



## SPENDTHRIFT NEWCOMERS FEATURE PAIR OF JUVENILE STAKES WINNERS



Click here for our visit with two of the new kids on the block at Spendthrift--Jackie's Warrior and Mo Donegal | Sarah Andrew

### by Katie Petrunyak

Spendthrift Farm has added four new stallions to their extensive roster for 2023. Of those, two carry the weighty distinction of winning a graded stake at two. Both precocious horses furthered their success on the racetrack after their juvenile campaigns.

Mo Donegal (Uncle Mo--Callingmissbrown, by Pulpit) took home a hard-fought win in the 2021 GII Remsen S. and went on to claim a Classic victory this year. His new studmate Jackie's Warrior (Maclean's Music--Unicorn Girl, by A.P. Five Hundred) came close to an undefeated season at two, but upped his game at three to be named Eclipse Champion Sprinter in 2021.

Jackie's Warrior's remarkable career highlighted by five Grade I scores started off with his domination of New York's juvenile division in 2020. Spendthrift's Mark Toothaker admits that ahead of the colt's stakes debut in the GII Saratoga Special S., their stallion nominations team was eyeing a different race contender. But after a call in to Steve Asmussen's assistant Scott Blasi, who said that Jackie's Warrior was the one they needed to look out for, they turned their attention to the bay son of Maclean's Music.

### WHY I VOTED FOR TAIBA by Bill Finley

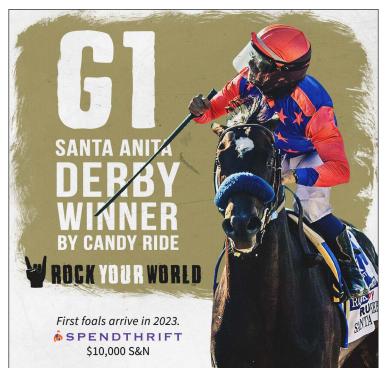
Who was the most talented 3-year-old male to race this year? I will not argue with anyone who says the answer is **Epicenter** (Not This Time). He won the GII Louisiana Derby, finished second in the GI Kentucky Derby and second in the GI Preakness S. From there, he won the GII Jim Dandy S. and the GI Runhappy Travers S. before an injury kept him from finishing the GI Breeders' Cup Classic. Other than the Classic, he finished first or second in all of his starts and won four graded stakes. Classy, talented, consistent, Epicenter checked a lot of boxes.

But was he the most accomplished 3-year-old male to race in 2022 and what bearing should that have on the Eclipse Awards? That's where this gets tricky. After his win in the Travers, it looked like Epicenter had wrapped up the 3-year-old championship, but he never won again, while **Taiba** (Gun Runner) finished the year with a flourish. He won the GI Pennsylvania Derby, finished third in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic and, on Monday, won the GI Runhappy Malibu S. at Santa Anita. Earlier in the year, he won the GI Santa Anita Derby, in what was just his second career start. **Cont. p6** 

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### MOLLOY OVER THE 'MOON'

Brian Sheerin catches up with Kevin Molloy, still basking in the afterglow of Rhea Moon (Ire)'s win in Monday's GI American Oaks.





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### **TODAY** in the



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2022 in photos: August 28. The morning after winning the GI Personal Ensign S., Malathaat poses for a photo with her groom, Byron Lopez. | Sarah Andrew

### SIMON BRAY MATCHES TAA DONATIONS

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Former trainer and current TVG analyst Simon Bray has pledged to match all TAA Holiday Giving Campaign donations up to \$500 Dec. 28.

### PAIR OF FIRST-CROP JUSTIFY RUNNERS IN JAPAN

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Alan Carasso examines US-connected runners of interest for Wednesday at Japan's Hanshin Racecourse, featuring first-crop runners by Justify.

### TODAY'S GRADED STAKES



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During his Eclipse-worthy sophomore season, Jackie's Warrior

reeled off four graded stakes wins highlighted by the GI H. Allen

Jerkens Memorial S., where he went head-to-head with MGISW

### Spendthrift Newcomers Feature Pair of

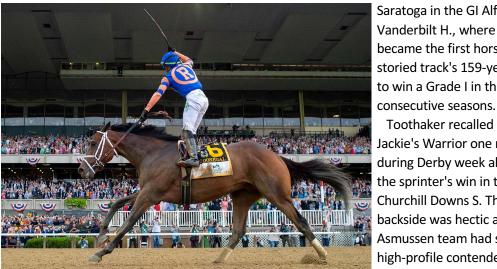
### Juvenile Stakes Winners (cont. from p1)

"The next thing you know, the horse does just what Scott said he was going to do and I'm on a

plane headed up there trying to get a deal done," Toothaker recalled with a laugh. "We were very fortunate to be able to get involved with him early."

After his three-length win in the Saratoga Special, Jackie's Warrior established a new stakes record in the Hopeful and then earned a 100 Beyer Speed Figure in his 5 1/2-length Champagne win.

"It takes a special 2-year-old to be able to do what he did," Toothaker explained. "What was amazing was how big and strong he was. He is a heavily muscled horse with a lot of bone. When



Mo Donegal claims the 2022 GI Belmont S. for **Donegal Racing and Repole Stable** | Sarah Andrew

you first saw him as a 2-year-old, you're thinking that this is the biggest kid on the playground."

hour talking about his superstar trainee.

Life Is Good (Into Mischief). His four graded stakes wins at four included his fifth straight win at Saratoga in the GI Alfred G. Vanderbilt H., where he became the first horse in the storied track's 159-year history to win a Grade I in three

> Toothaker recalled visiting Jackie's Warrior one morning during Derby week ahead of the sprinter's win in the GI Churchill Downs S. The backside was hectic and the Asmussen team had several high-profile contenders entered for that weekend, but the quietly composed Steve Asmussen spent over half an

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# ALOHA WEST

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"He was so proud that he had bought the horse for \$95,000 at the Keeneland Sale," Toothaker said. "He said, 'Tooth, where were all the experts? Did they all go to lunch when he sold?' He was very proud that he had picked out the horse for the Robisons, who are wonderful people. Getting to meet Kirk and Judy Robison and develop a friendship with them and their children and grandchildren over the last three years has just been amazing."



Jackie's Warrior | Ryan Thompson

Jackie's Warrior, the highest-earning son of Maclean's Music, will stand for \$50,000 in 2023. The champion has been in high demand with breeders and has already amassed a high-quality book to kick off his stud career.

"I've had so many people come out to the farm and say that he might be the best one they've seen of all the new [stallions]," Toothaker said. "Almost every mare that he got was a stakes winner or a stakes producer, so he's going to get every opportunity."

Spendthrift's Mo Donegal has been received by breeders with similar enthusiasm.

"We love to have sons of Uncle Mo because that is what our breeders want," Toothaker explained. "Last year [Spendthrift sire] Yaupon was the second most-popular horse in North America. Mo Donegal is a big, stretchy horse. What I love about him is that even though he stands over a lot of ground at 16'2 and a half, he's got a beautiful frame on him and a really nice hip."

Going two for three as a juvenile, Mo Donegal claimed an exciting edition of the GII Remsen S. when he battled future Grade I winner Zandon (Upstart) down the stretch and survived a stewards' inquiry to get the win by a nose. The Todd Pletcher pupil ran third in this year's GIII Holy Bull S. before adding a win in the GII Wood Memorial S. over eventual GI Preakness S. winner Early Voting (Gun Runner).

## HAPPY SAVER Grade I Winning Millionaire

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Happy Week 5 wins, 2 to 4, \$228,674, 3rd Dream Supreme S, Queen S. Dam of 7 foals; 3 winners, including—

HAPPY SAVER (Subject stallion) 5 wins, 3 to 4, \$1,258,100, 1st Jockey Club Gold Cup S (G1), Federico Tesio S, 2nd Whitney S (G1), Metropolitan H (G1), Clark S (G1), Jockey Club Gold Cup S (G1) Alysheba S (G2), 3rd Suburban S (G2).

### 2nd dam

LASSIE'S LEGACY. Winner at 3, \$33,370. Dam of 8 foals; 6 winners, including— Aspiring. winner at 2 and 4, \$132,227, 2nd Dearly Precious S, 3rd Bourbonette Oaks (G3), Sweetest Chant S. Producer. Dam of Sweet Success (\$125,260, 2nd Bourbonette Oaks, G3), Sweet Legacy (\$108,193, 3rd Wayward Lass S). Granddam of GULF COAST (\$93,705, Cash Run S, 2nd Ruthless S, Sandpiper S). DUBLIN SIX. Placed at 3. Producer. Dam of Leafy Shade (\$20)

### 3rd dam

WEEKEND SURPRISE. 7 wins, 2 to 4, \$402,892 (G3), Pocahontas S, 2nd La Canada S (G1), E ncino S (G3) Rosedale S, Pleasant H?" Srd Santa Mar G1). rita Invitational H H (G2), Black-Eve Matron S (G1), Frizett Troienne S. Broodmare o A.P. INDY. 8 wins at Horse of the Year and Belmont S (G1), B (G1), Hollywa Derby (G1), Pet el S (G2), 3rd Jockey Clu Sire, 2.87 AEI. L broodmare sire t SUMMER SQUP 282, Preakne sylvania Gold Medal Jim Beam S (C Value Sire HAPPY SAVER

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In the GI Kentucky Derby, he drew the rail and raced 10 wide in the stretch to get up for fifth.

Mike Repole obtained a minority interest in Mo Donegal shortly before his Kentucky Derby bid and was rewarded in the colt's next and final start in the GI Belmont S., where he finished three length ahead of the runner-up, fellow Ashview Farm/Colts Neck Stables-bred Nest (Curlin), who is also co-owned by Repole Stables.

"I know that was a very special day for Mike and his family, the Lyster family and for Todd," said Toothaker. "With Mo Donegal, one of the biggest factors for us has been that Mike Repole is our partner. Mike brings so much energy and when you've got a guy that buys 71 yearlings at the Keeneland Sale, that was a huge thing for us to know that we had his support like we have on Vino Rosso."



Belmont Stakes winners' circle | Ryan Thompson

One of Uncle Mo's top three leading earners along with fellow Classic winner Nyquist, a top third-crop sire this year, as well as champion Golden Pal, who is also set to begin his stud career in 2023, Mo Donegal will stand for \$20,000. His dam Callingmissbrown, a daughter of GI Acorn S. victress and GI Kentucky Oaks runner-up Island Sand (Tabasco Cat), has produced two others winners including her 2-year-old daughter Prank (Into Mischief), who was named a **'TDN Rising Star'** after her 9 3/4-length debut win at Saratoga this summer.

"For Mo Donegal to win a graded stake at two in the Remsen, which is a tough, grueling race at a mile and an eighth, but yet be able to do what he did as a 3-year-old in the Wood Memorial and top it off in the Belmont, it takes a very good horse to be able to do that," Toothaker noted. "Mo Donegal was one of the absolute best of his class. It's a lot to offer breeders, especially for \$20,000."

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### Why I Voted for Taiba (cont. from p1)

Some want to argue that Taiba wasn't overly impressive in the Malibu, that he didn't beat a great field and that his time for the seven furlongs was just .24 seconds faster than the fillies went

two races earlier in the GI La Brea S. None of that matters, a Grade I win is a Grade I win and, for Taiba, it was his third this year. Epicenter won only one Grade I, the Travers.

So do you go with the best horse (probably Epicenter) or the one who accomplished the most (probably Taiba)? There's no wrong answer here, but I have always given preference to the horses who won the most Grade I races and the score is Taiba 3-Epicenter 1. That's why I filled out my ballot for Taiba.

For a horse to be deserving of

a championship they must have succeeded at the highest levels of the sport. The way we keep score is with the graded stakes system and Grade I's are the gold standard when it comes to accomplishments. In this one very important category, Taiba was clearly the winner over Epicenter.

When it comes to head-to-head competition, neither comes out ahead. Epicenter finished in front of Taiba in the Kentucky

> Derby, but Taiba was making just his third lifetime start and wasn't ready for such a tough assignment. Taiba finished ahead of Epicenter in the Breeders' Cup Classic, but you can't fault Epicenter for being injured. Had trainer Bob Baffert not been suspended by NYRA, Taiba very well could have faced Epicenter in the Travers, a race that could have gone a long way toward proving who was better, but we weren't lucky enough to see that showdown.

A lot of Epicenter fans say he should be rewarded for his body

of work. But what about Taiba's body of work? He started seven times and won four races. That's comparable to Epicenter, who ran eight times and also won four starts.





Taiba | Benoit

As is usually the case, most other Eclipse categories were nobrainers. There were, however, a couple of races worthy of debate.

I was ready to vote for **War Like Goddess** (English Channel) after she ran a creditable third against males in the GI Breeders' Cup Turf. That race came after she beat the boys in the GI Joe Hirsch Turf Classic S. But my vote went to **Regal Glory** (Animal Kingdom). The vote was based on the same logic I used for Taiba-versus-Epicenter. Regal Glory won three Grade I races and War Like Goddess won only one.



War Like Goddess | Sarah Andrew

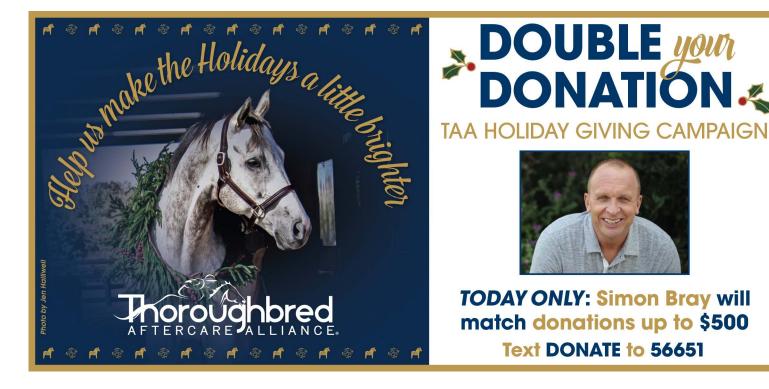
In the human categories, Irad Ortiz, Jr. (jockey), Todd Pletcher (trainer), Godolphin (owner and breeder) were all obvious winners. The one vote I cast that went against the grain was in the apprentice jockey category. I voted for Vicente Del-Cid, who dominated at Delta Downs and Evangeline Downs. While it's true he didn't ride at top-tier tracks, through Dec. 26 he had 274 wins. Trailing only Irad Ortiz, that's second best in the country and 91 wins ahead of Jeiron Barbosa, second in that category among bugs. It won't be long before Del-Cid is winning races on a regular basis at a top track.



Irad Ortiz takes leading rider title at Saratoga | Sarah Andrew

The Eclipse Awards ceremony honoring this year's champions will be held Jan. 26, 2023, at The Breakers Palm Beach in Florida. It's then that we will find out if the 3-year-old title goes to Epicenter or Taiba. Both are deserving winners, it's just that Taiba deserves it a little more.

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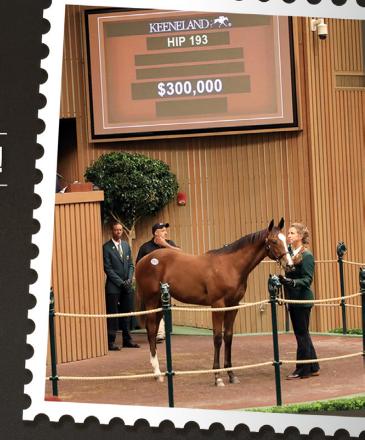
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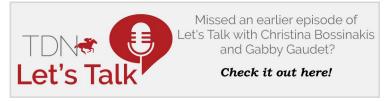
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### Leading Fifth-Crop Sires By YTD Winners

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Rank	Stallion BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Goldencents 7	19	3	4	1	1	313	155	355,000	8,448,609
	(2010) by Into Mischief FYR: 2016	Sta	nds: Sp	endthrij	ft Farm K	Ύ Fee: \$	15,000		Going to	Vegas
2	Cairo Prince 8	24	1	3		2	297	151	384,440	9,498,914
	(2011) by Pioneerof the Nile FYR: 20.	6	Stan	ds: Airdr	ie Stud K	Y Fee: \$	15,000		Play Acti	on Pass
3	Will Take Charge 9	18	4	<b>10</b>	1	1	184	107	371,467	6,708,948
	(2010) by Unbridled's Song FYR: 201	5 Sta	nds: Th	nree Chir	nneys Fa	rm KY F	ee: Private	2	Manny V	Vah
4	Fed Biz 3	8					201	106	244,650	5,129,787
	(2009) by Giant's Causeway FYR: 202	6	Stan	ds: Highj	field Stoc	k Farm /	AB Fee:4,	500	Change o	of Control
5	Cross Traffic 5	20		2			169	80	245,720	4,067,223
	(2009) by Unbridled's Song FYR: 201	5 Sta	nds: Sp	endthrij	ft Farm K	Y Fee: \$	7,500		Here Mi	Song
6	Central Banker 7	10		2		1	132	72	406,000	5,328,150
	(2010) by Speightstown FYR: 2016	Sta	nds: M	cMahon	of Sarat	oga TBs	NY Fee: \$	7,500	Morning	Matcha
7	Mucho Macho Man 6	11	1	2			120	70	383,250	3,828,630
	(2008) by Macho Uno FYR: 2016	Sta	nds: Hi	ll 'n' Dal	e at Xala	pa KY F	ee: \$7,500	1	City Man	1
8	Can the Man 1	6		1			95	53	165,810	2,359,288
	(2011) by Into Mischief FYR: 2016	Sta	nds: Sp	endthrij	ft Farm K	Ύ Fee: \$	3,500		Mexican	Wonder Boy
9	Clubhouse Ride 3	7	1	2			68	45	274,000	2,745,487
	(2008) by Candy Ride (Arg) FYR: 201	5 Sta		gacy Ra	nch CA I	ee: Priv	ate		Brickyard	d Ride
10	Souper Speedy 2	7	1	1			82	38	182,674	2,385,819
	(2009) by Indian Charlie FYR: 2016	Sta	nds: T.	C. West	meath St	ud Farm	ON Fee:	5,000	ll Maloco	chio
11	Itsmyluckyday 1	4					69	35	121,883	1,573,289
	(2010) by Lawyer Ron FYR: 2016	Sta	nds: M		erinary Se	ervices C	0H Fee:\$2	,000	Sammy's	Smile
12	Cajun Breeze	5		1			56	34	147,000	1,681,740
	(2008) by Congrats FYR: 2016	Sta	nds: St	onehedg	ge Farm S	South FL	Fee: \$5,0	00	Dean De	livers
13	Boisterous 1	2					66	33	133,592	1,385,378
	(2007) by Distorted Humor FYR: 201	5 Sta	nds: M	erv Lans	ing Farm	n AB Fee	e: 3,000		Fly the Si	ky
14	Alpha 1	1					46	30	134,600	1,257,637
	(2009) by Bernardini FYR: 2016	Sta	nds: Do	arley/Se	quel NY	Fee: Pen	sioned		Golden R	Rocket
15	Seville (Ger) 1	4					41	29	103,490	1,260,066
	(2008) by Galileo (Ire) FYR: 2016	Sta	nds: He	eritage S	Stallions l	JSA (Dea	ad/Retired	)	Samui Sı	ınset

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### Saturday, Gulfstream #9, post time: 4:10 p.m. EST

FT. LAUDERDALE S.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Street Ready 🕋	More Than Ready	Lucky Seven Stable	Wilkes	Saez	121
2	Marwad (GB)	Intello (Ger)	Rachid Racing Inc.	Moubarak	Leon	118
3	Pao Alto (Fr)	Intello (Ger)	Wertheimer and Frere	Motion	Ruiz	123
4	Shadow Sphinx	Pioneerof the Nile	Paradise Farms Corp. and Staudacher, David	Maker	Lopez	121
5	Tango Tango Tango 🛪	Tourist	Calumet Farm	Sisterson	Leparoux	121
6	Kentucky Ghost	Ghostzapper	BBN Racing, LLC	Oliver	Garcia	121
7	City Man	Mucho Macho Man	Reeves Tbred Racing, Searles, Peter & Patty	Clement	Rosario	126
8	Winfromwithin 🕋	Into Mischief	Lea Farms, LLC	Delgado	Sutherland	123
9	Carpenters Call	Tourist	Diversified Pedigree Acquisitions Inc.	Mott	Alvarado	121
10	King Cause 🕋	Creative Cause	Nice Guys Stables	Maker	Ortiz	126
11	Good Governance (GB) 🕋	Kingman (GB)	Foxbrook Farm, LLC	Meah	Bridgmohan	121
12	Colonel Liam <	Liam's Map	Low, Lawana L. and Robert E.	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	123
13	Decorated Invader 🕋	Declaration of War	West Point Thoroughbreds, Freeman, William T., Sandbrook, William and Manning, Cheryl	Clement	Gaffalione	121

**Breeders:** 1-Earle I. Mack, LLC, 2-Shadwell Estate Company Limited, 3-La Motteraye Earl & M. Gerrard Ferron, 4-Grade 1 Bloodstock & Halcyon Farm & Equity Partners, LLC, 5-Frederick Wieting, 6-Blue Devil Racing Stable, LLC, 7-Moonstar Farm, 8-Mulholland Springs LLC, 9-Cerca Trova, 10-Bret Jones, 11-Michael E. Wates, 12-Phillips Racing Partnership, 13-Redmon Farm, LLC

### Saturday, Gulfstream #10, post time: 4:40 p.m. EST

HARLAN'S HOLIDAY S.-GIII, \$150,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	O'Connor (Chi)	Boboman	Ode, Fernando Vine and Michael and Jules iavarone	Joseph, Jr.	Zayas	121
2	Pioneer of Medina 🖛	Pioneerof the Nile	Sumaya U.S. Stable	Pletcher	Saez	118
3	Cooke Creek	Uncle Mo	Cheyenne Stable LLC	O'Dwyer	Ruiz	118
4	Simplification 🕋	Not This Time	Tami Bobo	Sano	Alvarado	120
5	South Bend	Algorithms	Pantofel Stable, Wachtel Stable, Barber, G & Deutsch, P	Mott	Rosario	121
6	Strike Hard	Flashback	Miracle's International Trading, Inc.	Williams	Reyes	118
7	Skippylongstocking 🕋	Exaggerator	Daniel Alonso	Joseph, Jr.	Ortiz, Jr.	123
8	Clapton	Brethren	Arindel	Alvarado	Gaffalione	118

Breeders: 1-Haras Carioca, 2-International Equities Holding, Inc., 3-Candy Meadows LLC, 4-France Weiner & Irwin Weiner, 5-Highclere, Inc., 6-Gary & Mary West Stables, Inc., 7-Brushy Hill, LLC, 8-Arindel

### Saturday, Gulfstream #3, post time: 1:10 p.m. EST

SU	SUGAR SWIRL SGIII, \$125,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f								
PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT			
1	Joyful Cadence <	Runhappy	WSS Racing, LLC	Ortiz	Gaffalione	122			
2	My Destiny	Majesticperfection	Sam Wilensky	Wilensky	Gonzalez	120			
3	Restofthestory	Jess's Dream	Glassman Racing LLC	Plesa, Jr.	Zayas	120			
4	Frank's Rockette	Into Mischief	Frank Fletcher Racing Operations, Inc.	Mott	Saez	122			
5	Edie Meeny Miny Mo	Upstart	Holly Hill Stables, LLC	Hemingway	Ortiz, Jr.	122			
6	Coppelia 🕋	Not This Time	Rigney Racing, LLC	Bauer	Garcia	122			

Breeders: 1-Scott Pierce & Debbie Pierce, 2-Donamire Farm, 3-Ocala Stud, 4-Frank Fletcher, 5-Dark Hollow Farm, 6-Gabriel Duignan & Crosshaven Bloodstock

### Saturday, Gulfstream #7, post time: 3:09 p.m. EST SUWANNEE RIVER S.-GIII, \$125,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Scotish Star (Arg)	Key Deputy	La Providencia, LLC and LNJ Foxwoods	Pletcher	Saez	121
2	Diamond Wow	Lookin At Lucky	Diamond 100 Racing Club, Dunne, A & P Biancone	Biancone	Rosario	118
3	Bay Storm	Kantharos	Bridlewood Farm	Thomas	Ortiz	123
4	Keeper of Time (Ire)	Mehmas (Ire)	Bradley Tbrds, Finder, Gary and Cambron Equine	Walsh	Gaffalione	121
5	Kahiko	First Samurai	Victory Racing Partners	Sweezey	Vasquez	121
6	Secret Time (Ger) 🖛	Camacho (GB)	Spedale Family Racing, LLC and Thorne, Jonathan	Gargan	Castellano	121
7	Stolen Holiday 🕋	War Front	Annette Allen	McGaughey III	Alvarado	125
8	Phantom Vision 🕋	Declaration of War	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Lopez	121
9	Touch of Class	Mizzen Mast	L. T. B., Inc. and Hillerich Racing, Inc.	Flint	Leparoux	121
10	Lady Rockstar (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Steven Parkin	Walsh	Ortiz, Jr.	121

**Breeders:** 1-La Providencia, 2-Diamond 100 Racing Club LLC, 3-Candy Meadows LLC, 4-D. & E. Phelan, 5-Mountmellick Farm, 6-Gestut Kussaburg/Frankreich, 7-Orpendale, 8-Albert Frassetto, 9-L.T.B. Inc, 10-Branton Court Stud

### Saturday, Gulfstream #8, post time: 3:41 p.m. EST

MR. PROSPECTOR S.-GIII, \$125,000, 3yo/up, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Surly Furious	Upstart	Novogratz Racing Stables Inc.	Wismer	Garcia	124
2	Speaking	Mr Speaker	Holly Crest Farm	Owens, Jr	Jaramillo	118
3	Sibelius 🕋	Not This Time	Park, Jun H. and Nash, Delia	O'Dwyer	Alvarado	124
4	Pappacap	Gun Runner	Rustlewood Farm, Inc.	Casse	Rosario	118
5	Steal Sunshine	Constitution	Brogden, Carrie L. and Little Red Feather Racing	Dibona	Reyes	122
6	Wind of Change (Brz)	Forestry	Daniel Alonso	Joseph, Jr.	Zayas	122
7	Prevalence	Medaglia d'Oro	Godolphin, LLC	Walsh	Gaffalione	124
8	Uncle Ernie	Talent Search	Gilman Hallenbeck	Servis	Ortiz, Jr.	120
9	Dean Delivers	Cajun Breeze	Stonehedge LLC	Yates	Vasquez	118
10	No Que No	More Than Ready	St. George Stable LLC	Gutierrez	Morelos	120
11	County Final 🕋	Oxbow	Ken Copenhaver	Joseph, Jr.	Ortiz	122
12	Seal Beach	Midshipman	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Saez	118
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**Breeders:** 1-Brereton C. Jones, 2-Holly Crest Farm, 3-Taylor Brothers Properties LLC,Pollock Farms, Patrick H. Payne et al., 4-Rustlewood Farm, Inc., 5-Machmer Hall, 6-Haras Sao Jose da Serra, 7-Godolphin, 8-Gilman Hallenbeck, 9-Stonehedge, 10-St George Stables, 11-Calumet Farm, 12-Morris Floyd



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Ransom the Moon (Malibu Moon), Calumet Farm, \$7,500 74 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners 9-Turfway, 9:55 p.m. EST, Aoc 6f, Schifty's Haloid, 20-1 \$50,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$50,000 OBS MAR 2yo

### **SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, DEC. 28** 2022 Stud Fees Listed

Noble Bird (Birdstone), Ocala Stud, \$4,000 74 foals of racing age/24 winners/2 black-type winners 8-Tampa Bay Downs, 4:10 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Classic Dreamer, 10-1

Valiant Minister (Candy Ride {Arg}), Bridlewood Farm, \$5,000 70 foals of racing age/18 winners/1 black-type winner 8-Tampa Bay Downs, 4:10 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Lance's Smile, 5-1 \$6,000 OBS WIN wnl; \$32,000 OBS OPN 2yo



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In this continuing series, Alan Carasso takes a look ahead at US-bred and/or conceived runners entered for the upcoming weekend at the tracks on the Japan Racing Association circuit, with a focus on pedigree and/or performance in the sales ring. Here are the horses of interest for Wednesday running at Hanshin Racecourse, featuring a pair of first-crop runners by Justify. The final day of the JRA calendar for 2022 also includes the G1 Hopeful S. for 2-year-olds at Nakayama. Read our preview here:

### Wednesday, December 28, 2022 1st-HSN, ¥9,900,000, Maiden, 2yo, 1800m

**DONA SWEAT (f, 2, Justify--No Sweat, by Blame)**, a \$425,000 Keeneland September graduate, debuted over this course and distance a bit more than two weeks ago and led deep into the final furlong only to be overhauled in the final strides (video, SC 5). The late January foal is out of a multiple stakes-placed daughter of MSW & MGSP Coolwind (Forest Wildcat), also the dam of GIII Iowa Derby winner Looking Cool (Candy Ride {Arg}). Dona Sweat is the first foal for No Sweat, who was purchased by Ashview Farm for \$300,000 at Keeneland November in 2018. *B-Ashview Farm & Colts Neck Stables (KY)* 



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### 6th-HSN, ¥14,250,000, Allowance, 2yo, 1800m

YUTTITHAM (JPN) (c, 2, Justify--Zipessa, by City Zip) cost connections ¥220 million as a yearling at last year's JRHA Select Sale and the chestnut made a small, but not insignificant repayment on that investment with a smart eight-length romp in his second trip to the races over course and distance Dec. 3 (video, SC 1). Shadai Farm acquired the colt's GSW & MGISP dam for \$1.25 million at KEENOV in 2018 and put her in foal to the Triple Crown winner before being exported. Yuttitham is the 1-2 favorite overnight and has the services of champion jockey Yuga Kawada. *B-Shadai Farm* 

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### **STAKES RESULTS:**

**CLASICO NAVIDAD S.**, \$89,000, Camarero, 12-25, (S), 2yo, 1 1/16m, 1:50.18, ft.

- 1--PETROLERO, 117, c, 2, by Console--Summer Line (SW-PR), by Tenpins. 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Establo Villa Real; B-Potrero Los Llanos Inc. (PR); T-Edwin Texidor, Jr.; J-Edwin Castro.
   \$51,620. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, \$79,980.
- 2--**Don Cheo**, 117, c, 2, Don Paco--Metro Gal, by Afleet Alex. O-Guillermo Berrios; B-Potrero Los Llanos Inc. (PR); T-Samuel Diaz. \$17,800.
- 3--**Rey Yair**, 116, c, 2, Get Rich Quick--Tiago's Donna, by Tiago. O-Establo Vuelve Ruben M.; B-Hacienda Los Nietos, Inc. (PR); T-Ramon Morales. \$8,900.

### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**10th-Golden Gate Fields, \$42,100**, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 12-26, 3yo, 6f (AWT), 1:09.79, ft, 1 1/2 lengths. **LMLOOKNFORMISCHIEF (c, 3, Curlin to Mischief--Just Lookn Again, by Tizbud)** Lifetime Record: 12-2-4-2, \$100,240. O-Terri Oyarzun & Faith Taylor; B-West 12 Ranch (CA); T-Faith Taylor.

**5th-Mahoning Valley, \$33,700**, (S), 12-27, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13.13, ft, 1/2 length.

SPICE ICE (f, 3, Keen Ice--Battaleys, by Speightstown) Lifetime Record: 8-2-2-0, \$61,216. O-Carmelo Ortiz Ruiz; B-Smokin C LLC (OH); T-Ivan Calderon. \*\$4,000 Ylg '20 OTBOMX.

**4th-Mahoning Valley, \$27,500**, 12-27, (NW4L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.30, ft, 3/4 length.

ROME (c, 3, Empire Maker--Gracer {MSW & GSP, \$243,000}, by Exchange Rate) Lifetime Record: SW, 16-4-2-1, \$160,102. O-308 Racing Stables; B-Twin Creeks Farm (KY); T-Rey Hernandez. \*\$385,000 RNA Ylg '20 FTKSEL; \$50,000 2yo '21 KEENOV.

### **ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

Williamsbeachbabe, f, 2, William's Kitten--Ledge's Monarchos, by Monarchos. Mahoning Valley, 12-27, (S), 6f, 1:13.98. Lifetime Record: 6-1-2-1, \$37,428. B-Eyes of a Child Stable (OH).

Lucky Lad, g, 3, Finnegans Wake--Mama's Sugar, by Lookin At Lucky. Golden Gate Fields, 12-26, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:03.66. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$23,400. B-Rockingham Ranch (CA). \*1ST-TIME STARTER.



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Flower Cat, g, 3, Kantharos--Flowersforlady, by Flower Alley. Delta Downs, 12-27, (S), 5f, 1:00.76. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$24,000. B-Bryant H. Prentice III & Steve Ingram (LA). \*\$40,000 RNA Ylg '20 KEESEP.

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**Console**, Petrolero, c, 2, o/o Summer Line, by Tenpins. GI Clasico Navidad S., 12-25, Camarero

**Curlin to Mischief**, Lmlooknformischief, c, 3, o/o Just Lookn Again, by Tizbud. AOC, 12-26, Golden Gate

**Empire Maker**, Rome, c, 3, o/o Gracer, by Exchange Rate. ALW, 12-27, Mahoning Valley

**Finnegans Wake**, Lucky Lad, g, 3, o/o Mama's Sugar, by Lookin At Lucky. MSW, 12-26, Golden Gate

Kantharos, Flower Cat, g, 3, o/o Flowersforlady, by Flower Alley. MSW, 12-27, Delta Downs

**Keen Ice**, Spice Ice, f, 3, o/o Battaleys, by Speightstown. ALW, 12-27, Mahoning Valley

**William's Kitten**, Williamsbeachbabe, f, 2, o/o Ledge's Monarchos, by Monarchos. MSW, 12-27, Mahoning Valley

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## SMALL-TIME BREEDER OVER THE 'MOON' WITH AMERICAN OAKS WINNER



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### by Brian Sheerin

Small-time breeder Kevin Molloy was provided with the best possible Christmas present late on Monday night when Rhea Moon (Ire), the first produce out of homebred Callisto Star (Ire), became Starspangledbanner's fourth top-flight winner of 2022 when battling to Grade I American Oaks glory at Santa Anita.

Rhea Moon began her career for Ken Condon in Ireland, for whom she showed bundles of potential when placing in six-furlong maidens at Dundalk and the Curragh before being purchased privately by BBA Ireland's Michael Donohoe and international bloodstock agent Niall Dalton to join Philip D'Amato.

Monday night's success was described by Molloy, who sold Rhea Moon through Ballybin Stud for £24,000 to BBA Ireland at the Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling Sale in 2020, as his best experience in racing.

He said, "I stayed up to watch the race with my family and it was very exciting. We were concerned about the draw but she has that turn of foot which gets her out of trouble.

"It was my best day in racing. To win a Grade I and to have that on the page is great. They are keeping her in training and I see more improvement coming so it's quite exciting."

### FRANKIE OFF TO A FLYER IN CALIFORNIA

Frankie Dettori's Southern California sojourn could scarcely have gotten off to a more positive start, as the legendary jockey rode a three-timer on the opening day of the winter/spring meeting at Santa Anita Park just outside of Los Angeles.

In the first of his four rides on Boxing Day, Dettori was reunited with the Country Grammer (Tonalist), with whom the Italian won his record-equaling fourth G1 Dubai World Cup last March, in the GII San Antonio S. (video), a potential steppingstone to yet another Middle East appearance. Handy to the pace every step, Dettori set the 5-year-old alight with two furlongs remaining and pulled away by 4 1/2 lengths at 3-5.

"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," said the 52-year-old. "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." Cont. p5

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### SPENDTHRIFT NEWCOMERS BRING STRONG 2YO FORM

Katie Petrunyak pays a visit to Spendthrift Farm to have a look at the operation's newest stallions, including Jackie's Warrior (Maclean's Music) and Mo Donegal (Uncle Mo).

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### Wednesday, December 28, 2022



Frankie Dettori shows Country Grammer some love after the Dubai World Cup-winning duo were reunited for Monday's GII San Antonio S. at Santa Anita. | Benoit

### **12 QUESTIONS: KEVIN BLAKE**

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Kevin Blake, the well-known racing pundit and race planner for the Joseph O'Brien yard is next up in the 12 Questions series. Find out who his biggest influence is, his favorite racehorse of all time and which race he reveres the most.

### FULL FIELD FOR FINAL JAPANESE G1 OF 2022

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Wednesday's G1 Hopeful S. going 2000 metres at Nakayama Racecourse is the last of 24 top-level races for 2022 and has attracted a full field of 18 juveniles.

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### Rhea Moon cont.

Peter Kelly of Ballybin Stud sold Rhea Moon along with her winning full-sister There's The Door (Ire) for  $\in$ 80,000 at the Goffs Autumn Yearling Sale last year and the Magna Grecia half-brother who commanded  $\in$ 145,000 to Johnny Hassett's Getinthegame syndicate at this year's Sportsman's Sale at Goffs.

He recalled, "I know from talking to Ken Condon that he was mad about Rhea Moon and he went hard trying to buy the full-sister last year and the Magna Grecia this year as well. I thought she'd be a good filly but I never dreamt she could go on and win a Grade I, so it's great."

Kelly added, "Rhea Moon was a gorgeous, big filly as a yearling. Big, scopey and strong but she was a small bit turned in in front, which spoiled it a little. I remember her being a gorgeous filly in the lunge ring--she'd a huge big action on her-and you just knew she was going to be good. I remember trying to put a few people on her. Every now and then you get a glimpse of what could be a good one and she was one that I really liked at home.



Starspangledbanner: sire of Rhea Moon | Coolmore

"The dam Callisto Star (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) has had an exceptional start and I'm delighted for Kevin as he has three mares all of whom are from this family. The sister has won for David Evans and is not far off black-type while Johnny Hassett bought the Magna Grecia colt at the Sportsman's Sale off us. I'm delighted for Johnny as he was a big fan of the colt and hopefully this pedigree update will help them achieve a nice profit at the breeze-up sales next year."

It has been a bountiful year for the progeny of Starspangledbanner. Rhea Moon capped a memorable season for the Coolmore sire by joining Aristia (Ire), State Of Rest (Ire) and California Spangle (Ire) by claiming success at the highest level. **Cont. p4** 



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### Rhea Mooon cont.

Rhea Moon's dam Callisto Star is back in foal to Starspangledbanner with Molloy excited about what the future might bring for a family he has nurtured for generations.

He explained, "There's stamina in the dam's side and, if you go right back, there's the Mill Reef influence in there as well. I think the match is very good and I was advised by Christy Grassick in Coolmore to bring Callisto Star to Starspangledbanner. Thankfully, the mare is back in foal to Starspangledbanner, which is good news.

"Callisto Star was unlucky during her training career. She was with Jim Bolger but got injured. To get off to a start like she has, with her first produce bagging a Grade I win in America, is great."

Molloy added, "Her second foal, There's The Door (Ire), has won for David Evans and was not far off getting black-type. She had a lovely Magna Grecia colt sell to Johnny Hassett's Getinthegame partnership at the Sportsman's Sale in September. He was a lovely colt with a great temperament and it will be interesting to see how he breezes for them."

Molloy's enjoyment at seeing Rhea Moon achieve big-race success in America was heightened by the fact that he is surrounded by the family at his base in Luttrellstown in Dublin. He said, "Rhea Moon is a Dublin girl. She was born in Coolmore but she was raised here in Luttrellstown. I only have a small operation here. I have kept a few different broodmares from different lines but gradually got out of them. The one line I kept is from Mohican Princess (GB) (Shirley Heights {GB}).

"Mohican Princess produced a number of good horses, including dual Group 3 winner Satchem (Ire) (Inchinor {GB}) and Eye Of The Storm (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), who despite only having one eye, was a very talented horse. I kept Livia Galilei (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) out of Mohican Princess and I have some of Livia Galilei's daughters here as well. I've only got three broodmares altogether."

Molloy added, "I take a lot of advice from Peter's Dad Paddy Kelly. I am guided by him and Christy Grassick. I get good advice and it's very enjoyable to have the mares around me. As I am speaking now, I am looking out the window at Rhea Moon's dam. That adds a lot. There are ups and downs but, to be able to go out and pet these mares on the nose, it gives you a lot of satisfaction. You get very close to them all."

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### Dettori cont. from p1



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There were more flying dismounts to come. Dettori made the most of the opportunity in the very next event, leading every step of the way to cause a 13-2 upset astride the Doug O'Neill-trained La Deuxieme Etoile (Nyquist) in a 6 1/2-furlong allowance on Santa Anita's unique downhill turf course, and he made it three on the trot aboard favoured Ballet Dancing (Medaglia d'Oro) for Simon Callaghan and the Coolmore

partners in a nine-furlong allowance two races later. Dettori's mounts were unplaced in the GI Malibu S. and GI American Oaks later in the program.

One thing is clear--Dettori, who recently announced that he will hang up his tack at the end of next season, is energized and is relishing the task at hand.

"Thirty-five years went like a flash. I've got to make these last 12 months the best that I can and enjoy it," he said. "Most of all I've had a great career, and this is where it all started, and this is where it will finish."

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## **12 QUESTIONS**

With Kevin Blake, Horse Racing Pundit, Race Planner for Joseph O'Brien

First job in the Thoroughbred industry?

Working a breeze-up season with Con Marnane in Bansha House when I was 18. It wasn't my first rodeo there though, as I had learned how to ride on ponies up in Con's (before he became the King) when I was a child. **Cont. p6** 



## **GR.1 WINNERS IN 2022** all conceived at €15,000!

**STATE OF REST** 

ARISTIA

CALIFORNIA SPANGLE RHEA MOON

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prince of Wales's Stakes-Gr.1
- 1<sup>st</sup> Prix Ganay-Gr.1
- 1<sup>st</sup> Prix Jean Romanet-Gr.1
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Nassau Stakes-Gr.1
- 1<sup>st</sup> Hong Kong Mile-Gr.1 on Dec 11th
- 1<sup>st</sup> American Oaks-Gr.1 on Monday

# **STARSPANGLEDBANNER**

Yearlings in 2022, from €22,500 nominations, sold for **€750,000, €665,000, €665,000, €425,000, €415,000, €330,000, €325,000, €290,000, €265,000, €250,000** etc.



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### 12 Questions cont.

### **Biggest influence on your career?**

Naming one individual would be tough as I've had a bunch of editors, colleagues and friends from when I started in racing up to the present day that have been a huge help. It probably sounds a bit odd, but opening a Twitter account 12 or so years ago turned out to be a very important decision for me. Since then, the vast majority of the work I do has been posted on there to be scrutinised and analysed by what is a very informed audience, many of whom specialise in very specific areas of the sport/industry and can offer a very high level of comment. The criticism and feedback I've got over the years has been a big factor in driving my standards forward. Every day is a learning day in this game.



Kevin Blake | Betfair

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

The obvious answer is Frankel, as I'll be surprised if I ever see a horse that approaches his greatness in my lifetime. More personally, I have a mare here called Midnight Oasis that was bought very cheaply and delivered a series of very important results in the sales ring and on the track that allowed me to expand my breeding operation. She'll always be very special here.

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

I'm much happier evaluating racecourse performance than engaging in First-Season Sire Bingo, but I had a couple of Ten Sovereigns's colts through my hands and saw as many of them as I could in the last year. An awful lot of them have very good hind legs, plenty of action and the ones I dealt with had notably good minds.

### Greatest race in the world?

The Derby has still got a hold on me. Perversely, I think the passing of the great Galileo might well lead to the most exciting and competitive middle-distance scene for quite some time in the years ahead.

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

Any jockey with a fancied ride in the Grand National would be a fair day to experience, win or lose.

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

I don't really like talking up young jockeys as making the transition from promising apprentice to top-class jockey is really difficult, but I have a great amount of belief in Dylan Browne McMonagle.

### Name a horse TDN should have made a Rising Star, and didn't?

Al Riffa. Considering how rangy he is, I thought what he did last season in winning the National S. in such style off the back of a maiden win was genuinely remarkable. He could be special and I don't say that lightly.

### Under-the-radar stallion?

Coulsty.

### Friday night treat?

Dominos and Dundalk!

### Guilty pleasure outside racing?

True crime podcasts and long runs.

### Race I wish I'd been there for...

State of Rest winning the Cox Plate, as none of us could travel due to Covid-19 restrictions at the time. No horse has ever been made to jump through as many invasive veterinary requirements and logistical hoops to be allowed a run in a Group 1 as he had to in the months leading up to it. For him to go down there and beat the best in Australia after all that was just incredible. The stewards' inquiry threatened to take it from him and it was as close to a 50/50 decision as you'll see, but I'd say the whole of Tipperary heard the roar when the result was announced as unaltered!

## BRITAIN

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

- Anisette (GB), f, 2, Awtaad (Ire)--Tutti Frutti (GB), by Teofilo (Ire). Wolverhampton, 12-27, 8f 142y (AWT), 1:51.33. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$9,071. B-Morera Partnership (GB). \*26,000gns Ylg '21 TATSOM.
- So Many Questions (GB), c, 2, Showcasing (GB)--Fig Roll (GB) (SW-Eng & SP-Ire), by Bahamian Bounty (GB). Wolverhampton, 12-27, 6f 20y (AWT), 1:16.14. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$7,435. B-Ed's Stud Ltd (GB). \*£85,000 Ylg '21 GOFFUK. \*\*1/2 to Al Raya (GB) (Siyouni {Fr}), GSW-Fr & MSP-Eng.

## WORLDWIDE NEWS

### HEARTS CONCERTO LOOMS A DOUBLE-DIGIT DANGER IN HOPEFUL by Alan Carasso



Hearts Concerto | JRA photo

Wednesday's Hopeful S. is the last of 24 Group 1 events on the JRA circuit for 2022 and the event has attracted a wide-open group of juveniles who will try to prove their mettle over the 2000-metres.

Hearts Concerto (Jpn) (Heart's Cry {Jpn}) could offer value relative to what he's accomplished in his two racetrack appearances to date. The bay dismantled a group of newcomers by eight resounding lengths as the 9-10 chalk going this trip at Chukyo Sept. 18 and was the hot favourite for the nine-furlong G2 Tokyo Sports Hai Nisai S. at headquarters Nov. 19. It all went wrong when he walked out of the stalls, spotting his rivals several lengths, but he closed off in a race-best :33.8 to finish a good third to the re-opposing **Gastrique (Jpn)** (Just a Way {Jpn}). He was trading at better than 10-1 on the JRA tote as of this writing.

"He missed the break [last time] and was left behind, and that really hurt," said trainer Ryo Takei. "His preparation after that race has all gone smoothly. I think the extra distance is a plus and the conditions are better for him here."

**Mikki Cappuccino (Jpn)** (Epiphaneia {Jpn}) is perfect in his two starts, each over 10 furlongs. A narrow debut winner, with future Group 3 winner **Gruner Green (Jpn)** (Lovely Day {Jpn}) third, at Tokyo Oct. 9, he jumped out of the ground in the final furlong and shot away to take a course-and-distance allowance by a widening 3 1/2 lengths when last seen Dec. 3. Keita Tosaki will have to work out a trip from barrier 18.

Since finishing third in an 1800-metre heat at Hakodate in July, **King's Reign (Jpn)** (Rulership {Jpn}) has won back-to-back races, including a 1 1/2-length tally in a one-win class allowance over the 2000 metres at Tokyo in early November. Christophe Lemaire retains the ride.

J Palms (Jpn) (Just a Way {Jpn}) is a son of the American-bred mare Killer Graces (Congaree), making him a half-brother to last year's Hopeful hero Killer Ability (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}). He got his career off on a popular and winning note in his lone career start, carrying Lemaire to a three-length victory at odds of 2-5 in a Tokyo newcomers' event Nov. 5. David Egan, who has ridden nine winners from 52 rides on his current short-term contract in Japan, takes the call for Noriyuki Hori.

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HOPEFU	L SG1, ¥135,820,000, 2yo, 2000	mT			
PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Phantom Thief (Jpn)	Harbinger (GB)	Fukunaga	Nishimura	121
2	Hearts Concerto (Jpn)	Heart's Cry (Jpn)	K Matsuyama	Takei	121
3	Sea Wizard (Jpn)	Beach Patrol	Hamanaka	Shikato	121
4	Serendipity (Jpn)	Duramente (Jpn)	Take	Otonashi	121
5	Fate (Jpn)	Real Steel (Jpn)	Sakai	Yahagi	121
6	Gruner Green (Jpn)	Lovely Day (Jpn)	M Demuro	Aizawa	121
7	Born in Grande (Jpn)	Satono Crown (Jpn)	Saito	Yoshida	121
8	Top Knife (Jpn)	Declaration of War	N Yokoyama	Kon	121
9	Seven Magician (Jpn)	Just a Way (Jpn)	C Demuro	Takano	121
10	Gastrique (Jpn)	Just a Way (Jpn)	Miura	Uehara	121
11	Dura Erede (Jpn)	Duramente (Jpn)	Murzabayev	Ikezoe	121
12	Monde Plume (Jpn)	Satono Diamond (Jpn)	K Yokoyama	Mizuno	121
13	Wurttemberg (Jpn)	Kitasan Black (Jpn)	T Yokoyama	Miyamoto	121
14	J Palms (Jpn)	Just a Way (Jpn)	Egan	Hori	121
15	King's Reign (Jpn)	Rulership (Jpn)	Lemaire	Tezuka	121
16	Ska Paradise (Jpn)	Silver State (Jpn)	Imamura	Terashima	121
17	Jun Tsubamegaeshi (Jpn)	Just a Way (Jpn)	Ishikawa	Tomomichi	121
18	Mikki Cappuccino (Jpn)	Epiphaneia (Jpn)	Tosaki	Yahagi	121

**Breeders:** 1-Tanikawa Stud, 2-Nasuno Bokujo, 3-Symboli Stud, 4-Hideko Kondo, 5-Northern Racing, 6-Mitsumasa Saito, 7-Grande Farm, 8-Kineusu Bokujo, 9-Yoshiyui Maesako, 10-K K Eishindo, 11-Northern Racing, 12-Okada Stud, 13-Shadai Farm, 14-Northern Racing, 15-Northern Farm, 16-Hikaru Bokujo, 17-Northern Racing, 18-Chiyoda Farm Shizunai

### Thursday, Ohi, Japan, post time: 3.40 p.m.

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

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Gold Heuer (Jpn)	Transcend (Jpn)	Yamazaki	Iwamoto	126
2	Notturno (Jpn)	Heart's Cry (Jpn)	Takeshi	Otonashi	121
3	Light Warrior (Jpn)	Majestic Warrior	Yano	Uchida	126
4	Dos Hearts (Jpn)	Win Variation (Jpn)	Machida	Fukuda	126
5	Meisho Hario (Jpn)	Pyro	Hamanaka	Okada	126
6	Ushba Tesoro (Jpn)	Orfevre (Jpn)	K Yokoyama	Takagi	126
7	Rinzo Channel (Jpn)	Monterosso (GB)	Ando	Arayama	126
8	Shonan Nadeshiko (Jpn) (f)	Orfevre (Jpn)	T Yokoyama	Sugai	121
9	Casino Fountain (Jpn)	Casino Drive	No Rider	Yamashita	126
10	Sunrise Hope (Jpn)	Majestic Warrior	Yuki	Hazuki	126
11	Miyagi Zao (Jpn)	Pyro	Honda	Morishita	121
12	Atomic Force (Jpn)	Workforce (GB)	Motohashi	Yamashita	126
13	Red Galant (Jpn)	Lord Kanaloa (Jpn)	Y Iwata	Yasuda	126
14	Lucky Dream (Jpn)	Sinister Minister	Osamu	Shinko	126

\*All posts are displayed in local time.