



VALUE SIRES FOR 2023 - PART II: FIRST FOALS DUE



Silver State | Breeders' Cup Eclipse Sportswire

by Chris McGrath

The group we consider today for now retains a convenient gloss, still in the happy position of offering "all talk, no action." But they will actually have got as far as delivering their first flesh-and-bone foals into the straw by the time they start receiving their second book of mares. And many of the people who exploited their novelty value last year will automatically have moved on to the next intake of rookies, rather than expose themselves to the peril that the market won't like a debut crop. Foals conceived by these stallions in 2023 will go to yearling sales at a time when their first juveniles have begun to dip a toe into the racetrack water, and the "wait-and-see" bubble in a stallion's career nowadays comes earlier than ever.

We know that far too many foals are brought into the world to do no more than stand gleaming on a dais for two minutes. Farms have duly had to devise all manner of incentive schemes to keep their young guns in the game long enough to show what their maturing stock can actually do on a racetrack. Whether through loyalty incentives or the support of a home herd, then, the biggest debut books of 2022 will typically be followed by the biggest second books of 2023.

Independence Hall, Rock Your World, Charlatan and Yaupon respectively covered 202, 219, 222 and a staggering 242 mares this spring, Yaupon busier than any sire in the land bar Gun Runner himself. *Cont. p3*

"WE'RE BACK IN THE COURTS": FINLEY ON WHAT'S NEXT FOR HISA by Dan Ross

With Congress passing a short-term bill to fund the government for a matter of days, efforts to include in the full-year omnibus spending bill a legislative fix to the constitutional problems dogging the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA) is coming down to the crunch, Friday of next week the deadline to pass such a bill before the make-up of Congress changes shape next year.

So, where does this all leave HISA? The answer resembles a puzzle box shaken onto the floor, with HISA offering limited direction as to how all the pieces fit together.

On Monday, after the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) announced that it had disapproved "without prejudice" the program's anti-doping and medication control (ADMC) rules, HISA CEO Lisa Lazarus--someone who has consistently and admirably fielded public queries--provided some useful insights during an impromptu press conference, especially when it comes to money matters. *Cont. p7*

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2022 in photos: August 27. Joel Rosario gives Epicenter a pat after winning the GI Runhappy Travers S. at Saratoga. | Sarah Andrew

THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Bill Finley questions the NYSGC's decision to suspend clocker Richie Gazer in The Week in Review, while admitting the American Graded Stakes Committee got its downgrades right.

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Value Sires for 2023-Part II (cont. from p1)

Everyone who used these stallions will understand that there will be no shortage of competition in the 2023 weanling and 2024 yearling catalogues. But they will be comforted that Mendelssohn and Justify, launched with 252 mares apiece in 2019, both obliged with the necessary commercial performance when their first yearlings reached the ring.

The fact is that ringside investors tend to do much as they are told, in the sense that yearling averages for new sires tend to mirror the sequence of their fees pretty slavishly. When you have such huge samples, admittedly, those averages will inevitably embrace a wide spectrum of triumph and disaster. But that's simply the nature of horse business. I reckon that if you're in for a cent, you might as well stay in for a dollar. If you bred to a new stallion last year because you actually believe in his inherent merit, and not just in the robotic reliability of new sires at the sales ring... then stick with the program!

On which basis, there are limited grounds for altering the medals we awarded to freshmen last year. Certainly you know to back away with a polite smile if ever somebody starts bragging about covering sire averages, which are almost wholly incidental to the quality of those mares randomly offered for sale. Fees, too, almost invariably remain stable at this point. But there is one new factor in play, and that's the traction or otherwise implied by opening books. And that has caused some revision in our pecking order.



Charlatan | Benoit

Bubbling Under

Honestly, the horse to stop, once those babies start sending purse money into the freshman's table, probably has to be **CHARLATAN**. A handsome and brilliant animal with a great shape to his pedigree, he will have matched all that quantity with plenty of quality in his first book--and that is just what you want to hear at \$50,000. But we'll try to find him some competition at somewhat lesser cost.

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While the size of Yaupon's first book will doubtless divide opinion, you have to respect what the sheer demand says about him, not least as a physical specimen. But if you have to settle for a cheaper son of Uncle Mo, how about one whose debut book of 142 also promises perfectly healthy racetrack opportunity? Because MODERNIST channels a lot of pedigree for \$10,000 at Darby Dan. Anything out of a Bernardini mare gives you hope: a Bernardini half-sister to Breeders' Cup winners Sweet Catomine (Storm Cat) and Life Is Sweet (Strom Cat) might give you something nearer confidence. Modernist was obviously a tier below the best of his generation but showed enough to suggest these genes had due functionality, and he has a physique of real charisma.

At the same fee, **KNOWN AGENDA** was made pick of this intake last year and I do retain every faith in his eligibility. Hopefully others will do the same, because he does require a little imagination: he showed his true caliber only fairly briefly, when transformed by blinkers coming into the GI Florida Derby; and he also has an unfamiliar European family to contend with, though in its detail this should actually be viewed as a major asset by any who actually want to breed a runner.

Known Agenda did muster 166 mares at Spendthrift, albeit that is hardly exceptional at a farm with a portcullis that descends quite slowly! I remain confident that he will produce plenty of winners from what should, in a sane world, be considered lavish numbers. Pending the commercial cycles he must negotiate in the meantime, however, for now he narrowly yields his place on the podium after a couple of rivals, based at farms known for their relative restraint, rather surprisingly shadowed or even exceeded his opening book.

Beau Liam | Conglianese

BRONZE:

BEAU LIAM (Liam's Map--Belle of Perintown by Dehere) \$6,000 Airdrie

By the standards of his farm, which prizes old-school virtues, this guy looked a candid commercial play: a bright but brief meteor across the speed-figures firmament. And, lo, they have been knocked over in the rush! So much so, that he was permitted as many as 162 mares, an extravagance that made him the busiest gentleman on their roster.

And, to be fair, at this kind of price he's a bet to virtually nothing for breeders who have seen Maclean's Music build so impressively on a foundation as narrow as a single, clock-melting start. Beau Liam, in comparison, was a grizzled veteran! He twice corroborated his blazing speed after becoming the fastest 6f maiden winner (by seven and a half lengths) recorded at no less a venue than Churchill Downs, by then posting Beyers of 106 and 107 in sprints at Saratoga.

He was then turned over at odds-on for his graded stakes debut and disappeared for good, but there's obviously going to be a sequel judged from the way breeders responded to the rest of the package-which is actually backed up by a highly plausible pedigree.

His dam is an eight-length GII Silverbulletday S. winner by Dehere, who has somewhat emulated his own sire's distaff influence (notably as damsire of City Of Light); and she has additionally produced three stakes and/or graded stakes performers and/or producers. And her own granddam was Grade I winner/Kentucky Oaks runner-up Jeanne Jones (Nijinsky), a half-sister to Avenue Of Flags (Seattle Slew).



With those genes and now those numbers behind him-not just the speed figures, but a book absolutely bursting at the seams-Beau Liam could well have an impact on the freshman table way above his opening fee. Those who get involved now, then, may very well find themselves ahead of the game.

SILVER:

TACITUS (Tapit--Close Hatches by First Defence) \$10,000 TaylorMade

Good things afoot at this farm, with Not This Time leading the way but a well-bred newcomer joining the roster in Idol plus two of the most promising of the previous intake in Knicks Go and Tacitus.

Knicks Go was obviously the more accomplished racehorse of that pair but while a very realistic fee made full allowance for his less glamorous pedigree, it was the royally-bred Tacitus who proved in greater demand when pitched at no less tempting a level. Tacitus covered no fewer than 188 mares, 37 more than Knicks Go, making it clear that breeders were willing to set aside the contrasting curves in their respective racetrack careers.

Tacitus actually won only one of his final dozen starts, when outclassing overmatched rivals in the GII Suburban S., but that did scant justice to the raw ability that had launched him into the GI Kentucky Derby via the GII Tampa Bay Derby (stakes record) and GII Wood Memorial. He had a wide trip in both Triple Crown starts, third (promoted) at Churchill and second at Belmont, but it's not as though he accumulated only excuses thereafter-as a final bank of nearly \$3.8 million will attest.

But the key is that his palpable eligibility for the best company, regardless of occasional flaws in execution, was founded in one of the best pedigrees in the book. Curated through its last three generations by Juddmonte, who sent champion Close Hatches to Tapit for her first cover, it traces to the matriarch Best In Show (Traffic Judge) as fifth dam.



Tacitus | Sarah Andrew

An adjacent branch has produced recent Irish Classic winner Siskin, who shares a sire with Close Hatches and is now at stud in Japan. That fortifies the depth we like to see in the third and fourth generations, here saturated with celebrated mares whose genetic potency is corroborated beyond this particular pedigree.

Breeders were invited to roll the dice at this fee and their response gives Tacitus every chance of demonstrating his competence as a conduit for these priceless genes. Grade I ability, Grade I pedigree, at barely a Grade III price.

GOLD:

SILVER STATE (Hard Spun--Supreme by Empire Maker) *\$20,000 Claiborne*

Woah, what's going on here? A rookie stallion entertaining 171 mares at Claiborne?

We trust that this startling number doesn't mean that the commercial tide is beginning to encroach even this farm, whose clients have long been blessed by that precarious blend: a fair opening fee, without swamping the marketplace. It's always good to have a spectrum of different models to help breeders make their decisions. At the same time, we all trade in a tough environment and everyone must be indulged a degree of pragmatism. After all, we have just elevated a similar outlier, Beau Liam, to this podium for another farm known for its restraint.

Regardless, the one thing we can safely take from this debut--by way of comparison, the previous year War Of Will had been as heavily subscribed as any Claiborne newcomer with a full book of 143--is that there must have been pretty ferocious demand for Silver State. Nor is his book just about quantity.



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And it's not hard to see why this should be. Silver State matured into a very good racehorse, crowning a six-race streak with success in that luminous stallion signpost, the GI Met Mile, but is entitled to do better yet in his second career. That's because his pedigree combines Darby Dan royalty top and bottom, tied together by Roberto as sire of Hard Spun's third dam, a half-sister to Little Current; and also of Silver State's fourth dam, who was out of a half-sister to the dam of Dynaformer. Closer up, Silver State's graded stakes-placed dam is out of a sister to Monarchos.

So there's a ton of wholesome seeding behind this horse, quite apart from his outstanding appeal as a short cut to the attenuating influence of Danzig, who of course stood here himself. Hard Spun, a nugget of value in his own right, is the youngest custodian of his sire's legacy in North America, the line having meanwhile become a breed-changing power in Europe and indeed Australia.

All the Classic branding in Silver State's pedigree, moreover, boiled down into plenty of commercial speed--this is the author of five triple-digit Beyers, remember, who launched his big spree with a seven-length romp in a sprint--and he is a thing of beauty. As a \$450,000 yearling, he was the fourth most expensive Hard Spun of his crop but has since matured into his big frame as a real prince. He's 16.3 but so buoyant and smooth that you would barely know it.

The silver medal was too obvious a magnet for a horse bearing this name last year, but under the circumstances, it feels imperative to move him up a step. If his first book has a surprisingly modern size, the horse himself is a throwback--from his pedigree, to that invincible sequence wrought from resilience as well as class--and he feels a beautiful fit at his grandsire's home farm.

Here, in short, is a silver mine where breeders can strike gold.

The Value Podium: First Foals Due

Gold: SILVER STATE \$20,000 Claiborne

Old-school merit has caused a stampede at his grandsire's farm

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Finley on What is Next for HISA (cont. from p1)

Since then, however, HISA has been a closed shop.

"The HISA legal team is exploring all possible legal paths forward. Once we determine the best path to protect the integrity and safety of Thoroughbred racing and its participants we will share those plans," wrote HISA spokesperson, Mandy Minger, after multiple attempts for comment on a series of questions.

And so, the *TDN* turned once again to constitutional law expert, Lucinda Finley, for her thoughts on the various winding roads leading away from the Act's current crossroads. There are three important cases to note:

One is the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, which found in November that the law as written doesn't afford the FTC enough authority in the rule-making process. If HISA fails to get a stay on the ruling, the decision will go into effect Jan. 10.



Lucinda Finley | *University of Buffalo photo*

The second is a ruling pending in the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals concerning similar constitutional questions to the Fifth Circuit. It is currently unclear when that ruling will land.

The third is a case in the U.S. District Court of Texas--Northern District, Amarillo Division--which raises several constitutional problems with the law, other than FTC rule-making input.

There is also a fourth HISA-related lawsuit initiated by the states of Louisiana and West Virginia, plus the Jockeys' Guild, but there has been no filing activity in that case since Sept. 7.

Is there a key takeaway from the current state of affairs?

Even if Congress does pass language in the omnibus spending bill fixing the problems raised by the Fifth Circuit--in other words, to cede the FTC greater rule-making authority--don't expect the legal fireworks to simmer down, warned Finley.

"We're back in the courts," Finley said, pinpointing the case before the Amarillo Federal Court as a potentially nasty looking legal blackthorn for HISA.

No Legislative Fix

Let's begin with the scenario that lawmakers fail to insert language to amend HISA into the year-end omnibus spending hill

Should that happen, a future legislative fix would be unlikely for months, if not a year, due to a looming political environmental where Congress is unlikely to tackle legislation other than what "it absolutely has to act on," warned Finley.

"What's likely to happen come January when the new Congress is sworn in, the House is going to suddenly be consumed with all these investigations," said Finley, about the future Republican-led Congress' promise to pursue investigations into Hunter Biden and others. "I don't expect that there will be much in the way of any legislative activity on anything in the first many months."

With the FTC disapproving HISA's ADMC rules, the current status-quo will remain in effect come Jan. 1--a hybrid world of HISA racetrack safety rules applied alongside individual state medication regulations.

If HISA is unable to get a stay on the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals ruling, the decision will go into effect Jan. 10.

The question then is: How applicable is the ruling? National? Or just in the states that fall under the Fifth Circuit's jurisdiction, namely Louisiana, Texas and Mississippi.

"HISA is not commenting on legal hypotheticals or speculating on how the ruling might be applied," wrote Minger, when pressed to provide a clear answer.

According to Finley, the Fifth Circuit ruling applies only in those three states. However, she believes it would be "extremely prudent" for HISA to suspend the racetrack safety rules if indeed a stay is not found on the Fifth Circuit ruling, due to the likelihood of litigation by any sanctioned parties.

"As a practical matter," said Finley, "it does tie their hands everywhere."

Failure to gain a legislative fix in the near-term would also place emphasis on the Sixth Circuit's pending ruling.

Should the three-person panel of Sixth Circuit judges rule consistently with the Fifth Circuit, then it is unlikely the Supreme Court would take up the case, given the harmony in Circuit Court decisions.

In other words, there would be no judicial dispute for the Supreme Court to resolve.

A Sixth Circuit ruling favorable to HISA--and in opposition to the Fifth Circuit ruling--would make it more likely the Supreme Court would hear the case, however.

If petitions for a writ of certiorari are filed in both cases--these are the legal devices with which to seek U.S. Supreme Court review of a case--then that court could grant certiorari in one or both.

As for a possible timeframe, if petitions are filed in the spring of 2023 and the Supreme Court decides to review the case, then a final decision might not come until June of 2024.

A Successful Legislative Fix

But let's run with the scenario that next week, lawmakers indeed insert language into the year-end spending bill that affords the FTC greater law-making authority. What then?

First off, HISA could resubmit the ADMC rules with the FTC. It would then take approximately 60 days for these rules to go into effect, "assuming that the FTC was going to approve them substantively," Lazarus explained, last Monday.

Secondly, it would essentially render the current cases before the Fifth and Sixth Circuits legally moot in a practical sense, and would make the possibility of the Supreme Court taking them up altogether highly unlikely.

Which brings us to the case before the Amarillo Federal Court. That case raises several additional constitutional arguments that the Fifth and Sixth Circuits did not rule on, including HISA's investigative, subpoena and punishment power as a private body, and the way in which individuals on the HISA board are appointed, said Finley.

"It argues that the whole structure is a delegation of not only too much executive authority, but can amount to a delegation of legislative and judicial authority as well," Finley explained.

What's more, the district court judge in question, Matthew Kacsmaryk, is one of the "most extreme right-wing" of President Trump's appointed judges.

This leads to an important legal wrinkle in this case with potentially huge implications for HISA.

If judge Kacsmaryk agrees that HISA indeed delegates too much power to a private entity, the plaintiffs in the case are seeking an injunction to suspend enforcement of the law, said Finley.

Would such an injunction apply nationwide or just in Texas? "You've actually asked what is one of the most raging controversies in U.S. law," Finley replied. "It used to be extremely rare for a district court federal judge to enjoin the enforcement of a statute or regulatory scheme throughout the whole country," she said. "They would traditionally just issue an injunction that pertained to the parties in the case."

Come President Obama's tenure, however, "Republican state attorneys general started suing to stop various programs that the Obama administration wanted to implement. They went to what they thought were favorable district courts, and they started asking them to issue a nationwide injunction saying, 'Look judge, if the statute is unconstitutional or the rules are in violation of federal law, well, we shouldn't allow them to go into effect anywhere,'" explained Finley.

"And judges started buying this argument," Finley added, explaining that during the Biden administration, Republican attorneys general have attempted to introduce in U.S. district courts nationwide injunctions on cases related to vaccine mandates and immigration rules.

"Groups that want to challenge whatever federal statute or regulatory scheme know what judges they can get their case before to maximize their chances of getting the statute declared unconstitutional, and with a nationwide injunction," said Finley. "This judge in Amarillo is one of them."

It appears likely the case currently before the Amarillo Federal Court will end up before the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals--and then, potentially, the Supreme Court.

"You could get a very different panel," Finley responded, when asked which way the Fifth Circuit would rule in that case. "But looming over any subsequent appeal to the Fifth Circuit is the fact that it already found a significant part of the [HISA] statute to be unconstitutional."

The Horizon?

Finley suspects that if HISA's proponents remain firmly resolved to the pursuit of uniformity through a federal body, ongoing legal challenges to HISA might ultimately lead to an end point even more unpalatable to the law's critics--a governmental commission insulated from industry wants and concerns.

"This goes back to my initial point," said Finley. "Be careful what you wish for."

As an example, Finley pointed to the relationship between the governmental Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and the private Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), together providing a watchdog over the nation's financial institutions.

While FINRA provides the SEC with input in the rule-making process, the SEC wields tremendous independent authority with its own enforcement and investigatory staff of government lawyers, Finley explained.

"The more these legal challenges to the HISA statute on the grounds that it delegates too much rulemaking or investigation and enforcement authority to a private body," said Finley, "it means that the proponents of uniform national regulation are left with the option of creating a government agency to do that uniform regulation and enforcement."

Critics of HISA, however, are keen that never happens.
The National Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective
Association (HBPA) issued an open letter to the industry
Thursday, taking aim at HISA and the private Authority for "too
many flaws, missteps and costs that could have been averted
with true inclusion and transparency in its development."

The HBPA urged industry stakeholders to build its own set of uniform rules, independent of HISA.

"That includes the National HBPA, America's largest organization representing Thoroughbred owners and trainers; the Association of Racing Commissioners International [ARCI], whose years of hard work on model rules should be the starting point rather than largely ignored; the racetrack veterinarians, and the Jockeys' Guild," the letter states.

Those in agreement are urged to sign onto the open letter here.

Kentucky lawmaker, Damon Thayer, is looking to resuscitate a bill passed into law by the state legislature in 2011. "It allows Kentucky to participate in an interstate compact, where a group of states can work together on laws pertaining to horseracing," said Thayer.

The 2011 Kentucky bill allows member states "to act jointly and cooperatively to create more uniform, effective, and efficient practices, programs, rules, and regulations relating to live pari-mutuel horse or greyhound racing and to pari-mutuel wagering activities, both on-track and off-track, that occur in or affect a member state."

To join on, each individual state would have to pass a similar interstate compact law.

"We could just take a handful of states to start off," Thayer said, pointing to the major racing jurisdictions of Kentucky, California, New York and Florida.

"If we could get the ARCI or the National HBPA to take the lead on this, we could get something going," he added. "I don't just want to be a critic of HISA. I want to be a critic of HISA who's offering another alternative."

How would this venture differ from previously failed attempts at full nationwide uniformity, like the National Uniform Medication Program (NUMP)?

"That would be a good place to start," Thayer replied, about the NUMP rules as a baseline for the compact's medication program. "But I think now that we've seen the other option, which is of federal legislation--now that it's here, they might be motivated to try something different that's led by the states."

At the end of the day, warned Finley, the longer the industry continues without uniformity, the more susceptible it grows to attacks from outside groups on its ethical integrity.

As Finley says, "it's about convincing the public that there are national regulations with their focus on equine and human safety and welfare, and that there is serious meaningful enforcement of those rules at a national level with real investigatory power behind it."

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SUSPENSION OF NYRA CLOCKER A

DISGRACE The Week in Review, by Bill Finley

The New York Gaming Commission has made so many bad decisions of late that it would be laughable if not for the fact they keep going after good people who have done nothing wrong.

The latest chapter is the story of NYRA clocker Richie Gazer. Back in May, Gazer was handed a 30-day suspension and fined \$2,500 "for altering a published work of a horse to make the horse eligible to race." The horse in question, Papi On Ice (Keen Ice) was originally credited for a five-furlong workout on May 1 in the time of 1:04.60. At the time, the horse was on NYRA's "poor performance" list, the result of his having been eased in a Mar. 19 race and then losing by 26 3/4 lengths in a Apr. 16 race. In order to get off the list and to be able to race again, he needed a published four-furlong workout in:53 or faster. Oddly, the rule, which is a NYRA rule, requires that the work must be at four furlongs and at no other distance. When made aware that the work had to be a half-mile in order for the horse to get off the list, Gazer changed the distance to four furlongs and the time to what was Papi On Ice's split for a half-mile, :51.33. The Gaming Commission then stepped in and cited a rule that prohibits "improper, corrupt or fraudulent acts or practices in relation to racing or conspiring or assisting others in such acts or practices," pretty harsh language for a case where all the clocker did was shorten the distance of a workout by an eighth of a mile.

Gazer refused to roll over, hired a lawyer and filed an appeal. A seven-hour hearing was held and the hearing officer recommended that the case be thrown out and that Gazer should not be penalized. It appeared that Gazer had won. But the case took a 180-degree turn last week when the Gaming Commission rejected the hearing officer's recommendation and voted 6-0 to uphold the original suspension. Karen Murphy, the lawyer representing Gazer, told the *TDN* that in the 30 years she has been dealing with New York racing regulators never before had she had a commission reject a decision from a hearing officer. Why even use a hearing officer if you are going to ignore what they have to say?

This all comes down to a matter of common sense. Gazer used his when he approved changing the distance of the workout, which was necessary to allow the horse to race and, otherwise, affected nothing. The rule is in place to keep clockers from playing games, giving a horse a five-furlong workout in 1:03 when they actually went in :58. That's not what happened here.

But common sense is in short supply when it comes to the Gaming Commission. Perhaps by the very letter of the rule, Gazer was guilty of some sort of infraction.

The best way to handle this would have been to issue a warning and to tell him not to do it again. Use common sense. Don't fine him, suspend him and try to sully his reputation with outlandish charges of corruption and fraud. Don't go to such great lengths that the commission, by a 6-0 vote, ignored the findings of a hearing officer.

"Everybody is horrified," Murphy said. "Richard Gazer has been doing this for 40 years and is respected by everyone. You should be pinning a medal on someone like him, not telling the world he is fraudster."

It's all part of a troubling pattern. Since April, the Gaming Commission and its steward, Braulio Baeza Jr., have sanctioned four NYRA employees a total of five times and levied fines totaling \$14,500. In most cases, it was nothing more than a case of the person making an honest mistake.

In June, Frank Gabriel, the New York Racing Association senior vice president of racing operations, was fined \$4,000 for "failing to follow proper claiming protocol" resulting in the track stewards voiding the claim of the horse **Battalion** (Tiznow) on May 28. There was a mixup regarding the claim of the horse. The horse was claimed for \$25,000 by trainer Rob Atras, but the claim was not relayed to the clerk of scales, so the horse was not brought to the test barn. That led to the voiding of the claim.

Someone made a mistake. It happens. And never mind that Gabriel had nothing to do with this. Nonetheless, Baeza saw reason to sanction him because, he told the *Daily Racing Form*, Gabriel was the head of the racing department.

NYRA Racing Secretary Keith Doleshel has been fined twice since April, on one occasion \$2,000 for "failing to conduct business in a professional manner." According to NYRA, here's what happened: "Due to an unintentional administrative error, an unauthorized agent claimed a horse. . . . NYRA subsequently discovered the error and notified the NYSGC of its findings." A horse was claimed at Saratoga by someone who was not licensed by the Gaming Commission or registered with the Jockey Club. But, again, it was an "unintentional error" committed by someone who has never previously been accused of being unprofessional and the mistake was caught. Doleshel has appealed the ruling through his attorney, Drew Mollica.

As for Gazer, there doesn't appear to be a path whereby the fine and suspension can now be overturned. Murphy says she plans to make the point that the Gaming Commission didn't follow procedure when it comes to transparency. The commissioners did not debate or discuss the details of the case during the open, public meeting, which she says is required.

"The chairman knows nothing about racing and shouldn't have done what he did," she said of Gaming Commission Chairman Brian O'Dwyer. "We all should be upset about this on legal grounds."

But that's probably not going to help Gazer. He will have to pay his fine and sit out 30 days, the latest example of an overreach by the New York Gaming Commission and its steward. Someone who has been doing this a long time and has earned a reputation for being a straight shooter, Gazer deserved far better.



Mind Control | Sarah Andrew

The Woodward and Cigar Mile Downgraded

The American Graded Stakes Committee showed some tough love to NYRA last week, downgrading the Woodward S. and the Cigar Mile H., from Grade I races to Grade II's. The move wasn't without controversy. The Woodward is a prestigious race with a long, rich history. Twenty of its winners are in the Hall of Fame. During a seven-year stretch beginning in 1974, the race was won by Forego (four straight), Seattle Slew, Affirmed and Spectacular Bid. This year's Cigar Mile included four Grade I winners, including the winner Mind Control (Stay Thirsty), which made the timing of the downgrade a bit puzzling.

As tough as this may have been for NYRA to swallow, it was the right move. Everyone complains that, considering the declining number in the foal crop and that top horses usually only race four or five times a year, there are too many graded races and too many Grade I's. You can't have it both ways and complain about the Woodward and the Cigar. The committee is to be commended for making some tough decisions. There are still 440 graded races and 97 Grade I's. That's too many.

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RACING IN EYE OF IMMIGRATION REFORM **IN WASHINGTON** by Dan Ross

With potentially huge implications for horse racing, lawmakers are seeking an amendment to the Immigration and Nationality Act that would streamline the visa process and afford undocumented agricultural workers, including those in equine industries, a pathway to earn legal status.

"This is the most significant immigration reform since the Bill Clinton amnesty in 2001," said Will Velie, an immigration attorney with many clients in the racing industry, about the Affordable and Secure Food Act, introduced Thursday by Senator Michael Bennet, D-Colo.

"The fact that more than a million people will be able to become legal that have been here contributing to the economy for years and years is a very significant step forward in helping the people that are vital to the economy and get a place at the table," Velie said, adding that the bill would help "tens of thousands" of workers across the nation's backstretches and horse farms.

Traditionally, equine workers have not been categorized as agricultural employees. But the Affordable and Secure Food Act includes workers "performing activities related to equines, including the breeding, grooming, training, care, feeding, management, competition, and racing of equines."

Key provisions of the bill include:

A pathway to a green card after 10 years of work for farm and equine workers in the program.

Reforms to the H-2A Temporary Agricultural Worker program by providing H-2A visas for year-round jobs for the first time, along with modernization of the application process.

The phasing in of a mandatory nationwide electronic verification system--otherwise known as E-Verify--for all agricultural workers.

"The shortage of skilled farm labor has dramatically increased the cost of food, squeezing family budgets and forcing them to make impossible choices between food, groceries, medicine, and housing," wrote Bennet, in a recent press release.

"This plan is broadly supported by farmers, by labor, by immigration advocates, and business. There is no reason that we shouldn't get this done. If Congress can't get this done, it would not only be a massive missed opportunity, but a dereliction of our duty to the American people, to the rural economy in this country, and to agriculture," Bennett added.

Lawmakers hope to tag the amendment to the full year-end omnibus spending bill, voting on which will begin Monday. The current Congress has until Friday to pass a full omnibus spending bill to fund the government into the future.

A temporary spending bill was passed Friday to fund the government until Dec. 23.

"Industry stakeholders should reach out to their senators and their congressional representatives and let them know how important this is to the stability of the industry and the well-being of their businesses," said Velie. "It's also the right thing to do for people that work hard to feed the United States."

There have been many stalled attempts at immigration reform over the years, with horse racing often on the margins of these conversations. According to Velie, the pandemic has "changed the conversation in Washington" about undocumented farm workers, said Velie.

"We've come to realize that the people out there who work hard every day to make sure that Americans are fed should be recognized as essential and given the recognition and respect of legal status," he said.

Supporters of the bill include influential agricultural organizations like the International Fresh Produce Association, AmericanHort, Western Growers, National Potato Council, U.S. Apple Association, United Farm Workers, Rocky Mountain Farmers Union and Voces Unidas de las Montanas.

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DEBERNARDIS JOINS CHINA HORSE CLUB

Christie DeBernardis has been appointed regional manager of the United States and wider Americas and as senior media manager of the China Horse Club. An Eclipse Award-winning journalist, DeBernardis spent 10 years as editor at Thoroughbred Daily News.

"Christie's appointment comes at a time when the China Horse Club's involvement in the United States, in particular, is maturing. The fruits of our efforts over many years are just starting to be seen," said Teo Ah Khing, China Horse Club's Chairman. "The management of this arm of the Club is understandably central to our long-term plans and Christie brings with her a great understanding of this region as well as credibility, professionalism and intent."

DeBernardis will be responsible for the management of China Horse Club's USA racing and breeding portfolio, including selecting new stock, working with trainers on race plans, matings and stock assessment. She will also be tasked with maintaining and growing relationships with the organization's members, partners and vendors, not only in North America, but also in Latin America and the Caribbean.

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ONE-OF-A-KIND MARYLAND HORSE LIBRARY AND EDUCATION CENTER OFFICIALLY OPEN

TO PUBLIC by Sara Gordon

Located in the heart of historic Reisterstown, Md., just down the road from Sagamore Farm, Hall of Fame steeplechase trainer Jack Fisher's Kingfisher Farm, and GreenMount Farm, the birthplace of 2021 Horse of the Year Knicks Go (Paynter), sits the newly opened Maryland Horse Library and Education Center.

The one-of-a-kind facility, honoring the robust history of horses in Maryland and serving as a hub for educating the next generation, is housed in the Maryland Horse Breeders Association (MHBA)'s building. The stately brick structure with large, white columns, was originally built in 1876 as the Grace Methodist Church South, and later housed Reisterstown Federal Savings and Loan, Shaw's Antiques, various realty groups and another Living Faith Chapel,

before it was purchased by the MHBA in April of 2020.

It was only fitting that a building with such a storied past would add a new chapter to its legacy as the permanent home of the Maryland Horse Library and Education Center, representing a collective vision and years-long culmination of work by the Maryland Horse Foundation (MHF), the MHBA's staff, boards and committees, and Cricket Goodall, executive director of the MHBA and Maryland Million Ltd.

"We had several different

opportunities over the years that didn't work out and I thought, maybe it's just not going to work out, maybe I'm not going to get this done," said Goodall, who has worked for the MHBA since 1986 and has served as executive director since 2003. "It was certainly a long-term goal of mine, but really it was sort of fate, I guess, that the right spot came along, and that we had the right board of directors that were willing to take the next step to commit and own something. Even the timeframe, [dealing] with COVID, low interest rates and a whole bunch of other things that we couldn't have ever planned for, it all came together at the right time."

Walking up onto the porch and through the double set of doors, visitors will find themselves stepping into a facility entirely dedicated to Maryland's diverse and expansive horse industry, featuring a 5,000-book reference library covering a wide range of history, breeds, disciplines, genres and collections.

The building also boasts a soundproof media room, research room, conference room/meeting area, a children's activity area and a section that's home to a variety of memorabilia. The center is a dream turned reality for both the MHBA, whose offices have also found a permanent home in the building, and the MHF, which promotes and oversees a variety of equine industry educational programs as well as operates the library and education center.

Though finding an ideal location to display and share the extensive collection of literature, which has only grown throughout the history of the MHBA, was a main priority, the emphasis on education and creating an inviting place to foster learning, collaboration and future growth was inspired by meetings between Goodall and Jordyn Egan, the former director of development for the MHF.

Egan was an integral part of bringing the right people together to help put the vision for the center to paper, in the form of

renderings and plans, along with spearheading the collaboration and support necessary to launch and carry out the capital campaign for the project.

"We put together the narrative of what we really believed it would be and the purpose it would serve for the community, and once we took that message and that vision out, it exploded. We thought this would be a much larger process as far as the capital campaign, but our original goal



Maryland Horse Library and Education Center | Sara Gordon

was surpassed in under a year and it just kept going," said Egan, now the executive director of the Thoroughbred Owners of California (TOC).

Once the initial goal was reached, the plans could be put into action, as renovations began to gut the majority of what existed in the front section of the building and rebuild to fit the vision of the center. A few initial plans changed as more walls and a drop ceiling were stripped away, with quite a few adjustments and tweaks made to preserve the original barrel ceiling of the church, revealed during the demolition process. A cozy reading loft and a spiral staircase to access it, above the media and research rooms, was also added in.

The \$1-million capital campaign launched in March of 2021 and by that June, the goal had already been reached, which prompted the team to extend the campaign in an effort to raise \$2 million. Currently, they've raised just over \$1.7 million.

"Not only did we raise enough money to do the project, but we were able to have some money to endow the project in the future and make sure that the programming happens."

Goodall extends a lot of credit to Josh Pons, president of the MHF, along with Richard Blue, Jr. and Dr. Michael Harrison, who led the process of reaching out to potential donors and bringing in donations for the capital campaign.

"It feels like we've won some great prize that we can then build on, I think that's one of the biggest things. We packaged this idea of Cricket's vision for what this building could be and people were creative enough and had familiarity with other museums and other libraries that they could say, 'We should have something like that,'" said Pons. "It's difficult to argue with the merits of not just the library, but also the education center component."

The library aspect of the project was a beast of its own, as the MHBA and later the MHF had developed an extensive collection of literature over many, many decades, which came along for the ride as the MHBA moved office locations throughout its history before eventually, the books were sent out to be housed in storage units. Another dream realized was that of finally having a fully-fledged library, where the books could be organized, shelved and shared.



Memorabilia at MHLEC | Sara Gordon

But before all of that could come to fruition, the collection had to be pulled out of storage, sorted by hand and eventually catalogued. The MHBA's research specialist Cindy Deubler, along with Wesley Wilson, who retired in January after more than 50 years with Enoch Pratt Free Library in downtown Baltimore, and a small but mighty group of volunteers handled the daunting task.

"We tried to come up with an idea of how to organize it, because there are many ways with libraries, but it's so specialized that it was very challenging to break it apart and define it more for some of the collections. I contacted Becky Ryder at Keeneland Library and she was super helpful to give me some basics on what they did, what system they used and how they were displaying them on shelves. We used the Library of Congress method, which is what Keeneland uses, and we're putting the catalog online, on the cloud, at libraryworld.com," said Deubler.



Silks adorn outside of MHLEC | Sara Gordon

The bulk of the library was pulled out of storage in April, with the organizing process beginning at the end of that month and continuing until late September. After flooring was installed and the shelving units were all put up in the library, the final collection of books was moved into the building while the rest, another 5,000, returned to storage.

"The material is everything. It's all disciplines, so many different breeds, from veterinary care and stable management, really any kind of horse book you can think of. We have a decent fiction section and a lot of our Dick Francis books are first editions signed by Dick Francis," said Deubler. "We're just trying to keep it diverse and we'll try to keep it fresh."

The library collection is also highlighted by many rare, unique finds, thanks to donations through the years including: the Selima Room collection from the Prince George's County Library System's Bowie branch; at least a dozen copies of The History of Thoroughbred Racing in America, by William H.P. Robertson; and complete sets of The Jockey Club Racing In America series (which covers racing history from the 1600s to the 1970s).

"Most research materials are online, so you don't see many volumes of that coming in anymore. But one thing we kept are old stallion registers, we have them going back to the '50s. I look at it as a researcher, a history writer, that it's nice to be able to get your hands on that. The *Daily Racing Form* chart books are very much that way," said Deubler. "We're not just Thoroughbred, but obviously the big focus of the library is that because of who our donors have been."

The dream has always been to create a central location where the horse industry across the state, and those looking to learn more and become a part of it, can come together and collaborate. Based on the turnout of the official grand opening of the library and education center, held Friday, Dec. 16, where the public, politicians, members of the horse industry and supportive donors came together to celebrate, there's no doubt that Goodall's dream has been realized.

She only hopes it will grow from there, as the center will not only host the MHF's various educational programs, but hopes to be the home base for a variety of other programs and events.

"It's an important look in the future, because when you're educating people, you're hoping and planning that they're going to be learning and carrying on the future of the horse industry," she said. "We hope to have everything from author talks to speaker series, along with hosting local community groups and seminars, because that's a lot of exposure for the industry."



Maryland Horse Library and Education Center | Sara Gordon

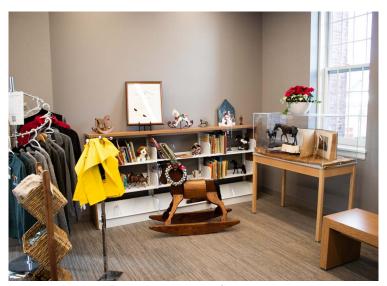
Other unique features include the outer wall of the building adorned with colorful racing silks, representing prominent Maryland connections in flat racing and steeplechase that donated to the project, along with the walls and doorways, both inside and out, which are graced with the names of supportive donors and treasured members of Maryland's horse industry, such as Robert E. Meyerhoff and Nancy Lee Frenkil.

Topped off with a beautiful, blue-sky mural that spans the ceiling, there is no space that more perfectly emulates the importance of preserving Maryland's horse history while also educating and inspiring the next generation.

"You drive by a horse farm and you can't always come in, but you drive by the Maryland Horse Library and Education Center and you can come in, talk to people and find out how to get involved. It's also bringing the horse community together because it's a central resource for all of the different disciplines.



This building signifies the togetherness of the Maryland horse industry as a whole, along with its health, importance and heritage. It is incredibly meaningful," said Egan.



Kids' corner at MHLEC | Sara Gordon

The Maryland Horse Library and Education Center is open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, visit www.marylandhorse.com.



NYRA'S UNDER 20'S CHALLENGE SPLIT INTO TWO DIVISIONS AT AQUEDUCT

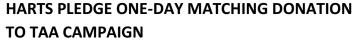
The Under 20's Challenge, which is open to New York Racing Association trainers with fewer than 20 horses, will be split into two divisions for the upcoming winter and spring meets at Agueduct. Division A will include trainers with 11-20 stalls and Division B will be limited to trainers with 1-10 stalls. The competition will begin Jan. 1 and will conclude with the end of the Spring meet Apr. 30

The top-six trainers in Division A will share a prize pool of \$60,000 with the winner receiving \$16,000. The top-five trainers in Division B will share a prize pool of \$50,000 with the winner also receiving \$16,000. Stall allotments for the 2023 Aqueduct winter/spring meets will be used to determine eligible trainers.

Trainers earn points based on their horses' performances in overnight races at Aqueduct. Stakes races will not count for the purpose of this contest.

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Dr. Pug and Susie Hart have pledged to match all donations up to \$1,000 to the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance Dec. 19 as part of the TAA's month-long Holiday Giving Campaign.

"We want to double donations today as a way of paying it forward to the horses who enrich our lives and to whom we owe our livelihood," said Susie Hart. "We want to continue in our efforts to promote aftercare and pay homage to all 81 accredited groups who play such a big role. As the umbrella and oversight organization of aftercare, we hope you consider making the TAA your charitable choice this year."

After serving five consecutive years, Hart is required to rotate off the TAA Board of Directors in 2023.

"Dr. Pug and Susie have been great advocates for the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance and Susie will be sorely missed on our Board of Directors," said TAA Funding & Events Manager, Emily Dresen. "People like Dr. Pug and Susie are what make our industry great, and to have them as supporters and mentors is a great asset to the TAA. Please join our friends in supporting the TAA Holiday Giving campaign today."



Click on a stallion's name to learn more about them on their page on the farm's website.

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.

To learn more and to donate to the TAA's Holiday Giving campaign, visit: ThoroughbredAftercare.org/HolidayCampaign.

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UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

Date	Race	<u>Track</u>
Dec. 26	GI Runhappy Malibu S.	Santa Anita
	GI La Brea S.	Santa Anita
	GI American Oaks	Santa Anita
	GII Mathis Mile S.	Santa Anita
	GII San Antonio S.	Santa Anita
	GII San Gabriel S.	Santa Anita
Dec. 31	GII Fort Lauderdale S.	Gulfstream
	GII Joe Hernandez S.	Santa Anita
	GIII Harlan's Holiday S.	Gulfstream
	GIII Mr. Prospector S.	Gulfstream
	GIII Sugar Swirl S.	Gulfstream
	GIII Suwannee River S.	Gulfstream
	GIII Las Flores S.	Santa Anita
	GIII Robert J. Frankel S.	Santa Anita

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NORTH AMERICAN RACING



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

REMINGTON SPRINGBOARD MILE S., \$400,000, Remington, 12-17, 2yo, 1m, 1:38.24, ft.

1--WILDATLANTICSTORM, 121, c, 2, by Stormy Atlantic

1st Dam: Imsortaspecial, by Big Brown

2nd Dam: B R's Girl, by Pulpit

3rd Dam: Bam Bam Bull, by Holy Bull

O/B-James Jorgensen (IA); T-H. Ray Ashford, Jr.; J-Leandro Goncalves. \$240,000. Lifetime Record: 6-4-2-0, \$366,568.

2--Giant Mischief, 121, c, 2, Into Mischief--Vertical Oak, by Giant Oak. (\$475,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP). **1ST BLACK TYPE.**O-Spendthrift Farm, Stonestreet Stables & Steve Landers; B-Stonestreet Thoroughbreds (KY); T-Brad Cox. \$80,000.

Paul Sharp Stables Training Graduate Bred and Raised by - STONESTREET

3--Echo Again, 121, c, 2, Gun Runner--Teardrop, by Tapit. 1ST BLACK TYPE. O/B-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen. \$44,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, 3, 6 1/4. Odds: 15.00, 0.80, 1.80.

Also Ran: Gunflash, Campfire Creed, Money Run, Lil Sweet Thang, Ghost Hero, American Outlaw.

A last-out winner of the local prep, the Clever Trevor S. Oct. 28, Wildatlanticstorm added to his ultra-consistent record with a win over heavily favored Giant Mischief Saturday night. A 15-1 longshot despite already having two wins over the surface, the son of Stormy Atlantic let Echo Again, the second wagering choice, set the pace while he settled just off the pace in third. Making his first start around two turns Wildatlanticstorm enjoyed a ground-saving trip under jockey Leandro Goncalves-aboard for the first time since the colt's July 8 debut--slipping through an opening past the quarter pole and easily putting away the leader. Giant Mischief, who completely missed the break, did well to cut into the gap close to home, but was too late as Wildatlanticstorm hit the wire a clear winner.

"I just sat between horses as we hit the backstretch," said Goncalves. "Coming up the rail, I knew we were loaded. The last 16th of a mile I was kind of scared because he looked at the lights, but I could feel I had more left."

No Kentucky Derby points were awarded to the winner because he entered the race on Lasix. Three points were awarded to Echo Again. According to winning trainer Ray Ashford, that was always the plan.

"We were going to see how he did in this race and if he showed he was good enough, we will have to take him off [Lasix] down the road in other Kentucky Derby point races."

The winner has a yearling half-brother, Specialsortastorm (Midnight Storm), and a weanling half-sister by Midnight Lute. His dam is due to Flat Out in 2023. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.



Wildatlanticstorm | Dustin Orona Photography/Remington Park

SHE'S ALL IN S., \$100,600, Remington, 12-17, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:43.17, ft.

1--FAMED, 116, f, 3, Uncle Mo--Delightful Quality (GSP, \$253,900), by Elusive Quality. 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.

'TDN Rising Star' O/B-Godolphin (KY); T-Brad H. Cox; J-Florent Geroux. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 9-4-2-2, \$310,133. *1/2 to Essential Quality (Tapit), Ch. 2-year-old Colt, Ch. 3-year-old Colt, MGISW, \$4,755,144.

NBS SUCCESS

- 2--Hailey's Melody, 121, f, 4, Can the Man--Miki's Melody, by Aptitude. (\$15,000 Ylg '19 FTKOCT). **1ST BLACK TYPE.**O/T-Joe S. Offolter; B-Susan M. Forrester (KY). \$20,000.
- 3--Cleopatras Charge, 120, f, 3, Will Take Charge--Cleopatra's Finest, by Smart Strike. O/B-Sam Henderson (KY); T-Scott E. Young. \$11,000.

Margins: 6 3/4, NK, HD. Odds: 0.60, 8.30, 22.20. Also Ran: Sunday Flashback, Family Time, Unburnt, Lavender

(Ire), Run Slewpy Run, Bossy Moment, Dicey.

Bet like a sure thing at 3-5, Famed, the half-sister to dual champion and new Darley stallion Essential Quality, ran to the money to collect her third win of the year and second in a row. Named a 'TDN Rising Star' in her second career start as a 2-year-old, the dark bay filly last took an optional-claiming race at Churchill Downs where she defeated GSW Hidden Connection (Connect).

Tucked inside while just off the pace in fourth, Famed tracked behind pacesetter Hailey's Melody through an opening half in :47.75 before making her move while three wide exiting the far turn. With plenty of run left for the stretch, she inhaled the leader inside the final furlong and drew off to the line for the convincing score.

"She was nice and relaxed [in fourth] down the backstretch and I knew it was just a matter of time before the speed came back to us," said winning jockey Florent Geroux. "She is super well-bred and is a very big, nice-looking filly. I'm very happy for her."

Out of a half-sister to champion 2-year-old filly Folklore (Tiznow), Famed has only one younger sibling--a weanling full-brother to Essential Quality. Her dam was bred back to leading sire Tapit for another full-sibling next season. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.



Famed | Dustin Orona Photography/Remington Park

TRAPEZE S., \$100,000, Remington, 12-17, 2yo, f, 1m, 1:40.14, ft. 1--OLIVIA TWIST, 119, f, 2, by Mshawish

1st Dam: Twinkling, by War Chant 2nd Dam: Unhurried, by Out of Place 3rd Dam: Laughing Erin, by Irish Castle

(\$20,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$230,000 2yo '22 OBSOPN).

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-G. Chris Coleman; B-Brushy Hill, LLC (KY); T-Todd W. Fincher; J-Cristian A. Torres. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$100,149. *1/2 to Skippylongstocking (Exaggerator), GSW & GISP, \$687,600; Moonlite Strike (Liam's Map), SW & GSP, \$172,735.

Bradley Thoroughbreds Purchase

2--**Demi**, 117, f, 2, Paynter--Devine Sucess, by Successful Appeal. (\$7,000 Ylg '21 KEEJAN). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Lester Ellenz;

Hip1536 - Half bro sells at KeeJan with Paramount Sales

Hughes Bloodstock Weanling Purchase

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B-Mike Abraham (KY); T-Clinton C. Stuart. \$20,000.3--Lucky

Deputy, 117, f, 2, Lookin At Lucky--Northern Deputy, by Deputy Commander. **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O/B-H. V. Farms, Ltd. (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen. \$11,000.

Margins: 2, HF, 2. Odds: 0.80, 38.20, 24.10.

Also Ran: Appropriated Funds, Bonnieview, Jokes On Blue, Faith Alone, Doudoudouwanadance.

Picked up for \$230,000 out of this year's OBS June Sale, Olivia Twist took her record to a perfect three-for-three with her first stakes victory Saturday night. A maiden winner at this track Oct. 19, she aired out with a gate-to-wire performance when last seen Nov. 21, taking on winners for the first time and scoring by 15 lengths over this same surface and distance as the deserving favorite.

Given the 4-5 nod in her stakes debut, Olivia Twist sat third, just off pacesetter Bonnieview (Not This Time) with Faith Alone (Liam's Map) racing between them. Fifth as the field bunched up around the far turn, she rallied with a sweeping move past the group at the furlong marker and sustained a stretch-length drive to hit the wire clearly ahead.

"She had a lot of speed out of the gate and she broke sharp," said winning jockey Christian Torres. "We worked her behind horses [in the morning] and so I knew it was no problem. She just relaxed behind them and when we had an opening and I asked her to run, she opened up."

Already a half-sister to a pair of graded-stakes performers, including GI Belmont S. third Skippylongstocking (Exaggerator), Olivia Twist has a yearling half-sister by Take Charge Indy and a weanling half-sister by Maclean's Music. Her dam visited Authentic for a 2023 foal. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.





IN ORDER OF PURSE:

6th-Remington, \$41,650, (S), Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 12-17, 2yo, 6f, 1:12.14, ft, 2 lengths.

SEND THE BOSS (c, 2, Street Boss--Send the Limo, by Tiz Wonderful), who entered here off a pair of narrow second-place finishes against state-bred stakes company, went off the 4-5 selection in this drop back to allowance/optional claiming ranks. Near the rear of the field in the early going, Send the Boss settled sixth through a half in :46.14 before rallying three wide as the leaders turned for home. With plenty of late speed, he struck the front close to home and cleared off to win by two

lengths over Nice Neighbor (Good Samaritan). This is the family of MGSW & GISP War Story (Northern Afleet), as well as GSW & GI Longines Kentucky Oaks runner-up Land Over Sea (Bellamy Road). Send the Limo has not produced a foal since Send the Boss, but is due back to Street Boss for a full-sibling next year. Sales History: \$90,000 Ylg '21 TTAYHR; \$200,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: MSP, 5-2-2-0, \$81,888. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-Young Stables LLC & Kirkland Hall; B-Rusty Roberts (OK); T-W. Bret Calhoun.

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6th-Aqueduct, \$85,000, Msw, 12-18, 2yo, f, 1m, 1:40.86, gd, 4 1/4 lengths.

OCCULT (f, 2, Into Mischief--Magical Feeling (GSW & GISP, \$554,532}, by Empire Maker) checked in fourth when covering six furlongs at Belmont's Aqueduct meeting in her first start Sept. 17. Away at 9-2 with an extra two furlongs to run Sunday, she took back after contact at the break to be fourth before gaining ground steadily up the backstretch run and into the far turn. Ready to challenge pacesetter My Betsy (Gun Runner) for command past the quarter pole, Occult took over on the outside and was clear inside the final furlong, hitting the wire 4 1/4 lengths ahead of favored My Betsy who held for the exacta. Lucky Combination (Ghostzapper) bumped with Occult at the start and was never a factor, finishing seventh. Already a half-sister to a pair of stakes winners in Magical (Tapit), SW, \$164,550 and Exulting (Tapit), MSW, \$687,370, Occult's yearling full-sister brought \$1.05 million from SF Bloodstock, Starlight Racing, and Madaket at this year's Keeneland September Sale. Magical Feeling is due to Gun Runner next year. Sales History: \$625,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$52,450. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG. O-Alpha Delta Stables, LLC; B-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY); T-Chad C. Brown.

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6th-Gulfstream, \$62,000, Msw, 12-18, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:11.68, sy, 4 1/2 lengths.

APROPOS (f, 2, Mendelssohn--Doritza, by Mineshaft) just missed after being on or near the lead in her only start to date, a second-place defeat by a neck at Delaware Oct. 28. Given just a 6-1 shot for her second go, she opted to take back this time, sitting fifth through a half in :46.41 before making her move between horses past the quarter pole. Hard ridden on the front, she sprinted clear of the field to score by 4 1/2 lengths. The Mrs (Khozan) closed to be second. Ocean Club (Curlin) trailed to be seventh while Famosa scratched before the race. The 25th winner for her freshman sire (by Scat Daddy), Apropos has a yearling full-sister and a weanling half-brother by Improbable. Her dam visited Maclean's Music for next season. Sales History: \$185,000 Ylg '21 FTKJUL. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$44,400. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG. O-Burning Daylight Farms, Inc. & Rebecca Galbraith; B-Robert

Slack (KY); T-James J. Toner.

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1st-Gulfstream, \$60,000, Msw, 12-18, 2yo, f, 5f (AWT) (off turf), :57.17, ft, neck.

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MAROON BELLS (f, 2, War Front--Notting Hill {Aus}, by Pierro **(Aus)**), given only a 7-1 shot in this debut effort, split the field in fourth from the five path through an opening quarter in :22.25. Shaken up midway around the turn, she responded with plenty of run and took aim at pacesetter Oolong Hai (Ire) (No Nay Never) while drifting wider into the stretch. Engaged with Part the Stars (GB) (Zoustar {Aus}) late, she just went past in the final jumps, winning by a neck. Notting Hill, herself a \$700,000 purchase out of the 2019 Keeneland November Breeding Stock Sale carrying Maroon Bells, traces back to MG1SW and perennial leading Australian sire Redoute's Choice (Danehill). This is also the family of GISW Manhattan Rain (Aus) (Encosta de Lago (Aus)), G1SW Platinum Scissors (Aus) (Danehill), and MG1SW Shoals (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}). Maroon Bells has half-sisters by I Am Invincible (Aus) born in 2021 and 2022. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$36,000. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

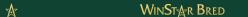
O-Glen Hill Farm; B-Armitage Australia, LLC (KY); T-Thomas F. Proctor.



IN DUBAI:

6th-Sharjah, AED40,000, Hcp, 12-18, 4yo/up, a 10f, 2:09.09, ft.

OBEYAAN (g, 6, Tiznow--Street Girl {GISP, \$446,716}, by Street Hero) Lifetime Record: 22-2-0-2, \$114,735. O-Sultan Ismail Ahmad Abdulla Albalooshi; B-WinStar Farm LLC (KY); T-Doug Watson. *\$100,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP. **Half to Kuchar (Uncle Mo), MSP, \$201,750.



IN ITALY:

Sweetforce O Mine (Ity), f, 2, Smokem Kitten--Stay Tuned (Ity), by Blu Air Force (Ire). Napoli, 12-18, Hcp., 1000mT, :58.40.
O-Gianmarco Panico. B-Stefano Luciani (ITY). T-Bruno Panico.
*Full to Stay Kitten (Ity), SP, \$50,821.



FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: MONDAY, DECEMBER 19 2022 Stud Fees Listed

Funtastic (More Than Ready), Three Chimneys Farm, \$5,000 2 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners 8-Zia, 5:09 p.m. EST, Msw 5f, Undo the Right, 4-1 \$8,000 TTA APR 2yo

Mor Spirit (Eskendereya), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000 109 foals of racing age/16 winners/1 black-type winner 7-Delta Downs, 4:43 p.m. EST, Msw 5f, Cool Spirit, 9-2 \$35,000 FTK OCT yrl

1-Delta Downs, 1:55 p.m. EST, Alw 6 1/2f, Mor Big Lee, 8-1 RNA TTA YHR yrl

Sharp Azteca (Freud), Three Chimneys Farm, \$5,000 132 foals of racing age/31 winners/3 black-type winners 6-Fair Grounds, 4:45 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Divina Dulce, 8-1 \$25,000 KEE SEP yrl

5-Mahoning Valley, 2:37 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Media Darling, 8-1

Sky Flight (Sky Mesa)

6 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners 7-Delta Downs, 4:43 p.m. EST, Msw 5f, Little Jony, 5-2 \$25,000 RNA TTA APR 2yo





STAKES RESULTS:

JEFFREY A. HAWK MEMORIAL S., \$102,000, Remington, 12-17, 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:42.51, ft.

1--RATED R SUPERSTAR, 124, g, 9, Kodiak Kowboy--Wicked Wish, by Gold Case. O-Danny R. Caldwell; B-ThornDale Stable LLC (KY); T-Federico Villafranco; J-Isaac Castillo. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: MGSW & GISP, 65-13-10-8, \$1,781,280.

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- 2--**Number One Dude**, 124, g, 4, American Lion--Ebony Uno, by Macho Uno. O/B-Terry J Westemeir (OK); T-Kari Craddock. \$22,000.
- 3--Shadrack, 118, g, 6, Gig Harbor--Devilinabaydress, by Tiznow. **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-George A. Sharp; B-Ray McCanna (CA); T-Shawn H. Davis. \$11,000.

Margins: HF, 1 3/4, HD. Odds: 3.80, 4.30, 60.10.

USEEIT S., \$70,000, Remington, 12-17, (S), 3yo, f, 1m, 1:40.70, ft.

- 1--HITS PRICEY LEGACY, 122, f, 3, Den's Legacy--High Price Hit, by Concord Point. O/B/T-C R Trout (OK); J-Jose L. Alvarez. \$42,000. Lifetime Record: GSW, 10-5-2-2, \$339,935.
- 2--Plenty of Vision, 122, f, 3, Pollard's Vision--Plenty, by Boundary. O-Michael S. Schmidt; B-Center Hills Farm (OK); T-Scott E. Young. \$14,000.
- 3--Chillaxification, 118, f, 3, Tale of Ekati--Shezafasionista, by Fashion Find. **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O/B-Terry J Westemeir (OK); T-Scott E. Young. \$7,700.

Margins: 2, HD, 1HF. Odds: 0.30, 3.60, 11.80.

JIM THORPE S., \$70,000, Remington, 12-17, (S), 3yo, 1m, 1:40.03, ft.

- 1--ROWDY RASCAL, 120, g, 3, Den's Legacy--Dancing Diva (SW, \$154,378), by Affirmatif. O-JT Stables; B-Harmony Stable (OK); T-Boyd Caster; J-Alfredo Triana Jr. \$42,000. Lifetime Record: 15-5-1-2, \$224,734.
- 2--Beckett's Luckyday, 121, g, 3, Itsmyluckyday--Serene Serena, by Beau Genius. O/B-Pat Swan & Rob Lewis (OK); T-Patrick Swan. \$14,000.
- 3--Inca Empire, 120, g, 3, Midshipman--Inca Miss, by Kipling.

 1ST BLACK TYPE. O/B-Bryan Hawk (OK); T-Joe Offolter. \$7,700.

 Margins: 1 3/4, HF, 1. Odds: 12.20, 1.20, 3.70.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-Oaklawn, \$104,000, 12-18, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:44.01, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

SUNNY ISLE BEACH (f, 4, Jimmy Creed--Kathern's Kitten, by Kitten's Joy) Lifetime Record: 30-5-6-7, \$323,489. O-Ten Strike Racing & Jeremy Sussman; B-Dixiana Farms & Ken & Sarah Ramsey (KY); T-Matt Shirer. *\$15,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP. **1/2 to Artemus Bridge (Verrazano), SP, \$221,460.

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8th-Oaklawn, \$104,000, 12-18, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.21, ft, head.

ASH FLAT (g, 4, Daredevil--Mama Nadine {SW}, by A.P. Indy) Lifetime Record: 17-7-1-2, \$196,631. O-Running The Dream Stables; B-WinStar Farm (KY); T-Chris Hartman. *\$23,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP. **1/2 to O Captain (Carpe Diem), GSP, \$127,000; Royal Son (Tiznow), MSW-USA, GSP-Can, \$332,413; Brattata (More Than Ready), GSP, \$109,700.

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8th-Aqueduct, \$90,000, 12-18, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:39.64, gd, 1/2 length.

GULFSTREAM WAY (g, 4, Gemologist--Clever Cookie, by Smart Strike) Lifetime Record: 13-4-2-4, \$242,828. O-GenStar Thoroughbreds; B-Timber Bay Farm (KY); T-Brad H. Cox.

5th-Aqueduct, \$90,000, 12-18, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:38.64, gd, 1/2 length.

CURLIN'S WISDOM (c, 3, Curlin--Whisper Wisdom, by Rockport Harbor) Lifetime Record: SP, 15-4-5-4, \$352,770. O-Martin Zaretsky; B-Pine Ridge Stables (NY); T-Linda Rice. *\$255,000 RNA Ylg '20 FTKSEL; \$210,000 RNA Ylg '20 FTKOCT; \$310,000 RNA 2yo '21 EASMAY.

7th-Laurel, \$78,400, 12-18, 3yo/up, 7f, 1:24.83, ft, 3/4 length. **ALWAYSINAHURRY** (g, 4, Great Notion--Otherwise Perfect, by Lemon Drop Kid) Lifetime Record: MSW, 20-6-5-3, \$347,532. O-Mopo Racing; B-Dr. Thomas & Quin Bowman & Rebecca Davis (MD); T-Dale Capuano. *\$70,000 Ylg '19 EASOCT. **1/2 to I Stand Alone (Dance With Ravens), SW, \$251,578; Clubman (Not For Love), MSW, \$538,022; Friscan (Two Punch), GSP, \$112,557.

8th-Laurel, \$68,510, 12-18, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:04.39, ft, 1/2 length.

AWARD WANTED (m, 5, Macho Uno--Touring Hong Kong {SP, \$156,686}, by Cherokee's Boy) Lifetime Record: 30-8-7-5, \$305,450. O-No Guts No Glory Farm & Erica Upton; B-Alexandro Rubim Dias (MD); T-John Robb. *1/2 to V. I. P. Ticket (Windsor Castle), MSW, \$310,195.

8th-Gulfstream, \$68,000, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 12-18, 2yo, 1m 70y (AWT), 1:42.94, ft, 1 length.

CHEERFUL CHARLIE (c, 2, Adios Charlie--Sainted Dancer, by Saint Anddan) Lifetime Record: MSP, 10-2-2-4, \$114,312. O-Spencer McDonald; B-Oakleaf Farm, Liz & Norman Wilson (FL); T-Luis Olivares.

7th-Gulfstream, \$63,000, 12-18, 3yo/up, f/m, 5f (AWT) (off turf), :55.89, ft, 2 lengths.

TRAIN TO ARTEMUS (f, 4, Tapizar--Pay Day Kitten, by Kitten's Joy) Lifetime Record: 10-5-0-2, \$200,765. O-John Martino; B-Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey (KY); T-Kelly J. Breen.

10th-Los Alamitos, \$60,004, 12-17, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:35.75, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.

DOC ADAMS (g, 4, Vronsky--My Maloof Rocker {MSP, \$323,794}, by Unusual Heat) Lifetime Record: 15-7-2-2, \$245,020. O-Les Blake; B-Nick Alexander (CA); T-Steve R. Knapp.

5th-Gulfstream, \$54,000, (S), 12-18, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:37.03, ft, head.

BRACCIO DI FERRO (g, 4, Race Day--Selective Memory, by Malibu Moon) Lifetime Record: 23-4-2-2, \$114,055. O-Bianco Stable; B-Eugene Montoya (FL); T-Ernesto Ochoa. *\$19,000 RNA Ylg '19 OBSOCT; \$14,000 2yo '20 OBSMAR.

7th-Fair Grounds, \$52,000, (S), 12-18, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.05, ft, head.

OURS AND THEIRS (f, 3, Half Ours--Tensas Flatt Gin, by Flatter) Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-1, \$74,600. O-Denise Schmidt & Serious Stable LLC; B-Serious Stable LLC (LA); T-Denise Schmidt.

6th-Laurel, \$49,800, (C), 12-18, 3yo/up, 7f, 1:24.34, ft, nose. **JACKIE A (g, 4, Desert Party--Downstream Bull, by Holy Bull)** Lifetime Record: 17-5-5-1, \$175,353. O-Mopo Racing; B-Stephen T. Sinatra (MD); T-Dale Capuano.

5th-Los Alamitos, \$49,652, 12-18, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:37.60, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

FOUNDER'S DAY (f, 4, Constitution--Tiamaria, by Harlan's Holiday) Lifetime Record: 21-4-5-4, \$215,450. O-David Bernsen, Jeff Lambert & Richard Hale, Jr.; B-Breeze Easy (KY); T-Robert Hess, Jr. *\$25,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP; \$45,000 2yo '20 OBSAPR.

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9th-Los Alamitos, \$49,000, (S), 12-17, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09.99, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

CARMEN MIRANDA (f, 3, Stanford--Miranda Rose, by Tribal Rule) Lifetime Record: SP, 9-3-2-1, \$152,330. O/B-Nick Alexander (CA); T-Philip D'Amato.

6th-Delta Downs, \$43,390, 12-17, 3yo/up, 5f, :58.65, ft, 3/4 length.

PRIZELESS (g, 6, Langfuhr--Just Call Me Janet, by Pure Prize)
Lifetime Record: 33-11-3-3, \$255,770. O-End Zone Athletics;
B-Bentley T Early (LA); T-Karl Broberg. *\$19,000 Ylg '17 ESLYRL.
**1/2 to Janet Is Ready (Custom for Carlos), MSW, \$191,900;
Janets Jay Jay (Orthodox), SP, \$169,610.

4th-Remington, \$41,650, (S), 12-17, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.95, ft, 5 lengths.

BANJO BEAR (g, 3, Black Bear--Afternoon Liaison, by Came Home) Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-2, \$55,791. O-Black Hawk Stable; B-James Rogers (OK); T-Austin Gustafson. *1/2 to Denver City (Silver City), SW, \$175,308.

5th-Remington, \$41,650, (S), 12-17, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.57, ft, neck.

SINNIN N GRINNIN (f, 3, Kantharos--Sue's Sweet Sioux, by Indian Charlie) Lifetime Record: 8-2-4-1, \$74,223. O/B-CresRan LLC (OK); T-Kari Craddock.

2nd-Delta Downs, \$41,000, (S), 12-17, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:42.50, ft, 5 lengths.

GYPSYROSELEE (f, 3, Goldencents--Iknowuthinkimsexy {MSP, \$158,145}, by Count the Time) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$48,600. O-Richard & Mary Westmark; B-Brett Brinkman & Jane Chiasson (LA); T-Brett A. Brinkman.

8th-Delta Downs, \$38,180, 12-17, 3yo/up, f/m, 5f, :58.95, ft, head.

SWEET TEMPERAMENT (f, 3, Temple City--Sweet Basil, by Pulpit) Lifetime Record: 7-5-2-0, \$100,400. O/B-Keith Plaisance (LA); T-Keith Bourgeois. *1/2 to Distractor Factor (The Factor), SP, \$161,600.

6th-Hawthorne, \$37,440, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 12-18, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.34, ft, 3 1/4 lengths.

PLUS CHIC (f, 3, More Than Ready--Chic Dancer (GSW, \$308,336), by Joyeux Danseur) Lifetime Record: 9-3-1-0, \$76,964. O/B-S. D. Brilie (KY); T-Michele Boyce. *1/2 to Her Emmynency (Successful Appeal), GISW, \$560,595; Perfect Star (Into Mischief), SP, \$195,133.

2nd-Charles Town, \$35,100, (S), 12-17, (NW3L), 2yo, f, 7f, 1:28.54, gd, 2 lengths.

MUSIC LASS (f, 2, Declan's Warrior--Perfume in the Air, by Munnings) Lifetime Record: SP, 4-2-1-0, \$60,299. O/B-Peter Wainwright (WV); T-Clifford Tuomisto.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Agami, f, 2, Bodemeister--Karma, by Congrats. Fair Grounds, 12-18, (S), 1m, 1:42.56. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$35,160. B-J. Adcock, B&B Bloodstock & Tom Fish (LA). *\$15,000 Ylg '21 TTAYHR.

Sherlyn Go Go, f, 2, Bucchero--Cute and Beautiful, by Warrior's Reward. Gulfstream, 12-18, (S), 1m 70y (AWT) (off turf), 1:41.75. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, \$59,400. B-Dominique Damico & Fly By Breeding (FL). *\$22,000 Ylg '21 OBSOCT. **13th winner for freshman sire (by Kantharos).

Susie's Saver, f, 2, Super Saver--Thunder Way, by Thunder Gulch. Fair Grounds, 12-18, (C), 1m, 1:42.31. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$18,609. B-Hartwell Farm (KY). *\$39,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$75,000 2yo '22 OBSOPN.

Strollinginthewind, g, 2, **Windsor Castle**--Strolling North, by North Light (Ire). Charles Town, 12-17, (S), 4 1/2f, :53.97. Lifetime Record: 7-1-0-3, \$30,745. B-Taylor Mountain (WV).

Western Lane, f, 3, Candy Ride (Arg)--Lead Along, by Smart Strike. Aqueduct, 12-18, 6 1/2f, 1:19.65. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-0, \$73,210. B-Juddmonte Farms Inc (KY). *\$45,000 3yo '22 KEEAPR.

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Donnie B, g, 3, **Cat Genius**--Lil Baldie, by Rugby. Charles Town, 12-17, (S), 4 1/2f, :52.69. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$29,053. B-Donna J. Swaim (WV).

Lasting Love, f, 3, Cupid--Callipepla, by Yes It's True. Los Alamitos, 12-18, (C), 6f, 1:10.35. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$18,000. B-Daybreak Stables Inc. (VA). *\$4,500 RNA Wlg '19 EASDEC; \$42,000 Ylg '20 EASOCT; \$440,000 2yo '21 OBSAPR. **1ST-TIME STARTER.

Get Through, g, 3, Get Stormy--Differentiate, by Include. Oaklawn, 12-18, (C), 1 1/16m, 1:45.20. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-1, \$36,188. B-Ann Hayes (KY). *\$19,000 RNA Ylg '20 FTKOCT. **1/2 to Dazzling Truths (Yes It's True), SP, \$255,054.

Thales, g, 4, **Quality Road**--False Impression, by A.P. Indy. Los Alamitos, 12-18, 6f, 1:09.72. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$36,920. B-KatieRich Farms (KY). *\$240,000 Ylg '19 FTKOCT; \$1,250,000 2yo '20 OBSAPR. *1/2 to Standard Deviation (Curlin), MSW & MGISP-USA, SP-Qa, \$587,011.

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Bodemeister, Agami, f, 2, o/o Karma, by Congrats. MSW, 12-18, Fair Grounds

Bucchero, Sherlyn Go Go, f, 2, o/o Cute and Beautiful, by Warrior's Reward. MSW, 12-18, Gulfstream

Candy Ride (Arg), Western Lane, f, 3, o/o Lead Along, by Smart Strike. MSW, 12-18, Aqueduct

Constitution, Founder's Day, f, 4, o/o Tiamaria, by Harlan's Holiday. AOC, 12-18, Los Alamitos Thoroughbred

Cupid, Lasting Love, f, 3, o/o Callipepla, by Yes It's True. MCL, 12-18, Los Alamitos Thoroughbred

Curlin, Curlin's Wisdom, c, 3, o/o Whisper Wisdom, by Rockport Harbor. ALW, 12-18, Aqueduct

Daredevil, Ash Flat, g, 4, o/o Mama Nadine, by A.P. Indy. ALW, 12-18, Oaklawn

Declan's Warrior, Music Lass, f, 2, o/o Perfume in the Air, by Munnings. ALW, 12-17, Charles Town

Gemologist, Gulfstream Way, g, 4, o/o Clever Cookie, by Smart Strike. ALW, 12-18, Aqueduct

Get Stormy, Get Through, g, 3, o/o Differentiate, by Include. MCL, 12-18, Oaklawn

Goldencents, Gypsyroselee, f, 3, o/o Iknowuthinkimsexy, by Count the Time. ALW, 12-17, Delta Downs

Great Notion, Alwaysinahurry, g, 4, o/o Otherwise Perfect, by Lemon Drop Kid. ALW, 12-18, Laurel

Half Ours, Ours and Theirs, f, 3, o/o Tensas Flatt Gin, by Flatter.

ALW, 12-18, Fair Grounds

Into Mischief, Occult, f, 2, o/o Magical Feeling, by Empire Maker. MSW, 12-18, Aqueduct

Jimmy Creed, Sunny Isle Beach, f, 4, o/o Kathern's Kitten, by Kitten's Joy. ALW, 12-18, Oaklawn

Kantharos, Sinnin N Grinnin, f, 3, o/o Sue's Sweet Sioux, by Indian Charlie. ALW, 12-17, Remington

Kodiak Kowboy, Rated R Superstar, g, 9, o/o Wicked Wish, by Gold Case. Jeffrey A. Hawk Memorial S., 12-17, Remington Macho Uno, Award Wanted, m, 5, o/o Touring Hong Kong, by Cherokee's Boy. AOC, 12-18, Laurel

Mendelssohn, Apropos, f, 2, o/o Doritza, by Mineshaft. MSW, 12-18. Gulfstream

More Than Ready, Plus Chic, f, 3, o/o Chic Dancer, by Joyeux Danseur. AOC, 12-18, Hawthorne

Mshawish, Olivia Twist, f, 2, o/o Twinkling, by War Chant.

Trapeze S., 12-17, Remington

Quality Road, Thales, g, 4, o/o False Impression, by A.P. Indy. MSW, 12-18, Los Alamitos Thoroughbred

Race Day, Braccio Di Ferro, g, 4, o/o Selective Memory, by Malibu Moon. AOC, 12-18, Gulfstream

Stanford, Carmen Miranda, f, 3, o/o Miranda Rose, by Tribal Rule. AOC, 12-17, Los Alamitos Thoroughbred

Stormy Atlantic, Wildatlanticstorm, c, 2, o/o Imsortaspecial, by Big Brown. Remington Springboard Mile S., 12-17, Remington **Street Boss**, Send the Boss, c, 2, o/o Send the Limo, by Tiz Wonderful. AOC, 12-17, Remington

Super Saver, Susie's Saver, f, 2, o/o Thunder Way, by Thunder Gulch. MCL, 12-18, Fair Grounds

Tapizar, Train to Artemus, f, 4, o/o Pay Day Kitten, by Kitten's Joy. AOC, 12-18, Gulfstream

Temple City, Sweet Temperament, f, 3, o/o Sweet Basil, by Pulpit. AOC, 12-17, Delta Downs

Uncle Mo, Famed, f, 3, o/o Delightful Quality, by Elusive Quality. She's All In S., 12-17, Remington

War Front, Maroon Bells, f, 2, o/o Notting Hill (Aus), by Pierro (Aus). MSW, 12-18, Gulfstream



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DEEP IMPACT LINE ON EUROPEAN ROAD TO SUCCESS



Breeders' Cup hero Victoria Road is an exciting Classic prospect for Saxon Warrior | racingfotos.com

By Emma Berry

Two of the most exciting colts to look forward to as three-year-olds in 2023 are in the same stable, hail from the same family and the same sire-line.

The Ballydoyle duo of Auguste Rodin (Ire) and Victoria Road (Ire) concluded their juvenile seasons with victories, respectively, in the G1 Vertem Futurity Trophy and GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf, and they are a son and grandson of Deep Impact (Jpn), the latter being by the late Shadai resident's Classic-winning son Saxon Warrior (Jpn).

Auguste Rodin is in fact bred on the same Deep Impact-Galileo (Ire) cross as Saxon Warrior, which has also been seen to good effect in Oaks winner Snowfall (Jpn), while Deep Impact's Prix de Diane-winning daughter Fancy Blue (Ire) is out of a mare by Galileo's sire Sadler's Wells.

We shouldn't get too hung up on the nicks, however. These top-class racehorses are all out of good mares and by elite stallions. Yes, that's a recipe that doesn't always work, but if performance and pedigree count for anything then the decks are loaded more and more in the favour of the top-tier stallions as their reputations soar.

'HE COULD DO THINGS OTHERS COULDN'T' DAVY RUSSELL RETIRES

Gordon Elliott, Barry Geraghty and Charles Byrnes were among those to lead the tributes to Davy Russell, one of the finest National Hunt riders to ever pull on a pair of silks, who retired at the age of 43 after partnering Liberty Dance to victory in the Thurles feature on Sunday. Russell will forever be remembered for partnering Elliott's Tiger Roll to successive Grand National triumphs in 2018 and 2019. Like those momentous days at Aintree, Russell signed off from the saddle with his customary wave aboard the Elliott-trained Liberty Dance in the Billy Harney Memorial Irish EBF Mares' Novice Hurdle.

The most successful jockey of all time who was still active in the weighroom, Russell earned a reputation as being one of the finest riders at Cheltenham, evident when he guided Jim Culloty's Lord Windermere to Gold Cup success in 2014.

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The exceptional son of Shamardal whose first yearlings **sold even better than Shamardal's** first crop — and that included 17 future Stakes winners, led by Lope de Vega.

Four G1 wins and the fastest horse ever to run 6f at Ascot.



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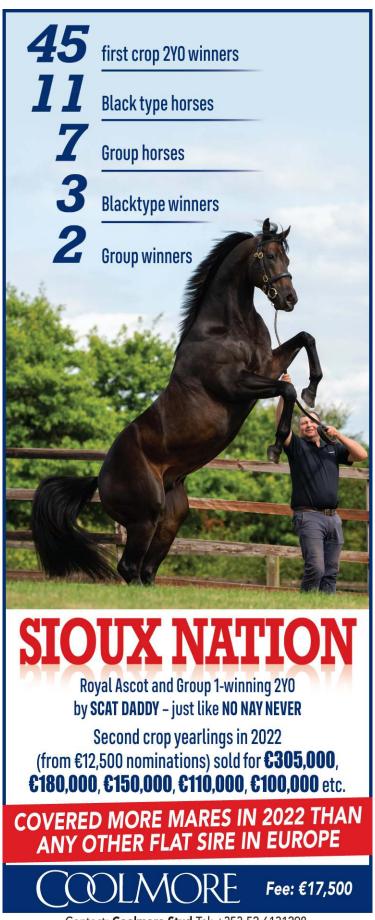
In Saxon Warrior and Auguste Rodin, however, it is hard to overlook that enticing blend of two of the great stallions of the modern era in the east and west. Though standing their whole stud careers in Ireland and Japan, you don't have to trace the male lines of Galileo and Deep Impact back too far to find yourself in North America. And as my colleague Chris McGrath likes to remind us, the line between the dirt and the turf is a fine one which should really be crossed more often.

But let's claim Galileo and Deep Impact as proper turf influences first and foremost. Inevitably, geography meant that we didn't see too many of Deep Impact's offspring here in Europe prior to his untimely death in 2019 at the age of just 17. Both of those stallions have had very positive influences on the family of the top-class sprinting filly Cassandra Go (Ire) (Indian Ridge {Ire}). The mare, who died last year at the age of 25, was bought as a yearling by Trevor Stewart who quite rightly says, "I keep calling it my family." He adds with a laugh, "You see, I'm very possessive now."



Auguste Rodin | racingfotos.com

Stewart has some justification in taking great pride in the family which is responsible for both Victoria Road, who is a grandson of Cassandra Go, and Auguste Rodin, a great grandson. He bred Victoria Road from Cassandra Go's daughter Tickled Pink (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), who won two Group 3 races in Stewart's colours when trained by Sir Henry Cecil then Lady Cecil. Auguste Rodin hails from a daughter who 'got away'. His grand-dam Halfway To Heaven (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}), who was sold to Demi O'Byrne at the Goffs Million Sale of 2006 for €450,000 and is in the process of forming a formidable dynasty for Coolmore. Her repeated matings with Galileo produced not only the outstanding Magical (Ire) but also Auguste Rodin's dam Rhododendron (Ire), winner of the G1 Prix de l'Opera, G1 Fillies' Mile and G1 Lockinge S. as well as finishing runner-up to Winter (Ire) in the 1,000 Guineas and also to Enable (GB) in the Oaks.



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Auguste Rodin is Rhododendron's first foal, which bodes well for the 8-year-old's future broodmare career, though sadly her 2021 colt by Dubawi (Ire) is listed as having died since birth.

Deep Impact is of course now unavailable but Stewart says that

he is going "all in" on Saxon

Warrior next season with his members of the family. That runs to three broodmare daughters of Cassandra Go, including Halfway To Heaven's full-sister Allez Alaia (Ire). The breeder has also retained the mare's final foal, a yearling filly by Night Of Thunder (Ire) named Chaumet More (Ire).

He says, "Tickled Pink, Holly Golightly and Allez Alaia are all going to Saxon Warrior. And Tickled Pink is in foal to him again too, so she will be going for the third time. I did consider

Deep Impact | Junji Fukuda

using [Deep Impact's son] Study Of Man for one of them and I thought, well, he's totally unproven while Saxon Warrior is semi-proven, so I thought I better just play it safe at the moment."

Stewart also has a 2-year-old colt by Saxon Warrior out of Cassandra Go in training with Paddy Twomey named Change Sings (Ire). "We think he is well above average and definitely a group horse," says the breeder. "What level, we don't know. He

nearly ran in October and we just decided, no, we needed a little bit more time. He's a lovely big strapping horse, and very straightforward so far. Hopefully, we'll have him out in April, and see where we go from there." Of that colt's year-younger half-sister Chaumet More, he adds, "She's in pre-training. The trainer has not been selected yet. She is a little on the small side which is probably no surprise as she is out of a 25-year-old mare. She may go to England, I'd say."

With four daughters of Cassandra Go, three of which are at James Hanly's Ballyhimikin Stud, as well as two granddaughters, Stewart is playing his part in fully developing the family, and of course he has had some key back-up from Coolmore.



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"First of all, obviously, it's a great family," he says. "But two, it's the cheapest way to get into a good family, if you keep the daughters. My plan is to keep every daughter that comes along now. I've sold a few, and obviously [Halfway To Heaven] has worked well. Another one of the daughters that Coolmore had was [Tickled Pink's full-sister] Fantasy, and she was sold to Australia, so that's exciting. But now I'm just going to just keep most of the daughters coming along. Why not?"

Why not indeed? Saxon Warrior is of course backed up in the British and Irish stallion ranks by the aforementioned Niarchos-bred Lanwades Stud resident Study Of Man (Ire), who presents an interesting option for breeders looking to send Galileo mares to a son of Deep Impact. These two are about to be joined by the reverse shuttler Tosen Stardom (Jpn), another son of Deep Impact bred by Northern Farm and the winner of Flemington's G1 Toorak H. and G1 Emirates S. He will stand at Lemongrove Stud in Ireland in 2023.

The of course there are Auguste Rodin and Victoria Road. The Classic season may seem a long way off in this bleak midwinter, but the Aidan O'Brien-trained duo has already staked strong claims to be given a chance to extend this line at stud in Europe in the years to come.

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Close friend Elliott supplied the majority of Russell's Cheltenham winner and the Cullentra House-based trainer heaped praise on the rider following his decision to retire on the spot at Thurles.

He said, "The feedback he gave has always been invaluable. He has been a big part of the team here at Cullentra for the last 10 or 12 years--and he is still going to be part of the team. He's still going to have an involvement. Hopefully, we will work closely with him, on what level we are just not quite sure yet, but he will still have something to do with it."

Elliott added, "He has been a big part of my team since I started training and he has been a friend as well as a colleague. I rode with him as an amateur. He has been as much a friend as anything else. He is a brilliant jockey and a great person. I'm sad to see him retiring but delighted to see him going out on his own terms.

"He's a brilliant jockey and a great horseman. He could do things on horses that other people couldn't. There was never anything wrong with the bottle. The body slowed down, but the bottle was 100 per cent and so it is very sad to see him go.



Davy Russell: signs off with his customary wave | Racingfotos.com

"He has brilliant hands and transmitted confidence to a horse, and you only have to look at what he has achieved to see what a great jockey he was. He was brilliant."

Multiple Cheltenham festival and Grand National-winning rider Barry Geraghty shared the weigh room with Russell for the majority of his career and labelled him "a brilliant competitor and a brilliant jockey."

Geraghty said, "He was as tough as nails in every sense, to ride against but also coming back from the injuries he's had to deal with.

"His CV speaks for itself, two Grand Nationals, a Gold Cup, multiple Cheltenham winners. He's been a multiple champion jockey in Ireland and a brilliant, brilliant jockey for years. It's great to see him finish on such a good note and he's definitely proved the longevity in him."

Meanwhile, Byrnes, who Russell rode Solwhit and Weapon's Amnesty to major big-race victories for, described himself as "shocked" that the 43-year-old decided to call time on a wonderful career.

Byrnes said, "I'm delighted he is getting out in one piece, but shocked because as far as I could see he's riding as well, if not better, than ever. He is getting out on his own terms and as far as I'm concerned, he'd probably be the greatest of all time--but I'd be slightly biased.

"That's my opinion. He had an unbelievable pair of hands to get a horse to settle, to get a horse jumping. You could nearly say whether a horse was going to win or not by jumping the first hurdle with him.

"You knew the flow and the rhythm he was in. He was an absolute genius. He worked hard, he deserved everything he's got--he worked hard all his life."

EUROPEAN NEWS

HRI ANNOUNCES AMENDED PROGRAMMES FOR NAAS AND FAIRYHOUSE

Following the cancellation of Navan Sunday, Dec. 18, due to frost, this meeting will not be rescheduled. The G2 Tote Navan Novice Hurdle will now be held at Naas next Tuesday, Dec. 20 as an eighth race with original declarations to stand. The NavanRacecourse.ie Rated Novice Steeplechase will now be held at Fairyhouse Wednesday, Dec. 21 as an eighth race. It will revert back to entries at weights stage and will close for fresh declarations along with the rest of the Fairyhouse Meeting by 10am Monday, Dec. 19. As The Bective Stud Tea Rooms Handicap Hurdle (Grade B) was unable to be held at Navan Dec. 18, The Pertemps Network Handicap Hurdle (Qualifier) due to be held at Leopardstown on Wednesday, Dec. 28, will now have a value of €50,000 (up from €30,000).

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12 QUESTIONS

With Jerry Horan of Paragon Bloodstock

First job in the Thoroughbred industry?

My first job in the thoroughbred industry was working for local Baltinglass trainer John Lennon during Transition Year in school where I rode out and tried to hang on for dear life!

Biggest influence on your career?

My parents. They don't know much about horses but never held me back and always supported me to drive on and give it a go.

Favourite racehorse of all time, and why?

Sea The Stars. He was an iconic specimen during my teenage years watching racing. He danced every dance and is passing his brilliance on to his stock.

Who will be Champion First-Season Sire in 2023?

I'd do a reverse forecast with Advertise and Soldier's Call. Their yearlings looked fast and had class about them. I'm a little biased in saying that as I have an interest in the sire Alkumait, a son of the great Showcasing, who I think could be the next coming. I think 2023 could be the year where that Showcasing



Jerry Horan | Laura Green/Tattersalls

line takes off.

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

John Magnier as he has seen so many aspects of the horse business and a range of other investments for a period of time with many positive and negative changes worldwide and still gets it right and has built a super team behind him.

Emerging talent in the industry (human)?

Recent to the pinhooking circles, the Brickley brothers have punched way above their weight, have grafted in all aspects of the business for a couple of years for high class operations and are now reaping the rewards. There's also an army of young breeze-up lads and ladies who are top-class horse people and are producing the goods on the racetrack.

Greatest race in the world?

The Arc would have to come out on top but I haven't been to the Melbourne Cup yet.

Horse TDN should have made a Rising Star, and didn't? Lezoo.

Under the radar stallion?

Cracksman.

Friday night treat?

Dinner, Dundalk Friday Club, few pints and a bet.

Guilty pleasure outside of racing?

I usually don't get to finish a movie as I fall asleep watching it to have a guilty pleasure!

12 Questions cont.

Horse you're most looking forward to over Christmas or in '23? I'm excited to see what G1 Darley Dewhurst winner Chaldean can do as one of the leading Guineas contenders for 2023.

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on the European racing scene

SON OF GI MATRON S. HEROINE MARYLEBONE SET FOR KEMPTON DEBUT

12.50 Kempton, Nov, £11,000, 2yo, 8f 1y (AWT)

Michael Tabor's **WIGMORE STREET (American Pharoah)** is an unraced half to two black-type performers out of GI Matron S. heroine Marylebone (Unbridled's Song) and gets a third attempt to start out for the Simon and Ed Crisford yard here. His rivals include 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}); and Godolphin's once-raced winner **Tagabawa (GB) (New Approach {Ire})**, who is a Charlie Appleby-trained homebred son of MG1SP G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches third Tasaday (Nayef).

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Supaspecialawesome (Ire), g, 2, Cotai Glory (GB)--Special Chocolate (Fr), by Canford Cliffs (Ire). Wolverhampton, 12-18, 7f 36y (AWT), 1:29.37. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, \$8,468. B-Brian O'Neill (IRE). *€10,000 Wlg '20 GOFNOV; 28,000gns Ylg '21 TATOCT.

Sergeant Pep (Ire), g, 2, Kodiac (GB)--Light Glass (Ire), by Lope De Vega (Ire). Wolverhampton, 12-18, 6f 20y (AWT), 1:13.40. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$7,445. B-Drumlin Bldstk (IRE). *70,000gns Wlg '20 TATFOA; £80,000 Ylg '21 GOFFUK.

FRANCE

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Need You Tonight (Ire), f, 3, Brametot (Ire)--Fee Du Hazard (Fr), by Doctor Fong. Pornichet-La Baule, 12-18, 10 1/2f (AWT), 2:11.53. B-La Thenney (IRE). *€25,000 RNA Ylg '20 ARQOCT.

Happy Creeck (Fr), f, 3, Herald The Dawn (Ire)--Breizh Touch (Fr), by Country Reel. Pornichet-La Baule, 12-18, 8 1/2f (AWT), 1:41.25. B-Haras des Evees, Danile Cherdo & Mme Claudie Cherdo (FR). *1/2 to Breizh Eagle (Fr) (Bow Creek {Ire}), G1SP-Fr, \$169,631.

Black Milord Tavel (Fr), g, 3, Saddex (GB)--Lady Tavel (Fr), by

Al Namix (Fr). Pornichet-La Baule, 12-18, 15 1/2f (AWT), 3:20.36. B-Jean Luc, Mme Jade Pignet & Albane Pignet (FR). Blackbirdfly (Ity), h, 5, Frozen Power (Ire)--Hunting Queen (Ity), by Oratorio (Ire). Pornichet-La Baule, 12-18, 8 1/2f (AWT), 1:41.81. B-Arcadia Allevamento S S Agrico (ITY). *€9,500 RNA Ylg '18 SGASEP.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

DOLCE MORE REMAINS UNBEATEN WITH ASAHI HAI WIN

Backed down to 2-1 favoritism while trying to remain undefeated, Three H Racing's **Dolce More (Jpn)** (Rulership {Jpn}) did not disappoint, coming home a neck winner over **Danon** Touchdown (Jpn) (Lord Kanaloa (Jpn)) in Sunday's G1 Asahi Hai Futurity at Hanshin. Exiting Post 2, Dolce More broke alertly but was eased back to ground-saving third behind All Parfait (Jpn) (Real Steel {Jpn}) and **Granite (Jpn)** (Danon Ballade {Jpn}). Turning for home while still behind the pace, the colt shifted outward while in search of running room, took over soon after the 200-meter marker, and edged clear under left-hand urging while holding off a strong challenge from the second choice Danon Touchdown. Labeling (GB) (Frankel {GB}) rounded out the top three. "It all went as planned with the trainer, just as I had pictured," said winning rider Ryusei Sakai, who was registering his second JRA Group 1 score after notching his first with Stunning Rose (Jpn) in the Shuka Sho in October. "I expected the pace to be fast since there were runners coming off short-distanced races. My colt ran in a good position and responded and held on well. I'm grateful to have been given the opportunity to ride him today." The bay broke his maiden at Sapporo in August before annexing his first group victory in the G3 Saudi Arabia Royal Cup Oct. 8. The victory marks the 15th JRA Group 1 win for trainer Naosuke Sugai.

Pedigree Notes:

The fourth Group 1 winner for the impeccably-bred Rulership, Dolce More is out of 2013 G1 Japanese 1000 Guineas (Oka Sho) heroine Ayusan, a full-sister to G1SP Mau Lea (Jpn) and a half to SW Saki To Me (Fusaichi Pegasus).

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Ayusan is also a granddaughter of Grade I winner Buy The Firm (Affirmed), herself responsible for Grade III scorer Storm Broker (Storm Cat).

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Sunday, Hanshin, Japan

ASAHI HAI FUTURITY S.-G1, 135,740,000, Hanshin, 12-18, 2yo, colts/fillies, 1600mT, 1:33.90, fm.

1--DOLCE MORE (JPN), 121, c, 2, by Rulership (Jpn)

1st Dam: Ayusan (Jpn) (G1SW-Jpn), by Deep Impact (Jpn)

2nd Dam: Buy the Cat, by Storm Cat 3rd Dam: Buy the Firm, by Affirmed

1ST GROUP 1 WIN. O-Three H Racing; B-Shimokobe Farm; T-Naosuke Sugai; J-Ryusei Sai; ¥71,218,000. Lifetime Record:

3-3-0-0. Werk Nick Rating: A+++ *Triple Plus*

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- 2--Danon Touchdown (Jpn), 121, c, 2, by Lord Kanaloa (Jpn)--Epic Love (Ire), by Dansili (GB). (¥240,000,000 yrl '21 JRHAJUL) O-Danox Inc.; B-Northern Farm; ¥28,348,000.
- 3--Labeling (GB), 121, c, 2, by Frankel (GB)--Noyelles (Ire), by Docksider. (€360,000 wnl '20 GOFDEC; 300,000gns yrl '21 TAOCT; €520,638 HRA '22 GOFMAR). O-Big Red Farm; B-Sir Nicholas & Lady Nugent; ¥18,174,000.



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Margins: NK, NK, 11/4; Odds: 2.10, 2.60, 5.50.

Also Ran: Kyoei Brisa (Jpn), Bagradas (Jpn), All Parfair (Jpn), Obamburumai (Jpn), Tinia (Ire), Corpus Christi (Jpn), Granite (Jpn), Nishino Best One (Jpn), Dondengaeshi (Jpn), Suzuka Double (Jpn), Miscela Dorata (Jpn), Ume Musubi (Jpn), From Dusk, Emphasize (Jpn)

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