

## TAKING STOCK: QUALITY OF BAFFERT AND HANCOCK WITH THE AVENGERS



**Quality Road** | Sarah Andrew

by Sid Fernando

Bob Baffert is banned from Churchill Downs for two years and his 3-year-olds are ineligible for points in qualifying races for the GI Kentucky Derby and GI Kentucky Oaks. He may also get banned (again) from NYRA, which hosts the GI Belmont S., which could leave only the GI Preakness open to horses from his barn. So perhaps it's appropriate that he won a race over the weekend--the El Camino Real Derby at Golden Gate--that gives the winner a guaranteed entry to the middle leg of the Triple Crown. Blackadder, a son of top sire **Quality Road**, won the listed race in the colors of Sol Kumin's Madaket Stable from Mackinnon, an **American Pharoah** colt also flying the Madaket silks, but trained by Doug O'Neill. If you haven't noticed, the Madaket silks are ubiquitous across the country these days, particularly in Baffert's barn, which is loaded with well-bred Triple Crown hopefuls belonging to "The Avengers" partnership that includes many entities, headed by principals SF Bloodstock, Madaket, and Starlight Racing. Aside from the three named, Blackadder, a \$620,000 Keeneland September yearling, is owned by Robert E. Masterson, Stonestreet Stables, Jay A. Schoenfarber, Waves Edge Capital, Catherine Donovan, Golconda Stable, and Siena Farm.

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## BILL FILED IN KY TO SIDESTEP STALLION CAP

by T.D. Thornton

In an attempt to get around a controversial rule by The Jockey Club (TJC) that mandates that stallions born from 2020 onward will only be allowed to cover up to 140 mares, the Speaker of Kentucky's House of Representatives on Feb. 14 co-filed a bill that would prohibit "a registrar of Thoroughbreds" from restricting "the number of mares that can be bred to a stallion or otherwise refuse to register any foal based upon the number of mares bred to the stallion."

In addition, the measure would empower the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission to "select and utilize an entity to serve as the registrar," meaning that the state's selection might not necessarily end up being the 128-year-old, industry-standard TJC.

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by Sid Fernando



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All of the 3-year-olds owned by this group run either in the colors of Madaket or Starlight, and they have become a familiar sight in the winner's circle of quite a few Derby preps lately.

Blackadder is the latest. The colt, who was bred in Kentucky by Arthur Hancock, III's Stone Farm, won the race with a rousing finish, and the farm was quick to tweet the news of its latest stakes winner. Stone Farm also bred Baffert's 2019 GI Santa Anita Derby winner Roadster, another son of **Quality Road** who was on the Triple Crown trail for the Speedway Stable of Peter Fluor and K.C. Weiner, with Hancock retaining a 10% interest.

Speedway picked up an Eclipse Award last week when its undefeated colt Corniche, also by **Quality Road** and trained by Baffert to win the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile and GI **American Pharoah** S. last year, was named the champion juvenile male for 2021--the third Eclipse winner for his sire after champion juvenile filly Caledonia Road and champion 3-year-old filly Abel Tasman. Baffert trained Abel Tasman, the 2017 Kentucky Oaks winner, for China Horse Club and breeder Clearsky Farm, and he clearly has an affinity for the offspring of the Lane's End-based

sire, who stands for \$150,000 live foal this year. One reason for this is that the Quality Roads like **West Coast** tracks. Baffert also trained the **Quality Road** son Klimt for Kaleem Shah when that colt won the GI Del Mar Futurity in 2016.

All told, Baffert has trained two of **Quality Road**'s three champions, and four of the stallion's 12 Grade I winners to date, and any owner or breeder with a classic hopeful by **Quality Road** in Baffert's barn would be understandably hyped.



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At the end of the day, winning championships and races at the highest level boosts bloodstock values, and that's what it's all about to owners and breeders who play at the top of the market. Abel Tasman, for instance, won six Grade I races and earned nearly \$2.8 million on the track but made the ultimate score when selling for \$5 million as a broodmare prospect at the 2019 Keeneland January sale. Likewise, the breeding rights to Corniche have already been sold for \$17 million, I've been told, even though the colt is unlikely to make the Derby after a lengthy freshening. And that's miniscule compared to the more than \$100 million for the breeding rights generated together by the Baffert-trained **Justify** (Scat Daddy) and Authentic (Into Mischief)--the former a Triple Crown winner, the latter a Derby winner, and both Horses of the Year. SF, Madaket, and Starlight were involved in **Justify** and Authentic, as they were in **Charlatan**



Arthur Hancock | Horsephotos

(**Speightstown**), another Baffert trainee whose breeding rights made significant millions. There are several others as well, and it's one reason why the group has been loyal to Baffert through the trainer's recent travails.

**Hancock Connection**

Blackadder isn't the only colt for the SF/Madaket/Starlight group with Baffert with a Stone Farm/**Quality Road** connection. On Jan. 21, the **Quality Road** 3-year-old Armagnac, flying the Madaket silks and under the same ownership as Blackadder, won a mile and a sixteenth maiden special at Santa Anita by 2 1/4 lengths in his second start. He appears to be another with future stakes potential.

Armagnac was bred in Kentucky by Stone Farm and Joseph W. Sutton, and he was purchased by the SF group at the 2020 Keeneland September sale for \$210,000 from the same Stone Farm consignment as Blackadder, as mentioned earlier a \$620,000 buy.

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them up because he was well in the black on the colt and was high on his chances for success. He'd bred Roadster when the Ned Evans-raced **Quality Road** was standing for just \$35,000, and he'd purchased the colt's dam, Ghost Dancing, a few years earlier from the Ned Evans dispersal for \$220,000, in foal to **Candy Ride (Arg)**. The **Candy Ride**, named Ascend, was gelded and initially raced by Hancock with Graham Motion, but sometime in 2016 when Ascend was four, Madaket became a partner in the gelding with Hancock. In 2017, a few months before Roadster was sold at Keeneland, Ascend won the GI Manhattan at Belmont, which was pivotal in enhancing Roadster's value at auction. After Roadster won the Santa Anita Derby--defeating Baffert's juvenile champ, **Game Winner (Candy Ride {Arg})**--and was headed to Churchill Downs, Hancock was sitting pretty because his mare Ghost Dancing was now the dam of two Grade I winners, something that would greatly enhance the value of her **Twirling Candy** yearling; and Hancock had a minority stake in a potential Derby winner, trained by Baffert.

In an interview with Zoe Cadman in the week before the 2019 Derby, Hancock was asked about his trainer, who'd won five Derbys at the time, including two Triple Crowns, and he said: "I can see, just being around Bob, his record speaks for itself. I told him the other day, you're Charlie junior, talking about Charlie Whittingham. He laughed."

## UNBEATEN KENTUCKY DERBY PROSPECT!

**MORELLO** (Steve Asmussen) won the **Jimmy Winkfield Stakes** at Aqueduct by 5 lengths and is now being pointed to the **Gotham Stakes [G3]** March 5.

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Also amongst the 7 stakes performers from his first crop are **CLASSY EDITION** (Todd Pletcher), winner of the **Joseph A Gimma Stakes** by 8 lengths and the **Key Cents Stakes** by 3½ lengths, and **FIRST EMPIRE** (Mark Casse), winner of the **Soaring Free Stakes** by 1¼ lengths

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Blackadder is from the Pulpit mare Chapel, a Hancock homebred from a family he has cultivated through generations. Baffert jump-started this mare and her family as well, training Chapel's first foal, the Hancock-bred **Quality Road** filly Gingham. She'd been purchased by Sarah Kelly for \$420,000 from the Stone Farm consignment at Keeneland September in 2018.

For Baffert, Gingham won a listed race at Santa Anita and was Grade II-placed and Grade III-placed, earning \$214,000. The black type helped her realize a price of \$1 million at the 2020 Keeneland November sale as a broodmare prospect.

Moreover, her black-type success with Baffert obviously contributed to SF/Madaket/Starlight paying Hancock \$620,000 for her full brother, who is now a black-type winner himself and one with a pedigree suggesting further improvement. With two **Quality Road** stakes winners on her resume, Chapel's value has skyrocketed, especially as she was bred to **Quality Road** for a 2022 foal.

But with the Baffert runners out of the Derby as things now stand and the Avengers group showing no signs of switching trainers to make the Derby despite holding a full house of promising candidates, the financial ramifications for the ownership group potentially extend to the breeders of these colts as well.

That's something that must be disappointing for Hancock and others.

*Sid Fernando is president and CEO of Werk Thoroughbred Consultants, Inc., originator of the Werk Nick Rating and eNicks.*

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House Speaker David Osborne (R-Prospect) and Rep. Matthew Koch (R-Paris) are the co-sponsors of House Bill 496 (summary and details [here](#)).

When reached late Tuesday afternoon in his New York office, TJC's president and CEO, Jim Gagliano, said his organization would have no comment at this time.

The controversy over the so-called "stallion cap" dates to May 7, 2020, when TJC put into effect a new rule--known as 14C--that mandated for stallions born in 2020 and later, the maximum number of mares covered will be 140. TJC indicated it simply would not register any foals that were not the product of matings with the first 140 mares to which that stallion was bred in a given year.

At that time, TJC cited the significant, decades-long decline in the North American foal crop and concerns "with the narrowing of the diversity of the Thoroughbred gene pool," in implementing the new policy, which was met with a hazy mixture of consternation and support within America's bloodstock community.

In 2020, the year the rule went into effect, 42 stallions bred over 140 mares.

On Feb. 23, 2021, Spendthrift, Ashford, and Three Chimneys Farm sued in federal court to keep the rule from going forward and to collect alleged damages. The complaint called 14C a "blatant abuse of power" that acts as an "anti-competitive restraint" and threatened to disrupt the free-market nature of the breeding business.

On Mar. 29, TJC disagreed, calling the plaintiffs' allegations "scattershot" and "meritless." TJC moved to dismiss the lawsuit, but the judge has yet to rule on that motion.

Reached just before deadline for this story, Spendthrift declined to comment on the proposed legislation.

If enacted as written, the bill aspires to become reality within about six months.

The bill states that, "On or before Sept. 1, 2022, the racing commission shall promulgate administrative regulations in accordance with [state statues] to implement this section."



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## KHRC STILL MUM ON MEDINA SPIRIT, VOWS FUTURE TRANSPARENCY *by T.D. Thornton*

Against the backdrop of the 2021 GI Kentucky Derby drug positive investigation dragging past the nine-month mark and the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission (KHRC) maintaining a conspicuous silence throughout the drawn-out process, KHRC chairman Jonathan Rabinowitz obliquely referred to the scandal for the first time at an open, public meeting Tuesday.

Although Rabinowitz did not specifically mention Medina Spirit's betamethasone overage or trainer Bob Baffert's long-delayed stewards' **hearing that was finally conducted Feb. 14**, that controversy was almost certainly the catalyst for the chairman stating that the KHRC is seeking to change administrative regulation 810 KAR 9:010, which deals with the KHRC's hearings, reviews and appeals process.

Rabinowitz said Feb. 15 that regulation "historically precludes the commission from making public statements prior to the issuance of stewards' rulings."

After Tuesday's meeting, *TDN* confirmed with the KHRC's general counsel, Jennifer Wolsing, that Rabinowitz was referring to section 1 (4) of that regulation, which states: "Stewards' and judges' hearings shall be closed, and the stewards and judges shall make no public announcement concerning a matter under investigation until the conclusion of the hearing." (Read the full regulation [here](#)).

"Transparency and a more [public] process will allow us to become more effective commissioners in that we will be perceived [that] we care and know what the hell is going on-- and that is not necessarily how we are perceived today. This is a breath of fresh air," Landes said.

Those comments about possible future changes were preceded by a slate of actual KHRC regulation changes, all of which got voted in unanimously during Tuesday's meeting. Because they still need to go through a public notice and approval period at the state level, the following regulations are not expected to go into effect for another seven to nine months:

Allowing a horse to enter a race even when the horse is on the veterinarian's, stewards', or starter's list, provided the horse has a posted "off" date on or before the date of the race.

**Workout Requirements for Layoff Horses:** The current regulation states that a horse that has not started in the past 45 days shall not be permitted to start unless it has at least one published workout within 20 days of entry. The new regulation adds requirements for horses that have not started in the past 90 days (two published workouts during the past 90 days, one within 20 days of entry) and for 180 days (three published workouts during the 180 days, one within 20).



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Rabinowitz said, "This commission is committed to transparency, as well as the best interest of the horsemen, associations, and the racing industry as a whole. As a result, we've begun the process of making significant changes to 810 KAR 9:010 in order to ensure that this commission remains an industry leader in transparent government. It is of the utmost importance to this commission that we get this reg changed."

Commissioner Bill Landes III was the only KHRC member to follow up on that statement with an opinion.

**Mutuel Couplings:** The current regulation states that horses entered in the same race and owned by the same owner shall be joined as a mutuel entry. The revision allows for some flexibility by stating that horses owned by the same owner "may" be joined as a mutuel entry. Also, the current coupling regulation states that horses having common ties through ownership shall not start in a purse race to the exclusion of a single entity. The proposed revision expands that requirement to include horses with common ties through ownership or training.

Another current regulation states that the racing secretary may uncouple entries having common ties through training to make two separate betting interests. The revision expands that rule include horses with common ties through training or ownership. A trainer entering two horses in a race will have to indicate a preference for one of the horses.

If a coupled horse commits a foul during a race, current regulations may be interpreted to "require" the stewards to include any horses coupled with an offending horse in the penalization. The revision deletes the reference to the coupled horse. Additionally, the revision clearly states that if a horse deliberately interferes in the order of finish for the benefit of

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Also, an owner may only claim one horse from a single race. A trainer may claim as many as two horses from a single race, but only if the horses are claimed for different owners. A claimed horse shall not race outside of Kentucky for 30 days from the date of the end of the meet during which the horse was claimed. That represents a change from the current regulation, which states that a horse can race outside of Kentucky after the close of entries for closing day of the meet.

A claimed horse shall not be sold or transferred within 60 days after the day it was claimed (except via another claiming race). This is a change from the current 30-day regulation.

After the race has been run, a claimed horse shall be delivered

podcast lineup by introducing 'Bettor Things with Joe Bianca', which will be the publication's first podcast focused solely on handicapping and betting. The show will feature in-depth one-on-one conversations with the host of *TDN's* popular Writers' Room podcast and some of the brightest wagering minds in the handicapping world. The interviews will delve into strategies for playing the horses as well as sports betting, but also branch out into more general life topics to learn what makes the guests tick and who they are as people.

In the first episode, which is [now available on YouTube](#), Bianca welcomes David Aragona, who is the morning-line maker for the New York Racing Association, a highly-regarded handicapper for Timeform US and *Daily Racing Form* and a podcast host himself for Timeform US. Over a cocktail or two, Bianca and Aragona discussed their origin stories for becoming horseplayers, their shared frustrations in trying to get friends their age to pick up the game, what they've learned over the years that can help produce positive returns on investment, how they see the future of racing evolving and much more. In addition to YouTube, the Bettor Things video shows are available on the *TDN* homepage, and audio versions will be posted to the *TDN* podcast feed on Spotify and Apple Podcasts.

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## ARIZONA COMMISSION MEETING: "THE EYES ARE ON US" by Dan Ross

If there's a main takeaway from Tuesday's Arizona Racing Commission Meeting, it's an acknowledgement from officials and track management that the racing industry is monitoring Turf Paradise closely.

"We've got to do a better job at coming up with answers and coming up with solutions," said commissioner Rory Goree, arguably the most outspoken member of the commission about Turf Paradise's poor equine safety record.

"I'm hopeful that here, in the near future, we as a commission will be able to talk about some of the solutions and ideas and make Arizona the light it needs to be, that we're making the change, doing the right thing instead of being the laughingstock that we are right now," Goree added. "The eyes are on us."

Repeated mention was given to racehorse Creative Plan ([Creative Cause](#)), who last raced at Turf Paradise Jan. 7, when a tailed off last of nine.

Creative Plan was recently euthanized due to irreversible damage to his suspensory ligaments and fetlock joints that had deteriorated over the course of weeks, according to an article in the Paulick Report Tuesday morning.

Between the time he last ran and his euthanasia, however, Creative Plan was sent to an Arizona horse auction, but went through unsold before being abandoned, the article found.

"With Creative Plan, there was a lot of finger-pointing going on, trying to cover our own butts," admitted Goree.

In her latest track safety report, Sue Gale, the Arizona Department of Gaming's chief veterinarian, explained that Turf Paradise's race-day equine fatality rate was "creeping up."

In a special commission meeting earlier this month, Gale said that the racing-related catastrophic injury rate was 2.8 fatalities per 1000 starts this season at Turf Paradise.

In her report Tuesday, Gale said that the fatality rate was now around 2.98 per 1000 starts at Turf Paradise.

According to the Jockey Club, the national fatality rate for 2020 was 1.41 per 1000 starts.

Gale said that she has included Creative Plan's death in the track's race-day fatality rate because he was injured during a race, "and then was put to sleep, or euthanized, this past week."

However, another horse that fractured its fetlock earlier on in the meet, and who, despite efforts at rehabilitation was euthanized three months later, was not included within the track's race-day fatality numbers, Gale explained.

More broadly, official veterinarians, said Gale, have lately been scratching more horses on pre-race exams.

"It does seem that now we're about half-way through the meet, some of the horses are showing some wear and tear," said Gale.

Nevertheless, one ongoing problem has been the lack of veterinarians "or administrative assistance" to help identify and red-flag horses at greater risk of catastrophic injury at Turf Paradise prior to pre-race exams, admitted Gale.

Gale said that, while she has been doing this task on a limited basis, "having someone on the staff that can do this on a more regular basis" would likely make a difference.

Rudy Casillas, the Department of Gaming's deputy director and racing division director, reported that he has asked Gale to start requiring the horsemen to submit updated veterinary medical records of every horse that is entered to race.

"That way, the veterinarians can review those medical reports of each horse that is entered to race and get a better sound picture of that horse's capability and physical status and medical status," said Casillas. "That will be implemented coming forth, and, hopefully, that makes a difference."

Another potential nexus of change is the state's claiming rules, said Goree.

"Seems like every morning I read the board and find out that there's a horse that's moved on, just wandering around on the backside, and I think it's because these horses are getting claimed so much they don't know where they live," said Goree.

According to Goree, he has spoken with Rudy Casillas, the Department of Gaming's deputy director and racing division director, about the claiming rules.

"I know he's going to talk to the AG [attorney general] and see what we might be able to do," said Goree.

Turf Paradise general manager, Vincent Francia, added more texture to the issue, reporting that there have been 441 claims thus far this season.

"That is a record here at Turf Paradise," said Francia, pointing as a reason to the track's purses--now supplemented with both state and federal funds--with the average purse working out at about \$19,000 per race.

"When you have a purse structure like we have, a lot of claiming is going to go on," Francia said.

Another ongoing question mark at Turf Paradise has been the condition of the racing surface.

This week, Turf Paradise drafted in veteran track surface consultant Steve Wood to monitor the adding of organic materials and sand to the main track, Francia said.

The organic materials are put in to give the track "bounce" and to help maintain moisture levels, said Francia. The sand is to help prevent clumping of the clay-like materials, he added.

A problem seemingly as intractable as track conditions at Turf Paradise has been a shortage of official veterinarians. Indeed, at the commission meeting last October, Gale suggested putting a call out to practicing veterinarians in the area as an opportunity for them to "pick up some work."

In an attempt to alleviate the burden, the gaming department has asked for funding for an additional veterinarian in the latest executive budget, said Arizona Department of Gaming director,

Ted Vogt.

"It's been our number one funding issue for the past two fiscal years, so we're hopeful it'll get across the line this year," said Vogt.

Earlier on in the meeting, the commissioners voted to approve Rillito Race Track's three-year racing permit application and the race-dates within that window, despite ongoing questions as to the facility's economic viability.

Casillas said that a prior financial review of the track found that it was "insolvent" with less than \$1,000 in its bank account at the time.

Because of the importance of Rillito in the Southern Arizona racing calendar, however, "the department has worked tirelessly with Rillito staff to project Rillito's revenue streams, donations, purse monies, state and federal grant funds that are being provided to Rillito," said Casillas.

That projected amount comes to roughly \$900,000 plus. The department's original estimate of Rillito's costs to operate the race-meet was \$1.2 million.

"Therefore, the division strongly recommends that Rillito tighten their belts, and be extremely vigilant and responsible and not expend needlessly," said Casillas, who added that the gaming division would be monitoring their financial predicament closely.

"We want to openly inform Rillito that on an ongoing basis, the division will scrutinize their financial status, and expect that Rillito meet all their obligations, and more so, adopt generally accepted accounting principles to correct the past few years of disarray," said Casillas.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR: THE REAL REASON FOR THE NEGATIVITY

During the **most recent "Let's Talk" Podcast** put on by the *TDN*, Eclipse Award-winning trainer Brad Cox stated, "I think there's a lot of negativity around the game and if we want to draw new people in, we should probably try to kill it with the negativity, if we could, and promote the game."

I completely agree with this sentiment, and I do think most racing publications do try to promote and showcase the good of the sport along with the bad. I know at Thorofan we try to do that in our attempt to both bring in new fans and be a central voice for the fans in general in this great game.

However, to be able to "kill it with the negativity," as Cox states, then it must be the industry and its members that provide us with that avenue to do so. It is very hard for anyone to really promote the positive in the game, when such a glaring incident as the one that took place at Turf Paradise has been met with barely a whisper by the industry itself.

The fact that **Creative Plan was even allowed to start in his last race at Turf Paradise** shows us how broken, at times, this system really is in providing for the health and well-being of the horse above all else. In hearing about his story, there is plenty of blame to go around on all sides of this. The ultimate result is always the same, though, and that is a horse unnecessarily being forced to lose his life for this sport because of the sheer ineptitude of the very people that are supposed to be entrusted to protect them.

I have heard all about the difficulties in being able to hire people and vets out at Turf Paradise. I do not know all the particulars of this, but (and I hate to have to say this) the basic fact is if you cannot provide the necessary means to ensure the health and welfare of the horses at your facility **YOU DO NOT RACE!!!!**

Therefore, I would call on the Arizona State Racing Commission to immediately suspend the license of Turf Paradise to conduct racing until such a time as they can prove they have the staffing and infrastructure in place to safely do so.

To the horsemen's groups, both Arizona and National, that have apparently stayed completely silent on this whole issue. What is it going to take before you back up your words about improving the integrity of the sport with proper actions?

When will you actually police your own to help ensure that this type of scenario never happens again? What is it going to take to finally put the horse above all else to continue to allow your members to enjoy and prosper ethically and responsibly in this sport???

I would love nothing more than to kill it with the negativity. All I, and so many others, are waiting for is for the industry and its members to kill it with the excuses as to why it can't be better.

Bryan Langlois, DVM  
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### GRADE I-PRODUCING SIRE VALUE PLUS PENSIONED

Canadian-based stallion **Value Plus** (Unbridled's Song--Roll Over Baby, by Rollin On Over), sire of Grade I winner and stallion Long On Value, has been pensioned from stud duty due to failing health. Recruited from the 2017 Fasig-Tipton Winter Mixed Sale by Steen and Cathy Reggelsen to stand at their Stride Away Thoroughbred operation in British Columbia, the 21-year-old stallion has sired the winners of over 200 races to date.

"Value Plus has been a true friend to us and it was only right to be a friend to him and do what's in his best interests," Cathy Reggelsen said. "We're sad, of course, but he owes us nothing and he will spend the rest of his days here with us. He's part of the family."

Winner of the Artax H., the grey was also runner up in the GI Florida Derby and GI Futurity S. before retiring with \$410,000 in earnings. Value Plus's 200+ winners include GI Highlander S. winner Long on Value and dual Grade I-placed All Due Respect. He is also responsible for stakes-placed Saturday Value and Spot On Dude.

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## 482 TRAINERS ACCEPTED TO '22 TBRED MAKEOVER

The Retired Racehorse Project (RRP) has accepted 482 trainers, including both individuals and team members, to the 2022 class of the Thoroughbred Makeover and National Symposium, presented by Thoroughbred Charities of America (TCA). The Makeover returns to its single-year format in 2022 after the postponement of the 2020 event led to a “double” Makeover in 2021, with two competition years running simultaneously. The 2022 Makeover will take place Oct. 12-15, 2022 at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington. Open to professionals, juniors, amateurs, and teams, the Thoroughbred Makeover is a retraining competition for recently-retired ex-racehorses. Competition is available in 10 disciplines, with trainers choosing to compete in up to two: barrel racing, competitive trail, dressage, eventing, field hunter, polo, ranch work, show hunter, show jumper, and freestyle (a free-form discipline to demonstrate skills of the trainer’s choice). All horses compete in preliminary rounds in their respective disciplines, with the top five in each discipline returning for the Finale Championship on Saturday to determine final placings. A panel, including all discipline judges, will determine the overall Thoroughbred Makeover Champion and a \$10,000 cash prize; a popular vote by in-person and online spectators will determine the People’s Choice Award who wins the right to direct a donation to an equine charity of their choosing. Accepted trainers can register their horses at [www.TBMakeover.org](http://www.TBMakeover.org). Registrations, which closes July 29, will appear on the entry list at [www.tbmakeover.org/entries-2022](http://www.tbmakeover.org/entries-2022). A total of 505 horses have already been registered. Individuals who missed the initial round of applications are welcome to apply to the waitlist and can do so at [www.TBMakeover.org/trainer-portal](http://www.TBMakeover.org/trainer-portal).

New for 2022, the Makeover will also host The Jockey Club Thoroughbred Incentive Program (T.I.P.) Western Championships and Central Region Dressage Championships. After a successful implementation of the inaugural T.I.P. Barrel Racing Championships in 2021, the RRP and T.I.P. are adding more opportunities for Thoroughbreds and Thoroughbred enthusiasts.

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## BOB BLACKBURN APPOINTED NEW TRACK SUPERINTENDENT AT PRAIRIE MEADOWS

Bob Blackburn has been named the new track superintendent at Prairie Meadows Casino, Racetrack and Hotel. His previous stints include 15 years at Remington Park, 10 years overseeing track maintenance at an Ocala, Florida Thoroughbred Farm and track superintendent at Bandera Downs and Manor Downs in Texas.

“I am blessed and excited for this new opportunity in Iowa working at Prairie Meadows,” Blackburn said. “Working at racetracks has always been a love of mine, which started in Texas growing up around my dad’s Quarter Horses to my experiences either at racetracks or horse farms. I’ve seen it all and done it all.”

Blackburn replaces Prairie Meadows' Racing Hall of Famer Lamont Marks, who retired in 2021 after years of in various roles, including track superintendent.

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The history of horse racing runs deep and it’s due, in part, to the contributions of African American jockeys. It’s a part of history that’s often overlooked, but a permanent exhibit at the Kentucky Derby Museum is making sure it’s not forgotten.

Kristin Pierce, *WHAS*

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**Saturday, Fair Grounds #13, post time: 6:58 p.m. EST**

**RISEN STAR S. PRESENTED BY LAMARQUE FORD-GII, \$400,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Pappacap	Gun Runner	Rustlewood Farm, Inc.	Casse	Gaffalione	122
2	Russian Tank 🦄	Tourist	Glockenburg LLC	Dorochenko	Vega	122
3	Trafalgar	Lord Nelson	Columbine Stable LLC.	Stall, Jr.	Hernandez	122
4	Tawny Port 🦄	Pioneerof the Nile	Peachtree Stable	Cox	Geroux	122
5	Epicenter 🦄	Not This Time	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC	Asmussen	Rosario	122
6	Pioneer of Medina 🦄	Pioneerof the Nile	Sumaya U.S. Stable	Pletcher	Saez	122
7	Zandon 🦄	Upstart	Jeff Drown	Brown	Ortiz	122
8	Smile Happy 🦄	Runhappy	Lucky Seven Stable	McPeck	Lanerie	122
9	Bodock	Street Boss	Calumet Farm	Cox	Pedroza, Jr.	122
10	Slow Down Andy	Nyquist	Reddam Racing LLC	O'Neill	Gutierrez	122

**Breeders:** 1-Rustlewood Farm, Inc., 2-WinStar Farm, LLC, 3-Machmer Hall, 4-WinStar Farm, LLC, 5-Westwind Farms, 6-International Equities Holding, Inc., 7-Brereton C. Jones, 8-Moreau Bloodstock Int'l Inc. & White Bloodstock LLC, 9-Calumet Farm, 10-Reddam Racing, LLC

**Saturday, Fair Grounds #12, post time: 6:27 p.m. EST**

**RACHEL ALEXANDRA S. PRESENTED BY FASIG-TIPTON-GII, \$300,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	La Crete	Medaglia d'Oro	Stonestreet Stables LLC	Asmussen	Rosario	122
2	North County	Not This Time	Hillen, Rebecca, Stonecrest Farm & De Julio, Bruno	Walsh	Beschizza	122
3	Miss Mattie B 🦄	Tonalist	Westlake Racing Stable	Hess, Jr.	Smith	122
4	Dream Lith	Medaglia d'Oro	Cypress Creek Equine and Bennewith, Arnold	Diodoro	Vazquez	122
5	Divine Huntress	Divining Rod	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners & Long Valley Stables	Motion	Ortiz	122
6	Candy Raid 🦄	Candy Ride (Arg)	Don't Tell My Wife Stables & Desormeaux, J. Keith	Desormeaux	Riquelme	122
7	Turnerloose 🦄	Nyquist	Thrash, Ike and Dawn	Cox	Geroux	122
8	Goddess of Fire	Mineshaft	Red Oak Stable	Pletcher	Saez	122
9	Awake At Midnyte 🦄	Nyquist	Reddam Racing LLC	O'Neill	Gutierrez	122
10	California Angel 🦄	California Chrome	Chris Walsh	Leonard, III	Parker	122
11	Hidden Connection 🦄	Connect	Hidden Brook Farm and Black Type Thoroughbreds	Calhoun	Gutierrez	122

**Breeders:** 1-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 2-Shadow Pond Stable, 3-R. S. Evans, 4-Southern Equine Stables, LLC, 5-Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Bowman, Ricky L. Buckley & Joshua Dreiband, 6-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 7-William Humphries & Altair Farms LLC, 8-Red Oak Stable, 9-Forty Oaks, 10-Irish National Stud, 11-St. Simon Place



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**Saturday, Fair Grounds #10, post time: 5:25 p.m. EST****MINESHAFT S.-GIII, \$250,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Sprawl	City Zip	Claiborne Farm and Dilschneider, Adele B.	Drury, Jr.	Gaffalione	118
2	Silver Prospector 🌿	Declaration of War	Orr, Ed and Orr, Susie	Asmussen	Rosario	118
3	Title Ready	More Than Ready	Charles E. Fipke	Stewart	Gutierrez	118
4	Olympiad 🌿	Speightstown	Grandview Equine, Cheyenne Stable & LNJ Foxwoods	Mott	Alvarado	118
5	Miles D 🌿	Curlin	Brant, Peter M. and LaPenta, Robert V.	Brown	Ortiz	122
6	Fort Peck	Fort Larned	Flying P Stable	Diodoro	Vazquez	118
7	Midcourt 🌿	Midnight Lute	C R K Stable LLC	Shirreffs	Geroux	118
8	O Besos	Orb	Bernard Racing LLC, Tagg Team Racing, West Point Thoroughbreds and Stephens, Terry L.	Foley	Hernandez, Jr.	118
9	Happy American 🌿	Runhappy	Lothenbach Stables, Inc.	Pessin	Graham	118
10	Untreated 🌿	Nyquist	Team Valor International, LLC	Pletcher	Saez	118
11	Big Dreaming	Declaration of War	Frank Carl Calabrese	Catalano	Loveberry	118

**Breeders:** 1-Claiborne Farm & Adele B. Dilschneider, 2-Hargus Sexton, Sandra Sexton & Silver Fern Farm, LLC, 3-Charles Fipke, 4-Emory A. Hamilton, 5-River Bend Farm, 6-Whitham Thoroughbreds, LLC, 7-Dixiana Farms LLC, 8-L. Barrett Bernard, 9-Claiborne Farm, 10-Ashview Farm & Old Oak Farm, 11-Frank C. Calabrese

**Saturday, Fair Grounds #11, post time: 5:56 p.m. EST****FAIR GROUNDS S.-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Cavalry Charge	Honor Code	West Point Thoroughbreds, Sandbrook, William & Masiello, Robert	Stewart	Hernandez, Jr.	118
2	Forty Under	Uncle Mo	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Murrill	122
3	Santin	Distorted Humor	Godolphin, LLC	Walsh	Gaffalione	118
4	Major Fed	Ghostzapper	Lloyd Madison Farms, IV LLC	Foley	Geroux	118
5	Monarchs Glen (GB) 🌿	Frankel (GB)	Hui, Michael M. and WSS Racing, LLC	Maker	Alvarado	118
6	Adhamo (Ire)	Intello (Ger)	Dubb, Michael, Madaket Stables & Lazzinnaro, Louis	Brown	Ortiz	118
7	Halo Again 🌿	Speightstown	Winchell Thoroughbreds & Willis Horton Racing	Asmussen	Rosario	122
8	Captivating Moon	Malibu Moon	Lothenbach Stables, Inc.	Block	Loveberry	118
9	Point Me By 🌿	Point of Entry	Homewrecker Racing LLC	Kenneally	Beschizza	118
10	Largent 🌿	Into Mischief	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners & Twin Creeks Racing Stables, LLC	Pletcher	Saez	118
11	Two Emmys 🌿	English Channel	Wolfe Racing LLC and Robertson, Hugh H.	Robertson	Graham	118

**Breeders:** 1-Glencrest Farm LLC, 2-Cedar Hill LLC, 3-Godolphin, 4-Lloyd Madison IV, LLC, 5-Juddmonte Farms Ltd, 6-Wertheimer et Frere, 7-Anderson Farms Ont. Inc., 8-Lothenbach Stables Inc, 9-Winchester Farm, 10-Lazy Lane Farms, LLC, 11-Tottenwood Thoroughbreds, Inc.



**Saturday, Laurel #8, post time: 3:55 p.m. EST****BARBARA FRITCHIE S.-GIII, \$250,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Fille d'Esprit	Great Notion	C J I Phoenix Group and No Guts No Glory Farm	Robb	Perez	122
2	Glass Ceiling 🌿	Constitution	Baker, Charlton and Foster, Michael S.	Baker	Davis	122
3	Kaylasaurus	Munnings	Bush Racing Stable, Liberty House Racing, Black Ridge Stables LLC and Saufley, George	Kreiser	Hernandez	122
4	Regal Retort 🌿	Jimmy Creed	Charlton, David, MarchFore Thoroughbreds and Bradley Thoroughbreds	Asmussen	Ruiz	122
5	Prodigy Doll 🌿	Shanghai Bobby	HnR Nothhaft Horse Racing, LLC	Schoenthal	Toledo	122
6	Bold Confection 🌿	Candy Ride (Arg)	Ben Rollins	Servis	Pennington	122
7	Jakarta	Bustin Stones	Three Diamonds Farm	Trombetta	Carrasco	122
8	Belle of the North	Street Boss	Stronach Stables	Corrales	Karamanos	122

**Breeders:** 1-Sweet Spirits Stables, LLC, 2-Twin Creeks Farm, 3-Arrowwood Farm, Inc, 4-Robert Landry & Glenna Laureano, 5-Tolo Thoroughbreds & Michael A. Spirito, 6-Twin Hopes Farm, LLC, 7-Arrowwood Farm, Inc, 8-Adena Springs

**Saturday, Laurel #9, post time: 4:27 p.m. EST****GENERAL GEORGE S.-GIII, \$250,000, 4yo/up, 7f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	War Tocsin 🌿	Violence	Trin-Brook Stables, Inc.	St. Lewis	Haddock	122
2	Cordmaker	Curlin	Hillwood Stable LLC	Jenkins	Carrasco	122
3	Shackqueenking 🌿	Shackleford	Pocket 3's Racing LLC	Capuano	Rodriguez	122
4	Sir Alfred James 🌿	Munnings	Built Wright Stables, LLC.	Cash	-	122
5	Threes Over Deuces 🌿	Flat Out	Pocket 3's Racing LLC	Capuano	Perez	122
6	Timeless Bounty	Elusive Hour	Willow's Green Stables, LLC	Wilson, Jr	Franklin	124
7	Air Token	Golden Lad	Corrales Racing, LLC	Corrales	Acosta	122

**Breeders:** 1-Hare Forest Farm, Ltd., 2-Robert T. Manfuso & Katharine M. Voss, 3-Ledgelands LLC & Andrew C. Ritter, 4-Mt. Joy Stables, Pope McLean, Marc McLean & Pope McLean Jr., 5-Machmer Hall & Montese LLC, 6-Elkhorn Oaks Inc., 7-Carol Ann Kaye



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5	<b>Will Take Charge</b> (2010) by Unbridled's Song FYR: 2016 Stands: (Fee \$5,000) Name Foals: 98 Starters: 45 Stood: KY	1 [2.22]	6 [13.33]	-	2 [4.44]	-	-	45	15 [33.33] AWD YTD: 7.06	20	\$551,300 Lightcamera action AWD Lifetime: 7.06	\$21,744 \$9,984	\$978,477

## 2019 2ND CROP SIRE

Rank	Stallion 2021 location & Fee	BTW [% of starters]	BTH [% of starters]	GSW [% of starters]	GSH [% of starters]	G1SW [% of starters]	G1SH [% of starters]	Starters	Wnrs [% of starters]	Wins	Highest Earner	Earnings /Starters /Named Foal	Earnings
5	<b>Will Take Charge</b> (2010) by Unbridled's Song FYR: 2016 Stands: (Fee \$5,000) Name Foals: 199 Starters: 120 Stood: KY	1 [1.67]	7 [5.83]	-	4 [3.33]	-	1 [0.83]	120	46 [38.33] AWD YTD: 7.08	65	\$171,983 Manny Wah AWD Lifetime: 7.03	\$24,694 \$14,891	\$2,963,270

## 2020 3RD CROP SIRE

Rank	Stallion 2021 location & Fee	BTW [% of starters]	BTH [% of starters]	GSW [% of starters]	GSH [% of starters]	G1SW [% of starters]	G1SH [% of starters]	Starters	Wnrs [% of starters]	Wins	Highest Earner	Earnings /Starters /Named Foal	Earnings
4	<b>Will Take Charge</b> (2010) by Unbridled's Song FYR: 2016 Stands: (Fee \$5,000) Name Foals: 292 Starters: 166 Stood: KY	1 [0.60]	5 [3.01]	1 [0.60]	2 [1.20]	-	-	166	83 [50.00] AWD YTD: 7.13	122	\$253,141 Herscraft AWD Lifetime: 7.13	\$24,781 \$14,088	\$4,113,624

## 2021 4TH CROP SIRE

Rank	Stallion 2021 location & Fee	BTW [% of starters]	BTH [% of starters]	GSW [% of starters]	GSH [% of starters]	G1SW [% of starters]	G1SH [% of starters]	Starters	Wnrs [% of starters]	Wins	Highest Earner	Earnings /Starters /Named Foal	Earnings
4	<b>Will Take Charge</b> (2010) by Unbridled's Song FYR: 2016 Stands: Three Chimneys Farm KY (Fee \$5,000) Name Foals: 372 Starters: 191	3 [1.57]	9 [5.71]	1 [0.52]	2 [1.05]	-	1 [0.52]	191	98 [51.31] AWD YTD: 7.26	148	\$508,000 Will's Secret AWD Lifetime: 7.17	\$24,185 \$12,418	\$4,619,407

## 2022 5TH CROP SIRE

Rank	Stallion 2021 location & Fee	BTW [% of starters]	BTH [% of starters]	GSW [% of starters]	GSH [% of starters]	G1SW [% of starters]	G1SH [% of starters]	Starters	Wnrs [% of starters]	Wins	Highest Earner	Earnings /Starters /Named Foal	Earnings
1	<b>Will Take Charge</b> (2010) by Unbridled's Song FYR: 2016 Stands: Three Chimneys Farm KY (Fee \$5,000) Name Foals: 394 Starters: 82	1 [1.22]	2 [2.44]	1 [1.22]	2 [2.44]	-	-	82	15 [18.29] AWD YTD: 7.20	15	\$115,320 Abaan AWD Lifetime: 7.19	\$7,277	\$596,746

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## 2022 Leading Third-Crop Sires

for stallions standing in North America through Monday, February 14

Earnings represent North American and European figures, NH foals only, stud fees listed are 2022 fees.

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	<b>Not This Time</b> (2014) by <i>Giant's Causeway</i> FYR: 2018 Stands: Taylor Made Farm KY Fee: \$45,000	2	5	1	4	--	--	62	16	140,070	912,448
										<i>Simplification</i>	
2	<b>Nyquist</b> (2013) by <i>Uncle Mo</i> FYR: 2018 Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$55,000	--	2	--	1	--	--	54	9	60,600	544,700
										<i>Willful Woman</i>	
3	<b>Frosted</b> (2012) by <i>Tapit</i> FYR: 2018 Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$20,000	--	1	--	--	--	--	76	11	80,000	528,916
										<i>Macron</i>	
4	<b>Runhappy</b> (2012) by <i>Super Saver</i> FYR: 2018 Stands: Claiborne Farm KY Fee: \$12,500	--	1	--	1	--	--	50	11	60,000	430,733
										<i>Joyful Cadence</i>	
5	<b>Exaggerator</b> (2013) by <i>Curlin</i> FYR: 2018 Stands: Elite Thoroughbreds LA Fee: \$5,000	--	--	--	--	--	--	90	16	39,840	388,395
										<i>Invisible War</i>	
6	<b>Mosler</b> (2011) by <i>War Front</i> FYR: 2018 Stands: Country Life Farm MD Fee: \$4,000	--	--	--	--	--	--	30	10	60,000	346,379
										<i>Waterworks</i>	
7	<b>Mshawish</b> (2010) by <i>Medaglia d'Oro</i> FYR: 2018 Stands: Taylor Made Farm KY Fee: \$5,000	--	2	--	1	--	--	51	15	30,000	343,225
										<i>Merzaz</i>	
8	<b>Upstart</b> (2012) by <i>Flatter</i> FYR: 2018 Stands: Airdrie Stud KY Fee: \$10,000	1	1	--	--	--	--	49	7	60,760	314,354
										<i>Kathleen O.</i>	
9	<b>Outwork</b> (2013) by <i>Uncle Mo</i> FYR: 2018 Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$10,000	--	--	--	--	--	--	43	5	44,220	259,807
										<i>Manorelli</i>	
10	<b>Jess's Dream</b> (2012) by <i>Curlin</i> FYR: 2018 Stands: Ocala Stud FL Fee: \$4,000	--	--	--	--	--	--	34	8	57,600	252,308
										<i>Chacalosa</i>	
11	<b>Uncle Lino</b> (2013) by <i>Uncle Mo</i> FYR: 2018 Stands: Northview Stallion Station MD Fee: \$4,000	--	--	--	--	--	--	30	6	35,280	237,754
										<i>Far Mo Power</i>	
12	<b>Marking</b> (2012) by <i>Bernardini</i> FYR: 2018 Stands: A & A Ranch NM Fee: \$3,500	--	--	--	--	--	--	21	5	62,800	231,474
										<i>Delbert Too</i>	
13	<b>Brody's Cause</b> (2013) by <i>Giant's Causeway</i> FYR: 2018 Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$5,000	--	1	--	1	--	--	45	7	28,680	212,619
										<i>Paluxy</i>	
14	<b>Optimizer</b> (2009) by <i>English Channel</i> FYR: 2018 Stands: Calumet Farm KY Fee: \$2,500	1	1	1	1	--	--	16	4	94,320	191,291
										<i>Opalina</i>	
15	<b>Social Inclusion</b> (2011) by <i>Pioneerof the Nile</i> FYR: 2018 Stands: Briardale Farm FL Fee: Private	1	1	--	--	--	--	22	3	105,000	190,152
										<i>Markhamian</i>	

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# NORTH AMERICAN RACING



## SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, FEB. 16

2021 Stud Fees Listed

**American Freedom** (Pulpit), Airdrie Stud, \$6,000

191 foals of racing age/25 winners/0 black-type winners  
10-Turfway, 10:46 p.m. EST, Msw 1 1/16m, American Pure, 5-2  
\$40,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$200,000 OBS APR 2yo

**Bal a Bali (Brz)** (Put It Back), Calumet Farm, \$5,000

148 foals of racing age/20 winners/1 black-type winner  
8-Turf Paradise, 6:33 p.m. EST, Aoc 5 1/2f, Bali Brava, 7-2  
\$5,000 FTC AYR yrl

**Battle of Midway** (Smart Strike), WinStar Farm

5 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
9-Sam Houston Race, 8:36 p.m. EST, Msw 5fT, Smart Battle, 30-1  
\$90,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$13,000 OBS OPN 2yo

**Blofeld (Quality Road)**, Murmur Farm

50 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners  
6-Penn National, 8:16 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Blo My Budget, 5-2  
6-Penn National, 8:16 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Orashi, 15-1

**Connect (Curlin)**, Lane's End Farm, \$25,000

194 foals of racing age/30 winners/2 black-type winners  
6-Penn National, 8:16 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Bench Press, 12-1  
\$19,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl  
5-Tampa Bay Downs, 2:18 p.m. EST, Aoc 1 1/16mT, Mirth 'n Merriment, 5-1  
\$14,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl; \$32,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo

**Cupid (Tapit)**, Coolmore Ashford, \$5,000

174 foals of racing age/28 winners/3 black-type winners  
7-Gulfstream, 3:41 p.m. EST, Aoc 1 1/16mT, Love Her Lots, 8-1  
\$19,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$14,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$20,000 OBS MAR 2yo

**Eagle (Candy Ride {Arg})**, Valor Farm, \$2,500

22 foals of racing age/1 winner/1 black-type winner  
9-Sam Houston Race, 8:36 p.m. EST, Msw 5fT, Uptowneagleslanded, 15-1

**Gormley** (Malibu Moon), Spendthrift Farm, \$7,500

198 foals of racing age/29 winners/2 black-type winners

3-Delta Downs, 3:21 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, Papiringo, 10-1  
\$24,000 RNA TTA YHR yrl; \$13,000 TTA APR 2yo

**Greenpointcrusader** (Bernardini), Ocala Stud, \$3,500

54 foals of racing age/9 winners/0 black-type winners  
5-Tampa Bay Downs, 2:18 p.m. EST, Aoc 1 1/16mT, Sweet Laura, 10-1  
\$2,700 KEE NOV wnl; \$3,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$13,000 OBS OPN 2yo

**Gun Runner (Candy Ride {Arg})**, Three Chimneys Farm, \$125,000

245 foals of racing age/33 winners/9 black-type winners  
9-Sam Houston Race, 8:36 p.m. EST, Msw 5fT, Mesabi, 1-1  
5-Turfway, 8:14 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, Pistol, 6-1  
\$100,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Hard Aces (Hard Spun)**, Averett Farm

37 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
3-Delta Downs, 3:21 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, Big Ace, 2-1

**Iron Fist (Tapit)**, Whispering Oaks Farm

36 foals of racing age/9 winners/2 black-type winners  
3-Delta Downs, 3:21 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, R T's Iron Man, 10-1

**Lord Nelson** (Pulpit), Spendthrift Farm

158 foals of racing age/11 winners/1 black-type winner  
8-Turfway, 9:46 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Rerally, 50-1  
\$80,000 KEE NOV wnl

**Madefromlucky (Lookin At Lucky)**, Northview Stallion Station

70 foals of racing age/5 winners/1 black-type winner  
2-Parx Racing, 12:52 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Lucky Running Cat, 8-1  
\$24,000 RNA OBS OPN 2yo

**Midnight Storm** (Pioneerof the Nile), Taylor Made Farm, \$7,500

126 foals of racing age/16 winners/1 black-type winner  
9-Sam Houston Race, 8:36 p.m. EST, Msw 5fT, Midnight Money, 20-1  
\$10,000 RNA TTA YHR yrl; \$30,000 TTA APR 2yo

**Mo Tom (Uncle Mo)**, Red River Farms, \$2,000

64 foals of racing age/6 winners/1 black-type winner  
3-Delta Downs, 3:21 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, Play Mo, 8-1  
\$8,500 OBS WIN wnl; \$25,000 OBS OPN 2yo

**Noble Bird** (Birdstone), Ocala Stud, \$4,000

72 foals of racing age/12 winners/1 black-type winner  
5-Tampa Bay Downs, 2:18 p.m. EST, Aoc 1 1/16mT, Ready to Film, 5-1  
\$10,000 OBS WIN wnl; \$10,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl



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**Practical Joke** (Into Mischief), Coolmore Ashford, \$35,000  
266 foals of racing age/29 winners/6 black-type winners  
5-Turfway, 8:14 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, Love of My Life, 5-1  
\$14,000 KEE JAN wnl

**Ribchester (Ire)** (Iffraaj {GB}), Kildangan Stud, \$12,500  
218 foals of racing age/18 winners/1 black-type winner  
5-Turfway, 8:14 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, Ramadhaan (Ire), 12-1  
65,000gns TAT AHI 2yo

**Royal Artillery (War Front)**, Indiana Stallion Station  
5 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
6-Penn National, 8:16 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Gandi, 5-1

**Stanford** (Malibu Moon), Tommy Town Thoroughbreds, \$5,000  
121 foals of racing age/14 winners/0 black-type winners  
8-Turf Paradise, 6:33 p.m. EST, Aoc 5 1/2f, Workin Ninetofive, 5-1



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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**5th-Mahoning Valley, \$36,200, (S), 2-15, (NW4L), 3yo/up, 6f,**  
1:09.82, ft, 8 1/4 lengths.

**WAPAKONETA PHIL (g, 5, Justin Phillip--Thirtysixth, by Dixieland Band)** Lifetime Record: 12-4-4-1, \$111,537. O-J S Stable; B-Breakaway Farm, LLC (OH); T-Candace M. Huffman. \*\$0 RNA Ylg '18 OHIOCT.

**4th-Sunland, \$32,600, (S), 2-15, (NW2L), 4yo/up, 6 1/2f,**  
1:16.30, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

**ALL CHROME (g, 5, Silver Wagon--Prophesize, by Precocity)**  
Lifetime Record: 12-2-1-3, \$46,546. O/B-Ben G McDonald (NM); T-Lynette Baldwin.

**1st-Turf Paradise, \$28,000, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000-\$25,000),**  
2-15, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:15.52, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.

**TIME FOR GOLD (f, 4, Harbor the Gold--Back in Time, by Empire**

**Maker)** Lifetime Record: 9-3-0-3, \$68,135. O-Chad and Josh; B-Bar C Racing Stables Inc (WA); T-Frank Lucarelli. \*\$6,500 Ylg '19 WASSEP. \*\*1/2 to Kenjisstorm (Stormy Atlantic), MGSP, \$314,597.

**6th-Mahoning Valley, \$26,400, 2-15, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f,**  
1:10.74, ft, 4 3/4 lengths.

**SHE'S PURE SILVER (f, 3, Keen Ice--Form Fitting, by Tapit)**  
Lifetime Record: 8-3-1-0, \$52,478. O-Lion Palm Racing Stable; B-Calumet Farm (KY); T-Ricardo Bailey. \*\$4,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP; \$15,000 2yo '21 OBSOPN.

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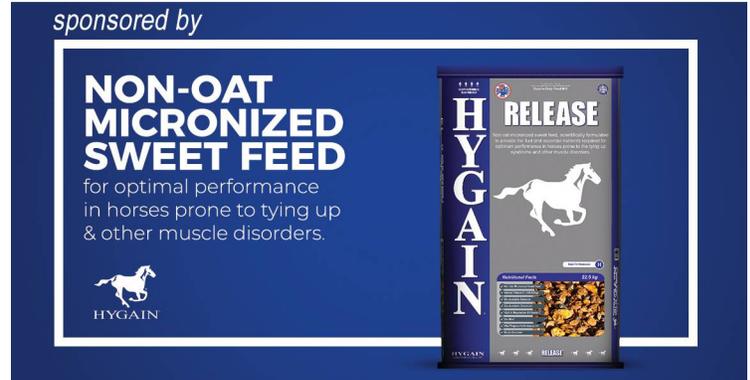
**Master, g, 3, Mizzen Mast--Kschessinka, by Nureyev.** Mahoning Valley, 2-15, 6f, 1:12.27. Lifetime Record: 9-1-2-1, \$26,972. B-Dr. & Mrs. Oscar & Diego Benavides (KY). \*\$8,500 Ylg '20 FTKOCT. \*\*1/2 to Martita Sangrita (Johar), MSW, \$236,433.

**Ruffy, g, 4, Outwork--Mini Ashley, by Henny Hughes.** Parx Racing, 2-15, (C), 7f, 1:24.73. Lifetime Record: 11-1-4-2, \$76,560. B-Gil Masters (KY). \*\$47,000 RNA Ylg '19 KEESEP; \$12,000 2yo '20 EASMAV.

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**Brody's Cause,** Prince Filip, g, 4, o/o Princess Kate, by Orientate. WMC, 2-15, Parx Racing

**Harbor the Gold,** Time for Gold, f, 4, o/o Back in Time, by Empire Maker. AOC, 2-15, Turf Paradise

**Justin Phillip,** Wapakoneta Phil, g, 5, o/o Thirtysixth, by Dixieland Band. ALW, 2-15, Mahoning Valley

**Keen Ice,** She's Pure Silver, f, 3, o/o Form Fitting, by Tapit. ALW, 2-15, Mahoning Valley

**Mizzen Mast,** Master, g, 3, o/o Kschessinka, by Nureyev. MSW, 2-15, Mahoning Valley

**Outwork,** Ruffy, g, 4, o/o Mini Ashley, by Henny Hughes. MCL, 2-15, Parx Racing

**Silver Wagon,** All Chrome, g, 5, o/o Prophesize, by Precocity. ALW, 2-15, Sunland

## JUMPING FILLY TOPS ARQANA OPENER



Lot 63, Be A Nice Girl | Zuzanna Lupa

There was a steady start to proceedings at Arqana's two-day February Sale, with figures pretty much on par with last year's trade and the National Hunt filly **Be A Nice Girl (Fr)** (Bathyrhon {Ger}) topping the first session at €120,000

A decent clearance rate of 78% from 141 horses sold brought turnover of €1,772,000, with the average and median both contracting slightly at €12,567 and €6,000, respectively.

The day's leading lady was the 4-year-old hurdler offered as **lot 63** by her trainer Jean-Pierre Fertillet. Happily for him, Be A Nice Girl will be returning to his stable after she was signed for by Marco Bozzi on behalf of an unnamed French owner.

"She has been bought for a good client and she will stay with Jean-Pierre Fertillet," confirmed the agent. "It's the first time they have bought a jumper and €120,000 is an awful lot of money but they were happy to do that and she is a very nice mare."

Bred by Richard Venn and Pascal Noue, Be A Nice Girl was originally sold as a 2-year-old for €23,000 and has made just one start to date. Her dam Turgotine (Fr) (Turgeon {GB}) is a full-sister to the dam of the dual Grade 1-winning steeplechaser Allaho (Fr) (No Risk At All {Fr}).

A few lots later, the 3-year-old **Marynder (Fr)** (Pedro The Great) was knocked down to Alessandro Marconi for €90,000 and will eventually end up racing overseas. [Cont. p2](#)

## CHAPEL STUD CLOSE AT HEART

By Alayna Cullen

Nestled near the Malvern Hills in the west of England is Chapel Stud, a 70-acre stud farm owned and managed by Roisin Close. As well as offering services from boarding, sales preparation to breaking and pre-training the stud now boasts a dual-purpose stallion roster with new recruits **Walzertakt (Ger)** and **Bangkok (Ire)** joining the stud's three existing and established stallions, **Planteur (Ire)**, **Indian Haven (GB)** and **Hellvelyn (GB)**. Close formerly owned Bucklands Farm and Stud but when the business outgrew the facilities at that farm a move was needed.

"Chapel Stud is actually an extension, or a following on from Bucklands Farm," said Close. "We outgrew the farm, so we needed to find a new premises." [Cont. p3](#)

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### TAKING STOCK: QUALITY OF BAFFERT & HANCOCK WITH THE AVENGERS

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**ARQANA FEBRUARY MIXED SALE DAY 1**

SESSION TOTALS	2022	2021
• Catalogued	226	192
• Number Offered	180	156
• Number Sold	141	120
• Not Sold	39	36
• Clearance Rate	78%	77%
• High Price	€120,000	€250,000
• Gross	€1,772,000	€1,643,000
• Average (% change)	€12,567 (-8%)	€13,692
• Median (% change)	€6,000 (-4%)	€6,250

**Arqana February Mixed Sale Cont. from p1**

Trained last season by Joel Boisnard, the gelding ran just three times, winning over a mile at Chantilly and placing at Deauville.

Marconi said of **lot 66**, who hails from the family of Godolphin's dual Grade I-winning filly Questing (GB) (**Hard Spun**), "His dam is by **Hard Spun**, a stallion that I really like and who I think is a very good broodmare sire. We don't know yet if he will race on in France; the owners' premiums are interesting. We will have a think but the final objective remains the Middle East."

Signing under the name of his Horse Racing Advisory, Hubert Barbe went to €90,000 in pursuit of **lot 38**, the AQPS mare **Green Dragoness (Fr)** (Enrique {Ire}), who was consigned by Haras du Lieu des Champs on behalf of trainer David Cottin. A winner last season herself over fences, the 6-year-old is well credentialed as a broodmare prospect as she is a half-sister to the champion French chaser and 11-time winner Blue Dragon (Fr) (Califet {Fr}) as well as to the five-time winner Fabulous Dragoness (Fr) (Poliglote {GB}).



**Green Dragoness, lot 38 | Zuzanna Lupa**



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Barbe advised that Green Dragoness will now join Haras de Couely.

Of the in-foal mares offered for sale later in the session, two daughters of Galileo (Ire) sold for €80,000 each. Denis Brosnan's Epona Bloodstock signed for **lot 193**, Haras de Bouquetot's full-sister to listed winner Cameron Highland (GB) and a half-sister to the Group 3 winner Solid Stone (Ire) (Shamardal). Named **Ghand (GB)**, the 8-year-old was sold in foal to Bouquetot's Romanised (Ire).

Marc-Antoine Berghgracht bought the unraced **Balkis (Fr)** (**lot 154**), who is also by Galileo and consigned by Bouquetot. A daughter of the GI American Oaks winner Harmonious (Dynaformer), she was sold carrying her second foal by **Bated Breath (GB)**.

The sale continues on Wednesday from 11am local time.

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# SESSION TOPPERS

## ARQANA FEBRUARY MIXED SALE DAY 1

<u>Lot</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Price (€)</u>
<b>63</b>	<b>Be A Nice Girl (Fr)</b> <i>(f, 4, Bathyrhon {Ger}--Turgotine {Fr}, by Turgeon)</i> <i>Bred by Pascal Noue &amp; Richard Venn (Fr)</i> <i>Consigned by Pierre-Jean Fertillet</i> <i>Purchased by Marco Bozzi Bloodstock</i>	<b>Horse-in-Training</b>	<b>120,000</b> <b>(€23,000 HRA '20 ARQAUG)</b>
<b>38</b>	<b>Green Dragoness (Fr)</b> <i>(AQPS, m, 6, Enrique {GB}--Nathalie Blue {SF}, by Epervier Bleu {GB})</i> <i>Bred by Suc. M. Bryant, D. Baer Suc. &amp; D. Powell (Fr)</i> <i>Consigned by Haras du Lieu des Champs</i> <i>Purchased by Horse Racing Advisory</i>	<b>Horse-in-Training</b>	<b>90,000</b>
<b>66</b>	<b>Marynder (Fr)</b> <i>(g, 3, Pedro the Great--Verinder, by <i>Hard Spun</i>)</i> <i>Bred by S. McPhee (Fr)</i> <i>Consigned by Joel Boisnard</i> <i>Purchased by Alessandro Marconi</i>	<b>Horse-in-Training</b>	<b>90,000</b> <b>(€22,000 Ylg '20 ARQNOV)</b>
<b>154</b>	<b>Balkis (Fr)</b> <i>(m, 6, Galileo {Ire}--Harmonious, by Dynamformer)</i> <i>Bred by Al Shaqab Racing (Fr)</i> <i>Consigned by Haras de Bouquetot</i> <i>Purchased by MAB Agency</i>	<b>i/f to Bated Breath (GB)</b>	<b>80,000</b>
<b>193</b>	<b>Ghand (Ire)</b> <i>(m, 8, Galileo {Ire}--Landmark, by Arch)</i> <i>Bred by Epona Bloodstock, Ltd. (Ire)</i> <i>Consigned by Haras de Bouquetot</i> <i>Purchased by Epona Bloodstock, Ltd.</i>	<b>i/f to Romanised (Ire)</b>	<b>80,000</b> <b>(500,000gns Ylg '15 TATOCT)</b>

### Chapel Stud Cont. from p1

She added, "We found a farm about half an hour north of where Bucklands was and over the last three years we've slowly been putting in all the relevant needs for horses. I have all sorts of plans going forward but at the moment it is serving every purpose that we need it to serve." [Cont. p4](#)

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“I've got two very nice colts by **Sioux Nation** out of **Jewel in the Sand** and **Xema**. They're both progressing well, are very good movers and should be early types.” **RICHARD HANNON**

“We very much like the **Sioux Nation** colt we have here (ex **Cynthia Calhoun**). He is a strong, well-made individual with a good action and a good mind. He looks every inch a two-year-old type.” **MICHAEL BELL**



“They are sharp precocious sorts (colt ex **Dutch Lily** and filly ex **Queen Grace**). We're very happy with what we've seen so far.” **DAVID O'MEARA**

“I've got two **Sioux Nation** fillies out of **Saturn Girl** and **Scarlet Pimpernel**. They are strong, good rides and are two-year-old types.” **KEN CONDON**



“**Jam Nation** (ex **Holy Cat**) is a strong filly who moves well. She looks very sharp and we feel we won't be waiting long to get her started when the season begins. She has a good appetite towards her work.” **JOHN QUINN**



“I have two lovely 2-year-olds by **Sioux Nation** (colt ex **Scripture** and filly ex **Gold Zain**). They are very nice, athletic types that are doing everything right.” **JESSICA HARRINGTON**



“The fillies out of **Iffraaj Pink** and **Wedding Dress** (**Sydneyarms Chelsea**) are both scopey with good attitudes. They move well, are forward and I'm very happy with their training.” **CHARLIE HILLS**



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# SIoux NATION

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**Chapel Stud Cont.**

Prior to owning her own stud, Close gained experience across the world with time spent at Taylor Made Farm in Kentucky and a 13-year stint at Tweenhills Stud. Along the way she has gained valuable friendships and appreciates the amount of support she has had throughout her career and with setting up her enterprise.

"I'm so lucky that along the way everyone has supported me and backed me and allowed me to get where I am," said Close. "That includes people I've worked for, people I've worked alongside, my family, my friends, they have all allowed me to get where I am."

Having previously owned stallions outright Close knows the financial and physical demands that are required to make a horse successful. Three of the stallions, Planteur, Bangkok and Walzertakt, calling Chapel Stud home are owned by Simon Davies and for Close having a team member like Davies is not

lost on her.

"With the sprint stallions that I stood beforehand everything was always on a budget," Close said. "Simon has really gone in a big way, from advertising to promotions and or sponsorship.

It's been really lovely to deal with someone that has that same kind of passion and really wants to make a success of things."

Spearheading the stallion roster is Planteur, a horse who started his stud career with Al Shaqab and was purchased by Davies in 2020. Trueshan (Fr) is the stallion's classiest offspring and has become a staying star for trainer Alan King. Aside from that multiple group winner, Planteur is also the sire of G2 winner Road To Arc (Fr) and is

operating just shy of 58% winners to runners.

Davies has added National Hunt stallion Walzertakt to his bloodstock portfolio at Chapel Stud having purchased him from Haras de la Croix Sonnet. [Cont. p5](#)

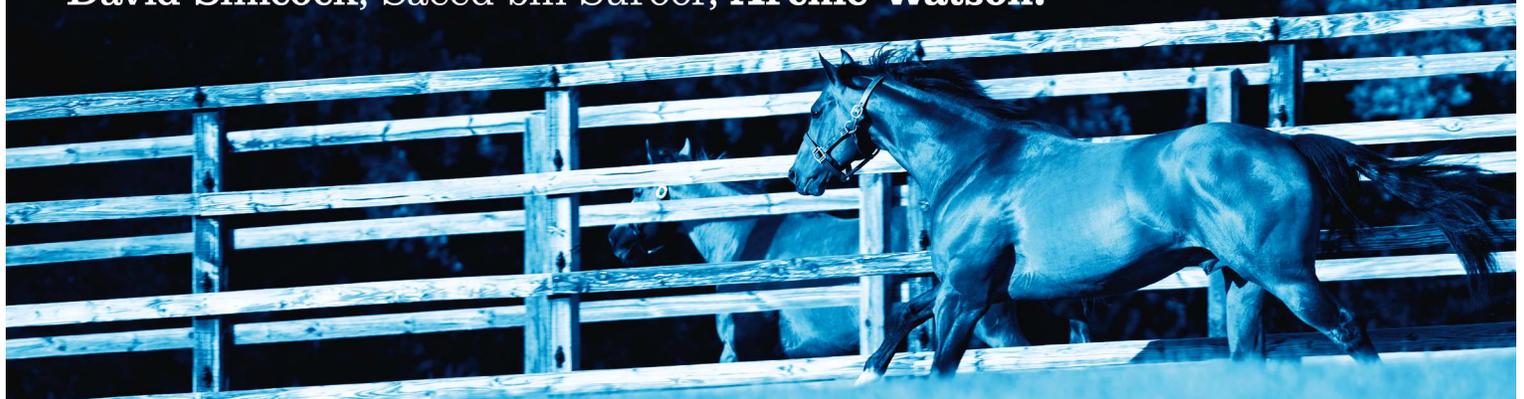


Simon Davies is pictured with Chapel Stud stallion Planteur. The TDN's Alayna Cullen chats with Roisin Close of Chapel Stud. [Click above to view.](#)

# Frankel's **Cracksman**, the Champion racehorse by the Champion sire.

With first-crop juveniles in training with Champion trainers...

Charlie Appleby (two), *Andrew Balding (five)*, Ralph Beckett, *Simon & Ed Crisford (three)*, André Fabre, John & Thady Gosden (three), Francis-Henri Graffard, *William Haggas*, Richard Hannon (three), **Mark & Charlie Johnston (three)**, Jean-Claude Rouget (three), David Simcock, Saeed bin Suroor, **Archie Watson**.



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**Chapel Stud Cont.**

The German-bred Group 2 winner is bred along similar lines to **Camelot** (Ire), being by Montjeu (Ire) out of the Kingmambo (USA) mare Walzerkoenigin (USA) and has yet to be tested with his eldest progeny only being four.

Coming in as a dual-purpose stallion is Bangkok who is standing his first season at stud this year having previously been quite a talking-horse for King Power Racing.

"He's a very attractive, quality son of **Australia** (GB) out of a blue hen mare, Tanaghum (GB)," said Close of the bay horse. "He's a half-brother to Group 1 winner Matterhorn (Ire) and his half-sister Mujarah (Ire) is the dam of Ribchester (Ire). Actually, all of Simon's stallions have looks and temperament as well as an excellent pedigree."

The six-time winner has run over seven furlongs to a mile and a quarter and raced from the age of two to five with international trips under his belt too.



Bangkok retires to Chapel Stud this year | [Racingfotos.com](https://www.racingfotos.com)

"Andrew Balding, who trained him, said 'he was a tough, sound and consistent horse with a stallion's pedigree,'" Close remarked. "He's absolutely the type of horse that people should be embracing to breed racehorses. He should be able to breed you a top-quality horse across the board."

With a bonus scheme available to those breeders who breed his first 2-year-old winner and his first black-type 2-year-old winner it is no wonder that Close is bullish about the type of horse she envisions Bangkok could sire stating that he is a horse who offers "toughness and soundness."

While new stallions bring excitement to any stud farm, Close has a sparkle in her eye talking about her boys new and old with Hellvelyn getting a special mention. With something on offer for everyone, Chapel Stud could continue to grow in stature much like the hills that surround its pastures.

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## EUROPEAN NEWS

### TBA AWARDED OVER £360K TO SUPPORT RACING INDUSTRY

Over £360,000 will be issued to the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association over a three-year period for activities that work towards improving the education provision, equine welfare and environmental sustainability of the UK racing industry. The money will come from the Racing Foundation, the racing industry's charitable grant issuing body.

The plans include funding for further development and delivery of new initiatives within the TBA's Thoroughbred Breeding Industry Training and Qualification Pathway, which provides a formal structure to industry learning--ranging from essential skills at Level 1 through to advanced management training at Level 4. Continued support at Level 1 for the successful Entry to Stud Employment (E2SE) programme in 2022 will ensure that the industry continues to attract new entrants and deliver accessible training. The expansion of content on the TBA's e-learning platform TB-Ed will also enable thoroughbred breeders, enthusiasts and students to improve their knowledge of topics relating to thoroughbred horse care and breeding at their own convenience.

Plans for the third Economic Impact Study will be able to proceed this year to provide further data on which to assess trends from the 2014 and 2018 research. The previous studies, instrumental in the formulation of the TBA's evidence-based strategies to combat industry challenges, resulted in the successful creation and delivery of NHMOPS and subsequent GBB scheme. [Cont. p6](#)

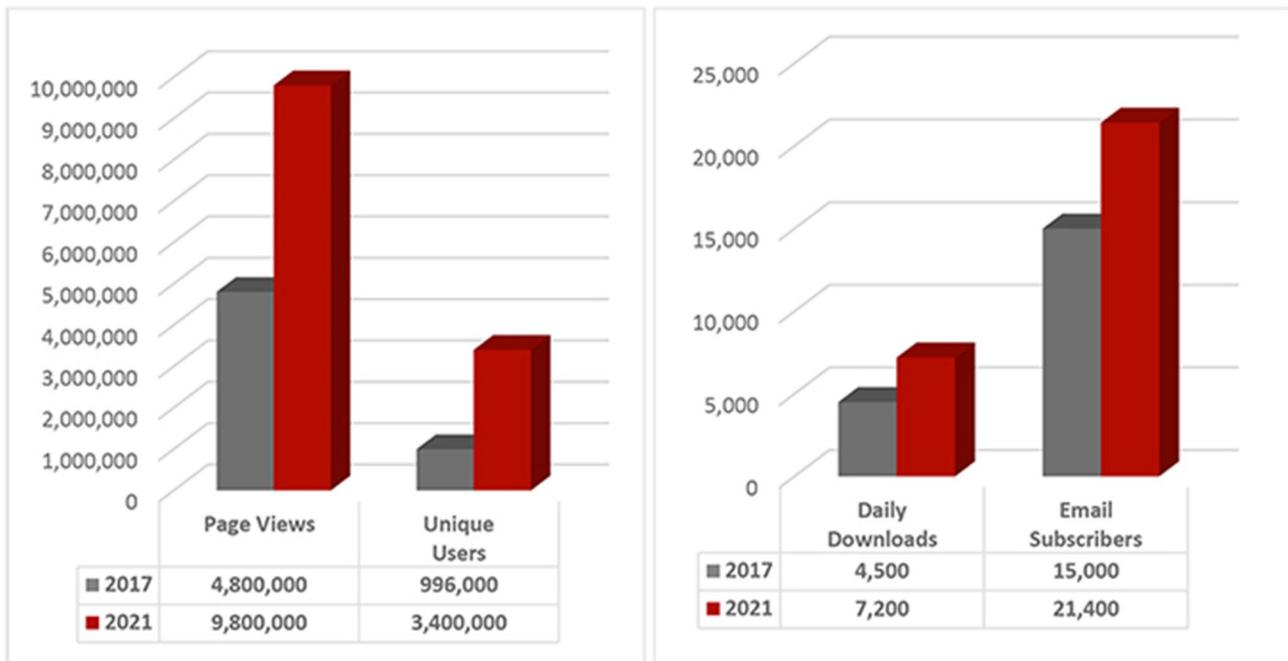
# TWICE THE TRAFFIC, FOUR TIMES THE READERS

## FOUR-YEAR TRENDS AT THE TDN

Recently, we were looking at some four-year trends at the TDN and the news was so good we wanted to share it with you.

The past four years have been turbulent ones, in the world and in the market, and so it was interesting to see just how strong our reader support has been.

### 2017 and 2021 TDN Users Comparison



When comparing our figures to those from **2017**, here's what we found:

Annual pageviews have *more than doubled*.

**2017: 4.8 million**

**2021: 9.8 million**

Annual unique users have *quadrupled*.

**2017: 996,000**

**2021: 3.4 million**

Daily downloads are *up 60 percent*.

**2017: 4,500**

**2021: 7,200**

Email subscribers are the *highest in the industry*.

**2017: 15,000**

**2021: 21,400**

On top of all that, we are showing **4 million** video streams a year, with features on your farms and stallions, podcasts, and interviews. And already, the **January, 2022** traffic to the site is *double* what it was in **January, 2021**.

Of course, we couldn't do any of it without our daily readers and advertisers, so wanted to both bring you the good news, and to say

**THANK YOU** for your steadfast support of the TDN.

Sincerely,  
TeamTDN 

**TBA Awarded £360k Cont.**

TBA Chief Executive Claire Sheppard said, “Equine health and welfare is at the heart of our work at the TBA. By prioritising education and training we can ensure that all our industry participants can continue to deliver the highest standards of equine care.

“Funds from the Racing Foundation will support these key areas, whilst progressing the TBA’s equine welfare strategy which includes improved data collection and analysis, education, traceability and aftercare.

“All of this wouldn’t be possible in the long term without a sustainable environment in which to raise thoroughbreds, hence our commitment to encourage environmental best practice within the industry. The Racing Foundation funded our first award-winning sustainability project last year and we are delighted to be partnering with them again as we develop this work.

“The third Economic Impact Study will also enable us to assess the current state of the industry, whilst identifying possible future challenges and opportunities for the sector.

“We are incredibly grateful for the support of the Racing Foundation in helping us deliver these projects to achieve our five-year goals to improve the operating environment for all participants in the industry.”

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The 2020 E2SE graduation | *The National Stud/Dominic James*

**ITBA NATIONAL BREEDING & RACING AWARDS SCHEDULED FOR FEB. 27**

The 2021 Irish Thoroughbred Breeders’ Association National Breeding & Racing Awards will be held on Sunday, Feb. 27, 2022.

In person for the first time in two years due to the covid pandemic at The Heritage in County Laois, the awards will be live streamed from 10 p.m. local time and are available to view on the [ITBA’s website](#).

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THE BACK NINE

**WITH ARTHUR DOBELL**

**A horse for 2022:** Akhu Najla (GB) (*Kingman {GB}*) with Roger Varian.

**First season or proven:** First season. Success stories last year like Ardad (Ire), Time Test (GB) and *Zarak (Fr)* among others show what an art form picking one is.

**Speed or stamina:** Stamina, on the Flat and especially in National Hunt.

**Eat out or home cooking:** Eating out.

**Rugby or football:** Rugby, although cricket is the sport outside horseracing I really follow.

**Broodmare you wish you owned:** Starlet’s Sister (Ire). She’s achieved so much and she’s only 13.

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Arthur Dobell | Tattersalls

### The Back Nine With Arthur Dobell Cont.

**Ascot or Cheltenham:** Ascot. It has the very best of both codes.

**Town or countryside:** Countryside.

**Wise owl to look up to:** Jane George.

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## BRITAIN

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

**Bruno's Gold (Ire)**, c, 3, **Galileo Gold (GB)**--Please Me (Ire), by Teofilo (Ire). Newcastle, 2-15, 8f 5y (AWT), 1:44.02. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$5,335. B-Tally Ho Stud (IRE). \*32,000gns Ylg '20 TATOCT.

## FRANCE

### Tuesday's Results:

**4th-Chantilly**, €35,000, **Cond**, 2-15, 3yo, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:18.64, st.

**KINGENTLEMAN (GB)** (c, 3, **Kingman {GB}**--Restiadargent {Fr} {MGSW-Fr & G1SP-Eng, \$359,786}, by Kendargent {Fr}), who was dropping back from a mile having broken his maiden at this track over this surface a month previously, broke alertly from his wide draw and soon held the lead. Untroubled in the straight, the 10-1 chance was pushed out to score by half a length from the closer Sicilian Defense (GB) (Muhaarar {GB}). The dam, who captured the G2 Criterium de Maisons-Laffitte and G3 Prix d'Arenberg and was third in the G1 Diamond Jubilee S., has also

produced the Listed Prix de Saint-Patrick winner Restiany (GB) (**Frankel {GB}**). Connected to the G1 Prix de Diane heroine Resless Kara (Fr), she has a 2-year-old full-sister to the winner named Steady Woman (Fr). Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, €33,700.

**Video, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Guy Pariente; B-Guy Pariente Holding (FR); T-Pia & Joakim Brandt.

**3rd-Chantilly**, €27,000, **Debutantes**, 2-15, 3yo, c/g, 9 1/2f (AWT), 1:59.48, st.

**GAIDAR (IRE)** (g, 3, **Churchill {Ire}**--**Grey Lilas {Ire}** {G1SW-Fr, \$553,860}, by Danehill), sent off the 6-4 favourite, was in the front line initially before settling behind the leading duo. Taking time to wind up in the straight, the homebred stayed on strongly when given a smack to hit the front with just over 100 metres remaining en route to a comfortable 1 1/4-length success from Chesterfield (Fr) (Ribchester {Ire}). The top-class dam, who took the G1 Prix du Moulin de Longchamp, was placed in the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches and G1 Prix de Diane. She produced the even better Golden Lilac (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), who captured the Pouliches and Diane and the G1 Prix d'Ispahan, MG1SW-Fr, \$1,479,358, the G3 Japan Racing Association Plate winner Grey Lion (Ire) also by Galileo, GSW-Aus & GSP-Fr, \$621,105, and the Listed Prix de l'Avre scorer Golden Guepard (Ire) (Hurricane Run {Ire}), SW-Fr, \$175,701. Also the second dam of the Listed Prix Gold River winner and G2 Prix de Royallieu and G2 Prix de Pomone runner-up Palombe (Ire) (Nathaniel {Ire}) and related to last year's G3 Prix de Lieurey scorer Cloudy Dawn (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), her 2-year-old colt is by Lope de Vega (Ire). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €13,500. **Video, sponsored by TVG.** O/B-Gestut Ammerland (IRE); T-Andre Fabre.

**5th-Chantilly**, €27,000, **Debutantes**, 2-15, 3yo, f, 9 1/2f (AWT), 1:59.08, st.

**PESHMERGA (GER)** (f, 3, **Counterattack {Aus}**--**Paper Faces**, by **Lemon Drop Kid**), a 19-1 shot, quickly established a comfortable lead. Kicking decisively in early straight, the chestnut maintained the gallop to register a 2 1/2-length verdict over Speechless (Ire) (**Wootton Bassett {GB}**). The winner is the first runner for the dam, whose own dam is a full-sister to Sadler's Wells' Group 1-winning siblings Listen (Ire) and Sequoyah (Ire). The latter produced the four-times Group 1-winning dual Classic hero Henrythenavigator (Kingmambo), while this is also the star-studded family of the Galileo (Ire) pair Cliffs of Moher (Ire) and Magician (Ire) and last year's GI Matriarch S. runner-up Zofelle (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}). Sales history: €9,000 RNA Ylg '20 BBASEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €13,500. **Video, sponsored by TVG.** O-Avedis Damirdjian; B-G Grimish (GER); T-Anne-Sophie Crombez.

**CONDITIONS RESULT:**

**7th-Chantilly, €22,000, 2-15, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:16.61, st.**

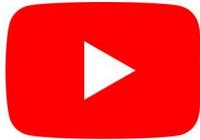
**CROWDFUNDING (FR) (c, 4, Siyouni {Fr}--Vintage Red {Fr}, by Turtle Bowl {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 11-2-3-1, €53,390. O/B-Berend Van Daltsen (FR); T-Mauricio Delcher Sanchez.

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- Maher/Eustacy's Armory Injured**

**AUSTRALIAN GROUP 1 RACES – 2022**

Date	Race	Track
Feb. 19	G1 Black Caviar Lightning S.	Flemington
Feb. 26	G1 Neds Blue Diamond S.	Caulfield
	G1 Neds Oakleigh Plate	Caulfield
	G1 Futurity S.	Caulfield
	G1 TAB Chipping Norton S.	Randwick
	G1 Surround S.	Randwick
Mar. 5	G1 Kennedy Australian Guineas	Flemington
	G1 Randwick Guineas	Randwick
	G1 Canterbury S.	Randwick
Mar. 12	G1 Newmarket H.	Flemington
	G1 TAB Australian Cup	Flemington
	G1 Coolmore Classic	Randwick
Mar. 19	G1 Longines Golden Slipper S.	Rosehill
	G1 George Ryder S.	Rosehill
	G1 Ranvet S.	Rosehill
	G1 The Galaxy	Rosehill
	G1 Rosehill Guineas	Rosehill
Mar. 25	G1 William Reid S.	Moonee Valley
Mar. 26	G1 Tancred S.	Rosehill
	G1 Vinery Stud S.	Rosehill

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