IF HISA GOES, HONEST HORSEMEN WILL BE THE LOSERS

The Week In Review, by Bill Finley

The National HBPA and its affiliates got their wish Friday. The United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit ruled that the Horse Racing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA) is unconstitutional. As a result, HISA is on life support and very well could be finished. Within hours of the decision being announced, the National HBPA was taking a victory lap, declaring that this was a win for horsemen across the country.

“Today’s ruling shows the HISA regulations are not in the best interest of Thoroughbred racing’s participants and, as Judge Doughty noted, will cause harm to the participants,” National HBPA CEO Eric Hamelback said in a statement.

That’s what Hamelback and anti-HISA forces have been saying all along, while never really clarifying what potential harm would be caused by HISA.

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Q&A WITH CONSTITUTIONAL LAW EXPERT LUCINDA FINLEY

by Dan Ross

The latest tumultuous turn in the unfolding saga of the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA) was delivered in the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit Friday, when the court ruled the law unconstitutional because it cedes too much governmental authority to a private entity, and too little rule-making input to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), which is charged with ultimately signing off on the law’s rules.

In the immediate aftermath of the decision, three legal experts weighed in for the TDN on the legal avenues open to HISA, besides asking for a stay on the ruling. They include seeking an “en banc” hearing before the full Fifth Circuit panel of judges, possibly taking the case to the U.S. Supreme Court, or a Congressional re-write of the rules to afford the FTC greater input in the rule-making process. Another important date for HISA’s near-term future looms on Dec. 7, when a case that raises similar constitutional questions of the law is scheduled to be argued in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

To discuss these issues more closely, the TDN spoke with Lucinda Finley, Frank Raichle Professor of Trial and Appellate Advocacy, and director of Appellate Advocacy at the University of Buffalo Law School.

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**HAVNAMELTDOWN TAKES DEL MAR'S BOB HOPE**

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Intriguingly, Finley—sister of TDN writer Bill Finley—believes Friday’s ruling is legally binding only in the three states under the Fifth Circuit’s jurisdiction.

Finley’s interpretation mirrors that of Bennett Liebman, a legal scholar routinely cited in the TDN, but runs counter to what has been to date the overarching response to the ruling, which has been to regard it as nationally applicable.

**TDN: Were you surprised by the Fifth Circuit decision?**

**Finley:** No, I wasn't for several reasons. First, the Fifth Circuit is probably the most conservative group of circuit court judges in the country. The conservative judges that have been appointed in the last few years are known to be hostile to broad regulatory schemes.

Second, I wasn't surprised because I think it's actually a very close legal question—whether the HISA statute gives too much rule making authority to the private entity.

On the law, I think the ruling makes many important points that perhaps the HISA statute went too far in giving too much authority to the private entity and not enough regulatory authority to the FTC.

**TDN: Does the Fifth Circuit ruling apply nationally, or just to the states under their jurisdictional umbrella, i.e., Louisiana, Texas, and...?**

**Finley:** ...Mississippi.

It has binding legal effect only in those three states. However, it will have important precedential impact on courts in other states, including the Sixth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals that is considering a case raising the identical constitutional issues.

**TDN: Yes, how does that case in the Sixth Circuit affect things?**

**Finley:** We don't know until the Sixth Circuit rules. If the Sixth Circuit were to disagree with the Fifth Circuit and conclude that HISA is constitutional, we will have two different federal courts saying the exact opposite about the constitutionality of a federal statute.

In that event, the U.S. Supreme Court would be very likely to agree to hear the case and come up with one uniform national ruling on whether or not HISA is constitutional.

**TDN: What would happen if they ruled in unison?**

**Finley:** The same way as the Fifth Circuit? That might make it less likely that the U.S. Supreme Court would agree to hear the case.
[The Supreme Court] is most likely to take a case when there are conflicting decisions in different U.S. Courts of Appeals because they realize you really can’t have the federal law be completely different in some regions of the country compared to others. If the U.S. Courts of Appeals are in agreement, the Supreme Court sees that there is no uncertainty about the federal law that they need to resolve.

TDN: In Friday’s *TDN*, various legal experts discussed two main legal routes available to HISA, including to seek an “en banc” hearing before the full Fifth Circuit Court, or to take the case to the Supreme Court. Which do you think is the likeliest scenario?

Finley: I think that, first, the HISA lawyers are likely to ask the Fifth Circuit panel of judges, the three that decided the case, to stay the effective date of their decision to give them time to pursue further appeals. I think it is unlikely that the panel of Fifth Circuit judges will grant a stay. They were very, very strong in their conclusion that HISA is unconstitutional.

In that event, the HISA lawyers could ask the U.S. Supreme Court to stay or suspend the effective date of the Fifth Circuit decision to give them time to take an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court. Whether the Supreme Court would grant that stay is, I think, something nobody can predict. Nobody has a crystal ball in that one.

It is certainly a worthwhile and likely step for the HISA lawyers to seek first in the Fifth Circuit itself and then in the U.S Supreme Court a stay of the effective date of the decision, just to give more time for appeals.

Then they could seek what’s known as an “en banc” review where they ask all of the judges of the Fifth Circuit to consider the case. I think that’s a real long shot that the judges would agree to. I think it would just delay the timing of trying to get to the U.S. Supreme Court.

However, an advantage of seeking the “en banc” review is, if it is granted, that suspends the effective date of the panel decision. When the entire court, sitting what we call en banc, agrees to rehear a case, it has the effect of wiping out the panel decision. If the Fifth Circuit were to grant that request for en banc review, it would mean that HISA was back in business, at least until the entire Fifth Circuit ruled.

The next step after that would be to take it to the U.S. Supreme Court and ask them to agree to hear the case.
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TDN: Let’s step back a step. As you stated earlier, the Fifth Circuit ruling applies only to those states within its jurisdiction. Why have quite a lot of other people considered it nationally applicable?

Finley: I don’t know why somebody would think that. There was no injunction in this Fifth Circuit decision, meaning they haven’t issued an order stopping anyone from doing anything. There’s nothing in the order itself that says it has national effect.

The traditional rule is that a U.S. Court of Appeals decision only is binding in that circuit, otherwise, there wouldn’t be 11 different Federal Circuit Appeals Courts if the ruling of one would affect the whole country. You would basically just have one huge U.S. Court of Appeals that made decisions for the whole country. That’s not the structure of our Court of Appeals federal system.

As I said earlier, it certainly has a powerful precedential effect. I think it means that it would be very unwise for HISA to continue with its regulatory program in other states because of the risk of constantly being sued. Everyone will cite the Fifth Circuit decision. [But] saying that it might have persuasive impact on judges in other parts of the country is different from saying that it is automatically legally binding on judges in other parts of the country.

For example, to show you why it’s not binding in the whole country, as we noted, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit is about to hear a case raising the same issues. The Sixth Circuit is free to disagree with the Fifth Circuit.

TDN: What way does the Sixth Circuit Court lean?

Finley: They are a more mixed court. They have a more equal number of judges appointed by Democratic presidents and Republican presidents. I think, in the Sixth Circuit, it’s really going to depend on which three judges are assigned to hear the appeal.

TDN: Do you see HISA as being in some kind of legal jeopardy nationwide, moving forward, if they continue to issue rulings?

Finley: Yes, I do. With the Fifth Circuit having said they think the entire statute is unconstitutional, anyone who gets an investigation or ruling from HISA would most likely file a lawsuit asking the court to issue an injunction against HISA, investigating them or nullifying the ruling, making the exact same argument that all their rules are unconstitutional, and citing to the Fifth Circuit decisions.

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TDN: Does this also apply retroactively to all rulings that they’ve issued since July 1?

Finley: Court decisions usually do not apply retroactively. [But] people still have the right to appeal the decisions that have been made against them, and to challenge them in court. They can, now, raise the argument that the whole statute is unconstitutional, and as I said, ask the judge to agree with the Fifth Circuit.

As the Fifth Circuit itself said, in its ruling, “Without the constitutional right to even make the rules, HISA’s enforcement and investigative powers are null and void.” So, I would think anyone who is a subject of a HISA investigation, or ruling against them, will now go to court and make the argument that they can’t enforce their rules because their rules are unconstitutional.

TDN: So, from everything that you’ve laid out, if no stays are issued on the Fifth Circuit ruling and it goes into effect on Jan. 10, and the Sixth Circuit makes some kind of ruling that mirrors the Fifth Circuit ruling, theoretically, you could see a potential scenario whereby HISA is nullified in those jurisdictions—the states that fall under the Fifth and Sixth Circuits—but is in effect in states beyond that?

Finley: Potentially. I expect that the legally prudent thing for HISA to do right now is to suspend their investigations and enforcement of their rules until the constitutionality of the statute is sorted out, perhaps in the Supreme Court, or until they convince Congress to amend the statute to fix the problems that the Fifth Circuit found.

TDN: Do you think that’s the easiest route, a congressional rewrite of the rules?

Finley: Easy? None of the routes are easy. But, I think it is the route that is likely to have the most success in saving the goal of national rules for racing.

The reason I think that is because there’s a very strong chance that if the Supreme Court did take the case, they would agree with the Fifth Circuit and say that HISA is unconstitutional because it gives too much governmental rule making authority to the private body. Congress could easily fix that by giving the FTC more authority to change, add to, delete, or reject the proposed rules that HISA develops.
Since HISA itself had such strong bipartisan support, and two of its biggest champions in the House and the Senate are Republicans from Kentucky who understand that preserving the public perception that horse racing is kind to horses and has integrity is essential to preserving the entire breeding and racing industry. I think there’s a chance that, fairly quickly, Congress may want to fix the problems in the statute. It’s not the kind of issue that’s going to get caught up in partisan politics.

**TDN: You think there’s the political will right now to do this?**

**Finley:** What will it take to reignite the fire in Congress? Just one more fatal breakdown of a horse that maybe should have been on the vet’s list, but it was in a lax state. One more drug scandal. That’s all it’s going to take for Congress to say, “Maybe we better go back to the drawing board and save this national structure.” What do you think are the odds in horse racing that over the next few months there’ll be one more fatal breakdown of a horse that probably should have been on the vet’s list, or one more drug scandal?

**TDN:** What are some of the broader implications if the case does eventually end up at the Supreme Court, with its current make up?

**Finley:** This current court has signaled that there are at least four, perhaps five, justices who would like to curtail the power of regulatory agencies, broadly. This case could present a vehicle for them to do that, to cut back not only on the ability of agencies to use private bodies that have expertise to help them develop their rules, but potentially to cut back on the rule making authority of regulatory agencies, in general.

Potentially, even if the court were to simply cut back on the ability of regulatory agencies to use the expertise of private advisory bodies, that would have major implications because many regulatory agencies do call on expert advisory bodies to develop their rules and policies, including the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The [Food and Drug Administration] convenes expert panels of scientists to assess the safety, or risks, of various drugs. The Medicare and Medicaid agencies often, in some states, look to experts from the health insurance industry to help them determine reimbursement rates and policies.

There are all kinds of examples throughout our entire regulatory system where agencies rely on private expertise. If the Supreme Court takes the case, it would really be about much more than just HISA.
Three-time winner Forever Bernardini (Bernardini—Cry and Catch Me, by Street Cry {Ire}) and Mary Crane, representing the Norfolk Hunt in Massachusetts, won both the 2022 Theodora A. Randolph Field Hunter Championship as well as the Dr. Matthew Mackay-Smith Award for the Highest-Placing Thoroughbred in Middleburg's recent week-long competition. They are the first horse and rider combination to ever win both titles.

Douglas Lees

TDN: Who would’ve thought that horse racing would be positioned in this way.

Finley: That's a very interesting observation.

It could become the vehicle for altering a lot of our current federal regulatory law, but in particular, the branch of it involved in this case, which is a somewhat obscure but important doctrine known as the Private Delegation Doctrine. In other words, "When can a federal governmental agency delegate some of its ability to make rules to a private, i.e., non-governmental, entity?"

As I said, it would have implications in securities exchanges, in pharmaceutical product regulation, in financial regulation, in healthcare regulations.

TDN: Where does all this lead for HISA?

Finley: It may turn out to be a pyrrhic victory [for the plaintiffs]. If your whole argument as to why HISA is unconstitutional is that it doesn't give the FTC bureaucrats enough authority to set your rules, guess what's going to happen? FTC bureaucrats will now have the authority to set your rules instead of people that are much more receptive to your concerns.

[Industry stakeholders] get a lot more input and flexibility in making adjustments from HISA--as we've already seen--than they will from some federal bureaucrats at the FTC in Washington who will say, "Oh, you don't like our rules? Go sue.' And the case will take five years. I don't think the FTC would be nearly as open and receptive to being so flexible with stakeholder concerns.

So, be careful what you wish for.

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In her work as a litigator and appellate advocate in federal courts, Finley frequently testifies before the U.S. Congress and state legislative committees. She has also argued cases before the U.S. Supreme Court. They fail to acknowledge that horse racing has a serious integrity problem and the cheaters are winning. HISA is designed not to hurt horsemen, but to rid the sport of its worst actors and in the process protect the overwhelming majority of owners and trainers who play by the rules. Have we learned nothing from the FBI investigation and the subsequent arrests of Jorge Navarro, Jason Servis and more than two dozen others? According to the indictments, Servis and Navarro gave virtually every horse in their barns performance-enhancing drugs and did so for years. They won with 30% of their starters not because they were superior horsemen but because they, allegedly, had potent drugs at their disposal.

Havnameltdown (Uncaptured) leads home a 1-2 finish for Bob Baffert in Sunday's GIII Bob Hope S. at Del Mar.

(click to watch)
Servis and Navarro operated under a system where state racing commissions were in charge. They were never caught and never were going to be. It’s been proven that the racing commissions do an inadequate job and are helpless to catch the bad guys. That’s because with most, the primary tool at their disposal is post-race drug tests. The same tests that never come up with anything more serious than overages of therapeutic medications. With hundreds of undetectable drugs available, it’s far too easy to beat the system. Yet, the National HBPA is essentially saying they are fine with the status quo.

HISA was set to replace the old system with a new one under the watch of the Horse Racing Integrity and Welfare Unit, which was going to go well beyond drug testing and have some actual teeth. The plan includes working with 5 Stones Intelligence, which played a large role in the investigation that caught Servis and Navarro.

“The Horse Racing Integrity and Welfare Unit is also building their own internal capability, their own internal investigations team, which is very strong and is going to include some well-known and well-established faces,” HISA CEO Lisa Lazarus said. “I think that you ask the question, and it really resonates with me, is that you want to know if the new program is going to be very much intelligence and investigations based. It’s not going to be based solely on conducting a whole lot of tests. If you look at all the top-end programs in the world, equine and otherwise, you’ll see that the successful ones that really deliver integrity to their sports rely heavily on investigations. That’s great. What 5 Stones has uncovered over the past couple of years has really changed this industry for the better. They truly have. They have certainly done a terrific job and we’re lucky to have them as part of the sport.”

If HISA can’t find a way to reverse the decision that declared it unconstitutional, we will go back to the old way of doing things, with state racing commissions leading the way while failing to do job of adequately policing the sport. HISA was never going to wipe out all cheating in the sport, but it represented a huge step in the right direction and was sure to make it a lot tougher to break the rules. HISA was going to look out for the same people, HBPA members, who were robbed of purse money every time Jorge Navarro won a race, cheating hundreds of owners and trainers. Who’s looking out for them now?

“It is the duty of the National Horsemen’s Benevolent and Protective Association to protect horsemen across the country and that is not a responsibility I take lightly,” Hamelback said after the court decision.

He’s right. But, that means doing everything possible to ensure there is a level playing field and that HBPA members who play by the rules are never at a competitive disadvantage. That should be priority No. 1. If the National HBPA truly wanted to “protect horsemen across the country” then it would be backing HISA, not trying to undermine it.

Why Flightline Has My Horse of the Year Vote

Turf writer Gary West sent in a blistering letter to the editor to the TDN last week in which he wrote that he would not vote for Flightline (Tapit) for Horse of the Year because he did not want to reward his owners after they had retired him after just six career starts.

He wrote, “Whenever owners yield to avarice and whenever they focus on the sales ring rather than the racetrack, the sport shrinks a little more. And horse racing will continue to shrink into insignificance if its leaders, or so-called leaders, will not sacrifice their personal interests for the sport’s good. That’s why I cannot and will not vote for Flightline.”

West makes a valid point and the rush to retire racing’s stars is bad for the sport. That means you can be unhappy with the ownership group but not that you should penalize the horse. Though he raced just three times during the year, Flightline’s accomplishments embody what it means to be the Horse of the Year. He was brilliant and dominating and he captivated the sport like no horse has done since Secretariat. As most would have done if they were in the same position, the owners opted to cash in on the millions coming their way from a stallion career. That’s a shame but it is also the reality of what horse racing has become in the modern era. And it takes nothing away from what Flightline accomplished. He will be a very deserving Horse of the Year.
**Sunday, Del Mar**

**BOB HOPE S.-GIII**, $100,000, Del Mar, 11-20, 2yo, 7f, 1:21.68, ft.

1--**HAVNAMELTDOWN**, 124, c, 2, by Uncaptured

1st Dam: Ashley’s Babe, by Put It Back

2nd Dam: Charms Way, by Salt Lake

3rd Dam: Remember Midnight, by Cure the Blues

($16,000 Ylg ‘21 OBSOCT; $200,000 2yo ‘22 OBSAPR).

O-Michael E. Pegram, Karl Watson Paul Weitman; B-Katherine S Devall (FL); T-Bob Baffert; J-Juan J. Hernandez. $60,000.

Lifetime Record: GISP, 4-3-1-0, $288,000.

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2--**Newgate**, 120, c, 2, Into Mischief--Majestic Presence, by Majestic Warrior. ‘TDN Rising Star’. 1ST BLACK TYPE, 1ST GRADED BLACK TYPE.

($850,000 Ylg ‘21 KEESEP).

O-SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Robert E. Masterson, Stonestreet Stables LLC, Jay A. Schoenfarber, Waves Edge Capital LLC & Catherine Donovan; B-Town & Country Horse Farms, LLC (KY); T-Bob Baffert. $20,000.

3--**Practical Move**, 120, c, 2, Practical Joke--Ack Naughty, by Afleet Alex. 1ST BLACK TYPE, 1ST GRADED BLACK TYPE.

($90,000 RNA Ylg ‘21 KEESEP; $230,000 2yo ‘22 OBSAPR).

O-Pierre Jean Amestoy, Jr., Leslie A. Amestoy & Roger K. Beasley; B-Chad Brown & Head of Plains Partners (KY); T-Tim Yakteen. $12,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, 2HF, 4 1/4. Odds: 0.90, 1.40, 9.30.

Also Ran: Mixto, Hard to Figure. Scratched: Giver Not a Taker, Lloyds Logic. Click for the Equibase.com chart and the TJCIS.com PPs. VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

“He broke nice and easy today,” explained winning rider Juan Hernandez. “Before in his races, he was sling-shotting out of there. Today, he was more professional. Our other horse [trainer Baffert’s Hard to Figure] inside of us on the rail was trying to get out into us, but my horse took it well. He’s learning how to run. After we cleared that other horse, I had a nice trip from there.”

Marking his debut at last July going five panels at Del Mar, the Florida bred made it two straight with a score in the GIII Best Pal S. at the seaside oval Aug. 14. Stepping into top-level competition for his latest, he finished 5 1/4 lengths behind subsequent Breeders’ Cup Juvenile runner-up Cave Rock (Arrogate) in the Gl Runhappy Del Mar Futurity Sept. 11.

**Pedigree Notes:**

Former Ocala Stud stallion Uncaptured—relocated to South Korea for the 2020 breeding season—is the sire of Havnameltdown and other 2022 graded winners Yes I Am Free, Willy Boi, and Lightening Larry, as well as two other graded winners. Of Uncaptured’s 11 black-type winners total, two—Havnameltdown and additional graded winner Two Sixty—are out of Put It Back mares. The late Put It Back, an Honour and Glory/Relaunch stallion, also originally stood in Florida before his export to Argentina and has 30 stakes winners out of his daughters.

Havnameltdown and Two Sixty have another tie, as they are out of full-sisters. Two Sixty was bought by Stonestreet at last year’s Keeneland November sale for $440,000 while in foal to Constitution and had a colt Jan. 23. Havnameltdown’s dam, Ashley’s Babe, has a yearling colt by Tapiture, who was a $4,500 RNA at Keeneland January, and was bred to Maximus Mischief for 2023. Her fourth dam, Rose Bowl (Habitat), was a champion in England and an excellent broodmare who produced three
stakes winners, while her descendants include Canadian champion Strait of Dover (English Channel) and English highweight Iktamal (Danzig Connection).

WOODBINE REMAINING SUNDAY CARD

Woodbine Entertainment was forced to cancel races 3-10 on Sunday's card at the Etobicoke track due to inclement weather. The first two races were conducted under “clear” weather, according to the Equibase charts, but a significant amount of snow was on the ground and the Weather Network said up to 15 more inches of lake-effect snow could fall before the end of the day. The temperature was listed at -5 degrees in Celsius, or approximately 23 degrees in Fahrenheit.

Live racing is scheduled to resume Thursday, Nov. 24.

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**FALLS CITY S.-GIII**, $500,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m

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### Thursday, Del Mar #6, post time: 4:30 p.m. EST

**RED CARPET H.-GIII**, $150,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 3/8mT

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Friday, Churchill Downs #11, post time: 5:56 p.m. EST
CLARK S. PRESENTED BY NORTON HEALTHCARE-GI, $750,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m

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Friday, Churchill Downs #9, post time: 4:57 p.m. EST
MRS. REVERE S.-GII, $300,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT

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Friday, Del Mar #7, post time: 6:30 p.m. EST
HOLLYWOOD TURF CUP S.-GII, $250,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/2mT

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Friday, Aqueduct #6, post time: 2:44 p.m. EST
LONG ISLAND S.-GIII, $300,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 3/8mT

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COMELY S.-GIII, $175,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/8m

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

FOREVER TOGETHER S., $135,000, Aqueduct, 11-20, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.40, fm.
1--MISS DRACARYS, 123, f, 4, Malibu Moon--Ask Me When, by Speightstown. ($525,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP). 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Al Shira’a Farms; B-Castleton Lyons & Kilboy Estate (KY); T-Neil D. Drysdale; J-Dylan Davis. $74,250.
Lifetime Record: 12-4-2-1, $282,270. *1/2 to Up the Ante (Smart Strike), SW & GSP, $298,713; Full to Aristocratic, SW & GSP, $529,109.

Margins: 1, 4, HF. Odds: 5.40, 3.40, 16.90.
Also Ran: Finest Work, Messidor (Ire), Lashara (GB). Scratched: Exotic West, Fluffy Socks, Por Que No.

Miss Dracarys led the field on a merry chase early and was game late to score her first black-type win Sunday in Aqueduct’s Forever Together S. The bay shot to the lead right out of the gate, threw down early fractions of :24.35 and :48.73, and maintained a comfortable advantage over her competition. Miss Dracarys had something left when challenged on the turn by Evvie Jets and dug in stubbornly to edge clear late by a length at the wire.

“She’s a fighter so when a horse challenges her, she fought off the challenger,” said winning rider Dylan Davis. “I really thought she was going to be second or third and she fought back and ended up the winner.”

Miss Dracarys was coming off a win Oct. 20 in an optional allowance going 1 1/8 miles at the Belmont at Aqueduct meet and had placed last fall in the Winter Memories S. over course and distance. Trainer Neil Drysdale added, “She’s come well as of late. She’s an improving filly and we look forward to racing her again next year. That was decided after this race.”

The third stakes winner for her dam, the 4-year-old was a $525,000 Keeneland September yearling purchase by bloodstock agent Shawn Dugan, who is married to Drysdale. The filly hails from the immediate family of MGISW Honey Ryder (Lasting Approval) and MGSW and sire Dominus (Smart Strike).

Ask Me When also has a 2-year-old colt by Quality Road, who realized for $750,000 from Repole Stable and St. Elias Stable at last year’s Keeneland September sale, and a filly foaled Mar. 14 by Quality Road’s son, City of Light. She has been bred back to Quality Road for next term. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

KEY CENTS S., $100,000, Aqueduct, 11-20, (S), 2yo, f, 6f, 1:13.48, ft.
1--STONEWALL STAR, 122, f, 2, by Flatter
1st Dam: Jonata, by Proud Citizen
2nd Dam: Romp and Stomp, by Olympio
3rd Dam: Prom Knight, by Sir Harry Lewis
1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Barry K. Schwartz; B-Stonewall Farm (NY); T-Horacio De Paz; J-Jose L. Ortiz. $55,000. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, $130,808. *Full to La Fuerza, MSW, $261,610.

2--Weekend Rags, 120, f, 2, Street Boss--Weekend, by Henny Hughes. ($30,000 Wlg '20 KEENOV). 1ST BLACK TYPE.
O-NY Final Furlong Racing Stable & WLIR Racing Stables; B-Sebastian Murat, Kelly & Paul Zanella (NY); T-Jorge R. Abreu. $20,000.

3--Security Code, 122, f, 2, Frosted--Stopspendingmaria, by Montbrook. 1ST BLACK TYPE.
O-WellSpring Stables; B-Rockridge Stud, LLC, Ascendant Farms, LLC & Godolphin (NY); T-Jorge M. Serpe. $12,000.

Margins: 4, NK, 6. Odds: 0.45, 3.90, 6.70.
Also Ran: Dream On Cara, Three Unions, Small Pebbles.
A 4 1/2-length winner against state-bred fillies at second asking Sept. 22, Stonewall Star returned to take on the boys last time out, coming in a game third, beaten only a length behind Acoustic Ave (Maclean’s Music) and GSP Andiamo a Firenze (Speightstown) in the New York Breeders’ Futurity at the Finger Lakes Oct. 17. Back against her own gender as the heavy 2-5 choice here, Stonewall Star wasted no time getting to the front, establishing the early lead from the first strides. Already 1 1/2 lengths in front through the opening half in :47.59, she turned for home a path off the rail and drew off under a drive to keep Weekend Rags behind her, cruising home much the best to win by daylight.

“She moved forward off that race at Finger Lakes,” said winning trainer Horacio De Paz. “I wanted her to get involved in the race, but she broke sharp today. I don’t know if that was by mistake; maybe getting settled in the gate a little bit, but she got great position early on.”

The second stakes winner and last reported foal produced out of a half-sister to GISP Pinch Pie (Victory Gallop), Stonewall Star hails back to Gl Breeders’ Cup Classic winner Volponi (Cryptoclearance). Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

IN ORDER OF PURSE:

8th-Churchill Downs, $137,778, Alw (NW2$X)/Opt. Clm ($80,000), 11-20, 3yo/f, 6 1/2f, 1:15.76, ft, 2 1/4 lengths. FIRE ON TIME (f, 4, Not This Time—Sapphire Spitfire, by Awesome Again) came out running as a 3-year-old to post two wins from three starts and entered Sunday off a five-month layoff since posting back-to-back claiming wins earlier this year. Sent off an 11-1 longshot, Fire On Time got caught in third behind the fleet-footed Magic Quest (Nyquist) while racing several paths off the rail heading into the far turn. Still wide as she challenged with a furlong to run, Fire On Time cleared that rival and held off a closing Hazy Command (Mastery) to win by 2 1/4 lengths. Her year younger full-sister took an allowance race at Aqueduct Nov. 17 and she has a half-sister by Mo Town. Sapphire Spitfire foaled a colt by Bolt d'Oro and was bred back to that stallion for next season. Sales History: $95,000 Wlg ’18 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: 7-5-0-2, $266,786. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-Albaugh Family Stables; B-Jorge Wagner (KY); T-Dale Romans.

7th-Churchill Downs, $126,770, Alw, 11-20, (NW2L), 2yo/f, 1mT, 1:39.28, fm, 3/4 length. SABALENKA (f, 2, Good Samaritan—Darling Daughter {GSP}, by Maria’s Mon) just squeezed out a win at Kentucky Downs Sept. 13, taking a maiden special weight event by a nose before settling for fourth in Keeneland’s GII JP Morgan Chase Jessamine S. Oct. 7. The third choice at 3-1, Sabalenka was sent to the front, setting moderate fractions while hugging the rail into the far turn. Challenged by a closing Jet Setting (Union Rags) late, she had enough of a gap built up to hold that rival off and win by three-quarters of a length. Sabalenka is the 14th winner for her freshman sire (by Harlan’s Holiday). Darling Daughter is already responsible for Big Bazinga (Bluegrass Cat), GSP, $284,681 and Holiday Mischief (Into Mischief), SW, $382,975. Sales History: $30,000 RNA Ylg ’21 KEESEP; $35,000 2yo ’22 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, $190,929. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-DiRico Racing; B-Al Mazzetti (KY); T-D. Whitworth Beckman.
9th-Churchill Downs, $121,975, Alw, 11-20, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5f, :56.64, ft, 3 1/4 lengths.

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O-Slam Dunk Racing; B-Cobra Bloodstock & Lynch Bages LTD. (KY); T-D. Whitworth Beckman.

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4th-Del Mar, $75,500, Alw (C)/Opt. Clm ($100,000), 11-20, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:08.27, ft, head.

GET HER NUMBER (c, 4, Dialed In--Fancier, by Bernstein), winner of the GI American Pharoah S. at two and placed in both the GI Bing Crosby S. and GI Triple Bend S. this summer—the latter while under the care of Peter Miller’s longtime assistant Ruben Alvarado—was last seen finishing seventh in the Aug. 27 GI Pat O’Brien S. at Del Mar. Second choice at 2-1 here after the brief freshening, Get Her Number was slow leaving the gate and was content to trail briefly as MGSW Forbidden Kingdom (American Pharoah) showed the way up front through the :21.67 first quarter. Last year’s Pat O’Brien winner and GI Breeders’ Cup Dirt Mile second Ginobili (Munnings)—who was making his first start in 11 months—went after Forbidden Kingdom and those two battled up front as Get Her Number moved up, split horses, and positioned himself in third. He ground down the stretch on the outside and just tagged Ginobili on the wire by a head with Forbidden Kingdom another half-length back in third. Get Her Number is the more recent of just two foals out of Fancier who, from the family of GI Breeders’ Cup Mile winner Opening Verse (The Minstrel), has been bred to Tapit for 2023. Sales History: $45,000 2yo ‘20 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: GISW, 14-5-1-1, $550,661.

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O-Gary Barber; B-Philip & Brenda Robertson (KY); T-Peter Miller.

7th-Gulfstream, $44,700, Alw (NW2L)/Opt. Clm ($75,000), 11-20, 2yo, f, 1:11.68, sy, 5 1/4 lengths.

ARELLA STAR (f, 2, Nyquist--Cayman Sunrise, by Petionville) debuted a distant third July 1 at this venue in a five furlong baby dash over the main track, and broke through the maiden ranks July 29 in a track and near trip contest over eventual stakes winner Blind Spot (Cross Traffic). After an unsuccessful trip to Del Mar Sept. 10 for the GI TVG Del Mar Debutante S. where she finished last as And Tell Me Nolies (Arrogate) fought on to a game victory, Arella Star was slammed down to 6-5 odds on her return to Hallandale. Quick into stride after the jump, she battled with Olga (Brethren) early, clicked through :22.38 and :45.98 splits and dispatched that rival before drawing away by 5 1/4 lengths. One of One (Classic Empire) overtook Olga for the place spot. A half-sister to Empire Power (Bodemeister), SP, $190,302, Arella Star has a pair of half-brothers—a yearling by Klimt and a 2022 weanling by Broken Vow. Cayman Sunrise went to Volatile for 2023. Sales history: $70,000 Wlg ‘20 KEENOVS; $62,000 Ylg ‘21 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, $54,900. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-J Stables LLC; B-Respite Farm (KY); T-Roderick R. Rodriguez.

IN ORDER OF PURSE:

5th-Aqueduct, $85,000, Msw, 11-20, 2yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:20.26, ft, 3/4 length.

GIVE ME KISSES (f, 2, Street Sense--Agave Kiss (GSW & GISP, $339,400), by Lion Heart) and ‘Insights’ highlight Ana’s Gun (Gun Runner) appeared evenly matched in this juvenile debut. Sent off the 5-2 choice over her 3-1 counterpart, Give Me Kisses was several paths wide while stalking the early leaders. Coming under encouragement nearing the quarter pole, she stayed wide turning for home while bumping with Ana’s Gun. The leading duo battled gamely clear of the rest of the field, however, the favorite got the better of her rival at the eighth pole and inched away to a 3/4-length victory. Modern Love (Curlin) was fifth. The $400,000 FTFMAR grad is the most recent to the races for her dam, who hit the board in the GI Prioress S. and won the GIII Cicada S. The dam has a 2022 filly by Improbable and was bred to Yaupon for 2023. Sales history: $210,000 Ylg ‘21 FTSAUG; $400,000 2yo ‘22 FTFMAR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $46,750. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-Repole Stable; B-Town & Country Horse Farms, LLC (KY); T-Todd Pletcher.
Runners Give Me Kisses (9) and Ana’s Gun (6) go 1-2 on debut | Coglianese

2nd-Aqueduct, $85,000, Msw, 11-20, 2yo, 1 1/8m, 1:55.21, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.

CLASSIC CATCH (c, 2, Classic Empire--Moon Catcher (GSW, $714,450), by Malibu Moon) was making up ground late in his only prior start at the Belmont The Big A meet Oct. 22 but had to settle for third in the seven-furlong event. Off at 5-2 Sunday with the added distance to work with, he was a step slow from the gate but settled into a ground-saving position in fourth for the run up the backstretch. Glued to the rail until given his cue heading into the far turn, Classic Catch kicked into gear with a three-wide move past the quarter pole and fanned out wider still at the head of the lane to get a jump on American Hustle (American Pharoah). Once on the lead with an eighth to run, he drew steadily clear to defeat Crupi (Curlin) by 2 1/2 lengths.

Classic Catch, a half-brother to Bobby G (Awesome Again), SP, $414,207, has a yearling half-brother by Competitive Edge but his dam did not produce a foal when bred to Mendelssohn for 2022. She returned to McKinzie for the 2023 season. Sales History: $110,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, $58,150.

3rd-Del Mar, $71,500, (S), Msw, 11-20, 2yo, f, 1mT, 1:36.53, fm, 2 1/4 lengths.

CAROLE LOMBARD (f, 2, Grazen--Shesabronxbomber (MSP, $229,442), by Afleet Alex) was bumped out of the gate, tracked the pace on the outside through :23.04 and 46.52 splits, tipped wide into the lane, and sailed to a 1 1/4-length win over Loyal to a Fault (Nyquist) at 5-2. Her only previous outing was a fifth Nov. 5 at Santa Anita going six panels. The Nick Alexander homebred is a full-sister to Crash Corrigan, SP, $261,702; and has a yearling half-brother named Lawson Ramage (Tough Sunday), as well as a weanling half-sister, also by Tough Sunday. She hails from the same family as GSW Lunar Spook (Silver Ghost). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $43,220. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

9th-Remington, $33,000, Msw, 11-19, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:14.45, ft, 1 length.

DEMI (f, 2, Paynter--Devine Sucess, by Successful Appeal), eased from the gate as the 2-1 second choice, took her time getting into stride with only a single rival beat through the opening quarter in :22.92. She began to pick it up while moving five wide around the turn and sustained her drive down the lane, holding off Our Davina (Midshipman) to win by a length. Demi’s only younger sibling is a weanling half-brother by Tonalist while her dam, who failed to produce a foal in 2021, was bred back to Daredevil for a 2023 foal. Sales History: $7,000 Ylg ’21 KEEJAN. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $19,596. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

6th-Golden Gate Fields, $32,970, Msw, 11-19, 2yo, f, 6f (AWT), 1:10.77, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

THREAD COUNT (f, 2, Cairo Prince--Fine Linen, by Henny Hughes) chased from second early but wound up fading on debut at Santa Anita Oct. 2 to finish a well-beaten sixth. Given only a 19-1 shot off that effort Saturday, she sat a little farther off the pace but was never far out of it as Fourth Street (Street Sense) led the opening half in :45.66. Tucked against the rail around the turn, Thread Count timed her run for the final furlong, overtaking Fourth Street late and clearing to the wire en route to a 1 1/2-length win. Out of a half-sister to GSW Lilacs and Lace (Flower Alley), who went on to produce champion 2-year-old filly in Japan Lucky Lilac (Jpn) (Orfevre (Jpn)), this is the family of champion older mare in Japan Diamond Biko (Jpn) (Sunday Silence) through her third dam MGISW Stella Madrid (Alydar). Fine Linen produced a colt by Palace Malice in 2021 and a colt by Klimt this year before being a part of the first crop bred to Known Agenda for a 2023 foal. Sales History: $24,000 Ylg ’21 KEESEP; $70,000 2yo ‘22 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $18,500. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.
FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21
2022 Stud Fees Listed

**Always Dreaming** (Bodemeister), WinStar Farm, $12,500
127 foals of racing age/8 winners/1 black-type winner
1-Mahoning Valley, 12:45 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Always Mischievous, 2-1
8-Parx Racing, 3:34 p.m. EDT, Msw 6 1/2f, Dreaming of Smarty, 3-1
$16,000 RNA KEE JAN wnl; $20,000 FTK OCT yrl

**Battalion Runner** (Unbridled's Song), Ocala Stud, $1,500
9 foals of racing age/3 winners/1 black-type winner
8-Zia, 5:09 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Just N Loving, 20-1

**Bolt d'Oro** (Medaglia d'Oro), Spendthrift Farm, $20,000
167 foals of racing age/22 winners/4 black-type winners
8-Zia, 5:09 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Christian d'Oro, 5-2
$18,000 KEE SEP yrl; $80,000 OBS MAR 2yo

**Cloud Computing** (Maclean's Music), Spendthrift Farm, $5,000
114 foals of racing age/13 winners/0 black-type winners
8-Parx Racing, 3:34 p.m. EDT, Msw 6 1/2f, Cumulus, 5-1
$40,000 KEE SEP yrl; $45,000 OBS MAR 2yo
3-Remington, 4:26 p.m. EDT, Alw 1m, Sunny San Leon, 6-1
$1,500 OBS WIN wnl; $17,000 OBS OPN 2yo

**Forever d'Oro** (Medaglia d'Oro), Breakway Farm, $2,000
14 foals of racing age/1 winner/1 black-type winner
5-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 4:34 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Rock the Red, 10-1
$8,000 IND MIX yrl

**Good Magic** (Curlin), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, $30,000
133 foals of racing age/17 winners/3 black-type winners
8-Parx Racing, 3:34 p.m. EDT, Msw 6 1/2f, Jackson Road, 6-1
$47,000 EAS OCT yrl; $62,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo; $49,000 OBS OPN 2yo

**Mendelssohn** (Scat Daddy), Coolmore Ashford, $35,000
174 foals of racing age/19 winners/1 black-type winner
1-Mahoning Valley, 12:45 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Qia, 7-2
$42,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: MONDAY, NOV. 21
2022 Stud Fees Listed

**Bal a Bali** (Brz) (Put It Back), Calumet Farm, $5,000
149 foals of racing age/51 winners/1 black-type winner
8-Mahoning Valley, 4:03 p.m. EDT, $250K Steel Valley Sprint S., 6f, Sheltowee's Bali, 30-1

**Gun Runner** (Candy Ride {Arg}), Three Chimneys Farm, private
247 foals of racing age/71 winners/14 black-type winners
7-Mahoning Valley, 3:33 p.m. EDT, $100K Youngstown Oaks, 6f, Gunfyre Gal, 4-1
$250,000 RNA EAS OCT yrl

**Kiss the Ghost** (Ghostzapper), Poplar Creek Horse Center, $1,500
6 foals of racing age/4 winners/1 black-type winner
5-Mahoning Valley, 2:33 p.m. EDT, $75K First Lady S., 6f, R Three Angels, 7-5
$3,000 FTK OCT yrl

**Practical Joke** (Into Mischief), Coolmore Ashford, $35,000
270 foals of racing age/92 winners/9 black-type winners
7-Mahoning Valley, 3:33 p.m. EDT, $100K Youngstown Oaks, 6f, Girl With a Dream, 3-1
$115,000 KEE SEP yrl
8-Mahoning Valley, 4:03 p.m. EDT, $250K Steel Valley Sprint S., 6f, Tejano Twist, 9-2

**Unified** (Candy Ride {Arg}), Lane's End Farm, $10,000
194 foals of racing age/64 winners/3 black-type winners
8-Mahoning Valley, 4:03 p.m. EDT, $250K Steel Valley Sprint S., 6f, Roger McQueen, 6-1
$77,000 KEE NOV wnl; $190,000 KEE SEP yrl; $530,000 OBS MAR 2yo
STAKES RESULTS:

WEST VIRGINIA FUTURITY, $94,575, Charles Town, 11-19, (S), 2yo, 7f, 1:29.27, ft.
1--NO LOVE FOR JUBA, 120, g, 2, by Juba--Not Even for Love, by Not For Love. O/B-Taylor Mountain Farm (WV); T-James W. Casey; J-Orlando Bocachica. $56,745. Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-1, $82,967.

2--Music Lass, 117, f, 2, Declan's Warrior--Perfume in the Air, by Munnings. O/B-Peter Wainwright (WV); T-Clifford Tuomisto. $18,915.

3--I’m the Money Man, 120, g, 2, Windsor Castle--Candy Man's Girl, by Charitable Man. O/T-Ronald G. Sigler; B-Taylor Mountain Farm (WV). $9,458. Margins: 1 1/4, 3 1/4, 3/4. Odds: 10.50, 42.10, 4.70.

CARY GRANT S., $94,000, Golden Gate Fields, 11-19, 3yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:09.70, ft.

2--Irrefutable, 124, g, 6, Big Bad Leroybrown--Seasononto perfection, by Poteen. O-Anthony Pescetti; B-Old English Rancho (CA); T-Michael Lenzini. $13,000.

3--Psycho Dar, 124, g, 7, Storm Wolf--Stormin Mon, by Maria’s Mon. ($8,000 Ylg ’16 BAROCT; $13,000 RNA 2yo ’17 BARMAY). O-Mary Tucker; B-Liberty Road Stables (CA); T-Samuel Calvario. $7,800. Margins: 3/4, 1 1/4, 3/4. Odds: 2.20, 12.30, 1.70.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

10th-Aqueduct, $90,000, 11-20, (NW1$X), 3yo/up, 6fT, 1:08.63, fm, 1 1/4 lengths.
ALAGON (g, 3, California Chrome--Scamper, by Scamper, by Scamper) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, $62,616. O/B-Charles T. Matses (KY); T-Edward T. Allard.

9th-Del Mar, $75,796, 11-19, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.82, fm, 3/4 length.
GILLIAN ELIZABETH (f, 3, Astern {Aus}--Rue de Cry, by Street Cry {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 12-4-1-4, $169,780. O/B-Iconic Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY); T-Carla Gaines.

6th-Laurel, $56,610, 11-20, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2fT, 1:05.39, gd, 3/4 length.
OUR STRONG VOWS (f, 4, Wicked Strong--Mountain Vow, by Wicked Strong) Lifetime Record: 13-3-2-1, $100,890. O-Christine Berkeley Applegate; B-Murray Rojas (PA); T-W. Robert Bailes. *$5,000 Ylg ’19 EASOCT.

8th-Laurel, $51,060, 11-20, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2fT, 1:05.04, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

8th-Gulfstream, $50,300, (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($25,000), 11-20, 3yo/up, f/m, 5f (AWT), :55.99, ft, neck.
ADMIRAL HOPPER (f, 4, Field Commission--Flower Class, by Stormy Atlantic) Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-0, $76,625. O/B-Krista Seltzer & Edward A. Seltzer (FL); T-Saffie A. Joseph, Jr.
5th-Gulfstream, $43,000, (S), 11-20, 3yo/up, f/m, 5f (AWT), :56.14, ft, neck.

VELOCE BELLA (f, 3, Songandaprayer--Italy Girl, by Sweetoutsouthernaint) Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-1, $51,390. O-Heehaw Racing; B-A. Stanchieri & Farm III Enterprises (FL); T-Jorge Delgado.

7th-Golden Gate Fields, $39,232, 11-19, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:44.36, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

MOMMA MOCCA (f, 4, Tamarando--Chi Chi Nette, by Ole') Lifetime Record: 16-3-3-4, $116,274. O-Matthew Gutierrez, Mark A. & Maria Hanna & Ralph Martin; B-David McGlothlin (CA); T-Manuel Badilla. *30,000 Ylg '19 NCAAUG. *1/2 to Mensa Heat (Unusual Heat), MSW & GISP, $544,838; Real Heat (Unusual Heat), MSP, $338,872; Majestic Heat (Unusual Heat), GSW, $578,329.

5th-Charles Town, $36,300, 11-19, 3yo/up, f/m, 4 1/2f, :53.66, ft, 1/2 length.

FULL MOON LOVER (f, 3, Mosler--Moon Map, by Malibu Moon) Lifetime Record: 12-7-4-0, $170,321. O/B-Ronney W. Brown & Nicole Freeland (WV); T-Ronney W. Brown. *1/2 to Tommy Shelby (Super Ninety Nine), SP, $216,711.

6th-Charles Town, $36,300, (S), 11-19, (NW4L), 3yo/up, f/m, 4 1/2f, :52.83, ft, 3 1/4 lengths.

LUCYLOU WHO (f, 3, Sky Mesa--R C's Daisyduke {SW, $151,775}, by Yes It's True) Lifetime Record: SP, 7-4-2-0, $104,797. O/B-Robert L Cole (WV); T-Emanuel J. Geralis.

4th-Remington, $36,295, 11-19, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:05.47, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

MALIBU THUNDER (g, 3, Mshawish--Dill Or No Dill (MSW & GSP, $140,415), by Evansville Slew) Lifetime Record: 15-2-3-1, $62,337. O-Johnny B. Evans & Terry Eoff; B-Edward Taylor & Springland Farm (KY); T-Terry Eoff. *$15,000 RNA Wlg '19 KEENOV; $9,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP.

8th-Remington, $36,190, 11-19, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5f, :59.71, my, 4 1/4 lengths.

FIRSTSLATE (f, 4, First Samurai--Cleanslate, by War Pass) Lifetime Record: 19-5-8-0, $85,350. O-Maxie Wayne Kitchings, Jr.; B-Emcee Stable LLC (KY); T-Donald Melancon.

2nd-Charles Town, $33,900, 11-19, (NW2LX), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:21.89, ft, 1/2 length.

RUN TO DAILYLIGHT (g, 3, Runhappy--Daylight's Coming, by Stormy Atlantic) Lifetime Record: MSW, 13-4-3-0, $149,637. O-David M. Raim; B-James Franklin Miller (WV); T-Jeff C. Runco. *$115,000 Ylg '20 KEEJAN; $60,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP. **1/2 to Twirling Owen (Twirling Candy), SW, $128,665.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Night Party, f, 2, Capital Account--Good Party, by Good Journey. Del Mar, 11-20, (S), (C), 5 1/2f, 1:04.57. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-0, $36,900. B-BG Stables & Hector Palma (CA).

Taxed, f, 2, Collected--Yankee Union (MSG, $164,064), by Yankee Gentleman. Churchill Downs, 11-20, (C), 1m, 1:37.13. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, $40,206. B-Brereton C. Jones (KY). *$27,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; $105,000 2yo '22 OBSMAR.

Feeling Woozy, g, 2, Irish War Cry--Stormy Love Affair, by Stormy Atlantic. Laurel, 11-20, 7f, 1:26.34. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-0, $61,750. B-Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds, LLC (MD). *$16,000 Ylg '21 EASOCT. **Fourth Winner for Freshman Sire (by Curlin)

Lucky Deputy, f, 2, Lookin At Lucky--Northern Deputy, by Deputy Commander. Remington, 11-19, 7f, 1:27.00. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, $56,504. B-Calumet Farm (KY). *$10,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP.

Debit Card, g, 3, Will Take Charge--Awesome Gift (Brz), by Street Cry (Ire). Laurel, 11-20, 5f, :58.47. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, $37,433. B-Stud TNT LLC (KY). *$8,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP.

Ouster, g, 4, Outwork--Northern City, by City Zip. Aqueduct, 11-20, (S), 1mT, 1:37.43. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-2, $80,540. B-Cheryl Prudhomme & Michael Gallivan (NY). *$50,000 Ylg '19 SARAUG; $24,000 RNA 2yo '20 OBSAPR. **1/2 to Sal the Turtle (Caleb's Posse), MSP, $249,236.

Mozay, f, 4, Uncle Mo--Zinzay (GSP), by Smart Strike. Aqueduct, 11-20, 1mT, 1:37.09. Lifetime Record: 9-1-1-2, $125,310. B-Summer Wind Equine LLC (KY). *$350,000 Ylg '19 FTSAUG. **1/2 to Moon Over Miami (Malibu Moon), SW & GISP, $726,152.
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Air Force Blue, Top Gun Girl, f, 3, o/o Moanin (Fr), by Medicean (GB). ALW, 11-20, Churchill Downs

Astern (Aus), Gillian Elizabeth, f, 3, o/o Rue de Cry, by Street Cry (Ire). AOC, 11-19, Del Mar

Cairo Prince, Thread Count, f, 2, o/o Fine Linen, by Henny Hughes. MSW, 11-19, Golden Gate

California Chrome, Alogon, g, 3, o/o Scamper, by Scat Daddy. ALW, 11-20, Aqueduct

Capital Account, Night Party, f, 2, o/o Good Party, by Good Journey. MCL, 11-20, Del Mar

Classic Empire, Classic Catch, c, 2, o/o Moon Catcher, by Malibu Moon. MSW, 11-20, Aqueduct

Collected, Taxed, f, 2, o/o Yankee Union, by Yankee Gentleman. MCL, 11-20, Churchill Downs

Dialed In, Get Her Number, c, 4, o/o Fancier, by Bernstein. AOC, 11-20, Aqueduct

Fed Biz, Bizzy Legs, g, 4, o/o Love Those Legs, by Parading. ALW, 11-19, Remington

Field Commission, Admiral Hopper, f, 4, o/o Flower Class, by Stormy Atlantic. AOC, 11-20, Gulfstream

First Samurai, Firstslate, f, 4, o/o Cleanslate, by War Pass. ALW, 11-19, Delta Downs

Flatter, Stonewall Star, f, 2, o/o Jonata, by Proud Citizen. Key Cents S., 11-20, Aqueduct

Good Samaritan, Sabalenka, f, 2, o/o Darling Daughter, by Maria's Mon. ALW, 11-20, Churchill Downs

Grazen, Carole Lombard, f, 2, o/o Shesabronxbomber, by Afleet Alex. MSW, 11-20, Del Mar

Harbor the Gold, Top Harbor, c, 4, o/o Reba Is Tops, by He's Tops. Oakland S., 11-19, Golden Gate

Irish War Cry, Feeling Woozy, g, 2, o/o Stormy Love Affair, by Stormy Atlantic. MSW, 11-20, Laurel

Juba, No Love for Juba, g, 2, o/o Not Even for Love, by Not For Love. West Virginia Futurity, 11-19, Charles Town

Lookin At Lucky, Lucky Deputy, f, 2, o/o Northern Deputy, by Deputy Commander. MSW, 11-19, Remington

Malibu Moon, Miss Dracarys, f, 4, o/o Ask Me When, by Speightstown. Forever Together S., 11-20, Aqueduct

Midnight Storm, Phenom, f, 3, o/o Like a Hurricane, by Street Boss. AOC, 11-20, Del Mar

Mosler, Full Moon Lover, f, 3, o/o Moon Map, by Malibu Moon. AOC, 11-19, Charles Town

Mosler, Heir Port, g, 4, o/o Heir Stream, by Wildcat Heir. ALW, 11-20, Laurel

Mshawish, Malibu Thunder, g, 3, o/o Dill Or No Dill, by Evansville Slew. ALW, 11-19, Remington

Not This Time, Fire On Time, f, 4, o/o Sapphire Spitfire, by Awesome Again. AOC, 11-20, Churchill Downs

Nyquist, Arella Star, f, 2, o/o Cayman Sunrise, by Petionville. MSW, 11-20, Gulfstream

Nyquist, Golden Alchemist, c, 3, o/o Lemon de Oro, by Lemon Drop Kid. ALW, 11-20, Aqueduct

Outwork, Ouster, g, 4, o/o Northern City, by City Zip. MSW, 11-20, Aqueduct

Overanalyze, Funny How, f, 3, o/o Heavenly Humor, by Distorted Humor. AOC, 11-20, Aqueduct

Paintyer, Demi, f, 2, o/o Devine Sucess, by Successful Appeal. MSW, 11-19, Remington

Runhappy, Lady Ocean, f, 2, o/o Grit and Grace, by Tapit. MSW, 11-20, Churchill Downs

Runhappy, Run to Daylight, g, 3, o/o Daylight's Coming, by Stormy Atlantic. ALW, 11-19, Charles Town

Sky Mesa, Lucylou Who, f, 3, o/o R C's Daisyduke, by Yes It's True. ALW, 11-19, Charles Town

Songandaprayer, Veloce Bella, f, 3, o/o Italy Girl, by Sweetsouthernsaint. AOC, 11-20, Gulfstream

Street Sense, Give Me Kisses, f, 2, o/o Agave Kiss, by Lion Heart. MSW, 11-20, Gulfstream

Street Sense, Music Street, f, 3, o/o Sudden Heat, by Congrats. ALW, 11-20, Churchill Downs

Tamarando, Momma Mocca, f, 4, o/o Chi Chi Nette, by Ole'. AOC, 11-19, Golden Gate

Uncaptured, Havnameltdown, c, 2, o/o Ashley's Babe, by Put It Back. GII Bob Hope S., 11-20, Del Mar

Uncle Mo, Mozay, f, 4, o/o Zinzay, by Smart Strike. MSW, 11-20, Aqueduct

Vronsky, The Chosen Vron, g, 4, o/o Tiz Molly, by Tiz Wonderful. Cary Grant S., 11-19, Del Mar

Wicked Strong, Our Strong Vows, f, 4, o/o Mountain Vow, by Broken Vow. ALW, 11-20, Aqueduct

Will Take Charge, Debit Card, g, 3, o/o Awesome Gift (Brz), by Street Cry (Ire). MSW, 11-20, Laurel
PROKOFIEV IN RIGHT KEY FOR HUGE TATTS DEBUT

by Chris McGrath

Ed Harper will never forget the time he first encountered Sergei Prokofiev in the flesh. The Whitsbury Manor Stud director was at the Rowley Mile for the G3 Cornwallis S., anticipating a big run from Heartwarming (GB) (Showcasing {GB}), a farm-bred filly leased to the Hot To Trot syndicate with Clive Cox.

"We fancied her heavily," Harper recalls. "She'd been doing some very smart work, we knew we hadn't quite seen the best of her, today was the day. But then I saw Sergei Prokofiev in the pre-parade ring and thought, 'Crumbs, we could be in a bit of trouble here.'"

After all, the son of Scat Daddy had cost the Coolmore partners $1.1 million at the Keeneland September Sale the previous year, a graduate of David Anderson’s exemplary nursery in Ontario. Though out of a Tapit half-sister to a graded stakes-winning juvenile, his overall pedigree was solid rather than sensational—an adjective that instead applied, unequivocally, to his physique.

In the event, Heartwarming found herself hopelessly stuck in traffic. But while Harper was vexed at the time, four years on he can look back at the winner’s flamboyant performance as a platform for what has proved the most successful stallion launch in Whitsbury’s history. Cont. p3

PERSIAN FORCE RETIRED FOR STALLION DUTY

Group 2 winner Persian Force (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}–Vida Amorosa {Ire}, by Lope De Vega {Ire}), placed three times at the highest level, has been retired to stand at stud in 2023, Amo Racing’s Tom Pennington confirmed to the TDN on Sunday morning. A stud farm and fee for the precocious juvenile will be announced in the very near future.

“Persian’s done an incredible job, to be honest,” Amo Racing’s Kia Joorabchian told Nick Luck during Luck On Sunday. “He’s done everything that Mehmas has done. Arguably, according to Richard Hannon, who trained both, he’s a better-looking version of his father. And he’s got a better pedigree.

“He has started in March, running [in] everything, from almost every Group 1 there was, coming second in most of them. He’s never had a bad run.” Cont. p10

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Sergei Prokofiev Cont. from p1

"Heartwarming got absolutely locked up," Harper recalls. "I don't think Frankie [Dettori] even raised his whip, he was in a pocket the whole way. But meanwhile Sergei Prokofiev was just sidling out the back as if it were a half-pace spin, took a right-hand turn and overtook them all in three strides. It wasn't just the way he quickened up. He'd almost been tripping over heels, in fact I think he did at one point. It was just flabbergasting. If any of our clients ever asks me, 'Why this horse?' I just say go and watch the Cornwallis, and it answers the question."

Enough of them did so for Sergei Prokofiev to cover 154 mares in 2021, making him not only the most popular new stallion ever launched by Whitsbury but also the busiest rookie of the intake. Partly that reflected a competitive opening fee of €6,500 (meanwhile trimmed to €6,000), but breeders obviously liked what they saw this spring with as many as 150 mares also crowding into the horse’s second book.

As a result, the Foal Sale at Tattersalls this week is a pivotal moment in Sergei Prokofiev’s new career. His footprint in the auction is quite staggering, with no fewer than 67 of his debut crop (before withdrawals) equating to nearly 6% of the catalogue.

The horse made a positive sales debut at Goffs last week, six foals all finding a new home at an average €34,167. But Tattersalls obviously promises to be a much headier experience for Harper and his team, not least with six Sergei Prokofiev colts and a filly among their own draft (two others scratched).

"I've been counting down the days, really," Harper admits. "We know we've some lovely Sergei Prokofiev's to sell, and our clients have been telling me likewise. Obviously the odd person has been slightly surprised to see how many he has in there." Cont. p4
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Sergei Prokofiev Cont.

He said, “While he covered a good book in his first season, it was still less than a lot of other stallions cover, and it’s really just a symptom of the way our good, regular clients include a very high proportion who sell as foals. Your typical small British breeder, for lots of different reasons, is probably leaning more towards being a foal vendor. And, at that level of nomination, a lot of our clients are among them.”

In fairness, his fee takes a lot of the pressure off those commercial breeders who appreciate the farm’s candid orientation towards speed—with stellar results, once again, in the case of leading freshman Havana Grey (GB).

“Goffs went very well for Sergei,” Harper says. “They all sold, which is great, and at a very good average. The thing about his kind of fee is that you’re not sweating over it for two years. I always feel that customers who make 30 or 40 grand off a six grand cover are a lot more relaxed than those that have to get massive numbers back.”

Next week is actually the consummation of something close to an obsession for Harper, tracing to long before that memorable exhibition in the Cornwallis. And, for that, he feels indebted to staff he can trust to maintain the smooth functioning of the farm.

“I think a big part of why we’ve been able to grow is that we have such a fantastic team here, who allow me to watch an awful lot of racing,” he explains. “It almost sounds like I’m shirking my duties, but I’ve learnt that it’s actually the other way round. My job is to know what’s happening on the racecourse. A lot of people in our industry only tend to watch races in which they have an interest. But while we’re lucky enough to have four stallions with a lot of runners, I do try to watch every single 2-year-old race right through to October, November.” Cont. p5
Sergei Prokofiev Cont.

Harper said, “That makes me sound like the saddest person on the planet, which I might well be. But it does mean I’m watching every race live, getting information real time, and that way I think it sinks in much deeper. And Sergei Prokofiev was one that hit me between the eyes with his first couple of runs.”

Ballydoyle gave him his debut in early April, when odds-on for a maiden at Dundalk only to be shaded in a photo by Skitter Scatter, likewise by Scat Daddy but with a run under her belt.

“I bet they were very disappointed he got beaten but he wasn’t given a hard time and that filly went on to win the [G1] Moyglare Stud S.,” Harper notes. “She was a precocious little rocket, absolutely pin-ready that day. Sergei’s a big strapping horse so, with what I know about him now, it’s amazing to think that he was debuting as early as that. He went on to win his next race by eight lengths and never looked back. To get that size and stature and pedigree, combined with the fact that he was putting in those serious performances in April, you really don’t see that too often. That’s why he hit my radar so early.”

With hindsight, Harper is relieved that Sergei Prokofiev couldn’t follow up his first stakes win in a strong edition of the G2 Coventry S., settling for third behind Calyx (GB) (Kingman {GB}) and Advertise (GB) (Showcasing {GB}): it would have been hard to land the horse, had he won that day. As it was, Sergei Prokofiev only cemented his talent by almost overcoming an awkward draw and a tricky passage from the rear. Similarly, even the rather fitful glimpses of his peak capacity, either side of the Cornwallis, only heightened Harper’s interest.

"Because he’s all speed, he needed races to fall his way," he reasons of the ‘TDN Rising Star’. Cont. p6
Sergei Prokofiev Cont.

Harper said, "If they went off like scalded cats, he could just trot out the back. If they didn't, he'd pull hard because he wanted to go faster. But all his foals are going to know is that daddy liked to go fast. They're not going to read the form and see that they didn't go quick or whatever. In a perverse sort of way, that only underlined what I wanted to see, which is all speed."

But there's another important dimension to this horse that needs highlighting. A personal conviction is that an ongoing schism between the American and European gene pools is preventing the kind of cyclical, mutual regeneration historically so critical to the breed's modern development. While Harper would not deny that it is dirt speed—rather than the associated ability to carry it—that primarily interests his farm, he does value the genetic variegation offered to British breeders by a son of Scat Daddy out of a Tapit mare.

"We're going down a black hole, genetically, with the stallion lines," he says. "Everybody knows that. But it is so difficult to get out of that, when you're trying to buy a commercial stallion prospect. And that's why he was such a good opportunity."

In those terms, it's a win-win situation. Quite apart from the different brand of speed embodied by Sergei Prokofiev, he's eligible to tap into growing American investment at the European yearling sales while providing a virtually guaranteed outcross for domestic breeders.

"Any time anybody likes the idea of using him, they can," Harper says. "But the other thing is that very often, when you're putting size and stature into a mare, in Europe you're actually slowing that horse down, pedigree-wise. Whereas this sire-line is working so well, I think, partly because it can put size into that Danzig/Northern Dancer, little, European speed horse, but also maintain the speed. That's particularly useful for our broodmare band, which is full of Green Desert. So we can keep breeding the speed but also put back a bit of size."

"Even two-turn horses in America need speed, they have to get out on the front. And, at the end of the day, gate speed is about fast-twitch muscles. What's amazing with Scat Daddy is that he seems to gel with so many different types of pedigree. When bred to fast mares, Scat Daddy stallions get fast horses; with medium-distance mares, they still get fast horses; but longer-distance mares tend to work just as well. I've been really impressed that Scat Daddy horses get lots of different distances, and also go on lots of different ground."

While Scat Daddy managed to overcome that transatlantic barrier, achieving widespread recognition in Europe, breeders here don't really have corresponding access to his sons.

Cont. p7
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Caravaggio soon emigrated; Mendelssohn stands alongside his sire’s premier performer, Justify, in Kentucky; El Kabeir has departed Ireland for Italy; and No Nay Never’s fee has gone way beyond the reach of most. That leaves Sioux Nation, making a promising start in Ireland, plus several young sons of No Nay Never offering a more diluted strain.

So Harper is to be congratulated for spotting a pretty unique opportunity for British breeders. In fairness, he has tried a similar exercise before—again with the son of a stallion that managed to transcend the transatlantic divide primarily through Ballydoyle’s enterprising patrons.

"If there is such a thing as a cheap proven horse, Due Diligence is it," Harper remarks of War Front’s son. "His price (£5,000) is governed by the fact that he’s had very few runners the last couple of years, simply because he covered very few mares in years two, three and four. But he was champion first first-season sire in Britain by stakes winners—he had three in that first crop, two of them group winners—plus 25 individual winners. Well, if there’d been a first-season sire with those numbers this year, he wouldn’t be that far behind Havana Grey and everybody would be talking about him.

"I know we have short memories in this industry, and 2019 seems a long time ago. But if we didn’t think he had the right stuff, he wouldn’t still be with us. The foals he bred after that first crop are 2-year-olds next year, and they sold very well as yearlings. He actually had his highest average yet. We have a lot of faith in him, we’re sending him plenty of mares and I’m really looking forward to next year on the track with him."

So perhaps Due Diligence could yet slipstream the terrific momentum uniting his studmates: the farm flagship Showcasing (GB) is an established phenomenon, while now there is a real buzz about the two younger guns.

Commercial breeders know how the system works. Fast new stallions will always corral big books, and anyone seeking a Sergei Prokofiev next week will plainly not be short of choice. (His remarkable fertility has contributed: Harper reckons that the farm’s busiest ever rookie also had the quietest May of any new stallion, having got most of his mares in foal first time.) The bottom line is that he was priced to give the horse every chance—and he’s entitled to capitalise, when you consider the flair of his best performances, his refreshing genes and that knockout physique.

"He’s 16.1 and has bone you couldn’t ask for," Harper enthuses. "When he stepped off the lorry and first went into the stable, our stallion manager picked up his leg, just to pick his feet out and have a look at him. And he turned to me with a big smile and said, ‘Holy crap, that takes some picking up!’ Just the weight of his leg was different gear to the other stallions we have.

"But that just means he offers a different type of physique. I don't want to stand four stallions all offering exactly the same make and shape. At the end of the day, we're a shopkeeper of speed. As long as we're providing that, we want it to come in different shapes and sizes to give people options. He'd be a good 75 kilos heavier than our other stallions."

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Barry Irwin of Team Valor outlines the reasons why La Petite Coco is an interesting prospect for the Sceptre Sessions during the Tattersalls December Mares Sale to the TDN.

Sergei Prokofiev Cont.
He said, "But when you see him on the move, he has a massive, relaxed stride, so he has the athleticism with it--and very soon people are going to see his foals walk as well.
"Watching him in the Cornwallis, I did think that if ever there were a chance to do so, I just had to get involved with this horse--without ever thinking it could actually come off. To cover 150 mares in his second season, we've never been able to touch that. The sky's the limit with this guy."

TEAM VALOR’S LA PETITE COCO SET TO STAR AT TATTERSALLS by Brian Sheerin
Group 1 winner La Petite Coco (Ire) (Ruler Of The World {Ire}), who boasts a 50% strike-rate on the racetrack and almost £400,000 in career earnings, will be one of the star attractions of the Tattersalls December Mares Sale.

Bred by Bernd and Ute Schone in County Offaly, La Petite Coco provided Paddy Twomey with his first Group 1 winner when landing a memorable Pretty Polly S. at the Curragh in June.
She carried the colours of Barry Irwin’s Team Valor for the majority of her racing career, including her five wins, and the man behind that ownership vehicle thinks that the 4-year-old appeals to a broad spectrum of prospective buyers.
Irwin said, "I think that La Petite Coco has a chance to become a really good producer. It's a loaded family. There's a lot of top-class horses over middle distance and staying distances in there. She should have plenty of international appeal, especially amongst the Japanese. They seem to have a wider scope than Europeans. The fact that they can race another year or two if they want, should appeal to them."

La Petite Coco is sold as a filly-in-training and Twomey says there are plenty of miles left in the tank. So much so, the County Tipperary-based trainer revealed that he would be delighted if her new owners decided to keep her in training for one more season with him.
Twomey said, “La Petite Coco is being sold as a horse-in-training and is lightly-raced with 10 runs and five wins. She won the G1 Pretty Polly S. and was third in the G1 Yorkshire Oaks on ground that was probably quicker than ideal at the time. The winner [Alpinista (GB) (Frankel {GB})] is as good a filly we’ve seen in Europe for some time and the second [Tuesday (Ire) (Galileo {Ire})] won the Oaks and at the Breeders' Cup.” Cont. p9
La Petit Coco Cont.
He said, “It was a very good race and it was probably a trainer error on my behalf as I ran her back a bit soon at York. She’s not a big work horse at home and you have to feel your way as you go along with her. That was a big mistake on my part.”

He added, “After that, Barry mooted the idea of selling her and I said I’d keep her fresh. She’s one you’d love to see racing on next year if the opportunity came its way. If she is sold and her new owner asked me to take her back I’d be delighted to have her back to train. I think she’s a filly who has more in her. For example, Pears Galore (Fr) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) had the best season of her life as a 5-year-old and I don’t think La Petite Coco is any different. She’s by a son of Galileo who won a Derby and she’s five champions on her page and is very well-bred. She has two career-paths open to her and, while one will end up being her ultimate goal, if she ends up coming back into training before she goes breeding, that will be up to her new connections.”

The world-renowned green and red silks of Team Valor have been carried by a number of top-notchers down through the years but, according to Irwin, the operation is becoming more commercial. The sale of La Petite Coco is a statement of that fact. He explained, “We’re commercial now. I’ve done this thing [syndicated horses] since the middle of the eighties and it’s fun—everybody enjoys it. But as I’ve gotten older and wiser, hopefully, I think that at some point you have to start taking some money off the table.

“The market today is definitely a seller’s market. It’s not a buyer’s market. It reminds me of the early eighties. There was one Keeneland sale where they sold more than 30 yearlings for a million dollars, the prices were outrageous. It is difficult to buy horses right now.” Cont. p10

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La Petit Coco Cont.

He added, “So I think if we sell horses that still have racing life in them, we’ll get a premium and then we can take that money and turn around and buy some more.”

He added, “I think she should get better with age. There’s no reason why she shouldn’t. Both her sire and the dam side indicate she should get better with age.

He added, “We have sold a few fillies down through the years who have produced very good horses. Blue Rose Cen (Ire) (Churchill (Ire)), who won the Prix Marcel Boussac by five lengths is out of a mare that Gary Barber and I raced and we sold her to Fasig-Tipton. And through the years, we’ve sold a lot of fillies and mares that went on to produce Grade I and Group 1 winners and champions. We have a particularly good record selling to Japanese owners. Some of the foundation stock for the Shadai Stud family hails from a couple of mares that they bought from me.”
Persian Force Cont.

Bred by Tom Lacy, the March foal was sold for €75,000 from Ringfort Stud to Tally-Ho Stud during the Goffs November Foal Sale in 2020. He entered the Amo Racing fold after hammering for €225,000 at the Goffs Orby Sale in 2021. Sent to the yard of Richard Hannon, he ran out a 4 3/4-length debut winner at Doncaster in March. Also a winner at Newbury two months later, he was second in the G2 Coventry S. at Royal Ascot, but returned to winning ways with a 1 1/2-length score in the G2 July S. at Newmarket on July 7. Second in the G1 Phoenix S. at the Curragh in August, he filled that role again in the G1 Prix Morny at Deauville later that month. Third in the Sept. 24 G1 Middle Park S., Persian Force was fourth in the G1 Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint in November and retires with a mark of 8-3-3-1 and $350,183 in earnings.

A full-brother to the G2 Richmond S. third Gubbass (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), Persian Force hails from the family of dual Group 3 winner Garrus (Ire), by Mehmas's sire Acclamation (GB), as well as G1 Phoenix S. and G1 National S. hero Danehill Dancer (Ire) (Danehill), who became a successful sire.

Monday, Oct. 21, 2022:
FRANCE

Gustav Klimt (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Coolmore Stud
67 foals of racing age/9 winners/0 black-type winners

3-CROISE-LAROCHE, 1100m, Findon Echo (Ire)

Recoletos (Fr) (Whipper), Haras du Quesnay
57 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners

3-CROISE-LAROCHE, 1100m, Reminisce (Fr)
€22,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2021

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

4th-Angers, €30,000, Cond, 11-20, 3yo, 15fT, 3:23.69, sf.
MORMONA (FR) (g, 3, Morandi {Fr}--Mona {Fr}, by Motivator {GB})
Lifetime Record: 9-3-1-3, €55,680. O-Jean Clee; B-Derek Clee (FR); T-Paul de Chevigny.

2nd-Bordeaux-Le Bouscat, €27,000, Cond, 11-20, 2yo, 9 1/2fT, 2:16.44, hy.
A MINARDIERE (FR) (f, 2, Elliptique {Ire}--La Papine {Fr}, by Sagacity {Fr})
Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, €27,000. O-Habib Ben Hassine; B-Louis de Romanet (FR); T-Yoann Bonnefoy.

1st-Angers, €27,000, Cond, 11-20, 2yo, 10fT, 2:15.46, sf.
SAADI (FR) (c, 2, Saxon Warrior {Jpn}--Wildrose {Ger}, by Reliable Man {GB})
Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, €27,000. O-Sheikh Abdullah bin Khalifa Al Thani; B-SCEA du Haras de Victot (FR); T-Henri-Alex Pantall.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Sealor (Fr), g, 2, Seahenge--Lorietta (Fr), by Literato (Fr). Angers, 11-20, 10fT, 2:12.26. B-Ecurie Michel Doineau & Bernard Rochette (FR). *5th winner for first-season sire (by Scat Daddy).

Colonia Victoria (Fr), f, 2, Zarak (Fr)--Varsity (GB) (MSP-Ire & SP-Fr, $158,816), by Lomitas (GB). Angers, 11-20, 10fT, 2:11.94. B-Ecurie Haras du Cadran, SCEA Bissons & Jean-Louis Blot (Fr). *€95,000 Ylg ’21 ARQAG. **1/2 to Gm Hopkins (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), MGSW-UA & SW-Eng, $611,738; and Zvarkhova (Fr) (Makfi {GB}), MSP-Fr.

ITALY

LISTED RESULT:


SERIFOS BESTS ELDERS IN MILE CHAMPIONSHIP by Heather Anderson

G1 Racing’s Serifos (Jpn) (Daiwa Major {Jpn}) steamed home impressively from near the back of the pack to take the G1 Mile Championship at Hanshin on Sunday. Sent off at 8-1, he is the first 3-year-old colt to defeat his elders in the race since Stelvio (Jpn) (Lord Kanaloa (Jpn)) in 2018.

Caught in midfield Serifos relaxed beautifully under Damian Lane as Piece Of Eight (Jpn) (Screen Hero {Jpn}) raced hard on the steel while shadowed by Falconia (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), with that duo swapping positions in the backstretch. The pace remained hot, with Falconia covering the first 1000 metres in a blistering :58.5, and he continued to hold the advantage on the bend. Fanning across the track for the stretch drive, Falconia still led under pressure, but his position appeared tenuous, as Danon The Kid (Jpn) (Just A Way (Jpn)) and Sodashi (Jpn) (Kurofune) were winding up with their runs. Lane had Serifos over nine paths off the fence, but once he saw daylight a furlong from home, he picked up the field in a matter of strides to win going away by 1 1/4 lengths.

“I’m very happy, the horse was super today,” said jockey Damian Lane. “He’s very consistent and I knew he would improve after watching his videos. I wanted to show how really competitive he is. The pace was good and he was a bit keen early but I was always confident.” Cont. p13
G1 Mile Championship Cont.

A winner of his first three starts as a juvenile including the G3 Niigata Nisai S. and the G2 Daily Hai Nisai S., he ran second to subsequent 2022 G1 Japanese Derby hero Do Deuce (Jpn) (Heart’s Cry {Jpn}) in the G1 Asahi Hai Futurity S. last December. Bench until the G1 NHK Mile Cup in May, he ran fourth, and filled that spot again in June in the G1 Yasuda Kinen. Given some time on the sidelines, he returned to take the G2 Fuji S. by a neck as the 6-5 crowd’s pick on Oct. 22.

Pedigree Notes

Daiwa Major’s stakes winners stand at 42, and Serifos is one of 19 group scorers for the 21-year-old. With his Mile Championship victory, the 3-year-old is his seventh Group 1 winner, anchored by three-time Group 1 winner Admire Mars (Jpn), who did his best running over a mile in Hong Kong and Japan. The much lamented Le Havre (Ire) is still in the early stages of his broodmare sire career, but three of his four stakes winners have struck at group level. Pyledriver (GB) (Harbour Watch {Ire}), successful in the G1 King George VI & Queen Elizabeth S. and G1 Coronation Cup, was Le Havre’s first top-level scorer, and Serifos is his second.

Serifos

Sea Front took time to come to hand, placing at two, winning twice at three, and then taking her first listed victory, the Prix Maurice Zilber at four. Also stakes placed twice more that year, she returned at five to take third in the G3 Prix Bertrand du Breuil. Picked up for just €135,000 out of the 2016 Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale by Haruya Yoshida, Sea Front was sent to Japan and covered by Orfevre (Jpn), who despite his slew of Japanese accolades, is best known for finishing runner-up in the G1 Prix de l’Arc de Triomphe twice. The resulting foal, the three-time winner Forte Dei Marmi (Jpn), won over 2400m on turf at three, and added a brace of wins on dirt at 1800m and 1900m at the tail end of last year and in January of 2022. Serifos is her second foal. The best foal out of the unraced Freedom Herself (Fr) (Freedom Cry {GB}), she has not produced a foal since.

Serifos’s third dam, the multiple stakes-placed Redeem Herself (Ire) (General Assembly), threw Irish listed winner and triple group-placed Mediation (Ire) to the cover of Caerleon. That mare would go on to account for a brace of stakes winners led by GI Pacific Classic S. victor Go Between (Point Given), as well as the winning dam of the GI Chandelier S. and GI Starlet S. third K P Dreamin (Union Rags).

Sunday, Hanshin, Japan

MILE CHAMPIONSHIP-G1, ¥347,100,000, Hanshin, 11-20, 3yo/up, 1600mT, 1:32.50, fm.

1--SERIFOS (JPN), 123, c, 3, by Daiwa Major (Jpn)
1st Dam: Sea Front (Fr) (SW & GSP-Fr, $217,499), by Le Havre (Ire)
2nd Dam: Freedom Herself (Fr), by Freedom Cry (GB)
3rd Dam: Redeem Herself (Ire), by General Assembly

1ST GROUP 1 WIN. O-G1 Racing; B-Oiwake Farm (Jpn); T-Mitsumasa Nakauchida; J-Damian Lane; ¥183,570,000. Lifetime Reoprd: 8-5-1-0. Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: A++. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

2--Danon the Kid (Jpn), 126, c, 4, Just a Way (Jpn)--Epic Love (Ire), by Dansili (GB). (¥100,000,000 Wlg ‘18 JRHAJUL). O-Danox Inc.; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); ¥73,020,000.

3--Sodashi (Jpn), 121, f, 4, Kurofune--Buchiko (Jpn), by King Kamehameha (Jpn). O-Makoto Kaneko Holdings; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); ¥45,510,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, HF, NO. Odds: 8.20, 25.00, 3.40. Also Ran: Soul Rush (Jpn), Schnell Meister (Ger), Justin Café (Jpn), Air Lolonois (Jpn), Lotus Land, Piece of Eight (Jpn), Matenro Orion (Jpn), Danon Scorpion (Jpn), Win Carnelian (Jpn), Falconia (Jpn), Salios (Jpn), Ho O Amazon (Jpn), Happy Hour (Jpn), Besten Dank (Jpn). Click for the JRA chart & video.

COMEBACKING STARS SHINE ON HKIR TRIALS DAY by Alan Carasso

Further easing in the local COVID restrictions meant that the biggest crowd since January—better than 13,000 racegoers—took in Sunday’s BOCHK Jockey Club meeting at Sha Tin in person and were they ever rewarded. Making their seasonal debuts and having a single prep towards next month’s Longines Hong Kong International Races, both two-time defending Horse of the Year Golden Sixty (Aus) (Medaglia d’Oro) and last year’s champion 4-year-old Romantic Warrior (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}) were outstanding in taking out the G2 Jockey Club Mile and G2 Jockey Club Cup, respectively. Cont. p14
Comebacking Stars Cont.

Lucky Sweynesse (NZ) (Sweynesse {Aus}) confirmed the high regard in which he is held with a first victory at group level in the G2 Jockey Club Sprint.

G60 Overcomes Slow Tempo and Chief Rival in Mile

The last time Golden Sixty was as long as even-money was when winning the Hong Kong Classic Cup in February 2020 and you have to go back to September 2019 for the last time he was not favoured in a race. But given the recency and pace advantage possessed by the upstart California Spangle (Ire) (Starspangledbanner {Aus}), the tote read Golden Sixty 2.0 (evens) and 1.6 (3-5) on his younger rival. It would prove value in the end.

Allowed to find his footing at the tail of the pack, Golden Sixty was given a typically patient ride by Vincent Ho as California Spangle ambled them along through an opening 800 metres in :49.23. Ho went for Golden Sixty perhaps a few strides earlier than normal and the 7-year-old had the front-runner in his sights at the top of the straight. California Spangle loves a fight as evidenced by his battles with Romantic Warrior in last year’s Classic series and, having spent little in transit, had something left when confronted at the 200m. But Golden Sixty, who routinely does things horses just don't do, finished off his race in a wicked :21.32 and clawed back California Spangle—who ran home in :21.60—for the victory while carrying a five-pound penalty.

“It was crawling at first and the turn I knew, around the 600 [metre mark], that Zac [Purton] will pick up the pace for sure, so I was just keeping an eye on what he was doing and I had to come out and make my move earlier,” Ho said. “I knew Golden Sixty would have the heart to run him down but he’s only 80% fit, so the last bit is his mental toughness. Definitely all credit to him and the team—we’re looking forward to December now,” and a chance to match the Hong Kong Mile three-peat of Good Ba Ba (Lear Fan).

Romantic Warrior Picks Up Where He Left Off

Last seen completing the rare BMW Hong Kong Derby/G1 FWD QE II Cup double, Romantic Warrior saw his return to the races delayed by a wrenched ankle in August, but a pair of stiff 1600-metre trials had him on go and he returned victoriously Sunday.

Ridden positively from the widest barrier by James McDonald—subbing for the recovering Karis Teetan—Romantic Warrior landed in the one-out and one-back spot as recent G3 Sa Sa Ladies’ Purse H. winner Money Catcher (NZ) (Ferlax {NZ}) set reasonable fractions. Felt for with about three furlongs to race, Romantic Warrior was finding his best stride approaching the final 400 metres and kicked home strongly to score cosily from perfect-trip Tourbillon Diamond (Aus) (Olympic Glory {Ire}) for a Danny Shum-trained quinella. Senor Toba (Aus) (Toronado {Ire}) stayed on well for third at a trip short of his best.

“First of all, I would just like to send my well wishes to Karis,” said McDonald, winner of this year’s G1 W.S. Cox Plate and completing a double on the program. “Obviously, he would [normally] be on this horse and it’s a pleasure to be warming the seat for him for when he gets back--and I’m sure he’ll be back very shortly. [Romantic Warrior] can only improve off that. I thought he did enough in the end--and probably had enough in the end--but he’s a great horse and he knows where that winning post is.”

Redemption For Lucky Sweynesse

While the progressive Lucky Sweynesse may have been somewhat disappointing when failing to take advantage of an 11-pound weight concession from champion sprinter Wellington (Aus) (All Too Hard {Aus}) in the G2 Premier Bowl H. four weeks ago, the 4-year-old turned the tables Sunday with a determined victory in the Jockey Club Sprint. Cont. p15
**Comebacking Stars Cont.**

Asked for some early speed by Zac Purton, Lucky Sweynesse secured a good spot in centerfield as triple-digit longshots Kurpany (Fr) (Mayson {GB}) and Computer Patch (Aus) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) ensured a good gallop. In the slipstream of the odds-on Wellington as they raced into the final three furlongs, Lucky Sweynesse was pulled out about seven wide off the home corner and rolled up outside of Wellington at the 200-metre mark. But Wellington could find no more soon after and Lucky Sweynesse went on with it to score narrowly. Lucky Patch (NZ) (El Roca {Aus}), last year’s G1 Longines Hong Kong Sprint favourite who went down in that nasty fall, finished gamely for second, while Duke Wai (NZ) (Per Incanto) came from well back to complete a New Zealand-bred 1-2-3. The winner covered his final half-mile in :43.62.

“I thought it was a soft win. He’s done a good job, he’s a horse on the way up,” said Purton. “He didn’t begin that great. I didn’t have any option but to take the spot I got, which worked out well with the way the race was run.”

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**Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong**

**BOCHK PRIVATE WEALTH JOCKEY CLUB MILE-G2**, HK$5,000,000, Sha Tin, 11-20, 3yo/up, 2000mT, 1:59.23, gd.

1—**GOLDEN SIXTY (AUS)**, 128, g, 7, by Medaglia d’Oro

1st Dam: Gaudeamus (GSW-Ire, $179,846), by Distorted Humor

2nd Dam: Leo’s Lucky Lady, by Seattle Slew

3rd Dam: Konafa, by Damascus

(A$120,000 Ylg ’17 MMGACS; NZ$300,000 2yo ’17 NZBRTR).

O-Stanley Chan Ka Leung; B-Asco International Pty Ltd (Qld);

T-Travis K W Lui; J-Vincent C Y Ho; HK$2,850,000. Lifetime Record: 2x Horse of the Year, Ch. Middle Distance Horse, Ch. 4yo & MG1SW-HK, 25-22-1-1, HK$116, 250,600. *1/2 to Igitur (Aus) (Helmet (Aus)), SP-Aus; and Rainbow Connection (Aus) (Choisir {Aus}), GSP-Aus. **Werk Nick Rating: A+**. Click for the **enicks report & 5-cross pedigree**. Click for the **free Equineline.com catalog-style pedigree**.

2—**Tourbillon Diamond (AUS)**, 123, g, 6, Olympic Glory (Ire)—Modave (NZ), by Montjeu (Ire). (A$7,000 Ylg ’18 MMJUN).

O-Shum Mak Ling, Jimmy Tang, Bennie Lau Yuk Lung & William Shum Wai Lam; B-Arrowfield Group Pty Ltd (NSW); T-Danny C S Shum; J-Alexis Badel; HK$1,100,000. Margins: 1 1/4, 3/4, HF. Odds: 6-5, 77-10, 8-1.

Also Ran: Ka Ying Star (GB), Money Catcher (NZ), Panfield (Chi), Beauty Joy (Aus), Savvy Nine (Fr), Russian Emperor (Ire). **Click for the HKJC.com chart, PPs and sectional timing. VIDEO.**

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**Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong**

**BOCHK JOCKEY CLUB CUP-G2**, HK$5,000,000, Sha Tin, 11-20, 3yo/up, 1600mT, 1:34.02, gd.

1—**ROMANTIC WARRIOR (IRE)**, 128, g, 4, by Acclamation (GB)

1st Dam: Folk Melody (Ire), by Street Cry (Ire)

2nd Dam: Folk Opera (Ire), by Singspiel (Ire)

3rd Dam: Skiphall (GB), by Halling

(300,000gns Ylg ’19 TATOCT; HK$4,800,000 HRA ’21 HKJUN).

O-Peter Lau Pak Fai; B-Corduff Stud & T J Rooney; T-Danny C S Shum; J-James McDonald; HK$2,850,000. Lifetime Record: Ch. 4yo & G1SW-HK, 9-8-0-0, HK$42,815,400. **Werk Nick Rating: A+.** Click for the **enicks report & 5-cross pedigree**. Click for the **free Equineline.com catalog-style pedigree**.

2—**Tourbillon Diamond (AUS)**, 123, g, 6, Olympic Glory (Ire)—Modave (NZ), by Montjeu (Ire). (A$7,000 Ylg ’18 MMJUN).

O-Shum Mak Ling, Jimmy Tang, Bennie Lau Yuk Lung & William Shum Wai Lam; B-Arrowfield Group Pty Ltd (NSW); T-Danny C S Shum; J-Alexis Badel; HK$1,100,000. Margins: 1 1/4, 3/4, HF. Odds: 6-5, 77-10, 8-1.

Also Ran: Ka Ying Star (GB), Money Catcher (NZ), Panfield (Chi), Beauty Joy (Aus), Savvy Nine (Fr), Russian Emperor (Ire). **Click for the HKJC.com chart, PPs and sectional timing. VIDEO.**

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**Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong**

**BOCHK Jockey Club Mile-G2**, HK$5,000,000, Sha Tin, 11-20, 3yo/up, 1600mT, 1:34.02, gd.

1—**GOLDEN SIXTY (AUS)**, 128, g, 7, by Medaglia d’Oro

1st Dam: Gaudeamus (GSW-Ire, $179,846), by Distorted Humor

2nd Dam: Leo’s Lucky Lady, by Seattle Slew

3rd Dam: Konafa, by Damascus

(A$120,000 Ylg ’17 MMGACS; NZ$300,000 2yo ’17 NZBRTR).

O-Stanley Chan Ka Leung; B-Asco International Pty Ltd (Qld);

T-Travis K W Lui; J-Vincent C Y Ho; HK$2,850,000. Lifetime Record: 2x Horse of the Year, Ch. Middle Distance Horse, Ch. 4yo & MG1SW-HK, 25-22-1-1, HK$116, 250,600. *1/2 to Igitur (Aus) (Helmet (Aus)), SP-Aus; and Rainbow Connection (Aus) (Choisir {Aus}), GSP-Aus. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++**. Click for the **enicks report & 5-cross pedigree**. Click for the **free Equineline.com catalog-style pedigree**.

2—**California Spangle (IRE)**, 123, g, 4, Starspangledbanner (Aus)—Pearlitas Passion (Ire), by High Chaparral (Ire). (€150,000 Ylg ’19 GOFORB). O-Howard Liang Yum Shing; B-M Enright; T-Tony A S Cruz; J-Zac Purton; HK$1,100,000.

3—**Waikuku (IRE)**, 128, g, 7, Harbour Watch (Ire)—London Plane (Ire), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). (€33,000 Ylg ’16 TATSEP).

O-Jocelyn Siu Yang Ting; B-Shane Molan; T-John Size; J-Silvestre de Sousa; HK$5750,000.


Also Ran: More Than This (GB), Excellent Proposal (Aus), Turin Redsun (GB), Kings Shield. **Click for the HKJC.com chart, PPs and sectional timing. VIDEO.**
Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong

BOCHK PRIVATE BANKING JOCKEY CLUB SPRINT-G2,
HK$5,000,000, Sha Tin, 11-20, 3yo/up, 1200mT, 1:07.55, gd.

1--LUCKY SWEYNESSE (NZ), 123, g, 4, by Sweynesse (Aus)
   1st Dam: Madonna Mia (NZ) (SW-NZ, $134,764),
   by Red Clubs (Ire)
   2nd Dam: Hill of Hope (Aus), by Danehill
   3rd Dam: Macozie (Aus), by Marscay (Aus)
   1ST GROUP WIN. 1ST STAKES WIN. (NZ$90,000 2yo '20 NZBRTR).
   O-Cheng Ming Leung; B-P L Dombroski, Explosive Breeding Ltd & S A Sharrock; T-Manfred K L Man; J-Zac Purton;
   HK$2,850,000. Lifetime Record: 10-7-2-1, HK$12,752,200. *Full to Signora Nera (Aus), G1SP-Aus, GSP-NZ, $145,027.
   Werk Nick Rating: A+. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Click for the free Equineline.com catalog-style pedigree.

2--Lucky Patch (NZ), 123, g, 6, El Roca (Aus)--Gould (Aus), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). (A$40,000 Ylg '18 MMJUN).
   O-Patch Syndicate; B-G Harvey; T-Pierre P C Ng; J-Jerry C L Chau;
   HK$1,100,000.

3--Duke Wai (NZ), 123, g, 7, Per Incanto--Swan Lake (NZ), by Green Perfume. (NZ$40,000 Wlg '16 NZBMAY; NZ$45,000 Ylg '17 NZBFEB; NZ$70,000 RNA 2yo '17 NZBRTR).
   O-Herman Wai Ho Man; B-Waikato Stud Ltd; T-Pierre P C Ng; J-Harry Bentley;
   HK$575,000.

Margins: NK, 1, HF. Odds: 7-2, 30-1, 68-1.
Also Ran: Sight Success (Aus), Cordyceps Six (Aus), Wellington (Aus), Stronger (Aus), Sky Field (Aus), Super Wealthy (Aus),
Courier Wonder (NZ), Computer Patch (Aus), Winning Dreamer (NZ), Kurpany (Fr), Master Eight (Aus). Click for the HKJC.com chart, PPs and sectional timing. VIDEO.

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