

TAKING STOCK: THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE UGLY OF 2022



Flightline | Benoit

by Sid Fernando

Sergio Leone's 1966 masterpiece, "The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly," was the last and best of a trilogy of Leone spaghetti westerns that upended the traditional genre.

Before Leone and other Italian directors like Sergio Corbucci set about redefining the Old West in Europe, traditional domestic westerns featured clean-cut leads like John Wayne, Alan Ladd, Gregory Peck, Gary Cooper, and Jimmy Stewart in films by directors like John Ford and Howard Hawks that clearly delineated the good from the bad and ugly. Not so Leone, who made the genre surreal and messy, and for him the good wasn't as easily distinguishable from the bad and ugly.

Clint Eastwood, Leone's star, was an anti-hero gunslinger with five-day stubble on a perpetually squinting face, a cigarillo between his lips, and a signature poncho draped over his tall frame.

When he flipped the poncho over his left shoulder, he was ready to draw the Colt Navy holstered on his thigh, and when he did, any gunfight was over in the blink of an eye. He was faster than fast--and unbelievably so.

Racing in 2022 was messy and surreal and was a Sergio Leone film in my mind, not a John Ford movie with clear-cut heroes and bad guys. **Flightline** was the star, playing the Eastwood role. No one was faster. **Cont. p7**

BARTON ALL IN AS BALDWIN BLOODSTOCK MAKES ITS THIRD JANUARY APPEARANCE

by Jessica Martini

When Amy Bunt and John Barton teamed up to present their first consignment as Baldwin Bloodstock at the 2021 Keeneland January Horses of All Ages Sale, Barton was still based in Southern California and making a living underwriting auto loans. Two years on, Barton has made the transition full-time to the Bluegrass and Baldwin Bloodstock is set to present six horses in its third January consignment. While earning a living in the industry might have been a new experience when he joined forces with Bunt two years ago, Barton was anything but a novice to the sport.

"I grew up in San Gabriel, which is a stone throw from Santa Anita, about 10 minutes south of Santa Anita," Barton said. "My dad, Neil Barton, owned horses back in the early '70s. And he went to a high school called Mark Keppel in Ahambra. He and Wayne Hughes of Spendthrift used to take bets out for their teachers during class." **Cont. p3**

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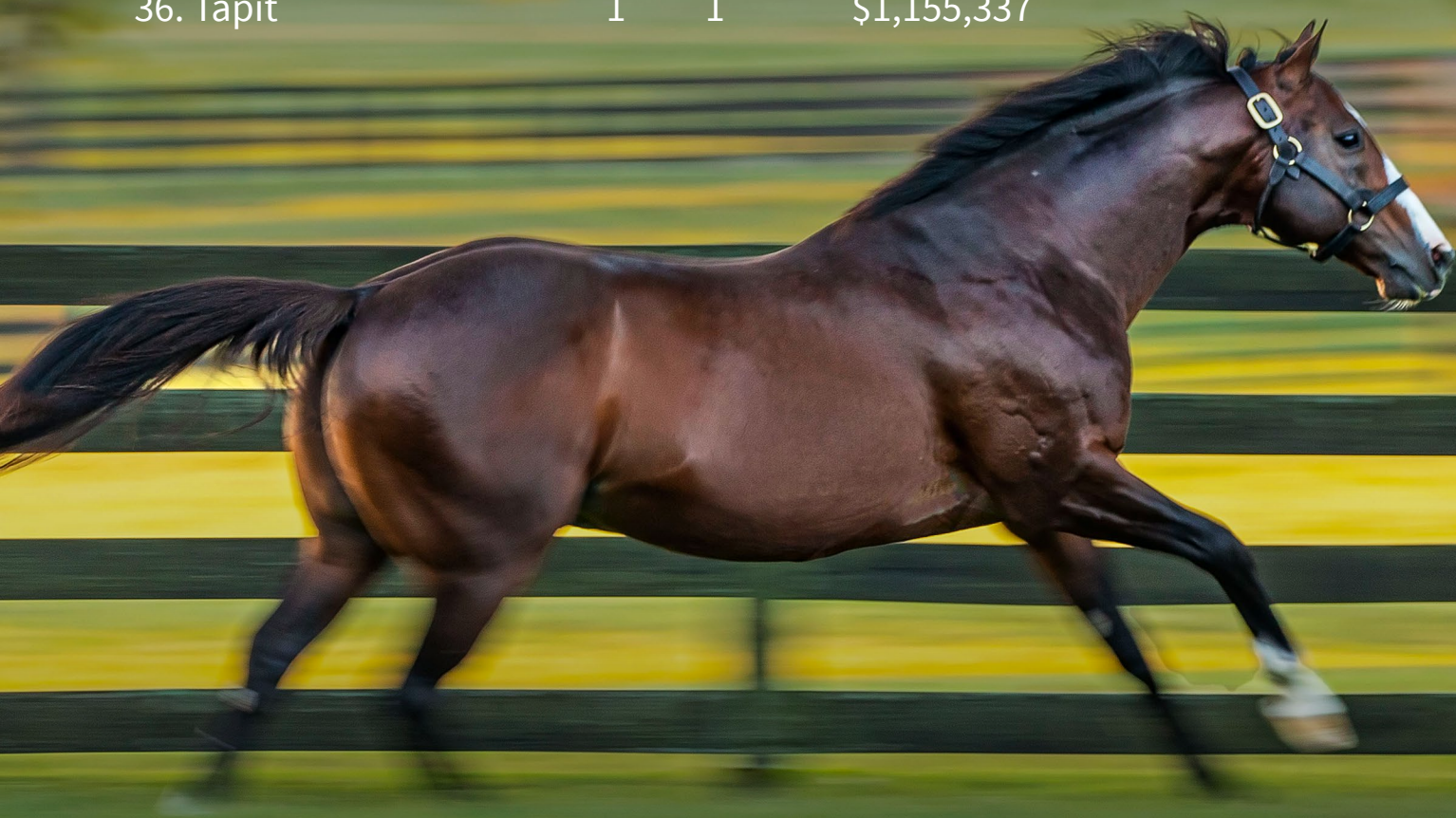
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22. Gun Runner	-	-	\$1,371,274
32. Quality Road	3	1	\$1,206,838
36. Tapit	1	1	\$1,155,337



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Flightline romps in the GI Longines Breeders' Cup Classic at Keeneland. | Horsephotos

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Barton All In at Baldwin Bloodstock

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Barton continued, "This was in the late '40s and early '50s. They would drive up to Santa Anita, make the bets and come back. My dad and Wayne were best friends forever, he was kind of like an uncle to me. So that's kind of how it got started."

Barton's cousins Bob and Jude Feld have been involved in all facets of the game and, early on, Barton had dreams of following Jude into the Southern California training ranks.

"In the summer of 1996, when I thought I wanted to be a trainer, Jude said, 'Well, I have a string of horses at Fairplex.' I said, 'I want to give it a shot.' So that summer, I would walk hots for him. I did it for a full summer, seven days a week getting up at 4 a.m. Bob was the supervisor for that string at Pomona while Jude was at Del Mar during the summer. So Bob

was running the show and I was a hotwalker. After three months of that, I said, 'I don't want to be a trainer anymore.' I went back to school that September and got my degree in finance in 1997 and went straight into auto financing."

But Barton never lost his love of racing.

"I still had my eye on horse racing and the business," he said. "I would go to Santa Anita whenever Wayne had a horse running—he still lived in Southern California at the time and hadn't purchased Spendthrift yet. So every time he ran a horse, my dad and I would go and I was able to pick his brain and talk about the business."

It wasn't until 2020 that Barton finally made his first trip to Kentucky.

"My mom and dad used to come out a lot and visit Wayne

and his wife Patty," Barton recalled. "They would come home and tell me how great it is. But I never got to."



A young Wayne Hughes with childhood friend Neil Barton

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"Then in March of 2020, right as the pandemic hit, I kind of invited myself to Spendthrift," he said. "Wayne and his wife said, 'Yeah, come out and stay with us, you can see the farm and you can see if you like it out here.' So I got to Kentucky and I fell in love with it. I walked around Spendthrift, saw all the stallions and all the babies--it was March, so babies were being born as we were out there. My sisters and husbands were with me and they said, 'You know so much about the farm and everything,'--because I was rattling off statistics and numbers and history, they said, 'You should get a job here.' And we kind of laughed it off."



B. Wayne Hughes with John Barton | photo courtesy John Barton

He continued, "I went back home to California, to my auto finance, but I was kind of tired of it. I came out again to Kentucky in September of 2020 for the yearling sales. I stayed with Wayne and Patty. Spendthrift was very involved with the yearling sales, so I walked around with Ned Toffey, the general manager of Spendthrift, and their crew just learning about everything. One thing led to another and Wayne said, 'Why don't you move out here?'"

As he was contemplating the jump to Kentucky, Bob Feld introduced his cousin to Bunt, who was just launching her Baldwin Bloodstock. Bunt had been a partner in the Select Sales Agency, but was looking to pick up the slack when that consignment disbanded.

"I thought it sounded interesting," Barton said of the opportunity to partner on the consignment, but Hughes had other ideas.

"I got on the phone with Wayne and he said, 'I don't know much about consignments. But I want you to come out here and be the tour guide for Spendthrift. You are a hard working, you like to talk, you know your history, you'd be perfect for it.'"

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So Barton decided to do both. He sold his home in Southern California in February of 2021 and moved to Lexington the following month. He lived in a cabin at Spendthrift while giving tours to MyRacehorse owners.

Living on the farm gave Barton the opportunity to spend time with, and learn from, Hughes in the final months of the entrepreneur's life.

"I think he saw a little bit of my dad in me," Barton said. "That's why we got along so well. He loved telling stories from way back when. And we talked horses and the business. And he was always worried about me. He told me, 'I think you'll do well as long as you work as hard as your dad did.'"

Baldwin Bloodstock had its biggest results at the November sales of 2021, selling C J's Gal (Awesome Again), dam of GIII Pocahontas S. winner Hidden Connection (**Connect**), for \$450,000 at Fasig-Tipton and Jazz Tune (Johannesburg), dam of GI Breeders' Futurity winner Rattle N Roll (**Connect**) for \$585,000 at Keeneland.

By 2022, the Baldwin consignment to the Keeneland November sale included 24 horses and was led by a son of **Tiz the Law** who sold for \$105,000.

After that success with a first-crop sire, Baldwin returns to the Keeneland January sale with six horses, four of whom are short yearlings by first-crop sires. The group includes a filly by **Global Campaign** (hip 111), a daughter of **Gift Box** (hip 181), a filly by **Higher Power** (hip 1128), and a colt by Thousand Words (hip 1166).

"I know those first-crop sires, those babies sold well for all of them pretty much, we just hope it keeps going," Barton said.

The Baldwin consignment also includes a short yearling filly by GI Belmont S. winner **Tapwrit** (hip 1175), whose unbeaten 3-year-old son Victory Formation just acquired GI Kentucky Derby points with a win in the Smarty Jones S. Sunday at Oaklawn. The gray filly is the first foal out of stakes-placed Duchess of Sussex.



Amy Bunt | photo courtesy John Barton

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1	Oscar Performance	\$20,000	31	11	1	0	7.86f	Andthewinneris (\$274,893)	\$1,082,906
2	More Than Ready	Died	33	9	1	0	6.9f	Pleasant Passage (\$337,750)	\$913,316
3	Mendelssohn	\$25,000	46	10	1	0	6.96f	Delight (\$224,020)	\$912,423
4	City of Light	\$60,000	20	5	0	0	7.17f	Chop Chop (\$336,700)	\$839,486
5	Cairo Prince	\$15,000	29	8	0	0	7.33f	Cairo Consort (\$259,922)	\$774,337
6	Constitution	\$110,000	11	7	0	0	6.57f	Webslinger (\$316,600)	\$768,882
7	Bolt d'Oro	\$35,000	31	8	2	0	7.56f	Major Dude (\$120,000)	\$670,163
8	Jimmy Creed	\$10,000	8	1	0	0	5.83f	Private Creed (\$599,313)	\$638,218
9	Munnings	\$100,000	28	6	0	0	6.5f	Dunedin (\$174,000)	\$608,745
10	Army Mule	\$12,500	13	3	0	0	7.2f	Danse Macabre (\$390,900)	\$599,450

"We are excited about her," Barton said. "Duchess of Sussex was a black-type placed filly owned by Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners. She has Eclipse written all over her because they owned **Tapwrit** and they owned Duchess of Sussex. And the timing is perfect with Victory Formation winning Sunday."

The Baldwin consignment is rounded out by the 6-year-old broodmare **Mopolka (Uncle Mo) (hip 962)**, who is offered in foal to **Improbable**.

"These days everybody is looking for young broodmare prospects, so we like her a lot," Barton said.

The business partnership between Barton, with his financial background, and Bunt would seem to be a match made in heaven. Bunt's vast experience in the racing industry includes stints with Coolmore in Australia, Van Meter Sales, Niall Brennan Stables and Eaton Sales, as well as time as a veterinary technician at Hagyard Davison McGee.

"Together, we make a great team," Barton said. "It's absolutely perfect that I handle the financial stuff and she does the horse stuff. I am learning more about the horse stuff, about conformation. I knew a little bit about the breeding, but I am learning more. And you can't help but learn when you are around Amy because she just knows so much. If anyone was born to be in this business, it's her. She lives and breathes it. And I am starting to do that myself."

As for the future of Baldwin Bloodstock, Barton said, "Hopefully someday we would like to get into the yearling sales, but right now we are still focused on the weanlings and mixed sales. I'd like to go Maryland and maybe Saratoga, we will see how it goes. We would love to expand, but still keep it small enough to where we can provide the attention that the horse and the client deserve."

The Keeneland January sale will be held next Monday through Thursday with bidding commencing each day at 10 a.m.

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by Sid Fernando



The Good, the Bad and the Ugly of 2022

(cont. from p1)

Here's the year's Good, Bad, and Ugly, boiled down in three acts.

The Good

The Good was **Flightline** (Tapit), wasn't it? He was good, but not so in the traditional sense for some, because he didn't race often like their racing heroes from the past. His detractors have grumbled, too, that he's not competing in 2023 because his connections are cashing out on his massive stud value. Some conspiracy theorists on social media have gone so far as to insinuate the \$4.6-million share purchased by an undisclosed buyer at auction at Keeneland was engineered by the colt's ownership group to inflate his value. In reality, the share was bought fair and square by Travis Boersma, the billionaire co-founder of Dutch Bros. Coffee, with Coolmore the underbidder. In fact, Boersma has since purchased another share in **Flightline**.

As for how good **Flightline** was, the results of the recent GI Malibu S. and GI San Antonio S. add to the tale: **Taiba** (**Gun Runner**), beaten 8 3/4 lengths in third by **Flightline** in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic, won the former by 4 1/4 lengths; and **Country Grammar** (**Tonalist**), second by 19 1/4 lengths to **Flightline** in the GI Pacific Classic, won the latter by 4 1/2 lengths. At the time, the Pacific Classic impacted me in a way I haven't felt in a long time, and when Lane's End asked me to write the entry for **Flightline** for its annual stallion brochure, I wrote of that race in particular and said, in part:

*He was a hot Santa Ana wind blowing in from the San Diego mountains that day. He not only fried the competition in the Pacific Classic, but also the ability to think straight in the immediate aftermath. It was difficult to coherently put into words what was seen and felt as **Flightline** crossed the line. There was something unsettling about it, something that asked, "Is this real?"*

Joan Didion, that great American writer from California, once said this about the Santa Ana winds: "The Pacific turned ominously glossy during a Santa Ana period, and one woke in the night troubled not only by the peacocks screaming in the olive trees but by the eerie absence of surf. The heat was surreal. The sky had a yellow cast, the kind of light sometimes called 'earthquake weather.'"

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*Didion's words capture the otherworldly essence and collective disbelief of what was witnessed at Del Mar. It had been, after all, only **Flightline's** fifth race. Previously, he'd dominated a field of Grade I winners by six lengths in the one-mile GI Metropolitan H. at Belmont. His only other stakes outing before the Met Mile came in the seven-furlong GI Malibu S. at Santa Anita, which he won by 11 1/2 lengths.*

*In the days following the Pacific Classic, as the magnitude of accomplishment settled in, journalists waxed lyrically about **Flightline's** performance, but the most telling verdicts came from unsentimental makers of figures and ratings: 126 from Beyer, the fastest in almost 20 years and the second-best ever; -8 1/2 from Thoro-Graph, the best in its history; -2 from Ragozin, an indicator of highly elite class; and a ranking of 143 from the internationally respected Timeform, which places **Flightline** tops among American horses of all time and within range of the publication's highest-ever weighted horse, **Frankel**, at 147.*

Flightline was clearly special.

The Bad

The handling of HISA was bad--twice over. There's no way to sugarcoat this. The bill was first passed without industry consensus when Sen. Mitch McConnell, Republican and then Majority Leader in the senate, tacked it on to the year-end spending bill in 2020, and after a part of it was found unconstitutional last year, Sen. McConnell, now Minority Leader, once again attached an amendment to it to the spending bill last month with corrective language that's supposed to address the issue the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals found objectionable, which is that government power was delegated to a private entity without adequate government supervision.

Sen. McConnell, in this role, plays the part actor Lee Van Cleef did in the Leone film, the hired gun Angel Eyes. Part of the entry for Angel Eyes in Wikipedia reads: "A ruthless... mercenary... always finishes a job for which he is paid." Who hired--lobbied is the polite word--Sen. McConnell? Pro-HISA advocates, including The Jockey Club, a mostly Republican organization. And why is this ironic and even surreal? Because many of the constitutional issues being litigated in courts around HISA are anti-Republican stances about states' rights and regulatory measures. And many of the federal justices ruling on these issues were named to the bench by Republican Presidents, whose appointments were supported by Sen. McConnell and most Republicans.

What happens if another conservative judge rules against HISA in one of several suits on the table at the moment? You already know: Sen. McConnell will be back to tack another amendment to the spending bill a year from now.

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14TH STAKES WINNER OF 2022....

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2022 LEADING SIRES OF STAKES WINNERS

RK	STALLION (2023 FEE)	SWs
1	Into Mischief (\$250,000)	27
2	MUNNINGS (\$100,000)	15
3	UNCLE MO (\$150,000)	14
-	Quality Road (\$200,000)	14
-	Not This Time (\$135,000)	14
-	Constitution (\$110,000)	14

Source: TDN, 1/3/23

3 of his sons have
already sired Gr.1 winners

TOP PERFORMERS IN 2022...

MO DONEGAL won Belmont Stakes-Gr.1 and Wood Memorial Stakes-Gr.2

GOLDEN PAL won Woodford Stakes-Gr.2 and Shakertown Stakes-Gr.2.

He had previously won the BC Turf Sprint-Gr.1, BC Juv. Turf Sprint-Gr.2, Woodford Stakes-Gr.2 etc. and now stands alongside his sire at Ashford for 2023.

Kentucky Derby Contenders Top 12

1) **ARABIAN KNIGHT** (c, **Uncle Mo**--Borealis Night, by Astrology)

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Sen. McConnell and his posse should have had this right from the beginning, with industry consensus and a clear understanding that any challenges to HISA would come from McConnell's own party and be adjudicated by justices put in place by them.

The Ugly

Who will be the champion 3-year-old colt of 2022? Will it be **Epicenter** (**Not This Time**), who won one Grade I race last year, or will it be Taiba, the winner of three? I tweeted this recently from the WTC company account, @Sirewatch:

*"In the match-up for Eclipse 3yo between **Epicenter** vs. **Taiba**, the winner is Ron Winchell. He owns **Epicenter** and is a major shareholder in **Gun Runner**, the sire of **Taiba**."*

Winchell is a leading man from a John Ford film, a John Wayne type of winner.

Taiba is owned by Amr Zedan, a Saudi businessman, and trained by Hall of Famer Bob Baffert, both of whom are Sergio

Leone characters, perhaps a composite in this case of the Eli Wallach role of Tuco, a wanted Mexican bandit in "The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly."

Things certainly got ugly for Zedan and Baffert after their

Medina Spirit (Protonico) tested positive for betamethasone after the 2021 GI Kentucky Derby, and events have snowballed from there, including the Churchill Downs ban of Baffert and the subsequent lawsuits filed by Zedan and Baffert in response. All of this translated to negative publicity and quite likely cost Medina Spirit an Eclipse Award.

The champion 3-year-old colt of 2021 was Godolphin's **Essential Quality** (**Tapit**), who won two Grade I races, the same as Medina Spirit. Except Medina Spirit also defeated older horses by winning the

GI Awesome Again--something his rival didn't do--and finished ahead of **Essential Quality** the two times they met, in the Derby (**Essential Quality** was fourth) and the Breeders' Cup Classic (Medina Spirit was second to **Knicks Go** and **Essential Quality** was third).



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The resilient Zedan and Baffert are somehow back again with Taiba, but how will voters respond this time? Will they snub Zedan and Baffert again and go with **Epicenter**, who had a fine campaign that included a win in the prestigious GI **Runhappy** Travers S.? Or will they jettison both dirt colts and go for Godolphin's **Modern Games (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}), who won two Grade I races on turf against older horses? Don't scoff, there's been some chatter about that on social media among potential voters.

Owner and handicapper (and economics professor) Marshall Gramm recently noted on Twitter the similarities of Taiba, **Epicenter**, and Modern Games to the trio of Snow Chief (three Grade I wins), Ferdinand (one), and Manila (three, all on turf) from 1986. Snow Chief won the Eclipse that year, but Manila, an outstanding turf horse, was the best of the three. Back then, however, turf racing didn't have the same stature it now seems to hold with some voters.

These days it's hard to agree on anything. Consensus is elusive. The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly are seemingly interchangeable, depending on viewpoint. And facts seem to matter less than opinion. That's the chaos that Leone captured in 1966, and it's very much alive now.

Welcome to 2023.

Sid Fernando is president and CEO of Werk Thoroughbred Consultants, Inc., originator of the Werk Nick Rating and eNicks.

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HISA, FTC FILE TO GET FIFTH CIRCUIT OPINIONS VACATED, CASES REHEARD

by T.D. Thornton

Citing the year-end **passage into law** of a bill that included language giving the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) more rule-making authority in the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA), officials from HISA and the FTC who are defendants in two lawsuits before the Fifth Circuit United States Court of Appeals filed four separate documents on Tuesday seeking to vacate two opinions related to constitutionality issues and get rehearings in both cases.

In one lawsuit initiated by the National Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (NHBPA) and 12 of its affiliates against personnel from the HISA Authority and the FTC, the Fifth Circuit **ruled on Nov. 18** that HISA was unconstitutional because it "delegates unsupervised government power to a private entity," and thus "violates the private non-delegation doctrine." In this case, the defendants fired back with a pair of "emergency" motions and petitions Jan. 3.

Those filings essentially said that Congress and the President

have done their parts to clear up any lingering constitutional ambiguity, and now the Fifth Circuit is obliged to do its duty to "say what the law is" with regard to HISA.

"This is the rare case where critical 'dialogue between and among the branches of Government,' has worked in real time both to advance Congress's pressing policy goals and to address the judiciary's asserted constitutional concerns," the HISA and FTC defendants stated, referring to how swiftly--just over a month--the legislative and executive branches reacted to the Fifth Circuit's unconstitutionality ruling on HISA.

"Since their July 1 effectiveness date, the new [HISA] regulations have brought much-needed safety reforms to the benefit of horses and horseracing participants and, in turn, have begun to restore integrity to the sport," the defendants stated.

"A few weeks ago, however, this Court held that HISA violates the private-nondelegation doctrine.... Because (in the panel's view) the FTC lacked 'the final word on the substance of the rules, the panel concluded that the Authority did not 'function subordinately to the agency.'"

The motion to vacate continued: "Congress heard this Court's concern and acted swiftly to resolve it. On Dec. 23 Congress again enacted, and on Dec. 29 President Biden signed into law, bipartisan legislation--this time amending the operative language of HISA to fix the alleged constitutional defect the panel had identified...

"Accordingly, the [Fifth Circuit] panel opinion--predicated on a prior version of HISA that no longer exists and that Congress purposefully replaced--cannot stand. Congress's direct response to the constitutional concern at the heart of the panel opinion--obviating the principal basis for Plaintiffs-Appellants' constitutional objection--strongly supports affirmance of the district court's judgment.

"But regardless of how and when the Court ultimately adjudicates this appeal, the panel should vacate its opinion and the judgment of the Court forthwith to prevent the serious harms that mount each day from the now-moot holding that the former version of the Act is facially unconstitutional...

"The panel should rehear this case in light of the intervening congressional amendment HISA and reverse the district court's grant of a preliminary injunction," the filing concluded.

That last line refers to a Mar. 31, 2022, ruling in United States District Court (Northern District of Texas) that affirmed HISA's constitutionality by stating "the law as constructed stays within current constitutional limitations as defined by the Supreme Court and the Fifth Circuit."

The HISA and FTC defendants also made related Jan. 3 filings in a separate Fifth Circuit case. This one involves the states of Louisiana and West Virginia, plus other "covered persons" under HISA, alleging unconstitutionality and federal rulemaking procedure violations.

Unlike the two filings in the above-referenced HBPA case, these were not labelled “emergency” motions or petitions. But they did ask for the panel's previously issued opinion to be vacated, the reinstatement of a previously issued stay pending further appeal, and a panel rehearing.

“The district court's order preliminarily enjoining enforcement in Louisiana and West Virginia of all then-existing rules promulgated under HISA directly undermines Congress's goal of providing for uniform regulations to protect horseracing participants (equine and human) and restore integrity to the sport nationwide,” the defendants' filing stated.

“This Court appropriately stayed that order, finding that each of 'the stay elements are met' with respect to the district court's (manifestly flawed) conclusion that the Administrative Procedure Act forecloses the 14-day notice period the FTC formally provided...

“The stay pending appeal was necessary to 'allow [the Court] to bring 'considered judgment' to the matter before [it] and 'responsibly fulfill [its] role in the judicial process.' Yet the panel's subsequent decision to remand the case and lift the stay short-circuits that process, not based on the merits of the district court's order--which have never been adjudicated--but on the sole ground that a panel in a 'separate cases held that 'HISA is facially unconstitutional.'”

The filing summed up: “This Court should vacate its panel opinion and judgment, and reinstate the Court's stay pending further adjudication of this appeal.... The Court should grant [a] panel rehearing and reverse the district court's grant of a preliminary injunction.”

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GODOLPHIN REPEATS AS LEADING OWNER

Godolphin, LLC, which campaigned 14 North American graded stakes winners, was the country's leading owner by earnings for the second year in a row, while jockey Irad Ortiz, Jr. established single-season earnings and stakes wins records and Chad Brown was the leading trainer by earnings for the first time since 2019, according to figures released Tuesday by Equibase Company LLC.

Godolphin had 88 North American wins from 438 starts for earnings of \$16,343,067, down from its single-season earnings record of \$17.4 million set in 2021.

The operation was followed on the leading owner's list by: Klaravich Stables, Inc., \$9,438,582 (84 wins/336 starts); Peter M. Brant, \$7,772,253 (54/183); Winchell Thoroughbreds, \$5,661,750 (33/147); and Juddmonte, \$5,633,762 (38/144).

Ortiz reached the winner's circle 325 times from 1,363 mounts in 2022, establishing a single-season earnings record of \$37,075,772, eclipsing the previous record of \$34.1 million he set in 2019.

Ortiz also set a single-season record for stakes wins with 80 trips to the winner's circle, breaking the former mark of 76 victories set in 2007 by the late Garret Gomez. Ortiz was the leading jockey by earnings for three consecutive years (2018, 2019, and 2020) before finishing second in 2021.

Following Ortiz on the leading jockey's list was: Flavien Prat, \$29,832,252 (236 wins/1,013 starts); Joel Rosario, \$29,250,139 (185/915); Tyler Gaffalione, \$27,360,825 (1,491/266); and Luis Saez, \$24,339,905 (272/1,540).

Brown sent out the winners of 244 races from 309 starters with 922 starts for earnings of \$31,057,362 in 2022. Todd Pletcher was second on the leading trainer's list with 2022 earnings of \$30,482,937 (223 wins/342 starters/1,020 starts); followed by Steve Asmussen, \$28,579,134 (382/594/2,155); and Brad Cox, \$23,851,590 (222/326/916).

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A FAN WITNESSES THE RISK OF SPORTS

by Dan Liebman

I am a man comprised of many parts. Certainly among them: sports fan.

Yes, the big three--basketball, football, baseball--but also soccer, hockey, and, of course, horse racing.

I've attended a Summer Olympics, where I witnessed amazing track and field, swimming, and boxing. I also saw two sports for the first (and last) time--judo and team handball.

My father, before the interstate was even finished, would drive my siblings and I to Crosley Field in Cincinnati to watch our beloved Reds. As a youngster he took us to Kentucky football and basketball games in Stoll Field and Memorial Coliseum.

Many of my childhood heroes were athletes.

During the 1970s and early '80s, I attended many Cincinnati Bengals games with my longtime friend Chuck Oliver, who inherited season tickets from his father. In 1985, when Chuck moved from Indianapolis to Atlanta, he graciously passed the season tickets along to me. I've had them ever since.

I've rooted for the Bengals. And, during many seasons, rooted for the Bungles. My four children are Bengals (and Reds) fans. Interestingly, two now live in Cincinnati. Another resides in Ft. Thomas, Ky., about a five-minute drive to the baseball and football stadiums on the banks of the Ohio River.

In the old Riverfront Stadium, my four Bengals seats were 14 rows up from the field. Two seats were on each side of the 50-yard line. Today, in Paycor Stadium (formerly Paul Brown Stadium), I am at the 20-yard-line, two seats in row 21, two directly in front in row 20.

I rarely attend games on Thursday, Sunday or Monday nights for two reasons: 1) it is about a 90-minute drive home; and 2) though I enjoy a beer as much as the next guy, some fans tend to over-imbibe for late-starting contests.

Monday night, however, I was in the stadium because my close friend, Donna, is a longtime Buffalo Bills fan and the thought of being together to watch Joe Burrow versus Josh Allen was too enticing.

My daughter, Jennie, and her friend, Cole, were in attendance with us.

Wearing my Bengals hat and three layers of Bengals shirts, I was excited when "we" won the coin toss and elected to take the ball. We aren't deferring to the second half. We want the ball.

When my favorite player, Tyler Boyd, caught the game's first touchdown, it was game on.

Unfortunately, after Buffalo kicked a field goal and the Bengals began their second drive, the unimaginable happened. Tee Higgins caught a pass on a slant pattern and was tackled by safety Damar Hamlin.

I was looking right at Hamlin when he stood up for just a few seconds, then fell to the ground. I knew this was no torn ACL, no stinger, no concussion.

This was serious.

You really knew so when they asked players to surround the 24-year-old former Pitt player so fans could not see what was happening.

Being a horse racing fan, my thoughts turned to times when track personnel bring out a barrier so fans don't witness a horse being euthanized on the track.

Minutes seemed like hours as emergency personnel worked on Hamlin. We saw them get out the paddles. We could not see them performing CPR, but wondered aloud with other fans if that is what was happening.

We were disturbed that it took the league so long to cancel the game. A friend on Facebook reminded me it takes "corporations" a long time to make decisions.

Indeed, NFL teams and the league itself are corporations.

Thankfully, the right decision was made. After watching players openly crying on the field, how could they possibly compose themselves to carry on?

But what if it had been a playoff game? Or the Super Bowl? Would a different decision have been made? Would they have agreed to play the next day?

What happened to Hamlin is simply not a scenario you expect to happen.

There were many things in play--television ad revenues,

playoff implications, players working at their craft for future contracts, etc. But the players, teams, league all realized first and foremost that ahead of the business of the game was concern, care and respect for Damar Hamlin.

Racing fans are often reminded of this relationship of sports and business, such as when colts are rushed off to stud and mares are mated more with the sale ring in mind than the racetrack.

In 1990, I was with my two brothers at the Breeders' Cup at Belmont Park. We had wonderful seats outside at the sixteenth pole. The Distaff was a thrilling duel between champions Bayakoa and Go For Wand, until the latter broke down right in front of us and had to be humanely destroyed.

My younger brother, not a huge racing fan, bid us farewell. He headed to the train station and departed, unable to remain after watching the tragedy unfold.

My older brother and I stayed. We had come to see Unbridled, who did win the Breeders' Cup Classic. Also, I think, being racing fans, we more easily accept that horses, sadly, do sometimes break down.

I wonder now, however, what would have happened had jockey Randy Romero, who was not seriously injured, lay on the track as long as Damar Hamlin lay on the field?



A heartbreaking and tragic view from Liebman's seats at Monday night's Bengals-Bills game | Dan Liebman photo

In football, the players are the athletes. In racing, there are two athletes--the human athletes and the equine athletes.

All athletes--and in the case of horses, the owners and trainers-- know there is some degree of risk in what they do.

There is, however, a wide range in that degree of risk. Certainly horses and jockeys have a greater degree of risk than someone competing in ping pong.

While football players have a high degree of risk, it did not appear Hamlin's tackle of Higgins was particularly hard. Listed at the time of this writing in critical condition, medical professionals will hopefully shed some light on the cause of his cardiac event.

What I witnessed in Paycor Stadium was horrific. It left me stunned, dazed, bewildered.

It also left me to remember something important. Though I am a sports fan, and root for certain teams and against certain teams, at the end of the day, it's just a game.

The health and welfare of the athletes should always come first.

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ADOLPHSON NAMED FASIG-TIPTON MIDDLE EAST REPRESENTATIVE

Michael Adolphson has been named Fasig-Tipton's Middle East Representative, the sales company announced Tuesday.

Based in Dubai, Adolphson is currently the lead English broadcaster and producer for the Dubai Racing Channel and contract publicist for The Saudi Cup, Breeders' Cup, and Belmont Stakes Racing Festival. He has previously held marketing and publicity positions in Dubai with the Zabeel Equestrian Office and the Dubai Racing Club. He led the Publicity Team for four consecutive Dubai World Cups.

In the United States, he worked as communications coordinator at Fair Grounds Race Course and Slots, stakes coordinator at Arlington Park, and held positions in the office of U.S. Congressman Jared Polis, WPP's Penn, Schoen & Berland, and at Santa Anita.

"We are pleased to welcome Michael to Fasig-Tipton as we work to expand our reach and brand awareness in the Middle East," said Fasig-Tipton President Boyd Browning. "He has a tremendous resume, both in the Middle East and in the United States which makes him well suited to promote our sales in the Gulf region."

Adolphson added, "Fasig-Tipton has a long history of prominent international graduates, with a particularly strong record in the Middle East. I look forward to expanding the company's footprint in the region to further build on that success."

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TB MAKEOVER APPLICATIONS CLOSE JAN. 20

Applications for the 2023 Thoroughbred Makeover and National Symposium, presented by Thoroughbred Charities of America, are now open for submission, the Retired Racehorse Project announced Tuesday. The application period closes at 5:00 p.m. EST on Jan. 20. Accepted trainers will be announced no later than Feb. 15.

Interested applicants can start the application process now by logging on to the [Retired Racehorse Project](#) website.

Entering its ninth year at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, horses and trainers will compete for more than \$110,000 in total prize money, plus the coveted title of Thoroughbred Makeover Champion, at the Kentucky Horse Park on Oct. 11-14. The Thoroughbred Makeover features competition in ten disciplines for recently retired Thoroughbreds in their first year of retraining for a career after racing. Entrants may compete in one or two disciplines of their choice, including Barrel Racing, Competitive Trail, Dressage, Eventing, Field Hunter, Polo, Ranch Work, Show Hunter, Show Jumper, and Freestyle.

New for 2023, the Thoroughbred Makeover will also include a Former Broodmare division, presented by Claiborne Farm, serving as a pilot program for recently retired broodmares exiting the bloodstock industry.

Full eligibility requirements can be found in the rule book also on the website.

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by Andrea Branchini



Rhea Moon (Ire) | Benoit Photo

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

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

1st Dam: **Callisto Star (Ire)**, by **Fastnet Rock (Aus)**

2nd Dam: **Livia Galilei (Ire)**, by **Galileo (Ire)**

3rd Dam: **Mohican Princess (GB)**, by **Shirley Heights (GB)**

O-Rockingham Ranch & Talla Racing LLC; B-Kevin J Molloy (Ire); T-Philip D'Amato; J-Juan J Hernandez.

For brilliant Group 1 winner Rhea Moon, the sky is the limit in more ways than one. Rhea is one of the many moons of Saturn (the planet with the ring). The satellite was discovered in 1672 and named after the fiercely loving mother of many Greek gods, including Zeus. The name of the dam could be a celestial reference to either one of the four moons of the planet Jupiter discovered by Galileo Galilei in 1610 (most likely) or the constellation of Ursa Major (the Big Dipper to you and me). Callisto was a nymph turned into a bear by jealous goddess Hera for being the lover of husband Zeus, who then set up his mistress as a star, literally (Ursa = Mama Bear in Latin). Maternal granddam Livia Galilei is the namesake of one of the two daughters of Galileo (the scientist), so there is plenty of astronomy and theme consistency in the pedigree. Shine on you crazy diamond (in the sky), as the words of an old song go.

7th-Laurel, \$60,870, Alw, 11-4, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:40.90, fm, 2 1/4 lengths.

TOM HAGEN (g, 7, El Padrino--Frisolous Pal, by Not For Love)

Lifetime Record: 27-4-5-6, \$210,491. O-Gordon C. Keys; B-James A. Blackwell (MD); T-Madison F. Meyers.

Laurel winner Tom Hagen is also ingeniously named. For those who have avoided the endless TV re-runs of "The Godfather" during the Christmas season, Tom Hagen is the only non-Italian consigliere (aide) of Vito Corleone, "padrino" being the original noun for both the godfathering position and being the chieftain of a mafia enterprise. Robert Duvall played the role of Tom Hagen perfectly, as an efficient, legal-minded and soft-spoken criminal operator, in contrast to the opera-like intensity of many Italian-Americans in the movie.

6th-Churchill Downs, \$123,375, Msw, 11-13, 2yo, 1m, 1:38.32, ft, neck.

LAVER (c, 2, Bernardini--Centre Court, by Smart Strike) O/B-G.

Watts Humphrey, Jr. (KY); T-George R. Arnold, II.

Tennis theme consistency abounds in the pedigree of Churchill Downs winner Laver, who is out of Grade I winner Centre Court and half-brother to GSW Navratilova. This 2020 colt by Bernardini has run well on turf and dirt, so let us hope he is as versatile as his glorious Australian namesake, who played well on all surfaces and won two Grand Slams in the 1960s.

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

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

Gypsy Rose Lee was the stage name of Rose Louise Hovick (1911-1970), the woman who supposedly invented the striptease act. So the name of the five-length winner of an allowance race at Delta Downs is a spirited one, with the filly being out of Iknowthinkimsexy, who is out of Drop Dead Gorgeous. The original Gypsy Rose Lee was no one-trick-pony, as she evolved and left quite a mark in American popular culture. Not only did her memoir "Gypsy" lead to a now classic Broadway musical with a libretto written by master lyricist Stephen Sondheim (later a very successful movie), but she authored a mystery thriller that was made into a cute 1943 film starring legendary leading lady Barbara Stanwick and she did not die poor.

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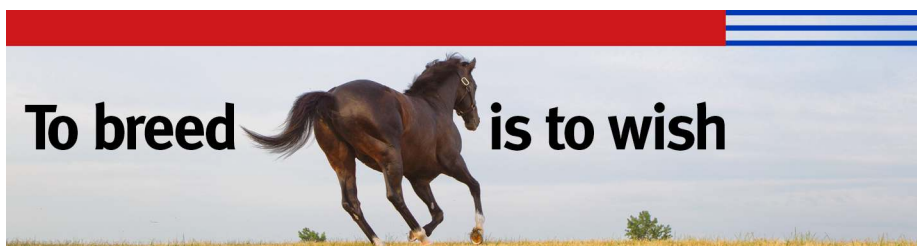
2022 YTD Leading Sires of 3-Year-Olds by G1SW

for stallions standing in North America through Monday, Jan. 2

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	Gun Runner (2013) by Candy Ride (Arg) Crops: 2	12	23	9	16	4	9	90	44	2,012,520	13,423,330
										Cyberknife	
2	Arrogate (2013) by Unbridled's Song Crops: 2	4	9	2	3	2	2	77	43	1,603,250	6,037,142
										Secret Oath	
3	Not This Time (2014) by Giant's Causeway Crops: 3	5	13	3	8	1	2	66	37	2,810,000	7,113,955
										Epicenter	
4	Into Mischief (2005) by Harlan's Holiday Crops: 11	5	20	4	12	1	2	145	74	553,540	6,853,023
										Gina Romantica	
5	Keen Ice (2012) by Curlin Crops: 2	2	9	1	1	1	1	102	68	2,470,200	6,180,439
										Rich Strike	
6	Uncle Mo (2008) by Indian Charlie Crops: 8	7	15	4	9	1	2	75	43	1,314,000	6,054,433
										Mo Donegal	
7	Curlin (2004) by Smart Strike Crops: 11	2	7	1	4	1	1	83	40	1,768,050	5,530,951
										Nest	
8	Pioneerof the Nile (2006) by Empire Maker Crops: 10	4	11	4	6	1	1	60	29	906,200	4,917,797
										Matareya	
9	Munnings (2006) by Speightstown Crops: 9	7	9	4	5	1	1	66	38	886,400	4,308,380
										Jack Christopher	
10	Upstart (2012) by Flatter Crops: 3	4	5	2	2	1	1	53	31	1,385,500	3,648,874
										Zandon	
11	American Pharoah (2012) by Pioneerof the Nile Crops: 4	2	8	2	3	1	2	86	37	433,500	3,638,818
										Forbidden Kingdom	
12	War Front (2002) by Danzig Crops: 13	5	9	1	5	1	1	47	29	1,001,100	3,002,223
										Annapolis	
13	Caravaggio (2014) by Scat Daddy Crops: 2	6	11	4	6	1	1	115	47	397,275	2,525,842
										Tenebrism	
14	Mr Speaker (2011) by Pulpit Crops: 3	4	6	2	2	1	1	42	22	430,568	1,801,650
										Speaking Scout	
15	Giant's Causeway (1997) by Storm Cat Crops: 18	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	1,141,250	1,172,217
										Classic Causeway	

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PARX JUVENILE S., \$75,000, Parx Racing, 1-3, 3yo, 7f, 1:26.75, sy.

1--**RECRUITER**, 124, c, 3, by **Army Mule**

1st Dam: Lady Halite, by **Medaglia d'Oro**

2nd Dam: Ada's Dream, by Touch Gold

3rd Dam: Perfect Six, by Saratoga Six

(\$60,000 Ylg '21 OBSWIN; \$102,000 RNA Ylg '21 FTKJUL; \$125,000 2yo '22 OBSOPN). O-Lynch Racing LLC & Nick Sanna Stables LLC; B-Beth Bayer (FL); T-Cathal A. Lynch; J-Mychel J. Sanchez. \$43,200. Lifetime Record: 4-4-0-0, \$170,100.

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2--**Ninetyprcentmaddie**, 124, c, 3, Weigelia--Amblin Easy, by Private Interview. O/B-LC Racing LLC (PA); T-Robert E. Reid, Jr. \$14,400.

3--**Winning Time**, 124, c, 3, Winchill--Merry's Pegasus, by Fusaichi Pegasus. O/B-Pewter Stable (PA); T-Kathleen A. Demasi. \$7,200.

Margins: 2 3/4, 1, 2 1/4. Odds: 1.30, 2.00, 3.10.

Also Ran: Daydreaming Boy, John Dutton, El de Chimi, V Mart, Hot Love.

Recruiter kept his unbeaten record in tact and earned a second stakes win with his 2 3/4-length victory in the slop in the Parx Juvenile S. Tuesday in Pennsylvania. The 6-5 favorite broke sharply only to have a trio of challengers rush up on his inside to contest the early fractions, putting the favorite in a tracking position while parked four wide down the backstretch. He moved up to engage Winning Time approaching the stretch and those two unbeaten colts went toe to toe before Recruiter put that foe away with a furlong to run and drew away to the wire. Gritty pacesetter Ninetyprcentmaddie battled back to regain the runner-up spot over Winning Time in the dying strides.

Recruiter, who is now unbeaten in four career starts, captured his debut at Monmouth Park in August before adding a Laurel optional claimer Oct. 2. He was most recently a 2 3/4-length victor of the Nov. 12 James F. Lewis III S. at Laurel.

Lady Halite has a 2-year-old filly by Maximus Mischief--a \$28,000 purchase at last year's Keeneland September sale--and a colt by **Complexity**. She was bred back to **Instagram** last year.

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Recruiter | *Equi-Photo*

PARX FUTURITY, \$75,000, Parx Racing, 1-3, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:27.78, sy

1--**GIRL TROUBLE**, 124, f, 3, by **Fast Anna**

1st Dam: Adorabella, by **Ghostzapper**

2nd Dam: Alydorable, by Arch

3rd Dam: Esprit d'Escalier, by Diesis (GB)

(\$15,000 Ylg '21 EASOCT). O-Swilcan Stable LLC & LC Racing; B-Gregory J Kilka & Bright View Farm (NJ); T-Robert E. Reid, Jr.; J-Paco Lopez. \$42,000. Lifetime Record: 7-4-2-1, \$202,500.

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2--**Empress Ariana**, 120, f, 3, Emperor Tiberius--Janet's Candy, by **Candy Ride (Arg)**. **1ST BLACK TYPE**. O/T-Gustavo Chacon; B-R. N. Miller (PA). \$14,000.

3--**Gold Medal Anna**, 120, f, 3, Fast Anna--Voodoo Dancer, by Kingmambo. (\$22,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$40,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR). O-Happy Tenth Stable; B-Green Hills Farm Inc. (KY); T-Alfredo Velazquez. \$7,000.

B A **BUCKLAND** Sales Graduate **B**

Margins: 5 1/4, 1 3/4, 1 1/4. Odds: 1.00, 51.30, 12.90.

Also Ran: Interpolate, Majestic Creed, Lindalovesgold, Blome, My Sweet Khaile, Alexis's Storm, Shiny Slam. Scratched: Can't Complain.

Girl Trouble sailed clear down the lane to her third straight open-lengths victory in the Parx Futurity Tuesday. The even-money favorite pressed the pace through an opening quarter in :22.82, but surged to the lead after a half in :46.41 and never looked back en route to an easy score.

A maiden winner at Monmouth in July, Girl Trouble was third in the one-mile White Clay Creek S. at Delaware in October, but romped home an eight-length winner of a seven-furlong optional claimer at Parx Nov. 1 before taking the six-furlong Future Stars Filly Division S. by six lengths last time out Nov 29.

Breeder Greg Kilka purchased the unraced Adorabella, with Girl Trouble in utero, for \$14,000 at the 2020 Keeneland January sale. The mare has a 2-year-old colt by **Bucchero** and a yearling colt by **Classic Empire**. The winner's third dam produced graded stakes winner Gastronomical (Sunshine Forever). **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**



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6th-Sunland, \$35,200, Alw, 1-3, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13.81, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

WENDY'S SONG (f, 4, Will Take Charge--Along Came Polly {Saf} {Ch. 2-year-old Filly-SAF, MG1SW-SAF, \$160,598}, by Judpot) scored by a front-running 5 1/2 lengths in her five-furlong debut at Zia Park Dec. 13. Sent off at 8-5 this time, she battled on the front end and surged clear in deep stretch to score by 2 1/4 lengths. Wendy's Song was a \$2,000 KEESEP yearling. Along Came Polly, who sold for \$6,500 while in foal to **Karakontie (Jpn)** at the 2021 Keeneland January sale, has a yearling filly by Hit it a Bomb and was bred back to that sire last year. Her **Karakontie** filly was exported to Turkey. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.** Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$40,620. O-Glen & Wendy Voorhees; B-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC (KY); T-Martin Valdez-Cabral, Jr.

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FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, JAN. 4

2022 Stud Fees Listed

Accelerate (Lookin At Lucky), Lane's End Farm, \$10,000
 214 foals of racing age/15 winners/1 black-type winner
 9-Tampa Bay Downs, 4:20 p.m. EST, Msw 1mT, Appalachian Trail, 30-1
 \$12,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl
 7-Turfway, 8:55 p.m. EST, Aoc 6f, Storm Rate, 20-1
 \$50,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Aldrin (Malibu Moon), O'Sullivan Farms
 46 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
 2-Charles Town, 7:30 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, Two Room School, 5-1

Bucchero (Kantharos), Pleasant Acres Stallions
 150 foals of racing age/14 winners/0 black-type winners
 7-Gulfstream, 3:10 p.m. EST, Aoc 5f, Clay Soldier, 8-1

City of Light (Quality Road), Lane's End Farm, \$60,000
 209 foals of racing age/12 winners/3 black-type winners
 9-Tampa Bay Downs, 4:20 p.m. EST, Msw 1mT, Lightress, 6-1
 \$500,000 KEE SEP yrl

Good Magic (Curlin), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, \$50,000
 237 foals of racing age/22 winners/6 black-type winners
 7-Parx Racing, 2:37 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Bruno Barber Girl, 15-1
 \$35,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$47,000 RNA OBS OCT yrl; \$30,000 OBS APR 2yo

Hoppertunity (Any Given Saturday), Northview Stallion Station
 154 foals of racing age/8 winners/1 black-type winner
 7-Parx Racing, 2:37 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Hop On Me, 5-1
 7-Parx Racing, 2:37 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Thearcherortheprey, 8-1
 \$40,000 OBS APR 2yo

Justify (Scat Daddy), Coolmore Ashford, \$100,000
 343 foals of racing age/29 winners/6 black-type winners
 9-Tampa Bay Downs, 4:20 p.m. EST, Msw 1mT, Skyview Drive, 8-1
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Classic Empire (Pioneerof the Nile), Coolmore Ashford, \$15,000
273 foals of racing age/75 winners/7 black-type winners
7-Gulfstream, 3:10 p.m. EST, Aoc 5f, One of One, 5-1
\$45,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$125,000 OBS APR 2yo

El Deal (Munnings), Red River Farms

80 foals of racing age/22 winners/3 black-type winners
3-Delta Downs, 6:51 p.m. EST, Msw 5f, Artie's Deal, 12-1
3-Delta Downs, 6:51 p.m. EST, Msw 5f, Tdz What a Deal, 7-2

Gun Runner (Candy Ride {Arg}), Three Chimneys Farm, private
362 foals of racing age/80 winners/15 black-type winners
4-Gulfstream, 1:41 p.m. EST, Msw 1 3/16m, Hitting Bombs, 5-1
\$42,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

Mastery (Candy Ride {Arg}), Claiborne Farm, \$7,500
330 foals of racing age/59 winners/1 black-type winner
8-Mahoning Valley, 4:01 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Council of Four, 8-1

Midnight Storm (Pioneerof the Nile), Milky Way Farm, \$4,000
167 foals of racing age/42 winners/2 black-type winners
7-Parx Racing, 2:37 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Tell Me Im Awesome, 20-1
\$7,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$20,000 EAS OCT yrl; \$30,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Mo Tom (Uncle Mo), Red River Farms
71 foals of racing age/26 winners/2 black-type winners
3-Delta Downs, 6:51 p.m. EST, Msw 5f, Dixie Farmer, 9-2
8-Delta Downs, 9:11 p.m. EST, Alw 6 1/2f, Little E, 8-1

Sassicaia (Bernardini), Elite Thoroughbreds
30 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
3-Delta Downs, 6:51 p.m. EST, Msw 5f, Long Shot Louise, 8-1
\$1,200 TTA YHR yrl

Straight Fire (Dominus), Legacy Ranch

48 foals of racing age/23 winners/3 black-type winners
7-Turfway, 8:55 p.m. EST, Aoc 6f, Castelmola, 8-1



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1:34.59, gd, 1 3/4 lengths.

EXALTED (h, 6, Twirling Candy--Gilded Miracle, by Gilded Time) Lifetime Record: MGSP, 12-2-3-4, \$198,660. O-C R K Stable LLC; B-Jack Swain (KY); T-Peter Eurton. *\$77,000 Wlg '17 KEENOV; \$200,000 Ylg '18 FTSAUG.

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7th-Sunland, \$45,600, (S), (C)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 1-3, 3yo/up,
6 1/2f, 1:19.04, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

THUNDER DOME (g, 9, Dome--Lauren Lynn {MSP, \$123,137}, by Hadif) Lifetime Record: MSW, 53-14-17-10, \$839,662.
O-Mike H. & Bill Carson; B-Frank Richardson & Mooring (NM); T-Dallas J. Barton.

8th-Sunland, \$45,600, (S), (C)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 1-3, 3yo/up,
6 1/2f, 1:18.84, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

ONE MARK (g, 5, Marking--Cherry One {SW}, by Sir Cherokee)
Lifetime Record: 17-5-4-3, \$192,238. O-Fincher Racing LLC;
B-Cleber J Massey (NM); T-Todd W. Fincher.

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5th-Sunland, \$35,200, 1-3, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:14.26, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

MAGIC IS FLYING (g, 5, Musketier {Ger}--Magic Forty Won, by Forty Won) Lifetime Record: 18-2-4-4, \$63,171. O-Westside Racing Stable; B-Equine Formula 1, LLC & Eric Yohan Knipe (CA); T-Lillian N. Silva. *\$3,500 Ylg '19 NCAAUG. **Full to Magic Mosco, SW, \$181,100.

6th-Mahoning Valley, \$35,100, (S), 1-3, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13.82, my, 4 1/2 lengths.

SOMUCHSUGAR (m, 5, Texas Red--Philadelphia Gold, by Touch Gold) Lifetime Record: SP, 14-3-5-3, \$110,751. O-Charlie J. Williams LLC; B-Sheltowee Farm, Michael E. Evans II & Travis A. Evans (OH); T-Penny Rone. *\$45,000 RNA Ylg '19 KEEJAN. **1/2 to Ohio Gold (Wilburn), SW, \$279,797.

4th-Turf Paradise, \$26,900, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000-\$50,000), 1-3, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:35.69, gd, 3/4 length.

CONVENTION (g, 5, Constitution--Fancy Day {Ire}, by Shamardal) Lifetime Record: MSP, 24-5-6-1, \$226,178. O-Sandra Kutz; B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-Justin R. Evans. *\$230,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP. **1/2 to Cabo Spirit (Pioneer of the Nile), MGSW, \$446,560.

2nd-Mahoning Valley, \$25,900, 1-3, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:44.04, my, 1 1/4 lengths.

INCESSANT (m, 5, Oxbow--Perpetual Novena {SP}, by Majestic Warrior) Lifetime Record: 25-6-4-1, \$100,656. O/T-Khadeem Galloway; B-Evans Wellborn & Eddie Kane (KY).

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

No Confession, g, 3, **Into Mischief**--Ready to Confess (SW & MGSP, \$377,962), by More Than Ready. Parx Racing, 1-3, 6 1/2f, 1:20.52. Lifetime Record: 8-1-2-1, \$66,250. B-Pin Oak Stud, LLC (KY). *\$30,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP.



Jack's Hail Mary, f, 4, **Holy Lute**--Rousanne (MSP), by Desert Party. Sunland, 1-3, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:06.05. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$29,980. B-Teed Off Stables, LLC (NM).

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Army Mule, Recruiter, c, 3, o/o Lady Halite, by **Medaglia d'Oro**.

Parx Juvenile S., 1-3, Parx Racing

Competitive Edge, Silver Edge, g, 6, o/o Silver Shimmer, by Tale of the Cat. STR, 1-3, Parx Racing

Constitution, Convention, g, 5, o/o Fancy Day (Ire), by Shamardal. AOC, 1-3, Turf Paradise

Corfu, Flashing Diamond, m, 8, o/o Genuine Diamond, by Halo's Image. STR, 1-3, Parx Racing

Dome, Thunder Dome, g, 9, o/o Lauren Lynn, by Hadif. AOC, 1-3, Sunland

Fast Anna, Girl Trouble, f, 3, o/o Adorabella, by **Ghostzapper**.

Parx Futurity, 1-3, Parx Racing

Holy Lute, Jack's Hail Mary, f, 4, o/o Rousanne, by Desert Party. MSW, 1-3, Sunland

Into Mischief, No Confession, g, 3, o/o Ready to Confess, by More Than Ready. MSW, 1-3, Parx Racing

Marking, One Mark, g, 5, o/o Cherry One, by Sir Cherokee. AOC, 1-3, Sunland

Musketier (Ger), Magic Is Flying, g, 5, o/o Magic Forty Won, by Forty Won. ALW, 1-3, Sunland

Oxbow, Incessant, m, 5, o/o Perpetual Novena, by Majestic Warrior. ALW, 1-3, Mahoning Valley

Texas Red, Somuchsugar, m, 5, o/o Philadelphia Gold, by Touch Gold. ALW, 1-3, Mahoning Valley

Twirling Candy, Exalted, h, 6, o/o Gilded Miracle, by Gilded Time. ALW, 1-2, Santa Anita

Will Take Charge, Wendy's Song, f, 4, o/o Along Came Polly (SAF), by Judpot. ALW, 1-3, Sunland

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O'CALLAGHAN EYES DUBAI RICHES BEFORE MOVING TO PURPOSE-BUILT YARD



Michael O'Callaghan: set to move to a new yard this season
Goffs

By Brian Sheerin

Michael O'Callaghan is eyeing big-race riches in Dubai with brothers **I Am Superman (Ire)** (*Footstepsinthesand* {GB}) and **Fastnet Crown (Ire)** (Hallowed Crown {Aus}) before making the move to a new purpose-built yard near the Curragh ahead of the turf season proper.

However, the leading Irish trainer has said that he remains in the dark over his position with Amo Racing despite sending out Crypto Force (GB) (Time Test {GB}) to secure G2 Beresford S. glory for Kia Joorabchian's major ownership vehicle at the Curragh last season.

Crypto Force joined the stable of John and Thady Gosden shortly after that triumph and O'Callaghan revealed that none of Amo Racing's horses, including Olivia Maralda (Ire) (Kodiak {GB}), Crispy Cat (GB) (Ardad {Ire}) and Indestructible (Ire) (Kodiak {GB}), have returned to his yard for the new season.

He explained, "They haven't arrived back yet. I'm not sure what the plans are with Amo. There was chat about Indestructible coming back but, with the way they move the balls around over the winter, I'll know more in the next few weeks."

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"MINOR SETBACK" MEANS MISHRIFF NOT FIT TO COVER MARES UNTIL MID-MARCH

Mishriff (Ire), the brilliant G1 Prix du Jockey Club winner and globetrotting star, has met with a minor setback at Montfort et Preaux in France and is unlikely to cover mares until mid-March as a result. Trained by John and Thady Gosden, Mishriff amassed almost £12 million in career-earnings and is set to stand for €20,000 for his debut season at stud.

A spokesperson for stud said, "Sumbe regrets to announce that our new stallion Mishriff has suffered a minor setback which may delay his stud duties until mid-march 2023.

"Although his condition is of non-threatening nature and does not put his stallion career in jeopardy, Mishriff will be in stall rest for a while. Equine welfare ranks at the top of our values and we are taking every precaution to ensure Mishriff's swift and complete recovery in accordance with our standards.

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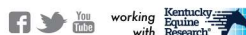
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I Am Superman, who O'Callaghan sourced as a yearling and retains a share of, showed a high level of form for the trainer initially on home soil before being moved to Australia in search of better prize-money. Now in his second stint with O'Callaghan after returning home from Peter and Paul Snowden's, I Am Superman will be targeted at top-level races in Dubai and is reported to have settled in nicely at Meydan along with his stablemate and half-brother Fastnet Crown. O'Callaghan said, "I bought I Am Superman as a yearling. He won three races for us and ran well in the 2019 Irish 2,000 Guineas. I actually had him sold to Hong Kong later that year but he failed the vet for something obscure on an x-ray so we decided to keep him.

"We brought him to Australia for the prize-money and decided to leave him out there with Peter and Paul Snowden. He'd been

there for roughly two years where he racked up about a quarter of a million dollars in prize-money.

"To be fair to the Snowdens, they felt they never really got the rub of the green with him either because, every time they felt they had him ready, the ground went against him. He was only beaten a short head in a Group 1 on his latest start out there and is from a family who progress a lot with age. I wanted to get a bit of mileage out of him myself before his form tapered off, which is why we got him back and are now aiming him at the big prize-money in Dubai."

He added, "He's in great form. He got a break in Australia after his last run there. When he came back here, it was just a case of building him back up for Dubai. He's been to Dundalk for a racecourse gallop and he's ready to go."



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"His first run will be in the Zabeel Mile and his main target will be the G1 Jebel Hatta on Mar. 4. He may have a run in between but we'll get the Zabeel Mile out of the way first. If he got an invite for Dubai World Cup Night, we'd have to consider that as well."

"Fastnet Crown is on the up and I've been wanting to step him up in trip for a while. He won his prep race at Dundalk last week

and will start out over a-mile-and-a-furlong on Friday 13 and we'll take it from there. Both horses travelled over there well and they are in great form."

Fastnet Crown will run in the colours of his owner-breeder Michael Smith, whose Fastnet Lady (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) is fast becoming a prolific broodmare.

O'Callaghan said, "The two of them are out of Fastnet Lady, who Michael also bred. I bought I Am Superman off him and we got to know each other from

there. He sent me Fastnet Crown, the half-brother, and we've a full-brother to I Am Superman here as well. The mare has been very lucky for him with her first two foals, I Am Superman rated 114 and Fastnet Crown rated 106, so she's a good mare and I understand that she's now in foal to **Australia (GB)**. Michael has been to Royal Ascot, had a winner on Derby day at the Curragh and he's coming to Dubai as well. He's loving it and I'm delighted because he's a lovely man."

Domestically, O'Callaghan has high hopes for Gozen (Ire) (Kuroshio {Aus}). A winner on debut at Punchestown last September, Gozen was possibly a shade unlucky not to win the G3 Staffordstown S. at the Curragh when forced to race wide. O'Callaghan has Classic aspirations for the filly who failed to sell at the breeze-ups.



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He said, "Gozen's first intended target will be the Irish 1,000 Guineas Trial at Leopardstown over a mile, which we won with Now Or Never (Ire) (Bushranger {Ire}). She's done very well over the winter and, I know it's a cliché but, everything she did last year, she'll improve on it because she's a big, raw filly. She's filled out very well over the winter so I'm really looking forward to her."

Recalling how Gozen fell through the cracks at the Tattersalls Ireland Goresbridge Breeze-up Sale last year,

O'Callaghan added, "To be fair to Eddie Ahern, who consigned her, he always felt she'd need time but he really liked her. He just let her do a nice canter in the breeze and, for people watching on, it probably left more questions than answers. I remember seeing her and I wrote in my catalogue, 'lovely action but she only cantered; is there an issue?'"

"Funnily enough, Michael Shefflin, who is involved with Eddie, rang me a few weeks later to ask if I would have any interest in taking her for a month to try her out. He told me that, if I liked her, I could buy her privately. That's how it all happened."

Asked if he was tempted to sell Gozen at any stage last season, O'Callaghan said, "There was plenty of interest after she finished second in the Group 3. Her form stacks up very well and you could even say that she was a little unlucky at the Curragh not to win. She will improve for strengthening up and I'd imagine the



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mile will be her minimum this season. She has a lot of natural speed."

Seven of O'Callaghan's 15 winners in Ireland last year were recorded with 2-year-olds. The figure was 13 from 17 in 2021. Few operators concentrate as heavily on juveniles as O'Callaghan and he has high hopes for the next crop coming through at his new base in Brannoxstown near the Curragh.

He said, "We have a lovely Inns Of Court (Ire) filly--a lovely

shape of a filly. She's actually a homebred. I also have a nice Mehmas (Ire) colt and a nice **Sioux Nation** filly. They look to be nice 2-year-old types and I like them. They've done plenty and were all broken in August. "They cantered away and have built their way up as much as they were able for. They'd have quickened up a couple of furlongs just before Christmas before getting a little break and starting back on Monday morning."

He added, "We'll be fully moved into the new yard by the end of January. It's been a slow process between buying the site, getting planning permission and then the building. The gallops are fully finished over two months now so they will be nicely settled by the time they have horses on them, which is good. We've built the place from scratch and are looking forward to getting going there fully this season."

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12 QUESTIONS

With George Boughey

First job in the Thoroughbred industry?

Working for Tom Goff and Luke Lillingston doing the yearling sales in the USA and UK.

Biggest influence on your career?

Hugo Palmer. Working for six seasons from when he had 30 horses to training Classic winners.

Favourite racehorse of all time, and why?

It has to be Cachet, beyond my wildest dreams to train a Classic winner in my third season for Highclere.

Who will be champion first-season sire in 2023?

He might not have the most winners but I have a handful by Blue Point who are very hard not to like.

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George Boughey | Tattersalls-Laura Green

Greatest race in the world?

The Derby, but I'd love to win a Breeders' Cup or a Cox Plate.

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

Aidan O'Brien.

Emerging talent in the industry (human)?

Harry Derham (top man who I've sent a horse!) and Connor Planas (joins us after a stint in Dubai).

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

Proverb (Harry Angel) when he won his novice at Hamilton by seven lengths.

Under-the-radar stallion?

Mayson.

Friday night treat?

Deliveroo.

Guilty pleasure outside racing?

Outside of racing?!?!

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

Gold Trip winning the Melbourne Cup for great friend David Eustace.

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EUROPEAN NEWS

GEORGE STANNERS RE-JOINS GOFFS



Henry Beeby and George Stanners | Goffs

Goffs has announced that George Stanners has re-joined the company in a client liaison and auctioning role in Ireland and the UK.

Stanners spent 17 years working with Goffs UK before taking up the position as bloodstock manager at Yorton Farm last year.

He remains a consultant to the leading breeding operation but Goffs chief executive Henry Beeby has described his delight at seeing Stanners return to the company he joined straight out of school.

Beeby said, "We are delighted George is back with us as he was always a popular and highly effective member of the team. "His new role will see him engage with vendors and purchasers for all Goffs and Goffs UK sales, inspecting and recruiting for our portfolio of sales in Kildare, Doncaster and our specialist boutique sales at the likes of Aintree, Punchestown and Sandown, and then working with our Purchaser Attraction Teams to promote each catalogue to buyers.

"At the same time he will maintain the superb link with Dave Futter and his team at Yorton as we evolve and develop that mutually beneficial relationship."

Beeby added: "His presence on the rostrum at every sale in Kildare and Doncaster will only enhance our exceptional panel of auctioneers as he is a world-class operator with a unique and highly effective style."

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Stanners said: "I'm pleased to return to a role with Goffs and be back on the rostrum on a more consistent basis. Being on the ground visiting breeders and trainers is something I have always enjoyed, so I look forward to assisting them both at home and at sales throughout the year.

"Alongside my Goffs commitments, I will continue to work closely with both Yorton and the Potter family as they trade both on and off their farms at Leighton, which is another aspect I relish.

"Goffs and Yorton share many mutual clients so my new Goffs role will only be complemented by my ongoing connection with Yorton."

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BRITAIN

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

2nd-Chelmsford City, £7,650, Cond, 1-3, 4yo/up, 10f (AWT), 2:06.95, st.

CALCUTTA DREAM (IRE) (g, 5, Iffraaj {GB}--Short Affair {GB} {GSP-Itly, \$103,334}, by Singspiel {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 16-2-0-3, \$13,219. O-A Saha Racing; B-Aston House Stud (IRE); T-Michael & David Easterby. *30,000gns Wlg '18 TATFOA; 10,000gns Ylg '19 TAOCT. **1/2 to Rodaballo (GB) (Lope De Vega {Ire}), GSW-Ger & SP-Fr, \$230,271.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

God Of Fire (Ire), c, 3, Muhaarar (GB)--Loreto (Ire), by Holy Roman Emperor (Ire). Wolverhampton, 1-3, 9f 104y (AWT), 2:00.06. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$5,950. B-Epona Bloodstock Ltd (IRE). *110,000gns Ylg '21 TATOCT.



Oasis Dream | Juddmonte

All Dunn (GB), g, 3, Oasis Dream (GB)--Bimbo (GB), by Iffraaj (GB). Chelmsford City, 1-3, 6f (AWT), 1:14.16. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$3,752. B-Lady Halifax (GB). *55,000gns Ylg '21 TATOCT.

The Ivy (Ire), f, 3, Showcasing (GB)--Intense Pink (GB) (SW & GSP-Eng), by Pivotal (GB). Chelmsford City, 1-3, 7f (AWT), 1:26.86. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$8,817. B-James F Hanly (IRE). *130,000gns Ylg '21 TATOCT.

Moon Over The Sea (GB), g, 4, Sea The Moon (Ger)--Veiled Beauty, by Royal Academy. Wolverhampton, 1-3, 12f 51y (AWT), 2:40.83. Lifetime Record: 11-1-0-0, \$6,231. B-Chasemore Farm (GB). *62,000gns Ylg '20 TATOCT; 4,500gns 3yo '22 TATAHI. **1/2 to The Cheka (Ire) (Xaar {GB}), GSW & G1SP-Eng, G1SP-Fr & GSP-Ire, \$493,520; and Wall Of Sound (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}), GSP-US & MSP-Eng, \$116,108.

FRANCE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:


1st-Pornichet-La Baule, €14,000, Cond, 1-3, 4yo/up, 12f (AWT), 2:40.73, st.

PANNETONE (FR) (m, 5, Zanzibari--Grana {GB}, by Bahri) Lifetime Record: 8-2-2-1, €25,950. O-Ecurie Villebadin & Mme Marion Baron; B-Ecurie Villebadin (FR); T-Axel Baron.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Ose Partir (Fr), g, 3, Doha Dream (Fr)--Alix Pretty (Fr), by Le Fou (Ire). Pornichet-La Baule, 1-3, 10 1/2f (AWT), 2:11.72. B-Haras du Hoguenet & Gilles Le Baron (FR).

Ellonienne (Fr), f, 3, Kendargent (Fr)--Milwaukee (Fr) (SP-Fr & US, \$152,887), by Desert King (Ire). Pornichet-La Baule, 1-3, 10 1/2f (AWT), 2:21.13. B-Thierry de la Heronniere & SARL Jedburgh Stud (FR). *€20,000 Ylg '21 ARQOCT.

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