TAIBA CAPS BIG DAY FOR BAFFERT WITH MALIBU WIN

On a record-setting opening day at Santa Anita, Zedan Racing Stable's Taiba (Gun Runner) earned his third Grade I victory and bolstered his chances for an Eclipse award with a 4 1/4-length victory in the GI Runhappy Malibu S. Monday in Arcadia. The win was the fifth on the card for trainer Bob Baffert, who recorded three graded victories with Fun to Dream (Arrogate) winning the GI La Brea S. and Country Grammer (Tonalist) taking the GII San Antonio S. Baffert was also represented by Faustin (Curlin), who was tabbed a 'TDN Rising Star' following his debut win in the card's fourth race.

“It just shows you the clientele that we have,” Baffert said of the brace of wins. “It is unbelievable, they let us buy these horses and I have a great team and staff. Everyone works hard, and when you are given these horses, you’re lucky if you know what to do with them and sometimes you don’t.

Baffert wasn’t the only one having a good day in the California sunshine. An on-track crowd of 41,446—the largest non-Breeders’ Cup crowd since 2016—produced an all-time opening day record all-sources pari-mutuel handle of $26.3 million.

“I just want to thank all the fans who showed up today,” Baffert said. “It is beautiful when you win with this many people here. Santa Anita is the Great Race Place.”

Taiba, the 2-5 Malibu favorite, tracked pacesetting Forbidden Kingdom (American Pharoah) through fractions of :22.18 and :44.38. Cont. p3

'MOON' SHINES OVER RIVALS IN AMERICAN OAKS by Alan Carasso

Rhea Moon (Ire) (Starspangledbanner {Aus}) was produced by the hot-riding Juan Hernandez approaching the final furlong and fought her way past pace-pressing stablemate School Dance (Animal Kingdom) in the final couple of jumps to win Monday's GI American Oaks at Santa Anita.

A 6-1 gamble exiting a 1 1/4-length success in the GII Autumn Miss S. going a mile over this course Oct. 29, Rhea Moon was one of the last away, but improved along the inside while tugging a bit for her head and raced fourth-last with a circuit to travel as favored East Coast shipper and 'TDN Rising Star' Salimah (Ire) (El Kabeir) pulled her way along beneath Flavien Prat with School Dance in close attendance.

Cont. p5

IN TDN EUROPE TODAY

ROYAL APPLAUSE PASSES AWAY

Royal Applause (GB), a favourite of Her Late Majesty The Queen and an influential sire of sires, has died aged 29.
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“TAIBA completed a Grade I double for the unstoppable Gun Runner, enjoying the run of the race in Saturday’s $1,000,000 Grade 1 Pennsylvania Derby before shooting clear in the stretch to take it by about 3 1/2 lengths.”

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GUN RUNNER (c. by Candy Ride (ARG)). 12 wins in 18 starts, 2 to 5, 2018, $1,933,500, in N.A./U.S., horse of the year, champion older dirt male, Pegasus World Cup Invitational S. [G1] (GP, $7,000,000), Breeders' Cup Classic [G1] (DMR, $3,300,000), Whitney S. [G1] (SAR, $500,000), Woodward S. [G1] (SAR, $400,000), Stephen Foster S. [G2] (F, $300,700), Clark H. [G1] (CD, $294,500), Twinspires Turf Classic [G2] (FG, $100,000), Veterans Ford Risen Star S., Razorback S. (GP, $300,000), Matt Winn S. [L] (Bel, $125,000), 2nd Las Vegas Cup Dirt Mile [G1] (SA, $125,000), 3rd Kentucky Derby [G1] ($125,000), etc. Sire.

Congratulations to Taiba’s connections:
Owner Zedan Racing Stables, Inc.,
Breeder Bruce C. Ryan,
and Trainer Tim Yakteen.
FUN TO DREAM WINS LA BREA

Cal-bred Fun to Dream (Arrogate) provided trainer Bob Baffert with his first of two Grade I wins on the afternoon in the GI La Brea S. at Santa Anita Monday.

SAM ROSS PASSES AWAY

Sam Ross, co-owner of Breeze Easy, passed away last Thursday at the age of 79.

CODE OF HONOR EUTHANIZED

Code of Honor (Noble Mission {GB}), winner of the 2019 GI Runhappy Travers S., was euthanized Friday after suffering a bout of colic.
Taiba Caps Big Day for Baffert in Malibu
(cont. from p1)

Taiba overtook the pacesetter into the stretch and turned for home in tandem with longshot Straight No Chaser (Speightster), who briefly looked a threat. But Taiba put that foe away with a furlong to run and drew away, completing the seven furlongs in 1:21.75 and becoming the only North American 3-year-old with three top-level victories in 2022. Forbidden Kingdom re-rallied for second and Hoist the Gold (Mineshaft) was third.

“That horse is like a bike and you have to pedal,” said winning rider Mike Smith. “Going long, you don’t have to do it as much, but I knew that going short it would be tough. Last time he didn’t break very well in the Breeders’ Cup; he stumbled. I thought, ‘If I break through it, I can get in front of the two next to me outside and at least gain third. Right?’ Well, I didn't see the outside horse, and I decided not to take a chance and see what he was going to do. Normally, I have to get aggressive with him at that point like I did in Philadelphia, but today that horse actually helped me.” Baffert added, “It was a tough Malibu, but turning for home he always looks like he’s empty, and he just finds new life. I don’t know where he gets it from. He just has more gears and we saw an extra one today.”

Amr Zedan, who is co-owner of Country Grammer, had his second graded win of the day when Taiba strode clear in the Malibu.

Taiba, a $1.7-million purchase at the 2021 Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream sale, won the GI Santa Anita Derby in just his second start, earning a spot in the GI Kentucky Derby. He was 12th on the first Saturday in May, but had a productive second half of the season, missing by just a head when second to Cyberknife (Gun Runner) in the GI Haskell S. before winning the Sept. 24 GI Pennsylvania Derby. He was most recently third in the GI Breeders’ Cup Classic.
“He’s getting better and better,” Baffert said of the almost 4-year-old. “He looked a little heavy in the paddock but that’s him. I think he is a lot like his sire, Gun Runner, getting better with age and he needs to go further, it is a little short for him. He has turned in to quite a horse.”

Pedigree Notes:
Taiba is one of six Grade I winners for his young sire, Gun Runner. He is the second foal out of his multiple stakes-winning Ohio-bred mare, Needmore Flattery, who sold to Yeguada Centurion while in foal to Uncle Mo for $195,000 at the 2019 Keeneland November sale. Her 2-year-old filly Tita Mimosa (Ire) (Uncle Mo) has been working at Tampa Bay Downs. The mare also has a yearling colt by Waldgeist (GB), who sold for €81,000 at this year’s Arqana October sale.

RUNHAPPY MALIBU S.-GI, $302,000, Santa Anita, 12-26, 3yo, 7f, 1:21.75, ft.
1—TAIBA, 124, c, 3, by Gun Runner
  1st Dam: Needmore Flattery (MSW, $732,103), by Flatter
  2nd Dam: Kiosk, by Left Banker
  3rd Dam: Phone Switch, by Phone Trick
($140,000 Ylg ’20 FTKOCT; $1,700,000 2yo ’21 FTFMAR). O-Zedan Racing Stables, Inc.; B-Bruce C Ryan (KY); T-Bob Baffert; J-Mike E. Smith. $180,000. ‘TDN Rising Star’
Lifetime Record: MGISW, 7-4-1-1, $1,956,200.
Werk Nick Rating: A++. *Triple Plus* Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.

B--Forbidden Kingdom, 122, c, 3, American Pharoah–Just Louise, by Five Star Day. 1ST G1 BLACK TYPE. ($300,000 Ylg ’20 FTKSEL). O-MyRacehorse & Spendthrift Farm LLC; B-Springhouse Farm (KY); T-Richard E. Mandella. $60,000.

3—Hoist the Gold, 120, c, 3, Mineshaft–Tacit Approval, by Tapit. 1ST GRADED BLACK TYPE, 1ST G1 BLACK TYPE. ($47,000 RNA Ylg ’20 KEESEP). O-Dream Team One Racing Stable; B-Dream Team Racing (KY); T-Dallas Stewart. $36,000.

Margins: 4 1/4, 3/4, NK. Odds: 0.40, 6.90, 29.30.
Also Ran: Nakatomi, Strava, Apprehend, Straight No Chaser, Messier, Perfect Flight. Click for the Equibase.com chart or the TJCIS.com PPs. VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.
'Moon' Shines in American Oaks (cont. from p1)

Hard held as she continued to scrape paint into the backstretch, Rhea Moon was shuffled back one spot and raced with just two behind into the final half-mile, but was always traveling smoothly. Full of run as she was ridden for luck at the fence, the bay was a bit short of room and in tight quarters with two furlongs to race. But allowed to follow the move of GII Sands Point S. heroine Skims (GB) (Frankel {GB}) into the final three-sixteenths of a mile, Rhea Moon found the daylight she needed four or five off the inside and motored home to peg back School Dance on the money.

“I think going a mile and a quarter, the one hole was an advantage,” said winning trainer Phil d’Amato. “Juan took advantage, just saving every inch of ground and getting her out in time. He gets a lot of credit for developing this filly...Juan and I are really in a groove, as much as Flavien [Prat] and I do well, Juan and I just seem to really get on a hot streak and I have a lot of confidence in him, as does everyone else. It is just great to see. I don't need to give him a lot of instructions and he gets the job done.”

Placed on a pair of Irish appearances for Ken Condon as a juvenile, Rhea Moon finished runner-up in her first two U.S. starts before graduating in a nine-furlong test over this course June 4. A wide-trip third in a first-level Del Mar allowance July 24, Rhea Moon cleared that hurdle Aug. 21 and overcame a bit of trouble to win the Autumn Miss by 1 1/4 lengths Oct. 29.

Pedigree Notes:

Rhea Moon completes a truly phenomenal season around the globe for the underappreciated Starspangledbanner, joining Prix Ganay and Prince of Wales's S. hero State of Rest (Ire); Longines Hong Kong Mile victor California Spangle (Ire); and G1 Prx Jean Romanet heroine Aristia (Ire) as top-level scorers in 2022.
He’s already sired four G1-winning two-year-olds. And his 2023 juveniles might be his best crop yet.

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Rhea Moon is one of two winners from just two to race for Callisto Star. Her 2-year-old sister There’s The Door (Ire) won her maiden at third asking at Haydock this past July and was a near-miss runner-up in a Newmarket handicap over nine furlongs Oct. 29. Rhea Moon, who is inbred 4x3 to the legendary Danehill, also has a yearling half-sister by Magna Grecia (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}).

Monday, Santa Anita

**AMERICAN OAKS-GI, $303,000, Santa Anita, 12-26, 3yo, f, 1 1/4mT, 2:00.75, fm.**

1—**RHEA MOON (IRE), 124, f, 3, by Starspangledbanner (Aus)**

1st Dam: Callisto Star (Ire), by Fastnet Rock (Aus)
2nd Dam: Livia Galilee (Ire), by Galileo (Ire)
3rd Dam: Mohican Princess (GB), by Shirley Heights (GB)

1ST GRADE I WIN. ($24,000 Vlg ’20 TATIRY). O-Rockingham Ranch & Talla Racing LLC; B-Kevin J Molloy (IRE); T-Philip D’Amato; J-Juan J Hernandez. $180,000. Lifetime Record: 9-4-3-2, $371,831. Werk Nick Rating: B+. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.

2—**School Dance, 124, f, 3, by Animal Kingdom**

1st Dam: Ann of the Dance (SW & GSP, $198,332), by English Channel
2nd Dam: Dans La Ville (Chi), by Winning
3rd Dam: Syracuse, by Sharp-Eyed Quillo

1ST BLACK-TYPE, 1ST GRADED BLACK-TYPE, 1ST G1 BLACK-TYPE. O-Agave Racing Stable & Rockin Robin Racing Stables; B-Betz/Lamantia/Ramsby/Strong, B & K Canetti/J Betz (KY); T-Philip D’Amato. $60,000.

3—**Sparkle Blue, 124, f, 3, by Hard Spun**

1st Dam: Silk n’ Sapphire, by Smart Strike
2nd Dam: Golden Tiy, by Dixieland Band
3rd Dam: Tiy, by Nalees Man

1ST G1 BLACK-TYPE. O-Augustin Stable & Catherine Parke; B-Catherine Parke (KY); T-H Graham Motion. $36,000.

Margins: HD, 3/4, HD. Odds: 6.80, 11.70, 8.80.

Also Ran: Oakhurst, Skims (GB), Pizza Bianca, Salimah (Ire), Duvet Day (Ire), Lady Clementine (GB), Mise En Scene (GB), Bellstreet Bridie (GB). Click for the Equibase.com chart or the TJCIS.com PPs. VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.
Monday, Santa Anita
LA BREA S.-GI, $301,000, Santa Anita, 12-26, 3 f, 7f, 1:21.99, ft.
1--FUN TO DREAM, 120, f, 3, by Arrogate
1st Dam: Lutess, by Maria's Mon
2nd Dam: Alchema, by Menifee
3rd Dam: Madeira M'dear, by Black Tie Affair (Ire)
Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.

2--Awake At Midnyte, 120, f, 3, by Nyquist
1st Dam: Midnight Union, by Union Rags
2nd Dam: Midnight Visit, by Henny Hughes
3rd Dam: Open Window, by Trempolino
1ST G1 BLACK TYPE. ($85,000 RNA Wlg '19 KEENOV; $190,000 Ylg '20 FTKOCT; $320,000 2yo '21 FTFMAR; $485,000 RNA 3yo '22 FTKNOV). O-Reddam Racing LLC; B-Forty Oaks (KY); T-Doug F. O'Neill. $60,000.

3--Kirstenbosch, 120, f, 3, by Midnight Lute
1st Dam: Llandudno (GSP, $150,160), by Belong to Me
2nd Dam: And Guess What, by Kris S.
3rd Dam: T. V. Residual, by Pirate's Bounty
1ST GRADED BLACK TYPE, 1ST G1 BLACK TYPE. O/B-Keith Abrahams (KY); T-John W. Sadler. $36,000.

Jill Baffert and Connie Pageler's Fun to Dream, beaten just once now in six trips to the post, scored her first graded victory with a determined win in the GI La Brea S. at Santa Anita Monday.

Fun to Dream shadowed the pacesetters three wide down the backstretch. She stuck her head in front at the top of the lane and held Awake at Midnyte—the only horse so far to have finished in front of her—at bay down to the wire.

“This horse is getting really, really good,” winning jockey Juan Hernandez, who won a pair of Grade Is on the card, said. “She's improving a lot, and she's shown up in her last couple of starts. Today, she was traveling very smoothly on the back side, and she broke sharp. Then after that, I felt like I had a ton of control. Turning for home I asked her to switch leads and pick it up, and she did the rest.”
Winning trainer—and co-breeder—Bob Baffert saddled four of the seven fillies in the La Brea and was earning his record ninth win in the race, as well as his fourth victory on Santa Anita’s opening-day card Monday.

“All the fillies, they were doing so well, and I was hoping that one of them would get there and she just got the perfect trip, outside,” Baffert said. “Juan just sat there, and you could tell he was loving it, turning for home. I’m sitting next to my wife Jill, and she can’t believe what she’s seeing.”

The Cal-bred Fun to Dream, who was bred by Bob Baffert and Pageler, was a debut winner in May, and captured the Fleet Treat S. in her second outing in July. She suffered her first loss when second, but was disqualified to ninth, behind Awake at Midnyte in a Sept. 4 optional claimer at Del Mar. She stretched out to 1 1/16 miles and returned to the winner's circle with a 4 3/4-length victory in an Oct. 1 optional claimer and was coming off a narrow victory against state-bred foes in the seven-furlong Betty Grable S. at Del Mar Nov. 13.

“You breed these horses, hoping for this moment,” Baffert said. “Arrogate, I had to breed a mare to him and now she is a Grade I winner. It looks like she’s just getting better and better. She doesn’t know she’s a Cal-bred.”

Pedigree Notes:
Bob Baffert claimed Lutess on behalf of Live Your Dream Racing for $8,000 out of her final career start in 2012. She is also the dam of multiple stakes winner Heck Yeah (Acclamation). She produced colts by Smiling Tiger in 2021 and 2022 and was bred back to that sire this year.

Fun to Dream is the fourth graded winner for the late Arrogate, who was represented by 2022 Grade I winners Cave Rock, And Tell Me No lies, and Secret Oath.
Monday, Santa Anita
SAN ANTONIO S.-GII, $200,500, Santa Anita, 12-26, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:43.45, ft.

1--COUNTRY GRAMMER, 123, h, 5, by Tonalist

1st Dam: Arabian Song, by Forestry
2nd Dam: Prima Centauri, by Distant View
3rd Dam: Willstar, by Nureyev

($60,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; $450,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR; $110,000 4yo '21 KEEJAN). O-Commonwealth Thoroughbreds, LLC, Winstar Farm LLC and Zedan Racing Stables, Inc.; B-Scott & Debbie Pierce (KY); T-Bob Baffert; J-Lanfranco Dettori.
$120,000. Lifetime Record: 14-5-5-1, $11,277,320. *1/2 to Joyful Cadence (Runhappy), SW & MGSP, $546,155. Werk Nick Rating: A+. Click for eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree or the Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.

2--Stilleto Boy, 123, g, 4, Shackleford--Rosie's Ransom, by Marquetry. ($420,000 3yo '21 FTKHRA). O-Steve Moger; B-Ed Moger, Jr. $40,000.

3--Heywoods Beach, 123, h, 5, Speightstown--Unfold the Rose, by Catienus. ($150,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; $190,000 RNA 2yo '19 FTFRMA; $180,000 2yo '19 OBSOPN). O-Hronis Racing LLC; B-SF Bloodstock LLC (KY); T-John W. Sadler. $24,000.

Margins: 4HF, 3HF, 1 1/4. Odds: 0.60, 5.00, 9.30. Also Ran: Breakfast Ride, Hudson Ridge, Hopkins.

Country Grammer, reunited with Frankie Dettori for the first time since winning the G1 Dubai World Cup in March, strode home an easy winner of the GII San Antonio S. at Santa Anita Monday. Sent off the 3-5 favorite, Country Grammer was hustled from his outside post by Dettori, but was unable to match the speed of his inside rivals and was caught four wide into the first turn as Hopkins (Quality Road) took the early lead and was in front through fractions of :22.76 and :46.16. Country Grammer rolled up three wide into the far turn and grabbed the lead into the stretch before bursting clear to an easy victory.

“I’m spending the winter here and on day one riding here, on one of the best horses in the world, the pressure was on,” Dettori admitted.
Dettori continued, “I felt it, but the horse was in great form, and I was able to enjoy the scream of the crowd and it is nice to be back at Santa Anita. What a place! What a crowd, it’s amazing.”

Dettori has announced 2023 will be his final year in the saddle. “Thirty five years went like a flash,” the Italian said. “I've got to make these last 12 months the best that I can and enjoy it. Most of all I’ve had a great career, and this is where it all started, and this is where it will finish.”

Country Grammer, purchased as a 4-year-old by WinStar Farm from the dispersal of the late Paul Pompa for $110,000 at the 2021 Keeneland January sale, ended his 2021 campaign with a win in May 31 GI Hollywood Gold Cup. He resurfaced nine months later to finish second in the Feb. 26 G1 Saudi Cup and went one better in the World Cup at Meydan a month later. The 5-year-old returned stateside to be second in the July 30 GII San Diego H. and was beaten 19 lengths when second behind Flightline (Tapit) in the Sept. 3 GI TVG Pacific Classic. He was making his first start since finishing second in the Oct. 1 GI Awesome Again S.

“This horse is training better than he ever has, and he likes a deeper racetrack,” winning trainer Bob Baffert said. “This horse has brought us so much joy when things were down. He always shows up. It was nice of Frankie Dettori to win one like that. He's such a great rider, and it's his last year to be part of it. I'm just blessed the owners gave me the horse to train, and I have a great staff backing me.”

**Pedigree Notes:**

Arabian Song, in foal to Wicked Strong, sold for $5,000 at the 2018 Keeneland November sale and was exported to Saudi Arabia. She has a 3-year-old filly by that sire racing in Saudi Arabia and has an unnamed 2-year-old colt by Saint Anddan.
Under Country Grammar’s third dam, Willstar, is Group 1 winner Etoile Montante (Miswaki), as well as the dams of Grade I winner Obligatory (Curlin) and multiple graded winner Bonny South (Munnings).

Monday, Santa Anita Park
SANTA ANITA MATHIS MILE S.-GII, $200,500, Santa Anita, 12-26, 3yo, 1mT, 1:33.67, fm.

1--ONE MORE BID, 120, g, 3, by California Chrome
1st Dam: Never Grow Old, by Scat Daddy
2nd Dam: Noches De Rosa (Chi), by Stagecraft (GB)
3rd Dam: Night Girl (Chi), by Noble Fighter

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN, 1ST GRADED STAKES WIN. ($55,000 2yo ’21 FTSANA). O-California Racing Partners, Ciaglia Racing LLC and Ryan Hanson; B-Tolo Thoroughbreds (KY); T-Ryan Hanson; J-Ramon A. Vazquez. $120,000. Lifetime Record: 9-2-4-1, $234,640. Werk Nick Rating: A. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree or free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.

2--Balnikhov (Ire), 122, g, 3, Adaay (Ire)--Leeward, by First Defence. (€27,000 Ylg ’20 ARDEAY). O-Little Red Feather Racing, Madaket Stables LLC and Old Bones Racing Stable, LLC; B-T. de La Heronnierre & Gestut Zur Kuste AG (IRE); T-Philip D’Amato. $40,000.

3--Sumter, 122, c, 3, War Front--A Little Bit Sassy, by More Than Ready. O-Perry R. Bass II and Ramona S. Bass; B-Bass Stables, LLC (KY); T-Richard E. Mandella. $24,000.

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ONE MORE BID
Fasig-Tipton 2YO grad captures thrilling victory in the Santa Anita
Mathis Mile Stakes (G2)

Congratulations to owners California Racing Partners, Ciaglia Racing LLC and Ryan Hanson; trainer Ryan Hanson; breeder Tolo Thoroughbreds; buyer Amanda Murphy, agent for Matthew Dohman; and consignor Pike Racing.
Off the board just twice in his previous eight runs, One More Bid went on a bit of a break after a runner-up effort in his turf debut sprinting over this course in June, stretched out to miss by a head going this trip Oct. 1 and finally got his maiden broken by a neck when last seen at Del Mar Nov. 19.

“It feels really good, I just want to thank all my crew, everyone that helps out, the grooms, the hot walkers, Larry and Amanda for picking out a good horse,” said trainer and part-owner Ryan Hanson, who was winning the second graded stakes of his career (Weston, 2020 GI Best Pal S.). “A special thank you to Francisco and Emily (Ellingwood) who get on him and work really hard. Ramon Vazquez has fit this horse really well, so thank you to everyone involved.”

Pedigree Notes:

One More Bid is the ninth worldwide stakes winner (fourth in the U.S.) and fifth graded winner (third U.S.) for the expatriated California Chrome, whose first crop in Japan will be 2-year-olds of 2023. The $55,000 Fasig-Tipton Santa Anita juvenile (:10 3/5) is out of a daughter of G1 Las Oaks heroine Noches de Rosa, who won the GI Gamely Breeders’ Cup H. for Diamond A Racing Corp. and Richard Mandella in 2004. The cross of California Chrome over the late Scat Daddy is also responsible for Chilean SW & G1SP Wappo (Chi). Never Grow Old, who was purchased for $100,000 with this colt in utero at the 2018 Keeneland November Sale, is the dam of the 2-year-old filly Modernize Queen (Distorted Humor), placed in three starts in Japan, and was most recently covered by Practical Joke.

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**SAN GABRIEL S.-GII, $201,000, Santa Anita, 12-26, 3yo/up, 1 1/8mT, 1:47.78, fm.**

1--**DICEY MO CHARA (GB), 121, g, 4, by Adaay (Ire)**

1st Dam: Leonica (GB), by Lion Cavern

2nd Dam: South Shore, by Caerleon

3rd Dam: Shore Line (GB), by High Line (GB)

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN, 1ST GRADED STAKES WIN.

O-Red Baron’s Barn LLC & Rancho Temescal LLC; B-Worksop Manor Stud (GB); T-Leonard Powell; J-Juan J. Hernandez. $120,000. Lifetime Record: 17-4-4-3, $430,277. Werk Nick Rating: C+. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.

2--**Flashiest, 121, g, 4, Mizzen Mast--Nothing to Wear, by Malibu Moon.**

O-Wachtel Stable, Gary Barber, Nicolas G. Drion, & Mathilde Powell; B-Indian Creek & Nicky Drion (KY); T-Leonard Powell. $40,000.

3--**Masteroffoxhounds, 125, h, 5, War Front--Outstanding (Ire), by Galileo (Ire).**

O-Rockingham Ranch; B-Orpendale/Chelston/Wynatt (KY); T-Philip D’Amato. $24,000.

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**THINK INDIAN CREEK**

3--**Masteroffoxhounds, 125, h, 5, War Front--Outstanding (Ire), by Galileo (Ire).**

O-Rockingham Ranch; B-Orpendale/Chelston/Wynatt (KY); T-Philip D’Amato. $24,000.

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**San Gabriel S.**

**2022 Grade II Stakes**

**Location:** Santa Anita Park

**Date:** 12-26-22

**Distance:** 1 1/8 miles

**Prize Money:** $201,000

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**Winning Horse:** DICEY MO CHARA (GB)

**Owner:** Red Baron’s Barn LLC & Rancho Temescal LLC

**Breeders:** Worksop Manor Stud (GB)

**Trainer:** Leonard Powell

**Jockey:** Juan J. Hernandez

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**Winning Horse:** Flashiest

**Owner:** Wachtel Stable, Gary Barber, Nicolas G. Drion, & Mathilde Powell

**Breeders:** Indian Creek & Nicky Drion (KY)

**Trainer:** Leonard Powell

**Jockey:** Juan J. Hernandez

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**Winning Horse:** Masteroffoxhounds

**Owner:** Rockingham Ranch

**Breeders:** Orpendale/Chelston/Wynatt (KY)

**Trainer:** Philip D’Amato

**Jockey:** Juan J. Hernandez
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Congratulations to:
Owners: Gary Barber & Manfred and Penny Conrad,
Breeder: Nursery Place & Dicken Equine, and
Hall of Fame Trainer Mark Casse.
Dicey Mo Chara earned his first graded victory when leading home a one-two finish for trainer Leonard Powell in the GII San Gabriel S. Monday at Santa Anita. The 7-2 shot, jostled between foes at the break, settled off the pace while racing along the rail. The bay gelding began picking it up approaching the stretch and, after saving ground all the way around, tipped out three wide at the top of the lane. He overtook favored Masteroffoxhounds with a furlong to run and held sway over late-closing stablemate Flashiest.

It was a bittersweet victory for owner Red Barons Barn after the passing of the Cohen family’s patriarch Jed Cohen in November.

“It is emotional but [Jed] would always want to win so here we are and I’m sure he is happy,” said Tim Cohen.

Of the one-two finish, Powell said, “I would have loved a dead heat. Both horses ran great. The winner’s last race just wasn’t good. He was just too far back in that last race. This was more like where he wants to be. At the 3/8ths, I thought Flashiest was going to get there. I am just so proud of both horses. My crew got them ready.”

Powell continued, “I’m just so grateful to the owners, who put their trust in me and this is even more special for everyone because Mr. Cohen passed away last month.”

Dicey Mo Chara had hit the board in three graded events in 2022, finishing narrowly beaten when second in the GIII San Luis Rey S. in March, third in the GII Del Mar H. in September and second again in the Oct. 1 GII John Henry Turf Classic. He was coming off a fourth-place effort in the Nov. 25 GII Hollywood Turf Cup.

“It just took us a long time to figure him out,” Cohen said of the gelding Red Baron’s Barn and Rancho Temescal acquired from Ireland as a 3-year-old. “Leonard’s done a great job. ‘Dicey’ just needs to get going a little sooner, he’s a little lazy, kind of like a family member, but he goes on and Juan gave him a great ride today.”

Pedigree Notes:

Dicey Mo Chara is the third worldwide graded winner for his sire Adaay, who has been represented by six listed winners. Also on Monday’s card at Santa Anita, the sire was represented by GII Mathis Brothers Mile runner-up Balnikhov (Ire), who captured the GIII Bryan Station S. at Keeneland in October. Leonica, also the dam of stakes-placed Rodrigo de Torres (GB) (Bahamian Bounty (GB)), has a yearling colt by Time Test (GB) who sold for 35,000gns at this year’s Tattersalls October sale.

**SAM ROSS, CO-FOUNDER OF BREEZE EASY, PASSES AWAY**

Sam Ross, co-owner with Mike Hall of Breeze Easy, LLC, passed Dec. 22, at the age of 79, in Jupiter, Florida.

Described as “a visionary behind many companies”--all of which were based in his hometown of Parkersburg, West Virginia--Ross sold his SBR group in 2006, but continued to own Woodcraft Supply, LLC, a chain of woodworking specialty related stores which operates in 34 states, and to participate in the oil and gas exploration and production industry. In addition to the sale of SBR, 2006 also marked the formation of the Ross Foundation, which supports charitable efforts in several West Virginia counties.

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Ross entered the racing and breeding industry in 2016 when he and business partner, Mike Hall, founded Breeze Easy, LLC. Quickly becoming a force at the track and in the sale ring--where it is now well represented as both a buyer and seller--Breeze Easy scored a notable racing triumph two years later when the Wesley Ward-trained Shang Shang Shang shipped to Royal Ascot and captured the G2 Norfolk S. The following year, another Ward trainee, Four Wheel Drive, was undefeated in three juvenile outings, culminating in the GII Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint.

Ross is survived by his wife, Susan Storck Ross, sons Samuel B. “Tres” Ross, III and Spencer Brownell Ross, and four grandchildren. A “Celebration of Life” ceremony will be held at a later date to be announced.

Other standouts to carry the Breeze Easy colors have been multiple graded stakes winning sprint star, Imprimis; Late Night Pow Wow, a West Virginia-bred, who captured the GII Barbara Fritchie S. and was Grade I-placed; GII Marine S. scorer Easy Time; multiple stakes winner and GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Turf third Outadore; and other stakes winners Curlin’s Honor (owned in partnership with John Oxley), Devine Mischief, Curlin’s Catch and Karak. Most recently, Boppy O (owned in partnership with John Oxley) captured the 2022 GII With Anticipation S. at Saratoga.

Taiba (Gun Runner) strolls home first in GI Malibu S. (click to watch)
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CODE OF HONOR EUTHANIZED

Code of Honor (Noble Mission {GB}--Reunited, by Dixie Union), winner of the 2019 GI Runhappy Travers S. and GI Jockey Club Gold Cup, was euthanized Friday after suffering a bout of colic. Bred and raced by W.S. Farish, the 6-year-old stood his first season at stud at the Farish family's Lane's End Farm this past spring.

Trained by Shug McGaughey, Code of Honor was second in the 2018 GI Champagne S. He won the GII Fountain of Youth S. the following March before finishing third in the GI Florida Derby and second in the GI Kentucky Derby.

Code of Honor kicked off a three-race win streak with his 3 1/4-length victory in the 2019 GIII Dwyer S., adding the Travers in his next start before being promoted to the victory against his elders in the Gold Cup.

“Code of Honor was such a special horse to both our family and the farm,” said Lane's End's Bill Farish. “Winning the Travers with a homebred will stand as one of the greatest highlights in the farm's history. We are saddened by the loss of Code of Honor, who was just embarking on a promising career at stud.”

Please help our wonderful friend, Stuart Morris

Fellow horseman Stuart Morris woke up on Christmas Eve morning with paralysis on his left side. He was transported to the hospital where he was diagnosed with having a stroke which has since left him with no function of his left arm, partial function of his left leg, some slurred speech and mild facial paralysis.

His Dr. is optimistic that he can recover most if not all of his functionality, but it is going to take time, a lot of therapy, heart, love and a lot of help from all of us in the horse community.

Please consider donating to this wonderful family and help them through this most difficult time.

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Carrie Brogden is organizing this fundraiser.
TRAINER DALE CAPUANO RETIRES

Dale Capuano will conclude his 41-year training career with the ending of the year, transferring his 35-horse stable over to his nephew Phillip Capuano.

“I’ve been thinking about it the last couple of years. This business, for me anyway, it’s all I do,” Capuano, one of the leading trainers in Maryland history, said. “I’ve reached a point in my life where I want to do some other things besides get up at 4 o’clock in the morning and work six or seven days a week. It’s time for me to do something else and enjoy myself.”

The 60-year-old Capuano is 22nd on the all-time wins list among trainers with 3,661 and his horses have earned more than $68 million in purses. He has topped the $1-million mark in season earnings 34 times, including each of the past 30 years.

Over his distinguished career Capuano led all Maryland trainers in annual wins eight times (1991, 1997-98, 2001-04) and won a total of 31 meet championships at its major tracks, Laurel and Pimlico Race Course.

His first winner was Who's Lucky at old Bowie Race Course Feb. 21, 1981.

An eight-time graded-stakes winner, Capuano extended his record as the most successful trainer in Maryland Million history to 15 wins when 2-year-old Johnyz From Albany captured the Nursery S. Oct. 22.

“I don’t look at it like I’ve really done all that much. I’ve never won a Grade I, I never won a Classic-type race. Those things never happened,” he said. “We’ve had some pretty nice horses. Racing’s been good to me and I’ve had a good career where I’ve been able to make a decent living doing it and doing what I really love to do. Those are all great things.”

Capuano was born into the family business, a son of late longtime owner and breeder Phil Capuano. He and his brother, Gary, were raised on the family’s farm in the Prince George’s County town of Upper Marlboro and began attending races at an early age.

Among his best horses have been 1990 GIII Trenton H. winner Wind Splitter, a horse he considers among the best he’s ever trained, who ran 11th in the 1989 GI Kentucky Derby. Heros Reward was a two-time Maryland Horse of the Year who won or placed in 13 stakes, captured three graded-stakes and earned $1.3 million from 2005 to 2013. Others include Grade II winners Prized Stamp and Miss Mischief and multiple stakes winners Just Call Me Carl and In the Curl, the latter finishing in the money in 64 of 85 lifetime starts with nearly $750,000 in purse earnings.

“What’s really kept me going is I’ve had great clients pretty much my entire career. That makes life so much easier,” Capuano said. “People like Lou Ulman, we’ve been together over 30 years. Steve Newby, Neil Glasser. Unfortunately some of them have passed away that were with me in the beginning--Harvey Linden was really helpful for me in the beginning of my career.

“There’s so many I could name. Now we have Mopo Racing with Maury Povich, just great, great people to work with. Super C Racing. I don’t want to leave anybody out,” he added. “It just makes my job so much easier when you have great people to work with.”

Phillip Capuano, son of trainer Gary Capuano, is more than ready to take over the stable, his uncle said.

“He’s been with me in the barn every day since Delaware closed, and he’s worked for me before, so he kind of knows my routine and he knows the horses,” Capuano said. “He always handles the horses for Gary at Delaware every year. When we shipped to Delaware he always took care of everything there for us. We usually kept a couple horses with him up there each season, so he knows my owners and he knows the horses. I think he’ll just step right in on Jan. 1. Like I told my employees, it’ll just be a different person behind the desk. Phil’s a great kid. He’s a hard-worker, honest, and he’ll do just fine. I have no doubts about that.”

As for his retirement plans, Capuano said, “Just rest a little bit, because I haven’t had a vacation in about five years. I’ll probably take some trips around different places and start to live a little bit. Get myself back in the gym and get back in shape like I need to be, and work on myself a little bit.”
DAMICO, EAST COAST PARTNERS MAKE MATCHING TAA DONATION

Jack Damico and East Coast Partners have pledged to match all donations up to $3,000 made to the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance Dec. 27 as part of the TAA’s month-long Holiday Giving Campaign.

Damico, a forensic CPA and certified arbitrator, has been involved with racing since 1986 as an owner and breeder. He also manages The Posse Racing Stable and East Coast Partners Racing Stable.

A supporter of Thoroughbred aftercare for decades, Damico joined the TAA Board of Directors in 2022.

“The Damico family and our East Coast Partners Racing Stable have a passion for Thoroughbreds and a commitment to ensure that these magnificent athletes have a safe and caring home upon their retirement from racing,” said Damico. “We firmly believe that Thoroughbreds love what they do on the track and need a new job at the end of their racing careers. Whether they are retrained to be sport/event horses, track ponies, riding horses, or just pasture pals at a sanctuary, we do our very best to be sure that there is proper aftercare for our horses.”

TAA’s Holiday Giving Campaign 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.

To learn more and donate to the TAA’s Holiday Giving campaign, visit: ThoroughbredAftercare.org/HolidayCampaign.
### Saturday, Gulfstream #9, post time: 4:10 p.m. EST

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**To breed is to wish**

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Faustin | Benoit photo

Things didn't look especially promising for those who crunched Michael Lund Petersen's Faustin (c, 2, Curlin--Hard Not to Like, by Hard Spun) into 90 cents on the dollar in the early stages of the first juvenile test of the new meet at Santa Anita Monday afternoon. But the gunmetal gray colt did his best work through the line to graduate by open lengths and become a new 'TDN Rising Star.'

The March foal was not off to the most alert of beginnings and was no better than midfield and under a very busy ride from Ramon Vazquez as the quarter went up in 21.67. Still cajoled along on the turn, but able to make some headway toward the inside, Faustin advanced to be fourth behind a wall of three rivals as they hit the top of the lane. Hooked wide, with stablemate Sonoran (Ride On Curlin) to catch entering the final furlong, he raced a bit greenly while gathering that one up and strode home to score by a widening 2 3/4-length margin.

Led out unsold on a bid of $285,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale, Faustin breezed an eighth of a mile in 10 flat and was hammered down to Petersen's agent Donato Lanni for $800,000 at OBS this past April. Faustin, who outworked 99 others to earn the half-mile bullet (:46 4/5 from the gate) Dec. 10, is the 23rd 'Rising Star' for Curlin.

Faustin is bred on the exact same cross as champion and successful young sire Good Magic and additional graded winners Irish War Cry and Cordmaker.

IN ORDER OF PURSE:

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. ‘TDN Rising Star’. O/B-Godolphin (KY); T-Brendan P. Walsh; J-Brian Joseph Hernandez, Jr. $60,000.

O-Michael Lund Petersen; B-DATTT Farm LLC (KY); T-Bob Baffert.
Pretty Mischievous made it a clean sweep of the afternoon’s two-turn juvenile stakes for ‘TDN Rising Stars’ with a good-looking success in Monday’s Untapable S. at Fair Grounds.

With a second stakes winner on the card, joining Letellier Memorial S. victress Dazzling Blue, Into Mischief now sits on 118 stakes winners. Through Stroud Coleman Bloodstock, Godolphin acquired 2016 GI Spinaway S. dead-heater Pretty City Dancer for $3.5 million at the 2018 Fasig-Tipton November Sale. A half-sister to Grade I winner Lear’s Princess (Lear Fan), Pretty City Dancer is also responsible for Ornamental (Medaglia d’Oro), a maiden winner at Indiana Grand Oct. 25, and a weanling filly by Medaglia d’Oro. The mare was most recently bred to Street Sense. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

Pretty Mischievous | Hodges Photography / Lou Hodges, Jr.

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Made the 8-5 second pick off a third behind the promising Hoosier Philly (Into Mischief) in the GII Golden Rod S. at Churchill Downs Nov. 26, the Godolphin homebred broke well from the rail draw and enjoyed the run of the race from just in behind. Allowed to take a two-path run passing the 4 1/2-furlong marker, Pretty Mischievous had a head in front as they turned for home, pinched a winning break and ran out a four-length winner over The Alys Look (Connect). Favored Vahva (Gun Runner) bombed the start and raced at the back of the field, but finished off nicely and did well to fill third spot, albeit well-beaten.
Golden Glider (chestnut)

Ryan Thompson

May, but he also competed in races like the GI Belmont S. and the GI Blue Grass S., albeit off the board in each. His last start was a sixth-place finish five months ago in the Curlin S. at Saratoga and he has since been gelded.

In the Tropical Park Derby, Golden Glider left the gate leisurely and sat 11th of 12 for the .:23.97 first quarter before inching up a couple of spots by the .:47.42 half. He weaved through the middle of the field before tipping to the outside at least eight wide off the turn. The chestnut closed with determination, grinding to the wire and coming out a nose the best in a gritty effort. The Tropical Park Derby had originally been scheduled for the grass, but was moved to Tapeta due to the conditions. Golden Glider had also broken his maiden on the all-weather surface (at Woodbine).

“A wish it was the Kentucky Derby,” said Mark Casse assistant Nick Tomlinson. “But we’re happy with this one. Jose [Morelos] gave him a phenomenal ride.”

Golden Glider is the last reported foal out of Golden Scarf, although she has been bred to Practical Joke for next term. The mare is a granddaughter of the sensational Passing Mood, whose five stakes winners include Canadian Horse of the Year With Approval (Caro {Ire}), as well as American Classic winner Touch Gold (Deputy Minister). Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

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Golden Glider (chestnut) | Ryan Thompson

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TENACIOUS S., $100,000, Fair Grounds, 12-26, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:44.19, ft.

1--HAPPY AMERICAN, 118, c, 4, Runhappy--Queen of America, by Quiet American. ($385,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP).

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Lothenbach Stables, Inc. (Bob Lothenbach); B-Claiborne Farm (KY); T-Neil L. Pessin; J-James Graham. $60,000. Lifetime Record: 15-4-1-3, $347,376. *1/2 to Well Monied (Maria’s Mon), GSW & MGISP, $393,729; 1/2 to Economic Model (Flatter), GSW & GISP, $614,625; 1/2 to Jimmy Simms (Lost Soldier), SW-Can, MSW & GSP-USA, $635,616; 1/2 to Your Love (Flatter), SW & GSP, $335,000.

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LETELLIER MEMORIAL S., $99,000, Fair Grounds, 12-26, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:11.59, ft.

1--Dazzling Blue, 116, f, 2, by Into Mischief

1ST DAM: Blue Violet (SW & MGSP, $237,356), by Curlin

O-Jon Lapczenski & JIL Stable; B-John & Iveta Kerber (KY); T-W. Bret Calhoun. $20,000.

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2--Mr. Wireless, 124, g, 4, Dialed In--Voussoir, by Arch.

O-Jon Lapczenski & JIL Stable; B-John & Iveta Kerber (KY); T-W. Bret Calhoun. $20,000.

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3--Forza Di Oro, 118, h, 5, Speightstown--Filare l’Oro, by Hard Spun. ($325,000 RNA Ylg '18 FTSAUG). O-Don Alberto Stable; B-Don Alberto Corporation (KY); T-Brad H. Cox. $10,000.


Also Ran: Spa City, Chess Chief, Business Model, Intrepid Heart, Rightandjust, Farmington Road, Beaver Hat, Five Star General. Scratched: Captivating Moon, Gentle Soul.

Second to reopposing Chess Chief (Into Mischief) in the 2021 Tenacious S.--Chess Chief was fifth in this year’s edition--Happy American got the first black-type win of his career in Monday’s Tenacious at Fair Grounds. With darkness falling in NOLA, the bay sat well back through early .:24.21 and .:47.85 fractions. He tracked several paths wide on the turn, joined the battle up front, and drifted profusely as he cleared the field and sauntered home a 2 3/4-length victor.

Happy American hadn’t won in 13 months, but he’s been knocking heads with some of the big boys this year, finishing unplaced in the GI New Orleans Classic S. and the GII Mineshaft S. behind Olympiad (Speightstown), who has since won the GI Jockey Club Gold Cup and finished second behind Flightline (Tapit) in the GI Breeders’ Cup Classic. Happy American took nearly eight months off after the New Orleans Classic and returned with a third behind Tenacious ninth Farmington Road (Quality Road) in a Nov. 13 optional allowance at Churchill Downs.

A half to four stakes winners—all either graded winners or graded-placed black-type winners—Happy American is the last foal out of the unplaced Queen of America. The mare is also granddam to 2021 GIII Turnback the Alarm H. winner Gibberish (Lea). Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.
($500,000 Ylg ’21 KEESEP). **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.**
O-Juddmonte; B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-Brad H. Cox; J-Florent Geroux. $60,000. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, $129,000.

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**Condensation, 118, f, 2, Frosted--Tiz Briska, by Tiznow.** ($40,000 Ylg ’21 FTKOCT). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Pravin A. Patel; B-William Humphries & Altair Farms LLC (KY); T-Chris A. Hartman. $20,000.

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**Miss Shipman, 118, f, 2, Midshipman--Kalistoga Girl, by Tapit.** ($10,000 Ylg ’21 FTKOCT; $100,000 RNA 2yo ’22 OBSMAR; $75,000 2yo ’22 OBSOPN). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Norman Stables, LLC; B-University of Kentucky (KY); T-Lonnie Briley. $10,000. Margins: 3, NO, NO. Odds: 0.50, 14.00, 29.60. Also Ran: Twice as Sweet, Promise of Hope, Neutralize, Flamand, Gavinera.

Dazzling Blue came into the Letellier Memorial S. as the 1-2 favorite and ran to her odds, securing her second daylight score in two tries to remain unbeaten. The Juddmonte runner—a $500,000 purchase as a Keeneland September yearling from WinStar—rushed up to take the lead under Florent Geroux after being bumped by her inside rival out of the gate and giving ground as she found her stride. She found it quickly and had measured control of the pace while registering a :22.18 first quarter and a :46.45 half. The bay drew clear in the lane for a commanding and frontrunning win as previously unbeaten three-time winner Condensation closed to trail her home three lengths in arrears.

Trainer Brad Cox and Geroux had also teamed up to win the Sugar Bowl S. earlier on the card with Corona Bolt (Bolt d’Oro).

The Letellier winner’s only previous start was in a Nov. 16 maiden special weight at Churchill Downs, where she turned in a similar effort, also under Geroux, to score by 4 1/2 lengths as the favorite.

Dazzling Blue’s dam has slipped the last two years, but was bred to current leading freshman sire Bolt d’Oro for next term. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

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**CANDY LIGHT, 120, f, 3, by Candy Ride (Arg)**
1st Dam: Queen Yolanda, by Pioneerof the Nile
2nd Dam: Texas to a Tee, by Purge
3rd Dam: Texas Tammy, by Seeking the Gold ($100,000 Ylg ’20 FTKSEL; $200,000 2yo ’21 OBSOPN). **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O-Fortune Racing LLC (al Maktoum); B-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc. (KY); T-H. Graham Motion; J-Jose L. Ortiz. $60,140. Lifetime Record: 11-3-4-1, $248,268.

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**FIVE TIMES A CHAMPION**

The Tropical Park Oaks may have come off the turf, but it didn’t stop Candy Light from streaking her way to victory and lowering the track record in the process to score her first career black-type win.

Placed in the Sept. 6 Woodford Reserve Virginia Oaks behind familiar foe Spirit and Glory (Ire) (Cotal Glory {GB}) and GSW Sparkle Blue (Hard Spun)—ahead of several other next-out winners, two of which who returned here—Candy Light won her Keeneland debut Oct. 13 in a mile turf allowance and produced her career-best Beyer Speed Figure last out with an 83 when running second in the Nov. 13 Winter Memories S. at Aqueduct.

Content to watch the race unfold in seventh after the jump here, she was in the three path through the first bend and rating between runners for the lion’s portion of the race behind a :47.74 half and 1:11.05 six furlongs. Shifting out as far as seven wide for the homeward drive, Candy Light launched a rally passing the eighth pole and drew past Personal Best as valiantly chased her in from eight wide. She hit the wire a length to the good and lowered the track-record to 1:40.59 on the all-weather surface.

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**TROPICAL PARK OAKS, $100,000, Gulfstream, 12-26, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m (AWT) (off turf), 1:40.59 (NTR), ft.**

1--**CANDY LIGHT, 120, f, 3, by Candy Ride (Arg)**
1st Dam: Queen Yolanda, by Pioneerof the Nile
2nd Dam: Texas to a Tee, by Purge
3rd Dam: Texas Tammy, by Seeking the Gold ($100,000 Ylg ’20 FTKSEL; $200,000 2yo ’21 OBSOPN). **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O-Fortune Racing LLC (al Maktoum); B-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc. (KY); T-H. Graham Motion; J-Jose L. Ortiz. $60,140. Lifetime Record: 11-3-4-1, $248,268.

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**BLUSHING K. D. S.**, $97,000, Fair Grounds, 12-26, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:50.10, fm.

1--**OLIVIAOFTHEDESERT, 118, f, 4, Bernardini--Queenie’s Song (SP), by Unbridled’s Song.** ($320,000 Ylg ’19 KEESEP). O-Susan Moulton; B-Timber Town Stable LLC & Jane Winegardner (KY); T-Wayne M. Catalano; J-Corey J. Lanerie. $60,000. Lifetime Record: 22-6-1-3, $429,360.

2--**Wave of Goodness, 118, f, 4, Cairo Prince--Mandalay Beach, by Lonhro (Aus).** ($5,000 Ylg ’19 KEESEP). 1ST BLACK TYPE. O-Hernandez Racing Stable, LLC; B-Calumet Farm (KY); T-Armando Hernandez. $20,000.

3--**Lake Lucerne, 118, m, 5, Dubawi (Ire)–Round Pond, by Awesome Again.** O/B-Godolphin, LLC (KY); T-Brendan P. Walsh. $10,000. Lifetime Record: 2-0-1-0, $91,650.


Also Ran: Island Hideaway (GB), Carpe Vinum, Mo Clare's. Scratched: A Mo Reay, Quinn Ella.

After making 21 starts out of the barn of Kenny McPeek, Oliviaofthedesert made her first foray for new trainer Wayne Catalano and won the Blushing K. D. S. at Fair Grounds. It was her first win on the lawn after seven previous tries, including last out Oct. 22 in a Keeneland allowance. Susan Moulton has owned the multiple black-type winner all along.

In the Blushing K. D., Oliviaofthedesert raced cleanly on the outside midpack through a :24.23 first quarter and :50.75 half, then swept wide at the top of the lane with stretch leader Wave of Goodness squarely in her sights. She gradually wore that one down and got up in the last strides to get her head in front at the wire. It was her first win since a Prairie Meadows non-black-type stakes score in June. She's also captured Remington's Trapeze S. and Iowa's Panthers S., as well as finished second or third in four other black-type events.

Queenie’s Song, a daughter of GIII Santa Ynez S. winner and GI Santa Anita Oaks runner-up Queen of Money (Corporate Report), has a yearling filly named Master Jane (Candy Ride {Arg}), who was a $235,000 RNA at Keeneland September, and a weanling filly by Nyquist. She was bred back to Essential Quality for 2023. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

**GUN RUNNER S.**, $98,000, Fair Grounds, 12-26, 2yo, 1 1/16m, 1:44.85, ft.

1--**JACE’S ROAD, 122, c, 2, by Quality Road.** 1st Dam: Out Post (MSP, $203,690), by Silver Deputy 2nd Dam: Secret Wildcat, by Forest Wildcat 3rd Dam: Garden Secrets, by Time for a Change. ($510,000 Ylg ’21 KEESEP). 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O-West Point Thoroughbreds & Albaugh Family Stables LLC; B-Colts Neck Stables LLC (KY); T-Brad H Cox; J-Florent Geroux. $60,000. Lifetime Record: ‘TDN Rising Star’, 4-2-0-1, $126,800. Margins: 5HF, HD, 3. Odds: 2.40, 23.60, 0.90.

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Named a 'Rising Star' on Ellis debut back in August, Jace's Road was third in the GIII Iroquois S. Sept. 17, but was reportedly out of sorts just prior to the Street Sense as he dropped Geroux at the gates pre-start, caught a sloppy track and did no running.
The 65th stakes winner for Quality Road, Jace’s Road hails from the female family of champion Silverbulletday (Silver Deputy) and GISW Forest Secrets (Forest Wildcat) and has a weanling half-sister by Curlin. Out Post was barren to Quality Road for 2023. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

SUGAR BOWL S., $97,000, Fair Grounds, 12-26, 2yo, 6f, 1:09.96, ft.
1--CORONA BOLT, 116, c, 2, by Bolt d’Oro
1st Dam: Stormbeforethecalm, by Quiet American
2nd Dam: Smart Catomine, by Smart Strike
3rd Dam: Gather the Storm, by Storm Cat
1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. ($225,000 Wlg ’20 KEENOV).
O-Stonestreet Stables LLC; B-Summerfield Sales Agency Inc & Etarip Stables (FL); T-Brad H Cox; J-Florent Geroux. $60,000.
Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, $102,000. *1/2 to Proven Strategies (Sky Mesa), SW & GSP-Can, GSP-USA, $355,787. **Sixth stakes winner for freshman sire (by Medaglia d’Oro).

2--Distorted Pro
118, c, 2, Distorted Humor--Pro Pink, by Touch Gold. 1ST BLACK-TYPE. O/B-Novogratz Racing Stables Inc (MN); T-Brad H Cox. $20,000.

3--Toddchero
116, c, 2, Bucchero--French Politics, by Political Force. ($77,000 2yo ’22 OBSAPR). O-Mark Norman & Norman Stables LLC; B-GDS Racing Stable (FL); T-Jayde J Gelner. $10,000.
Margins: 6 3/4, NO, 4HF. Odds: 0.50, 5.30, 16.10.
Also Ran: Late September, Alto Road, Machine Gun Man.
Off as the heavy chalk in Monday’s $97,000 Sugar Bowl S., Stonestreet Stables LLC’s Corona Bolt led not long after the start and kicked away in the final furlong to become a sixth black-type winner for his leading freshman sire (by Medaglia d’Oro).

Adding Lasix off strong one-length debut score at Churchill Downs Nov. 19 (82 Beyer Speed Figure), the $225,000 Keeneland November weanling speared through from between rivals to lead and covered the opening couple of furlongs:22.24 under an easy Florent Geroux hold and turned them in after a half in :45.92. Slipped a bit of rein as Toddchero (Bucchero) loomed a momentary threat at midstretch, Corona Bolt opened up while scarcely asked and came home 6 3/4 lengths to the good. Minnesota-bred Distorted Pro was up for second ahead of Toddchero, who was earning black-type for the fifth time in his young career.

Summerfield Sales acquired Corona Bolt’s dam for $16,000 at Keeneland January in 2016 and she was bred to Sky Mesa for a foal carrying the wonderfully productive cross of A.P. Indy and Quiet American. The result was Proven Strategies, a stakes winner and twice graded-placed on the turf with earnings in excess of $355,000. The mare, a half-sister to Canadian Classic winner Cool Catomine (Spring At Ladt) and SW Wild Catomine (Milwaukee Brew), is represented by a yearling filly by the late Flatter that fetched $90,000 at this year’s Keeneland September sale. Her weanling colt by War at Will was a $70,000 buyback at Keeneland November last month and she most recently visited Yaupon. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.
GIII Honeymoon S. at Santa Anita in May. From the same family as champion 2-year-old filly Halfbridled (Unbridled), Ballet Dancing has a yearling half-sister by Justify and a weanling half-sister by Tiz the Law. The Justify yearling sold for $1.05 million at Keeneland September. Dam Fully Living has been bred back to Constitution. Sales History: $800,000 Ylg '20 KESEP. Lifetime Record: GSP, 7-2-1-2, $126,560. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-Westerberg, Mrs. John Magnier, Michael B. Tabor, & Derrick Smith; B-Ashview Farm & Old Oak Farm (KY); T-Simon Callaghan.

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2nd-Santa Anita, $67,500, Msw, 12-26, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:38.51, ft, neck.

BLETCHLEY PARK (c, 3, Nyquist--Spinning Wheel, by Smart Strike), who worked the fastest eighth (:9 4/5) at the 2021 Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream sale and then topped the same sale at $2.6 million when purchased by Jamie McCalmont, agent for M.V. Magnier, broke his maiden Monday as the 3-1 second choice. The bay bumped out of the gate but quickly settled into a prominent third. Outside horses at the :22.39 first quarter and :48.21 fractions, moved on the turn, and took command with aplomb. The 5-1 choice had a half-length on firster Escape Artist (Good Magic) in the stretch, but drifted inward as he clung to the advantage by a game neck at the wire. Smart Code debuted with a sixth Oct. 9 in Arabian Lion (Justify)’s ‘TDN Rising Star’ performance and then reappeared with an improved fourth despite a troubled trip Dec. 4 on the turf over this distance at Del Mar. The winner’s dam has a yearling filly by Union Rags (Hard Spun) brought $90,000 at Keeneland September from Steven W. Young. She produced a full-brother to Bletchley Park this spring and was bred back to Street Sense. A half to GI Preakness second Ride On Curlin (Curlin), Spinning Wheel counts 2001 GI Test S. winner Victory Ride (Seeking the Gold) as her granddam. Sales History: $160,000 Ylg ’20 FTKSEL; $2,600,000 2yo ’21 FTFMAR. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, $64,680. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-Mrs. John Magnier, Michael B. Tabor, Derrick Smith and Westerberg; B-G. Watts Humphrey (KY); T-Bob Baffert.

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1st-Gulfstream, $60,000, Msw, 12-24, 2yo, 1 1/16m (AWT) (off turf), 1:42.21, ft, 3 1/4 lengths.

DUDE N COLORADO (GB) (c, 2, Uncle Mo--Limonar {Ire}) {SW-Fr, $124,447}, by Street Cry (Ire)) ran third on unveiling Oct. 16 in the Belmont at the Big A meet at this distance, but on the grass, behind 30-1 longshot winner Calycanthus (English Channel) and next-out winner C’Est Magnifique (Kitten’s Joy). Jumping to the head of the field in this washed-off maiden, he was sent to set the pace from the three path, and put up :24.04, :47.90, and 1:12.50 splits with little pressure. Cued to roll from the leading position entering the homestretch, Dude N Colorado responded well and padded his lead over Great Skill (Mastery) to 3 1/4 lengths.

Out of Limonar, making him a half to Spanish Mission (Noble Mission), MGSW & G1SP-Eng, SW-USA, MG1SP-Aus, $2,120,311 and Mokarris (More Than Ready), SW & GSP-Eng, the winner hails from the half-sister to GISW Talco (Fr) (Pivotal {GB}) and the dam of GSP Silvestri (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}). Dude N Colorado has a pair of half-brothers by Frankel (GB)—a yearling and a 2022 weanling. This is the extended female family of Irish Highweight older horse Sonnyboyliston (Ire) (Power {GB}). Sales history: $90,000 2yo ’22 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, $47,400. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-Three Diamonds Farm; B-St. Elias Stables LLC (GB); T-Todd A. Pletcher.
5th-Gulfstream, $60,000, Msw, 12-24, 2yo, f, 5f (AWT), :57.24, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

LONGLIVE THE QUEEN (f, 2, Frosted--Auspicious {MSP}, by Indian Charlie) rode into her unveiling here on consistent works and the betting public sent the grey away as the 5-2 second choice. Bumped by an inner rival at the jump, she rated along the rail from fourth and was coaxed along behind a :45.40 half before coming six wide to find room. Sweeping past the leading trio in the final furlong, she kicked away from Shez Speightful (Speightster) as that one followed her in from the back. The most recent to the races, Longlive the Queen has an unplaced 3-year-old full-sister Starship Sparkles as well as a stakes-placed older half-brother Bobby Bo (Speightster). The dam, a half to GSP Flatter Than Me (Flatter), is out of a multiple stakes-winning half-sister to 22-time winner, millionaire MGSW Scott's Scoundrel (L'Enjoleur), Auspicious has a yearling colt Squirt Gun (Gun Runner) and did not catch last season on a trip to Authentic. She went back to that stallion for 2023. Sales history: $120,000 RNA Ylg '21 FTKFEB; $130,000 Ylg '21 SARAUG; $330,000 2yo '22 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $36,000. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-West Point Thoroughbreds, Lucky Hat Racing LLC and Heather Winters; B-Danzel Brendemuehl Classic Mares (NY); T-Christophe Clement.

5th-Fair Grounds, $60,000, Msw, 12-26, 2yo, 6f, 1:12.39, ft, 1 length.

SILVER HEIST (c, 2, Tapit--Silvery Starlet, by Unbridled's Song), sent off at 4-1, was away slowly and was well back in the early strides. He steadily improved his position down the backstretch behind an opening quarter in :21.91. He ranged up three wide into the stretch as longshot pacesetter Hey Jackson (Union Jackson) completed the half in :45.96. Despite racing greenly, Silver Heist overtook the pacesetter at midstretch and held on late to score decisively at Fair Grounds Monday. After breaking sharply, he was sent straight to the lead and relaxed despite pressure from his outside. The 2-1 choice posted early fractions of :23.43 and :47.73, then repulsed all challengers coming off the turn and galloped down the lane, besting runner-up Mobster (Uncle Mo) by 8 1/2 lengths. A Godolphin homebred, Banishing had made one previous start, chasing wide and finishing fourth in a Nov. 13 maiden at Churchill Downs. The chestnut is out of a daughter of MGSW Marietta (Machiavellian) and granddaughter of GSW Minister Wife (Deputy Minister). Dowager slipped for 2021, has a weanling colt by Nyquist, and was bred back to Astern (Aus). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $42,000. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG. O/B-Godolphin, LLC (KY); T-Brendan P. Walsh.

7th-Fair Grounds, $53,000, (S), Msw, 12-26, 2yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:19.44, ft, 5 1/2 lengths.

HIHELLOHOWAREYOU (f, 2, Awesome Slew--Additional Prayer {SW}, by Songandaprayer) was slow on the jump as the rail-locked 4-5 favorite, and was asked to stalk from that spot in fourth until receiving her cue passing the quarter pole. Launching a brisk bid, she took over from Brown Eyed Beauty (Khozan) entering the stretch and opened up on her state-bred rivals to win stylishly by 5 1/2 lengths. The victress is a half-sister to Hear My Prayer (The Big Beast), MSW & GSP, $234,946, and one of only two to make it to the races thus far. Their dam came up barren on back-to-back visits in 2021 and 2022 to The Big Beast and she was bred to Win Win Win for next season. Sales history: $100,000 Ylg ’21 OBSOCT; $220,000 2yo ’22 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $31,800. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG. O-Gold Square LLC; B-Janet Erwin (FL); T-Jose Francisco D'Angelo.

IN JAPAN:

Manibhadra, c, 2, Speightstown--Trini Brewnette (MSW-Can, $273,596), by Milwaukee Brew. Nakayama, 12-24, Allowance, 1200m, 1:11.1. Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-2, $139,212. O-Naoya Fujii; B-Corser Thoroughbreds LLC (KY); T-Hideyuki Mori.

*$200,000 RNA Wlg ’20 FTKNOV; $225,000 Ylg ’21 KEESSEP.
SHIRL’S BEE was an impressive debut MdSpWt winner at Meydan Racecourse on Friday and will now be pointed to the UAE 2000 Guineas.

Owned and bred by Charles E Fipke
Trained by Doug Watson
IN SOUTH KOREA:

**Race Winner**, f, 2, **Race Day**--Puuku, by Forestry. Seoul, 12-25, Hcp. (C4), 1000m. B-Ralph Kinder & Erv Woolsey (KY). *Won by eight lengths as the 4-5 favorite. **$1,500 Ylg '21 FTKFEB. VIDEO (SC 3)

**Gangseo Giant**, f, 2, **Union Rags**--Lexington Pearl, by Elusive Quality. Busan, 12-25, Hcp. (C4), 1000m. B-Stonewall Dominion Farm (KY). *$75,000 RNA Yl '21 KEEJAN; $30,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT; $85,000 2yo '22 OBSJUN. VIDEO (SC 1)

IN SAUDI ARABIA:

**Shojaa**, c, 2, **Malibu Moon**--Coup de Coeur (SW), by Exchange Rate. King Abdulaziz, 12-24, Maiden, 1400m. B-Spendthrift Farm LLC (KY). *1ST-TIME STARTER. **1/2 to Animosity (Animal Kingdom), GSP, $131,522. **$55,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; $70,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR. VIDEO (SC 8)

**Almulhem**, c, 2, **More Than Ready**--Morrow Cove (MSW, $182,610), by Yes It's True. King Abdulaziz, 12-24, Maiden, 1600m. B-More Than Ready Syndicate, Paul Tackett Revocable Trust, Phil Tackett Estate et al (KY). *$150,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT; $60,000 2yo '22 OBSJUN. VIDEO (SC 3)

FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27

**Army Mule** (Friesan Fire), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, $7,500 105 foals of racing age/24 winners/4 black-type winners 9-Parx Racing, 3:32 p.m. EST, $75K Parx Juvenile S., 7f, Recruiter, 3-1

$60,000 OBS WIN wnl; $102,000 RNA FTK JUL yrl; $125,000 OBS OPN 2yo

**Bolt d'Oro** (Medaglia d'Oro), Spendthrift Farm, $20,000 167 foals of racing age/27 winners/5 black-type winners 10-Parx Racing, 4:00 p.m. EST, $75K Parx Futurity, 7f, Lindalovesgold, 6-1

**Eastwood** (Speightstown), Blackstone Farm, $2,500 11 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners 9-Parx Racing, 3:32 p.m. EST, $75K Parx Juvenile S., 7f, John Dutton, 10-1

**Frank Conversation** (Quality Road), Rockridge Stud, $3,500 41 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners 9-Parx Racing, 3:32 p.m. EST, $75K Parx Juvenile S., 7f, Chasing Stardom, 20-1

$1,000 RNA EAS DEC wnl; $6,000 WAN NYB 2yo

**Hoppertainty** (Any Given Saturday), Northview Stallion Station, $5,000 81 foals of racing age/8 winners/1 black-type winner 9-Parx Racing, 3:32 p.m. EST, $75K Parx Juvenile S., 7f, We Dont Need Roads, 6-1

$35,000 EAS OCT yrl; $100,000 FTI DEC 2yo

**Mendelsohn** (Scat Daddy), Coolmore Ashford, $35,000 174 foals of racing age/25 winners/1 black-type winner 10-Parx Racing, 4:00 p.m. EST, $75K Parx Futurity, 7f, Mendelian, 8-1

$70,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; $42,000 RNA EAS OCT yrl

**National Flag** (Speightstown), Blazing Meadows Farm, $1,500 18 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners 1-Mahoning Valley, 12:45 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Kiss Valentina, 5-2

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27

**Blofeld** (Quality Road), Murmur Farm, $4,000 50 foals of racing age/28 winners/2 black-type winners 10-Parx Racing, 4:00 p.m. EST, $75K Parx Futurity, 7f, Blome, 10-1

$9,000 EAS DEC wnl; $24,000 RNA EAS OCT yrl

**Lord Nelson** (Pulpit), Spendthrift Farm 159 foals of racing age/50 winners/3 black-type winners 10-Parx Racing, 4:00 p.m. EST, $75K Parx Futurity, 7f, Shiny Slam, 12-1

$42,000 KEE SEP yrl; $150,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo

**Unified** (Candy Ride {Arg}), Lane's End Farm, $10,000 194 foals of racing age/72 winners/3 black-type winners 10-Parx Racing, 4:00 p.m. EST, $75K Parx Futurity, 7f, Bella Michelle, 10-1

$105,000 KEE SEP yrl; $145,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo

**Union Jackson** (Curlin), Sequel New York 69 foals of racing age/26 winners/2 black-type winners 10-Parx Racing, 4:00 p.m. EST, $75K Parx Futurity, 7f, My Sweet Khale, 15-1

$15,000 OBS OCT yrl; $9,000 RNA OBS OPN 2yo
STAKES RESULTS:

ABUNDANTIA S., $100,000, Gulfstream, 12-24, 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :56.68, gd.

1--MISS J MCKAY, 125, m, 5, Hangover Kid--Ballykiss, by Street Boss. ($1,500 Wlg '17 EASDEC; $55,000 Ylg '18 EASOCT; $85,000 RNA 2yo '19 OBSAPR; $300,000 3yo '20 KEENOV; $325,000 5yo '22 KEENOV). O-Oakwood Stables, Cheyenne Stable LLC & Christophe Clement; B-Linda Oliff Rohleder (MD); T-Christophe Clement; J-Tyler Gaffalione. $59,520. Lifetime Record: 20-6-4-3, $466,893.

2--Imagery, 121, f, 4, Dominus--Bertie's Image, by Ready's Image. ($4,000 Ylg '19 FTKOCT; $57,000 2yo '20 EASMAY). O-Gary Barber; B-Brandywine Farm (Jim & Pam Robinson) (KY); T-Mark E Casse. $19,200.

3--Stony Point, 121, f, 4, War Front--Akatea (Ire), by Shamardal. 1ST BLACK TYPE. O/B-Joseph Allen LLC (KY); T-Claude R McGaughey III. $9,600.

Margins: 1 1/4, NK, 3/4. Odds: 3.90, 8.00, 13.30.

JANUS S., $100,000, Gulfstream, 12-24, 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :55.94, gd.

1--BELGRANO, 125, g, 8, War Front--Ask the Moon (MGISW, $713,640), by Malibu Moon. ($190,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEESSEP; $500,000 RNA 2yo '16 FTFMAR). O-Peace Sign Stables; B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY); T-Frank Russo; J-Paco Lopez. $58,900. Lifetime Record: 45-10-8-8, $525,011.

*1/2 to Sundaysatthebeach (Medaglia d'Oro), GSP, $129,280.

Buddy Deliberto Memorial S., $99,000, Fair Grounds, 12-26, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:48.41, fm.

1--SPOOKY CHANNEL, 118, g, 7, English Channel--Spooky Kitten (MSP, $225,298), by Kitten's Joy. ($10,000 Ylg '16 FTKOCT). O-NBS Stable; B-Calumet Farm (KY); T-Jason Barkley; J-James Graham. $60,000. Lifetime Record: 26-12-4-0, $661,722.

2--English Tavern, 118, g, 5, English Channel--Over Served, by Black Minnaloushe. ($35,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP). O-Jerry Romans, Jr., and Hamilton A. Smith; B-Dr. Charles H. Huber & English Channel Co-Owners (KY); T-Michelle Lovell. $20,000.

3--Big Agenda, 118, g, 7, Data Link--Real American, by Quiet American. O-Jordan V. Wycoff; B-Bertram R. Firestone (KY); T-Joe Sharp. $10,000.

Margins: 2 1/4, 1 3/4, 4HF. Odds: 3.90, 5.30, 3.40.

RICHARD R. SCHERER MEMORIAL S., $98,000, Fair Grounds, 12-26, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.61, ft.

1--SURVEILLANCE, 124, g, 5, Constitution--Majorelle, by Mizzen Mast. ($40,000 Wlg '17 KEESSEP; $25,000 Ylg '18 KEESSEP). O-Big Chief Racing, LLC, Rocker O Ranch, LLC and J. Keith Desormeaux; B-Kendall E. Hansen, M.D. Racing, LLC (KY); T-J. Keith Desormeaux; J-James Graham. $60,000. Lifetime Record: 21-5-3-5, $406,367.

2--Bango, 124, h, 5, Congrats--Josaka, by Smart Strike. O-Tamaroak Partners LLC, B-Tamaroak Stable (KY); T-Gregory D. Foley. $20,000.

3--Heart Rhythm, 122, c, 4, Flat Out--Nothing But Heart, by Officer. ($6,500 RNA Ylg '19 FTKOCT). O-TEC Racing (Elliott S. Logan); B-Terrazas Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY); T-John Alexander Ortiz. $10,000.

JOSEPH E. SPANKY BROUSSARD MEMORIAL S., $96,000, Fair Grounds, 12-26, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:43.21, ft.
1--MOON SWAG, 122, f, 4, Malibu Moon--Yara (GSW, $398,390), by Put It Back. ($150,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP).
O-Farfellow Farm, Ltd.; B-Spendthrift Farm LLC (KY); T-Brendan P. Walsh; J-Corey J. Lanerie. $60,000. Lifetime Record: MGSP, 13-4-1-4, $334,880.

2--Powder River, 122, m, 5, Mineshaft--Sharp Instinct, by Awesome Again. ($50,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP). O-Slipstream Thoroughbreds LLC; B-John H. Adger (KY); T-Norm W. Casse. $20,000.

3--Charlie's Penny, 118, f, 4, Race Day--Sweet Lorraine, by Warrior's Reward. O/B-Lothenbach Stables, Inc. (Bob Lothenbach) (MN); T-Chris M. Block. $10,000.
Margins: 2HF, HD, 6HF. Odds: 2.00, 4.20, 0.70.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:
7th-Santa Anita, $75,500, (S), 12-26, (NW1$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2fT, 1:13.28, fm, 1/2 length.
LA DEUXIEME ETOILE (f, 3, Nyquist--La Premiere Etoile, by Square Eddie) Lifetime Record: 12-2-2-3, $146,050. O/B-Reddam Racing, LLC (CA); T-Doug F. O'Neill.

1st-Fair Grounds, $60,000, (S), 12-26, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:05.05, ft, 2 lengths.
BASEL STREET (f, 3, Uncaptured--Shirley Street, by Stormy Atlantic) Lifetime Record: 16-4-5-0, $155,871. O-Al & Bill Ulwelling; B-Paul Pruett & Lindsay R. Syler (LA); T-Gary M. Scherer. *$7,000 Ylg '20 ESPLYR; $65,000 2yo '21 OBSMAR.

8th-Golden Gate Fields, $32,900, (NW2$X)/Opt. Clm ($62,500), 12-26, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:02.98, ft, 3/4 length.
LONG LANCE (g, 5, Justin Phillip--Winter's Quest, by Coronado's Quest) Lifetime Record: 18-4-5-1, $94,069. O-Oak Crest Farm LLC (Hodge); B-Castleton Lyons (KY); T-Tim McCanna. *$15,000 Ylg '18 FTKFEB. **1/2 to Ariepka (Bernstein), GISP, $317,190.

6th-Tampa Bay Downs, $25,500, 12-24, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:38.53, gd, 4 1/2 lengths.
SAFFRON MOON (f, 3, Malibu Moon--Crocus Hill, by Medaglia d'Oro) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, $89,450. O-CHP Racing; B-Cove Springs Farm LLC (KY); T-Chad C. Brown. *$80,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP.

8th-Tampa Bay Downs, $25,500, 12-24, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:37.84, gd, 3/4 length.
MR. KRINGLE (h, 5, Shakin It Up--South Wing (MSP, $203,432), by Dixie Brass) Lifetime Record: GSP, 29-3-7-6, $226,677. O-That's Amore Stable, Michael J. McMahon and John P. Terranova, II; B-Cheryl Prudhomme & Dr. Michael Gallivan (NY); T-John P. Terranova, II. *$35,000 Wlg '17 FTNMIX; $10,000 Ylg '18 SARAUG.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Metaphysical, f, 2, American Freedom--Another Ghazo, by Haynesfield. Gulfstream, 12-26, 1 1/16m (AWT) (off turf), 1:43.15. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-0, $56,278. B-Brereton C. Jones (KY). *$60,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP.
Bank Frenzy, c, 2, Central Banker--Storm Now, by Tiznow. Tampa Bay Downs, 12-24, 6f, 1:11.50. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, $22,900. B-B-Way and Mary R. Broman (NY). *$110,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR.
El Deal Me Aces, g, 2, El Deal--Line Running Lass, by Line of David. Fair Grounds, 12-26, (S), 6f, 1:11.42. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, $44,100. B-Daniel R Chicola (LA). *$78,000 2yo '22 TTAAPR.
Groveland, c, 2, Street Sense--Luckynow, by Medaglia d'Oro. Tampa Bay Downs, 12-24, 1m 40y, 1:41.67. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-2, $21,500. B-Godolphin (KY).
Adaay (Ire), Dicey Mo Chara (GB), g, 4, o/o Leonica (GB), by Lion Cavern. GII San Gabriel S., 12-26, Santa Anita
American Freedom, Metaphysical, f, 2, o/o Another Ghazo, by Haynesfield. MSW, 12-26, Gulfstream
Arrogate, Fun to Dream, f, 3, o/o Lutess, by Maria's Mon. Gl La Brea S., 12-26, Santa Anita
Awesome Slew, Hihellohowsareyou, f, 2, o/o Additional Prayer, by Songandaprayerm. MSW, 12-24, Gulfstream
Bernardini, Oliviaofthedesert, f, 4, o/o Queenie's Song, by Unbridled's Song. Blushing K. D. S., 12-26, Fair Grounds
Bolt d'Oro, Corona Bolt, c, 2, o/o Stormbefeorthecalm, by Quiet American. Sugar Bowl S., 12-26, Fair Grounds
California Chrome, One More Bid, g, 3, o/o Never Grow Old, by Scat Daddy. Gl Santa Anita Mathis Mile S., 12-26, Santa Anita
Candy Ride (Arg), Candy Light, f, 3, o/o Queen Yolanda, by Pioneerof the Nile. Tropical Park Oaks, 12-26, Gulfstream
Central Banker, Bank Frenzy, c, 2, o/o Storm Now, by Tiznow. MSW, 12-24, Tampa Bay
Constitution, Surveillance, g, 5, o/o Majorelle, by Mizzen Mast. Richard R. Scherer Memorial S., 12-26, Fair Grounds
Curlin, Faustin, c, 2, o/o Hard Not to Like, by Hard Spun. MSW, 12-26, Santa Anita
El Deal, El Deal Me Aces, g, 2, o/o Line Running Lass, by Line of David. MSW, 12-26, Fair Grounds
English Channel, Spooky Channel, g, 7, o/o Spooky Kitten, by Kitten's Joy. Buddy Diliberto Memorial S., 12-26, Fair Grounds
Frosted, Longlive the Queen, f, 2, o/o Auspicious, by Indian Charlie. MSW, 12-24, Gulfstream
Ghostzapper, Banishing, c, 2, o/o Dowager, by A.P. Indy. MSW, 12-26, Fair Grounds
Ghostzapper, Golden Glider, g, 3, o/o Golden Scarf, by Orientate. Tropical Park Derby, 12-26, Gulfstream
Gun Runner, Taiba, c, 3, o/o Needmore Flattery, by Flatter. Gl Runhappy Malibu S., 12-26, Santa Anita
Hangover Kid, Miss J McKay, m, 5, o/o Ballykiss, by Street Boss. Abundantia S., 12-24, Gulfstream
Honor Code, Smart Code, c, 2, o/o Saranda, by Smart Strike. MSW, 12-26, Santa Anita
Into Mischief, Dazzling Blue, f, 2, o/o Blue Violet, by Curlin. Letellier Memorial S., 12-26, Fair Grounds
Into Mischief, Pretty Mischievious, f, 2, o/o Pretty City Dancer, by Tapit. Untappable S., 12-26, Fair Grounds
Justin Phillip, Long Lance, g, 5, o/o Winter's Quest, by Coronado's Quest. AOC, 12-26, Golden Gate
Malibu Moon, Moon Swag, f, 4, o/o Yara, by Put It Back. Joseph E. Spanky Broussard Memorial S., 12-26, Fair Grounds
Malibu Moon, Saffron Moon, f, 3, o/o Crocus Hill, by Medaglia d'Oro. ALW, 12-24, Tampa Bay
Medaglia d'Oro, Ballet Dancing, f, 3, o/o Fully Living, by Unbridled's Song. ALW, 12-26, Santa Anita
Nyquist, Bletchley Park, c, 3, o/o Spinning Wheel, by Smart Strike. MSW, 12-26, Santa Anita
Nyquist, La Deuxieme Etoile, f, 3, o/o La Premiere Etoile, by Square Eddie. ALW, 12-26, Santa Anita
Quality Road, Jace's Road, c, 2, o/o Out Post, by Silver Deputy. Gun Runner S., 12-26, Fair Grounds
Runhappy, Happy American, c, 4, o/o Queen of America, by Quiet American. Tenacious S., 12-26, Fair Grounds
Shakin It Up, Mr. Kringle, h, 5, o/o South Wing, by Dixie Brass. ALW, 12-24, Tampa Bay
Starspangledbanner (Aus), Rhea Moon (Ire), f, 3, o/o Callisto Star (Ire), by Fastnet Rock (Aus). Gl American Oaks, 12-26, Santa Anita
Street Sense, Groveland, c, 2, o/o Lucknow, by Medaglia d'Oro. MSW, 12-24, Tampa Bay
Tapit, Silver Heist, c, 2, o/o Silvery Starlet, by Unbridled's Song. MSW, 12-26, Fair Grounds
Tonalist, Country Gamer, h, 5, o/o Arabian Song, by Forestry. GII San Antonio S., 12-26, Santa Anita
Uncaptured, Basalt Street, f, 3, o/o Shirley Street, by Stormy Atlantic. ALW, 12-26, Fair Grounds
Uncle Mo, Dude N Colorado (GB), c, 2, o/o Limonar (Ire), by Street Cry (Ire). MSW, 12-24, Gulfstream
Valiant Minister, Loco Abario, g, 2, o/o Ballyhoo Moon, by Malibu Moon. MOC, 12-26, Gulfstream
War Front, Belgrano, g, 8, o/o Ask the Moon, by Malibu Moon. Janus S., 12-24, Gulfstream

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‘WE WANT TO DRIVE MEMBERSHIP TO THE ITBA NEXT GENERATION IN ’23’

Orla Donworth: chair of the ITBA Next Generation | Goffs

By Brian Sheerin

It is commonly known as the junior wing of the Irish Thoroughbred Breeders Association, aimed at educating students and aspiring breeders, and its chairperson Orla Donworth is predicting big things for the ITBA Next Generation in 2023.

Donworth is a digital marketing executive at Goffs who has been employed in the industry for 10 years and outlined plans for the ITBA Next Generation to become the go-to place for the future leaders of the industry to gain education and support.

Fellow Goffs employee Conor Wixted holds the position as the vice chairperson on the committee while Taragh Brady, marketing executive at Tattersalls Ireland, Padraic Gahan of Baroda Stud, Yeomanstown Stud's Rob O'Callaghan and Clare Manning of Boherguy Stud feature among the committee.

Donworth, 30, explained, “After a period of inactivity during Covid, the ITBA Next Generation was revived. I have taken over as the new chairperson and we have a 12-strong committee. We have a good mixture of people on the committee, from Flat and National Hunt, breeding and racing, farm managers, students, and people who work for Goffs, Tattersalls, Wetherbys and a Flying Start graduate as well.

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ONE OF THE QUEEN’S FAVOURITE HORSES
ROYAL APPLAUSE DIES AGED 29

Royal Applause (GB), one of The Queen's favourite horses, has passed away at the age of 29.

A top-class sprinter, Royal Applause made a major imprint on the breed, with his son Acclamation (GB) producing a number of top-notchers, including Equiano (Fr), Marsha (Ire), Expert Eye (GB), Harbour Watch (Ire), Aclaim (Ire), Mehmas (Ire) and Dark Angel (Ire).

The son of Waajib (Ire) was a homebred of Maktoum Al Maktoum and he carried those famous silks with great distinction, notably when successful in the Cork and Orrey S. [now the Platinum Jubilee] and the Sprint Cup at Haydock.

He was also a blisteringly-fast two-year-old. Victory in the Coventry S. at Royal Ascot was followed by Gimcrack glory at York and that juvenile campaign was crowned with a brilliant win in the Middle Park S. Cont. p4

IN TDN AMERICA TODAY
TAIBA TOO CLASSY FOR MALIBU RIVALS

‘TDN Rising Star’ Taiba (Gun Runner) solidified his case for a divisional championship with a convincing victory in Monday’s GI Runhappy Malibu S. at Santa Anita Park.
12 QUESTIONS: JESS STAFFORD

The 12 Questions spotlight lands upon Thurloe Thoroughbreds’ Jess Stafford, who is also known as a TV presenter to fans on either side of the Atlantic.

ALMANZOR GETS FIRST HONG KONG WINNER

Forerunner (Fr), a €280,000 Arqana August yearling, became the first Hong Kong winner for Almanzor (Fr) on Christmas Eve.

EQUINOX ROMPS IN ARIMA KINEN

Sent off the 13-10 betting favourite, Equinox (Jpn) (Kitasan Black (Jpn)) dominated a strong field in the G1 Arima Kinen at Nakayama.

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**ItBA Next Generation cont.**

It’s a well-rounded committee. The vice chairperson is Conor Wixted, who is extremely proactive, and the main thing for us going forward is to drive membership and grow the ITBA Next Generation in 2023."

She added, “The ITBA is the governing body of Irish breeding at government level at home and abroad and the Next Generation is the junior wing of that organisation. The people we can get into the Next Generation are the future of our industry and we will try to nurture people to one day be on the senior council. We will endeavor to represent, support and educate young and future breeders.”

Committee member David Skelly, who is a graduate of the Godolphin Flying Start programme and now works full-time for Peter Molony at Rathmore Stud, shares Donworth’s passion for the sport and explains how he aims to implement what he learned as president of the horse racing society at Limerick University to his role.

The 27-year-old said, “What I learned from setting up the horse racing society in the University of Limerick is that there is a huge appetite for the sport among young people and that they are especially keen to meet the people who are involved in the industry. Mark Boylan and I rejuvenated the society, which had been inactive for a number of years, and it really opened our eyes as to how popular racing is among younger people.”

Skelly added, “We were very lucky to have a group of roughly 40 people who were extremely keen to go on visits to racing yards, studs or to the racetrack, and it was great to have that network of like-minded friends in the industry. The goal is to try and replicate that but on a bigger scale with the ITBA Next Generation. The level of access in racing is incredible. To be able to visit a stud farm or a racing yard and meet what are essentially the celebrities of our sport is not something many industries have the luxury of. Hopefully we can capitalise on that in the new year and drive membership further.”

The wheels have already been set in motion. A pinhooking seminar went down a bomb in November and Donworth is keen to use that event as a springboard for the new year.

She said, “We had a fantastic panel of pinhookers, made up of Guy O’Callaghan, Vikki Hancock, John Hanley and Timmy Hillman, with Bernard Condron as the master of ceremonies. Over 100 people turned up on the evening and it was a fantastic event with huge interaction between the panel and the crowd.

“It was a well-timed event, too, with a number of young people going on to get involved with pinhooking foals in the following weeks. We also had a great prize, which was a free entry into any yearling sale at Goffs or Tattersalls in 2023 for anyone who pinhooked a foal this year.”
**ITBA Next Generation cont.**

She added, “There is a great cohort of young people and our job is to support that younger generation and provide education and networking opportunities. Our events will be a mixture of social and educational in 2023. The pinhooking panel really put us on the map and we gained a lot of traction on social media from it.

“We’re hoping to build on that in 2023, with our first event planned a trip to Coolmore Stud and Castlehyde Stud, and we’re looking forward to being the first group to see Blackbeard (Ire). People are registering for that event now and the feedback has been very positive. The plan is to stage roughly six events next year.

“A number of leading stakeholders have been a huge help to us, including Coolmore Stud who are sponsoring that entire trip in the new year, which is hugely appreciated by all of the members. Coolmore’s Gerry Aherne, Christy Grassick and Maurice Molony are on the senior council of the ITBA and it’s very encouraging that they recognise the importance of the Next Generation.”

Along with educational seminars, Skelly revealed that he would like to help organise more trips to the races and floated the idea of creating a hub at certain racetracks for ITBA Next Generation members where they can network and learn from like-minded people.

He said, “There will be plenty of opportunities in the second half of the year to hold seminars at the sales because everyone will be at the same place and it seems to work well. We could look at having stable visits or potentially some trips to the races in the first half of the year. You have the Dublin Racing Festival, the Punchestown Festival and plenty of good meetings at the Curragh, so I could imagine us organising trips to the races. I’d love to see us have a Next Generation hub in a hospitality box where members can come and network during racing.”

He added, “The one thing I would say is that the Next Generation is made up of a broad spectrum of young people within the industry. That’s good in a sense that we all come from different backgrounds and share different connections within the industry.

“Also, as our chairperson, Orla was invited to the ITBA council meeting this year. For the young people of the industry, the future, to have a voice at that level is great. I think that’s very important. We care about the future of racing and want to see people going racing in the future.”

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**Royal Applause cont. from p1**

Having taken up stallion duties in 1998, where he replaced the retiring Derby winner Shirley Heights on the roster, Royal Applause proved an excellent servant to the Royal Studs before being retired in 2017.

Royal Applause is also the damsire of Blue Point (Ire), a leading sprinter himself and now Kildangan Stud sire, along with Adaay (Ire), Cappella Sansevero (GB) and Forest Of Dean (GB).
genius. Plus her win over Crystal Ocean in the King George goes down as a race of a lifetime for me. Hurricane Fly over jumps. I followed him throughout my university years while I was in Ireland. He was electric over a hurdle and watching him and Ruby Walsh at their best was spine tingling.

Who will be champion first-season sire in 2023?

I was a big fan of Soldier’s Call as a racehorse and I loved his progeny at the sales. Sadly, we didn’t get to buy one but I think they will be precocious and hardy like his sire who would run through a brick wall for Archie Watson, especially at two.

Greatest race in the world?

Prix de l’Arc de Triomphe. Everyone worldwide wants to win it and normally the best horse in the world does—as this year proved.

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

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BRITAIN

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

3rd-Wolverhampton, £20,000, Cond., 12-26, 3yo/up, 6f 20y (AWT), 1:12.06, st.

MUMS TIPPLE (IRE) (g, 5, Footstepsinthesand (GB)--Colomone Cross (Ire), by Xaar (GB)) Lifetime Record: SW-Eng, 30-5-5-2, $377,130. O-Marian Lyons & Patricia Zanelli; B-Abbey Bloodstock Ltd (IRE); T-Richard Hannon. *£26,000 Wlg ‘17 GOFNOV; £45,000 Ylg ‘18 GOUKPR.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Conquistador (GB), g, 2, U S Navy Flag--El Diamante (Fr), by Royal Applause (GB). Wolverhampton, 12-26, 5f 21y (AWT), 1:01.38. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-2, $9,421. B-Sir Robert Ogden (GB). *12th winner for first-season sire (by War Front).

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FRANCE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

4th Deauville, €28,000, Cond, 12-26, 3yo, 12 1/2f (AWT), 2:39.72, st.

GULF (FR) (f, 3, Night Of Thunder {Ire}--Elle Desert {Ger}, by Next Desert {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-0, €23,702. O-Mme Pauline Cheboub, Axel Chehboub, Bouzid Chehboub, Mlle Charlotte Chehboub & Thierry Solal; B-Alexandre Pereira (FR); T-Anastasia Wattel. *€36,000 Wlg ‘19 ARQDEC; 45,000gns Ylg ‘20 TATOCT; 14,000gns HRA ‘22 TATAUG; €17,000 HRA ‘22 ARQDEC.

2nd Deauville, €18,000, Cond, 12-26, 4yo/up, 12 1/2f (AWT), 2:38.92, st.

THIRSTY (IRE) (h, 5, Oasis Dream {GB}--Gwenseb {Fr} {GSW-Fr, $297,177}, by Green Tune) Lifetime Record: 18-6-1-1, €81,025. O-Gerard Augustin-Normand, Ecurie Equus Racing, SARL Groupe KR, Jean-Luc Fonteyne & Agathe Fouassier; B-Wertheimer & Frere (IRE); T-Adrien Fouassier. *Full to Gwendola (GB), MSP-Fr; and 1/2 to Attendu (Fr) (Acclamation {GB}), MGSW & G1SP-Fr, $292,686; Impassable (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), MGSW-Fr, $269,064; Spotify (Fr) (Redoute’s Choice {Aus}), GSW & G1SP-UAE, SW & MGSP-Fr, $477,770; and Foreign Tune (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), SW & GSP-Fr, $161,614

IN HONG KONG:

Forerunner (Fr), g, 3, Almanzor (Fr)--Glittering Tax (SP), by Artax. Sha Tin, 12-24, Restricted Hcp. (C4), 1400mT, 1:22.31. B-SF Bloodstock LLC. *First Hong Kong winner for sire. **€280,000 Ylg ’20 ARQAUG; $382,227 HRA ’22 HKJUL. ***1/2 to Miss Temple City (Temple City), MGISW, $1,680,091; Paganol (Tiz Wonderful), SP, $249,118; Pricedtoperfection (Temple City), GSW, $327,005; and Miss Mosaic (Verrazano), SW, $292,759. VIDEO

IN THE UAE:

Miqyaas (GB), g, 7, Oasis Dream (GB)--Fawaayed (Ire), by Singspiel (Ire). Sharjah, 12-24, Hcp., 1200m, 1:11.88. B-Shadwell Estate Co Ltd. *£1,500 HRA ’18 GOFAUG. VIDEO

GERMANY

Monday’s Results:

FIRST WINNER FOR SIRE

1st Mulheim, €7,000, Mdn, 12-26, 2yo, 7 1/2fT, 1:40.06, hy.

BARBELCHEN (GER) (f, 2, Mellowitsch {Ger}--Butzje {Ger} {GSW-Ger}, by It’s Gino {Ger}) (GSW-Ger), by It’s Gino {Ger}), who ran third over this distance at Cologne in her Nov. 12 debut last time, was swiftly into stride from the outset of this flag start. Holding sway throughout, the 4-5 favourite was nudged along into the straight and lengthened clear in deep mud inside the final quarter-mile to easily outclass Casall (Ger) (Amaron [GB]) by an impressive seven lengths, becoming the first winner for her freshman sire (by Sehrezad {Ire}). Barbelchen is the first of two foals out of G3 Schwarzwald-Rennen winner Butzje (Ger) (It’s Gino {Ger}), herself a daughter of Listed Sierstorpf-Rennen victrix Beltana (Ger) (Areion {Ger}). The March-foaled homebred bay is full to a yearling colt named Backes (Ger). Sales history: €16,000 RNA Ylg ‘21 BBAGS. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, €4,950. O/B-Holger Renz (GER); T-Peter Schiergen.

EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS

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EQUINOX OVERPOWERS RIVALS IN ARIMA KINEN by Alan Carasso

Five years after his sire clinched a second consecutive Horse of the Year title in Japan with a victory in the G1 Arima Kinen, Equinox (Jpn) (Kitasan Black {Jpn}) stated his case for top year-end honours for 2022 with a dominating display in front of a pandemic-restricted, but boisterous crowd of roughly 47,000 fans Christmas Day at Nakayama Racecourse.

The firming 13-10 favourite in the fan-voted affair, Equinox left without incident from gate nine and landed in midfield on the back of defending champion and reigning Horse of the Year Efforia (Jpn) (Epiphaneia {Jpn}) --returning off an 11th in the G1 Prix de l’Arc de Triomphe--showed the way at an even tempo. Content with his position through the middle furlongs, Christophe Lemaire eased Equinox out for a four-wide sweep around the turn and it was all academic from there, as the flashy dark bay struck the front with a furlong and a half to travel and kicked on smartly.

Boldog Hos (Jpn) (Screen Hero {Jpn}), this year’s G1 Kikuka Sho (Japanese St Leger) runner-up, also made a bold move on the bend from far back and was a brave second ahead of G1 Queen Elizabeth II Cup heroine Geraldina (Jpn) (Maurice {Jpn}), who closed off well after missing the kick. Efforia was a meritorious fifth first off a six-month absence.

“What happens twice will happen thrice,” said the winning jockey who was recording a 43rd Group 1 on the JRA circuit.

“I won the Arima Kinen with Heart’s Cry and Satono Diamond both on Christmas Day, and I’m really happy to be able to win the race on Christmas Day again. We were able to make a good start and the horse was keen to go so I held him and responded strongly when I brought him to the outside. Though he was not mature yet during his spring campaign, he became really strong from this fall and I look forward to his performance next year.”

Winning trainer Tetsuya Kimura indicated that Equinox is likely to travel in early 2023, with the Saudi Cup program a potential starting point.

“But first I need to watch his condition after the race,” the conditioner said.

Pedigree Notes:
Kitasan Black, who was narrowly second to Satono Diamond in 2016 before closing his career in this race, is the sire of 64 winners from his first two crops to the races and is also responsible for group winners Gaia Force (Jpn) from his first crop as well as the 2-year-old filly Ravel (Jpn), who took out this year’s G2 Artemis S. Equinox’s year-older half-brother Weiss Meteor (Jpn) (King Kamehameha {Jpn}) also carried the Silk Racing colours to victory in last year’s G3 Radio Nikkei Sho. Shadai Farm acquired Equinox’s fourth dam Blanche Reine (Fr) (Nureyev) carrying Maison Blanche for $410,000 at the 1988 Keeneland November Sale. Chateau Blanche is the dam of a 2-year-old colt by Just a Way (Jpn) and a yearling filly by Kizuna (Jpn). She was blank for 2022 and is due for a full-sibling to Equinox in 2023.

Sunday, Nakayama, Japan
ARIMA KINEN-G1, ¥764,800,000, Nakayama, 12-26, 3yo/up, 2500mT, 2:32.40, fm.
1--EQUINOX (JPN), 121, c, 3, by Kitasan Black (Jpn)
1st Dam: Chateau Blanche (Jpn) (GSW-Jpn, $1,096,970), by King Halo (Jpn)
2nd Dam: Titleholder (Jpn) (Duramente (Jpn))--returning off an 11th in the G1 Prix de l’Arc de Triomphe--showed the way at an even tempo. Content with his position through the middle furlongs, Christophe Lemaire eased Equinox out for a four-wide sweep around the turn and it was all academic from there, as the flashy dark bay struck the front with a furlong and a half to travel and kicked on smartly. Boldog Hos (Jpn) (Screen Hero (Jpn)), this year’s G1 Kikuka Sho (Japanese St Leger) runner-up, also made a bold move on the bend from far back and was a brave second ahead of G1 Queen Elizabeth II Cup heroine Geraldina (Jpn) (Maurice (Jpn)), who closed off well after missing the kick. Efforia was a meritorious fifth first off a six-month absence.

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2--BOLDOG HOS (JPN), 121, c, 3, by Layman (Fr)--Boldogsag (Fr), by Layman (Fr). O-Shadai Race Horse; B-Shadai Farm; ¥160,960,000.
3--GERALDINA (JPN), 121, f, 4, by Maurice (Jpn)--Gentildonna (Jpn), by Deep Impact (Jpn). O-Sunday Racing; B-Northern Farm; ¥100,480,000.
Diatonic (blue with red dots) just outlasts Royal Ascot participant Grenadier Guards (pink cap) in the G2 Hanshin Cup Dec. 24

JRA photo
Wednesday, Nakayama, Japan, post time: 3:25 p.m.

**HOPEFUL S.-G1**, ¥135,820,000, 2yo, 2000m

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**TOKYO DAISHOTEN-G1**, ¥170,000,000, 3yo/up, 2000m

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DEFIBRILLATE SCORES MAIDEN GROUP ONE IN ZABEEL CLASSIC

by Trent Masenhelder

Eight-year-old Defibrillate (NZ) (Shocking) chalked up his first elite-level victory in the Zabeel Classic (2050 metres) at Pukekohe Park, handing co-trainer Graham Richardson one of his biggest thrills in racing.

Ridden by Warren Kennedy, Defibrillate beat Prise De Fer (NZ) (Savabeel) by 1.8l, with Polly Grey (NZ) (Azamour {Ire}) a further 2.5l back in third.

It was a second consecutive triumph in the weight-for-age feature for Richardson and his training partner Rogan Norvall.

“I had my eyes closed for a fair bit of it, and the four of us who were up there in the stand did some yelling,” Richardson, who co-bred and part-owns the gelding, said.

“But what a result. This is a real thrill—one of the very best wins of my career. The owners are all close mates, we’re a good team, and it’s great to share this with them.

“It’s been a real team effort by my outstanding staff, who have been with me for a very long time, and of course Rogan at home.

“It was always the plan for this horse to have a bit of a gap between runs coming into this race, and it’ll be the same again with the Herbie Dyke S. his likely next start in February. Having a bit of space between his runs seems to suit him really well.”

From the winless mare Our Chickaroonie (NZ) (Groom Dancer {USA}), Defibrillate is a half-brother to the Listed winner Italian Princess (NZ) (Bertolini {USA}).

Monday, Auckland, New Zealand
CAMBRIDGE STUD ZABEEL CLASSIC (Second Century S.)-G1,
NZ$320,000, Auckland TR, 12-26, Open wfa, 2050mT, 2:05.37, Good.

1--DEFIBRILLATE, 59.0, g, 8, by Shocking (AUS)
1st Dam: Our Chickaroonie (SW-NZ), by Groom Dancer (USA)
2nd Dam: Straight Cut Jeans, by Straight Strike (USA)
3rd Dam: Rebecca Jean, by Aythorpe (IRE)
1ST GROUP 1 WIN. O-McInteer Family Syndicate, G Richardson, A Harris, D Lumsden, B McCullum, S Swap, L O’Sullivan & B Priest; B-McInteer Family Syndicate & G N Richardson, Waikato, NZ; T-G Richardson & R Norvall; J-W B Kennedy; NZ$184,000. Lifetime Record: 30-12-3-1, A$969,786. Werk Nick Rating: A++. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Click for the free Arion.com catalogue-style pedigree.

2--Prise de Fer, 59.0, g, 7, Savabeel (AUS)--Foiled (AUS), by Snippets (AUS). ($100,000 Ylg 2017 NZB National Yearling Sale) O-Te Akau En Garde Syndicate (Mgr: Kw Fenton-Ellis Mnzm); B-Raffles Dancers (NZ) Pty Ltd, Waikato, NZ; T-M W Walker; J-O P Bosson; NZ$59,200.

3--Polly Grey, 57.0, m, 8, Azamour (IRE)--Allanah, by Zenno Rob Roy (JPN). O-J C Thompson, Mrs M A Thompson, S P Thompson, Ms B Fawcett, Ms K A Fawcett & R P Joyce; B-Miss C B Perry, Waikato, NZ; T-C J Waller; J-M J Mc Nab; NZ$28,800. Margins: 1.8 len, 4.3 len, 7.1 len
Also Ran: The Mayor, Le Sablier, Chase, Sinarahma, Soldier Boy, Harlech, Slave to Love. Click for the New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing chart. VIDEO.

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