

## \$650K ANCIENT PEACE PROVIDES EXCLAMATION POINT ON COMPETITIVE KEEJAN SESSION



**Ancient Peace** | Keeneland photo

by Jessica Martini

LEXINGTON, KY - The Keeneland January Horses of All Ages Sale continued to keep pace with its 2021 renewal with a day of competitive bidding topped by the 3-year-old filly **Ancient Peace (War Front)**, who sold for \$650,000 to Travis Boersma's Boardshorts Stables late in Tuesday's second session of the four-day auction.

"It started strong and it held pace," said Keeneland's Vice President of Sales Tony Lacy. "We've got to be very encouraged with the consistency within the market. Quality was selling well. There was hunger for the good stock and it was very competitive on the buying front, with frustrated buyers in certain cases, but people were happy with what they were getting for most of the stock. There was good energy around the place and I think it bodes well as we power into 2023 and the breeding season ahead."

Through the auction's two-session Book 1 section, 475 horses sold for \$36,126,900. The average of \$76,057 is up 5.47% from last year, while the median held steady at \$40,000.

After two sessions in 2022, 511 head had sold for \$36,848,700 for an average of \$72,111. **Cont. p3**

## PIONEERING SPORTSWOMAN VIRGINIA KRAFT PAYSON DIES AT 92

by T.D. Thornton

Virginia Kraft Payson, a pioneer with a buoyant spirit who often referred to her life as "a magic carpet ride" woven from a whirlwind of adventure travel, a passion for outdoors journalism, and a mid-life immersion into the world of Thoroughbred racing and breeding, died Jan. 9 at age 92 at her Payson Stud farm in Lexington, Kentucky.

The cause of death was complications from Parkinson's disease, as confirmed by Christian Erickson, a decades-long family friend and the trustee of the Payson estate.

Payson's entry into Thoroughbred ownership was the product of a whim, when her second husband, the late Charles Shipman Payson, bid on impulse on at an auction in the late 1970s.

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*After young trainer Will Walden went through his own painful battle with drug addiction and alcohol abuse, he now has a shedrow team of six men also recovering from addiction. They closed out 2021 with a 21% win percentage.*



**Keeneland January, cont. from p1**

Ancient Peace, who was supplemented to the January sale late last week after breaking her maiden at the end of December, was one of three racing or broodmare prospects to top the \$500,000 mark Tuesday, while three short yearlings--topped by a son of **Uncle Mo** at \$340,000--brought over \$300,000.

"Young mares off the track and proven mares were extremely appealing and people were paying a premium for them," Lacy said. "Quality is in strong demand. People aren't willing to spend a lot of money on something they don't feel has strong marketable value. I think it is going to be healthy all the way through [end of sale]. If you have a nice individual, it will be found."

The January sale continued to attract a deep domestic buying bench, with the top 15 offerings bought by 14 different entities.



Ancient Peace | Keeneland photo

The buy-back rate, which was 31.29% during Monday's first session of the January sale, dropped to 22.53% Tuesday for a cumulative figure of 26.92%.

"Yesterday, I heard a lot of people making comments that the

RNA percentage was high," said Mark Taylor of Taylor Made Sales Agency. "But what is difficult for sellers, when you're in a Book 1 of January and you've got a wide variety of horses all in one session--you have half-million dollar horses and you've got \$5,000 horses--that's just January. That's just the way it is. So it's a very up and down, emotional day. Some of the sellers see horses bringing a lot of money and they think their's should be doing that. You've got to keep everybody's feet on the ground to know your product. We did have very lively post-hammer

trade yesterday. We originally had nine RNA's, but we got five of those sold. So it ended up being a very healthy day for us. But we stubbed our toe a couple times along the way." **Cont. p4**

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**Keeneland January, cont. from p3**

The Keeneland January sale continues through Thursday with sessions beginning daily at 10 a.m.

**Ancient Peace Provides Late Sizzle**

**Ancient Peace** (**War Front**) (**hip 840E**), who was supplemented to the Keeneland January sale late last week, became the auction's highest seller when acquired by Hunter Rankin on behalf of Travis Boersma's Boardshorts Stables for \$650,000. The newly turned 3-year-old, from a deep Sam-Son family, was acquired by Mike Ryan for \$180,000 at the 2021 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga sale. She graduated by a front-running 4 1/4 lengths at Santa Anita Dec. 30 for Ryan and trainer Graham Motion.

"We loved her from the start," Rankin said. "We are happy that Mike Ryan supplemented her to the sale. We are trying to get something going and I think she's a really good foundation horse for Travis Boersma. She's just an exciting filly."

Boersma is the co-founder and executive chairman of the Oregon-based coffee chain Dutch Bros. He made waves recently as the **purchaser of the \$4.6-million share in Flightline (Tapit)** at Keeneland's November sale.

Rankin said immediate plans for Ancient Peace are still up in the air.



Hunter Rankin | Keeneland photo

"We haven't totally decided yet," he said. "We are going to get her off the sale and see how things go. We are going to get her to the farm and hang out and then make a plan."

Also Tuesday, Boardshorts Stables purchased the 4-year-old broodmare prospect **Empire Hope** (Empire Maker) (**hip 814**) for \$450,000 from the Indian Creek consignment.

Ancient Peace is out of graded stakes winner Deceptive Vision (A.P. Indy), a daughter of champion Eye of the Sphynx (Smart Strike) and a full-sister to champion Eye of the Leopard.

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# CAIRO PRINCE

## New Year Same **BIG** Results

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### Keeneland January, cont. from p4

As part of the dispersal of Canada's historic Sam-Son Farm, Deceptive Vision sold to John Sikura's Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa for \$900,000 at the 2021 Keeneland January sale. Sikura, as well as Canadian breeder Dave Anderson, were in the sales pavilion as Ancient Peace sold Tuesday.

Ancient Peace was originally purchased by Ryan to pinhook at the 2-year-old sales, according to Sarah Sutherland of Indian Creek, which consigned the filly.

"That was the original plan," Sutherland confirmed. "She did breeze at OBS with Niall Brennan and he decided to keep her and race her. You've got to sell some and you have to keep some. It all worked out well. She was bought right and sold well."

Of the filly's final price, Sutherland added, "It was in the range we thought she deserved to be. The timing worked out with her win and she came in looking fantastic and her pedigree speaks for itself. She showed great, was well-received and is going to an end-user, so it's all good."

### Lazenby Adds to Broodmare Band

Gigi Lazenby, sister of the late trainer David Banks, has been involved in racing for years, but has recently decided to increase her participation with the purchase of some high-priced broodmares. Through agent James Schenk, and with Claiborne Farm's Walker Hancock advising, she made her second purchase of the January sale when going to \$600,000 to acquire **England's Rose** (English Channel) ([hip 816](#)) from the Lane's End consignment.

"I've been around for a long time," Lazenby said Tuesday. "My brother was a trainer here in town and I have an oil company over in Eastern Kentucky. The last couple of years, I decided to try to step it up a little bit. And Walker and Jimmy Schenk—he's been a friend of mine and he was a friend of my brother's for years. My brother was a trainer and this is all sort of for him."

The 7-year-old England's Rose, out of stakes-placed Gingham and Lace (Kris S.), won the 2021 Swingtime S. and was second in last year's GI Matriarch S. and GII Goldikova S. racing for the partnership of Mercedes Stables, West Point Thoroughbreds, Scott Dilworth, David and Dorothy Ingordo and Steve Mooney and trainer John Shirreffs.



Gigi Lazenby | Keeneland photo

"I am just happy with this mare," Lazenby said. "I think she is going to be really nice. And she has a lot of possible stallions that we have to talk about."

During Monday's first session of the auction, Schenk signed the ticket at \$325,000 to acquire graded stakes winner **Domain Expertise** (Kitten's Joy) ([hip 382](#)) on behalf of Lazenby.

"We'd like to have four or five [broodmares]," Lazenby said. "We had a couple we've bought in the last few years. We are really interested in selling the foals. We've talked to Walker about that. We know they [Claiborne] raise a great horse. And they sell a great horse."

Lazenby continued, "It's been a great experience. And we're enjoying it. It's just kind of fun that I had an opportunity at this time to invest back into this community, because I love it." **Cont.**



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## In Good Spirits Has Date with **Life Is Good**

Graded stakes winner **In Good Spirits** (**Ghostzapper**) (hip 474), who RNA'd for \$495,000 at the Fasig-Tipton November sale two months ago, found a new home when selling for \$550,000 during Tuesday's session of the Keeneland January sale. Jacob West, bidding over the internet, acquired the mare on behalf of Mike Repole's Repole Stable.

"She was one of a few graded stakes winners in the catalog, so she stuck out in here as far as quality," West said. "She was a very fast mare and by a stallion that is really making his name as a broodmare sire. She always ran in great company and held her own. She has been purchased for **Life Is Good**. Mike is a shareholder and wanted to make sure he supported him with a top quality mare."

Paul Varga's Bal Mar Equine campaigned the mare, who was a \$200,000 purchase by bloodstock agent Steve Young at the 2018 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga sale. She won the 2021 GIII Mint Ladies Sprint S. and was second in that year's GIII Caress S. and third in the 2020 GIII Regret S. for trainer Al Stall.



**In Good Spirits** | Coady Photography

"I felt very validated because I loved that mare," said Mark Taylor of Taylor Made Sales Agency, which consigned In Good Spirits on behalf of Varga at both auctions. "We had her in November and she didn't sell. She had come off the track and we had her in as a racing or broodmare, and it might have muddied the waters. Some of the breeders might have thought they would be bidding against race people. So this time, we decided to hit the reset button, put her in as a broodmare only and just focus on that market of people. I told everyone upfront the reserve was going to be lower, so everyone felt comfortable getting involved."

Taylor added the mare may have gotten lost in the shuffle of buyers making a quick turnaround after Breeders' Cup championship weekend. **Cont. p7**



# GAME WINNER

Candy Ride (ARG) – Indyan Giving, by A.P. Indy

## FIRST CROP IN DEMAND

### \$200,000 COLT AT KEEJAN

Hip 610, c, \$200,000

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*Keeneland January, cont. from p6***In Good Spirits** | Keeneland photo

"In November, with the Breeders' Cup being there, it was a very accelerated pace and I felt like people were kind of rushing and really didn't appreciate what was in front of them," Taylor said. "She was a bigger fish in this pond. This catalogue is very solid, but there is not million-dollar mares all over the place. I thought going in she was in the top 15-20% of the catalogue, she might be end up being in the top 5%."

In Good Spirits is out of Mon Arch Lass (Arch), a half-sister to multiple stakes winner Sir Five Star (Five Star Day) and multiple graded-placed Starship Universe (**Mineshaft**).

"She's a beautiful mare," said Taylor. "Al Stall did a great job developing her. There was a lot to sell there. She is kind of what everybody is looking for. She's fresh off the track and ready to breed. She's got the pedigree and she's got the race record."

Varga, the retired chairman and CEO of Louisville's Brown-Forman, also campaigns last year's GI Beverly D. S. winner Dalika (Ger) (Pastorius {Ger}).

**Castleton Way Stretches for **Uncle Mo** Colt**

Marshall Taylor, whose Castleton Way pinhooking partnership had a banner first season last year, has been busy restocking this week in Lexington and made his biggest splash of the January sale when going to \$340,000 to acquire a colt by **Uncle Mo** (hip **763**) from the Lane's End consignment Tuesday.

"He was a nice colt and we liked him and wanted to give him a chance," Taylor said. "He had a great walk and a beautiful physical. He's a late May foal, so I think he will keep improving. He looked like a horse with a lot of upside."

The bay colt is out of Canteen (**Candy Ride {Arg}**) and was bred by Peter Brant's White Birch Farm which purchased the mare for \$550,000 at the 2017 Keeneland September sale.

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# GAME WINNER

Candy Ride (ARG) – Indyan Giving, by A.P. Indy

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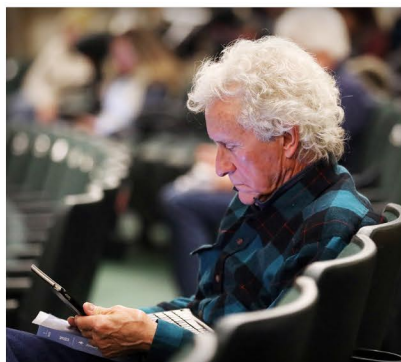




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*Bobby Powell*



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**Keeneland January, cont. from p7**

Castleton Way purchased a **Not This Time** filly for \$100,000 at the 2021 Keeneland November sale and resold her for \$675,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga sale. A **Ghostzapper** filly purchased by the group for \$115,000 at the 2021 Keeneland November sale resold for \$340,000 at the Fasig-Tipton New York-Bred Yearling Sale.

"I grew the partnership a little bit this year," Taylor said, "But we are sticking to upper echelon stuff. This was the highest priced one that we've bought. Last year, we had a few over \$100,000 and this year we expanded a little bit more."

Hip 763 was the third short yearling Taylor signed for during the first two sessions of the January sale. During Monday's first session, he purchased a filly by **Not This Time** (hip 93) for \$160,000 and a daughter of **Munnings** (hip 305) for \$170,000.



**Marshall Taylor** | Keeneland photo

"You've got to hope the market stays good and the economy stays good," Taylor said. "I think there is more of a demand for yearlings and racehorses than mares. It feels like the mare

market gets soft after a mare has been bred a few times and hasn't produced anything. But I feel like with the weanling, yearling and 2-year-old market, it seems like a lot more people want to have a racehorse than want to be long-term with the mares."

Taylor continued: "Purses are really good and the foal crop is shrinking every year, so there is more demand for these horses. So you just have to hope the market doesn't crash, say your prayers and hope the colt keeps going the

right way. And hopefully we'll have some success."

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## Jackpot, Heiligbrodts Team for Another Mo

Bill and Corinne Heiligbrodt and Terry Green's Jackpot Farm, who are partners on stakes winner and multiple Grade I-placed Gulfport (**Uncle Mo**), joined forces to purchase another son of **Uncle Mo** Tuesday at Keeneland. Jackpot advisor Bobby Powell, sitting alongside Heiligbrodt advisor Susan Montanye, signed the ticket at \$335,000 to acquire **hip 699** from the Eaton Sales consignment.



Bobby Powell | Keeneland photo

"The goal was, let's see if we can find another Gulfport," Powell said of the decision to bid on the short yearling. "There are options on the table for what we do with him, whether he's a resale later in the year or if he's in the stable. But those guys have options. We will just let the horse grow up and let time tell us what to do."

The bay colt is out of the unraced Victory Party (Yankee Victor), a daughter of Leslie's Lady (Tricky Creek) and a half-sister to champion Beholder (Henny Hughes), Grade I winner **Mendelssohn** (Scat Daddy) and leading sire Into Mischief (Harlan's Holiday).

"He was the right type for us," Powell said. "There are really good horsemen here and we all have different types, but I looked at him at the barn and I liked his size and his attitude and his presence. The vet work was clean, so I talked to those guys on the phone. They are looking to have some fun with him."

Gulfport romped by 12 1/4 lengths in the Bashford Manor S. in his second start last July at Churchill Downs. He was second in the GII Saratoga Special and GI Hopeful S. before finishing third in the GI Champagne S. in October. The newly turned 3-year-old

had his first work since September when he went four furlongs in :52.20 at Fair Grounds Monday.

The yearling was bred by Newstead Corp. Eaton Sales signed for Victory Party, in foal to **Justify**, for \$220,000 at the 2020 Keeneland November sale. Her **Justify** colt sold for \$390,000 at the 2022 Keeneland September sale after RNA'ing for \$190,000 at the 2021 November sale.

"He was a very tidy version of **Uncle Mo** and completely clean on the vet report," Eaton's Reiley McDonald said of the yearling. "So we weren't surprised at all at that price. I think they got a good buy. We thought he was really nice right now, so we put him in the January sale where he could stand out."

The 17-year-old Victory Party is also the dam of graded-placed Victory Kingdom (Aus) (Animal Kingdom) and stakes-placed Classic Moment (**Classic Empire**). She was bred to **Munnings** last year.

## Gun Runner Filly to First Finds

Tami Bobo and Fernando De Jesus's First Finds led early returns during Tuesday's second session of the Keeneland January sale when going to \$300,000 to acquire a short yearling by **Gun Runner** (**hip 430**).



Hip 430 | Keeneland photo

The bay filly, consigned by Indian Creek and bred by Ridley Farm, is out of Forest Valentine (Forestry) and is a half-sister to stakes-placed Valentine Wish (Lemon Drop Kid). Forest Valentine is a full-sister to multiple graded stakes winner Carolyn's Cat. **Cont. p10**



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"She is forward, pretty and correct," Bobo said. "I just thought she was a very elegant filly and had a lot of upside. I felt like she possibly could be a good pinhook and if she pinhooks, then great. If she doesn't, we'll be glad to race her."

First Finds returned later in the session to secure another short yearling filly by **Gun Runner**, going to \$175,000 to acquire **hip 487** from the Hermitage Farm consignment.

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• % RNAs	22.53%	19.57%
• High Price	\$650,000	\$700,000
• No. Over \$200k	26	21
• Gross	\$19,865,000	\$18,859,500
• Average (% change)	\$79,143 (+10.37%)	\$72,709
• Median (% change)	\$40,000 (n/c)	\$40,000
CUMULATIVE TOTALS	2023	2022
• Catalogued	852	868
• No. Offered	650	661
• No. Sold	475	511
• RNAs	175	150
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## KEENELAND JANUARY

## TUESDAY'S TOP MARES

HIP	NAME	STATUS	PRICE (\$)
840E	Ancient Peace (3, <i>War Front</i> —Deceptive Vision, by A.P. Indy) Consignor: Indian Creek, agent Purchaser: Boardshorts Stables LLC	Racing/B'mare Prospect	650,000
816	England's Rose (7, <i>English Channel</i> —Gingham and Lace, by Kris S.) Consignor: Lane's End, agent Purchaser: James Schenck, agent	Racing/B'mare Prospect	600,000
474	In Good Spirits (6, <i>Ghostzapper</i> —Mon Arch Lass, by Arch) Consignor: Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent for Bal Mar Equine LLC Purchaser: West Bloodstock, Agent for Repole Stable	Racing/B'mare Prospect	550,000
566	Palio Flag (6, <i>Curlin</i> —Private Ensign, by A.P. Indy) Consignor: Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent for STH LLC Purchaser: Gage Hill Stable	I/f to <i>Maclean's Music</i>	450,000
814	Empire Hope (4, <i>Empire Maker</i> —Ideal Image, by Hennessy) Consignor: Indian Creek, agent Purchaser: Boardshorts Stables LLC	Broodmare Prospect	450,000
560	Orinoco River (4, <i>War Front</i> —Coin Broker {Ire, by Montjeu {Ire}} Consignor: Paramount Sales, Agent XLII Purchaser: Mike Akers, agent	I/f to Woottn Basstt (GB)	425,000

804	Dream Passage (9, <i>Stormy Atlantic</i> —Raffie's Dream, by Raffie's Majesty) Consignor: Mulholland Springs, Agent XI Purchaser: Mallory, Agent for Determined Stud	I/f to <i>Gun Runner</i>	425,000
839	Bold Connection (3, <i>Uncle Mo</i> —Ithinkisawapudycat, by Bluegrass Cat) Consignor: Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent XC Purchaser: Brookdale Farm, agent	Racing/B'mare Prospect	350,000
500	Lashara (GB) (6, <i>American Pharoah</i> —Marbre Rose {Ire}, by Smart Strike) Consignor: Four Star Sales, agent Purchaser: River Oak Farm, agent	Racing/B'mare Prospect	300,000
507	Liam's Promenade (4, <i>Liam's Map</i> —Promenade Girl, by Carson City) Consignor: Trackside Farm (Tom Evans), agent Purchaser: Denali Stud	I/f to <i>Connect</i>	290,000

## TUESDAY'S TOP SHORT YEARLINGS

HIP	SEX	SIRE   DAM	PRICE (\$)
763	Colt	<i>Uncle Mo</i> —Canteen, by <i>Candy Ride</i> (Arg) Breeder: White Birch Farm (KY) Consignor: Lane's End, agent Purchaser: Castleton Way	340,000
699	Colt	<i>Uncle Mo</i> —Victory Party, by Yankee Victor Breeder: Newstead Corp (KY) Consignor: Eaton Sales, agent Purchaser: Jackpot Farm/Corinne & Bill Heiligbrodt	335,000
430	Filly	<i>Gun Runner</i> —Forest Valentine, by Forestry Breeder: Ridley Farm (KY) Consignor: Indian Creek, agent Purchaser: First Finds	300,000
537	Filly	<i>Candy Ride</i> (Arg)—Mojgan, by Flatter Breeder: Diamond Creek Farm (KY) Consignor: Eaton Sales, agent Purchaser: En Fuego Stables	280,000

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 Consignor: Lane's End, agent  
 Purchaser: Charlie Allen, Agent for George A. Sharp
- 518 Colt Bolt d'Oro–Lucky Switch, by Lookn At Lcky** 260,000  
 Breeder: Lisa & Tim Turney & Jerry Romans, Jr. (KY)  
 Consignor: Lisa & Tim Turney, Agent III  
 Purchaser: Ro Ho Racing
- 672 Colt Maclean's Music–Taptana, by Tapit** 250,000  
 (\$50,000 I/U KEENOV '21)  
 Breeder: William Humphries & Altair Farms (KY)  
 Consignor: Grovendale Sales, Agent IV  
 Purchaser: Backring Bloodstock
- 835 Colt McKinzie–Sweet Talkin, by Candy Ride (Arg)** 250,000  
 Breeder: Glencrest Farm LLC (KY)  
 Consignor: Four Star Sales, agent  
 Purchaser: P B Bloodstock
- 619 Colt Good Magic–Sassy Miss Sue, by Tiznow** 225,000  
 Breeder: CresRan (KY)  
 Consignor: Paramount Sales, Agent I  
 Purchaser: Sycamore Hall T'bred / David Wade, Agent
- 824 Colt Amrcn Phroah–Snwy Wnter, by Elsv Qlty** 225,000  
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### KEENELAND JANUARY - TUESDAY SHORT YEARLINGS

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
475	F	Audible	Innocent Love	120,000

B-Dale Desruisseaux and Thomas Sedef (ON)

Consigned by Paramount Sales, Agent XLIII

Purchased by Reeves Thoroughbred Racing & Steven Rocco

Dale Desruisseaux paid just \$20,000 for MSP Innocent Love (Grand Slam) carrying this fifth foal 12 months ago.

655	F	Volatile	Spring in the Wind	85,000
			B-Tommy Wentz (KY)	

Consigned by Four Star Sales, Agent for Thomas Wentz

Purchased by Hollybrook Bloodstock

Tommy Wentz only needed to put up \$4,000 to snag the stakes-placed Spring in the Wind (Spring At Last) off the track at the 2020 KEENOV sale, and paired her with speedster Volatile (\$17,500 advertised stud fee in 2021) for this first mating.



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Consigned by Eaton Sales, Agent

Purchased by Jose Aguirre

This Mar. 1 foal was a \$27,000 KEENOV in utero purchase and rode the wave of early sales success her first-crop sire has enjoyed.

**672 C Maclean's Music Taptana 250,000**

*B-William Humphries & Altair Farms (KY)*

Consigned by Grovendale Sales, Agent IV

Purchased by Backring Bloodstock

Taptana (*Tapit*), a daughter of millionaire Keertana (Johar) and full to GSW Ticonderoga, was scooped up for \$50,000 while she was carrying this colt at the 2021 Keeneland November sale.

**691 C Maclean's Music Ultimate Shopper 150,000**

*B-3C Stables (NY)*

Consigned by Mulholland Springs, Agent X

Purchased by Green Road Stable

Chris Larsen acquired Ultimate Shopper (Yes It's True) for \$25,000 in November of 2021 before sending the mare to New York to foal.

*Virginia Kraft Payson, cont. from p1*



Virginia Kraft Payson and then-future husband David Cole  
at the 2003 Eclipse Awards | *Horsephotos*

That first horse wasn't an on-track success, but the couple's breeding operation later yielded such noteworthy runners as St. Jovite, the 1992 European Horse of the Year, and the 1984 GI Travers S. winner Carr de Naskra.

Payson Park Training Center in Florida still carries the family's name and a reputation as an idyllic place for developing racehorses. **Cont. p14**



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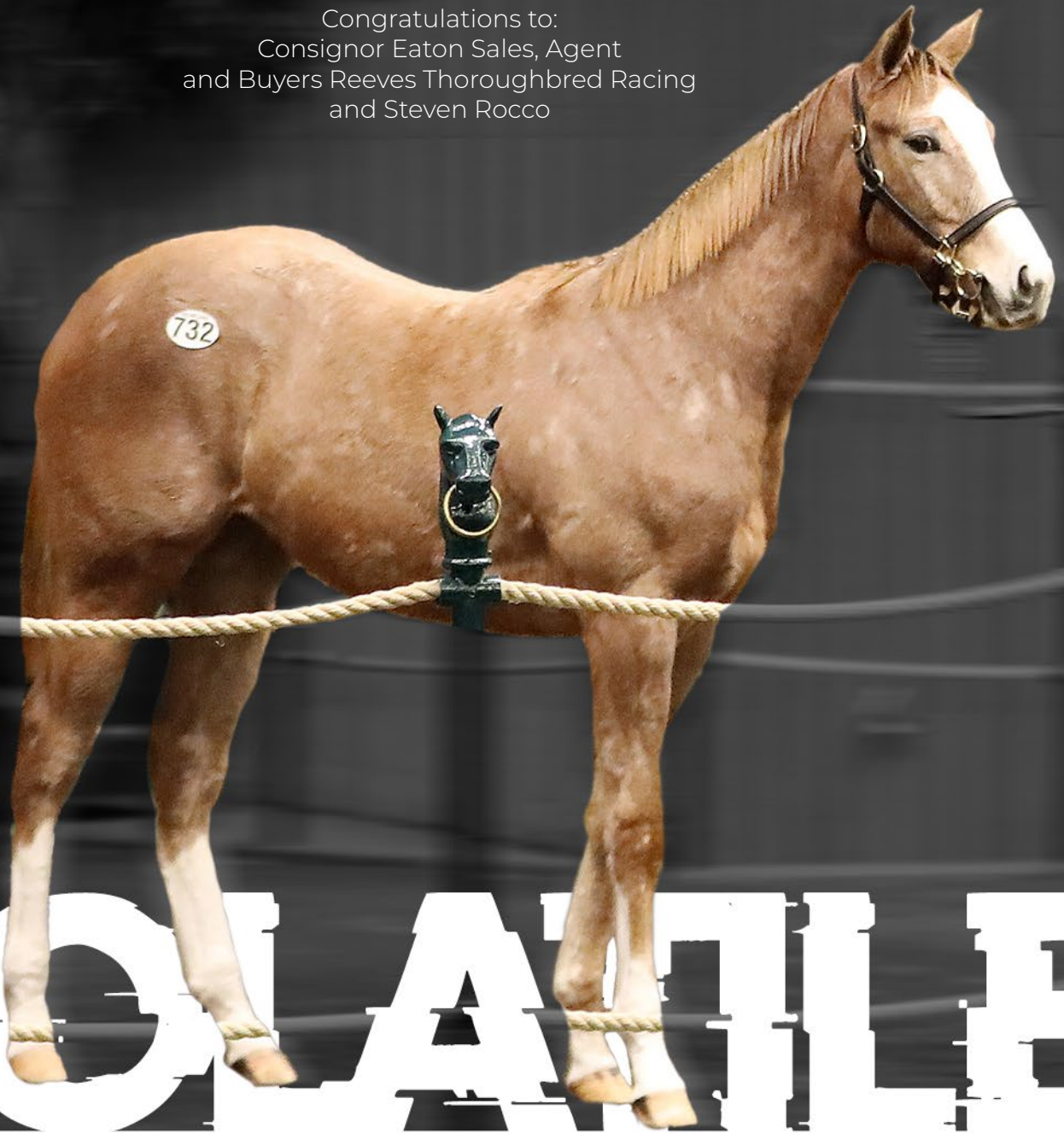
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**Virginia Kraft Payson, cont. from p13**

Although Payson sold that property in 2019, for years beforehand she had been a highly enthusiastic participant in its operation. She often visited her horses stabled there by driving a Corvette painted in her family's blue and white racing colors.

A native of New York City, a graduate of Barnard College, and a self-described "outdoor adventuress," Payson was among the first dozen writers (and the only woman) hired by the fledgling *Sports Illustrated* when that landmark magazine first launched in 1954.

Competition was fierce and staff turnover was high, but Payson (writing under her maiden name, Virginia Kraft) helped the publication flourish for 26 years as it grew into the era's pre-eminent weekly sports publication.

"Every guy who was hired looked around and figured, 'I can knock her off first,'" Payson once recalled in an interview. "I just did my job and created the opportunities."

"Opportunities" was an understatement. Payson hunted big game on six continents, including tracking wild boar with General Francisco Franco of Spain, going on the prowl for tigers with the Queen of Nepal, and shooting birds from horseback with King Hussein of Jordan.

She also piloted hot-air balloons and competed in international sport fishing tournaments. Her prowess as a scuba diver led to her election into the Underwater Hall of Fame, and Payson even raced sled dogs through the Alaskan wilderness.

In addition to her work with *Sports Illustrated*, Payson was the author of five books on boating, training dogs, shotgun sports, and tennis. Siena College in New York State presented her with an honorary doctorate in Humane Letters in recognition of her lifetime body of work.

In a 2013 podcast with the *Blood-Horse*, Payson detailed the humorous story of how she and Charles Payson acquired their first racehorse around the time they got married in 1977. The

two both had experience riding horses, but not in owning Thoroughbreds.

They had taken a trip to Lexington to visit Secretariat as tourists. They then attended a Fasig-Tipton auction and sat down front. Caught up in the excitement, Charles bid on a horse sired by Arts and Letters, whose name Virginia had recognized. Charles even mistakenly bid against himself at one point, but eventually won the bid.

When it came time to sign the sales slip, Charles wasn't aware that a buyer was expected to have first established credit. He said someone he knew at the well-respected Greentree Stable would be able to pay on his behalf.



**St. Jovite winning the G1 King George and Queen Elizabeth S. at Ascot in 1992 | racingfotos**

"We went back to the hotel and ordered a bottle of champagne and stayed up until two o'clock in the morning congratulating ourselves on owning a racehorse," Kraft reminisced nearly four decades later.

"At about five o'clock in the morning the phone rang and it was the then-manager at Greentree, who, after quite a string of expletives, [wanted to know why] we were buying a horse for Greentree," Payson recalled with a laugh.

The purchase got okayed, but Kraft said the horse, later named

Romanair, turned out to be "absolutely insane" and extremely difficult to train.

"He was a beautiful horse, but he was just absolutely crazy in the head," Kraft said.

Romanair raced three times in Kentucky before he was ruled off. They first time, Kraft said, he unseated the jockey. The second time he bolted in the wrong direction. The third time he tried to savage the horse next to him soon after breaking from the gate.

The Paysons gave away Romanair, but Kraft was always proud that, after four years off, a patient steeplechase trainer had managed to calm down the horse enough that he competed over jumps, and eventually won a steeplechase race at age nine. **Cont. p15**



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**Virginia Kraft Payson, cont. from p14**

After a second retirement, Romanair became a successful sport horse for a number of years, which also delighted Payson.

After Charles's death in 1985, Virginia kept the Payson racing and breeding operations going. Other prominent horses she bred and campaigned included L'Carriere, Salem Drive, Lac Ouimet, Strawberry Reason, Uptown Swell, and Milesius. Her mare, Northern Sunset, was honored as 1995 Broodmare of the Year. In 1997, Payson was honored as Breeder of the Year by the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association.

Payson raced most of the horses she bred until 1999, keeping the number of foals each year relatively small, at about 12. In 2000, she decided to make Payson Stud more commercial, selling half her yearlings. The following year, she sold all of them. From those two early crops came a pair of 2002 divisional champions, the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner Vindication, and GI Kentucky Oaks winner Farda Amiga.

According to a biography provided by the family via Erickson, Payson's first marriage, to Robert Dean Grimm, ended in divorce.

After being widowed from Charles Payson, in 1994 she married a third time, to the Thoroughbred owner Jesse M. Henley, Jr. After his death, Payson in 2008 married David Libby Cole, a real estate broker from Colorado.

Cole, now of Lexington, survives Payson, as do three daughters from her marriage to Grimm, plus three grandchildren.

Arrangements for services are pending.

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## GRADE I WINNER HOT ROD CHARLIE BOUND FOR SHADAI STALLION STATION

Grade I winner **Hot Rod Charlie** (Oxbow--Indian Miss, by Indian Charlie) will stand at Shadai Stallion Station in Japan beginning in 2023. The GI Pennsylvania Derby hero and half-brother to Eclipse Champion Sprinter Mitole (Eskendereya) will stand for ¥2,000,000.

Eisuke Tokutake of Shadai Stallion Station said, "Hot Rod Charlie has only one [Grade I] win, but he is running steadily, and his pedigree background is a stallion that is definitely a Japan stallion [in the making] with a champion sprinter as his half-brother, [Mitole]."

Purchased for \$17,000 as a short yearling out of the Fasig-Tipton February Sale, he developed into a \$110,000 prospect when reoffered at Fasig-Tipton in October of 2019. The Edward A. Cox, Jr.-bred dark bay won a maiden special weight in his fourth start at two for Roadrunner Racing, Boat Racing, LLC & William Strauss and trainer Doug O'Neill and was later was a close second to **Essential Quality** (**Tapit**) in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile of 2020.



**Hot Rod Charlie** | Sarah Andrew

At three, Hot Rod Charlie was campaigned with the Triple Crown in mind, and was third in the GIII Robert B. Lewis S. prior to taking the GII Louisiana Derby by two lengths. Gainesway Farm bought in before he crossed the wire in third in the GI Kentucky Derby, although he was subsequently elevated to second as Medina Spirit (Protonico) was disqualified for a medication positive and **Mandaloun** (Into Mischief) was named the winner. The colt was only 1 1/4 lengths behind old rival **Essential Quality** when runner-up in the GI Belmont S., and he was a nose the best in the GI Haskell S., but was disqualified to seventh after drifting down the stretch. Recording a career-high victory at Parx in September, he rounded out the season with a fourth in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic at Del Mar, followed by a nose second in Santa Anita's GII San Antonio S.

Sent to Meydan in February of 2022, the then-4-year-old dashed to a 5 1/4-length win in the G2 Al Maktoum Challenge Round 2 prior to a second in the G1 Dubai World Cup. Runner-up in his North American reappearance in the GIII Salvador Mile last June, he finished third behind **Life Is Good** (Into Mischief) in the GI Whitney S., narrowly besting Kentucky Derby winner Rich Strike (Keen Ice) in the GII Lukas Classic. **Cont.**

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**Hot Rod Charlie, cont. from p15**

He concluded 2022 with a sixth in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic held at Keeneland Nov. 5.

"What to say? Thank you Hot Rod Charlie for the amazing memories, the great and often unpredictable ride and for inspiring us to give our ALL every time," tweeted O'Neill. "Wishing him the best in his new career. We'll miss him around here."

In a press release, O'Neill continued: "Hot Rod Charlie was a phenomenal racehorse. He competed against the best of his generation and proved his class time and again. As a half-brother to champion sprinter Mitole, the sky's the limit. We look forward to following his stud career."

He retires with a mark of 19-5-5-4 and \$5,676,720 in earnings. The fifth foal, runner and winner for his placed dam, Hot Rod Charlie hails from the same family as GII Davona Dale S. heroine Live Lively (**Medaglia d'Oro**).

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## WALDEN RACING GIVES FRESH START TO AN IMPROBABLE TEAM



[Click here for our visit with Will Walden's team at Turfway](#)

by Katie Petrunyak

Kyle Berryman has a lot to look forward to as he opens a new chapter in 2023. He recently celebrated six months of sobriety and, two weeks ago, his boss Will Walden asked him if he would be interested in running the stable's shedrow.

"It's just a title, but it's pretty cool," Berryman said after wrapping up a busy morning at Turfway Park. "I only have maybe five months of experience working with horses right now, so I'm still brand new and still learning a lot."

He may shrug off those recent achievements, but Berryman's long days at Turfway this winter are worlds away from the life he was living when the calendar turned over last year.

Berryman is a member of the improbable team that makes up Will Walden Racing. The group consists of six men recovering from substance addiction. They all have their eyes on the winner's circle, but the overarching goal of the team is to encourage each other in remaining sober.

"There is no shedrow if this group of guys makes a decision to go do what they used to do," Berryman explained. "There would be no Will Walden Racing. Sobriety is our number one thing and the care of these horses is number two. They wouldn't get the care they needed if we weren't sober."

Will Walden, the 32-year-old son of former Grade I-winning trainer and WinStar's President and CEO Elliott Walden, went through his own painful battle with drug addiction and alcohol abuse. After spending nearly a year at the Shepherd's House, a drug treatment facility in Lexington, Walden began laying out the plans for a substance recovery-based racing barn.

The **stable launched** in April last year and has steadily added new members--both human and equine--since. Taylor Made's **School of Horsemanship**, a program designed to work with people recovering from substance abuse and teach them a new vocation in the Thoroughbred business, has sent several graduates interested in furthering their racing career to Walden.

"It's about giving guys a second chance," said Walden. "It's for guys who were in the system, who served prison time, who came from sordid backgrounds and have had their tails kicked in by life. When I got sober, [racing] was all I knew and is what I've always loved. I couldn't think of anything better than to be able to give this to guys I met through something so ugly and so heinous."

"Most of these guys have never touched a horse before, but because of where they came from, they have a hunger for a purpose and a drive for life, and these horses give that to them."

Eight months after saddling his first starter, Walden closed out the year with promising statistics for 2022. From 41 starts, the stable maintained a 21% winning percentage and ran in the money in nearly half its starts. In December, they brought home a major victory when Kate's Kingdom (Animal Kingdom) gave them their first stakes win in the My Charmer S. at Turfway Park.

While the win was a significant personal achievement for Walden, it meant even more to be able to watch the celebration unfold amongst his team.

"These guys were homeless, they were in jails--myself included," Walden said. "We've been in some really hopeless places, some really tough spots. But the day that Kate's Kingdom won, they were on top. That day they had the victory. That day they were the champions."

Walden said that Kate's Kingdom, who was purchased for \$400,000 out of the Fasig-Tipton Digital Flash Sale in November by Stephen Screnci, remains in training and is pointing for an upcoming stakes at Turfway on January 14. **Cont. p17**



**Walden Racing, cont. from p16**

Kate's Kingdom's success is doubly special because the 5-year-old is owned by a partnership that includes Frank Taylor. To help Walden get his stable off its feet last year, Taylor formed Ready Made Racing--a pinhook-to-race venture that provided Walden with his 10 original trainees.



Kate's Kingdom gives Will Walden Racing its first stakes win | Coady

Walden's stable has grown so rapidly since it first launched that they are now transitioning away from relying on Ready Made Racing as its sole client and officially transferring into Will Walden Racing. With 15 horses currently stabled at Turfway, they're steadily adding in new owners like Cypress Creek Equine, Elliott Logan's TEC Racing and Three Diamonds Farm.

"These [owners] are willing to put in their time and money to back us when not a lot of people would," Walden explained. "But our goals are big in this game. We're not out here for any participation trophies. We want to be the best. We hope to accrue more horses, but we're not really worried about that now. We're grateful for the 15 we have."

Tyler Maxwell is an integral member of Walden's team. Maxwell grew up out West riding cutting and sorting horses and now serves as Walden's assistant and exercise rider. The pair met at the Shepherd's House and after they both completed the program, Walden invited his friend to join him in starting up a stable.

"Never in a million years did I think that I'd be riding for living," said Maxwell, who has been sober for two years. "I had never ridden Thoroughbreds before and I really didn't know anything, but I have come a long way and it's because of Will. I never would have done this if I didn't trust him."

Maxwell added that he considers Walden to be a brother first and an employer second.

"Some days that gets a little quirky," he said with a wry grin. "But God has put me in his life and him in mine for a reason."

Walden's team is more than just a collection of co-workers. The group is working and living together during the Turfway meet, but the bond they share runs much deeper than their admiration for the horses they care for. Along with Will, Tyler and Kyle, the team includes Scott, who has been with them for almost two months, as well as Mike and Nate, who both joined the group two weeks ago.

"These guys are coming to us from addiction or alcoholism and they see all these different walks of life and all these different lengths of sobriety that come together to form our team," Walden explained. "We enjoy each other's company. We enjoy each other's mentorship. We enjoy this journey that life is. Where I used to be addicted to how I felt every single minute of the day, now I can walk into the barn and take a deep breath, let the slack out of my shoulders and just enjoy what is in front of us today."

There's an unmistakably light atmosphere in Walden's barn at Turfway and the conditioner said that the horses have responded to it.

"What you think, they feel," he explained. "So if you're walking around with a low head worried about yourself and how miserable your life is, you're going to pass that on to these horses. If you keep things light and positive and jubilant, that energy passes on to them. If you walk down our shedrow at any given time, these horses aren't sitting in the back of their stalls with their ears pinned back. They're out there bobbing their heads and looking for attention."

"The energy and love that we have for these horses is contagious," added Maxwell. "And they carry it out there on the track."

Last week, the Will Walden Racing team got its first win of the year with Clear the Air (Ransom the Moon), who broke his maiden at second asking on Friday while carrying the Cypress Creek Equine silks. **Cont. p18**



Clear The Air breaks his maiden Jan. 6 | Coady



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**Walden Racing, cont. from p17**

When they're not busy at the barn, Walden places an emphasis on furthering the education of each member of his team. Recently, the group began taking off-track field trips to learn about various aspects of the industry. Their first outing was to Jonabell Farm, where they visited the Darley stallions.

"We don't want to bring them onto the racetrack and say, 'This is it for you,'" Walden explained. "We want to encourage these guys to pursue their dreams in whatever facet of the industry, if it even is this industry, that they want to be involved in."

While Walden aims to maintain a recovery-based stable even as his list of employees grows, his goals for the operation go beyond just the members of his team. He hopes that their barn can be a safe haven for people on the backside who carry struggles similar to the ones he and his team have gone through.

"Nobody wants to go around and talk about their alcoholism and addiction," he said. "But if people know we're here and they know we're open and willing to talk about it, maybe they come in and voice what they're going through."

During his first year in the industry, Maxwell has found a lifelong passion for the sport and for sitting on the back of a Thoroughbred.

"Horses have definitely played a big part in my recovery," he said. "On the days that it was hard for me to find God, horses were there to talk to. Some people probably think I'm crazy because I'm sitting there talking to a horse, but these horses are intuitional."

While he could easily further his career by finding another job, Maxwell said that Walden's barn is where he belongs.

"It's not about me anymore," he said. "It's about these guys coming in and watching that spark come inside."

Maxwell stays with Walden's team for people like Kyle Berryman, who made a commitment to living and working alongside people who are also recovering from substance addiction during the first year of his sobriety.

"Experience is the greatest teacher," Berryman explained. "Chances are that Will and Tyler have been through what I'm

going through. We all share this common bond."

While the encouragement of his teammates has been key to Berryman's sobriety over the past six months, so too has been the connection he has formed with the horses.

"The bond I share with them is like no other," he said. "If you really don't feel like dealing with humans that day, you go in and start grooming a horse and I know they're listening. I can feel it. I can see it in their eyes. These horses, they rely on us. I take pride in that. When you take one up to the paddock, there's that minute where I'm thinking of nothing but what is going on right in that moment. That's not how my past has been. It's been ten miles in the future or ten miles in the past. But I feel like with this, I can finally feel like I can be in the moment, and that's precious to me."

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## GISW NO PAROLE REPRESENTED BY FIRST FOAL




*Courtesy of Coteau Groves Farms*

GI Woody Stephens S. winner **No Parole (Violence)** was represented by his first foal, produced at Coteau Grove Farms Jan. 9. The colt is out of the **Street Sense** mare Naive Enough, making him a half-brother to stakes-placed sophomore Tumbarumba (**Oscar Performance**), who recently ran second in the Louisiana Champions Day Juvenile S. Dec. 10. The 6-year-old stallion stands in partnership at Carrol Castille's Whispering Oaks Farm in Carencro, Louisiana for \$3,500.

"We are so excited obviously as the breeders of No Parole himself, to also be the breeders of his first foal. He is a beautiful foal and full of energy this morning," said Coteau Grove Farms managing partner Hunter Myers.

Coteau Grove Farms Bloodstock advisor Andrew Cary said, "We have supported No Parole with some very nice mares and will continue to do so this year and beyond." **Cont. p19**

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## No Parole, cont. from p18

“No Parole had truly elite speed and his sire **Violence** continues to produce top level horses every year, like Grade I winners **Volatile** and **Forte** among many others. He’s the only son of **Violence** standing in Louisiana,” said Cary.

Raced by Maggi Moss and Greg Tramontin and trained by Tom Amoss, No Parole won six races in 13 career starts.

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## FIRST FOAL FOR GISW ROCK YOUR WORLD



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The 2021 GI Santa Anita Derby winner Rock Your World (**Candy Ride {Arg}**) was represented by his first reported foal Jan. 9 when a filly was born at Diana Shoop’s Gemstone Farm in Lexington. The bay lass is the first foal out of her winning dam, Mrs. O’Connell (**American Pharoah**), and was bred by Mark and Allison Menscer’s Post Rock Farm.

“We are thrilled with the filly,” said Mark Menscer. “She looks like Rock Your World. He stamped her out. She has tremendous bone and a lot of substance. We couldn’t be happier, especially being the first effort out of the mare.”

Rock Your World stands at Spendthrift Farm, where he will enter his second season in 2023 for \$10,000.

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## HORSE RACING WOMEN’S SUMMIT GULFSTREAM EVENT TICKETS ON SALE

The Horse Racing Women’s Summit (HRWS) at Gulfstream Park has been scheduled for Friday, Jan. 27, the eve of the GI

Pegasus World Cup. Guests will gather and network in the beautiful Flamingo Room for brunch and a handicapping seminar featuring NYRA and Fox Sports presenter Maggie Wolfendale-Morley and Claudia Spadaro, on-air handicapper and personality for Gulfstream and HipicaTV. Following the seminar, guests will have access to the White Suite for the remainder of the race day.

Tickets are on sale for \$130 and will include brunch and beverages, including beer, wine, and champagne plus entry into the first-ever HRWS handicapping contest.

“We are thrilled to continue creating opportunities to connect and empower women in horse racing,” said Jodie Vella-Gregory, VP Industry Relations, 1/ST RACING & GAMING, “At the Gulfstream Park Meet Up, we hope women take a moment to network, discuss the future, and celebrate one another. Every time we come together new ideas are cultivated and connections are forged creating a brighter future for women in racing.”

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## TAA HOLIDAY GIVING CAMPAIGN RAISES \$180K

*Edited Press Release*

Following a month-long effort to raise funds for the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance (TAA)’s 81 accredited organizations, the TAA Holiday Giving Campaign concluded Dec. 31 with \$180,000 raised for accredited aftercare.

“It was encouraging to see such enthusiasm for our holiday fundraiser,” said TAA President Jeffrey Bloom. “Thank you to every person who donated to the TAA’s Holiday Giving Campaign. It takes a great deal of funds to care for our industry’s retired athletes, and large influxes of donations such as these are vital to the TAA’s ability to support its accredited organizations.” **Cont. p20**



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**TAA Campaign, cont. from p19**

The campaign featured 14 one-day only match donation days with match amounts ranging from \$500 to \$10,000.

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"We are so thrilled with the outcome of the Holiday Giving Campaign," said TAA Funding and Events Manager Emily Dresen. "Thank you to the 14 match sponsors, hundreds of donors, and our media partners for making this campaign a success. It's all about the horses and what better time to support our beloved athletes than the season of giving."

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**VETERINARIAN RAISING FUNDS FOR LOCAL HORSE RESCUE**

**Dr. Bryan Langlois**

A veterinarian is raising money for a local horse rescue by living in one of the barn's stalls for three days this week in hopes of raising \$20,000.

Dr. Bryan Langlois has been taking part in his "Stall Rest Fundraiser for PARR" since noon on Monday. He will be living in a stall till noon on Thursday or sooner if the \$20,000 goal is met. All the proceeds from the fundraiser go to PA Racehorse Rehoming, Rehabilitation, and Rescue (PARR), an Off-the-Track Thoroughbred (OTTB) rescue that recently relocated its operations from Pennsylvania to Ocala.

All the care for the horses is done strictly by volunteers led by the rescue's founder Dr. Kate Papp, who has dedicated her life and career to the care of these horses in need.

"I was coming down here for a vet conference this coming

weekend, so it kind of seemed natural to me to see if I could help raise funds in some way while getting here a little early," Langlois said. "I had done a similar fundraiser for the rescue when they were in Pennsylvania a few years back that raised close to \$10,000. I have seen firsthand how the folks here have taken horses that would have been written off as never being able to be saved and worked miracles with them. Being a veterinarian who also works solely in the rescue and non-profit realm, I know all too well the costs involved with caring for these creatures and that it is only the generosity of the generous donors that allows rescues like PARR to operate and save these lives. The small amount of discomfort I may have to go through for a few days living in a stall pales greatly in comparison to what some of the horses PARR has taken in over the years have gone through."

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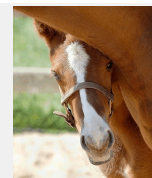
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## 2022 Leading First-Crop Sires by Earnings

for stallions standing in North America through Saturday, Dec. 31

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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	<b>Bolt d'Oro</b> (2015) by <i>Medaglia d'Oro</i> FYR: 2020	6	15	3	7	--	--	80	29	322,815	2,815,623
Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$35,000 Instant Coffee											
2	<b>Good Magic</b> (2015) by <i>Curlin</i> FYR: 2020	6	6	4	4	1	1	65	22	468,750	2,533,414
Stands: Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa KY Fee: \$50,000 Blazing Sevens											
3	<b>Justify</b> (2015) by <i>Scat Daddy</i> FYR: 2020	6	10	4	7	--	1	71	29	197,750	2,478,038
Stands: Coolmore Ashford KY Fee: \$100,000 Verifying											
4	<b>Army Mule</b> (2014) by <i>Friesan Fire</i> FYR: 2020	5	7	--	1	--	--	61	24	414,900	2,049,560
Stands: Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa KY Fee: \$12,500 Danse Macabre											
5	<b>Sharp Azteca</b> (2013) by <i>Freud</i> FYR: 2020	3	6	--	1	--	--	83	35	320,169	1,914,292
Stands: Three Chimneys Farm KY Fee: \$15,000 Tyler's Tribe											
6	<b>Girvin</b> (2014) by <i>Tale of Ekati</i> FYR: 2020	5	8	2	2	1	1	52	20	288,000	1,910,156
Stands: Airdrie Stud KY Fee: \$20,000 Atomically											
7	<b>Mendelssohn</b> (2015) by <i>Scat Daddy</i> FYR: 2020	2	7	1	1	--	--	91	25	224,020	1,854,128
Stands: Coolmore Ashford KY Fee: \$25,000 Delight											
8	<b>Oscar Performance</b> (2014) by <i>Kitten's Joy</i> FYR: 2020	2	6	1	4	--	1	39	17	294,243	1,563,457
Stands: Mill Ridge Farm KY Fee: \$20,000 Andthewinneris											
9	<b>Mo Town</b> (2014) by <i>Uncle Mo</i> FYR: 2020	2	5	--	--	--	--	58	21	282,350	1,524,140
Stands: Coolmore Ashford KY Fee: \$5,000 Key of Life											
10	<b>City of Light</b> (2014) by <i>Quality Road</i> FYR: 2020	3	6	--	3	--	1	37	11	425,450	1,348,733
Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$60,000 Chop Chop											
11	<b>Good Samaritan</b> (2014) by <i>Harlan's Holiday</i> FYR: 2020	1	3	--	--	--	--	53	17	190,929	1,144,468
Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$7,500 Sabalenka											
12	<b>Awesome Slew</b> (2013) by <i>Awesome Again</i> FYR: 2020	1	3	--	--	--	--	24	14	458,000	1,021,161
Stands: Ocala Stud FL Fee: \$4,000 Awesome Strong											
13	<b>Cloud Computing</b> (2014) by <i>Maclean's Music</i> FYR: 2020	--	3	--	1	--	--	49	16	123,500	987,894
Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$5,000 Two Eagles River											
14	<b>Mor Spirit</b> (2013) by <i>Eskendereya</i> FYR: 2020	1	3	--	--	--	--	55	17	224,190	930,265
Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$5,000 Velocitor											
15	<b>Collected</b> (2013) by <i>City Zip</i> FYR: 2020	1	1	--	--	--	--	52	14	121,875	878,048
Stands: Airdrie Stud KY Fee: \$10,000 Freedom Trail											

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**10th-Parx Racing, \$52,250, (S), 1-10, (NW1BX), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:47.99, ft, 6 1/4 lengths.**

**PEACH PERFECT (f, 4, **Cupid**--George's Peach, by Pleasantly Perfect)** Lifetime Record: 11-3-4-3, \$161,866. O-Main Line Racing Stable; B-Andrew Simoff (PA); T-John C. Servis. \*\$17,000 Ylg '20 FTKOCT.

**3rd-Parx Racing, \$44,348, (NW2L)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 1-10, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:27.97, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.**

**MILANO (g, 6, Into Mischief--Dixie Song, by Fusaichi Pegasus)** Lifetime Record: 12-2-2-1, \$88,874. O-Double B Racing Stables; B-Brandywine Farm (Jim & Pam Robinson) (KY); T-Jamie Ness. \*\$300,000 Ylg '18 FTSAUG; \$1,300,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR; \$35,000 5yo '22 FTKHRA.

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**6th-Mahoning Valley, \$40,900, (S), 1-10, 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:45.59, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.**

**UPTOWN (h, 5, **Upstart**--Mongoose Gold {SW, \$265,643}, by Mongoose)** Lifetime Record: MSP, 17-6-3-4, \$233,182. O-Charlie J. Williams LLC; B-Donnybrook Stables & Wynn Blanton (OH); T-Penny Rone. \*\$35,000 Wlg '18 KEENOV; \$30,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP.

**3rd-Sunland, \$36,400, 1-10, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:05.42, ft, 3 3/4 lengths.**

**NORTHVALE ROAD (g, 4, Grazen--Sunshine Woman, by Tizdejau)** Lifetime Record: 18-4-2-4, \$128,428. O-Robert H. & Michael Medina; B-Gino Roncelli (CA); T-Dick Cappellucci. \*\$10,000 Ylg '20 NCAAUG.

**4th-Mahoning Valley, \$27,500, 1-10, (NW4L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.58, ft, 11 lengths.**

**J L'S ROCKETTE (f, 4, Into Mischief--Meta Mu, by **Street Sense**)** Lifetime Record: 9-4-0-2, \$86,793. O-Jerry Jamgotchian; B-Bloom Racing Stable LLC (KY); T-Eric R. Reed. \*\$35,000 RNA Ylg '20 KEESEP; \$750,000 2yo '21 OBSAPR; \$100,000 RNA 3yo '22 KEENOV.

**4th-Turf Paradise, \$26,900, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000-\$50,000), 1-10, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:07.80, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.**

**TRUTH SEEKER (g, 7, Into Mischief--For Royalty {SW}, by Not For Love)** Lifetime Record: 35-9-7-5, \$248,527. O-Hole-In-One Racing Stables, LLC; B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-Rafael S. Barraza. \*1/2 to Upper Room (Harlan's Holiday), SP, \$151,329; Constellation (Bellamy Road), GISW, \$619,809.



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**3rd-Mahoning Valley, \$25,900, 1-10, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.93, ft, 5 1/2 lengths.**

**RED HOT LASS (m, 5, Texas Red--Speightlass, by **Speightstown**)** Lifetime Record: 12-4-2-2, \$75,078. O-Dalma Lozada; B-Pope & Marc McLean, Pope McLean Jr. & Taproot Bloodstock LLC (KY); T-Jeffrey Skerrett. \*\$30,000 RNA Wlg '18 KEENOV; \$11,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP. \*\*1/2 to Factor It In (**The Factor**), MSW & MGSP, \$430,120.

**6th-Turf Paradise, \$23,400, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000-\$25,000), 1-10, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:08.48, ft, neck.**

**AXEL STEEL (g, 4, Mohaymen--Air Guitar, by Five Star Day)** Lifetime Record: 11-5-2-0, \$106,674. O-James Stephenson; B-Brad King (TX); T-Dan H. Dennison. \*1/2 to Flyin Falynn (Tale of the Cat), MSP, \$271,077.

## ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Danza Magic, f, 4, Danza--Griffins Magic, by Majestic Warrior.** Mahoning Valley, 1-10, (S), 6f, 1:15.21. Lifetime Record: 20-1-5-5, \$67,035. B-Winings Thoroughbreds, LLC (OH).



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**Danza**, Danza Magic, f, 4, o/o Griffins Magic, by Majestic Warrior. MSW, 1-10, Mahoning Valley

**Grazen**, Northvale Road, g, 4, o/o Sunshine Woman, by Tizdejavu. ALW, 1-10, Sunland



**Into Mischief** | David Coyle

**Into Mischief**, J L's Rockette, f, 4, o/o Meta Mu, by **Street Sense**. ALW, 1-10, Mahoning Valley

**Into Mischief**, Milano, g, 6, o/o Dixie Song, by Fusaichi Pegasus. AOC, 1-10, Parx Racing

**Into Mischief**, Truth Seeker, g, 7, o/o For Royalty, by Not For Love. AOC, 1-10, Turf Paradise

**Mohaymen**, Axel Steel, g, 4, o/o Air Guitar, by Five Star Day.

AOC, 1-10, Turf Paradise

**Texas Red**, Red Hot Lass, m, 5, o/o Speightlass, by **Speightstown**.

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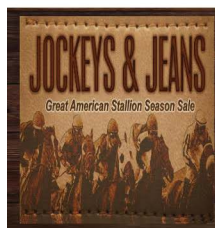
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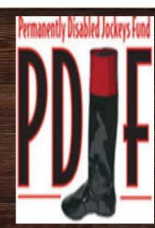
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Date	Race	Track
Jan. 14	GI La Canada S.	Santa Anita
Jan. 21	GI Lecomte S.	Fair Grounds
	GI Louisiana S.	Fair Grounds
Jan. 28	GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational S.	Gulfstream
	GI Pegasus World Cup Turf Inv. S.	Gulfstream
	GI Inside Information S.	Gulfstream
	GI San Pasqual S.	Santa Anita
	GI Fred W. Hooper S.	Gulfstream
	GI La Prevoyante S.	Gulfstream
	GI W. L. McKnight S.	Gulfstream
	GI Southwest S.	Oaklawn
	GI Las Virgenes S.	Santa Anita
	GI Houston Ladies' Classic	Sam Houston
	GI John B Connally Turf Cup	Sam Houston
	GI Toboggan S.	Aqueduct
Jan. 29	GI San Vicente S.	Santa Anita
Feb. 4	GI Holy Bull S.	Gulfstream
	GI Claiborne Swale S.	Gulfstream
	GI Forward Gal S.	Gulfstream
	GI Kitten's Joy S.	Gulfstream
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Richard O'Brien: has made it pay with his bumper horses  
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By Brian Sheerin

He burst onto the Flat scene by training nine winners in his debut season followed by 11 in 2018, but Richard O'Brien has described the sale of three expensive bumper winners and winners-in-waiting throughout the past 12 months as "hugely important" in his bid to balance the books.

It all started with **Impulsive Dancer (Ire)** (Dragon Pulse {Ire}). A horse who was almost rehomed as a riding horse after finishing tailed off in a piece of work on the Curragh, Impulsive Dancer showed his true colours on testing ground, which he demonstrated when winning the opening 4-year-old bumper of the year at Naas in 2022.

Impulsive Dancer was snapped up by Anthony Bromley on behalf of Simon Munir and Isaac Souede soon after that Naas triumph and his new connections didn't have long to wait to see a return on their investment when he landed a listed bumper at Limerick.

Sadly, that immense potential will go unfulfilled as he suffered a heart attack on the gallops at Closutton recently and O'Brien has explained how he will forever be indebted to the horse who opened the door to a lucrative trading opportunity, one that Sunday's Naas scorer **Cut The Rope (Fr)** (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**) is a fellow graduate of. [Cont. p3](#)

## DAM AND HALF-BROTHER TO AL RIFFA FEATURE IN GOFFS FEBRUARY CATALOGUE

The catalogue for the 487-strong Goffs February sale, which includes the dam and half-brother of juvenile Group 1 winner Al Riffa (Fr) (**Wootton Bassett {GB}**), is now **online**. Slated for Feb. 8-9, the sale includes Flat and National Hunt weanlings, breeding stock, 2-year-olds and horses-in-training, and will begin at 10 a.m. each day.

One of the highlights of the catalogue is Galileo (Ire) mare **Love On My Mind (Ire)** (lot 479). In foal to Galileo Chrome (Ire), the 11-year-old sells as part of the Clonbonny Stud draft, as does lot 321, her yearling half-brother to G1 National S. hero Al Riffa.

Ballyshannon Stud offers **Its All For Luck (Ire)** (Fast Company {Ire}) (lot 474), who is a sister to G1 Irish 1000 Guineas heroine Jet Setting (Ire) (Fast Company {Ire}). She is in foal to Profitable (Ire). [Cont. p6](#)

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*American Pharoah's Cafe Pharoah was named the Japanese Champion Dirt Horse for 2022 on Tuesday. The \$475,000 OBS March juvenile won his second consecutive G1 February S. last year. Cont. p10 | JRA*

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## Richard O'Brien Cont. from p1

O'Brien said, "Paul [Nolan, trainer of Cut The Rope] had Impulsive Dancer bought before he ran. To cut a long story short, the deal fell through and I ended up running Impulsive Dancer myself. Obviously, the horse did what he did and ended up getting sold to Willie Mullins.

"I think James [Nolan, Paul's brother] said as much after Cut The Rope won on Sunday, that they weren't going to make the same mistake twice."

He added, "But it was because of that experience with Paul, in that I suppose I guided them in the right direction the previous year with Impulsive Dancer, that I rang him about six or eight weeks ago after working Cut The Rope at Dromahane. I told him that I thought I had another one for him. He just said, 'that's no problem, bring him down to Monksgrange and we'll work him. If we're happy with what we see, we'll buy him.'

"It was all very straightforward. Now, the piece of work he did down at Monksgrange was unbelievable. It was essentially a schooling bumper and he finished upsides a few noteworthy horses with serious form on the track."

Such was the ability that Cut The Rope was showing in his work at home for O'Brien late last year that the trainer contemplated running the gelding in a back-end maiden at Dundalk. But through his experience with Impulsive Dancer, O'Brien decided

to wait it out and maximise the horse's value as a bumper prospect, a decision that has paid off in spades.

He recalled, "It was only really last summer when Cut The Rope started to pull himself together. He kept a babyish, soft shape right through the summer and it was only late summer when he started to take on that hardened-fit look that you like to see coming into these horses.

"I'd say he was probably doing enough through the autumn to tempt us to Dundalk for a maiden but, having had the experience of Impulsive Dancer, we just thought we'd get more money for him as a bumper horse than we would for winning a back-end maiden on the all-weather."

He added, "There was a figure where he would have run under my name and we'd have rolled the dice in a bumper with him. However, when the offer was there, it made sense to sell. We couldn't risk turning down the money."

If Cut The Rope had been working to a high level at O'Brien's County Limerick base, the same could not be said for Impulsive Dancer, who showed next to nothing for the majority of his career with the trainer.

O'Brien explained, "It was extraordinary. Colm [assistant trainer] had me warned not to give him away because his partner Deirdre wanted him as a riding horse."

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## Richard O'Brien Cont.

He added, "We worked Impulsive Dancer on the last Wednesday in October in 2021 and it was absolutely dreadful. He was beaten a furlong in a piece of work. We decided that there wasn't much to lose at that stage and brought him to a schooling bumper on the Saturday and he ended up winning it--just three days after falling out the back of the telly in a piece of work at the Curragh! It was definitely getting him on the grass that made the difference--he wasn't very big but he'd a load of power."

He added, "Impulsive Dancer made a huge difference to our yard because we got him sold and obviously Anthony Bromley bought him on behalf of Simon Munir and Isaac Souede. They were extraordinary people to deal with. When he won a listed bumper for Willie Mullins he showed himself to be a horse for the future and, as an act of goodwill, Simon and Isaac decided to send a few horses whose careers they were trying to re-direct.



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"It worked with **Surac (Ire) (Frankel {GB})**, who has been a terrific addition. Impulsive Dancer taught me about the bumper route, helped forge a relationship between myself, Anthony, Simon and Isaac, and definitely gave the owners of **Shanbally Kid (Ire) (Presenting {GB})** confidence to send us him. We've a few more National Hunt horses around the place now and the whole idea with Cut The Rope stemmed from Impulsive Dancer. We just said to ourselves all summer long, if we just be patient, we could have a very valuable bumper horse."

O'Brien now has two horses on the books for the double green of Munir and Souede, including an early 2-year-old by Cotai Glory (GB).

"They bought a Cotai Glory yearling off Tally-Ho at Tattersalls Ireland last year. He's a grand, solid and straightforward 2-year-old who may have a chance of getting out in the first six weeks of the new season." **Cont. p5**

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## Richard O'Brien Cont.

O'Brien added, "We've Surac and a couple of others for them now as well. Surac could be interesting. He's had a break and some of his form stacks up reasonably well. We're looking at the Scottish Triumph Hurdle for him and he could even sneak into the Boodles at Cheltenham but we wouldn't be going there to make up the numbers. I think there's unfinished business with him."

Shanbally Kid, as O'Brien touched on, is another bumper horse the trainer sold to Ireland's dominant National Hunt trainer for big money. Bred by Limerick brothers John and Daniel Hayes, Shanbally Kid was not disgraced on his only start for Philip Fenton but took a massive step forward when making all to score at Clonmel on debut for O'Brien last year.

He was bought for £190,000 at the Tattersalls Cheltenham Sale in April on behalf of Gigginstown House Stud, for whom he was a beaten favourite in a maiden hurdle at Limerick over the Christmas, but O'Brien insists the best is yet to come from Shanbally Kid.

He said, "I haven't had many National Hunt horses with gears like he has. He's an unbelievably-fast horse. He's obviously had his run for Willie but I wouldn't be surprised if he's another horse with unfinished business because the gear he has is lethal.

You get some very funny results at Limerick and it can detract from horses like him with a gear."

Asked if he would now describe himself as a dual-purpose trainer, O'Brien said, "I don't know. I mean, **Pandemic Princess (Ire)** (Mehmas {Ire}) was one of our last winners on the Flat. She was a small little nursery filly and then, shortly afterwards, we trained **Sparkling Stars (Fr)** (Turgeon) over jumps to win a few races, and he was a giant. I'd safely say Sparkling Stars was three times the size of Pandemic Princess. I just love training winners, no matter what they are."

He added, "The sale of Cut The Rope affords me the opportunity to take a bit of a step back and have a little review of what I have been doing. We need to figure out what the angles are going forward. I don't want to just plough on and keep training and be hoping for the best. We need to have a little bit more of a plan in place.

"You look at someone like Ellmarie Holden, who has completely transformed herself. I'm not suggesting that we'd definitely do something like that but I need to do something that makes sense and won't leave us destitute. I absolutely love training, don't get me wrong, but it's very hard to make it pay. If we could combine the trading and the training a little bit more, we will, and we'll definitely be looking at those horses with staying Flat pedigrees a bit more at the sales." [Cont. p6](#)

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## Richard O'Brien Cont.

Despite the run of success in bumpers, O'Brien concedes that buying horses in the market at present remains a headache and explained how the big-money sales with Impulsive Dancer, Shanbally Kid and now Cut The Rope, who he sourced for just €20,000 before selling on for multiple sums of that initial outlay, as imperative for business.

"Our single biggest problem is buying horses. I have orders for horses but I just can't buy them. I could buy sh\*t for my owners, but I can't buy them the horses that I want. It's very seldom that you make an inquiry about a horse and you get a response from someone who is on this planet. We inquired about an 8-year-old maiden under all rules and the owner wanted 50 grand. It's just crazy at the minute."

He added, "One thing I have learned is how to price and sell a horse. Really price them. You value them yourself and there's none of this Dutch auction nonsense. Stick a valuation on them and stick to it. I mean, we sold **Evenwood Sonofagun (Ire)** (The Gurkha {Ire}) over to England. At times, you think to yourself, 'Oh Jesus, I could have got more,' but it's a little like Cut The Rope. There is a valuation that is realistic that allows the next man a chance when he is buying off you. It allows you to get a realistic price for your horse and it's fair on everyone."

"Even when Shanbally Kid won his bumper, we all sat down and had a chat about how much the horse would need to make for us to sell him privately. We decided on €220,000 as the figure. He went and sold for €226,000 at Cheltenham so I was pleased because it makes you feel that you are on this planet."

"I love training and, going forward, we have to be realistic in that wages need to be paid for and we need to find a way to make this yard sustainable. It will involve selling horses. But the biggest thing is to have as many irons in the fire as I can and, as I said before, I will be concentrating on those middle-distance and staying-pedigree Flat horses. There's 2-year-olds for sale at the Goffs February Sale next month and we'll be going through them on that basis."

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## EUROPEAN NEWS

### Goffs February Sale Catalogue Cont. from p1

La Petite Coco (Ire) (Ruler Of The World {Ire}) triumphed in the G1 Pretty Polly S. last term prior to selling for 1 million gns to Wertheimer & Frere at the Tattersalls December Mares Sale. Her winning Thewayyouare half-sister **Promenada (Ire)** is part of the Coolagown Stud consignment as lot 459. Their dam, La

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Petite Virginia (Ger) (Konigstiger {Ger}) is a half-sister to three stakes winners led by G1 German Derby hero Lavirco (Ger) (Konigsstuhl {Ger}).

From the horses-in-training portion of the catalogue, an unnamed 3-year-old filly by Iffraaj (GB) and out of G3 Golden Daffodil S. heroine Mango Mischief (Ire) (Desert King {Ire}) sells as lot 48 for Flexford Partners. [Cont. p7](#)



Al Riffa's half-brother and dam are part of the February catalogue

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## Goffs February Sale Catalogue Cont.

Goffs Group Chief Executive Henry Beeby said, “As ever the Goffs February Sale boasts quality throughout, with a diverse selection of Flat and National Hunt horses of all ages catalogued over two days. Following on from the record trade for foals and breeding stock at the Goffs November Sale and Goffs December National Hunt Sale, we anticipate strong demand and a vibrant start to the sales year at Kildare Paddocks. We look forward to welcoming buyers from across the globe to this market leading sale and assure them of the unique Goffs welcome.”

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## CHARLES BYRNES HAS DUBAI GOLD TARGET FOR IRISH LEGER WINNER SONNYBOYLISTON

By Brian Sheerin

Widely regarded as one of the best dual-purpose trainers in Ireland, Charles Byrnes has taken over the training of classy Flat stayer and 2021 G1 Irish St Leger scorer **Sonnyboyliston (Ire)** (Power {GB}), who could make his debut for his new connections in the G2 Dubai Gold Cup on Mar. 25.

Sonnyboyliston has not been seen since finishing second in a valuable handicap at Riyadh almost a year ago for Johnny

Murtagh, who guided the gelding to six career wins, including an epic in the valuable Sky Bet Ebor before plundering Irish St Leger glory in that same memorable season.

However, the 6-year-old, who carried the colours of the Kildare Racing Club on all 15 of his career starts and won over €1 million in prize-money, has been sold privately to continue his career with Byrnes.

Speaking to *What's The Craic DubEye*, a new Irish-run website in Dubai, Byrnes explained how the Gold Cup at Meydan could be Sonnyboyliston's first port of call, and said, “Definitely, Dubai would be a possibility if it doesn't come too early for him.”

He added, “We got Sonnyboyliston. It's very exciting to get him with his profile--an Irish St Leger and Ebor winner. We're very fortunate to get him. We're very excited.”

The Cheltenham Festival and Royal Ascot-winning trainer, who sent out **Run For Oscar (Ire)** (Oscar {Ire}) to take the Cesarewitch at Newmarket in October, also revealed that Sonnyboyliston's new owner has also sent him a half-sister to the star stayer.

Byrnes said, “We also have his half-sister [by **Starspangledbanner (Aus)**] and she'll be starting off early in the Flat season. She's very exciting, too. Hopefully she'll go the right way.”

His Flat string may be growing but Byrnes will forever be associated with plundering big-race riches over jumps. [Cont. p8](#)

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### Charles Byrnes Cont.

He is charting a path towards this year's Cheltenham Festival with leading Pertemps Final hope **Shoot First (Ire)** (Westerner {GB}) and Stayers' Hurdle candidate **Blazing Khal (Ire)** (Kalanisi {Ire}), who the trainer admitted was only 50-50 to make it to the race.

Byrnes said, "We had a great day in Cheltenham already with Shoot First when he won the qualifier in October. He's owned by a great bunch of lads. He's qualified for the Festival now so hopefully he goes there with a chance."

On Blazing Khal, he added, "We're 50-50. We didn't have a great run with him all along but I think we are getting back on track to some degree. Whether Cheltenham will come too soon for him is debatable. We'll try and get a run into him within the next month and go from there. You've Aintree and Punchestown. You also have France, which could be an option for him further down the road."

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## ARQANA ONLINE JANUARY CATALOGUE FEATURES ZARAK SHARE

The catalogue for the Arqana Online January Sale, featuring a 1/50th share in rising stallion star **Zarak (Fr)** (lot 1), is now [online](#). Featuring nine lots split between breeding rights and stallion shares, the sale will be held from 3-5 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 17.

Standing under the Aga Khan Studs' banner at Haras de Bonneval for €60,000, the son of Dubawi (Ire) and the Arc heroine Zarkava (Ire) (Zamindar) already has 15 black-type winners to his credit, including the Group 1-placed Times Square (Fr), Purplepay (Fr), and La Parisienne (Fr). The share entitles the buyer to one nomination per year, plus an additional bonus

nomination any even-numbered year (one nomination in 2023 and two nominations in 2024).

Other shares on offer include lot 4, a 1/60th share in **The Grey Gatsby (Ire)**. Already the sire of three group winners, the G1 Irish Champion S. and G1 Prix du Jockey Club hero's share will entitle the buyer to one covering per year. He stands for €12,000 at Haras du Petit Tellier this year.

There are also breeding rights in several stallions, among them **Cloth Of Stars (Ire)** (lot 2), **Territories (Ire)** (lot 5), **Ribchester (Ire)** (lot 7) and **Le Brivido (Fr)** (lot 9).

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## THE GREAT BRITISH BONUS REACHES £9 MILLION MARK

The Great British Bonus (GBB) scheme has now paid out over £9 million in bonuses after the Fergal O'Brien-trained **Hidden Beauty (GB)** (Kapgarde {Fr}) won the Betting Better with Sky Bets Novices' Hurdle on Tuesday. The Peel Bloodstock-bred picked up £5,000 for her victory instead of £10,000 because her sire is based in France at Haras de la Hetraie.

Peel Bloodstock's Will Kinsey said, "We're delighted to be a part of GBB. We've had a number of winners now and it makes breeding a winner that little bit more special. It's great to be able to offer our clients fillies and mares who are registered to the scheme. It means--particularly if they win a fillies-only race--a chance to see returns on their investment. Previously, these fillies would have been overlooked but now buyers are seeking them out."

More than 650 individual bonuses to 503 fillies and mares have been awarded since the scheme's inception in June of 2020. Of that number, 112, including Hidden Beauty, have won more than one bonus, which rewards the breeding, buying, and racing of British-bred fillies. [Cont. p9](#)



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**GBB £9m Milestone Cont.**

Charlie Newton of GBB said, “These milestone announcements have come thick and fast in the past 12 months, but every one is exciting—it’s certainly a super way to start the year. We always knew that GBB could be something fantastic—and it’s great to see the industry has taken hold of the scheme and really run with it. The Horserace Betting Levy Board (HBLB) is the majority funder for the scheme, so we’re grateful to them for backing us from the start.”

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**RACING WELFARE APP LAUNCHED**

A new app making it easier for people in the UK racing industry to access 24/7 support was launched by Racing Welfare on Tuesday. The Racing Welfare app offers a range of information, advice and guidance including:

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- Money matters
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It is available for download at [Google Play](#) and [The App Store](#).

Racing Welfare’s Regional Welfare Manager, Brian Watson said, “It’s a super resource for anyone who might need to access our services—all the information you can get from our welfare teams can be found on the app. I particularly think that the discrete route into our services that the app offers is going to be of huge value to racing staff, as well as the ability to connect with a counsellor at the touch of a button, whether at work, travelling to the races or at home.”

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**12 QUESTIONS**

*With Joey Cullen, Marketing Director, Goffs*

**First job in the Thoroughbred industry?**

We were lucky to have horses on the farm growing up, but my first paid job was spending summers riding out for Con Collins on the Curragh (and going too fast for his liking on a near daily basis!)

**Biggest influence on your career?**

Like many others, my parents have been a big influence. I’ve

also worked for, and with, a lot of people who’ve shared great advice and been big influences on my career. My few seasons working in Ballyhane Stud probably did me no harm either!

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

I’ve fallen for a lot of horses over the years, but Arazi and Miesque were two of the early ones and remain two of my favourites.

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

Soldiers Call. Lightning fast colt who should have won the Abbaye at two and found only Battaash too good in the Nunthorpe as a 3-year-old. In a very strong first crop of potential young sires, he’s got as good a chance as any, given his support.

**Greatest race in the world?**

The Arc may be the greatest turf race in the world, but The Supreme Novices is the one that raises the hair on the back of my neck every time.

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

Sadly he’s no longer with us, but Pat Eddery was one of my favourite riders growing up. He had so many great days, and I’d love to have been aboard Zafonic at the two-furlong pole on 2000 Guineas day.

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

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## 12 Questions Cont.

Thankfully I'm in contact with a lot of talented young people here in Goffs, the ITBA, and annually through the Irish National Stud. The industry in Ireland is in safe hands with the next generation.

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

Plenty of credit is due to the 'TDN Rising Stars' selection team as most that make the list seem to end up stakes performers. Electric Eyes, Crypto Force and Impact Warrior impressed me more than most on their debuts last season.

### Under-the-radar stallion?

He's far from under the radar, but I wonder if **Sea The Stars** gets the appreciation that he deserves as a superstar sire.

### Friday night treat?

Thai and a movie with Papillon.

### Guilty pleasure outside racing?

The curse of Golf, love it and hate it all at once, but Sunday night watching Golf/NFL is hard to beat.

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

Arazi's '91 Breeders' Cup Juvenile would've been nice to witness in the flesh.

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### IN JAPAN:

**Dardanus (Jpn)**, c, 4, **Dutch Art (GB)**--Thetis (Ire) (GSP-Eng), by Invincible Spirit (Ire). Nakayama, 1-8, Plate Race, 6f. Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-1, \$110,758. O-G1 Racing; B-Shiraoi Farm (Jpn); T-Tomohito Ozeki.

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# WORLDWIDE NEWS

## KITASAN BLACK'S EQUINOX NAMED JAPANESE HORSE OF THE YEAR

Dual Group 1 winner **Equinox (Jpn)** (Kitasan Black {Jpn}) followed in his sire's footsteps and claimed the 2022 Japanese Horse of the Year crown with 282/288 votes, according to published reports. The son of G3 Mermaid S. heroine Chateau Blanche (Jpn) (King Halo {Jpn}) raced for trainer Tetsuyama Kimura in the colours of Silk Racing Company, Ltd.

Also named the Japanese Champion 3-Year-Old Male with 285/288 votes, the Northern Farm-bred was second in both the G1 Japanese 2000 Guineas and G1 Japanese Derby, but added his name to the roll of honour of the G1 Tenno Sho (Autumn) and G1 Arima Kinen in the second half of the year. Kitan Black, who stands at Shadai Stallion Station, was a two-time Japanese Horse of the Year in 2016/2017.



Equinox winning the Arima Kinen | JRA

The severity of the blow to the Japanese breeding industry with the premature loss of King Kamehameha (Jpn)'s son **Duramente (Jpn)** continues to deepen, as no less than three of his progeny were named year end champions for 2022. A champion 3-year-old in his native land in 2015 and the Japanese Champion First-Season Sire in 2020, the dual Classic winner was **fifth on the year-end sire tables in Japan**.

Leading the charge for their Kingmambo sire line was Japanese Champion Older Male **Titleholder (Jpn)**, who rattled off a trio of wins starting with the G2 Nikkei Sho in March, and then made Hanshin his playground with a brace of Group 1 wins in May and June, with the Tenno Sho (Spring) over two miles followed by the 2200m Takarazuka Kinen. **Cont. p11**



Liberty Island | JRA

### Equinox Cont.

Nabbing 280 of the 288-vote total, the Okada Stud-bred Toru Kurita trainee carried the Hiroshi Yamada silks in 2022.

A Classic winner, just like Titleholder, Shadai Race Horse Company's **Stars On Earth (Jpn)** was named the Japanese Champion 3-Year-Old Filly (286/288 votes) for a five-race campaign last year. Second in a pair of Group 3s in January and February, she clawed out a nose victory in the G1 Japanese 1000 Guineas, and added the G1 Japanese Oaks in quick succession in the spring for trainer Mizuki Takayanagi. Bred by Shadai Farm, the February foal was an unlucky third when trying for the Japanese Triple Tiara in October. Her German female family stood her in good stead in 2022, as her second dam is champion Stacelita (Fr) (Monsun {Ger}), the winner of five top-level races overall. Stacelita, in turn, is the dam of 2016 Japanese Champion 2-Year-Old Filly Soul Stirring (Jpn) (**Frankel {GB}**), who would go on to take the G1 Japanese Oaks.

Duramente's 2-year-old daughter **Liberty Island (Jpn)** was awarded the Japanese Champion 2-Year-Old Filly title. The G1 Hanshin Juvenile Fillies victress was also second in the G3 Artemis S. after winning her debut. Bred by Northern Racing and raced by Sunday Racing Company, the Mitsumasa Nakauchida charge is the only horse of 2022 to be a unanimous champion with 288 votes. Liberty Island's dam, the All American (Aus) mare Yankee Rose (Aus), thrived at both two and three and was named champion Down Under both years, as well as taking second in the G1 Golden Slipper to boot.

The title of Japanese Champion 2-Year-Old Male went to the three-for-three **Dolce More (Jpn)**, who is by another son of King Kamehameha in Rulership (Jpn). Trained by Naosuke Sugai for Three H Racing Company, Ltd., the son of the Classic-winning Ayusan (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) took both the Oct. 8 G3 Saudi Arabia and the G1 Asahi Hai Futurity S. in December. Bred by

Shimokobe Farm, he accrued 279 of the 288 votes.

Third in Equinox's G1 Arima Kinen, G1 Queen Elizabeth II Cup winner **Geraldina (Jpn)** (Maurice {Jpn})'s 2022 track record was deemed enough to defeat the white wondermare Sodashi (Jpn) (Kurofune) in the year-end category for top distaffer, with 239 votes to Sodashi's 32. Placed in another two group races during a busy campaign, the then-4-year-old is another Sunday Racing colourbearer after Liberty Island. Bred by Northern Racing, the mare is out of two-time Japanese Horse of the Year and superstar Gentildonna (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) and is trained by Takashi Saito.

Crack miler **Serifos (Jpn)** (Daiwa Major {Jpn}--Sea Front {Fr}, by Le Havre {Ire}) made headlines as the victor of Hanshin's G1 Mile Championship in November after an earlier tally in the G2 Fuji S., and those two wins, on the back of a pair of fourths in the G1 NHK Mile Cup in May and the G1 Yasuda Kinen a month later, were enough to see him wear the champion sprinter laurels for G1 Racing Company and trainer Mitsumasa Nakauchida (156/288). Bred by Oiwake Farm, the 4-year-old is the second foal of the Listed Prix Maurice Zilber heroine Sea Front, who also ran third in a French Group 3 and was sold for €135,000 to Haruya Yoshida at the 2016 Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale. The **late Le Havre's** daughters have also thrown additional Japanese Group 2 winner Des Ailes (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) in the Land of the Rising Sun.

Excelling on dirt, just like his American Triple Crown-winning sire **American Pharoah**, **Café Pharoah** claimed all bar four votes to be named the Japanese Champion Dirt Horse. Seen in action three times last term for trainer Toru Kurita, the Koichi Nishikawa-owned bay won his second consecutive G1 February S., as well as the Listed Mile Championship Nambu Hai in October. **Cont. p12**



Serifos is out of a Le Havre mare | JRA



### Equinox Cont.

The 6-year-old is a product of the **breeding programme of the late Paul Pompa**, and was selected as a juvenile out of the OBS March Sale for \$475,000 in 2019. His dam, Mary's Follies (More Than Ready), made \$500,000 when bought by BBA Ireland in foal to **Curlin** at the 2021 Keeneland January Sale; while his Animal Kingdom half-sister Regal Glory--picked up by Peter Brant's White Birch Farm for \$925,000 at the same sale--has continued to embellish her race record and is now a three-time Grade I winner on grass.

Iconic Japanese jumper **Oju Chosan (Jpn)** (Stay Gold {Jpn}--Shadow Silhouette {Jpn}, by Symboli Kris S.) was named champion steeplechaser for the fifth time (2016-2018, 21/22), but managed that feat by only a single vote at 138, as **Nishino Daisy (Jpn)** (Harbinger {GB}) earned 137. Aged 11 when racing to his title, the Naoyoshi Nagayama-bred represented Chosan Company and trainer Shoichiro Wada.

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### 2023 Japanese Group Races

Date	Race
Jan. 8	G3 Nikkan Sports Sho Shinzan Kinen
Jan. 9	G3 Fairy S.
Jan. 14	G3 Aichi Hai
Jan. 15	G3 Keisei Hai
	G2 Nikkei Shinshun Hai
Jan. 22	G2 American Jockey Club Cup
	G3 Tokai TV Hai Tokai S.
Jan. 29	G3 Negishi S.
	G3 Silk Road S.
Feb. 5	G3 Tokyo Shimbun Hai
	G3 Kisaragi Sho
Feb. 11	G3 Daily Hai Queen Cup
Feb. 12	G3 Kyodo News Hai
	G3 Kyoto Kinen
Feb. 18	G3 Diamond S.
	G3 Kyoto Himba S.
Feb. 19	G1 February S.
	G3 Kokura Daishoten
Feb. 26	G2 Nakayama Kinen
	G3 Hankyu Hai
Mar. 4	G3 Yukan Fuji Sho Ocean S.
	G2 Tulip Sho
Mar. 5	G2 Hochi Hai Yayoi Sho
Mar. 11	G3 Laurel R.C. Sho Nakayama Himba S.
Mar. 12	G2 Hochi Hai Fillies' Revue
	G2 Kinko Sho
Mar. 18	G3 Flower Cup
	G3 Chunichi Sports Sho Falcon S.

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1	2	Dubai Future (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	bin Suroor	Tudhope	125
2	11	Fastnet Crown (Ire)	Hallowed Crown (Aus)	O'Callaghan	O'Shea	125
3	4	Freescape (GB)	Cityscape (GB)	Marnane	de Vries	125
4	10	King David (Den)	Elusive City	Petersen	Fresu	125
5	1	Passion And Glory (Ire)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Cosgrave	bin Suroor	125
6	6	San Donato (Ire)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Watson	Dobbs	125
7	8	Ursa Minor (Ire)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	bin Harmash	Dawson	125
8	3	Valiant Prince (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Appleby	Doyle	125
9	7	Wirko (Ger)	Kingman (GB)	Bouresly	Mullen	125
10	5	Ottoman Fleet (GB)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Appleby	Buick	124
11	9	Zagrey (Fr)	Zarak (Fr)	Barberot	Soumillon	124

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## \$1.65 MILLION VINNIE COLT TOPS DAY 1



**I Am Invincible--Mossfun Colt** | *Magic Millions Photo*

by Oz Wedmore

### At A Glance:

- It was a similar story with the median price, which reached \$210,000, down fractionally from \$215,000 last year.
- The Day 1 gross was down slightly; after it surpassed \$40 million last year, on Tuesday it reached \$36,360,000.
- The clearance rate was at 82.72% by the end of the day, down on the sensational 92% from Day 1 in 2022.
- The top lot was secured by Hawkes Racing who went to \$1.65 million for Lot 153, the I Am Invincible colt out of Mossfun offered by Emirates Park.
- William Johnson Bloodstock (FBAA) signed for the Newgate Farm-consigned Snitzel filly (Lot 164), a half-sister to Russian Conquest (Russian Revolution), for \$1.25 million.
- I Am Invincible, Snitzel and Zoustar occupy the top three spots by both sire gross and average, headed by Vinnie's \$659,000 average for seven yearlings.
- Pierata is the current leading first season sire and fourth highest overall, with his four yearlings averaging \$450,000.
- Ciaran Maher Bloodstock heads the buying bench with six purchased for a tick under \$2 million, while New Zealand's biggest yearling buyer David Ellis spent \$1.85 million to also

purchase six yearlings.

The 2023 Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale got underway on Tuesday with three horses breaking that magical seven-figure barrier, headed by a colt out the 2014 G1 Golden Slipper S. winner Mossfun (Snitzel), whose first foal ever offered at public auction, a colt by Yarraman Park's super-star stallion I Am Invincible, sold to Team Hawkes for a whopping \$1.65 million.

With the average and median metrics slightly down against last year's results from Day 1, it's interesting to note that the same day at last year's sale failed to produce a single million-dollar headline.

Magic Millions Managing Director Barry Bowditch was delighted with the results and pointed to a huge amount of strength yet to come in the catalogue.

"I'm really satisfied with Day 1," he told *TDN AusNZ*. "With three million-dollar horses, a healthy clearance rate of 83%, an average in line with last year's and a median in line with last year's--they're solid numbers to begin the week.

"I believe, and I think it's the general consensus, that the catalogue only gets stronger now, and that was a good, healthy start to the week. I think that judging the sale on last year's clearance rate is probably unfair, and I think all of the numbers are really pleasing and in line with where we need to be.

"My expectations are that it will continue to build in momentum."

Bowditch drew confidence from a diverse buying bench, which saw 90 individual buyers signing for the 134 lots sold, including support from a notable Kiwi investor.

"It's a really solid group of buyers, a big spread... Everyone is taking a turn without overplaying their hand at this point."

### **\$1.65 million I Am Invincible x Mossfun colt**

A son of Champion Sire I Am Invincible, Mossfun's (Mossman) fifth foal was consigned as Lot 153 by Emirates Park and sold to her previous trainers for \$1.65 million on Tuesday.

The page had been subject to a timely update when her second foal, Dajraan (GB) (**Frankel {GB}**) snared the first stakes win of his career in the G3 Festival S. last November.

His dam, Mossfun, not only won the Slipper, but also the G2 Silver Slipper, G3 Widden S. and the R. Listed Inglis Nursery. She's a half-sister to Singapore's 2019 Champion Sprinter Aramco (Magic Albert) and aside from Dajraan has so far produced his sister, the dual-juvenile winner Sadmah (GB).

Understandably, Michael Hawkes was delighted to be bringing one of her progeny back into the family stable, and said he recognised plenty of the former leading filly in her latest colt.

"There's a lot of similarities (with Mossfun)," Hawkes told *TDN AusNZ*. "He does really look like Mum quite a bit, he's just a bigger version. We love his athleticism, and his great attitude--he just really wanted to work--and just had that really good, fluent walk and it doesn't get much better in a pedigree with I Am Invincible out of a Slipper winner.

"If we happen to do the job with him it would be a phenomenal story, so we'll get him up and going and get into him early and hopefully he can get to the track and show us what he's really made of."

### ***\$1.25 million Snitzel x My Conquestadory filly***



**Will Johnson** | *Bronwyn Healy*

Will Johnson of William Johnson Bloodstock (FBAA) had never signed his name to such an expensive yearling and could be found in a state of quiet disbelief in the aftermath of Lot 164 passing through the Bundall ring.

A hard-to-fault daughter of Arrowfield Stud's superstar Snitzel, she was consigned by Newgate Farm and is out of US Grade I winner My Conquestadory (USA) (Artie Schiller {USA}). Her fourth foal, she is also responsible for juvenile winner and leading R. Listed Magic Millions 3YO Guineas hope Russian Conquest (Russian Revolution).

Russian Conquest is trained by Peter and Paul Snowden, and Johnson signed for the filly in conjunction with them and Trilogy Racing, after what's been a brilliant year for her sire Snitzel.

"Not just this year, but this decade," Johnson told *TDN AusNZ*. "He's been a champion sire on multiple occasions and longer term this filly has a lot of residual value. She's a lovely filly that showed herself really well this week."

For Johnson, securing such an expensive filly in conjunction

with the Snowden team is the culmination of a partnership that began with a focus on a quite different style of horse.

"I'm very lucky to be buying horses for Peter and Paul... You want to be buying horses for that calibre of trainer and thankfully we were able to join up in mid-2021 to buy some middle-distance horses from Europe.

"The yearling crop of 2022 was our first yearling foray together, and hopefully we can have a bit of luck with those yearlings, and whatever we purchase this year and moving forward."

### ***\$1.1 million Zoustar x Members Joy filly***

The Zoustar filly out of Members Joy (Hussonet {USA}), herself a high-class juvenile, was knocked down to Sheamus Mills Bloodstock (FBAA) for \$1.1 million from Newhaven Park.

It's not the first time the filly had been in the limelight, having topped the 2022 Magic Millions National Weanling Sale when selling for \$750,000 under the banner of Cloverfield Bloodstock.

It's also not the first time Mills has bought a high-class filly from Kelly in the past, most notably having purchased subsequent G1 Thousand Guineas winner Odeum (Written Tycoon) for \$420,000 at the 2019 edition of this sale.

A stakes-placed juvenile who also won pre-Christmas, Members Joy was a winner of the Listed Cap D'Antibes S. and her three foals to race include Pure Elation (I Am Invincible), a dual-Group 2 winner.

"I don't want to say she's the best filly in the sale but I thought she was," said Sheamus Mills. "I think there are three or four here vying for that title. I thought she was certainly one of those.

"I think the big difference for me on this filly is I love a mare who can run who has already produced one that goes pretty good and Pure Elation is a proper horse. A Group 2 winner as a younger horse, that's the sort of commercial window that we're trying to shoot in.

"There's some lovely horses here that some mares haven't quite done the job yet so that was that extra bit of confidence that it gives you to chase a horse like that."

Given Newhaven and Mills' record as a vendor/buyer duo, this filly might just be worth black-booking.

### ***\$850,000 Capitalist x Menagerie colt***

The very next lot to pass through the ring was a Capitalist colt out of Menagerie (Zoustar) and when Henry Field signed for striking chestnut for \$850,000 he was bringing home a horse he was particularly familiar with.


Not only was the colt consigned by Field's Newgate Farm, but his dam Menagerie was bred and sold by them too as a yearling at the 2017 version of this sale.



Field signed for the Capitalist colt in conjunction with China Horse Club, Go Bloodstock and Trilogy Racing.

"He's a lovely Capitalist colt," he told *TDN AusNZ*. "We sold the mother to Joe Pride as a yearling, and they were good enough to send her back to Newgate as a broodmare and breed him to Capitalist.

"He came out as a lovely foal and has done well the whole way. We're obviously massive believers in Capitalist, he's shot the lights out since the tracks have been firmer over the last few months and we're very bullish about our colt Sovereign Fund who runs in the Magic Millions on Saturday."

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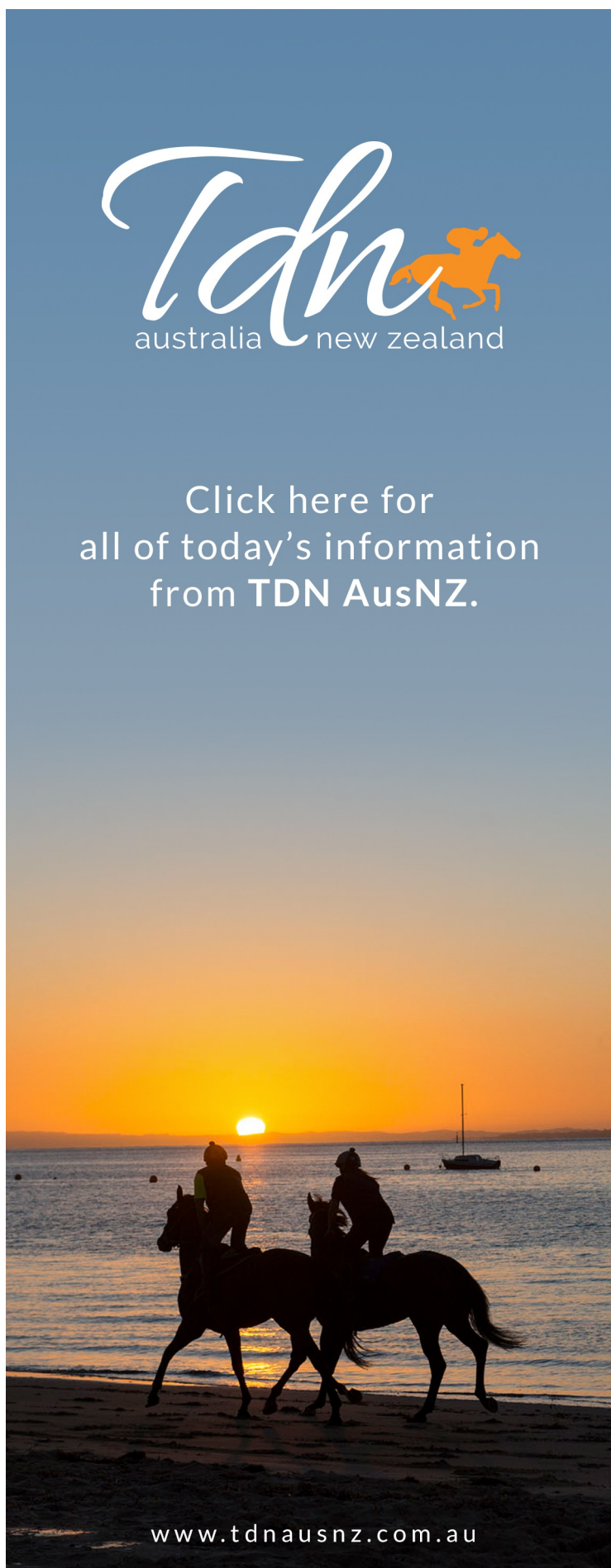
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Jan. 14	G3 Standish H.	Flemington
Jan. 26	G3 Blue Diamond Preview	LP Hillside
	G3 Manfred S.	LP Hillside
Jan. 28	G2 Expressway S.	Rosehill
	G3 Widden S.	Rosehill
	G3 Canonbury S.	Rosehill
	G2 Australia S.	The Valley
Feb. 4	G3 Chairman's S.	LP Hillside
	G3 Geoffrey Bellmaine S.	LP Hillside
	G3 Eskimo Prince S.	LP Hillside
Feb. 10	G3 Bow Mistress Trophy	Hobart
Feb. 11	G3 Blue Diamond Prelude	LP Hillside
	G2 Blue Diamond Prelude (F)	LP Hillside
	G2 Autumn S.	LP Hillside
	G3 Kevin Hayes S.	LP Hillside
	G2 Rubiton S.	LP Hillside
	G1 C.F. Orr S.	LP Hillside
	G3 Carlyon Cup	LP Hillside



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