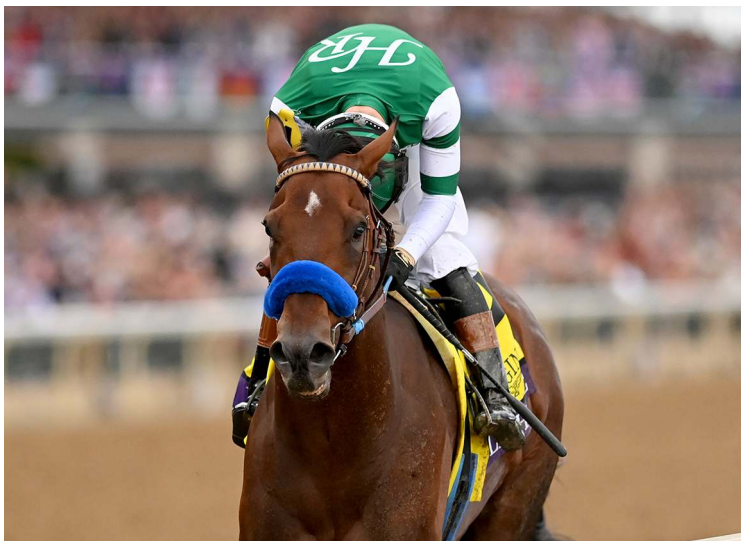


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THE TDN'S TOP 10 STORIES OF 2022



Flightline | Horsephotos

by Bill Finley

Another eventful year for horse racing is about to come to an end, which makes this a good time to look back at the *TDN* stories that were the most widely read during the year. From the heroics of Flightline ([Tapit](#)) to the on-going saga of the Horse Racing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA) to the latest developments in the Jorge Navarro-Jason Servis scandal, there was no shortage of important stories. Unfortunately, there were a number of major stories that reflected poorly on the sport, but, our statistics show, those are stories the readers want to read.

Here are the most widely read stories of 2022:

1. **Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals Finds HISA Unconstitutional**
by *TDN Staff*. 162,916 views.

It was mid-November and HISA was just a month and a half away from taking over the functions of drug testing and enforcing medication rules for the entire sport. The wind was at its back, at least until a bombshell ruling in a federal court. The United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit ruled that the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA) is unconstitutional because it "delegates unsupervised government power to a private entity," and thus "violates the private non-delegation doctrine." **Cont. p3**

BILL THAT INCLUDES NEW LANGUAGE ON HISA PASSES IN HOUSE by Bill Finley

A \$1.7-trillion omnibus spending bill that includes language that would give the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) more authority over the Horse Racing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA) passed in the House of Representatives Friday. Friday's development came one day after the bill passed in the Senate. The bill will next go to President Joe Biden to be signed into law.

The language in the bill relating to HISA is meant to address issues raised by the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in November. That court ruled that HISA was unconstitutional because the FTC's powers were limited and that HISA had too big of a role.

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IN TDN EUROPE TODAY

THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Tania Kindersley authors this must-read piece on Christmas, Boxing Day at Kempton and football. Yes, football.

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26-year-old Doctor's Secret (Secret Hello - Slewper Girl, by Slewpy) decks the halls at Nearaway Farm in Perrineville, NJ. Bred in New Jersey, "Wizard" raced for two years in the colors of Freedom Acres Farm and is a riding horse in the care of TDN staffer Sarah Andrew. | Sarah Andrew

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It was a major blow for HISA and, in time, may prove to be the beginning of the end when it comes to efforts to unify the sport under one umbrella group responsible for regulating many vital aspects of the game.

2. **Chris Oakes Sentenced to Three Years**

by Bill Finley, 138,313 views.

As has been the case since the indictments in the doping scandal were announced in March of 2020, *TDN* readers could not get enough of coverage of this story. In March of 2022, standardbred trainer Chris Oakes was sentenced to three years in prison after pleading guilty to one count of misbranding and drug adulteration with intent to defraud or deceive. Oakes was not only doping his own horses, but worked closely with Navarro and provided him with performance-enhancing drugs. Though the subject was a harness trainer, the story of Oakes's sentencing was easily the second most read *TDN* story of 2022.

3. **Owner Hits Jackpot With First Horse**

by Bill Finley, 41,777 views

Not everything the *TDN* reported on in 2022 was about scandals or a matter of gloom and doom. The third story on the list was a feel-good story about 83-year-old owner Pat Kearney. Kearney got involved in the sport late in life and the very first horse he purchased turned out to be Kathleen O. (**Upstart**), who won the GII Gulfstream Park Oaks and the GII Davona Dale S. "It has been an amazing, exciting, energizing experience," said Kearney, who races under the name of Wingate Stables.

4. **Chad Brown Arrested in Saratoga on 'Obstruction of Breathing' Charge**

by Bill Finley, Mike Kane and Sydney Kass, 29,360 views.

Perhaps the most shocking story of the year occurred in August when future Hall-of-Fame trainer Chad Brown was arrested and charged with criminal obstruction of breathing. It was alleged that Brown choked and then pushed a former girlfriend down some stairs who had entered his house uninvited. Brown later pled guilty to the lesser charge of harassment, which allowed him to avoid any jail time.

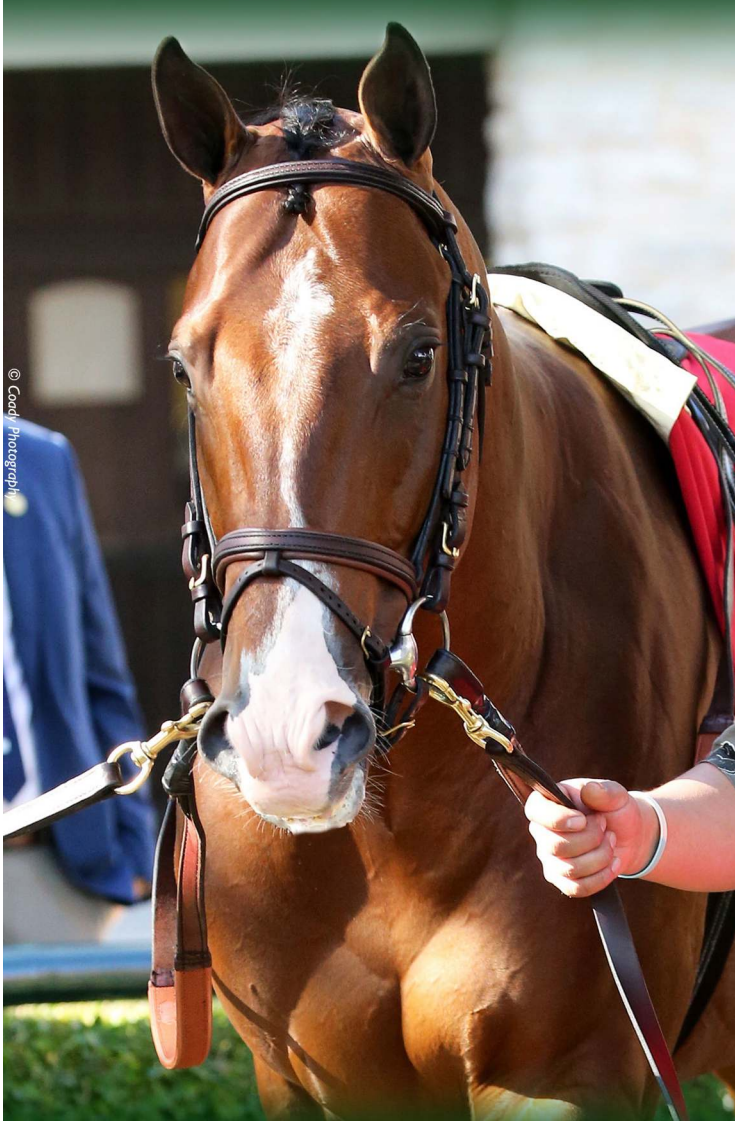
5. **Flightline Retired to Lane's End**

by *TDN* staff, 26,262 views

After Flightline won the GI Breeders' Cup Classic there was a flicker of hope that he would race in 2023 as a 5-year-old. But, in the end, the realities of the economics of the sport made it so that he was far more valuable as a sire than as a racehorse and his connections announced his retirement less than 24 hours after he won the Classic.

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6. Green Light Go Euthanized After Belmont Workout

by TDN staff, 23,849 views

No one wants to see a horse have to be euthanized, particularly one who enjoyed success on the racetrack. Green Light Go (**Hard Spun**), who won the 2019 GII Saratoga Special S., had to be put down after breaking a sesamoid bone in his right foreleg during a workout at Belmont in April.

7. Parx Investigation Finds Contraband, Suspensions Expected

by Bill Finley, 20,635 views

It was the weekend of the GI Pennsylvania Derby at Parx, but not all the news was made on the racetrack. Investigators set up shop at the Parx backstretch gate, checking cars and individuals for illegal contraband. They uncovered a number of syringes and caught a jockey possessing a battery. Two trainers and the jockey were suspended.

8. 2022 Kentucky Race Dates Set

by T.D. Thornton, 19,444 views

With the rise in purses in Kentucky, it's no wonder that this story, which reported on the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission awarding of dates for 2022, was the eighth most-read story of the year in 2022.

9. Trainer Doug O'Neill Suspended 60 Days

by TDN staff, 18,946 views

In November, O'Neill was suspended 60 days, fined \$10,000, and put on probation for one year stemming from a medication positive by his starter Worse Read Sanchez (Square Eddie) at Golden Gate Fields May 1.

10. After McCarthy Spill, Migliore Blames the NY Stewards

by Bill Finley, 18,779 views


There are a lot of people, retired jockey Richard Migliore among them, who believe the New York stewards are too lenient when it comes to penalizing jockeys for rough and careless riding. After Trevor McCarthy went down in a spill in November, fracturing his collar bone and pelvis, Migliore called out the stewards. "It's irresponsible on the part of the rider but they are not being held accountable," Migliore said. "When that happens, it's human nature. The more you can get away with, the rougher it's going to get. The stewards need to really crack down and lay down the law. No more nonsense."

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The TDN offices will be closed Dec. 24 and 25 for the Christmas holiday. There will be no papers dated Dec. 25 or 26. The office will re-open Monday, Dec. 26.
Enjoy the holiday!

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This series is not about finding stallions who are simply the most credentialed to succeed. That said, I do feel that this guy may have the best prospects of this group of turning himself into an important stallion. For a dirt Classic winner to combine Northern Dancer's parallel breed-shapers Danzig and Sadler's Wells as closely as he does—they respectively account for his sire and dam—feels like a fairly historic opportunity to reconcile the culpably separated gene pools of North America and Europe.

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It is believed that the relevant language in the bill allows the FTC to “abrogate, add to, and modify the rules of the Authority promulgated in accordance with this Act as the Commission finds necessary or appropriate to ensure the fair administration of the Authority, to conform the rules of the Authority to requirements of this Act and applicable rules approved by the Commission, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of this Act.”

While Friday’s development was a win for HISA, the battle between pro and anti-HISA forces is far from over and it’s unclear what will happen next. However, it appears likely that the National HBPA and other groups fighting HISA will not back down and will continue to challenge the many issues that have been raised in the courts. It’s also unclear what steps will now be taken by HISA and the FTC in order to get HISA back on track. Possibilities include asking the Fifth Circuit to reconsider its ruling in light of the fact that the FTC will have more power going forward. It’s also possible that the FTC can essentially start the entire process over and ask HISA to resubmit its proposed rules.

Should the Fifth Circuit reverse itself and give HISA the green light to go forward, there are other lawsuits out there that could once again change the direction of the dispute. One is a case in which plaintiffs have made familiar arguments relating to the constitutionality of HISA that has been argued in the Sixth Circuit, which has yet to issue a ruling. Another case is pending 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. The bottom line is that, from a legal standpoint, nothing yet is certain when it comes to HISA.

After the spending bill passed the house, the NTRA issued a press release celebrating the victory that included comments from several industry leaders.

“On behalf of NTRA members, which include broad representation of every aspect of the Thoroughbred industry, we welcome the successful bipartisan efforts of Congress to reaffirm Congressional support for HISA’s mission,” said NTRA President and CEO Tom Rooney. “HISA is critical to our sport and we look forward to working collaboratively with every industry constituency to continue to support the essential role of HISA going forward. We especially want to thank Congressional leadership in Leader McConnell, Leader Schumer, and Speaker Pelosi, committee leadership in Chairman Pallone, Chairwoman Cantwell, and Rep. Schakowsky, and our longtime champions Reps. Tonko and Barr and Senators Feinstein and Gillibrand. Finally, I thank the many people from far and wide across the industry who advocated for this law with their elected officials.”

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SANTA ANITA KICKS OFF 87TH WINTER/ SPRING SEASON MONDAY



Taiba | Benoit Photo

Santa Anita Park will launch its annual winter/spring live racing season on Monday with an 11-race card featuring six stakes races, highlighted by the \$300,000 GI **Runhappy** Malibu S., \$300,000 GI American Oaks, and \$300,000 GI La Brea S., the last three Grade 1s of the year in the U.S.

Dubbed for the first time as the Classic Meet, racing at Santa Anita will be conducted on a Thursday-through-Sunday schedule through Apr. 9, the exceptions being Monday, Jan. 2 for the New Year's Day holiday, Monday, Jan. 16 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and Monday, Feb. 20 for Presidents' Day. After a brief respite in the spring, live racing will return for a 25-day meet Apr. 22, concluding June 18.

A total of 93 stakes worth \$17.5 million, including 10 Grade 1s, are on tap during the 3 1/2-month meeting. Led by the \$750,000 million GI Santa Anita Derby Apr. 8, the 2022-23 stakes schedule is rich with GI Kentucky Derby prep races and coveted Road to the Kentucky Derby qualifying points. These important Triple Crown prep races include: the GIII Sham S. Jan. 8, which is worth 10 points to the winner; the GIII Robert B. Lewis S. Feb. 5, also worth 10; and GII San Felipe S. Mar. 4,

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At 4

Won **Shakertown Stakes-Gr.2**, 5½f, by 4¾ lengths

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which guarantees 50 Road to the Kentucky Derby points to the winner. Overall, 11 winners of the Santa Anita Derby--and 18 runners in California's final prep for the Run for the Roses--have gone on to stand in the winner's circle at Churchill Downs on the first Saturday in May, the most recent being 2018 Triple Crown winner **Justify** (Scat Daddy).

This year, the historic GI Santa Anita H. will be worth \$500,000. The 1 1/4-mile event has been scheduled for Mar. 4. It remains one of the handful of original stakes events contested each year since Santa Anita opened in 1935.

Zedan Racing's MGISW and **'TDN Rising Star' Taiba (Gun Runner)** will face eight others in the Malibu in his first start since a third-place finish in the GI Longines Breeders' Cup Classic. Should the chestnut colt win, he would become the only 3-year-old male to win three Grade Is in 2022 and give trainer Bob Baffert a fifth Malibu winner, one shy of fellow Hall of Famer Richard Mandella. The \$1.7-million FTFMAR 2-year-old purchase also won the Santa Anita Derby in his second start back in April.

Flightline (**Tapit**) won his first stakes race in last year's Malibu en-route to a likely 2022 Horse of the Year and champion older male Eclipse Awards.

Mandella will send out multiple Grade II winner **Forbidden Kingdom (American Pharoah)** for the seven-furlong test, while former California-based trainer Wesley Ward will try to take advantage of the lucrative ship-and-win program with recent Keeneland allowance winner **Nakatomi** (Firing Line).

Baffert will tighten the girth on four of eight for the La Brea in seeking a record ninth winner, including GII Zenyatta S. winner **Midnight Memories (Mastery)**, GII Summertime Oaks heroine **Under The Stars** (Pioneer of the Nile) and **Fun To Dream** (Arrogate), who won the Betty Grable S. at Del Mar last month. Trainer Rudy Rodriguez shipped GIII Victory Ride S. winner **Hot Peppers** (Khozan) and her jockey, Tyler Gaffalione, to the Left Coast in what will be her first start in 2 1/2 months.

Anchoring the day's card is the American Oaks, which drew a field of 11 runners from coast to coast. Joining the local contingent set to line up will be two trained by East Coast-based Graham Motion, and one each from Brendan Walsh, Chad Brown and Shug McGaughey. Last year's GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf winner **Pizza Bianca** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) debuts for Motion after her previous eight-race career in the hands of Christophe Clement. She most recently was a \$3.45 million RNA at KEENOV and returns in the colors of celebrity chef Bobby Flay.

Pizza Bianca will join her new stablemate, GIII Valley View S. winner **Sparkle Blue (Hard Spun)**, in the gate, while Walsh will for the first time send out G1 Bet365 Fillies Mile S. winner **Mise En Scene** (GB) (**Siyouni {Fr}**), returning to action off a sixth-place finish in the GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf. McGaughey



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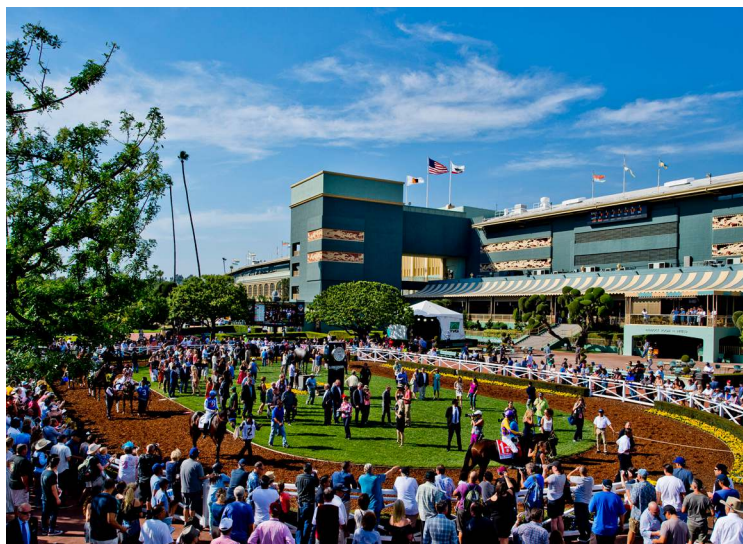
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shipped GII Sands Point S. winner **Skims (GB) (Frankel {GB})** to California. The Brown-trained Winter Memories S. winner and **'TDN Rising Star' Salimah (Ire)** (El Kabeir) also made the trip for the 10-furlong turf test.

Other stakes on the Monday card include the \$200,000 GIII Santa Anita Mathis Mile, which drew a field of seven turf milers, including **I'm A Gambler (Ire) (No Nay Never)**, who sold for \$1,076,000 at TATIHA in October to Red Baron's Barn and Rancho Temescal; the \$200,000 GII San Gabriel S., a 1 1/8-mile turf test and traditional early prep for the historic GIII San Juan Capistrano S. at the end of the season; and the \$200,000 GII San Antonio S., in years past a traditional prep for the Big 'Cap but more recently used as a stepping stone to both the \$6-million G1 Dubai World Cup and \$20-million Saudi Cup. Last year's Dubai World Cup winner **Country Grammer (Tonalist)** will have European champion jockey Frankie Dettori back aboard in the 1 1/16-mile test for the first time since the pair teamed up for the win at Meydan nine months ago. Dettori, in his first and likely last winter in California before his retirement from the saddle at the end of 2023, is scheduled to ride five on the Monday card.

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RACING ON CHRISTMAS A THING OF THE PAST, BUT LEGEND LIVES ON



Santa Anita Paddock | Benoit

The Week in Review, by T.D. Thornton

The annual Dec. 26 start of the Santa Anita season has a natural, anticipatory, turn-the-page vibe to it. But this mark-your-calendar Opening Day mainstay hasn't always been a post-holiday tradition. Although Santa Anita has kicked off its winter/spring meet on the day after Christmas every year since 1977, the track originally opened in 1934 on Christmas Day itself, and did so for the first four years of its existence.

"Filmdom entirely forgot its world of make-believe to migrate

to the Santa Anita track yesterday for the renewal of horse racing in Los Angeles," the *Los Angeles Times* gushed when reporting on the huge turnout of Hollywood movie stars and celebrities when Santa Anita held its first-ever races on Dec. 25, 1934.

"They rubbed elbows with Angelinos and society folk, and jostled through the crowd of 30,000 spectators to get a hot dog or place a bet, and joined in the cheer that swept over the giant racing plant as the horses left the barrier for the first race," the front-page spread stated.

History tells us that way back when, Santa Anita wasn't alone in racing on Christmas Day.

Thumb through chart books and old newspaper clippings, and you'll get a flavor of when Christmas in North America was more of a social holiday than a commercial one; when going to the races on Dec. 25 was a festive outing centered on celebrating with friends and strangers alike.

As far back as the 1880s and early into the 20th Century, Christmas Day racing was routine at major warm-weather North American venues such as Oakland, California; Havana, Cuba; Juarez and Tijuana in Mexico, plus at other, long-gone Thoroughbred outposts like Jefferson in Louisiana and Savannah, Georgia.

There is even evidence that "outlaw" Thoroughbred tracks in bone-chilling climes like New Jersey, Illinois, and Missouri raced on Christmas through roughly 1900, purely because people would turn out to bet on the low-level unsanctioned racing those venues offered. Action, after all, was action.

By 1938 though, Santa Anita opted to switch off of Christmas Day racing in favor of opening on New Year's Eve. That



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

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experiment didn't last, and for the better part of the next 15 seasons or so, the SoCal track's start date fluctuated within the last week of December depending on how the calendar fell.

The first Dec. 26 Santa Anita opener was not until 1949, according to a retrospective the *Los Angeles Times* ran in 2012: "Since 1952, the day after Christmas has been Santa Anita's opening day in all but five seasons, and all seasons since 1977. Now to open any other day would seem sacrilegious."

The Fair Grounds in New Orleans and Tropical Park in Florida were the two main tracks on the continent that continued to card Christmas Day racing through the middle of the 20th Century.

Eventually, Florida's tracks became the only torch-carriers for Christmas Day racing in America. Calder Race Course embraced the tradition after Tropical closed in 1972, and Hialeah Park even briefly gave it a go when it reopened from closure in 1991.

Yes, Virginia, There Is...

The now-defunct Calder also often raced on Christmas Eve, too. The finale on Dec. 24, 1992, was a \$7,500 claimer in which an aptly named mare called Silent Knight got pounded in the betting to 7-5 favoritism. She won, of course. The margin was a nose (presumably red).

You'd think Silent Knight's victory might go down in history as the all-time holiday hunch play.

It isn't.

That distinction belongs to a 9-year-old Canadian-bred named Santa Claus, who romped home first in a Christmas Eve claimer at the Fair Grounds in 1976, delivering a \$7.20 win mutuel to his merry backers.

After arriving in the paddock with his tail tied in red and white ribbons and a festive stocking cap perched atop his head, Santa Claus trailed until the final turn in a 1 1/16 miles route race, then rushed up the rail with a flourish turning for home.

"Here comes Santa Claus, here comes Santa Claus..." the track announcer began crooning, with the crowd laughing and joining in to sing the carol, according to the Associated Press account of the race.

The Grinch Known as Simulcasting...

You can bet that Hall-of-Fame jockey Mike Smith remembers the Christmas Day he spent at Calder in 1993.

Smith, 28 at the time and just emerging as a top New York-based rider, flew to Florida because he had a chance to tie Pat Day's then-record of 60 stakes wins in a calendar year. Smith caught a big break when the holiday feature, the Tropical Park Oaks, got split into two divisions at entry time. He landed on the two favorites--and in the winner's circle--with both mounts.

"Someone up there must be looking out for me, and these horses must know," Smith said after the wins.

Five days later, back at Aqueduct, Smith would win his 61st stakes of the year, giving him sole possession of the record (which has since been Scrooged by several other riders). The feat helped him earn his first Eclipse Award as the nation's outstanding jockey.

The following year, the 1994 Christmas Day program at Calder would turn out to be its last.

While the holiday cards were considered decent on-track days in terms of attendance and handle (6,473 people turned out to bet \$925,632 on-track in 1994), by 1995 Calder management



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decided that it would rather forego racing on the holiday to be open the day after, when more off-track betting parlors and simulcast tracks nationwide would be open to import the signal.

Today, Camarero Race Track in Puerto Rico is the only North American track with regular racing on Christmas Day.

At all the stateside venues, not a creature is stirring, not even a mouse.

Yet it turned out that a sizable chunk of customers cried "Humbug!" when Calder pulled the plug on Christmas Day racing.

As Calder president Ken Dunn told the *Miami Herald* in 1995, for many people, the racetrack was a refuge (fast-forward to 2022: it still is). Particularly for the elderly who might not have family, going racing was a way to fill the hours.

Plus, Dunn added, "There are a lot of people who don't celebrate Christmas."

Dunn's predecessor, the late Kenny Noe, who oversaw Calder during its decades-long run of holiday racing, told the *Herald* in that same article he had a different theory about why Christmas was so popular with racegoers.

"A lot of men would show up at the track and tell me their wives had told them to get the hell out of the house but be home by 4 o'clock for dinner," said Noe, an old-school track exec who was never one to mince words.

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LAUREL RE-GIFTS STAKES PROGRAM



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Winter Storm Elliott is expected to bring gusty winds, arctic

cold and threats of flash freezing to the Mid-Atlantic over the weekend. To prepare, the Maryland Jockey Club has postponed its Dec. 26 Christmastide Stakes Day program.

"Due to the weather conditions expected throughout the weekend, we decided to cancel our Monday program early and accommodate our fans as well as the horsemen and horsewomen who will be participating in this exceptional day of racing," said Mike Rogers, Acting President of the Maryland Jockey Club.

The entire 11-race slate will shift to Friday, Dec. 30 with a post time of 11:25 a.m. Live racing is scheduled to resume Thursday, Dec. 29 with the 48-day fall meet finale set for Saturday, Dec. 31.

Featuring six \$100,000 stakes, the Christmastide program includes, the Heft S. for 2-year-olds and Gin Talking S. for 2-year-old fillies at seven panels, each; 6 1/2-furlong Willa On the Move S. and 1 1/8-mile Carousel S. for older fillies and mares; and six-furlong Dave's Friend S. and Robert T. Manfuso S. going 1 1/16 miles for 3-year-olds and up.

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JOIN ANNOUNCER PETE IN THE BOOTH TO HELP TAA

Beginning Dec. 26--Opening Day of Gulfstream Park's Championship Meet--fans will be able to meet and watch track announcer Pete Aiello call a race while helping to retrain, rehome and retire Thoroughbreds. For a \$50 donation per person, up to six fans can watch Aiello call a race from the announcer's booth with the proceeds going to the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance (TAA).

"The TAA is very grateful to the team at Gulfstream Park and Peter Aiello for this unique and fun way to raise funds and awareness for aftercare. We hope fans of racing will embrace this experience to have an exciting birds-eye view of Thoroughbred racing while joining Pete and supporting a great cause," said Stacie Clark-Rogers, TAA's Operation Consultant.

Aiello, a native of West Palm Beach, grew up attending the races at Gulfstream, Hialeah Park and Calder Race Course. A graduate of the University of Arizona Race Track Industry Program, Aiello called races at River Downs, California fairs and Oaklawn Park before arriving at Gulfstream in 2016.

"I love meeting racing fans and I applaud the efforts of the TAA so it is a perfect marriage. I look forward to showing everyone a great time raising money for a great cause," Aiello said.

For more information contact Stacy Nicks at stacy.nicks@gulfstreampark.com.

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As part of the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance (TAA)'s month-long Holiday Giving Campaign, Aidan Butler and his beloved off-track Thoroughbred Cannonstone have pledged to match all donations up to \$2,500 made to the TAA Dec. 24. A member of TAA's Board of Directors and CEO of 1/ST RACING AND GAMING, Butler continues to be an advocate for the sport through safety, innovation, and aftercare initiatives.

"The TAA is vital to the success and longevity of our racing industry," said Butler. "On a personal level, I wouldn't have my beloved horse Cannonstone without the TAA and their network of accredited groups (or the vet bills, but he's worth it). We are all in this together and if we continue to put the horse first, success will follow. Please join Stone and I to give back to the horses that truly give us everything."

Butler adopted "Stone" from Secretariat Center in 2019, which is one of 81 accredited sites that is directly funded by TAA. He represents one out of approximately 15,000 retired racehorses that has successfully made the transition from the racetrack to a second career.

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"We appreciate Aidan's commitment to the TAA and to the Thoroughbreds," said TAA Operations Consultant, Stacie Clark. "Aidan's horse Cannonstone has been a wonderful mascot not only for aftercare but for all fans of Thoroughbreds and racing."

TAA's Holiday Giving Campaign commenced Nov. 29 with one-day matches with the sport's biggest names and concludes New Year's Eve. Those wishing to support the TAA, its accredited organizations and thousands of retired Thoroughbreds can donate through the TAA's website or text DONATE to 56651.

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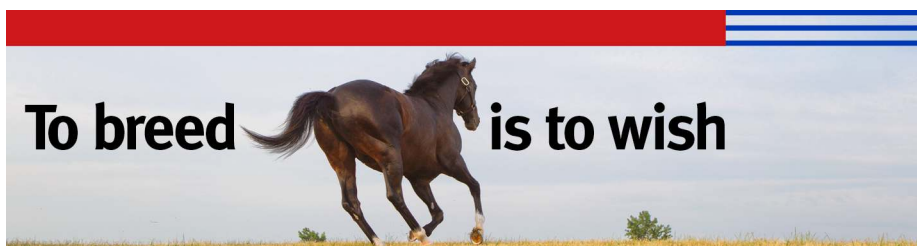
2022 Leading Turf Sires by Graded Stakes Winners

for stallions standing in North America through Thursday, Dec. 22

Earnings represent Worldwide figures, NH foals only, stud fees listed are 2022 fees.

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	More Than Ready (1997) by Southern Halo	7	15	6	10	--	2	189	57	616,126	5,709,742
	Crops: 19	Stands: WinStar Farm USA (Dead/Retired)				Jean Gros					
2	War Front (2002) by Danzig	11	20	5	16	1	3	139	49	1,001,100	5,549,640
	Crops: 13	Stands: Claiborne Farm KY Fee: \$100,000				Annapolis					
3	Kitten's Joy (2001) by El Prado (Ire)	6	15	4	10	1	2	236	61	1,576,610	6,357,015
	Crops: 14	Stands: Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa USA (Dead/Retired)				Gendarme					
4	English Channel (2002) by Smart Strike	6	16	4	10	2	3	156	63	1,078,500	5,686,161
	Crops: 12	Stands: Calumet Farm USA (Dead/Retired)				War Like Goddess					
5	Uncle Mo (2008) by Indian Charlie	7	17	4	9	--	2	162	48	556,470	4,999,505
	Crops: 8	Stands: Coolmore Ashford KY Fee: \$160,000				Family Way					
6	Temple City (2005) by Dynaformer	8	13	4	6	--	1	144	45	526,317	4,212,311
	Crops: 9	Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$5,000				Temple City Terror					
7	Pioneerof the Nile (2006) by Empire Maker	4	10	4	5	--	1	89	32	478,700	3,266,633
	Crops: 10	Stands: WinStar Farm USA (Dead/Retired)				Arrest Me Red					
8	Quality Road (2006) by Elusive Quality	6	13	4	7	1	2	122	30	834,700	3,247,548
	Crops: 9	Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$150,000				Bleecker Street					
9	Caravaggio (2014) by Scat Daddy	6	13	4	7	1	1	129	40	397,275	2,281,178
	Crops: 2	Stands: Coolmore Ashford KY Fee: \$35,000				Tenebrism					
10	Medaglia d'Oro (1999) by El Prado (Ire)	6	15	3	13	1	1	128	31	3,503,418	7,309,248
	Crops: 15	Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$100,000				Golden Sixty (AUS)					
11	Into Mischief (2005) by Harlan's Holiday	5	16	3	10	1	2	197	46	471,600	4,778,839
	Crops: 11	Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$250,000				Gina Romantica					
12	Twirling Candy (2007) by Candy Ride (Arg)	3	10	3	5	--	--	126	45	355,500	3,858,099
	Crops: 8	Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$60,000				Beyond Brilliant					
13	Point of Entry (2008) by Dynaformer	4	6	3	3	--	1	87	26	901,959	3,293,482
	Crops: 6	Stands: Adena Springs North ON Fee: 7,500				Lotus Land					
14	Mizzen Mast (1998) by Cozzene	4	5	3	3	2	2	73	26	862,375	2,739,661
	Crops: 17	Stands: Juddmonte Farms KY Fee: Pensioned				Caravel					
15	Goldencents (2010) by Into Mischief	4	7	3	4	1	1	117	30	355,000	2,148,287
	Crops: 5	Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$15,000				Going to Vegas					

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Monday, Santa Anita #8, post time: 5:35 p.m. EST

LA BREA S.-GI, \$300,000, 3yo, f, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Under the Stars	Pioneerof the Nile	Magnier, Mrs. John, Tabor, Michael B. & Smith, Derrick	Baffert	Prat	122
2	Hot Peppers	Khozan	Caruso, Michael J. and Dubb, Michael	Rodriguez	Gaffalione	122
3	Ganadora 🦋	Quality Road	Baoma Corp	Baffert	Velazquez	120
4	Midnight Memories	Mastery	Pegram, Michael E., Watson, Karl and Weitman, Paul	Baffert	Vazquez	122
5	Ain't Easy 🦋	Into Mischief	Old Bones Racing Stable, LLC, Lombardi, Michael V. and Platts, Joey	D'Amato	Rosario	120
6	Fun to Dream	Arrogate	Baffert, Natalie J. and Pageler, Connie	Baffert	Hernandez	120
7	Kirstenbosch	Midnight Lute	Keith Abrahams	Sadler	Kimura	120
8	Awake At Midnyte 🦋	Nyquist	Reddam Racing LLC	O'Neill	Gutierrez	120

Breeders: 1-Eaton, 2-Brent Fernung & Crystal Fernung, 3-Gainesway Thoroughbreds LTD, BrianGraves & Michael E. Hernon, 4-Michael E. Pegram, Paul Weitman & KarlWatson, 5-Spendthrift Farm LLC, 6-Connie Pageler & Bob Baffert, 7-Keith Abrahams, 8-Forty Oaks

Monday, Santa Anita #10, post time: 6:39 p.m. EST

RUNHAPPY MALIBU S.-GI, \$300,000, 3yo, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Forbidden Kingdom	American Pharoah	MyRacehorse and Spendthrift Farm LLC	Mandella	Hernandez	122
2	Messier	Empire Maker	SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Masterson, Robert E., Schoenfarber, Jay A., Waves Edge Capital LLC, Donovan, Catherine M., Golconda Stable, Siena Farm LLC	Baffert	Velazquez	122
3	Apprehend 🦋	Arrogate	Peter Redekop B. C., Ltd.	Miller	Vazquez	120
4	Nakatomi 🦋	Firing Line	Bottle Rocket Stable, Qatar Racing & Detampel, Marc	Ward	Gaffalione	120
5	Hoist the Gold 🦋	Mineshaft	Dream Team One Racing Stable	Stewart	Rosario	120
6	Taiba	Gun Runner	Zedan Racing Stables, Inc.	Baffert	Smith	124
7	Perfect Flight	Uncle Mo	Gary Barber	Miller	Santana, Jr.	120
8	Strava 🦋	Into Mischief	Siena Farm LLC, WinStar Farm, LLC & Crum, Denny	Stewart	Prat	120
9	Straight No Chaser	Speightster	MyRacehorse	Blackner	Maldonado	120

Breeders: 1-Springhouse Farm, 2-Sam-Son Farm, 3-Elevated Bloodstock & Raxon Cho, 4-Arnold Zetcher LLC & Crestwood Farm, 5-Dream Team Racing, 6-Bruce C. Ryan, 7-Siena Farms LLC, 8-WinStar Farm, LLC, 9-John Eaton & Steve Laymon



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Monday, Santa Anita #11, post time: 7:11 p.m. EST**AMERICAN OAKS-GI, \$300,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/4mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Rhea Moon (Ire)	Starspangledbanner (Aus)	Rockingham Ranch and Talla Racing LLC	D'Amato	Hernandez	124
2	Sparkle Blue	Hard Spun	Augustin Stable and Parke, Catherine	Motion	Rosario	124
3	Lady Clementine (GB)	Churchill (Ire)	Qatar Racing, Detampel, Marc and Galvin, Fergus	Papaprodromou	Dettori	124
4	Oakhurst	Mr Speaker	Little Red Feather Racing	D'Amato	Berrios	124
5	Bellstreet Bridie (GB)	Sir Percy (GB)	Red Baron's Barn LLC, Rancho Temescal LLC and Branch, William A.	Glatt	Smith	124
6	Mise En Scene (GB)	Siyouni (Fr)	Qatar Racing Limited and RacehorseClub	Walsh	Gaffalione	124
7	Skims (GB) 	Frankel (GB)	Andrew Rosen	McGaughey III	Velazquez	124
8	Pizza Bianca	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Bobby Flay	Motion	Rispoli	124
9	Salimah (Ire)	El Kabeir	Stephanie Seymour Brant	Brown	Prat	124
10	Duvet Day (Ire) 	Starspangledbanner (Aus)	Bacharach, Burt, Bacharach, Jane & Schatz, Richard	McCarthy	Kimura	124
11	School Dance	Animal Kingdom	Agave Racing Stable & Rockin Robin Racing Stables	D'Amato	Vazquez	124



Breeders: 1-Kevin J. Molloy, 2-Catherine Parke, 3-The Wind Fire Partnership, 4-Vegso Racing Stable, 5-Ashbrittle Stud, 6-The Gadfly Partnership, 7-Andrew Rosen, 8-B. Flay Thoroughbreds, 9-Yeomanstown Stud, 10-John Yarr, 11-Betz/Lamantia/Ramsby/Strong, B & KCanetti/J.Betz

Monday, Santa Anita #1, post time: 2:00 p.m. EST**SANTA ANITA MATHIS MILE S.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo, 1mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Balnikhov (Ire)	Adaay (Ire)	Little Red Feather Racing, Madaket Stables LLC and Old Bones Racing Stable, LLC	D'Amato	Gaffalione	122
2	One More Bid	California Chrome	California Racing Partners, Ciaglia Racing LLC and Hanson, Ryan	Hanson	Vazquez	120
3	I'm A Gambler (Ire)	No Nay Never	Red Baron's Barn LLC and Rancho Temescal LLC	Glatt	Prat	120
4	Time to Party 	Kantharos	David A Bernsen LLC and Weijland, Raymond	Papaprodromou	Bravo	120
5	Agatino (Ire)	Buratino (Ire)	CYBT, Nentwig, Michael, Newman, Roger H. and Pagano, Ray	D'Amato	Rispoli	120
6	Handy Dandy	Fury Kapcori	Altamira Racing Stable, CYBT, Lantzman, Marc and Nentwig, Michael	Miller	Rosario	122
7	Sumter	War Front	Bass II, Perry R. and Bass, Ramona S.	Mandella	Smith	122

Breeders: 1-T. de La Heronniere & Gestut Zur Kuste AG, 2-Tolo Thoroughbreds, 3-Fullbury Ltd, 4-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd & Bridlewood Farm, 5-Mr J. Higgins, 6-Brent Fernung & Crystal Fernung, 7-Bass Stables, LLC

Monday, Santa Anita #3, post time: 3:03 p.m. EST**SAN GABRIEL S.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/8mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Rip City 	City Zip	S3L, LLC	O'Neill	Maldonado	121
2	Masteroffoxhounds	War Front	Rockingham Ranch	D'Amato	Smith	125
3	Dicey Mo Chara (GB)	Adaay (Ire)	Red Baron's Barn LLC and Rancho Temescal LLC	Powell	Hernandez	121
4	Go On	Nyquist	Reddam Racing LLC	O'Neill	Gutierrez	121
5	Bob and Jackie 	Twirling Candy	Nguyen, Calvin and Tran, Joey C.	Papaprodromou	Valdivia, Jr.	121
6	Prince Abama (Ire)	Tamayuz (GB)	Michael House	D'Amato	Prat	125
7	Flashiest	Mizzen Mast	Wachtel Stable, Barber, Gary, Drion, Nicolas G. and Powell, Mathilde	Powell	Rosario	121

Breeders: 1-Darwin Krenz, 2-Orpendale/Chelston/Wynatt, 3-Workshop Manor Stud, 4-Reddam Racing, LLC, 5-Zayat Stables LLC, 6-Mr T. Jones, 7-Indian Creek & Nicky Drion

Monday, Santa Anita #6, post time: 4:32 p.m. EST

SAN ANTONIO S.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Hopkins 🐎	Quality Road	SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Stonestreet Stables LLC, Golconda Stable, Siena Farm LLC and Masterson, Robert E.	Baffert	Hernandez	121
2	Stilleto Boy	Shackleford	Steve Moger	Moger, Jr.	Smith	123
3	Breakfast Ride 🐎	Distorted Humor	Eggert, Paul and Eggert, Karen	Sadler	Rosario	119
4	Hudson Ridge	American Pharoah	Double L Racing and Baffert, Natalie J.	Baffert	Prat	121
5	Heywoods Beach 🐎	Speightstown	Hronis Racing LLC	Sadler	Vazquez	123
6	Country Grammer 🐎	Tonalist	Commonwealth Thoroughbreds, LLC, Winstar Farm LLC and Zedan Racing Stables, Inc.	Baffert	Dettori	123

Breeders: 1-Nursery Place, 2-John Kerber & Iveta Kerber, 3-Paul Eggert & Karen Eggert, 4-Orpendale/Chelston/Wynatt, 5-SF Bloodstock LLC, 6-Scott Pierce & Debbie Pierce



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3rd-Gulfstream, \$53,000, (S), Msw, 12-23, 2yo, 6 1/2f, 1:19.65, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

ENGLISH BOB (g, 2, Khozan--Catnandu, by Lion Heart), by far the longest shot on the board at 63-1 for his afternoon debut, pressured early pacesetter Mooncapture (Uncaptured) through a :22.83 opening quarter. Always traveling well, he took command with an outside move around the far turn and cleared the field around the eighth pole, holding steady to his lead despite drifting out to defeat Adios Papa Chico (**Adios Charlie**) by 2 1/4 lengths. From the extended family of GI Longines Kentucky Oaks winner Lovely Maria (Majesticperfection), English Bob has a yearling full-sister still to race behind him. His dam was bred back to Khozan for another full-sibling in 2023. Sales History: \$39,000 Ylg '21 OBSOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$31,800. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.** O/T-Daniel Pita; B-Brent & Crystal Fernung (FL).

INSIGHT *Outcomes*

8th-Fair Grounds, \$50,000, Msw, 12-23, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:12.58, ft, 1/2 length.

BRU NA BOINNE (f, 2, Arrogate--Mr Hall's Opus {GSP, \$155,300}, by Officer) made her first start away from Churchill Downs Friday after a pair of efforts during the fall meet--third over a sloppy track Oct. 30 and fourth when last seen Nov. 26. The 3-2 favorite using Lasix for the first time, she established a good stalking trip despite a bobble at the start, racing fourth while three wide. Paced by Fancy Caber Neigh (**Mendelssohn**), Bru Na Boinne fought to keep up while fanned out to the five path as the group straightened for the money. Under a sustained rally, she stuck a head in front close to home and held off a pair of rivals on either side to defeat Souper Explosive (**Gun Runner**) by a half-length. Roxy's Ball (Bolt d'Oro) checked in third while Amisfield (**Justify**) was fourth. Already a half-sister to Essential Wager (**Honor Code**), GSW, \$207,200, Bru Na Boinne has a yearling half-sister, Essential Ellie (**Honor Code**), and a weanling half-sister by Wildcat Red. Her dam returned to **Honor Code** for 2023. Sales History: \$100,000 RNA Ylg '21 KEEJAN; \$120,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$48,000. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.** O-Kat Kirk & Wayne Sanders; B-Maccabee (KY); T-Bret Calhoun.

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6th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$25,000, Msw, 12-23, 2yo, f, 1m 40y, 1:43.83, ft, 3 1/2 lengths.

GUNS N' GRACES (f, 2, **Gun Runner--Imposing Grace {GSW, \$326,743}, by Empire Maker)** checked in second 13 1/2 lengths behind a runaway winner at Belmont's Aqueduct meeting Nov. 4 in her debut start. Entered Friday as the 9-5 second choice, she chased loose leader Song of America (**American Pharoah**) into the clubhouse turn and up the backstretch run. As that rival began to fade, Guns n' Graces kicked in from the four path into upper stretch and sprinted clear, beating favored Wits and Wagers (**Union Rags**) by 3 1/2 lengths. Out of a half-sister to GSW Level Playingfield (Level Sands), Guns n' Graces has a yearling half-sister, Xtreme Smoke Show (**Frosted**), and her dam is due to **City of Light** for a 2023 foal. Sales History: \$375,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$32,000. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-CHP Racing; B-Coffee Pot Stable (KY); T-Chad C. Brown.

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Shirl's Bee, c, 2, **Bee Jersey.** See 'TDN Europe--Middle East'

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Mimi Kakushi, f, 2, **City of Light.** See 'TDN Europe--Middle East'

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IN SAUDI ARABIA:

Arrumaisaa (KSA), f, 2, **Unified--Look Who's Ritzy, by First Samurai.** King Abdulaziz, 12-23, Maiden (KSA-bred), 1600m. B-Sayill Almotairi Sons. *\$7,000 in utero '20 KEEJAN.

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2022 Stud Fees Listed

Accelerate (Lookin At Lucky), Lane's End Farm, \$15,000
124 foals of racing age/14 winners/1 black-type winner
5-Gulfstream, 2:10 p.m. EST, Msw 5f, Lookin At Maggie, 7-2
\$160,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$240,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Awesome Slew (Awesome Again), Ocala Stud, \$4,000
36 foals of racing age/13 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Gulfstream, 3:09 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, Hihellohowareyou, 5-2
\$100,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$220,000 OBS APR 2yo

Bolt d'Oro (Medaglia d'Oro), Spendthrift Farm, \$20,000
167 foals of racing age/27 winners/5 black-type winners
4-Tampa Bay Downs, 1:59 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Carcano, 3-1
\$110,000 KEE SEP yrl

Collected (City Zip), Airdrie Stud, \$15,000
119 foals of racing age/14 winners/1 black-type winner
5-Gulfstream, 2:10 p.m. EST, Msw 5f, Three Girls, 5-2
\$30,000 SAR AUG yrl; \$150,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Good Magic (Curlin), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, \$30,000
133 foals of racing age/22 winners/6 black-type winners
4-Tampa Bay Downs, 1:59 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Instinctual, 7-2
\$40,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$72,000 RNA OBS WIN wnl; \$155,000
FTK JUL yrl

Justify (Scat Daddy), Coolmore Ashford, \$100,000
176 foals of racing age/29 winners/6 black-type winners
1-Gulfstream, 12:10 p.m. EST, Msw 1 1/16mT, O Gangster, 30-1
\$240,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$190,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl; \$60,000
OBS APR 2yo

The Lieutenant (Street Sense), Sequel New York
30 foals of racing age/3 winners/1 black-type winner
4-Tampa Bay Downs, 1:59 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Street Cop Officer

Tapwrit (Tapit), Gainesway Farm, \$10,000
104 foals of racing age/15 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Gulfstream, 2:10 p.m. EST, Msw 5f, Saweetie Girl, 30-1
\$50,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$60,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$60,000 RNA OBS
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8-Gulfstream, 3:41 p.m. EST, \$100K Janus S., 5fT,
Classicstateofmind, 15-1
\$50,000 OBS APR 2yo

Unified (Candy Ride {Arg}), Lane's End Farm, \$10,000
194 foals of racing age/72 winners/3 black-type winners
5-Gulfstream, 2:10 p.m. EST, Msw 5f, Araucaria, 30-1
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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-Turfway, \$73,986, 12-22, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m (AWT), 1:37.77,
ft, 2 1/2 lengths.

FAIR GAME (f, 4, **Honor Code**--Magical Theater {SP, \$130,910},
by Smart Strike) Lifetime Record: 13-3-2-0, \$118,245. O-G.
Watts Humphrey, Jr.; B-Watts Humphrey Jr, Susie Keller, Victoria
Oliver & Watts Humphrey III (KY); T-Victoria Oliver. *1/2 to
Mines and Magic (**Mineshaft**), SW & MGSP, \$271,401.

7th-Gulfstream, \$61,000, 12-23, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:35.46, ft, 4 1/4
lengths.

BLACK BELT (g, 4, **Not This Time**--Pica Slew {GSW, \$186,475},
by Pico Central {Brz}) Lifetime Record: 13-5-0-1, \$103,710.
O-EKB Stables LLC & P & L Thoroughbred Racing, LLC;
B-Springland Farm & Duncan Taylor (KY); T-Peter Walder.
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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Harold's Cloud, c, 2, Cloud Computing--Morning Memo, by Morning Line. Fair Grounds, 12-23, (C), 1 1/16m, 1:48.23. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$28,450. B-Nirvana Farm LLC (KY). *\$11,000 Wlg '20 KEENOV; \$37,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. **15th winner by freshman sire (by Maclean's Music).

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Battle of Midway, Fast Giselle, f, 3, o/o Malibu Kash, by Malibu Moon. MSW, 12-22, Turfway

Cloud Computing, Harold's Cloud, c, 2, o/o Morning Memo, by Morning Line. MCL, 12-23, Fair Grounds

Fed Biz, Biz Biz Buzz, g, 3, o/o Our Candy Striper, by Candy Ride (Arg). AOC, 12-23, Gulfstream

Gun Runner, Guns n' Graces, f, 2, o/o Imposing Grace, by Empire Maker. MSW, 12-23, Tampa Bay

Honor Code, Fair Game, f, 4, o/o Magical Theater, by Smart Strike. AOC, 12-22, Turfway

Khozan, English Bob, g, 2, o/o Catnandu, by Lion Heart. MSW, 12-23, Gulfstream

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THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT



The film *Welcome to Wrexham* engenders much of the same community spirit found in racing

By Tania Kindersley

This is about horses and racing and Christmas, but I want to start with football.

I know nothing about football. I do know, however, that it is a thing of profound passion. I sometimes wonder how people can follow their teams, week in, week out, and stand all the heartbreak. (I have a friend who is a Queen's Park Rangers supporter.)

However, this week I somehow stumbled upon a truly magnificent documentary called *Welcome to Wrexham*. It's about a down-on-its-luck football club which was suddenly and apparently randomly bought by a Canadian film star and an American television star.

And it made me cry.

It made me cry like the gallant racing horses can make me cry, and that's why I want to connect the two.

Everyone could have been--and I think some were--tremendously cynical about Ryan Reynolds and Rob McElhenney buying what looked from the outside like some rusting tinpot of a football club. (The rails in the stands were literally rusting; weeds were pushing through the steps where fans once roared on their side; the Kop had collapsed and been condemned.) The cynics might think the two men, who hardly even knew where Wales was, were doing it for publicity or for some millionaire whim or because they wanted a plaything. They couldn't possibly care about the club, or its history, or the people of the town. [Cont. p3](#)

STARS ON SHOW FOR TREO EILE THOROUGHBRED CLASSIC

If it was racing stars you were looking for, the Treo Eile Thoroughbred Classic was where you could find them, as Rachael Blackmore, Robbie Power, and Charlie Swan turned out to support the event last Thursday night at the Emerald Equestrian Centre in County Kildare.

Treo Eile was set up to connect, support and promote the retraining of thoroughbreds and legends of the racetrack Tiger Roll, Douvan and the recently retired dual Gold Cup hero Al Boum Photo were all strutting their stuff on the evening.

A celebrity show jumping competition generated fierce competition and illustrated how racehorses can be retrained for other disciplines after their racing days are over.

There were 10 teams captained by leading lights of the weighroom and show jumping and eventing circles and the parade of thoroughbred champions was sponsored by Moyglare Stud.

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John Osborne, Jane Davis, Ian Cassells, Rachel O'Callaghan, Aine O'Connor and Lucia Keane | Alex Cairns

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In today's Christmas Eve edition of TDN America, we recap the 10 most-read stories for 2022.

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Remorse (Ire) was one of three winners on Friday's Meydan program for the legendary Dubawi (Ire) and became the stallion's 249th worldwide black-type winner in the Listed Entisar S. | Dubai Racing Club

12 QUESTIONS: TATTERSALLS' JASON SINGH

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Next up in the TDN 12 Questions hot seat is Jason Singh, who has been a fixture at Tattersalls for better than two decades.

U.S. FROSH SIRES STAR AT MEYDAN

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*A pair of American first-crop sires were represented by winners on Friday's 2022-ending card at Meydan in Dubai. Mimi Kakushi (*City of Light*) broke her maiden nicely in the UAE 1000 Guineas Trial, while Shirl's Bee (*Bee Jersey*) opened his account at first asking.*

ARIMA KINEN DRAWS JAPAN'S BEST

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Titleholder (Jpn) (Duramente {Jpn}), a latest 11th in the bog in the Arc in early October, tops a field of 16 for the fan-voted G1 Arima Kinen on Christmas Day at Nakayama Racecourse.

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The Christmas Spirit cont.

It turns out that they could. I'm not sure I ever saw two men who were so sincere and so ridiculously good-hearted.

Here's what they understood--and it's at the core of all great sport: they understood that the football club was the beating heart of the community and the thread that pulled it together. It was the thread too that pulled the past and the present together. People would remember their fathers and grandfathers taking them to their first match, or look at black and white photographs on the wall and be transported back to a different era, a time when the club was a source of pride, a time when the town was thriving.

What happened to Wrexham happened all over Wales. The mines closed and the heavy industry moved out and the working men were left with no work. High streets became forlorn places of charity shops and bookies and dim pubs. These were tight communities, and the stuffing was knocked out of them.

They needed something to cheer for.

That's what Welcome to Wrexham is about. It had all the elements of great drama: two enthusiastic, faintly naive outsiders coming in to a small town and learning the ways of triumph and tragedy, toughing it out, joining with the locals in a great endeavour which was about far, far more than a sporting occasion. All human life was there. The characters in the documentary were philosophers: they were the Stoics, they were the Marcus Aureliuses of Wales. They doggedly faced down the existential slings and arrows and held on to what really mattered, which are the things that lift the heart: community, shared passions, belief, those glittering, improbable moments which take human beings out of the workaday, the quotidian, the relentlessly ordinary.

For a particular set of racing fans, Christmas does not take place on the 25th December, but on Boxing Day.

That's my Christmas story, I thought. Because that's what racing can do, too.

For a particular set of racing fans, Christmas does not take place on the 25th December, but on Boxing Day. That's the present we can't wait to unwrap, because it's the day of the King George.

The King George rings Christmas bells in the minds of those who love British National Hunt racing. It's not an internationally renowned contest. I very much doubt that devotees will be tuning in from Melbourne or Saratoga. Kempton Park, where it takes place, is not one of the great, storied courses of the game. It does not have the natural beauty of Cheltenham, nor the famous railway fences of Sandown, nor the regal history of Ascot. It's a flat, galloping track, and it's set in the suburbs, and it was used as a prisoner-of-war camp during the war. It does not, in other words, reek of glamour. The King George isn't even a particularly old race, only invented in 1937 and named after George VI. Yet, for all that, Kempton on Boxing Day is what sets the spine tingling. People who love jumping horses start dreaming of that three-mile chase in early December, like children waiting breathlessly for Santa Claus to come.

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The Christmas Spirit cont.

There is something about the winter game. Like the most touching parts of Welcome to Wrexham, jump racing has a very particular sense of community. There's the shared knowledge of freezing dawns, waking the great, dozing equine athletes before the light, seeing their breath plume out into the frigid air on morning exercise. There are the wry, knowing smiles which contain memories of wet Wednesdays at Huntingdon, or battling through the sleet at Uttoxeter, or watching a finish in a snowstorm at Ayr. It's all a world away from the summer festivals at York or Newmarket, or the fashion parade of the Royal Meeting in June.



Desert Orchid parading in retirement with Lester Piggott | *Racingfotos*

There are the pulling threads of memory too. The King George has a habit of throwing up great champions. It was in this race that Desert Orchid laid down his first calling card of greatness, when he romped home at 16-1. He'd never gone anywhere near as far as three miles before, and he was so enthusiastic in his two mile races that nobody thought he could possibly stay the distance. (Kempton may be a flat track, with none of the demanding undulations of Cheltenham, but it fairly sorts them out. It requires surprising amounts of stamina. As the great John Francome once said, 'They'll be strung out from here to Sunbury.' And they often are.)

That extraordinary debut in the race is carved in the minds of everyone who was lucky enough to see it. There are horses who just seem to adore this particular contest, and they'll come back year after year, so they are standing dishes, the most reliable of Christmas presents. Desert Orchid went on to win it four times, a record later bettered by Kauto Star, whose fifth King George victory made for one of the most rousing receptions that Kempton--or any other racecourse--has ever known.

Just as the Welsh football fans reminisced about their dads and grandads taking them to their first match, people will recall when their parents or grandparents took them to see Mandarin or Mill House or Wayward Lad or Best Mate. I'm not old enough to remember Arkle, who won it in 1965, but my mum was there, and she told me the stories.

And the threads of history pull tight as well. If you go and look at the roll call of honour for this perfect plum pudding of a race, you'll see all the greats of the jumps. There is Vincent O'Brien and Fulke Walwyn and Fred Winter, who won it as a jockey and as a trainer. Michael Scudamore is there, who founded a National Hunt dynasty, his son and grandsons still vivid participants. There is Pat Taaffe, and Richard Pitman, who won it twice, and John Francome, who had an almost poetic style of riding, and Francois Doumen, the most elegant of the French raiders. These might not be household names, but even the mention of them will, to people who love the steeplechasing thoroughbred, bring up happy, misty stories of Christmases past.

It's the delight of old friends, as these horses have long careers, and come back year after year, so that you start to know their quirks and their characters.

For me, they take me back to my childhood in the early seventies, when my dad trained just outside Lambourn, and everyone in every shop and every pub could talk about nothing but horses. In that village, Christmas Day was something to get through as quickly as possible, as the King George beckoned with its promises of true delight.

It's the delight of old friends, as these horses have long careers, and come back year after year, so that you start to know their quirks and their characters and you could recognise them--and sometimes have to--in a blizzard. You know, as you watch them, that you will have them in your heart forever: their great leaps, their impossible comebacks, their dancing, ruthless, rhythmic gallop.

And it is, just like with that football team at the bottom of the league in a town that has taken its knocks, something to cheer for. Those great horses of the 1970s managed to make people forget their troubles for a short, giddy moment, as the country went on strike and the economy staggered and the Cold War was still very, very cold. As I write this, poor old Blighty is facing some of those conditions again, with a cost of living crisis and energy bills going through the roof and a hot war not so far very away in Ukraine. Reality is biting. [Cont. p5](#)

The Christmas Spirit cont.

But on the 26th December, the real world will be forgotten, just for a little while, as the magnificent thoroughbreds, with their tremendous athletic bodies and their fine minds and their brave hearts come out to strut their stuff.

The King George this year is cutting up. It's a small field and it doesn't quite have a stand-out, gold-plated champ in it. It's not a Desert Orchid or a Kauto year, where the crowds arrive to roar on their darling. However, it's got something perhaps just as thrilling--a gaggle of young horses who might be the superstars of the future. One will come soaring out of the pack and we'll have someone dazzling to follow for the years to come. There are only days to go, and I can't wait.



Kauto Star and Ruby Walsh en route to a record fifth King George victory | *Racingfotos*

I wanted to tell you the story of this race because it embodies my love of racing. It's not about the money or the fame. If you are reading this in Hong Kong or Kentucky, you might never have even heard of it. The winner gets just over £140,000, which is a lot for a British steeplechase, but is peanuts compared to the big purses of the international Flat races. And there will be no million-dollar babies and huge stud fees to come, because these horses are geldings.

The people who put on their hats and scarves and sensible shoes and travel to Kempton will be there for the joy and excitement of it: for the community spirit; for the visceral thrill of seeing the horses up close; for the sheer magic of leaving behind their everyday concerns and frets, for one short winter afternoon.

I think the magic horses can give us is to take us to another plane of existence. Bill Shankly famously said, "Some people think football is a matter of life and death. I assure you, it's much more serious than that." This immortal line was quoted in the wonderful Welcome to Wrexham documentary.

When Wrexham scored a goal, and I saw the faces of small children light up with unquenchable happiness, and grown men cry, and women holler like banshees, I started to understand what he meant, even though it's not my game. Racing is my game, and the mighty chasers, out there on the emerald turf, give me the same feeling. There's a purity to those thoroughbreds, because they are so honest, and so gutsy, and so beautiful, and they lend me, just for a moment, that purity of spirit. They make me want to be a better human, so I can match them, in their boldness and their brilliance. They are my best Christmas dish, and every year they give me the finest present of all.

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Treo Eile Thoroughbred Classic cont. from p1

The 'Jonbons team,' captained by leading amateur Aine O'Connor, whose riders finished with a zero fault score, took the Horse Racing Ireland Perpetual Cup and prizes that were sponsored by Connolly's Red Mills.

HRI's Director of Welfare, John Osborne commented, "This event brings all equestrian industries together and shows how versatile the thoroughbred is in terms of adjusting to a different lifestyle after racing and it's wonderful to see these horses still going strong 10 years later."

O'Connor was joined by event riders Rachel O'Callaghan and Ian Cassells and pony rider Lucia Keane in victory while the Robbie Power-captained 'Lagoons team' claimed second spot.

Rachael Blackmore's 'team Honeys' took the yellow ribbon in third with all riders competing about retired and retrained racehorses.

A special appearance from Irish international show jumper, Jessica Burke, also added a new dimension to the night as she took Brendan McArdle on a course walk, explaining the technicalities of her craft.

Veteran jockey Charlie Swan, whose daughter Olivia rode a clear round on her former racehorse Clonakilty Bay, was delighted with the evening.

He said, "These horses are very intelligent and easy enough to retrain. It's a great crowd and there's a great buzz around. The more people that get into equine sport the better."

Established as a not-for-profit in 2020, the Treo Eile project aims to encourage the retraining of ex-racehorses, once their racetrack careers are concluded.

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12 QUESTIONS: JASON SINGH



Jason Singh | Laura Green/Tattersalls

TDN: First job in the Thoroughbred industry?

Believe it or not, the one I'm in! I have worked for Tattersalls now for 22 years, having answered an advert for a marketing executive in the Racing Post back in 2000. I had previously run a very amateur racing website called Ausracing, but since it brought me no income, it could hardly be called a job.

TDN: Biggest influence on your career?

Always a hard one, but perhaps it was the friend who took me to Sandown racecourse in Melbourne's Eastern suburbs back in 1987 despite being only 15 years old. I had 50 cents each way on a horse called Boley's Girl who won at 33/1. I think I was hooked from that moment on.

TDN: Favourite racehorse of all time, and why?

I want to take the liberty of splitting this into two, one being when I lived in Australia and one being since I moved to England. In Australia it was a horse called Vo Rogue, trained by a battler called Vic Rail who was virtually impassable and ran races from the front at a fast pace, although horses such as Better Loosen Up, Beau Zam, Bonecrusher and Myocard all played significant roles in the life of a giddy teenager. In the UK it is undoubtedly **Frankel** who was quite simply like no horse I have ever seen before. Add in the Henry Cecil and Khalid Abdullah storylines and you had a horse who evoked excitement and emotion at the same time as well as astonishment. That he's proving such a remarkable stallion now only adds to the story.

TDN: Who will be champion first-season sire in 2023?

I guess it's stating the obvious that a large crop of foals and precocity are the key elements here and stallions who fit the bill

next season include Advertise, Blue Point, **Calyx**, Inns of Court, Soldier's Call, **Ten Sovereigns** and of course Too Darn Hot. One of them I reckon!

TDN: Greatest race in the world?

Whilst the Derby, Arc, Melbourne Cup and Grand National all have claims to that crown, I always thought the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket was the race that the world was most interested in, especially from a breeding/stallion point of view.

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

Ryan Moore. I've never ridden, so being on board a top-class racehorse in a race would be a great thrill I'd imagine.

TDN: Emerging talent in the industry (human)?

Patrick Owens has done a remarkably good job with very few horses in the short time he has been training.

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

Karl Burke's Liberty Lane who won very easily on debut at Nottingham and who has some attractive entries next year.

TDN: Under-the-radar stallion?

Not sure if he is under the radar but I think there are any number of stallions who don't get the acclaim they deserve given the complexities of fashion and the sale ring, but if I was breeding for myself I think Teofilo is value at €30,000 given he has had 98 stakes winners from 12 crops of racing age, including 18 Group 1 winners.

TDN: Friday night treat?

Thai Street Cafe in Newmarket.

TDN: Guilty pleasure outside racing?

I enjoy getting to a festival or two or two during the British summer and the odd gig here and there.

TDN: Race I wish I had been there for...

Better Loosen Up, 1990 Japan Cup.

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FRANCE

Friday's Results:

1st-Chantilly, €27,000, Mdn, 12-23, 2yo, c/g, 8f (AWT), 1:38.69, st.

SOUS LA NEIGE (FR) (c, 2, Shalaa {Ire}--Setsuko {Fr}, by Shamardal), who posted runner-up finishes going one mile at Saint-Cloud and at this venue last month, was well away to track the pace in second for the most part here. Looming large off the home turn, the 1-2 lock inched ahead approaching the quarter-mile marker and was ridden further clear inside the final furlong to easily outpoint Le Rozel (Fr) (Shalaa {Ire}) by five lengths. Sous La Neige is the first of two foals produced by an unraced half-sister to G3 Prix Noailles and G3 Prix Exbury victor Soleil Marin (Ire) (Kendargent {Fr}). The February-foaled dark bay, who hails from the family of G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains-winning sire Falco (Pivotal {GB}), is half to a weanling colt by **Oasis Dream (GB)**. Sales history: €10,000 RNA Ylg '21 ARQAUG. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, €25,360. **Video, sponsored by TVG.** O-SCEA Haras de Saint Pair & Mme Elisabeth Fabre; B-SCEA Haras de Saint Pair & Ecurie Peregrine SAS (FR); T-Andre Fabre.



Sous La Neige | Scoopdyga/Brad Labrosse

3rd-Chantilly, €27,000, Mdn, 12-23, 2yo, f, 8f (AWT), 1:38.10, st.

SAUTERNE (FR) (f, 2, Kingman {GB}--Salicorne, by Aragorn {Ire}), a Nov. 29 debut third going 7 1/2 furlongs at Deauville last time, broke well and found a comfortable rhythm behind the leaders in fourth for most of this return. Taking closer order on the bridle in the straight, the 13-10 favourite quickened to the front with 300 metres remaining and was ridden out thereafter to deny Nostra Imperatrice (Fr) (**Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}**) by a half-length. Sauterne, kin to a yearling colt by Inns Of Court (Ire),

is the sixth of seven foals and fifth scorer from as many runners produced by an unraced half to MG1SW US champion Stacelita (Fr) (Monsun {Ger}). Descendants of Stacelita include MG1SW dual Japanese champion Soul Stirring (Jpn) (**Frankel {GB}**) and G1 Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas) and G1 Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks) heroine Stars On Earth (Jpn) (Duramente {Jpn}). The February-foaled homebred bay's second dam, stakes-winning G3 Prix des Reservoirs runner-up Soignee (Ger) (Dashing Blade {GB}), is also the ancestress of last term's G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere runner-up Noble Truth (Fr) (**Kingman {GB}**). Sales history: €130,000 RNA Ylg '21 ARQAUG. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, €17,550. **Video, sponsored by TVG.** O/B-Jean-Pierre-Joseph Dubois (FR); T-Patrice Cottier.



Sauterne (left, yellow cap) | Scoopdyga/Brad Labrosse

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

2nd-Chantilly, €35,000, Cond, 12-23, 3yo, 9 1/2f (AWT), 1:55.05, st.

MR COALVILLE (IRE) (g, 3, Cotai Glory {GB}--Worthington {Ire}, by Kodiak {GB}) Lifetime Record: 15-5-2-4, €94,224. O-Robert Ng; B-Mountarmstrong Stud (IRE); T-Alessandro & Giuseppe Botti. *26,000gns Ylg '20 TAOCT; 16,000gns 2yo '21 TATGNS.

6th-Chantilly, €27,000, Cond, 12-23, 4yo/up, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:29.66, st.

EAGLEWAY (FR) (g, 6, Sakhee's Secret {GB}--Tearsforjoy, by Street Cry {Ire}) Lifetime Record: SW-Fr & MSP-Ity, 40-7-9-4, €209,053. O-John Leslie Marriott; B-Mme Nikola Bockova (FR); T-Andrew Hollinshead. *30,000gns RNA HRA '22 TATAUT.

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**IN THE UAE:**

Al Nayyir (GB), g, 4, **Dubawi (Ire)**--Bright Beacon (GB), by Manduro (Ger). Meydan, 12-23, Hcp., 2400mT, 2:32.51. B-Godolphin. *Full to Al Dabaran (GB), SW & MGSP-Eng, MGSP-Fr; and New London (Ire), GSW & G1SP-Eng, \$441,327.

VIDEO

Electrical Storm (GB), g, 5, **Dubawi (Ire)**--Mujarah (Ire), by Marju (Ire). Meydan, 12-23, Rated Cond., 2000mT, 2:01.49. B-Godolphin. *1/2 to Ribchester (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB}), Hwt. 3yo-Eur, Eng & Fr at 7-9.5f, Hwt. Older Horse-Eur, Eng & Fr at 7-9.5f, MG1SW-Eng & Fr, G1SP-UAE, \$3,503,680. **VIDEO**

Remorse (Ire), g, 5, **Dubawi (Ire)**. See 'Middle East'

Abshrek (GB), g, 5, **Oasis Dream (GB)**--Azanara (Ire), by Hurricane Run (Ire). Meydan, 12-23, Maiden, 1200mT, 1:09.26. B-Elysian Bloodstock Ltd. *Full to Azano (GB), GSW-Fr, SW & GSP-Eng, \$189,441. **260,000gns Ylg '18 TATNOV.

VIDEO**IN BAHRAIN:**

Kaasib (Ire), c, 2, **U S Navy Flag**--Cherished (Ire), by Kodiak (GB). Sakhir, 12-23, Cond., 1200mT, 1:12.01. B-Wardstown Stud Ltd. *First start in Bahrain. **€40,000 Wlg '20 GOFDEC; £80,000 Ylg '21 GOFAUG. **VIDEO (SC 1)**

The Covex Kid (Ire), g, 3, **Mehmas (Ire)**--Fonseca (Ire), by Red Clubs (Ire). Sakhir, 12-23, Hcp., 2200mT, 2:21.76. B-Randolf Stevens Limited. *€8,500 Wlg '19 GOFNOV; £26,000 Ylg '20 TATSEP; £168,000 HRA '22 TATAUG. **VIDEO (SC 2)**

Buffer Zone (GB), g, 7, **Bated Breath (GB)**--Buffering (GB) (SP-Fr), by Beat Hollow (GB). Sakhir, 12-23, Nass Corporation BSC Cup (Bhr-G2, NBT), 1200mT, 1:10.20. B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd. *GSP-Ire. **50,000gns HRA '18 TATAUT; 125,000gns HRA '20 TATAUG. **VIDEO (SC 2)**

MIDDLE EAST

Friday's Results:

THE ENTISAR PRESENTED BY MINISTRY OF ECONOMY-Listed, AED132,500, Meydan, 12-23, NH/SH3yo/up, 2000m, 2:05.12, ft. 1--**REMORSE (IRE)**, 128, g, 5, **Dubawi (Ire)**--Jealous Again (GSW-Eng, GSP-US, \$133,032), by Trippi. **1ST STAKES WIN.** (70,000gns HRA '20 TATAUT). O-Al Rashid Stables LLC; B-Godolphin; T-Bhupat Seemar; J-Tadhg O'Shea; AED79,500. Lifetime Record: G1SP-UAE, 15-4-8-1, \$476,366. *1/2 to

Queen of Sicily (Cape Cross {Ire}), GSP-Ire; and Sceptical (GB) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}), Hwt. Older Horse-Ire at 5-7f, SW-Ire, MG1SP-Eng, \$158,548.

2--**Bendoog**, 126, c, 3, **Gun Runner**--Nellie Cashman, by **Mineshaft**. O-Mohammed Khaleel Ahmed; B-Calumet Farm (KY); T-Bhupat Seemar; J-James Doyle; AED26,500.

3--**First Constitution (Chi)**, 128, h, 5, **Constitution**--Antic (Chi), by Kitten's Joy. O-RRR Racing; B-Haras Don Alberto; T-Salem bin Ghadayer; J-Mickael Barzalona; AED13,250.

Margins: 1, 1 1/4, 4HF. **VIDEO**

3rd-Meydan, UAE 1000 Guineas Trial (Cond.), AED183,650, 1400m, 1:25.41, ft.

MIMI KAKUSHI (f, 2, City of Light--Rite Moment {MGSW, \$399,303}, by Vicar), fourth on her six-furlong debut Nov. 11, turned in a sneaky good effort when filling the same spot over track and trip Dec. 1. Beaten for speed in the early stages, the half-sister to Moment Is Right (**Medaglia d'Oro**), MSW, \$228,445; and Laudation (Congrats), SW, \$100,840, was hustled along by Mickael Barzalona to sit up on the pace entering the turn. Shadowing front-running Unjokable (**Practical Joke**) into the straight, Mimi Kakushi--equipped with cheek pieces for the first time--took over with a furlong to race and reported home two lengths best to become the 11th winner for her freshman sire (by **Quality Road**). Asawer (**Nyquist**) came from the tail to be second. A \$180,000 Fasig-Tipton July yearling turned \$250,000 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic breeder (:10 1/5), Mimi Kakushi has a weanling half-sister by Cajun Breeze and her dam was most recently covered by Khozan. Sales history: \$180,000 Ylg '21 FTKJUL; \$250,000 2yo '22 FTMMAY. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$32,701. **VIDEO** --Alan Carasso
O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed al Maktoum; B-Woodford Thoroughbreds LLC (KY); T-Salem bin Ghadayer.

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7th-Meydan, AED82,500, Maiden, 2yo, 1600m, 1:38.92, ft.
SHIRL'S BEE (c, 2, Bee Jersey--Shirl's Soul, by Perfect Soul {Ire})
 was the subject of some pre-race buzz and turned in a tough debut effort to stamp himself one to watch in next year's 3-year-old events in Dubai. Nicely into stride from gate two, the homebred colt appeared set to challenge for the lead at the rail, but was taken hold of by Pat Dobbs and immediately began to overrace. More settled as they raced past the half-mile marker, Shirl's Bee faced a potentially adverse set of circumstances when between rivals and on his incorrect lead with about 300 meters to race, but he rebroke as soon as he kicked over to his right leg and showed battling qualities from there to best Lahresh (GB) (Ifraaj {GB}) by 1 1/4 lengths. "He's very professional at home, a naturally quick horse," said Dobbs. "He'll get further but I'm not sure if he'll get further yet. He's better looking than his dad [Bee Jersey, who Dobbs also rode]." Shirl's Bee is the seventh first-crop winner for her Fipke homebred sire (by Jersey Town), who made the first four starts of his career for this trainer at this venue, finishing runner-up to Thunder Snow (Ire) (Helmet {Aus}) in the G3 UAE 2000 Guineas in 2017. That same event, to be contested Feb. 10, 2023, could be the next target for Shirl's Bee, who is closely related to Spikes Shirl (Speightstown), MSP, \$336,277. The winner is out of an unraced full-sister to GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare upsetter Perfect Shirl (Perfect Soul {Ire}), whose 'TDN Rising Star' son Shirl's Speight (Speightstown) won this year's GI Maker's Mark Mile and was the recent runner-up in the GI Breeders' Cup Mile. Shirl's Soul is the dam of a yearling full-sister to Shirl's Bee and foaled a Speightstown colt earlier this year before being bred back to Bee Jersey. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$13,479. **VIDEO**
 --Alan Carasso

O/B-Charles E Fipke (KY); T-Doug Watson.

Bridlewood Farm Training Graduate



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FAN-VOTED ARIMA KINEN LURES JAPAN'S STAR GALLOPERS by Alan Carasso



Titleholder | JRA photo

Sunday's G1 Arima Kinen offers fans of international racing the ultimate Christmas gift, as a field of 16--largely selected by the public--will face the starter in one of the world's most valuable Group 1 races not held in a desert environment.

Titleholder (Jpn) (Duramente {Jpn}) was the leading votegetter and looks to atone for his speed-and-fade 11th-place effort in that boggy-ground renewal of the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe at ParisLongchamp Oct. 2. He'd earned the right to contest Europe's weight-for-age championship, having defeated fellow Arc runner **Deep Bond (Jpn)** (Kizuna {Jpn}) in the G1 Tenno Sho (Spring) over the metric two miles in May followed by a two-length score in the G1 Takarazuka Kinen the next month. Fifth in this race last season, Titleholder looms the controlling speed and could prove tough to peg back.

"Last week, jockey Kazuo Yokoyama, who knows him best of all, rode to check his balance and how well he was communicating with the rider. Everything was fine," said trainer Toru Kurita. "He carried himself well, with good balance, and raced solidly to the end. He is improving slowly, but surely. His muscle tone and coat are looking good and his wind was better than it had been the week before. He is also more eager to run. There are no particular points of concern."

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Arima Kinen Preview cont.


The flashy **Equinox (Jpn)** (Kitasan Black {Jpn}) was second in this year's G1 Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas) and G1 Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby) and most recently returned from a five-month break to post an improbable victory over loose leader Panthalassa (Jpn) (Lord Kanaloa {Jpn}) in the G1 Tenno Sho (Autumn) at Tokyo Oct. 30.

"At the bottom of the slope, he was so far behind the front-runner I was worried he wasn't going to make it," admitted assistant trainer Yu Ota. "In the end, however, he moved on his own, gave it his all and was able to overtake the front-runner."

Equinox will be looking to complete the same Tenno Sho/Arima Kinen double this year as did **Efforia (Jpn)** (Epiphaneia {Jpn}) did 12 months ago with a 3/4-length defeat of Deep Bond. But it hasn't been plain sailing since for the reigning Horse of the Year, who resumed with a slow-starting ninth in the G1 Osaka Hai at Hanshin Apr. 3 and his lone appearance since was a moderate sixth to Titleholder in the Takarazuka Kinen.

Vela Azul (Jpn) (Eishin Flash {Jpn}) was given a masterful steer from Ryan Moore to be up in the final couple of jumps in the G1 Longines Japan Cup Nov. 27 and shoots for a fourth straight victory, while **Geraldina (Jpn)** (Maurice {Jpn}) will try to follow-up on her win over recent G1 Longines Hong Kong Vase heroine Win Marilyn (Jpn) (Screen Hero {Jpn}) in the G1 Queen Elizabeth II Cup last month. Geraldina's dam, the great Gentildonna (Jpn), swansonged victoriously in the 2014 Arima Kinen, as did the latter's legendary sire--Deep Impact (Jpn)--in 2006.

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Akai Ito (Jpn)	Kizuna (Jpn)	Miyuki	Nakatake	121
2	Izu Jo No Kiseki (jpn)	Epiphaneia (Jpn)	Iwata	Ishizaka	121
3	Boldog Hos (Jpn)	Screen Hero (Jpn)	Fukunaga	Miyamoto	121
4	Aristoteles (Jpn)	Epiphaneia (Jpn)	Take	Otonashi	125
5	Geraldina (Jpn)	Maurice (Jpn)	Demuro	Saito	121
6	Vela Azul (Jpn)	Eishin Flash (Jpn)	Matsuyama	Watanabe	125
7	Efforia (Jpn)	Epiphaneia (Jpn)	T. Yokoyama	Shikato	125
8	Win Mighty (Jpn)	Gold Ship (Jpn)	Wada	Igarashi	121
9	Equinox (Jpn)	Kitasan Black (Jpn)	Lemaire	Kimura	121
10	Justin Palace (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Marquand	Sugiyama	121
11	Last Draft (Jpn)	Novellist (Ire)	Miura	Toda	125
12	Potager (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Yoshida	Tomomichi	125
13	Titleholder (Jpn)	Duramente (Jpn)	K. Yokoyama	Kurita	125
14	Boccherini (Jpn)	King Kamehameha (Jpn)	Hamanaka	Ikee	125
15	Breakup (Jpn)	Novellist (Ire)	Tosaki	Kuroiwa	125
16	Deep Bond (Jpn)	Kizuna (Jpn)	Kawada	Okubo	125

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