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FEDERAL JUDGE DISMISSES HBPA CONSTITUTIONALITY SUIT VS. HISA



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by T.D. Thornton

A federal judge on Thursday threw out a constitutionality lawsuit initiated one year ago by the National Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (NHBPA) that was designed to keep the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA) from going into effect on July 1, 2022.

"The Court recognizes that HISA's regulatory model pushes the boundaries of public/private Collaboration," wrote United States District Court Judge James Wesley Hendrix in his Mar. 31 Northern District of Texas order. "The Court also acknowledges the dramatic change that HISA imposes nationwide on the Thoroughbred horseracing industry. But that change resulted from a decision of the people through Congress. And despite its novelty, the law as constructed stays within current constitutional limitations as defined by the Supreme Court and the Fifth Circuit."

The NHBPA lawsuit is separate from a similar HISA complaint over alleged constitutional issues brought by racing commissions and attorneys general in a number of opposing states. That case, too, has a motion to dismiss pending.

It was unclear at deadline if an appeal would be in the works. NHBPA chief executive Eric Hamelback, declined an opportunity to comment when contacted Thursday evening by TDN. **Cont. p3**

CORNETT BROTHERS BACK IN A BIG WAY

by Christie DeBernardis

HALLANDALE BEACH, FL--While C2 Racing Stable is in its infancy, its founders, brothers Clint and Mark Cornett, are not new on the racing scene. In fact, Mark Cornett has worked as a racing manager and bloodstock agent for over 25 years and even put together the partnerships that owned champions Blind Luck and Dubai Majesty. He and Clint campaigned horses a decade ago under a different banner.

The Cornett brothers returned to the game just last year under their new moniker with the goal of running in the GI Kentucky Derby. That dream could come true if their colt **White Abarrio** (Race Day) runs well Saturday in the GI **Curlin** Florida Derby at Gulfstream.

"We have actually been in racing a while," said Texas-based Clint Cornett, who was in Florida to attend his colt's big race, as well as Wednesday's Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream Sale. **Cont. p5**

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Jim Gagliano, the president and chief operating officer of The Jockey Club, which has backed the implementation of HISA, emailed a statement to *TDN* that read, in part, “For those long supporting the passage and implementation of the Act, this is a result we have long anticipated ... We look forward to HISA beginning the first prong of its programs to enhance our sport on July 1.”

On Mar. 15, 2021, the NHBPA and 12 of its affiliates sued the Federal Trade Commission, its commissioners, the HISA Authority, and its nominating committee members, bringing claims under the private-nondelegation doctrine, public nondelegation doctrine, Appointments Clause, and the Due Process Clause, seeking to permanently enjoin the defendants from implementing HISA and to enjoin the Nominating Committee members from appointing the Authority’s board of directors.

The plaintiffs also sought declaratory relief, nominal damages for violations of their constitutional rights, compensatory damages for any fees the Authority charges them, and attorneys’ fees and costs.

The FTC and the Authority defendants separately moved to dismiss the complaint Apr. 30. The same day, the horsemen moved for summary judgment on their private-nondelegation

and due-process claims only, abandoning the two other claims.

Hendrix wrote that to declare as unconstitutional any Act of Congress that is adopted by the Legislative Branch and signed into law by the Executive Branch is “one of the gravest powers courts exercise,” and that the NHBPA’s claims failed to meet the standards for doing so.

The judge’s 60-page order continued: “HISA creates a novel regulatory scheme that pairs the expertise of a private, self-regulatory nonprofit entity with the oversight of the FTC. Although modeled on the longstanding and long-upheld self-regulatory schemes found in the securities industry and elsewhere, the parties agree that HISA breaks new ground. And while the private plaintiffs favor nationwide regulation, they allege that HISA’s unconventional structure facially violates the private-nondelegation doctrine under Article I and the Due Process Clause.

“Their concerns are legitimate. But precedent requires only that the private entity function subordinately to the FTC, guided by Congressional standards. And it does: Only the FTC can give proposed rules the force of law and, even then, the FTC can only do so when both it and the private entity adhere to Congress’s instructions. Given the current state of the law and the private entity’s subordination to the FTC, the plaintiffs’ challenge must fail.” **Cont. p4**



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Hendrix wrote that, “The Horsemen allege many abstract constitutional harms but present only two possible concrete injuries”—financial injury arising from the payment of fees and an increased regulatory burden.

“First, the Horsemen fail to show a concrete injury arising from the payment of fees,” Hendrix wrote. “They allege that they will suffer either a direct injury by paying the Authority’s fees themselves or, in the case of a state commission remitting fees to the Authority, indirect injury resulting from state racing commission fees that inevitably must increase if the state commissions pay Authority fees ...

“At this stage, the Horsemen have not shown how the state commissions will react to HISA, so the alleged direct injury--the Authority charging the Horsemen fees--is not certainly impending.

“Likewise, the Horsemen fail to show an indirect financial injury arising from state racing commissions passing on increased fees to the Horsemen. If the state racing commissions choose to remit fees to the Authority, they will continue to collect fees from the Horsemen but then pass the fees along to the Authority. So irrespective of the state commissions’ choices, the Horsemen will be subject to fees under HISA whether they are payable to the state commissions or to the Authority.”



NHBPA president Eric Hamelback | HBPA

The judge continued: “But the Horsemen offer no evidence that HISA will cause existing state fees to increase. And because, under HISA, state racing commissions no longer dictate medication control and racetrack safety regulation, they would have no need to finance those regulatory responsibilities. Accordingly, state racing commission fees may decrease. Adding Authority fees to a decreased rate may not raise the Horsemen’s total financial burden beyond what they currently pay. As of now, there is no evidence detailing the amount of fees the Authority will charge.

“In sum, it remains unclear whether the Horsemen will be required to pay fees to the Authority. Even if they are not, it is uncertain whether state racing commissions will increase the fees the Horsemen owe. Thus, any financial injury is ‘speculative’ at this stage.”

Hendrix wrote that “no one disputes that the Horsemen will be the ‘object’ of regulations adopted under HISA...” But, he added, beyond the presence of impending regulation, “The Horsemen must show an ‘imminent,’ concrete injury to challenge the statutory scheme under which they will be regulated.”

Hendrix wrote that “So far, the defendants in this case have done nothing to ‘aggrieve’ the Horsemen because the Horsemen are not yet subject to any Authority rules. And the proposition that [an] increased regulatory burden typically satisfies the injury-in-fact requirement does not necessarily apply to HISA because the Horsemen allege few facts about their current regulatory burdens.”

Hendrix acknowledged the NHBPA’s argument that the HISA statute itself “renders the FTC a rubber stamp because the FTC has no pre-existing expertise in horseracing and only has 60 days to review proposed rules.”

But, the judge explained, this abnormality “is not fatal. While the Horsemen’s concern is understandable--the parties agree that the FTC lacks pre-existing expertise in Thoroughbred horseracing--neither contention presents an adequate legal basis on a facial challenge to hold that FTC review will automatically prove meaningless.”

Hendrix also wrote that, “Congress has not given away its legislative power under Article I nor violated due process because the Authority does not possess unrestrained and unreviewable power to regulate.” **Cont. p5**

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The judge continued: “The Horsemen also argue that the standing committees--which provide advice to the Board--are infected with self-interest, but their argument fails for similar reasons. Four of the seven members of both committees must be independent and subject to the conflict-of-interest provisions. Only one of the remaining three members may own a covered horse, while the other two industry members must represent other ‘equine constituencies. Both standing committees, however, are subject to the Board’s oversight, which, in turn, is subject to FTC oversight.

“Therefore, no single Authority member wields ‘coercive power” over others,” Hendrix concluded.

To sum up the dismissal, the judge wrote, “The Horsemen are correct that HISA creates a novel structure that nationalizes regulation of the horseracing industry. But they cannot escape the reality that HISA satisfies the current, low thresholds created by Supreme Court and Fifth Circuit precedent.

“Although the Horsemen make compelling arguments that HISA goes too far, only appellate courts may expand or constrict their precedent. This Court cannot. And under current frameworks, HISA stays within constitutional boundaries,” the order stated.

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Cornett Brothers Back in a Big Way cont. from p1

“We used to run under Turf Express in the early 2000s,” Cornett continued. “In 2021, we decided to get back in the game and started C2 Racing Stable. We had been out of it since 2010. I called Mark in the middle of 2021 and said 'Let's get back in'. I had a personal goal to run on the First Saturday in May and I told Mark to find us a horse. Little did I know, the second one we purchased is potentially going to be the horse.”

The Cornett brothers grew up in Texas and traveled to Louisiana to attend the races in their youth.

“Out of high school in the late eighties, we would head to Louisiana Downs from Dallas to watch the races,” Clint Cornett said. “It peaked our interest in becoming owners and we are pretty passionate about it.”

Their current stable is comprised of about 10 horses, most based at Gulfstream with Saffie Joseph, Jr. However, they do have a few at Oaklawn with Chris Hartman.

“Most of them are private purchases,” Clint Cornett said of their string. “We claim a few here and there and bought a filly [Wednesday] at the Gulfstream auction.”

That filly was **Hip 83**, a \$250,000 daughter of the late Laoban. Consigned by Randy Bradshaw, she breezed in **:10 1/5**.

“Mark identified her and we were lucky enough to get her,” Clint Cornett said. “She will go to a training facility in Ocala until about August and then come back to the track.” **Cont. p6**



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"Mark was at the track and saw him break his maiden at Gulfstream," Clint Cornett said. "He called me and said, 'I just saw this horse run and I think we need to pull the trigger on him.' We talked to the owners and we were able to put together a private purchase. Luckily they were willing to sell."

Part of the original ownership group, La Milagrosa, stayed in for a small piece and the colt was transferred to Joseph. He wired a one-mile optional claimer at Gulfstream in his first start for C2 Racing Stable Oct. 29 and finished third next out in the GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. at Churchill Downs Nov. 27.

"He won his first start for us at Gulfstream, then we shipped

him up to Churchill to run in the Jockey Club because we wanted to get him a run over that track," Clint Cornett said. "That was his first time going two turns as well. He did not have the cleanest of trips. He got in some trouble, but we were pleased with the effort. It showed us everything we needed to know going forward."

White Abarrio called it a season after that effort and made his sophomore debut back in Hallandale Beach in the GIII Holy Bull S. Feb. 5. Dispatched at 6-1, the gray pressed the pace early and drew off to win by 4 1/2 lengths over next-out GII Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth S. victor Simplification (**Not This Time**), who also runs back here (**video**).

"He ran very well in the Holy Bull," Clint Cornett said. "You

have to have some racing luck and he got a clean trip. Prior to that race, he missed two works because he got ill, so we did not know how he was going to perform." **Cont. p7**



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“He came out of that race well, but we decided to give him a few weeks off since he had been a little sick prior to the Holy Bull,” Cornett added. “We wanted to give his body time to recover. That is one reason we skipped the Fountain of Youth, but he has been training well into the Florida Derby.”

The businessman added, “He had a slight fever about a week and a half ago for a day or two, but that broke. He did a quick little blowout on Tuesday [three furlongs in :34 4/5] for the race

on Saturday.”

Cornett said he is raring to go ahead of Saturday's big race and feels good about White Abarrio's chances.

“We feel pretty confident,” he said. “We feel he is a versatile horse with good tactile speed. We have Tyler [Gaffalione] aboard him and have all the confidence in Tyler that he will put him in a great position to be successful.”

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ONE STEP FORWARD, ONE BACK IN BAFFERT'S DERBY-DRIVEN LEGAL ODYSSEY

by T.D. Thornton

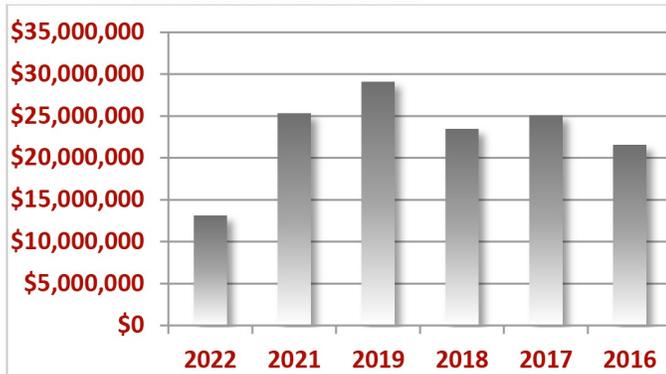
A federal judge on Thursday granted Bob Baffert the expedited preliminary injunction hearing the trainer is seeking in his fight to overturn a private-property ban by Churchill Downs, Inc. (CDI). But getting that hearing on the docket is only one step in a complicated, deadline-driven legal process in the Hall of Famer's longshot quest to try to be able to saddle horses in the GI Kentucky Derby.

The just-assigned Apr. 15 date for the hearing in United States District Court (Western District of Kentucky, Louisville Division) will come 22 days before the Derby. **Cont. p8**

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2019	187	100	59	46.5%	59.0%	31.6%	\$29,115,000	\$493,475
2018	165	91	61	55.2%	67.0%	37.0%	\$23,495,000	\$385,164
2017	162	87	74	46.3%	85.1%	45.7%	\$25,115,000	\$339,392
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* The 2020 Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream Sale was cancelled due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

But even if the federal judge ends up issuing an order that lifts CDI's two-year ban of Baffert over his repeated equine medication violations while that case gets heard in full, Baffert still faces a separate--and steep--legal hurdle in the form of an under-appeal 90-day suspension imposed by the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission (KHRC) because of a betamethasone positive in Medina Spirit, his now-deceased 2021 Derby winner.

Baffert is separately fighting that commission-level suspension in the Kentucky Court system, and Mar. 31 brought yet another technical twist to an already confusing plot.

The KHRC's Thursday filing in Kentucky's Court of Appeals was a motion to dismiss Baffert's appeal of a Franklin Circuit Court decision not to grant the trainer a stay or temporary injunction that would have kept the suspension and a \$7,500 fine from going into effect while the KHRC's own appeals process plays out.



Bob Baffert | *Benoit*

Here's a boiled-down sequence of what's transpired over the past six weeks in the KHRC case:

On Feb. 21, the KHRC issued Medina Spirit's dirty-test rulings against Baffert (the suspension and fine) and owner Amr Zedan (a DQ from the Derby and loss of purse winnings). Baffert and Zedan then appealed at the commission level; the appeal was granted, but on Feb. 25 a request for a stay of the penalties while the appeal played out was denied by the KHRC's executive director, Marc Guilfoil. So Baffert and Zedan took the matter to the Franklin court Feb. 28.

On Mar. 2, the Franklin judge said he would hold off on a full court hearing to decide the stay and/or injunction until after the full KHRC board had a chance to vote on the stay instead of just relying on the executive director's say-so.

On Mar. 4, the KHRC board voted 10-0 Mar. 4 to deny the stays of penalties in accordance with the decision Guilfoil had already made. Franklin Circuit Court then took up the hearing

Mar. 17.

Then on Mar. 21, the Franklin judge **denied the request** to force the KHRC to impose any sort of stay, writing in an order that "A temporary injunction is an extraordinary remedy" that the court would not grant.

Baffert and Zedan then decided to **kick the Franklin court's denial up** to the higher Court of Appeals on Mar. 24.

Then, one day later, the Court of Appeals judge **raised the issue** of whether the underlying Franklin Court appeal originated in the correct venue in the first place. The question that judge wants answered drills down to whether or not the initial appeal of the KHRC's denial of a stay should have been heard in Jefferson County (where the Derby itself is run), Fayette County (where the KHRC's offices are headquartered), or Franklin County (where the Kentucky Public Protection Cabinet, the KHRC's parent organization, is housed).

Now, the Mar. 31 KHRC motion to dismiss asks another layer to the case by asserting that Baffert and Zedan's "failure to follow the proper procedures set forth in [state law] divested Franklin Circuit Court of jurisdiction over their appeal."

In plain language, the "subject-matter jurisdiction" technicality that the KHRC raises has to do with the timing of when Baffert and Zedan filed their Franklin County appeal: It was after Guilfoil issued his no-stay determination via letter, but before the full KHRC board had voted to deny the stay. Failing to amend their filing to reflect that distinction makes Baffert and Zedan's complaint "defective," the KHRC is arguing.

"A defective Complaint can cause a case to be dismissed for lack of subject matter jurisdiction," the KHRC's motion to dismiss states.

"Movants' failure is more than form over substance," the motion to dismiss states. "Movants have failed to properly place into the record the steps that are required by [state law]. Even their request for injunctive relief fails to mention the Commission's Final Order."

Baffert's court fights are taking place against the backdrop of contingency plans that have involved **transferring his Derby contenders** to other trainers. This will allow those horses to try and earn qualifying points and enter the Derby in the event Baffert can't get judges to overturn both the CDI ban and also impose a stay on his KHRC suspension in time for the May 7 first leg of the Triple Crown.

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FEDS FIGHT FISHMAN ATTEMPT TO MERGE CONVICTED COUNTS

by T.D. Thornton

Federal prosecutors on Wednesday filed a formal opposition to convicted veterinarian Seth Fishman's recent attempt to dismiss Count One of his two racehorse doping convictions. Fishman is arguing that he was essentially tried twice for the same crime, because the first count was contained within the second, much broader conspiracy.

The feds see it differently: "While there are notable foundational similarities between the two conspiracies, namely, the aim of moving drugs interstate to corruptly improve racehorse performance, the focus and scale of each conspiracy differed significantly," stated the government's Mar. 30 filing in United States District Court (Southern District of New York).

Fishman was **convicted Feb. 2** and faces 20 years in prison upon sentencing May 5. His "multiplicity" motion **from Mar. 8** aims to get his two convictions merged so that only a single sentence will be imposed.

Fishman, along with six other veterinarians, 11 trainers, and nine others, was charged in 2020 with being a key figure in an international network of purported performance-enhancing drug (PED) suppliers who allegedly conspired to dope racehorses in New York, New Jersey, Florida, Ohio, Kentucky, and the United Arab Emirates.

Count One alleged a four-year conspiracy (2016-20) with Jorge Navarro, Erica Garcia, Marcos Zulueta, Michael Tannuzzo, Christopher Oakes and unnamed others. Count Two alleged a broad, 18-year conspiracy (2002-20) with Lisa Giannelli, Jordan Fishman, Rick Dane, Jr., and unnamed others based on Fishman's Florida online drug-peddling portal.

"The Fishman and Navarro conspiracies differed in many major aspects," the filing stated. "In short, the Navarro Conspiracy was focused on the administration and success of Navarro's doped racehorses, which were drugged using PEDs from a multitude of sources. The Fishman Conspiracy, by contrast, centered on Fishman's business operations through his company, Equestology, through which he created, produced, marketed, and sold a multitude of drugs..."

"Fishman's role was different in each conspiracy," the feds explained. "Fishman was a supporting player in the Navarro Conspiracy; he was not Navarro's sole supplier, as Navarro procured drugs from a number of different individuals, both veterinarians and laypeople. Nor did Fishman occupy a leadership role in the Navarro Conspiracy, as shown by all the evidence adduced at trial.

"Conversely, Fishman undeniably helmed the Fishman Conspiracy, with substantial direction and support from Giannelli, who independently managed significant aspects of the

Fishman Conspiracy, and played no role in the Navarro conspiracy. Thus, any overlap in participants is of minimal relevance considering the leadership and membership of Counts One and Two."



Seth Fishman | Bryan Smith

The timing of the crimes is another issue raised by prosecutors.

"The Fishman Conspiracy lasted for approximately two decades, while the Navarro Conspiracy took place in just a few years of that time period. The Government charged both conspiracies simultaneously; as such, this factor does not meaningfully support a double jeopardy challenge," the opposition filing stated.

"Even basic similarities in operations or goals--i.e., racehorse doping--do not necessarily collapse two separate counts into one where there are such striking differences in the goals and personnel involved in these operations."

Fishman had argued differently: "As relevant here, a multiplicitous indictment 'charges the same crime in two counts,' when 'only one crime has been committed' in 'law and fact,'" his Mar. 8 filing stated. "The government thus presented an integrated, 'overall' agreement with one primary object--trafficking in prohibited substances designed to boost racehorse performance and avoid regulatory detection--that violated a 'single statute' over a lengthy period."

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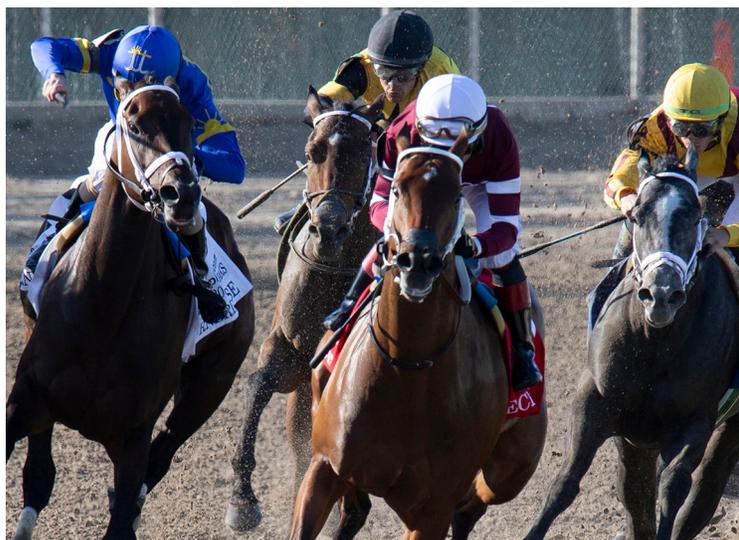
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TDN KENTUCKY OAKS TOP 10 FOR APR. 1



Echo Zulu | Hodges Photography

by Bill Finley

The big story last week was the return of Eclipse Award winner **Echo Zulu (Gun Runner)** in the GII Twinspires.com Fair Grounds Oaks, which she won by a nose over **Hidden Connection (Connect)** to stay unbeaten in five career starts. There will be plenty going on Saturday, with **Secret Oath (Arrogate)** **stepping outside of her division** to take on males in the GI Arkansas Derby and **Kathleen O. (Upstart)** looking to stay hot in the GII Gulfstream Park Oaks. A GI Kentucky Oaks contender could also come out of the \$250,000 Bourbonette Oaks at Turfway.

1) SECRET OATH (Arrogate--Absinthe Minded, by Quiet American) O-Briland Farm; B-Briland Farm, Robert & Stacy Mitchell (KY); T-D. Wayne Lukas. Lifetime Record: GSW, 5-3-0-1, \$285,167. Last Start: 1st GIII Honeybee S. Next Start: GI Arkansas Derby, OP, Apr. 2. KY Oaks Points: 60.

This could be the last week that Secret Oath is included in our Oaks rankings as there's a strong chance that after Saturday she will be off the Oaks trail and instead on her way to the GI Kentucky Derby. How she performs in the Arkansas Derby will likely decide just that. Should she beat the boys Saturday, it's

hard to imagine that trainer Wayne Lukas and owners Rob and Stacy Mitchell won't take what would be the next logical step and go in the Derby.

The Secret Oath team has found the perfect spot to test their star filly against males. She's the 5-2 morning-line favorite in a \$1.25-million race and will likely go off lower than that versus what is not a particularly strong group of male rivals. She is the only horse in the race to run a Beyer number in the 90s, something she has done twice. They have nothing to lose by trying this. Should she win, she would likely be on track for the Derby. If she falls short, they can go back to Plan A and run in the Oaks. A fascinating story. Will be fun to see how this plays out Saturday.

2) ECHO ZULU (Gun Runner--Letgomyecho, by Menifee) 'TDN Rising Star' O-L and N Racing LLC & Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Betz/J. Betz/Burns/CHNNHK/Magers/CoCo Equine/Ramsby (KY); T-Steve Asmussen. Sales History: \$300,000 ylg '20 KESEP. Lifetime Record: Ch. 2yo Filly, MGISW, 5-5-0-0, \$1,720,000. Last Start: 1st GII Twinspires.com Fair Grounds Oaks. Next Start: GI Longines Kentucky Oaks, May 6, Churchill Downs. KY Oaks Points: 130.

What should we make of her narrow win Saturday in the Fair Grounds Oaks? It's not an easy question to answer. On the one hand, it was her first start after a lengthy layoff and trainer Steve Asmussen had been saying all along that he hadn't really cranked his filly up just yet. She also showed some grit and determination to prevail over a quality rival in Hidden Connection. All signs point to her running better in the Oaks. Then again...weren't you expecting more?

She is a champion and a GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies winner and some thought she might be better than the best of the boys. It wasn't unreasonable to expect that she would trash her rivals, win by six or seven while crossing the wire with her ears pricked. It's also worth noting that she got an 88 Beyer, making this the slowest race of her career. She is the 5-2 favorite in the Oaks Future Wager. Not all great 2-year-olds turn into great 3-year-olds. The jury is out. **Cont. p11**

3) ADARE MANOR (Uncle Mo--Brooklynsway, by Giant's Causeway) O-Michael Lund Petersen; B-Town & Country Horse Farms, LLC & Gary Broad (KY); T-Tim Yakteen. Sales History: \$180,000 ylg '20 FTKFEB; \$190,000 RNA ylg '20 FTKSEL; \$375,000 2yo '21 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: GSW, 4-2-1-0, \$56,600. Last Start: 1st GIII Las Virgenes S. Next Start: GII Santa Anita Oaks, SA, Apr. 9. KY Oaks Points: 0.



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Unraced since romping by 13 lengths in the GIII Las Virgenes S. on Feb. 6 at Santa Anita, she has been transferred to the barn of former Bob Baffert assistant Tim Yakteen. Owner Michael Lund Petersen was forced to make the move because it looks like Baffert will not be eligible to start any horses in the Oaks due to his problems stemming from the betamethasone positive from last year's Derby.

Because Baffert-trained horses were not eligible to earn Kentucky Oaks points, Adare Manor doesn't have any yet. But that shouldn't be a problem. She will be the heavy favorite next week in the GII Santa Anita Oaks and a win or even a second-place finish there should get her to the Kentucky Oaks. A daughter of **Uncle Mo**, she took a little while to get good, but started to put things together when winning a Jan. 7 maiden at Santa Anita by 12 lengths. With two straight Beyer numbers of 94, she has the top figures so far among any of the fillies eyeing the Kentucky Oaks.



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4) KATHLEEN O. (Upstart--Quaver, by Blame) O-Winggate Stables, LLC; B-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd. & Bridlewood Farm (KY); T-Shug McGaughey. Sales History: \$8,000 wlg '19 KEENOV; \$50,000 ylg '20 OBSOCT; \$275,000 2yo '21 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: GSW, 3-3-0-0, \$226,280. Last Start: 1st GII Davona Dale S. **Cont. p12**

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Next Start: GII Gulfstream Park Oaks, GP, Apr. 2. KY Oaks Points: 50.

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She's 3-for-3 and has been visually impressive in each of her starts. She passed a big test last out when beating graded company for the first time in the GII Davona Dale S., which she won by two lengths. She takes her time to get going in her races, but when she does she launches a kick that is something to see.

Hard to imagine she originally sold for just \$8,000 at the 2019 Keeneland November sale before selling for \$50,000 at the OBS October Yearling Sale and then for \$250,000 at the 2021 OBS April Sale.

She'll stretch out from a one-turn mile to a two-turn mile-and-sixteenth Saturday in the GII Gulfstream Park Oaks, but that doesn't figure to be a problem. If anything, the two turns and the longer distance should result in an improved effort. On the Beyer scale, she's improving. Went from a 67 in debut to a 78 in the Cash Run S. to an 85 in the Davona Dale. She'll need to up her numbers to win the Kentucky Oaks, but no reason why an improving filly in the hands of Hall of Fame trainer Shug McGaughey can't do just that.

5) NEST (Curlin--Marion Ravenwood, by A.P. Indy) O-Repole Stable, Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners & Michael House; B-Ashview Farm & Colts Neck Stables (KY); T-Todd Pletcher. Sales History: \$350,000 ylg '20 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSW, 4-3-0-1, \$265,000. Last Start: 1st Suncoast S. Next Start: GI Central Bank Ashland S., KEE, Apr. 8. KY Oaks Points: 20.

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Trained by Todd Pletcher, Nest is the winner of last year's GII Demoiselle S. at Aqueduct, which has emerged as a key race. Nest came back to win the Suncoast S. at Tampa Bay Downs and runner-up Venti Valentine (Firing Line) won the Busher S. at Aqueduct. Magic Circle (Kantharos) also emerged from that race to win a stakes and Nostalgic (Medaglia d'Oro) recently romped in an allowance race at Gulfstream. Nest won the Demoiselle by just a neck, but obviously beat some good horses. Didn't prove much when beating inferior rivals as the 3-10 favorite in the last, but did what was required of her.

Goes next in the GI Ashland S. at Keeneland, which will be a much tougher test. This is a good one. Very much a contender to win the Kentucky Oaks.

6) HAPPY SOUL (Runhappy--Cowgirl Lucky, by Stephen Got Even) O-Gayla Rankin; B-Harris Training Center, LLC (KY); T-Wesley Ward. Sales History: \$50,000 ylg '20 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: MSW, 4-3-1-0, \$238,500. Last Start: 1st Dixie Belle S. Next Start: Next Start: GI Central Bank Ashland S., KEE, Apr. 8. KY Oaks Points: 0.

Wesley Ward certainly knows what he is doing and he is confident that this very fast daughter of Runhappy can stretch her speed around two turns.

"We're going to take it one race at a time and see how she runs in the Ashland before deciding on the Kentucky Oaks," Ward said. "She had an awesome work over the Keeneland main track (six furlongs in 1:12) the other day. [Exercise rider] Julio Garcia was beaming after the work. He was going crazy when he got off her."

The Ashland will be a huge test. Even though Happy Soul has won her last three starts by a combined 26 1/4 lengths, she's never gone beyond six furlongs. Has a ton of ability. The distance is the only question, and it's a big one.

7) HIDDEN CONNECTION (Connect--C J's Gal, by Awesome Again) O-Hidden Brook Farm & Black Type Thoroughbreds; B-St. Simon Place (KY); T-W. Bret Calhoun. Sales History: \$49,000 RNA wlg '19 KEENOV; \$40,000 ylg '20 KEESEP; \$55,000 RNA 2yo '21 OBSAPR; \$85,000 2yo '21 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: GSW, 5-2-1-0, \$399,525. Last Start: 2nd GII Twinpires.com Fair Grounds Oaks. Next Start: GI Longines Kentucky Oaks, May 6, Churchill Downs. KY Oaks Points: 57.

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She dropped off the list after finishing fourth in the GII Rachel Alexandra S. in her 3-year-old debut. After losing by just a nose to champion Echo Zulu in the Fair Grounds Oaks, she is back. Showed a new dimension in the Fair Grounds Oaks, closing from fourth after taking the early lead in her prior start. But...was she that good or did Echo Zulu put in a sub-par performance?



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Showed a lot of promise last year when winning the GIII Pocahontas S. by 9 1/4 lengths, but didn't back that up when a distant fourth in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies. Probably not quite as talented as the top three or four on this list, but is a solid filly, a graded stakes winner and is in the capable hands of trainer Bret Calhoun.

8) VENTI VALENTINE (Firing Line--Glory Gold, by Medaglia d'Oro) O-NY Final Furlong Racing Stable & Parkland Thoroughbreds; B-Final Furlong Racing Stable & Maspeth Stable (NY); T-Jorge Abreu. Lifetime Record: MSW & GSP, 4-3-1-0, \$366,250. Last Start: 1st Busher Invitational S. Next Start: GIII Gazelle S., AQU, Apr. 9. KY Oaks Points: 54.

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Will look to give up-and-coming trainer Jorge Abreu his first graded stakes win. A native of the Dominican Republic, Abreu has been training only since 2016 and had his best year ever when his stable earned over \$2 million in 2021. Abreu has served as the assistant to John Terranova, Nick Zito and Chad Brown.

This New York-bred filly won a pair of state-bred races last year before losing by just a neck to Nest in the Demoiselle. She followed that up with a blowout seven-length win in the Busher S., which was a tougher spot than one would ordinarily expect from a non-graded race. In most any other year would be a top three or four contender for the Kentucky Oaks, but not among this loaded group.

9) SHAHAMA (Munnings--Private Feeling, by Belong to Me) 'TDN Rising Star' O-KHK Racing; B-SF Bloodstock LLC (KY); T-Todd Pletcher. Sales History: \$425,000 2yo '21 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: GSW-UAE, \$223,670. Last Start: 1st G3 UAE Oaks. Next Start: GI Longines Kentucky Oaks, May 6, Churchill Downs. KY Oaks Points: 50.

Arrived in the Pletcher barn after winning the G3 UAE Oaks on Feb. 18 for trainer Fawzi Nass and owner KHK Racing. Is 4-for-4 in her career, with all her races coming in Dubai. Half-sister to champion **Lookin At Lucky** (Smart Strike) sold for \$425,000 last year as a 2-year-old at OBS April. Really hard to get a read on her. Cost a lot and obviously has some talent, but there's no telling how the competition she faced in Dubai stacks up to what she'll meet in the Kentucky Oaks. Is going to have to be very good to beat the kind of field she is set to face at Churchill Downs. **Cont. p13**

10) CLASSY EDITION (Classic Empire--Newbie, by Bernardini) 'TDN Rising Star' O-Robert E & Lawana L Low; B-Chester & Mary R. Broman (KY); T-Todd Pletcher. Sales history: \$550,000 2yo '21 FTMMAY. Lifetime Record: MSW & GSP, 4-3-1-0, \$223,450. Last Start: 2nd GII Davona Dale S. Next Start: GIII Gazelle S., Aqu, Apr. 9. KY Oaks Points: 20.

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The third of three Pletcher-trained fillies to make the list. Bought for \$550,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2-year-old sale, the filly showed something when second to the highly regarded Kathleen O. In the Davona Dale. Another New York-bred, she has never run beyond a mile or around two turns, so the Gazelle at nine furlongs, should be a good test for her. Appears to be on the improve, but needs to show more to win the Kentucky Oaks.

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A NEW LOOK TO THE KEENELAND APRIL SALE: Q AND A WITH TONY LACY

by Sue Finley



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Keeneland recently announced that its April Horses of Racing Age Sale will take place on closing day of its spring meet, Apr. 29, at the conclusion of the day's racing. Not to be confused with their prior April 2-year-olds-in-training sale, there will be no breeze show, and breeding stock and stallion shares will also be accepted. The sale will, according to Vice President of Sales Tony Lacy, be a mostly traditional "live" sale with a "hybrid" aspect, offering sellers the opportunity to offer their horses from wherever they already are. TDN Publisher Sue Finley sat down with Lacy to talk about the April Sale and its format. **Cont. p14**

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Q: Let's start with some basics. Explain the format of this sale and the types of offerings you'll have.

TL: The sale starts at 6:30 in the evening on the last day of the race meet. We expect we'll have about 75 to 100 horses. The initial entry deadline is Apr. 1, but we'll be continuing to take supplements to ensure we have a nice, even offering of quality stock that is appealing to the customer base that enjoys these sales. For a period of time we had an April 2-year-old sale but it's important to note that this is a horses of racing age sale. People have been asking, 'when is the breeze show?' There is no breeze show. This is not a 2-year-old sale. We're sensitive to the fact that a lot of consignors are dealing with other sales in different parts of the country during that period of time. For them to ship up a consignment at this time of the year was not practical. OBS has their major sale at that time, and for a lot of the consignors down there, it's important for them, and we appreciate that. So last year, we created the horses-of-racing-age sale towards the end of the meet, and we've been focusing on that synergistic feeling between racing and sales. This is a good time of the year, at a transitional time in the calendar, as owners and trainers transition from down South--from Florida, Louisiana, Oaklawn--and they're moving north. Sometimes they've got horses that they want to trade out or if they won a maiden impressively, there's an opportunity to monetize their share in that horse, or for people to restock after a winter off with conditions or stakes horses. It's a great time to do so before they do relocate up to New York, or even stay here in Kentucky, where the purse structure and the racing jurisdiction have become more powerful and more viable.

Q: You have said that you'll allow sellers to sell horses remotely. Can you explain the process and how it will work for both buyers and sellers?

TL: Yes, and we've done this before successfully. There may be horses who have already been at Belmont, for example, so we will provide video, obviously X-rays in the repository, all the scope reports, the Rags, and everything that they normally get if the horse were here. In that example, the prospective buyers can inspect them on the grounds at Belmont Park to get a physical view of those horses. I would describe it as a hybrid model, where we are able to use the online bidding aspect of our sale, where people are able to bid remotely but the horse may or may not be here itself. So if somebody felt like they didn't want to ship the horse down, he just ran two days ago, and they'd prefer we just sell him where he is, we can still sell the horse with all of the information or all of the access as if the horse is here in person.

Q: Let's talk timing for a minute. The sale is positioned the week before the Derby and the Oaks. I'm sure that's not a coincidence. Can you imagine someone taking advantage of that optimal timing, and basically offering a place in the Derby starting gate to someone?

TL: That is key. People's demand and wish to have participation in a Derby runner is growing. There's a lot of private trade and we understand that. An auction environment is one that allows more transparency and more openness. That gets people excited, and it lends the potential for a seller be able to capitalize on this. Eight days before the Derby, they could sell a portion, 25% for example, of their horse that would allow somebody that is really passionate to get involved. And as we look at partnerships and how they've evolved over the last number of years, people are more open and willing to partner on horses and that's something that we want to embrace as well. Obviously, we have a race meeting all the way through April. Last year, there were 2-year-olds who won at the meet--amazing winners that were entered in the sale.

Q: Is there anything you want to add that I haven't asked you?

TL: We're really excited to host the April sale this year. Between the racing in the afternoon and the sale in the evening, it will be a fantastic experience for our clients and really represents everything that Keeneland embodies and the full-circle nature of our business. In fact, any horses in training on the Keeneland grounds will receive saddle pads with their hip number so people can watch these horses train in the morning. We're putting a ton of emphasis on this segment of the market--you saw it in November and again in April--and we think it will be well received and has plenty of growth potential.

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BRITISH BOOKMAKER FITZDARES TO OPEN IN TORONTO

Fitzdares, the British bookmaker that has been taking bets since 1882, will have a North American launch in the coming weeks with the opening of an Ontario operation. Fitzdares received its iGaming Operator Registration from the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) this month. **Cont. p15**

Subject to final approvals, Fitzdares will be one of the first sports betting and iCasino operators to have its registration approved by the AGCO. Canada will join the United Kingdom and Ireland to become the third country where Fitzdares operates real-money online gaming.

“We are truly excited to be launching the Fitzdares experience in Ontario in the coming months,” said Fitzdares CEO William Woodhams. “Receiving our AGCO licence is a landmark achievement for the business. There will be huge competition in this newly regulated market, but we feel our more premium and customer-focused experience will be an ideal fit.”

The Toronto Fitzdares Club--a members’ club, similar to ones in London’s Mayfair district and in Cheltenham--will open its doors in Toronto next year. Prospective members in Ontario may preregister their interest and receive launch updates at [Fitzdares.ca](https://www.fitzdares.ca).

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AQUEDUCT WINTER MEET GENERATES \$358M IN HANDLE

The 2021-22 Aqueduct winter meet, which ran from Dec. 9, 2021 through Mar. 27, 2022, generated all-sources handle of \$358,836,940, a 2.5% increase over the 2020-21 winter meet, NYRA announced Thursday. That figure was achieved despite running four fewer race days than 2020-21. Originally scheduled to be held over 56 days, NYRA was forced to cancel six race days during the 2021-22 winter meet due to adverse weather conditions. As a result, the winter meet was contested over 50 live race days.

Average daily handle for the 2021-22 winter meet was \$7,176,739, a 10.7% increase over 2020-21. Since 2018-2019, average daily handle at the Aqueduct winter meet has risen 28.3%. On-track handle, which includes wagering from New York residents utilizing NYRA Bets, was \$35,667,627, a 43.3 percent increase over the 2020-21 meet, which was held without on-track spectators due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Average field size over the 438 races was 7.38, which compares with 7.25 for the 2020-21 winter meet.

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ANNUAL ZENYATTA CELEBRATION TO BEGIN FRIDAY

Lane’s End Farm and Team Zenyatta will hold the Annual Zenyatta Celebration beginning Friday, Apr. 1, after being postponed from last November. A limited edition celebration sticker featuring Zenyatta (Street Cry {Ire}) will be available beginning Friday, the date of Zenyatta’s birth in 2004. The vinyl stickers will be available for two weeks in the [Lane’s End gift shop](#).

Each purchase of a sticker will include an automatic entry into a raffle to meet Zenyatta in person, with 10 individuals winning a visit. The winners will be drawn live on Facebook Apr. 15, with the farm also going live on Facebook Apr. 1 at 2 p.m. ET to celebrate Zenyatta’s birthday.

Lane’s End will donate 100% of the proceeds from the celebration stickers to the Secretariat Center.

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NHBPA FOUNDATION ASSISTS NEBRASKA HORSEMEN IMPACTS BY EHV-1

The National HBPA Foundation, the world’s largest Thoroughbred horsemen’s organization, is coming to the assistance of Nebraska horsemen whose horses have been quarantined since March 10 following an outbreak of Equine herpesvirus-1 (EHV-1) by making a per-horse monetary donation to every owner and trainer impacted by the lockdown in two barns at Fonner Park.

The Nebraska HBPA also is providing the impacted owners and trainers a per-horse amount of money to use toward expenses that continue to accrue while their horses are prevented from racing. About 110 horses, which includes a handful of stable ponies, have been impacted. Nebraska HBPA President Garald “Wally” Wollesen said about 90 horses that were potentially exposed to the virus but have negative test results are housed in one large barn, while 20 others that tested positive were moved to an arena set up with temporary stalls.

Wollesen said he was told that, if all goes well, the horses in the large barn could be released from the quarantine setting later this week.

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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Not This Time (2014) by <i>Giant's Causeway</i> Crops: 3	3	5	2	4	--	--	29	11	880,000	1,814,353
				Stands: Taylor Made Farm KY Fee: \$45,000						Epicenter	
2	Gun Runner (2013) by <i>Candy Ride (Arg)</i> Crops: 2	3	9	2	5	--	--	49	11	240,000	1,229,613
				Stands: Three Chimneys Farm KY Fee: \$125,000						Echo Zulu	
3	Munnings (2006) by <i>Speightstown</i> Crops: 9	5	7	2	3	--	--	27	12	291,200	1,193,226
				Stands: Coolmore Ashford KY Fee: \$85,000						Zozos	
4	Twirling Candy (2007) by <i>Candy Ride (Arg)</i> Crops: 8	1	1	1	1	--	--	20	7	940,000	1,182,118
				Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$60,000						Pinehurst	
5	Laoban (2013) by <i>Uncle Mo</i> Crops: 3	3	4	1	1	--	--	27	10	650,000	1,159,706
				Stands: WinStar Farm USA (Dead/Retired)						Un Ojo	
6	Quality Road (2006) by <i>Elusive Quality</i> Crops: 9	--	3	--	2	--	--	34	13	250,400	1,011,832
				Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$150,000						Ethereal Road	
7	Into Mischief (2005) by <i>Harlan's Holiday</i> Crops: 11	2	7	1	3	--	--	63	12	92,000	1,000,695
				Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$250,000						Doppelganger	
8	Violence (2010) by <i>Medaglia d'Oro</i> Crops: 6	1	3	1	3	--	--	40	7	513,334	937,287
				Stands: Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa KY Fee: \$25,000						Newgrange	
9	Nyquist (2013) by <i>Uncle Mo</i> Crops: 3	2	5	2	3	--	--	30	6	295,000	873,083
				Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$55,000						Slow Down Andy	
10	The Factor (2008) by <i>War Front</i> Crops: 7	--	--	--	--	--	--	73	10	60,768	753,876
				Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$17,500						August (JPN)	
11	Practical Joke (2014) by <i>Into Mischief</i> Crops: 2	1	2	1	1	--	--	55	11	62,760	715,235
				Stands: Coolmore Ashford KY Fee: \$35,000						Girl With a Dream	
12	Classic Empire (2014) by <i>Pioneerof the Nile</i> Crops: 2	1	3	1	2	--	--	33	10	220,000	692,815
				Stands: Coolmore Ashford KY Fee: \$17,500						Morello	
13	Arrogate (2013) by <i>Unbridled's Song</i> Crops: 2	1	3	1	1	--	--	23	8	300,000	687,009
				Stands: Juddmonte Farms USA (Dead/Retired)						Secret Oath	
14	Pioneerof the Nile (2006) by <i>Empire Maker</i> Crops: 10	1	5	1	4	--	--	23	6	150,800	650,362
				Stands: WinStar Farm USA (Dead/Retired)						Pioneer of Medina	
15	American Pharoah (2012) by <i>Pioneerof the Nile</i> Crops: 4	1	2	1	1	--	--	24	4	360,000	629,681
				Stands: Coolmore Ashford KY Fee: \$80,000						Forbidden Kingdom	

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Rank	Name	FYr	Loc	2019 Fee	Ring	Sold	Avg	Median
1	Into Mischief	F10	KY	\$150,000	10	10	\$466,253	\$393,766
2	Curlin	F10	KY	\$175,000	3	3	\$466,215	\$475,000
3	American Pharoah	F17	KY	\$100,000	7	4	\$459,845	\$365,000
4	Medaglia d'Oro	F06	KY	\$200,000	4	3	\$441,666	\$275,000
5	Upstart	F18	KY	\$10,000	1	1	\$425,000	\$425,000
6	Justify	F20	KY	\$150,000	7	7	\$416,411	\$275,000
7	Adios Charlie	F13	FL	\$3,000	1	1	\$410,000	\$410,000
8	Uncle Mo	F13	KY	\$125,000	5	5	\$387,160	\$300,803
9	Square Eddie	F11	CA	\$25,000	1	1	\$385,000	\$385,000
10	Runhappy	F18	KY	\$25,000	3	3	\$371,666	\$370,000
11	Bolt d'Oro	F20	KY	\$25,000	20	17	\$329,865	\$260,000
12	Nyquist	F18	KY	\$40,000	5	4	\$327,500	\$230,000
13	More Than Ready	F02	KY	\$80,000	11	7	\$305,375	\$200,000
14	Gun Runner	F19	KY	\$70,000	7	7	\$272,263	\$320,000
15	Honor Code	F17	KY	\$40,000	2	1	\$260,000	\$260,000

Leading 2022 Freshmen Sires of 2-Year-Olds

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Rank	Name	Sire's Sire	Loc	2019 Fee	Ring	Sold	Avg	Median
1	Justify	Scat Daddy	KY	\$150,000	7	7	\$416,411	\$275,000
2	Bolt d'Oro	Medaglia d'Oro	KY	\$25,000	20	17	\$329,865	\$260,000
3	Bee Jersey	Jersey Town	KY	\$5,000	1	1	\$225,000	\$225,000
4	Mendelssohn	Scat Daddy	KY	\$35,000	15	14	\$210,455	\$180,000
5	West Coast	Flatter	KY	\$35,000	13	11	\$190,727	\$120,000
6	Cloud Computing	Maclean's Music	KY	\$7,500	7	7	\$170,000	\$135,000
7	Awesome Slew	Awesome Again	FL	\$5,000	3	3	\$156,666	\$40,000
8	Tapwrit	Tapit	KY	\$12,500	6	6	\$148,333	\$150,000
9	Good Magic	Curlin	KY	\$35,000	13	9	\$145,777	\$85,000
10	Mo Town	Uncle Mo	KY	\$12,500	9	9	\$143,453	\$60,000
11	Mor Spirit	Eskendereya	KY	\$10,000	10	9	\$128,444	\$50,000
12	Ransom the Moon	Malibu Moon	KY	\$7,500	3	2	\$125,000	\$125,000
13	Accelerate	Lookin At Lucky	KY	\$20,000	11	9	\$111,008	\$65,000
14	Good Samaritan	Harlan's Holiday	KY	\$12,500	5	5	\$107,000	\$65,000
15	Collected	City Zip	KY	\$17,500	9	8	\$105,000	\$75,000

Saturday, Oaklawn #12, post time: 7:35 p.m. EDT

ARKANSAS DERBY-GI, \$1,250,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Kavod 🐾	Lea	Rogers, James and Robinson, Michael	Hartman	Murrill	122
2	Chasing Time 🐾	Not This Time	MyRacehorse	Asmussen	Lezcano	119
3	Barber Road 🐾	Race Day	WSS Racing, LLC	Ortiz	Gutierrez	119
4	Doppelganger	Into Mischief	SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Masterson, Robert E., Schoenfarber, Jay A., Waves Edge Capital LLC, Donovan, Catherine M., Golconda Stable, Siena Farm LLC	Yakteen	Velazquez	119
5	Un Ojo	Laoban	Cypress Creek Equine LLC and Whispering Oaks Farm LLC	Courville	Vazquez	122
6	Secret Oath	Arrogate	Briland Farm	Lukas	Contreras	117
7	Ben Diesel	Will Take Charge	Willis Horton Racing LLC	Stewart	Court	119
8	Cyberknife	Gun Runner	Gold Square LLC	Cox	Geroux	119
9	We the People 🐾	Constitution	WinStar Farm LLC, CMNWLTH & Siena Farm LLC	Brisset	Prat	119

Breeders: 1-Steve J. Grant, 2-Tenlane Farm, LLC, 3-Susan Forrester & Judy Curry, 4-WinStar Farm, LLC, 5-Southern Equine Stables, LLC, 6-Briland Farm, Robert Mitchell & Stacy Mitchell, 7-Willis Horton Racing LLC, 8-Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey, 9-Henley Farms Inc.

Saturday, Gulfstream #14, post time: 6:38 p.m. EDT

CURLIN FLORIDA DERBY PRESENTED BY HILL 'N' DALE FARMS AT XALAPA-GI, \$1,000,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Strike Hard	Flashback	Miracle's International Trading, Inc.	Williams	Alvarado	122
2	Classic Causeway	Giant's Causeway	Kentucky West Racing LLC and Cooper, Clarke M.	Lynch	Ortiz, Jr.	122
3	Simplification 🐾	Not This Time	Tami Bobo	Sano	Ortiz	122
4	King of Truth 🐾	Into Mischief	Daniel Alonso	Sanchez	Morelos	122
5	Pappacap	Gun Runner	Rustlewood Farm, Inc.	Casse	Gonzalez	122
6	Charge It	Tapit	Whisper Hill Farm, LLC	Pletcher	Saez	122
7	White Abarrio	Race Day	C2 Racing Stable LLC & La Milagrosa Stable LLC	Joseph, Jr.	Gaffalione	122
8	Cajun's Magic	Cajun Breeze	Stonehedge LLC	Yates	Rios	122
9	O Captain 🐾	Carpe Diem	OGMA Investments, LLC, Iavarone, Michael, Iavarone, Jules, Marquee Bloodstock and Towell, Jr., Jack Hardin	Delgado	Rosario	122
10	Clapton	Brethren	Arindel	Alvarado	Jaramillo	122
11	Steal Sunshine	Constitution	Brogden, Carrie L. and Little Red Feather Racing	Dibona	Reyes	122

Breeders: 1-Gary & Mary West Stables, Inc., 2-Kentucky West Racing LLC & Clarke M. Cooper Family Living Trust, 3-France Weiner & Irwin Weiner, 4-My Meadowview LLC, 5-Rustlewood Farm, Inc., 6-Whisper Hill Farm, LLC, 7-Spendthrift Farm, LLC, 8-Stonehedge LLC, 9-WinStar Farm, LLC, 10-Arindel, 11-Machmer Hall



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Saturday, Gulfstream #12, post time: 5:17 p.m. EDT**GULFSTREAM PARK OAKS-GII, \$250,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Cancel This 🌿	Malibu Moon	CJ Thoroughbreds	Romans	Rosario	122
2	Catiche	Arrogate	Augustin Stable	Thomas	Ortiz, Jr.	122
3	Amani's Image	Tapit	Sumaya U.S. Stable	Gutierrez	Ortiz	122
4	Running Legacy	Gun Runner	Edward A. Seltzer	Joseph, Jr.	Gaffalione	122
5	Goddess of Fire	Mineshaft	Red Oak Stable	Pletcher	Saez	122
6	Blustery	Jimmy Creed	Daniel C. Hurtak	Hurtak	Vasquez	122
7	Kathleen O. 🌿	Upstart	Winngate Stables, LLC	McGaughey III	Castellano	122

Breeders: 1-Castleton Lyons & Kilboy Estate, 2-Don Alberto Corporation, 3-International Equities Holding, Inc., 4-Edward A. Seltzer, 5-Red Oak Stable, 6-Spendthrift Farm, LLC, 7-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd & BridlewoodFarm

Saturday, Gulfstream #9, post time: 3:37 p.m. EDT**PAN AMERICAN S. PRESENTED BY ROOD & RIDDLE-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Novo Sol (Brz)	Agnes Gold (Jpn)	Daniel Alonso	Joseph, Jr.	Ortiz, Jr.	118
2	Mid Day Image	Midshipman	Patricia A. Generazio	Carvajal, Jr.	Lopez	118
3	Gufo	Declaration of War	Otter Bend Stables, LLC	Clement	Rosario	122
4	Tide of the Sea 🌿	English Channel	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Gaffalione	122
5	Abaan 🌿	Will Take Charge	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners & Daigneault, Alex	Pletcher	Saez	124
6	Temple 🌿	Temple City	Paradise Farms Corp. and Staudacher, David	Maker	Ortiz	124
7	Bakers Bay	More Than Ready	Phipps Stable	McGaughey III	Alvarado	118

Breeders: 1-Stud Eternamente Rio, 2-Patricia Generazio, 3-John Little & Stephen Cainelli, 4-Juddmonte Farms Inc, 5-Rosilyn Polan, 6-Mark Toothaker & Dan White, 7-Phipps Stable

Saturday, Oaklawn #10, post time: 6:16 p.m. EDT**FANTASY S.-GIII, \$600,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Dream Lith	Medaglia d'Oro	Cypress Creek Equine and Bennewith, Arnold	Diodoro	Vazquez	122
2	Beguine 🌿	Gun Runner	Charles T. Matses	Peitz	Arrieta	119
3	I Feel the Need	Keen Ice	East, Denny, White, Jerry, Young, Mark and Post, Michael	McBride	Canchari	119
4	Magic Circle 🌿	Kantharos	J.W. Singer LLC	Asmussen	Lezcano	122
5	Eda 🌿	Munnings	Baoma Corporation	Ser	Ser	Ser
6	Mariah's Fortune	Classic Empire	Steve Landers Racing LLC	Cox	Prat	119
7	Yuugiri	Shackleford	Yoshihara, Tsunebumi and Sekie	Brisset	Geroux	119
8	Heartyconstitution 🌿	Constitution	Sanders, Wayne and Highlander Training Center	Sharp	Garcia	119
9	Bubble Rock	More Than Ready	Shortleaf Stable, Inc.	Cox	Santana, Jr.	122

Breeders: 1-Southern Equine Stables, LLC, 2-Charles T. Matses, 3-Calumet Farm, 4-Manitou Farm, LLC, 5-Nathan McCauley, 6-Edwin Hernandez, 7-Sekie Yoshihara & Tsunebumi Yoshihara, 8-Roberta L. Schneider MD, 9-Shortleaf Stable

Saturday, Turfway #12, post time: 6:23 p.m. EDT**JEFF RUBY STEAKS-GIII, \$600,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m (AWT)**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Royal Spirit	Into Mischief	Repole Stable & St. Elias Stable	Pletcher	Landeros	123
2	Stolen Base 🌿	Bodemeister	Three Diamonds Farm & Greathouse, Deuce	Maker	Corrales	123
3	Cabo Spirit 🌿	Pioneerof the Nile	Kretz Racing LLC	Ppaprodmou	Bravo	123
4	Rich Strike	Keen Ice	RED TR-Racing, LLC	Reed	Leon	123

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5	Tawny Port 🌿	Pioneerof the Nile	Peachtree Stable	Cox	Franco	123
6	Great Escape 🌿	Midnight Storm	WinStar Farm LLC	Brisset	Beschizza	123
7	Tiz the Bomb	Hit It a Bomb	Magdalena Racing, Lessee	McPeek	Hernandez, Jr.	123
8	Red Run	Gun Runner	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC	Asmussen	Talamo	123
9	Dowagiac Chief 🌿	Cairo Prince	Michael McLoughlin	Amoss	Graham	123
10	Optigogo 🌿	Optimizer	Calumet Farm	Harty	Bejarano	123
11	Constitutionlawyer 🌿	Constitution	Perrine Time Thoroughbreds & West Paces Racing	Handal	Samuel	123
12	Blackadder 🌿	Quality Road	SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables, Siena Farm LLC & Golconda Stable	Brisset	Maldonado	123
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13	Swing Shift 🌿	Midnight Storm	WinStar Farm LLC, Woodford Thoroughbreds LLC, CMNWLTH & Siena Farm LLC	Pletcher	Corrales	123

Breeders: 1-Claiborne Farm, 2-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC, 3-WinStar Farm, LLC, 4-Calumet Farm, 5-WinStar Farm, LLC, 6-Usquebaugh Stables, LLC, 7-Spendthrift Farm, LLC, 8-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC, 9-Ben Henley, Rebekah Henley, Howard Gray, Cassandra Gray & Jim Gray, 10-Calumet Farm, 11-Silver Springs Stud, LLC & Sandra Sexton, 12-Stone Farm, 13-Siena Farms LLC

Saturday, Oaklawn #9, post time: 5:40 p.m. EDT**OAKLAWN MILE S.-GIII, \$400,000, 4yo/up, 1m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Runnin' Ray 🌿	Street Sense	Sanders, Wayne and Highlander Training Center	Sharp	Garcia	124
2	Mo Mosa 🌿	Uncle Mo	Martin, Perry and Martin, Denise	Maker	Vazquez	124
3	Market Analysis 🌿	Honor Code	Wiest, Rick, Wiest, Clayton, Wiest, Lana and Kropp, Gary	Diodoro	Contreras	124
4	Cezanne	Curlin	Magnier, Mrs. John, Tabor, Michael B., Smith, Derrick and St. Elias Stable	Baffert	Prat	124
5	Roadster 🌿	Quality Road	Speedway Stables LLC	Stidham	Arrieta	117
6	Silver Prospector 🌿	Declaration of War	Orr, Ed and Orr, Susie	Asmussen	Lezcano	117
7	Dark Vader	Tale of Ekati	Burns Racing LLC, Ciaglia Racing LLC, SAF Racing and Christensen, Robin	Eurton	Santana, Jr.	119
8	Fulsome	Into Mischief	Juddmonte	Cox	Geroux	124
9	Necker Island 🌿	Hard Spun	The Scherr Boys	Hartman	Murrill	124
10	Law Professor	Constitution	Twin Creeks Racing Stables, LLC	McCarthy	Velazquez	117

Breeders: 1-Wildwood Farm, 2-Perry Martin & Denise Martin, 3-W. S. Farish, 4-Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc. & St. Elias Stables, LLC, 5-Stone Farm, 6-Hargus Sexton, Sandra Sexton & Silver Fern Farm, LLC, 7-Schleprock Racing LLC, 8-Juddmonte Farms Inc, 9-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 10-Twin Creeks Farm

Saturday, Gulfstream #3, post time: 12:28 p.m. EDT**ORCHID S.-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/2mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Sister Otoole	Amira's Prince (Ire)	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners	Motion	Saez	117
2	Harajuku (Ire)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Flaxman Holdings, Ltd.	Motion	Alvarado	120
3	Scarabea 🌿	American Pharoah	Calumet Farm	Sisterson	Ortiz	117
4	Song of Innocence	Munnings	Augustin Stable	Thomas	Ortiz, Jr.	117
5	Champagne Ivy 🌿	Shackleford	Peachtree Stable	Joseph, Jr.	Castellano	117
6	Beautiful Lover 🌿	Arch	Moyglare Stud Farm, Ltd.	Clement	Rosario	123
7	Family Way 🌿	Uncle Mo	Hunter Valley Farm, O'Connor, Debra L and Detampel, Marc	Walsh	Gaffalione	120

Breeders: 1-Helen Barbazon & Joseph Barbazon, 2-Flaxman Stables Ireland Ltd, 3-Calumet Farm, 4-George Strawbridge Jr., 5-Phillips Racing Partnership, 6-Thomas Coleman, 7-Diamond Creek Farm

Saturday, Gulfstream #6, post time: 1:57 p.m. EDT

GHOSTZAPPER S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Commandeer	Street Boss	AJ Suited Racing Stable, LLC	Toner	Gaffalione	118
2	Laughing Boy 🍀	Distorted Humor	Three Chimneys Farm, Fern Circle Stables and C&H Diamond Racing, LLC	McPeck	Leparoux	118
3	Carlos L.	Hold Me Back	Good Friends II, LLC	Navarro	Rosario	120
4	Fearless 🍀	Ghostzapper	Repole Stable	Pletcher	Saez	124
5	Capocostello 🍀	Cross Traffic	Chestnut Hill Stable	Gutierrez	Ortiz, Jr.	120
6	Greatest Honour	Tapit	Courtlandt Farms	McGaughey III	Ortiz	118
7	Twelve Volt Man 🍀	Violence	Magic Cap Stables	Joseph, Jr.	Gonzalez	118

Breeders: 1-Godolphin, 2-Imagine, 3-Nancy Puffer, 4-Helen K. Groves Revocable Trust, 5-C. Kidder & N. Cole, 6-Courtlandt Farm, 7-Joe Anzalone

Saturday, Gulfstream #13, post time: 5:55 p.m. EDT

KITTEN'S JOY APPLETON S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Noble Indy 🍀	Take Charge Indy	Skull Stable	Delgado	Jaramillo	120
2	Scarlett Sky	Sky Mesa	Stuart S. Janney, III	McGaughey III	Rosario	118
3	Wolfie's Dynaghost	Ghostzapper	Woodslane Farm	Albertrani	Ortiz	118
4	Order and Law 🍀	Violence	Daniel Pita	Pita	Reyes	118
5	Gray's Fable	Gio Ponti	Goldfine, Steve, Provost, Kari and Zlonis, Jeff	Attfield	Alvarado	120
6	Safe Conduct 🍀	Bodemeister	WellSpring Stables	Serpe	Lopez	118
7	Phantom Currency 🍀	Goldcents	Hill, Jim and Susan	Lynch	Ortiz, Jr.	120
8	Carpenters Call	Tourist	Diversified Pedigree Acquisitions Inc.	Bennett	Gaffalione	118
9	English Bee	English Channel	Calumet Farm	Motion	Saez	120

Breeders: 1-WinStar Farm, LLC, 2-Stuart S. Janney, III LLC, 3-Woodslane Farm, 4-Dell Ridge Farm, LLC, 5-Jeff Zlonis, 6-Mitchell H. Kursner, 7-Sally Thomas & New Dawn Stable, LLC, 8-Cerca Trova, 9-Calumet Farm



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FRIDAY'S RACING INSIGHTS:

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MARACUJA BEGINS 2022 CAMPAIGN AT OAKLAWN



Maracuja and her connections after winning the GI Coaching Club American Oaks | Sarah Andrew

8th-OP, \$108K, Alw/OC, 4yo/up, f, 1 1/16m, 5:39 p.m.

GISW **MARACUJA** begins her 4-year-old campaign Friday against an allowance field at Oaklawn Park. She returns off a six-month freshening following a fourth-place effort behind Clairiere (**Curlin**) in the GI Cotillion S. Sep. 25 at Parx, where she seemed poised to strike but ultimately weakened down the stretch. The gray/roan daughter of **Honor Code** makes her first trip to Oaklawn after racing exclusively on the East Coast in her career thus far. Her crowning achievement came after a three-month break last year in the GI Coaching Club American Oaks July 24 at Saratoga where she defeated not only Clairiere but also eventual 2021 Champion 3-Year-Old Filly Malathaat (**Curlin**) by a head for her first graded stakes win. Purchased as a yearling for \$200,000 at the 2019 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Sale, Maracuja's record also includes a close second behind Search Results (**Flutter**) in the Gill Gazelle S. Apr. 3 at Aqueduct, as well as two seventh-place finishes in the GI Longines Kentucky Oaks Apr. 30 at Churchill Downs and the GI Alabama S. Aug. 21 at Saratoga. She's been working consistently at Oaklawn in preparation for her season debut, most recently going four-furlongs in :51 Mar. 27. Ricardo Santana Jr., aboard for her GI success last year, picks up the ride again for trainer Rob Atras and her connections at Beach Haven Thoroughbreds. Maracuja also regains Lasix for the first time in over a year. **TJCS PPs**

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

5th-Aqueduct, \$72,000, 3-31, 3yo, 1m, 1:40.35, ft, 3/4 length.

STATE PLANNING (c, 3, Liam's Map--Two Susans, by Purge)

earned his second straight win and his first in allowance company off a commanding 13 1/2-length maiden-breaking score last time out Mar. 5 at Aqueduct. The \$25,000 Keeneland Sept. purchase came slowly out of the gate at 7-1 odds and sat last to start. He made steady progress through the field up the backstretch and turned for home four wide, fighting Pineapple Man (Gormley) down the stretch and getting separation only in the final strides to prevail by three-quarters of a length. The winner has a 2-year-old half sister, Two Redheads (**Munnings**) and a yearling half-brother by **The Factor**. State Planning's dam was bred to Central Banker for 2022. Sales History: \$25,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$86,920. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-New Horizon Farm; B-Sugar Maple Farm (NY); T-Juan C. Vazquez.

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**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

4th-Oaklawn, \$90,000, 3-31, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:44.99, gd, head.

SALUTE THE FLAG (f, 4, Curlin--Private Ensign {GSP, \$124,384}, by A.P. Indy) held on gamely to break her maiden for trainer Larry Jones and owners Fox Hill Farms & Siena Farms. The half-sister to SW Great Sister Diane (**Will Take Charge**) removed the blinkers for this start and broke sharply at 1-2. She rated off the pace towards the back of the field early and made a sustained move around the far turn to pass all rivals bar Lady Commander, who seemed to have the race won down the stretch despite not switching leads. Salute The Flag fought on gamely through the final furlong and just got by in the final strides before the wire to prevail by a head. Her dam has recently produced a 2-year-old colt by **Justify** and has both a yearling and a newborn colt by **Quality Road**. Sales History: \$575,000 RNA Ylg '19 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, \$83,080. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Fox Hill Farms, Inc. and Siena Farm LLC; B-Siena Farms LLC (KY); T-J. Larry Jones.

1st-Aqueduct, \$70,000, (S), Msw, 3-31, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:13.85, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

WIN FOR GOLD (c, 4, Goldencents--Cool Ten Grand, by Malibu Moon) broke his maiden in his first start Thursday for owner Repole Stable and trainer Rudy Rodriguez. The New York-bred, purchased for \$90,000 at the 2019 Keeneland September Yearling Sale, has worked on-and-off at Belmont recently in preparation for his debut. Win For Gold broke sharply at odds of 12-1 and sat three wide outside the pace of Tommy Gun (**Union Jackson**) and Kazmike (Bank Heist) until the turn. He eased up alongside this pair at the three-eighths pole and took over entering the stretch to win driving by 2 1/4 lengths as Kazmike held for second. Win For Gold is the second winner for his dam who produced a colt by **Union Jackson** in 2022. Sales History: \$90,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$38,500. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Repole Stable; B-Sequel Stallions NY & Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings, LLC (NY); T-Rudy R. Rodriguez.

**IN THE UAE:**

Hawa Bilady, c, 4, **Shanghai Bobby**--Turn To Lass (SW, \$138,760), by Bright Launch. Abu Dhabi, 3-31, Hcp., 1400mT, 1:23.72. B-Hurstland Farm & Kevin McLaughlin (KY). *1/2 to Portfolio Manager (Harlan's Holiday), GISP, \$262,808. **\$17,000 RNA Ylg '19 KEESEP; \$34,000 RNA 2yo '20 OBSMAR; \$25,000 RNA 2yo '20 OBSJUL.

**IN AUSTRALIA:**

Tijuana (Aus), c, 2, **American Pharoah**--Mexican Rose (NZ) (Hwt. 3yo Filly-Sin, Hwt. 4yo Filly-Sin at 5-7f, MSW-Sin, \$464,698), by Volksraad (GB). Pakenham, 3-31, Maiden, 1200mT, 1:12.37. B-Eureka Cambooya Thoroughbreds Pty Ltd, Black Soil Bloodstock (Qld). *A\$100,000 Ylg '21 MMGCYS.

Ancient Egypt (Aus), g, 3, **American Pharoah**--Spiced (Aus), by Exceed and Excel (Aus). Pakenham, 3-31, Maiden, 1600mT, 1:38.53. B-Cobra Bloodstock Australia (NSW). *A\$150,000 Ylg '20 INGEAS.

U.S.-BRED/SIRED RUNNERS IN JAPAN

In this continuing series, Alan Carasso takes a look ahead at US-bred and/or conceived runners entered for the upcoming weekend at the tracks on the Japan Racing Association circuit, with a focus on pedigree and/or performance in the sales ring. Here are the horses of interest for this weekend running at Hanshin Racecourse. Japanese Horse of the Year Efforia (Jpn) (Epiphaneia {Jpn}) kicks off his 4-year-old season in Sunday's G1 Osaka Hai, while mercurial American-bred Reframe (American Pharoah) returns to group competition in Saturday's G3 Lord Derby Challenge Trophy at Nakayama, where she is the lone female in a field of 16:

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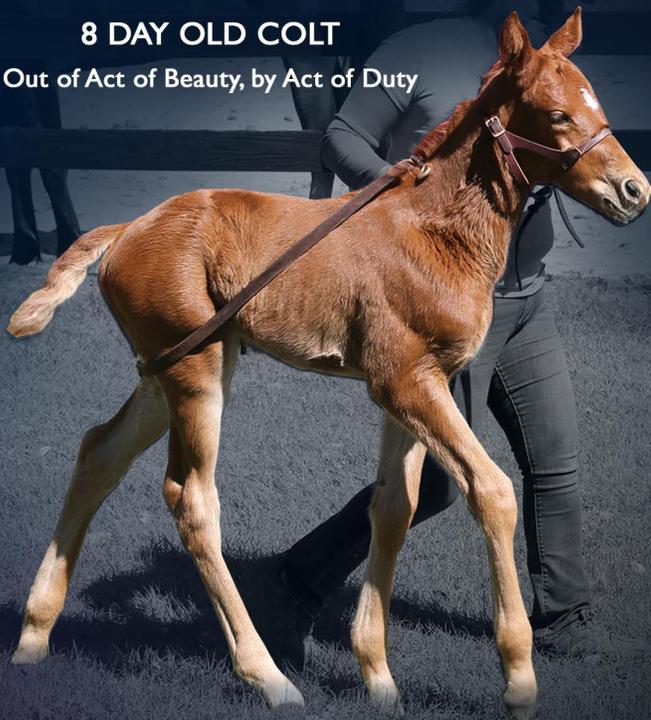


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Saturday, April 2, 2022**5th-HSN, ¥14,250,000 (\$117k), Allowance, 3yo, 1800m**

BEAT EMOTION (c, 3, Quality Road--J. Quirk, by Unbridled's Song) missed by a neck as the 3-5 favorite in his 1400-meter debut in the Toyko mud Feb. 12, but set things right with a nose success over a next-out winner at 2-5 when trying this distance at Nakayama Feb. 27. A \$190K Keeneland September yearling turned \$600K Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream breezer, the late April foal is a half-brother to last year's GIII Remington Park Oaks heroine Lady Mystify (Bernardini). Breeze Easy acquired this colt's dam for \$725K in foal to **Game Winner** at KEENOV last fall and one hip later, gave \$375K for the mare's then-weanling filly by **Gun Runner**. Scott and Evan Dilworth paid \$260K for J. Quirk in foal to Tiznow--who appears under the third dam--at KEENOV in 2016. This is also the family of Oxbow and **Paynter**. *B-Scott & Evan Dilworth (KY)*

Sunday, April 3, 2022**2nd-HSN, ¥9,900,000 (\$81k), Maiden 3yo, 1400m**

WAX LYRICAL (f, 3, Maclean's Music--Cholena, by Indian Charlie) was purchased by Harry Sweeney's Paca Paca Farm on behalf of Godolphin for \$150K out of the 2019 KEENOV sale and is out of a full-sister to GSW Rumor--the dam of the SP Hazit (**War Front**)--and a half to GISW Dixie Chatter (Dixie Union). The February foal's third dam is champion and MGISW Phone Chatter (Phone Trick), whose Grade II-winning daughter Cat Chat (Storm Cat) is responsible for GISW In Lingerie (Empire Maker). The latter resides in Japan, having been purchased by Shadai Farm for \$2.4 million at FTKNOV in 2013. *B-Robert S West (KY)*

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Arrogate (Unbridled's Song), Juddmonte Farms
224 foals of racing age/22 winners/2 black-type winners
5-Laurel, 2:45 p.m. EDT, Msw 7f, Senson, 7-2
\$26,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Classic Empire (Pioneerof the Nile), Coolmore Ashford, \$17,500
186 foals of racing age/31 winners/3 black-type winners
5-Laurel, 2:45 p.m. EDT, Msw 7f, Queen of Class, 20-1
\$17,500 FTK SEL yrl

Connect (Curlin), Lane's End Farm, \$25,000
194 foals of racing age/33 winners/3 black-type winners
6-Oaklawn, 4:33 p.m. EDT, Aoc 1m, Nineties Country, 8-1
\$65,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$75,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$90,000
OBS MAR 2yo

Danzing Candy (Twirling Candy), Rancho San Miguel, \$5,000
150 foals of racing age/13 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Golden Gate Fields, 8:00 p.m. EDT, Aoc 6f, O'Neill's Legacy, 2-1

Gun Runner (Candy Ride {Arg}), Three Chimneys Farm, \$125,000
245 foals of racing age/37 winners/9 black-type winners
6-Oaklawn, 4:33 p.m. EDT, Aoc 1m, Concept, 3-1
\$75,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl
4-Aqueduct, 2:52 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Dads Good Runner, 15-1
6-Oaklawn, 4:33 p.m. EDT, Aoc 1m, Ruggs, 7-2
\$110,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$170,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Imma Wild Bling (Too Much Bling)
1 foal of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Sam Houston Race, 9:22 p.m. EDT, Msw 6 1/2f, Bling
Mountain, 3-1

Irish Surf (Giant's Causeway), Ocala Jockey Club
9 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
6-Golden Gate Fields, 7:30 p.m. EDT, Aoc 1mT, Tofino Bay, 4-1
\$10,000 RNA OBS OCT yrl

Keen Ice (Curlin), Calumet Farm, \$7,500
191 foals of racing age/28 winners/1 black-type winner
6-Sam Houston Race, 10:20 p.m. EDT, Aoc 1mT, Keen Cat, 7-2
\$47,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$21,000 KEE SEP yrl

Mastery (Candy Ride {Arg}), Claiborne Farm, \$10,000
222 foals of racing age/19 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Sam Houston Race, 10:20 p.m. EDT, Aoc 1mT, Bureau, 8-1
\$65,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$17,000 OBS APR 2yo

Midnight Storm (Pioneerof the Nile), Taylor Made Farm, \$7,500
127 foals of racing age/19 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Golden Gate Fields, 8:00 p.m. EDT, Aoc 6f, Tyche Awaits You,
30-1
\$22,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$20,000 WAS SEP yrl

Practical Joke (Into Mischief), Coolmore Ashford, \$35,000
266 foals of racing age/36 winners/6 black-type winners
4-Aqueduct, 2:52 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Patient Capital, 5-2
\$240,000 KEE SEP yrl

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6-Golden Gate Fields, 7:30 p.m. EDT, Aoc 1mT, Lying Ghost, 20-1
\$3,000 NCA AUG yrl
7-Golden Gate Fields, 8:00 p.m. EDT, Aoc 6f, Slack Tide, 20-1
\$25,000 WAS SEP yrl

Stanford (Malibu Moon), Tommy Town Thoroughbreds, \$5,000
121 foals of racing age/19 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Golden Gate Fields, 8:00 p.m. EDT, Aoc 6f, Lion's Lair, 15-1

Unified (Candy Ride {Arg}), Lane's End Farm, \$10,000
194 foals of racing age/27 winners/3 black-type winners
5-Laurel, 2:45 p.m. EDT, Msw 7f, Spellbook, 10-1
\$33,000 FTK OCT yrl



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TELLAPERFECTTALE (f, 4, Forty Tales--Perfect Posse, by Posse)
Lifetime Record: 11-3-4-1, \$113,323. O-Peter Tournas; B-C. Robert Valeri (NY); T-Wayne Potts.

7th-Charles Town, \$34,900, 3-30, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:29.96, ft, 3/4 length.

TEQUILA FOG (m, 5, Giant Surprise--We Kept Her, by Victory Gallop) Lifetime Record: 19-6-5-1, \$141,746. O-Timothy Freitag; B-Grant L Whitmer (NY); T-Anthony Farrior. *\$10,000 Ylg '18 SARAUG. **1/2 to Control Group (Posse), GSW, \$882,967.

6th-Penn National, \$31,600, 3-30, 4yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:44.58, ft, 7 3/4 lengths.

TRENDING UP (g, 4, Kantharos--Sky Mystic {SW, \$112,680}, by Sky Mesa) Lifetime Record: 15-4-7-1, \$106,864. O-James C. Wolf; B-Donald L Brown (PA); T-Timothy C. Kreiser. *1/2 to Nothingbutflowers (**Violence**), SW, \$154,225.

3rd-Mahoning Valley, \$27,500, 3-31, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12.74, ft, 5 1/2 lengths.

KADRI (g, 5, Mark Valeski--Marquise Miss {SP, \$144,446}, by Marquetry) Lifetime Record: 25-6-3-3, \$233,505. O-Built Wright Stables, LLC.; B-Brereton C. Jones (KY); T-Norman L. Cash. *\$75,000 RNA Ylg '18 FTKOCT. **1/2 to Miss Tizzy (Cee's Tizzy), SW, \$157,583; Amiable Grace (Alphabet Soup), SW, \$290,498.

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Giant Surprise, Tequila Fog, m, 5, o/o We Kept Her, by Victory Gallop. ALW, 3-30, Charles Town

Goldcents, Win for Gold, c, 4, o/o Cool Ten Grand, by Malibu Moon. MSW, 3-31, Aqueduct

Kantharos, Trending Up, g, 4, o/o Sky Mystic, by **Sky Mesa**. ALW, 3-30, Penn National

Liam's Map, State Planning, c, 3, o/o Two Susans, by Purge. AOC, 3-31, Aqueduct

Mark Valeski, Kadri, g, 5, o/o Marquise Miss, by Marquetry. AOC, 3-31, Mahoning Valley

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A YARD WHERE THINGS NEVER GO FLAT



Alan King & former jockey Robert Thornton | [racingfotos.com](https://www.racingfotos.com)

By Chris McGrath

The man for all seasons stands at the top of the Sharpridge gallop and doesn't need the delirious commentary of the skylarks to tell him that spring is now right on the heels of winter. Alan King can see that straight in front of him. The first pair to emerge from the murk of the distant valley floor includes his latest steeplechasing star, Edwardstone (GB) (Kayf Tara {GB}), doing his first work since winning at the Cheltenham Festival—and with a gusto that suggests he can eke out one last novice spin at Aintree. The agendas of some in his wake, however, are only just taking shape: a 3-year-old by Churchill (Ire), for instance, who laid the usual, quiet foundations at two before winning a mile nursery on his final start. And King is already looking forward to his next crop of juveniles moving into Barbury Castle, as soon as Aintree is out of the way: some from the imminent breeze-up sales, others from pre-trainer Jamie Magee. Last year, for the first time, King's Flat squad broke seven figures in domestic earnings—which obviously excluded the imported Prix du Cadran. Still more instructive than that second consecutive Group 1 for Trueshan (Fr) (Planteur {Ire}), however, was the G2 Richmond S. success of Asymmetric (Ire) (Showcasing {GB}): one of the sharpest tests of a summer 2-year-old, to complement the Goodwood Cup marathon just a couple of days previously. This kind of thing has been within the compass of very few trainers since the heyday of David Elsworth and Peter Easterby. [Cont. p2](#)

'DINO' NOM BRINGS €23K TO AID UKRAINE

A nomination for Doctor Dino (Fr) (Muhtathir {GB}) realized the high bid of €23,000 from Nicola Fitzgerald at the Auctav March Sale Mar. 30. Offered by the Doctor Dino Syndicate, the full amount of the nomination will be donated to Unicef to help the children of Ukraine.

“We already have several offspring by Doctor Dino and they are truly exceptional,” said Fitzgerald of the stallion, who stands for €18,000 at Haras du Mesnil in France. “It was a great opportunity and the fact that this sale is for charity only makes this purchase much more special.”

Heading the digital sale, jumper Icare Grandchamp (Fr) (Kapgarde {Fr}), a half-brother to G1SW jumper Poly Grandchamp (Fr) (Poliglote {Fr}), brought a final bid of €155,000. Consigned by Ecurie Nicolle, the gelding was purchased by NBB Racing.

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"I did think that the Richmond might do more to promote my Flat career than just winning with another of my old stayers!" says King. "That doesn't seem to have happened, as yet; hasn't appeared to attract anyone new. But there you are, we'll keep working at it."

Training across such a broad spectrum isn't something that many people even try these days. Yes, we've seen plenty of National Hunt trainers milking extreme tests like the Ascot S. and the Cesarewitch--and King, just like Willie Mullins and Nicky Henderson, has won both in recent years. But having initially dabbled with the Flat purely on economic grounds, King has gradually evolved into the premier dual-purpose trainer in the land.

"It all started when I first came here, in the early 2000s," he reflects. "It soon became fairly apparent that we needed to do something in the summer, from an income point of view. It's obviously a great place to train, but it's also very expensive. I can't afford to have half the yard standing idle, it just wouldn't work."

He tested the water in 2002 with three juveniles, one acquired as a yearling and two from the breeze-ups. Working with Anthony Bromley, as always, he spent just 54,000gns for the trio. Yet Salsalino (GB) (Salse) was beaten a short head in the King George V H. at Royal Ascot; a length in the G3 Gordon S. at Goodwood; and ran third as the only 3-year-old in the Ebor. Howle Hill (Ire) (Ali-Royal {Ire}) won a Newmarket nursery before running fifth in the Triumph Hurdle. And Trouble At Bay (Ire) (Slip Anchor {GB}), after scoring a couple of times on the Flat, ran up a sequence of five juvenile hurdles.

Despite this hugely auspicious experiment, King was making such an impression in his core business that he took a while to respond to his cue.

"The jumping was really taking off at the time," he recalls. "We just had so many coming in, we got up to about 180, and for the next few years I sort of squeezed the Flat horses out again. But after a while I began to feel that we were getting more quantity than quality and, over the last five or six years now, we've pushed it back and back. And if we're not quite 50-50 yet, we're getting that way."

King has always appreciated Flat racing, right back to the days

when he would take a week's holiday for Royal Ascot when assistant to David Nicholson. He has made an almost unflinching pilgrimage to the meeting, ever since, and took due pride when Primitivo (GB) (Excellent Art {GB}), found for 10,000gns in Book 3, won the King George V Handicap in 2016. And, lest we forget, the unmissable breakthrough he made at Goodwood last

summer had been well signposted at Royal Ascot in 2020, where King sent out five runners for three wins, a half-length second, and the G2 Coventry fifth.

"The plan had always been mainly to buy staying pedigrees, try to win a race or two on the Flat and then go jumping," King muses. "But one or two of them have proved too good for that. We sold Primitivo to Hong Kong for a fortune, but he'd showed what we could do, and then Trueshan came

along. Again, he was bought to be a dual-purpose horse--and he has actually schooled over hurdles--but it became abundantly clear that he was too good to go jumping, and he's just progressed year on year."

King's success reproves the prescriptive tendency of so many trainers presented with a given package of pedigree and physique.

"I like to think that for any horse arriving here, whether unraced or from another yard, I will want to start with a blank piece of paper," he says. "If something has been wearing headgear, I'll take it off. Otherwise they get pigeonholed, and I want to form my own opinion. You don't force them to do things. You find out what works for them."

Certainly it's uncommon and intriguing to see such diverse projects sharing the same schedule, the same gallop even: from unnamed 5-year-old stores to young Flat handicappers. In every case, it's the response to a shared challenge that determines the strategy.

"Suddenly one horse starts to find it very easy, so you move him up a group, and you just keep creeping up and up, see how far he can go," King explains. "With others you might have to do the opposite, when their work plateaus out. You don't want them to lose confidence. Bad horses find that hill difficult their whole lives. But then you'll see something, not long broken, and think: 'Bloody hell, he shouldn't have been able to go up there like that...'"



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Admittedly the juveniles are confined to their own barn. But they couldn't enter the system so seamlessly without an indispensable grounding from Magee.

"I can only do this because I've got Jamie over the hill," King emphasises. "I wouldn't even have the boxes at the minute, anyway, so you need someone who'll work the way you want it done. By the time we swap over, they're already three-parts fit. Jamie boxes them over so that they're used to gallop. A lot of people maybe wouldn't have that kind of option, and to me it's the only way it can work."

For all its momentum on the Flat, however, there's no mistaking the boost to stable morale in relieving a notorious seven-year itch at the Festival. Of course, King is hardly alone in lately struggling to stem the Irish tide at Cheltenham--not least with his resources increasingly diluted by the Flat.

"In those seven years, we'd had a lot of horses run awfully well there," he stresses. "And it shows how competitive it is nowadays. It's much tougher to win than it used to be. But yes, of course, we were delighted to get back on the scoresheet; and that people won't still be going on about it!

"With Edwardstone it's all just been a question of time. He's a big horse, and was always inclined to over-race over hurdles. It took him a long time to learn to race properly. That only comes with match practice, though obviously fences can help a horse settle too. We always thought of him as a good horse, right from his bumper days, but what he is now has been quite a long time in the making."

To that extent, indeed, what makes King such a good trainer of jumpers is no less pertinent to his success on the Flat. At six, after all, Trueshan would actually still be a pretty young horse over jumps. In his chosen discipline, however, the gelding has benefited from no less patience. Remember, this is another of the stable's many breeze-up graduates, found for just 31,000gns at the Tattersalls Guineas Sale.

"He's been maturing all along," King says. "And we've minded him, especially with the ground. I'm actually quite happy to run him on good going. But every day we took him out last season it was pretty bloody quick. Obviously the one race we were desperate to run in was the [G1 Ascot] Gold Cup, but the rain literally came a few hours too late. So we'll just duck and dive with him. He's about ready to start, in fact he might go to Nottingham next week [Listed Further Flight S.] if the ground is suitable.

"He's pretty lethal when he gets his conditions. It's not so much that he needs soft ground, he probably just handles it better than a lot of other horses. And he gets the trip extremely well. I thought he must be awfully good, to win the way he did at Goodwood. He did an awful lot wrong in that race."

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He continued, "It can be a tricky place to settle--you're constantly up, down, left, right--and he was so lit up I was really worried he mightn't get home. So to power away like that in the last half-furlong, he must be quite a horse. But he was very smooth in France, and while he was probably past his best in his final start at Ascot--it was only a fortnight later--we got away with it."

Much as was the case with Primitivo, however, King has lost the services of Asymmetric after giddily elevating his export value. He has been sold to clients of Wesley Ward, but King remains very grateful to have had an opportunity to show his versatility.

"It was really all down to Martin Harley," he says. "A couple of his mates had bought him as a yearling, and Martin thought he was very good when he rode him at the breezes. When he didn't make as much as they wanted, they said, 'Right, you have a go with him.' We had terrific fun with him, though he was a very mature horse at two so it'll be interesting to see how he does over there."

King will be joining Bromley back on the breeze-up circuit over the coming month, albeit not at Doncaster where the catalogue is plainly tailored to other needs. Elsewhere, moreover, their only interest in the stopwatch is in determining what they can afford.

"We're not in the least bit worried about times, except in that they can put themselves out of our price range," he remarks. "We've bought a stack of pretty smart ones out of the breeze-ups. Bromley knows exactly the type I like, we've been mates forever and it works great. I like a decent-sized individual, and correct: I'm very fussy on conformation. But I've been saying for a while that if someone's got £100,000 to spend, I'd rather take them to the breeze-ups than buy something that's finished third or fourth in a point-to-point. I'm not saying those won't be good horses, just that you get better value this way." Never a dull moment, then, at Barbury Castle. By the time summer follows on spring, the pressure will be back on for Ascot and Goodwood. Never an idle moment, either--and such a relentless schedule would not be for everyone.



Alan King with his string | racingfotos.com

"We're lucky that we can get away for a break in January," King says. "But it is pretty full-on. You're at it 12 months. But I'd get very depressed, looking at the profit-and-loss in months when there'd be nothing coming in. And I think it works well for a lot of the horses. They can't all be Sea Pigeon, going from Ebors to Champion Hurdles, but sometimes it can just sweeten

them up; toughen them up, even. Raymond Tusk (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}) is a good example. He didn't really take to hurdling, but he looked a different horse back on the Flat at Doncaster last weekend. He's still an entire 7-year-old, and I think the few spins over hurdles might just have toughened him up a little."

And a parallel stimulation, of course, extends to those supervising these horses: staff, owners, trainer. King has been too accomplished for too long still to fret about mere volume. Fulfilment, these days, feels far

more focused. He takes great professional satisfaction, for instance, in targeting the 'GBB' Mare bonuses; and he got a real kick, too, from a first winner at Kelso last weekend.

"Unfortunately, the ones that are left are mostly also in Scotland," he admits, to the mortification of his Caledonian heritage. "Perth is still on the hitlist, and Musselburgh, and Hamilton. And otherwise there's Carlisle, I don't think I've even had a runner there. But those are the sort of things we enjoy doing nowadays. And I do find it very satisfying to knock off those big winners. I take a fair bit of abuse from the Flat boys, the likes of Sir Mark [Prescott] and William Haggas. But we have a good bit of craic together. It's a different challenge, and some of these big races will mean more to you than 100 novice hurdles."

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SKYACE EARNS RECORD PRICE AT TATTS ASCOT MARCH



Tatts Ascot Topper, Group 1 jumper Skyace | Tattersalls

Group 1-winning Jumps mare **Skyace (Ire)** (Westerner {GB}) (Lot 114) brought a record price of £80,000 at Thursday's Tattersalls Ascot March Sale. Consigned by John 'Shark' Hanlon's Court Stud, the 7-year-old will return to her own stable in Ireland after being purchased by Hanlon on behalf of new ownership. "I am delighted to get her back and I have bought her for T J McDonald, who already has horses with me," confirmed Hanlon. "He wants her to go back in training, race her for a year and then put her in-foal and go breeding."

Explaining the decision to put the Irish-bred up for sale, he said, "She got a chip in her knee at Sandown and her former owner--the Birdinthehand Syndicate--decided to sell her. Hopefully, we will see her at Cheltenham next March. That is the plan."

It is the second time that Hanlon has purchased the daughter of Graigace (Ire) (Milan {GB}) at Tattersalls Ascot. The first was after she'd had three starts in NH Flat races in Ireland when Hanlon bought her for £600 at the 2019 November Sale. She went on to win five races for Hanlon and Birdieonthehand, including the G1 EBF Mares' Novice Final at Fairyhouse last spring. The day's second highest price was paid for **Boafo Boy (GB)** (Lot 41), a 3-year-old colt by Lope de Vega (Ire) out of Royal Empress (Ire) (**Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}**). Purchased by Jamie Lloyd of Meah Lloyd Bloodstock for £40,000, the bay was consigned by Jamie Osborne's The Old Malthouse Stables.

"He goes to Tom Molloy, who has just started training in Qatar for my client, who is wanting to completely restock his string," explained Lloyd. "We think this horse could end up as the kind of horse we want in Qatar later on this season. He has shown enough so far, he was very precocious but there looks to be more to come. Hopefully, he will look cheap at the end of the year."

The sophomore was a winner on his debut at two and has placed twice from five starts.

Of the 115 horses offered through the session, 97 sold producing a strong clearance rate of 84%, with a gross turnover of £707,900.

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IWW DIGITAL SALE BEGINS APR. 20

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"You just need to read the trade press to realize the exponential growth of online sales around the world," said Valentin Adam. "The simplicity of the transactions, of the sale and the automation of the legal proceedings allow sellers to complete their transactions without delay. This tool guarantees animal welfare by limiting its transport. The horse does not leave its stable without being paid."

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Following a request from Roscommon Racecourse, Horse Racing Ireland have transferred the Roscommon meeting originally scheduled for Tuesday, July 5 (evening meeting) to Monday, July 4 (evening meeting). The meeting will now close for entries by 12 (noon) Wednesday, June 29 with declarations to run to be made by 10am Saturday, July 2. Race programme details will be forthcoming.

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GAIN Equine Nutrition has extended its support of 'GAIN The Advantage Series' for a second year. In 2021, Toomevara trainer Ray Hackett won the overall trainers award and €5,000 of GAIN Equine Nutrition products. The 2022 series will follow the same format, featuring a variety of race conditions with an increase prize fund of 50% for each race in the series. Each trainer will receive points for their successes over the course of the series through a grading process, which is designed to give equal opportunity to each trainer to win the overall prize. The number of points per win or placing at each leg will be based on the number of winners the trainer recorded throughout the season.

The GAIN The Advantage Series will also recognise all connections of the horse, including the stable staff, with a draw for one groom to win a luxury weekend away in Ireland. The breeder of the winning horse from each race will receive a framed photograph of the horse they bred, and they will be entered into a draw to win one tonne of GAIN Equine Nutrition products. The winner will be announced at the end of the series.

The series will commence at the Easter Festival at Cork Apr. 16 followed by Navan, Ballinrobe, Fairyhouse, Tipperary, Killarney, Naas and the finale will be hosted at Leopardstown Oct. 15.

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YORKSHIRE RACING LAUNCHES 'BEACON' PROGRAMME

Go Racing and Racing Together have launched the Yorkshire Racing Beacon Programme, a series of community-driven events that support local communities. The initial event, held at Wetherby Mar. 31, centered around WiSE, Wetherby in support of the Elderly. The Yorkshire Community Beacon Programme will include a range of activities, including college visits and art projects, behind-the-scenes racecourse experiences and internships. The Beacon will promote volunteering as part of Racing Together Community Day, work with community groups and on fundraising events, as well as involvement in established and emerging community programmes.

Lucy Gurney, Community Engagement Manager for Racing Together said, "Yorkshire Racing is a world-class racing region and already hosts some of the best charity racedays and community initiatives. Our aim is to strengthen the connections between Yorkshire racing and its communities for mutual long-term benefit. This pilot programme builds upon broadly similar activity taking place at Aintree, Newmarket and through Scottish Racing."

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7th-Chelmsford City, £100,000, 3-31, 3yo, 8f (AWT), 1:37.99, st.
DARK MOON RISING (IRE) (c, 3, Night of Thunder {Ire}--
Al Nassa, by Bernardini) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, \$79,978.
 O-Angie Bailey; B-Mr N Al Habtoor (IRE); T-Kevin Ryan.
 *€75,000 Wlg '19 GOFNOV; 80,000gns Ylg '20 TATOCT.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Swatch (Ire), c, 3, Time Test (GB)--Gliding (Ire), by Maxios (GB).
 Lingfield, 3-31, 10f 1y (AWT), 2:07.18. Lifetime Record:
 3-1-0-0, \$8,380. B-Kelly Equine & Liam Quelly (IRE).
 *35,000gns Ylg '20 TADEYG; 38,000gns RNA 2yo '21 TATBRG.

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Thursday's Result:

3rd-Chantilly, €27,000, Mdn, 3-31, 3yo, 10 1/2f (AWT), 2:12.67, st.

THAT'S MY POWER (FR) (c, 3, Almanzor {Fr}--Train Time {GB}, by Rail Link {GB}), runner-up over 9 1/2 furlongs on debut here Mar. 8, was able to coast along on the lead unpressured. Despite giving his only serious rival Anotherway (Fr) (Anodin {Ire}) a bump late on, the 5-2 favourite scored with enough authority by 3/4 of a length to see the result stand. The dam, who also has the 2-year-old filly The Finest Hours (Fr) (Dream Ahead), is a half to the Listed Oh So Sharp S. winner Protectress (GB) (Hector Protector) and to the dams of the group 3 scorers Distain (GB) (Champs Elysees {GB}) and Gaining (GB) (American Post {GB}). This is also the family of the G1 Racing Post Trophy-winning sire Armiger (GB) (Rainbow Quest). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, €18,900. **Video, sponsored by TVG.**

O/B-Georg Kern (FR); T-Henri-Alex Pantall.

CONDITIONS RESULT:

4th-Chantilly, €28,000, 3-31, 3yo, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.16, st.

SUPER KHALI (FR) (c, 3, Shalaa {Ire}--Aldayha {Ire}, by Acclamation {GB}). Lifetime Record: 11-3-3-2, €72,480.

O-Khalifa Mohammed Al Attiyah & A & G Botti; B-Khalifa Mohammed Al Attiyah, Ecurie Castillon Bloodstock, Chauvigny Global Equine SASU & Riverview Bloodstock Ltd (FR); T-A & G Botti. *€30,000 Ylg '20 ARQSEP.



IN AUSTRALIA:

Barretta (Ire), g, 4, Australia (GB)--Secrete Marina (Ire) (SP-Ity), by Mujadil. Pakenham, 3-31, Hcp.,1400mT, 1:25. B-Coolmore. *1/2 to Joanna (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}), Hwt. 2yo Filly-Ity, Hwt. 3yo-Fr at 5-7f, MGSW & MG1SP-Fr, SW-Ity, \$519,223; and (Willie) Cazals (Ire) (Aussie Rules), G1SW-NZ, MSW & GSP-Ity, MG1SP-HK, \$1,490,281. **First Australian start. ***€21,000 Ylg '19 GOFORB; £70,000 2yo '20 ARQJUL.



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RACING AUSTRALIA: Q&A JOHN MESSARA



John Messara | *TDN AusNZ*

By *TDN AusNZ*

Racing Australia's first independent chairman John Messara resigned on Wednesday, conceding he was unable to temper state regulator differences. *TDN AusNZ* spoke with the Australian Racing Hall of Fame Associate to learn more about his decision.

TDN AusNZ: Yesterday it was announced that you had stepped down as Chair of Racing Australia. It's no secret that there has been long-standing conflict around decision-making between the States, but can you talk us through what ultimately led to this decision?

John Messara: The concept of an independent Chairman of Racing Australia is important for good governance and maintaining a holistic view of the national industry when the day-to-day running and ultimate responsibility for execution is done on a State-by-State level. I came into this role hoping that I would be able to eliminate the conflict and restore Racing Australia's focus on some of the bigger national challenges. However, as is well known, the way that Racing Australia is structured from a decision-making perspective allows the two major States to veto each other, so inevitably when there is a difference of opinion between the two States, progress is stymied if they don't come to the table to negotiate an outcome.

That's the situation I found myself in and despite all my best efforts, I was not able to resolve it. That's been very disappointing for me, and I think also for the industry.

In the end, I had no choice but to step aside and hope my replacement will have more success than me.

TDN AusNZ: Do you think Racing Australia still has a place in racing governance?

JM: Yes, definitely, but perhaps with some changes of format. I believe it is critical that Racing Australia operates in a cohesive and harmonious manner if racing is to maintain its national franchise and adequately respond to industry challenges and opportunities.

From an international perspective, it is also important that there is a single national authority to represent Australia.

TDN AusNZ: What are the main functions that Racing Australia is required for?

JM: One of our main roles is the delivery of national systems and services that provide the backbone of the States' regulatory and operational functions. This includes racing information and the Australian Stud Book, and it's important that these remain nationally owned and managed, so that everyone can have equal access to the same services and data.

Another role is to maintain and enhance the Australian Rules of Racing, so we are all playing from a consistent rule book.

In addition, Racing Australia should also set minimum thoroughbred welfare standards. The care and wellbeing of the horses our industry depends on should be consistent.

TDN AusNZ: And from a leadership perspective?

JM: The overwhelming feedback I receive is that the majority of participants want cohesive national leadership to guide the industry through the continual challenges that affect us all. However, the current voting structure makes change difficult. I believe the issues that demand national leadership are:

- Advocacy on federal government legislative matters that affect Australian racing and breeding nationally, and require a holistic perspective and representation to address.

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- Education; meeting challenges and finding solutions for the next generation of our industry’s employees.
- And perhaps the most important, stabilisation and progression of the Pattern, which benchmarks the quality of our horses internationally through the Stakes program.

TDN AusNZ: The racing and breeding industries know and respect the importance of the Pattern, hence why Group 1 racedays like Golden Slipper Day, The Championships, Derby Day and Cup Week are heavily promoted by clubs and revered by fans. What is the way forward for the Pattern’s progress, is there a solution?

JM: There is a solution, but it is dependent on the goodwill of the various States. Quite a bit of work has been done on modernising the Pattern and again, it’s a case of getting around the table with a determination to achieve an outcome.

It has been a huge effort over many years, by many people to lift Australian racing to the level of international respect it now enjoys, and I believe that a degradation of our Pattern would set us back in that regard.

I regret that I have been unable to resolve the differences at Racing Australia.



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