



# WOODWARD, CIGAR MILE AMONG RACES DOWNGRADED



Mind Control wins the 2022 Cigar Mile | Sarah Andrew

#### by Bill Finley

The American Graded Stakes Committee released its list of graded stakes for 2023 Friday and it includes five races that were downgraded from Grade I status to Grade II races, including two of NYRA's more prestigious races for older dirt horses, the Woodward and the Cigar Mile H. Also dropping down from the Grade I to the Grade II level were the Clark S. at Churchill Downs, the Starlet S. at Los Alamitos and the Rodeo Drive S. at Santa Anita.

The Woodward was, perhaps, the most surprising inclusion on the list of newly appointed Grade II races. Twenty winners of the race have made their way into the Hall of Fame, including Kelso, Buckpasser, Forego, Seattle Slew, Affirmed, Spectacular Bid and Cigar. But the race has struggled somewhat in recent years as the NYRA racing department tried to figure out where it fit best on the calendar on how to juggle a glut of late summer-early fall races for the handicap division, including the GI Jockey Club Gold Cup. In 2006, the Woodward was moved from Belmont to Saratoga. The race was moved back to Belmont in 2021, trading places with the Jockey Club Gold Cup, which was switched to Saratoga. This year's Woodward was won by Life Is Good (Into Mischief), but the race drew only four horses and the three challengers to Life Is Good were a fairly weak lot. Cont. p3

# BIG TICKET COLTS DOT LOS AL FUTURITY ON

**SATURDAY** by J.N. Campbell

The Kentucky Derby points are back on the table in December. Well, for trainers Leandro Mora and Tim Yakteen that is, as it is once again time for the GII Los Alamitos Futurity. In prior contests, it would have been 10-4-2-1 points to the top four finishers, but since we only have a five-horse field, and with Bob Baffert currently forced to abrogate his Derby egg hunt despite yet another re-christening of his legal stab at Churchill Downs, it is just Mora and Yakteen that are eligible.

Out of the handful that will go on Saturday afternoon at the cozy palm-laden oval that continues to breathe--we hope it does, because we need it to survive--you will see some major sale purchases strut their 2-year-old stuff. Historically, this race is Baffert's foregone conclusion, as he has netted 13 of them, starting with Real Quiet back in 1997. Cont. p3

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**2022 in photos: May 21.** Early Voting's silks are painted on the weathervane atop the cupola at Pimlico Race Course following a victory in the GI Preakness S. | Jim McCue

#### FRANK BROTHERS TO RETIRE

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Los Alamitos Futurity-GII, LRC

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#### Woodward, Cigar Mile Downgraded cont. from p1

The Cigar Mile was inaugurated in 1988 and initially run as the NYRA Mile. Winners include Forty Niner, Cigar, Tonalist (Tapit) and Maximum Security (New Year's Day). This year's race did not come up particularly strong as Mind Control (Stay Thirsty) beat five others.

One race, the Stephen Foster S., was upgraded from Grade II to Grade I status. The race had been a Grade I through 2018 when it was downgraded. This year's winner was Olympiad (Speightstown).

A total of 97 Grade I races will be contested in 2023.

The committee reviewed 901 stakes races and assigned graded status to 440 of them, nine fewer than were graded in 2022.

Three races were upgraded to Grade II's, the Beaumont S., the Franklin S. and the Ladies Sprint S. Seven races were downgraded from Grade II to Grade III status for 2023: the Sorrento S. at Del Mar; Dinner Party S. at Pimlico; Monrovia S., San Carlos S., San Marcos S. and Santa Ynez S. at Santa Anita Park; and Tampa Bay Derby at Tampa Bay Downs. Four races were upgraded to Grade III status for 2023: the Manila S. at Belmont Park; Blame S. and Shawnee S. at Churchill Downs; and Music City S. at Kentucky Downs. Twelve races were downgraded from Grade III to listed status for 2023.

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#### Los Al Futurity Preview cont. from p1



Slow Down Andy wins last year's Los Alamitos Futurity | Benoit

But last year, Reddam Racing's homebred, Slow Down Andy (Nyquist), ran contrary to his moniker by getting the best of Messier (Empire Maker) to end the Hall of Fame conditioner's streak at seven.

Baffert comes prepared this time and Messier's ownership group of SF Racing, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables, Robert E. Masterson, Stonestreet Stables, Jay A. Schoenfarber, Waves



Edge Capital, and Catherine Donovan is well represented with a pair of promising super colts in **Carmel Road** (Quality Road) and **Fort Bragg** (Tapit). The former went for \$650,000 at the KEESEP sale last year, while the latter did him one better by \$50,000 at FTKOTC. Tom Ryan, the managing partner of SF Racing, said when reached by phone, "We've got 10 nice 2-year-old winners on the board this year, and Bob and his team are very focused on 2023."

Carmel Road, who has a half-brother named Ambition (Street Sense) out of Inspire who RNA'd at FTNAUG this year, lost steam and ended up second-to-last at Keeneland as would-be 2-year-old champion Forte (Violence) nosed ahead for his score in the GI Claiborne Farm Breeders' Futurity Oct. 8. That poor showing was nothing like his maiden victory in the race prior when he won in a geared-down fashion by 8 3/4 lengths at Del Mar Aug. 26. Ryan said about the letdown, "We ended up drawing the outside with Carmel Road in the 14 hole, and the 14 hole at Keeneland with a 2-year-old, it's not ideal. So that race is a complete throw out. His last piece of work was a sparkling piece of work. Hopefully, he's ready for this." Sporting some sharp recent breezes at Santa Anita (Dec. 9, 5f; .59, 1/30), we can expect him to be below his 2-1 morning-line by race time.

As for his stablemate, the 4-1-priced Fort Bragg comes calling after he was disqualified at Santa Anita Oct. 10 and placed

second, and then officially broke his maiden Nov. 4 by 3/4 lengths over next out winner, Reincarnate. "He is a beautiful horse that just continues to develop," Ryan said. "Flavien Prat breezed him last week, was impressed enough to want to ride him. He is coming back from a vacation in France to ride him here. It's a tough, demanding race, but we hope he's up to the challenge."

Opposing this pair is the last of Baffert's trio, Zedan Racing Stables's \$600,000 OBSAPR bay colt by Justify, Arabian Lion. Stretching out around two turns, the 4-5 morning-line favorite has posted a pair of Beyer Speed Figures that sparkled; 92 at Santa Anita with a first-out win Oct. 9, and then a second-place finish with a 93 rating at Keeneland against optional claimers Nov. 4. All three of these runners could be looking to grab the lead early, and hold off any would-be challengers.

As for Yakteen's **Practical Move** (Practical Joke), he is not without recent form, nor should he be underestimated. The \$230,000 OBSAPR buy ran second to Fort Bragg in that race Oct. 10, despite a poor stumble at the start and getting bumped by his rival in the final furlong. The colt ran third to Havnameltdown (Uncaptured) in the GIII Bob Hope S. Nov. 20. Recall, he is a horse that won at first-asking at Del Mar July 24, was the seized in the GIII Best Pal S. Aug. 14, and was second in the GI Runhappy Del Mar Futurity Sept. 11. If he can solve his





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gate issues, then he might be a player if a pace reactor failure occurs.

The big tickets will try to fly early at Los Alamitos. Baffert may not have access to those Derby points yet, but what is assured is this is going to be an intriguing renewal of the Futurity.

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# WHERE ARE THEY NOW: SUNNY RIDGE & MR. BUFF



Sunny Ridge supervising Mr. Buff's breeze | Susie Raisher

by Christie DeBernardis

In this TDN series, Christie DeBernardis will tell the stories of accomplished and/or popular former racehorses who are now enjoying second careers as show horses, track ponies, etc.

New Jersey native **Sunny Ridge** (Holy Bull) may have made his last start in March of 2021, but he is still a familiar face on the racetrack at Belmont. A seven-time stakes winner in New York and New Jersey, the hulking gray now serves as a stable pony for trainer John Kimmel.

"He made the transition to ponying pretty quickly," Kimmel said. "He is really a nice pony. He is comfortable. He does everything. He ponies horses, breaks horses off that are breezing. He still has a little bit of an attitude, but he has been a pretty good pony. Plus, he is big. He is just a tick under 17 hands."

Bred and raced by Monmouth Park's Dennis Drazin, Sunny Ridge's long list of accomplishments was topped by wins in Aqueduct's GIII Withers S. and the GIII Salvator Mile at his hometrack in Oceanport, New Jersey. He spent most of his career under the tutelage of Jason Servis and was laid up for a year after that conditioner's arrest, after which he was sent to Kimmel to an attempt an 8-year-old campaign. Sunny Ridge



made three unsuccessful starts in 2021 before Kimmel and Drazin decided it was time to retire him.

"I got him after Jason was done training," Kimmel said. "Dennis was a lifelong friend of mine and he asked me to try him out a few times. He would train okay in the morning, but the afternoon was a different story. I said, 'Dennis, he is really not into it. We aren't going to drop in for a claiming price, so let's make a pony out of it.' He was willing to allow me to do it. He likes doing his job."



Sunny Ridge | Sarah Andrew

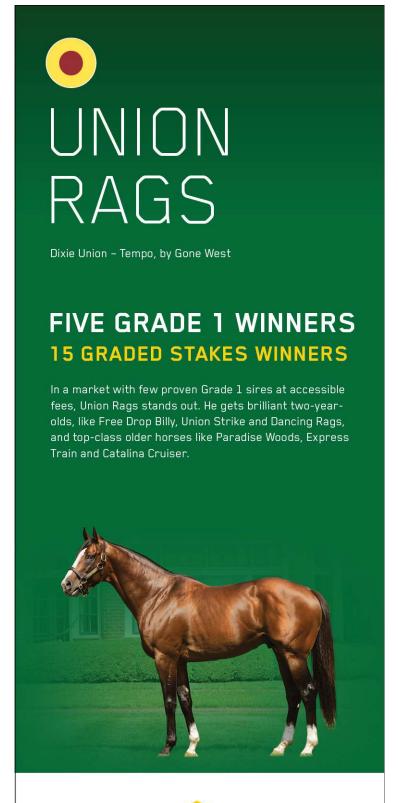
The trainer continued, "He was nice and sound, but the effort wasn't there. I think he decided he was done racing and would rather go home and have his dinner. He didn't want to extend himself, I think, because he was worried about taking care of himself."

When asked what the veteran gelding is like around the barn, Kimmel said, "When you walk up to him in the stall, he will pin his ears like he wants to be a little bit mean. But once you get near him, he is fine. He loves his mints. The biggest thing is, it is a long drop down to the ground when we get off him in the morning!"

Kimmel's barn was also the longtime home of another hard-knocking gelding, this one a native New Yorker and 11-time stakes winner, **Mr. Buff** (Friend or Foe).

"A woman wanted to make Mr. Buff's father, Friend or Foe, a jumper," Kimmel said. "[Owner/breeder] Mr. [Chester] Broman said, 'Okay, I'll sell him to you for \$1, but you have to register him as a Thoroughbred stallion. I will send three or four mares a year for a few years to see what we get.' Mr. Buff was in the first group of them. He became a winner of 17 races and won over \$1 million. He was a fun horse to be around."

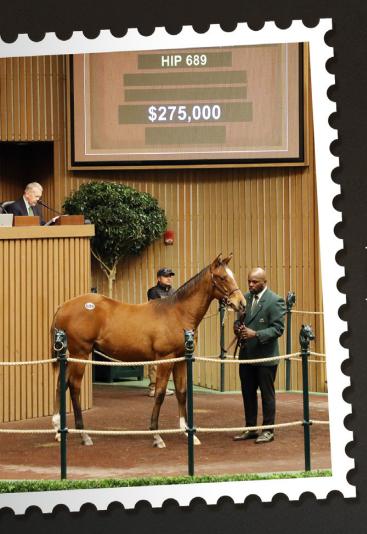
Mr. Buff opened 2021 with a pair of stakes wins at Aqueduct and finished third in the GIII Westchester S., but was unplaced in three subsequent starts, after which his connections decided it





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"I told Mr. Broman, 'If you want, we can give him the winter off and I'd be more than happy to make a pony out of him,'" Kimmel said. "He said he had a guy who wanted to try him as a show horse. He is in Florida and they will see if he has any ability to do that. He is certainly big enough that he can walk over most of the jumps. He is over 17 hands."

The massive chestnut was a barn favorite during the six years he spent with Kimmel and his team.

"He has a great personality," Kimmel said. "He is like a gentle giant. That's why I thought he'd make a nice pony. As a matter of fact, when we brought in the 2-year-olds, we usually used him as a guide horse. He'd be like, 'Listen little fella, follow me. This



Mr. Buff | Coglianese

is how we do it around here.' I think he would have been a natural at it. He was a pretty kind horse to train. When he raced, he could be a little tough. That's why he showed so much early speed, but in the mornings, he was pretty manageable."

This edition of "Where Are They Now" is dedicated to the memory of my good friend and TDN colleague Ben Massam, whose passion for New Jersey-breds was unmatched and who loved nothing more than seeing one succeed in open stakes company.

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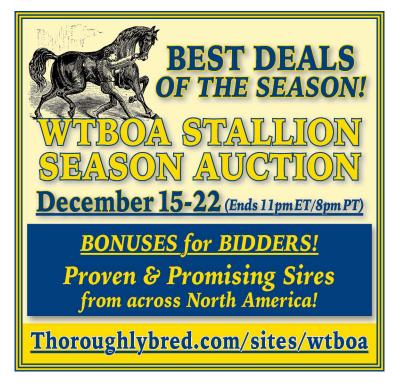


Frank Brothers | Keeneland

#### by J.N. Campbell

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After training horses from 1980 to 2009, Brothers moved into his current role of selecting horses for a few clients before ultimately partnering with Starlight and StarLadies Racing for the past 13 years. During this time, he also served as a member of the Keeneland yearling inspection team for the Keeneland September Sale.



"It's just time for me to move on. For a little guy, the training game was very good to me but it was time for me to make that transition back in 2009," said Brothers, who won 2,291 races over the course of his career. His best horse, Hansel, was a multiple Grade I winner of the Preakness and Belmont S., and the 1991 3-year-old champion. Others in his barn included Grade I winners Secret Hello, Arch, Oath, Madcap Escapade, First Samurai, and the multiple graded stakes winner Pulpit.

"I was fortunate to have trained horses for some great people and then equally fortunate when Jack and Laurie Wolf asked me to join their team as bloodstock agent when I retired from training," he said. "We've had a great deal of luck together--you'd always like to win more, but we did pretty good." For Starlight Racing, Brothers recommended the purchase of Grade I winner Shanghai Bobby, the 2012 champion 2-year-old, along with graded stakes winners Algorithms, Eskenformoney, Neolithic, Cutting Humor, and Jouster, among others.

Brothers was also on the Starlight Racing/SF Racing team that selected several graded stakes winners, including Grade I winners Charlatan, Eight Rings, and 2020 Kentucky Derby winner Authentic.

"Frankie's the best and we're going to miss him," said Jack Wolf, Starlight's managing partner. "He feels like family to us at this point. But I respect his decision to retire and I can't blame

him--it's a tough game."

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# NYRA ANNOUNCES SPRING STAKES SCHEDULE



Aqueduct | Sarah Andrew

The stakes schedule for the 2023 spring meet at Aqueduct Racetrack, featuring 14 stakes worth nearly \$2.8 million in total



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purses, was released Friday, Dec. 16.

The 19-day spring meet will open Mar. 30 and continue through Apr. 30. Live racing will be conducted Thursday-Sunday, except for Apr. 9, when live racing and pari-mutuel wagering is prohibited by New York State in observance of Easter Sunday.

The \$150,000 GIII Distaff H., a seven-furlong contest for older fillies and mares, will kick off the spring meet graded stakes action Friday, Apr. 7 and a blockbuster Wood Memorial Day card Apr. 8 will feature four graded stakes, topped by the 98th running of the \$750,000 GII Wood Memorial S. The nine-furlong test for 3-year-olds will offer 100-40-30-20-10 Kentucky Derby qualifying points to the top-five finishers.

Wood Memorial Day will also raise the curtain on Grade I racing on the NYRA circuit in 2023 with the \$300,000 GI Carter H., a seven-furlong sprint for older horses, as well as include the \$250,000 GIII Gazelle S. at nine furlongs for sophomore fillies offering 100-40-30-20-10 Kentucky Oaks qualifying points to the top-five finishers.

For the complete Aqueduct spring meet stakes schedule, visit the NYRA website.

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# DEC 16: ONE-TWO FINISH FOR BOLT D'ORO PADS FIRST-YEAR STALLION LEAD

by Margaret Ransom



**Bolt d'Oro** | *Sarah Andrew* 

A one-two finish from Communication Memo and Two Rocket in Friday's 6th race at Oaklawn Park and their combined earnings of \$72,000 helped **Bolt d'Oro** (Medaglia d'Oro) extend his lead over **Good Magic** (Curlin) and **Justify** (Scat Daddy) in the first-year stallion earnings race heading into the weekend. Not





willing to wave the white flag just yet, Good Magic's Almurtajiz, a \$290,635 ARQMAY purchase earlier this year, finished second in the G3 Ministry of National Guard Cup at Riyadh in Saudi Arabia on Friday and picked up a check for \$7,898, while his daughter, Miss New York, brought in \$6,100 to help keep her sire in close contention.

With just 15 days left in 2022, Bolt d'Oro remains in front with total progeny earnings of \$2,647,216, followed by Good Magic (Curlin) at \$2,467,615 and Justify (Scat Daddy)--his one runner failing to earn a check on Friday--remained at \$2,383,960.

Despite Bolt d'Oro's near \$180,000 lead, it's clear his two main rivals don't plan on handing him the victory without a fight.

Good Magic will have the busiest week with at least one runner each day Saturday through Wednesday, including two on Saturday-Protege in a \$104,000 Alw at Oaklawn Park and Good Rapport in a \$81,000 Msw at Aqueduct. Also on Saturday Justify's Arabian Lion is the 4-5 favorite in the GII \$200,000 Los Alamitos Futurity, which would also give Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert a record 14th win in the race dating back to when it was held at Hollywood Park.

Bolt d'Oro's Oh Chic is set to contest a \$27,000 Msw at Tampa Bay Downs on Saturday to complete the stallion's week, and Just Katherine will represent Justify in a \$70,000 Msw at Gulfstream on Sunday. Also, Bolt d'Oro will be represented by From Dusk in Sunday's G1 Asahi Hai Futurity at Hanshin. The \$900,000 OBSMAR 2-year-old is coming off a second-place finish in the Keio Hai Nisei S. six weeks ago.

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. 15:**

1st—Bolt d'Oro, \$2,617,216 2nd—Good Magic, \$2,467,615 3rd—Justify, \$2,383,960



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.

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#### TWELVE QUESTIONS: KELSEY LUPO



Kelsey Lupo | courtesy of Kelsey Lupo

by J.N. Campbell

A native of upstate New York, Kelsey Lupo spent summers at Saratoga learning to read the Form. With a degree in Animal Science from the University of Massachusetts, she has lived all over the world working for stud farms in places like Kentucky, Ireland, Australia, England, and France. Bolstering her resume, she completed the Kentucky Equine Management Internship and the Irish National Stud Breeding Course. As the principal for Atlas Bloodstock, she advises on a wide range of services, while utilizing her extensive experience with all things bloodstock.

#### Racing or bloodstock highlight of the year?

For me personally, it was watching Lezoo (GB) (Zoustar {Aus}) win the G1 Cheveley Park S., and for an all-around highlight of the year, I would say watching and participating in the Breeders' Cup at Keeneland. It was fantastic racing with incredible stories and outcomes.

#### Value sire for the 2023 season?

I would say Cracksman (GB) would be the value sire at £17,500. He has had some good performers as 2-year-olds, but you could think they will be better 3-year-olds, as Cracksman himself was better as he got older.

#### Who will be the leading freshman sire next year?

I think Advertise (GB) will be a top contender for that spot. The yearlings by him looked quite precocious and could fit the 2-

#### TO PUT GUN RUNNER'S PROWESS AND PROMISE INTO A PROPER PERSPECTIVE, ONE LOOK NO FURTHER THAN THE TOP 3YO SIRES IN 2022

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1	Gun Runner	12	23	9	16	4	9	\$146,190	\$13,157,063
2	Not This Time	5	13	3	8	1	2	\$109,771	\$7,025,322
3	Into Mischief	4	20	3	12	1	2	\$45,822	\$6,644,225
4	Keen Ice	2	9	1	1	1	1	\$59,867	\$6,046,602
5	Uncle Mo	5	15	4	9	1	2	\$78,502	\$5,887,635

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GUN RUNNER (c. by Candy Ride (ARG)). 12 wins in 18 starts, 2 to 5, 2018, \$15,988,500, in N.A./U.S., horse of the year, champion older dirt male, Pegasus World Cup Invitational S. [G1] (GP, \$7,000,000), Breeders' Cup Classic [G1] (DMR, \$3,300,000), Whitney S. [G1] (SAR, \$650,000), Woodward S. [G1] (SAR, \$400,000), Stephen Foster H. [G1] (CD, \$300,700), Clark H. [G1] (CD, \$294,500), Twinspires.com Louisiana Der

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year-old campaign in Europe rather nicely. They also look like a type that will be attractive to international buyers to race on various circuits around the world.

#### Most respected stallion--current?

You can't deny Dubawi (Ire). He doesn't command his high stud fee and selective broodmare band for nothing.

#### **Favorite sales ring moment?**

Selling one of my first pinhook horses at Keeneland that I bought for \$20k and seeing her go for \$97k. I was so excited to have a successful pinhook on my own in the first year.

#### Name one positive change you'd like to see in racing next vear?

Seeing the purse structure improve in the UK to have not only the prestige of top racing, but financially as well.

#### If you could only go to one track the rest of your life, where would it be?

There are many beautiful tracks that I have visited, but I would say I have to go back to where it all started for me at Saratoga. The racetrack experience, the vibe, and the culture is like no other. I grew up going there and fell in love with the industry.

#### How about the breakout stallion of 2022?

Havana Grey (GB) was certainly impressive with his 2-year-olds this year.

#### If you could bring back one racetrack from the past, which one would it be and why?

I think it would be Hialeah Park in Florida during the glory days of Thoroughbred racing. I have heard industry mentors of mine talk about their experiences and what it was like. I would have loved to see it for myself.

#### As you know, we name 'TDN Rising Stars.' Which one(s) are you most looking forward to seeing run in 2023?

I am looking forward to seeing Auguste Rodin (Ire) (Deep Impact {Jpn}). I thought his Doncaster performance in the G1 Vertem Futurity Trophy S. was a step above and showed true class.

#### In the next 10 years, what do you think will be the most significant change when it comes to the bloodstock business in North America?

The online sales market is already proving itself. I think we will see exponential growth in this arena. Thus, we will see major impacts on the bloodstock industry, especially when it comes to buying on the private market for horses in training.

#### And finally, your favorite Thoroughbred of all-time is...?

My favorite horse would be Zenyatta. She gave so much to the sport and to the fan base. She was positive for the industry and touched so many hearts during her campaign.

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#### SIENA FARM PLEDGES \$5,000 ONE-DAY MATCH **DEC. 17**



Siena Farm | EquiSport Photos

As part of the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance (TAA)'s month-long Holiday Giving Campaign, Siena Farm has pledged to match all donations up to \$5,000 made to the TAA Dec. 17. Siena Farm not only breeds and races Thoroughbreds--such as their syndicate ownership in undefeated 2022 GI Breeders' Cup Classic winner Flightline--but excels within their endeavors to support the industry from all angles, including Thoroughbred aftercare. Now, the boutique breeding and racing farm seeks to invite fellow industry participants to match their donation to the TAA Holiday Giving Campaign.

"The Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance plays a vital role through its accreditation of aftercare organizations and grants to safeguard the most vulnerable of our retired Thoroughbred racehorses and Siena Farm is very proud to participate in the TAA Holiday Giving Campaign," said Siena Farm President, David Pope. "We invite all industry participants to join us this holiday season and show your support to a great organization."

TAA's Holiday Giving Campaign commenced Nov. 29 and is scheduled to conclude New Year's Eve. Those wishing to support the TAA, its 81 accredited organizations, and thousands of

retired Thoroughbreds can donate through the TAA's website or text DONATE to 56651. During the Holiday Giving Campaign, TAA is also offering donors the benefit of sending digital holiday cards to colleagues, friends, and loved ones.

Please visit their website to learn more and donate to the TAA's Holiday Giving campaign.

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#### WAGERING MARKETS COURSE INTERVIEWS TO **BENEFIT TRF**

In partnership with Mill Ridge Farm and In the Money Media Network, Marshall Gramm of Rhodes College will be releasing interviews from his "The Economics of Racetrack Wagering Markets" course to benefit the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation. The 10 interviews, recorded in the spring of 2022, were conducted with handicappers, figure makers, horsemen and more to provide valuable insight into the sport of horse racing.

"I've never had a course before where I could reach out to knowledgeable experts to aid in helping my students more understand racing," Gramm said.

Sponsorship money collected from Mill Ridge Farm will be split between In the Money Media and their founding partners, the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation.

"It's great working with our friends at Mill Ridge who are committed to fostering the connection between the breeding side of business and horseplayers," said In the Money Media co-founder, Peter Thomas Fornatale. "It's also a pleasure to be partnered with Marshall, who in addition to his skills as a bettor and owner, is also a great interviewer. Though I do worry he'll put me out of a job."

Gramm's wide-ranging expertise of the racing industry has translated into him being the winner of the 2020 Breeders Cup Betting Challenge, co-founding the ownership group Ten Strike Racing, and being a board member of many industry organizations.

"There is not a more qualified instructor than a BCBC champion," Price Bell of Mill Ridge Farm said. "We have long admired the perspective Professor Marshall Gramm brings to our industry. We are excited to partner with him, In the Money Media, and TRF to share this exciting content."

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#### NYTB, SUNY COBLESKILL LAUNCH THOROUGHBRED INDUSTRY COURSE



Photo Courtesy of Waldorf Farm

The New York Thoroughbred Breeders, Inc., and SUNY Cobleskill will team up to offer an accredited course for upper-class students in the Animal Science program to experience all aspects of the Thoroughbred breeding and racing industry. The pilot program will be offered to 15-20 junior undergraduate students that have met prerequisites.

The course, which runs from late August to early December, falls in line with the NYTB's goals to make outreach with students interested in equine studies and finding the next generation of the industry's workforce and leaders in racing and breeding. The program's goals are to introduce students to every aspect of the Thoroughbred breeding and racing industry via a consistent schedule of Zoom session and on-site visits.

The course's tentative schedule:

- August: Introduction to the racetrack and visits to the New York Racing Association administration offices and the National Museum of Racing in Saratoga Springs;
- October: Breeding and sales--via Zoom and attendance at NYTB's October seminar and Fasig-Tipton Saratoga October mixed sale;
- September: Racetrack in-depth backstretch visit at Saratoga Race Course and equine health visit via Zoom and at Rood & Riddle in Saratoga Springs;
- **November**: Breeding farm visit in person and via Zoom. NYTB President Tom Gallo and SUNY Cobleskill Associate Professor in Animal Science Raymond Whelihan collaborated to develop the program.

"Giving them direct access and exposure to the multitude of jobs and careers in our industry. We are thankful to start this pilot program working with Ray Whelihan and SUNY Cobleskill," said Najja Thompson, Executive Director of the NYTB. "It has

unlimited potential going forward in partnering with more schools in the future to help ensure a knowledgeable and dedicated workforce for the immediate future of Thoroughbred breeding and racing."

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#### WTBOA STALLION SEASON AUCTION LIVE

The Washington Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners Association (WTBOA)'s annual online stallion season auction kicked off Dec. 15 and will run through Dec. 22. More than 90 seasons to 84 individual stallions are on offer, including both national and regional sires.

The entire list of stallions and instructions for bidding can be found by clicking here.

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#### SANTA TO MAKE EARLY VISIT TO SUNLAND PARK

Santa will make his annual pre-Christmas Eve visit to Sunland Park, as hundreds of area children will receive Christmas gifts as part of a giant toy giveaway organized by the El Paso County Sheriff's Posse. Santa and his Stagecoach will pull into the parking lot at Sunland Park Racetrack and Casino Saturday, Dec. 17 at 10:00 a.m.

More than 800 new toys are expected to be given away during the event to children selected by the local schools in Sunland Park, Santa Teresa, and La Union. The Christmas Toy Giveaway is a long-standing tradition of the Sheriff's Posse, who first began distributing toys to Sunland Park children during the 1960's. Over 1,100 toys will be given to children who might not otherwise have a present under the tree this Christmas through this program.

"Giving back to the community is a part of our workplace culture and we enjoy hosting the toy giveaway here," said Mark Hettinger, General Manager at Sunland Park Racetrack and Casino.

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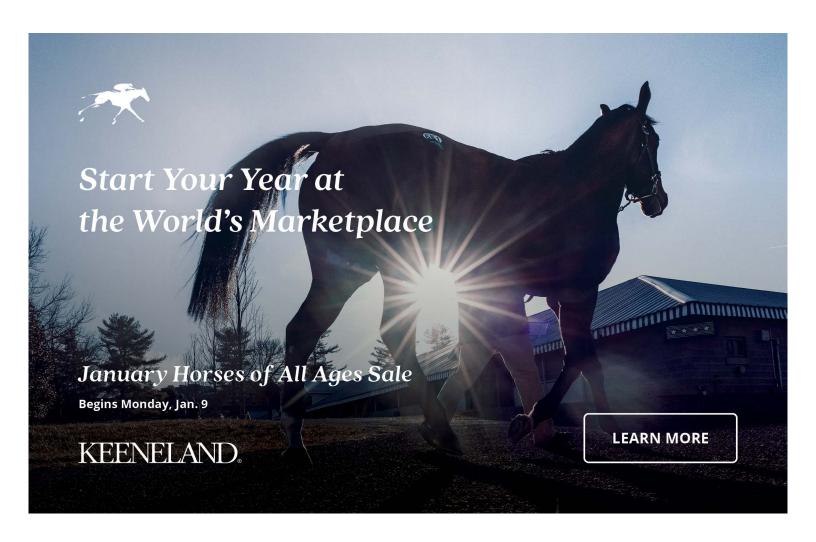
# **GRADED STAKES** ENTRIES



# Saturday, Los Alamitos #4, post time: 5:00 p.m. EST LOS ALAMITOS FUTURITY-GII, \$200,000, 2yo, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Tall Boy 🖛	Lookin At Lucky	Calumet Farm	Mora	Rispoli	120
2	Carmel Road 🛪	Quality Road	SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables, Masterson, Robert E., Stonestreet Stables LLC, Schoenfarber, Jay A., Waves Edge Capital LLC and Donovan, Catherine	Baffert	Hernandez	120
3	Fort Bragg	Tapit	SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables, Masterson, Robert E., Stonestreet Stables LLC, Schoenfarber, Jay A., Waves Edge Capital LLC and Donovan, Catherine	Baffert	Prat	120
4	Practical Move 🛪	Practical Joke	Amestoy, Jr., Pierre Jean, Amestoy, Leslie A. and Beasley, Roger K.	Yakteen	Vazquez	120
5	Arabian Lion	Justify	Zedan Racing Stables, Inc.	Baffert	Velazquez	120

**Breeders:** 1-Rockingham Ranch, 2-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC, 3-SF Bloodstock LLC & Henry FieldBloodstock, 4-Chad Brown & Head of Plains Partners, 5-Bonne Chance Farm, LLC





# **LISTED STAKES** ENTRIES

Saturday, Aqueduct, post time: 2:37 p.m. EST NEW YORK STALLION SERIES S., \$500,000, 2yo, f, 7f

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Les Bon Temps	Laoban	Deuce Greathouse, Cindy Hutson & Brett Setzer	Maker	Lezcano	122
2	Clover Street	Teuflesberg	Seidman Stables LLC	Hennig	Franco	118
3	Forces Sweetheart	The Lieutenant	Wynwood Thoroughbreds & Make A Run Stable	Joseph, Jr.	Zayas	120
4	Midtown Lights	Redesdale	Clay Scherer, Carson McCord, Gregory Hoffman,		•	
	•		Harriette Waldron & Sonny Dotson	Cox	Castellano	120
5	Bustin Hot	Bustin Stones	Darlene & Martin Zaretsky	Rice	Gomez	118
6	Dream On Cara	Central Banker	Richard Greeley	Friedman	Davis	118
7	Small Pebbles	Bustin Stones	William Hart, Life Is Good & SantaAna Racing	Martin	Alvarado	122
8	Central Speed	Central Banker	Gatsas Stable, R.A. Hill Stable & Steven Schoenfeld	Terranova, II	Cancel	118
9	Little Linzee	Honorable Dillon	Jan Durrschmidt	Schettino	Davis	120
10	Fema Funds	Central Banker	Joseph & Anne McMahon	Rice	Carmouche	118
11	Sweet Liberty	Bellamy Road	Thummps Racing Stable LLC, Peter Jacoutot			
	•	-	& Paradise Farms Corp.	Quick	Davis	118

Breeders: 1-Southern Equine, 2-Seidman Stables, 3-Wynwood Thoroughbreds & Make A Run Stable, 4-Windylea Farm - New York, 5-Jerry Bilinski & Pine Ridge, 6-Richard Greeley, 7-Bill Hart, 8-Seidman Stables LLC, 9-Janet Durrschmidt, 10-McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, LLC, 11-Thummp's Racing

Saturday, Aqueduct, post time: 3:33 p.m. EST NEW YORK STALLION SERIES S., \$500,000, 2vo, 7f

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Jackson Heights	Union Jackson	Zilla Racing Stables, Black Jack Racing, LLC,			
	-		& Acqua Nova Stable	Noda	Castellano	122
2	Bustino Santino	Bustin Stones	Roddy J. Valente	Levine	Davis	118
3	Playingwithmatches	Bellamy Road	Walter Downey	Hennig	Maragh	120
4	General Banker	Central Banker	Seacoast Thoroughbreds of N. E.	Ferraro	Cancel	118
5	Zapruder	Laoban	Jerold L. Zaro	Mott	Zayas	118
6	Tater and Tot	Majestic City	Robert Photos & Jeffrey Englehart.	Englehart	Worrie	118
7	Incantation	Frank Conversation	Ascendant Farms	Bond	Harkie	118
8	Lifetime of Chance	The Lieutenant	D. J. Stable LLC	Rice	Lezcano	118
9	Ramblin' Wreck	Redesdale	Reeves Thoroughbred & Peter & Patty Searles	Gargan	Franco	120
10	Laurel Valley	Laoban	Three Diamonds Farm	Pletcher	Vargas, Jr.	118
11	Vacation Dance	The Lieutenant	Sleeping Giant Stables, LLC, America's Pastime S	Stables,	_	
			& KimDon Racing, LLC	Kimmel	Carmouche	122

Breeders: 1-Sequel Stallions New York, 2-R. J. Valente, 3-Tea Party Stable Inc., 4-Seacoast Thoroughbreds of New England, 5-Jerold Zaro, 6-Bloom Racing, 7-Ascendant Farms LLC, 8-Destiny Oaks of Ocala, 9-Ron Bowden, 10-Seidman Stables LLC, 11-Harry Landry & James Hogan

# Saturday, Remington, post time: 11:19 p.m. EST REMINGTON SPRINGBOARD MILE S., \$400,000, 2yo, 1m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Echo Again	Gun Runner	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	121
2	Gunflash	Gun Runner	Jerry Namy	Broberg	Torres	121
3	Campfire Creed	Jimmy Creed	Dennis E. Foster	Pish	Mora	121
4	Lil Sweet Thang	Caleb's Posse	Dan W. McGough	Von Hemel	Quinonez	121
5	Giant Mischief	Into Mischief	Spendthrift Farm LLC, Stonestreet Stables LLC,			
			& Steve Landers Racing LLC, Et al	Cox	Geroux	121
6	American Outlaw	American Pharoah	Dale F. Taylor Racing, LLC.	Fincher	Alvarez	121
7	Ghost Hero	Shaman Ghost	Norman Stables, LLC	Gelner	Wethey Jr.	121
8	Money Run	Runhappy	Ed Farmer Beggs, II	Asmussen	Elliott	121
9	Wildatlanticstorm	Stormy Atlantic	Jim Jorgensen	Ashford, Jr.	Goncalves	121

Breeders: 1-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC, 2-Jerry Namy, 3-Highclere Inc., 4-Dan W. McGough, 5-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 6-Dale Taylor Sr., 7-Clark O. Brewster, 8-E. H. Beau Lane, Gail McMichael Lane, J.B. Lane Orem & Michael Ore, 9-James Lee Jorgensen

#### Saturday, Oaklawn, post time: 5:14 p.m. EST

TIN	SEL S., \$200,000, 3yo/up	, 1 1/8m				
PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Last Samurai	Malibu Moon	Willis Horton Racing LLC	Lukas	Bejarano	125
2	Hozier	Pioneerof the Nile	Storyteller Racing	Brisset	Santana, Jr.	125
3	Run Classic	Runhappy	Tom R. Durant	Calhoun	Hernandez, Jr.	122
4	Bal Harbour	First Samurai	John Holleman	Diodoro	Torres	118
5	Silver Dust	Tapit Margaret D. Hawk	Vance	Juarez	118	
6	Logical Myth	Data Link	George A. Sharp	Davis	Baze	118
7	King Fury	Curlin	Fern Circle Stables & Three Chimneys Farm, LLC	McPeek	Cabrera	118
8	Scarlet Fusion	Curlin	Carl R. Moore Management LLC & Brad Grady	Sharp	Arrieta	125

Breeders: 1-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 2-WinStar Farm, LLC, 3-Millennium Farms, 4-Red Oak Stable, 5-Don Alberto Corporation, 6-Glendalough LLC, 7-Heider Family Stables, LLC, 8-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC



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#### IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**8th-Oaklawn, \$104,000, Alw**, 12-16, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:37.73, ft, 6 1/4 lengths.

SEIZE THE NIGHT (g, 3, Carpe Diem--Candle Maker, by Tapit), a debut winner at Churchill in May 2021 for Dallas Stewart, was a distant eighth in the GIII Sanford S. before going missing. A ringrusty fifth sprinting in Louisville Nov. 17, the chestnut was stretching out to two turns and hit the ground running from the rail draw for Mickaelle Michel. Allowed to bowl along at a decent clip, Seize the Night responded when set down and ran up the score through the final eighth of a mile. Hailing from the Verne Winchell female family of GISWs Olympio (Naskra) and Cuvee (Carson City) as well as GSW/GISP Call Now (Wild Again), Seize the Night has a yearling half-sister by Palace Malice and a weanling half-brother by Connect. Candle Maker visited Higher Power for her 2022 cover. Sales history: \$55,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$124,448. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-Willis Horton Racing LLC; B-Cove Springs Farm LLC (KY); T-D Wayne Lukas.

Bred & Raised by Cove Springs Farm, Richard & Connie Snyder
Started & Trained by Tristan & Valery de Meric



Seize the Day | Coady

7th-Fair Grounds, \$52,000, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 12-16, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:44.30, ft, 7 1/2 lengths. HIDDEN CONNECTION (f, 3, Connect--C J's Gal, by Awesome Again) was an early player on the Oaks Trail this year, breaking her maiden and taking the GIII Pocahontas S. in her first two starts by a combined 16 3/4 lengths. Fourth behind champion 2-year-old Echo Zulu (Gun Runner) in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Filles, she returned as a 3-year-old to be fourth again in the GII Rachel Alexandra S. and was just nosed out for the win in the GII Fair Grounds Oaks before trailing Secret Oath (Arrogate) home in the GI Longines Kentucky Oaks. On the sidelines for six months after the start, Hidden Connection returned to be third most recently against optional claimers at Churchill Downs Nov. 13. The heavily bet 2-5 choice Friday, she stalked a leading pair from third and was patiently handled up the back straight. With a bold move at the top of the stretch, she split horses and was clear through the final eighth, winning under wraps by 7 1/2 lengths over 29-1 shot Itsfiftyshadestime (Not This Time). From the family of G1 Foxwoods King's Bishop S. winner Capo Bastone (Street Boss), Hidden Connection has a yearling half-sister named Lightning Myqueen (Palace Malice) and a weanling halfbrother by Frosted still in the pipeline. Her dam was bred back to Connect for a full-sibling in 2023. Sales History: \$49,000 RNA Wlg '19 KEENOV; \$40,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP; \$55,000 RNA 2yo '21 OBSAPR; \$85,000 2yo '21 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: GSW, 8-3-1-1, \$456,625. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-Hidden Brook Farm & Black Type Thoroughbreds; B-St. Simon Place (KY); T-W. Bret Calhoun.

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#### IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**6th-Oaklawn, \$90,000, Msw**, 12-16, 2yo, 1m, 1:39.14, ft, 4 lengths.

COMMUNICATION MEMO (c, 2, Bolt d'Oro--Take a Memo, by Empire Maker), third in a pair of starts over 6 1/2 panels to begin his career--including behind 'TDN Rising Star' Victory Formation (Tapwrit) at Keeneland Oct. 21--completed a 1-2 finish for his red-hot leading freshman sire (by Medaglia d'Oro) behind Corona Bolt at Churchill Nov. 19 and was getting two turns for the first time Friday. Favored at 6-5--with just \$263 more on his nose than second-timer Rocket And Roll (Bolt d'Oro), Communication Memo was outsprinted by Rocket And Roll to the backstretch, but he'd dome some work to get there through an opening quarter in :22.83.



Communication Memo | Coady

Asked to come after the front-runner while three deep on the second turn, Communication Memo drew alongside Rocket And Roll in upper stretch, quickly got the better of that rival and strolled home a facile four-length victor, the 27th for Bolt d'Oro. A daughter of Grade II winner and four-times Grade I-placed Memorette (Memo {Chi}), Take a Memo is the dam of a yearling Gun Runner colt that sold for \$375,000 at the 2022 Keeneland January Sale and foaled a full-sister to Communication Memo this term. She was covered by Justify for 2023. Sales history: \$125,000 Wlg '20 KEENOV; \$235,000 RNA Ylg '21 FTSAUG; \$340,000 RNA 2yo '22 FTFMAR; \$370,000 RNA 2yo '22 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-2, \$99,125. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-William L & Corinne Heiligbrodt, Jackpot Farm & Whispering Oaks Farm LLC; B-Adrian Regan & Fergus Galvin (KY); T-Steven M Asmussen.



**3rd-Oaklawn, \$90,000, Msw**, 12-16, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:44.92, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.

CAWKAB (c, 3, Curlin--Catch the Moon, by Malibu Moon) endured a troubled trip last time out from gate 11 of 11 and was fourth going a mile at Churchill Downs Nov. 3. Rewarded with 6-5 favoritism off that effort, he got a pace-stalking trip in second in this first try around two turns and sat just off Order of Merit (Honor Code) through mild fractions of :24.08 and :49.27. Cawkab drew alongside to engage that leader just past the quarter pole and had more left, clearing off with a furlong to run and prevailing by 2 3/4 lengths over Andy Cant (Bernardini).



Cawkab | Coady Photography

Out of the prolific broodmare Catch the Moon, Cawkab is a half-brother to no less than Midnight Bourbon (Tiznow), GSW & MGISP-USA, G1SP-KSA, \$3,557,970; Girvin (Tale of Ekati), GISW, \$1,624,392; Pirate's Punch (Shanghai Bobby), GSW, \$395,650; and Cocked and Loaded (Colonel John), GSW, \$497,660. Her 2-year-old colt Weyhill Road (Quality Road), a \$1.6-million Keeneland September grad, was fourth to 'TDN Rising Star' Victory Formation (Tapwrit) on Keeneland debut Oct. 12, and she was bred to leading sire Into Mischief for 2023. Sales History: \$500,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$60,000. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-Shadwell Stable; B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY); T-Brad H Cox.

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**1st-Aqueduct, \$85,000, Msw**, 12-16, 2yo, 6f, 1:12.76, sy, 5 1/2 lengths.

KOOL KATHMANDU (g, 2, Frosted--Fat Kat {SW, \$423,318}, by Weigelia), third over this same surface and distance when first seen Nov. 6 but given only a 7-1 shot here, showed good speed from the outside gate to dictate the tempo from the break. Racing from the two path through an opening half in :46.97, he had plenty left in reserve to respond when asked past the quarter pole, drawing off under a hand ride before easing up close to home to win by 5 1/2 lengths. 24-1 longshot Fast Boat to Skye (Cairo Prince) filled out the exacta. Kool Kathmandu has a weanling half-sister by Spun to Run while his dam visited Vekoma for next season. Sales History: \$25,000 Wlg '20 KEENOV; \$80,000 RNA Ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$56,950. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-Happy Face Racing Stable; B-High Peak Farm LLC & Godolphin (KY); T-Charlton Baker.

**5th-Aqueduct, \$70,000, (S), Msw**, 12-16, 2yo, f, 1m, 1:42.44, sy, 14 1/2 lengths.

SILVER SKILLET (f, 2, Liam's Map--Catcha Rising Star {SW, \$235,030}, by Red Giant) entered off a pair of third-place efforts against state-bred company including a last-out third in the Maid of the Mist S. at the Belmont at Aqueduct meeting Oct. 30. Trying the slop for the first time as the even-money favorite, she was hard ridden to the front to lead with La Conquistadora (Nyquist) keeping pace to her outside. She kept on as that rival began to fade into the far turn and was much the best from the quarter pole on, pouring it on down the lane to win geared down by 14 1/2 lengths. Lavon (Paynter) closed from off the pace to be second. Silver Skillet has a yearling half-sister by Catalina Cruiser and a weanling half-sister by Honest Mischief still to race behind her. Her dam was part of Yaupon's first book for a 2023 foal. Sales History: \$260,000 Ylg '21 SARAUG. Lifetime Record: SP, 4-1-0-2, \$77,020. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-Reeves Thoroughbred Racing, Steven Rocco & Tango Uniform Racing LLC; B-Robert Chasanoff (NY); T-Christophe Clement.

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**6th-Turfway, \$69,902, Msw**, 12-15, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m (AWT), 1:37.83, ft, 3 lengths.

RAVELLA (f, 3, Liam's Map--Dancing Raven {MSW, \$396,338}, by Tomahawk) became the third next-out winner from a 6 1/2-furlong Keeneland maiden Oct. 28 in which she finished a well-beaten sixth. Getting two turns for this second go, the 9-2 third favorite showed good gate speed and crossed all the way down to the two path into the first turn before poking her head in front turning down the back. Challenged by 80-1 Reverb (Ghostzapper) approaching the quarter pole, the half-sister to Breeze Rider (Paynter), MSW, \$511,744, repelled that bid and kept on in the final furlong to take it by open lengths. The winner's dual stakes-winning dam, a half-sister to Canadian Horse of the Year Uncaptured (Lion Heart), was purchased for \$50,000 by Arif Kurtel at Keeneland November in 2019 and produced the filly Winter Rain (Tur) in 2020. Sales history: \$130,000 Wlg '19 KEENOV; \$140,000 Ylg '20 FTKSEL. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$43,250. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-Mathiesen Racing, LLC, Polger Holdings, Williams Family Trust, Barry Hall & John Haines; B-Southern Oak farm (KY); T-William E Morey.



Ravella | Coady

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**3rd-Gulfstream, \$60,000, Msw**, 12-16, 2yo, 1m, 1:38.37, ft, 1/2

EMPEROR'S APPEAL (c, 2, Empire Maker--Solid Appeal {Ch. Grass Mare & MGSW-Can, GSP-USA, \$583,721}, by Successful **Appeal)** outran his 51-1 odds on debut to be a narrow third at Churchill Downs Nov. 3. No longer under the radar at 3-5 Friday, he settled third as Big Data (Cloud Computing) set a mild tempo on the front end. Given a shake of the reins as the field entered the stretch, he rallied into the final eighth and took the length of the lane to get by, driving past Big Data in the final stages to win by a half-length. Out of a half-sister to the dam of GISW It Tiz Well (Arch), Emperor's Appeal has a weanling half-brother by West Coast. Solid Appeal was bred back to Twirling Candy for 2023. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$48,000. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG. O/B-Jim Hill & Susan Hill (KY); T-Brian A. Lynch.

4th-Gulfstream, \$60,000, Msw, 12-16, 3yo/up, 5fT, :56.10, fm, 1 length.

KANTHARI (c, 3, Kantharos--Ari the Adventurer, by Pioneerof the Nile), a \$220,000 KEESEP yearling in 2020 and \$575,000 OBS March grad the following spring, was given the 6-5 nod in his belated afternoon debut but chased the pace early in fourth. Allen Diggs set a determined tempo up front but Kanthari rallied with a three-wide move midway around the turn to get himself into contention despite contact with Cajun Puzzler (Cajun Breeze) at the top of the lane. Showing a good turn of foot on the grandstand side, he inhaled the leader passing the sixteenth pole and gained separation late, crossing the line a length ahead of Allen Diggs.



Kanthari | Lauren King

Ari the Adventurer, already responsible for Adventurous Lady, MSW, \$143,876, is also the dam a 2-year-old full-brother to Kanthari and saw her yearling colt by Good Magic bring

\$150,000 at this year's Keeneland September Sale. Sales History: \$220,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP; \$575,000 2yo '21 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$36,000. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-MyRacehorse & Spendthrift Farm LLC; B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.



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6th-Fair Grounds, \$50,000, Msw, 12-16, 2yo, 6f, 1:11.14, ft, 2 lengths.

NATURAL HARBOR (c, 2, Munnings--Perfectly Candid {MSW, **\$244,719**}, by Pleasantly Perfect) gave way in the final strides to go down to a narrow defeat on his Oct. 13 bow at Indiana Grand and was most recently demoted to sixth from a head second at the same oval Nov. 3. Making his local debut as the 19-10 chalk, the Pennslyvania-bred led not long after the gates flew and skipped along through an opening couple of furlongs in :21.71. Able to dispense of some pressure from 42-1 Pinfire (Bolt d'Oro), the \$225,000 KEESEP yearling amassed a four-length lead entering the final furlong and held sway late as the debuting Mo Hope (Mo Town) made belated progress. Natural Harbor is the most recent live foal for his dam, who was most recently bred to Mendelssohn. Sales history: \$225,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$37,480. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-Woodford Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Arrowwood Farm (PA); T-Thomas M Amoss.

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4th-Hawthorne, \$33,280, Msw, 12-16, 2yo, f, 1m 70y, 1:44.53, ft, 4 lengths.

SASSY KATIE (f, 2, Temple City--Isteefaa, by Eddington) debuted third on the turf at Horseshoe Indianapolis Sept. 28 and switched the main track most recently to be fourth over a mile Nov. 11. Pushed along the inside to keep up with pacesetter Candy Looker (Flintshire {GB}) into the first turn, she was outrun up the backstretch by Lorraine's Legacy (Include). Still determined against the rail, Sassy Katie fought back with a ground-saving trip into upper stretch and had the most left of the trio, sprinting clear for the wire to win by four lengths at odds of 9-5 as favored Lorraine's Legacy settled for second.

#### 4th-Hawthorne, cont.

From the family of European champion 2-year-old colt Aljabr (Storm Cat) and recent GIII Mazarine S. winner Renegade Rebel (Nyquist), Sassy Katie has a yearling half-brother, Phil the Cooler (Prayer for Relief). Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$24,600. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG. O/B-Smokey Creek Farm (IN); T-Robert Pompell.



#### **IN SAUDI ARABIA:**

**Commissioner King**, c, 2, **Commissioner**. See 'TDN Europe--Saudi Arabia'



In this continuing series, Alan Carasso takes a look ahead at US-bred and/or conceived runners entered for the upcoming weekend at the tracks on the Japan Racing Association circuit, with a focus on pedigree and/or performance in the sales ring. Here are the horses of interest for this weekend running at Chukyo, Nakayama and Hanshin Racecourses. Juvenile Fillies got their chance at Group 1 glory last weekend and it's the boys' turn this weekend at Hanshin, with the running of the G1 Asahi Hai Futurity:



Weep No More, seen here upsetting the 2016 GI Central Bank Ashland S., is represented by her first runner Saturday | Coady

#### Saturday, December 17, 2022

5th-CKO, ¥13,400,000, Newcomers, 2yo, 1800m

REGNUM (c, 2, American Pharoah--Big Meesh {Ire}, by High Chaparral {Ire}) was a \$170,000 purchase out of the 2020 Keeneland November Sale and was bought back on a bid of \$265,000 at KEESEP before fetching \$340,000 as an OBS April breezer this past spring (:9 4/5). The colt's dam, a half-sister to MGSW turf distaffer Noble Stella (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}), was acquired by Grantley Acres with Regnum in utero for \$250,000 at the 2019 KEENOV sale. *B-Grantley Acres & Ryan Conner (KY)* 

#### 6th-NKY, ¥13,400,000, Newcomers, 2yo, 1800m

KEEP SMILING (JPN) (f, 2, Quality Road--Weep No More, by Mineshaft) is the second foal from her dam, upset winner of the 2016 GI Ashland S. at Keeneland and who produced \$400,000 KEESEP grad War Classic (War Front) before being acquired privately by Northern Farm and bred to this successful stallion prior to her export. Weep No More, a half-sister to GSW Current (Curlin) and to the dam of the SW & GSP Half Is Enough (Frosted), is also responsible for a colt by the late Duramente (Jpn) that fetched better than \$735,000 as a yearling at this year's JRHA Select Sale. The filly's third dam is 2001 GI Kentucky Oaks victress Flute (Seattle Slew). B-Northern Farm

#### Sunday, December 18, 2022

11th-HSN, Asahi Hai Futurity-G1, ¥136m, 2yo, 1600mT FROM DUSK (c, 2, Bolt d'Oro--Foolish Cause, by Giant's Causeway) realized a bid of \$200,000 at last year's KEESEP sale before blossoming into a \$900,000 OBS March juvenile. A fighting debut winner at Kokura Sept. 3, he was compromised by a slow start first time against winners Sept. 24, but made the majority of the running when last seen in the G2 Keio Hai Nisai S. over seven furlongs and was caught in the dying yards (video, SC 7). Yutaka Take takes the ride on the colt, whose dam is a half-sister to the treble Grade I-winning turfer Get Stormy (Stormy Atlantic). *B-Springhouse Farm (KY)* 

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**Communication Memo** becomes the 27th winner for Bolt d'Oro. (click to watch)



#### FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

2022 Stud Fees Listed

Aldrin (Malibu Moon), O'Sullivan Farms, \$2,000 28 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners 5-Charles Town, 9:02 p.m. EST, Msw 4 1/2f, Astrayal, 6-1 5-Charles Town, 9:02 p.m. EST, Msw 4 1/2f, Two Room School, 7-2

2-Charles Town, 7:32 p.m. EST, Alw 7f, Xanthe, 3-1

**Army Mule** (Friesan Fire), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, \$7,500 105 foals of racing age/24 winners/4 black-type winners 1-Gulfstream, 12:10 p.m. EST, Msw 5fT, Lieutenant Stan, 8-1 \$145,000 OBS OPN 2yo

**Bolt d'Oro** (Medaglia d'Oro), Spendthrift Farm, \$20,000 167 foals of racing age/27 winners/5 black-type winners 4-Tampa Bay Downs, 2:03 p.m. EST, Msw 1 1/16mT, Oh Chic, 5-2

\$400,000 OBS MAR 2yo

**Bucchero** (Kantharos), Pleasant Acres Stallions, \$5,000 68 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners 5-Tampa Bay Downs, 2:31 p.m. EST, Aoc 6f, Dance Step, 12-1 \$25,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$27,000 OBS APR 2yo 1-Gulfstream, 12:10 p.m. EST, Msw 5fT, Lawful, 15-1 \$35,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$80,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Collected (City Zip), Airdrie Stud, \$15,000 119 foals of racing age/13 winners/1 black-type winner 8-Gulfstream, 3:41 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Collect Dis Money, 8-1 \$70,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Frank Conversation** (Quality Road), Rockridge Stud, \$3,500 41 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners 9-Aqueduct, 3:33 p.m. EST, \$500K New York Stallion Series S., 7f, Incantation, 30-1

**Girvin** (Tale of Ekati), Ocala Stud, \$6,000 105 foals of racing age/20 winners/5 black-type winners 6-Oaklawn, 3:50 p.m. EST, Aoc 1m, Giroovin, 6-1 \$40,000 KEE SEP yrl

Good Magic (Curlin), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, \$30,000 133 foals of racing age/21 winners/6 black-type winners 6-Aqueduct, 2:10 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Good Rapport, 15-1 \$160,000 KEE SEP yrl 6-Oaklawn, 3:50 p.m. EST, Aoc 1m, Protege, 5-2 \$140,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$80,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Good Samaritan (Harlan's Holiday), WinStar Farm, \$7,500 111 foals of racing age/15 winners/1 black-type winner 6-Remington, 8:25 p.m. EST, Aoc 6f, Nice Neighbor, 4-1 \$40,000 FTK FEB wnl

Justify (Scat Daddy), Coolmore Ashford, \$100,000 176 foals of racing age/28 winners/6 black-type winners 4-Los Alamitos, 4:51 p.m. EST, \$200K GII Los Alamitos Futurity, 1 1/16m, Arabian Lion, 4-5 \$600,000 OBS APR 2yo 7-Laurel, 3:20 p.m. EST, Aoc 5 1/2f, Prove My Love, 8-1 \$235,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$140,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$185,000 OBS APR 2yo

#### The Lieutenant (Street Sense)

30 foals of racing age/3 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Aqueduct, 2:37 p.m. EST, \$500K New York Stallion Series S., 7f,
Forces Sweetheart, 9-2

9-Aqueduct, 3:33 p.m. EST, \$500K New York Stallion Series S., 7f, Lifetime of Chance, 6-1

\$135,000 EAS MAY 2yo

8-Gulfstream, 3:41 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Star Kanoo, 30-1 9-Aqueduct, 3:33 p.m. EST, \$500K New York Stallion Series S., 7f, Vacation Dance, 3-1

\$45,000 EAS OCT yrl; \$140,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo; \$90,000 EAS MAY 2yo

McCraken (Ghostzapper), Airdrie Stud, \$5,000 39 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners 5-Charles Town, 9:02 p.m. EST, Msw 4 1/2f, La Maddalena, 5-1

Mendelssohn (Scat Daddy), Coolmore Ashford, \$35,000 174 foals of racing age/24 winners/1 black-type winner 6-Aqueduct, 2:10 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Keltic Knight, 20-1 \$75,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$60,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo; \$70,000 EAS MAY 2yo

4-Laurel, 1:53 p.m. EST, Aoc 1m, Quincy Cafe, 6-1 \$385,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$140,000 OBS MAR 2yo 1-Gulfstream, 12:10 p.m. EST, Msw 5fT, Royal Mende, 15-1 \$70,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$95,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo 1-Gulfstream, 12:10 p.m. EST, Msw 5fT, Victory Line, 30-1 \$75,000 RNA KEE JAN wnl; \$75,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Redesdale** (Speightstown), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, \$2,500

42 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners 7-Aqueduct, 2:37 p.m. EST, \$500K New York Stallion Series S., 7f, Midtown Lights, 7-2

\$30,000 EAS OCT yrl; \$70,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo; \$150,000 OBS OPN 2yo

9-Aqueduct, 3:33 p.m. EST, \$500K New York Stallion Series S., 7f, Ramblin' Wreck, 12-1 \$140,000 SAR AUG yrl

#### First-Crop Runners cont.

**Tapwrit** (Tapit), Gainesway Farm, \$10,000 104 foals of racing age/15 winners/0 black-type winners 6-Oaklawn, 3:50 p.m. EST, Aoc 1m, Written Dance, 12-1 \$24,000 RNA KEE JAN wnl; \$25,000 EAS OCT yrl; \$50,000 FTF MAR 2yo; \$95,000 RNA EAS MAY 2yo

# SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: SATURDAY, DEC. 17 2022 Stud Fees Listed

**Airoforce** (Colonel John), Equistar Training and Breeding Center, \$2,500

11 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners 7-Turfway, 3:45 p.m. EST, \$125K Prairie Bayou S., 1 1/16m, Space Force Won, 50-1 \$10,000 KEE SEP yrl

Arrogate (Unbridled's Song), Juddmonte Farms 224 foals of racing age/53 winners/6 black-type winners 9-Remington, 9:52 p.m. EST, \$100K Trapeze S., 1m, Appropriated Funds, 20-1 \$55,000 FTK NOV wnl; \$32,000 TTA APR 2yo 8-Gulfstream, 3:41 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Arcangelo, 6-1 \$35,000 KEE SEP yrl

#### Bird Song (Unbridled's Song)

37 foals of racing age/11 winners/1 black-type winner 7-Oaklawn, 4:18 p.m. EST, \$150K Poinsettia S., 5 1/2f, Pretty Birdie, 3-1

**Divining Rod** (Tapit), Country Life Farm, \$5,000 96 foals of racing age/46 winners/3 black-type winners 5-Charles Town, 9:02 p.m. EST, Msw 4 1/2f, Gettin Spicy, 8-1

**El Deal (Munnings)**, Red River Farms, \$2,500 52 foals of racing age/21 winners/3 black-type winners 8-Remington, 9:23 p.m. EST, \$70K Jim Thorpe S., 1m, El Blaze, 12-1

**Gormley** (Malibu Moon), Spendthrift Farm, \$7,500 199 foals of racing age/68 winners/3 black-type winners 7-Turfway, 3:45 p.m. EST, \$125K Prairie Bayou S., 1 1/16m, B Dawk, 10-1

\$77,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$140,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$425,000 EAS MAY 2yo; \$500,000 RNA F '22 KEE APR

8-Gulfstream, 3:41 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Drinking Problem, 12-1 \$10,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$30,000 OBS OCT yrl

**Gun Runner** (Candy Ride {Arg}), Three Chimneys Farm, private 247 foals of racing age/77 winners/15 black-type winners 7-Oaklawn, 4:18 p.m. EST, \$150K Poinsettia S., 5 1/2f, Ari Oakley, 5-1

12-Remington, 11:19 p.m. EST, \$400K Remington Springboard Mile S., 1m, Echo Again, 9-5

12-Remington, 11:19 p.m. EST, \$400K Remington Springboard Mile S., 1m, Gunflash, 15-1

**Keen Ice** (Curlin), Calumet Farm, \$7,500 192 foals of racing age/77 winners/3 black-type winners 7-Turfway, 3:45 p.m. EST, \$125K Prairie Bayou S., 1 1/16m, Underdressed, 50-1 \$17,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

Practical Joke (Into Mischief), Coolmore Ashford, \$35,000 271 foals of racing age/98 winners/10 black-type winners 9-Remington, 9:52 p.m. EST, \$100K Trapeze S., 1m, Jokes On Blue, 5-1

\$150,000 KEE SEP vrl

3-Aqueduct, 12:49 p.m. EST, \$100K Bay Ridge S., 1m, Let Her Inspire U, 4-5

\$90,000 FTK SEL yrl; \$500,000 FTF MAR 2yo 4-Los Alamitos, 4:51 p.m. EST, \$200K GII Los Alamitos Futurity, 1 1/16m, Practical Move, 8-1 \$90,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$230,000 OBS APR 2yo

**Shaman Ghost** (Ghostzapper), Adena Springs North, \$7,500 115 foals of racing age/39 winners/3 black-type winners 12-Remington, 11:19 p.m. EST, \$400K Remington Springboard Mile S., 1m, Ghost Hero, 15-1 \$77,000 FTK OCT yrl

Union Jackson (Curlin), Sequel New York, \$2,500 69 foals of racing age/26 winners/2 black-type winners 9-Aqueduct, 3:33 p.m. EST, \$500K New York Stallion Series S., 7f, Jackson Heights, 7-2





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#### **ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**8th-Aqueduct, \$90,000**, 12-16, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:41.30, sy, 3/4 length.

SWEET SURPRISE (f, 3, Not This Time--Close the Gap, by Lemon **Drop Kid)** Lifetime Record: 15-3-1-4, \$170,341. O-Tedesco Racing, LLC; B-Somewhere Stables KY, LLC (MD); T-Timothy A. Hills. \*\$2,000 Ylg '20 EASOCT.

7th-Turfway, \$76,494, (NW2\$X), Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 12-15, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:10.51, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

ALTERED SHOT (f, 4, Alternation--Wyn Jym, by Proud Citizen) Lifetime Record: 16-5-3-4, \$368,131. O-Steve Vanovich, Larry Craig & Speshell Racing; B-Marianne Stribling (KY); T-Gregory D Foley. \*\$14,000 Wlg '18 KEENOV; \$28,000 Ylg '19 FTKOCT.

**6th-Laurel, \$59,460**, 12-16, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:45.24, my, 2 1/4 lengths.

MOSE PERFECT (g, 3, Mosler--Delightful Dawn {MSP, **\$167,449}, by Act of Duty)** Lifetime Record: 8-3-0-1, \$101,869. O-Country Life Farm; B-Charles Parker (MD); T-Michael J. Trombetta. \*\$15,000 Ylg '20 FTKOCT.

**8th-Laurel, \$48,600**, (C), 12-16, (C), 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:24.90, my, 1 length.

COMBAT QUEEN (m, 5, Congrats--Starsonhershoulder, by **Quiet American)** Lifetime Record: 28-5-10-6, \$278,760. O-Country Life Farm; B-Dark Hollow Farm & Mr. & Mrs. Arnold Davidov (MD); T-Michael J. Trombetta. \*\$20,000 2yo '19 EASMAY.

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10th-Remington, \$44,468, (S), 12-15, (NW2X), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:17.90, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

JUST A IRISH LAD (g, 4, Paddy O'Prado--I'm Cozy, by Grand Slam) Lifetime Record: 14-4-0-3, \$92,226. O-Dean Hughes; B-Al J Horton (OK); T-Kenneth Nolen. \*1/2 to Dubby Dubbie (Ice Box), GSP, \$663,922.

**2nd-Charles Town, \$36,300**, (S), 12-15, (NW4L), 3yo/up, f/m, 4 1/2f, :53.76, sy, neck.

**COUSIN WINNIE (f, 3, Firing Line--Aunt Winnie {Ire} {Broodmare Of The Year-Bel}, by Deputy Minister)** Lifetime Record: MSP, 18-4-1-7, \$127,407. O/B/T-John D McKee (WV). **5th-Delta Downs, \$35,000**, 12-15, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:39.65, ft, 7 1/4 lengths.

UNCLE FRANK (g, 4, California Chrome--Aura of the Moon, by **Tiznow)** Lifetime Record: 11-4-4-1, \$65,475. O-Terry Don Hatch; B-BlackRidge Stables LLC, Pete & Susan Yutmeyer (KY); T-Billy G Sturrock.

6th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$25,650, (NW1X), Opt. Clm (\$16,000), 12-16, 3yo/up, 7f, 1:22.74, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

GREAT KING (FR) (g, 4, Shamardal--Darysina, by Smart Strike) Lifetime Record: 11-2-2-2, \$35,030. O-AMO Racing USA; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited (FR); T-Jorge Delgado. \*£460,000 2yo '20 GOFARQ.

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**8th-Turf Paradise, \$22,100**, (NW1X), Opt. Clm (\$10,000-\$12,500), 12-15, 3yo/up, 5f, :56.47, ft, 3 lengths. GOOD BYE CHARLIE (g, 3, Adios Charlie--Magda, by Hamazing **Destiny)** Lifetime Record: 12-4-1-0, \$42,349. O-Paul Chavez; B-Tom McCrocklin (FL); T-Raymond G Valerio.

#### **ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

Homecoming Queen, f, 2, Carpe Diem--Lisa T. (MSP), by Awesome Again. Turfway, 12-15, (C), 1m (AWT), 1:40.37. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$27,335. B-WinStar Farm LLC (KY). **Honest Banker**, f, 2, **Central Banker**--True Charm, by Langfuhr.

Aqueduct, 12-16, (S), (C), 6f, 1:14.77. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$23,650. B-McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, LLC & Bart Forlano (NY). \*1ST-TIME STARTER.

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Best Virginia, f, 2, Golden Years--Braefield, by Hard Spun. Charles Town, 12-15, (S), 7f, 1:30.01. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-1, \$25,352. B-O'Sullivan Farms LLC (WV).

Shinfull, f, 3, A Shin Forward--Awesome Bull, by Holy Bull. Aqueduct, 12-16, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:20.09. Lifetime Record: 7-1-4-0, \$105,750. B-Edition Farm & Linda C Conroy (NY).

Chromatic Lass, f, 3, Golden Lad--Chrome Mine (MSW, \$183,605), by Mineshaft. Charles Town, 12-15, (S), 4 1/2f, :53.54. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$19,296. B-Michael J Miller (WV). \*1ST-TIME STARTER.

**Allo Enry**, c, 3, **Jonesboro**--Vickis Got Swagger, by Pioneering. Oaklawn, 12-16, (S), 6f, 1:11.92. Lifetime Record: 12-1-3-2, \$109,835. B-Jerry Caroom (AR).



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A Shin Forward, Shinfull, f, 3, o/o Awesome Bull, by Holy Bull. MSW, 12-16, Aqueduct

Adios Charlie, Good Bye Charlie, g, 3, o/o Magda, by Hamazing Destiny. AOC, 12-15, Turf Paradise

**Alternation**, Altered Shot, f, 4, o/o Wyn Jym, by Proud Citizen. AOC, 12-15, Turfway

**Bolt d'Oro**, Communication Memo, c, 2, o/o Take a Memo, by Empire Maker. MSW, 12-16, Oaklawn

**California Chrome**, Uncle Frank, g, 4, o/o Aura of the Moon, by Tiznow. ALW, 12-15, Delta Downs

**Carpe Diem**, Homecoming Queen, f, 2, o/o Lisa T., by Awesome Again. MCL, 12-15, Turfway

**Carpe Diem**, Seize the Night, g, 3, o/o Candle Maker, by Tapit. ALW, 12-16, Oaklawn

**Central Banker**, Honest Banker, f, 2, o/o True Charm, by Langfuhr. MCL, 12-16, Aqueduct

**Congrats**, Combat Queen, m, 5, o/o Starsonhershoulder, by Quiet American. ALW, 12-16, Laurel

**Connect**, Hidden Connection, f, 3, o/o C J's Gal, by Awesome Again. AOC, 12-16, Fair Grounds

Curlin, Cawkab, c, 3, o/o Catch the Moon, by Malibu Moon. MSW, 12-16, Oaklawn

**Empire Maker**, Emperor's Appeal, c, 2, o/o Solid Appeal, by Successful Appeal. MSW, 12-16, Gulfstream

**Firing Line**, Cousin Winnie, f, 3, o/o Aunt Winnie (Ire), by Deputy Minister. ALW, 12-15, Charles Town

Frosted, Kool Kathmandu, g, 2, o/o Fat Kat, by Weigelia. MSW, 12-16, Aqueduct

**Golden Lad**, Chromatic Lass, f, 3, o/o Chrome Mine, by Mineshaft. MSW, 12-15, Charles Town

**Golden Years**, Best Virginia, f, 2, o/o Braefield, by Hard Spun. MSW, 12-15, Charles Town

**Jonesboro**, Allo Enry, c, 3, o/o Vickis Got Swagger, by Pioneering. MSW, 12-16, Oaklawn

**Kantharos**, Kanthari, c, 3, o/o Ari the Adventurer, by Pioneerof the Nile. MSW, 12-16, Gulfstream

**Liam's Map**, Ravella, f, 3, o/o Dancing Raven, by Tomahawk. MSW, 12-15, Turfway

**Liam's Map**, Silver Skillet, f, 2, o/o Catcha Rising Star, by Red Giant. MSW, 12-16, Aqueduct

**Mosler**, Mose Perfect, g, 3, o/o Delightful Dawn, by Act of Duty. ALW, 12-16, Laurel

Munnings, Natural Harbor, c, 2, o/o Perfectly Candid, by Pleasantly Perfect. MSW, 12-16, Fair Grounds

**Not This Time**, Sweet Surprise, f, 3, o/o Close the Gap, by Lemon Drop Kid. AOC, 12-16, Aqueduct

**Paddy O'Prado**, Just a Irish Lad, g, 4, o/o I'm Cozy, by Grand Slam. ALW, 12-15, Remington

**Shamardal**, Great King (Fr), g, 4, o/o Darysina, by Smart Strike. AOC, 12-16, Tampa Bay

**Smiling Tiger**, Smile for Glory, g, 3, o/o Bench Glory, by Benchmark. MSW, 12-16, Los Alamitos Thoroughbred

**Temple City**, Sassy Katie, f, 2, o/o Isteefaa, by Eddington. MSW, 12-16, Hawthorne

**Upstart**, Tiger Moon, g, 3, o/o Sweet Sermon, by Tapit. STR, 12-16, Oaklawn



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Following the appraisal of some of the more established stallions in America who should be on the radar for European breeders, this second instalment looks at some of the younger horses coming through.

It can be argued that attempts to push the Galileo (Ire) sire-line in Kentucky were not as successful as anticipated, with Noble Mission (GB), brother of Frankel (GB), emerging the best of a group that included such major disappointments as Cape Blanco (Ire) and Magician (Ire). While Noble Mission now stands in Japan, his Grade I-winning son Code Of Honor (\$7,500) is about to embark on his second season at Lane's End Farm in Kentucky.

The desire to establish the Galileo sire-line in the US was easy to comprehend, not just because of his championship stud career in Europe but in light of the success enjoyed by Sadler's Wells's son El Prado (Ire), whose sire-line has thrived via Medaglia d'Oro and Kitten's Joy.

Kitten's Joy's death earlier this year robbed turf-minded breeders of a tried and tested option, making the hunt for an heir suddenly all the more important. Cont. p3

# NEW BREEZE-UP ALLIANCE OF HALPIN AND DAVIS ENJOYS EARLY SUCCESS AT DUNDALK

By Brian Sheerin

The spotlight was cast on the burgeoning breeze-up operation of jockeys Gary Halpin and Sean Davis, best known for riding winners rather than producing them, when their graduate **Song For Whoever (Ire)** (Galileo Gold {GB}) ran out an impressive winner of the opening six-furlong maiden at Dundalk on Friday evening.

Song For Whoever, who Halpin and Davis bought for €28,000 at the Goffs Sportsman's Sale last year before selling to Howson & Holdsworth Bloodstock for £42,000 at the Goffs UK Breeze-Up Sale, was getting off the mark at the third attempt for trainer John O'Donoghue in the colours of Genesis Thoroughbreds.

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BIG-TICKET COLTS DOT LOS AL FUTURITY ON SATURDAY

Five colts will contest the GII Los Alamitos Futurity, including **Carmel Road** (Quality Road) and **Fort Bragg** (Tapit).



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Sultan Saeed Mohammed Harib Alfalahi homebred VIvernus (Fr) (Midshipman) (tan silks) made his debut a winning one in the second race at Deauville on Friday. He is out of a half-sister to the group-placed Alabaster (Medaglia d'Oro). | Scoop Dyga

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#### American Sires Through A European Lens Cont. from p1

Thankfully, he has a number of sons at stud and of those based in Kentucky with runners, much encouragement can be gleaned from the start made by Oscar Performance (Mill Ridge Farm: \$20,000). A multiple Grade I winner who raced without Lasix, Oscar Performance's first crop of 2-year-olds includes a Grade II winner on turf in Andthewinneris alongside a dirt stakes winner in Red Carpet Ready. A number of other representatives are bubbling under, as an overall group of six stakes horses attests,

and he is poised to end the year as America's top turf sire of 2-year-olds, ahead of such proven names as More Than Ready and Kitten's Joy himself.

Next in line is Grade I scorer Divisidero (Airdrie Stud: \$5,000), a seven-time winner over five seasons who possesses exactly the kind of hard-knocking profile that should be aspired to. He doesn't have numbers on his side but in his favour is an interesting pedigree that goes straight back

to Almahmoud via Cosmah. The ingredients are there for him to surprise a few people.

Medaglia d'Oro's legacy has various horses working for it, not least **Bolt d'Oro** (Spendthrift Farm: \$35,000), who is currently in a three-way battle for champion first-crop sire honours alongside Good Magic and Justify. Regardless of which way the championship goes, Bolt d'Oro emerges as one of the leaders of

his generation however the figures are diced. While a tally of five stakes winners is bettered only by the six fired in by Justify and Good Magic, no horse can come close to his 14 black-type horses, which translates to a highly impressive figure of 18.4% to runners. Members of the stakes-winning quintet range from Instant Coffee, winner of the GII Kentucky Jockey Club S., to Major Dude and Bobby O, successful in the GII Pilgrim S. and GIII With Anticipation S. on the turf, respectively. He has had just the one runner in Britain and Ireland but the colt in question is Bold

> Discovery, a winner on debut at Naas for Jessica Harrington who later ran third in the G3 Killavullan S. With his stock also attracting the attention of the European pinhookers, expect to see more of his progeny over here in due course.

> In the meantime, it will be interesting to see how Medaglia d'Oro's Grade II-winning son Enticed (Jonabell Farm: \$5,000), who stands alongside his sire at Darley, fares with his first

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2-year-olds next season.

As with American Pharoah, fellow Triple Crown winner Justify (Ashford Stud: \$100,000) has been afforded chances with a number of high-performing grass mares, many of them daughters of Galileo (Ire) belonging to the Coolmore broodmare band. Cont. p4

#### Justifying the hype



#### American Sires Through A European Lens Cont.

The bulk of his representation has naturally been in America, where he is the sire of four stakes winners to date, all on dirt. But that push to have him well represented in Europe is also

paying off. Ballydoyle, for instance, houses the G2
Balanchine S. winner Statuette as well as the promising maiden winners Dame Kiri and Bertinelli. The Fozzy Stack-trained Aspen Grove (Ire) also won the G3
Flame Of Tara S.

One of Scat Daddy's most effective weapons was his ability to work internationally and although it is early days, Justify is following that example, with a flurry of recent Japanese winners to add to his early success in America and Europe. A total of 28 winners and six



Funtastic | Sarah Andrew

black-type winners is an excellent start by any measure. But don't forget, Justify is a big horse who didn't make his debut until February of his 3-year-old year. It stands to reason that his progeny will continue to improve.

Fellow Scat Daddy stallion **Mendelssohn** (Ashford Stud: \$25,000) is another who has not lacked for opportunity, with the combination of a Grade I race record, a \$3-million yearling

price tag, and having Into Mischief as a half-brother key in attracting 252 mares in his first book and another 242 in his second. Mendelssohn was an accomplished 2-year-old on turf for Aidan O'Brien so it's surprising that so few made back it to Europe this season (only four runners in Europe so far), although the handful to hit the track did include Ballydoyle's listed-placed colt Congo River. He is one of six stakes horses for Mendelssohn in a group led by the GII Jessamine S. winner Delight.

While few sire-lines have the commercial pull of Scat Daddy, it remains dangerous to underestimate that belonging to More Than Ready. Cont. p5



His first foals were widely admired at the sales and commanded the highest average – £140k – of any freshman sire.

# PINATUBO



He seems to be passing on all his positive attributes. The foals I've seen have been very correct and racy, with great colour and depth, very clean limbs and good walkers.

Nick Cope, Stanley Lodge, who bought a 150,000gns colt I thought she was the most athletic and attractive filly foal at any sale in 2022. I am recommending Pinatubo to my clients and using him again myself in 2023.

Hugo Merry, underbidder on the €320,000 filly

£35,000 Oct 1, SLF Dalham Hall Stud, UK





Yoshida | Linzay Marks

#### American Sires Through A European Lens Cont.

Of those with first 2-year-olds, Grade I turf winner Funtastic (Three Chimneys Farm: \$5,000)--a relation to Gun Runner no less--might not have the numbers behind him but his trio of winners do at least include the Grade III-placed First Peace.

Next in line is **Catholic Boy** (Claiborne Farm: \$15,000), a horse of rare versatility who won the GI Travers S. on dirt and GI Belmont Derby Invitational S. on turf. Also precocious enough to win the GII Remsen S. and GIII With Anticipation S. at two, he has around 110 2-year-olds to run for him in 2023, among them a handful bought to breeze in Europe. It doesn't take too much imagination to envisage him filling the void left by More Than Ready as an effective sire on both sides of the Atlantic.

And perhaps **Yoshida** (**Jpn**) (WinStar Farm: \$10,000), the sole son of Heart's Cry (Jpn) at stud in North America and Europe, will prove capable of laying the foundations for the Sunday Silence line to take root back in Kentucky. Like **Catholic Boy**, he was top class on both turf and dirt, in his case as winner of the GI Woodward S. and GI Old Forester Turf Classic S., and has been deservedly well supported, with over 100 2-year-olds set to run for him bred off a first-year fee of \$20,000. He boasts all the attributes to be effective over here and with several having headed this way, it will be fascinating to see how he gets on.

Of the other Hail To Reason-line horses, the first yearlings by the Arch horse **Preservationist** (Airdrie Stud: \$10,000) generated plenty of positive chatter, selling for up to \$280,000. A series of setbacks prevented him from running until he was four, making it harder to gauge how much precocity he might be capable of imparting, but once he got going, he progressed to land the GI Woodward S. If he remains true to the Arch sire-line, then a number of his progeny will also be effective on turf.

Fans of the Arch line also have his final Grade I winner Instilled Regard (Taylor Made Stallions: \$7,500) to choose from. A \$1.05

million 2-year-old in training purchase, he was capable of performing to a high level on both surfaces, running Grade I-placed as a 2-year-old on dirt before winning the GI Manhattan S. as an older horse on turf. All in all, this is the kind of profile-longevity and versatility--that served the Roberto sire-line so well for so long. He stands for just \$7,500 but does have the backing of his owner, Larry Best of OXO Equine.

#### **Accomplished War Fronts**

There are also several War Front horses waiting in the wings including Omaha Beach (Spendthrift Farm: \$30,000), his sire's most accomplished dirt horse whose Grade I victories ranged from the Santa Anita Sprint Championship over six furlongs to the Arkansas Derby over nine. He represents a highly appealing package as a seriously talented, well-bred horse with the backing of some powerful connections and the market liked what it saw from his first yearlings, as illustrated by an average close to \$200,000. He will be one of the favourites to end 2023 as a leading US first-crop sire but with that War Front connection, he is also worth bearing in mind from a turf perspective too.

The first foals by **War Of Will** (Claiborne Farm: \$15,000) were well received at the winter breeding stock sales, selling for an average of \$102,762. This is just the type of horse who should be capable of appealing to a worldwide audience, primarily in light of a race record that included the GI Preakness S. on dirt and GI Maker's Mark Mile on turf. Also Grade I-placed at two on turf, he was a graduate of the Arqana May Breeze-Up Sale and hails from a noted Niarchos family (he is out of a Sadler's Wells half-sister to Spinning World) that has worked well in different parts of the world. Given his own history as an accomplished European breezer, his first yearlings will likely catch the attention of that pinhooking community next autumn.

As far as pedigree goes, they don't come much better bred than Lost Treasure (Ire) (Hill 'n' Dale Farm: \$3,500), a stakes-placed War Front son of G2 Rockfel S. winner Wading (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}), herself a granddaughter of Urban Sea (Miswaki). Cont. p6

"THE FACT THAT [PETER] BRANT AND CLAIBORNE FARM ELECTED TO GIVE DEMARCHELIER A CHANCE AT STUD IS SURELY TESTAMENT TO HIS ABILITY."

**Nancy Sexton** 



**Demarchelier** | Equi-Sport Photo

#### American Sires Through A European Lens Cont.

He doesn't have huge numbers on his side but his first yearlings sold for up to \$65,000 and should he possess even a small measure of the sire talent of his relatives, then a fee of \$3,500 could come to look very good value.

For all the chat of American-sired horses, however, sometimes it pays just to not overcomplicate matters. To that end, there are two Peter Brant-owned horses standing in Kentucky with strong European connections.

Demarchelier (GB) (Claiborne Farm: \$5,000)) is a beautifully-bred son of Dubawi (Ire) who cost 425,000gns as a Tattersalls October Book 1 yearling. He looked to have the world at his feet when winning his first three starts, including the GIII Pennine Ridge S., before an injury suffered in the GI Belmont Derby Invitational S. brought his career to an immediate halt. The fact that Brant and Claiborne Farm elected to give him a chance at stud is surely testament to his ability--indeed, Brant has supported him strongly and the resulting foals are likely to be in the hands of some high-profile trainers. He's an intriguing prospect, especially at \$5,000.

Gainesway Farm, meanwhile, is home to Raging Bull (Fr), a Wildenstein-bred son of Dark Angel (Ire) who stands for \$10,000. The horse is in fact arguably the most accomplished son of his sire at stud anywhere in the world given he won three Grade I races at three to six years--namely the Hollywood Derby, Shoemaker Mile and Maker's Mark Mile. Another well supported by Brant, mares in foal to him realised \$360,000 and \$230,000 at the Keeneland November Sale. The lots in question, Editor At Large (Ire) (Lope De Vega {Ire}) and Isle Of Wight (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}), were both snapped up by Denis Brosnan's Epona Bloodstock. Gainesway has long fared well out of standing turf milers and Raging Bull has been given every chance by

connections to be the next in line.

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#### Halpin/Davis Celebrate Song For Whoever Cont. from p1

Although he was consigned by Tally-Ho Stud at the Goffs UK Breeze-up Sale, Song For Whoever was sourced and produced by the riders, who will be consigning under the name GS Bloodstock from their new base at Ulundi Lodge on the Curragh next year.

A delighted Halpin said on Friday evening, "We bought him at the Sportsman's Sale under Rushway Stables for €28,000. We were looking for something that could breeze and he looked sharp enough to do that. We had him on our list and Roger O'Callaghan, who we have worked closely with for a number of years, had seen him as well. It was a help that he liked him."

He added, "I prepped him at Kevin Prendergast's yard in Friarstown on the Curragh. He was there all winter and did most of his early work while I was riding out in Kevin's and he went from there to Doncaster where he sold to Matt Holdsworth for Noel Hayes. We were very fortunate that Tally-Ho were happy to consign him for us.

"He was actually popular enough to a point at the sales. George Boughey and Mark McStay had a go on him. I think George was the underbidder and I'm pretty sure that Mark was on him for a long while as well. The right people were interested in him, thankfully."

Halpin enjoyed his best ever season as a rider in 2016 when partnering 36 winners domestically while his biggest success came aboard the Ross O'Sullivan-trained Rocky Sky (Ire) (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}) in the Listed Salsibil S. at Naas last term.

Davis has returned to Ireland after a successful spell in Britain, where he rode 56 winners in 2019, and alongside Halpin, will continue to ride whilst preparing the breezers. Cont. p7



**Song For Whoever** | Racingfotos.com

#### Halpin/Davis Celebrate Song For Whoever Cont.

However, the name Halpin will not be seen on a racecard anytime soon, with Friday's victory proving a timely tonic for the man sidelined with a fractured jaw.

He explained, "We've 11 in at the moment but there are a few more due back to us in the next few days and we will add another one or two in January. We are looking at having around 15 2-year-olds to breeze next year.

"Sean and I will consign under GS Bloodstock next year. It's exciting. Especially now that everything is cantering and broken in, we can see them progress. Unfortunately, I'm not riding them myself at the minute because I'm out of action with a fractured jaw, but I'm getting to see plenty on the ground.

"I think we've amassed a bunch of horses who are going to get to a good level. The Inns Of Court (Ire) colt that we bought at Doncaster has had three updates since we got him. He's now a half-brother to Believing (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), who has done really well to be multiple stakes-placed for George Boughey and Highclere Thoroughbreds.

"She's one we'll be keeping a close eye on next year. Mick Fitzpatrick sold her for 115,000gns at the Tattersalls Craven Breeze-Up Sale in April so, all things being equal, we'd be hoping to get our own lad to the Craven safe and sound."

On the rest of the breeze-up battalion, he added, "We've a lovely Cotai Glory (GB) colt who we gave €65,000 for at Tattersalls Ireland. He was consigned by Tally-Ho and is out of a half-sister to Fairyland (Ire). He's going to be exciting.

"We've been sent a Kodiac (GB) filly who's out of a half-sister to [G1] Middle Park S. winner Supremacy (Ire) and there's a nice Dandy Man (Ire) colt from the family of Slade Power (Ire). We've a nice bunch and there's a couple of others there as well."

Asked how riding winners compares with producing them, Halpin said, "It's totally different. It's a different feeling altogether. Your judgment is on the line--you are telling people what you think the horses can do and it's important that they back you up. As a jockey, your judgment has to be right when you ride a horse work or ride it in a race, your feedback has to be good. This is a little bit more added pressure. It's a different sort of pressure."

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# 12 QUESTIONS

With Chris Richardson, Managing Director, Cheveley Park Stud

What was your first job in the Thoroughbred industry?

It was a school holiday job opportunity, after a family Christmas

at home in Northumberland, when my brother, Tim, suggested I might like to come back to France with him and spend a few weeks working at the Haras de La Verrerie in Normandy where he was the manager. My parents thought this was an excellent idea as it would help me with my French, so one snowy morning we set off in Tim's Mini Cooper and slithered our way over the snowy hills of Northumberland to France.

#### The biggest influence on your career?

The stallion Nureyev, Sir Philip Payne-Gallwey and my brother, Tim, who, in 1980, when I was working at Claiborne Farm in Paris, Kentucky, called to ask me to return to France to look after Nureyev upon his retirement from racing. He stood at Haras de Fresnay Le Buffard for one season, before going to stand at Johnny Jones's Walmac Farm in Kentucky. Tim gave me a wonderful opportunity, the result of which allowed me to meet my wife Annie and then, thanks to Sir Philip, I ended up managing Spring Oak Farm (Oak Tree Farm) in Lexington, Kentucky.



Chris Richardson | Racingfotos.com

#### Favourite racehorse of all time, and why?

Nijinsky most impressed me winning the Derby in 1970 and then to have helped out and been around him during my time at Claiborne in 1980 was so very special.

#### Who will be champion first-season sire in 2023?

I would love to see Cheveley Park Stud-bred Advertise be champion first-season sire, as I feel he ticks all the boxes on pedigree and performance having won three Group 1 races.

#### 12 Questions Cont.

#### Greatest race in the world?

Having been involved with several owner-breeders who have mostly bred fillies to race, the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe would be the race for me, as it usually brings the best colts and fillies together to crown the racing year in Europe.

#### If you could be someone else in the industry for a day who would it be, and why?

Edmond Mahony, as I would love to know the inner workings of the hugely successful Tattersalls Limited Auction House.

#### Emerging talent in the industry (human)?

It is wonderful to see so many young trainers and agents getting involved in the industry and I feel the next generation are coming to the fore. I think Sam Haggas will prove a great innovator in the business.

#### Horse *TDN* should have made a Rising Star, and didn't?

Triple Group 1 winner Inspiral.

#### **Under-the-radar stallion?**

Of course, I have to say Ulysses, who is beautifully bred and who has really started his stallion career tremendously well having had Classic-placed Piz Badile, winner of the G3 Ballysax S., and runner-up in the G1 Irish Derby. In addition, Cheveley Park Stud's homebred Holloway Boy winning first time out in the Chesham S. at Royal Ascot for his connections proved Ulysses can get smart 2-year-olds as well as Classic prospects.

#### Friday night treat?

A quiet supper for two at Sticks 'n' Sushi before a West End show.

#### Guilty pleasure outside of racing?

Fly fishing for trout when the mayfly are hatching with my trusty 9' CC de France split cane fly rod.

#### Race I wish I had been there for...

The Cheltenham Gold Cup when A Plus Tard won this year. I could not believe I lost my voice and then tested positive to

Covid-19 on the Monday morning of Cheltenham week.

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## EUROPEAN NEWS

#### BHA WILL REVIEW WHIP RULES ONCE AGAIN AFTER ADDITIONAL CONCERNS **RAISED**

Additional discussions are being held to address the issues that surround the new UK whip rules, which are due to begin on Jan. 9, 2023 for National Hunt racing, with a four-week "bedding-in" period, the British Horseracing Authority (BHA) announced on Friday evening.

Under the new rules, winning horses face disqualification if their jockey does not follow the new regulations. It has been agreed that to address concerns regarding the impact of potential disqualification of runners on raceday for betting purposes, any potential decisions regarding disqualification will now be made by the whip review committee away from raceday, and will therefore not affect the outcome of a race for betting purposes.

The "bedding-in" period allows jockeys to ride without being subject to the new sanctions. Beginning on Feb. 6, the new rules begin. For Flat racing, the "bedding-in" period begins on Feb. 27, with full implementation of the rules due to start on Mar. 27. Under the revised rules, a jump jockey who uses their whip 12 or more times--with 11 strikes or more for Flat jockeys--in any race could be disqualified. In addition, if the races are Class 1 or Class 2 races under both codes, as well as any race worth £27,500 on the Flat or £20,000 over jumps, the jockey also faces a potential 28-day ban.

Some leeway may be allowed if it is deemed riders were using their whip in the interests of safety or if it has been used down the shoulder with both hands on the reins. It has also now been decided that, should they wish, Flat jockeys may use the jump version of the whip--which has a longer padded section--in response to concerns raised by some jockeys regarding the use of the whip in the backhand-only and the risk of landing it in the incorrect place.

It is understood further representations made to the British Horseracing Authority include concerns over the backhand-only rule.

A spokesperson for the BHA said, "The BHA has always understood the challenges involved in any review of the use of the whip in horse racing." Cont. p9

#### **BHA Will Review Whip Rules Cont.**

They added, "From the moment we launched a consultation in July 2021 we constantly engaged with all interested parties, especially jockeys and their representatives, to ensure we listened to the views of those most affected.

"It was because of that readiness to engage that we agreed to extend the initial timescales for implementation of new rules beyond autumn 2022, allowing as many people as possible to influence and shape the technical discussion phase.

"In the past few days, however, further representations have been made to the BHA, including some themes which were not raised as part of the initial consultation or technical discussions.

"In light of this latest information, the BHA and the chair of the Whip Consultation Steering Group have agreed to continue dialogue to explore options that address the concerns being raised, while still delivering our core objective of a more considered and judicious use of the whip for encouragement, and improved perception of whip use.

"It is right that those discussions are allowed to take place away from the glare of publicity but we will look to provide an update as soon as possible in light of the existing timelines for the 'soft launch' of revised rules on Jan. 9, 2023."

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# UNA TORMEY NAMED NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF ITBA



Una Tormey | ITBA

Una Tormey has been appointed the new Chief Executive of the Irish Thoroughbred Breeders' Association (ITBA). Tormey began her new role on Dec. 1. She joined the ITBA as a membership coordinator two years ago, and rose to the role of operations manager. Tormey also earned additional experience working with previous Chief Executive Shane O'Dwyer.

Tormey, who will be supported by Membership Coordinator Danielle Deveney and Education Coordinator Hannah Marks, said, "I am really looking forward to working with Irish Breeders and with the members of the ITBA Council. The Association has many exciting plans for 2023 and beyond and I will endeavour to deliver these successfully to the benefit of Irish Breeders."

ITBA Chairman Cathy Grassick said, "On behalf of the ITBA council, I am delighted that Una Tormey has accepted the position of Chief Executive of the ITBA. With the hard work and support of Una, the ITBA Team and its Council members, I am looking forward to developing the Association and delivering a quality service to the breeders of Ireland."

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# LONDON WILL HOST LONGINES WORLD RACING AWARDS ONCE AGAIN

The in-person 2022 Longines World Racing Awards will be held at Banqueting House in London, England on Jan. 17, 2023, the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities (IFHA) announced on Friday. The 10th edition of the ceremony will honour the highest-rated horses in the 2022 Longines World's Best Racehorse Rankings as well as the Longines World's Best Horse Race. Connections of the winners will receive Longines timepieces.

The Longines World's Best Racehorse Rankings are established by international handicappers according to the performance of the horses in top races. The highest-rated race is determined by averaging the rankings of the first four placed horses. The full list and further information on the Longines World's Best Racehorse Rankings are both available on the IFHA website.

"Over the past year racing fans have been thrilled by some remarkable athletic performances across the globe," said Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges, Chair of the IFHA. "Together with our partner Longines, the International Federation is excited to honour those horses which have excelled on the world stage through our World's Best Racehorse Awards and to also celebrate the World's Best Horse Race."

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# ITBA UNVEILS 2023 EDUCATION PROGRAMME

The 2023 Education Programme, featuring Ask The Experts, Summer Series, Preparation Series, and Autumn/Winter Series, was unveiled by the Irish Thoroughbred Breeders' Association (ITBA) on Friday. Workshops will be either QQI or Veterinary Council of Ireland accredited wherever possible. In addition, most events will offer hybrid formatting, taking place at the ITBA headquarters or regionally, as well as virtually. Cont. p10

#### **ITBA 2023 Education Programme Cont.**

Marking the first Education Programme of 2023 is a Breeding Preparation Workshop slated for Tuesday, Jan. 10. Some of the topics and speakers are:

- Assisting mares during foaling: Olive O'Connor, respected breeder and consignor
- Foaling Preparation & postnatal care: Andrea Ryan, Veterinary Surgeon, Kilcash Equine Clinic
- Nutritional plans for pregnant mares during & post foaling and nutritional plan for foals: Lorraine Fradl, Nutritionist with Connolly's RED MILLS
- Smart approaches to getting mares back in foal & importance of selecting the most suitable stallions: Micheal Orlandi, Compass Stallions

The full schedule of the ITBA Education Programme 2023 at this time is as follows and may be subject to change:

- January: Breeding Preparation Workshop
- February:
  - **Business Growth for Breeders**
  - Welfare and Mental Health
- March
  - Foal Health and Management
  - Foaling Outside--Anecdotes from Kentucky **Breeders**
  - First Aid Course
- April / May: Ask The Expert Series
- June / July: Summer Series Workshops
- August: Yearling Sales Preparation Workshop
- September:
  - Foal Sales Preparation Workshop
  - Equine Herd Health
- October / November: Autumn / Winter Vet Series For more information regarding 2023 events, please visit the ITBA website.

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#### €1.5M HALF-BROTHER TO DUAL GROUP 1 WINNER ANGEL BLEU POISED FOR LINGFIELD DEBUT

12.40 Lingfield, Nov, £6,800, 2yo, 8f 1y (AWT) Sheikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa's SWORDOFHONOR (IRE) (Siyouni {Fr}), an Andrew Balding-trained half-brother to last term's G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere and G1 Criterium International hero Angel Bleu (Fr) (Dark Angel (Ire)), was the highest-priced colt at the 2021 Argana August fixture when knocked down for €1.5 million and encounters eight rivals in this debut. Opposition includes the owner's once-raced Laser Guided (Ire) (Kingman {GB}), who is out of a winning half-sister to MG1SW sire Golden Horn (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}), from the Simon and Ed Crisford stable; and Ed Walker trainee Waipiro (Ire) (Australia (GB)), who is a half-brother to last year's G1 Queen's Silver Jubilee Cup and dual G1 Stewards' Cup hero Waikuku (Ire) (Harbour Watch {Ire}).

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## BRITAIN

#### Friday's Results:

**2nd-Kempton, £9,900, Mdn**, 12-16, 2yo, 10f 219y (AWT), 2:20.86, st/sl.

HADRIANUS (IRE) (c, 2, Galileo {Ire}--Laugh Out Loud {GB}

{GSW-Fr, SW& G1SP-Eng, SP-US, \$217,207}, by Clodovil {Ire}), who posted a one-length second going an extended 10 furlongs at Newcastle in his Nov. 11 debut last time, broke sharply from an outer gate and took immediate control in foggy conditions here. Holding sway throughout, the 7-4 favourite was stoked up approaching the quarter-mile marker and stayed on strongly under a late drive to hold stablemate Star Mood (Ire) (Sea The Stars (Ire) by 1 1/4 lengths. Hadrianus is the sixth of eight foals and fourth scorer produced by G2 Prix de Sandringham victrix and G1 Sun Chariot S. third Laugh Out Loud (GB) (Clodovil {Ire}), herself a half-sister to the dual stakes-winning Suzi's Decision (GB) (Act One {GB}), G3 Glorious S. placegetter Baghdad (Fr) (Frankel (GB)) and to the dam of MGSW G2 Criterium de Maisons-Laffitte victrix Plainchant (Fr) (Gregorian {Ire}). The

June-foaled bay is a full-brother to GII San Marcos S. and G3

Gallinule S. winner Platinum Warrior (Ire) and a yearling filly.



Hadrianus | Racingfotos.com

#### 2nd-Kempton Cont.

He is also kin to a weanling colt by Wootton Bassett (GB). Sales history: 62,000gns Ylg '21 TATDEC. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, £7,868.

O-Susan & John Waterworth; B-C O P Hanbury (IRE); T-Charlie & Mark Johnston.

# **FRANCE**

#### Friday's Results:

**2nd-Deauville,** €**27,000, Mdn**, 12-16, unraced 2yo, c/g, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:29.23, st.

VIVERNUS (FR) (c, 2, Midshipman--Aldara, by Street Cry {Ire}) was positioned off the pace towards the rear in seventh for most of this first go. Scrubbed along to close at the top of the straight, the 99-5 chance joined the front rank entering the final furlong and was ridden out to deny Taybet (Fr) (Zoffany {Ire}) by a nose in a bobbing finish. Vivernus is the latest of four reported foals and second scorer produced by a winning half-sister to G3 Burj Nahaar third Alabaster (Medaglia d'Oro) and the dual stakes-placed Tuya Y Mia (Sidney's Candy). The March-foaled homebred chestnut, whose stakes-placed second dam is a daughter of MGISW distaffer Nastique (Naskra), is a half-brother to last term's GIII Ontario Matron S. placegetter Juxtapose (Verrazano). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €13,500. Video, sponsored by TVG.

O/B-Sultan Saeed Mohammed Harib Alfalahi (FR); T-Ingrid Janackova Koplikova.

**4th-Deauville, €27,000, Mdn**, 12-16, unraced 2yo, f, 7 1/2f

(AWT), 1:31.73, st.

QUICKSTEP (FR) (f, 2, Wootton Bassett (GB)--Dance Toupie (Fr), by Dansili (GB)) was well away from the inside stall to race in a handy third after the opening quarter of this debutantes' heat. Making smooth headway on the bridle in the straight and sent with 300 metres remaining, the even-money pick took a slender advantage into the final furlong and kept on powerfully under whipless coaxing in the closing stages to defeat Sunlike (Fr) (De Treville (GB)) by 1 1/4 lengths. Quickstep is the seventh of eight foals and sixth scorer from as many runners produced by a halfsister to four black-type performers out of G3 Prix d'Arenberg victrix and G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches runner-up Toupie (GB) (Intikhab). The May-foaled dark bay, who joined the Godolphin fold for 350,000gns from the Haras d'Etreham draft at the Tattersalls October Sale Book 2, is a full-sister to G3 Prix Daphnis second Dave (Fr) and a half to GIII Daytona S. third Commander (Fr) (War Command) and a weanling filly by Persian King (Ire). The latter was purchased by Bobby Flay for €65,000 out of the Argana December Breeding Stock Sale earlier this month. Sales history: €120,000 Wlg '20 ARQDEC; 350,000gns Ylg '21 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €13,500. Video, sponsored by TVG. O-Godolphin; B-Mathieu Daguzan-Garros (FR); T-Andre Fabre.

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Quickstep lived up to her name, winning her first start by 1 1/4 lengths at Deauville on Friday. | Scoop Dyga

#### **CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

**7th-Deauville, €27,000, Cond**, 12-16, 4yo/up, 9 1/2f (AWT), 1:55.69, st.

HOOKING (GB) (g, 6, Lope De Vega {Ire}--Quanzhou {Fr} {SW-Fr}, by Dubawi {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 30-6-4-2, €155,901. O-Ecurie Griezmann; B-Haras de la Perelle (GB); T-Philippe Decouz. \*€97,000 Ylg '17 ARQOCT.

# **IRELAND**

#### **CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

**5th-Dundalk,** €12,500, Cond, 12-16, 3yo/up, 8f (AWT), 1:39.08, st. **SUPER OVER (IRE)** (g, 4, Pearl Secret {GB}--First Rains {GB}, by Green Desert) Lifetime Record: 16-3-6-2, \$35,534. O-Ciaran John Mooney, Mark McCloskey, Adam Mooney & Colm Holmes; B-Michael Fennessy (IRE); T-Denis Coakley. \*€6,500 Wlg '18 TATFBR; 9,000gns Ylg '19 TAOCT; 10,000gns 2yo '20 TATGBR; 11,000gns 3yo '21 TATAHI.

#### **ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

Song For Whoever (Ire), g, 2, Galileo Gold (GB)--Neutrina (Ire), by Hector Protector. Dundalk, 12-16, 6f (AWT), 1:13.47. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$11,009. B-Kenneth Purcell (IRE). \*€13,500 RNA Wlg '20 GOFNOV; €28,000 Ylg '21 GOFSPT; £42,000 2yo '22 GOFTY. \*\*1/2 to Heaven's Vault (Ire) (Hernando {Fr}), GSP-Fr.

Cristal Clere (Ire), g, 4, Harzand (Ire)--Lady Catherine (GB) (GSW & G1SP-Ity, SW-Fr, \$238,596), by Bering (GB). Dundalk, 12-16, 8f (AWT), 1:39.34. Lifetime Record: 11-1-2-4, \$17,888.

B-Tinnakill Bloodstock & P. Grimes (IRE). \*€0 RNA Wlg '18 GOFNOV; 40,000gns Ylg '19 TATOCT; 15,000gns 3yo '21 TATAHI.



#### **IN SAUDI ARABIA:**

Mazyuna (Ire), f, 2, Sioux Nation--Sharp Relief (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). King Abdulaziz, 12-15, Maiden, 1600m. B-Edgeridge Ltd & Glenvale Stud. \*Won by 6 1/2 lengths. \*\*1/2 to Sasa (GB) (Makfi {GB}), Ch. 2yo Filly-Cze. \*\*\*£15,000 Ylg '21 TATSEP; 60,000gns 2yo '22 TATAPR. VIDEO (SC 6)

#### IN QATAR:

Dance Acclaim (Ire), g, 2, Acclamation (GB)--Dutch Dream (Ger), by Dutch Art (GB). Al Rayyan, 12-16, Maiden, 1400mT, 1:24.66. B-Kildaragh Stud. \*First start in Qatar. \*\*€55,000 RNA Ylg '21 GOFORB; 105,000gns 2yo '22 TATAPR; 7,000gns HRA '22 TATAUT. VIDEO (SC 3)

In The Night (Ire), g, 5, Shamardal--Surprise Moment (Ire), by Authorized (Ire). Al Rayyan, 12-16, Al Safliya Cup (Qat-G3, NBT), 2400mT, 2:24.53. B-Godolphin. \*£34,000 HRA '20 GOFJUL. VIDEO (SC 3)

#### IN BAHRAIN:

Chimgan (Ire), g, 3, Cotai Glory (GB)--Global Alexander (Ire), by Dark Angel (Ire). Sakhir, 12-16, Hcp., 1600mT, 1:38.62.

B-Mountarmstrong Stud. \*Won by 8 1/2 lengths. \*\*£68,000 Ylg '20 GOFORB. VIDEO (SC 4)

Encourage (GB), g, 4, Iffraaj (GB)--Good Hope (GB), by Cape Cross (Ire). Sakhir, 12-16, National Day Cup (Bhr-G1, NBT), 2400mT, 2:34.39. B-The Queen. \*Won by five lengths. \*\*SP-Bhr. \*\*\*1/2 to Candle of Hope (GB) (Cable Bay {Ire}), SP-Eng. \*\*\*\*75,000gns HRA '21 TATAUG. VIDEO (SC 1)

## WORLDWIDE NEWS

#### **COLTS VYING FOR JUST DESSERTS IN ASAHI**

**HAI FUTURITY** by Heather Anderson

Rated 109, just like fellow group winners **Dolce More (Jpn)** (Jpn) and **Obamburumai (Jpn)** (Discreet Cat), **All Parfait (Jpn)** (Real Steel {Jpn}) is one of the more fancied runners as 17 colts line up for the 1600-metre G1 Asahi Hai Futurity S. at Hanshin on Sunday. Leaving from post three, the Ryoichi Endo homebred has won his past two starts, after running second in a Tokyo maiden in June. Resuming over this trip in a maiden at Nakayama on Oct. 2, he won by two lengths, prior to defeating **Danon Touchdown (Jpn)** (Lord Kanaloa {GB}) by a half-length over this course and distance in the G2 Daily Hai Nisai S. on Nov.

Takuya Ono has ridden the horse in all his races and said, "He's coming along nicely, but he has to transport over to the track, so I don't want to overdo things with him. He found a good rhythm in the race last time after starting from a wide gate, and was strong in the finish."

Undefeated in two starts--a Sapporo newcomer affair in August, and besting **Granite (Jpn)** (Danon Ballade {Jpn}) by 1 1/4 lengths in Tokyo's G3 Saudi Arabia Royal Cup on Oct. 8, Dolce More has been pleasing trainer Naosuke Sugai in his gallops.

"He has been training well, and while he's not one to really catch the eye, he's done enough work and looks fine," said Sugai. "In his final work, checking his rhythm was more important than his time, and his breathing's been good. He has gained some weight, but that's him developing and it should help him in a race. He ran right-handed in his first race and I'm not worried about it being his first time at the course this time. He doesn't have any bad habits and he's quite a serious horse that can race well, so I don't have any worries with him and hope he can run a good race." Cont. p13



All Parfait defeats Danon Touchdown | JRA

#### G1 Asahi Hai Futurity S. Preview Cont.

Last year's champion sire in Britain and Ireland, and this term's European champion sire elect, Frankel (GB) has a pair of colts entered to build on his earlier Japanese successes in the winners Labeling (GB) and Tinia (Ire). Three of Frankel's four stakes winners in the Land of the Rising Sun are Group 1 scorers, with 2020 hero Grenadier Guards (Jpn) holding the stakes record for this race in a snappy 1:32.30. In addition, his Soul Stirring (Jpn) won the G1 Hanshin Juvenile Fillies--the filly equivalent--as his very first top-level winner back in 2016, the first year the Juddmonte supremo had runners.

Trainer Yuichi Shikato commented on the prospects of Labeling, "There hasn't been long between races, but he's in very good shape. He ran a good race last time, and with the ability he seems to have, I'll look forward to things from now."

Bolt d'Oro, who is an excruciatingly close three-way battle with Justify and Good Magic for leading freshman sire Stateside, is represented by \$200,000 Keeneland September yearling turned \$900,000 OBS March juvenile From Dusk. The progressive colt was second by a length in the G2 Keio Hai Nisai S. to the 109rated Obamburumai on Nov. 5.

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# SAUDI ARABIA

#### Friday's Results:

MINSTRY OF NATIONAL GUARD CUP (KSA-G3, NBT), SAR165,000 (\$44,000), King Abdulaziz, 12-16, 2yo, 1600m, 1:38.57, ft.

1--COMMISSIONER KING, 128, c, 2, Commissioner--Ek Haseena (MSP, \$150,590), by Songandaprayer. (\$9,000 Ylg '21

KEEJAN). O-Faisal Mohammed A Alhadheei; B-Paul Tackett Revocable Trust, Phil Tackett Estate et al (KY); T-S Alshammri; J-L Morales; SAR82,500. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$33,867.

2--Almurtajiz, 129, c, 2, Good Magic--Vieja Luna, by Street Hero. (\$60,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; €280,000 2yo '22 ARQMAY). O-Prince Saud bin Salman Abdulaziz; B-Hermitage Farm (KY); T-A A Wahed; J-O Peslier; SAR33,000.

#### HERMITAGE Bred, Raised and Sold

3--Ajaa, 128, c, 2, More Than Ready--Aspen Hilltop, by Bernardini. (\$70,000 RNA Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$60,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR). O-Aja Racing Stable; B-Cove Springs LLC (KY); T-G Alghaith; J-C Ospina; SAR24,750.

Bred & Raised by Cove Springs Farm, Richard & Connie Snyder Margins: 4, 4 3/4, 3. **VIDEO (SC 8)** 

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#### Sunday, Hanshin, Japan, post time: 3.40 p.m.

#### **ASAHI HAI FUTURITY S.-G1**, ¥135,740,000, 2yo, 1600mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Kyoei Brisa (Jpn)	Greater London (Jpn)	Kawasu	Takeichi	121
2	Dolce More (Jpn)	Rulership (Jpn)	R. Sakai	Sugai	121
3	All Parfait (Jpn)	Real Steel (Jpn)	Ono	Wada	121
4	Dondengaeshi (Jpn)	Drefong	Yokoyama	Ozeki	121
5	Bagradas (Jpn)	Majestic Warrior	Yoshida	Kato	121
6	Miscela Dorata (Jpn)	Kinshasa No Kiseki (Aus)	M. Sakai	Shimizu	121
7	Obamburumai (Jpn)	Discreet Cat	Lemaire	Yoshimura	121
8	Granite (Jpn)	Danon Ballade (Jpn)	Matsuyama	Owada	121
9	Nishino Best One (Jpn)	Epiphaneia (Jpn)	Fujioka	Shintani	121
10	Ume Musubi (Jpn)	Fine Needle (Jpn)	Tsunoda	Shintani	121
11	Tinia (Ire)	Frankel (GB)	Fukunaga	Ikee	121
12	Danon Touchdown (Jpn)	Lord Kanaloa (Jpn)	Kawada	Yasuda	121
13	Suzuka Double (Jpn)	Bago (Fr)	Sameshima	Nisimura	121
14	Labeling (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Yokoyama	Shikato	121
15	From Dusk	Bolt d'Oro	Take	Mori	121
16	Corpus Christi (Jpn)	Epiphaneia (Jpn)	Egan	Naukauchida	121
17	Emphasize (Jpn)	Real Steel (Jpn)	Fujioka	Shii	121

**Breeders:** 1-Haruo Tanaka, 1-Shimokobe Farm, 3-Ryoichi Endo, 4-Northern Racing, 5-Murata Bokujo, 6-Marumura Murashita Farm, 7-Sunday Hills, 8-Mill Farm, 9-Nishiyama Stud, 10-Okuyama Farm, 11-North Hills Co., Ltd., 12-Northern Farm, 13-Tsuji Bokujo, 14-Sir Nicholas & Lady Nugent, 15-Springhouse Farm, 16-Northern Racing, 17-Shadai Farm.



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