FTC DELAYS START OF HISA'S DRUG AND DOPING PROGRAM

by Dan Ross

In an order Monday, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) announced that the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act's (HISA) anti-doping and medication control (ADMC) program would not go into effect as scheduled Jan. 1 due to swirling legal uncertainty.

“The bedrock principle of the Act is the need for uniformity,” wrote the FTC in the order, adding that “the Commission’s approval of the Anti-Doping and Medication Control proposed rule would not result in uniformity because the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act has been held unconstitutional by a panel of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.”

Oral arguments similarly surrounding HISA's facial constitutionality were held last week in a separate case before the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals.

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TRAINER, CLOCKER STUNNED AS NYSGC REJECTS ADVICE FROM HEARING APPEAL OFFICERS by T.D. Thornton and Bill Finley

The New York State Gaming Commission (NYSGC) on Monday adjudicated two unrelated penalty appeals by a clocker and a trainer by flat-out rejecting two separate hearing officers' recommendations that those cases be dismissed without penalization.

In both instances, the commissioners voted unanimously to impose the original penalties that had been handed down by Braulio Baeza, Jr., the NYSGC state steward at the three New York Racing Association (NYRA) tracks.

Monday's vote means trainer Orlando Noda now must pay a fine of $5,000, serve a 90-day suspension, and complete an anger management course prior to being reinstated for “for striking a horse excessively while working the horse out at Saratoga Race Course on Aug. 5, 2021,” according to the NYSGC.

And Richard Gazer, a longtime NYRA clocker, has been fined $2,500 and suspended 30 days “for altering a published work of a horse to make the horse eligible to race,” the NYSGC ruled.

The outright rejections of the officers' combined days of conducting the hearings and their months spent writing up the reports is somewhat unusual. But in a number of jurisdictions, racing commissioners are not bound to accept the opinions of the officers they hire to hear appeals.

Drew Mollica, who represents Noda, told TDN in a phone interview he was stunned by the NYSGC's decision.

“This is crazy. I was just telling my colleagues, 'I win, but I lose,'” Mollica said. Cont. p5

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FTC Delays Implementation of HISA's Drug and Doping Program (cont. from p1)

“The Commission therefore disapproves the proposed rule without prejudice. If the legal uncertainty regarding the Act’s constitutionality comes to be resolved, the Authority may resubmit the proposed rule or a similar rule, and the Commission will consider all comments filed in this proceeding as well as any updated or new comments and filings.

“In the meanwhile, and until any future proposed rule on the subject is approved by the Commission, State law will continue to regulate the matters that the proposed rule would have covered,” the order states.

According to HISA’s CEO Lisa Lazarus, who held an impromptu press conference Monday afternoon, this means that the current regulatory “status quo” will remain in place at the start of 2023.

“They made reference to the fact that, since the FTC has not approved any ADMC rules under HISA’s authority, that means all the state rules remain in full force and effect,” said Lazarus, stressing that this was her “interpretation” of the FTC order.

“If there wasn’t a clear statement on this issue quickly, then we might get to Jan. 1, and there might be some uncertainty around who actually has the authority. It’s important for the states to know now that they’re going to continue to be the ones in charge of testing on Jan. 1,” Lazarus added.

When it comes to the financial implications from Monday's announcement, HISA will refrain from collecting any of the 2023 fee assessments, designated for the individual states or, alternately, the racetracks, said Lazarus.

“The vast majority of those fees relate to the anti-doping program,” said Lazarus, explaining that the 2023 fees will be collected once the legal uncertainty has been resolved.

“There are still assessments being paid for 2022 that obviously are still required for the state racing associations who opted in, and the racetracks to cover, because those costs have already been incurred, or are in the process of being incurred,” she added.

Ben Mosier, executive director of the Horseracing Integrity & Welfare Unit (HIWU), the enforcement arm of HISA’s ADMC program, released a statement explaining that HIWU will continue its education and outreach efforts “to all stakeholders in the Thoroughbred industry,” despite the delay in implementation.

“As HISA re-submits the draft ADMC rules for the FTC's approval, HIWU will use any additional time before implementation as an opportunity to ensure the industry is even more prepared for an efficient rollout of this Program, which will promote fair competition in the sport of Thoroughbred racing and the safety and welfare of our human and equine athletes,” wrote Mosier.
According to Lazarus, “So long as that preparatory work doesn’t extend beyond two to three months, [HIWU’s work] would still be covered by the 2022 budget.” However, “if it extends longer, we would have to revisit that issue.”

As for potential timelines moving forward, Lazarus explained that once the ADMC rules have been resubmitted with the FTC, it would take approximately 60 days for them to then go into effect, “assuming that the FTC was going to approve them substantively.”

Lazarus also broached a number of different scenarios in what appears to many in the industry a swirling morass of unpredictability and confusion.

Last month, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals found the law facially unconstitutional due to the lack of rule-making authority ceded to the FTC. That mandate is set to go into effect Jan. 10.

But if HISA is able to secure a stay on the Fifth Circuit’s ruling in the interim, “we would then go back to the FTC [with the ADMC rules] and seek approval on that basis,” said Lazarus.

A similar case questioning HISA’s constitutionality is also before the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. According to Lazarus, a ruling in the Sixth Circuit is expected “in the next month or two.”

If the Sixth Circuit issues a ruling favourable to HISA, “it would potentially give us the ability to continue with our program in those jurisdictions the Sixth Circuit covers,” said Lazarus.

“And it would also potentially lead to the [U.S.] Supreme Court hearing the case,” said added.

Nevertheless, even if the Sixth Circuit issues a friendly ruling on HISA, the FTC still might prove reluctant to allow HISA’s ADMC to go into effect in those jurisdictions as the new law wouldn’t be implemented uniformly, said Lazarus.

“For that reason, it’s very possible the FTC would maintain the position that we shouldn’t resubmit our rules until we have clear ability to move forward and launch across the whole country,” said Lazarus.

Another potential fix to the current knot of legal problems is a congressional re-write of the rules to cede more rule-making power to the FTC. Lazarus declined to speculate on the likelihood and possibility of that option.

A number of experts have questioned whether the legal uncertainty surrounding HISA’s constitutionality puts into jeopardy the law’s racetrack safety rules, already in effect. Lazarus said that Monday’s order has no effect on the racetrack safety prong of the program.

“This related solely to the ADMC rules, and also, it was not a substantive review,” said Lazarus. “It was a statement on their perspective with regards to the legal uncertainties and ensuring there’s clarity before we launch the new program.”

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Ed Martin, the Association of Racing Commissioners International’s (ARCI) president and CEO, referenced a letter the organization sent last week to the FTC highlighting “a real Catch-22” come Jan. 1 concerning the legality of HISA’s ADMC program.

“We are appreciative that the FTC listened and considered the request of the Association of Racing Commissioners International not to create regulatory uncertainty on Jan. 1 by approving the proposed HISA rules,” Martin told the TDN.

“Whoever got brought up on a charge could potentially have appealed it ad nauseam, and maybe win, which means there might be no rules in effect. That was the danger here,” Martin speculated. “They might be mad at me for bringing it up, but it needed to be brought up.”

The following is HISA’s full statement in response to the FTC order:

“HISA appreciates the Federal Trade Commission’s (FTC) decision to deny HISA’s draft Anti-Doping and Medication Control (ADMC) rules without prejudice as we actively seek to resolve current legal uncertainties. HISA is eager to launch Thoroughbred racing’s first and long-awaited national, uniform ADMC program and stands ready to do so. We will re-submit the draft ADMC rules to the FTC for their review as soon as these legal uncertainties are resolved, and once approved, we will implement the program through the Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit (HIWU). In the meantime, HIWU will continue to work toward the implementation of a uniform, independent anti-doping and medication control program that is administered consistently and fairly across the United States.”

In a statement, National HBPA CEO Eric Hamelback wrote, “The recent FTC decision is another positive step forward for horsemen in our battle against the unconstitutional takeover of our industry. The strength of our legal arguments led to a unanimous decision in the Fifth Circuit, and now the FTC has done the right thing in declining to defy a federal court that has found HISA unconstitutional. The FTC order is clear: state law continues to govern medication issues until our final victory in this case.”

**Trainer, Clocker Stunned by NYSCG Ruling (cont. from p1)**

“This is madness. The hearing officer is the one who heard the evidence. On what basis, what evidence, did the commission use to overturn the hearing officer’s recommendation?” Mollica asked rhetorically.

Noda, who has been training since 2019, is also licensed as an exercise rider.
In his reading into the record of the decision, NYSGC chairman Brian O’Dwyer said that, “The commission duly deliberated and considered this matter, and determined by a 6-0 vote to reject the hearing officer’s report and recommendations. In doing that, commissioners reviewed the entire record, and established by a preponderance of evidence that Noda’s conduct was improper and detrimental to the best interest of racing, and determined that the appropriate penalty was that which was given by the stewards.”

Mollica said he will confer with Noda about using “every legal remedy at his disposal” to fight the commission’s order, “because the hearing officer vindicated him and found that he did nothing wrong.”

Gazer’s penalty stems from a May 19, 2022, ruling in which the commission stated he “alter[ed] a horse’s workout time while training at Belmont Park.”

The horse in question, Papi On Ice (Keen Ice), was initially credited with a five-furlong work in 1:04.60. The work was later changed to a half-mile in :51.33.

Because Papi On Ice had been beaten more than 25 lengths in a previous start, that result triggered a precautionary placement on NYRA’s “poor performance” list. In order to get off that list, a horse must work a half-mile in :53 or faster. But the rule does not allow for a workout farther than a half mile.

Because Papi On Ice’s workout was initially published as a five-furlong move, the racing office would not accept the colt’s entry for a race.

Gazer told DRF.com back in May that the time of the work was not changed, but that the distance was shortened to comply with NYRA’s rule. He did not time Papi On Ice himself, but a subordinate clocker told him the horse did work a properly timed half mile as part of the longer five-eighths breeze.
“This is a joke. It really is,” Gazer told TDN Dec. 12. “I’ve been doing this for 40 years. The horse was on the other training track, went a half-mile, and galloped out five-eighths and the trainer, Randi Persaud, wanted the five-eighths time. But they have that rule where he had to have a half-mile workout. It’s a stupid rule. They called me up and I said I would change it. It was no big deal. It was either :51 for the half or 1:04 and something for five-eighths.”

Gazer continued: “We had a seven-hour hearing, [the hearing officer] recommended that they drop all the charges. And then they do this. It doesn’t make any sense.”

Chairman O’Dwyer said Monday that the commissioners saw it differently. “The commission reviewed the entire record [and] established the violation as a matter of fact,” O’Dwyer said. “And in particular, found that the conduct was improper in relation to commission rule 4042.1(f).”

That rule prohibits “improper, corrupt or fraudulent” acts or practices in relation to racing or conspiring or assisting others in such acts or practices.

Along with O’Dwyer, NYSGC commissioners John Crotty, Peter Moschetti, Jr., Christopher Riano, Marissa Shorenstein and Jerry Skurnik all voted in favor of rejecting the hearing officers' recommendations not to penalize the two licensees.

The commissioners did not debate or discuss the details of the two cases during the open, public meeting, which is standard for the way the NYSGC usually issues appeal outcomes after a hearing officer issues a report.

Based on past practice, the NYSGC generally receives such reports and takes its vote on the hearing officer’s recommendation at some point before the meeting, and the chairman then reads the results into the record when the meeting goes into session, explaining the vote in one or two sentences.

Karen Murphy, an attorney who represents Gazer, told TDN in an email that, “In the 30 years that I have been practicing before the Gaming Commission (and its predecessor) this has never happened....The decision in this matter was dependent on the credibility of the proffered witnesses. In recommending that all the charges be dismissed, including a ‘fraudulent, corrupt act’ charge, the designated Hearing Officer made a determination in favor of Mr. Gazer’s credibility. Today, the Commission rejected that credibility [and] did so without giving any specific reasons or findings....”

Murphy added that the NYSGC’s ruling against her client amounted to a failure of the open-government test, “and in doing so abjectly failed in its obligations under law to Mr. Gazer. We look forward to righting this wrong.”

The penalties for Noda and Gazer will go into effect within a few days upon formal issuance of the commission’s findings and order.
SAUDIS STILL MULLING DQ OF MAXIMUM SECURITY FROM 2020 SAUDI CUP by Bill Finley

Despite trainer Jason Servis having pled guilty in court last week to charges that he regularly doped horses under his care, officials from the Jockey Club of Saudi Arabia (JCSA) issued a statement Monday in which they said they have yet to decide whether or not they will disqualify Maximum Security (New Year’s Day) from his victory in the 2020 $20-million Saudi Cup. Just nine days after the race, Servis was indicted on a number of charges related to his use of performance-enhancing drugs, which led to the JCSA announcing that it would not pay out the $10 million due to the winner until investigating the situation.

Monday’s statement read: “The Jockey Club of Saudi Arabia continues to monitor developments in the USA with the ultimate aim of concluding an investigation related to the running of the 2020 Saudi Cup. Over the coming weeks, we will assess our ability to conclude the investigation, which began in March 2020, in a robust and comprehensive fashion.”

Maximum Security passed all drug tests given to him both before and after the Saudi Cup, but racing officials from JCSA maintained that it was within their power to strip him of the win if it was proven that Servis had been illegally drugging Maximum Security in the months surrounding the race.

“If the results come out where they have concrete evidence that Maximum Security received performance-enhancing drugs of any kind within the previous six months of the Saudi Cup then, by our rules, that would result in automatic disqualification of a horse,” Prince Bandar bin Khalid al Faisal, the chairman of the JCSA, told podcaster Nick Luck in 2020. “We are consistent in implementing our own rules and regulations.”
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Government prosecutors alleged that they intercepted phone calls made by Servis that he gave the illegal drug SGF-1000 to “almost everything” in his barn. Considering the evidence that Servis was using PEDs with Maximum Security, it is unclear why the JCSA did not strip the horse of his win immediately after Servis entered a guilty plea or what other factors it still wants to look into before wrapping up its investigation and deciding the outcome of the race.

Maximum Security was owned by the partnership of Gary and Mary West and Coolmore. When contacted by Werk Thoroughbred Consultants, the Wests said they would abide by what decision ultimately came out of Saudi Arabia.

“We believe in the justice system and have patiently waited for the legal prosecution to take its course,” they told WTC.

“Now that Jason Servis has entered a guilty plea, we want to make it clear that if the Saudi Cup purse is redistributed, we would support that decision. Hopefully, that action will prevent future conduct of this nature. We believe the decision to take the Saudi Cup purse from Maximum Security and redistribute it is the correct one.”

Should Maximum Security be disqualified, the win would go to Midnight Bisou (Midnight Lute). She earned $3.5 million for running second, which means that her owners would receive an additional $6.5 million thanks to the disqualification.

GARCIA, NAVARRO’S FLORIDA VET, TO SERVE 10 MONTHS IN PRISON by T.D. Thornton

Erica Garcia, a 44-year-old, Florida-based racetrack veterinarian who admitted to injecting purported performance-enhancing drugs (PEDs) into horses trained by the now-imprisoned trainer Jorge Navarro over a several-year period in the 2010s decade, was sentenced Monday to two terms of 10 months in prison, which the judge will allow her to serve concurrently.

The sentence was the result of a plea agreement with federal prosecutors that dropped one felony charge of distributing misbranded and adulterated drugs in exchange for Garcia admitting her guilt in two substantive misdemeanor violations of Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act regulations.

Judge Mary Kay Vyskocil of United States District Court (Southern District of New York) also fined Garcia $2,000 and ruled that she must be under supervised release for a year after getting out of prison.

Garcia’s sentence falls on the lighter side of those meted out to most other convicted defendants in the wide-ranging international racehorse doping scandal that first came to light in March 2020.

Navarro himself, for example, is serving five years in prison, and other convicted veterinarians in the case got sentences between three and 11 years.

Prosecutors had argued for a two-year prison term, the maximum sentence under federal guidelines for those crimes.

Garcia had argued for a sentence of probation only, urging the court to take into account that she is the primary caretaker and sole provider for an 11-year-old daughter.

In part, the comparatively lenient sentence was based on the feds being willing to cut Garcia a plea break because she withdrew from the Navarro conspiracy in April 2019 after supporting her employee’s decision to report a sick [Navarro-trained] horse to regulatory authorities as required by law,” prosecutors wrote in a sentencing submission.

“In hindsight, I realize how stupid and careless I was,” Garcia wrote in her own sentencing submission. “I don’t blame Jorge or anyone else for what has happened to me. I take full responsibility for my actions and continue to pay the ultimate price.”

But the feds stated that even though Garcia stopped working for Navarro about a year before the sweeping series of arrests and indictments, she still had to be punished for injecting the purported PEDs, some of which prosecutors said she had no idea what they were or what their supposed medical value was.
“Garcia injected horses with adulterated and misbranded drugs at Navarro’s request, for the purpose of facilitating Navarro’s corrupt goals of improperly doping horses to compel them to race beyond their natural abilities,” the federal sentencing submission stated.

“Even after withdrawing from the Navarro conspiracy, Garcia offered for sale and sold adulterated and misbranded drugs to others for further distribution and administration,” the government wrote.

“Garcia, as a veterinarian, provided cover for her crimes by giving the appearance that her use of medications was legal and medically necessary. By doing so, Garcia exploited the deference typically afforded to licensed veterinarians and abdicated her duty of care to the horses,” the feds stated.

“Those crimes involved Garcia’s participation in a years-long scheme to administer unnecessary and potentially dangerous drugs to racehorses. Those drugs included: (1) a drug described as a blood builder, ‘Monkey’; (2) a drug advertised as containing growth factors and further described as having performance-enhancing effect on horses, SGF-1000; (3) a drug from an unknown manufacturer with unknown ingredients that Garcia agreed to inject into horses’ joints, called ‘red acid’ [and] (4) a compounded bronchodilator intended to be even more potent than Clenbuterol,” the feds stated.

“At the time Garcia agreed to administer these drugs—and during the course of the offense conduct—Garcia believed these drugs to have performance-enhancing effects, and was otherwise ignorant of their precise ingredients and how they were manufactured,” the feds summed up.

In open court in August 2021, Navarro admitted to administering illicit substances to the stakes stars of his stable, specifically citing X Y Jet, War Story, Shancelot and Sharp Azteca as examples.

The feds had been prepared to present as evidence at a trial that Garcia, in at least one wiretapped phone conversation, was the one who stuck a needle into Shancelot to send “Monkey” coursing through his system three days before the colt’s racing debut.

On Feb. 13, 2019, the feds stated, Navarro raised the issue of Shancelot with Garcia and asked if she would “grease the monkey.”

Garcia responded, “Got it.”

Navarro then confirmed whether Garcia “ha[d] enough monkey,” prompting Garcia to check. “Uh, I think I have, I don’t know if I have two shots. It will be damn close. Let me see. Yeah, yeah, I do.”

On Feb. 16, 2019, Shancelot would win his career debut at 12-1 odds at Gulfstream Park.

The improbably fast sprinter would win his next two starts, too, including unleashing a massive 121 Beyer Sped Figure in a 12 1/2-length romp in a Saratoga Race Course Grade II stakes.

Shancelot’s jaw-dropping speed figure represented the highest Beyer by any 3-year-old sprinter in the three-decade published history of those numbers.

“To Dr. Garcia’s knowledge, none of the horses she treated were harmed or suffered any ill effects,” her attorney wrote in the sentencing submission. “But of course this does not justify her behavior. She understands the very real health risks of giving unlabeled and non-FDA approved substances to animals.”

Garcia’s lawyer also told the judge in the sentencing submission that even while being caught up in the doping scandal, Garcia has rebuilt her career as her court case played out, transforming from a racehorse practitioner to a small-animal veterinarian in Florida.

Garcia’s attorney wrote that, “She is a force for good in her community where she runs a low-cost spay and neuter program and is among a handful of doctors able to treat exotic pets and perform surgery on goats and other farm animals.”

Vyskoci’s order stated that, “The Court recommends the defendant be housed in the Fort Lauderdale area to facilitate family visits.”

Once the Bureau of Prisons designates her facility, Garcia is to report on Mar. 20, 2023.

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A DISGUISED VICTORY FOR TAXPAYERS IN THE HORSE INDUSTRY by Len Green & Jack Canaley

Some will label the recent IRS Case Skolnick v. Commissioner as a win for the government since the court disallowed the deductibility of the losses and classified the operation as a hobby. However, we examined the case in great detail and learned some very valuable lessons that will benefit people in the horse business.

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It's clear in not only the case mentioned above, but consistently in cases of this nature, that the first hurdle in the eyes of regulators is whether you are actually operating a "business."

Over the years there have been many interpretations of that definition. In the equine industry the most common cited hobby or business rule is to ensure two out of every seven years produce operating income. Anyone familiar with the horse business knows there are almost certainly going to be lean years, often coupled together and, therefore, meeting this two-out-of-seven-year requirement could be a challenge.

Upon more careful review, however, you learn that this profitability test is only one of the nine tests that you will have the opportunity to pass to prove you are operating your horse operation as “a true business.”

**Fact Pattern of the Skolnick v Commissioner Case**

This brings us back to the decision rendered in the Skolnick v. Commissioner case, in which the court disallowed several years of losses related to the operation of Bluestone Farm, a Standardbred (harness racing) horse breeding operation. Let’s take a deeper dive into the way that Bluestone Farm operated and, most importantly, some of the business decisions and activities that led to the negative court ruling.

Bluestone Farm was owned and operated by Mitchel Skolnick, along with an associate Eric Freeman, who was a retired insurance and stockbroker who had a love for horses. Skolnick's father operated a Standardbred breeding business that he worked for growing up, ultimately managing the farm. It’s important to note that Skolnick's career prior to the farm was running a very successful IT consulting firm. After a falling out with his father, Skolnick decided to start his own venture, Bluestone, with the help of Freeman.

In 1998, Skolnick and Freeman set out as equal partners, developed a business plan and purchased a 60-acre farm in New Jersey for roughly $560,000. They hired a full-time manager to run the farm, as both spent significant time out of state during this time. Over the next few years, they made major improvements to the property, including clearing trees and barn and paddock construction.

By 2002, with the business yet to turn a profit, they decided they needed an influx of cash, and brought in a third equity partner. Skolnick transferred 15% of his ownership for $325,000, which included plans to expand the business, with a nearby 30-acre farm purchased for $850,000. The new location was renovated in similar fashion to their first location.

Later in 2003, Skolnick left the IT world for a second time to focus on the horse breeding business, coinciding with trust fund distributions he began receiving from his parents for the next several years to the tune of $10 million.

What were the “key points” the court outlined with reaching its decision this was a hobby?

Whether a relevant business plan or business strategy was in effect and did the taxpayer follow it?

1. The manner in which the taxpayer operates an activity, pursuit of profitability
2. The expertise of the taxpayer or their advisors in the industry
3. The amount of time and effort spent on the activity
4. The reasonable expectation of the assets used in the activity appreciating in value
5. The success of other businesses, both similar and dissimilar, the taxpayer operates
6. The history of income and losses of the activity, including occasional profits
7. The financial status of the taxpayer
8. The elements of personal pleasure or recreation

While there is no mention of the history of income and losses, the court never alludes to the two-out-of -seven-year income rule. In theory you can lose money for the next 20 years, which can be fully deductible if you’re genuinely operating a business focused on generating a profit.

So, what should Skolnick and you do differently? And if he had done things differently, and you do as well, are your chances of withstanding IRS scrutiny and defeat greatly enhanced?

**Action Steps**

1. Set up a horse only LLC entity. All expenses and all income should be filtered through this entity.
2. No personal expenditures should be paid for by the LLC.
3. You should become as educated as possible in the horse business, attend sessions, listen to Podcasts, read the Thoroughbred Daily News and join and attend TOBA seminars.
4. Invest in horse partnerships and attend their sessions.
5. Ask questions as to how they operate and what goes into their decisions to buy or sell horses.
6. Ask questions of the managers, trainers and other people in the industry.
7. Hire a tax and accountant advisor who has knowledge of the economics and tax aspects of the horse buyer.
8. If you buy a farm, make sure you use it in your operation. The IRS will then take into account any appreciation for the farm value in determining profitability of the horse operation.
9. Keep a log of the hours you spend in the horse operation. Include hours involving the above activities, going to sales, watching podcasts, reading horse-related papers, going to farms and going to the track when your horses are involved.
10. Set up a separate room in your home with a computer, desk and screen to watch races you are involved with so you can deduct home office expenses.

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11. Continually “PIVOT” and go in different directions if your original plan is not working. Think of diversifying by buying colts or fillies, buy yearlings, 2-year-old or claim horses.

12. Go into breeding.

**Bottom Line**

By following these recommendations, you accomplish two things: You are running your operation in a business-like manner and you should withstand IRS scrutiny. And you have increased your chances to become profitable.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to write us at TDN.

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**BEVERLY PARK WINS HIS 14TH RACE OF ’22**

by Bill Finley

Beverly Park, the hardest-working horse in horse racing, came through again Monday, winning the fourth race at Mahoning Valley Race Course. Making his 29th start on the year, he won for the 14th time in 2022. Beverly Park leads all horse in terms of wins on the year. Five horses are tied for second with eight wins each. His 29 starts also lead in that category with the runner-up, Pretty Loud (Boisterous), having started 27 times.

Sent off at 1-5 in the $17,600 starter allowance race for horses which have started for a claiming price of $5,000 or less in 2021-2022, Beverly Park broke sharply before dueling down the backstretch with Diamonds Enjoy (Kitten’s Joy). He shook free approaching the turn and opened up on the field. But Flat Fun (Flat Out) closed strongly in the stretch to make the race close.

Beverly Park won by a diminishing neck. He paid $2.40. Apprentice Yan Aviles was aboard for the win. The running time for the six furlongs over a track listed as good was 1:13.

“Hey he ran well,” owner-trainer Lynn Cash said. “The jockey might have gotten a little lackadaisical coming down the stretch. The jockey looked back two or three times. He looked back under each arm. I think the jockey got a little scare. If he had messed around and gotten beat that would have been really bad. But he dug back in and held that other horse off. The time wasn’t that fast, but the track was slow. He broke sharper than he has in his last few races.”

There are just 19 days left on the year, but Cash said he will scour his collection of condition books and try to get another start into Beverly Park before 2022 concludes.

“I’ll hope to get a race for him to go,” Cash said. “It comes down to that. He probably has one more start in him this year.”

Once 2023 begins, it will be harder for Cash to find races for his iron horse. Before he was claimed by Cash, Beverly Park won in a $5,000 claiming race July 8, 2021. That race made him eligible at all tracks that card starter allowances for horses who have run at the $5,000 level in 2021 and 2022. At many tracks, with the start of the new year the conditions for the same races will be for horses that have started for $5,000 in 2022 and 2023.

Cash said some tracks write starter races where horses are eligible if they have run for a certain price within two calendar years. That means he will be eligible for starter races at those tracks up until July of next year.

“When we run out of starter races for him, he’s still eligible for two-other than allowances,” Cash said. “We’ll probably start running in ‘two other thans,’ but those are tough races. We’ll try to find spots for him.”

Cash said he will not run Beverly Park in claiming races, that the horse means too much to him to risk losing him to another stable.

“He’ll probably run for another year and a half or so,” he said. “I don’t have many mares, but at the very least I’ll stand him at stud at my farm. His durability and his bullet-proofness, that’s half the battle. His mother was a graded stakes winner and if he was six feet faster, he’d definitely be a sire. I’ll never put him in a claiming race. I love this horse so much. Beverly Park is a part of Built Wright Stables. If I hadn’t claimed him, nobody would know who I was.”

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**FIRST-CROP SIRE RACE**

**DEC. 13: DESPITE BIG WEEKEND FOR JUSTIFY, BOLT D’ORO HOLDS BIG LEAD**

by Margaret Ransom

It was a busy weekend for one of the top three stallions battling it out for the crown as the best first-crop sire of 2022 as Justify was represented by a pair of winners and another two to hit the board, leaving Bolt d’Oro (Medaglia d’Oro) and Good Magic (Curlin) winless from just a single runner each. Good Magic has a chance to make up some ground with one starter on Monday.

Justify’s two winners on American soil both came on Sunday and started with Don Alberto Stable’s homebred Alpha Bella, who graduated with a hard-fought victory by a head at Gulfstream Park, surviving a lengthy steward’s inquiry/jockey’s objection. She earned $36,000 for the win, which helped her sire close some ground on the top two. Several hundred miles to the north, Prove Right picked up a $32,400 check for his one-length victory in an allowance/optional claiming event at Laurel Park for trainer James Chapman and co-owner Stuart Tsujimoto. And in addition to Lap Star’s third at at Nakayama in Japan on Saturday, Justify’s daughter, Dona Sweat, also contributed to her sire’s totals with her runner-up finish in a maiden event at Hanshin on Sunday.
Good Magic’s only runner over the weekend was Delusively, who finished fourth at Golden Gate Fields on Saturday. Chiringo, Bolt d’Oro’s runner on Sunday, was fourth behind Prove Right at Laurel.

Despite Justify’s big weekend, he still trails Bolt d’Oro in total progeny earnings by $196,361, with Good Magic in second and behind by $92,499 with 20 days left in 2022. All three stallions will be represented by multiple runners this week, starting with Good Magic, whose daughter Magic Miss is set to contest the fifth race at Parx facing winners for the first time after breaking her maiden last out for a $40,000 tag at Belmont at The Big A. She is the 9-2 third choice against six others.

Justify

Note that Japanese earnings are added every Sunday night, and there may be delayed reporting from other countries, which could postpone the final results in a very tight race into early January. We will also be providing a preview of 2-year-olds entered the next day in North America and beyond.

Current Earnings Standings through racing of Dec. 7:
1st--Bolt d’Oro, $2,546,116
2nd--Good Magic, $2,446,087
3rd--Justify, $2,349,755

The TDN sire lists contain full-dollar earnings of Northern Hemisphere foals winning anywhere in the world. To view the current standings updated overnight, click here.

EPSOM DERBY-WINNING JOCKEY
KINGSCOTE TO RIDE AT GULFSTREAM

British jockey Richard Kingscote, winner of the G1 Epsom Derby June 4 aboard favored Desert Crown (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}), will spend part of his winter riding at Gulfstream Park’s Championship Meet.


After winning his first Epsom Derby this year for trainer Sir Michael Stoute, Kingscote also teamed up with Stoute to win the G1 Champion S. Oct. 15 with Bay Bridge (GB) (New Bay {GB}), handing six-time Group 1 winner Baaeed his first career loss in his 11th start.

“I’ve been lucky enough to be offered to go to Gulfstream Park for a bit,” Kingscote told Luck. “Luckily enough, I’ve already had a trainer message me, email me, and the guys at Gulfstream Park have been really helpful getting an agent sorted and try to get me out there, which is great. I’m really looking forward to it. It’s a different style of riding, so I think it can’t do me any harm to learn something new and open up a new avenue to my riding ... I’ve been lucky enough to go to some Breeders’ Cups and it’s just more doors and trying to push me way through a few.”

Kingscote first rode horses as a child growing up in the seaside town of Weston-super-Mare, England. He attended the British Riding School and apprenticed with trainer Roger Charlton, riding his first winner in 2004. He became stable rider for Tom Dascombe in 2008 and has notched other notable wins in the G1 2014 Irish St. Leger and 2018 G1 Flying Five S. with Havana Grey (GB) (Havana Gold {Ire}). In 2016, Kingscote won the Dubai Gold Cup on Brown Panther (GB) (Shirocco {Ger}) just four months after a spill where he broke his elbow in five places, left wrist and collarbone and suffered two punctured lungs. Last year, he was named All-Weather Champion Jockey for the first time.

PENNA MEMORIAL SERVICE SATURDAY

A memorial service to honor the life of Angel Penna, Jr. will be held in the winner’s circle at Gulfstream Park at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 17. Penna passed away Nov. 22 after a battle with dementia. Friends, including his longtime veterinarian Dr. James C. Hunt, will say a few words. Refreshments will be served. The day’s sixth race will be named for one of the fillies he trained, Via Borghese, with the trophy presented by his late father’s wife, Elinor, and his widow, Ruth.
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CLASS OF 2016 - GRADING THE RISING STARS by Stefanie Grimm

Though he didn't debut until April of his 3-year-old year, Arrogate (Unbridled's Song) proved worth the wait, coming in third in his debut before unleashing an onslaught of victories that culminated in early 2017's last-to-first performance in the G1 Dubai World Cup. A $560,000 Keeneland September yearling, Arrogate earned his 'TDN Rising Star' tag with a wire-to-wire effort at Santa Anita June 6. He won twice more in allowance/optional claiming company before his coming-out party in the GI Travers S. where he defeated a loaded field--MGISP American Freedom (Pulpit), 2017 Horse of the Year Gun Runner (Candy Ride (Arg)), GISW & fellow 'Rising Star' Gift Box (Twirling Candy), GISW Connect (Curlin), MGISW Creator (Tapit), MGSW & GISP Destin (Giants Causeway), MGISW Exaggerator (Curlin) and GSW & late sire Laoban (Uncle Mo)--by 13 1/2 lengths in track record time. He next went on defeat California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit) in the 2016 GI Breeders' Cup Classic to be named champion 3-year-old. Retired with earnings of over $17 million, Arrogate's legacy, though sadly cut short with his untimely death in 2020, lives on in progeny such as GI Longines Kentucky Oaks winner Secret Oath, MGISW Cave Rock, and GISW And Tell Me Nolies.

Another gray Mike Smith-ridden 2016 'Rising Star' who didn't earn her tag until her second start late in the year, Unique Bella (Tapit) went on as a 3-year-old to be nearly undefeated, finishing behind rivals only once in the GI Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint. Previously a four-time graded-stakes winner, Unique Bella would be named champion female sprinter for her efforts. As an improved 4-year-old, she would take a trio of Grade I races, finishing her career a winner in the GI Clement L. Hirsch S. and champion older dirt female with an impressive record of 12-9-2-0.

Six more 2016 'Rising Stars' would go on to win multiple Grade I events throughout their career. Top-10 freshman sire Oscar Performance (Kitten's Joy) won a total of four Grade I races including the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf while Lady Aurelia (Scat Daddy) did her best running in Europe with a win in the G1 King's Stand S. at Royal Ascot.

Eight more 'Stars' would win at the highest level once, four of whom have since gone on to stud careers--the aforementioned Gift Box, Klimt (Quality Road), Mo Town (Uncle Mo), and Mastery (Candy Ride (Arg)).

Out of 86 named American 'TDN Rising Stars' in 2016, a total of 16 (18%) would achieve success at the Grade/Group I level. Another 19 (22%) would take one or more graded-stakes races meaning a total of 35 (40%) capitalized on the potential shown early in their careers. When factoring in horses that were graded-stakes placed, that number jumps to 47 (54%). An additional 17 (19%) would earn black type at the listed level while 22 (25%) never won or placed in stakes company.
Junipermarshmallow became the latest stakes winner for Lane's End's Quality Road in the Wait a While S. | Ryan Thompson

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**JINGLE BELLS RING FOR THE BACKSTRETCH FAMILIES!** by Joanne K. Adams

The Belmont Child Care Association, Inc. (BCCA) annually hosts a Holiday Shopping Day for all of the families of backstretch workers at Belmont Park and Aqueduct Race Track. This year, BCCA held its event on Saturday, Dec. 3 in the clubhouse at Belmont Park. The Belmont Cafe was transformed into a Winter Wonderland which included a Sugar Plum Cafe and Holiday Shop. Thanks to the New York Racing Association (NYRA), BCCA was provided with a beautiful venue to host its event and NYRA’s facilities and security departments provided much needed support on all levels.

This year, 500 children were escorted by elves who assisted them as they chose presents for themselves and for everyone in their families. Over 100 volunteers assisted the children while they shopped. Other elves helped to select merchandise for the Holiday Shop and personally baked treats for the Sugar Plum Cafe. Our children met elves at the wrapping station where they watched while their gifts were prepared.

The shopping experience was complete when they stopped to visit Santa in the Reindeer Court. Santa was assisted by elves as the children received candy canes, took photos, and told Santa what was on their wish list. The day was filled with smiling faces as the children and elves sang along with the carols playing in the lobby and in the shop.

This event day was made possible thanks to the incredibly generosity of donors who participated in BCCA’s call-to-action at its annual Racing for the Children dinner and auction, held each year in Saratoga Springs in late August.
The funds raised that evening were used to purchase new coats, vests, sweaters, robes, kitchen appliances, beauty accessories, and tool boxes, to name a few. BCCA received donations of new toys thanks to a new partnership with Jazwares Inc. through their philanthropic arm, Jazwares Cares, in addition to donations from the U.S. Marines Toys for Tots Foundation with whom BCCA has shared a long-lasting partnership.

BCCA’s volunteers are essential to the success of the event beginning with the planning stage, set-up day, day of event operations, and clean up and break down. BCCA recognizes all its volunteers from the Thoroughbred racing industry and its bountiful group of volunteers from the National Charity League, New York Chapter of Garden City.

This year, as BCCA celebrates 20 years of providing an early childhood education and development program for children year-round at Anna House and during the summer race meet at Faith’s House at Saratoga Race Course, BCCA is grateful to our donors for their incredible support of our most important programs. The generosity of our donors allows us to fulfill our commitment to the families of the backstretch workers with the knowledge that their children will receive a great start toward a better future. You really can’t put a price on giving a child a great start in life and a gift of any size matters.

We invite you to Think BIG for BCCA because when we come together, we can make a great impact on the lives of our children and their families. To join our year-end appeal, please visit us at www.belmontchildcare.org.

The mission of the Belmont Child Care Association, Inc. (BCCA) is to provide a safe, supportive, and academically inspiring environment for the children of parents working in the Thoroughbred racing backstretch area located at New York’s historic Belmont Park, Aqueduct Racetrack, and Saratoga Race Course. We are committed to promoting early childhood education, molding young minds, and encouraging the fulfillment of dreams.

Joanne K. Adams is the Executive Director of the Belmont Child Care Association, Inc. (BCCA), a 501 c 3 organization.

SOUTHEAST ASIA BLOG: VACCINATING THE HORSES by Ferrin Peterson, DVM

Peterson and a water buffalo in Southeast Asia courtesy Ferrin Peterson

This is the last in a series of travelogues that jockey-veterinarian Ferrin Peterson has written for the TDN about her charitable mission to Southeast Asia to bring much needed veterinary care to the population's animals. To read the prior installments, click here, here or here.

The trials of the jungle are ever-changing. We had started vaccinating the horses one evening when suddenly the sky opened and a downpour came. We returned the vaccines to the refrigerator and ran for shelter. In the evenings, I always read my book, "Where There Is No Animal Doctor," to look for answers from my cases that day. I used my headlamp to read, but that night the rain brought swarms of small moths which were attracted to the light. I tried to wrap myself in a tarp so they could not fly in my face, but they managed to find an opening and fly right into my eye. I finally gave up and went to sleep early. The villagers said those moths come out during storms, and the next morning everything was covered in dead moths. Usually the bugs are not that bad this time of year with it being the dry season. Next trip, I am bringing a mosquito net! Bathing in a cold river used to be tough for me, but between the humidity, long hikes with the herd, and looking at parasites, I was always grateful to jump in that river at the end of the day. Lacking the vet supplies I need happen on a case-by-case basis, and I will never be able to pack enough to cover all my bases. It makes me appreciate the convenience of working in a fully-equipped hospital and having pharmacies readily available.

The vaccines stayed properly temperature-regulated this time. Other than the rain storm delaying our vaccine clinic and working with half-feral mules and ponies, the mule men successfully vaccinated the entire herd.
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I told the men the amount of vaccine to draw up according to the animal's size and the area on the neck to administer the vaccine, but I left the hands-on work up to them. One of the men was missing most of his fingers; but despite his birth defect, he was able to figure out how to connect a syringe and needle, which requires a fair amount of dexterity.

I conducted a fecal test to get an idea of the types of parasites infecting the herd. I went to the human medical clinic to use their microscope and met some of the medics and students working there. They were very interested in what I was doing with horse stool, so it was easy to strike up a conversation in broken English. I learned one of the medics, named Naytaw, had recently graduated with a Masters in Public Health. He spoke English well, and he told me there are university programs for refugees, and that he had interacted with Harvard Medical School through the program. After graduating, he chose to return to his village to help his own people.

After finishing my parasitology observation at the clinic, I headed back to meet with the mule handlers. The tubes of horse dewormer had taken up a lot of space in my pack, but it was a high priority, especially in a tropical environment. The ponies and mules demonstrated again that they are only half broke, but the men did a great job of working together. It was humorous to see such a small pony take advantage of four of us trying to hold them down, but we did succeed in the end.

I had a friend donate dog and cat dewormer for my trip, which had not been on my radar until she reached out about the idea. There had only been one dog in that village the last time I visited. His name was Freddy, and Freddy has since passed but left behind a bunch of Freddy juniors. I watched the village kids running around carrying puppies, and I envisioned the canine parasites that can be passed to humans. I observed the dogs scratching often, and I wondered which external parasites they could be passing on, too.

Deworming the dogs one time would not make much of an impact, so I packed in a surplus of dewormers but needed to find someone who would maintain a regular deworming schedule. I remembered Naytaw with his MPH, which focuses on the interaction of animals and humans. I hoped he might see the importance in what I wanted to implement.

I found Naytaw at his house, and he happily accepted the assignment. He went into his house and grabbed a list of the homes in the village that had dogs or cats and how many. I was surprised and asked him why he had this list. He said they had told him a veterinarian was coming to visit, and he hoped he might be able to work with her. He had been too reserved to ask to me when we had met before. That was an encouraging coincidence. Naytaw's list guided our house visits, and he dewormed all the pets in his village. I wrote out instructions so he could remember the dosages, and he thanked me for teaching him a new skill.

The following day, I hiked with a few of the mule men, Poh, and a mule to a village who had questions regarding their water buffalo. I brought along a tube to teach them how to relieve bloat and a wound insecticide to prevent screw worms. When we arrived at the village after our long hike, I did not see any water buffalo. Apparently the message had not been relayed that a water buffalo needed to be present for the clinic. It was another good reminder of patience and flexibility when working in a foreign culture. We waited over an hour in a bamboo hut while they said they had someone trying to find a buffalo. A sack of rice on a bamboo floor was comfortable enough, and I took a nap while I waited for the buffalo round-up.

Poh woke me up, telling me there were two very sick teenage boys that would be passing by from another village who were trying to reach the medical clinic. I offered them the mule we had brought in with us and wondered if he was broke to ride. They nearly took me up on the offer, but instead the people from the village appeared with a hammock strung on bamboo and carried the boys themselves through the mountainous terrain to the clinic. I watched them head out--working together to carry the boys and was once again blown away by the way they care for each other.

After they left with the boys, we returned our focus to the water buffalo clinic. It was another reminder to me of the importance of being patient and flexible with my planning. If we had not had to wait so long, I would have missed out on an amazing demonstration of selflessness.

The villagers were unable to find where the buffalo had gone, so I decided we could just have a sit-down meeting where I would do my best to answer their questions. Sitting on a hard bamboo floor for hours is another jungle challenge I am learning to appreciate.
I had been refreshing my knowledge of common cattle pathologies in preparation for the trip, and I was able to answer more questions than I expected. The most peculiar question was that some buffalo had eaten their clothes which were hanging to dry, and the clothes became trapped in their stomach. Even Poh laughed while translating that one. They wanted to know if there was something they could give to break down the fabric. When I worked as a small animal vet, I was shocked by the items we scoped out of dogs' stomachs; things which they had spontaneously decided looked appetizing. I never knew water buffalo had so much in common with golden retrievers.

My time in the jungle ran out, but I believe that important nutritional changes had been made which, in time, would do a lot to improve the herd's overall health. Several days after my departure, one of the volunteers still at the village reached out to assure me that the mule handlers were still turning the herd out to pasture and still cutting down banana leaves for them to eat with their increased portion of grain.

When I made it back into town, I returned to the vet shop with a translator to find medications that I had promised to send back to the village for their water buffalo. One of those items was dewormer. After witnessing how little the buffalo from that village are handled, I realized it was important to find a topical solution rather than an injection, as it is far easier to pour liquid on their back than inject them with a needle. It took a lot of translating and charades to identify what I was looking for, but we found the medications and the buffalo will be receiving their first dewormer treatment any day now.

My last stop in town was to visit ECHO, a nonprofit farm that carried a copy of the book, "Where There Is No Animal Doctor." I wanted another copy to send back to the mule handlers in a second language (theirs is in English). Most of the mule handlers are illiterate, but they told me if they have the book in two languages they can show it to other villagers who can read it to them. Thankfully there are illustrations on every page, too.

When I went to ECHO and told the staff that I was a veterinarian, they asked me to come look at three of their sick calves. I assessed the young calves and gave their intern, Christina, a basic treatment plan. Christina and I discovered we were from the same hometown, Sacramento, CA, and now here we were both using our unique interests to serve on the other side of the globe. It really is a small world.

Christina gave me a tour of the rest of the farm, which had livestock that they were using for nutritional assessment. She taught me which plants are hardy and easy to propagate in the jungle and which ones have higher protein content. I took a special interest in that, as I want to continue building the herd's nutritional plan even as I return to the U.S.

That concludes this journey. It was a special time to foster new and old relationships, teach and learn from the local villagers, and do my part to make a small difference in the lives of animals and the people connected to them.

KIMURA, CASSE WIN 2022 WOODBINE TITLES

Eclipse and Sovereign Award winner Kazushi Kimura earned his second consecutive Woodbine jockey crown at the recently concluded Woodbine Thoroughbred meet with 152 wins. Overall his mounts earned C$8.9 million.

Born in Hokkaido, Japan, Kimura joined the Woodbine jockey colony as a 19-year-old apprentice in 2018. He finished his first Woodbine campaign sixth in the standings with 89 wins and his mounts totaled more than $2.3 million in earnings which earned him an Eclipse Award as North America’s outstanding apprentice jockey. He also took home the Sovereign Award as top apprentice in both 2018 and 2019, and was Canada’s outstanding journeyman rider in 2021.

This year, Kimura won 15 stakes—six graded—at the Toronto oval, including the GI E.P. Taylor S. with Rougir (Fr) (Territories {Ire}) and the GII King Edward S. aboard Filo Di Arianna (Brz) (Karakontie {Jpn}).

Rafael Hernandez, who finished second with 122 wins, led the way with 17 stakes victories, including the Queen's Plate with the Kevin Attard-trained Moira (Ghostzapper).

Mark Casse topped the trainer's leaderboard for the 14th time, saddling 119 winners and banking C$9.9 million in purse earnings. Casse-trained runners recorded 22 Woodbine stakes victories—13 of them graded.

Al and Bill Ulwelling were the leading money-winning owner of the meet for the first time with C$1.6 million in purses. Bruno Schickedanz led all owners with 45 wins.
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1--TIZ AN EDVENTURE, 125, f, 4, Tiznow--Triune (SP), by E Dubai. ($105,000 RNA Ylg '19 FTKOCT; $70,000 2yo ’20 OBSOPN). 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Randy Marriott and Jack Steiner; B-Pat Madden LLC (KY); T-Jack Steiner; J-Frank T. Alvarado. $30,550. Lifetime Record: 17-9-0-2, $178,300.


Also Ran: Shezaghost, Northwest Factor, La Vikina, Sugar Fix, Strike At Dawn, Cowboys Daughter, Taranta (Ire). Scratched: La Reine’s Legacy.

With little stakes experience on her resume over 16 starts, Tiz an Edventure notched the first black-type victory of her career by running on the all-weather for the first time since an optional claiming win on June 10. In her only other attempt at this level two races back on the turf by the Bay, she was just off the board by 4 3/4 lengths to rival Natural Colour (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}) Sept. 17. Running back at Golden Gate Oct. 22, the filly proved best by a length as the chalk after dropping down against optional claimers. Sent off the 5-2 second choice to Natural Colour, Tiz an Edventure settled mid-pack, just one off that filly as they traveled behind modest fractions of :24.02 and :48.23. Tracking a pair of longshots, Natural Colour moved early up the rail as the field rounded the far turn, but the eventual winner took the overland route, avoiding all of the traffic. Set down for a drive, the dark bay remained comfortably clear late, crossing the wire a 1 3/4 ahead of the favorite. Dam Triune has a yearling filly by Runhappy and a weanling colt by Gift Box. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

HOBBS FALL CLASSIC S., (NB) $125,000, Zia, 12-12, (S), 2yo, 1m 70y, 1:44.69, ft.

1--ANTONIOS MARK, 118, g, 2, by Marking
1st Dam: Bekat Bekat, by Lawyer Ron
2nd Dam: Bastet, by Marfa
3rd Dam: Tammy Jean, by Fabulous Bid
O-Andy A. Banegas; B-Fred Alexander (NM); T-Dallas J. Barton; J-Oscar Ceballos. $75,000. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, $102,000.

2--Ol’ McClintock, 118, g, 2, Marking--Joyful Tap, by Pleasant Tap. O-Jerry Tom Cannon; B-Leanne Duree (NM); T-Casey T. Lambert. $25,000.

3--Sweet Money, 116, g, 2, Conquest Mo Money--Sweet Irish Easter, by Irish Open. O-Judge Lanier Racing, LLC; B-McKenna Thoroughbreds LLC (NM); T-Nancy Summers. $12,500.


Also Ran: George Who, Seventh St Diamond, Smartsrealgood, Sense of Urgency, Shame On Sam.

Antonios Mark, who broke his maiden at first-asking at Ruidoso Downs in the slop July 29 by five lengths, took a break thereafter and came back fresh off the bench to win a six furlong allowance race at Zia Park by 1 3/4 lengths. In the inaugural running of the Hobbs Classic, the blinkered gelding took on two-turns for the first time, and tracked the leaders down the backstretch after making a middle move on the outside. With sectionals of :24.27 and :48.81, the 7-2 shot took aim at longshot Ol’ McClintock and tepid favorite George Who (Abstraction) by the top of the lane, and from the three path motored home past the sixteenth to win by 2 3/4 lengths. By a stalwart New Mexico sire, the winner’s dam visited him to no avail in 2021, produced a filly by Proceed a year later, and returned to Marking for 2023.

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:
4th-Parx Racing, $50,500, (S), Msw, 12-12, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:14.52, ft, 3 1/4 lengths.
FILTERED LIGHT (f, 2, Malibu Moon--Leafy Shade (Ire) {MSP-Ire, SP-USA}, by New Approach (Ire)) splashed along early at Delaware Park on debut Oct. 26, only to fade to third at the wire. Facing a group of primarily first-out starters here, the 5-2 shot took advantage of an outside draw, and put away a pair of rivals as trio went :23.72 for the quarter. Favorited Precipice (Liam’s Map) tried to give chase as the leader registered a :48.75 half, but it was in vain because the dark bay drew off under a hand ride to post a 3 1/4-length win over Take It to the Max (Uptowncharlybrown). From a family that includes two-time European Champion New Approach (Ire) {Galileo (Ire)}, the winner’s dam produced three foals in her career—Night Command, a 3-year-old filly by Will Take Charge and a yearling colt by More Than Ready. She passed away after being bred to Caravaggio for this year. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, $33,300.
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O-Runnymoore Racing, LLC; B-Gregory and Caroline Bentley Breeders (PA); T-Cathal A. Lynch.

2nd-Parx Racing, $50,250, (S), Msw, 12-12, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:14.13, ft, 3 1/4 lengths.
BROADWAYCHARLYROSE (f, 2, Eastwood--Charlybrown’s Rose (SP, $152,168), by Uptowncharlybrown), unlucky at Parx in all three prior starts, went too wide in her debut Sept. 12 and ended up third. She lost steam after a speed duel and was second Oct. 19, and last out she was passed with a sixteenth left and settled for show Nov. 9. Looking to get off the duck, the favorite chased merry-go-round hopeful Equistar (Smarty Jones), who set fractions of :22.86 and :47.85. Flipping the script, the chestnut filly pounced on the leader in the final furlong, and ran on nicely for to 3 1/4 length graduation. This was her first-crop sire (by Speightstown)’s third winner. Broadwaycharlyrose has a yearling full-brother named Bobo Liver, and Son of Thor, a weanling half by Rowayton. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-2, $54,080. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.
O-Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC and Whiskey Run Stables LLC; B-Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC (PA); T-Edward J. Coletti, Jr.

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8-Mahoning Valley, 4:01 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Halo Effect, 10-1 8-Mahoning Valley, 4:01 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Kiss Valentina, 15-1

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:
12th-Woodbine, C$89,821, (C)/Opt. Clm ($36,547), 12-11, 3yo/up, 7f (AWT), 1:22.94, ft, 5 3/4 lengths.
SUGAR RAY (g, 4, Street Sense--Mekong Delta (MGSP, $266,750), by Stormy Atlantic) Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-2, $76,672. O-Theodore F. Burnett; B-Josham Farms Limited (ON); T-Kevin Attard. *$120,000 RNA Ylg ’19 KEESEP.
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11th-Woodbine, C$82,800, (C)/Opt. Clm ($34,719-$36,547), 12-11, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:16.45, ft, 1/2 length. READY FOR A FIGHT (g, 5, Boisterous--Irish Tart, by Giant’s Causeway) Lifetime Record: 15-6-3-2, $187,114. O/B-Gary Barber (CA); T-Mark E. Casse.

10th-Parx Racing, $63,390, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm ($35,000), 12-12, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:18.57, ft, 6 lengths. CENTRE COURT CHAMP (f, 4, Dominus--Wimbledon Star (SP, $113,802), by Wimbledon) Lifetime Record: 14-6-2-2, $154,725. O-Jack J. Armstrong; B-Stoneview Farm Inc. (KY); T-Robert Mosco. *$2,200 Ylg '19 FTKOCT.

7th-Mahoning Valley, $51,500, (S), 12-12, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.53, ft, 1/2 length. CARRINA CORRINA (f, 3, Mr. Trieste--Scared Money, by Carson City) Lifetime Record: MSP, 15-5-7-2, $355,870. O/B-Derrick W. Jenkins (NM); T-Gary W. Cross.

9th-Los Alamitos, $50,000, (NW1SX)/Opt. Clm ($40,000), 12-11, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:02.49, wf, 1 1/2 lengths. MY SUMMER DREAM (g, 4, Summer Front--Elusive Flower, by Harlan’s Holiday) Lifetime Record: 15-3-2-3, $110,080. O-Newfield Farm & Cashline Racing Stables, Inc.(Lessee); B-Willow Tree Farm Inc (KY); T-Jeff Mullins. *$2,500 Ylg '19 FTCAYR.

3rd-Zia, $44,000, (S), 12-12, (NW2L), 2yo, 6f, 1:15.08, gd, 3 1/2 lengths. SENORA PANQUEQUES (f, 3, Awesome Patriot--The Lady Waffles, by Wavering Monarch) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, $30,730. O-N and E Racing Stables; B-Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm (OH); T-Saul M. Morales. **$1,700 Ylg '20 OTBOMX.


PAPA TIGER, g, 3, Smiling Tiger--Nuffsaid Nuffsaid, by Mutakddim. Golden Gate Fields, 12-11, 6f (AWT), 1:10.64. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, $33,228. B-Premier Thoroughbreds LLC (CA). **1/2 to All Dialed In (Dialed In), SP, $180,200.

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TIZ AN EDVENTURE (Tiznow) earns black-type with a win in Monday’s Miss America S. (click to watch)
Saturday's Results:

10th-Chukyo, ¥29,300,000 ($213,496), Allowance, 3yo/up, 1900m, 2:00.3, ft.
CORDON ROUGE (f, 3, American Pharoah--Champagne Room (Ch. 2yo Filly, GISW, $1,490,600), by Broken Vow), the first foal out of the 2016 champion 2-year-old filly, was a maiden winner at second asking at this track in May and most recently returned from a June layoff to strike over course and distance Oct. 2. Away in good order from gate 14, the Sunday Racing runner contested the pace between rivals down the backstretch, was roused to the front by Saudi Cup-winning jockey David Egan with a quarter mile to travel, and kicked on willingly to take it by 2 1/2 lengths as the 33-10 second favorite. Champagne Room's dam Lucky To Be Me (Bernstein) was acquired by Katsumi Yoshida in to Uncle Mo for $1.25 million at Keeneland November in 2017 and is also the dam of the Group 3-placed Fidele (Jpn) (Heart's Cry [Jpn]). Lucky To Be Me passed away in 2021. Champagne Room is also responsible for the twice-raced Epluchage (Jpn) (Justify) and a Kizuna (Jpn) (Deep Impact [Jpn]) colt that fetched $426,479 as a yearling at last year's JRHA Select Sales. She was most recently bred to Admire Mars (Jpn) (Daiwa Major [Jpn]).

Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-0, $224,522.

O-Sunday Racing; B-Northern Farm (KY); T-Takashi Saito.

3rd-Hanshin, ¥9,900,000 ($72,131), Maiden, 2yo, 1800m, 1:55.8, ft.
GUREN (c, 2, Union Rags--Purely Hot (GSW-Can, SW & GSP-US, $426,905), by Pure Prize) was a fair ninth on career debut on the turf at this venue Nov. 12, but was the 21-10 chalk to make a successful transition to the dirt. The $235,000 Fasig-Tipton October yearling put himself right into the race, stalking the pace from second. He drew alongside front-running Longwood (Jpn) (Talismanic) in upper stretch and wore down that stubborn rival to graduate by a hard-fought three-parts of a length. A half-brother to Eight Rings (Empire Maker), MGISW, $474,451, Guren has a yearling half-brother by Justify and his dam was most recently covered by Into Mischief. Sales history: $235,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $38,073.
O-Kanayama Holdings; B-Orpendale/Chelston/Wynatt (KY); T-Takashi Saito.
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**Awesome Patriot**, Senora Panqueques, f, 3, o/o The Lady Waffles, by Wavering Monarch. ALW, 12-12, Mahoning Valley

**Boisterous**, Ready for a Fight, g, 5, o/o Irish Tart, by Giant's Causeway. AOC, 12-11, Woodbine

**Coach Bob**, Rachel's Coach, g, 2, o/o Rachels Belle, by Perfect Mandate. MSW, 12-11, Golden Gate

**Dominus**, Centre Court Champ, f, 4, o/o Wimbledon Star, by Wimbledon. AOC, 12-12, Parx Racing

**Eastwood**, Broadwaycharlyrose, f, 2, o/o Charlybrown's Rose, by Uptowncharlybrown. MSW, 12-12, Parx Racing

**Encaustic**, It's Your Call, g, 5, o/o Correct Call, by Consolidator. ALW, 12-12, Mahoning Valley

**Holy Lute**, Hannah's Highlife, f, 2, o/o Rousanne, by Desert Party. MSW, 12-12, Zia

**Malibu Moon**, Filtered Light, f, 2, o/o Leafy Shade (Ire), by New Approach (Ire). MSW, 12-12, Parx Racing

**Marking**, Antonios Mark, g, 2, o/o Bekat Bekat, by Lawyer Ron. Hobbs Fall Classic S., 12-12, Zia

**Morning Line**, State of Grace, f, 3, o/o Cape Verde, by Cape Blanco (Ire). ALW, 12-12, Mahoning Valley

**Mr. Trieste**, Corrina Corrina, f, 3, o/o Scared Money, by Carson City. ALW, 12-12, Zia

**Northern Afleet**, Duke of Darkness, g, 4, o/o Dark Darling, by Ready's Image. ALW, 12-12, Mahoning Valley

**Perfect Soul (Ire)**, Rollin So Perfect, g, 3, o/o Oh So Sherri, by Yankee Gentleman. MSW, 12-12, Mahoning Valley

**Shame On Charlie**, New Mexico Jeremy, g, 2, o/o Tia Tia, by Pine Bluff. ALW, 12-12, Zia

**Smiling Tiger**, Papa Tiger, g, 3, o/o Nuffsaid Nuffsaid, by Mutakddim. MSW, 12-11, Golden Gate

**Street Sense**, Sugar Ray, g, 4, o/o Mekong Delta, by Stormy Atlantic. AOC, 12-11, Woodbine

**Summer Front**, My Summer Dream, g, 4, o/o Elusive Flower, by Harlan's Holiday. AOC, 12-11, Los Alamitos Thoroughbred

**Tamarando**, Royal 'n Rando, g, 3, o/o Royal Grand Slam, by Grand Slam. ALW, 12-11, Golden Gate

**Tiznow**, Tiz an Edventure, f, 4, o/o Triune, by E Dubai. Miss America S., 12-11, Golden Gate

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MISHRIFF TAKES UP THE MANTLE AT SUMBE

By Emma Berry

In the stallion yard at Sumbe's Haras de Montfort, the reputation of the late Le Havre (Ire) casts a long, figurative shadow. He was of course not the only stallion on the roster, but he was the first, back in the days when the farm was launched under its original guise of Haras de la Cauviniere, and he became one of France's most important stallions, given plenty of respect from breeders father afield in Europe and Japan.

Le Havre is hard to replace, but in the season after his death, Sumbe could hardly have a more alluring new arrival than Prince AA Faisal's Mishriff (Ire). Like Le Havre, he won the Prix du Jockey Club, a race with a tall reputation when one considers the winners who progressed successfully to the stallion ranks: think Darshaan (GB), Bering (GB), Peintre Celebre, Hernando (Fr), Montjeu (Ire), Shamardal, Lope De Vega (Ire), and New Bay (GB), with Study Of Man (Ire), Sottsass (Fr) and St Mark's Basilica (Fr) to follow.

Mishriff's immediate male line is formed of three different Guineas winners in three countries: Make Believe (GB), Makfi (GB) and Dubawi (Ire), and this is surely the first time that the latter, the newly crowned champion sire in Britain and Ireland, features as the great grandsire of a stallion. Underneath, the lineage of Sumbe's treble Group 1 winner is no less impressive.

SISFAHAN HEADS TO SAUDI CUP MEETING

Germany's champion trainer Henk Grewe will keep hold of his 2021 G1 Deutsches Derby winner Sisfahan (Fr) (Isfahan {Ger}), who will remain in training at five and is set to be aimed at the $2.5 million G3 Red Sea Turf Cup H. on the Saudi Cup card on February 25.

"It was the plan to run him there last year, but he got injured, so it was disappointing to miss the race," said Holger Faust, racing manager to Darius Racing, who own Sisfahan with Michael Motschmann.

"We've been thinking about it all year and I'm glad he's come back at the right time this year, so he's ready for the race."

Having been sidelined since the Breeders' Cup Turf of 2021, the four-year-old returned in the G1 Preis von Europa in September, and went on to win G2 Gran Premio Jockey Club at San Siro a month later before finishing third in the G2 Premio Federico Tesio in mid-November.

SAUDI DECISION ON MAXIMUM SECURITY STILL PENDING

Despite last week's guilty plea from trainer Jason Servis for having doped horses under his care, including a stipulation that Maximum Security was among them, the Jockey Club of Saudi Arabia has yet to decide whether he will be DQd from his 2020 Saudi Cup victory.

IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

MATHLETIC, EPIC POET, ONDULEE, 1/50th of ZARAK...
For our latest installment of the ‘12 Questions’ series, we sit down with bloodstock agent Christy Grassick.

Jockey Luke Morris, best known for his association with this year’s Arc winner Alpinista (GB) (Frankel (GB)), rode his 2000th career winner Monday at Lingfield.

Imperial Ace (Ire) (Lope de Vega (Ire)), a half-brother to G2 Derby Italiano winner Dylan Mouth (Ire), debuts Tuesday at Wolverhampton.

Officials at France Galop have announced that they are selling Maisons-Laffitte Racecourse. See page 6 for more | ScoopDyga
**Mishriff cont. from p1**

With the great Rafha (GB) (Riverman) as his third dam, this is a family which includes two stalwarts of the Irish scene, the half-brothers Invincible Spirit (Ire) and Kodiac (GB). It is their half-sister, the G3 Princess Royal S. winner Acts Of Grace (Bahri) who is Mishriff’s grand-dam, and his mother is the winning Raven’s Pass mare Contradict (GB), who has already produced three black-type horses, including Listed winner Orbaan (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) and G3 Craven S. runner-up Momkin (Ire) (Bated Breath {GB}).

Prince Faisal, who has carefully cultivated this family over generations, also raced Mishriff’s sire Make Believe, a 180,000gns purchase as a foal from breeder Simon Hope of Aston Mullins Stud. His support of that Ballylinch Stud resident with a member of his signature family has resulted in Make Believe’s best offspring to date, and the prince will surely put his breeding clout behind Mishriff, too, along with Sumbe’s Nurlan Bizakov, who has a significant broodmare band of his own spread across his studs, which include Haras du Mezeray and Hesmonds Stud in England.

"Mishriff was a one-of-a-kind horse," says Sumbe’s Mathieu Le Forestier. "He won a [French] Derby and there are only a handful of Derby winners each year, but even fewer go on to become superstars and be consistent and repeat their form in the long run, which he did."

And that really gets right to the crux of the matter. Mishriff will be six by the time he covers his first mare. In his 21 starts he won seven times. Just three of those appearances were made in his juvenile season, in the manner in which his trainer John Gosden often introduces his Classic prospects, and he won his maiden in November at Nottingham by ten lengths. His Saudi ownership meant that he had a slightly less orthodox Classic preparation than would ordinarily be the case for a Newmarket-based three-year-old. In February of 2020 he was flown to Riyadh for the inaugural Saudi Cup meeting and finished second in the Saudi Derby. **Cont. p4**
Mishriff cont.

We all know what happened next. With the Covid pandemic wreaking havoc on the early days of the European Flat season, Mishriff made a delayed reappearance back at his home course in early June, winning the Listed Newmarket S., setting him up perfectly for his success in the Prix du Jockey Club, which was run in early July. A second French raid that summer saw him add the G2 Prix Guillaume d'Ornano to his record. More was to come.

"His breakthrough was when he was four," says Le Forestier. "He went on a winning streak starting in February in the Saudi Cup on the dirt over nine furlongs. And he won three weeks later in Dubai, over 12 furlongs on the turf [in the Sheema Classic]. And after the stint in the Middle East, he came back to win the Juddmonte International in the summer by six lengths, which was a stunning performance, and it was very important to be able to win a Group 1 on British soil."

That season also included being runner-up to Adayar (Ire) in the G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S. after a rather over-exuberant performance in the Eclipse, in which he was third of four on ground he perhaps didn't appreciate. However, he came close to winning that same contest this season when beaten only a neck by Vadeni (Fr) having been hampered in his run. He couldn't add to his tally of wins in his final season of training, but in six Group 1 starts this summer and autumn he was only out of the first four once, closing out his career with a fourth in the Breeders' Cup Turf.

Le Forestier continues, "Mishriff arrived soon after the Breeders' Cup and he's settled in well. He's a very nice, quiet horse, a little bit manly in the yard."

"Of course, we will send him a number of mares ourselves, and Prince Faisal will as well. So he'll have good support from his owners."

Mishriff joins a young roster at Sumbe. Recorder (GB), a son of the Galileo bred and owned by the late Queen Elizabeth II stands alongside De Treville (GB), the Oasis Dream (GB) half-brother to Too Darn Hot (GB), whose first-crop runners in 2022 included the TDN Rising Star Gain It (Fr). The line-up is completed by G1 Commonwealth Cup winner Golden Horde (Ire), who will have his first yearlings at the sale in 2023.

Though Le Havre was lost to a tumour in March, his influence will be felt for some time to come. At the Tattersalls December Mares Sale his Group 3-winning daughter Ville De Grace (GB) sold for 2,000,000gns to Lordship Stud, while later that same week at Arqana, a Le Havre weanling half-sister to the dual Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner Treve was sold to Juddmonte. With the Yoshida family also having bought Le Havre's first two Classic winners, Avenir Certain (Fr) and La Cressonniere (Fr), his legacy as a broodmare sire is gaining momentum internationally, while one of his sons, Motamarris (Fr), stood his first season at Haras du Mazet this year.

"Losing Le Havre at age 16 was a big loss. It was not expected so soon," says Le Forestier. "It's not easy to find a replacement for such a horse, so they've been looking carefully, making bids here and there, trying to find the right one. And eventually they made a decision on Mishriff and we are very thankful that we could reach this agreement so that Mishriff could come to France."
Sisfahan cont.

"He had a fracture and an operation in January and for a horse to come back in September is quite early," Faust explained. "We didn't really have a race for him, but we decided to bring him back in a Group 1 because it was on his home track. He finished last in that race, but we were all fine with that and with his performance.

"We were quite confident for the race in Italy. He won that race and it was brilliant to see him coming back like this."

Faust feels that the 3,000-metre Red Sea Turf Cup will be within his capabilities.

He added, "When jockeys ride him, they say he's hard to stop after his races, so he's got this attitude and he looks like a real stayer.

"The races in the spring in Germany, they are not really attractive for a Group 1 winner. Even though the Red Sea Turf is a Group 3 race, it has a high value and it makes sense to run a Group 1 horse in those kind of races.

"We thought this way we can give him a pause and then bring him back to European races when the Grand Prix season starts, which in Germany is at the end of July.

"The Saudi Cup meeting perfectly suits him now, being at the end of February, and if he performs in Saudi Arabia, it's possible for him to run on the big day in Dubai as well. Then if everything works out and the horse is sound, he gets a nice break before we see him again."

British-based Jack Mitchell has ridden Sisfahan in his last three starts and is expected to be back on board in Riyadh.

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Edited Press Release

A selection of wildcard entries have been added to the Tattersalls Online December Sale, which opens for bidding at 12 noon on Wednesday, Dec. 14 and closes from 12 noon on Thursday, Dec. 15.

The additional entries are highlighted by a trio of Point-to-Point performers from Sunday’s meeting at Borris House. Colin Bowe’s Milestone Stables present Clody Flyer, an impressive winner of the Five-Year-Old Gelding’s Maiden by two and a half lengths. The son of Sholokhov comes from the family of multiple Grade 1 winner Nil Desperandum. Finishing second was debutante Grass’s Jet who will be offered by Johnny Kinsella’s Fairview Stables. Also entered in the sale is Doonbeg Don who placed second on his debut in the Four-Year-Old Gelding’s Maiden for Tom Keating.

Another promising Point-to-Pointer to be added to the catalogue is Paul Gilligan’s Lincoln Burrows. The son of Dylan Thomas finished third at Quakerstown behind What’s Up Darling, who subsequently sold at the Tattersalls Cheltenham December Sale for £280,000 to Gordon Elliott Racing.

The supplementary entries are in addition to a strong catalogue which includes a breeding right to phenomenal young sire Havana Grey, a half-sister to Classic winner Cachet, and an own sister to Group 1 Caulfield Cup winner Durston.

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FRANCE GALOP TO SELL MAISONS-LAFFITTE

France Galop voted to sell the racecourse Maisons-Laffitte to a public land establishment in the town for €7,150,000 in a meeting on Monday, Dec. 12, according to the Jour de Galop.

The racecourse has not been in operation since November 2019. The sale price stipulates that if the land is reused for the development of non-equestrian spaces at any time over the next 20 years, France-Galop will be due a supplemental fee, the story says.

The JDG reports that discussions continue between France-Galop and the town of Maisons-Laffitte for an eventual return of racing to the town.
What was your first job in the Thoroughbred industry?
I trailed around sales after my father from a young age learning the ropes, but you couldn’t really call that a job. My first job on a farm was in Mount Armstrong Stud in Co Kildare when it was owned by Noel O’Callaghan. I used to cycle there every day and learned to prep yearlings with Eddie O’Leary’s sister, Ashley.

The biggest influence on your career?
My father Brian and my grandfather Christy who taught me everything I could hope to know about horses. Eimear Mulhern and my mother, Sheila, who both showed me that women could be successful in business and encouraged me in my chosen career.

Favourite racehorse of all time, and why?
San Sebastian. I used to ride him out when I was starting to ride racehorses as a teenager for my uncle, Michael Grassick, and he was a 42-rated handicap with a habit for disappearing out from under me. He got gelded and started a miraculous rise from there, winning six races and finishing second three times in nine starts, culminating with in victory at Royal Ascot. I followed him every step of the way and my passion for racing was ignited. I loved him even if he mostly only tolerated me.

Who will be champion first-season sire in 2023?
Wow, what a year to have to answer this question with so many high-class two-year-olds having their first runners. My heart will say Phoenix Of Spain as I was involved with buying his dam and selling him for his breeder, Arild Faeste, as a foal.
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My head says Blue Point as I have purchased a couple of very smart fillies by him. That said, I have been very impressed with the first crop of Invincible Army at the sales. It’s such a tough year to call.

Greatest race in the world?
Oh a 50-50 between the Prix de l’Arc de Triomphe and the Melbourne Cup—incredible races with incredible horses and huge atmospheres. Going to either of them is a life-changing experience for a racing enthusiast.

If you could be someone else in the industry for a day who would it be, and why?
Ryan Moore: just for a day to be able to ride the best horses and to understand that level of talent and to see inside that incredible tactical racing brain. For me that would be heaven.

Emerging talent in the industry (human)?
I have two cousins who are really starting to make their mark in the training ranks—Michael Grassick in Ireland and Chris Grassick, in partnership with William Muir, in the UK. Another eye-catching young trainer is Kevin Philippart de Foy, who has also made a great start.

Horse TDN should have made a Rising Star and didn’t?
Enable.

Under-the-radar stallion?
Gleneagles.

Friday night treat?
Dinner in a nice restaurant, usually the Brown Bear in Two Mile House, with my husband, Jamie Lowry.

Guilty pleasure outside racing?
Sport horses, riding, competing and judging them. Even when I’m not racing, I’m surrounded by horses.

Race I wish I had been there for...
Sea The Stars, Prix de L’Arc de Triomphe. I had only missed his 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket in his three-year-old career as I was riding in a charity race that day at Punchestown and watched him win on the big screen. After that I was there for all of his other starts and he really was the most incredible horse to follow. I was at the sales in Tattersalls cheering him home in the Arc on television and I was sorry to miss his swan song.
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MORRIS GETS CAREER VICTORY 2000

Jockey Luke Morris, best known for his winning ride aboard Kirsten Rausing's Alpinista (GB) (Frankel {GB}) in this year's G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, registered the 2000th victory of his career when guiding Recuerdame (The Factor) to a half-length success Monday at Lingfield.

Though he currently sits on 94 winners for the year, Morris has brought up better than 100 each year since 2011.

Eight of Morris's nine career Group 1 winners has come for Alpinista's trainer Sir Mark Prescott, who told Sporting Life: "It's a great tribute to his professionalism, reliability and work ethic. The eight Group 1 winners he has ridden for me show how good he is on the big day as well. However, both he and I have somewhere to go before we reach the 700-plus winners George Duffield rode for me!"

Monday's Results:
2nd-Wolverhampton, £6,800, Mdn, 12-12, 2yo, 7f 36y (AWT), 1:29.05, st.

SELF ACLAIM (IRE) (c, 2, Aclaim {Ire}--Selfara {GB}, by Oasis Dream {GB}), a Nov. 29 debut third over this course and distance last time, made a slick getaway to gain an early advantage and was shuffled down to third along the backstraight. Nudged along on the home turn, the 10-3 second choice came under sterner urging in the straight and was ridden clear once regaining control at the furlong marker to defeat Pherenikos (Ire) (Shamardal) by two lengths. Self Aclaim is the fifth of seven reported foals and fourth scorer produced by a multiple-winning daughter of G3 Princess Margaret S. third Rustic (Ire) (Grand Lodge), herself kin to five stakes performers headed by MG1SW sire Grey Swallow (Ire) (Daylami {Ire}). The January-foaled bay is half to a yearling filly by Masar (Ire) and a weanling colt by Shaman (Ire). Sales history: £57,000 Ylg '21 TATIRY. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, $6,011.

O-The Roof Partnership; B-Mount Coote Stud & Anthony Warrender (IRE); T-Hugo Palmer.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Molly Valentine (Ire), f, 2, Tamayuz (GB)–Molly Dolly (Ire) (GSP-Ire & SP-Eng), by Exceed And Excel (Aus). Lingfield, 12-12, 6f 1y (AWT), 1:13.66. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, $5,296. B-T J Rooney (IRE). *75,000gns Ylg '21 TATIRY.
Punxsutawney Phil (Ire), g, 5, Shirocco (Ger)--Chilly Filly (Ire), by Montjeu (Ire). Wolverhampton, 12-12, 12f 51y (AWT), 2:40.23. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $5,296. B-Dan Gilbert (IRE). *£19,000 RNA HRA '22 GOFOCT.
HALF TO DERBY ITALIANO HERO REROUTED TO WOLVES FOR DEBUT

16.15 Wolverhampton, Nov, £9,950, 2yo, 8f 142y (AWT)

IMPERIAL ACE (IRE) (Lope de Vega (IRE)), a Hugo Palmer-trained 125,000gns Tattersalls October Book 1 son of G3 Premio Verziere victrix Cottonmouth (IRE) (Noverre), is kin to a trio of black-type winners headed by MG1SW G2 Derby Italiano hero Dylan Mouth (IRE) (Dylan Thomas (IRE)) and dual stakes-winning Derby Italiano second Henry Mouth (IRE) (Henrythenavigator). Denied a debut run on Saturday's abandoned programme at Newcastle, he faces eight opponents headed by Godolphin debutant First Sight (GB) (Dubawi {IRE}), who is a 425,000gns Book 1 son of G2 Park Hill S. runner-up Phiz (Ger) (Galileo {IRE}) and thus kin to this year’s G2 Dubai Gold Cup third Al Madhar (Fr) (Siyouni (Fr)); Sheikh Juma Dalmook Al Maktoum’s hitherto unraced Aclaimed Art (IRE) (Aclaim {IRE}), who is a James Tate-trained half to this term’s G1 Prix Jean Romanet heroine Aristia (IRE) (Starstangledbanner {AUS}); and KHK Racing’s Intricacy (GB) (Dubawi {IRE}), who is a €750,000 Arqana August son of G3 Prix Minerve victrix Golden Valentine (Fr) (Dalakhani {IRE}), from the Simon and Ed Crisford stable.

IN JAPAN:

Mad Cool (IRE), c, 3, Dark Angel (IRE)--Mad About You (IRE) (GSW & MG1SP-Ire, G1SP-Fr, $495,023), by Indian Ridge (IRE). Chukyo, 12-11, Cond., 1200mT, 1:07.2. Lifetime Record: 6-4-0-2, $391,828. O-Sunday Racing; B-Moyglare Stud Farm Ltd; T-Manabu Ikezoe. *€225,000 Wlg ’19 GOFNOV. **1/2 to A Ma Chere (IRE) (Kodiac {GB}), GSP-Ire.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

La Tulipe Noire (IRE), f, 2, Berkshire (IRE)--Ambermaryrose (IRE), by Cape Cross (IRE). Dundalk, 12-12, 8f (AWT), 1:41.77. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-1, $11,854. B-Patrick Meagher (IRE).

*€9,500 RNA Ylg ’21 GOAUTY.

Additional Maiden Winners:

Maicito (Swi), c, 2, Vanishing Cupid (Swi)--Marcellina (Swi), by Mozart (IRE). Lyon La Soie, 12-12, 9f (AWT), 1:56.90. B-Gestut Sohrenhof (Swi). *€7,500 RNA Ylg ’21 BBAGS.

Lucky Charlie (Fr), g, 3, Myboycharlie (IRE)--Sweet Baby Doll (IRE), by Galileo (IRE). Lyon La Soie, 12-12, 12f (AWT), 2:35.40. B-Ecurie Luck (FR).