



## OWNER HITS JACKPOT WITH FIRST HORSE



Pat Kearney (second from right) in the winner's circle for the Cash Run | Lauren King

by Bill Finley

The sport is not supposed to be that easy, even if some people make it look that way sometimes.

Pat Kearney is 83, admits he doesn't know much about racing, has a fairly modest budget and had never owned a horse when he showed up last year at the OBS April 2-year-old sale. Fast forward some eight months later and Kearney is the owner of **Kathleen O. (Upstart)**, one of the more promising 3-year-old fillies in racing right now. Making her second career start Saturday at Gulfstream, Kathleen O. won the Cash Run S. by 8 1/2 lengths in an impressive effort despite hesitating at the start. The victory came after she broke her maiden in her debut in November at Aqueduct.

"It has been an amazing, exciting, energizing experience," said Kearney, who races under the name of Wingate Stables.

Prior to getting involved in ownership, Kearney was a casual racing fan who started going to the track at Arlington Park with his father as a child.

"I'm not a good handicapper," he said. "I don't know much about breeding or pedigrees. What I did was take my \$50, spend a day at the track and make some bets. It's good entertainment. I always really liked the horses."

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## DERBY PREP SEASON IS UPON US; GET TIED ON FOR LITIGATION

*The Week in Review by T.D. Thornton*

Oaklawn Park readjusted its series of prep races for the GI Kentucky Derby this year by moving back the date of its premier stakes, the GI Arkansas Derby, so it now sits five weeks out from the first Saturday in May instead of the traditional three. That changed the overall complexion of the prep-race picture so that the final three nine-furlong stakes that award 100 coveted Derby qualifying points to the winner will all take place Apr. 9.

This means that for the first time, there will now be a full four-week gap between the last significant prep races and the May 7 Derby.

The Apr. 16 GIII Lexington S. at Keeneland will technically be the final Derby qualifying race. But with only 20 points to the winner, that 1 1/16-mile stakes historically lures few A-list sophomores. **Cont. p4**

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**FARRIER TALES: IT'S ALL ABOUT SOLE**

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*In the latest installment of his Farrier Tales series, Jude Florio focuses on the sole, the often-overlooked, under-studied insensitive structure of the hoof that fails to get much attention until there is a problem.*

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Kearney, who is retired after working in the securities industry in Chicago and as a lawyer, and Hall of Fame trainer Shug McGaughey have known each other for about 20 years and often play golf together. Somewhat out of the blue, Kearney one day asked McGaughey what he thought about his buying some horses.

“I talked to Shug and I asked him if he would work with me and buy some horses,” Kearney said. “I asked him what to do and he said I should buy two horses, a filly and a colt, get them at auction and buy them at a 2-year-old sale. He explained the costs and explained that you don’t get into this sport to make money but for the satisfaction and the fun of the game.



**Kathleen O.** | Ryan Thompson

“I wanted to find something I was interested in that I could do and didn’t have to make a huge commitment. Not so much financially, but more so time and effort. I didn’t want to have a lot of obligations.”

Having gotten off to a successful start in the game, Kearney only wishes he started earlier.

“I don’t know why I didn’t do it earlier,” he said. “About a year ago I just decided I wanted to get involved in something new. Do I wish I did it 10 years earlier? Absolutely. It had just never come up. The one question I had was whether I was too old to get started in the business. Fortunately, I am in good health.”

Kearney bought Kathleen O. for \$275,000. He named the filly after his wife, whose maiden name is Kathleen O’Boyle. His other purchase, Cloudy (Noble Mission {GB}), was bought three days later at the same sale for \$130,000. He is winless in two starts.

Buying horses at the sales is somewhat new territory for McGaughey, whose longtime main client, the Phipps family, races primarily homebreds.

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“I enjoy going to the sales,” McGaughey said. “I worked the yearling sales pretty good last fall and we bought some nice yearlings. We also looked at some 2-year-olds last winter. It’s been fun and interesting.”

It was apparent early on that McGaughey had picked out a filly with talent. Sent off at 3-1 in her first start in her debut, Kathleen O. was next to last and 6 1/2 lengths behind with a furlong remaining, but still found a way to get up in time to win by a head.

“I think we’ve got a lot to look forward to,” McGaughey said after the Cash Run. “I’m very pleased with the way she’s come along and the way she ran today, and her maturity level. I was just saying to [my wife] Alison, think of what she’s going to look like in a year from now. She’s always been tall and she’s still filling out.”

He may still be learning about the sport, but Kearney knows enough to know that the GI Kentucky Oaks could be part of the filly’s future.

“I know that she’s a very talented horse and I know there is a race called the Kentucky Oaks, but I have no idea if she will qualify for that or not,” Kearney said. “So far, it’s been like hitting the lottery. I’m flabbergasted.”

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**Week in Review cont. from p1**

Taking the longer view, it’s hard to believe we are only 40 years removed from when Churchill Downs used to card the Derby Trial S. on the Tuesday (four days!) before the Derby itself, and it served as a legitimate prep race.

Although the new four-week minimum spacing is in line with the current less-is-more approach to racing top-level contenders, the nearly full month without any meaningful (to the general public) events in the lead-up to America’s most important horse race could prove problematic.

In theory, that gap should be filled with even more beauty shots of Thoroughbreds being bathed, and trainers will be increasingly challenged to come up with newly creative ways to say “I’m just trying to keep this colt happy and healthy” when repeatedly asked about the minutiae of their training methodologies.

But in all likelihood, there won’t be any vacuum in the news cycle. That’s because this spring, it’s a solid bet that any expected void will be overtaken by litigation headlines related to whether or not Bob Baffert’s trainees will truly end up excluded from the Derby.

Back in June, Churchill Downs, Inc. barred the seven-time Derby-winning trainer from its racetracks in the wake of now-deceased Medina Spirit testing positive for a betamethasone overage while winning the 2021 Derby. **Cont. p5**



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Citing private property rights and Baffert's "repeated failures" regarding equine drug infractions (four other Baffert trainees also tested positive for medication overages roughly within the previous year of the ban, two of them in Grade I stakes), CDI said the Hall of Famer wouldn't be eligible to race in the 2022 or '23 Derbies; nor would his trainees be allowed to accrue qualifying points.



**Bob Baffert with Corniche owner K.C. Weiner of Speedway Stable**  
*Breeders' Cup/Eclipse Sportswire*

The purpose of this column isn't to debate whether or not Baffert's ban should be lifted or not. Rather, the intent is to provide a heads up about the barrage of non-horse-related court news that is odds-on to overshadow most pre-Derby talk about the equine athletes themselves.

Baffert currently trains 'TDN Rising Star' **Corniche (Quality Road)**, the presumptive 2-year-old champion, plus his usual stacked stable includes a handful of other 'Rising Star' sophomores and graded stakes-winning colts. Had those horses been allowed to collect Derby points for their wins and placings so far, Baffert would be in his customary top-heavy position of dominance on the qualifying totem pole.

There appear to be three paths to Baffert-trained horses being allowed to run in the Derby: 1) CDI relents; 2) Owners of Derby aspirants currently conditioned by Baffert start sending those horses to other trainers, and 3) The issue winds up in court, taking the form of lawsuits in which obtaining a temporary restraining order (TRO) to allow participation in the Derby is more important than winning the overall case.

CDI relenting is the least likely outcome. Why would it? Its position seems legally defensible from the private property perspective, and the ban had to have been implemented only after the gaming corporation's layers of attorneys crafted, tweaked, and signed off on it.

The second option--essentially a high-stakes game of chicken--is a more likely outcome, but it too is not etched in stone. As the



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reality of a once-in-a-lifetime chance to own a Derby winner comes more clearly into focus and qualifying points grow more imperative, it remains to be seen how many of Baffert's clients reframe their reasoning from "we're loyal to Bob" to "circumstances have forced our hand."

Litigation permeates all aspects of society and our sport is no different, so having Baffert's banishment hashed out in front of a judge seems like the most inevitable outcome.

In a separate case **just last week**, a federal court dismissed an anti-trust and anti-competition lawsuit filed by eight Standardbred owners who faced private-property exclusions from tracks in New Jersey and New York because of their ties with a banned trainer. But even though that case got tossed, the judge dismissed it "without prejudice," signaling that those plaintiffs could initiate a subsequent suit with re-filed charges or take the matter to another court.

So along the same lines, just because CDI appears to have a strong case, that doesn't preclude anyone who perceives they're being harmed by that ruling from challenging it. Courts in our country are generally reluctant to stand by and do nothing when "my livelihood is being yanked away from me" types of arguments are presented, and when corporate entities try to assert broad control over individuals, judges are usually receptive to at least hearing out the so-called little guy.

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# HANCOCK'S LAW

The late 'Bull' Hancock of Claiborne Farm was one of the most successful of all stallion selectors; he laid down five criteria for selecting a stallion. Hancock insisted that a potential stallion should satisfy all criteria:

1

## He must have shown good form as a 2YO.

Won the **Champagne Stakes-Gr.1** by 4 lengths (previous winners include Coolmore America's outstanding sires **Scat Daddy** & **Uncle Mo**).

2

## He must have demonstrated his ability to stay 1¼ miles as a 3YO.

Won the **Travers Stakes-Gr.1** by 5½ lengths (fifth fastest time ever, faster than top sires **Bernardini**, **Medaglia d'Oro** etc.) and runner-up in the **Kentucky Derby-Gr.1**, both over 10f.

He also won the **Belmont Stakes-Gr.1** (9f.) by 3¾ lengths and **Florida Derby-Gr.1** (9f.) by 4¼ lengths (leading sires to win it include **Scat Daddy**, **Quality Road**, **Constitution** and **Nyquist**).

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Given that framework, you can understand why Baffert has yet to challenge CDI's banishment in court. Why try to litigate relatively early in the process when it would be to Baffert's advantage to wait until we're right on the cusp of the Derby, when he could claim that the alleged harm from the ban is at its most imminent? Again, he doesn't even have to argue well enough to win the overall case--just well enough to convince some judge somewhere to grant a TRO that puts CDI's exclusion on hold while the parties duke out a final verdict.

Conceivably, that application for a TRO could even include a request for the judge to order CDI to retroactively tally up the non-awarded qualifying points as if Baffert's horses had earned them all along. The argument could be made that such an order would cost CDI nothing in terms of money--they're just qualifying points after all. There's no hard-and-fast legal rule of what a petitioner can and cannot

ask for in a TRO.

Then again, that angle might open yet another Pandora's Box. What if Baffert has three colts who suddenly get ruled eligible to run in the Derby based on a recalculation of points, but other owners whose horses get nudged out of the starting gate separately sue because they were deprived of Derby berths by the very same order? The waiting during that four-week period in April and May will be tough enough on the connections of Derby horses without a constantly simmering debate over which horses legally "deserve" to start.

Right now, most of the discussion on this topic tends to focus on whether Baffert takes the matter to court. But he might not have to. If the

individual owners of Derby-worthy colts ask for TROs on their own instead of having their trainer do so, it leaves the door open for them to try another angle of persuasion. **Cont. p7**



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Something along the lines of, “Hey, we’re just collateral victims caught in the legal crossfire between Baffert and CDI, and we’re being robbed of our one and only opportunity to run in the Derby with our otherwise-eligible horse.” That might end up being more of a convincing tactic than forcing a judge to side with either Baffert or CDI.

The looming wild card in this entire scenario has to do with the inaction so far by the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission (KHRC) in issuing any sort of ruling pertaining to the event that triggered CDI’s ban.

Medina Spirit’s betamethasone positive has long since been confirmed by two KHRC accredited labs, and we’re now nearly 250 days out from the race date when the alleged infraction occurred. No hearing has taken place (at least none that has been publicly disclosed), and in the months-long interim, the KHRC has already tested for, held hearings, and ruled upon other drug positives that have subsequently occurred at other race meets in the state.

Remember back in 2019, when **Maximum Security** got disqualified from winning the Derby for in-race interference? At that time, KHRC representatives repeatedly underscored how they officiate the Derby just like any other race. Clearly, based on how long the process has been stalled and dragged out, that is not what’s happening with Medina Spirit’s in-limbo drug

positive.

It’s not out of the realm of possibility that the 2021 Derby won’t get fully adjudicated before the 2022 Derby is run. And that lack of a KHRC ruling could factor in favor of Baffert or any ownership entity that decides to challenge CDI’s Derby exclusion in court.

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## IT'S ALL ABOUT SOLE

by Jude R. Florio, GrDipELR

"It's all about soul...Yes, it is." The title and line from Billy Joel's 1993 hit refers to unmeasured essence of our being, and the same may be said also about another kind of sole, the hoof's sole, which is an often-overlooked, under-studied insensitive structure of the hoof that fails to get much attention until there is a problem. The failure to care for the sole's well-being, like its homophone cousin (soul), may have deeper implications and longer-lasting consequences for the soundness of the horse that it is attached to.

The sole is a keratinized structure similar to the wall, growing at the same rate as the horn and designed to resist wear with a primary function of protecting the bottom of the coffin bone. The sole's flexibility and thickness vary, often effected by environmental conditions (wet or dry), hoof morphology, pathology, and a host of other factors (breed, size, stabling, turnout, etc.), all which may affect its makeup. The sole's design is to flake away or exfoliate over time, however, flaking or exfoliation is again dependent upon a number of factors including those previously listed, all affecting its composition. Horses can have thick, thin, or false soles. The ability to identify the type of sole, and how much can be removed, requires experience.

To properly 'read' a foot for trimming, balancing, or shoeing, farriers with their hoof knife in hand remove varying amounts of sole and the practice differs within the industry. The amount of sole and from where it is pared is an often-argued conversation amongst farriers, old and new, in journals and trade publications. Everyone has a theory and everyone has an opinion.

Is there a point where sole paring goes too far?

Many years ago, in seemingly another lifetime, I had the good fortune to meet and apprentice for the late James Cahill of Lamberville, N.J. Cahill, a Vietnam veteran returned from his service, trained Thoroughbreds for his then-father-in-law in the New England area. Cahill recounted to me how he was fascinated by shoeing and somehow the need arose for him to learn how to shoe, most likely a need to tack a shoe [this story is

sounding familiar to me, as I had a similar experience]. He would always laughingly describe how he remembered paying his plater to teach him and at some point, later while still in the midst of learning, recognized that he was still paying his plater to watch him while he shod his own horses. Cahill later transitioned from training to shoeing full time which segued to shoeing riding horses.



Before (L) and after (R) hoof's sole is pared (arrows indicate sole)

Courtesy Jude Florio

The horseman's style was to repeatedly pare the sole; his knife was always unbelievably sharp. I recall him pressing with his thumb, paring, and pressing again while sometimes going a little too far and finding what farriers refer to as 'bottom'--or even farther with the infrequent droplet of blood. Obviously, being a good apprentice and direction follower, I copied my teacher with his sole paring style. I later learned when I went on to work for legendary USET and Hall of Fame farrier Seamus Brady that this practice of sole paring was not going to fly with him. I recall on my first day when I started paring out the sole of the horse that I was working on, Brady apoplectic, bellowing in his Irish accent, "Whoa, whoa, whoa, what the hell are you doing? We don't do that in this world." He later explained after I was stopped in my frenzied sole-removing tracks, that the horse needs as much protection as it can get and removing the sole was essentially removing protection, an argument supported by Dr. Scott Morrison, partner and founder of the Podiatry Center at Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital in Lexington.

I was grateful to catch a moment with Morrison in between his in-demand, reported seven-day-a-week schedule as he agreed to share his thoughts on this topic. As with all things sole (soul) related, the conversation pivoted and delved deeper into some issues the industry continues to face.

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Having had some overlap with Morrison over the years, I recently worked closely with him on a new account that I was enlisted to take over and he was recruited by the owner to consult. Humble is an understatement describing Morrison. In an industry where ego and chest beating are the drivers, humility and a willingness to share knowledge is refreshing. Brady exhibited similar traits. Morrison's demeanor, approach, and professionalism is almost surprising considering his influence in the industry, following other veterinary podiatrists, who Morrison labels 'pioneers,' like Dr.'s Ric Redden and Steve O'Grady.

Ninety percent of Morrison's practice consists of the podiatric care of Thoroughbreds, from corrective work on foals, to racing athletes, to the geriatric horses found at breeding facilities. The complaints range from knee deviations in foals commonly known as carpus valgus or varus, to thin soles, chronic heel pain, negative palmar angles, and--normally found in geriatric breeding mares and stallions--chronic low-grade laminitis.



**Dr. Scott Morrison, DVM** | Courtesy Rood & Riddle

When asked specifically about the sole and the varying farrier practices in the amount of sole that is pared out, Morrison shared that he, as well as other members of Rood & Riddle's practice, "leave as much sole as they can."

"It still is commonly done, perhaps a little too much," Morrison added in reference to the common practice of paring significant amounts of sole at the track. I was always under the impression that what may be considered extreme paring was an effort to create a 'cup' for traction, or to achieve the 'shortest' foot possible to relieve sole pressure under the shoe. However, Morrison thinks there may be other simpler motivations at work.

"People [farriers] like seeing a nice, cleanly pared-out foot. It looks nice. However, carving out the sole propagates flares, thinner soles, and this compromises the foot. The sole holds the

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foot together and a natural arch exists, a natural cup. The arch is really strong, we see it in design and architecture. [Farriers] continually weaken that dome causing the soles to collapse by removing some thickness, which changes the contours of the foot, creates flares, and the common issue: flat feet, where the arch is lost at the back half of the foot. The sole and lack of it in the back half of the foot is a very common complaint."

Morrison underscored that much of his time is spent restoring that natural arch and trying 'fix' its collapse by "leaving in the bars" [in certain instances dependent upon the foot] and as much sole as possible. He shoes with as much support as necessary, always trying to "mimic the barefoot condition" with the use of heartbar shoe, pads, and frog support while recognizing the realities of the horse's tolerances relating to frog and sole pressure. He also stressed there is a right and wrong way to apply these interventions as "not all bar shoes are equal." However, Morrison highlighting some of the issues may lie with trainers and their tendency to want to see a 'normal' shoe even when "heels are crushed and the frog is dropping out of the bottom." Morrison labeled it at times as a "battle" to get frog support or in other instances when a farrier must "do what is needed for the horse."

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An example of Morrison's frog support | Courtesy Dr. Scott Morrison

Asked if this resistance by some trainers to see a properly applied shoe with frog and/or heel support may be the result of a perceived negative effect on performance he said, "I don't think so. You can train him in a bar shoe, or heartbar, and pull it off for race day," when opting for regular shoes.

While not entirely buying into the argument that breeding may perpetuate some of these foot issues in Thoroughbreds, he did not completely discount breeding's role, however, he admitted that he has witnessed things turn around in horses where the feet "became pretty good."

Effectively, the greater issues that Morrison highlights are the realities of continuous training.

"There is no time off," he said. "Pulling shoes is so important because feet need to be let down. The result, to some degree [the feet] will normalize."

### ***It's All About Sole...and Then Some...***

So where is the industry going? Where should it go? Will things ever become standardized?

Morrison, who was likely driving to his next appointment while facing the barrage of questions that I lobbed at him like hand grenades, chuckled a few times at some of my more loaded questions. I knew the answers would be good.

"There are different camps of thought [relating to industry practices]. I don't really see things changing in the near future," he admitted.

Firmly believing that the current reality perpetuates good farriers continuing to acquire top clients, Morrison explained that their good methods will most likely be passed along to future apprentices and helpers, as has always been the tradition.

"Some disciplines may trend to doing things more uniformly," he said.

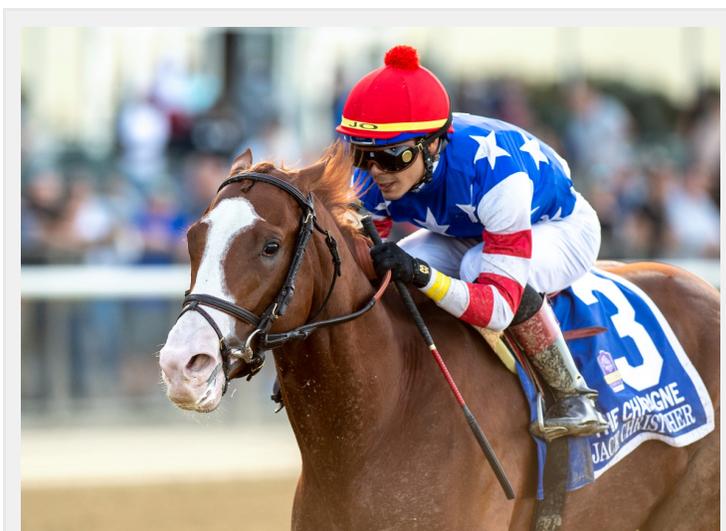
Morrison segued into some failures on the part of the Thoroughbred industry to promote continuing education for farriers at racetracks which he labels a "big need." He highlighted farriers in other disciplines [riding horses] tending to actively read trade magazines and attend conferences, while "platers are less represented."

He added, "It would be nice to see a big shoe company or big owner" sponsor and promote some continuing education programs for farriers at the racetracks.

I agree.

***Jude Florio, who has served as a professional farrier for over 20 years, earned a graduate diploma from the University of London's Royal Veterinary College in Applied Equine Locomotor Research. He is among the current MSc Equine Science cohorts studying at the University of Edinburgh, Royal 'Dick' School of Veterinary Studies (June 2023).***

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**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

**EDDIE LOGAN S.**, \$102,000, Santa Anita, 1-2, 3, 1mT, 1:36.38, fm.

1--**CABO SPIRIT, 120, c, 3, by Pioneerof the Nile**

**1st Dam: Fancy Day (Ire), by Shamardal**

**2nd Dam: Tizdubai, by Cee's Tizzy**

**3rd Dam: Cee's Song, by Seattle Song**

(\$145,000 RNA Ylg '20 KEESEP; \$575,000 2yo '21 OBSAPR).

**1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O-Kretz Racing LLC; B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-George Papaprodromou; J-Victor Espinoza.

\$60,000. Lifetime Record: GSP, 7-2-1-2, \$137,220.

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2--**Maglev (Ire)**, 118, c, 3, Galileo Gold (GB)--York Express (GB), by Vale of York (Ire). (£25,000 Ylg '20 TATIRY; £210,000 2yo '21 GOFTY; 300,000gns 2yo '21 TATAHI).

**1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Red Baron's Barn LLC & Rancho Temescal LLC; B-Mr. R Ryan (IRE); T-Mark Glatt. \$20,000.

3--**Handy Dandy**, 120, g, 3, Fury Kapcori--Golden Bucket, by Mass Media. (\$29,000 2yo '21 OBSOPN). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Altamira Racing Stable, CYBT, Marc Lantzman & Michael Nentwig; B-Brent Fernung & Crystal Fernung (FL); T-Ruben D. Alvarado. \$12,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, NK, 1 3/4. Odds: 2.80, 2.40, 5.50.

Also Ran: Bally's Charm, Barsabas, Derecho Dandy, Boise, C'Mon Man, Street Art. Scratched: Unreal.

Not worse than third since switched to the lawn, Cabo Spirit got the first black-type win of his career in the Eddie Logan S. at Santa Anita Sunday. The dark bay bided his time while midpack on the rail behind fractions of :23.07 and :47.26. Full of run on the turn, Cabo Spirit found a seam and split horses at the top of the lane, brushing with Derecho Dancy (**Connect**). Undeterred, he flew down the stretch with determination, driving clear for a 1 1/4-length win over Maglev (Ire).

Cabo Spirit took five tries to break his maiden, but had faced some tough competition when beaten in his first three starts, all on dirt, by eventual GI Del Mar Futurity winner Pinehurst (**Twirling Candy**), eventual GIII Nashua S. winner Rockefeller (**Medaglia d'Oro**)--who was also runner-up in Saturday's GIII Sham S.--and eventual GII Los Alamitos Futurity third Barossa (Into Mischief). He finally put it all together for his first visit to the winner's circle Nov. 7 at Del Mar going a mile on the grass, then was third in the GIII Cecil B. DeMille S. Nov. 28 in his last

out before the Eddie Logan.

Fancy Day (Ire) is out of 2003 GII Sorrento S. winner Tizdubai, who is a full-sister to Horse of the Year Tiznow, MGSW & MGISF Budroyale, and SW & GSP Tizbud. Another full-sister is responsible for GI Preakness S. winner Oxbow (Awesome Again) and yet another for GI Haskell S. winner **Paynter** (Awesome Again). Fancy Day has a 2-year-old filly named **Blame Day (Blame)**--a \$50,000 Keeneland September purchase by Wayne Sanders and Kat Kirk--and a yearling filly by **Yoshida (Jpn)** in the pipeline. She was bred back to **War of Will**. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**



**Cabo Spirit | Benoit**

**BLUE NORTHER S.**, \$100,500, Santa Anita, 1-2, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:36.86, fm.

1--**BELLABEL (IRE)**, 120, f, 3, by Belardo (Ire)

**1st Dam: Fashion Line (Ire), by Cape Cross (Ire)**

**2nd Dam: Shadow Roll (Ire), by Mark of Esteem (Ire)**

**3rd Dam: Warning Shadows (Ire), by Cadeaux Genereux (GB)**

(€33,000 Ylg '20 TATFB). **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O-Benowitz Family Trust, CYBT, Michael Nentwig & Ray Pagano; B-Fergus Cousins (IRE); T-Philip D'Amato; J-Flavien Prat. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, \$75,435.

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2--**Shoppingforpharaoh**, 118, f, 3, **American Pharoah**--Smart Shopping, by Smart Strike. (\$300,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP).

**1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Tommy Town Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Jamm Ltd. (KY); T-Jonathan Wong. \$20,000.

3--**Helens Well (Ire)**, 120, f, 3, Kodi Bear (Ire)--Ever Evolving (Fr), by Elusive Quality. (800gns Ylg '20 TATASY). O-Benowitz Family Trust, CYBT, Madaket Stables LLC, Michael Nentwig, & Ray Pagano; B-Patrick Toes (IRE); T-P D'Amato. \$12,000.

Margins: 2 1/4, HF, 4 3/4. Odds: 2.50, 4.80, 1.10.

Also Ran: Fuente Ovejuna (GB), Fortunata Tensio, Miss Bellatrix. Scratched: Mimajoon.

Second choice behind her more-accomplished stablemate Helens Well, Bellabel made her U.S. debut a winning one in Santa Anita's Blue Norther S. The field was compact and the group stayed in a bunch with Bellabel parked in fourth on the outside through :24.71 and :49.27 splits. She unleashed a nice turn of foot on the curve, went wide and shot to the front, powering down the stretch with her ears pricked as rider Flavien Prat eased up well before the wire. It was the first stakes win for the dark bay.

"We broke quite slow," said Prat, "so I was trying to get going and she responded so well that I actually found myself on the lead a bit sooner than I expected, but once I asked her to make her move, she was there for me. I really like the way she quickened down the lane. She should have a good future."

After four tries last June to August in Ireland, Bellabel got her first win at Naas in an 18-horse field for Jessica Harrington in September. She was then transferred stateside to trainer Philip D'Amato's barn, who was winning his third race on Sunday's card.

"She'd shown enough ability where I thought she merited a shot in this race," said D'Amato. "Hat's off to Niles Dalton for finding these gems and [co-owner] Michael Nentwig and the partners for putting up the money. I think I really had this filly about 80% fit, too, so I think there is definitely room to improve here."

The winner's dam, Fashion Line, has a yearling filly by **Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)** that was a €19,000 RNA at the Goffs November sale. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**



**Bellabel | Benoit**

**LA VERDAD S.**, \$97,000, Aqueduct, 1-2, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:25.00, my.

1--**BANK STING, 124, m, 5, Central Banker--Bee in a Bonnet (SP), by Precise End.** (\$14,000 RNA Ylg '18 EASOCT).

O-Hidden Brook Farm, Joseph G. McMahon & Anne McMahon; B-McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, LLC (NY); T-John P. Terranova II; J-Dylan Davis. \$55,000. Lifetime Record: 8-6-0-0, \$406,300.

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2--**Eloquent Speaker, 118, m, 5, Flatter--Spoken Not Broken,** by Broken Vow. (\$100,000 Ylg '18 SARAUG; \$200,000 3yo '20 KEEHRA). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Natalia Lynch; B-Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding (NY); T-Natalia Lynch. \$20,000.

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3--**Courageous Girl, 118, m, 5, Bourbon Courage--Focus** Curiosity, by Holy Bull. O-Take a Shot Stables, East Coast Partners & Liberty House Racing; B-Brady Horse Racing LLC & RUSBA V Stables, LLC (NY); T-Horacio DePaz. \$12,000.

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Margins: NK, 9 3/4, 3/4. Odds: 0.20, 6.60, 11.30.

Also Ran: Letmetakethiscall, Awillaway.

Bank Sting kicked off the new year the same way she ended the last one: with a seven-furlong black-type victory at Aqueduct. But while her New York Stallion Series S. Dec. 5 resulted in a runaway 8 1/4-length win, Sunday's La Verdad S. was by a hard-fought neck.

In the La Verdad, Bank Sting broke sharply to set a pressured pace, getting the first quarter in :23.01 with Eloquent Speaker just a half-length behind on her inside. The two of them moved in tandem through the :47.08 half with Bank Sting just a head in front, then exchanged figurative blows around the turn, with Eloquent Speaker a half-length the best entering the lane. The two made it a ding-dong battle all the way down the stretch and pulled nearly 10 lengths clear of Courageous Girl. In the end, it was Bank Sting, carrying six pounds more, who got up by a neck at the wire.

"That [close finish] wasn't expected, but I think the [muddy] track had a lot to do with it," said jockey Dylan Davis. "Comparing her from her last effort to today, she just had a little difficulty getting over it. I think her best suit is more of a drier track. I was coming in here thinking that she was going to duplicate her last effort and today she had a challenge. I liked what I saw. She was digging in and was able to find a little extra in that last sixteenth of a mile and give me what we needed for the win. She's a nice filly and I see a lot more from her."

Trainer John P. Terranova agreed, “I thought she was going to level off there a little bit, but I know she has a lot of gameness in her and she really reaches when she needs to. She’s a good filly and can overcome biases and whatnot. She handles an off track.”



**Bank Sting** | *Susie Raisher*

Bank Sting debuted at two with one off-the-board start, then went to the shelf for 14 months, returning last February as a 4-year-old. She won four straight, including the Critical Eye H. at Belmont May 31, then took another five months off and tired in her Empire Distaff H. return Oct. 30, prior to the aforementioned New York Stallion Series S. win. Regrouping with the monster effort in the aforementioned New York Stallion Series S., she made it two in a row with the La Verdad.

The winner's dam has a 2-year-old full-sister to Bank Sting, who sold for \$40,000 at the Fasig-Tipton New York-bred yearling sale to Hidden Brook, a partner in Bank Sting. Bee in a Bonnet also has a yearling colt by Laoban and was bred to Solomini for this spring. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.](#)

**KALOOKAN QUEEN S.**, \$77,028, Santa Anita, 1-2, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:16.85, ft.

1--**EDGEWAY**, 124, m, 5, **Competitive Edge--Magical Solution (SW)**, by **Stormin Fever**. (\$35,000 Wlg '17 KEENOV; \$275,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR). O-Hronis Racing LLC; B-Pope McLean, Valerie & David Blethen (KY); T-John W. Sadler; J-John R. Velazquez. \$47,160. Lifetime Record: GSW & GISP, 10-6-2-1, \$596,360.

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2--**Merneith**, 124, m, 5, **American Pharoah--Flattermewithroses**, by **Flatter**. (\$350,000 Wlg '17 FTKNOV; \$600,000 2yo '19 OBSMAR). O-HRH Prince Sultan Bin Mishal Al Saud; B-China Horse Club (KY); T-Bob Baffert. \$15,720.

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3--**Stellar Sound**, 122, m, 5, **Tapit--Siren Serenade**, by **Unbridled's Song**. O-Don Alberto Stable; B-Don Alberto Corporation (KY); T-Michael W. McCarthy. \$9,432. Margins: 1 3/4, 5HF, HF. Odds: 0.40, 1.80, 8.70.

Also Ran: Queengol. Scratched: Stella Noir.

Edgeway, coming off a runner-up effort in the GI Breeders' Cup F/M Sprint, proved the class of the field with a facile victory in the Kalookan Queen S. at Santa Anita Sunday. The 2-5 favorite assumed the early lead and was in hand through an opening quarter in :22.15. Asked for more after a half in :44.96, she turned back Merneith in upper stretch and sailed under the wire unchallenged.

“Today, the strategy was to chase them or chase me,” explained winning jockey John Velazquez. “I broke, let her run to the lead and let them catch me...when I asked her to run, she responded right away so I’m very proud. Thanks for the opportunity given to me here for riding these good horses.”

The ultra-consistent Edgeway, off the board in just one of 10 trips to the post, won last year's Carousel S. at Oaklawn Park in April and rebounded from a fourth-place effort in the July 5 GII Great Lady M S. to win the Aug. 20 GIII Rancho Bernardo H. before her runner-up effort behind Ce Ce (Elusive Quality) in the Breeders' Cup.

“She bounced out of the Breeders' Cup really well,” said winner owner Kosta Hronis. “I think the plan was to give her a little bit more of a break, but she’s been asking to run, so John [Sadler] had her all trained up and ready to go. It’s an honor to have John. Any time we can have jockeys like this on the **West Coast**, we’re always happy to see that.” [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.](#)



**Edgeway** | *Benoit*



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**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

**8th-Oaklawn, \$101,000, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 1-2, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10.88, my, neck.**

**WHISKEY DOUBLE (c, 4, Into Mischief--Lake Sebago {MSW, \$243,225}, by Munnings)**, let go at 9-2 to shake off the rust in his first start since May, was outrun and parked in the penultimate spot of the 11-horse field through the :22.16 first quarter. The bay began steadily moving up before the turn while about five wide, shifted even farther out to the center of the track coming off the turn, and kept grinding down the lane to reel in frontrunner Full Authority (**Summer Front**), whom he caught by a neck in the shadow of the wire. Whiskey Double debuted with a win at two at Churchill, then went to the bench until January of last year. An optional allowance win in February catapulted him into placings behind MGISW Jackie's Warrior (**Maclean's Music**) in the GII Pat Day Mile and GISW Drain the Clock (**Maclean's Music**) in the GIII Bay Shore S. A sub-par performance last May, again at Churchill, sent him to the sidelines once more. The first foal for his dam, Whiskey Double has a 2-year-old full-sister who was a \$290,000 RNA at KEESEP. Lake Sebago has a yearling filly by **Uncle Mo** and was bred back again to Into Mischief. Sales History: \$875,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: MGSP, 8-3-1-2, \$252,203. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Buck Pond Farm, Inc. & Richard M. Seale (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen.

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**1st-Santa Anita, \$74,500, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 1-2, 4yo/up, 6 1/2ft, 1:12.80, fm, nose.**

**BARRAZA (c, 4, Into Mischief--Halo Dolly {MGSW, \$1,016,466}, by Popular)** had a single victory to his credit when his connections opted to try their \$100,000 claim in the GII Del Mar Derby Sept. 4 and the colt could only manage an eighth after coming off Lasix in a rankly run contest. Cutting back to 6 1/2 furlongs on the downhill turf course at Santa Anita Oct. 31, he delivered the second victory of his career since his Apr. 11 claiming win. He was given two months off before returning here at track and trip. Barraza broke well and bided his time in about sixth down the hill. The field bunched up coming into the straight, and the 3-1 tepid favorite was stuck behind a wall of horses.

Forced to the middle of the course to get running room under Kent Desormeaux, the pair got up in the final stride for a nose victory over Count of Amazonia {Ire} (Lope de Vega {Ire}). Barraza is the only winner for his millionaire dam Halo Dolly, California's golden girl in her time. She was purchased by Milfer Farm for \$110,000 last year at Keeneland November, listed in-foal to Horse of the Year Authentic. Her last reported offspring is an unnamed 2-year-old by **Mendelsohn**. Lifetime Record: 11-3-1-2, \$151,860. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Holly & David Wilson; B-Spendthrift Farm LLC (KY); T-Vladimir Cerin.

**9th-Santa Anita, \$69,500, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 1-2, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:44.38, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.**

**AMERICAN THEOREM (r, 5, American Pharoah--Mighty Renee, by Maria's Mon)** showed enough talent early on to finish second in the 2019 GI **American Pharoah** S. to then Baffert star, Eight Rings (Empire Maker). Coming into his sole start in 2020 off a 5 1/2-month layoff, he flattened to seventh after a brief speed duel in the GII Rebel S. at Oaklawn Park Mar. 14 and was given another extended layoff, this time for almost a year, before returning to the races Feb. 12 last year in a seven-furlong allowance at Santa Anita. He finished second before once again being given an extended layoff, this time almost 10 months. He raced wide the entire trip Nov. 27 at Del Mar, and finished last after 6 1/2 panels. Shortened up to six for his Los Alamitos start last out Dec. 11, he seemed to be finding his feet again, finishing second to a heavy-bet Baffert favorite by two lengths. Brought back to 8 1/2 furlongs here, he broke like a shot as the 9-5 favorite, immediately clearing Shooters Shoot (Competitive Edge) for the rail spot, and went into the first turn with ears pricked. Cruising along down the backstretch, the gorgeous grey was loping along on an easy rein despite some outside pressure, and had opened up on the field coming off the final turn. The field tried to reel him in but those efforts were in vain as the pair went wire-to-wire to win by over two lengths in the end. American Theorem is a half to several graded-stakes and listed winners, including Viel Spass (**Kitten's Joy**), SP-Jpn, \$336,462; Mighty Caroline (Stormy Atlantic), GSW, \$140,000; and Cyclogenesis (Stormy Atlantic), MSW, \$198,750. The dam has a 2-year-old colt by **Classic Empire** and was barren after being bred to **Hard Spun** and **Tiz the Law** last year. Sales history: \$190,000 RNA Ylg '18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 7-2-3-0, \$168,767. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Kretz Racing; B-Sierra Farm (KY); T-George Papaprodromou.



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**8th-Gulfstream, \$58,900, Alw** (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 1-2, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:22.29, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.

**UPHOLD THE LAW** (c, 4, **Upstart--Scribbling Sarah, by Freud**), a half to Speech (Mr Speaker), GISW, \$497,090, stayed undefeated in three starts with another daylight win at Gulfstream. The even-money favorite pressured Bayou Benny (Benny the Bull) from the outside while under a hold through a first quarter in :22.56, then couldn't be contained any longer and had a head in front at the :45.45 half. With rider Luis Saez peeking under his right arm at the competition at the top of the stretch, he encouraged Uphold the Law to keep going and the two sailed to the wire on the wrong lead until the last several strides, finishing 2 3/4 lengths in front of Town Classic (**Speightstown**) at the wire. Uphold the Law debuted at three last Mar. 18 with a 6 1/2-length score over this surface, then went to the bench before repeating Nov. 14 at six furlongs with a four-length win and an 86 Beyer. In addition to Uphold the Law and GI Ashland S. winner Speech, Scribbling Sarah has the 2-year-old colt Disruptive (**Unified**). She was bred to **Constitution** for 2022. Sales History: \$35,000 Ylg '19 OBSWIN; \$27,000 RNA Ylg '19 KEESEP; \$48,000 Ylg '19 OBSOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$91,300. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by TVG.**

O-Niall Brennan & Susan Moulton; B-Gail Rice (FL); T-M Stidham.



**6th-Gulfstream, \$54,000, (S), Alw**, 1-2, (NW1X), 3yo, f, 1m 70y (AWT), 1:42.96, ft, head.

**SPECTACULAR GAL** (f, 3, **Jess's Dream--Yankee Madame, by Yankee Gentleman**) was vanned off Aug. 28 in the FTBOA Florida Sire Susan's Girl S. after getting checked in the race and fading badly in the homestretch, officially listed as an eighth place finisher. Stretching out and trying synthetic for the first time Oct. 14, she drew off to win by 10 lengths as the heavy 3-5 favorite, and again distanced herself from the field in a track and trip contest Dec. 9, this time winning by six. The Saffie Joseph Jr. trainee broke well but had to settle for third through the first turn as a pair of speed horses claimed the rail spots. The 4-5 favorite chased her pacesetting stablemate Sum Return (In Summation) up the backside from second, and through the final bend, the pair battling head to head down to the wire, a photo going the way of Spectacular Gal. There are two other winning half-sisters listed beneath the dam, and the winner is the last reported foal. Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-0, \$69,450. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by TVG.**

O-Stefania Farms, LLC; B-Craig Wheeler Thoroughbreds (FL); T-Saffie A. Joseph, Jr.

**9th-Gulfstream, \$54,000, Alw** (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 1-2, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y (AWT), 1:41.97, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

**GRAND AVE GIRL** (f, 4, **Runhappy--One More {GSP, \$162,884}, by Holy Bull**) lost her first two for Chad Brown over Belmont and Monmouth's dirt surfaces, then did the same upon transferring to David Fawkes and Gulfstream's main track. Fawkes tried her on Gulfstream's new all-weather surface Nov. 7 and the bay responded with a monster effort, breaking her maiden by 7 1/4 lengths and registering an 81 Beyer. A close third Dec. 8 was next before Grand Ave Girl found the winner's circle again Sunday. She tracked the :24.21 and :47.87 early pace at 9-5, took over on the turn, and held off Editor At Large (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}) to win by 1 1/2 lengths. The winner's dam was third in the 2014 GIII Providencia S. Her juvenile filly She's My Louie V. (**Violence**) sold for \$52,000 at KEESEP and her yearling colt is named Right This Way (**Street Sense**). The mare was bred back to **Midnight Lute**. Sales History: \$300,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-3, \$83,425. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by TVG.**

O-e Five Racing Thoroughbreds; B-SF Bloodstock LLC (KY); T-David Fawkes.

**7th-Fair Grounds, \$47,000, Alw** (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 1-2, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:43.91, gd, nose.

**O BESOS** (c, 4, **Orb--Snuggs and Kisses {SW, \$288,020}, by Soto**), third in the GII Louisiana Derby last March, was fifth in the GI Kentucky Derby, but had not been seen since finishing second in the May 29 GIII Matt Winn S. Sent off at 3-5, the chestnut colt was well back in the early going while racing off the rail over the muddy strip. He moved back to the inside to rally up the rail on the far turn. Tipped off the fence entering the straight, he was soon challenged by Intrepid Heart (**Tapit**) just to his outside. Those two battled down to the line with O Besos just getting his nose in front. The winner is a half-brother to Transatlantic Kiss (Stormy Atlantic), SP, \$203,516. Snuggs and Kisses produced a colt by California Chrome in 2020, had no reported foal in 2021, and was bred back to **Frosted**. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by TVG.** Lifetime Record: MGSP, 8-3-1-1, \$320,224.

O-Bernard Racing LLC, Tagg Team Racing, West Point Thoroughbreds & Terry Stephens; B-L. Barrett Bernard (KY); T-Gregory D. Foley.

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**7th-Oaklawn, \$84,000, Msw, 1-2, 3yo, 6f, 1:11.59, my, 6 3/4 lengths.**

**SKY AND SAND (c, 3, Midshipman--Sharp Finnish, by Petionville)** settled for third after setting the pace in his six-furlong debut at Belmont Oct. 9 and was second going seven furlongs at Aqueduct last time out Nov. 20. The 3-2 favorite, adding Lasix for this third go, sat just off a four-way battle for the early lead. He rushed up three wide on the turn and took charge at the top of the lane without being asked and strode clear to win by 6 3/4 lengths. Frisco Line (**Runhappy**) was second. Sky and Sand, a \$67,000 KEENOV weanling and a \$150,000 FTKSEL yearling, sold for \$375,000 following a :10 1/5 work at last year's Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream sale. Sharp Finnish has a 2-year-old colt by Commissioner. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.** Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$77,200.

O-Reeves Thoroughbred Racing & Magnifico Stable; B-Tilford Hardin Sharp (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen.

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**1st-Aqueduct, \$77,600, Msw, 1-2, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:37.28, my, 12 1/2 lengths.**

**DEFAULT PROTECTION (f, 4, Quality Road--Flask, by Maria's Mon)** was stretching out following a third-place effort in her six-furlong unveiling at this oval Dec. 3. The 3-1 shot shadowed the pacesetter through fractions of :23.58 and :47.37. She collared the leader nearing the stretch and splashed clear down the lane to graduate by 12 1/2 lengths. Intense Honor (**Honor Code**) was second, while 2-5 favorite Precipitate (Pioneerof the Nile) trailed the field before being eased and walking off the track. Default Protection was a \$350,000 KEESEP yearling. Flask produced a colt by **Munnings** in 2020, who sold for \$150,000 at last summer's Fasig-Tipton Saratoga sale, and a colt by **The Factor** in 2021. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.** Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$53,600.

O-Klaravich Stables, Inc.; B-Stone Farm & Joseph W. Sutton (KY); T-Chad C. Brown.

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**5th-Aqueduct, \$77,600, Msw, 1-2, 3yo, 1 1/8m, 1:52.29, my, 3 1/2 lengths.**

**CONSTITUTIONLAWYER (c, 3, Constitution--Lawyer Brockmeyer, by Lawyer Ron)** debuted against experienced competition Oct. 21 at Belmont Park, and after getting knocked around at the break, could only manage fourth. In his next start Dec. 2 at Aqueduct, he stretched out half a furlong and ran third to eventual Jerome S. winner Courvoisier (**Tapit**) after another rough start. Staying at track and trip here, adding first-time Lasix, and finally catching a good break as the 7-2 second choice, the colt drifted outside pace pressure four wide going into the first turn. Cruising up a muddy backstretch, he maintained a measured lead over odds-on favorite Long Term (**Curlin**) and began to click clear coming out of the final turn, the pair leaving the rest of the field behind by double digits. Drifting greenly in the lane, Dylan Davis kept his charge honest in the final yards and won by 3 1/2 lengths over their long-time shadow. Constitutionlawyer is a half to two other winners as well as a 2-year-old colt by **American Freedom**, and a yearling colt by **Not This Time**. The dam was bred to Wooderson for 2022. Sales history: \$85,000 Wlg '19 KEENOV; \$170,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$59,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Perrine Time Thoroughbreds & West Paces Racing; B-Silver Springs Stud, LLC & Sandra Sexton (KY); T-Raymond Handal.

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**2nd-Santa Anita, \$69,500, (S), Msw, 1-2, 3yo, f, 6ft, 1:10.25, fm, 1 1/4 lengths.**

**SHE'S BULLETPROOF (f, 3, Idiot Proof--Onefunsonofagun, by Decarchy),** the 2-1 crowd's choice, was well back early, but had worked her way into midpack entering the stretch. She was tipped out to the center of the course at the top of the lane and closed determinedly through traffic to win going away by 1 1/4 lengths. She's Bulletproof is a full-sister to Bulletproof One, MSW, \$394,002 and In Our A, SP, \$152,760; and a half to I Came to Party (Bold Chieftain), MSP, \$261,931. She has a 2-year-old full-sister and her dam was bred back to Idiot Proof last year.

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Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$40,200.

O-Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, Wachtel Stable, Cecil & Gary Barber; B-Victory Rose Thoroughbreds & KMN Racing (CA); T-Ruben D. Alvarado.

**10th-Gulfstream, \$53,000, Msw, 1-2, 3yo, 7 1/2ft, 1:30.06, fm, 1 1/4 lengths.**

**ROYAL SPIRIT (c, 3, Into Mischief--Don'tforgetaboutme, by Malibu Moon)** went right from a third-place debut effort over the Saratoga lawn last August to a runner-up finish in the Sept. 26 Nownownow S. at Monmouth Park and was returning to the maiden ranks after a fourth-place effort in the Nov. 5 Awad S. at Belmont Park. The bay colt, sent off the 7-5 favorite, broke alertly and was taken in hand to rate just off the pacesetter while saving ground. He angled out four wide at the top of the lane and surged to the lead with a furlong to run before drawing away to score by 1 1/4 lengths over Men on the Hill (Ire) ([Starspangledbanner {Aus}](#)). Royal Spirit was a \$450,000 FTKSEL yearling. Don'tforgetaboutme has a 2-year-old colt by [Curlin--](#) who sold to these same owners for \$275,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale--and a yearling colt by [Candy Ride \(Arg\)](#). **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.](#)** Lifetime Record: SP, 4-1-1-1, \$149,800.

O-Repole Stable & St. Elias Stable; B-Claiborne Farm (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.



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**5th-Gulfstream, \$53,000, Msw, 1-2, 3yo, f, 7 1/2ft, 1:30.25, fm, 1 length.**

**ON ALERT (f, 3, Medaglia d'Oro--Darling's Darling, by Bernardini)** was adding Lasix for this second outing following a lackluster seventh-place debut going 1 1/16 miles over the Aqueduct lawn Nov. 19. The 6-1 shot tarried near the back of the field early before improving her position down the backstretch.

Forced to wait for racing room nearing the stretch, the dark bay filly found a seam to run through late and closed with a flourish to earn a one-length victory over Blythe Spirit ([Ghostzapper](#)). On Alert was a \$500,000 FTKSEL yearling purchase. The unraced Darling's Darling produced a colt by [Flameaway](#) in 2021 and was bred back to [Gun Runner](#). The mare is a daughter of Darling My Darling, who was second for Debby Oxley in the 1999 GI Matron S. and GI Frizette S. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.](#)** Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$32,143.

O-Courtlandt Farms (Donald & Donna Adam); B-Debby M. Oxley (KY); T-Claude R. McGaughey III.

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**1st-Gulfstream, \$53,000, Msw, 1-2, 3yo, f, 7 1/2ft, 1:32.12, fm, 1/2 length.**

**BRAVO KITTEN (f, 3, Kitten's Joy--Showgirl Form, by Dynaformer)** was a close-up fifth after a wide trip in her one-mile debut over this turf course Dec. 5. Sent off at 7-2 and adding Lasix for this second start, the bay filly settled into a mid-pack trip along the rail behind pedestrian splits. She found a narrow opening on the inside at midstretch and pounced to the lead before holding [Brisky Folic \(Frosted\)](#) off late to win by a half-length. [Golden Effect \(First Samurai\)](#) was scratched after breaking through the gate prior to the start of the race. Bravo Kitten RNA'd for \$170,000 as a KESEP yearling. She has a 2-year-old half-sister by [Classic Empire](#) who sold for \$14,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton October sale, and a yearling half-brother by [Practical Joke](#) who sold for \$47,000 at last year's Keeneland November sale. Her dam was bred back to [Kitten's Joy](#) last year. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.](#)** Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$36,570.

O/B-Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey (KY); T-Saffie A. Joseph, Jr.

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**4th-Oaklawn, \$101,000**, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 1-2, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.06, my, 1 1/4 lengths.

**WILDWOOD'S BEAUTY (m, 6, Kantharos--Miss Propitious, by J P's Gusto)** Lifetime Record: MSW & MGSP, 23-6-10-3, \$616,845. O-William Stiritz; B-Philip & Karen Matthews (FL); T-Scott Becker. \*\$47,000 Ylg '17 OBSOCT.

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**10th-Santa Anita, \$72,000**, (S), (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 1-1, 4yo/up, 6fT, 1:09.49, gd, nose.

**RIDING WITH DINO (g, 5, Vronsky--Belloma, by Yankee Gentleman)** Lifetime Record: 10-3-4-2, \$153,908. O-Paradise Farms Corp., Todd Cady, Roger Featherston & Jeffrey Lambert; B-G Krikorian (CA); T-Robert Hess, Jr. \*\$7,000 Ylg '18 BARJAN.

**4th-Santa Anita, \$71,500**, (S), (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 1-2, 4yo/up, f/m, 6fT, 1:09.39, fm, 2 lengths.

**THAT'S AMARE (m, 5, Unusual Heat--Amare, by Flatter)** Lifetime Record: 4-2-2-0, \$112,580. O-Marsha Naify, Ali & Francie Nilforushan; B-Ali Nilforushan (CA); T-Philip D'Amato.

**7th-Turfway, \$64,085**, 1-2, (NW3L), 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.13, ft, 1 length.

**GHOSTING KIM (m, 5, Ghostzapper--Palanka City {GSW, \$388,220}, by Carson City)** Lifetime Record: 12-3-2-1, \$167,166. O-Backstretch Farms; B-My Meadowview (KY); T-Ignacio Correas, IV. \*\$190,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$445,000 2yo '19 OBSOPN.

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**8th-Laurel, \$50,160**, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 1-2, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:44.00, my, 5 3/4 lengths.

**CONCLUSIVE (c, 3, Nyquist--Complete Game, by Afleet Alex)** Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, \$66,920. O-Sonata Stable; B-Sheltowee Farm & Mariah Thoroughbreds LLC (KY); T-Michael J. Trombetta. \*\$100,000 Ylg '20 KEEJAN; \$155,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP.

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**9th-Fair Grounds, \$48,000**, (S), (C)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 1-2, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10.48, gd, neck.

**BERTIE'S GALAXY (g, 6, Greeley's Galaxy--Wild Bertie, by Wild Rush)** Lifetime Record: SW, 22-9-7-1, \$322,850. O-Allen Cassidy; B-Margie Averett (LA); T-Ron Faucheux. \*1/2 to Wild Bert (Time Bandit), SP, \$352,310.

**7th-Laurel, \$42,800**, (C), 1-2, (C), 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:17.83, my, 1 3/4 lengths.

**DOUBLE FIREBALL (f, 4, Imagining--Get'm Up Pronto, by Kitalpha)** Lifetime Record: 19-4-1-2, \$126,570. O-Little Man Farm; B-Kyle M Horlacher (MD); T-Anthony Aguirre, Jr.

**6th-Fair Grounds, \$41,440**, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$17,500), 1-2, 4yo/up, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:04.32, gd, 3 3/4 lengths.

**READY TO POUNCE (c, 4, More Than Ready--Single Solution {GSW, \$199,439}, by Flatter)** Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, \$80,520. O/B-Lothenbach Stables, Inc. (Bob Lothenbach) (KY); T-N Pessin. \*1/2 to No Fault of Mine (Blame), SW & MGSP, \$267,814.

**6th-Golden Gate Fields, \$34,242**, 1-2, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:09.65, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

**DYNASTY OF HER OWN (m, 5, Shanghai Bobby--Lady Dynasty {MSP, \$140,418}, by Richter Scale)** Lifetime Record: MSW, 18-10-0-3, \$264,458. O-Tommy Town Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Richard S. Kaster (KY); T-Jonathan Wong. \*\$95,000 RNA Ylg '18 KEESEP. \*\*1/2 to Bluegrass Angus (Bluegrass Cat), MSW & GSP, \$202,226.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Alebrije**, c, 3, **Big Blue Kitten**--Saintfully, by Lonhro (Aus). Fair Grounds, 1-2, (C), 6f, 1:11.86. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$16,600. B-Calumet Farm (KY). \*\$25,000 Ylg '20 OBSOCT.

**Beleout**, f, 3, **Flat Out**--My Friend Bele (SW, \$145,980), by My Friend Max. Fair Grounds, 1-2, (S), 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:05.61. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$39,000. B-Delmar Caldwell (LA). \*1/2 to Hunker Down (Musket Man), MSP, \$250,275.

**Lady Zeta**, f, 3, **Midshipman**--Lemon Patch, by Lemon Drop Kid. Laurel, 1-2, (WC), 7f, 1:25.13. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$35,415. B-Cynthia J Darrah-Hipple (MD). \*\$14,000 RNA Ylg '20 EASOCT.

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**My Way Or No Way**, g, 3, **Unified**--My Regime, by Discreetly Mine. Tampa Bay Downs, 1-2, (C), 5 1/2f, 1:05.44. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$12,400. B-Andrew Hughes, Karen Hughes, Mike Catanzarite & Suzanne Catanzarite (KY). \*\$22,000 RNA Wlg '19 KEENOV; \$25,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP; \$34,000 RNA 2yo '21 EASMAY.

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**Head Start**, f, 3, **Upstart**--Casual Cocktail, by Magna Graduate. Santa Anita, 1-2, (C), 6f, 1:12.38. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$28,240. B-Brereton C. Jones (KY). \*\$85,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP; \$110,000 RNA 2yo '21 OBSAPR.

**Gallina**, f, 4, **Mineshaft**--Smart Engagement, by Smart Strike. Aqueduct, 1-2, (S), 7f, 1:26.18. Lifetime Record: 9-1-2-2, \$78,975. B-Song Hill Thoroughbreds LLC (NY). \*1/2 to Tizzelle (Tizway), SP, \$236,150; Giacosa (Tizway), SW, \$287,590.

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**Reappearing**, f, 4, **Pro Prado**--Reappear, by Hadif. Sunland, 1-2, (S), 6f, 1:14.16. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$26,640. B-Tony Pickard (NM).

**Fan Club**, c, 4, **Street Sense**--Secret Return, by Put It Back. Oaklawn, 1-2, 1 1/16m, 1:44.91. Lifetime Record: 6-1-2-1, \$80,545. B-Fred W. Hertrich (KY). \*\$290,000 Ylg '19 KEEJAN; \$325,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP.

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- American Pharoah**, American Theorem, r, 5, o/o Mighty Renee, by Maria's Mon. AOC, 1-2, Santa Anita
- Belardo (Ire)**, Bellabel (Ire), f, 3, o/o Fashion Line (Ire), by Cape Cross (Ire). Blue Norther S., 1-2, Santa Anita
- Big Blue Kitten**, Alebrije, c, 3, o/o Saintfully, by Lonhro (Aus). MCL, 1-2, Fair Grounds
- Central Banker**, Bank Sting, m, 5, o/o Bee in a Bonnet, by Precise End. La Verdad S., 1-2, Aqueduct
- Competitive Edge**, Edgeway, m, 5, o/o Magical Solution, by Stormin Fever. Kalookan Queen S., 1-2, Santa Anita
- Constitution**, Constitutionlawyer, c, 3, o/o Lawyer Brockmeyer, by Lawyer Ron. MSW, 1-2, Aqueduct
- English Channel**, Freeport Joe, g, 5, o/o Winds of March (Ire), by Sadler's Wells. ALW, 1-2, Golden Gate
- Flat Out**, Beleout, f, 3, o/o My Friend Bele, by My Friend Max. MSW, 1-2, Fair Grounds
- Ghostzapper**, Ghosting Kim, m, 5, o/o Palanka City, by Carson City. ALW, 1-2, Turfway
- Greeley's Galaxy**, Bertie's Galaxy, g, 6, o/o Wild Bertie, by Wild Rush. AOC, 1-2, Fair Grounds
- Idiot Proof**, She's Bulletproof, f, 3, o/o Onefunsonofagun, by Decarchy. MSW, 1-2, Santa Anita
- Imagining**, Double Fireball, f, 4, o/o Get'm Up Pronto, by Kitalpha. ALW, 1-2, Laurel
- Into Mischief**, Barraza, c, 4, o/o Halo Dolly, by Popular. AOC, 1-2, Santa Anita
- Into Mischief**, Royal Spirit, c, 3, o/o Don'tforgetaboutme, by Malibu Moon. MSW, 1-2, Gulfstream
- Into Mischief**, Whiskey Double, c, 4, o/o Lake Sebago, by Munnings. AOC, 1-2, Oaklawn
- Jess's Dream**, Spectacular Gal, f, 3, o/o Yankee Madame, by Yankee Gentleman. ALW, 1-2, Gulfstream
- Kantharos**, Wildwood's Beauty, m, 6, o/o Miss Propitious, by J P's Gusto. AOC, 1-2, Oaklawn
- Kitten's Joy**, Bravo Kitten, f, 3, o/o Showgirl Form, by Dynaformer. MSW, 1-2, Gulfstream

**Medaglia d'Oro**, On Alert, f, 3, o/o Darling's Darling, by Bernardini. MSW, 1-2, Gulfstream

**Midshipman**, Lady Zeta, f, 3, o/o Lemon Patch, by Lemon Drop Kid. WMC, 1-2, Laurel

**Midshipman**, Sky and Sand, c, 3, o/o Sharp Finnish, by Petionville. MSW, 1-2, Oaklawn

**Midshipman**, Navy Armed Guard, g, 7, o/o Black Java, by Pine Bluff. ALW, 1-2, Golden Gate

**Mineshaft**, Gallina, f, 4, o/o Smart Engagement, by Smart Strike. MSW, 1-2, Aqueduct

**More Than Ready**, Ready to Pounce, c, 4, o/o Single Solution, by Flatter. AOC, 1-2, Fair Grounds

**Nyquist**, Conclusive, c, 3, o/o Complete Game, by Afleet Alex. AOC, 1-2, Laurel

**Orb**, O Besos, c, 4, o/o Snuggs and Kisses, by Soto. AOC, 1-2, Fair Grounds

**Pioneerof the Nile**, Cabo Spirit, c, 3, o/o Fancy Day (Ire), by Shamardal. Eddie Logan S., 1-2, Santa Anita

**Pro Prado**, Reappearing, f, 4, o/o Reappear, by Hadif. MSW, 1-2, Sunland

**Quality Road**, Default Protection, f, 4, o/o Flask, by Maria's Mon. MSW, 1-2, Aqueduct

**Runhappy**, Grand Ave Girl, f, 4, o/o One More, by Holy Bull. AOC, 1-2, Gulfstream

**Shanghai Bobby**, Dynasty of Her Own, m, 5, o/o Lady Dynasty, by Richter Scale. ALW, 1-2, Golden Gate

**Street Sense**, Fan Club, c, 4, o/o Secret Return, by Put It Back. MSW, 1-2, Oaklawn

**Unified**, My Way Or No Way, g, 3, o/o My Regime, by Discreetly Mine. MCL, 1-2, Tampa Bay

**Unusual Heat**, That's Amare, m, 5, o/o Amare, by Flatter. AOC, 1-2, Santa Anita

**Upstart**, Head Start, f, 3, o/o Casual Cocktail, by Magna Graduate. MCL, 1-2, Santa Anita

**Upstart**, Uphold the Law, c, 4, o/o Scribbling Sarah, by Freud. AOC, 1-2, Gulfstream

**Vronsky**, Riding With Dino, g, 5, o/o Belloma, by Yankee Gentleman. AOC, 1-1, Santa Anita



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## A SECOND FRENCH TITLE FOR SIYOUINI



Siyouni, sire of the world's highest-rated horse of 2021, St Mark's Basilica | Zuzanna Lupa

By Emma Berry

If having the winner of the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe counted as a breakthrough moment for **Siyouni (Fr)** in 2020, his reputation climbed higher still as his son St Mark's Basilica (Fr) romped through his Classic year, winning the Poule d'Essai des Poulains, Prix du Jockey Club, Eclipse S. and Irish Champion S. on his way to becoming the top-rated horse in the world in 2021. Both he and **Sottsass** are now residents of the Coolmore stallion barn, where they will be given plenty of opportunities to attempt to establish Siyouini's reputation as a sire of sires.

Until **Sottsass** came along, the Aga Khan Studs' Siyouini had been best represented by his daughters. Ervedya (Fr) became his first Group 1 and Classic winner, Laurens (Fr) advertised his abilities to a wider audience with her six Group 1 wins in Britain, Ireland and France, while Etoile (Fr) took it a step further with a Grade I strike in Canada, and Dream And Do (Fr) has more recently enhanced his Classic roll of honour. What is clear is that Siyouini is an extremely accomplished sire, and there is plenty to suggest that as his reputation has grown, along with his stud fee—from €7,000 in 2011 and for the next three seasons to a high of €140,000 since 2021—then so will his achievements on the back of bigger and higher-quality books.

At this relatively early stage of his career, Siyouini has been represented by just one stakes winner as a broodmare sire, courtesy of the Deauville listed winner Hurricane Dream (Fr) (Hurricane Cat), and there is surely hope for the Christophe Ferland-trained Times Square (Fr) (**Zarak**) to build on her juvenile season which saw her finish second in the G1 Prix Marcel Boussac. But in a year in which he was also represented by the group winners Seachange (Fr), Wally (Ire), Sacred Life (Fr), Policy Of Truth (Fr), Acer Alley (GB), Mise En Scene (GB) and Who Knows (Fr), taking his lifetime tally to 57 stakes winners, it is safe to say that Siyouini is already paying a handsome tribute to his much-loved sire Pivotal (GB), who died in November.

Another stallion sadly lost in 2021 was the German champion sire **Adlerflug (Ger)**. Like Siyouini, he had secured his first championship in his native country in 2020, and he repeated that feat 12 months later, as well as finishing runner-up in France. [Cont. p2](#)

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### OWNER HITS JACKPOT WITH FIRST HORSE

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**Champion Sires in France, Germany & Italy Cont. from p1**

In 2020, Adlerflug had the first and second in the G1 Deutsches Derby, In Swoop (Ire) and Torquator Tasso (Ger). The former went on to run second to **Sottsass** in the Arc that year, but his 2021 season was cut short in July after four runs, including a further Group 2 and Group 3 success. Torquator Tasso picked up the baton as it was announced that In Swoop would be retired to Coolmore's National Hunt division, and the final two races of the year for Gestut Auenquelle's colourbearer and future stallion resulted in victories in the G1 Grosser Preis von Baden and the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.

Adlerflug had just 29 runners in France, resulting in 12 winners of 22 races, but Torquator Tasso's prize-money haul from Europe's richest race was enough to secure his sire the runner-up spot in the stallion table.



**Torquator Tasso being paraded through the crowd at Baden-Baden**  
Emma Berry

During a decade in French breeding when some classy stallions have emanated from some less-than-obvious sources, **Wootton Bassett (GB)** has been one of the great success stories. Chapter two of his stud career is currently being written in Ireland at Coolmore, where he has stood since last year following nine seasons at Haras d'Etreham. He too has had an enormous upturn in fee, from a starting price of €6,000, to a low of €4,000 in 2014 and his current high of €150,000. That of course has been fanned by the flames of success, and **Wootton Bassett** enjoyed another good year, with Prix Marcel Boussac winner Zellie (Fr) and Incarville (Fr) two new Group 1 winners, taking his tally to five, while Royal Patronage (Fr), Atomic Jones (Fr), Ilaraab (Ire) and Wootton Asset (Fr) were new Group/Graded winners outside France. **Cont. p3**

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## Champion Sires in France, Germany & Italy Cont.

**Wootton Bassett** has 44 stakes winners to his name from eight crops of racing age, and it is worth remembering that none of his first four crops of foals exceeded 50, with his smallest, in 2014, numbering just 18. In his first season at Coolmore he covered 244 mares. Expect bigger and better things to come.

With 59 winners in France, and Skalleti having provided a first Group 1 success, Haras de Colleville's **Kendargent (Fr)** was fourth in the French sires' table for 2021.

Skalleti's full-brother Skazino (Fr) upheld the family honour with three group wins, including the G2 Prix Kergorlay, while the Teruya Yoshida homebred Tokyo Gold (Fr) gave Kendargent a Classic victory in the G2 Derby Italiano for the French-based, Japanese-born trainer Satoshi Kobayashi.

It is also worth keeping an eye on Kendargent's growing profile as a broodmare sire, with the G1 Champion S. winner Sealiway (Fr) (Galiway {GB}) being his leading representative in this regard, along with the G1 Deutsches Derby winner Sisfahan (Fr) (Isfahan {Ger}).

The winner of the G1 Grand Prix de Paris and third in the Arc, Hurricane Lane (Ire) helped to propel Britain and Ireland's champion sire **Frankel (GB)** into fifth place in the French table, just ahead of Sumbe's **Le Havre (Ire)**. The latter's daughter Wonderful Tonight (Fr) bowed out in August before she was able to meet her end-of-year appointment in the Arc, but she did add a further two Group 2 wins to her tally of the previous year, winning at Royal Ascot and Glorious Goodwood.

These of course did not count towards Le Havre's tally in France, but Glycon (Fr) took the G2 Prix de Deauville and Waliyak won the G3 Prix Bertrand de Tarragon. The Sir Michael Stoute-trained Ville De Grace (GB) is a filly to keep an eye in in 2022 following her win in the G3 Pride S. at Newmarket in the autumn.

Outside the leading contenders, it is also worth noting the five stakes winners for **Intello (Ger)** in France in 2021. He remains at Haras du Quesnay in 2022, having served two years at a time when alternating between Cheveley Park Stud and Quesnay for the first eight seasons of his stud career, and his fee for this year has been dropped to €8,000, down from a high of £/€25,000. Bubble Smart (GB), Dawn Intello (Fr) and Adhamo (Ire) were all Group 3 winners for him in France, while Waldbiene (Fr) won Germany's G2 T von Zastrow Stutenpreis.

## Leading German Sires

The posthumous success of Adlerflug during the 2021 season has already been referenced above and his untimely death in April after covering a mare at the stud where he was born, Gestut Schlenderhan, will continue to be lamented in Germany and beyond. **Cont. p4**

# TOP-CLASS 2YO SPEED AT ROYAL ASCOT. JUST LIKE HIS SIRE NO NAY NEVER.

Won the **Coventry Stakes-Gr.2** (PICTURED) from dual Gr.2 winner Threat, Gr.1 winner Golden Horde etc.

Won his maiden at the Curragh, on 26<sup>th</sup> May, by **8 lengths**.

Runner-up in the **Dewhurst Stakes-Gr.1**.



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# ARIZONA

“The pick on looks beforehand, **Arizona** came from off the pace to lead a furlong out”

Timeform on the **Coventry Stakes-Gr.2**

“**Arizona** (No Nay Never) is quite some value when you consider that his sire covered more than 190 mares last season at a fee of €150,000. The **Group 2 Coventry Stakes** winner **Arizona** was not far off the very best of his generation, running second to **Pinatubo** in the **Group 1 Dewhurst Stakes**”

Leo Powell, **THE IRISH FIELD**  
8th January 2021

## COOLMORE



Lord Of England's Palmas after winning the German Oaks  
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### Champion Sires in France, Germany & Italy Cont.

The son of In The Wings is champion for the second year running, with his 28 winners led by Torquator Tasso, whose major success at home came in the Grosser Preis von Baden. Outside Germany, Adlerflug's leading runners in 2021 were In Swoop and the G2 King Edward VII S. winner Alenquer (Fr).

The first crop of Adlerflug's fellow German Derby winner **Isfahan (Ger)** were only three in 2021, but the victory in that same Classic of his son Sisfahan (Fr) helped to put the Gestut Ohlerweiherhof resident in second place in the German sires' table.

Isfahan was also represented by the G1 Preis der Diana (German Oaks) runner-up Isfahani (Ger), who sadly died in September.

Sisfahan, who was runner-up to Torquator Tasso in the Grosser Preis von Baden, is reported to be heading to the Saudi Cup meeting in February for Germany's champion trainer Henk Grewe.

**Soldier Hollow (GB)** has just turned 22 and has previously been champion sire in Germany on three occasions. This time around he had to settle for third, but he sired the most winners (43) and highest number of stakes winners (nine). The diminutive son of In The Wings (GB) remains a huge credit to Gestut Auenquelle and to his owner Helmut Von Finck.

Another sad loss to the German stallion ranks and to Gestut Etzean in 2021 was Isfahan's sire **Lord Of England (Ger)**. The 18-year-old was represented by another Classic winner in the last year of his life in the Preis der Diana winner Palmas (Ger).

Etzean has also been home for the last four years to the veteran former multiple champion sire **Areion (Ger)**. The son of Big Shuffle turns 27 this year and had the valuable BBAG auction race winner Mister Applebee (Ger) among his leading

performers of last year.

The Etzean stallions featured prominently in the sires' championship, with **Amaron (GB)**, a son of Shamardal whose eldest runners were four in 2021, finishing sixth in the table. He will be joined at stud in 2022 by the Group 1 winner Japan (GB), who becomes the first son of Galileo (Ire) to stand in Germany.

A German sire of whom we could hear more this year is **Guiliani (Ger)**, a son of Tertullian out of a full-sister to Getaway (Ger). Like Isfahan he had his first 3-year-old runners in 2021 and while Guiliani is yet to make a major impression, a notable member of his second crop is the Group 3 winner Tunnes (Ger), a half-brother to Torquator Tasso who is currently favourite for the Deutsches Derby.

### Arcano Shines In Italy

**Arcano (Ire)** left Derrinstown Stud for Italy in 2016 and having spent the intervening years at Allevamento di Besnate, just north of Milan, he is now champion sire in his adopted country for the first time. His 26 winners included the G2 Oaks d'Italia heroine Eulaila (Ity), and she is out of a mare by the GII Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf winner **Pounced**, who has stood at the same stud for his entire career and is also now represented in the stallion ranks by his Group 2-winning son Full Drago (Ity), who had his first juvenile runners this year.

Second in the table was another former Allevamento di Besnate resident and Shadwell runner, **Mujahid**. Arcano has recently been joined at the stud by two more Shadwell-owned stallions, Mukhadram (GB) and Adaay (Ire).

The G1 July Cup winner **Sakhee's Secret (GB)** died in November at the age of 17. Having moved to Italy's Allevamento Si Fra in 2015, he was champion sire in 2019 and 2020, and finished fourth in the table in 2021, just behind Kendargent, who was represented by the Italian Derby winner Tokyo Gold.

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## BRITAIN

### Sunday's Results:

**6th-Newcastle, £7,300, Nov, 1-2, 3yo, 7f 14y (AWT), 1:31.46, st/sl.**

**TIBER FLOW (IRE) (c, 3, Caravaggio--Malabar {GB} {MGSW-Eng, \$213,277}, by Raven's Pass)** carried a seven-pound penalty for annexing his Dec. 3 going six furlongs here last time and settled behind all three rivals through halfway in this one. Tanking forward soon after passing the two pole, the 1-3 favourite came under pressure inside the final furlong and was ridden out to deny Zameka (Ire) (**No Nay Never**) by a neck nearing the line.

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**6th-Newcastle Cont.**

Tiber Flow is the first of two foals and lone performer for G3 Prestige S. and G3 Thoroughbred S. victrix Malabar (GB) (Raven's Pass), herself a half-sister to MG1SW sire Poet's Word (Ire) (Poet's Voice {GB}) and to the dam of MG1SP G2 Railway S. victor Beckford (GB) (**Bated Breath {GB}**). The April-foaled homebred is a half-brother to the unraced 2-year-old colt Godwinson (GB) (**Saxon Warrior {Jpn}**). Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$10,361. **Video, sponsored by TVG.**  
O/B-Jon & Julia Aisbitt (IRE); T-William Haggas.

**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

**4th-Newcastle, £20,000, Cond, 1-2, 4yo/up, 5f (AWT), :58.95, st. VENTUROUS (IRE) (h, 9, Raven's Pass--Bold Desire {GB}, by Cadeaux Genereux {GB})** Lifetime Record: 63-12-5-4, \$235,838. O-Laurence O'Kane & Harrowgate Bloodstock Ltd; B-John Doyle (IRE); T-David Barron. \*110,000gns Wlg '13 TATFOA; £44,000 3yo '16 GOYHIT. \*\*1/2 to Parliament Square (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}), SW-Ire & G1SP-Fr, \$143,595.

**5th-Newcastle, £20,000, Cond, 1-2, 4yo/up, 8f 5y (AWT), 1:40.62, st/sl.**

**TEMPUS (GB) (g, 6, Kingman {GB}--Passage of Time {GB} {G1SW-Fr, GISW-US, GSW & G1SP-Eng, \$651,668}, by Dansili {GB})** Lifetime Record: 9-5-1-0, \$65,495. O-Hambleton Racing Ltd XXXI & Partner; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB); T-Archie Watson. \*25,000gns 5yo '21 TATHRA. \*\*1/2 to Time Test (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), MGSW & G1SP-Eng, MGISP-US, \$830,948.

**IN HONG KONG:**

**Crossford (Ire), g, 4, Dawn Approach (Ire)--Stylish One (Ire), by Invincible Spirit (Ire).** Sha Tin, 1-1, Hcp. (C3) (£149k/€177k), 1600mT, 1:34.67. B-Belmont, Glenville Bloodstock Ltd & C McAvoy. \*50,000gns Wlg '18 TATDEF; 55,000gns Ylg '19 TATOCT. **VIDEO**

**IN HONG KONG:**

**Eason, g, 3, Written Tycoon--Prete A Partir (SP-Aus), by Choisir.** Sha Tin, 1-1, Hcp. (C4) (\$184k), 1200m, 1:09.88. B-A Olive

(WA). \*\$80,000 Ylg '20 INGMAR. **VIDEO**

**Lucky With You, g, 4, Artie Schiller (USA)--Heredera, by Northern Meteor.** Sha Tin, 1-1, Hcp. (C3) (\$277k), 1200m, 1:09.87. B-Emirates Park Pty Ltd (NSW). \*\$130,000 Ylg '19 INGMAR. **VIDEO**

**Navas Two, g, 4, Excelebration (Ire)--Our Cougette, by Flying Spur.** Sha Tin, 1-1, Hcp. (C3) (\$277k), 1400m, 1:21.85. B-Eden Thoroughbreds, Paul Eden, Kent Eden, Shea Eden (Vic). **VIDEO**

**IN SINGAPORE:**

**King Arthur, g, 4, I Am Invincible--Pentasia (SW-Aus, \$276,220), by Pentire (GB).** Kranji, 1-2, Hcp. (C4), 1000m (AWT), :58.93. B-G Briscoe (NSW). \*\$45,000 Ylg '19 INGFEF. **VIDEO**

**IN HONG KONG:**

**Packing Victory, g, 4, Reliable Man (GB)--Espresso Cavallo (Aus), by Lonhro (Aus).** Sha Tin, 1-1, Hcp. (C2) (NZ\$450k), 1400m, 1:21.56. B-G Harvey. \*NZ\$85,000 RNA Ylg '19 NZBJAN. **VIDEO**

**Flying Ace, g, 4, Swiss Ace (Aus)--Dancescape (Aus) (MSP-Aus), by Danehill Dancer (Ire).** Sha Tin, 1-1, Hcp. (C4) (NZ\$195k), 1200m, 1:09.60. B-G Harvey. \*1/2 to One More Daisy (Onemoremore), GSP-Aus, A\$282,930. **VIDEO**

**IN SINGAPORE:**

**Attila, g, 4, Showcasing (GB)--Della Lobra, by Stravinsky (USA).** Kranji, 1-2, Open Maiden, 1200m (AWT), 1:13.26. B-Block Partnership. \*1ST-TIME STARTER. \*\*1/2 to Parsifal (Darci Brahma), GSP-Aus, US\$346,310. \*\*\*NZ\$20,000 Wlg '18 NZBMAY. **VIDEO**

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