

AW, CHUTE! WILL REALITY TRUMP PERCEPTION IN SPA'S MAIN-TRACK MILES?



Saratoga clubhouse turn | Sarah Andrew

The Week in Review, by T.D. Thornton

Potentially, there's a lot to like about **last Friday's announcement** that the New York Racing Association (NYRA) will be resurrecting Saratoga's long-dormant chute adjacent to the clubhouse turn to enable the running of one-mile dirt races for the first time in decades.

Any nod to history--especially at America's most history-steeped track--is generally a welcome idea. Originally dubbed the "Wilson Chute" in honor of Richard T. Wilson, the president of the Saratoga Racing Association during the early 20th century, the perpendicular-to-the-stands starting area that ran more or less parallel to Nelson Avenue debuted 120 years ago and remained in use for seven decades before being repurposed as a parking lot in 1972.

Because Saratoga is a 1 1/8-mile oval, two-turn dirt starts at distances of one mile or 1 1/16 miles don't exist because the run into the clubhouse bend has been deemed too short to be fair or safe. The new mile chute should add distance diversity, filling the gap between seven-furlong races that start on the backstretch and nine-furlong contests that begin in front of the stands.

Plus, quirky track configurations are appealing if done right. Think of Santa Anita's unique downhill turf course or the undulating, all-grass topography of Kentucky Downs. **Cont. p3**

SMALLER, BUT STILL SUPER: HELEN PITTS

by Katie Petrunyak

The concept of the super trainer is by no means a new phenomenon in horse racing, but the huge stables run by super trainers have undoubtedly changed the landscape of the sport in many ways, from the backside to the racing entries. Are super trainers bad for the sport? Are there any benefits for an owner in using a "smaller" trainer? We asked these questions and more to a few trainers who may not be considered super trainers in terms of their stall numbers, but they have made the most of the horses they're given to build competitive racing stable over their careers.

The daughter of a racing steward and a steeplechase trainer, Maryland native Helen Pitts was destined for a career on the racetrack. After working for several steeplechase trainers, she made the move to Kentucky to work for Kenny McPeck. **Cont. p7**

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The only other North American dirt track with a similar mile-chute setup, Ellis Park, was actually modeled after Saratoga's Wilson Chute when it was built as Dade Park a century ago.

But before wading too deeply into nostalgia and aesthetics, let's be candid: If the idea of one-mile races around 1 1/2 turns at Saratoga is such a no-brainer, why is NYRA just now trying to revive the concept?

After the Wilson Chute fell out of favor in the early 1970s, one-mile starts near that spot were brought back briefly in 1992. But that configuration wasn't so much a true chute as a different gate placement in which mile races started at an angle on the turn.

By the end of that meet 30 years ago, the prevailing perception among horseplayers and horsemen was that those starts were disadvantageous to outside-drawn runners and potentially dangerous because of crowding into the too-quick turn. As a result, we haven't seen a main-track mile at the Spa since.



Saratoga | Sarah Andrew

But do those perceptions match reality? Not if you believe the charts from the 25 one-mile dirt races run at Saratoga in '92.

Before we delve into those numbers, a bit of history:

The 1902 Saratoga meet represented a major positive turn in the history of the track. Its owners had undertaken a \$1-million overhaul (\$32 million in today's dollars) that included rotating the entire track and its stands 30 degrees (so spectators would no longer be blinded by afternoon sun), and the oval was elongated from one mile to its current nine furlongs. An inside turf track was seeded (but not used) that season, and within that oval was the steeplechase course "with its liverpools and hurdles," according to a June 1, 1902, write-up in the *New York Times*. **Cont. p4**



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Yes, America's newspaper of record actually called them “shoots,” not “chutes.”

On opening day, Aug. 4, 1902, it took five full minutes to get a field of 14 lined up (the starting gate had yet to be invented), and Vincennes stormed from off the pace to win the first-ever mile chute race at Saratoga.

If Saratoga's oddly configured mile races were considered problematic during the next 70 years, those complaints are almost entirely absent from surviving archived news reports.

Then again, the racing press for most of the 20th Century was collectively reluctant to criticize decisions by racetrack managements. Plus, back then there were no internet forums or social media platforms on which horseplayers could air constant, daily gripes. It's possible those races were indeed heavily biased in terms of running style or post positions. But any bettor keen enough to notice probably kept quiet and used that knowledge to cash tickets.

Fast-forward to '92. As Joseph Durso wrote in his opening-day piece for the *Times*, “For the last 22 years, Saratoga has omitted any one-mile [dirt] races.... The problem was solved by widening the first turn so that the starting gate could be placed on the far outside of the track, aiming the horses across the curve of the turn in something resembling a straightaway. But the configuration still seemed strange.”

As the field paraded in front of the stands for the revival of main-track miles, jockey Julie Krone made eye contact with trainer Scotty Schulhofer and owner Tommy Valando in a clubhouse box.

“She nodded toward the gate, patted the No. 5 [saddle towel] and shrugged,” Durso wrote. “She was fifth in a field of five, and she was saying, in effect: ‘I start in right field.’”

As Durso pointed out, Krone finished in right field too, fourth behind a wire-to-wire favorite from post two.

The very next race on the card was also a dirt mile, and it too was wired, from post one. The trend continued into the weekend, with the first four races on that 1 1/2-turn configuration won by speed-centric horses from inner posts.

But shortly thereafter, the trend regressed toward the mean. By the end of the meet, after 25 main-track miles at the Spa, five were won in gate-to-wire fashion, nine by horses dueling or forcing the pace, three by midpack stalkers, and eight by deep closers.

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Considering that speed is the prevailing winning style in American dirt racing, a split of 14 on-the-pace winners versus 11 who closed from at least midpack hardly rates as a glaring bias.

It's a bit more complicated to parse performance based on post positions because most main-track miles that summer featured seven or fewer starters, meaning low-post horses simply made more starts than higher-drawn horses.

A number of those races were also either off-the-turfers and/or races run on wet tracks, which exacerbated scratches. Given those much shorter fields, it's no surprise that the three innermost posts combined for 15 victories.

But post four actually produced the most wins overall. The breakdown was post one (4), post two (6), post three (5) and post four (7), with posts five, six and nine accounting for one winner each. So post position stats aren't terribly indicative of a bias, either.

Still, racetrack perceptions die hard. This past weekend, an informal skim of opinions on Twitter and in online handicapping forums revealed what I would estimate to be a 3:2 ratio of "terrible idea" posts outnumbering "great idea" opinions on the revival of the Wilson Chute.

The late Marshall Cassidy, NYRA's erudite announcer between 1979 and 1990 (and a backup caller before and after those dates), weighed in on the idea of bringing back the Wilson Chute in a 2010 comment posting that lives on in the [Brooklyn Backstretch blog](#).

"As to the desirability of a Mile Chute, the beauty of that option lies only in one's wish for comparison shopping," Cassidy wrote. "Saratoga Race Course abounds in character and uniqueness. As well as lots of oak beams, glorious trees, dripping heat and the Saddling Bell, Saratoga has no Mile races on the dirt. And that is good. My experiences with the Wilson Chute are best described as the Impossible Challenge in that I couldn't see the start from the Announcer Booth (neither could the *Racing Form's* chart caller!).

"As for the jockeys and racing officials, Wilson Chute starts carried the field diagonally over the crown of the dirt course with an immediate left turn inside the first 12 seconds. By the time they all straightened for the backstretch run, half the field was liable to and for injury or inquiry..." Cassidy wrote.

"As interesting an addition to the wagering menu as Mile-on-the-dirt at Saratoga might be, rest assured there are none now for practical reasons," Cassidy summed up.

That opinion was penned a dozen years ago. It will now be the job of Glen Kozak, NYRA's senior vice president of operations and capital projects, to instill practicality where Cassidy and others have perceived it does not exist.

Speaking Jan. 14 at a meeting of NYRA's Franchise Oversight Board that granted the budgeting for the Wilson Chute and other projects, Kozak expressed confidence that by moving back the outside of the first-turn fence by up to nine feet, being able to get a full-sized starting gate into the chute, using newer designs of portable rails, and by tweaking the angle of where the chute meshes with the turn, safe and fair main-track miles will be achievable at the Spa this summer.

And if not, NYRA can always mull the concept over for another 30 years before trying it again in 2052.

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HELEN PITTS

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When McPeek stepped away from training in 2005, Pitts took over and had her very first winner that same day. Over the years, she has reached the winner's circle with many unforgettable racehorses, including Hall of Fame champion **Curlin** and her all-time favorite trainee, MGISW Einstein (Brz).

KP: How did you first get involved in horse racing?

HP: My dad was a steward at the racetrack. He worked in Maryland for 20-some years and was there when Kent Desormeaux, Edgar Prado and those guys were there. My mom trained steeplechase horses, so this was kind of in my blood and I didn't have a whole lot of choice. I did fox hunters and pony club growing up and went to the races a lot. Dad always tried to deter me from going to the racetrack, but I rode steeplechase horses and ended up working for several steeplechase trainers. [Hall of Fame steeplechase trainer] Jack Fisher got me started and then I ended up also going to Frannie Campitelli at Pimlico.

After that, I started working for Kenny McPeek. He got me to move to Kentucky. I learned a lot from Kenny and was around really good horses. I galloped Take Charge Lady and Harlan's Holiday. When Kenny retired to do bloodstock, I was fortunate to carry on from there.

On July 1 of 2005, the first horse I raced actually won at Churchill Downs. Her name was Cat Quatorze (Louis Quatorze) and I'll never forget it. Then I won my first Grade I that fall with a filly called Sweet Talker (Stormin Fever) at Keeneland in the Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup S.

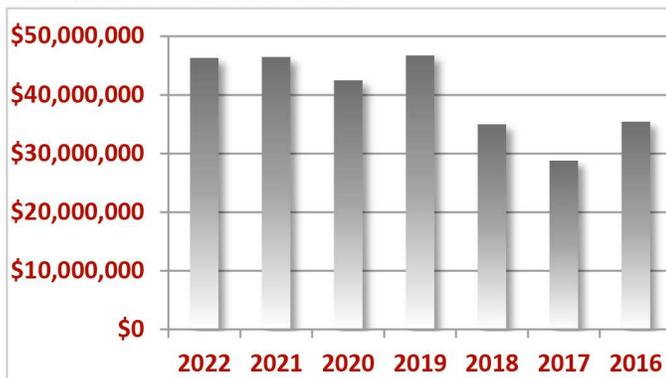


Pitts aboard MGISW Einstein | Horsephotos



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2020	1856	1338	1108	28.0%	82.8%	59.7%	\$42,487,500	\$38,346
2019	1555	1181	916	24.1%	77.6%	58.9%	\$46,759,000	\$51,048
2018	1583	1227	909	22.5%	74.0%	57.4%	\$34,996,000	\$38,499
2017	1893	1401	961	26.0%	68.6%	50.8%	\$28,785,500	\$29,954
2016	1796	1387	1040	22.8%	75.0%	57.9%	\$35,463,000	\$34,099

KP: How did your steeplechase background help you as a flat trainer?

HP: They intertwine a lot actually. Steeplechase is a lot more fitness-focused because they have to go so much further. In terms of horsemanship, I think I benefitted from it and it did me a world of good.

A lot of steeplechase horses are older flat horses. My mom is a wonderful horsewoman and she would take flat horses that would have a year off from a bowed tendon and she would bring them back to perfect health and they would win countless races for her.

KP: Where is your stable based today?

HP: Kentucky is pretty much home for us. Churchill Downs is our base basically year-round and I'm at Highpointe Training Center just outside of Louisville in the winter. I give a lot of horses time off in the winter to let them down a bit so they are ready to roll in the spring.

KP: How many horses are normally in your stable?

HP: I'd say we normally have around 10, but that number can go up and down especially in the spring when we get babies in. I do think back on the days when I would have 40 horses in the barn, but the game has changed a lot since then. It's hard to find help these days and so to be honest, 10 is a good number for the stage I'm at.

I have good owners and a lot of my owners breed their own, so we can take our time with them and I'm not pressed to be running babies in May. I train for great people, some of whom have been with me since I started.



Pitts celebrates a win from trainee Athena (Street Sense) in the 2017 American Beauty S. | Coady

KP: Who would you say has been your biggest mentor throughout your career?

HP: That's a tough question. Kenny gave me the opportunity to be where I'm at today. He introduced me to a lot of people and put me in a great position. I learned so much from him.

Looking way back, it would also be my mom. She's a wonderful horsewoman and she's 87 now, but she's actually in Kentucky this week selling babies at the sale. She still has the farm in Maryland and breeds babies. She is a very good horsewoman and gave me my work ethic to put me where I'm at today.

This is a hard question because there's also Jack Fisher and Frannie Campitelli. They both had big influences on my career. I think everybody helps you get somewhere.

KP: What horse has been the most influential to your career?

HP: Oh, it would have to be my boy Einstein (Brz) (Spend a Buck). He was my best friend and I had him for his whole career. He took me all over the country. He was the coolest horse and had so much personality. I would pull up in my car in the afternoons and he would start hollering when he saw me.

Then there's also **Curlin**, who put me on the map. I only got to run him once before they sold him, but I took the time with him and did right by him. He made it all worthwhile for that one start and now I can say I trained **Curlin**. He helped me get my name out there.

What do they say? Good horses will make you look good.

KP: What do you believe makes your stable unique?

HP: My employees are great. I have one couple who has worked for me since I first started.

We're very small and hands-on. If I'm not getting on them myself then I'm on the pony with them. We give them a lot of TLC and it doesn't matter to me what type of horse they are because they all get treated the right way and they're all special to me. They all think they're big horses in my eyes.

KP: Do you think super trainers are bad for the sport?

HP: I'm not going to sit here and say that they're bad for the sport. I give them all a lot of credit. I think that's what some owners want these days. They want the high-percentage guys. If you list the names of super trainers today, they're very good horsemen and very good trainers. With the way the game is and the way finding help is today, what they do is difficult.

I do think there is a different aspect in being involved with a big outfit as opposed to a smaller one. There are pluses and minuses to it.

KP: What do you enjoy most about your job?

HP: I just love the horses. I love seeing them come along and develop and I love the competitiveness of it all. Right now I have a little filly named Zawish (*Mshawish*) who is two for two. This filly just thinks she's King Kong. She loves the game and loves to train. I actually trained her mother, who was owned by the same clients and was their first-ever racehorse.

KP: What is the most frustrating aspect of your job?

HP: There are many different approaches you could take with this one. Would I love consistency within our sport and to have everyone on the same page? Absolutely. I just hope our sport continues to get better and better, but it seems like it's going in the right direction.

It's hard between finding help and keeping your system rolling, which I have found is easier now with the size that I'm at. Even when I worked for Kenny, you would walk in some days and find out you're missing a groom so you're rubbing down four and galloping seven. That's part of it and you have to be able to roll with it.

This game is hard. You can be on the absolute biggest high in the world and it will jerk you down in a minute. I'll never forget the morning after I won my first Grade I, I was breezing horses and had a 2-year-old break down. That will jerk the heart right out of you and you have to be able to tough it out. A lot of it is just the ups and downs. It's definitely a game of highs and lows.



Multiple Grade I-winning trainer Helen Pitts | *Coady*

KP: What is your bucket list race that you hope to win someday?

HP: Obviously everyone's goal is to get to the Kentucky Derby or the Oaks. I ran in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic with Einstein in 2009. It was the year Zenyatta won it. Einstein actually won the GI Santa Anita H. that year and I was the first woman to win that race, so that was awesome and I felt like that was a great feat.

I would love to win a Breeders' Cup race or of course the Oaks or the Derby--something of that prestige.

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KHRC VACATES LEVAMISOLE RULINGS AGAINST SHARP

The Kentucky Horse Racing Commission has vacated the sanctions it imposed on trainer Joe Sharp following five positive tests for levamisole in horses who ran at Churchill Downs in November 2019. A KHRC ruling issued Thursday and first reported by *Blood-Horse*, read, "Due to the de-classification of levamisole in August 2015 by the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission, all penalties previously assessed to Owner/Trainer Joe Sharp in Stewards' Rulings #21-0006, #21-0008, #21-0010, #21-0011 and #21-0012 are hereby vacated."

Sharp was suspended 30 days and fined \$2,500 by the KHRC last January for the levamisole positives. The trainer also had eight horses test positive for the drug at Fair Grounds and was issued \$1,000 fine for each horse, but not suspended for the Louisiana violations. He blamed the levamisole positives on an over-the-counter dewormer he had purchased and used to treat his horses.

While announcing his client was appealing the KHRC decision last January, attorney Clark Brewster told *TDN*, "The stewards sent out this notice saying [levamisole] is a class B drug. Not only is it not a class B, it's not listed at all. They held a hearing where I strongly urged them to dismiss this and they got real quiet. Then they returned a suspension of 30 days and fines. It was truly astonishing. We expect public servants to apply the law based on what is set forth."

Brewster said that levamisole is only prohibited when it metabolizes into the drug aminorex, which he said did not happen in the case of Sharp's horses. He also pointed to a 2015 case in which the KHRC suspended trainer Daniel Werre for a full year after a levamisole positive. The suspension was reversed by the Franklin Circuit Court, which cited its finding that the KHRC had improperly classified the drug at the time. Werre was eventually given a seven-day suspension.

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HIT THE ROAD WORKS FOR PEGASUS

Hit the Road (**More Than Ready**), aiming for the Jan. 29 GI Pegasus World Cup Turf Invitational at Gulfstream Park, worked five furlongs in :58.40 (1/1) over the Santa Anita turf Sunday. The 5-year-old, trained by Dan Blacker, capped a four-race win streak with a win in the GI Frank E. Kilroe Mile S. last March. He has been off since a third-place effort in the GII City of Hope Mile S. last October. The nine-furlong Turf Invitational will be Hit The Road's first start beyond a mile.



Hit the Road | *Benoit*

Also working over the Santa Anita turf Sunday in preparation for an engagement on the World Cup card in Hallandale, **Bodhicitta** (GB) (Showcasing {GB}) went four furlongs in :47.00 (1/1). The 6-year-old mare trained by Richard Baltas for owner Calvin Nguyen, is expected to start next in the GIII Pegasus World Cup Filly & Mare Turf Invitational. Winner of the 2020 GII Yellow Ribbon H., Bodhicitta was second in the 2020 GI Gamely S. and third in that race in 2021. She was most recently second in the Jan. 1 GIII Robert J. Frankel S.

Working for the Pegasus Turf in Florida Sunday, Joseph Allen's **Doswell** (Giant's Causeway) went seven furlongs over the Palm Meadows turf in 1:22.95 (1/2). The Barclay Tagg trainee is coming off a front-running victory in the Dec. 18 GII Ft. Lauderdale S.

Three Diamond Farm's **Atone** (Into Mischief) and Calumet Farm's **English Bee** (English Channel), Pegasus Turf reserve invitees who finished second and third, respectively, in the Ft. Lauderdale, also breezed Sunday.

The Mike Maker-trained Atone breezed five furlongs in 1:01.14 (16/34) on dirt at Gulfstream, where Maker-trained Pegasus Turf invitee **Field Pass** (Lemon Drop Kid) also breezed five furlongs on the main track in 1:01.91 (14/34). The Graham Motion-trained English Bee breezed six furlongs in 1:12.05 (1/2) on turf at Palm Meadows.

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HALLADAY RETIRED TO HARRIS FARMS

Halladay (**War Front**--Hightap, by **Tapit**), winner of the 2020 GI Fourstardave H., has been retired from racing and will stand the 2022 breeding season at Harris Farms in California as the property of a syndicate led by Adrian Gonzalez of Checkmate Thoroughbreds. He will stand for an introductory fee of \$7,500, live foal stand and nurse guarantee, with shares available.

Racing for Harrell Ventures and trainer Todd Pletcher, Halladay also won the 2019 Tropical Park Derby and 2020 Sunshine Forever S. On the board in 12 of 17 starts, the 6-year-old won six times and earned \$565,245.

"Halladay was a very talented colt," Pletcher said. "He was precocious with elite cruising speed. He never had a bad day on the track and was a pleasure to train. He has the best qualities of his sire and broodmare sire and makes for an extremely exciting stallion prospect."



Halladay | *Sarah Andrew*

Gonzalez said, "Halladay is a Grade I winner by **War Front** out of a graded stakes-winning **Tapit** mare. **War Front** is North America's leading sire by percentage of stakes winners and Grade I winners to foals. **Tapit** has led the general sire list three times and has been a top five sire for nine of the last 10 seasons. He is a gorgeous, well-balanced horse standing 16.1 hands. It is a rare opportunity to launch a stallion with this genetic makeup that is a Grade I winner in California, and we are thrilled to present him."

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FIRST FOAL FOR TOM'S D'ETAT

The first reported foal by WinStar stallion **Tom's d'Etat** (Smart Strike--Julia Tuttle, by Giant's Causeway) was born Sunday at Waldorf Farm. The filly is out of Today Comes Once (Cross Traffic) and was bred by Steven Wecker, Alfred and Keith Riccio, Patrick Brown, and Bill Achenbaum.

"Lovely filly. Solid bone," said Kenny Toye, manager of Waldorf Farm. "Excited for her owners and happy to have some more Smart Strike blood in New York."



Toms d'Etat--Today Comes Once

Tom's d'Etat won the 2019 GI Clark S. and 2020 GII Stephen Foster S. On the board in 15 of 20 starts, he won 11 times and earned \$1,762,272.

Tom's d'Etat is standing his second season at stud for \$12,500 S&N.

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SIXTH STRAIGHT WIN FOR WRIGHT

Trainer Michael Wright captured his sixth straight race at Tampa Bay Downs Sunday when **More Chances** (**Hard Spun**) won the third race at the Oldsmar oval. The streak also included a win with 15-1 outsider **Nantucket Red** (Get Stormy) in Saturday's Wayward Lass S.

"When you put them in the right race, that's all that matters," Wright, who trained two-time Sovereign Award winner Scotzanna, said.

Wright will try for seven in a row in Wednesday's eighth race with the 6-year-old gelding **Victor's Destiny** (Souper Speedy).

In 1977, when the track was known as Florida Downs, trainer E.T. Clark won with a record-setting nine consecutive starters from Jan. 28-Feb. 4.

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Monday, Santa Anita #7, post time: 6:30 p.m. EST

ASTRA S.-GIII, \$125,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/2mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Neige Blanche (Fr)	Anodin (Ire)	Madaket Stables LLC, De Seroux, Laura, Naify, Marsha and Powell, Mathilde	Powell	Hernandez	124
2	Disappearing Act	Magician (Ire)	BHMFR, LLC	Baltas	Prat	120
3	Frose 🌿	Pioneerof the Nile	Kretz Racing LLC	Papaprodromou	Gutierrez	120
4	Reiwa	James Street	Willow Tree Farm, Inc.	Wong	Rispoli	120
5	Scherzo (GB)	Golden Horn (GB)	Charles, Ronald L. and Gordon, Samuel	Badilla	Frey	120

Breeders: 1-Ecurie du Sud, 2-BHMFR, LLC, 3-SF Bloodstock, 4-Willow Tree Farm, Inc., 5-Stetchworth & Middle Park Studs Ltd

Saturday, Fair Grounds #14, post time: 7:20 p.m. EST

LECOMTE S.-GIII, \$200,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Surfer Dude 🌿	Curlin	Stanley, Mark H. and Stanley, Nancy W.	Stewart	Gutierrez	122
2	Unified Report	Unified	Valene Farms LLC	Stewart	Lanerie	122
3	Pappacap	Gun Runner	Rustlewood Farm, Inc.	Casse	Bravo	122
4	Trafalgar	Lord Nelson	Columbine Stable LLC.	Stall, Jr.	Hernandez	122
5	Epicenter 🌿	Not This Time	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC	Asmussen	Rosario	122
6	Cyberknife	Gun Runner	Gold Square LLC	Cox	Geroux	122
7	Blue Kentucky	Include	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners	Catalano	Loveberry	122
8	Call Me Midnight 🌿	Midnight Lute	Peter L. Cantrell	Desormeaux	Graham	122
9	Presidential 🌿	Pioneerof the Nile	Courtlandt Farms	Asmussen	Hernandez, Jr.	122

Breeders: 1-CresRan LLC, 2-Stephen Brown, 3-Rustlewood Farm, Inc., 4-Machmer Hall, 5-Westwind Farms, 6-Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey, 7-Larry Jones & Cindy Jones, 8-Hartwell Farm, Inc, 9-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC

Saturday, Fair Grounds #13, post time: 6:49 p.m. EST

LOUISIANA S.-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Chess Chief	Into Mischief	Estate of James J. Coleman, Jr.	Stewart	Gutierrez	122
2	Mandaloun	Into Mischief	Juddmonte	Cox	Geroux	118
3	Midnight Bourbon 🌿	Tiznow	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC	Asmussen	Rosario	118
4	Sprawl	City Zip	Claiborne Farm and Dilschneider, Adele B.	Drury, Jr.	Hernandez	118
5	Pirate's Punch 🌿	Shanghai Bobby	Gulliver Racing LLC, Drager, Craig W. and Legan, Dan	Forster	Lanerie	118
6	Warrant	Constitution	Twin Creeks Racing Stables, LLC	Cox	Hernandez, Jr.	118
7	Spa City	Street Sense	Maggi Moss	Amoss	Graham	122

Breeders: 1-Morgan's Ford Farm, 2-Juddmonte Farms Inc, 3-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 4-Claiborne Farm & Adele B. Dilschneider, 5-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 6-Twin Creeks Farm, 7-Godolphin



NORTH AMERICAN RACING



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

LASENORA S., \$100,000, Sunland, 1-16, (S), 3yo, f, 6f, 1:09.17, ft.

1--**BELLA DONA, 121, f, 3, by Attila's Storm**

1st Dam: Charlotte's Drone, by B. G.'s Drone

2nd Dam: Charlotte's Ego, by Tilt the Odds

3rd Dam: Hopper Specialty, by Bold Ego

O-Robert M. & Del Rae Driggers & Ben Lee Ivey; B-Robert & Del Rae Driggers (NM); T-Simon J. Buechler; J-Lindey Wade. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 7-6-1-0, \$315,068.

2--**Running for Grace, 121, f, 3, Stellar Rain--Rate Rise, by High Yield.** O-Bryan McDonald & Casey T. Lambert; B-Bryan D McDonald (NM); T-Casey T. Lambert. \$20,000.

3--**Real Me, 121, f, 3, Real Dandy--Happy Me, by Lesters Boy.**

1ST BLACK TYPE. O/B/T-Fred I Danley (NM); \$10,000.

Margins: 4, 3, 2. Odds: 0.90, 10.70, 18.00.

Also Ran: Delia, Indian Excellence, Foxy Red, Shelly d'Oro, Suertuda, Sunny Jewel. Scratched: I've Got It.

Already a two-time stakes winner, Bella Dona was made the 4-5 runaway betting favorite and caught a flier coming out of the gate. Leading by a comfortable couple lengths at the top of the lane, she opened up her advantage with every stride to win by four over a fast closing Running for Grace.



Bella Dona | Coady Photography

Out of an unplaced racemare, the winner is from a deep, New Mexican stakes-winning female family going back four

generations. Charlotte's Drone had a couple barren years after Bella Dona and was bred to Right Rigger, the foal expected this year. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by TVG.**

LADIES S., \$97,000, Aqueduct, 1-16, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m, 1:57.11, ft.

1--**BATTLE BLING, 118, f, 4, Vancouver (Aus)--Soleil Rouge,**

by E Dubai. 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. (\$47,000 Wlg '18 KEENOV; \$110,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP). O-Michael Dubb; B-Royal Oak Farm, LLC & E. Kiely (KY); T-Rob Atlas; J-Trevor McCarthy. \$55,000. Lifetime Record: 13-3-4-1, \$203,867.

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2--**Miss Leslie, 122, f, 4, Paynter--Zeenut, by Mingun.** O-BB Horses; B-Maxis Stable (KY); T-Claudio A. Gonzalez. \$20,000.

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3--**Kiss the Girl, 122, m, 5, Into Mischief--Spin the Bottle, by Hard Spun.** (\$210,000 Ylg '18 EASOCT). O-Three Diamonds Farm; B-Classic Thoroughbred XII (MD); T-Michael J. Trombetta. \$12,000.

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Margins: NK, HF, 5HF. Odds: 3.35, 1.15, 9.70.

Also Ran: Vienna Code, Its Cold in Dehere, Exotic West.

Battle Bling, claimed for \$62,500 in her last start--a mile over this track Dec. 19--from trainer Danny Gargan and co-owners Spedale Family Racing LLC and R. A. Hill Stable, got the first black-type of her career with a win in the Ladies S. at the Big A. She had also been claimed earlier in 2021 for \$75,000 at Churchill from Alex and JoAnn Lieblong and conditioner Steve Asmussen.

"When we claimed her, I was just happy she ran so well that day because she was longer odds," said winning trainer Rob Atlas. "[Owner] Mike Dubb picked her out, and I liked her, but it was a great claim.

"We nominated [to the Ladies] and it looked like we had a shot with the short field. The weather has been tedious lately and training has been interrupted, but she's a nice filly. I've liked her since day one."

With the field unbothered by a loose horse, Battle Bling bided her time, trailing the four other fillies through pedestrian :24.97 and :50.91 fractions.

Tipped out on the turn, the dark bay stayed in the clear while several paths wide and sailed for home, opening up by daylight.

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With her strides shortening as she was swarmed on both sides nearing the wire, Battle Bling hung on to post a game neck win over the favorite, Miss Leslie.

"On paper, it set up so beautifully," said winning rider Trevor McCarthy, who won four straight races on Sunday's card. "I was able to follow [Miss Leslie], get the jump on her at the quarter-pole, and fight them off. The track is a little tiring. We had some nice cover and we were able to get her going, open up a few lengths and make those guys really earn it."

Battle Bling is Soleil Rouge's last reported foal. The mare sold for \$1,000 at the 2019 Keeneland January sale to Peter Doth.

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

7th-Santa Anita, \$70,500, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$100,000), 1-16, 3yo, f, 6fT, 1:09.67, fm, 1 length.

HALF PAST TWELVE (f, 3, [Midnight Lute--J's Hot Shot Lady, by Badge of Silver](#)) parlayed an open-daylight Oct. 29 Santa Anita victory into her first stakes try--and first turf try and first try beyond six furlongs--Nov. 27 at Del Mar, but finished ninth in the GIII Jimmy Durante S. Regrouping here as the longest shot on the board at 21-1, Half Past Twelve tracked from second as the fractions clicked by in :21.93 and :44.99. The dark bay collared the frontrunner and went right on by with great energy, holding off a fiercely closing Gracelund Gray (Goldencents) by a length. The winner's dam has juvenile colt C R Hot Shot (Commissioner), who sold at the Canadian Ontario Winter Mixed sale as a \$5,654 yearling to Frank Huarte, and a yearling colt by Firing Line. Sales History: \$30,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 7-3-0-1, \$91,380. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.](#)**

O-Berberman Family Trust, Sayjay Racing LLC & Kurt Rexius; B-Arika Everatt-Meeuse & Tim Meeuse (ON); T-Steve Knapp.

2nd-Santa Anita, \$69,500, (S), Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 1-16, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39.61, ft, 3/4 length.

ISSA COURT (f, 4, [Acclamation--Subpoena the Dress, by Johannesburg](#)) ran third sprinting over the local turf on debut Oct. 23 and graduated when stretched out to a mile Nov. 13 at Del Mar. Given a 51-10 repeat chance in her first dirt try here, the homebred bobbed a bit at the start and pressed the pace of Delta Wind (Square Eddie) from second through a :23.16 quarter. Dropping several lengths off the frontrunner past a

:46.93 half, the bay drew alongside once again turning for home and gradually wore Delta Wind down in the final sixteenth to prevail by three-quarters of a length. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$90,720. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.](#)**

O/B-Harris Farms (CA); T-Dan Blacker.

7th-Turfway, \$64,348, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 1-16, 4yo/up, 1m (AWT), 1:36.90, ft, 6 lengths.

BEATBOX (c, 4, [Pioneerof the Nile--Magical World, by Distorted Humor](#)) needed a few tries to break his maiden, but visited the Meadowlands winner's circle Oct. 2 in what would be his last start for the Three Chimneys and e 5 Racing partnership; the colt subsequently passed through the ring at Keeneland November last year. Heading north to Turfway Park for his new connections, Beatbox made his first start for trainer William Morey Dec. 30 going a mile against allowance company, stalking the leaders and pouncing in the lane to win by over five lengths as the 2-1 favorite. Once again the betting public's pick here, he broke well enough after being hammered down to even-money favoritism, and sat a content fifth to the outside of runners. Placing unchanged up the backstretch through a brisk :23.80 opening quarter, the field bunched up behind the frontrunner coming into the far turn, forcing Rafael Bejarano to weave his charge between runners to preserve the kick he'd uncorked midway through. With a furlong to go and almost three in front, the colt jumped a tractor track but maintained his five-length margin over Prince Maior (Data Link) across the wire to score his third win in a row.

The winner is a half to Guarana ([Ghostzapper](#)), MGISW, \$1,078,268, and Magic Dance ([More Than Ready](#)), SW & GSP, \$191,083. Both his dam and half-sister made headlines last year at the 2021 Fasig-Tipton November sale when they sold for \$5.2 million and \$4.4 million, respectively. Magical World went the way of Mandy Pope's Whisper Hill Farm in partnership with Three Chimneys while Guarana went back to Hill n' Dale, who consigned the mare; both were in foal to America's leading sire, Into Mischief. The dam has an unnamed 2-year-old colt by [Gun Runner](#) and a yearling colt by [Quality Road](#). She is expecting her Into Mischief foal this year. Sales history: \$2,100,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP; \$70,000 3yo '21 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-0, \$113,867. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.](#)**

O-Rob Comestro & Jeff Ganje; B-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC (KY); T-William E. Morey.



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6th-Turfway, \$64,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 1-16, 3yo, f, 1m (AWT), 1:40.60, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

VALENTINA DAY (f, 3, Cupid--One in a Romp {SP, \$220,497}, by Cryptoclearance) has improved leaps and bounds since her roughly run career debut last year Nov. 14 at Churchill Downs, where she made up significant ground but derailed her own rally by lugging in badly in the stretch. Moving north to Turfway Park Dec. 16 and going from a mile on dirt to 8 1/2 furlongs on synthetic, the eye-catching grey put everything together, and despite her inexperience in the lane, broke her maiden by 1 1/4 lengths at 7-2 odds. Making her 2022 campaign start here, she saved ground into the first turn. Checking a bit off heels when coming onto the backstretch, she lost a couple lengths, pushed back into fourth and the tail end of the leading group putting up pedestrian fractions of :25.36 and :50.35. Stuck behind horses going into the final turn, the 5-2 second choice was forced to the overland route, and four wide, to get clear running in the lane before returning to her habit of weaving all over the course. Kicking clear of the leading group late, she held off a final charge from Queen Judith (Empire Maker) to win by 1 1/2 lengths. Valentina Day is her dam's fourth registered foal and fourth winner; there's an unnamed 2-year-old colt by **Collected** and a yearling filly by **Goldencents** on record. One in a Romp is expecting a foal by **Get Stormy** this year. Sales history: \$130,000 Wlg '19 KEENOV; \$47,000 RNA Ylg '20 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$87,600. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Andrew N. Warren; B-Runnymede Farm Inc. (KY); T-Ben Colebrook.

Runnymede Farm Bred and Sold

9th-Gulfstream, \$54,000, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 1-16, 4yo/up, 1 1/2m (AWT) (off turf), 2:31.41, ft, 1/2 length.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE (c, 4, Flintshire {GB}--Ballade's Girl, by Saint Ballado) graduated first out at 22-1 in December of 2020 going 1 3/8 miles on the Kempton all-weather, and was fourth in the Davies Insurance Services Gala S. on grass at Sandown Park July 2 before filling the same slot in a Newmarket handicap 22 days later. Sent to America and transferred from the Martyn Meade stable, he was a late-running third behind barnmate Abaan (**Will Take Charge**)--who returned to wire the local two-mile H. Allen Jerkens here on Christmas Eve--in a turfy Aqueduct allowance Nov. 14. Let go at 24-5 in this washed-off spot, the Team Valor colorbearer traveled second last behind fractions of :25.39, :51.42 and 1:17.68, quickly picked up the leaders three wide midway around the far turn, started to edge clear inside the furlong pole and held off the charge of longshot Onenightstandards (Archarcharch) by a half-length. The winner is a half to Coalport (**Kitten's Joy**), GSW, \$651,823. His dam

produced a filly by **Yoshida (Jpn)** last term before being bred to **Tom's d'Etat**. Sales History: \$145,000 Wlg '18 KEENOV; 78,000gns Ylg '19 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, \$52,742. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.** O-Team Valor International, LLC; B-SF Bloodstock LLC (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

LEGACY Bloodstock SALES GRAD

8th-Fair Grounds, \$43,680, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 1-16, 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:04.48, ft, 3 3/4 lengths.

SAIL ON ELLEN (m, 5, American Pharoah--Dame Ellen {SW}, by Elusive Quality) battled early in this scratch-depleted off-turf event, officially took the lead after the :22.57 first quarter, flew through a :45.52 half, and kept up the pace as five panels clicked by in :57.88. The dark bay drew clear late to win by 3 3/4 lengths over Lady of Luxury (Mark Valeski) at 2-1. It was the 5-year-old's third career win, but she regularly posts nice Beyers, including an 80 last out Aug. 24 at Colonial Downs, and has chased home the likes of eventual GISW War Like Goddess (English Channel) and MGSW Sconsin (**Include**). Dame Ellen, the 2009 Perfect Sting S. winner, died in 2019. She was out of European champion Sleepytime (Ire) (Royal Academy), who in turn was out of 1997 Broodmare of the Year Alidiva (Ire) (Chief Singer {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 17-3-4-5, \$180,420. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.** O-Hoi Fung; B-Double Duck, Inc. (KY); T-Michelle Lovell.

6th-Sunland, \$31,039, Alw, 1-16, (C), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:36.75, ft, 3 1/2 lengths.

UNIQUE BABE (f, 4, Lookin At Lucky--Slamitagain, by Grand Slam) made it two in a row and three of five lifetime with a pacesetting victory at 3-2 at Sunland. Hounded throughout by Our Time to Shine (Laugh Track), the homebred clicked off easy early quarters in :24.60 and :48.06, opened up down the stretch, and powered home with ears pricked while 3 1/2 lengths the best in spite of drifting out and changing to her wrong lead late. Slamitagain, who has a 2-year-old colt named Wild On Ice (Tapizar) and was bred to both Mohaymen and **Will Take Charge** for 2022, is out of a full-sister to 1999 GI Florida Derby and GI Fountain of Youth S. winner Vicar (Wild Again). Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-0, \$54,720. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O/B-Frank Sumpter (TX); T-Joel H. Marr.

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**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

4th-Aqueduct, \$70,000, (S), Msw, 1-16, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:29.13, ft, 5 lengths.

STONE CREATOR (f, 3, Creative Cause--Stone Maker, by Empire Maker) may've broken at the end of the field in this debut, but did not stay long, rushing to take the lead by the time the pack left the chute. Hugging her rail spot through a pressured :48.79 half, she dueled with 9-1 Galaxina (Giant Surprise) and gamely kicked away from the closers behind her. The 8-5 second choice galloped home over her shadow by five lengths at first asking. The most recent winner to her dam's credit, the grey is a half to an unnamed 2-year-old filly by **Twirling Candy** and a yearling colt by **Tonalist**. Stone Maker is expecting a foal by champion freshman sire **Gun Runner** this year. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$38,500. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O/B-Roddy J Valente (NY); T-Charlton Baker.

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3rd-Santa Anita, \$68,000, Msw, 1-16, 4yo/up, f/m, 6fT, 1:09.26, fm, neck.

MENDHAM MILL (f, 4, Munnings--Speculative Bubble, by Sky Mesa) was a close second debuting over five furlongs on the Del Mar turf Nov. 19 and was sent off at 27-5 to go one better here. Skipping clear with ears pricked through splits of :22.08 and :44.88, the \$175,000 OBS April buy took several awkward strides in early stretch before correcting, then resolutely fought off the bid of favored M Is for Magic (Magician {Ire}) through the final furlong to score by a hard-fought neck. The winner has an unraced 3-year-old Super Saver half-sister, a juvenile half-brother by Cloud Computing and a yearling **Dialed In** half-brother. Sales History: \$75,000 RNA Ylg '19 KEESEP; \$175,000 2yo '20 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$54,200. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Little Red Feather Racing & Dan J. Agnew; B-Farfellow Farms Ltd. (KY); T-Mark Glatt.

5th-Turfway, \$61,916, Msw, 1-16, 3yo, 6f (AWT), 1:11.86, ft, neck.

FAITHFUL RULER (g, 3, American Pharoah--Adeste Fideles, by Giant's Causeway), the third foal out of a daughter of G1 Epsom Oaks and G1 Irish One Thousand Guineas winner Imagine (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), was favored at 3-1 in his second try on the all-

weather after three misses on turf. Last seen finishing fourth Dec. 30 over this course going a sixteenth further, Faithful Ruler broke well, made all under pressure with early fractions of :22.52 and :46.35, then held off a late-surgng Giant Nova (Carpe Diem) for a neck triumph. The winner's dam is a half to **American Pharoah's** French Group 1 winner Van Gogh, as well as a full or half to four other group/graded winners. Adeste Fideles has a 2-year-old filly by **Justify** and was bred back to that sire for this term. Sales History: \$55,000 RNA Ylg '20 KEESEP; \$230,000 2yo '21 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-0, \$51,595. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Northstar Racing, LLC; B-Barronstown Stud (KY); T-Brendan P. Walsh.

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7th-Fair Grounds, \$36,000, (C), Msw, 1-16, 3yo, 6f, 1:12.17, ft, 3 lengths.

SPARKY HALE (c, 3, Jimmy Creed--Trendy Wendy, by Smarty Jones) made his career debut with a second last July in Lone Star's Texas Thoroughbred Futurity, then spent the next six months on the bench. Reappearing Sunday at 6-5 at Fair Grounds, Sparky Hale broke quickest of all, stalked from the inside in the second spot through the :22.94 first quarter, then dropped back on the rail, settling in fourth and later a joint sixth as the half registered in :47.15. He finally tipped out wide on the turn and unleashed a green rally--wrong lead, weaving down the lane while drifting--but was effective nonetheless as he prevailed to win by three lengths over firster Big Blue Line (Atreides). From the extended family of European champion and leading sire Cape Cross (Ire) (Green Desert), Trendy Wendy has the 2-year-old colt Trans Am Johnny (Cloud Computing), a yearling colt named Monkey (Super Ninety Nine), and was bred back to **Divining Rod**. Sales History: \$30,000 Ylg '20 TTAYHR. Lifetime Record: SP, 2-1-1-0, \$41,600. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Corinne Heiligbrodt, L. William Heiligbrodt, & Spendthrift Farm LLC; B-KMA Ranch (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen.

2nd-Sam Houston Race Park, \$36,000, Msw, 1-15, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:42.34, ft, 1 length.

AURELIA PAULINA (f, 3, Medaglia d'Oro--My Miss Aurelia {Ch. 2-year-old Filly, MGISW, \$2,547,000}, by Smart Strike), the second foal to race out of her champion dam, showed a modest worktab for this debut but was bet down to 7-5 favoritism and broke on top before deferring to sit second through fractions of :23.76 and :49.55. Poking her head in front going by three-quarters in 1:16.28, the homebred took charge entering the final furlong and held sway from fellow firster Miss Wow Wow (**Sky Mesa**) late to prevail by a length. **Cont. p5**

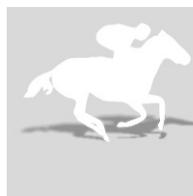
My Miss Aurelia foaled a colt by Into Mischief last term before visiting **Uncle Mo**. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$21,540. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**
O/B-Stonestreet Stables LLC (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen.

4th-Golden Gate Fields, \$33,600, Msw, 1-16, 3yo, f, 5f (AWT), :58.06, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

LOVELY COLLEEN (f, 3, Jimmy Creed--Sweetlikeme, by Cherokee Run) showed a sharp local worktab for this debut, punctuated by five-furlong gate move in 1:01 1/5 (5/41) Jan. 8, and was hammered down to 7-10 favoritism. Breaking sweetly from her rail draw, the bay dictated terms through a sizzling :21.35 quarter, turned for home under confident handling, skipped clear past a :45.05 half and stayed in command from there for a 2 1/4-length graduation. Sales History: \$28,000 Ylg '20 FTKOCT; \$45,000 2yo '21 FTSANA. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$18,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-KAM Racing Stables, Robert Huson & Mark Rose; B-Two Hearts Farm II LLC (KY); T-Jonathan Wong.

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197 foals of racing age/24 winners/2 black-type winners
9-Laurel, 4:09 p.m. EST, Aoc 6f, Moody Woman, 8-1
\$5,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl

Kiss the Ghost (Ghostzapper), Poplar Creek Horse Center
6 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Mahoning Valley, 3:04 p.m. EST, Alw 6f, R Three Angels, 6-1
\$3,000 FTK OCT yrl

Klimt (Quality Road), Jockey Club of Turkey, \$7,500
281 foals of racing age/26 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Mahoning Valley, 3:04 p.m. EST, Alw 6f, Quality Bet, 8-1

Lord Nelson (Pulpit), Spendthrift Farm
158 foals of racing age/8 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Fair Grounds, 5:05 p.m. EST, Msw 5 1/2ft, Lord Zed, 7-2
\$100,000 FTK SEL yrl; \$120,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Shaman Ghost (Ghostzapper), Adena Springs North, \$7,500
115 foals of racing age/17 winners/1 black-type winner
8-Turf Paradise, 6:20 p.m. EST, Aoc 7 1/2ft, Velvet Ghost, 9-2


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Sword Point (Aus), c, 3, **American Pharoah**--Jazz Song (Aus)
(GSW-Aus, \$202,073), by Fastnet Rock (Aus). Rosehill, 1-15,
Hcp. (\$94k), 2000mT, 2:04.98. B-Morning Rise Stud (Vic).
*Won by 4 1/4 lengths. **A\$750,000 Ylg '20 MMGCYS. **VIDEO**

 ADDITIONAL
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STAKES RESULTS:

LIKELY EXCHANGE S., \$96,700, Turfway, 1-15, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m (AWT), 1:38.57, ft.

1--**ALYDIVA, 122, f, 4, Quality Road--Alydorable (SP)**, by Arch.
1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O/B-Tracy Farmer (KY); T-Mark E. Casse;
J-Chris Landeros. \$59,616. Lifetime Record: 9-3-2-0, \$197,660.

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2--**Fate Factor**, 120, m, 5, **The Factor**--Redmeansgo, by Red Ransom. (\$15,000 Wlg '17 KEENOV; \$39,000 Ylg '18 FTKOCT). O-KCA Stables; B-C. Kidder & Linda Griggs (KY); T-Robert E. Dobbs, Jr. \$19,360.

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3--**Rogue Too**, 120, m, 6, **First Dude**--Pleasant Thunder, by Thunder Gulch. O-Andrew D. Janszen; B-Rowling Oaks Farm LLC (FL); T-Douglas W. Danner. \$7,680.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-Oaklawn, \$101,000, (S), (C)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 1-16, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:45.46, ft, 7 1/2 lengths.

MAN IN THE CAN (h, 5, Can the Man--Smeauxkininthelane, by Smoke Glacken) Lifetime Record: SW, 15-5-2-0, \$352,917.

O-JRita Young Thoroughbreds LLC & Robert V. LaPenta; B-JRita Young Thoroughbreds, LLC (AR); T-Ron Moquett.

6th-Aqueduct, \$84,000, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 1-16, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11.99, ft, 10 1/2 lengths.

WUDDA U THINK NOW (g, 5, Fast Anna--Unbridled Grace {MSP}, by Unbridled Jet) Lifetime Record: SP, 13-5-4-1,

\$303,060. O-The Elkstone Group, LLC (Stuart Grant); B-Mina Equivest LLC (NY); T-Rudy R. Rodriguez. *\$60,000 Ylg '18 SARAUG. **1/2 to James Jingle (Harlan's Holiday), MSP, \$158,808; and C d'Cat (D'wildcat), SP, \$166,760.

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8th-Santa Anita, \$70,000, (S), (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 1-16, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.46, ft, 1/2 length.

WISHTHEYALLCOULDBE (f, 4, Grazen--Cielo Dulce, by Cahill Road) Lifetime Record: 9-2-2-1, \$119,420. O-Paymaster Racing LLC & Slugo Racing; B-Stormy B. Hull (CA); T-Mike Puype. *\$72,000 Ylg '19 FTCAZR.

8th-Laurel, \$67,968, 1-16, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11.43, ft, neck. **SEMPER FI (g, 5, Carpe Diem--Charlie Papa {SW, \$233,908}, by Indian Charlie)** Lifetime Record: 23-4-6-5, \$139,840. O/T-Mary E. Eppler Racing Stable, Inc.; B-Susan M. Forrester & 4M Ranch (KY). *\$75,000 Ylg '18 KEEJAN; \$85,000 RNA Ylg '18 OBSOCT; \$240,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR.

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Regally-bred Beatbox (Pioneerof the Nile) cruises home in a Turfway allowance/optional claimer | Coady Photography

7th-Turfway, \$62,015, 1-15, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, 1m (AWT), 1:37.68, ft, 6 3/4 lengths.

BUCK MOON (g, 4, Malibu Moon--Grand Pauline, by Two Punch) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, \$87,181. O-Carolyn Wilson; B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY); T-Larry Rivelli. *\$100,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP; \$260,000 2yo '20 OBSOPN. **1/2 to Keen Pauline (Pulpit), GSW, \$195,932.

9th-Fair Grounds, \$54,000, (S), (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 1-16, 4yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:04.56, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

RELEASE THE BEAST (g, 9, Joe's Son Joey--Lil E Rose {SW, \$175,742}, by Lil E. Tee) Lifetime Record: 31-6-3-7, \$138,391. O-Gina Ney; B-SMB Corporation (LA); T-John Ney.

9th-Laurel, \$49,440, (C), 1-16, (C), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:44.11, ft, 3/4 length.

GHOST MAIDEN (f, 4, Mosler--Grecian Maiden {MSW, \$213,224}, by Ghostzapper) Lifetime Record: 9-2-4-0, \$103,055. O-Sheffield Stable LLC; B-Country Life Farm & Grecian Maiden LLC (MD); T-John J. Robb. *\$10,000 Ylg '19 EASOCT.



4th-Sam Houston Race Park, \$38,000, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$30,000), 1-15, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11.75, ft, 1 length.

RED N WILD (c, 4, Bayern--Contrasting, by Distorted Humor) Lifetime Record: MSP, 19-4-4-3, \$154,075. O/T-Terry Eoff; B-Lunsford & Sikura Racing, LLC (KY). *\$9,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP.



5th-Sam Houston Race Park, \$38,000, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$30,000), 1-15, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:38.27, fm, 4 3/4 lengths.

LAVENDER (IRE) (m, 6, Born To Sea {Ire}--Goldthroat {Ire}, by Zafonic) Lifetime Record: 25-5-4-5, \$173,232. O-George A. Sharp; B-Mrs S. M. Rogers & Sir Thomas Pilkington (IRE); T-Shawn H. Davis. *€40,000 Ylg '17 TIRSEP; 70,000gns 2yo '18 TATMA. **1/2 to Zafisio (Ire) (Efisio {GB}), G1SW-Fr, GSW-Ger, SW-Eng & GSP-Ire, \$475,117.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Math Man Marco, g, 3, **Alliance**--Euro Indian Girl, by Eurosilver. Charles Town, 1-15, (S), 4 1/2f, :52.81. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$17,742. B-Robert L Cole (WV). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

Bind Faith, g, 3, **Bind**--Scarlet Tribute (MSP, \$194,910), by Gold Tribute. Fair Grounds, 1-16, (S), 1m, 1:40.31. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, \$45,260. B-Spanish Cross Stable, LLC, P. Dale Ladner & Allen Chiasson (LA).

Doctor Love, g, 3, **Cairo Prince**--Lesson Plan, by Forestry. Oaklawn, 1-16, (C), 6f, 1:12.45. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$25,200. B-Champion Equine, LLC (KY). *\$2,500 Ylg '20

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Federal Hill, c, 3, **Constitution**--Glamour Queen, by Artie Schiller. Sam Houston Race Park, 1-15, 1m, 1:40.72. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$25,451. B-Tommy Wentz & **Constitution** Syndicate (KY). *\$57,000 Wlg '19 KEENOV; \$110,000 Ylg '20 FTKOCT; \$32,000 2yo '21 KEENOV.

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Anita's Vision, f, 3, **Court Vision**--Anita's Slew, by Slew City Slew. Fair Grounds, 1-16, (S), 1m 70y, 1:46.87. Lifetime Record: 6-1-3-1, \$51,420. B-Jeannie T. Carrere (LA). *\$1,000 Ylg '20 ESLYRL.

R Doc, g, 3, **Gio Ponti**--Pedestrian, by **Street Sense**. Aqueduct, 1-16, (C), 1m, 1:44.64. Lifetime Record: 8-1-0-0, \$33,350. B-University of Kentucky (KY). *\$1,000 Ylg '20 FTKOCT.

Sperle, g, 3, **Speightster**--Go Go Lolo, by Awesome Again. Sam Houston Race Park, 1-15, 1m, 1:42.56. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, \$29,310. B-CJ Thoroughbreds (KY).

Miracle Nicky, c, 3, **Tapiture**--Eve of Destruction, by Malibu Moon. Aqueduct, 1-16, (S), (C), 1m, 1:45.49. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$33,422. B-Moonstar Farm (NY). *\$17,000 RNA Wlg '19 FTNMIX; \$12,000 Ylg '20 EASOCT; \$110,000 2yo '21 OBSAPR.

Rose Harbor, f, 4, **Harbor the Gold**--Guns n' Roses Girl, by Officer. Turfway, 1-15, 1m (AWT), 1:39.46. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$20,895. B-CalMont Thoroughbreds, LLC (CA).

My Summer Dream, g, 4, **Summer Front**--Elusive Flower, by Harlan's Holiday. Santa Anita, 1-16, (C), 6fT, 1:08.86. Lifetime Record: 7-1-0-2, \$34,420. B-Willow Tree Farm Inc (KY). *\$2,500 Ylg '19 FTCAYR.

Ready Edge, h, 5, **Competitive Edge**--Write When Ready, by **More Than Ready**. Sam Houston Race Park, 1-15, (S), 6f, 1:12.72. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$28,420. B-Douglas Scharbauer (TX). *\$16,000 RNA Ylg '18 TTAMIX; \$20,000 Ylg '18 FTKOCT; \$15,000 3yo '20 OBSOPN.



Rio Ocho (Ire), g, 5, **Pastorius (Ger)**--Rio Cobra (Ger), by Silvano (Ger). Santa Anita, 1-16, 1mT, 1:34.25. Lifetime Record: 6-1-2-0, \$62,638. B-Riocobra Partnership (IRE). *€16,000 Wlg '17 GOFNOV.

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Acclamation, Issa Court, f, 4, o/o Subpoena the Dress, by Johannesburg. AOC, 1-16, Santa Anita

Alliance, Math Man Marco, g, 3, o/o Euro Indian Girl, by Eurosilver. MSW, 1-15, Charles Town

American Pharoah, Faithful Ruler, g, 3, o/o Adeste Fideles, by Giant's Causeway. MSW, 1-16, Turfway

American Pharoah, Sail On Ellen, m, 5, o/o Dame Ellen, by Elusive Quality. AOC, 1-16, Fair Grounds

Attila's Storm, Bella Dona, f, 3, o/o Charlotte's Drone, by B. G.'s Drone. LaSenora S., 1-16, Sunland

Bayern, Red N Wild, c, 4, o/o Contrasting, by Distorted Humor. AOC, 1-15, Sam Houston

Bind, Bind Faith, g, 3, o/o Scarlet Tribute, by Gold Tribute. MSW, 1-16, Fair Grounds

Born To Sea (Ire), Lavender (Ire), m, 6, o/o Goldthroat (Ire), by Zafonic. AOC, 1-15, Sam Houston

Cairo Prince, Doctor Love, g, 3, o/o Lesson Plan, by Forestry. MCL, 1-16, Oaklawn

Can the Man, Man in the Can, h, 5, o/o Smeauxkininthelane, by Smoke Glacken. AOC, 1-16, Oaklawn

Carpe Diem, Semper Fi, g, 5, o/o Charlie Papa, by Indian Charlie. ALW, 1-16, Laurel

Competitive Edge, Ready Edge, h, 5, o/o Write When Ready, by **More Than Ready**. MSW, 1-15, Sam Houston

Constitution, Federal Hill, c, 3, o/o Glamour Queen, by Artie Schiller. MSW, 1-15, Sam Houston

Court Vision, Anita's Vision, f, 3, o/o Anita's Slew, by Slew City Slew. MSW, 1-16, Fair Grounds

Creative Cause, Stone Creator, f, 3, o/o Stone Maker, by Empire Maker. MSW, 1-16, Aqueduct

Cupid, Valentina Day, f, 3, o/o One in a Romp, by Cryptoclearance. AOC, 1-16, Turfway

Fast Anna, Wudda U Think Now, g, 5, o/o Unbridled Grace, by Unbridled Jet. AOC, 1-16, Aqueduct

Flintshire (GB), Gloucestershire, c, 4, o/o Ballade's Girl, by Saint Ballado. AOC, 1-16, Gulfstream

Gio Ponti, R Doc, g, 3, o/o Pedestrian, by **Street Sense**. MCL, 1-16, Aqueduct

Grazen, Wishtheyallcouldbe, f, 4, o/o Cielo Dulce, by Cahill Road. AOC, 1-16, Santa Anita

Harbor the Gold, Rose Harbor, f, 4, o/o Guns n' Roses Girl, by Officer. MSW, 1-15, Turfway

Jimmy Creed, Lovely Colleen, f, 3, o/o Sweetlikeme, by Cherokee Run. MSW, 1-16, Golden Gate

Jimmy Creed, Sparky Hale, c, 3, o/o Trendy Wendy, by Smarty Jones. MSW, 1-16, Fair Grounds

Joe's Son Joey, Release the Beast, g, 9, o/o Lil E Rose, by Lil E. Tee. AOC, 1-16, Fair Grounds

Lookin At Lucky, Unique Babe, f, 4, o/o Slamitagain, by Grand Slam. ALW, 1-16, Sunland

Malibu Moon, Buck Moon, g, 4, o/o Grand Pauline, by Two Punch. ALW, 1-15, Turfway

Midnight Lute, Half Past Twelve, f, 3, o/o J's Hot Shot Lady, by Badge of Silver. AOC, 1-16, Santa Anita

Mosler, Ghost Maiden, f, 4, o/o Grecian Maiden, by **Ghostzapper**. ALW, 1-16, Laurel

Munnings, Mendham Mill, f, 4, o/o Speculative Bubble, by **Sky Mesa**. MSW, 1-16, Santa Anita

Pastorius (Ger), Rio Ocho (Ire), g, 5, o/o Rio Cobra (Ger), by Silvano (Ger). MSW, 1-16, Santa Anita

Pioneerof the Nile, Beatbox, c, 4, o/o Magical World, by Distorted Humor. AOC, 1-16, Turfway

Quality Road, Alydiva, f, 4, o/o Alydorable, by Arch. Likely Exchange S., 1-15, Turfway

Speightster, Sperle, g, 3, o/o Go Go Lolo, by Awesome Again. MSW, 1-15, Sam Houston

Summer Front, My Summer Dream, g, 4, o/o Elusive Flower, by Harlan's Holiday. MCL, 1-16, Santa Anita

Tapiture, Miracle Nicky, c, 3, o/o Eve of Destruction, by Malibu Moon. MCL, 1-16, Aqueduct

Vancouver (Aus), Battle Bling, f, 4, o/o Soleil Rouge, by E Dubai. Ladies S., 1-16, Aqueduct

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POWERFUL START A BOOST FOR ARDAD



Ardad at Overbury with his former jockey Frankie Dettori
Sarah Farnsworth

By Emma Berry

It could be said that there's a stallion to suit all types of breeder at Overbury Stud, and the farm that was for so long synonymous with Britain's perennial leading National Hunt sire Kayf Tara (GB) now has a budding star of a very different type.

Ardad (Ire) finished 2021 as the leading first-season sire in Britain and was second overall to Cotai Glory (GB), who stands at Tally-Ho Stud, where Ardad was himself bred and where his sire Kodiak (GB) has long been king of the hill.

Now eight, Ardad has so far pretty much done what could have been expected of him. On the track he was fast and early, with the high point of his racing career being his victory in the G2 Flying Childers S. From what we have seen of his progeny so far, they appear to be following suit: so much so that when the first bunch of runners from Ardad's first crop turned into a number of early winners, his book for last year suddenly leapt by around an extra 100 mares.

If rock bands suffer from that 'difficult second album' syndrome, it's fair to say that the stallion equivalent is the difficult third book. Or fourth. In Ardad's case, however, those winners coming so early in the season meant that breeders were still able to take the opportunity of the final month of the covering season instead of waiting until this year either to renew their support or to use Ardad for the first time. **Cont. p2**

DAVID POWELL PASSES AWAY

David Powell, a former American journalist who relocated to France in the 1970s and purchased Haras du Lieu des Champs in Coupesante in 1980, passed away in the early morning hours Sunday after a long illness, according to his son, Richard. He was 73 years old.

In addition to Richard, who bought the 222-acre farm from his father in 2013, Powell was the father of Freddy, the executive director at Arqana; Leo Powell, a trainer in California; and stepfather to trainer Arnaud Delacour.

During his career, Powell was a longtime contributor of articles on racing and breeding for several major publications in France, Britain and the United States, including *Pacemaker* and the *Thoroughbred Daily News*. He was a breeder, owner, manager and trainer of racehorses in France, most recently serving as the European-based racing manager for owner Magalen O. "Maggie" Bryant, one of France's most successful steeplechase owners, who **passed away herself June 28, 2021. Cont. p4**

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But a graph plotting his covering numbers in his short stud career to date would clearly highlight the precarious nature of the stallion business. From 132 mares in his first season of 2018, Ardad then dipped to 70 in 2019 before slumping to 26 and then shooting back up to 156 last year. This year he will cover approximately 175 mares.

Casting his mind back to last spring, Overbury Stud's Simon Sweeting says, "We had 60-odd mares booked before the racing season started and we actually had got through a lot of those mares and then [his offspring] started winning. He had that four or five quick bursts of winners and the mares started coming in. We booked another hundred and he got through those, got them covered well through the second half of the season. So we are confident that he will be able to cover plenty of mares, but also equally determined not to over-face him and to try to keep the quality of the mares as high as we possibly can. And we're very fortunate that he is being sent some really super mares."

He adds, "My figure is 175. It may be a little bit more, it won't be 200 though. I'm absolutely determined that we won't do that."

It has been noted on a number of occasions by those who have been associated with Ardad's stock that they are gifted with an agreeable temperament which allows them to switch on when work is required and quickly switch off again once it's over. His dual Group 1-winning son Perfect Power (Ire) appears to be an almost textbook example of this if photos of him flat out asleep in racecourse stables ahead of major assignments are anything to go by. Sweeting notes that it is a trait common to their sire.



Perfect Power | *Scoop Dyga*

"He's one of those that can be relaxed one moment, cover a mare and be relaxed straight away after," he says. "So he hasn't been a moment's problem with us in doing anything really. He's got great libido, but a horse can have great libido and still be fairly easy to handle."

He continues, "He was always the same. To look at, he was exactly what you expected, apart from the fact that he's got this fabulous stride and it is passed on to his foals too."

A quartet of sons of Kodiak had retired to stud the year before Ardad, with Prince Of Lir (Ire), Kodi Bear (Ire) and Coulsty (Ire) all standing in Ireland and Adaay (Ire) standing principally in England before being relocated to Italy. Another six of his sons have joined the ranks since 2019, with Ubettabelieveit (Ire) being the only new recruit in England at Mickley Stud.

Sweeting says, "A few years ago, you'd look at the list of stallions available in Britain and there just wasn't a proven sire below £15,000. In that bracket, if you are sending a mare to give

her a first go, to a horse that's got a very good chance of throwing you a winner, you don't want to spend £25,000.

"They just were not about but now there's Time Test, there's Ardad, Havana Gold, and Havana Grey might turn into that sort of horse. So there is a lot more for a UK-based breeder to choose from rather than having to go to Ireland for that inexpensive, but decent quality horse. They were either here unproven or way out of most people's price range."

Ardad himself started out at £6,500, a fee that remained in place for three seasons until it was dropped to £4,000 in 2021. For this season his price has gone up, but at £12,500 it is not an eye-watering rise.

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TASLEET

Showcasing - Bird Key (Cadeaux Genereux)

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"There's got to be something left for the breeder... We want our customers coming back in four or five years' time and that's really had a strong effect on how we set it.

--Simon Sweeting on Ardad's 2022 fee of £12,500

Ardad Cont.

"There's got to be something left for the breeder," says Sweeting when asked if he was tempted to give Ardad a heftier hike. "And also I know from bitter experience that if people pay a lot of money for a horse who then has a couple of disappointing years, they will never forgive that stallion, however things turn out down the line. I don't want to have to pull his price back down again. And I always want people to think that he's been a fair price. We want our customers coming back in four or five years' time and that's really had a strong effect on how we set it. Yes, it could have been £15,000—I don't think it sensibly could have been much more than that—but I think with the balance of the quality of mares that we have and the numbers, we've got it just about right, with hopefully the chance of breeders still being able to make some money."

Certainly the returns for Ardad's stock have risen in line with his profile, and a lot of the early buzz can be attributed to a number of breeze-up pinhookers taking a chance on his first yearlings and being well rewarded when selling them the following year. His yearling averages rose from 15,327gns in 2020 for 49 sold to 53,133gns last year for 30 of the 31 to have passed through the ring, while foal averages climbed from 9,696gns to 14,400gns to the 2021 high of 32,636gns.

Continuing to deliver horses of the quality of Classic prospect Perfect Power also won't hurt him, and though there may rightly be a question mark over the ability of Ardad's offspring seeing out the mile, Perfect Power is out of Sagely (Ire) (Frozen Power {Ire}), herself a winner over 10 furlongs, while granddam Saga Celebre (Fr) is not only the daughter of an Arc winner in Peintre Celebre but a half-sister to another, Sagamix (Fr), who also stood for a time at Overbury. Another of Saga Celebre's half-siblings is Shastye (Ire) (Danehill), the dam of Japan (GB) and Mogul (GB).

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The *Scat Daddy* factor!

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SIoux NATION Norfolk Stakes-Gr.2 & Gr.1 winner at 2 - just like **NO NAY NEVER**.
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Alcohol Free, by **NO NAY NEVER**, added the **Coronation Stakes-Gr.1** and **Sussex Stakes-Gr.1** to her 2020 **Cheveley Park Stakes-Gr.1** success



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Ardad Cont.

The number of foot soldiers for Ardad, who was also represented last year by the Group 3-winning filly Eve Lodge, will of course dip in the coming seasons, with his current crop of yearlings numbering just 18.

"Most of the trainers that have got the Ardads that have just turned three, they were saying at the end of last year, 'actually I think this horse is going to train on', and they wouldn't be saying that if they didn't have good reason for it," says Sweeting.

"So, yes, he's got two smaller crops to come, but luckily not a third. If he hadn't had his first winners until the middle of May, which he could have done and still have been a very good stallion, he would've only covered 65 mares last year."

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David Powell with his son Richard | Scoop Dyga

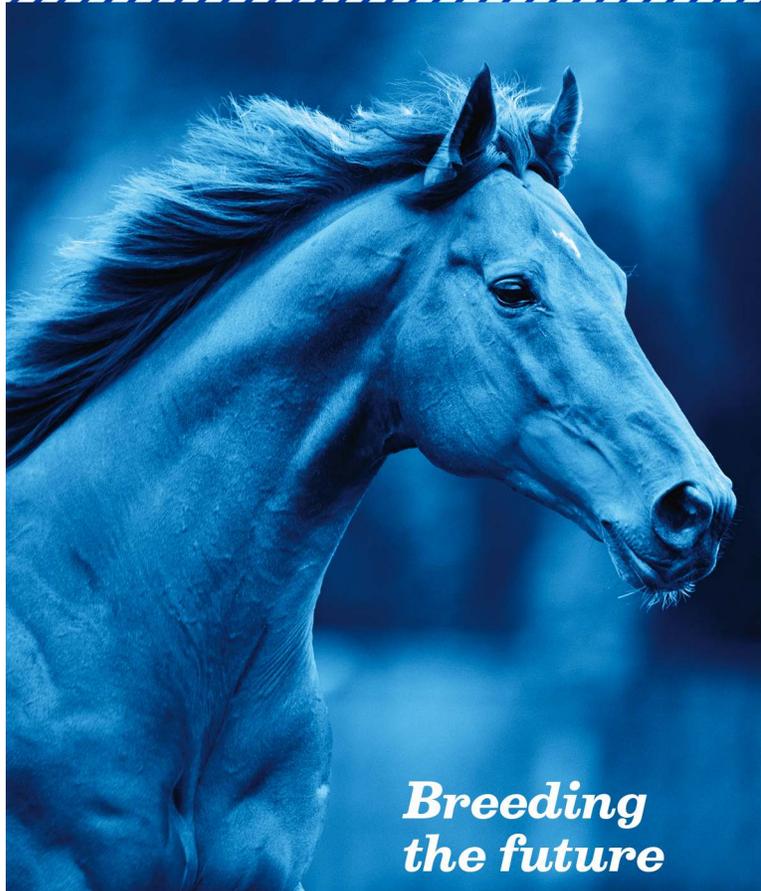
won in 2015 with Milord Thomas. They won the race the following year with So French, who came back to win it again in 2017.

Powell was born in Argentina to an American father a German mother. His father was a diplomat, and during the family's travels, he went to Longchamp and discovered horse racing. He came to New York to study, and wrote for the Daily Racing Form while still a student at Columbia University. [Cont. p5](#)

EUROPEAN NEWS

David Powell Cont. from p1

Powell did the pretraining and layup for her horses, and their recent successes included the G1 Grand Steeplechase of Paris, the oldest and most prestigious jump race in Paris, which they



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European Champion at three and four. Ascot's straight mile record-holder. Iffraaj's **Ribchester:** the best by the sire of Wootton Bassett — and he's made a faster start at stud than him, too.

His latest impressive winner: the Jean-Claude Rouget-trained Long Ridge Road wins by three at Deauville. Second-crop yearlings made up to 350,000gns.

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David Powell Cont.

He was one of the original 120 fax subscribers to the *TDN*.

“He was the consummate horseman,” said Johnathan Miller, Bryant’s American equine advisor. “He was very knowledgeable and very meticulous. He was passionate about all the horses that he cared for. He added, “I knew his health had not been good, but I know that the death of Maggie Bryant was a real gut punch for him. Those two were an amazing partnership. It was awesome to watch him with Maggie and the reason she was so successful in France was due to his genius.”

In a [TDN article on Richard Powell in 2021](#), Chris McGrath asked what he had learned from his father. “Always to give your best,” Powell said. “And always to search for solutions, to find answers. Even today, I still have questions for him-and he gives me, I wouldn’t say the pleasure but the ‘envie’ to seek the right thing for the right horse. Because you have to work on them all individually, to find the right balance for each one.”

Remi Bellocq, who along with his father Pierre “Peb” Bellocq, were old family friends and who had his first job in racing working for David Powell, said, “With the passing of David Powell, the Bellocq family have lost an old and dear friend and, in my case, a wonderful early mentor. And racing has lost one of its important pioneers. Few are aware that before one could find an obscure bloodline through the touch of a smart phone button, there was only David Powell. My sympathies to his family.”

“A very sad day indeed,” Anthony Bromley of Highflyer Bloodstock tweeted. “David Powell was a very special man with immense passion for the sport he loved and the horses he nurtured, produced and often mended. His eye for a champion was unparalleled and he taught me so much. I cannot believe he has gone. Please rest peacefully.”



Powell, Remi Bellocq and Pierre Bellocq | Courtesy Remi Bellocq

“It is with great sadness that we learned of the passing of our racing manager in France, David Powell,” co-owner Simon Munnir of Double Green tweeted. “A pioneer who loved our sport and put heart and soul into #Doublegreen. RIP dear David. Our prayers and thoughts are with David and his family.”

Added Tinnakill House Stud’s Dermot Cantillon on Twitter, “Sad to hear of the passing of David Powell. A great friend for many years. Always enjoyed and looked forward to his company. I valued his opinion as it was based on a mixture of research, fact and experience. Sincere condolences to his family.”

He is survived by his three children, several grandchildren and his wife, Elisabeth.

Information on services will be published when it is made available.

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FELLOWES TO TRAIN FOR SHEIKH AHMED AL MAKTOUM

Charlie Fellowes, who trains from Bedford House Stables, will condition horses for Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum. Sheikh Ahmed is the owner of Group 1 winner Addeybb (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}).

“Sheikh Ahmed on the roster is a real boost, said Fellowes. “He is a really wonderful owner to have in the yard. It is a nice set of colours to have in the yard and I’m led to believe he is a wonderful man to train for. He has been associated with some fantastic horses over the last few years and hopefully we can have a nice one for him. They haven’t come to me yet, but I’m told we will have three 2-year-old colts for him. They will all be in pre-training at the moment and come to us when they are ready.”

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SIoux NATION FAVOURED IN FITZDARES FIRST-SEASON SIRE MARKET



Sioux Nation is favoured in the market | Coolmore Stud

The Coolmore Stud sire **Sioux Nation** (Scat Daddy), who won the G1 Phoenix S. at two, has been made the 1-2 favourite in the Leading First-Season Sire race by Fitzdares. Close behind him in the market is the 9-4 shot and G1 Flying Five S. victor **Havana Grey (GB)** (Havana Gold {Ire}), who stands at Whitsbury Manor Stud. Rounding out the top three chances is fellow Coolmore Stud stallion and Classic winner **Saxon Warrior (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) at 6-1. Below are the stallions listed by Fitzdares:

- **Sioux Nation** at 1-2
- Havana Grey (GB) at 9-4
- **Saxon Warrior (Jpn)** at 6-1
- **Expert Eye (GB)** at 10-1
- Roaring Lion at 14-1
- Harry Angel (Ire) at 14-1

- Kessaar (Ire) at 25-1
- Cracksman (GB) at 33-1
- Massaaf (Ire) at 100-1
- **U S Navy Flag** at 100-1
- Tasleet (GB) at 100-1
- **Gustav Klimt (Ire)** at 100-1
- Rajasinghe (Ire) at 200-1
- Unfortunately (Ire) at 500-1
- Washington DC (Ire) at 500-1
- Lightning Spear (GB) at 500-1
- Smooth Daddy at 500-1
- James Garfield (Ire) at 500-1

“We absolutely love pricing up this market, which would be impossible to price were it not for Weatherbys’ *Stallion Book*, Global Stallions app and particularly their *Return of Mares*,” said Fitzdares Head of Horseracing Sam Hockenull.

“It was not hard to pick out **Sioux Nation** as a short-priced favourite given the huge numerical advantage he has. “We hope in the coming weeks to price up a ‘total prize money’ market for the first time. In turn, this will hopefully offer a much more competitive market.”

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TBA’S FLAT STALLION PARADE RETURNS

The Thoroughbred Breeders’ Association Flat Stallion Parade will return after a two-year hiatus at Tattersalls in Newmarket on Feb. 3. Free to attend, the event will feature 12 stallions embarking on their first and second seasons at stud in Great Britain and will begin at 11 a.m. prior to the start of the Tattersalls February Sale.

Hosted by racing broadcaster Gina Bryce and Tattersalls’ Shirley Anderson-Jolag, the parade’s dozen stallions are: **A’Ali (Ire)** (Society Rock {Ire}), who stands at Newsells Park Stud; **Bangkok (Ire)** (**Australia {GB}**), a resident of Chapel Stud; LM Stallions’ **Diplomat (Ger)** (Teofilo {Ire}), **Legends of War** (Scat Daddy), **Mr Scaramanga (GB)** (Sir Percy {GB}), **Roseman (Ire)** (**Kingman {GB}**), **Southern Hills (Ire)** (**Gleneagles {Ire}**), and **Tip Two Win (GB)** (Dark Angel (Ire); new The National Stud recruit **Lope Y Fernandez (Ire)** (Lope de Vega {Ire}), Whitsbury Manor Stud’s **Sergei Prokofiev** (Scat Daddy), **Ubettabelieveit (Ire)** (Kodiac {GB}), who resides at Mickley Stud and Newsells Park’s **Without Parole (GB)** (**Frankel {GB}**).

Breeders, owners, trainers and spectators are invited to view the stallions and speak with stud representatives after the event in the Left and Right Yards and light refreshments will be served in the Left Yard. The TBA team will be available to answer any enquiries.

TBA Flat Stallion Parade Cont.

TBA Flat Committee Chairman Philip Newton said, “We are delighted to see the Flat Stallion Parade return this year giving breeders and bloodstock enthusiasts the chance to see the latest recruits to the stallion ranks in one convenient location at the Tattersalls February Sale. The TBA team look forward to catching up with members at the event and we welcome enquiries from anyone interested in getting involved in thoroughbred breeding and bloodstock.”

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SIRE'S FIRST FOAL**SERGEI PROKOFIEV**

A filly by Sergei Prokofiev and out of Hand On My Heart (GB), who is one of the first reported foals of her Group 3-winning sire.

Whitsbury Manor Stud

- G3 Cornwallis S. hero **Sergei Prokofiev** (Scat Daddy) welcomed his first two reported foals Friday and Saturday night.
- A colt out of dual-winning sprinter Silver Machine (GB) (Brazen Beau {Aus}), a half-sister to fellow sprinter and stakes winner Dave Dexter (GB) (Stimulation {Ire}), was born on Friday evening.
- One day later, a chestnut filly arrived, the first produce of Hand On My Heart (GB) (Ifraaj {GB}), who is a winning half-sister to G2 Queen Mary winner Heartache (GB) (Kyllachy {GB}).
- “We are delighted to report our first two foals by Sergei Prokofiev, both out of maiden mares,” said Whitsbury Manor’s Ed Harper. “Without wishing to sound like a typically over enthusiastic stallion manager, both foals are a good size for maidens with plenty of depth

through the chest. In addition to being good sorts, they give an indication of the quality of mares that Sergei Prokofiev received in his strong first book and we are looking forward to more of the same.”

- Third in the G2 Coventry S., the \$1.1-million Keeneland September yearling stands for £6,000 at Whitsbury Manor Stud this season.

BRITAIN**Sunday's Results:**

3rd-Southwell, £7,300, Novice, 1-16, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f 14y (AWT), 1:30.30, st/sl.

DUCAL CROWN (GB) (f, 3, Duke of Marmalade {Ire}--Ebony Flyer {SAf} {MG1SW-SAF, \$230,517}, by Jet Master {SAf}), an eye-catching fourth on debut over this trip at Kempton Dec. 17, was again slowly away before being settled towards the rear. Staying on past Albayaader (Ire) (**Kingman {GB}**) with a furlong remaining, the 11-4 favourite asserted to beat that rival by a neck. The winner is a daughter of the G1 Cape Fillies Guineas, G1 Majorca S. and G1 South African Fillies Sprint winner, who has also produced the group-placed Cot Campbell (SAf) (Trippi), GSP-SAF, \$159,022, and listed-placed Black Silver (SAf) (Silvano {Ger}). She is a half to another Cape Fillies Guineas heroine in the South African champion Captain's Lover (SAf) (Captain Al {SAf}) and a full-sister to the unraced dam of that country's G1 Queen's Plate-winning champion miler Vardy (SAf) (Var). Her 2-year-old filly by Dark Angel (Ire) is named Apollo's Angel (GB), while she also has a yearling colt by **Kingman (GB)**. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$5,965. **Video, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Team Valor, Cayton Park Stud, Mr A Singh; B-Team Valor, Cayton Park Stud & Mr Singh (GB); T-Andrew Balding.

4th-Southwell, £7,300, Novice, 1-16, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f 14y (AWT), 1:30.41, st/sl.

SOCIAL CONTACT (GB) (f, 3, Night of Thunder {Ire}--Operettist {GB}, by Singspiel {Ire}), runner-up over an extended mile at Wolverhampton in December, broke well to dispute the early lead with Kissinthebackrow (GB) (Sixties Icon {GB}). Pulling away passing the two-furlong pole, the 5-6 favourite hit the line with 2 1/2 lengths to spare over that rival. The dam, a granddaughter of the G3 Prix de la Grotte scorer Quarter Note (Danehill), also has a 2-year-old full-brother to the winner who sold to Avenue Bloodstock for £82,000 at the Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale and a yearling filly by Postponed (Ire). Sales history: 44,000gns Ylg '20 TATASY. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$9,056. **Video, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Clipper Logistics; B-Longview Stud & Bloodstock Ltd (GB); T-Roger Varian.

FRANCE

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Fighter In the Win, c, 3, **Creative Cause**--Fight With Pride, by Proud Citizen. Pau, 1-16, 10f (AWT), 2:06.00. B-Brereton C. Jones & Bret Jones (KY). *\$12,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP; €100,000 HRA '21 ARQJUL.

Perle Bleue (Fr), f, 3, **Le Havre (Ire)**--Persuasion (Fr), by Silver Frost (Ire). Pau, 1-16, 10f (AWT), 2:07.60. B-New Blue 1 LLC & SARL Jedburgh Stud (FR). *€105,000 Ylg '20 ARQSEP.



IN HONG KONG:

Romantic Warrior (Ire), g, 4, **Acclamation (GB)**--Folk Melody (Ire), by Street Cry (Ire). Sha Tin, 1-16, Hcp. (C3) (£147k/€177k), 1400mT, 1:21.39. B-Corduff Stud & T J Rooney. *Remained unbeaten in four starts. **300,000gns Ylg '19 TATOCT; HK\$4,800,000 HRA '21 HKJUN. **VIDEO**

Golden Empire (Fr), g, 4, **Fastnet Rock (Aus)**--Pretty Paper (Ire), by **Medaglia d'Oro**. Sha Tin, 1-16, Hcp. (C4) (£98k/€117k), 1200mT, 1:09.78. B-SARL Papillon Stables & Eurowest Bloodstock. *£140,000 Ylg '19 GOF AUG; HK\$2,000,000 HRA '21 HKJUN. **1/2 to Love and Thunder (Ire) (Siyouni {Fr}), SP-US, \$164,441. **VIDEO**

California Spangle (Ire), g, 4, **Starspangledbanner (Aus)**--Pearlitas Passion (Ire), by High Chaparral (Ire). Sha Tin, 1-16, Hcp. (C2) (£225k/€270k), 1200mT, 1:08.34. B-M Enright. *€150,000 Ylg '19 GOFORB. **VIDEO**

WORLDWIDE NEWS

Sunday, Chukyo, Japan

NIKKEI SHINSHUN HAI-G2, ¥109,920,000, Chukyo, 1-16, 4yo/up, 2200mT, 2:11.70, fm.

1--**YOHO LAKE (JPN)**, 121, c, 4, **Deep Impact (Jpn)**

1st Dam: **Crow Canyon (Jpn)** (SP-Jpn, \$207,449), by **French Deputy**

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

3rd Dam: **Milde**, by **Desert Wine**

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. 1ST GROUP WIN. O-Makoto Kaneko

Holdings; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); T-Yasuo Tomomichi; J-Yuga Kawada. ¥58,134,000. Lifetime Record: G1SP-Jpn, 7-3-1-1.

*Full to **Boreas (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}), GSW-Jpn, \$1,478,737; **Mount Shasta (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}), MGSP-Jpn, \$1,357,794; **Camino Tassajara (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}), GSW-Jpn, \$924,812; **Bell Canyon (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}), SW & GSP-Jpn, \$978,930; **Lavender Valley (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}), GSP-Jpn, \$918,755; and **Stone Ridge (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}), GSP-Jpn, \$241,623. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++**. **Triple Plus**. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**Stella Veloce (Jpn)**, 126, c, 4, **Bago (Fr)**--Oh My Baby (Jpn), by Deep Impact (Jpn). (¥60,000,000 Wlg '18 JRHAJUL). O-Tsuyoshi Ono; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); ¥23,324,000.

3--**Yashamaru (Jpn)**, 119, h, 5, **Kizuna (Jpn)**--Shine Pleasure (Jpn), by Agnes Digital. **1ST BLACK-TYPE**. **1ST GROUP PLACING**. O-Fumio Takahashi; B-Shinya Funakoshi (Jpn); ¥14,162,000.

Margins: 3/4, 3, NK. Odds: 4.60, 0.80, 45.30.

Also Ran: **Effect On (Jpn)**, **African Gold (Jpn)**, **Meiner Virtus (Jpn)**, **Trust Kenshin (Jpn)**, **Clavel (Jpn)**, **Mozu Nagareboshi (Jpn)**, **Danon Majesty (Jpn)**, **Precious Blue (Jpn)**, **Shonan Bardi (Jpn)**, **Lord My Way (Jpn)**, **Meiner Flap (Jpn)**, **Fly Like Bird (Jpn)**, **Top Winner (Jpn)**. **Click for the JRA chart & video or the free Equine.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

Sunday, Nakayama, Japan

KEISEI HAI-G3, ¥76,810,000, Nakayama, 1-16, 3yo, 2000mT, 2:01.30, fm.

1--**ONYANKOPON (JPN)**, 123, c, 3, **Eishin Flash (Jpn)**

1st Dam: **Chariot d'Or (Jpn)**, by **Victoire Pisa (Jpn)**

2nd Dam: **Sahpresa**, by **Sahm**

3rd Dam: **Sorpresa**, by **Pleasant Tap**

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. **1ST GROUP WIN**. (¥8,000,000 Wlg '19 JRHAJUL). O-Kunio Tahara; B-Shadai Farm (Jpn); T-Shigeyuki Kojima; J-Akira Sugawara. ¥40,567,000. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0. **Werk Nick Rating: A+**. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**Logi Harbin (Jpn)**, 123, c, 3, **Harbinger (GB)**--First Chair (Jpn), by **Jungle Pocket (Jpn)**. **1ST BLACK-TYPE**. O-Masaaki Kumeta; B-Murata Farm (Jpn); ¥16,162,000.

3--**Verona City (Jpn)**, 123, c, 3, **Epiphaneia (Jpn)**--Amore Eterno (Jpn), by **Zenno Rob Roy (Jpn)**. **1ST BLACK-TYPE**. O-Yushun Horse Club; B-Kamii Stud (Jpn); ¥10,081,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, 1 1/4, HF. Odds: 12.20, 10.10, 34.20.

Also Ran: **Arrival (Jpn)**, **Tendence (Jpn)**, **Ho O Premier (Jpn)**, **Sun Stockton (Jpn)**, **Lux Helios (Jpn)**, **Fujimasa Freedom (Jpn)**, **Taisei Divine (Jpn)**, **Nishino Muneo Utsu (Jpn)**, **Toussaint (Jpn)**, **Tosen Vanno (Jpn)**, **Vers Reims (Jpn)**, **Terraforming (Jpn)**, **Odilon (Jpn)**.

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IN HONG KONG:

En Pointe, g, 4, **Hallowed Crown**--La Parisienne, by Commands. Sha Tin, 1-16, Hcp. (C4) (\$185k), 1400m, 1:22.46. B-Philippa Duncan Bloodstock Pty Ltd (Vic). *\$38,000 Ylg '19 INGMAY.

VIDEO

Cordyceps Two, g, 4, **Kermadec (NZ)**--Seesawing, by Easy Rocking. Sha Tin, 1-16, Hcp. (C4) (\$185k), 1600m, 1:35.21. B-T & C Nolan (NSW). *\$50,000 RNA Ylg '19 INGFE; \$80,000 2yo '19 MMOCT. **VIDEO**

Sight Spirit, g, 4, **Toronado (Ire)**--Marmelo, by Duke of Marmalade (Ire). Sha Tin, 1-16, Hcp. (C3) (\$280k), 1600m, 1:34.47. B-The Toorak Thoroughbred Breeding Trust (SA). *\$80,000 Ylg '19 MGMMAR. **VIDEO**

IN SINGAPORE:

Lim's Kosciuszko, g, 4, **Kermadec (NZ)**--Jacquetta (NZ) (SW-NZ), by Keeper. Kranji, 1-15, Hcp. (C3) (\$72k), 1200m, 1:09.70. B-Trelawney Stud, Mrs C Taylor (NSW). *Now perfect in five starts. **NZ\$75,000 RNA Ylg '19 NZBJAN; NZ\$60,000 RNA 2yo '19 NZBRTR. **VIDEO**

Kharisma, g, 5, **Mossman**--Command More, by **More Than Ready** (USA). Kranji, 1-15, Kranji S. 'A' (\$103k), 1200m, 1:09.90. B-Robrick Lodge Thoroughbreds Pty Ltd (NSW). *SP-Sin. **\$65,000 Ylg '18 INGFE. **VIDEO**

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