

## DERBY TOP 12: THE POINT RACE BEGINS



Arabian Knight romps on unveiling on the Breeders' Cup undercard  
Coady Photography

by T.D. Thornton

The first week of January doesn't have much in common with the first Saturday in May--with the exception that the inaugural TDN Top 12 has arrived to herald the coming of the seemingly far-off GI Kentucky Derby season. Get tied on and enjoy the ride.

**1) ARABIAN KNIGHT** (c, **Uncle Mo**--Borealis Night, by Astrology) '**TDN Rising Star**'. O-Zedan Racing Stables, Inc.; B-Corser Thoroughbreds LLC (KY); T-Bob Baffert. Sales history: \$250,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$2,300,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$86,025. Last start: 1st Keeneland Maiden Special Weight, Nov. 5. KY Derby Points: 0.

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It wasn't too long ago that ranking a colt who has zero experience beyond the maiden ranks as your Derby kingpin in the dead of winter would have been an audacious selection. But now, in this era where a Triple Crown "foundation" often consists of just two or three sophomore prep races, heading a list with a lightly experienced contender like '**TDN Rising Star**' Arabian Knight isn't all that outlandish.

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## FROM STALLION FAMILIES, EARLY VOTING AND JACK CHRISTOPHER NEW TO ASHFORD

by Katie Petrunyak

Among Ashford Stud's new stallions for 2023, two members of the Coolmore quintet boast standout sire-making families. GI Preakness S. hero **Early Voting** (Gun Runner--Amour d'Ete, by Tiznow) is out of a half-sister to perennial top sire **Speightstown** while **Jack Christopher** (Munnings--Rushin No Blushin, by Half Ours), a '**TDN Rising Star**' who raced to three Grade I victories, is out of a half-sister to Darley's Street Boss.

**Jack Christopher** is also the first son of **Munnings** to join his sire at Ashford Stud. After carrying the Coolmore silks to a trio of graded stakes wins, **Munnings** stood his first five seasons at Ashford for under \$15,000, but steadily produced one elite runner after another. A top 10 North American sire in 2022, **Munnings** will stand for his highest fee yet this year at \$100,000 while his highest-earning son **Jack Christopher** is advertised at an introductory fee of \$45,000. **Cont. p3**

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### RAJASINGHE A VALUE PLAY FOR 2023

Breeders who have yet to finalise their bookings for 2023 could do worse than Rajasinghe (Ire), sire of eight winners from 11 starters, writes Emma Berry.



Early Voting is one of two sons of Gun Runner  
to retire to stud in 2023 | Sara Gordon



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**August 28, 2021.** *Jack Christopher* breaks his maiden on Travers day with a flashy 'TDN Rising Star' performance. He is the first son of *Munnings* to join his sire at Ashford Stud. Story continues on page 3. | Sarah Andrew

## STORIES BILL FINLEY HOPES TO WRITE IN 2023

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*Another year is in the books and it featured the usual combination of good news and bad news. So what will 2023 bring for horse racing? Here are the stories Finley hopes to be writing this coming year.*

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*In an effort to fight a 90-day suspension and \$5,000 fine for "striking a horse excessively" during a 2021 workout at Saratoga, trainer Orlando Noda has commenced proceedings in Schenectady Supreme Court*

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**New Ashford Stallions, cont. from p1**

"It's always very fulfilling when you have a stallion and are able to stand one of his sons," said Ashford Stud's Adrian Wallace. "I think that is particularly true of a horse like **Munnings**, who was really a rags-to-riches story. He was a very fast horse over six and seven furlongs and I think you see that with a lot of the **Munnings** stock including **Jack Christopher**."

Earning the 'Rising Star' nod with a 8 3/4-length debut score at Saratoga, **Jack Christopher** followed that effort with an easy win in the GI Champagne S. Owned in the partnership of Jim Bakke, Gerald Isbister, Coolmore Stud and Peter Brant, the Chad Brown trainee scratched from the GI Breeder' Cup Juvenile due to a shin problem, but returned to the track at three to remain undefeated in the GII Pat Day Mile S. and GI Woody Stephens S. He ran third in his lone defeat while stretching out in the GI Haskell S., but got back to his

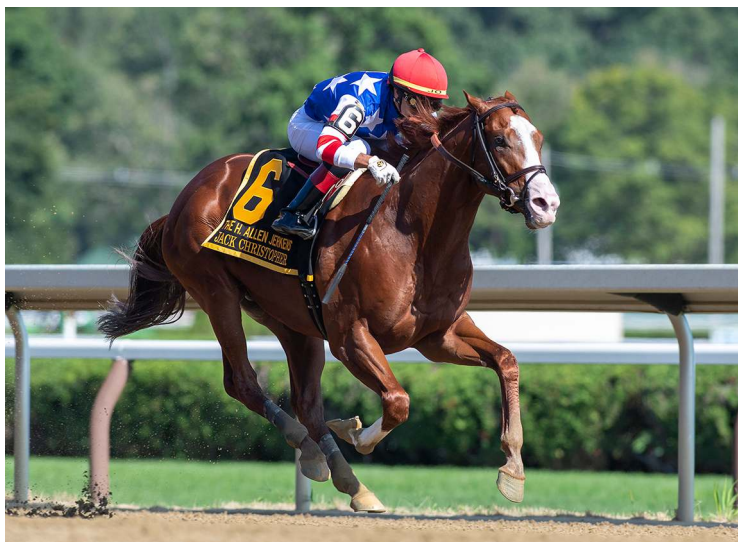
winning ways at seven furlongs in the GI H. Allen Jerkens in his final career start.

"The thing about **Jack Christopher** is that he's all about speed," Wallace explained. "He was quick out of the gate. He could get to the front and dominate his races. He was also very tactical in the way he raced. Chad Brown is quoted as saying he's one of the fastest horses he has ever trained."

"He is very like his sire **Munnings**," he continued. "He's a balanced horse and a good mover. He's probably a better-looking horse than his sire, so if he can become as good a sire as **Munnings**, we'll be very happy."

**Jack Christopher**'s grandsire **Speightstown** jumps out on the pedigree of another new Ashford resident, **Early Voting**.

The Classic winner was bred by Three Chimneys Farm and his dam Amour d'Ete is not only a sibling to **Speightstown**, but also to MGSW Irap (Tiznow). **Cont. p4**



**Jack Christopher** earns a 104 Beyer Speed Figure in the 2022 GI H. Allen Jerkens Memorial S. | Sarah Andrew

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**New Ashford Stallions, cont. from p3**

**Early Voting** stands out among this year's class of incoming stallions as one of the first two sons of remarkably fast-starting sire **Gun Runner** to go to stud. Along with **Early Voting**, **Gun Runner**'s six Grade I winners include Cyberknife, who will stand at Spendthrift Farm after making his career finale in the GI Pegasus World Cup on Jan. 28.

"With **Early Voting** being one of the first sons of **Gun Runner** to stand at stud, it's a huge privilege to be able to get his career off to a good start," said Wallace. "Gun Runner is widely perceived as one of the best young stallions in America and now we're excited to stand one of his best sons. I think **Early Voting** has the size and balance of **Gun Runner**, but in many ways he looks like his damsire Tiznow. He's got the big hip and shoulder."

On the racetrack, the Klaravich Stables-campaigned colt made a good impression in his winning debut late in his juvenile season and then returned to the winner's circle in the GIII Withers S. He ran second to future GI Belmont S. winner Mo Donegal (**Uncle Mo**) in the GII Wood Memorial S. before scoring his signature victory in the GI Preakness S., where he earned a 105 Beyer as he defeated his eventual studmate **Epicenter** (**Not This Time**), a leading consideration for top 3-year-old of 2022.

"Early Voting had speed and he was able to carry that speed," Wallace noted.

"He also had great heart and there was no better reflection of that than his race in the Preakness. He ran a superb race that day. His speed took him to the front and he kept going. His form was very strong throughout the year and a horse like him has been very popular with breeders so far."

**Early Voting** will stand for \$25,000 and was awarded the silver medal on **Chris McGrath's Value Podium** for new sires in 2023.

Find our feature on Ashford Stud's other new residents, and more on this year's class of incoming stallions, [here](#).

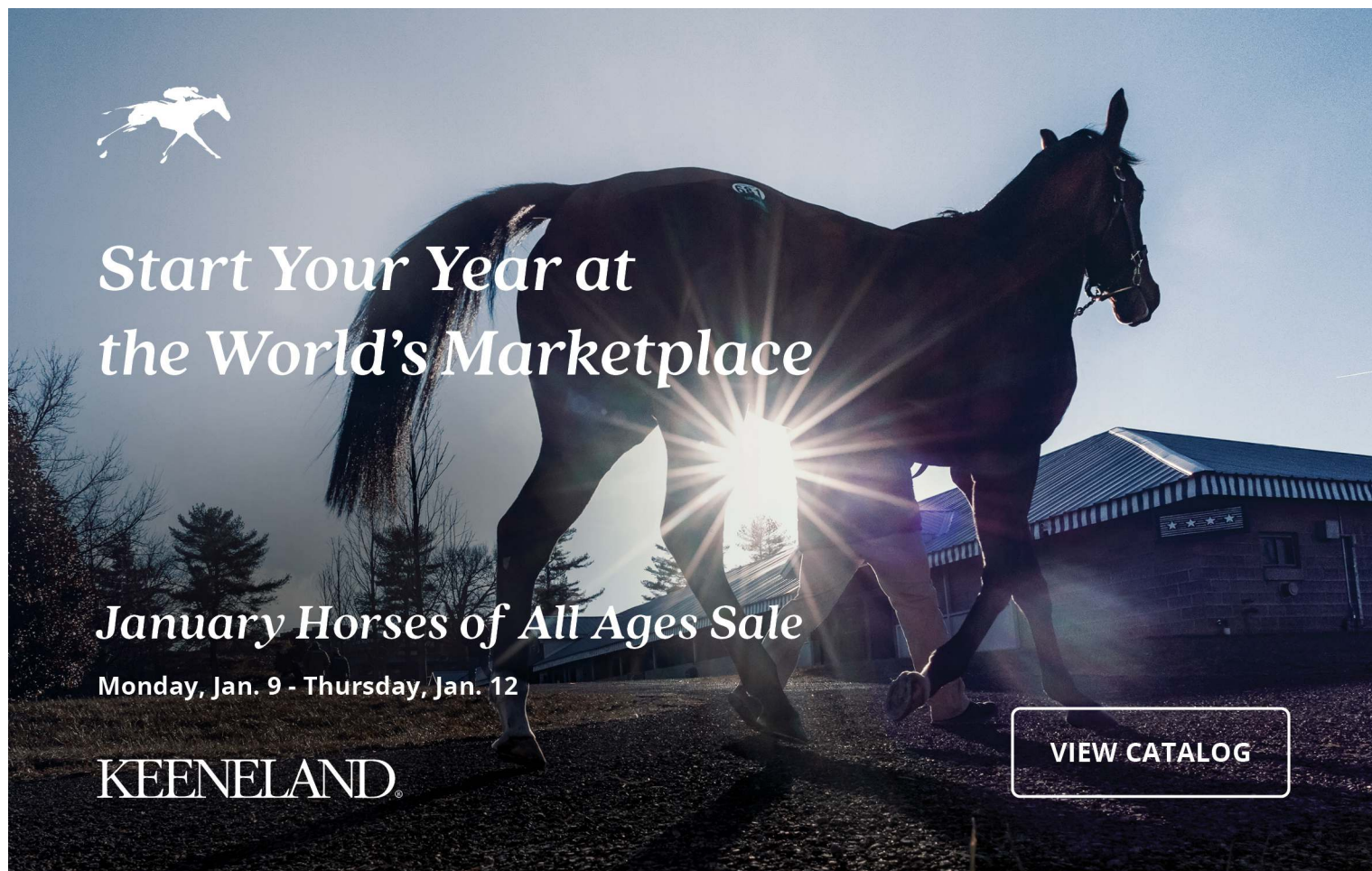
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**STORIES I HOPE TO BE WRITING IN 2023**

by Bill Finley

Another year is in the books and it featured the usual combination of good news and bad news. **Flightline** (**Tapit**) wowed us, even if it was for just three races. The impossible victory by **Rich Strike** (Keen Ice) in the GI Kentucky Derby was an unforgettable moment. Then again, the Horse Racing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA) off the rails and the acrimony surrounding it turned even uglier. With more guilty pleas and sentencings during the year, we still haven't been able to fully escape the nightmare that is Servis-Navarro.

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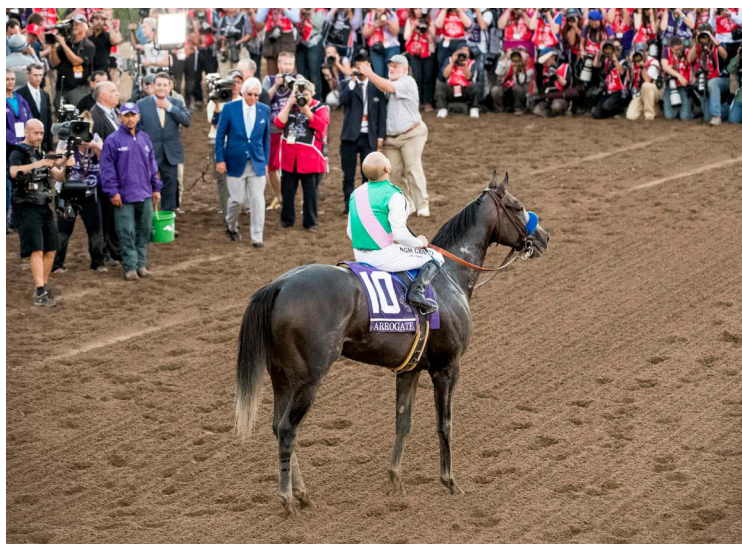


**Finley's Story Wish List for 2023, cont. from p4**

So what will 2023 bring for horse racing? Honestly, I have no idea. But here are the stories I hope to be writing in 2023. Wishful thinking? Absolutely. But you never know.

**The Champion 3-Year-Old Will Race at Four:** A day after 3-year-old Glow Worm (Whatasire) won the GI Breeders' Cup Classic, his owner John Q. Horseowner announced that his three-time Grade I winner will race as a 4-year-old in 2024. The news stunned the breeding and racing industries, which have grown accustomed to owners choosing breeding over racing because that's where the real money is made.

"Money, I have," Horseowner said. "Sure, I could make many millions if I retired Glow Worm now but what would I do with it? I already have a yacht, a private jet and 11 homes. I don't need any more. What I don't have in my everyday life is the kind of thrill I get every time Glow Worm runs. That's priceless. Who knows, maybe I'll run him at five, as well."



**Arrogate was the last 3-year-old Breeders' Cup Classic winner to race at four | Eclipse Sportswire/Breeders' Cup**

**Movement Toward Penny Breakage Catches On:** Thanks to a bill submitted by upstate New York Assemblyman George Whatagoodguy, it appears that penny breakage will be coming to the New York racetracks before the year is over. The bill enjoys bipartisan support and has the backing of Governor Kathy Hochul.

"I play the horses and I have seen firsthand what a great deal this has been in Kentucky for horseplayers since they went to penny breakage," said the Democratic lawmaker. "It has put millions back into the pockets of the people who are the backbone of this game, the bettors. Slot machines have put hundreds of millions into the pockets of racetrack owners, horse owners, trainers, you name it...everyone but the player. Isn't it about time they get a break?" **Cont. p6**

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**Finley's Story Wish List for 2023, cont. from p5**

New York could be the first of several states to go to penny breakage. Pat Cummings of the Thoroughbred Idea Foundation reports that bills similar to the one introduced by Whatagoodguy are in the works in at least four other states.

**Wayne Lukas Wins Jockey Club Gold Cup on 88th Birthday:** What a better a way to celebrate his 88th birthday than with a win in the GI Jockey Club Gold Cup at Saratoga. The rejuvenated Wayne Lukas pulled that off Saturday at Saratoga when winning the prestigious Gold Cup with Ageisjustanumber (Son of Into Mischief). It was Lukas's 43rd win on the year and his eighth graded stakes win. Approaching his 90th birthday, he is having his best year since 2005.

"I didn't forget how to train a horse," Lukas said. "I just needed some owners to overlook my age and give me a chance with some good horses. I want to thank the 73 co-owners of Ageisjustanumber for believing in me

and giving me a chance. It's on to the Breeders' Cup."

**Owner Takes Responsibility After Trainer Caught Doping:**

That trainer Jesse James was suspended for five years after a horse of his tested positive Friday for performance-enhancing

drugs was hardly a surprise. Suspicions have surrounded James throughout a year in which he has won with 38% of his starters and with 71% of his starters coming off a claim.

But what no one expected was that his primary owner, Al Culpable, would come forward and admit he was part of the problem.

"I know what everyone expects me to say, that I thought Jesse was a good, honest, hard-working guy and

that I had no idea he was cheating," Culpable said. "If you believe that (expletive) you must also believe that I am stupid. I'm not." **Cont. p7**



D. Wayne Lukas | Sarah Andrew



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**Finley's Story Wish List for 2023, cont. from p6**

Continued Culpable: "Did Jesse ever admit to me that he was doping my horses? No. But I knew exactly what was going on and he never could have done what he did if I didn't keep claiming horses and sending them to him. I have had some time to think about this and I am truly sorry. Despite what I did, I truly love this sport and I have damaged it. Shame on me. I am getting out of the game and will be donating \$1,653,176 to Thoroughbred aftercare. That's the amount of money my horses earned with Jesse this year."

**New York Gaming Commission Exonerates NYRA Staffer:**

After NYRA clocker Henry Chroniker reported the wrong time for a workout that took place earlier this week on the Belmont training track, Chroniker worried that he was about to face a stiff fine and suspension from the New York Gaming Commission. The horse, Pie-O-My (Sopranos), worked four furlongs in :49.12. Chroniker inadvertently transposed the numbers and reported the work as 49.21, a difference of .09 seconds. A similar offense from a clocker last year resulted in a hefty fine and a long suspension and the Gaming Commission has a history of punishing NYRA employees for what many considered to be very minor offenses. But that won't happen to Chroniker.

"We looked at this and realized it was a case of 'no harm, no foul,'" said the Gaming Commission's steward. "We realize that

some times you have to use common sense and be reasonable when it comes to cases like this. Chroniker had worked here a long time and his record has been spotless. He deserved the benefit of the doubt. Accidents happen."

**Inspired by Beverly Park, Top Stable Vows to Race More**

**Often:** When Beverly Park (**Munnings**) reached the year's halfway point with 19 starts, trainer Phil Eclipseworthy noticed.

"I thought if this horse could race 30 times in a year and remain sound and productive every step of the way, why couldn't I run my horses more often?" Eclipseworthy said. "After all, wouldn't my owners make more money if their horses raced more often?" With that in mind, Eclipseworthy has announced plans for his top colt Theydontmakeemliketheyuseto (Another Son of Into Mischief). He plans to run him in the GI Whitney, the GI Jockey Club Gold Cup and the GI Breeders' Cup Classic.

"That will be three races in four months and that's a brutal schedule," Eclipseworthy said. "Normally, I think three starts a year, and not three in four months, is about all a horse can handle. But I like what that fella Lynn Cash has been doing with Beverly Park. He was a \$5,000 claimer and now, with the way he's been handled, has made boatloads of money. I'm keeping my fingers crossed that Theydontmakeemliketheyuseto can hold up to the taxing schedule I have laid out for him."

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### Derby Top 12, cont. from p1

This powerful son of **Uncle Mo** (\$250,000 KEESEP; \$2.3 million OBSAPR sale-topper) didn't just "debut" on the Breeders' Cup undercard--his presence in Lexington on racing's championship weekend was a well-orchestrated unveiling by trainer Bob Baffert for owner Zedan Racing Stables. Fast and fluid off the mark going seven furlongs, this bay responded to rating from John Velazquez but still drew away responsively to win by a dazzling 7 1/4 lengths (97 Beyer Speed Figure).

"We took a big chance bringing him here to run," Baffert said post-win. "Johnny asked me, 'How good is he?' I said, 'You ride him like you rode **Uncle Mo**, because I think he's **Uncle Mo**.' And the way he moves; he's been working with older horses--unbelievable."

Baffert told *TDN* via text on Sunday he's not ready to commit to a particular comeback race and that, "We are going slow with him. No rush to run him." But Arabian Knight is now five works into his training at Santa Anita, including a bullet six furlongs on Dec. 30, so he's got to be getting close.

For the second straight year, Churchill Downs has banished Baffert related to his under-appeal equine drug DQ from the 2021 Derby, and his trainees are prohibited from earning qualifying points. While this issue plays out in the courts and at the racing commission level, the focus for *TDN*'s Top 12 writeups will be on the horses and not the trainer's eligibility status.

### 2) FORTE (c, **Violence**--Queen Caroline, by **Blame**)

'**TDN Rising Star**'. O-Repole Stable and St. Elias Stable; B-South Gate Farm (KY); T-Todd Pletcher. Sales history: \$80,000 Wlg '20 KEENOV; \$110,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: MGISW, 5-4-0-0, \$1,595,150. Last start: 1st GI FanDuel Breeders' Cup Juvenile presented by TAA, Nov. 4. KY Derby Points: 40.

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'**TDN Rising Star**' Forte stamped himself as the crop-topper among up to 1 1/16 miles, and he looms as the deserving favorite for the divisional championship in the Eclipse Award

voting. Two Grade I wins in his only two route attempts underscore that this son of **Violence** has already checked some important boxes along his development arc.

Trainer Todd Pletcher has outlined a two-prep path to Louisville that includes a sophomore debut in the Mar. 4 GII Fountain of Youth S., followed by either the GI Florida Derby or the GI Blue Grass S. This two-time auction grad (\$80,000 KEENOV; \$110,000 KEESEP) has proven capable of carving out fortuitous trips while negotiating large fields, largely thanks to precision far-turn targeting over short-stretch configurations at Keeneland by jockey Irad Ortiz, Jr.



Forte after he captured the Breeders' Cup Juvenile | Coady

Owned in partnership by Repole Stable and St. Elias Stable, Forte outmuscled a tenacious runner-up by wresting back the lead in deep stretch of the 14-horse GI Breeders' Futurity S., and in the 10-horse GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile he adeptly reeled in the odds-on favorite while encountering no serious challengers late in the lane (100 Beyer).

Forte's biggest Derby obstacle might involve bucking a daunting historical trend: Since the advent of the Breeders' Cup in 1984, Juvenile winners have accounted for only two Derby wins (**Nyquist** and **Street Sense**) from 38 runnings.

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**Derby Top 12, cont. from p8**

**3) CAVE ROCK (c, Arrogate--Georgie's Angel, by Bellamy Road) 'TDN Rising Star'**. O-Michael E. Pegram, Karl Watson, and Paul Weitman; B-Anne and Ronnie Sheffer Racing LLC (KY); T-Bob Baffert. Sales history: \$210,000 Wlg '20 KEENOV; \$550,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: MGISW, 4-3-1-0, \$748,000. Last start: 2nd GI FanDuel Breeders' Cup Juvenile presented by TAA, Nov. 4. KY Derby Points: 0.

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'TDN Rising Star' Cave Rock, who races with his head slung low in a style reminiscent of his sire, Arrogate, has been likened to a big, powerful football fullback by trainer Bob Baffert. But despite being very mature-looking physically, this imposing dual sales grad (\$210,000 KEENOV; \$550,000 KEESEP) got so keyed up prior to his second-place finish as the beaten fave in the Breeders' Cup that the mental duress surely cost him some on-track energy.

Owned by Mike Pegram, Karl Watson and Paul Weitman, this two-time Grade I winner unleashed a 104 Beyer in his two-turn debut, the GI **American Pharoah S.**, while never appearing close to being fully extended.

But it was a different story a month later in the Juvenile, when Cave Rock was committed to the lead outside of a 70-1 shot through a :22.90 opening quarter, had trouble settling, then took command about halfway home with foes nipping at his heels. Approaching the far turn, it initially looked as if Cave Rock was cresting to a high cruising speed with a short-stretch finish ahead and main rival Forte six lengths behind.



Cave Rock training at Keeneland this fall | Coady

But Forte was just getting wound up while Cave Rock was feeling the effects of his toil. **Cont. p10**

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Although Cave Rock initially met Forte's challenge, he came unhinged under left-handed stick work while languishing too long on his left lead in the stretch. He was no match for the winner, but Cave Rock left the impression that a better-focused version of him could be capable of reversing that result.

**4) TAPIT TRICE (c, Tapit--Danzatrice, by Dunkirk)**

O-Whisper Hill Farm LLC and Gainesway Stable (Antony Beck); B-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd. (KY); T-Todd Pletcher. Sales history: \$1,300,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$56,950. Last start: 1st Aqueduct Maiden Special Weight, Dec. 17. KY Derby Points: 0.

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This gray son of Tapit who hammered for \$1.3 million at KEESEP was bet down to second favoritism debuting at Aqueduct Nov. 6. A bit raw at the break of a one-turn mile from the outermost post, Tapit Trice got a decent schooling tucking in behind, then splitting horses before finishing with interest and galloping out ahead of the only two horses who beat him (73 Beyer).

Owned in partnership by Whisper Hill Farm and breeder Gainesway, this Todd Pletcher trainee learned from that experience by overcoming trip adversity to score in start number two, another one-mile-try, as the 17-10 fave Dec. 17 over a sealed, muddy Aqueduct surface.



**Tapit Trice impressed at Aqueduct | Coglianese**

Off slowly, Tapit Trice lagged but got maneuvered to the eight path to avoid getting pelted with kickback. It took him awhile to get into gear, tagging on to the end of the first flight about a half mile from home, then commencing a field-looping bid way out in the six path. He engaged the two leaders off the bend,

maintained the upper hand when enduring some brushing and bumping from the outward-shifting second fave, then nailed the win by a neck without seeming one bit fazed by the stretch fight (89 Beyer).

The effort wasn't a spectacular, blow-away victory. But Tapit Trice completed his assigned task very capably while demonstrating there is raw, Derby-quality talent beneath a still-unpolished surface.

**5) BANISHING (c, Ghostzapper--Dowager, by A.P. Indy)**

O/B-Godolphin (KY); T-Brendan Walsh. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$42,000. Last start: 1st Fair Grounds Maiden Special Weight, Dec. 26. KY Derby Points: 0.

A chestnut with a distinctively jagged blaze, this Godolphin homebred by Ghostzapper out of an A.P. Indy mare started his career Nov. 13 in a one-turn-mile MSW at Churchill, breaking from post 12 and racing in the 10 path early while cruising up to be within two lengths of the lead through a well-contested pace.

Banishing was four wide into the turn, quickened 3 1/2 furlongs out, then got within a nostril of the lead just before the field hit the top of the stretch. He initially seemed to tire from that stout middle move, but sparked back to life late in the lane only to lose a photo for fourth behind a favored winner and a third-place horse who came back to win at 3-5 odds in a subsequent Gulfstream MSW.

On Dec. 26 at Fair Grounds, this Brendan Walsh trainee added Lasix, stretched out to 1 1/16 miles, and was sent off as the 2-1 chalk. Unhurried out of the gate, he established position at the rail in a three-way go and kept edging away under pressure. Banishing was headed off the final turn but immediately met that affront, throttling open late while leaving the second and third faves reeling in his 8 1/2-length wake.

He earned a 90 Beyer, and his maiden-breaking final clocking of 1:44.80 was .05 seconds faster than the same-distance Gun Runner S. for more experienced juveniles later on the card.

**6) LOGGINS (Ghostzapper--Beyond Blame, by Blame)**

'TDN Rising Star'. O-Spendthrift Farm LLC, Steve Landers Racing LLC, Martin S. Schwartz, Michael Dubb, Ten Strike Racing, Jim Bakke, Titletown Racing Stables, Kueber Racing LLC, Big Easy Racing LLC, and Winners Win; B-Popato, LLC (KY); T-Brad Cox. Sales history: \$460,000 Ylg '21 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: GISP, 2-1-1-0, \$175,500. Last start: 2nd GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity, Oct. 8. KY Derby Points: 0.



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**Derby Top 12, cont. from p10**

Loggins is one of two sons of Arrogate in the Top 12 | Coady

'TDN Rising Star' Loggins (\$460,000 FTSAUG) went off favored in the "loaded" (five next-out winners) Breeders' Futurity S. at Keeneland, and if there was such an award as the best losing effort in a juvenile stakes, his second-place try behind the No. 2-ranked Forte would have slam-dunked it for 2022.

Running back in just three weeks after a 6 1/2-furlong MSW winning debut, Loggins (trained by Brad Cox and carrying the colors of Spendthrift Farm in a 10-way partnership) established strong early inside positioning amid a crush of first-turn traffic, then was content to concede the lead while covered up in third at the fence on the backstretch.

He seized the top spot 4 1/2 furlongs from the wire, and although the bid initially appeared premature, Loggins confidently chugged homeward before being accosted by Forte at the head of the lane. Forte muscled in on Loggins with one furlong left, but the less-experienced Loggins gamely responded by clawing back the lead for about six jumps before Forte eked out a neck victory at the finish.

Back in October, Cox had outlined a break for Loggins that would have the colt off for about 45 days and back in his Fair Grounds barn by December. But as of Sunday, Cox told *TDN* via text that Loggins still "required a little extra time" away and that his return to the track would be "soon" with no specific prep race as the target.

**7) FAUSTIN (c, Curlin--Hard Not to Like, by Hard Spun) 'TDN Rising Star'** O-Michael L Petersen. B-DATT Farm (Ky). T-Bob Baffert. Sales history: \$285,000 RNA yrl '21 KEESEP; \$800,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$40,200. Last start: Maiden win at Santa Anita. Kentucky Derby Points: 0.



Faustin, a high-energy gray whose damsire and sire (**Hard Spun** and **Curlin**), ran second and third in the 2007 Derby, achieved 'TDN Rising Star' status in his Dec. 26 debut when he cuffed around a MSW sprint crew at Santa Anita in a manner more impressive than his 2 3/4-length winning margin and 89 Beyer might suggest.

Off a beat slow, this Bob Baffert trainee for owner Michael Lund Petersen was quickly hustled into contention by jockey Ramon Vazquez, but the hole they were aiming for closed just as the field cleared the gap. Continuously kept busy, Faustin accelerated as asked while Vazquez kept shifting laterally in an effort to pick a stalking spot, twice coming off the inside and then dropping back near the fence again in his run down the backstretch and through the turn.

At the head of the homestretch, Faustin lost momentum (but just momentarily) when he twice had to be snatched off heels and switched outward to clear rivals. But once he saw daylight, this colt didn't need much encouragement to kick into a willing overdrive just outside the sixteenth pole.



Faustin was named a 'Rising Star' on debut Dec. 26 | Benoit

Faustin was digging in and appeared to be relishing the task; in this era of top prospects racing sparingly, he has already cleared the "overcomes adversity" hurdle ahead of most of his peers.

**8) SIGNATOR (c, Tapit--Pension, by Seeking the Gold) 'TDN Rising Star'** O-West Point Thoroughbreds, Woodford Racing, Gainesway Stable, Phipps Stable, Ken Langone, Edward Hudson, Jr. and Lane's End Racing. B-Gainesway Thoroughbreds. T-Claude McGaughey III. Sales history: \$1,700,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$71,250. Last Start: Maiden win at BAQ Oct. 14. Kentucky Derby Points: 0.





**Derby Top 12, cont. from p11**Signator is one of two sons of **Tapit** in the Top 12 | Chelsea Durand

With a pedigree topped by **Tapit** out of a Seeking the Gold mare, Signator wasn't expected to excel sprinting in his Sept. 16 debut. But after racing a bit greenly in upper stretch, this \$1.7 million OBSAPR colt made the most out of that experience by finishing with a visual flourish through the final sixteenth to gain second before galloping out with purpose past the winner.

Start number two was a muddy mile over a drying-out Aqueduct surface, and as the 3-5 favorite, Signator absorbed some bumping out of the gate, then raced with his head cocked toward the infield under a snug grab down the backstretch. Through most of the far turn, Javier Castellano kept Signator on hold near the fence behind a four-horse wall while gambling that inside passage would open up, and when it did, Signator pulsed on through like a pro, earning 'TDN Rising Star' placement in the process.

Owned by an eight-way partnership, Signator was scratched from the Nov. 6 GII Nashua S. because of a wrenched ankle that has reportedly since healed. He rejoined trainer Shug McGuaghey's Payson Park string in Florida three weeks ago and just hit the work tab on Dec. 31. His pair of relatively low 73 Beyers might be cause for pause for some Derby prognosticators, but Signator rates higher on the "how he did it" scale rather than "how fast."



**9) VICTORY FORMATION (c, **Tapwrit**--Smart N Soft, by Smart Strike) 'TDN Rising Star'** O-Spendthrift Farm &

Frank Fletcher Racing Operations. B-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd. (Ky). T-Brad Cox. Sales history: \$100,000 wnlg '20 KEENOV; \$150,000 yrl '21 FTKJUL; \$340,000 2yo '22 FTMMAY. Lifetime Record: SW, 3-3-0-0, \$282,285. Last Start: 1st Smarty Jones S., Jan.1 at OP. Kentucky Derby Points: 10.

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Well-bet, wire-to-wire winners have now captured the ungraded (but points-awarding) Smarty Jones S. at Oaklawn in five of the past six years after the coast-to-coast score by Victory Formation (\$100,00 KEENOV; \$150,000 FTKJUL; \$340,000 EASMAY) on Sunday.

A 3-for-3 '**TDN Rising Star**' owned in partnership by Spendthrift Farm and Frank Fletcher Racing Operations, this son of **Tapwrit**'s heavy lifting on Jan. 1 consisted largely of clearing a pesky 56-1 shot while breaking from post eight.

After an up-tempo opening quarter of :23.20, Flavien Prat reeled off consecutive quarters of :24.55, :24.61 and :25.78 to coast home unopposed by three lengths at 3-5 odds in 1:38.14 for the short-stretch mile (91 Beyer).

"This horse has a great mind. He doesn't overdo it in the morning. He settles and I think the farther the better," said trainer Brad Cox. "He's got a lot of natural speed."

**10) LITIGATE (c, **Blame**--Salsa Diavola, by Mineshaft) O**-Centennial Farms. B-Nursery Place & Donaldson & Broadbent (Ky). T-Todd Pletcher. Sales history: \$370,000 yrl '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$46,750. Last Start: Aqueduct Maiden win Nov. 19. Kentucky Derby Points: 0.

Litigate, a \$370,000 KEESEP buy for Centennial Farms, was sent to trainer Todd Pletcher. According to DRF's Formulator, that owner/trainer partnership is a first (at least as far back as the database goes), and it got off to a good start when this nice-striding son of **Blame** won at first asking sprinting 6 1/2 furlongs at Aqueduct Nov. 19.

Javier Castellano asked Litigate for just enough speed to attain a sweet stalking spot behind a three-way battle for the lead, then patiently took the overland route four deep through the turn. Litigate responded to several judicious cracks of the crop in upper stretch, was still third at the eighth pole, but finished up respectably under brisk hand urging to win by three-quarters of a length (76 Beyer).



Litigate on debut | Coglianese



**Derby Top 12, cont. from p12**

Litigate will next try a first-level allowance/optional claimer Dec. 8 at Gulfstream. Every entrant in the field of eight is first-time Lasix, with none of them entered for a tag.

**11) INSTANT COFFEE (c, Bolt d'Oro--Follow No One, by Uncle Mo)** O-Gold Square LLC. B-Sagamore Farm (Ky). T-Brad Cox. Sales history: \$200,000 yrl '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSW, 3-2-0-0, \$322,815. Last Start: Won Nov. 26 GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. Kentucky Derby Points: 12.

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**SBM Training Graduate (Susan Montanye)**

Instant Coffee (Bolt d'Oro) sprung a 14-1 upset at Saratoga in his seven-furlong debut, then was one of four next-out stakes winners to emerge from the key Breeders' Futurity S. at Keeneland, a race in which he rallied from tenth to get fourth. That effort was good enough to merit favoritism in the GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. Nov. 26 at Churchill.



Instant Coffee at Churchill in the KJC | Coady

This \$200,000 KEESEP colorbearer for Gold Square, LLC, and trainer Brad Cox was slightly hesitant at the start, then kicked into a smooth stride. After going four wide into the first turn, Instant Coffee tucked into the three path to be a midpack fifth behind a slow pace down the backstraight, then was roused assertively by Luis Saez some 3 1/2 furlongs from home while again four deep on the bend.

He gave up even more ground off the final turn, but doing so freed Instant Coffee from a logjam of tiring horses toward the inside, and he responded to Saez' repeated rousing with a grinding tenacity. He momentarily shied from the outward shifting of a more physically imposing rival shortly after grabbing a brief lead at the eighth pole, but only for a stride or two before leveling off with purpose to win by 1 1/4 lengths.

Instant Coffee's lack of progression based on Beyers (debut of 85, then 81 and 82) kept him from being ranked higher at this early juncture of the season.

**12) JACE'S ROAD (c, Quality Road--Out Post, by Silver Deputy)** 'TDN Rising Star' O-West Point Thoroughbreds & Albaugh Family Stables LLC. B-Colts Neck Stables (Ky). T-Brad Cox. Sales history: \$510,000 yrl '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: SW & GSP, 4-2-0-1, \$126,800. Last Start: Won **Gun Runner** S. at Fair Grounds Dec. 26. Kentucky Derby Points: 13.



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'TDN Rising Star' Jace's Road, a \$510,000 KEESEP son of **Quality Road**, got back to his winning ways in the **Gun Runner** S. Dec. 26 as the second betting choice after what trainer Brad Cox had described as a "meltdown" eighth-place try as the beaten fave in his previous stakes attempt.

Owned in partnership by West Point Thoroughbreds and Albaugh Family Stables, Jace's Road's Fair Grounds performance is best described as a no-nonsense wiring through moderate-tempo splits.

He got a bit of a break when the favorite stumbled at the start and was relegated to chase mode for most of the race, and the only challenger within sniffing distance of his 5 1/2-length winning margin (90 Beyer) was a pick-up-the-pieces 23-1 long shot.

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## DENIED COMMISSION STAY, TRAINER NODA FIGHTS NYSGC PENALTY IN COURT

by T.D. Thornton

In an effort to fight a 90-day suspension and \$5,000 fine for “striking a horse excessively” during a 2021 workout at Saratoga Race Course, trainer Orlando Noda has commenced proceedings in Schenectady Supreme Court that he hopes will prove the New York State Gaming Commission (NYSGC) acted unlawfully last month when it rejected an appeal hearing officer's recommendation that his case be dismissed without penalization.



Orlando Noda | Sarah Andrew

Noda's legal filing is known as an Article 78 review, which pertains to a New York state law by which a petitioner can ask a court to review a decision or action of a state official or administrative agency.

Article 78 filings have a reputation for being costly to litigate and very time consuming, sometimes dragging on for months or even several years in the court system.

Although the two cases are not related, Noda's penalty got handed down during the **same Dec. 12 NYSGC meeting** as a ruling imposed upon Richie Gazer, the longtime New York Racing Association head clocker who was suspended 30 days and fined \$2,500 for “altering a published work of a horse to make the horse eligible to race.”

But taken together, those two same-day adjudications share a commonality in that both decisions by the NYSGC represented a forceful rejection of each hearing officer's months of work in conducting the appeals and writing up the reports.

In both instances, the commissioners voted unanimously to impose the original penalties that had been handed down by Braulio Baeza, Jr., the NYSGC steward at the three NYRA tracks.

Although such outright rejections are unusual, most racing commissions are not bound to accept the opinions of hearing officers, who are often attorneys, that they hire to hear appeals.

In both Noda's and Gazer's cases, their respective attorneys had asked the commission for a **stay of their penalties** pending Article 78 filings. Both were denied last month by the NYSGC.

“I asked the commission for a stay as a courtesy,” Drew Mollica, Noda's attorney, told TDN. “I was denied on Dec. 20. I was in court Dec. 28, and the judge issued a stay. He can continue training. We have filed our Article 78 and we are pursuing a full and fair review of this unjust decision. In this case, the record is clear: There never was, and there is not now, any evidence that Mr. Noda did what they accused him of, and the hearing officer knew that.”

The hearing officer who oversaw Noda's appeal, S. David Devaprasad, wrote in his Nov. 1 report that, “The regulations Respondent is alleged to have violated...are impermissibly vague and [there are no written] standards as to what constitutes the proper or improper use of a crop or whip while training a horse.”

The report continued: “The testimony at the Hearing of the Commission's single eyewitness of the alleged incident was simply not sufficient (nor any more credible than Respondent's testimony in defense) to establish that Respondent engaged in any action detrimental to the best interest of racing generally or was guilty of any improper, corrupt, or fraudulent act or practice...”

Back on Dec. 12 NYSGC chairman Brian O'Dwyer disagreed. In reading Noda's decision into the record, he said that, “The commission duly deliberated and considered this matter, and determined by a 6-0 vote to reject the hearing officer's report and recommendations. In doing that, commissioners reviewed the entire record, and established by a preponderance of evidence that Noda's conduct was improper and detrimental to the best interest of racing, and determined that the appropriate penalty was that which was given by the stewards.”

Along with O'Dwyer, NYSGC commissioners John Crotty, Peter Moschetti, Jr., Christopher Riano, Marissa Shorenstein and Jerry Skurnik all voted in favor of rejecting the hearing officers' recommendations in the two cases.

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**LAS CIENEGAS S.-GIII**, \$101,500, Santa Anita, 1-2, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2ft, 1:12.76, gd.

**1--AMY C (GB), 122, m, 5, by Charming Thought (GB)**

**1st Dam: Alzahra (GB), by Exceed And Excel (Aus)**

**2nd Dam: Aunt Mary (GB), by Common Grounds (GB)**

**3rd Dam: Flirtation (GB), by Pursuit of Love (GB)**

**1ST GRADED STAKES WIN.** (Ogns RNA Wlg '18 TATFOA).

O-Madaket Stables LLC, Michael Dubb, & Robert V. LaPenta;

B-D. Curran (GB); T-Philip D'Amato; J-Umberto Rispoli.

\$60,000. Lifetime Record: 10-5-1-0, \$248,385.

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**2--Lady Jae**, 121, m, 5, Big Drama--Lady Loushe, by Black Minnaloushe. **1ST GRADED BLACK TYPE.** O-82 Highlanders & Melvin Simonovich; B-JJ Brevan Stable LLC (FL); T-Librado Barocio. \$20,000.

**3--Freedom Flyer**, 120, m, 5, **Constitution**--Rebuke, by Carson City. **1ST GRADED BLACK TYPE.** (\$450,000 2yo '20 OBSAPR; \$200,000 4yo '22 KEEJAN). O-Marsha Naify; B-A R Enterprises, Inc. (KY); T-Leonard Powell. \$12,000.

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Margins: 1 1/4, NO, HD. Odds: 2.30, 54.40, 12.10.

Also Ran: Countess Rosina (Ire), Lady Edith, Burgoo Alley (Ire), Brooke Marie, Royal Address (Ire). **Click here the Equibase.com chart or the TJCIS.com PPs. VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**



Amy C (blue cap) | Benoit

Amy C stayed perfect in three starts over Santa Anita's downhill turf course, including a win in the Senator Ken Maddy S. Oct. 29, and earned her first graded stakes score in the GIII

Las Cienegas S. The British import, a private acquisition after two starts at Deauville for trainer H. Spiller, began her U.S. career under trainer Chad Brown with a single win from three starts before sent west to Phil D'Amato for a 2022 campaign. She now sports three wins in five starts in the Golden State.

After the break, the winner was taken back to sit between rivals and off the quick early pace set by the dueling pair of Burgoo Alley (Ire) (**Footstepsinthesand {GB}**) and Royal Address (Ire) (Dandy Man {Ire}) for the :43.65 half. Just as she and the rest of the field crossed over the dirt for the stretch run, Amy C was guided out toward the middle of the course for clear running room. She ran down all of her rivals before the eighth pole and despite the lead remained under a strong ride, successfully holding a trio of foes, including runner-up and 54-1 longest shot Lady Jae, safe in a blanket finish behind her.

"This filly, she's a pro," D'Amato said. "She loves it down the hill. [Jockey] Umberto [Rispoli] said she switches leads crossing the dirt before he can even think about it, which is a great thing. Hopefully, we've got some nice races to look forward to here."

**Pedigree Notes:**

Amy C is the leading earner and one of just two stakes winners for Charming Thought, who has four crops to race. Her dam also produced an unnamed 2-year-old colt by Goken (Fr) and a yearling filly by Wooded (Ire). Amy C is the 78th black-type winner overall from an Exceed and Excel broodmare.

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# SIRES WITH NEW SWs/GSWs

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Infinite Diamond keeps the ball rolling for Darby Dan's **Bee Jersey** in the Cash Run S. | Ryan Thompson

Sire (Sire's Sire)	#SWs	#GSW
<b>Army Mule</b> (Friesan Fire) (Broadway Girls--Blue Norther S.-L)	5	---
<b>Bee Jersey</b> (Jersey Town) (Infinite Diamond--Cash Run S.)	2	---
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<b>Bolt d'Oro</b> (Medaglia d'Oro) (Corona Bolt--Sugar Bowl S.)	6	3
<b>Candy Ride (Arg)</b> (Ride the Rails) (Candy Light--Tropical Park Oaks-L)	105	50
<b>Cross Traffic</b> (Unbridled's Song) (Defining Purpose--Year's End S.)	13	1
<b>Frosted</b> (Tapit) (Frosted Departure--Renaissance S.)	12	2
<b>Ghostzapper</b> (Awesome Again) (Golden Glider--Tropical Park Derby-L)	93	48
<b>Into Mischief</b> (Harlan's Holiday) (Dazzling Blue--Letellier Memorial S.; Lady T--Las Flores S.-GIII; Pretty Mischievous--Untapable S.)	119	57
<b>Jimmy Creed</b> (Distorted Humor) (Jack Hammer--Louisiana Futurity)	20	4

<b>Mendelssohn</b> (Scat Daddy) (Classical Cat--Eddie Logan S.-L)	2	1
<b>STANDING AT ASHFORD STUD • CLICK HERE FOR MORE NOMINATE A MARE • EMAIL CHARLIE O'CONNOR</b>		
<b>Not This Time</b> (Giant's Causeway) (Sibelius--Mr. Prospector S.-GIII)	24	10
<b>Quality Road</b> (Elusive Quality) (Jace's Road--Gun Runner S.)	65	32
<b>STANDING AT LANE'S END • CLICK HERE FOR MORE NOMINATE A MARE • EMAIL CHRIS KNEHR</b>		
<b>Runhappy</b> (Super Saver) (Happy American--Tenacious S.-L)	11	2
<b>STANDING AT CLAIBORNE FARM • CLICK HERE FOR MORE NOMINATE A MARE • EMAIL BERNIE SAMS</b>		
<b>Tapwrit</b> (Tapit) (Victory Formation--Smarty Jones S.-L)	1	---
<b>Uncle Mo</b> (Indian Charlie) (A Mo Reay--Pago Hop S.-L; Falconet--Ladies S.)	85	45
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## CORRALES, LOBO, OXO EQUINE SWEEP TITLES AT TURFWAY HOLIDAY MEET

At the close of 2022, Turfway Park's Holiday Meet concluded with jockey Gerardo Corrales, trainer Paulo Lobo and Larry Best's OXO Equine winning their respective titles.

Corrales tabbed 30 wins from 104 mounts--a stout 29% win clip. His mounts tallied \$1,115,484 in purse earnings. His meet was highlighted by a victory in the \$125,000 Prairie Bayou Stakes aboard the Lobo-trained In Love (Brz) (Agnes Gold {Jpn}).

In the trainer standings, Lobo recorded 11 wins from 29 starters. His runners earned \$531,772 in purses. Among his top performers were the aforementioned In Love.

OXO Equine tallied four wins at the Holiday Meet, which tied with Stanley Bergman's Brownwood Farm. OXO Equine's runners earned \$205,079, nearly \$29,000 more than Brownwood Farm.

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The Thoroughbred Charities of America (TCA) Stallion Season Auction presented by Mt. Brilliant will begin Wednesday, Jan. 4 at 9 a.m. and run through Friday, Jan. 6, with staggered closing times starting at 4:30 p.m. ET. Nearly 200 seasons will be available for online bidding on [Equiring.com](#). Select seasons to **Constitution**, **Flightline**, **Good Magic**, **Maxfield** (with 2024 breed back), **Nashville** (with 2024 breed back), **Not This Time**, **Nyquist** (with 2024 breed back), **Olympiad**, and **Quality Road** will be sold at the 'Tis the Seasons Celebration on Sunday, Jan. 8 at the Grand Reserve in Lexington, Ky. Tickets can be purchased [here](#).

"This is a spectacular list of seasons," said Mike McMahon, president of TCA. "It's going to be one of the most exciting auctions we have ever held."

Bidders or their authorized agents may bid on select seasons by attending the event in-person or they may email [ehalliwell@tca.org](mailto:ehalliwell@tca.org) to register to bid online or by phone. A number of non-season items include a John Deere ZTrak mower, an eighth pole from Keeneland Race Course, and a meet and greet with **Flightline**.

Additionally, an online silent auction of non-season items including halters worn by **Tapit**, **Gun Runner**, and **Jack Christopher**, a Florida Derby package, and more will be offered. A list of silent auction items is available [here](#).

Maggi Moss will be honored with the Allaire du Pont Leadership Award and Second Stride will be honored with the Ellen and Herb Moelis Industry Service Award for their dedication to Thoroughbred aftercare.

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## BOB MEEKING DIES AT 94

Bob Meeking, a trainer for over seven decades and one of the Washington state's most popular and respected horsemen, passed away last week at age 94.

Meeking, who owned the 60-acre Allaire Farms in Poulsbo with his wife Barbara, had been in poor health the last few years. After missing 2021 for colon cancer treatment, Meeking returned to Emerald Downs in 2022 with a nine-horse stable.

"I always enjoy being at the track," Meeking said before the 2022 season. "I've been in this industry over many years and seen a lot of changes, but horse racing is a wonderful sport and I hope it's around for a long time."



Bob Meeking | Emerald Downs

Meeking was born June 6, 1928, in Victoria, BC, and saddled his first starter in 1946 at Lansdowne Park in suburban Vancouver. He trained for a remarkable 75 years, earning a reputation as a patient, high-percentage horseman while conditioning top-flight runners like Longacres Derby winners Mincemeat (1970) and Salad Sam (1976) and multiple stakes winner Bucksaw.

"I think my biggest thrill was my first winner at Santa Anita although a close second was [Mincemeat] winning two Derbies," Meeking told *Daily Racing Form*.

In 2018, he participated in a unique contest at Emerald Downs when he saddled Trelawny to a runner-up finish in the 'Not in Any Rocking Chair' Starter Allowance for 3-year-olds and up which have started for a claiming price of \$3,500 or less in 2017-18 and whose trainer was born on or prior to June 6, 1928. Trainers of the four runners entered were 94-year-old Arturo Arboleda, 91-year-old H.R. Pat Mullens, 90-year-old Ira Rhodes, and Meeking who had celebrated his 90th birthday the week prior to the race.

Meeking's final victory was July 22 with Emerald Sea, a 4-year-old filly that rallied for a two-length victory in a \$15,000 claiming race; she would finish third Sept. 18 in the WA Cup Filly and Mare S. in what would be his final start as conditioner.

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## 2022 Leading Broodmare Sires by Earnings

for stallions standing in North America through Sunday, Jan. 1

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

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	<b>Street Cry (Ire)</b> (1998) by Machiavellian Crops: 14 Stands: Darley USA (Dead/Retired)	23	53	11	34	3	9	559	259	7,502,754	31,184,265
2	<b>Smart Strike</b> (1992) by Mr. Prospector Crops: 20 Stands: Lane's End Farm USA (Dead/Retired)	25	66	12	26	4	10	647	327	3,036,383	29,836,302
3	<b>Giant's Causeway</b> (1997) by Storm Cat Crops: 15 Stands: Coolmore Ashford USA (Dead/Retired)	26	59	13	25	1	4	896	414	2,083,979	29,114,728
4	<b>Bernardini</b> (2003) by A.P. Indy Crops: 9 Stands: Darley USA (Dead/Retired)	18	39	7	18	5	5	517	251	10,110,758	28,610,329
5	<b>Distorted Humor</b> (1993) by Forty Niner Crops: 17 Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: Pensioned	21	45	7	20	2	4	569	295	3,503,418	27,571,676
6	<b>More Than Ready</b> (1997) by Southern Halo Crops: 15 Stands: WinStar Farm USA (Dead/Retired)	18	40	7	20	3	3	555	271	4,883,283	25,197,590
7	<b>Medaglia d'Oro</b> (1999) by El Prado (Ire) Crops: 11 Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$100,000	24	56	10	25	2	6	575	294	2,862,120	24,455,723
8	<b>Tapit</b> (2001) by Pulpit Crops: 11 Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: \$185,000	26	53	11	23	2	8	590	297	1,079,375	24,109,535
9	<b>Unbridled's Song</b> (1993) by Unbridled Crops: 20 Stands: Taylor Made Stallions USA (Dead/Retired)	18	47	6	22	2	4	705	295	1,693,410	23,800,049
10	<b>Indian Charlie</b> (1995) by In Excess (Ire) Crops: 18 Stands: USA (Dead/Retired)	23	41	11	24	2	7	395	215	4,255,000	23,032,301
11	<b>Malibu Moon</b> (1997) by A.P. Indy Crops: 16 Stands: Spendthrift Farm USA (Dead/Retired)	21	37	5	13	--	3	582	279	2,390,000	19,389,860
12	<b>A.P. Indy</b> (1989) by Seattle Slew Crops: 23 Stands: Lane's End Farm USA (Dead/Retired)	14	38	8	16	2	3	433	201	2,055,675	18,260,239
13	<b>Empire Maker</b> (2000) by Unbridled Crops: 12 Stands: Gainesway Farm USA (Dead/Retired)	17	33	6	14	--	1	503	230	856,801	17,765,031
14	<b>Tiznow</b> (1997) by Cee's Tizzy Crops: 15 Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: Pensioned	18	33	7	10	1	3	541	241	1,328,500	17,237,170
15	<b>Candy Ride (Arg)</b> (1999) by Ride the Rails Crops: 11 Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$75,000	10	22	7	12	2	7	372	188	2,810,000	15,070,978

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### IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**8th-Santa Anita, \$76,500, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 1-2, 4yo/up, 6 1/2ft, 1:11.80, gd, 3 1/4 lengths.**

**MOTORIOUS {GB} (g, 5, Muhaarar {GB}--Squash {GB} {MGSP-Eng}, by Pastoral Pursuits {GB})** opened his U.S. campaign with a runner-up effort going six furlongs over the Santa Anita lawn in March and was third over course and trip before winning going five furlongs at Del Mar Nov. 27 last time out. The 7-5 favorite was unrushed out of the gate and settled near the back of the pack down the hill. The bay gelding tipped out to the center of the course as the field crossed over the dirt track and surged to the lead in upper stretch before powering clear to a 3 1/4-length victory. Maglev (Ire) (Galileo Gold {GB}) was second. Motorious, a 55,000gns TATOCT yearling, sold for 220,000gns at the 2021 Tattersalls Horses in Training Sale--the same auction at which owner Anthony Fanticola acquired subsequent multiple Grade I winner Obviously (Ire) (Choirir {Aus}) in 2011. Squash has a now 2-year-old colt by Advertise (GB) who sold for \$601,301 at the 2022 Tattersalls October sale; as well as a 2022 colt by Sergei Prokofiev who sold for \$103,787 at Tattersalls December. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.** Lifetime Record: 11-4-2-2, \$124,944. O-Anthony Fanticola; B-Kirtlington Stud & Mrs Mary Taylor (GB); T-Philip D'Amato.

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### IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**9th-Santa Anita, \$69,000, Msw, 1-2, 3yo, 1m, 1:37.91, ft, 3/4 length.**

**MR FISK (c, 3, Arrogate--Plein Air {Ire} {SW-USA, SW-Itly, \$163,617}, by Manduro {Ger})**, a lackluster sixth sprinting over this track in his Oct. 30 unveiling, was a narrowly beaten second when stretched out to a mile at Del Mar last time out Nov. 25. Adding Lasix here, the 5-2 shot was allowed to settle into stride and rated in mid-pack.

He took closer order down the backstretch and was forced to wait for racing room approaching the stretch before tipping out a path in upper stretch. He determinedly reeled in stablemate Harlocap (**Justify**) down the lane and inched clear to a 3/4-length victory. Mr Fisk has a 2-year-old half-sister by **Hard Spun** and a yearling half-brother by **Maclean's Music**. Plein Air was bred to **Collected** last year. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.** Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$54,700.

O/B-Sunny Brook Stables (KY); T-Bob Baffert.



**8th-Parx Racing, \$51,000, (S), Msw, 1-2, 3yo, 1m 70y, 1:50.33, gd, 1 length.**

**WINNIN'ONWEEKENDS (g, 3, Liam's Map--Whistling Straits, by Scat Daddy)** was a well-beaten fourth while debuting over a sloppy Parx surface in his six-furlong debut Dec. 6. Gelded and stretching out for this second start, the 3-1 shot rushed up to take the lead into the first turn and was in control through moderate fractions. He opened a clear advantage into the far turn and was four lengths in front at the top of the lane before holding on late to graduate by one length despite drifting out down the lane. Coles Conundrum (Cross Traffic) was closing late, but ran out of ground late to be second.

Whistling Straits has a now 2-year-old filly by **Palace Malice**. She sold in foal to **Volatile** for \$35,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton February sale and produced a colt before being bred back to **Volatile**. The colt sold for \$59,000 to Bill and Corinne Heiligbrodt as a weanling at last year's Keeneland November sale. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.** Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$33,000.

O/B-Main Line Racing Stable (PA); T-John C. Servis.



### IN PANAMA:

**Lead Singer, f, 2, Union Rags--Trendy Chic, by Giant's Causeway.** Presidente Remon, 12-31, Allowance, 1100m. B-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc (KY). \*Broke maiden at first asking at Churchill Downs Sept. 23 and was claimed for \$20,000. Chestnut filly was dropping in class off a fourth in stakes company on local debut Nov. 26. **VIDEO (SC 2)**



## The New York Jockey Injury Compensation Fund (NYJICF) 2023 Workers' Compensation Premium Assessment and Formula

This is the NYJICF's Assessment Plan for 2023 (2023 Assessment Plan) and, consistent with the last few years, continues to be structured on New York Racing Association (NYRA)-based horsemen contributing 86% of the NYJICF's annual cost, which is estimated to equal \$7,546,798, and Finger Lakes Gaming and Racetrack (FLRA)-based horsemen contributing 14% of the NYJICF's annual cost, which is estimated to equal \$1,228,549.

The NYJICF has the authority (i) to use up to \$2 million from the 2023 NYRA purse cushion fund and (ii) to deduct and use 2% of purses from an owner's share of purses.

**NYRA Owners** assessment and payment is a \$1,200 base premium, plus 2% of purses earned.

**FLRA Owners** assessment and payment is a \$3,060 base premium, plus 2% of purses earned.

Each race with a purse over \$1,000,000 will be capped at \$1,000,000 for Workers' Compensation assessment purposes only.

**NYRA Trainer** assessment and payment is a \$1,200 base premium plus:

NYRA trainers will pay a per stall charge of \$1.92 per day for each stall allotted and accepted during each stall allotment period as designated by the track where each trainer races, provided that the first 12 stalls allotted and accepted will be free and the per stall charge for each stall allotted and accepted in excess of 12 will be \$1.92 per day.

**FLRA Trainer** assessment and payment is a \$3,060 base premium plus:

FLRA trainers will pay a per stall charge of \$1.80 per day for each stall allotted and accepted during each stall allotment period as designated by the track.

These premium charges will be due as follows:

**NYRA and FLRA Owners and Trainers** base premium charge is due:

- At NYRA, for those trainers already stabled on the grounds: \$1,200 on or before January 1, 2023.
- At NYRA, for those owners already stabled on the grounds: \$1,200 before they run their first horse in 2023.
- For those trainers shipping in: upon entering the horse on the grounds based on the "shippers" per start schedule set forth below.
- For those owners shipping in: before they run their first horse in 2023 based on the "shippers" per start schedule set forth below.
- At FLRA, for trainers: upon entering the horse on the grounds: \$1,800 on or before April 1, 2023, and an additional \$1,260 (for a total of \$3,060) to be paid on or before June 1, 2023.
- At FLRA, for owners: \$1,800 before they run their first horse in 2023 through May 31, 2023, and an additional \$1,260 (for a total of \$3,060) to be paid on or before June 1, 2023.

Anything in this 2023 Assessment Plan to the contrary notwithstanding, FLRA's 14% of the NYJICF's cost, which is estimated to equal \$1,228,549, will be paid by FLRA in eight equal installments in the amount of \$153,568.63 between April 2023 and November 2023.

### **NYRA and FLRA Owners and Trainers**

The stall charges will be due on the last day of the first month of each allotment period, for example: January 31 for winter 2023 at NYRA and thirty days after the opening of the stable area for the spring meeting at FLRA.

If the trainer accepts stalls for the summer meeting but ships in three weeks before that meeting begins, that trainer will be responsible for the entire summer meeting plus \$1.92 per day (\$1.80 at FLRA) times the number of stalls allotted, times the number of days that the trainer occupied the stalls prior to the summer meeting, provided that the first 12 stalls allotted and accepted at NYRA tracks will be free.

**Owners/Trainers** will be required to pay the base premium charge of \$1,200

at NYRA and \$3,060 at FLRA, plus 2% of purses earned, plus the stall allotment charge.

**Private Trainers** will be responsible for the base premium of \$1,200 at NYRA and \$3,060 at FLRA. The owner employing that trainer (whose payroll the exercise riders are on) will be responsible for the stall charge plus 2% of purses earned.

**Shippers.** At NYRA, owners and trainers will be charged \$120.00 each per start for their first ten starts (for a maximum of \$1,200 for 2023). At FLRA, owners and trainers will be charged \$180.00 each per start for their first ten starts (for a maximum of \$1,800 for 2023). Owners will also be charged 2% of purses earned. Shipping trainers will only be charged a stall fee if they are assigned stalls.

A suitable stall count to be determined by the racing secretary at the current stall assessment rate (\$1.92 at NYRA tracks (except the first 12 stalls allotted and accepted will be free for 2023) and \$1.80 at FLRA) will be assessed to those horsemen stabled off of the racetrack proper and who have daily access and use of the racetrack facilities.

**Surcharge.** Each trainer, upon such trainer's second claim and any subsequent claim filed with the workers' compensation insurance carrier in 2023, shall be charged a per-claim handling surcharge based upon the total number of horses then currently trained on the date of such claim(s) (as measured by the number of stalls allocated statewide as of the date of the claim for which a surcharge is to be collected), as follows: 1 to 10 horses: \$200; 11 to 30 horses: \$400; and 31 or more horses: \$600.

### **General Information**

Should NYJICF determine that the amounts which are actually collected from (i) NYRA is inadequate to cover 86% of the NYJICF's annual cost, which is estimated to equal \$7,546,798 and and/or (ii) FLRA is inadequate to cover 14% of the NYJICF's annual cost, which is estimated to equal \$1,228,549, respectively, then the NYJICF will seek additional funds pursuant to the Racing, Pari-Mutuel Wagering and Breeding Law Section 221 (7).

- For determining the responsibility for payment of workers' compensation, an owner is the person whose account would be debited or credited when a horse runs. In the case of multiple ownership, this would be the managing partner.
- In order for trainers to reduce their stall charge, they must officially return stalls to the proper association, stall man or racing secretary within 10 days after assuming the stalls.
- The charge per stall is in no way to be construed as a payment for stall rent. This is only a method which the NYJICF uses to estimate the appropriate premium charge that is due.

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#### IN HONG KONG:

**Atullibigeal (Aus)**, g, 4, **Street Boss**--Kellys Ocean Jewel (GB), by Dansili (GB). Sha Tin, 1-1, Hcp. (C3), 1200mT, 1:09.63. B-R Harding (Vic). \*SW-NZ. \*\*A\$40,000 Wlg '19 IGLJUN; NZ\$80,000 RNA Ylg '20 NZBJAN. **VIDEO**

#### IN AUSTRALIA:

**San Huberto (Ire)**, h, 7, **Speightstown**. See 'TDN Europe--European-Bred Winners'



#### FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

2022 Stud Fees Listed

**Always Dreaming** (Bodemeister), WinStar Farm, \$10,000  
212 foals of racing age/12 winners/1 black-type winner  
4-Parx Racing, 1:16 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, Dreaming of Smarty, 10-1  
\$16,000 RNA KEE JAN wnl; \$20,000 FTK OCT yrl

**Army Mule** (Friesan Fire), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, \$12,500  
142 foals of racing age/24 winners/5 black-type winners  
9-Parx Racing, 3:31 p.m. EST, \$75K Parx Juvenile S., 7f, Recruiter, 5-2  
\$60,000 OBS WIN wnl; \$102,000 RNA FTK JUL yrl; \$125,000 OBS OPN 2yo

**Bolt d'Oro** (Medaglia d'Oro), Spendthrift Farm, \$35,000  
256 foals of racing age/29 winners/6 black-type winners  
10-Parx Racing, 3:58 p.m. EST, \$75K Parx Futurity, 7f, Lindalovesgold, 6-1

**Eastwood** (Speightstown), Blackstone Farm  
17 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners  
9-Parx Racing, 3:31 p.m. EST, \$75K Parx Juvenile S., 7f, John Dutton, 10-1

**Irish War Cry** (Curlin), Northview Stallion Station  
101 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners  
4-Parx Racing, 1:16 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, Kidman Kerry, 20-1  
\$9,000 EAS OCT yrl

#### SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

2022 Stud Fees Listed

**Blofeld** (Quality Road), Murmur Farm  
73 foals of racing age/28 winners/2 black-type winners  
10-Parx Racing, 3:58 p.m. EST, \$75K Parx Futurity, 7f, Blome, 10-1  
\$9,000 EAS DEC wnl; \$24,000 RNA EAS OCT yrl

**Comfort** (Indian Charlie), Double Tree Farm  
47 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners  
9-Sunland, 6:00 p.m. EST, Alw 5 1/2f, E Bar Scout, 8-1  
8-Sunland, 5:32 p.m. EST, Aoc 6 1/2f, Lonzo Who, 12-1

**Holy Lute** (Midnight Lute), Hidden Acres  
7 foals of racing age/2 winners/1 black-type winner  
7-Sunland, 5:04 p.m. EST, Aoc 6 1/2f, Bodie Got Gold, 3-1  
3-Sunland, 3:17 p.m. EST, Msw 5 1/2f, Jack's Hail Mary, 3-1

**Lord Nelson** (Pulpit), Spendthrift Farm  
231 foals of racing age/51 winners/3 black-type winners  
10-Parx Racing, 3:58 p.m. EST, \$75K Parx Futurity, 7f, Shiny Slam, 15-1  
\$42,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$150,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo

**Proceed** (Desert God), A & A Ranch  
17 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners  
3-Sunland, 3:17 p.m. EST, Msw 5 1/2f, Emotion N Devotion, 4-1

**Union Jackson** (Curlin), Sequel New York, pensioned  
92 foals of racing age/27 winners/2 black-type winners  
10-Parx Racing, 3:58 p.m. EST, \$75K Parx Futurity, 7f, My Sweet Khaile, 20-1  
\$15,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$9,000 RNA OBS OPN 2yo



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**STAKES RESULTS:**

**KLAQ H.**, \$65,000, Sunland, 1-1, 4yo/up, 5f, :57.06, ft.

1--**MINISTER OF SOUL, 121, g, 9, Ministers Wild Cat--Sensitive Soul, by Bernstein.** (\$16,000 Ylg '15 NCAAUG). O/T-Esteban Martinez; B-Dahlberg Farms Llc (CA); J-Harry Hernandez. \$39,000. Lifetime Record: 49-16-9-8, \$496,470. \*1/2 to Raised a Secret (Songandaprayer), SW & GSP, \$492,130; 1/2 to Sapphire Kid (Richard's Kid), SP, \$276,739.

2--**Good Bye Charlie, 119, g, 4, Adios Charlie--Magda, by Hamazing Destiny. 1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Paul Chavez; B-Tom McCrocklin (FL); T-Raymond G. Valerio. \$13,000.

3--**No Pasa Nada, 121, g, 7, Attila's Storm--Charlotte's Drone, by B. G.'s Drone.** (\$22,000 RNA Ylg '17 RUIAUG). O-Christopher Nathaniel Roybal; B-Robert & DelRae Driggers (NM); T-Carlos Acosta, Jr. \$6,500.

Margins: 1 1/4, 1 1/4, 2 3/4. Odds: 0.80, 5.60, 8.20.

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**10th-Parx Racing, \$58,250, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$16,000), 1-2, 4yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:46.29, gd, 9 1/2 lengths.**

**MALIBU STAR (h, 6, Giant's Causeway--Unbound {SP, \$359,826}, by Distorted Humor)** Lifetime Record: 19-5-4-1, \$197,579. O-JKX Racing; B-Bonne Chance Farm LLC (KY); T-Ernesto Padilla-Preciado. \*\$450,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP.



**4th-Mahoning Valley, \$28,900, 1-2, (NW2L), 3yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:08.10, my, 6 3/4 lengths.**

**LILLY CHROME (f, 3, California Chrome--Lilac Lilly, by Bluegrass Cat).** Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-1, \$33,529. O-Israel Acevedo; B-New Dawn Stable, LLC & Deo Volente Farms (KY); T-Israel Acevedo. \*\$13,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT.

**3rd-Mahoning Valley, \$27,900, 1-2, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:06.26, my, 1/2 length.**

**GRAYWING (g, 5, Graydar--Fighter Wing {MSP, \$153,307}, by Empire Maker).** Lifetime Record: 9-2-2-0, \$50,013. O-Imaginary Stables; B-Twin Creeks Farm (NY); T-Jeffrey A. Radosevich. \*\$9,000 Wlg '18 FTNMIX; \$10,000 Ylg '19 EASOCT. \*\*1/2 to Glass Ceiling (**Constitution**), MGSW, \$675,412.

**5th-Turf Paradise, \$21,900, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$10,000-\$12,500), 1-2, 4yo/up, 1m (off turf), 1:36.83, my, 1 1/4 lengths. XTREME V. I. P. (g, 5, **Not This Time--My Heart's Love, by A.P. Indy**)** Lifetime Record: 10-4-1-2, \$45,521. O-Sanderson Stables LLC; B-Debby M. Oxley (KY); T-Bruce Sanderson. \*\$22,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Trinidad, g, 3, Bold Chieftain--Apollonesian, by Apollo.** Golden Gate Fields, 1-2, 1m (AWT), 1:39.51. Lifetime Record: 7-1-2-3, \$51,826. B-Shirley L. Hansen, Mad Hansen Racing & Sandlot Racing Stables (CA).

**Nyvan, f, 3, Nyquist--Full of Sugar, by Candy Ride (Arg).** Santa Anita, 1-2, (S), 1mT, 1:37.87. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-1, \$67,600. B-Reddam Racing, LLC (CA). \*\$40,000 RNA 2yo '22 EASMAV.

**Good as Gone, f, 3, Nyquist--Rapid Racer (SW), by Forest Wildcat.** Santa Anita, 1-2, (C), (C), 6f, 1:09.80. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-0, \$27,200. B-Ron Boone Family Trust (KY). \*\$80,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP.

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**Still in the Trap, g, 3, Proceed--Renewed Vows (MSW, \$285,349), by Attila's Storm.** Sunland, 1-1, (S), 6f, 1:10.69. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$29,080. B-R. D. Hubbard (NM).

**Tootuftoswallow, f, 3, Stay Thirsty--Miss Remembering, by Misremembered.** Santa Anita, 1-2, (S), (C), 6f, 1:11.67. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$23,400. B-George Jacobs (CA). \*1ST-TIME STARTER.

**Rebel Girl, f, 4, Noble Mission (GB)--She's a Beauty, by Storm Cat.** Santa Anita, 1-2, 5 1/2fT, 1:05.15. Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-0, \$58,600. B-Pamela Deegan & W. S. Farish (KY). \*\$6,000 Wlg '19 KEENOV; \$25,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP; \$285,000 2yo '21 OBSAPR.

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**Arrogate**, Mr Fisk, c, 3, o/o Plein Air (Ire), by Manduro (Ger). MSW, 1-2, Santa Anita

**Bold Chieftain**, Trinidad, g, 3, o/o Apollonesian, by Apollo. MSW, 1-2, Golden Gate

**California Chrome**, Lilly Chrome, f, 3, o/o Lilac Lilly, by Bluegrass Cat. ALW, 1-2, Mahoning Valley

**Charming Thought (GB)**, Amy C (GB), m, 5, o/o Alzahra (GB), by Exceed And Excel (Aus). GIII Las Cienegas S., 1-2, Santa Anita

**Giant's Causeway**, Malibu Star, h, 6, o/o Unbound, by Distorted Humor. AOC, 1-2, Parx Racing

**Graydar**, Graywing, g, 5, o/o Fighter Wing, by Empire Maker. ALW, 1-2, Mahoning Valley

**Justin Phillip**, A Lot of Spunk, m, 5, o/o Corinthian's Lark, by Corinthian. AOC, 1-2, Turf Paradise

**Liam's Map**, Winnin'onweekends, g, 3, o/o Whistling Straits, by Scat Daddy. MSW, 1-2, Parx Racing

**Ministers Wild Cat**, Minister of Soul, g, 9, o/o Sensitive Soul, by Bernstein. KLAQ H., 1-1, Sunland

**Muhaarar (GB)**, Motorious (GB), g, 5, o/o Squash (GB), by Pastoral Pursuits (GB). AOC, 1-2, Santa Anita

**Noble Mission (GB)**, Rebel Girl, f, 4, o/o She's a Beauty, by Storm Cat. MSW, 1-2, Santa Anita

**Not This Time**, Xtreme V. I. P., g, 5, o/o My Heart's Love, by A.P. Indy. AOC, 1-2, Turf Paradise

**Nyquist**, Good as Gone, f, 3, o/o Rapid Racer, by Forest Wildcat. MOC, 1-2, Santa Anita


**Nyquist**, Nyvan, f, 3, o/o Full of Sugar, by **Candy Ride (Arg)**. MSW, 1-2, Santa Anita

**Proceed**, Still in the Trap, g, 3, o/o Renewed Vows, by Attila's Storm. MSW, 1-1, Sunland

**Stay Thirsty**, Tootufftoswallow, f, 3, o/o Miss Remembering, by Misremembered. MCL, 1-2, Santa Anita


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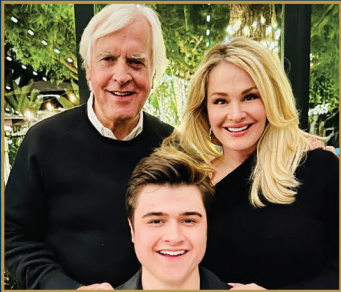




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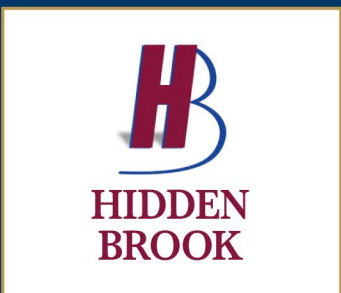
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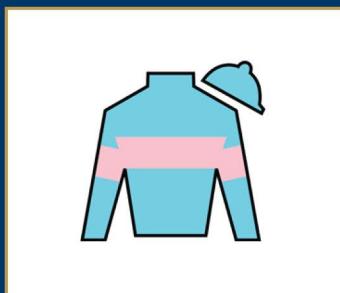
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## RAJASINGHE: 'A FEW PEOPLE HAVE COTTONED ON TO THE STATS'



Rajasinghe has an 80% strike rate with his first-crop runners

National Stud photo

By Emma Berry

Everybody loves a bargain, especially in January in the midst of a cost-of-living crisis. The latter may barely have affected the bloodstock sales so far, but a knock-on effect may be felt if smaller or syndicate owners start to reduce their racing investment, which in turn would surely have a bearing eventually on the lower end of the yearling market. The top tier generally takes care of itself, while the middle market has been given a great boost by increased international participation, though that in itself is not necessarily a great boost for the long-term health of racing and breeding in Britain and Ireland.

Breeders with mating plans still to be decided, and who may be wincing at some of the stallion fees advertised, could do worse than adding the name of Rajasinghe (Ire) to their list of sires under consideration.

We talked to **Rajasinghe's owner Phil Cunningham** back in April just ahead of the son of Choisir (Aus) being represented by his first runner, Talamanca (GB). That Mickley Stud-bred gelding has now run 11 times for three wins and is the most prolific of his sire's runners.

As noted by Brian Sheerin when assessing the **last year's freshman sires** in Saturday's *TDN*, the group numbers only 10 to date, but remarkably eight of them won races in 2022, and three achieved an official rating of 80+, headed by the listed-placed Waiting All Night (GB), a Cunningham homebred.

Last spring, Cunningham told *TDN*: "He's had limited numbers and limited support so I think we've got to do it the hard way, which is to do it ourselves."

"We've got a nice little crop this year, some more next year and a few more the following year. Hopefully he will become more popular with everyone else by then and he'll have a few more runners."

Doubtless the owner-breeder is delighted with the start made by his stallion, who, like Cunningham's dual Classic winner Cockney Rebel (Ire) before him, is standing at the National Stud. The Newmarket farm is sure to have plenty of visitors this spring, with Stradivarius (Ire) still exerting plenty of pulling power and Lope Y Fernandez (Ire) likely to be busy again. But those visiting should not ignore the well-made son of the late Choisir, who was a very good stallion in his own right and whose prowess continues to be so well advertised by his Irish-based son **Starspangledbanner (Aus)**. **Cont. p3**



Waiting All Night won on debut and is listed-placed | Racingfotos

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## 12 QUESTIONS: KEVIN PHILLIPPART DE FOY

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*Kevin Phillippart de Foy is next up in the 12 Questions hotseat. Find out his feelings on who will be the leading first-crop sire of 2023 as well as his favourite racehorse.*

## DEBUT WINNER FOR ALMANZOR DOWN UNDER

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*Already the sire of G1 Victoria Derby hero Manzoice (Aus), dual-hemisphere sire Almanzor (Fr) was represented by his 16th Australasian winner when New Level (NZ) broke his maiden at first asking Monday at Terang in Victoria.*

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**Rajasinghe cont. from p1**

It doesn't necessarily follow that Rajasinghe will be similarly successful, and of course he will need to build on that 80% strike-rate with some proper stakes horses if he is to take his career to the next level, but he has dropped enough hints during the last year that he can get your mare a runner if given the chance.



Richard Spencer | Emma Berry photo

So far, outside the backing of his owner, he hasn't been given many opportunities. He had 24 foals in his first crop, 14 in his second, which are the juveniles for this coming season, and 26 born in 2022. Only once has he covered a black-type winner, and in his most recent season he is listed with Weatherbys as having covered just nine mares, mostly owned by the Cunningham family. One of the outside breeders, Morecool Racing, will be pleased to have supported him again this year as, since they sent New Road Side (GB) (Paco Boy {Ire}) back to be covered, her Rajasinghe son Hougomont (GB) has won two of his four starts for Julie Camacho.

The majority of the stallion's offspring of racing age are in the stable of Richard Spencer, the retained trainer for Cunningham's Rebel Racing and for whom Rajasinghe was a breakout star when winning the G2 Coventry S. in 2017 in Spencer's second season with a licence.

The Newmarket trainer admits with a smile that he is of course biased, but he is also well placed to have a handle on plenty of Rajasinghe's runners so far. He says, "He's basically stamped his offspring very much like himself. He was very laid-back. He thrived on his work and was very easy in himself and had a great attitude with everything he did."

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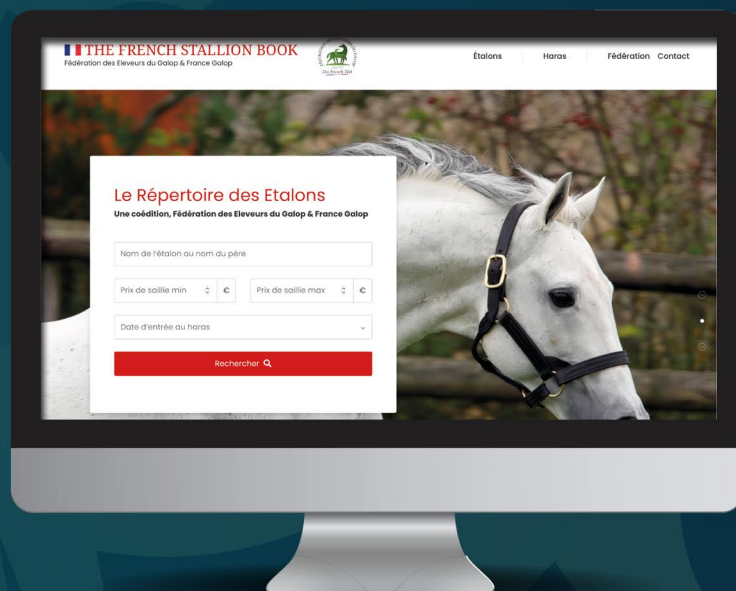
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## Rajasinghe cont.

"From the mares that have been sent to him, and this is no disrespect to any of them, they weren't the best mares that you could have asked for, but he has definitely upgraded them judging on progeny they've produced in the past. Their attitudes are great, wind great, and for what is on offer for breeders at that level in England, you can't really find anything much better, I don't think, on the market."

Spencer continues, "I know I'm probably biased, but we've had such great success this season from the horses that have run, and everything has won or been placed. The ones that have been placed that haven't won will win. And the ones we haven't run, for various little reasons, that will run in this year coming have all got ability to win races. There's not one amongst them you think, 'Oh God, we're not going to win with him.'

"They are all capable of winning, from relatively low-grade mares, and they've got size and scope. I think a few people have cottoned on to the stats, but I think [his offspring] are value for money and real 'trainers' horses' at the moment, whilst they're able to be bought."

Spencer has had a fresh intake of horses who have just turned two and says that better results could be seen this year.

"I genuinely think the ones we've got coming through are a better quality again. Phil had some some fillies with decent ratings that have gone to stud to support him and I think in the next couple of years we'll see even better quality coming through," he notes.

"So it's exciting from our side of things, seeing it behind the scenes with what we've got to come, and with the GBB scheme running as well now, which is fantastic, it's a big incentive to be sending a mare to a British stallion."

Rajasinghe was 15th overall in the first-crop sires' table for Britain and Ireland on prize-money. When judged by number of individual winners, he achieved a top-10 finish with far fewer runners than any of his rivals in that top echelon--and of course on his percentage of winners to runners he was best of all at 80%.

For a stallion standing right down the bottom of the fee table at £3,000, a strike-rate at the top of the table should perhaps open a few eyes, hopefully followed by a few wallets.

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## 12 QUESTIONS

*With Kevin Philippart de Foy*

### First job in the Thoroughbred industry?

I started riding for Stephane Cerulis during the summer holidays back in Belgium when I was aged 14.

### Biggest influence on your career?

Criquette Head. She is like a second mum, the best advisor and most importantly she made me fall in love with training.

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

Treve. I was lucky enough to ride her while she was in training which was a fantastic experience.

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

Blue Point.

### Greatest race in the world?

Being born on the continent, I have to put the Arc on par with The Derby.

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## ANOTHER FIRST-CROP WINNER

# TASLEET

Showcasing - Bird Key (Cadeaux Genereux)

Sire of **ABBEY'S DREAM**

Winner: Restricted Maiden Stakes (GBB Race), 7f, Newcastle

Owner: Ontoawinner & Partner

Breeder: Kirtlington Stud Ltd

Trainer: Archie Watson

  
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Fee: £6,000 Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, SLF





Kevin Philippart de Foy | Tattersalls

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

Aidan O'Brien. I have been fascinated by him since I was young, and his track record speaks for itself.

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

Tegan Clarke and Ellie Whittaker at WC Equine in Newmarket. They have broken and pre-trained several horses for me since I started training and have consigned some breeze-ups with great success.

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

Vadeni.

**Under-the-radar stallion?**

Cotai Glory.

**Friday night treat?**

A glass of red (preferably Bordeaux) with my girlfriend and the dog.

**Guilty pleasure outside racing?**

Eating. I'm a massive fan of good food.

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

Alpinista winning the Arc this year. I watched it in the green room at Tattersalls and the atmosphere was amazing. I can only imagine what it must have been like on course. A well-deserved result for a great team.

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## BRITAIN

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Alicefromumbridge (GB)**, f, 3, **Master Carpenter (Ire)**--Indian Flash (GB), by Sepoy (Aus). Lingfield, 1-2, 8f 1y (AWT), 1:40.82.

Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$4,117. B-Rosie Gedge-Gibson (GB).

**Mohatu (GB)**, c, 3, **Roaring Lion**--Tiger Eye (Ire), by **Frankel (GB)**.

Lingfield, 1-2, 8f 1y (AWT), 1:39.62. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$6,737. B-The Tiger Eye Partnership (GB).

**Abbey's Dream (GB)**, f, 3, **Tasleet (GB)**--Blue Oyster (GB), by Medicean (GB). Newcastle, 1-2, 7f 14y (AWT), 1:30.92.

Lifetime Record: 5-1-3-0, \$11,401. B-Kirtlington Stud Ltd (GB).

\*£25,000 Ylg '21 GOFFUK.

## FRANCE

## CONDITIONS RESULTS:

**3rd-Pau**, €18,000, Cond, 1-2, 4yo/up, 7f (AWT), 1:24.30, st. **NORDESTE (FR)** (h, 6, **Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}**--**Hidden Cove {Ire}** {MSP-Fr, \$140,802}, by **Nayef**) Lifetime Record: 55-8-5-7, €162,640. O/T-Ion Elarre Alvarez; B-Marquise de Moratalla (FR). \*€7,000 Ylg '18 ARQOCT.

**5th-Marseille-Pont de Vivaux**, €15,000, Cond, 1-2, 4yo/up, 13f (AWT), 2:53.02, st.

**SCENARISTE (FR)** (m, 6, **Zanzibari--Seance {Ger}**, by **Manduro {Ger}**) Lifetime Record: 24-5-5-4, €79,400. O-Alexis Doussot; B-ML Bloodstock Ltd (FR); T-Nicolas Perret.

## ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**La Gite (GB)**, f, 3, **Sioux Nation**--Andrina (Ire), by Tertullian. Marseille-Pont de Vivaux, 1-2, 10f (AWT), 2:10.96. B-Manfred Wurtenberger (GB). \*€24,000 HRA '22 ARQNOV.

**Santhia (Fr)**, f, 3, **Ultra (Ire)**--Suertez, by Shamardal. Marseille-Pont de Vivaux, 1-2, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:33.84. B-Jean-Pierre-Joseph Dubois (FR).



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## IN HONG KONG:

**Coming Patch (Ire)**, g, 4, **Dabirsim (Fr)**--Dierama (Ire), by Dark Angel (Ire). Sha Tin, 1-1, Hcp. (C4), 1600mT, 1:35.29. B-Mrs S M Rogers. \*SP-Eng. \*\*Formerly Detail (Ire). \*\*€26,000 RNA Wlg '19 GOFNOV; £15,000 Ylg '20 GOFSEP. **VIDEO**

## IN AUSTRALIA:

**Zoom (GB)**, c, 4, **Adaay (Ire)**--The Giving Tree (Ire), by Rock of Gibraltar (Ire). Terang, 1-2, Maiden, 1600mT, 1:37.02. B-The Batsford Stud. \*1/2 to Quick (GB) (Olympic Glory {Ire}), GSW-US, \$170,335. \*\*2,500gns Wlg '19 TATDEF; 45,000gns RNA Ylg '20 TATOCT.

**San Huberto (Ire)**, h, 7, **Speightstown**--Sediciosa (Ire) (GSW-Fr, \$161,436), by Rail Link (GB). Flemington, 1-1, Bagot H.-Listed, 2800mT, 2:53.92. B-Gestut Zur Kuste AG. \*GSW-Fr, SP-US. \*\*€70,000 Ylg '17 ARQAUG; €75,000 RNA 2yo '18 ARQMAY.

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**New Level (NZ)**, c, 3, **Almanzor (Fr)**--Honeymoon (NZ), by Zabeel (NZ). Terang, 1-2, Maiden, 1200mT, 1:11.42. B-Mrs J M Wanless. \*1ST-TIME STARTER.

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