

NEW HISA STEWARDS RULINGS

The following rulings were reported on [HISA's "rulings" portal](#), except for the voided claim rulings which were sent to the *TDN* directly. Some of these rulings are from prior weeks as they were not reported contemporaneously.

One important note: HISA's whip use limit is restricted to six strikes during a race.

Violations of Crop Rule

Gulfstream Park

Richard Bracho – violation date April 28; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, 7 strikes

Oaklawn Park

Cristian Alexis Torres – violation date April 28; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, 8 strikes

Ramsey Zimmerman – violation date April 29; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, 8 strikes

Tampa Bay Downs

Pascacio Lopez – violation date April 26; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, 7 strikes

Mallory Strandberg – violation date April 29; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, 8 strikes

Thistledown

Jose Torrealba – violation date April 26; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, 7-9 strikes



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Beginning Thursday, Breeders' Cup fans can secure their place at the 40th annual running of the international showcase, which will return Nov. 3-4 for the 11th time to Santa Anita Park in Arcadia, California, the organization said in a release. Tickets can be purchased [online](#) or by calling the ticketing office at (859) 514-9428.

“Santa Anita Park is a special place for the Breeders’ Cup, and we’re excited to have fans join us in returning to this historic track for another incredible two days of international racing,” said Breeders’ Cup President and CEO Drew Fleming. “We are thrilled to celebrate the 40th running of the World Championships at one of the world’s most majestic and picturesque sports venues and are hard at work alongside our partners at Santa Anita to ensure that this year’s running is the best and biggest yet.”

General admission prices start at \$50 per person for Friday, Nov. 3, and \$75 for Saturday, Nov. 4. Demand is expected to be high, so fans are encouraged to secure their tickets as soon as possible.

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OLD FRIENDS HOMECOMING AUCTION BIDDING OPENS FOR COLLECTOR HALTERS, SECRETARIAT PORTRAIT

Old Friends will host its 18th Annual Homecoming Event Sunday, May 7, beginning at 12 noon.

The event features a live and silent auction of artwork, prints, and racing memorabilia, including several premiere collectible stallion halters. Absentee bidding for halters, which are all accompanied by a Certificate of Authenticity, is currently open. On the block are halters worn by the following horses: Afleet Alex, Charismatic, [Constitution](#), Da Hoss, [Essential Quality](#), Feathered, Lava Man, [Nashville](#), Pioneerof The Nile, Silver Charm and [Tapit](#).

The deadline to receive bids is Saturday, May 6, at 9 p.m. (EST). To bid, email your name, address, and phone number along with your highest bid to: horses@oldfriendsequine.org

Also up for bid during the live auction will be this hand water-colored portrait of Secretariat by the artist, Judith Berkshire Jones. It is a limited edition, artist proof with hand coloring over the original limited edition print of her pencil drawing, done from life, of Secretariat. This one-of-a-kind item of the great champion is 8 x 10-inches, and is in an archival 11 x

14-inch double mat and framed. The outside frame measures 13-1/2-inches x 16-1/2-inches. The portrait is accompanied on the back by a certificate of authenticity hand signed, dated, and inscribed by the artist.

The deadline to receive bids is Saturday, May 6, at 9 p.m. (EST). At the event, someone will be assigned to proxy bid for you starting low and bidding up to your highest number.

The Old Friends Homecoming event will be highlighted by live music, a barbecue buffet, book signings, and farm tours where guests can meet the farm's Kentucky Derby champion Silver Charm, along with one of the farm's newest retirees, Lava Man.

For tickets to the event, click [here](#).

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SCHWABE, GRANT APPOINTED TO WOODBINE COMMITTEES BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Woodbine Entertainment announced the addition of long-time Thoroughbred breeder Yvonne Schwabe and perennial leading Standardbred owner and breeder Brad Grant to committees for its Board of Directors. Schwabe will serve on the Thoroughbred Racing Committee, while Grant joins the Standardbred Racing Committee.

Schwabe, a breeder for over 25 years, is the owner of Persley Den Farms in Acton, Ontario and notably bred 2013 Queen’s Plate winner Midnight Aria ([Midnight Lute](#)). In addition to her successful breeding operation, Schwabe is a former director and current Funding Chair for the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance. She has also served on several other industry boards and committees, including as a former Ontario and National Director of the CTHS and as a Steward of the Jockey Club of Canada.

Grant has been the leading Woodbine Standardbred owner for six of the last seven seasons and currently sits atop the standings for 2023. He was also named 2022 Owner of the Year by the United States Harness Writers Association (USHWA) and has owned several prominent horses in recent years, including Bulldog Hanover and Atlanta. Grant has also been recognized by the industry for his philanthropy, receiving the 2018 USHWA Humanitarian Award.

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TAPIT TRICE PROVING WELL WORTH THE PRICE *by Steve Sherack*



Tapit Trice brings \$1.3 million at KEESEP | Keeneland

LOUISVILLE, Ky. -- There isn't a more expensive sales graduate in the 20-horse field for the GI Kentucky Derby than Whisper Hill Farm and Gainesway Stable's 'TDN Rising Star' Tapit Trice (Tapit).

The \$1.3-million Keeneland September yearling graduate, bred in Kentucky by Antony Beck's operation, has gone on to validate that seven-figure pricetag in spades, bringing a four-race winning streak into the first Saturday in May off the heels of eye-catching, come-from-behind victories for Todd Pletcher in the GIII Lambholm South Tampa Bay Derby and GI Toyota Blue Grass S.

"I love Tapit, as everyone knows," Pope said after signing the ticket at the 2021 KEESEP auction.

"This one was raised at Gainesway and I have a lot of faith in how they raise their horses. I felt like the horse had a good foundation built into him to begin with. He is level-headed unlike some of the Tapits. We are going to go on and make a stallion."

The folks at Gainesway were awfully confident in a young Tapit Trice, too.

"He was a horse that we had high hopes for at a very young age," Gainesway's General Manager Brian Graves reflected.

"He was one of those real leggy horses with a long neck and a beautiful, sloping shoulder. This horse came out looking good. He just always had this real sweeping walk, and the more time you spent around him as he grew up, you just had a feeling that he was one of your best colts, if not *the* best colt. It was obvious towards later in his yearling year that he was our best colt. We thought he was the one that would make a big splash at the sale."



Brian Graves | Keeneland



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Breeders: Hunter Valley & Mountmellick Farm, LLC; Trainer: Brad Cox

AFFIRMATIVE LADY Kentucky Oaks (GI)

Owners: AMO Racing USA;

Breeders: Alastar Thoroughbred Co, LLC; Trainer: H. Graham Motion

Did he ever. But not before causing some very anxious moments.

“About four days before the auction, he came in three-legged lame from his paddock one morning and he had a massive foot abscess,” Graves said.

“It actually took four of five days to resolve. It was a little scary. We had to dig the abscess out and we had to have a special shoe on him to support his foot for showing. Everything came around and a lot of top judges in the business found him. It came down to Repole Stables and Mandy, and Mandy won. And when the smoke cleared, she asked us if we'd like to stay in. We thought very highly of him the whole time and the answer was gonna be yes.”

Tapit Trice became the 31st Grade I/Group 1 winner worldwide for Gainesway's all-conquering sire in the Blue Grass.



Tapit Trice training beneath the Twin Spires | *Sherackatthetrack*

Beck purchased **Tapit** Trice's MSW & GSP dam Danzatrice (Dunkirk) for \$105,000 as an OBS Spring 2-year-old in 2014. She's produced fillies by **Tapit** in 2021 and 2022. The former also went to Whisper Hill Farm for \$1.1 million at last year's Keeneland September sale.

Danzatrice, a half-sister to champion 2-year-old filly Jaywalk (Cross Traffic), is currently in foal **Tapit** for a 2024 foal. **Tapit** Trice is her second offspring.

“To have this success with Mandy and share it is really special,” Graves concluded. “She's put so much into the business. Frankly, aside from Ron Winchell and Gainesway, she has put so much into **Tapit**. She's bred to him more than anybody besides those two. She's been his biggest fan and it's just really nice to see her get rewarded.”

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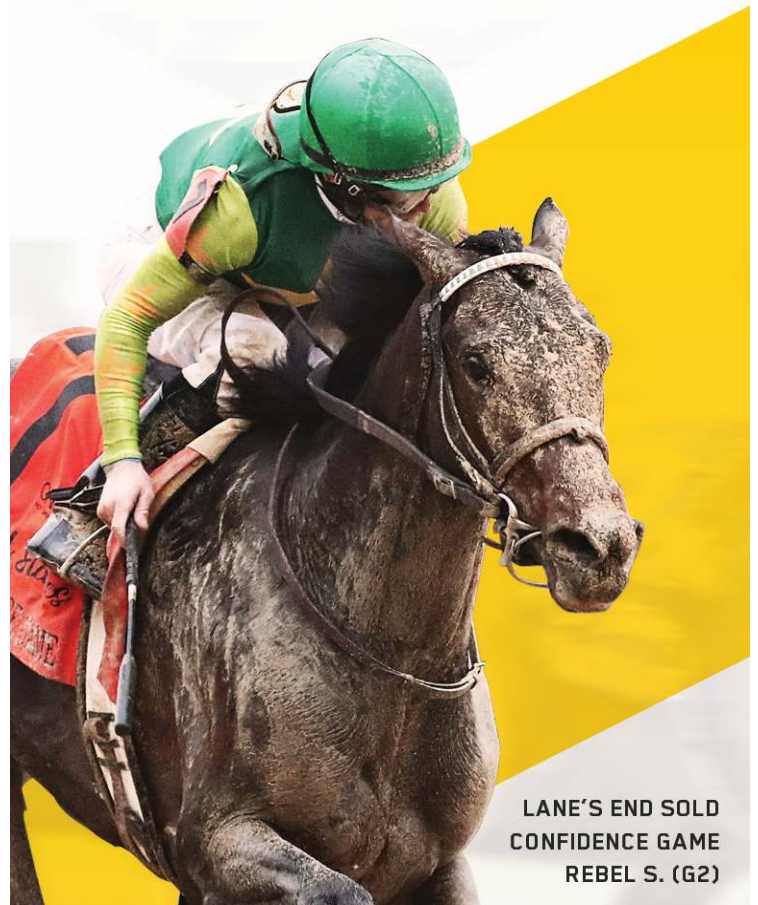
CONFIDENCE GAME

Candy Ride (ARG) - Eblouissante, by Bernardini

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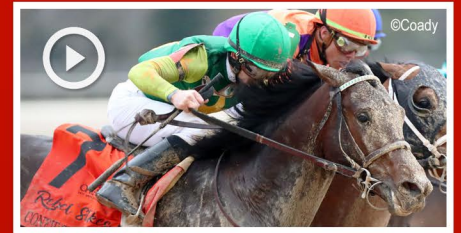
DERBY PREP RACE REPLAYS



Feb. 11: **GIII Withers S.**
Winner: **Hit Show**



Feb. 18: **GII Risen Star S.**
Winner: **Angel of Empire**



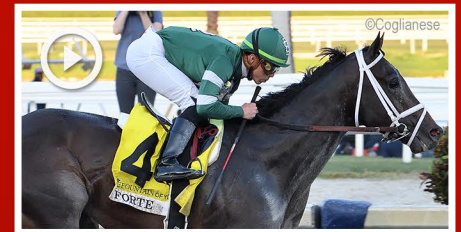
Feb. 25: **GII Rebel S.**
Winner: **Confidence Game**



Mar. 4: **GIII Gotham S.**
Winner: **Raise Cain**



Mar. 4: **GII San Felipe S.**
Winner: **Practical Move**



Mar. 4: **GII Fountain of Youth S.**
Winner: **Forte**



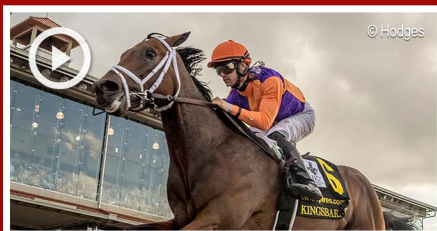
Mar. 11: **GIII Lambholm South Tampa Bay Derby**
Winner: **Tapit Trice**



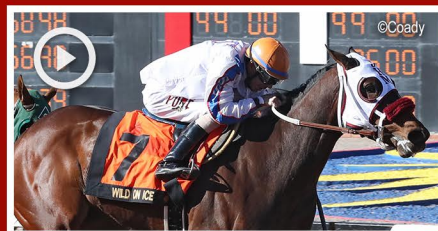
Mar. 25: **G2 UAE Derby**
Winner: **Derma Sotogake (Jpn)**



Mar. 25: **GIII Jeff Ruby Steaks**
Winner: **Two Phil's**



Mar. 25: **GII Twinpires.com Louisiana Derby**
Winner: **Kingsbarns**



Mar. 26: **GIII Sunland Park Derby**
Winner: **Wild On Ice**



Apr. 1: **G1 Arkansas Derby**
Winner: **Angel of Empire**



Apr. 1: **G1 Curlin Florida Derby**
Winner: **Forte**



Apr. 8: **GII Wood Memorial**
Winner: **Lord Miles**



Apr. 8: **G1 Toyota Blue Grass S.**
Winner: **Tapit Trice**



Apr. 8: **G1 Runhappy Santa Anita Derby**
Winner: **Practical Move**



#1 Hit Show 30-1

(c, **Candy Ride {Arg}**--**Actress**, by **Tapit**)

O/B-Gary and Mary West (KY) | T-Brad H. Cox | J-Manuel "Manny" Franco

Lifetime Record: GSW, 5-3-1-0, \$404,375.



Hit Show in the Withers | Sarah Andrew

PROS:

There's a lot to like about this good-looking gray, who has been favored in each prior start. He's shown he's a horse that can take some adversity and keep fighting, with his nose second in the Gil Wood Memorial somewhat reminiscent of Silver Charm's effort in the 1997 GI Santa Anita Derby prior to his GI Kentucky Derby win. Hit Show tends to sit back and make a good run while building off each previous effort, as shown by his Beyer arc improving with each start. He isn't the flashiest runner, but he also doesn't mind if he gets roughed up a little, a major plus in the Derby scramble. If there's a horse who won't be phased by the chaos of Derby Day, this might be the one. All of his connections have come tantalizingly close to the Derby winner's enclosure (the Wests had **Maximum Security** disqualified from the win in 2019; Brad Cox got promoted to the win from second in 2021 with **Mandaloun** well after the fact; and Manny Franco was second in 2020 with **Tiz the Law**) and they've got to be hungry for the real deal.

CONS:

Three of the four horses to finish in front of Hit Show in his two losses will join him in the Derby starting gate and all are also longshots. Hit Show was all out as the heavy 17-10 favorite in the Wood only to be beaten by a 59-1 maiden winner who was soundly trounced in two of the Florida preps. In addition, the poorest race of Hit Show's career was at Churchill Downs.

PEDIGREE:

Candy Ride (Arg) comes into this year's Derby with two chances, 20-1 Confidence Game and Hit Show. His previous best runner in the Derby was **Gun Runner**, who finished third in 2016. Perhaps surprisingly the first-ever graded winner on the cross of **Candy Ride** over **Tapit** (although **Candy Ride**'s champion **Game Winner** hails from the same broodmare sire line), Hit Show shouldn't have any problem with the distance. His granddam was a champion 3-year-old filly in Canada who was also multiple Grade I-placed in the U.S., while his dam, like Hit Show a West homebred, was a multiple graded winner. There have been 11 homebred Derby winners since 2004.

VERDICT:

This one can take a beating and still be around to pick up the pieces. He's a valid play in exotics. --Jill Williams



Hit Show has been galloping in draw reins | Coady

KENTUCKY DERBY DAY

GRADED STAKES POST TIMES

GI Derby City Distaff S. - 12:04

GI Churchill Distaff Turf Mile S. - 12:36 p.m.

GI Twin Spires Turf Sprint - 1:56 p.m.

GI Pat Day Mile - 2:46 p.m.

GI American Turf S. - 3:40 p.m.

GI Churchill Downs S. - 4:31 p.m.

GI Turf Classic S. - 5:27 p.m.

GI Kentucky Derby - 6:57 p.m.



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CANDY RIDE (ARG)

HIT SHOW

Owner: Gary and Mary West

Breeder: Gary and Mary West Stables Inc.

Trainer: Brad Cox

CANDY RIDE (ARG)

CONFIDENCE GAME

Owners: Don't Tell My Wife Stables & Ocean Reef Racing

Breeder: Summer Wind Equine LLC

Trainer: J. Keith Desormeaux

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Owners: West Point Thoroughbreds and Albaugh Family Stables LLC

Breeder: Colts Neck Stables LLC

Trainer: Brad Cox





#2 Verifying 15-1

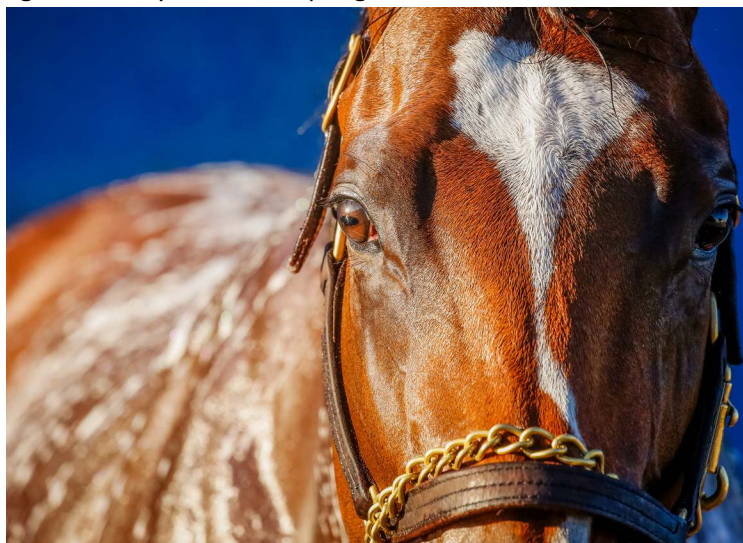
(c, **Justify--Diva Delite**, by Repent) (\$775,000 yrl '21 KEESEP)
 O-Jonathan Poulin, Westerberg, Mrs. John Magnier, Derrick Smith and Michael B. Tabor
 B-Hunter Valley & Mountmellick Farm, LLC (KY) | T-Brad Cox | J-Tyler Gaffalione
 Lifetime Record: GISP, 6-2-2-0, \$489,900.

PROS: Earned the best Beyer Speed Figure of his career (99) in his last start when he was second to **Tapit Trice (Tapit)** in the GI Toyota Blue Grass S. Apr. 8 at Keeneland. Trainer Brad Cox has spotted this bay colt well after he broke his maiden at first asking Aug. 27 at Saratoga in front-running fashion. Since then, Verifying's resume reflects the top competition that he has faced from the GI Champagne S. to the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile to the GII Rebel S. In 2023, stepping up in distance each time since an optional claimer that he won by 5 1/4 lengths Jan. 14 at Oaklawn shows that taking on the Classic distances should not be an issue. In what is sure to be a rider's race here, the switch to Tyler Gaffalione in the Blue Grass could make the difference, if he can get his mount away cleanly and have Verifying close to the speed. Gaffalione is no stranger to big moments nor race pressure, as he proved aboard **War of Will (War Front)** during his '19 Triple Crown run. The jockey once again netted yet another Spring title at Keeneland.

CONS: The Feb. 25 Rebel S. finish--fourth--remains puzzling. Was it the traffic troubles? The wet track? Or did Confidence Game (**Candy Ride {Arg}**) just beat him on the square? Speaking of head-to-head match-ups, the loss to **Tapit Trice** in the stretch at Keeneland certainly stings because a lead squandered is not something that is interpreted as a positive sign.

PEDIGREE: Part of Triple Crown winner **Justify's** first foals to race, Verifying is his lone representative in this year's Derby. The \$775,000 KEESEP purchase is out of GSW Diva Delite (Repent), who was a success at routing in stakes on the dirt at Tampa Bay Downs by winning the 2010 GIII Florida Oaks. Carrying Verifying in utero, she sold for \$1.2 million at the Fasig-Tipton November sale to Taylor Made Sales, on behalf of David Redvers. Diva Delite famously produced champion older dirt female and MGISW Midnight Bisou (**Midnight Lute**). Among her other progeny is SW Stage Left (Congrats), and more recently, she has a yearling colt by **Uncle Mo** and just dropped another, this one by **Gun Runner** (Apr. 25).

VERDICT: In training on Thursday, Verifying unseated his rider and got loose, but was caught by the outriders. Ready to run? What we do know is that, a la **Justify**, he needs to be forward if he wants a shot at Derby glory. --**J.N. Campbell**



Verifying | Horsephotos

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#3 Two Phil's 12-1

(c, **Hard Spun--Mia Torri**, by General Quarters) (\$150,000 RNA yrl '21 KEESEP)
 O-Patricia's Hope, Phillip Sagan & Madaket Stables | B-Phillip Sagan (KY) | T-Larry Rivelli | J-Jareth Loveberry
 Lifetime Record: MGSW, 8-4-1-1, \$683,450.

PROS: Earned a field-best 101 Beyer Speed Figure while posting a breakthrough victory in the Gill Jeff Ruby Steaks over Turfway's synthetic and has made a very favorable impression in the mornings since arriving in Louisville. He also boasts a big win beneath the Twin Spires at two, airing in a sloppy renewal of the Gill **Street Sense** S. last fall. Ran well in defeat in his two dirt preps at Fair Grounds this term, including a third-place finish after making an early move into a sharp pace in the Gill Risen Star S. Will look to follow in the hoofprints of Rich Strike, who parlayed a third-place finish in last year's Jeff Ruby Steaks into a monumental 80-1 upset on the first Saturday in May.

PEDIGREE: **Hard Spun**, runner-up in the 2007 Kentucky Derby, has sired 47 graded winners, including GISW Wicked Strong, who finished a respectable fourth in 2014 Run for the Roses. MSW & MGSP dam Mia Torri (General Quarters) never raced beyond seven furlongs. Two Phil's is the lone graded winner for broodmare sire General Quarters, who finished 10th in the 2009 Kentucky Derby. Second dam sire Birdstone could do no better than eighth in the Derby, but, of course, famously denied Smarty Jones of a Triple Crown sweep in the 2004 GI Belmont S. Two Phil's RNA'd for \$150,000 as a KEESEP yearling.

VERDICT: Can certainly see him making an impact, but need a better price than the morning-line quote to get involved at the windows. --*Steve Sherack*



Two Phil's | Coady



Two Phil's | Coady

CONS: As visually impressive and fast as Two Phil's was in the Jeff Ruby, he'll be facing much tougher in the Kentucky Derby. And the last time we checked, the first leg of the Triple Crown isn't run over the all-weather. Despite posting good efforts while hitting the board in both the Gill Lecomte S. Jan. 21 and Risen Star, he'll have to do much better than those previous career-high Beyers of 88 and 86, respectively. His one and only prior start at the Grade I level was the worst race of his career, finishing seventh behind champion Forte (**Violence**) while making his two-turn debut in Keeneland's GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity last fall. This will be the first Kentucky Derby experience for both trainer Larry Rivelli and jockey Jareth Loveberry.

Top Beyer Speed Figures for 2023 Derby Horses

Horse	Beyer	Race
Two Phil's	101	Gill Jeff Ruby (1st)
Forte	100	GI BC Juvenile (1st)
Mandarin Hero (AE)	100	GI SA Derby (2nd)
Practical Move	100	GI SA Derby (1st)
Verifying	99	GI Blue Grass (2nd)
Tapit Trice	99	GI Blue Grass (1st)
Skinner	99	GI SA Derby (1st)
Kingsbarns	95	Gill LA Derby (1st)
Reincarnate	95	Gill Sham S. (1st)



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Seventeen of the 20 horses that will run for the roses in the **Kentucky Derby (G1)** on Saturday are bred in Kentucky, topped by **FORTE**, who leads all Derby entrants with **190 points** on the Road to the Kentucky Derby Leaderboard. Best of luck to all the Kentucky-bred contenders.

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FORTE (KY)
KEE SEPT '21- \$110,000

Owner: Repole Stable
& St. Elias Stables
Breeder: South Gate Farm
Trainer: Todd Pletcher





#4 Confidence Game 20-1

(c, **Candy Ride** (Arg)--**Eblouissante**, by Bernardini) (\$25,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP)
 O-Don't Tell My Wife Stables & Ocean Reef Racing | B-Summer Wind Equine LLC (KY) | T-J. Keith Desormeaux |
 J-James Graham
 Lifetime Record: GSW, 7-3-1-2, \$785,525.



Confidence Game | *Horsephotos*

PROS:

Confidence Game has been something of a buzz horse based off his physical condition and works since arriving at Churchill, and the good feeling seems to be spreading to his connections as well. Conditioner Keith Desormeaux opted to work his GII Rebel S. shocker up to the Derby--with his spot in the gate secured--and he's got a fresh horse with experience, tactical speed, and a pair of wins over the track. He's done nothing but steadily improve on paper since his debut under these Twin Spires last summer, and his most recent work suggests the light bulb is really starting to shine; he went a bullet five furlongs Apr. 29 in :59 flat, making him the fastest of 54 others over the Churchill main track that morning.

His victory in the Rebel came after torrential rain, and as Mother Nature has proven herself quite the unpredictable dame this year, it would come as no surprise if the sky decided to open up on Saturday...the forecast is swinging in favor of that scenario. Besides, at this point, is it really the Derby without rain? While he doesn't have the hardware collection of some of his competitors, Confidence Game does have a positive trend in his favor.

CONS:

Even in a day and age where fresher is better, and mileage is almost always flagged as a major concern in the lead-up to the Kentucky Derby, a 10-week layoff is not exactly a tried-and-true path either. Confidence Game has yet to make a start beyond 1 1/16 miles and didn't do much in the GIII Iroquois S. as a

juvenile, but that's up to the individual to decide how much stock to place in the juvenile form of a runner whose family, and he himself, were getting better with time.

PEDIGREE:

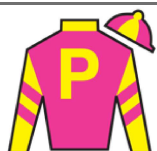
By **Candy Ride** (Arg) and out of Eblouissante, it should come as little surprise that Confidence Game is getting better as he matures seeing as his mother's most famous sibling dominated after her 3-year-old season, and if you're so inclined to superstition, Zenyatta secured the greatest win of her career (the GI Breeders' Cup Classic) wearing the '4' saddle towel. Eblouissante, whose other notable half-sister MGSW Balance (Thunder Gulch) did her best running as a 3 and 4-year-old, had something of an unlucky racing career herself, but has since found her stride as a broodmare, and it never hurts one's prospects having Bernardini contributing to the mix. Beneath the dam's sisters comes a variable parade of black-type and there's at least six stakes or graded stakes performers on all surfaces, including sire GISP Long Island Sound (**War Front**); French stakes-placed full-sibling Telemaque; and GSP Napoleonic War (**War Front**). If nothing else, Confidence Game is bred for stamina, and he'll need plenty for this test.

VERDICT:

This is likely going to be the biggest ask of Confidence Game's life, and he'll need to hold himself together through the madhouse that is pre-Derby fanfare. If he can get through the early bedlam without losing his composure, it would not surprise me at all to see him in the top five. --*Patrycja Szpyra*



Confidence Game | *Coady Photography*



#5 Tapit Trice 5-1

(c, Tapit-Danzatrice, by Dunkirk) (\$1,300,000 Ylg '21 KESEEP)
 O-Whisper Hill Farm LLC & Gainesway Stable (Antony Beck) | B-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd (Ky) |
 T-Todd Pletcher | J-Luis Saez
 Lifetime Record: GISW, 5-4-0-0, \$883,650.

PROS:

Tapit Trice has been the model of consistency and improvement throughout his career. A productive third in his career debut going a mile at the Big A last fall, the grey has used every subsequent opportunity to take a step forward. Closing to graduate at that venue in December, the colt returned to blow the doors off going a mile at Gulfstream Feb. 4 and added another to the win column in the GIII Lambholm South Tampa Bay Derby Mar. 11. Adding both yardage and stepping up to top-level company for his latest, he got up just in time to take the GI Toyota Blue Grass S. at Keeneland Apr. 8. Taking a closer look at his speed figures, he seems to have shown steady improvement with each of his starts and appears to be arcing upward at just the right time.

CONS:

A bit more lightly campaigned than several of his Derby rivals, Tapit Trice doesn't appear to have taken as big a step forward as some of the others while transitioning from two to three. Also, while he seems to be appealing over a route of ground, his likely deep-closing style has not been super favorable, historically speaking, in the Run for the Roses. Will he be closing late come Derby day? Yes, that's very likely. However, he hasn't really shown that he possesses a push-button acceleration, which is often the 'secret sauce' in a Kentucky Derby champion.



Tapit Trice | Coady Photo

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PEDIGREE:

His \$1.3-million price tag at the 2021 Keeneland September sale was more than justified, being by leading sire **Tapit** and out of Danzatrice, a stakes-winning half-sister to champion juvenile filly Jaywalk (Cross Traffic). Reinforcing the Classic appeal of the cross, a full-sister to this year's Derby contender brought seven figures, reeling in a cool \$1.1 million from Mandy Pope at Keeneland last September. And while the Gainesway stalwart has yet to sire a Derby winner, he has already produced four winners of the GI Belmont S., so distance doesn't appear to be an issue for his progeny. Pedigree-wise, this colt certainly ranks among the top contenders.

VERDICT:

Having shown he has a very good sense of what's in his shedrow in terms of quality and ability, the colt's Hall of Fame trainer has proven time and again that 'the other Pletcher' is an equally viable option when facing a highly touted stablemate.

The gray will almost certainly go off at a better price than his stablemate Forte, and given his breeding and apparent affinity for a route of ground, he clearly has all the ingredients to carve himself a slice of Kentucky Derby pie. –*Christina Bossinakis*

Blue Grass Winners in the Kentucky Derby

Year	Horse	Derby Finish
2022	Zandon	3rd
2021	Essential Quality	4th
2020	Art Collector	did not start
2019	Vekoma	12th
2018	Good Magic	2nd
2017	Irap	18th
2016	Brody's Cause	7th
2015	Carpe Diem	10th
2014	Dance With Fate	6th
2013	Java's War	13th
2012	Dullahan	3rd
2011	Brilliant Speed	7th
2010	Stately Victor	7th



Tapit Trice winning the Toyota Blue Grass | *Coady Photo*



#6 Kingsbarns 12-1

(c, Uncle Mo--Lady Tapit, by Tapit) (\$250,000 ylg'21 FTSAUG, \$800,000 2yo'22 FTFMAR)
 O-Spendthrift Farm (KY) | B-Parks Investment Group LLC | T-Todd Pletcher | J-Jose Ortiz
 Lifetime Record: GSW, 3-3-0-0, \$657,300.

PROS:

Though he didn't debut until January, Kingsbarns is undefeated in a trio of starts while showing marked improvement in each-jumping from a 1 3/4-length unveiling at Gulfstream Jan. 14 to a 7 3/4-length romp against optional claimers at Tampa Feb. 12. Stepped up to face graded-stakes company next, he showed the way gate-to-wire to take the GII Louisiana Derby by 3 1/2 lengths to book his ticket to Louisville. Not only has each race gotten progressively more difficult, but Kingsbarns has faced increased distance in every start thus far while also showing improved speed figures.

"It was a lot to ask to go to a graded stakes going 1 3/16 for the first time in his third career start," trainer Todd Pletcher admitted after the Louisiana Derby. "We gave up a lot of seasoning and he responded in a big way."



Kingsbarns | Ryan Thompson

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CONS:

Allowed to set glacial fractions on the front end in the Louisiana Derby, Kingsbarns will surely face more pressure on the front end come Saturday. And while the last horse to come win the Derby while undefeated went on to be the latest Triple Crown winner, this son of **Uncle Mo** has history against him as only nine horses out of 29 who have attempted it have kept their perfect record intact exiting Churchill Downs. With only one graded-stakes race under his belt, Kingsbarns enters with the co-lightest experience load in the field.

PEDIGREE:

Super sire **Uncle Mo**, himself an Eclipse champion 2-year-old, has already produced a Derby winner in **Nyquist** and finished out 2022 ranked sixth on the General Sires list. Dam Lady **Tapit** earned a graded stakes-placing in Santa Anita's GIII Adoration S. Kingsbarns is her second foal to race and first winner. Lady **Tapit** is a half-sister to GI American Oaks Invitational S. winner **Gozzip Girl** (Dynaformer) and to the dam of GSW Gallileo's Town (Arg)

(**Speightstown**) and GSW/MG1SP **Gianella** (Arg) (Lizard Island). Lady **Tapit's Union Rags** 2-year-old brought a final bid of \$22,000 at last year's Keeneland September Yearling Sale and she is also responsible for a yearling **Gun Runner** colt.

VERDICT:

He's on the improve and figures to be part of the pace early, but will need to withstand pressure on the front end and sustain it. –*Stefanie Grimm*

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Kingsbarns | Coady Photography



#7 Reincarnate 50-1

(c, **Good Magic**--**Allanah**, by Scat Daddy) (\$775,000 yrl '21 KEESOP)
 O- SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Robert E. Masterson, Stonestreet Stables LLC,
 Jay A. Schoenfarber, Waves Edge Capital LLC and Catherine Donovan
 B-Woods Edge Farm, LLC (KY) | T-Tim Yakteen | J-John Velazquez
 Lifetime Record: GISP & GSW, 7-2-3-2, \$345,650.

PROS: The spitting image of his sire **Good Magic**, hence the name, Reincarnate gets a favorable post, the services of Hall of Fame rider John Velazquez once again and the former charge of Bob Baffert has never been out of the money in seven lifetime starts. His performance in the Gill Sham S., where he posted a Beyer Speed Figure of 95, against Newgate (Into Mischief) and National Treasure (**Quality Road**) proved he could battle down to the wire. Experience facing the likes of Confidence Game (**Candy Ride {Arg}**) and Angel of Empire (**Classic Empire**) should assist along the Triple Crown trail. Class cannot be overlooked here and neither can this colt's ability to get to the lead with a jockey who has done it before.



Reincarnate | Benoit

CONS: It took him three second-place attempts before he was able to break his maiden starting Sept. 11 at Del Mar. In both of his starts in Arkansas under Tim Yakteen, he never looked comfortable. Although he was just off the speed in the GI Arkansas Derby down the backstretch, the gray colt had no response to the surging Angel of Empire. He looked spent before the top of the lane.

Stallions with Multiple 2023 Derby Horses

Sire

Candy Ride (Arg)

Good Magic

Into Mischief

Violence

Derby Runners

Hit Show, Confidence Game

Reincarnate, Mage

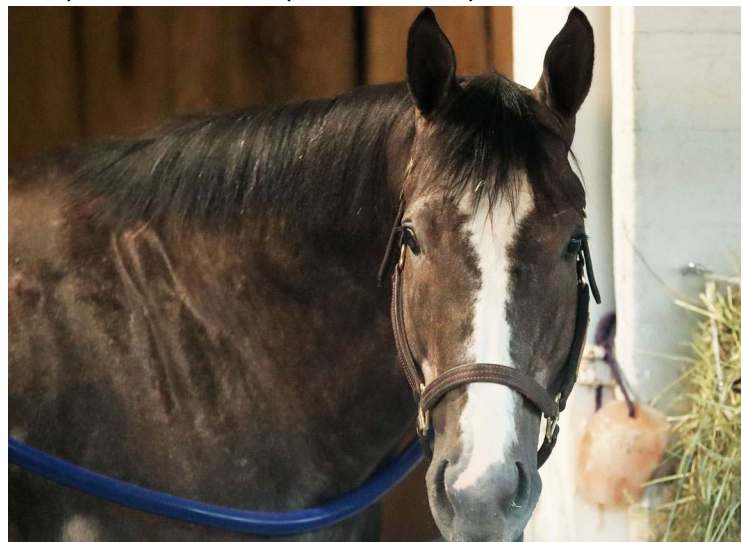
Sun Thunder, Rocket Can,

Cyclone Mischief

Forte, Raise Cain

PEDIGREE: **Good Magic** raked in the wins last year in the first-crop sire race, but in the end lost to Bolt d'Oro. Still, with a pair of Derby entries (Mage is the other), he looks to make his mark as the Triple Crown gets under way.

Allanah, who won the Cincinnati Trophy at Turfway in 2013, is by Scat Daddy, whose son **Justify** defeated **Good Magic** in the Derby en route to his Triple Crown sweep in 2018.



Reincarnate | Coady Photography

VERDICT: Ice-cold on Mike Battaglia's M/L, this colt can easily outrun his 50-1 odds. Can John Velazquez swipe another Derby up front? Not impossible. **-J.N. Campbell**



Reincarnate | Coady Photography

On Racing's Greatest Day, 5 of the starters in the 149th running of the Kentucky Derby (G1) are by Hill 'n' Dale stallions.

VIOLENCE

Forte and Raise Cain

GOOD MAGIC

Reincarnate and Mage

CURLIN

Skinner



where the obscure becomes obvious



#8 Mage 15-1

(c, **Good Magic**--**Puca**, by Big Brown) (\$235,000 ylg '21 KEESEP, \$290,000 2yo '22 EASMAY)
 O-OGMA Investments, LLC, Ramiro Restrepo, Sterling Racing LLC and Commonwealth
 B-Grandview Equine (KY) | T-Gustavo Delgado | J-Javier Castellano
 Lifetime Record: GISP, 3-1-1-0, \$247,200.

PROS: Unraced as a juvenile, the Gustavo Delgado trainee ran fourth, then second to **'TDN Rising Star'** and Derby favorite Forte (**Violence**) in the GII Fountain of Youth S. and GI **Curlin** Florida Derby, respectively. With seasoned rider Javier Castellano back aboard, Mage's greatest asset is being lightly raced. The chestnut colt's debut Jan. 28 at Gulfstream Park was a gate-to-wire 3 3/4 length score against a field that included next-out maiden breaker at Keeneland, Bourbon Resolve (**Hard Spun**). Despite a poor start in the Florida Derby, the backstretch move he made before the final turn, coupled with a four-wide move, could be interpreted as Mage's best. He certainly made the champion 2-year-old work for every foot late in the game.

CONS: His biggest challenge appears to be exiting the gate cleanly, which he frankly had trouble with in the Florida Derby. Solving that issue will be essential in a race where you can lose the whole shebang before the first turn. Another con? Forte has his number.



Mage | Jeff Zamaiko

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PEDIGREE: One of a pair of sire **Good Magic's** offspring to make the GI Kentucky Derby with his first 3-year-old crop (Reincarnate is the other). A half-sister to Woodford Reserve Turf Classic hero Finnegans Wake (Powerscourt), Mage's dam Puca is by Derby champion Big Brown. She sold for \$475,000 at the 2018 Fasig-Tipton November sale with MSP Gunning (**Gun Runner**), her first offspring, in utero to Denali Stud, on behalf of Grandview Equine. Puca also produced a 2-year-old full-brother to Mage who was purchased for \$325,000 at the Keeneland September Yearling sale by Oracle Bloodstock, consigned by Runnymede Farm.

VERDICT: By an impressive young sire, if only he did not have to face Forte for a third time. --*J.N. Campbell*

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Horse	Year	Finish
Zozos	2022	10th
Charge It	2022	17th
Helium	2021	7th
Sainthood	2021	10th
Rock Your World	2021	16th
Soup and Sandwich	2021	18th
Money Moves	2020	13th
Justify	2018	1st
Hofburg	2018	7th
Patch	2017	14th
Materiality	2016	6th
Summer Bird	2009	6th
Dunkirk	2009	11th
Big Brown	2008	1st
Curlin	2007	3rd
Showing Up	2006	6th
Desert Hero	1999	13th
Valhol	1999	15th
Thyer	1992	13th
Pendleton Ridge	1990	13th





#9 Skinner 20-1

(c, **Curlin--Winding Way**, by Malibu Moon) (\$510,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR)
 O-C R K Stable LLC | B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY) | T-John Shirreffs | J-Juan Hernandez
 Lifetime Record: MGSP, 6-1-0-3, \$216,300



Skinner | Coady

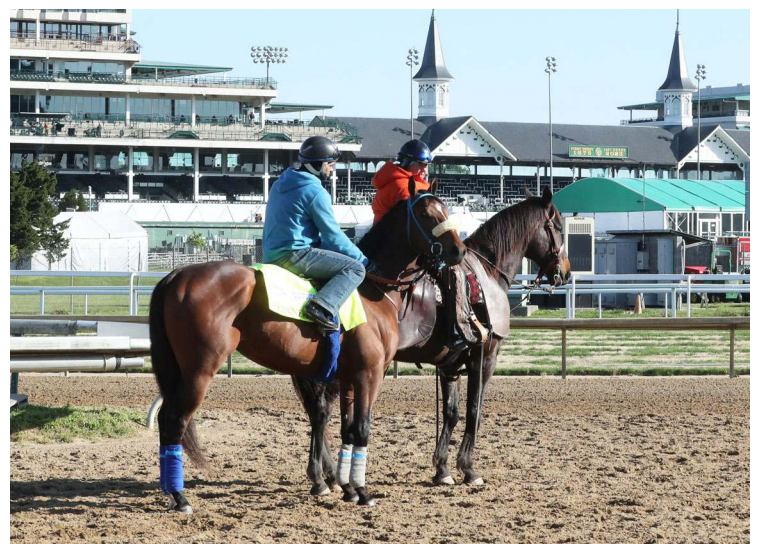
PROS: Though he so far only has a maiden victory at Santa Anita in February to his credit, he's faced--and has been competitive against--the best 3-year-olds racing on the **West Coast**. His third-place finish in the GI Santa Anita Derby last out is better than it looks on paper, he had a rough and very wide trip and still finished with good energy to just fall short by a half-length. He's been competitive against some of the better runners in the sophomore division racing at his home base and while he makes his first start outside the Golden State in Louisville, he's got six races at Santa Anita and Del Mar under his belt already. He has been improving with each start, numbers-wise, all year and as is traditional for all of trainer John Shirreffs's shipping stakes runners, he completed all of his prep work at his Santa Anita home base and arrived at Churchill Downs as late as possible for five days of training over the Churchill surface heading into Saturday. He's a 20-1 outsider and will surely go off higher, but long odds didn't bother Shirreffs or his charge Giacomo (Holy Bull) when they won the Derby at 50-1 in 2005.

CONS: While he is Grade I-placed, he doesn't like to win too often and though he's finished just behind some of the better California-based runners, most of those he finished in front of aren't exactly known as world-beaters. He's also fairly inconsistent, and when it comes to post time it's hard to say if he'll run to the talent his connections believe he has or if he tosses in another flat, even performance. And for whatever reason, his connections chose to drop his regular jockey and Hall

of Famer Victor Espinoza, who has won three Kentucky Derbies and a Triple Crown, in favor of leading rider Juan Hernandez, who will be making his Derby debut. Everyone who wins the Derby wins it for the first time, but there's definitely something to be said for experience when it comes to the greatest two minutes in sports.

PEDIGREE: Skinner's sire, **Curlin**, won the 2007 GI Preakness S. and GI Breeders' Cup Classic and of the 20 Grade I winners he's produced nearly all have been routers, including GI Belmont S. Winner Palace Malace, Keen Ice, Preakness winner Exaggerator and GI Breeders' Cup Classic winner Vino Rosso. He is out of the GSW Malibu Moon mare Winding Way, who excelled on the Santa Anita downhill turf but whose pedigree suggested distance, so the 1 1/4 miles of the Kentucky Derby should be well within Skinner's reach.

VERDICT: It's hard to overlook this trainer sending a horse to Louisville who he thinks can't handle the competition or isn't ready for it. He is well-known for not pushing horses or running them over their heads for the sake of a Derby experience. He drew fairly decently and will break from post nine, which hasn't produced a winner since Riva Ridge in 1972, but the break shouldn't matter much considering his late-closer style. With that said, Skinner is a longshot for good reason and he'd have to show a significant amount of improvement to snatch the win, but he's certainly suited to be a member of a good exotics ticket because his best puts him with a handful of other runners sitting just below the top contenders. --@MargaretDammit



Skinner | Coady Photography



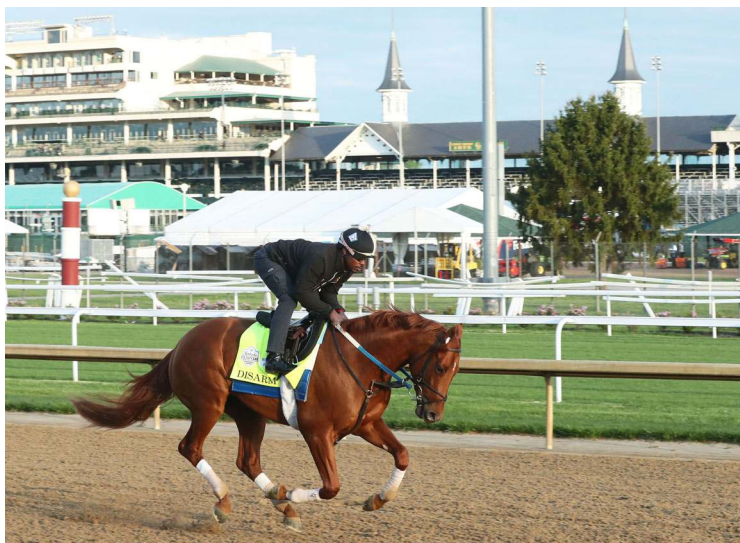
#11 Disarm 30-1

(c, **Gun Runner**--**Easy Tap**, by **Tapit**)

O/B-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC (KY) | T-Steve Asmussen | J-Joel Rosario

Lifetime Record: MGSP, 5-1-2-2, \$327,850.

PROS: Appeared to be potentially any kind at two airing second out with a 'TDN Rising Star' performance at the Spa last summer and rallied smartly to finish second in a paceless renewal of the 1 3/16-mile GII Twinspires.com Louisiana Derby while making just his second start off a lengthy layoff. The Classic distance should clearly be no issue for the Winchell Thoroughbreds homebred based on the latter performance and he also has the pedigree to back it up. Campaigned with confidence by Hall of Famer Steve Asmussen and giving every impression in the mornings--see his five-furlong bullet workout beneath the Twin Spires--that he's ready to take a step forward while making just his sixth career start on the first Saturday in May.



Disarm | Coady

CONS: Was on the outside looking in despite a promising performance in the Fair Grounds centerpiece and did just enough to punch his Kentucky Derby ticket finishing a flat third while turning back in the GIII Stonestreet Lexington S. at Keeneland. Disarm hasn't gotten his picture taken since his aforementioned maiden win at Saratoga and is still eligible for a first-level allowance. Will need to take a major step forward after pairing up career-high Beyer Speed Figures of 90 in his last

two tries. Stretch runner will also need a proper pace to close into, something he hasn't exactly had in either of his two previous graded attempts, and there's no guarantee he gets it here, either.

PEDIGREE: One of seven 'Rising Stars' for his record-setting 2021 freshman sire **Gun Runner**, Disarm is a half-brother to Venezuelan champion stayer Tap Daddy (Scat Daddy), who was also a stakes winner and graded-stakes placed on these shores. **Gun Runner**, of course, finished a valiant third in the 2016 Kentucky Derby before earning Horse of the Year honors the following season. Disarm's dam Easy Tap (**Tapit**), a \$300,000 FTKJUL yearling purchase, won one of five career starts, graduating going a mile in the Remington slop at two. The **Gun Runner** over **Tapit** cross, two of the best to ever carry the maroon-and-white Winchell silks, is already off to a flying start via GI Cotillion S. heroine Society and MGSW and GI Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint third Wicked Halo.

VERDICT: Disarm will be ready to fire his best shot at a big number. --*Steve Sherack*



Disarm | Coady Photography

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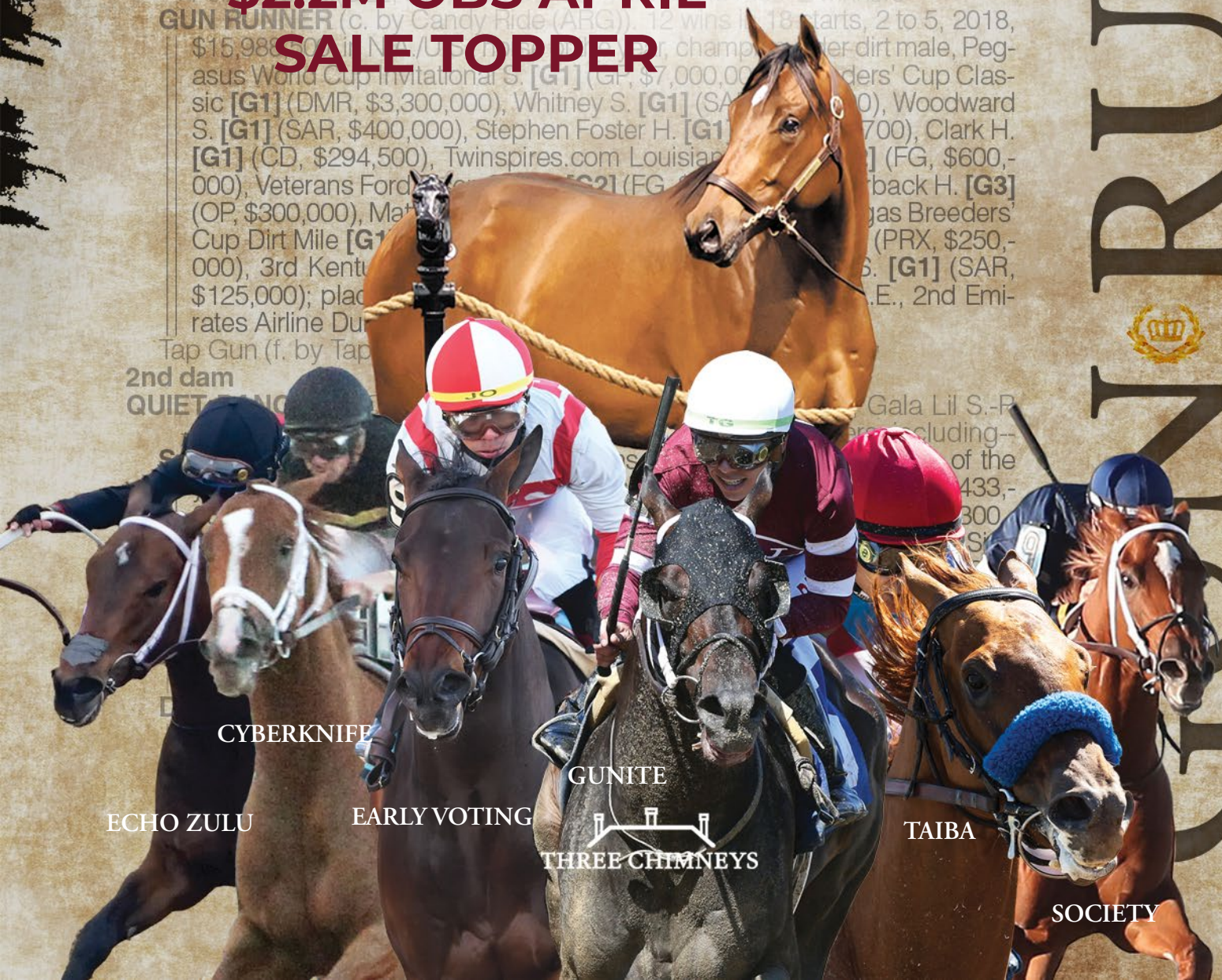
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#12 Jace's Road 50-1

(c, **Quality Road**--**Out Post**, by Silver Deputy) (\$510,000 ylg '21 KEESEP)
 O-West Point Thoroughbreds and Albaugh Family Stables LLC | B-Colts Neck Stables LLC (KY) | T-Brad Cox
 J-Florent Geroux
 Lifetime Record: SW & MGSP, 6-2-0-2, \$238,050.

PROS:

Came out running and dubbed a '**TDN Rising Star**' for his 6 1/4-length debut win at Ellis Park last August, Jace's Road has been a figure of consistency--hitting the board in three of his last five starts including a 5 1/2-length gate-to-wire score in the **Gun Runner** S. to end his juvenile season on a high note Dec. 26. Last spotted third behind fellow Derby contender Kingsbarns (**Uncle Mo**) in the GII Louisiana Derby, Jace's Road also has positive experience over the Churchill main track, taking third in the GIII Iroquois S. last year.

"He ran great actually," said Jace's Road's regular pilot Florent Geroux about his third in the Louisiana Derby. "I wished we could have pressed the winner more but he never really took me. I took a shot at him right before the first turn, but Flavien just opened his hands and his horse was in front of me again. I felt like he just wasn't there for me. I thought I could maybe make the lead, but if I sent him really hard, I don't know that he would have had any finish. I was very content with my position. He ran great down the lane. It doesn't look like distance is going to be a problem."



Jace's Road | Hodges Photography

CONS:

Jace's Road has hit the board in each of his starts where he's been no further back than third at the half-mile point. In his two poor efforts, he's been off the pace and on sloppy tracks while struggling to make up ground late. He also hasn't seen the winner's circle since that **Gun Runner** victory nearly five months ago.

PEDIGREE:

Quality Road is still in the hunt for his first Derby winner having produced an Oaks winner in Abel Tasman. Out Post, stakes-placed in her own right, has only sent three of her seven foals to the races and is represented by a pair of winners in Jace's Road and Isolated (**Candy Ride {Arg}**). She is a half-sister to GSW/G1SP Big Wildcat (Big Brown) and traces back to GISW Forest Secrets (Forest Wildcat) and GSWs Enstone (Tiznow) and Rumor Has It (Awesome Again).



Jace's Road | Coady Photography

VERDICT:

Will need a good break to establish forward position and a dry track to carry his speed. --*Stefanie Grimm*



Jace's Road | Coady Photography



#13 Sun Thunder 50-1

(c, Into Mischief--**Greenfield d'Oro**, by **Medaglia d'Oro**) (\$400,000 wnlg '20 FTKNOV; \$495,000 RNA yrl '21 FTSAR)
 O-R T Racing Stable & Cypress Creek Equine | B-Southern Equine Stables (KY) | T-Ken McPeck | J-B Hernandez
 Lifetime Record: GSP, 6-1-1-1, \$247,500

PROS:

Sun Thunder will be adding blinkers Saturday, so he may be closer to the pace than he was when suffering troubled trips in the GII Louisiana Derby and GI Toyota Blue Grass S. He is by super sire Into Mischief, who had back-to-back Derby winners with Authentic and the promoted **Mandaloun** in 2020 and 2021.

CONS:

Sun Thunder's lone victory to date is a maiden score at Oaklawn last December. He earned a spot in the Derby by nibbling away at the points system. He was runner-up behind Angel of Empire in the Feb. 18 GII Risen Star S., but was well beaten when fifth behind Kingsbarns in the Mar. 25 GII Louisiana Derby and went in search of additional points in the Apr. 8 GI Toyota Blue Grass S. where he finished a non-threatening fourth behind **Tapit** Trice. He is up against a host of foes who have already beaten him soundly and he will have to attempt to close from well out of it in a likely congested field.



Sun Thunder | Coady Photography

PEDIGREE:

Sun Thunder could give Into Mischief his third Derby winner. His dam, Greenfield d'Oro is by Medaglia d'Oro, fourth in the 2002 GI Kentucky Derby and second in that year's GI Belmont S. before winning the 1 1/4-mile GI Travers S. The 24-year-old stallion is also the sire of **Violence**, who has a pair of Derby starters in champion Forte (**Violence**) and Raising Cain (**Violence**).

Greenfield d'Oro is out of champion female sprinter Maryfield, whose sire Elusive Quality is also the sire of Kentucky Derby winner Smarty Jones.



Sun Thunder | Coady Photography

VERDICT:

While there is a chance of rain on Saturday, no one is expecting thunder.

Recent Arkansas Derby Winners in the Derby

- 2022: Cyberknife - 18th
- 2021: Super Stock -16th
- 2020: Nadal - did not start
- 2020: **Charlatan** - did not start
- 2019: Omaha Beach - scratched
- 2018: Magnum Moon -19th
- 2017: **Classic Empire** - 4th
- 2016: Creator -13th
- 2015: **American Pharoah** - 1st
- 2014: Danza - 3rd
- 2013: Overanalyze - 11th
- 2012: Bodemeister - 2nd

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#14 Angel of Empire 8-1

(c, **Classic Empire--Armony's Angel**, by To Honor and Serve) (\$70,000 Yrl '21 KEESOP)
 O-Albaugh Family Stables LLC | B-Forgotten Land Investment Inc. & Black Diamond Investment Corp (PA) |
 T-Brad Cox | J-Flavien Prat
 Lifetime Record: GISW, 6-4-1-0, \$1,069,375



Angel of Empire | Coady

PROS: Angel of Empire's connections are certainly riding a wave of confidence after he won both the GI Risen Star S. and GI Arkansas Derby in his last two starts, the first by a length after a bumpy trip and the second decisively when free of traffic complications. He has improved with each of his six career starts, his last earning him career and field-high speed figures, and he continues to show more maturity with each start. He is a bit of a closer, which should help in here if a quick pace develops as expected, and he hasn't missed a beat while training over the Churchill Downs main track for the past few weeks. His best puts him with the top runners here and a win would not be a big shock. Top jockey Flavien Prat choosing this one over a handful of others no doubt offered to him is certainly an endorsement, the rider most recently winning the Derby (though via disqualification) on **Country House (Lookin at Lucky)** four years ago.

CONS: With one notable exception on the turf, Angel of Empire has been the picture of consistency so it's hard to knock him too hard, but the old argument about who he beat does carry some weight, though many with higher expectations did finish behind him last out at Oaklawn Park. A horse hasn't won out of the 14 hole since Carry Back in 1961 so that may be his biggest con.

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PEDIGREE: Angel of Empire is one of two Grade I winners for **Classic Empire** and is so far the most successful runner for this third-crop sire. **Classic Empire** is another son of the late Pioneer of the Nile (Empire Maker), who produced a few classic-distance types, including Triple Crown winner **American Pharoah**. The GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile hero also won the Arkansas Derby and then was fourth under the Twin Spires before completing his career with a second in the 2017 GI Preakness S. Angel of Empire's dam, who failed to win in eight career starts, sold to his co-breeders for \$67,000 while carrying him at the Keeneland November Breeding Stock Sale in 2019. She is a half-sister to Grade II winner Conquest Big E (**Tapit**) and hails from the family of graded/group winners Softly (Binalong), Sara Louise (Malibu Moon) and Forbidden Kingdom (**American Pharoah**).

VERDICT: The Arkansas Derby has been a productive race in supplying Triple Crown race winners overall, the most notable being **American Pharoah**, who swept the three-race series in 2015. Some other notables to have swung through Hot Springs on their way to Louisville include 2004 Derby winner Smarty Jones and 1983 hero Sunny's Halo. The consistency in this colt's racing, coupled with the way he's trained over the Churchill surface, certainly gives his supporters hope he ends up somewhere near his 8-1 morning line come post time or even higher as he's been flying largely under the radar occupied mostly by the favored champion. –@MargaretDammit



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#15 Forte 3-1

(c, **Violence**--**Queen Caroline**, by **Blame**)

O-Repole Stable and St. Elias Stable (KY) | B-South Gate Farm | T-Todd Pletcher | J-Irad Ortiz Jr.
Lifetime Record: Ch. 2yo Colt, MGISW, 7-6-0-0, \$2,409,830.



Forte winning the Florida Derby
Adam Coglianesse

PROS: Sporting a near flawless record, last season's Eclipse Award- winning Juvenile champion has the right to all the accolades. Demonstrating his sheer brilliance right from the start, he earned **TDN Rising Star** distinction with a 7 3/4-length score at Belmont last May. Fourth as the favorite in the GIII Sanford S. at the Spa, he would win his next three starts—all at the Grade I level—including a season capping victory in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile. Equally impressive in his sophomore bow in the GII Fountain of Youth S. at Gulfstream in March, the dark bay recorded what would be arguably his most impressive victory to date in the Apr. 1 GI Florida Derby. While not overly appealing optically, the performance highlighted the tenacity of the colt, who drew Gulfstream's massively disadvantageous Post 11 in the nine-furlong Classic prep.

"The way he finished the Florida Derby, he looked like he was a beaten horse and in the final eighth of a mile, he lowered down and found another gear," explained Todd Pletcher. "To do that the first time going a mile and an eighth gives me confidence he'll be able to go another eighth. He's got such a good disposition, he turns off easily and is very rateable. Everything he's done, his training, his gallop outs and the Florida Derby give me confidence he'll get the extra distance [of the Kentucky Derby]."

According to Pletcher, everything has pretty much gone according to plan since the colt's Breeders' Cup victory last fall, a trend that appears to be key in bringing a Derby contender home first on the first Saturday in May.

CONS:

Both sire and dam ran their best races at eight to 8 1/2 furlongs and neither have show a particular proclivity to having produced anything that excels going farther. Obviously inheriting his cheetah-like stature from his sire, the colt arguably appears to be more in the mold of a miler rather than a Classic distance runner. And while he had his excuses in Florida, his latest start appeared to be his least impressive to date, and not coincidentally, it was also his longest race up until this point.

PEDIGREE:

Albeit lightly raced, **Violence** proved his brilliance early, winning all three starts at two, including scores in the 8 1/2-furlong GI Cash Call Futurity and the one-mile GII Nashua S. Making only a single start at three, he finished runner up behind the eventual Kentucky Derby winner Orb in the GII Besilu Stables Fountain of Youth S. At the conclusion of the 2022 season, the Hill 'n' Dale stallion ranked 16th on the General Sire's list (standing in North America) with over \$10 million in progeny earnings, highlighted by the season's juvenile champ Forte. The colt's dam Queen Caroline is a four-time stakes winner who traces back to Contrive (Storm Cat), herself responsible for champion juvenile filly Folklore (Tiznow). This is also the family of GSW Tizahit (Tiznow) and Japanese Triple Crown hero Contrail (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}).

VERDICT:

He's got all the sum of the parts, and if Hall of Famer Todd Pletcher thinks the colt can get the 10-furlong Derby distance, well that's good enough for me.

—*Christina Bossinakis*

Recent Florida Derby Winners in the Derby

- 2022: White Abarrio - 16th
- 2021: Known Agenda - 9th
- 2020: **Tiz the Law** - 2nd
- 2019: **Maximum Security** -DQ'd 1st to 17th
- 2018: **Audible** -3rd
- 2017: **Always Dreaming** - 1st
- 2016: **Nyquist** - 1st
- 2015: Materiality- 6th
- 2014: **Constitution** - did not start
- 2013: Orb - 1st
- 2012: **Take Charge Indy** -19th

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#16 Raise Cain 50-1

(c, **Violence--Lemon Belle**, by Lemon Drop Kid) (\$180,000 Ylg '21 KEESOP; \$65,000 RNA 2yo '22 OBSOPN)
 O-Andrew N. and Rania Warren | B-Rock Ridge Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY) | T-Ben Colebrook | J-Gerardo Corrales
 Lifetime Record: GSW, 7-2-1-1, \$296,328.



Raise Cain in the Gotham | Sarah Andrew

PROS:

Pace is what he needs and pace is likely what he'll get. Raise Cain has adopted a deep-closing style that suits his late sustained rally. His 23-1 victory in the GIII Gotham S. two back was top notch, as the bay started far back off a :22.52 and :45.53 pace, checked off heels, overcame traffic, and drove clear by 7 1/2 lengths in the mud. The 90 Beyer was the highest of his career. Although he dropped a point in the subsequent GI Toyota Blue Grass S., he had a ton of ground to make up and made a nice run while fanned extremely wide on the turn to be fifth. With seven starts at five different tracks under his girth, he also has some real-world experience. His Derby start will be a first for all of his connections, who will surely be hoping for rain, but he looks like a colt who hasn't topped out and might still have room to improve.

CONS:

Raise Cain's biggest win and best effort came in the mud over a one-turn mile. Closing from off the pace is always a challenge in a rough-and-tumble full field like the Derby's. He's had three different riders in his three starts this year and trainer Ben Colebrook had tapped elite rider Javier Castellano, who had never ridden the colt, for the call, but Castellano defected last week for Mage (**Good Magic**). It will be the first Derby mount for Gerardo Corrales, who hasn't ridden Raise Cain in a race since last October.

PEDIGREE:

With two Derby entrants, including likely race favorite Forte, **Violence** is having a bang-up year that includes a spot among the top 15 leading North American general sires. He's also reinventing himself as, prior to champion Forte, his three Grade I winners were all sprinters. Raise Cain's dam is a half to GI Breeders' Cup Ladies Classic winner Unrivaled Belle (Unbridled's Song), who produced two-time champion Unique Bella (**Tapit**). Broodmare sire Lemon Drop Kid adds plenty of stamina to pedigrees.

VERDICT:

A deserving longshot. He'd have to get a blazing pace coupled with a dream trip to pull off a Mine That Bird or Rich Strike. --*Jill Williams*



Schooling at Keeneland last month | Sara Gordon

Recent Gotham Runners in the Derby

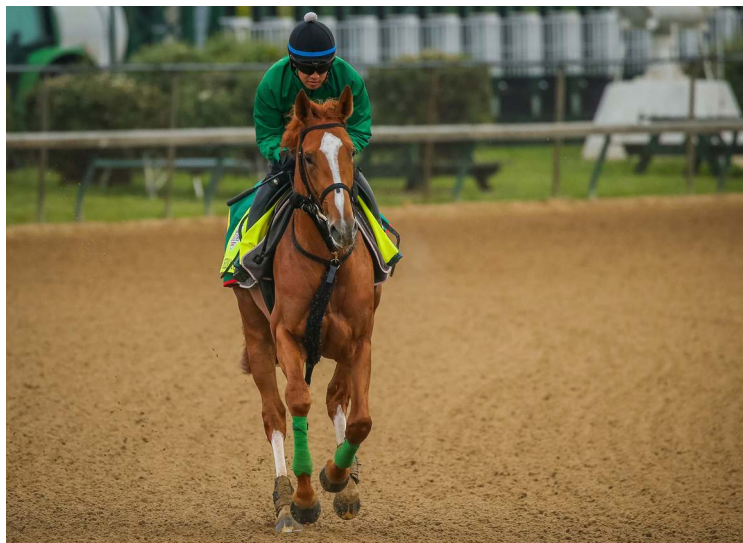
Horse	Year	Gotham Finish	Derby Finish
Highly Motivated	2021	3rd	9th
Necker Island	2020	5th	9th
Attachment Rate	2020	3rd	14th
Firenze Fire	2018	4th	11th
Enticed	2018	1st	14th
Free Drop Billy	2018	3rd	16th
J Boys Echo	2017	1st	15th
Shagaf	2016	1st	DNF
Tencendur	2015	5th	17th



#17 Derma Sotogake (Jpn) 10-1

(c, Mind Your Biscuits--**Amour Poesie {Jpn}**, by Neo Universe {Jpn}) (¥18,000,000 Ylg '21 JRHAJUL)
 O-Hiroyuki Asanuma | B-Shadai Farm | T-Hidetaka Otonashi | J-Christophe Lemaire.
 Lifetime Record: GSW-UAE, SW-Jpn, 8-4-0-2, \$1,162,164

PROS: Has posted a mark of four wins and two thirds from six tries since being switched to the dirt at his third career start last September...Managed to overcome a high draw and wide trip when breaking his maiden by open lengths, then defeated compatriot Continuar in allowance company in his next try. Though shaping as a horse that wants a trip, he cut back to a mile to take a listed stakes at Kawasaki from off the pace in December and was a commendable third in the speed-dominated G3 Saudi Derby Cup in February. Taking no such chances in Dubai last time, he was kicked straight into the lead from the rail by Christophe Lemaire and led home a Japanese 1-2-3-4 in a merry-go-round renewal of the G2 UAE Derby...His local trackwork has been eye-catching and Lemaire is one of the best at his craft in the world.



Derma Sotogake | Horsephotos

CONS: The draw certainly could have been better, as he is marooned in 17, a gate that--perhaps anomalously--has not produced a Derby winner...If the plan is to be part of the early pace, there is a real chance that Derma Sotogake is hung out to dry and could be trapped out for the entirety of the 10-furlong trip...Facts are facts: the UAE Derby has been the negative key race of negative key races down the years, as not only has it not tossed up a Derby winner, but nothing to emerge from the race has been close to being a factor beneath the Twin Spires... Lemaire was aboard fellow UAE Derby winner Crown Pride (Jpn) 12 months ago and dueled himself into submission despite and off-the-pace trip in the desert...Japanese horses are no secret any longer when they show up internationally and that could have a material impact on his starting price.

PEDIGREE: On paper, Derma Sotogake is bred on a speed-over-stamina cross. Expatriated Mind Your Biscuits is best known as a two-time winner of the G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen, but he also went within a nose of winning a G1 Met Mile and was runner-up in the G1 Whitney S. over nine furlongs before taking the GIII Lukas Classic at that distance. Dam sire Neo Universe, a son of 1989 Derby winner Sunday Silence, carried the Shadai silks to victory in the G1 Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas) and G1 Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby) and was beaten a length into third when going for the Triple Crown in the 15-furlong G1 Kikuka Sho in 2003. Interestingly, one of Neo Universe's two Group 1 winners as broodmare sire is the talented mare Aerolithe (Jpn), whose sire Kurofune hails from the Deputy Minister line as does Mind Your Biscuits. Derma Sotogake's dam's lone stakes victory came in the 2100-meter Kanto Oaks on the dirt at Kawasaki.

VERDICT: The draw and possible underlaid odds notwithstanding, Derma Sotogake has the look of a real contender. The form of his races at home reads strong, as the horse he beat in the December listed, Perriere (Jpn) (Henny Hughes), came back to take the Listed Hyacinth S. at Toyko, the third leg of the Japan Road to the Derby. His race in Riyadh can be taken with a grain of salt, as he was never getting to Commissioner King (Commissioner) and the Havnameltdown (Uncaptured). The UAE Derby was less a product of needing the lead, but rather taking advantage of the inside draw over a track that historically plays kind to speed. The value may not be there--the draw could mitigate some--but Lemaire will have learned much from last year's debacle and the celebration could be on just after 8 a.m. Tokyo time Sunday morning. [@EquinealTDN](#)

JAPANESE HORSES IN THE DERBY

Year	Horse	Finish
2022	Crown Pride	13th
2019	Master Fencer	6th
2016	Lani	9th
1995	Ski Captain	14th



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#18 Rocket Can 30-1

(c, Into Mischief--Tension, by Tapit)

O-Frank Fletcher Racing Operations | B-Woodford Thoroughbreds (KY) | T-William Mott | J-Junior Alvarado

Lifetime Record: GSW, 7-2-2-0, \$383,413.



Rocket Can winning the GIII Holy Bull S. | Lauren King

PROS:

Rocket Can comes into the GI Kentucky Derby under the careful eye of only one of four trainers in this year's race to have won the Derby before, and experience with the event on the part of human connections can be just as important for the horse's performance. The game winner of the GIII Holy Bull in Florida on seasonal bow and then a hard-fought second to morning-line favorite Forte (*Violence*), the grey son of America's leading sire has faced a good chunk of this field before in the Sunshine State's road to the Derby.

A capable stalker and equally able to come from farther back, that'll go in his favor this year as the presence of Japanese horses created a wild pace last year and it might not be any different for the 2023 edition. For the first time in a while, being on the front-end isn't the prime real estate it used to be, and you won't see me--nor the connections, I wager--complaining. Blinkers are coming on here after he stalled in the GI Arkansas Derby as the favorite and just missed nailing Reincarnate (*Good Magic*) for third by a head.

CONS:

It's not for the laymen to question a Hall of Fame trainer's decision but equipment changes on the biggest race of the year does raise a red flag. Considering his lifetime best Beyer Speed Figure was a 91 in his runner-up effort to Forte two back, the downtick in recent form doesn't inspire a huge amount of confidence. With his post on the far outside, it might be a scramble into the first turn to even set up *near* the front.

PEDIGREE:

By America's reigning four-time leading stallion Into Mischief and out of the Tapit mare Tension, Rocket Can's sire has thrown back-to-back Kentucky Derby winners in Authentic (2020) and Mandaloun (2021), though in what someone might consider 'unusual' years. It's no secret that the Spendthrift stalwart can get any kind of runner, and was himself a juvenile Grade I-winner in his racing days. Tension brings the influence of Tapit, who has sired four winners of the GI Belmont S. and has top contender GISW Tapit Trice to Rocket Can's distant inside. The second dam is ultra-tough MGISW Tough Tiz's Sis (Tiznow), who produced track-record setter GISP Tiz Midnight (*Midnight Lute*) and is the granddam of GISP Midnight Memories (*Mastery*) through that mare. As a broodmare sire, Gainesway's patriarch also has MGSP Disarm (*Gun Runner*), GSW Hit Show (*Candy Ride {Arg}*), and GSW Kingsbarns (*Uncle Mo*) in the race.

VERDICT:

Victory in a field like this, in an event like the Derby, will require a large form reversal and I'm not sure if this will be the race for him to do it. It would be a big ask even if he didn't end up in the outfield for a gate spot. --Patrycja Szpyra



Rocket Can | Coady Photography

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Mimi Kakushi

Owner: Godolphin, LLC, Lessee
Trainer: Salem Bin Ghadayer

Rocket Can

Owner: Frank Fletcher Racing
Operations, Inc.
Trainer: William I. Mott

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#20 Continuar (Jpn) 50-1

(c, Drefong--Pan de Ring {Jpn}, by King Kamehameha {Jpn}) (¥70,000,000 Ylg '21 JRHAJUL)
 O-Lion Race Horse Co Ltd | B-Lake Villa Farm | T-Yoshito Yahagi | J-Ryusei Sakai.
 Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, \$337,889.

PROS: Did very little wrong as a juvenile, with two wins from three starts and a victory in the first leg of the Japan Road to the Derby, the Cattleya S. (allowance) back in November. The one loss came at the hooves of Derma Sotogake when enduring a far inferior trip...Purchased for better than \$630,000 as a yearling--the most expensive of his Eclipse Award-winning sire's produce to sell as a yearling and second-priciest overall--Continuar was an even fifth, a couple of spots behind Derma Sotogake, in the G3 Saudi Derby in a race that was dominated from the front, and was similarly disadvantaged in the G2 UAE Derby last time where he chased his compatriots around Meydan and finished third, albeit well-beaten...When Yoshito Yahagi decides to ship one, it's best to pay attention. He's won races literally in every corner of the globe, from Melbourne to Riyadh and from Hong Kong to San Diego, and it's a safe bet that he isn't here for the mint juleps.



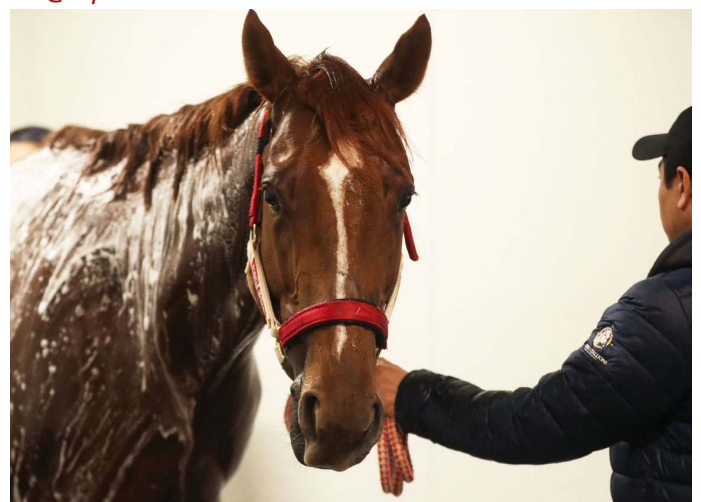
Continuar | Coady

CONS: The two Japanese entrants were not treated terribly hospitably at Monday's draw, as Continuar will have to navigate a Derby trip that commences somewhere near Central Avenue...Both he and Derma Sotogake have been in the Bluegrass for a good month after shipping in from Dubai, but Continuar has trained only fairly. His final major work came in the company of his fellow chestnut and while Derma Sotogake was looking better and better the farther they went, the less-flashy Continuar came under heavy pressure and switched his leads late before offering little on the gallop out. Is it possible all the traveling he's done is taking its toll?...Ryusei Sakai is having

his first ride in the Derby, and despite having won races like last year's G2 Godolphin Mile and this term's G3 1351 Turf Sprint--both with Bathrat Leon (Jpn) (Kizuna {Jpn})for Yahagi--on the international stage and the G1 Shuka Sho and G1 February S. at home, the Kentucky Derby is a whole new level of pressure cooker.

PEDIGREE: Similar to Derma Sotogake, Continuar is by a noted spinter out of mare whose sire took out the 12-furlong Japanese Derby. The Mar. 7 foal is one of eight winners from eight to race from an unraced daughter of Fusaichi Pandora (Jpn) (Sunday Silence), winner on the grass of the Queen Elizabeth II Commemorative Cup going 11 furlongs and runner-up in the 2006 Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks) at a mile and a half. Talented as she was at the races, having banked better than \$3.2 million, she's gained further fame courtesy of the on-track exploits of the phenomenal Almond Eye (Jpn) (Lord Kanaloa {Jpn}, by King Kamehameha {Jpn}), a two-time Horse of the Year in Japan and Japanese Filly Triple Crown sweeper in 2018. Continuar's third dam Lotta Lace (Nureyev) was a half-sister to champion El Gran Senor (Northern Dancer), whose major successes included the 1984 G1 Two Thousand Guineas.

VERDICT: If you fancy Derma Sotogake, you have to use Continuar at something around five to eight (or more) times the price, don't you? Well, it probably isn't that simple, as Continuar seems the less talented of the two, though his body of work is admirable. Wouldn't fault anyone trying to run him up into the bottom of a superfecta--he could be 'all-button' exotics kicker--but chances are that this likeable galloper will finish down the field. [@EquinealTDN](#)



Continuar | Coady



#21 (AE) Cyclone Mischief 30-1

(c, Into Mischief--[Areyoucominghere](#), by Bernardini) (\$450,000 yrl '21 KESEP)
 O-Albaugh Family Stables & Castleton Lyons | B-Castleton Lyons & Kilboy Estate (KY) | T-Dale Romans | J-TBA
 Lifetime Record: GISP, 7-2-0-3, \$246,350.

PROS:

Just last year, a horse drew into the Derby field and went on to win the race the next day. Could Cyclone Mischief follow the same script as Rich Strike's 2022 victory? His entry into the race gives his owner Albaugh Family Stables, as well as his sire, Into Mischief, three runners in the field. Much hyped by trainer Dale Romans following an allowance win at Gulfstream in January, Cyclone Mischief has run creditably with third-place efforts behind champion Forte ([Violence](#)) in the GII Fountain of Youth S. and GI [Curlin](#) Florida Derby.



Cyclone Mischief | Horsephotos

CONS:

With just a maiden and allowance win to his credit, Cyclone Mischief has never won a stakes race. He tired to third after setting the pace in the Fountain of Youth and was just holding on to third in the Florida Derby, suggesting he won't be looking forward to an extra furlong in Louisville.

PEDIGREE:

Into Mischief has already been represented by two Kentucky Derby winners in the last three years.

[Areyoucominghere](#) made just two career starts, failing to hit the board in either turf outing in 2017. She is a daughter of Bernardini (A.P. Indy), winner of the 2006 GI Preakness S. and GI Travers S. Her dam, Uchitel, is a daughter of GI Preakness S. and GI Belmont S. winner [Afleet Alex](#). She is also the dam of graded-winner [Suddenbreakingnews](#) ([Mineshaft](#)), second in the 2016 GI Arkansas Derby.

Cyclone Mischief's third dam is the multiple Grade I-placed Party Cited, a daughter of Alleged, and dam of multiple Grade I winner Composure (Touch Gold).

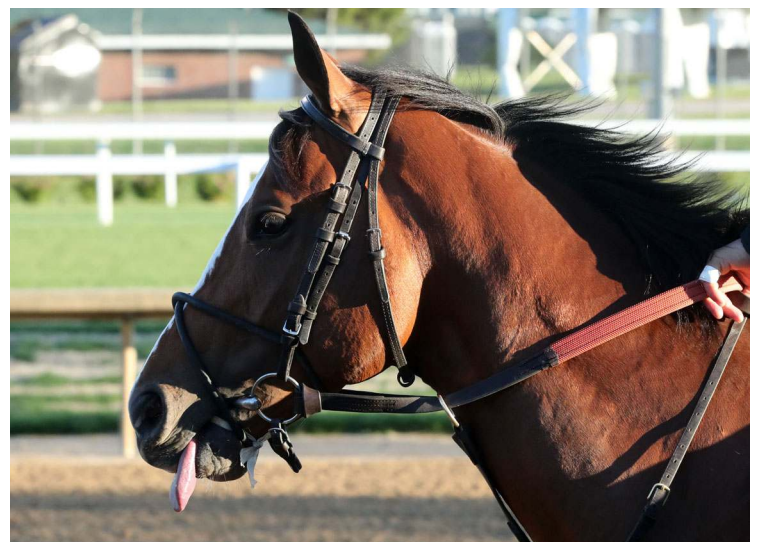
It all adds up to a stamina-packed bottom side of the Derby hopeful's pedigree.



Cyclone Mischief | Lauren King

VERDICT:

Beyond the unlikely prospect of a Rich Strike part deux, Cyclone Mischief seems more like a talented miler than a Derby winner.



Cyclone Mischief | Coady Photography

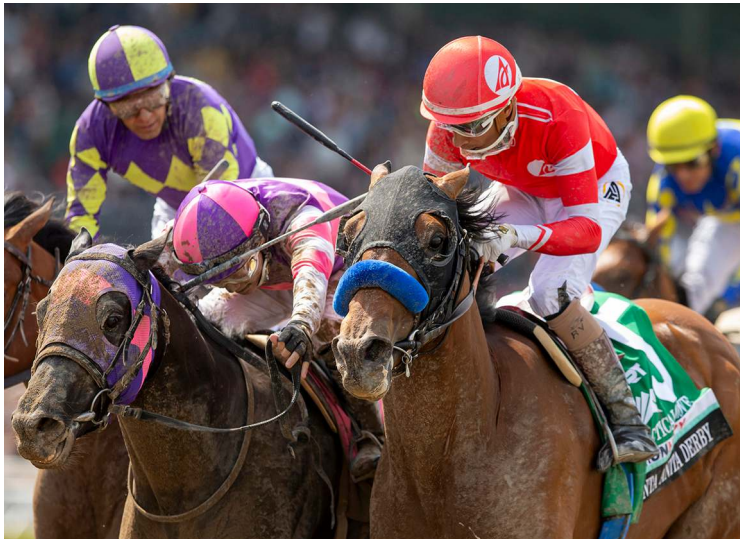


#22 (AE) Mandarin Hero (Jpn) 20-1

(c, Shanghai Bobby--**Namura Nadeshiko** {Jpn}, by Fuji Kiseki {Jpn})
 O-Hiroaki Arai | B-Hirano Bokujo (Jpn) | T-Terunobu Fujita | J-K Kimura
 Lifetime Record: GISP, 6-4-2-0, \$386,854

PROS:

Japanese runners have been all-conquering on the global stage in recent years and, while the word was that Mandarin Hero had been racing against second-tier horses in his native country, the colt gave Practical Move (**Practical Joke**) all he could handle in his Stateside debut in the GI Santa Anita Derby. That foe was expected to be one of the favorites on Saturday. Mandarin Hero, four-for-four as a juvenile, is two narrow runner-up finishes away from entering the Derby undefeated and will have the services of talented jockey Kazushi Kimura, who has already won a Sovereign Award and an Eclipse Award in his young career.



Mandarin Hero (middle) just misses catching Practical Move Benoit

CONS:

Mandarin Hero, winless in two starts at three, still has to prove his Santa Anita Derby effort was no fluke. And he has to do it while trying just the third racetrack of his career under the bright lights and packed house of the Derby. Hero Call, who defeated Mandarin Hero in his sophomore debut, came back to finish third in the final leg of Japanese Road to the Derby series at Nakayama. Connections had likely given up hope of making the Derby field and have been pointing the colt towards the GI Preakness S. in two weeks.

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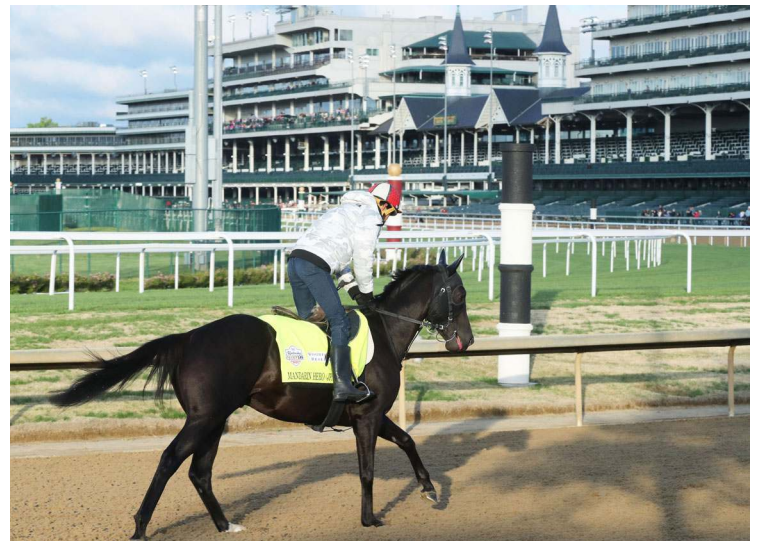
PEDIGREE:

Shanghai Bobby was named champion 2-year-old of 2012 following his GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile victory, but failed to make the Derby or much of an impact following a runner-up effort in the GIII Holy Bull S. the next year. His sire is Harlan's Holiday, whose stallion sons include Into Mischief.

His dam Namura Nadeshiko is by Fuji Kiseki, a son of 1989 Derby and Preakness winner Sunday Silence. Fuji Kiseki, a champion on the racetrack, was a leading sire in Japan from 2002 to 2007.

VERDICT:

This colt proved all the doubters wrong at Santa Anita, but can he do it again? An intriguing proposition, but taking a wait-and-see approach.



Mandarin Hero | Coady Photography

Santa Anita Derby Also-Rans Who Won the Derby

- Authentic - 2nd in 2020
- Giacomo - 4th in 2005
- Charismatic - 4th in 1999
- Real Quiet - 2nd in 1998
- Silver Charm - 2nd in 1997
- Ferdinand - 3rd in 1986
- Gato del Sol - 4th in 1982
- Gallahadion - 13th in 1940



Friday, Churchill Downs #11, post time: 5:51 p.m. EDT

LONGINES KENTUCKY OAKS-GI, \$1,250,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Mimi Kakushi	City of Light	Godolphin, LLC, Lessee	bin Ghadayer	Barzalona	121
2	The Alys Look 🍀	Connect	Thrash, Ike and Dawn	Cox	Castellano	121
3	Gambling Girl	Dialed In	Repole Stable	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	121
4	Southlawn 🍀	Pioneerof the Nile	Robert E. Masterson	Casse	Gutierrez	121
5	Wonder Wheel 🍀	Into Mischief	D. J. Stable LLC	Casse	Rosario	121
6	Botanical 🍀	Medaglia d'Oro	LNJ Foxwoods and Clearsky Farms	Cox	Landeros	121
7	Wet Paint	Blame	Godolphin, LLC	Cox	Prat	121
8	Promiseher America	American Pharoah	Hoffman Tbreeds, McCrocklin, T & Medallion Racing	Handal	Vargas, Jr.	121
9	And Tell Me Nolies 🍀	Arrogate	Peter Redekop B. C., Ltd.	Miller	Vazquez	121
10	Flying Connection 🍀	Nyquist	King, Brad, Andrews, Randy, Coleman, G. Chris, Cone, Jim, Kirby, Suzanne and Lewis, Lee	Fincher	Geroux	121
11	Defining Purpose 🍀	Cross Traffic	Magdalena Racing, Vanmatre, Colette M & Ball, J	McPeek	Hernandez, Jr.	121
12	Dorth Vader	Girvin	John Ropes	Yates	Saez	121
13	Affirmative Lady 🍀	Arrogate	AMO Racing USA	Motion	Velazquez	121
14	Pretty Mischievous	Into Mischief	Godolphin, LLC	Walsh	Gaffalione	121
Also Eligible:						
15	Taxed 🍀	Collected	Richard Bahde	Morse	Bejarano	121
16	Julia Shining	Curlin	Stonestreet Stables LLC	Pletcher	Saez	121
17	Hoosier Philly 🍀	Into Mischief	Gold Standard Racing Stable, LLC	Amoss	Morales	121

Breeders: 1-Woodford Thoroughbreds, LLC, 2-G. Watts Humphrey Jr., 3-Gallagher's Stud, 4-WinStar Farm, LLC, 5-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC & ClearskyFarms, 6-Clearsky Farms & Godolphin, 7-Godolphin, 8-Robert Low & Lawana Low, 9-Lara Run, LLC, 10-Liberty Road Stables, 11-Colette Marie VanMatre, 12-John Ropes, 13-Alastar Thoroughbred Co, LLC, 14-Godolphin, 15-Brereton C. Jones, 16-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 17-Candy Meadows LLC

Friday, Churchill Downs #9, post time: 4:04 p.m. EDT

LA TROIENNE S. PRESENTED BY TWINSPIRES-GI, \$750,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Played Hard 🍀	Into Mischief	Rigney Racing, LLC	Bauer	Velazquez	123
2	Search Results 🍀	Flatter	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Prat	123
3	Sixtythreecaliber 🍀	Gun Runner	My Racehorse Stable and Spendthrift Farm LLC	Amoss	Morales	123
4	Secret Oath	Arrogate	Briland Farm	Lukas	Gaffalione	123
5	Soul of an Angel	Atrides	James, Gerald and Hall Performance LLC	James	Castanon	123
6	Classy Edition	Classic Empire	Low, Lawana L. and Robert E.	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	123
7	Society	Gun Runner	Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds LLC	Asmussen	Ortiz	123
8	Desert Dawn	Cupid	H and E Ranch, Inc.	D'Amato	Rispoli	123
9	Pauline's Pearl	Tapit	Stonestreet Stables LLC	Asmussen	Rosario	123
10	A Mo Reay 🍀	Uncle Mo	Hunter Valley Farm	Cox	Geroux	123

Breeders: 1-Susan Casner, 2-Machmer Hall, 3-Lee Pokoik, 4-Briland Farm, Robert Mitchell & Stacy Mitchell, 5-Westbrook Stables, LLC, 6-Chester Broman & Mary R. Broman, 7-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC, 8-H & E Ranch, 9-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 10-T & G Farm of Kentucky LLC

Friday, Churchill Downs #5, post time: 12:43 p.m. EDT**ALYSHEBA S. PRESENTED BY SENTIENT JET-GII, \$600,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Art Collector	Bernardini	Bruce Lunsford	Mott	Alvarado	123
2	Last Samurai 🌿	Malibu Moon	Willis Horton Racing LLC	Lukas	Saez	118
3	Rich Strike	Keen Ice	RED TR-Racing, LLC	Reed	Leon	118
4	West Will Power	Bernardini	Gary and Mary West	Cox	Prat	120
5	Smile Happy 🌿	Runhappy	Lucky Seven Stable	McPeek	Hernandez, Jr.	118
6	Milliken	Into Mischief	Whitham Thoroughbreds LLC	Wilkes	Leparoux	118
7	Giant Game	Giant's Causeway	West Point Thoroughbreds & Albaugh Family Stbls	Romans	Gaffalione	118

Breeders: 1-W. Bruce Lunsford, 2-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 3-Calumet Farm, 4-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc., 5-Moreau Bloodstock Int'l Inc. & White Bloodstock LLC, 6-Whitham Thoroughbreds, LLC, 7-H. Allen Poindexter

Friday, Churchill Downs #7, post time: 2:09 p.m. EDT**EIGHT BELLES S. PRESENTED BY SYSCO-GII, \$500,000, 3yo, f, 7f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Condensation	Frosted	Pravin A. Patel	Hartman	Machado	118
2	Sabra Tuff	Cross Traffic	Valene Farms LLC	Stewart	Gaffalione	118
3	Olivia Twist 🌿	Mshawish	King, Brad, Andrews, Randy, Coleman, G. Chris, Cone, Jim, Kirby, Suzanne and Lewis, Lee	Fincher	Geroux	118
4	Effortlesslyelgant 🌿	Liam's Map	Lieblong, Alex and JoAnn	Casse	Santana, Jr.	118
5	Grand Love	Gun Runner	Three Chimneys Farm	Asmussen	Rosario	118
6	Red Carpet Ready	Oscar Performance	Ashbrook Farm and Upland Flats Racing	Arnold, II	Saez	120
7	Positano Sunset	Goldencents	Six Column Stables, Bloch, Randall L., Seiler, John and Hall, David	Wilkes	Leparoux	118
8	Accede	Into Mischief	Juddmonte	Brown	Prat	118
9	Munnys Gold	Munnings	Low, Lawana L. and Robert E.	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	118

Breeders: 1-William Humphries & Altair Farms LLC, 2-Tom Curtis & Wayne Simpson, 3-Brushy Hill, LLC, 4-Offshoot Farm LLC, 5-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC, 6-Lynn B. Schiff, 7-John Seiler, Randy Bloch, Trish Henson, Brad Stephens & Dave Hall, 8-Juddmonte Farms Inc, 9-Nicksar Farms

Friday, Churchill Downs #10, post time: 4:51 p.m. EDT**EDGEWOOD S. PRESENTED BY FORCHT BANK-GII, \$500,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Girl Named Charlie 🌿	Macleans Music	Caroom, Jerry and Lambert, Jeffrey	Amoss	Morales	118
2	Liguria 🌿	War Front	Alpha Delta Stables, LLC	Brown	Prat	120
3	Cairo Consort	Cairo Prince	Repole Stable and Town and Country Racing, LLC	Pletcher	Gaffalione	120
4	Sabalenka 🌿	Good Samaritan	DiRico Racing and Breeding LLC	Beckman	Santana, Jr.	118
5	Preliminary (GB)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	118
6	Mission of Joy	Kitten's Joy	RyZan Sun Racing, LLC and Madaket Stables LLC	Motion	Rosario	120
7	Comanche Country (Ire)	Highland Reel (Ire)	Little Red Feather Racing, Sterling Stbls & Naify, M	D'Amato	Rispoli	120
8	Heavenly Sunday 🌿	Candy Ride (Arg)	Miacomet Farm	Cox	Geroux	118
9	Papilio (Ire)	Starspangledbanner (Aus)	D. J. Stable LLC, Medallion Racing, Fowler, Barry and Parkland Thoroughbreds	Casse	Castellano	120
10	Flashy Gem	Bolt d'Oro	Spendthrift Farm LLC	Cox	Saez	118
11	Revalita (Fr)	Recoletos (Fr)	Wise Racing LLC	Brown	Ortiz	118

Breeders: 1-Don Alberto Corporation, 2-Tada Nobutaka, 3-Frankfort Park Farm, 4-Mr. & Mrs. Al Mazzetti, 5-Stone Roses Bloodstock, 6-Sam-Son Farm, 7-Honey Hunter Syndicate, 8-Randal Family Trust, 9-SCEA Marmion & Mr A. Jathiere, 10-Malibu Farm, LLC, 11-Sarl Darpat France

Friday, Belmont #4, post time: 2:36 p.m. EDT**SHEEPSHEAD BAY S.-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 3/8mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Mylady (Ger)	The Grey Gatsby (Ire)	Michaela Faust	Brown	Davis	120
2	Atomic Blonde (Ger)	The Grey Gatsby (Ire)	Faust, M, West Point Tbreeds & Winters Equine LLC	Clement	Cancel	120
3	Virginia Joy (Ger)	Soldier Hollow (GB)	Peter M. Brant	Brown	Gomez	122
4	Higher Truth (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Team Hanley, Drown, Jeff, and Ryan, Michael J.	Brown	Franco	118
5	Amazing Grace (Ger)	Protectionist (Ger)	Moyglare Stud Farm, Ltd.	Clement	Carmouche	122

Breeders: 1-Gestut Karlshof, 2-Gestut Karlshof, 3-Gestut Auenquelle, 4-Churchtown House Stud, 5-Dr. Chr. Berglar

Friday, Churchill Downs #6, post time: 1:26 p.m. EDT**MODESTY S. PRESENTED BY TWINSPIRES-GIII, \$300,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Sweet Dani Girl	Jess's Dream	J & J Stables, LLC and Vaccarezza, Nicholas	Vaccarezza	Castellano	118
2	Didia (Arg)	Orpen	Merriebelle Stable LLC	Correas, IV	Cheminaud	118
3	Henrietta Topham	Lemon Drop Kid	Cambus-Kenneth Farm	Mulcahy	Graham	118
4	Sparkle Blue	Hard Spun	Augustin Stable and Parke, Catherine	Motion	Rosario	120
5	Lady Rockstar (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Clipper Logistics	Walsh	Gaffalione	118
6	McKulick (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	120
7	Shantisara (Ire)	Coulsty (Ire)	Madaket Stables, Dubb, M & LaPenta, Robert V.	Brown	Prat	120
8	New Year's Eve 🦄	Kitten's Joy	Qatar Racing Limited, Detampel, M & Galvin, F	Walsh	Saez	118
9	Kate's Kingdom	Animal Kingdom	Screnci, S, Deters Company, Taylor, Frank, et al	Walden	Gilligan	118

Breeders: 1-J&J Stables, LLC & Carlo Vaccarezza, 2-La Manija, 3-Cambus-Kenneth Farm, LLC, 4-Catherine Parke, 5-Branton Court Stud, 6-Essafinaat UK Ltd, 7-Mr Oliver Donlon, 8-Stud TNT LLC, 9-Midwest Thoroughbreds Inc.

Friday, Belmont #8, post time: 5:05 p.m. EDT**WESTCHESTER S.-GIII, \$175,000, 4yo/up, 1m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Bourbon Calling 🦄	Dialed In	The Players Group	Arriaga	Lynch	120
2	Expressman 🦄	Liam's Map	St. Elias Stable	Pletcher	Carmouche	118
3	Dr Ardito	Liam's Map	Caruso, Michael J. and Dubb, Michael	Brown	Franco	120
4	White Abarrio	Race Day	C Two Racing Stable and Pagnano, Antonio	Joseph, Jr.	Lopez	124
5	Unbridled Bomber	Upstart	Potash, Edward, Yankanich, Brad & Ryerson, J	Ryerson	Sanchez	118
6	Weyburn	Pioneerof the Nile	Chiefswood Stables Limited	Jerkens	McCarthy	120
7	Zandon 🦄	Upstart	Jeff Drown	Brown	Davis	124
8	Repo Rocks 🦄	Tapiture	Double B Racing Stables	Ness	Silvera	122

Breeders: 1-John W. Phillips & Pamela P. Gartin, 2-Gaineway Thoroughbreds Ltd & Bridlewood Farm, 3-Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding, 4-Spendthrift Farm, LLC, 5-Unbridled Explosion, LLC, 6-Chiefswood Stables Limited, 7-Brereton C. Jones, 8-Mrs. C. Oliver Iselin III

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Saturday, Churchill Downs #12, post time: 6:57 p.m. EDT**KENTUCKY DERBY PRESENTED BY WOODFORD RESERVE-GI, \$3,000,000, 3yo, 1 1/4m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Hit Show	Candy Ride (Arg)	Gary and Mary West	Cox	Franco	126
2	Verifying 🌿	Justify	Westerberg, Magnier, Mrs. John, Poulin, Jonathan, Smith, Derrick and Tabor, Michael B.	Cox	Gaffalione	126
3	Two Phil's 🌿	Hard Spun	Patricia's Hope, Sagan, P & Madaket Stables LLC	Rivelli	Loveberry	126
4	Confidence Game 🌿	Candy Ride (Arg)	Don't Tell My Wife Stables and Ocean Reef Racing	Desormeaux	Graham	126
5	Tapit Trice 🌿	Tapit	Whisper Hill Farm, LLC and Gainesway Stable	Pletcher	Saez	126
6	Kingsbarns	Uncle Mo	Spendthrift Farm LLC	Pletcher	Ortiz	126
7	Reincarnate 🌿	Good Magic	SF Racing, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables, Masterson, R, Stonestreet StbIs, Schoenfarber, J, Waves Edge Capital LLC and Donovan, Catherine	Yakteen	Velazquez	126
8	Mage 🌿	Good Magic	OGMA Investments, LLC, Restrepo, Ramiro, Sterling Racing LLC and CMNWLTH	Delgado	Castellano	126
9	Skinner 🌿	Curlin	C R K Stable LLC	Shirreffs	Hernandez	126
10	Practical Move 🌿	Practical Joke	Amestoy, L & P J & Beasley, Roger K.	Yakteen	Vazquez	126
11	Disarm	Gun Runner	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC	Asmussen	Rosario	126
12	Jace's Road 🌿	Quality Road	West Point Tbrds & Albaugh Family Stables LLC	Cox	Geroux	126
13	Sun Thunder	Into Mischief	R.T Racing Stable and Cypress Creek Equine	McPeck	Hernandez, Jr.	126
14	Angel of Empire 🌿	Classic Empire	Albaugh Family Stables LLC	Cox	Prat	126
15	Forte 🌿	Violence	Repole Stable and St. Elias Stable	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	126
16	Raise Cain 🌿	Violence	Warren, Andrew N. and Warren, Rania	Colebrook	Corrales	126
17	Derma Sotogake (Jpn)	Mind Your Biscuits	Hiroyuki Asanuma	Otonashi	Lemaire	126
18	Rocket Can	Into Mischief	Frank Fletcher Racing Operations, Inc.	Mott	Alvarado	126
19	Lord Miles	Curlin	Vegso Racing Stable	Joseph, Jr.	Lopez	126
20	Continuar (Jpn)	Drefong	Lion Race Horse Co. Ltd.	Yahagi	Sakai	126

Also Eligible:

21	Cyclone Mischief 🌿	Into Mischief	Albaugh Family Stables LLC and Castleton Lyons	Romans	Rosario	126
22	Mandarin Hero (Jpn)	Shanghai Bobby	Hiroaki Arai	Fujita	Kimura	126
23	King Russell	Creative Cause	Jones, Brereton C. and Naber Racing, LLC	Moquett	Bejarano	126

Breeders: 1-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc., 2-Hunter Valley & Mountmellick Farm, LLC, 3-Phillip Sagan, 4-Summer Wind Equine LLC, 5-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd., 6-Parks Investment Group, LLC, 7-Woods Edge Farm, LLC, 8-Grandview Equine, 9-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 10-Chad Brown & Head of Plains Partners, 11-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC, 12-Colts Neck Stables LLC, 13-Southern Equine Stables, LLC, 14-Forgotten Land Investment Inc & BlackDiamond Equine Corp, 15-South Gate Farm, 16-Rock Ridge Thoroughbreds, LLC, 17-Shadai Farm, 18-Woodford Thoroughbreds, LLC, 19-Vegso Racing Stable, 20-Lake Villa Farm, 21-Castleton Lyons & Kilboy Estate, 22-Hirano Bokujo, 23-Brereton C. Jones

Saturday, Churchill Downs #11, post time: 5:27 p.m. EDT**OLD FORESTER BOURBON TURF CLASSIC S.-GI, \$1,000,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Ocean Atlantique 🌿	American Pharoah	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Hernandez	123
2	Master Piece (Chi)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	Iavarone, M & J, Zoumas, N, Vapewh, Argano, F and Ten Twenty Racing	Joseph, Jr.	Lemaire	123
3	Wolfie's Dynaghost	Ghostzapper	Woodslane Farm	Thomas	Velazquez	123
4	Steady On 🌿	Pioneerof the Nile	Repole Stable and St. Elias Stable	Pletcher	Ortiz	123
5	Up to the Mark 🌿	Not This Time	Repole Stable and St. Elias Stable	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	123
6	Earls Rock (Ire)	Fascinating Rock (Ire)	Anthony Fanticola	D'Amato	Saez	123
7	Hong Kong Harry (Ire)	Es Que Love (Ire)	Anastasi, Scott, Ukegawa, Jimmy & Valazza, Tony	D'Amato	Prat	123
8	Santin	Distorted Humor	Godolphin, LLC	Walsh	Gaffalione	123
9	Spooky Channel	English Channel	NBS Stable	Barkley	Rosario	123
10	Bye Bye Melvin	Uncle Mo	Alex G. Campbell, Jr.	Motion	Franco	123

Breeders: 1-Indian Creek, 2-Haras Don Alberto, 3-Woodslane Farm, 4-Springhouse Farm, 5-Ramspring Farm, 6-Newtown Anner Stud, 7-Amarath Business Management, 8-Godolphin, 9-Calumet Farm, 10-Alex G. Campbell, Jr. Thoroughbreds, LLC

Saturday, Churchill Downs #4, post time: 12:04 p.m. EDT**DERBY CITY DISTAFF S. PRESENTED BY KENDALL-JACKSON WINERY-GI, \$750,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Hot and Sultry 🦿	Speightster	Lieblong, Alex and JoAnn	Casse	Rosario	123
2	Goodnight Olive	Ghostzapper	First Row Partners and Team Hanley	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	123
3	Wicked Halo	Gun Runner	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC	Asmussen	Gaffalione	123
4	Travel Column	Frosted	OXO Equine LLC	Lobo	Corrales	123
5	Matareya	Pioneerof the Nile	Godolphin, LLC	Cox	Prat	123
6	My Destiny	Majesticperfection	Sam Wilensky	Wilensky	Gutierrez	123

Breeders: 1-Cobalt Investments, LLC, 2-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 3-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC, 4-Mr. & Mrs. Bayne Welker Jr. & Denali Stud, 5-Godolphin, 6-Donamire Farm

Saturday, Churchill Downs #10, post time: 4:31 p.m. EDT**CHURCHILL DOWNS S. PRESENTED BY FORD-GI, \$750,000, 4yo/up, 7f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	White Abarrio	Race Day	G2 Racing Stable LLC & La Milagrosa Stable, LLC	Joseph, Jr.	Lopez	123
2	C Z Rocket	City Zip	Tom Kagele	Miller	Prat	123
3	Here Mi Song	Cross Traffic	Nathan Hayden	Stinson, Jr.	Achard	123
4	Hoist the Gold 🦿	Mineshaft	Dream Team One Racing Stable	Stewart	Saez	123
5	Get Her Number	Dialed In	Gary Barber	Miller	Rosario	123
6	Tejano Twist	Practical Joke	JD Thoroughbreds LLC and Davis, Joey Keith	Hartman	Landeros	123
7	Cody's Wish	Curlin	Godolphin, LLC	Mott	Alvarado	123
8	Fortin Hill 🦿	Mucho Macho Man	OXO Equine LLC	Lobo	Corrales	123
9	Sir Alfred James 🦿	Munnings	Built Wright Stables, LLC.	Cash	Bejarano	123
10	Endorsed	Medaglia d'Oro	Mark D. Breen	Maker	Gaffalione	123
11	Steal Sunshine	Constitution	Carrie L. Brogden	Dibona	Ortiz, Jr.	123

Breeders: 1-Spendthrift Farm, LLC, 2-Farm III Enterprises LLC, 3-Nathan Hayden, 4-Dream Team Racing, 5-Philip Robertson & Brenda Robertson, 6-Tom Durant, 7-Godolphin, 8-Robert L. Losey, 9-Mt. Joy Stables, Pope McLean, MarcMcLean & Pope McLean Jr., 10-Godolphin, 11-Machmer Hall

Saturday, Churchill Downs #5, post time: 12:36 p.m. EDT**LONGINES CHURCHILL DISTAFF TURF MILE S.-GII, \$500,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Sharp Hero	Hero of Order	Zacharski, Art and Steele, Shelley	Ross	Loveberry	118
2	Speak of the Devil (Fr)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Peter M. Brant	Brown	Prat	118
3	Haughty 🦿	Empire Maker	Bradley Thoroughbreds, Belmar Racing & Breeding Cambron Equine, LLC and Team Hanley	Brown	Ortiz	120
4	Wakanaka (Ire) 🦿	Power (GB)	Team Valor International and Barber, Gary	Mott	Rosario	120
5	Spendarella 🦿	Karakontie (Jpn)	Gainesway Stable	Motion	Gaffalione	120
6	Sister Lou Ann	Frosted	Kenneth L. Ramsey	Joseph, Jr.	Saez	118
7	Fluffy Socks	Slumber (GB)	Head of Plains Partners LLC	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	118
8	Freedom Speaks	American Freedom	Reitman Stables	Rodriguez	Graham	118

Breeders: 1-Raut LLC, 2-Herve Viallon, 3-Gainesway Thoroughbreds LTD, 4-Mrs Jean Brennan, 5-Gainesway Thoroughbreds LTD, 6-Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey, 7-Head Of Plains Partners, 8-Hartmut H. Malluche & Silesia Farm



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Saturday, Churchill Downs #7, post time: 1:56 p.m. EDT**TWIN SPIRES TURF SPRINT S. PRESENTED BY COHERE HEALTH-GII, \$500,000, 3yo/up, 5 1/2fT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Nobals	Noble Mission (GB)	Patricia's Hope LLC	Rivelli	Corrales	121
2	Go Bears Go (Ire)	Kodi Bear (Ire)	AMO Racing USA	Ward	Velazquez	121
3	Evan Sing 🌿	Hard Spun	Norman Cheng	Stall, Jr.	Ortiz	121
4	Big Invasion 🌿	Declaration of War	Reeves Thoroughbred Racing	Clement	Rosario	121
5	Necker Island 🌿	Hard Spun	The Scherr Boys	Hartman	Landeros	121
6	Bad Beat Brian 🌿	Jack Milton	Marsico Brothers Racing LLC	Vanden Berg	Emigh	121
7	Nothing Better	Munnings	Colts Neck Stables LLC	Duarte, Jr.	Franco	121
8	Just Might	Justin Phillip	Griffon Farms and Lovell, Michelle	Lovell	Hernandez	121
9	Oceanic	Constitution	Surfside Stables, LLC	Blair	Morales	121
10	Arrest Me Red	Pioneerof the Nile	Lael Stables	Ward	Ortiz, Jr.	121
11	Motorious (GB)	Muhaarar (GB)	Anthony Fanticola	D'Amato	Prat	123
12	Carotari	Artie Schiller	William A. Branch	Lynch	Saez	121
13	Artemus Citylimits 🌿	Temple City	Paradise Farms Corp., Staudacher, D & Dubb, M	Maker	Gaffalione	121
14	Noble Reflection 🌿	Liam's Map	Nguyen, Calvin and Tran, Joey C.	Papaprodromou	Rispoli	121

Breeders: 1-Dr. John A. Chandler, 2-Micheal D. Ryan, 3-Norman Cheng, 4-John O'Meara, 5-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 6-Pope McLean, Pope McLean Jr., Marc McLean & Phil Hager, 7-Don Alberto Corporation, 8-Griffon Farms & Michelle Lovell, 9-DP Racing LLC, 10-Mr. & Mrs. M. Roy Jackson, 11-Kirtlington Stud & Mrs Mary Taylor, 12-Tom Evans & Pam Clark, 13-Gunpowder Farms, LLC, 14-G. Watts Humphrey Jr.

Saturday, Churchill Downs #8, post time: 2:46 p.m. EDT**PAT DAY MILE S. PRESENTED BY TWINSPIRES-GII, \$500,000, 3yo, 1m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Kangaroo Court	Dads Caps	George A. Sharp	Yakteen	Velazquez	118
2	Tall Boy 🌿	Lookin At Lucky	Calumet Farm	O'Neill	Gutierrez	120
3	Lugan Knight	Goldencents	BG Stables	McCarthy	Franco	118
4	Midnight Rising 🌿	Mendelssohn	Surfside Stables, LLC	Blair	Machado	118
5	Echo Again	Gun Runner	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC	Asmussen	Geroux	118
6	Frosted Departure 🌿	Frosted	C&H Diamond Racing LLC and Magdalena Racing	McPeek	Hernandez, Jr.	118
7	Fort Bragg	Tapit	SF Racing, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables, Masterson, R, Stonestreet Stables Schoenfarber, J Waves Edge Capital LLC and Donovan, Catherine	Yakteen	Rosario	118
8	Bourbon Bash 🌿	City of Light	BC Stables, LLC	Lukas	Prat	118
9	General Jim 🌿	Into Mischief	Courtlandt Farms	McGaughey III	Saez	120
10	Curly Jack 🌿	Good Magic	Michael McLoughlin	Amoss	Morales	118
11	Gilmore 🌿	Twirling Candy	SF Racing, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables, Masterson, R, Stonestreet Stbels, Schoenfarber, J Waves Edge Capital LLC and Donovan, Catherine	Walsh	Ortiz, Jr.	118
12	Gun Pilot	Gun Runner	Three Chimneys Farm	Asmussen	Gaffalione	118
13	Damon's Mound	Girvin	Love, Michele and Cliff	Lovell	Saez	122
14	Freezing Point 🌿	Frosted	Randy Jill Gootzeit	Lejzerowicz	Lanerie	118

Breeders: 1-Richard Barton Enterprises, 2-Rockingham Ranch, 3-BG Stables, 4-White Fox Farm, 5-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC, 6-Alastar Thoroughbred Company, LLC, 7-SF Bloodstock LLC & Henry FieldBloodstock, 8-Machmer Hall, 9-Fifth Avenue Bloodstock & CenterlineBreeding, 10-Betz/J.Betz/Burns/ Camaquiki/C.Kidder/etal, 11-Dividing Ridge Farm, 12-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC, 13-Cliff Love, 14-Dr. Hiram C. Polk & Dr. Susan Galandiuk



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Saturday, Churchill Downs #9, post time: 3:40 p.m. EDT**AMERICAN TURF S. PRESENTED BY BMW-GII, \$500,000, 3yo, 1 1/16mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Major Dude	Bolt d'Oro	Spendthrift Farm LLC	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	122
2	Far Bridge	English Channel	LSU Stables	Pletcher	Rosario	118
3	Mendelssohns March 🌿	Mendelssohn	Harold Lerner, Nehoc Stables, AWC Stables and Team Stallion Racing Stable	McPeck	Hernandez, Jr.	118
4	Talk of the Nation	Quality Road	Joseph Allen LLC and CHC INC.	McGaughey III	Gaffalione	118
5	Johannes	Nyquist	Cuyathy LLC	Yakteen	Rispoli	118
6	Behind Enemy Lines (GB)	Sioux Nation	David Bernsen, Rockingham Ranch & Talla Racing	Sisterson	Prat	118
7	Desert Duke	Kitten's Joy	William Brook Henderson	Hartman	Landeros	118
8	Mo Stash 🌿	Mo Town	BBN Racing, LLC	Oliver	Saez	120
9	Anglophile	English Channel	LFG Racing, LLC	Lynch	Velazquez	118
10	Otago	Speightstown	Crown's Way Racing, NBS Stable, Delava, Edward and Diamant, Eli e Five Racing Thoroughbreds	Danner	Beschizza	118
11	Carl Spackler (Ire)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Three Chimneys Farm	Brown	Ortiz	118
12	Funtastic Again 🌿	Funtastic	Susan Moulton	Ward	Corrales	118
13	Andthewinneris 🌿	Oscar Performance	D. J. Stable LLC	Catalano	Geroux	122
14	Webslinger 🌿	Constitution	Godolphin, LLC	Casse	Castellano	118
Also Eligible:						
15	Wadsworth	Quality Road	Warren, Andrew N. and Warren, Rania	Cox	Franco	118
16	Scobie Quando 🌿	Uncle Mo		Colebrook	Lemaire	118

Breeders: 1-Clearsky Farms, 2-Calumet Farm, 3-Don Alberto Corporation, 4-CHC Inc., 5-Cuyathy, LLC, 6-The Brigadier Partnership, 7-Sam Henderson, 8-Rhineshire Farm LLC, 9-Upson Downs Farm & Louie W. Wright, 10-Courtney Meagher & SpeightstownSyndicate, 11-Fifth Avenue Bloodstock, 12-BHMFR, LLC, 13-Susan Moulton, 14-Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey, 15-Godolphin, 16-CHC Inc.

Saturday, Belmont #9, post time: 4:56 p.m. EDT**FORT MARCY S.-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Dynadrive 🌿	Temple City	Flying P Stable and James F. Schurman	Morley	Juarez	120
2	King Cause 🌿	Creative Cause	Nice Guys Stables	Maker	Carmouche	120
3	Ottoman Fleet (GB)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Godolphin, LLC	Appleby	Mullen	122
4	Fort Washington	War Front	Allen Stable, Inc. and Peter M. Brant	McGaughey III	Lynch	120
5	Rockemperor (Ire)	Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)	Madaket Stables LLC, Michael Dubb, Wonder Stables, Michael E. Kisber, and Michael J. Caruso	Brown	Davis	122
6	City Man	Mucho Macho Man	Reeves Thoroughbred Racing, Peter Searles, and Patty Searles	Clement	McCarthy	124
7	Keystone Field 🌿	Candy Ride (Arg)	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Gomez	118
8	Tide of the Sea 🌿	English Channel	Flying P Stable	Morley	Davis	118
9	Law Professor	Constitution	Twin Creeks Racing Stables, LLC	Atras	Rider TBA	122

Breeders: 1-Spendthrift Farm LLC, 2-Bret Jones, 3-SCEA Marmion Vauville & Alain Jathiere, 4-Joseph Allen, LLC & White Birch Farm, Inc., 5-Haras du Mezeray, 6-Moonstar Farm, 7-CRK Stables, LLC, 8-Juddmonte Farms Inc, 9-Twin Creeks Farm



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Saturday, Belmont #10, post time: 5:37 p.m. EDT**RUFFIAN S.-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Pass the Champagne	Flatter	R. A. Hill Stable, Black Type Thoroughbreds, Rock Ridge Racing LLC, BlackRidge Stables LLC, and James F. Brown	Weaver	Lynch	118
2	Mommasgottarun 🌿	Maclean's Music	Ronald P. Stewart	Rice	Cancel	120
3	Timeless Journey	Verrazano	Merrylegs Farm	Handal	Vargas, Jr.	120
4	Idiomatic	Curlin	Juddmonte	Cox	McCarthy	124
5	Kathleen O. 🌿	Upstart	Winngate Stables, LLC	McGaughey III	Carmouche	124
6	Gerrymander 🌿	Into Mischief	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Davis	122

Breeders: 1-Preston Madden, 2-Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc, 3-Merrylegs Farm North, LLC, 4-Juddmonte Farms Inc, 5-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd & BridlewoodFarm, 6-Town & Country Horse Farms, LLC & Pollock Farms

Saturday, Santa Anita #7, post time: 6:30 p.m. EDT**SEÑORITA S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo, f, 6 1/2FT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	The Wild Grazer (Ire)	Gustav Klimt (Ire)	Red Baron's Barn LLC & Rancho Temescal LLC	Mullins	Berrios	122
2	Teena Ella	War Front	Spendthrift Farm LLC	Mandella	Maldonado	120
3	Ag Bullet 🌿	Twirling Candy	Calvin Nguyen and Joey C. Tran	Papaprodromou	Bravo	124
4	Procrastination	Not This Time	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners	McCarthy	Gonzalez	120
5	Chismosa	Clubhouse Ride	Jaime Roberto Renella	DeLeon	Payeras	124
6	Tom's Regret	Tom's Tribute	Cinema Thoroughbreds, Michelle K. Beckerle, Saul Carrillo, Victor M. Flores, Burton Johnson, and Eugene Zondlo	Miyadi	Frey	124
7	Fast and Shiny 🌿	Bernardini	Michael E. Pegram, Karl Watson, and Paul Weitman	Baffert	Cedillo	124

Breeders: 1-Pat McGree, 2-Spendthrift Farm LLC, 3-H & E Ranch, 4-Ramspring Farm, 5-Jaime R Renella, 6-DP Racing, LLC, 7-Douglas Scharbauer

Sunday, Belmont #3, post time: 2:01 p.m. EDT**BEAUGAY S.-GIII, \$175,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Evvie Jets 🌿	Twirling Candy	The Estate of Robert J. Amendola	Kantarmaci	Cancel	122
2	Consumer Spending	More Than Ready	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Franco	122
3	Marketsegmentation 🌿	American Pharoah	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	120
4	Contemporary Art	Dubawi (Ire)	Bobby Flay	Clement	Ortiz	118
5	Kalifornia Queen (Ger)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Michael Dubb, Madaket Stables LLC, First Row Partners and Michael J. Caruso	Brown	Prat	118
6	Veronica Greene 🌿	Tapit	Peter M. Brant	Brown	Rosario	118
7	Finest Work 🌿	Outwork	Ted Hoover	Weaver	Velazquez	120
8	Surprisingly	Mastery	Phipps Stable	McGaughey III	Alvarado	122

Breeders: 1-Farfellow Farms Ltd., 2-Forging Oaks Farm, 3-Marcus Stables LLC, 4-B. Flay Thoroughbreds, 5-Stall Torjager, 6-Mr. Gary Barber, Madaket Stables and Tapit Syndicate, 7-Repole Stable, Inc., 8-Phipps Stable



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FRIDAY'S RACING INSIGHTS:

by Stefanie Grimm



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BAFFERT DEBUTS \$700K NYQUIST COLT AT SANTA ANITA

6th-SA, \$61K, Msw, 3-5yo, 6f, 6:49 p.m.

TRUEHOOD (Nyquist), purchased for \$700,000 out of Keeneland September in 2021, makes the races Friday for trainer Bob Baffert and owners Alfred or Liebau. The first foal out of an unraced half-sister to MSP Golden Jaguar (Animal Kingdom) and Golden Domer (**Quality Road**), Truehood traces back to GI Shoemaker Mile S. winner Bolo (Temple City), MGISW Dullahan (Even the Score), and Canada's champion 2-year-old colt and GI Kentucky Derby upsetter Mine That Bird (Birdstone).

Opposing him from the outside is 4-year-old **Mohawk Sun** (**Karakontie {Jpn}**), also making his debut since bringing \$500,000 at Keeneland's 2020 September Sale for trainer Karen Headley. He is out of a half-sister to GI Kentucky Derby third Mr. Big News (Giant's Causeway) and hails from the prolific family of third dam Angelic Song (Halo), herself a full-sister to Canada's Horse of the Year Glorious Song, Eclipse 2-year-old Devil's Bag, and late sire Saint Ballado. **TJCS PPS**

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

OPENING VERSE S., \$297,500, Churchill Downs, 5-4, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:35.73, fm.

1--**ANNAPOLIS**, 124, c, 4, **War Front**--My Miss Sophia (GSW & MGISP, \$605,040), by Unbridled's Song. 'TDN Rising Star'. O/B-Bass Stables, LLC (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher; J-Irad Ortiz, Jr. \$175,270. Lifetime Record: GISW, 9-6-2-0, \$1,341,370. *Full to Nevisian Sunrise, SP, \$196,180.

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2--**Churchtown**, 120, g, 4, Air Force Blue--Complicated, by **Blame**. (\$65,000 RNA Wlg '19 KEENOV; \$40,000 RNA Ylg '20 KEESEP). O/B-William Harrigan & Mike Pietrangelo (KY); T-Roger L. Attfield. \$56,700.

LANE'S END SALES GRADUATE

3--**Set Piece (GB)**, 120, g, 7, Dansili (GB)--Portodora, by Kingmambo. O/B-Juddmonte Farms (East) Ltd (GB); T-Brad H. Cox. \$25,850.

Margins: HD, 2, HD. Odds: 0.83, 7.88, 3.70.

Also Ran: English Bee, Stitched, Get Smokin, Kentucky Ghost, Time to Party, Gray's Fable, Camp Hope, Native Thunder. Scratched: Sky and Sand.

Barring his disastrous start in the GI Breeders' Cup Mile last fall, Annapolis has been the picture of consistency throughout his career--never placing worse than second in seven prior starts dating back to Sept. 2021. The 'TDN Rising Star' earned success at the highest level with his win in the GI Coolmore Turf Mile S. leading into that Breeders' Cup, where a missed break derailed his race. Despite an awkward beginning to Thursday's feature race at Churchill, Annapolis was able to establish good stalking position in sixth, content to sit behind horses as Get Smokin (Get Stormy) paced the field through easy opening fractions of :24.29 and :49.33. As space opened up for his move, Annapolis swung out and swept into contention with an eye-catching rally exiting the far turn. Still hung on the outside down the lane, he took aim on late leader Churchtown and just had the time to drive by, nailing his rival in the final jumps to post the narrow victory.

"He got the job done today," said winning jockey Irad Ortiz, Jr. "Luis [Saez] was riding, and I was riding, and coming to the wire, he got his head in front. In the Breeders' Cup Mile (GI), he stumbled at the break, but I kept asking, and he kept trying. And he was facing some very good horses. It's nice to see him back and in great condition. Hopefully, he'll have another great year."

Cont.



Annapolis (left) | Coady

Out of GSW/MGISP My Miss Sophia, Annapolis has a 2-year-old full-brother, Eisenhower, and a newborn half-sister by **Gun Runner**. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.](#)

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KENTUCKY JUVENILE S., \$197,500, Churchill Downs, 5-4, 2yo, 5f, :57.49, ft.

1--**YOUALMOSTHADME**, 117, f, 2, by **Oxbow**

1st Dam: **Good Gator (SP)**, by **Good and Tough**

2nd Dam: **May Gator**, by **Green Alligator**

3rd Dam: **Thesixthofmay**, by **Classic Account**

(\$12,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP). **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN**. O-Qatar Racing, Swinbank Stables, Steve Adkisson and Black Type Thoroughbreds; B-Pope McLean, Marc McLean & Pope McLean Jr. (KY); T-Brad H. Cox; J-Tyler Gaffalione. \$123,500. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$170,000.

CRESTWOOD FARM **BRED | FOALED | RAISED | SOLD**

2--**Lou's Legacy**, 118, c, 2, **Tapiture**--Biogio's Gift, by Any Given Saturday. **1ST BLACK TYPE**. O-Hugo Andrade; B-Lou Dunn Diekemper Trust (KY); T-Hugo Andrade. \$40,000.

3--**Tranche**, 118, c, 2, **Collected**--Theory of Change, by Archarcharch. (\$210,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP). **1ST BLACK TYPE**. O-William Peoples; B-Hidden Brook Farm (KY); T-Luis Mendez. \$20,000.

Hidden Brook Foaled, Raised & Sold

Margins: 8 3/4, 1, 24. Odds: 0.27, 9.91, 9.17.

Also Ran: Lil Anthony, Who's Snow Trouble. Scratched: Hibernacle.

Privately purchased after an impressive 8 1/2-length win when unveiled at Keeneland April 19, Youalmosthadme made it two-for-two with a win as the heavy 1-5 favorite in the Kentucky Juvenile S. at Churchill Downs Thursday. The only filly facing a

field of maiden colts, the bay was sent right to the front to set a sharp opening quarter in :22.52. Only briefly challenged into the far turn by Tranche, she easily turned back that rival with a surge past the quarter pole and came home on cruise control, hitting the wire 8 3/4 lengths ahead of Lou's Legacy who got up in second. Good Gator has a yearling filly by Get Stormy and was bred back to **Midshipman** for 2023. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.](#)

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ST. MATTHEWS OVERNIGHT S., \$175,000, Churchill Downs, 5-4, (C), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:08.75, ft.

1--**BANGO**, 120, h, 6, **Congrats--Josaka**, by **Smart Strike**.

O-Tamaroak Partners LLC; B-Tamaroak Stable (KY); T-Gregory D. Foley; J-Tyler Gaffalione. \$105,836. Lifetime Record: 30-12-3-2, \$1,093,551. *1/2 to Eton Ridge (Stephen Got Even), SW-PR, \$274,962.

2--**Miles Ahead**, 120, g, 6, **Competitive Edge--Jennie R.**, by **Awesome Again**. (\$120,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$175,000 2yo '19 OBSMAR). O-Jay Em Ess Stable; B-Nicholas M. Lotz & Betsy Kelley (KY); T-Paul J. McGee. \$34,560.

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3--**Surveillance**, 123, g, 6, **Constitution--Majorelle**, by Mizzen Mast. (\$40,000 Wlg '17 KEENOV; \$25,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP).

O-Big Chief Racing, LLC, Rocker O Ranch, LLC and J. Keith Desormeaux; B-Kendall E. Hansen, M.D. Racing, LLC (KY); T-J. Keith Desormeaux. \$17,280.

Rebecca Maker Layup

CRESTWOOD FARM **FOALED | RAISED | SOLD**

Margins: 5, 3/4, 3 1/4. Odds: 2.28, 3.40, 6.92.

Also Ran: Bagboss, Heart Rhythm, Collaborate, Pirate Rick.

Scratched: Willtorun.



Bango | Coady Photography

A multiple-stakes winner with a record of nine wins in 16 starts under the Twin Spires, Bango added to that haul on Thursday. Not seen since he was second Jan. 21 in the Duncan F. Kenner S. at Fair Grounds, the dark bay colt was rewarded with 2-1 favoritism at the windows here.

From the break, the Greg Foley trainee allowed Pirate Rick (Liam's Map) to show the way down the backstretch, but the chalk tracked him closely from second. Around the far turn with his bid underway, Bango took control into the stretch and never looked back en route to an easy 5 length victory over Miles Ahead.

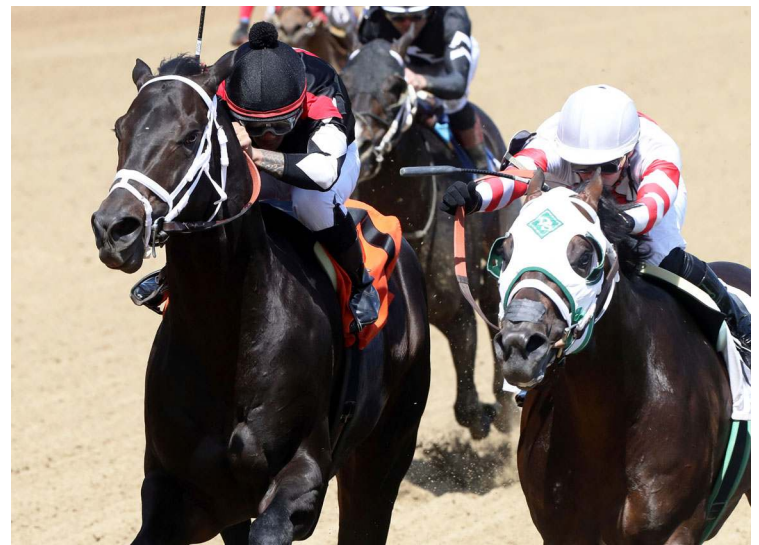
"He loves Churchill," said Foley. "That was special. He's a homebred, which makes it even more special. I raced his mother [Josaka]. He has the best owners. Fred and Debbie Schwartz have been with me a long time. They've been loyal owners and good to me. I'm so glad they could be here with me today. We're one away from tying the record for most wins at Churchill and we'll have some shots to break the record this meet."

The winner's dam is responsible for a 2-year-old named Evan On Earth (Congrats) and also a yearling colt by Flatter. She was bred to Mendelssohn last year. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

lane. Briefly outrun by the leader, Run Classic engaged again despite drifting around and just had enough to get on even terms with Strava at the wire to share win honors. Run Classic has a 3-year-old **Always Dreaming** half-sister and a yearling half-sister by **War of Will** while Strava has a winning 3-year-old half-rother by **Uncle Mo** in Bishops Bay, a 2-year-old half-brother by **Constitution**, and a yearling half-sister by **Improbable**. Sales History: \$275,000 RNA Ylg '20 KEESEP; \$825,000 2yo '21 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: MSP, 11-4-1-3, \$336,880. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Siena Farm, WinStar & D. Crum; B-WinStar (KY); T-D. Stewart.

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Strava (right) and Run Classic (left) | Coady

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6th-Churchill Downs, \$137,730, Alw (NW3\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$100,000), 5-4, 3yo/up, 7f, 1:22.03, ft, 4 3/4 lengths. (DH) RUN CLASSIC (h, 5, Runhappy--Pledge Pin {SP}, by Chatain) Sales History: \$145,000 RNA Ylg '19 KEESEP; \$475,000 2yo '20 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: GSP, 11-4-2-1, \$331,367. O-Tom R. Durant; B-Millennium Farms (KY); T-W. Bret Calhoun.

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(DH) STRAVA (c, 4, Into Mischief--Catch My Drift {SW & GISP, \$280,540}, by Pioneerof the Nile), making his first start since a fifth behind Taiba (Gun Runner) in the GI Malibu S. to finish off the year Dec. 26, went right out to set the pace while Run Classic, entered off a fifth in the GIII Commonwealth S. at Keeneland Apr. 8, chased in fourth. Eased along on the front end, Strava set fractions of :23.54 and :46.52 before facing a stout challenge from Run Classic to his outside at the top of the

2nd-Churchill Downs, \$123,355, Alw, 5-4, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 7 1/2f, 1:31.06, ft, 1/2 length.

ACADEMIC HONOR (f, 4, Honor Code--Academic Break, by Broken Vow) broke her maiden in her second start over a muddy Gulfstream surface two start back in Feb. 2022 before checking in third in her 4-year-old debut at Keeneland Apr. 14. Pairing up starts for the first time in her career, the even-money choice stalked off the pace in fourth as the field came out of the chute and onto the main track. Gradually eased up into position outside of the leading duo, Academic Honor came with a challenge past the quarter pole to stick a head in front of Scarlet Stripe (Gun Runner). The rival fought on gamely inside but Academic Honor persisted to a half-length victory. Out of a half-sister to MGSW/GISP Sweet August Moon (Malibu Moon), the winner has a yearling half-brother by **Instagrand and a newborn half-brother by **Instilled Regard**. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$115,959. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.****

O/B-Barry Dale Fowler (KY); T-Kenneth G. McPeek.



Academic Honor | Coady

7th-Oaklawn, \$104,000, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$100,000), 5-4, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:44.68, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

BLACK POWDER (c, 3, Gun Runner--Oldfashioned Style {GSP, \$149,862}, by Old Fashioned) won his debut in gate-to-wire fashion in Hot Springs Mar. 23 by 2 lengths. Drifting on the tote board from 5-1 on the morning line to 10-1 in this spot, the bay colt made the front alongside a longshot into the backstretch. Rounding the far turn as the co-leader dropped back, the Steve Asmussen trainee dueled briefly past the eighth pole with Heroic Move (**Quality Road**) and after putting him away, ran on to graduate once again, this time by 1 3/4 lengths over the late-running Abeliefinthislavin (**Arrogate**). The winner is the first of his dam's offspring to make the races. She does have a 2-year-old colt named Atlas Falls (**Bernardini**), who sold for \$10,000 at the Fasig-Tipton October Yearling sale to Harper Ridge Thoroughbreds and she reported a brand new filly by Rock Your World (Mar. 7). Sales History: \$35,000 Ylg '21 KEEJAN; \$170,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$116,400. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-L & N Racing & Winchell Thoroughbreds; B-D.J. Stables (KY); T-S. Asmussen.

Hidden Brook Foaled, Raised & Sold
Rebecca Maker Rehab Graduate

7th-Belmont, \$85,000, (S), Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$45,000), 5-4, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38.25, my, 4 1/2 lengths.

SUNSET LOUISE (f, 4, Tonalist--Ash Zee {GSP, \$145,684}, by Exchange Rate) made her first start Thursday since finishing a distant eighth in the Empire Distaff S. at Belmont's Aqueduct meeting last October. Racing with her blinkers removed with a 7-2 shot, the chestnut filly broke on top and set the pace right away. Moving well under jockey Jose Ortiz, she spun off the turn and worked up a clear advantage while Bustin Bay chased her home but came up 4 1/2 lengths short. Sunset Louise is a full-

sister to The Reds, SW & GSP, \$331,901 and a half-sister to Zee Drop (Lemon Drop Kid), GSP, \$151,180. Her dam, herself a half-sister to GISW Wickedly Perfect (Congrats), has not produced a live foal since Sunset Louise but was bred to **Quality Road** for 2023. Sales History: \$60,000 Ylg '20 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-0, \$163,100. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Vincent Stanzone; B-Schiano Racing (NY); T-Bruce N. Levine.

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

5th-Churchill Downs, \$122,250, Msw, 5-4, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.67, fm, 1/2 length.

HIDDEN PATH (c, 3, Hard Spun--Lots o' Lex {SW & MGSP, \$223,200}, by Kitalpha) debuted on Gulfstream's synthetic surface Mar. 31 and just lost out by a neck. Given a try on the turf with the stretch out as the 2-1 choice, he raced two wide just off leader Kigali (**Hard Spun**) before pouncing as the top pair straightened for the wire. Despite a minor drift towards an outside rival and swapping back to his left lead close to home, Hidden Path had enough left to hold off a charging He's Got Swagger (Temple City) and win by a half-length. Out of a half-sister to Brazilian champion 2-year-old filly Medalha Milagrosa (Miner's Mark), Hidden Path has a 2-year-old half-sister by **Catholic Boy** and a yearling half-brother by **Game Winner** while his dam visited **Liam's Map** for 2023. Sales History: \$300,000 Ylg '21 FTKJUL. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$83,700. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Starlight Racing; B-Dr. Steve & Lisa Lex (KY); T-Todd Pletcher.

Foaled, Raised & Consigned by WAR HORSE PLACE



Hidden Path | Coady

4th-Oaklawn, \$90,000, Msw, 5-4, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.80, ft, 3 1/4 lengths.

MYSTIC PLEASURE (f, 3, Good Magic--Disposablepleasure {MGSW & GISP, \$535,460}, by Giacomo), second by clear margin on debut over the all-weather track at Turfway Mar. 31, was tabbed the 6-5 choice in her return spot on the main track Thursday. Always well positioned on the outside in third, she had plenty of momentum off the turn while still racing three wide. Kept under a ride the length of the stretch, she drew clear to defeat Chanisa (Dortmund) by 3 1/4 lengths. Mystic Pleasure has a 2-year-old full-sister yet to make the races. Sales History: \$35,000 Ylg '21 KEEJAN; \$210,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$68,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-The Elkstone Group, LLC (Stuart Grant) and Full of Run Racing II, LLC; B-SF Bloodstock LLC (KY); T-Brad H. Cox.



INSIGHT *Outcomes*

1st-Belmont, \$87,300, Msw, 5-4, 2yo, f, 5f, :59.35, my, 6 1/2 lengths.

PRINCESA CELINA (f, 2, Quality Road--Lastofthesummerwine, by Sky Mesa) kept her trainer's momentum from the Keeneland spring meet rolling with an impressive performance to open Belmont's spring/summer meet. Bet like a sure thing at 1-5, the imposing bay broke alertly and chased outside of the early speed of Leslie's Loot (Fast Anna) through a quick quarter in :21.98. Kept under a hand ride by jockey Jose Ortiz, Princesa Celina easily maneuvered past her rival as they swung off the turn and opened up nicely down the lane while never really asked, winning by 6 1/2 lengths. Leslie's Loot was well clear for second while the winner's stablemate, Slainte Mhath (**Uncle Mo**) checked in third. Lastofthesummerwine is already responsible for a quartet of winners in Happy Like a Fool (Distorted Humor), MGSW-USA, GSP-Eng, \$344,197, Hawaiian Noise (Super Saver), SW, \$196,917, Conquest Panthera (Kitten's Joy), GSW-Can, GISP-USA, \$393,400 and Maniacal (Kitten's Joy), GSP, \$346,796. Since foaling Princesa Celina, she's produced a yearling colt by **Uncle Mo** and foaled a filly by **Munnings** this spring. Sales History: \$545,000 RNA Wlg '21 FTKNOV. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$49,500. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC (Goncalo B. Torrealba); B-Magnolia Bloodstock & Lynch Bages LTD (KY); T-Wesley A. Ward.

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9th-Belmont, \$75,000, (S), Msw, 5-4, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (off turf), 1:11.82, my, 1 1/2 lengths.

MZ BIG BUCKS (f, 3, War Dancer--Frisolous Buck {MSP, \$222,374}, by Catienus) was given an 8-1 chance off a fourth-place effort on the grass at Aqueduct Apr. 8. On the dirt in this rained-off contest, the bay led from the jump, setting fractions of :22.81 and :46.25 before really starting to run from just off the rail in upper stretch. Under a drive to the wire, she held off Loon Cry (More Than Ready) to secure the 1 1/2-length win. A full-sister to Dancing Buck, GSW, \$432,670, Mz Big Bucks has a newborn full-brother. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$45,450. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.** O-J and N Stables; B-J & N Stables LLC & Elizabeth Jameson (NY); T-Michelle Nevin.

2nd-Gulfstream, \$63,000, Msw, 5-4, 2yo, f, 4 1/2f, :52.70, ft, 6 1/2 lengths.

STILETTO HEELS (f, 2, Awesome of Course--Garter Belt {MSW, \$139,255}, by Anasheed), given only a 5-1 chance in this unveiling, showed good speed from the blocks to establish the early advantage through a quarter in :22:36. Heavily favored Cherokee (Union Jackson) chased throughout but Stiletto Heels had plenty when asked for a run into the lane and separated herself from the field with ease, going on to win by 6 1/2 lengths over Cherokee. Stiletto Heels is a full-sister to Twotwentyfie A, MSW, \$311,628 and Shivaree, MSW & GISP, \$565,464. She is also a half-sister to Garter and Tie (Brooks 'n Down), MSW, \$449,295. Garter Belt, herself a half-sister to MGISW Jackson Bend (Hear No Evil), was last bred to **Nyquist** for a 2023 foal. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$43,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O/B-Jacks or Better Farm Inc. (FL); T-Ralph E. Nicks.



Stiletto Heels | Ryan Thompson

**FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, MAY 5***2023 Stud Fees Listed***Biblical (Tapit), MCA Farm**

9 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners

3-Laurel, 1:24 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Family Gal, 6-1

3-Laurel, 1:24 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, She's Fantastic, 6-1

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, MAY 5*2023 Stud Fees Listed***Always Dreaming (Bodemeister), WinStar Farm, \$10,000**

213 foals of racing age/27 winners/1 black-type winner

9-Oaklawn, 6:10 p.m. EDT, Aoc 6f, Always Angels, 5-1

\$8,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$47,000 OBS MAR 2yo

5-Lone Star, 9:27 p.m. EDT, Aoc 5fT, Dose's Dream, 8-1

\$26,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$80,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$197,000 RNA TTA

APR 2yo

Army Mule (Friesan Fire), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, \$12,500

143 foals of racing age/40 winners/7 black-type winners

2-Churchill Downs, 11:00 a.m. EDT, Aoc 6 1/2f, Be Here Now

\$40,000 KEE SEP yrl

Bolt d'Oro (Medaglia d'Oro), Spendthrift Farm, \$35,000

256 foals of racing age/43 winners/6 black-type winners

10-Churchill Downs, 4:51 p.m. EDT, \$500K GII Edgewood S.

presented by Forcht Bank, 1 1/16mT, Flashy Gem, 10-1

City of Light (Quality Road), Lane's End Farm, \$60,000

209 foals of racing age/24 winners/6 black-type winners

1-Oaks Derby Pick 3, 5:51 p.m. EDT, \$1250K GI Longines

Kentucky Oaks CD - R11, 1 1/8m, Mimi Kakushi, 20-1

\$180,000 FTK JUL yrl; \$250,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Cloud Computing (Maclean's Music), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000

198 foals of racing age/29 winners/1 black-type winner

6-Evangeline Downs, 8:46 p.m. EDT, \$60K Cajun Miss S., 7f,

Louisiana Liberty, 15-1

\$32,000 TTA YHR yrl

Collected (City Zip), Airdrie Stud, \$10,000

234 foals of racing age/29 winners/1 black-type winner

9-Oaklawn, 6:10 p.m. EDT, Aoc 6f, Collected Glory, 8-1

\$40,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$100,000 OBS APR 2yo

1-Oaks Derby Pick 3, 5:51 p.m. EDT, \$1250K GI Longines

Kentucky Oaks CD - R11, 1 1/8m, Taxed, 20-1

\$27,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$105,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Girvin (Tale of Ekati), Airdrie Stud, \$20,000

180 foals of racing age/35 winners/5 black-type winners

13-Churchill Downs, 7:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 7f, Chaina, 30-1

\$10,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$30,000 FTK OCT yrl

8-Oaklawn, 5:20 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Cravensworth, 20-1

\$160,000 EAS MAY 2yo

1-Oaks Derby Pick 3, 5:51 p.m. EDT, \$1250K GI Longines

Kentucky Oaks CD - R11, 1 1/8m, Dorth Vader, 20-1

Good Magic (Curlin), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, \$50,000

237 foals of racing age/43 winners/8 black-type winners

3-Oaks Derby Pick 3, 6:57 p.m. EDT, \$3000K GI Kentucky Derby

presented by Woodford Reserve CD - R12, 1 1/4m, Mage, 15-1

\$235,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$290,000 EAS MAY 2yo

13-Churchill Downs, 7:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 7f, Magic Up, 10-1

\$80,000 KEE SEP yrl

6-Santa Anita, 6:49 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Mystification, 8-1

\$65,000 RNA KEE JAN wnl; \$60,000 FTK JUL yrl; \$250,000 OBS

APR 2yo

3-Oaks Derby Pick 3, 6:57 p.m. EDT, \$3000K GI Kentucky Derby

presented by Woodford Reserve CD - R12, 1 1/4m, Reincarnate,

50-1

\$775,000 KEE SEP yrl

Good Samaritan (Harlan's Holiday), WinStar Farm, \$7,500

172 foals of racing age/34 winners/1 black-type winner

9-Belmont, 5:36 p.m. EDT, Msw 1mT, Good Accelebrate, 30-1

\$23,000 RNA SAR AUG yrl; \$18,000 EAS MAY 2yo

1-Churchill Downs, 10:30 a.m. EDT, Msw 1 1/16m, Lady

Samaritan, 30-1

\$19,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

8-Oaklawn, 5:20 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Manta Rey, 12-1

\$37,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl

10-Churchill Downs, 4:51 p.m. EDT, \$500K GII Edgewood S.

presented by Forcht Bank, 1 1/16mT, Sabalenka, 20-1

\$30,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$35,000 OBS APR 2yo

Hoppertunity (Any Given Saturday), Northview Stallion Station,

\$5,000

156 foals of racing age/17 winners/1 black-type winner

9-Oaklawn, 6:10 p.m. EDT, Aoc 6f, Ribbonsinherhair, 15-1

\$25,000 EAS OCT yrl



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Justify (Scat Daddy), Coolmore Ashford, \$100,000
 344 foals of racing age/43 winners/7 black-type winners
 3-Oaks Derby Pick 3, 6:57 p.m. EDT, \$3000K GI Kentucky Derby
 presented by Woodford Reserve CD - R12, 1 1/4m, Verifying,
 15-1
 \$775,000 KEE SEP yrl

Long River (A.P. Indy), Anchor & Hope Farm, \$1,500
 48 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
 8-Laurel, 3:56 p.m. EDT, Alw 1 1/16mT, Jones Falls, 30-1

Mendelssohn (Scat Daddy), Coolmore Ashford, \$25,000
 348 foals of racing age/47 winners/3 black-type winners
 5-Lone Star, 9:27 p.m. EDT, Aoc 5fT, Malibu **Mendelssohn**, 8-1
 \$77,000 RNA KEE JAN wnl

Mind Your Biscuits (Posse), Shadai Stallion Station, \$4,000,000
 122 foals of racing age/44 winners/2 black-type winners
 3-Oaks Derby Pick 3, 6:57 p.m. EDT, \$3000K GI Kentucky Derby
 presented by Woodford Reserve CD - R12, 1 1/4m, Derma
 Sotogake (Jpn), 10-1
 YEN18,000,000 JRH AYF yrl

Oscar Performance (Kitten's Joy), Mill Ridge Farm, \$20,000
 172 foals of racing age/23 winners/2 black-type winners
 7-Churchill Downs, 2:09 p.m. EDT, \$500K GII Eight Belles S.
 presented by Sysco, 7f, Red Carpet Ready, 3-1
 \$180,000 FTS AUG yrl; \$100,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo

The Player (Street Hero), Crestwood Farm
 14 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
 1-Evangeline Downs, 6:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Honest Angus, 9-5

Recoletos (Fr) (Whipper), Haras du Petit Tellier, \$4,000
 106 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners
 10-Churchill Downs, 4:51 p.m. EDT, \$500K GII Edgewood S.
 presented by Forcht Bank, 1 1/16mT, Revalita (Fr), 5-1
 €12,000 ARQ DOY yrl

Sharp Azteca (Freud), Three Chimneys Farm, \$15,000
 200 foals of racing age/53 winners/4 black-type winners
 12-Churchill Downs, 6:25 p.m. EDT, Aoc 1 1/16m, Cotton Candy
 Annie, 30-1
 \$35,000 KEE SEP yrl
 8-Belterra, 3:55 p.m. EDT, \$75K Daryl E. Parker Memorial Tall
 Stack S., 6 1/2f, Media Darling, 2-1
 5-Belmont, 3:14 p.m. EDT, Msw 6fT, Sharpaz, 20-1
 \$20,000 SAR AUG yrl; \$30,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$90,000 OBS APR
 2yo



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STAKES RESULTS:

NATURAL STATE BREEDERS' S., \$150,000, Oaklawn, 5-4, (S),
 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38.62, ft.
 1--**KABOOM BABY, 124, m, 5, Hightail--Ready for Life,**
by More Than Ready. 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O/B-Tracy K Selby
 (AR); T-Ernie Witt, II; J-Luis S. Quinonez. \$82,875. Lifetime
 Record: 15-4-4-4, \$421,859.
 2--**Summer Shoes, 124, m, 5, Commander's Shoes--Summer**
Symphony, by Summer Squall. O-John Carver; B-Pleasant Hills
 Training Center (AR); T-Thomas H. Swearingen. \$25,500.
 3--**Too Pretty, 119, m, 6, Alternation--Pretty Toni, by Bold**
Anthony. O-Richard Christian; B-Five Star Racing (AR);
 T-Daniel Peitz. \$12,750.
 Margins: HF, 4, 3. Odds: 2.30, 6.00, 8.70.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

5th-Belmont, \$95,000, 5-4, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 1 1/8mT, 1:50.81,
 gd, 2 3/4 lengths.
Q F SEVENTY FIVE (g, 5, Vancouver {Aus}--Past Twilight, by
Pulpit) Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-3, \$137,090. O-West Point
 Thoroughbreds and NBS Stable; B-Joe B. Mulholland Jr., John P.
 & Karen Mulholland (KY); T-Christophe Clement. *\$75,000 RNA
 Ylg '19 KEESEP; \$210,000 2yo '20 EASMAY.

4th-Belmont, \$80,000, (S), 5-4, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m (off
turf), 1:40.72, my, 3 3/4 lengths.

AMANDA'S FOLLY (f, 3, Mendelssohn--Privacy, by Notebook)
 Lifetime Record: 11-3-2-0, \$109,250. O/T-Linda Rice;
 B-Lambholm (NY). *\$100,000 Wlg '20 KEENOV; \$80,000 Ylg '21
 SARAUG. **1/2 to Ancient Secret (**Kantharos**), GSW, \$439,434;
 1/2 to Jais's Solitude (Afleet Alex), GSP, \$232,447.

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6th-Laurel, \$48,600, (C), 5-4, (C), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:45.27, fm, 3 3/4 lengths.

DOWNTOWN KATIE (m, 5, Seville {Ger}--April Lady, by Smart Strike) Lifetime Record: 20-3-5-2, \$117,490. O-Larry Metz and Larry Bathon; B-Donald Clifford Wilson (MD); T-Michael E. Gorham. *1/2 to Kobel (Sequoyah), SW, \$427,970.

6th-Gulfstream, \$44,000, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 5-4, 3yo/up, 1 3/8mT, 2:15.65, fm, 2 1/2 lengths.

GLIDER (g, 4, Quality Road--Yellow Boat, by Lemon Drop Kid) Lifetime Record: 11-2-1-2, \$98,506. O-D. J. Stable LLC; B-R. S. Evans (KY); T-Mark E. Casse. *\$200,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP. **1/2 to Fast Boat (City Zip), MGSW, \$706,349.



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6th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$41,000, (S), 5-3, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:05.29, ft, 3/4 length.

AARON'S CONQUEST (g, 3, Greeley's Conquest--Traci Is Ready, by More Than Ready) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$51,500. O/B-Millard R. Seldin Rev. Trust (IN); T-John Alexander Ortiz.

4th-Evangeline Downs, \$35,000, (S), 5-3, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:40.98, ft, 6 1/2 lengths.

COOL INDIVIDUAL (g, 7, Cameo Appearance--American Placed, by Quiet American) Lifetime Record: 35-8-3-6, \$123,195. O-Cool Breeze Racing; B-J. Adcock & H. Wornall (LA); T-A. Landry. *\$23,000 Ylg '17 ESLYRL. **1/2 to Budro Talking (Tale of Ekati), MSW, \$387,169.

7th-Evangeline Downs, \$31,000, 5-3, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:36.96, fm, 2 1/4 lengths.

PAYNTER PARTY (g, 6, Paynter--Party Vow, by Broken Vow) Lifetime Record: 25-5-2-3, \$111,107. O-Salli Foushee; B-Frank Jones (KY); T-Paul Duhon.

8th-Will Rogers Downs, \$30,000, (S), 5-3, (C), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:39.58, ft, 3 lengths.

KWONTRO (g, 6, Shackelford--Sunny and Gold, by Strike the Gold) Lifetime Record: 14-3-2-0, \$56,499. O/B-Patrick Swan & Robert Lewis (OK); T-Patrick E. Swan.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Missin Hollywood, g, 3, **Blueskiesrainbows**--Redverse (SP, \$170,777), by Menifee. Will Rogers Downs, 5-3, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:04. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-0, \$25,673. B-Bad Boy Race (OK).

Determined Lilly, f, 3, **Mendelssohn**--Tiz a **Ghostzapper**, by **Ghostzapper**. Laurel, 5-4, (C), 1 1/16mT, 1:46.90. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$27,000. B-Windylea Farm-New York, LLC (NY). *\$75,000 Wlg '20 FTKNOV.

Sweet Shild O Mine, f, 3, **Mineshaft**--To Be Determined, by Elusive Quality. Belterra, 5-4, (S), 6f, 1:10.52. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$16,650. B-Joseph M. Engelhart (OH). *Won by 20 lengths.

Allabouttheimage, f, 3, **Ready's Image**--Imallaboutthatbass, by Include. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 5-3, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:07.11. Lifetime Record: 11-1-1-1, \$41,333. B-Michael E. & Penny S. Lauer (IN).

Home Port, f, 4, **Anchor Down**--Lin Marie, by **Curlin**. Churchill Downs, 5-4, (C), 6f, 1:10.28. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$37,700. B-Wynnstay LLC & GWR Consultants LLC (KY). *\$27,000 RNA Wlg '19 KEENOV; \$80,000 Ylg '20 FTKSEL. **1/2 to Dream Marie (Graydar), MGSP, \$278,420. ***1ST-TIME STARTER.

Galland de Besos, g, 4, **Gallant Son**--Candy Kisses, by Limehouse. Golden Gate Fields, 5-4, 5f (AWT) (off turf), :57.27. Lifetime Record: 7-1-2-2, \$49,920. B-M&J Ranch Corporation (CA).

Sterling Harmony, g, 4, **Orb**--Alluring Power, by Milwaukee Brew. Gulfstream, 5-4, (C), 5f (AWT), :56.87. Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-0, \$47,610. B-Thomas D. Brokken (FL).

Happy Runner, g, 4, **Runhappy**--Belle Gallantey (MGISW-USA, SP-Can, \$1,134,270), by After Market. Gulfstream, 5-4, (C), 6f, 1:11.74. Lifetime Record: 12-1-3-4, \$85,920. B-SF Bloodstock LLC (KY). *\$340,000 RNA Ylg '20 FTKSEL.

Cowgirl Frankie, f, 4, **War Correspondent**--Little Red Witch, by Kitalpha. Hawthorne, 5-4, (S), 6f, 1:11.72. Lifetime Record: 12-1-2-3, \$42,467. B-John Rednour Jr (IL).

Take Charge Too, g, 4, **Will Take Charge**--Noble Nation, by Cal Nation. Laurel, 5-4, 5 1/2f, 1:05.60. Lifetime Record: 11-1-5-3, \$70,495. B-Helen Marshall (MD).



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Anchor Down, Home Port, f, 4, o/o Lin Marie, by **Curlin**. MCL, 5-4, Churchill Downs

Awesome of Course, Stiletto Heels, f, 2, o/o Garter Belt, by Anasheed. MSW, 5-4, Gulfstream

Blueskiesnrainbows, Missin Hollywood, g, 3, o/o Redverse, by Menifee. MSW, 5-3, Will Rogers

Cameo Appearance, Cool Individual, g, 7, o/o American Placed, by Quiet American. ALW, 5-3, Evangeline

Congrats, Bango, h, 6, o/o Josaka, by Smart Strike. St. Matthews Overnight S., 5-4, Churchill Downs

Gallant Son, Galland de Besos, g, 4, o/o Candy Kisses, by Limehouse. MSW, 5-4, Golden Gate

Good Magic, Mystic Pleasure, f, 3, o/o Disposablepleasure, by Giacomo. MSW, 5-4, Oaklawn

Greeley's Conquest, Aaron's Conquest, g, 3, o/o Traci Is Ready, by More Than Ready. ALW, 5-3, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Gun Runner, Black Powder, c, 3, o/o Oldfashioned Style, by Old Fashioned. AOC, 5-4, Oaklawn

Hard Spun, Hidden Path, c, 3, o/o Lots o' Lex, by Kitalpha. MSW, 5-4, Churchill Downs

Hightail, Kaboom Baby, m, 5, o/o Ready for Life, by More Than Ready. Natural State Breeders' S., 5-4, Oaklawn

Honor Code, Academic Honor, f, 4, o/o Academic Break, by Broken Vow. ALW, 5-4, Churchill Downs

Into Mischief, Strava, c, 4, o/o Catch My Drift, by Pioneerof the Nile. AOC, 5-4, Churchill Downs

Mendelssohn, Amanda's Folly, f, 3, o/o Privacy, by Notebook. ALW, 5-4, Belmont

Mendelssohn, Determined Lilly, f, 3, o/o Tiz a **Ghostzapper**, by **Ghostzapper**. MCL, 5-4, Laurel

Mineshaft, Sweet Shild O Mine, f, 3, o/o To Be Determined, by

Elusive Quality. MSW, 5-4, Belterra

Orb, Sterling Harmony, g, 4, o/o Alluring Power, by Milwaukee Brew. MOC, 5-4, Gulfstream

Oxbow, Youalmosthadme, f, 2, o/o Good Gator, by Good and Tough. Kentucky Juvenile S., 5-4, Churchill Downs

Paynter, **Paynter** Party, g, 6, o/o Party Vow, by Broken Vow. ALW, 5-3, Evangeline

Quality Road, Glider, g, 4, o/o Yellow Boat, by Lemon Drop Kid. AOC, 5-4, Gulfstream

Quality Road, Princesa Celina, f, 2, o/o Lastofthsummerwine, by **Sky Mesa**. MSW, 5-4, Belmont

Ready's Image, Allabouttheimage, f, 3, o/o Imallaboutthatbass, by Include. MSW, 5-3, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Runhappy, Happy Runner, g, 4, o/o Belle Gallantey, by After Market. MOC, 5-4, Gulfstream

Runhappy, Run Classic, h, 5, o/o Pledge Pin, by Chatain. AOC, 5-4, Churchill Downs

Seville (Ger), Downtown Katie, m, 5, o/o April Lady, by Smart Strike. ALW, 5-4, Laurel

Shackleford, Kwontro, g, 6, o/o Sunny and Gold, by Strike the Gold. ALW, 5-3, Will Rogers

Tonalist, Sunset Louise, f, 4, o/o Ash Zee, by Exchange Rate. AOC, 5-4, Belmont

Vancouver (Aus), Q F Seventy Five, g, 5, o/o Past Twilight, by Pulpit. ALW, 5-4, Belmont

War Correspondent, Cowgirl Frankie, f, 4, o/o Little Red Witch, by Kitalpha. MSW, 5-4, Hawthorne

War Dancer, Mz Big Bucks, f, 3, o/o Frivolous Buck, by Catienus. MSW, 5-4, Belmont

War Front, Annapolis, c, 4, o/o My Miss Sophia, by Unbridled's Song. Opening Verse S., 5-4, Churchill Downs

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Richard Hughes (pictured), alongside Ted Durcan, bought the Zoffany co-topper | *Laura Green/Tattersalls*

by *Chris McGrath*

NEWMARKET, UK--Nobody prospecting breeze-up horses here on Thursday will have needed reminding that there is "many a slip twixt cup and lip." For one thing, the perils of the horse trade had been tragically amplified by the shocking accident that had meanwhile claimed the colt who set a **sale record at Doncaster** the previous week. The highest price recorded in the opening Horses-in-Training session here, meanwhile, actually represented only a quarter of the sum for which the same horse had been knocked down in the same ring last October.

Nonetheless the Tattersalls Guineas Breeze-Up Sale, after a fairly quiet start, rallied powerfully to complete what has been an extremely strong British cycle in the breeze-up calendar, registering an 18% hike in average from 35,678gns to 42,145gns and a new record in turnover.

This catalogue traditionally invites a slightly longer view than the earlier auctions, and a gratifying case in point was the Zoffany (Ire) colt found by Cormac Farrell at Fairyhouse last September for €55,000.

Brought here as lot 301, he had put a few eyeballs on stalks with the time he clocked the previous day, not least in view of the sturdy German blood clustering down the page. **Cont. p3**

HEADY ACTION GETS UNDERWAY AT NEWMARKET *By Tom Frary*

Heading into a weekend when celebration is the keyword in Britain, Newmarket's three-day QIPCO Guineas Festival begins on Friday with some action designed to build the intensity towards the main events. Fittingly, the fixture's opener is the Listed Newmarket S., the race once used by the Derby-winning icons Shirley Heights (GB) and Slip Anchor (GB) and this year hosting one of The King and Queen Consort's outside squeaks at a blue riband runner in **Circle Of Fire (GB)** (Almanzor {Fr}). Just a Salisbury novice winner at present, the colt bred by The Queen who derives from Juddmonte royalty has that additional edge of being with Sir Michael Stoute, who proved in 2022 that the art of expertise and longstanding experience still counts for plenty in the kiln of modern-day racing. **Cont. p8**

IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

SAFFIE JOSEPH JR. HORSES SCRATCHED AND TRAINER SUSPENDED INDEFINITELY

Trainer Saffie Joseph, Jr.'s horses have all been scratched from races at Churchill Downs including GI Kentucky Derby runner **Lord Miles (Curlin)** by the KHRC. Joseph has also been suspended indefinitely by Churchill Downs.

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Coolmore Australia secured G1 Queen Of the Turf S. winner Nimalee (So You Think) for AU\$3.6 million (€2,188,476) to top a buoyant Inglis Chairman's Sale. | *Inglis*

NO NAY NEVER FILLY EARNS RISING STAR BADGE 10

Craig Bernick and Haras d'Etream's Les Pavots (Ire) made all en route to a TDN Rising Star-earning performance at Chantilly Thursday.

PYLEDRIVER TO RETURN AT ROYAL ASCOT 11

Dual Group 1 winner Pyledriver (GB) (Harbour Watch {Ire}) is expected to mark his return in the G2 Hardwicke S. at Royal Ascot in June.

CRACKSMAN'S ACE IMPACT TOPS AT CHANTILLY 16

Ace Impact (Ire) (Cracksman {GB}) punched his ticket to the G1 Prix du Jockey Club with a victory in Thursday's Prix de Suresnes.

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Tattersalls Guineas Breeze-Up & HIT Sale Cont. from p1

But he corroborated the impression made on the Rowley Mile with his languid stride round the ring, forcing Richard Hughes (with Ted Durcan alongside) all the way to 200,000gns to bring down the gavel.

"I think he might be a freak," Farrell said. "He can do sectionals like a six-furlong horse, not one that should be wanting a mile and a half. He's a big rangy horse, nearly 16.2, but he just had this insane foot, it didn't make sense, particularly as we thought a bit of the other horses we had, the Kodiacs and the 'Starspangleds', and he could keep up with them. So he could just be exceptional.

"We'd just been nursing him along, he was raw and we minded him really, went very steady. It

was only a month ago that we asked him to show us what he could do, and it came so natural to him that we only had to do a couple of gallops. It sounds silly, but we did come here thinking we might be able to top the sale. You never know until you get



Lot 301, a son of Zoffany and a co-topper | Laura Green/Tattersalls

the breeze out of the way, though, so it's great that he's done what we hoped he would."

Farrell acknowledged that the colt had not been an obvious type for the job.

"We thought we'd given plenty for him, at the time," he admitted. "He was a big raw yearling, and people laughed when I said we were going to breeze him. And I could see why: in December he looked like an overgrown yearling still, but he has thrived since."

He was delighted, moreover, to hear that his new trainer did not intend to press on with the horse immediately.

"We'll probably turn him out for some May grass," Hughes confirmed. "I think six weeks will do him good and then we'll get

him in and look to get him ready for an October maiden. He shouldn't be able to do what he's doing, really, at this time of the year, it's almost odd with the backbone of his pedigree a top-class German staying family." **Cont. p4**

Calyx a sire to note

YOU can rest assured that I won't be mentioning my current stallion obsession Calyx every week because that would get really boring but I'm going to point him out again this week. He had three runners last week and two of them couldn't have been more impressive.

The originally named Grand Son Of Calyx, who cost 38k, won by 4l at Saint-Cloud and would have won by 10l in another furlong, while exactly the same could be said of another of

his sons. Nellie Leylax, who rocketed home having been miles behind at Beverley on Monday.

... The only other Calyx to run, should have won but didn't as he was hampered a few times and only got out after the winner had gone clear ...boy can they run and I have no doubt he's going to sire a superstar two-year-old in the next few years.

TOM SEGAL
Racing Post Weekender



CALYX

Sire of 4 winners, including Queen Mary favourite PERSIAN DREAMER, 2 seconds and a fourth from 7 starters!

PERSIAN DREAMER - TIMEFORM'S TOP-RATED 2YO FILLY OF 2023



"It's very, very unusual, they all look like they can run. They've all breezed well: head down, professional with big stride and clocked well. Obviously Calyx was a seriously good two-year-old, he won the Coventry very, very easily and it looks like he's passing on that precocity"

STEPHEN HILLEN



COOLMORE



Ted Durcan | Laura Green/Tattersalls

Tattersalls Guineas Breeze-Up & HIT Sale Cont.

Sure enough, the colt is out of a sister to two most accomplished stayers: Getaway (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}) won group races in Britain, France and Germany; while G1 Italian Oaks winner Guadalupe (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}) has herself delivered two elite winners.

The Main Talking Points

- Turnover for both sections of the sale reached a new high, for an aggregate 7,468,000gns on the day. Tally-Ho meanwhile continued their exceptional spring, leading consignors in processing eight juveniles for 438,000gns--highlighted by a 150,000gns Farhh (GB) colt (lot 309) sold to Rabbah.
- One of the principal services of the breeze-up sector is to bridge the abyss that has culpably opened in recent years between dirt-bred American horses and the European circuit. The latest imported pinhook to impress buyers with her speed over the turf was a brilliant effort, a Congrats filly brought here by Katie Walsh of Greenhills Farm as lot 308. Picked up by Alpha Bloodstock at Keeneland last

September for just \$20,000, here she made 150,000gns from Oliver St Lawrence for Fawzi Nass. She'll join Jamie Osborne with Dubai in the back of their mind.

- Rookies to celebrate headline sales included **Calyx (GB)**, whose Apr. 28 foal from Bushypark Stables (lot 306) won over Richard Brown of Blandford at 135,000gns and who later added a 120,000gns colt (lot 351) sold by Tally-Ho; **Magna Grecia (Ire)**, whose colt from Yeomanstown (lot 272) brought 115,000gns from John McConnell; and **Soldier's Call (GB)**, who sold two colts at 110,000gns apiece, one from Powerstown (lot 289) to a stable that has excelled at this sale in Alan King (co-signed with Federico Barberini) and another from Derryconnor Stud (lot 327) to Amanda Skiffington.
- Profitable (Ire) has dropped to a four-figure fee at Kildangan but his third crop showed how he can make that pay when registering a couple of big scores: Richard Ryan gave 150,000gns for the 32,000gns Somerville pinhook presented by Malcolm Bastard (lot 204); while another son brought 78,000gns as lot 267. Ryan's fellow, acquired for Teme Valley and Opulence Racing, will join Profitable's trainer Clive Cox.
- After a fairly long and winding road, **Starspangledbanner (Aus)** has reached a new peak in his global reputation and prepared for the resumption of his shuttling career with two daughters catching the eye of shrewd racing syndicates. Middleham Park gave 120,000gns for lot 288, sold to Fozzy Stack at the Orby for €40,000 and brought here by A & N Bloodstock; while Nick Bradley landed lot 304, a 27,000gns Book 2 buy by Kilronan and consigned by Knockanglass, for 80,000gns.
- At a sale that provides some oxygen for those bred to need a little more time and distance, plaudits for showcasing potential within the constraints of the format went to Michael Cleere for turning an Almanzor (Fr) colt (lot 190), found in this ring for just 9,000gns last October, into a 95,000gns sale to Richard Brown of Blandford Bloodstock. The agent in turn gave credit to client Peter Jeffers, saying, "He doesn't want the whizz-bangs." **Cont. p5**

FIRST CROP WINNER

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Coverdale

Won Handicap, 10f, Redcar

Owned by Clarendon Thoroughbred Racing

Bred by Corduff Stud & T J Rooney

Trained by Edward Bethell

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Tattersalls Guineas Breeze-Up & HIT Sale Cont.

- Whether enough attention was being paid to the breeding potential of fillies in the Horses-in-Training session must be in doubt, seeing that 5,000gns sufficed to land the collector's item that was Margaret Beaufort (GB) (Iffraaj {GB}) (lot 29). Though her two recent wins for George Scott had come at a very modest level, her granddam is the only foal ever delivered to the tragic George Washington (Ire).
- The final transaction of the day prompted warm applause for auctioneer Ollie Fowlston, laying down his gavel after 25 years with Tattersalls to become managing director at Dullingham Park. He was never going to go quietly, given the volume he tends to favour! But there was no mistaking the affection and esteem of the many colleagues and friends who gathered to wish him well in his new role.

O'Callaghan Passes Test of Resolve

Michael O'Callaghan has done too well, too often, with the business model he has more or less trademarked at the breeze-ups to be disheartened even by the calamity that befell his record-breaking Harry Angel (Ire) colt in a freak transport accident following his £500,000 purchase at Doncaster.

Certainly the trainer will deserve redress from Lady Luck with the Time Test (GB) colt (lot 322) that again took him to the top of the sale, alongside the Zoffany colt sold by Cormac Farrell a few minutes earlier, at 200,000gns.

Found in the same ring as a foal by Pier House Stud, for 67,000gns at the 2021 December Sale, he was brought back by the masterly Willie Browne of Mocklershill. The colt has some top-class blood behind him--his mother is an unraced sister to



Time Test's son of Lady Glinka co-topped the sale as lot 322

Laura Green/Tattersalls



Willie Browne | Laura Green/Tattersalls

G3 Queen's Vase winner Mikhail Glinka (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), the pair out of a sister to none other than Sir Percy (GB) (Mark Of Esteem {Ire})--and Brendan Morrin of Pier House soon decided that he might be a longer-term project.

"Willie does five or six breezers for us every year," he explained. "And this horse has a lot of Galileo in him. We decided we'd hang on and wait for breeze, rather than sell as a yearling. Sometimes those plans don't work out, when you're buying them as foals, but we have been lucky today: Willie has done a fantastic job on him. He went there in January unbroken, but we'd handled him with the sales yearlings."

"He's a magnificent-looking horse," enthused Browne. "He looks a racehorse, he has a great walk and a great mind on him. I thought waiting for this sale might give him a bit of extra time, and he was a standout today."

O'Callaghan was additionally intrigued by a resemblance to G2 Beresford S. winner Crypto Force (GB), another son of Time Test that he found at this sale last year for 160,000gns.

"He's a lovely, quality horse, and I hope lightning can strike twice," O'Callaghan said. "Crypto Force was also out of a Galileo mare. This horse has a lovely action, he was a bit green in his breeze but we can forgive him that."

Stars Align For Oakgrove

The last lot catalogued in the first half of the sale, comprising older Horses-in-Training, actually belonged to the same crop as the breezers that followed. But this **Sea The Stars (Ire)** filly, out of an unraced Nathaniel (Ire) half-sister to G2 Lancashire Oaks winner Pongee (GB) (Barathea {Ire}), arrived with a challenging history as one of 30 yearlings purchased for some £20 million by Richard Knight Bloodstock last year, only for client Saleh Al Homaizi to fail to come up with payment. [Cont. p6](#)



Oakgrove's David Hilton | Laura Green/Tattersalls

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Most have already been re-offered (including one that won at Salisbury on Thursday afternoon) but this filly, who made 600,000gns when consigned by Newsells Park at the October Sale, has meanwhile been in pre-training and, according to Oakgrove Stud manager David Hilton after signing a 150,000gns docket, has had to overcome a "couple of niggles".

Whatever her immediate future, Hilton emphasised that his employer John Deer had targeted the filly as a long-term project for Oakgrove, given a long screed of black type beneath her granddam Puce (GB) (Darshaan {GB}).

"This is very much a pedigree-based purchase," explained Hilton. "We have [Pongee's daughter] Poplin (GB) (Medicean {GB}) and she's doing well for us. Whether we race her or not is up for debate, but we're very happy to buy her and she will join the broodmare band eventually.

"I spoke to Megan Evans at [consignor] Vicarage Farm, who was very honest and said they have not done a great deal with her. She's a big filly but very elegant, a good mover with a lovely head. She's very Sea The Stars, and Nathaniel (Ire) is starting to do well as a broodmare sire. The mare is based at Newsells and I'm sure they will be looking after her very well, so we'll be looking on with interest."

The only runner to date out of this filly's unraced dam is Paz (GB) (Siyouni {Fr}), a dual juvenile scorer in France who ran second in the Listed Prix des Lilas at Chantilly Thursday evening.

Records All Round

Having seen his rivals at Doncaster celebrate a remarkable auction last week, Tattersalls chairman Edmond Mahony was glad to note the continued strong trade here.


"The momentum from the recent record-breaking Craven Breeze-Up Sale has been well and truly sustained at a second

consecutive record-breaking renewal of this sale," he said. "The combined turnover for the breeze-up 2-year-olds and horses-in-training has surpassed last year's record of 6.7 million guineas; the key indicators of average and median have matched or exceeded last year's impressive returns; and 13 2-year-olds have sold for 100,000 guineas or more, which is another record for the fixture.

"This sale traditionally attracts an abundance of overseas buyers and this year has been no exception with international demand, most notably from throughout Europe and the Gulf region, proving to be a feature of the sale which has also produced a combined clearance rate well in excess of 80%.

"Domestic buyers have as ever made a huge contribution to a successful sale and it is a tribute to the consignors that the breeze-up sector continues to go from strength to strength. There is no doubt that the consistent ability of both the Tattersalls Craven and Guineas Breeze-Up Sales to produce Classic and Group 1 winners has not gone unnoticed by the buyers, and we look forward to seeing plenty more quality performers emerge from both sales in the coming months."

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SESSION TOTALS	2023	2022
• Catalogued	203	211
• Number Offered	168	185
• Number Sold	141	157
• Not Sold	27	28
• Clearance Rate	84%	85%
• High Price	200,000gns	160,000gns
• Gross	5,942,500gns	5,601,000gns
• Average (% change)	42,145gns (+18%)	35,678gns
• Median (% change)	30,000gns (N/C)	30,000gns

SALES TOPPERS

TATTERSALLS GUINEAS BREEZE-UP SALE

<u>Lot</u> <u>Sire</u> <u>Dam</u>	<u>Price (gns)</u>
301 c, Zoffany (Ire)--Guardia (Ger)	200,000
<i>(€35,000 Wlg '21 GOFNOV; €55,000 Ylg '22 TATSEP)</i>	
<i>Bred by Guardia Partnership (Ire)</i>	
<i>Consigned by C.F. Bloodstock</i>	
<i>Purchased by Richard Hughes/Ted Durcan</i>	

Guineas Breeze-Up Toppers Cont.

322 c, Time Test (GB)--Lady Glinka (Ire) 200,000
 (17,000gns i/u '20 TATDEC; 67,000gns Wlg '21 TATNOV)
 Bred by Sean Browne (GB)
 Consigned by Mocklershill
 Purchased by Michael O'Callaghan

204 c, Profitable (Ire)--So Funny 150,000
 (30,000gns RNA Wlg '21 TATNOV; 32,000gns Ylg '22 TATSEP)
 Bred by Laundry Cotage Stud Farm (Ire)
 Consigned by Mr Malcolm Bastard
 Purchased by Opulence Thoroughbreds/R Ryan

308 f, Congrats--Impossible Tale 150,000
 (\$20,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP)
 Bred by Charles Fipke (KY)
 Consigned by Greenhills Farm
 Purchased by Oliver St Lawrence Bloodstock

309 c, Farhh (GB)--Indigo River (Ire) 150,000
 (€29,000 Wlg '21 ARQDEC)
 Bred by Framont Ltd. (Fr)
 Consigned by Tally-Ho Stud
 Purchased by Rabbah Bloodstock

306 c, Calyx (GB)--Hot Legs (Ire) 135,000
 (€42,000 Ylg '22 GOFSEP)
 Bred by Mr R. McDonald & Mr A. Mansergh Wallace (Ire)
 Consigned by Bushypark Stables
 Purchased by Blandford Bloodstock

288 f, Starspangledbanner (Aus)--Felissa (Ger) 120,000
 (€30,000 RNA Wlg '21 GOFNOV; €40,000 Ylg '22 GOFSEP)
 Bred by Airlie Stud & Ted Folkerth (Ire)
 Consigned by A. & N. Bloodstock
 Purchased by Middleham Park Racing

272 c, Magna Grecia (Ire)--Dawn Choir (GB) 115,000
 (22,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT)
 Bred by Mrs C. Holden (Ire)
 Consigned by Yeomanstown Stud
 Purchased by John McConnell Racing



DID YOU KNOW?

Lady Aurelia (Scat Daddy)
 was tabbed as a
 "TDN Rising Star"

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THE GOLDEN TOUCH

GUINEAS BREEZE-UP SALE

Lot	Sex	Sire Dam	Price (gns)
308	f	Congrats--Impossible Tale	150,000

*Consigned by Greenhills Farm
 Purchased by Oliver St Lawrence Bloodstock*

Consigned by Hunter Valley Farm, the chestnut filly brought \$20,000 from Alpha Bloodstock out of the Keeneland September Yearling Sale last autumn. She made over seven times her purchase price on Thursday when re-offered by Katie Walsh's operation.



Katie Walsh's Greenhills Farm consigned the Congrats filly
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SESSION TOTALS	2023	2022
• Catalogued	155	121
• Number Offered	99	77
• Number Sold	85	71
• Not Sold	14	6
• Clearance Rate	86%	92%
• High Price	150,000gns	80,000gns
• Gross	1,525,500gns	1,090,000gns
• Average (% change)	17,947gns (+17%)	15,352gns
• Median (% change)	12,000gns (+33%)	9,000gns

SALES TOPPERS

TATTERSALLS GUINEAS HIT SALE

Lot	Name	Status	Price (gns)
154	Unnamed <i>(f, 2, Sea The Stars {Ire}--Pinkster {GB}, by Nathaniel {Ire}) (600,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT) Bred by Newsells Park Stud & Mme de Barros (GB) Consigned by Vicarage Farm Purchased by Oakgrove Stud</i>	horse-in-training	150,000
114	Kiwano (Fr) <i>(g, 4, Dabirsim {Fr}--Araca {Fr}, by Elusive Quality) (€22,000 Ylg '20 ARQSEP; 140,000gns HRA '21 TATAPR) Bred by High Valley Equine, Ltd. (Fr) Consigned by Trillium Place Stables (D. Simcock) Purchased by Durcan Bloodstock/G Baker Racing</i>	horse-in-training	75,000
128	Caustic (GB) <i>(c, 3, Galileo {Ire}--Starformer, by Dynaformer) Bred by Juddmonte Farms (GB) Consigned by Juddmonte Farms Purchased by Ian Williams</i>	horse-in-training	75,000



Lot 154, a filly by **Sea The Stars**, topped the Horses-in-Training Sale
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RACE PREVIEWS

Friday Previews Cont. from p1

What Next For Waipiro?

Another unexposed colt in the Newmarket S. is the Ed Walker-trained **Waipiro (Ire) (Australia {GB})**, who looked so assured over this 10-furlong trip and track at the Craven meeting. A half-brother to the Hong Kong star Waikuku (Ire) (Harbour Watch {Ire}), the bay promises to spark pre-Derby excitement at the Upper Lambourn set-up much as English King (Fr) (**Camelot {GB}**) did three years ago. “We want to find out sooner or later if he is a horse who could be lining up at Epsom, so really he needs to be winning this in order to do so,” Walker said. “He’s got to take another step forwards, he took a big step forwards from his debut and he’s got to take another tomorrow.”

Another Hurricane Season In The Offing?

Even if the Newmarket S. does not host a genuine Derby colt, five races in there is the chance to witness one who has already traversed that particular terrain in **Hurricane Lane (Ire) (Frankel {GB})**. Clearly, the horse who failed to beat a rival in Newbury’s G3 John Porter S. is a shadow of the one who bounded out of Epsom’s Blue Riband two years ago and completed a not-inconsequential treble of Irish Derby, Grand Prix de Paris and St Leger and went close in an Arc. Will cheekpieces focus that racing mind to tune back in with the outstanding physicality? The G2 Jockey Club S., one of Newmarket’s most consistently uncompetitive yet undeniably intriguing annual happenings, will tell us.

Charlie Appleby has come to use the two racecourses of the town’s Heathland almost as his private domain in recent years and this is another big afternoon, especially with Godolphin’s champion 2-year-old of 2021 and G1 Irish 2000 Guineas hero **Native Trail (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB})** also in action in the G2 bet365 Mile. Switched from the flooded Sandown and much-changed in make-up from the version that was due to take place a week previously, it is one of two races saved from that fixture and now an ideal launchpad for the colt who looked to have the world at his feet as he went to post for the Saturday Classic 12 months ago. With a pair of colts engaged in the Newmarket S. and the course-and-distance conditions winner **Majestic Pride (GB) (Shamardal)** in the seven-furlong Listed King Charles II S., this is very much another day at the office for Moulton Paddocks but there is certainly no contempt in this familiarity with this verdant landscape perfectly complemented by the army in royal blue livery.

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Majestic Pride (right) | PA Sport

Ballydoyle Big Guns Drawn Together In Guineas Poser

As the confirmations for Saturday's G1 QIPCO 2000 Guineas were unveiled on Thursday morning, Aidan O'Brien made the only scratching of the race as he took out Cairo (Ire) ([Quality Road](#)) but more importantly affirmed that there would be no ducking out of an encounter between two of the most talented colts to have raced for the stable in recent times. While the destinies of the **TDN Rising Stars Auguste Rodin (Ire)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) and **Little Big Bear (Ire)** ([No Nay Never](#)) are certain to play out independently of the other after the mile Classic, this is where they will both begin their keenly-anticipated second-season odysseys and by an act of strange fortune they were positioned alongside each other in stalls 12 and 13, respectively.

As expected, Ryan Moore has picked the potentially "special" one who comes back to England having fired his salvo the G1 Futurity Trophy in the autumn, while Wayne Lordan takes his longstanding behind-closed-doors link-up with the brilliant 2-year-old master of 2022 Little Big Bear into the open for the first time. Following The King's momentous Coronation on Saturday, talk of Crowning in this sphere will evolve around the lore of Britain's Triple, not achieved by a colt since Nijinsky in 1970. It was notable how enthusiastic O'Brien was for Auguste Rodin's prospects of this daunting feat in his Great British Racing press conference this week.

"Obviously the Triple Crown is a very hard thing to do, but sometime it would be great to do it," he said of the colt whose pull is so potent it meant that Ryan Moore remarkably deserted a champion 2-year-old who would have been hot property in most of the preceding renewals. "It is a difficult type of horse to find, because they have to have a lot of class and they have to have pace enough to run in the Guineas. It is really class that those horses have to have. It's pure class and class gives them

stamina and gives them speed. We just thought that, at the moment, he fits into that bracket really well."

What Effect The Draw?

Quite where Auguste Rodin and Little Big Bear sit if the race becomes tactical, as it can on the Rowley Mile, remains to be seen and an unclear weather forecast leading up to Saturday does invite the possibility of watering and the prospect of favoured patches of ground. Twelve months ago, much was made of the meeting's bias toward low numbers with Coroebus (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) upstaging Native Trail as they came from opposite ends of the draw on good ground. There is also the question of where the early pace lies, with Juddmonte's G1 Dewhurst S. hero **Chaldean (GB)** ([Frankel {GB}](#)) who was so comfortable from the front at two being draw in stall three and Ahmad Al Shaikh's G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud winner **Dubai Mile (Ire)** (Roaring Lion) certain to help force the pace in six.

This is a tough Guineas to predict in terms of tactics, but as far as providing a level playing field it is Clerk of the Course Michael Prosser who has the responsibility. "We have just lightly watered the final eight furlongs, which is the quickest part of the course," he said in his update at noon on Thursday. "The forecast has changed, basically. At this time yesterday, we were forecast rain first thing in the morning and obviously into the afternoon, so that forecast now advises those showers will be coming later. We have put down 4mm to maintain the position. The final eight furlongs is all but done."

"Even the Saturday forecast has changed and the volumes don't look as significant, although there is a more organised band of rain coming through mid-morning Saturday through to lunchtime," he added. "What we're being told this morning is that there might be a dry interlude during racing, which will be really helpful if that is how it unfolded." [Cont. p11](#)



TDN Rising Star Auguste Rodin takes aim at the G1 Qipco 2000 Guineas | PA Sport

Buick Opts For Silver Over Style

With memories of 12 months ago fresh in the mind, William Buick has had another difficult choice to make in the 2000 Guineas as he bids to atone for missing out on Native Trail (GB) (**Oasis Dream {GB}**). While the lure of the unbeaten **TDN Rising Star** and G2 Gimcrack S. winner **Noble Style (GB)** (**Kingman {GB}**) is obvious, he has stuck with the G3 Solario S. and G3 Autumn S. winner and GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf runner-up **Silver Knott (GB)** (Lope De Vega {Ire}), who will part from the middle stall in seven. "Noble Style is a Gimcrack winner and unbeaten, so he's a high-class horse too, but he's stepping up two furlongs to a mile," he told *QIPCO British Champions Series* as he justified his choice of the colt already proven at the trip.

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PARTNERSHIP OFF TO FLYING START WITH NNN RISING STAR

by Sean Cronin

Craig Bernick and Haras d'Etreham's hitherto untested 2-year-old filly **Les Pavots (Ire)** (**No Nay Never**--Sparrow {Ire}, by **Oasis Dream {GB}**) was hammered down to 5-2 favouritism at the tills for Thursday's €30,000 Prix des Closeaux at Chantilly and

returned home with a '**TDN Rising Star**' badge after making all for an impressive success in the straight six-furlong newcomers' test.

Breaking smartly to seize an immediate lead, she was in command throughout and kept on powerfully under pressure inside the final quarter-mile to easily outclass **Freville (Fr)** (**Gleneagles {Ire}**) by 3 1/2 lengths in taking fashion. Les Pavots becomes the seventh '**TDN Rising Star**' for **No Nay Never** (Scat Daddy) and joins an honour roll which includes **Ten Sovereigns (Ire)** and Little Big Bear (Ire).

Nicolas de Chambure told *TDN Europe* that the partnership (Haras D'Etreham and Craig Bernick) had privately purchased three yearling fillies from Coolmore last year, one of which was Les Pavots.

"We do all these deals through Hubie De Burgh and it was a big team effort with Hubie and Craig to buy those fillies from Coolmore," de Chambure said. "It's the first one of the three to race, and it's a great start to that partnership."

The other fillies were also by **No Nay Never**, one out of Believe'N'Succeed (Aus) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}) making her a half-sister to Anthony Van Dyck (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and the other is out of G1 Irish Oaks winner Bracelet (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}).

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Les Pavots is the seventh '**TDN Rising Star**' for **No Nay Never**. | Scoop Dyga



Julie Simon, Francis-Henri Graffard, Tony Piccone and Nicolas de Chambure | Scoop Dyga

'TDN Rising Star' Cont.

“Coolmore breed such brilliant horses, and it was great to be able to buy some of those well-bred fillies with long-term plans,” he added. “The filly out of Believe'N'Succeed is with Fabrice Chappet and the Bracelet filly is with Christophe Ferland.”

Les Pavots is the fifth of six foals and fourth scorer from as many runners produced by G3 Ballyogan S. third Sparrow (Ire) (**Oasis Dream {GB}**), herself out of G3 Middleton S. victrix and G1 Oaks second All Too Beautiful (Ire) (Sadler's Wells). All Too Beautiful, in turn, is a daughter of storied matriarch Urban Sea (Miswaki). The March-foaled chestnut is a half-sister to G1 Cox Plate and G1 Tancred S. hero Sir Dragonet (Ire) (**Camelot {GB}**), dual stakes-winning G3 Gordon S. and G3 N E Manion Cup placegetter Sir Lucan (Ire) (**Camelot {GB}**) and a yearling colt by **Camelot (GB)**.

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1st-Chantilly, €30,000, Mdn, 5-4, unraced 2yo, 6fT, 1:11.84, g/s.

LES PAVOTS (IRE), f, 2, by No Nay Never

1st Dam: Sparrow (Ire) (GSP-Ire), by Oasis Dream (GB)

2nd Dam: All Too Beautiful (Ire), by Sadler's Wells

3rd Dam: Urban Sea, by Miswaki

Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €15,000. *1/2 to Sir Dragonet (Ire) (**Camelot {GB}**), MG1SW-Aus, GSW-Eng & G1SP-Ire,

\$3,663,231; and Sir Lucan (Ire) (**Camelot {GB}**), SW & GSP-Aus, SW-Ire & GSP-Eng, \$192,495. **Click for the free EquineLine.com catalogue-style pedigree. Video, sponsored by TVG.**
O-Craig Bernick & Haras d'Etreham; B-Coolmore Stud (IRE); T-Francis-Henri Graffard; J-Tony Piccone.

EUROPEAN NEWS

SUMMER TARGETS FOR PYLEDRIVER

Multiple Group 1 winner **Pyledriver (GB)** (Harbour Watch {Ire}) will make his long-awaited return in the G2 Hardwicke S. at Royal Ascot in June, according to Chris Grassick, who trains with William Muir.

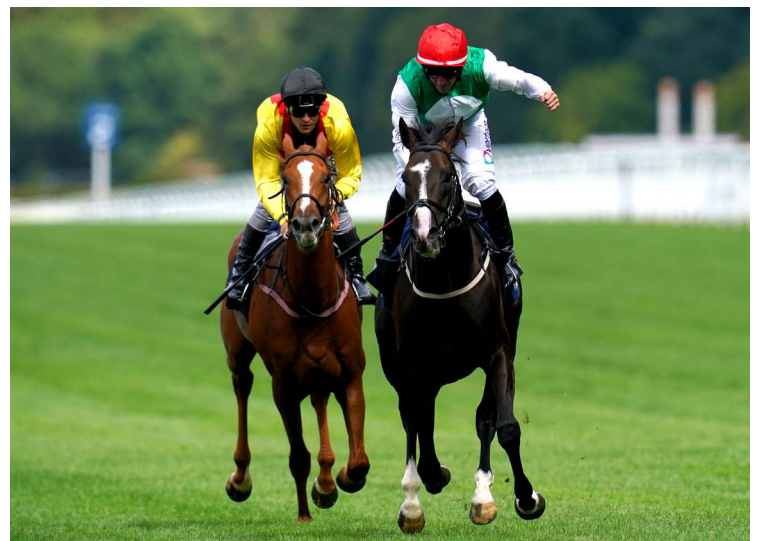
A winner of the 2021 G1 Coronation Cup and 2022 G1 King George and Queen Elizabeth S., the 6-year-old entire races for the La Pyle Partnership. Various setbacks have kept Pyledriver away from the races after his King George victory last July.

Grassick said, “He’s cantering back and William has done the entry for the Hardwicke, so that’s the plan. Touch wood, everything is looking lovely, he looks great and strong.

“I think from there we would be going to the King George and after that it would be just how he comes out of each race. He remains in good form and hopefully if he remains as good as last year, then we will have a big year again.

“He’s slowly becoming a bit of a fan favourite. He’s developing a bit of a following now because he comes back year in, year out, so hopefully he can keep going and get the results he deserves both for himself and the owners.”

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Pyledriver (right) | PA Sport

SANDY LANE NEXT FOR COLD CASE

Wednesday's G3 Commonwealth Cup Trial S. hero **Cold Case (GB)** (Showcasing {GB}) will appear in the G2 Sandy Lane S. at Haydock at the end of May prior to an intended start in the G1 Commonwealth Cup S. at Royal Ascot, according to trainer Karl Burke.

The colt won the Ascot feature by 1 1/2 lengths in his 3-year-old bow, and races for Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum. Cold Case is riding a three-race winning streak after victories at Doncaster in September and in Red Car's Listed Two Year Old Trophy at Redcar in October.

Burke said, "We were delighted with that [the Commonwealth Cup Trial]. He is a lovely horse and hopefully we can get him to win at a higher grade as well and get him a stallion's job with a bit of luck.

"He is a lovely stamp of a horse. I would imagine he will go for the Sandy Lane, then the Commonwealth. If for any reason he doesn't make the Sandy Lane, he will go straight to the Commonwealth.

"Ascot is not an easy track to make all, but he's a horse who will stay further and stay seven [furlongs], I think. Certainly he'll get another 100 yards and he's an exciting horse for the future."

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RISING STAR AIMED AT OAKS TRIALS

'**TDN Rising Star**' **Gather Ye Rosebuds (GB)** (Zoffany {Ire}), who **blitzed a field by 9 1/2 lengths at Newbury** will be pointed at one of the Oaks trials at Lingfield or Newbury later this month, according to handler **Jack Channon**. The G1 Betfred Oaks is set for June 2.

"She has come out of the race really well and she looks fantastic," said Channon, who will run Caernarfon (GB) (Cityscape {GB}) in the G1 QIPCO 1000 Guineas on Sunday, of the Mrs. P. Shanahan and Emily Magnier-owned filly. "I'm really happy with the way she is progressing.

"We will probably have a look at one of the Oaks trials, maybe Lingfield [on Saturday week] or Newbury [Fillies' Trial S., May 20], I would have thought, in a couple of weeks' time.

"She is in great form and we will aim her at one of those, I should think."

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BETFRED TO SPONSOR THE ST LEGER FESTIVAL

Betfred will sponsor the Betfred St Leger Festival after a multi-year partnership was reached between Betfred, Doncaster Racecourse, and the Arena Racing Company (ARC).

Running from Sept. 14-17 in the autumn, the four-day festival will feature the final UK colts' Classic of the year--the G1 Betfred St Leger--as well as the G2 Betfred May Hill S., G2 Doncaster Cup, G2 Champagne S., and G2 Park S. Doncaster was granted city status as part of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee celebrations in 2022 which will be commemorated with the renamed Betfred City of Doncaster H., run on the final day of the four-day meeting.

Betfred boss Fred Done, said, "To have the Betfred name attached to the St Leger Festival is not just a sponsorship but a privilege. I am proud to be associated with the world's oldest Classic which is obviously synonymous with great horses like Triple Crown winner Nijinsky, Dunfermline for The Queen and Oh So Sharp for Sir Henry Cecil."

Arena Racing Company Chief Executive, Martin Cruddace, said, "We are absolutely delighted to welcome Betfred as the headline sponsors of the St Leger Festival and of the Betfred St Leger itself.

"Fred Done and his team have long been keen supporters of British racing, and the inclusion of this historic race meeting into their sponsorship portfolio is another indication of their commitment to the sport. The whole sport is extremely fortunate to benefit from working in partnership with Fred and his team and we very much look forward to a fantastic Betfred St Leger Festival in September."

Betfred is also **the new sponsor of the G1 Betfred Derby and G1 Betfred Oaks** in June.

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Eldar Eldarov (yellow) was the 2022 St Leger winner | Megan Ridgwell

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THREE-QUARTER SISTER TO DAWN APPROACH ANCHORS TATTERSALLS ONLINE CATALOGUE

Boherguy Stud's **Hymn Book Too (Ire)** (Teofilo {Ire}) (lot 35), a three-quarter sister to G1 2000 Guineas winner **Dawn Approach (Ire)** (New Approach {Ire}), is one of 38 horses signed on for the Tattersalls Online May Sale from May 10-11. The **catalogue** features 33 horses in/out of training from both codes, four broodmares--three with filly foals at foot--and a point-to-point entry.

In foal to Space Blues (Ire), the maiden mare is also a three-parts sibling to Group 2 winner and Group 1-placed Herald The Dawn (Ire) (New Approach {Ire}), and a half-sister to the dam of G3 Tattersalls S. winner Sanus Per Aquam (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}).

Listed winner **Freed From Desire (GB)** (Heeraat {Ire}) (lot 32) from Albany Stud is also part of the catalogue; as are a trio of Clongiffen Stud mares with filly foals at foot--**Kitten On The Keys** (Kitten's Joy) (lot 36) in foal to Kuroshio (Aus) and with a Far Above (Ire) foal, lot 37, **Melya (GB)** (Equiano {Fr}), also with a Far Above filly carrying to King Of Change (GB), and **Mossy's Lodge (GB)** (Royal Applause {GB}) (lot 38), with a Smooth Daddy filly foal and in foal to King Of Change (GB). Among the horses-in-training is the 84-rated **Tellthem! where (Ire)** (Belardo {Ire}) (lot 10), who won her last two starts.

Bidding will commence at noon on Wednesday, May 10 and will close from noon on Thursday, May 11.

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NEW HOME THIS SUMMER FOR HURLING FOR CANCER RESEARCH 2023



(Left to right) Racehorse trainer Johnny Murtagh with Hurling For Cancer Research founders Jim Bolger, Davy Russell and legendary footballer Paul McGrath | HRI

The annual Hurling for Cancer Research event, traditionally held in Newbridge, will take place in a new venue--Netwatch Cullen Park, Carlow, Monday Aug. 21. The move to Netwatch Cullen Park is due to the planned refurbishment of St Conleth's Park. The hurling match will take place at 6 p.m.

Organised annually by leading trainer Jim Bolger and former champion jockey Davy Russell, the event allows sports fans to rub shoulders with household names from the world of horse racing, GAA, soccer and boxing along with a host of celebrities.

To date, the Hurling for Cancer Research has raised over €1.3 million providing funding for life changing research.

Claire Kilty, Acting Head of Research for the Irish Cancer Society, said, "The generous donations raised through Hurling For Cancer Research supports us to fund over 100 cancer researchers all across the country. Thanks to research advances in areas such as early detection, clinical trials and cancer survivorship, people with cancer are living for longer, and survival rates are continuing to improve, bringing us closer to a future where nobody in Ireland dies from this disease."

To purchase your individual (€10) or family (€15) ticket online or to make a donation direct to Hurling for Cancer Research, please visit [Hurling For Cancer's website](#).

All funds from the sale of tickets and donations will go directly toward funding vital cancer research.

For queries, please contact Irish Cancer Society Community Fundraiser Emma Hayden: ehayden@irishcancer.ie

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FIRST-SEASON SIRE WITH RUNNERS

Sunday, Oct. 2, 2023:

UNITED KINGDOM

Invincible Army (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Yeomanstown Stud
95 foals of racing age
16:10-NEWMARKET, 5f, Miss Mach One (Ire)
40,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2022

Phoenix of Spain (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}), Irish National Stud
97 foals of racing age
13:30-GOODWOOD, 5f, Haatem (Ire)
€28,000 RNA Goffs November Foal Sale 2021; 27,000gns
Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2022
16:10-NEWMARKET, 5f, Phoenix Duchess (Ire)
42,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2022

Soldier's Call (GB) (Showcasing {GB}), Ballyhane Stud
121 foals of racing age
13:30-GOODWOOD, 5f, Call Glory (Ire)
€16,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2021; €26,000 Tattersalls
Ireland September Yearling 2022
13:30-GOODWOOD, 5f, Relentless Warrior (Ire)
£30,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearlings 2022

Ten Sovereigns (Ire) (No Nay Never), Coolmore Stud
149 foals of racing age
16:10-NEWMARKET, 5f, Indispensable (GB)

IRELAND

Calyx (GB) (Kingman {GB}), Coolmore Stud
103 foals of racing age
3-CORK, 5f, Zona Verde (Ire)
30,000gns RNA Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2022

Omaha Beach (War Front), Spendthrift Farm
138 foals of racing age
3-CORK, 5f, Launch
\$50,000 Keeneland Association September Yearling Sale 2022

Ten Sovereigns (Ire) (No Nay Never), Coolmore Stud
149 foals of racing age
3-CORK, 5f, Asean (Ire)
£55,000 RNA Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearlings 2022
3-CORK, 5f, Nemonte (Ire)
€11,000 RNA Goffs Sportsman's Yearling Sale 2022

Too Darn Hot (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), Dalham Hall Stud
120 foals of racing age
3-CORK, 5f, Jakajaro (Ire)
€38,000 Goffs Sportsman's Yearling Sale 2022



Too Darn Hot has a runner at Cork | Darley

OBSERVATIONS on the European racing scene

CLASSIC CONTENDER INFINITE COSMOS AT NEWMARKET

16.45 Newmarket, Mdn, £15,000, 3yo, f, 10ft
INFINITE COSMOS (IRE) (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**) is one of the most exciting Oaks hopefuls in the Sir Michael Stoute stable, with the Rothschild colour-bearer having shown abundant promise in her debut second to Sea Of Roses (GB) (Sea The Moon {Ger}) in a Doncaster maiden in October. With that peer having subsequently got closest to Pensee Du Jour (Ire) (**Camelot {GB}**) in the G3 Prix Penelope, there is every chance that this relation to **Sea The Stars's** high-class Crystal Ocean (GB) and other stable stalwarts Crystal Capella (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}) and Hillstar (GB) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) could become a leading candidate for the Epsom Classic if she passes her initial tests.

HOW THEY FARED

16.08 Chantilly, Mdn, €30,000, unraced 2yo, 6ft
Francis-Henri Graffard trainee **Les Pavots (Ire)** (No Nay Never), a half-sister to G1 Cox Plate and G1 Tancred S. hero Sir Dragonet (Ire) (**Camelot {GB}**), impressed with a 3 1/2-length debut score and became the seventh 'TDN Rising Star' for her sire (by Scat Daddy).

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BRITAIN

Thursday's Results:

FRESHMAN SIRE ADVERTISE OFF THE MARK AT SALISBURY

Manton Park Stud resident **Advertise (GB)** (Showcasing {GB}) became Europe's latest first-crop sire to get off the mark when the Ralph Beckett-trained **Matters Most (GB)** prevailed in Thursday's £10,000 Byerley Stud British EBF Novice S. over five furlongs at Salisbury.

Originally sold for 135,000gns as a foal, the colt was knocked down at 500,000gns at Tattersalls October Book 1 to Richard Knight on behalf of Saleh Al Homaizi and was one of 17 horses later reoffered privately through Tattersalls when payment for the yearlings was not forthcoming.

Mick Kinane stepped in to buy Matters Most on behalf of Robert Ng after the colt had been broken in at Vicarage Farm by jockey Adam Kirby and his partner Megan Evans.

"Obviously a lot of people liked him at the sale and after what happened there was the possibility to try to negotiate something," explained Rupert Pritchard-Gordon, racing manager to the Hong Kong-based Ng.

"Adam did a really nice job with the horse and was really happy with him. He just seems to be very mature and very professional. Ralph has always liked him. He is a big, imposing colt with a nice attitude."

He continued, "Mick Kinane rode for Robert Ng and when Mick bought [multiple Group 1 winner] Romantic Warrior, Robert said, 'If Mick could find me something nice I'd really appreciate it'.



Mick Kinane purchased Matters Most for Robert Ng
Tattersalls/Laura Green

"As a general rule, Mr Ng doesn't buy a lot of yearlings, he usually likes to have seen them race. But he was very keen to renew the link with Mick and on this occasion it just seemed the right thing to do. Mick got on to Tatts, and Mr Ng was able to negotiate a settlement with them."

With two starts and a win for Matters Most, naturally thoughts turn to Royal Ascot, but Pritchard-Gordon advised that the colt's programme will be very much set by his trainer.

"We'll see what Ralph wants to do with him next," he said. "Robert Ng is very patient and he's not someone who would put any pressure on a trainer to go somewhere in particular. If Ralph wants to go to Ascot he can go, and if Ralph wants to do something else, Mr Ng wouldn't argue."

Pritchard-Gordon added, "When Mr Ng bought him, the original idea was that he was going to go to Hong Kong and then he decided to leave him in Europe for the time being. He's a mature and likeable youngster and, with that pedigree, you hope he's a horse you can get straight on with."

FIRST WINNER FOR SIRE

1st-Salisbury, £10,000, Nov, 5-4, 2yo, 5fT, 1:03.20, g/s.

MATTERS MOST (GB) (c, 2, Advertise {GB}--Squash {GB} {MGSP-Eng}, by Pastoral Pursuits {GB}) shaped with promise when third on debut over this trip at Newbury last month and he escaped the early skirmishes to stalk the pace in a close-up second here. Launching his bid passing the quarter-mile marker, the 6-5 favourite inched ahead entering the final furlong and kept on strongly from there to account for Liv My Life (Ire) (Awtaad {Ire}) by a 1 1/4 lengths, becoming the first winner for his freshman sire (by Showcasing {GB}). Matters Most is the third foal and scorer produced by G3 Nell Gwyn S. runner-up and G3 Chartwell Fillies' S. third Squash (GB) (Pastoral Pursuits {GB}). He is a half-brother to GIII San Simoen S. victor Motorious (GB) (Muhaarar {GB}) and a yearling colt by Sergei Prokofiev. Sales history: 135,000gns Wlg '21 TATFOA; 500,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$8,363. **VIDEO.** O-Robert Ng; B-Kirtlington Stud & Mrs Mary Taylor (GB); T-Ralph Beckett.

4th-Salisbury, £8,500, Nov, 5-4, 3yo, 6f 213yT, 1:30.65, g/s.

QUDDWAH (GB) (c, 3, Kingman {GB}--Sajjhaa {GB} {MG1SW-UAE, GSW-Ity, MSW & MGSP-Eng, \$3,784,720}, by King's Best) was well away to track the leaders in third through halfway in this belated debut. Moving into second passing the quarter-mile marker, the 13-2 chance came under sterner urging thereafter and was driven out to deny the pacesetter Balance Play (Ire) (Lope De Vega {Ire}) by a neck. **Cont. p16**

4th-Salisbury Cont.

Quddwah is the latest of five reported foals and fourth scorer produced by G1 Dubai Duty Free and G1 Jebel Hatta heroine Sajjhaa (GB) (King's Best). The February-foaled bay's dam is a granddaughter of G3 Lancashire Oaks victrix and G1 Oaks runner-up Noushkey (GB) (Polish Precedent). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$5,767. O-Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum; B-Godolphin (GB); T-Simon & Ed Crisford.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Destined (GB), f, 3, **Havana Grey (GB)**--Cross My Heart (GB), by Sakhee's Secret (GB). Redcar, 5-4, 5f 217yT, 1:13.03. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$7,958. B-Whitsbury Manor Stud (GB). *46,000gns Ylg '21 TATOCT. **1/2 to Adaay To Remember (GB) (Adaay {Ire}), GSP-Eng.

Hey Lyla (GB), f, 3, **Oasis Dream (GB)**--Lomapamar (GB), by Nashwan. Ayr, 5-4, 7f 50yT, 1:30.53. Lifetime Record: 8-1-4-2, \$22,737. B-Mascalls Stud (GB). *1/2 to Urban Fox (GB) (Foxwedge {Aus}), G1SW-Ire, MG1SP-Eng & G1SP-Fr, \$607,413.

Kentucky Bluegrass (GB), g, 3, **Requinto (Ire)**--Snowtime (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). Redcar, 5-4, 7fT, 1:26.47. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$5,089. B-Cover & Carry Limited (GB).

American Belle (Ire), f, 3, **Starspangledbanner (Aus)**--Syndicate (GB), by Dansili (GB). Chelmsford City, 5-4, 7f (AWT), 1:25.00. Lifetime Record: 7-1-2-3, \$15,135. B-J Hanly (IRE). *38,000gns Ylg '21 TATOCT.

Ithaca's Arrow (GB), c, 3, **Ulysses (Ire)**--Eyeshine (GB), by Dubawi (Ire). Lingfield, 5-4, 12f (AWT), 2:34.34. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$5,157. B-W Farish Snr & Flaxman Stables Ireland (GB). *35,000gns Ylg '21 TATOCT.

FRANCE

Thursday's Results:

PRIX DE SURESNES-Listed, €55,000, Chantilly, 5-4, 3yo, 10fT, 2:03.72, g/s.

1--**ACE IMPACT (IRE)**, 128, c, 3, by **Cracksman (GB)**

1st Dam: **Absolutly Me (Fr) (SP-Fr & Ger)**,
by **Anabaa Blue (Ire)**

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

3rd Dam: **Barakat (GB)**, by **Bustino (GB)**

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. (€75,000 Ylg '21 ARQAUG). O-Ecuries Serge Stempniak; B-Mme W Spanner (IRE); T-Jean-Claude Rouget; J-Cristian Demuro. €27,500. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, €55,000.

2--**Maniatic (Ire)**, 128, c, 3, **Intello (Ger)**--Hallucinante (GB), by

Dubawi (Ire). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O/B-Wertheimer et Frere (IRE); T-Andre Fabre. €11,000.

3--**Don Diego De Vega (Fr)**, 128, c, 3, **Lope De Vega (Ire)**--Fairly Fair (Fr), by Sinndar (Ire). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** (€90,000 Ylg '21 ARQOCT). O-Alexandre Foulon, Ecurie Vivaldi Et Al; B-Ecurie des Monceaux, Langlais Bloodstock Et Al (FR); T-Stephane Wattel. €8,250.

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Margins: 1 3/4, 1 1/4, 2. Odds: 1.40, 6.00, 3.40.

Also Ran: Prince De Paname (Fr), Swing Vote (GB), Regheeb (Ire), Rising Blast (Fr), Al Mundher (Fr).

Handed his chance at black-type after impressive wins over 10 furlongs at Cagnes-sur-Mer in January and over 9 1/2 furlongs at Bordeaux-le-Bouscat last month, Ace Impact again exhibited early keenness as Cristian Demuro sought cover towards the rear. Far from compromised by that initial expenditure of energy, the G1 Prix du Jockey Club and G1 Grand Prix de Paris entry swamped the leaders approaching the furlong pole and galloped to the line with relish to win comfortably.

Jean-Claude Rouget has no doubt where the winner is heading. "This horse has everything it takes to make a good one," he stated. "We went step-by-step with him with this race in mind as a final prep for the Prix du Jockey Club. These races are important, because if you lose and show nothing you lose your illusions. He quickened brilliantly and now we have to try to finish the job. We will be back at Chantilly on the first Sunday in June."



Ace Impact | ScoopDyga

The dual listed-placed dam, who has produced two other listed-placed performers in Apollo Flight (Fr) (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}) and Alessandro (Fr) (**Australia {GB}**), also has the 2-year-old colt Arrow Eagle (Fr) by **Gleneagles (Ire)**.

Listed Prix de Suresnes Cont.

Her family includes the top-class British-trained stalwarts Teleprompter (GB), Ibn Bey (GB) and Roseate Tern (GB) and the talented Red Camellia (GB) (Polar Falcon), who took the G3 Prestige S. and was third in the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulaches before producing the G1 Fillies' Mile heroine Red Bloom (GB) (Selkirk). **Video, sponsored by TVG.**

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PRIX DES LILAS-Listed, €55,000, Chantilly, 5-4, 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:39.48, g/s.

1--**CALISTOGA (GB)**, 126, f, 3, by **Sea The Stars (Ire)**

1st Dam: Calipatria (GB) (GSW-Ger, \$117,292), by Shamardal

2nd Dam: Golden Silca (GB), by Inchinor (GB)

3rd Dam: Silca-Cisa (GB), by Hallgate (GB)

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O-Godolphin SNC; B-Godolphin (GB); T-Andre Fabre; J-Bauyrzhan Murzabayev. €27,500. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, €55,500.

2--**Paz (GB)**, 126, f, 3, **Siyouni (Fr)**--Pinkster (GB), by Nathaniel (Ire). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** (330,000gns Ylg '21 TATOCT). O-Haras d'Etreham & Riviera Equine SARL; B-Newsells Park Stud & Mme De Barros (GB); T-Fabrice Chappet. €11,000.

3--**Mqse De Maintenon (Ire)**, 126, f, 3, Muhaarar (GB)--Akrivi (Ire), by Tobougg (Ire). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** (€40,000 Ylg '21 ARQOCT). O-Gerard Augustin-Normand & Bernard Giraudon; B-A Jathiere & SCEA Marmion Vauville (IRE); T-Fabrice Vermeulen. €8,250.

Margins: NO, HD, SHD. Odds: 7.10, 14.00, 34.00.

Also Ran: Around Midnight (Fr), Atakama (Fr), Zoinnocent (Ire), Eternal Dance (GB), Lova (Fr), Angelaba (Ire).



Calistoga | ScoopDyga

Successful over seven and nine furlongs at Compiègne in August and here in October respectively, Calistoga had become more professional with each outing but still was judged to have a bit too much on her plate tackling hardened fillies here. Alert enough to track the leader Around Midnight (Fr) (Almanzor {Fr}) in second, the homebred was in the right place as it unfolded with her hard-earned advantage gained in the final yards as the closers swooped. At the line, the widest runner Paz was just denied with her stirring finish while a length covered the first seven home in an extraordinarily tight affair.

The dam, who captured the G3 Herbst Stutenpreis, is the leading performer produced by the G2 Mill Reef S. winner and G1 Irish 1000 Guineas runner-up Golden Silca who is in turn a full-sister to the G1 Prix Morny heroine Silca's Sister (GB) and a half to the G1 Moyglare Stud S. and G1 Cheveley Park S.-placed Silca Chiave (GB) (Pivotal {GB}). Also connected to the G3 Hackwood S. and G3 Dick Poole S. winner and G1 Al Quoz Sprint runner-up Happy Romance (Ire) (Dandy Man {Ire}), Calipatria was bought by B K Bloodstock for 17,000gns at the 2021 Tattersalls December Mares Sale. Her 2-year-old colt Something (GB) is by Golden Horn (GB), while she also has a yearling colt by Land Force (Ire). **Video, sponsored by TVG.**

PRIX SERVANNE-Listed, €52,000, Chantilly, 5-4, 4yo/up, 6fT, 1:09.78, g/s.

1--**EGOT (IRE)**, 126, h, 5, **Invincible Spirit (Ire)**--**Entertains (Aus) (GSP-Aus)**, by **Street Cry (Ire)**. O/B-Godolphin (IRE); T-Andre Fabre; J-Bauyrzhan Murzabayev. €26,000. Lifetime Record: GSW-Fr, 15-7-2-1, €216,920.

2--**Game Run (Fr)**, 126, g, 4, Olympic Glory (Ire)--Shortfin (GB), by Exceed And Excel (Aus). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** (€16,000 Ylg '20 ARQOCT; €4,500 2yo '21 ARQFEB). O-Stephane Grandin & Michel Nikitas; B-Haras de Saint Julien (FR); T-Patrice Cottier. €10,400.

3--**Bouttemont (Ire)**, 126, h, 5, Acclamation (GB)--Basilia (GB), by Fastnet Rock (Aus). (€125,000 Ylg '19 ARAUG). O-Philippe Allaire; B-Ecurie Peregrine SAS (IRE); T-Yann Barberot. €7,800. Margins: 1, SNK, SNK. Odds: 2.80, 3.70, 8.50.

Also Ran: Amellata (Fr), Danelo (Ire), Tudo Bem (Fr), Jir Sun (GB), Le Cadeau (GB), Loubeisien (Fr), Wilderness Girl (Ire).

Egot, who annexed in last semester's G3 Prix du Palais-Royal at ParisLongchamp after placing fifth in this contest's 2022 edition, went postward as the 14-5 favourite coming back off a last-of-14 effort in Meydan's Mar. 25 G2 Godolphin Mile and rewarded his supporters with a sixth black-type triumph in this straight dash. Occupying a midfield slot through the early fractions, he tanked forward into third at the two pole and kept on strongly under a late drive to assert superiority. **Cont. p18**



Egot | ScoopDyga

Listed Prix Sevanne Cont.

“Egot is a character, but once the race is under way he is all business and knows the job at hand,” commented Godolphin representative Louise Benard. “There were many new things to overcome in Dubai, with it being his first try on a dirt surface, but he is better on the grass. The programme for him is wide open, with many possibilities, and Mr Fabre will decide on his next race.”

Egot, the lone black-type winner for his dam, is the second of six foals and one of two scorers from as many runners out of G3 Aspiration Quality second Entertains (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}), herself a daughter of MG1SW Australian champion Serenade Rose (Aus) (Stravinsky). The March-foaled homebred bay is kin to an unnamed 2-year-old colt by Masar (Ire) and a yearling filly by Ghaiyyath (Ire). His dam is a half to G2 Caulfield Autumn Classic runner-up Minnesinger (Aus) (Lonhro {Aus}) and to the dam of G1 Stradbroke H. and G1 Goodwood hero Trekking (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}), Listed Macau Derby winner Paraglide (Aus) (Medaglia d’Oro) and the stakes-placed Plymstock (Aus) (Ribchester {Ire}). **Video, sponsored by TVG.**

5th-Chantilly, €28,000, Cond, 5-4, 3yo, 6fT, 1:10.01, g/s. DEMAIN (c, 3, More Than Ready--Sweet Lollipop, by Candy Ride {Arg}), the third-highest-priced lot at last year’s Arqana May Breeze Up Sale, had scored over another half-furlong further on debut on the Polytrack here and showed speed to track the front trio. Staying on to subdue the long-time leader Purest Time (GB) (Time Test {GB}) inside the final 150 metres, the 17-5 favourite had 1 3/4 lengths to spare at the line. The winner is so far the only foal produced by the dam, a daughter of the GII Adirondack S. runner-up Unbridled Beauty (Unbridled’s Song). From the family of the triple Grade I-winning champion sprinter and sire Housebuster, she was bred to

Constitution and **Tiz The Law** in 2022. Sales history: \$90,000 Ylg ‘21 KEESEP; €450,000 2yo ‘22 ARQMAY. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €13,500. **Video, sponsored by TVG.**
O-Ecurie Ama Zingteam; B-Machmer Hall & D & J Stables Llc (KY); T-Francis-Henri Graffard.

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ASIA

Thursday, Funabashi, Japan

KASHIWA KINEN-Listed (Jpn-G1), ¥136,000,000, Funabashi, 5-4, 4yo/up, 1600m, 1:39.30, gd.

1--**MEISHO HARIO (JPN), 126, h, 6, by Pyro**

1st Dam: Meisho Ohi (Jpn), by Manhattan Café (Jpn)

2nd Dam: Alpine Rose, by Kris S.

3rd Dam: Amizette, by Forty Niner


O-Yoshio Matsumoto; B-Mishima Bokujo (Jpn); T-Inao Okada; J-Suguru Hamanaka. ¥80,000,000. Lifetime Record: MGSW & MG1SP, 21-8-2-4. *1/2 to T O Royal (Jpn) (Leontes {Jpn}), GSW & G1SP-Jpn, \$1,322,843.


2--**Tagano Beauty (Jpn), 126, h, 6, Henny Hughes--Special Dinner (Jpn), by Special Week (Jpn).** O-Ryoji Yagi; B-Niikappu Tagano Farm (Jpn); ¥28,000,000.

3--**Hayabusa Nandekun (Jpn), 126, h, 7, Gold Allure (Jpn)--White Cruiser (Jpn), by Kurofune.** (¥21,000,000 Wlg ‘16 JRHAJUL).

O-Osamu Takeda; B-Grand Farm (Jpn); ¥16,000,000.

Margins: NK, HF, 1HF. Odds: 2.20, 9.50, 5.30.





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Friday, Newmarket, Britain, post time: 13:50

BET365 MILE-G2, £80,000, 4yo/up, 8f 0y

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Mutasaabeq (GB)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Shadwell Estate Company Ltd	Charles Hills	Jim Crowley	132
2	Checkandchallenge (GB)	Fast Company (Ire)	A Hetherton	William Knight	Andrea Atzeni	129
3	Imperial Fighter (Ire)	The Gurkha (Ire)	Michael Blencowe	Andrew Balding	Oisin Murphy	129
4	Light Infantry (Fr)	Fast Company (Ire)	NeverSayDie & Light Infantry Partnership	David Simcock	Jamie Spencer	129
5	Native Trail (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	129

Breeders: 1-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd, 2-Meon Valley Stud, 3-Lynn Lodge Stud, 4-Barbara Moser, 5-Le Haras d'Haspel

Friday, Newmarket, Britain, post time: 15:35

JOCKEY CLUB S.-G2, £125,000, 4yo/up, 12f 0y

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Global Storm (Ire)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	James Doyle	131
2	Hurricane Lane (Ire)	Frankel (GB)	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	131
3	Outbox (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Hambleton Racing Ltd XXXIII	Archie Watson	Hollie Doyle	131
4	West Wind Blows (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Abdulla Al Mansoori	Simon & Ed Crisford	Jamie Spencer	131
5	Jewel In My Crown (GB)	Mukhadram (GB)	E P Duggan	Rae Guest	Callum Shepherd	128

Breeders: 1-Grenane House Stud, 2-Normandie Stud Ltd, 3-Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum, 4-Godolphin, 5-E Duggan

Saturday, Newmarket, Britain, post time: 16:40

QIPCO 2000 GUINEAS S.-G1, £500,000, 3yo, c/f, 8f 0y

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Auguste Rodin (Ire)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	M Tabor, D Smith, Mrs J Magnier, Westerberg	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	128
2	Chaldean (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Juddmonte	Andrew Balding	Frankie Dettori	128
3	Charyn (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Nurlan Bizakov	Roger Varian	Tom Marquand	128
4	Dubai Mile (Ire)	Roaring Lion	Ahmad Al Shaikh	Charlie Johnston	Daniel Muscutt	128
5	Flight Plan (GB)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Clipper Logistics	Karl Burke	Daniel Tudhope	128
6	Galeron (Ire)	Camacho (GB)	Teme Valley & Aura Holdings Ltd	Charles Hills	Kieran Shoemark	128
7	Hi Royal (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Jaber Abdullah	Kevin Ryan	Oisin Murphy	128
8	Holloway Boy (GB)	Ulysses (Ire)	Nick White & Mrs E Burke	Karl Burke	Christophe Soumillon	128
9	Indestructible (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Amo Racing Ltd	Karl Burke	Kevin Stott	128
10	Little Big Bear (Ire)	No Nay Never	D Smith, Mrs J Magnier, M Tabor, Westerberg	Aidan O'Brien	Wayne Lordan	128
11	Noble Style (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	James Doyle	128
12	Royal Scotsman (GB)	Gleneagles (Ire)	Mrs Fitri Hay	Paul & Oliver Cole	Jim Crowley	128
13	Sakheer (Ire)	Zoffany (Ire)	KHK Racing	Roger Varian	David Egan	128
14	Silver Knott (GB)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	128

Breeders: 1-Coolmore, 2-Whitsbury Manor Stud, 3-Grangemore Stud, 4-Skymarc Farm, 5-Miss K J Keir, 6-Gigginstown House Stud, 7-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd, 8-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd, 9-Tally-Ho Stud, 10-Camas Park Stud & Summerhill, 11-Chasemore Farm, 12-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd, 13-Drumlin Bloodstock, 14-St Albans Bloodstock LLP

Saturday, Newmarket, Britain, post time: 16:00

HOWDEN PALACE HOUSE S.-G3, £80,000, 3yo/up, 5f 0y

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Manaccan (GB)	Exceed And Excel (Aus)	Newsells Park Stud - Ossie Ardiles Synd.	John Ryan	Frankie Dettori	138
2	Arecibo (Fr)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	R Moore	Robert Cowell	Jamie Spencer	135
3	Chipstead (GB)	Mayson (GB)	Homecroft, Crampsie & Sullivan	Roger Teal	Frederick Larson	135
4	Equality (GB)	Equiano (Fr)	Kennet Valley Thoroughbreds II	Charles Hills	William Buick	135
5	Equilateral (GB)	Equiano (Fr)	Mrs Fitri Hay	Charles Hills	Jim Crowley	135
6	Existent (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Mrs J Morley	Stuart Williams	Oisin Murphy	135
7	Korker (Ire)	Dandy Man (Ire)	Fine Claret Racing & More Turf Racing	Karl Burke	Clifford Lee	135
8	Live In The Dream (Ire)	Prince of Lir (Ire)	Steve & Jolene de'Lemos	Adam West	Sean Kिरrane	135
9	Mountain Peak (GB)	Swiss Spirit (GB)	Ebury Racing	Ed Walker	Tom Marquand	135
10	Raasel (GB)	Showcasing (GB)	The Horse Watchers	Michael Appleby	James Doyle	135
11	Silky Wilkie (Ire)	Mehmas (Ire)	Middleham Park Racing LXXXI & E Burke	Karl Burke	Daniel Tudhope	135
12	Tees Spirit (GB)	Swiss Spirit (GB)	Ingleby Bloodstock Ltd & The Ivy League	Adrian Nicholls	Barry McHugh	135
13	Tis Marvellous (GB)	Harbour Watch (Ire)	Miss J Deadman & Mr S. Barrow	Clive Cox	Adam Kirby	135
14	Twilight Calls (GB)	Twilight Son (GB)	Cheveley Park Stud	Henry Candy	Ryan Moore	135
15	Get Ahead (GB)	Showcasing (GB)	Hot To Trot Racing V	Clive Cox	Rossa Ryan	132
16	Sandbeck (GB)	Ardad (Ire)	David W Armstrong	Edward Bethell	Connor Beasley	132
17	Vadream (GB)	Brazen Beau (Aus)	D R J King	Charlie Fellowes	Kieran Shoemark	132

Breeders: 1-Al-Baha Bloodstock, 2-Wertheimer & Frere, 3-Tony Hirschfeld, 4-Mr & Mrs G Middlebrook, 5-Juddmonte Farms Ltd, 6-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd, 7-Ballyhane Stud Ltd, 8-Miss Lorna Doyle, 9-Mrs Hugh Maitland-Jones, 10-Bearstone Stud, 11-Mrs Claire Doyle, 12-Ingleby Bloodstock Ltd, 13-Crossfields Bloodstock Ltd, 14-James Ortega Bloodstock Ltd, 15-Whitsbury Manor Stud, 16-Houghton Bloodstock UK Ltd, 17-Crispin Estates Ltd

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NEWMARKET S.-Listed, £50,000, 3yo, 10F 0y

SC HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1 Castle Way (GB)	Almanzor (Fr)	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	128
2 Circle Of Fire (GB)	Almanzor (Fr)	HM The King & HM The Queen Consort	Sir Michael Stoute	Ryan Moore	128
3 Forca Timao (Ire)	Kessaar (Ire)	Amo Racing Ltd	Richard Hannon	Kevin Stott	128
4 Like A Tiger (GB)	Farhh (GB)	NAS Syndicate II, Castledown & L Lynam	James Ferguson	Daniel Muscutt	128
5 Relentless Voyager (GB)	Ulysses (Ire)	Relentless Dreamers Racing & Partner	Andrew Balding	Oisin Murphy	128
6 Salt Bay (Ger)	Farhh (GB)	Valmont	Ralph Beckett	Rossa Ryan	128
7 Victory Dance (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	James Doyle	128
8 Waipiro (Ire)	Australia (GB)	P K Siu	Ed Walker	Tom Marquand	128

Breeders: 1-Highclere Stud & Floors Farming, 2-The Queen, 3-Rossenarra Bloodstock Ltd, 4-Meon Valley Stud, 5-Stetchworth & Middle Park Studs Ltd, 6-Stiftung Gestut Fahrhof, 7-Airlie Stud & Mrs S Rogers, 8-Shane Molan

Friday, Newmarket, Britain, post time: 14:25

KING CHARLES II S.-Listed, £50,000, 3yo, 7F 0y

SC HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1 Iconic Moment (Ire)	Harry Angel (Ire)	Sultan Ali	James Tate	Ryan Moore	134
2 Arabian Storm (GB)	Kingman (GB)	J C Smith	Andrew Balding	Oisin Murphy	131
3 Benacre (Ire)	Australia (GB)	Susan & John Waterworth	Charlie Johnston	James Doyle	131
4 Majestic Pride (GB)	Shamardal	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	131
5 Shouldvebeenaring (GB)	Havana Grey (GB)	Middleham Park Racing XVIII	Richard Hannon	Sean Levey	131
6 Tenjin (GB)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	J A Thompson & J Piggott	John Ryan	Andrea Atzeni	131
7 Wiltshire (GB)	Aclaim (Ire)	Manton Park & Dermot Farrington	Freddie & Martyn Meade	Tom Marquand	131
8 Crystallium (GB)	Expert Eye (GB)	Miss E Nolan & Paul Hancock	Peter Chapple-Hyam	Billy Loughnane	126

Breeders: 1-Ennistown Stud, 2-Littleton Stud, 3-C O P Hanbury, 4-Godolphin, 5-Whitsbury Manor Stud, 6-Trebles Holford Farm Thoroughbreds, 7-Simballina Partnership, 8-Watership Down Stud

Friday, Cork, Ireland, post time: 17:15

GOFFS IRISH EBF POLONIA S.-Listed, €31,500, 3yo, 5F 110y

SC HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1 Basil Martini (Ire)	Starspangledbanner (Aus)	Michael & Julia Iavarone	Joseph O'Brien	D P McDonogh	131
2 Treasure Trove (Ire)	Siyouni (Fr)	Merry Fox Stud Ltd	Paddy Twomey	W J Lee	131
3 All Things Nice (Ire)	Sioux Nation	E S Racing	Joseph O'Brien	M P Sheehy	128
4 Amazon Lady (Ire)	Bungle Inthejungle (GB)	Miss Madeline Burns	Willie McCreery	N M Crosse	128
5 Anann (Ire)	Footstepsinthesand (GB)	Mrs A M O'Brien	Joseph O'Brien	H J Horgan	128
6 Apricot Twist (Ire)	Expert Eye (GB)	Juddmonte	Ger Lyons	G F Carroll	128
7 Badb (Ire)	Footstepsinthesand (GB)	Mrs A M O'Brien	Donnacha O'Brien	G M Ryan	128
8 Fix You (GB)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Amo Racing Ltd	Alice Haynes	J A Heffernan	128
9 Lady Tilbury (GB)	Bated Breath (GB)	MRC International	David Marnane	O J Orr	128
10 Maria Branwell (Ire)	James Garfield (Ire)	Mrs C Cashman	Joseph O'Brien	D McMonagle	128
11 Mauiewowie (GB)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Eleanora Kennedy	Ger Lyons	C T Keane	128
12 Nelda (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Vimal Khosla	Jessica Harrington	S Foley	128
13 Ocean Jewel (Ire)	Sioux Nation	Al Shira'aa Farms	Willie McCreery	B M Coen	128
14 Sioux Spirit (Ire)	Sioux Nation	Cinco Partnership	Ken Condon	R P Whelan	128

Breeders: 1-Summit Bloodstock, 2-Merry Fox Stud Ltd, 3-Lynchbages Edgeridge Ltd & Glenvale Stud, 4-Miss Madeline Burns, 5-Whisperview Trading Ltd, 6-Barouche Stud Ireland Ltd, 7-Mrs Ann Marie O'Brien, 8-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd, 9-Manor Farm Stud (Rutland), 10-Barry Kennedy & Anna Murphy, 11-Trebles Holford Farm Thoroughbreds, 12-Owenstown Bloodstock Ltd, 13-Grenane House Stud, 14-Pat Beirne



COOLMORE CLAIMS \$3.6M NIMALEE AT CHAIRMAN'S



Nimalee makes \$3.6 million | Inglis

By Oz Wedmore/Keely Mckitterick

Eight millionaire mares helped push the metrics well above last year's levels, with the action headed by Lester and Margaret Durney's Nimalee selling to Coolmore for \$3.6 million.

At A Glance:

- The sale finished with 75 mares sold for an aggregate of \$42,545,000, up from \$33,430,000 last year (when 71 sold), at a clearance rate of 74 per cent at the close of trade, compared to 83 per cent at the same point last year.
- The average at the close of trade, \$567,267, was also significantly up on last year's (\$470,071), and on the 2021 figure of \$532,736.
- The median sat at \$375,000, up from \$350,000 in 2022, whilst it was \$330,000 in 2021.
- Eight mares broke seven figures on Thursday evening, headed by the sale-record \$3.6 million paid for G1SW Nimalee (So You Think {NZ}) by Coolmore, from the draft of Glenesk Tbred.
- The Newgate Consignment were the sale's leading vendors, selling 15 mares for a total of \$11.52 million.
- Spending just over \$4 million under Chatsworth Farm and a further \$7.23 million under their investments tag (for a combined \$11.29 million on eight mares), Yulong were the sale's leading purchaser by far at this year's Chairman's Sale.

Top End holds Strong

With the results on Thursday pointing to a strong top-end market once again this sales season, a total of eight millionaire mares went through the Riverside ring and helped push the metrics beyond 2022 and 2021 levels, in comparison to which middle and lower sections of the market this year have lagged.

Reflecting on an evening imbued with a sense of glamour and glitz by much effort on the part of the Inglis team, Inglis Bloodstock CEO Sebastian Hutch termed the sale a success.

"It felt like a very appropriate way to celebrate the careers of a host of really high-profile race mares and broodmares," he said. "That's what we've ultimately intended the sale to become - a celebration of these mares.

"A lot of the interest we had in advance of the sale had us confident that we had a good sale. For the results to have played out the way they did was pretty spectacular, I'm delighted."

A Fitting Sign-off for Nimalee

Some familiar names were responsible for the headline act on Thursday evening. Holding the record for an Inglis-sold mare at the \$5 million they paid for Milanova (Danehill {USA}) back in 2008, Coolmore raised the Chairman's sale record for the second year in a row when they secured G1 Queen Of the Turf S. winner Nimalee (So You Think {NZ}) for \$3.6 million.

Having taken home Shout The Bar (Not A Single Doubt) from last year's sale for \$2.7 million, conducting the bidding for Coolmore this year was their own Nominations and Sales Manager Colm Santry.



Colm Santry | Inglis

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With Shout The Bar consigned by Glenesk Thoroughbreds, it is also the second consecutive year that Brett and Rachael Howard’s Hunter Valley farm has sent forth the record-breaker. And, it was full circle for the Howards, whose Randwick Bloodstock Agency (FBAA) picked out the mare at the 2018 Inglis Premier Yearling Sale, where she cost \$270,000.

Bought back then for long-time clients Lester and Margaret Durney, she was sent to Matt Smith to train at Warwick Farm and would go on to earn \$1.75 million in her 27-start career.

“It’s incredible, above expectations, for sure,” Smith said. “It is a trainer’s dream to have a horse like her and then to see her make that sort of money, it’s outstanding.”

“She is a fantastic mare, a top mare on the track and they don’t come any better than her and she’ll make a great broodmare.”

Having bought the next two most-expensive mares in the sale, it was no surprise that it was Yulong who were

responsible for pushing Nimalee’s price quite so high, landing the penultimate bid. Describing her as ‘The one the (Magnier) family really wanted’, there was a sense of relief on the face of Colm Santry following the hammer fall.

“It’s been quite tense up until now, but it’s been great and the sale’s been very strong,” Santry said.

“There’s a lot of competition on the really good mares. We probably didn’t think we’d have to dig as deep for her, but the real ones like her you have to stump up.

“The Magniers like to buy the best mares, we valued her and we thought she was the best physical in the sale.”

Sold as a maiden mare who has yet to be covered, Santry indicated that there are a host of options available to Nimalee at Coolmore. Being a daughter of their own So You Think (NZ), he pointed to **Wootton Bassett (GB)**, **Justify (USA)** and even, ‘in time’, to their recent G1 Golden Slipper S. winner Shinzo (Snitzel).

Sparks Fly Early

The scene was set for the 2023 Inglis Chairman’s Sale on Thursday evening by a flash mob dance routine, and as they dissipated the black tie-clad Inglis gang moved forward to kick

off proceedings at Riverside.

After the sale began with a lifetime breeding right to Swettenham Stud’s Toronado (Ire) selling for \$280,000 to Dream Thoroughbreds, the mares moved in and it wasn’t long before headlines were made.

The first million-dollar mare came at just Lot 5 as the former Grahame Begg inmate Dosh (Rich Euff), a dual Group 3-winning juvenile, sold in-foal to the great Exceed And Excel, her maiden cover. Purchased by her trainer at the 2020 Inglis Classic

Yearling Sale for \$155,000, she was owned during her racing career by a Begg-led syndicate, and was secured by Widden Stud on Thursday for \$1.35 million, having been consigned through their draft.

“A lot of Dosh, but we loved her,” Widden’s Antony Thompson laughed.

“Obviously, she’s been at Widden, the owners, with Grahame Begg who trained her, sent her to Widden. Having her there we got to know her very well and we loved her, so did everyone else here.”

Noting that she will be sent

to Widden’s roster-leading Zoustar for her next cover, Thompson added: “In my mind she was the nicest physical in the sale and (we) had to push the boat out a bit further than we hoped but we’re taking home the mare we love.”

Icebath Lights up the Show

It wasn’t long until the action heated up further, as the tough and talented G1 Empire Rose S. winner Icebath (NZ) (Sacred Falls {NZ}) stepped into the ring. As bidding tipped over one-and-a-half million a hush fell across the auditorium, which sustained until she was ultimately knocked down to Yulong for \$2.3 million.

The second mare to break a million on Thursday, like Dosh she is also an Inglis Classic graduate, having been purchased at the 2018 edition for \$100,000.

“She’s a nice physical mare and obviously with a pedigree behind her,” said Yulong’s Chief Operating Officer Sam Fairgray. “She’s got some really nice blood in her family going back to Savabeel and Centaine, good broodmares sires so we’re really delighted to get her.”



Toronado lifetime breeding right brings A\$280,000
Haras de Bouquetot

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Formerly trained by Brad Widdup, Fairgray revealed that Icebath was eyed up by Yulong during her racing career, and that now eventually secured, she will likely head to either Written Tycoon or Yulong's recent acquisition, Pierata, for her maiden cover.

"Any racehorse that can earn over \$5 million... She was fantastic and was placed in some very, very good races against some very good horses," he added. "Hopefully she can pass that on to her progeny and we can bring them through to yearling sales in years to come."

Montefilia to Race on for Yulong

After bidding kicked off at \$1 million, four-time Group 1 winner Montefilia (NZ) (Kermadec {NZ}) (Lot 30) soon became the second seven-figure purchase by Yulong on Thursday, with a final price-tag of \$3.4 million.

Yet another star mare secured by My Zhang's operation, Fairgray explained that the 5-year-old will stay in training, though may yet be moved from David Payne in favour of a Victorian-based trainer ahead of a Melbourne racing campaign next season.

"Mr Zhang wants to build a broodmare band with these elite mares and she's an elite racehorse who will eventually join the broodmare band, so it's fantastic for the farm and our stallions," he said.

Spending just over \$4 million under Chatsworth Farm and a further \$7.23 million under their investments tag (for a combined \$11.29 million on eight mares), Yulong were the sale's leading purchaser by far at this year's Chairman's Sale.

Explaining the vision of Mr Zhang, Fairgray likened Yulong's investment in Australian breeding to the gradual transformation of Japanese bloodstock.

"When you're trying to get mares like her you have to front up and pay, and I think Northern Farm were underbidders (on Montefilia). When you see what they've done with their elite broodmare band in Japan - they improved the genepool greatly by going around the world and pulling mares out of Australia, America and Europe."

Rounding off the evening in the same vein, Yulong took home Lot 109, the Shamardal (USA) mare Berimbau.

Raced by Godolphin to place at Group 2 level, she was sold through their 2016 Magic Millions National Broodmare Sale draft to Raffles Dancers for \$180,000.

Now better known as the dam of five-time Group 1 star Imperatriz (I Am Invincible), the 11-year-old mare was sold to Yulong through the draft of Bhima Thoroughbreds (who also consigned Imperatriz herself as a yearling) for \$1.8 million.

Newgate on a High with Star Duo

Briefling holding the Chairman's Sale record before Nimalee later surpassed her by \$200,000, Montefilia was the second of two star mares consigned by Newgate Consignment on Thursday evening. Overall, Newgate was responsible for just over \$11.5 of the sale's total aggregate, selling 15 mares in total.

"We have some outstanding mares and we feel honoured and



Sam Fairgray (center) | Inglis

privileged at having been entrusted with them," Newgate's Henry Field told TDN AusNZ. "What I found so interesting was the international participation and interest on those two mares. We had bidders on both of them from Europe, Japan... obviously, they were bought by Yulong from China but (they're) a big Australian operation... what a result for Mr Zhang to have bought mares of that quality. He is stockpiling pretty much every jewel that's coming to market."

Godolphin Reach Across the Tasman

The sire of five Group 1 winners this season, a share in Proisir sold as Lot 101 on Thursday. In something of a surprise, the winning bid of \$400,000 was struck by Godolphin Australia's Managing Director Vin Cox. Sending mares across the Tasman might not be something Godolphin are famed for, but it's not totally unfamiliar for them.

"We have in the past because we've got interests in stallions over there," Cox told TDN AusNZ. "Contributer, Complacent, Belardo, Ribchester - we've got interests in those."

"Proisir is obviously a horse that's doing an amazing job from a very low base. His numbers and his statistics are off the charts."

"We'd already booked a few mares to him and they pulled us back to a couple, (so) an opportunity to get in to the horse as a shareholder was, we thought, a smart play."

Now five years into his tenure at Godolphin, smart plays are something Cox can boast a history of throughout that time, not least in securing Group 1 winner In Secret (I Am Invincible) as one of their limited yearling purchases.

The breeding share in Proisir will guarantee Godolphin one nomination to the son of Choisir each year, plus a share in the profits from his remaining covers beyond the shareholders. With his fee increased to NZ\$70,000 (plus GST) ahead of this spring, a quick stab at the maths points to a good bit of business - though perhaps only just...

Not prepared to admit his bidding limit, Cox added with a chuckle: "We were running on fumes."



John Thompson congratulates Godolphin's Vix Cox | *Inglis*

Lot 108 - Dashing Legend (Snitzel x Kneeling {Encosta De Lago}) - \$1.6 million

Consigned by Newgate as agent for Bon Ho's Legend Racing, 3-year-old filly Dashing Legend (Snitzel) was offered as a racing and breeding proposition. Bidding was fierce, but it was Sheamus Mills Bloodstock (FBAA) who eventually acquired her for \$1.6 million.

A Listed winner this season and Group 2-placed as a juvenile, Mills pointed to the filly's future in the breeding barn when weighing the price against her race achievements, securing her for a client base which includes Heath Newton.

"Physically, she's everything you could want; she's fast, good-looking, by the right stallion and from a wonderful family," Mills said.

"Anything else she can do on the racecourse is a bonus; it was more about getting her as a broodmare because we believe she can produce \$1-million yearlings for the future."

A sister to the Listed winner Kneeling, Dashing Legend also hails from the family of the G1 VRC Derby and G1 Spring Champion S. winner Ace High, who now stands at Rich Hill Stud in New Zealand.

The filly has been trained by Michael, Wayne and John Hawkes at Rosehill, but will now be transferred to the Cranbourne stables of Mick Price and Michael Kent Jnr.

Lot 102 - Inspirational Girl (NZ) (Reliable Man {GB} x Be Inspired (NZ) {Zabeel {NZ}}) - \$1.1 million

Offered by Holbrook Thoroughbreds on behalf of prominent Western Australian breeder Bob Peters, the daughter of Reliable

Man (GB) was expected to have plenty of admirers with her 10 race wins including the G1 Railway S.

With her high-level form confirmed when conquering Zaaki (GB) (Leroïdesanimaux {Brz}) in the G2 Blamey S., the 7-year-old mare was knocked down for \$1.1 million to Yulong, under the alias Chatsworth Farm.

Lot 69 - Summerland (GB) (Dubawi {Ire} x Baise {GB} {High Chaparral {Ire}}) - \$1.1 million

million

A blue-blooded daughter of Darley Europe's outstanding Dubawi (Ire), Summerland (GB) was offered by Arrowfield Stud carrying a cover to Frankel (GB), her first cover. The mare attracted plenty of attention, eventually knocked down for \$1.1 million to Beagle Bloodstock.

Although unraced, the 4-year-old is a half-sister to Best Of Days (GB) (Azamour {Ire}) who was campaigned internationally with distinction by Godolphin, winning the G2 Royal Lodge S. at Newmarket before being imported to Australia where he claimed the G1 Cantala S. and runner-up in several Group 1-contests.

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