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NEW RULING ON CHANGES LEAVES NYRA, TRAINERS PUZZLED



Are late blinker changes a thing of the past at New York tracks?
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by Sue Finley

The notice began appearing on the overnight in early January. "By order of the stewards. Pursuant to NYSGC RULE 4033.8. Effective February 1st, only equipment specifically approved by the stewards shall be worn or carried by a jockey or a horse in a race. No equipment change (including shoes) will be allowed once the overnight is published."

"There is no new rule," wrote Brad Maoine, Director of Communications for the New York State Gaming Commission in response to *TDN's* request for information about the new posting on the overnight. "The intent of the message is (to) ensure that the betting public has access to accurate information regarding equipment changes in a timely fashion."

But a reading of the NYSGC's rule 4033.8 reveals no mention of a horse's equipment, and reads only, "Only equipment specifically approved by the stewards shall be worn or carried by a jockey or a horse in a race." There is no mention of equipment changes for horses after the publishing of the overnight in the ruling as stated on the Gaming Commission's website.

Trainers, horsemen's representatives and the NYRA expressed confusion over what the impetus for the rule was, and concern over the repercussions. **Cont. p3**

SOLIS AND LITT JOIN GROWING REPOLE TEAM

by Bill Finley

Alex Solis II and Jason Litt, who operate the Solis/Litt bloodstock agency, have joined forces with owner Mike Repole, who has continued to add to his team as both his stable and his goals have grown in recent years. Repole, who owns many horses in partnership with Vinnie Viola, has about 300 horses and has been very active in recent years at the yearling sales.

"I am all about family and friends," Repole said. "Over the last couple of years they've been helping me out with some yearlings and colts and they have a great opinion. I am a 'dream-bigger' type of guy. I won eight Grade Is in 2022, so this year I want to win nine. The next year I want to win 10. Bringing Alex and Jason on board is part of that vision."

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GI Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint winner Caravel (Mizzen Mast) enjoyed her winter break at Hunter Valley Farm in Versailles, Ky. The Pennsylvania-bred mare, trained by Brad Cox, shipped to Turfway Park on Monday to resume training for her 6-year-old campaign.
Sara Gordon

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New NYSGC ruling, cont. from p1

Right now, NYRA races are drawn either five, three or two days in advance of the race, with any late changes announced on the t.v. and general address system at the track, and off.

"NYRA has mechanisms in place to inform the betting public in the event of a late equipment change," said NYRA spokesman Patrick McKenna. "This new rule does nothing to further protect horseplayers and will likely penalize owners for administrative errors that can easily be corrected in real time."

"I think there are several issues with it," said trainer Todd Pletcher. "My first concern would be over an occasional shoe situation. We've had scenarios where a horse sheds a frog and we train the horse in an aluminum pad, and we try to keep it on to complete their training, which is usually right up to the day of the race. If you want to make that shoe change you sometimes literally don't know until game day. Entries in most jurisdictions are becoming further and further out, so that's one concern."

Secondly, he said, "everyone makes mistakes occasionally, and maybe you made an honest mistake and didn't enter with blinkers, and caught it after the overnight came out, or maybe the racing office made a mistake and didn't note blinkers on. It seems as if there should be a 24-hour grace period."

Trainer David Donk conceded that in a perfect world, trainers would and should indicate changes of equipment at entry time, but that the current system of taking entries by phone, rather than by computer with mandatory fields filled out, made it more likely for errors to be made.

"Why can't I enter online?" said Donk. "Listen, it is the trainer's responsibility. I probably don't have a real problem with it, but is it the commission overstepping? I don't see where it's coming from, and why there can't be a grace period? Common sense says there should be some compromise."

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New NYSGC ruling, cont. from p3

Donk said that he imagined that the equipment changes hinted at would be blinker changes or the addition of a bar shoe. Attorney Drew Mollica—who has represented numerous clients in conflicts with the Gaming Commission, including two currently—said that he envisioned that the rule would not only make it more likely to cause unnecessary scratches, but could be subject to legal challenges.

"No shoe changes after entry puts the horse in jeopardy and hurts the track," said Mollica. "Say a horse pops a small quarter crack and needs a bar shoe. If that is announced, does that not protect the owner, the public, the horse and the track? But under this rule, he must scratch. Why?"

"And how about blinkers?" he continued. "Say a horse breezes on the day after entry and the trainer thinks blinkers would help, but now has to scratch or run without equipment that could benefit his performance because the new rule says he must scratch or not wear them? Who does this help? In a game that has enough natural landmines, do we have to plant more?"

Will Alempijevic, the executive director of the New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, replied in an email, "NYTHA is currently engaged in discussions with both the NYSGC and NYRA to understand the issues that precipitated the change. We will continue to play an active role to see if we can collectively come up with proposed solutions to everyone's mutual benefit."

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Repole's growing team, cont. from p1

As part of the transition, Solis has stepped down from his full-time role as Gainesway Farm's Director of Bloodstock but will continue his relationship with the farm. Solis and Litt's agency will also continue to work with existing clients.

As Repole has doubled the number of horses in his stable over the last two years he has assembled a deep group of advisors who assist him in a number of areas, including yearling purchases and the overwhelming daily task of running such a large stable. The team includes Ed Rosen, Jim Martin, Danielle Bricker, Jacob West and Todd Pletcher. Solis and Litt will advise the growing stable and assist in acquisitions and management, but will be called upon to contribute in other areas.

"When you double the number of horses you own, yes, you need more people," Repole said. "I am trying to build a bigger vision and a bigger strategy. I want to get more involved in racing as a sport, not just with Repole Stables. I want people with the experience Alex and Jason have. They have tremendous vision for the sport and share the same excitement I have for the sport and the same frustrations.

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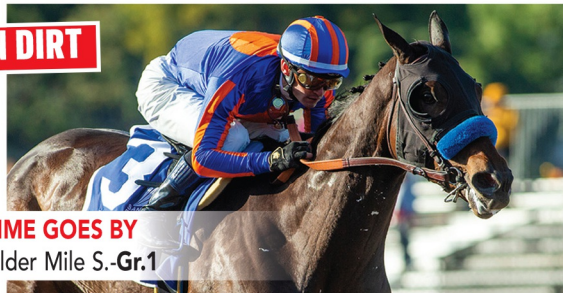
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Mike Repole with trainer Todd Pletcher after Forte's win in the 2022 Breeders' Cup Juvenile | Breeders' Cup/Eclipse Sportswire

"Part of the evolution of growing your brand comes from hiring a bunch of smart people who have a ton of passion and are coachable and have the same vision you have. Who knows; maybe Jason will become the VP of global and I'll buy two racetracks and Alex will run them. I have no idea."

Solis and Litt have been together since the early 2000s and have worked for many of the top names in the sport, including LNJ Foxwoods, which campaigned top older male dirt horse **Olympiad (Speightstown)**. Other horses they have been involved with include Shared Belief (**Candy Ride {Arg}**), Mizdirection (Mizzen Mast), **Country House (Lookin At Lucky)** and Covfefe (Into Mischief). Their team also includes Madison Scott.

"Mike has gone from 150 to 300 horses and wanted to take advantage of Solis/Litt's experience managing large portfolios," Solis said. "We've helped Mike for the last couple of years at yearling sales, and it's exciting to start in a more prominent role. It's been a seamless transition working with his existing team...Mike is big on relationships and family, and so are we. Jason and I have been working together for 17 years and the majority of our clients have been with us since the beginning. Maintaining those ties is of utmost importance, which Mike fully embraces. It was great to be able to partner with him and our major client, LNJ Foxwoods, on two yearlings in September."

Repole Stable enjoyed a banner year in 2022, campaigning Grade I winners Chocolate Gelato (**Practical Joke**), Mo Donegal (**Uncle Mo**), Forte (**Violence**) and Nest (**Curlin**). Forte and Nest are expected to be named Eclipse Award winners. With most any other stable, 2022 would have been a year that cannot be topped. But Repole has never hid his ambitions and won't set a ceiling when it comes to his stable's success.

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"I'm not always content," Repole said. "I talk to somebody like Tom Brady and ask him what his favorite Super Bowl was and he says it's the next one. I am ecstatic and feel blessed about where we are but I have goals. What's wrong with trying to get better?"

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2023 MATING PLANS, PRESENTED BY SPENDTHRIFT: CHINA HORSE CLUB

As we approach the opening of the 2023 breeding sheds, the TDN staff is again sitting down with leading breeders to find out what stallions they have chosen for their mares, and why.

The China Horse Club's Christie DeBernardis, Matt Houldsworth and Michael Smith clued us in on which sires they have chosen for some of their top American and European mares.

ALBEROBELLO (m, 8, Bernardini--Carson Jen, by Carson City), booked to **Justify**

Alberobello hails from a very deep family that is constantly improving. Her full-sister's daughter Key to My Heart (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) produced a \$1.3-million filly at KEESEP just a few months ago. Additionally, Bernardini mares are red hot right now. She is expecting just her second foal for us this year (by **Uncle Mo**) and we will send her back to **Justify**. We are obviously big fans and supporters of **Justify**. That faith has been rewarded with his first crop of runners this year and they should only get better with age. This family has already produced a stakes winner by **Justify** in Justa Warrior.

CARIBBEAN BABE (m, 8, Arch--Kalahari Cat, by Cape Town), booked to **Life Is Good**

Caribbean Babe is a half-sister to MGSW and young WinStar stallion **Independence Hall**, as well as two other stakes winners. Her first foal Bold Discovery (Bolt d'Oro) is doing quite well in Europe, following his debut win with a Group 3 placing. She is a young mare, with a good family and by an excellent broodmare sire, so we felt she deserved a spot in the first book of our MGISW **Life Is Good**.

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CHC mating plans, cont. from p6Todd Pletcher with **Life Is Good** | Christie DeBernardis**COZZE UP LADY (m, 14, Cozzene--The White Lady, by Johannesburg), booked to **Munnings****

This mating was a bit of a no-brainer. A Grade III winner in her own right, Cozze Up Lady's best foal thus far is Grade I-winning millionaire Kimari (**Munnings**). She returns to that star sprinter's sire this year in hopes of re-creating that magic.

EMBELLISH THE LACE (m, 11, Super Saver--Expanse, by Distant View), booked to **Constitution**

Embellish the Lace was a Grade I winner at Saratoga and has proven equally talented as a broodmare. She's produced two seven-figure yearlings so far, and another that summoned \$700,000. One of those million-dollar babies was Tap the Faith (**Tapit**), a three-time winner, so we hope that cross will prove successful yet again through **Tapit**'s best son at stud, **Constitution**.

LAST FULL MEASURE (m, 15, Empire Maker--Lazy Slusan, by Slewvescent), booked to **Constitution**

Last Full Measure was a Grade I winner in her own right and produced another Grade I winner for us in Valiance (**Tapit**). She's responsible for a series of six-figure sellers and had her best auction result in 2022 when her **Constitution** colt brought \$1.8 million at KEESEP. On the back of that success, she will be bred back to **Constitution**.

SAMBUCA CLASSICA (m, 19, Cat Thief--In Her Glory, by Miswaki), booked to **Life Is Good**

Sambuca Classica is a bit of blue hen, producing four black-type runners, topped by champion **Classic Empire**.
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Her 2020 **Justify** colt, now named Golden Mic, brought \$625,000 from Hideyuki Mori at KEESEP and her 2021 colt by that Triple Crown winner summoned \$575,000 from WinStar and Siena Farm. Being a proven producer, we felt she was a good match for **Life Is Good**.

BEATRIX POTTER (m, 18, Cadeaux Genereux {GB}--Great Joy {Ire}, by Grand Lodge), booked to New Bay (GB)

Already a Group 1 producer of Harry Angel (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), Beatrix Potter visits emerging young stallion New Bay. She's reaching her twilight years and the great hope would be to get a filly. Last season's yearling by **Medaglia d'Oro** made 600,000gns from Ben McElroy at Tattersalls Book 1.

FALLING PETALS (m, 11, Raven's Pass--Infinite Spirit, by Maria's Mon), booked to New Bay (GB)

Falling Petals, the producer of dual Group 1 winner Saffron Beach (New Bay), who realised 3,600,000gns at last year's Tattersalls December Mare sale, goes back to New Bay. If it's not broke, don't fix it. Last season's yearling, a New Bay colt, fetched €450,000 at Goffs Orby from Amanda Skiffington and goes into training with Saffron Beach's trainer Jane Chapple-Hyam. She also has a weanling full-sister, who will likely be retained to race.

LADY LIGHT (GB) (m, 6, Showcasing {GB}--Bird Key {GB}, by Cadeaux Genereux {GB}), booked to Siyouni (Fr)

Lady Light is young stakes-placed mare, a full sister to Shadwell stallion Tasleet and from the immediate family of superstar sprinter Battaash. Her first foal, a filly by Dark Angel, is an excellent first foal. **Siyouni** is commercially consistent at the top level, both in the sales ring and on the track, and provides a fantastic proven option for a young mare getting going.

TSCHIERSCHEN (Ire) (m, 9, Acclamation {GB}--Roo {GB}, by Rudimentary), booked to State of Rest (Ire)

Tschierschen is a stakes-producing Acclamation mare and dam of Royal Ascot winner Perotto (GB) (New Bay {GB}). She is from the immediate family of Group 1 performers Mohaather, Prize Exhibit and Accidental Agent. A proven mare for the four-time Group 1-winning freshman sire State of Rest (The Iron Horse).

COASTANA (m, 6, Kitten's Joy--Reachfortheheavens, by Pulpit), booked to New Bay (GB)

Coastana was picked up for \$290,000 at the recent Keeneland November Sale with the plan of going to Europe to be bred. The stakes-placed mare adds some new blood to the European band and highlights our continued interest in developing families globally. A lovely individual that we thought would really suit New Bay. **Cont.**

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CHC mating plans, cont. from p8**MELODIC CHARM (Ire) (m, 6, Exceed And Excel {Aus}--Folk Melody {Ire}, by Street Cry {Ire}), booked to Siyouni (Fr)**

Melodic Charm is a young Exceed And Excel mare recently acquired from Tattersalls. She received a significant pedigree update shortly after her purchase when her half-brother Romantic Warrior (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}) won the G1 Longines Hong Kong Cup. She is due to Dark Angel (Ire) and, therefore, the resulting progeny will be a three-parts brother or sister to Romantic Warrior.

HOURLASS (Ire) (m, 8, Galileo {Ire}--Hellsinki {GB}, by Machiavellian), booked to Siyouni (Fr)

Hourglass is a Galileo half-sister to Shamardal and is all class. Her first produce (Just an Hour {Justify}) was placed in his only start to date for Joseph O'Brien and looks to have a very bright future this coming season. Last season's yearling realised €300,000 and her weanling colt by Siyouni is outstanding. As such, going back to Siyouni was an easy call.

Interested in sharing your own mating plans? Email garyking@thetdn.com.

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CDI ARGUES COURT WIN BY BAFFERT WOULD HARM OTHER DERBY QUALIFIERS



Bob Baffert | Coady Photography

by T.D. Thornton

The gaming corporation that controls the GI Kentucky Derby fired the latest legal salvo in trainer Bob Baffert's ongoing attempt to reverse the second year of a two-year ban the company imposed in 2021 because of a spate of drug positives in Grade I races, urging a federal judge not to grant an injunction that would lift the ban in time for the May 6 Derby.

"Baffert refuses to accept responsibility for his wrongful actions..." Churchill Downs, Inc. (CDI) wrote in a brief opposing Baffert's motion for a preliminary injunction that they filed late Tuesday in United States District Court (Western District of Kentucky). "Now, as the two-year anniversary of his CDI suspension approaches, Baffert has renewed his motion in a brazen attempt to litigate his way into the 2023 Kentucky Derby. "This belated, tactical, and meritless motion should meet the same fate as his prior unsuccessful efforts to challenge his suspension," the CDI filing continued.

CDI also argued that an injunction would injure the connections of other Derby qualifying points earners who would "lose their fairly-earned berths in the Derby to make room for Baffert," the filing stated.

"An injunction would force CDI to reallocate [Derby qualifying] points, retroactively depriving those owners and trainers of Derby and [GI Kentucky] Oaks berths their horses have earned under CDI's existing rules," the filing continued. "The harm to these innocent third parties, who have played by the rules, is exacerbated by Baffert's long delay in filing his motion."

The Hall of Fame conditioner's trainees have crossed the finish wire first a record seven times in the Derby.

But it was that seventh Derby winner--Medina Spirit in 2021--who triggered Baffert's banishment when the colt tested positive for betamethasone, a Class C drug, in a post-Derby test.

Citing that positive finding and other drug overages in Grade I races around the same time, CDI told Baffert in June 2021 that he would be ineligible to race at its six U.S. tracks until after the 2023 Derby, and that any horse that raced under his training license would not be eligible to accrue qualifying points to get into the 2022 or 2023 Derbies.

Baffert had initially sued CDI on Feb. 28, 2022, in an attempt to get an injunction enjoining CDI from suspending him from its tracks and races. His complaint alleged civil rights violations related to what Baffert said was a deprivation of his right to due process of law guaranteed under the Fourteenth Amendment.

Separately, Baffert fought unsuccessfully in the courts to try and stave off a 90-day suspension for Medina Spirit's drug overage that had been imposed upon him in February 2022 by the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission (KHRC).

Those legal efforts failed, and Baffert eventually had to start serving that KHRC suspension about a month before the 2022 Derby. He transferred his entire California-based stable to the care of other trainers, and his legal team at that time withdrew the motion for an injunction. (Even though his KHRC suspension has already been served, Baffert is appealing that ruling in an effort to expunge it from his record.)

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CDI vs. Baffert, cont. from p9

Recent Malibu winner Taiba is back in Baffert's barn after running in the Derby for Tim Yakteen | *Benoit*

Two horses Baffert trained through March 2022--the \$1.7-million FTFMAR buy Taiba (**Gun Runner**) and Messier (Empire Maker), both '**TDN Rising Stars**'--ran in the 2022 Derby under trainer Tim Yakteen's license, finishing 12th and 15th, respectively.

Baffert renewed his court quest to run in the 2023 Derby on Dec. 15, 2022.

In that filing, his legal team wrote that "Granting an injunction would work no hardship on [CDI]. Numerous rules and regulations already safeguard CDI's interests in health, integrity, safety, and fairness. Baffert has already served his time for the mere allegation of a violation which has yet to be fully adjudicated, and there is no doubt among industry observers and even casual spectators that Baffert suffered consequences for the mere perception of wrongdoing."

CDI's Jan. 17 response took umbrage with that position.

"The drugging of Medina Spirit happened just months after the Baffert-trained Gamine was disqualified for testing positive for the same drug after finishing third in the 2020 Kentucky Oaks, also held at Churchill Downs Racetrack," CDI's filing stated. "Baffert's unprecedented back-to-back drug violations cast a pall over CDI's two marquee horse racing events and triggered a national debate over the integrity of the sport."

By banning Baffert, CDI claimed that it "acted well within its rights to protect the health and safety of its human and equine athletes and to protect its own brand and public confidence in the sport of horse racing... While Baffert has had no shortage of public relations gambits, he has failed to, and cannot, demonstrate his entitlement to a preliminary injunction."

CDI's filing continued: "Baffert has not shown he will suffer irreparable harm absent an injunction. His 19-month delay in

seeking injunctive relief negates any claim of irreparable harm. His primary alleged harm--the loss of purse money--is speculative and would be fully compensable by money damages.

"Nor will he lose his client base or suffer a loss of goodwill absent relief. Since his CDI suspension began, Baffert has run horses in hundreds of races around the world and earned millions of dollars in purse money. And none of his client-affiants say they will transfer horses from his care absent an injunction."

CDI also alleged that Baffert's due process claim "fails as a matter of law because CDI is a private corporation, the individual defendants are not government officials, and no one violated Baffert's rights."

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NYRA'S 2023 BELMONT PARK MEET FEATURES \$15.57 MILLION TOTAL PURSES FOR STAKES



Belmont Stakes Day | *Sarah Andrew*

Fifty-four stakes races worth \$15.57 million in total purses will highlight the 40-day Belmont spring/summer meet, which is scheduled to open Thursday, May 4 and continue through Sunday, July 9, the New York Racing Association (NYRA) announced Wednesday.

Highlighted by the 155th running of the \$1.5 million GI Belmont S. presented by NYRA Bets on Saturday, June 10, the spring/summer meet will include 12 Grade I races, with nine of those contests scheduled during the three-day Belmont Stakes Racing Festival from Thursday, June 8 through Saturday, June 10. The Thursday-through-Sunday event features purses totaling \$7.65 million.

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Horse of the Year and elite sire
CURLIN



Full brother to **NEST**, Champion 3YO Filly elect

Out of the **A.P. INDY** mare **MARION RAVENWOOD**,
who sold for **\$2.3 million** at KEENOV

CURLIN's sire sons include Good Magic, #2 First-Crop Sire of 2022
and sire of 3 of the top 7 horses on the Kentucky Derby leaderboard

*as of 1/18/23

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#2 BUYER at Keeneland January

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Belmont's spring/summer meet, cont. from p10

The Belmont Stakes Day program June 10 will culminate with the 1 1/2-mile "Test of the Champion" and feature three Breeders' Cup "Win And You're In" qualifiers: the \$1 million GI Hill 'n' Dale Metropolitan H. for 3-year-olds and up, going one mile on the dirt [GI BC Dirt Mile]; the \$500,000 GI Ogden Phipps S. for older fillies and mares at 1 1/16 miles on the main track [GI BC Distaff]; and the \$400,000 GI Jaipur for 3-year-olds and up sprinting six furlongs on the grass [GI BC Turf Sprint].

Five additional graded events are slated for Belmont Stakes Day: the \$400,000 GI Woody Stephens S. presented by Mohegan Sun for sophomores sprinting seven furlongs; the \$750,000 GI Resorts World Casino Manhattan S. for older horses traveling 1 1/4 miles on the turf; the \$250,000 GII True North for older horses sprinting 6 1/2 furlongs; the \$250,000 GII Brooklyn S. at 1 1/2 miles for older horses; and the \$200,000 GIII Poker S. for older horses going one mile on the grass, which has been moved up one week from its traditional spot in the schedule.

For the first time, FOX will present comprehensive live coverage and analysis of the Belmont Stakes presented by NYRA Bets. In 2022, FOX Sports secured the exclusive media rights for the Belmont Stakes and Belmont Stakes Racing Festival through 2030. As part of the eight-year agreement, FOX Sports will expand national television coverage of the Belmont Stakes Racing Festival.

While the total Belmont Stakes purse remains at \$1.5 million, NYRA will increase the money awarded to the winning connections from 53.3% to 60%, which will result in a winner's share of \$900,000 compared with \$800,000 in 2022. NYRA will continue to award Belmont Stakes purse money through eighth place.

Belmont Park's spring/summer meet stakes action kicks off on Friday, May 5 with the \$200,000 GII Sheepshead Bay for older fillies and mares going 1 3/8 miles on the turf and the \$175,000 GIII Westchester for older horses at one-mile on the main track. The Affirmed Success, which has recently opened the stakes competition at Belmont, has been moved to April 30 and will close the spring meet at Aqueduct Racetrack.

The 40-day spring/summer meet will conclude on Sunday, July 9 before racing moves to historic Saratoga Race Course for the annual summer meet beginning Thursday, July 13.

The GII Mother Goose S., which has been traditionally contested during the Belmont spring/summer meet, will be run during the Belmont at the Big A fall meet in 2023.

[Click here](#) for the 2023 Belmont spring/summer stakes schedule.

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WEEKLY RULINGS



WEEKLY STEWARDS AND COMMISSIONS RULINGS, JAN. 10–16

by Dan Ross

Every week, the TDN publishes a roundup of key official rulings from the primary tracks within the four major racing jurisdictions of California, New York, Florida and Kentucky.

Here's a primer on how each of these jurisdictions adjudicates different offenses, what they make public (or not) and where.

With the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA) having gone into effect on July 1, the TDN will also post a roundup of the relevant HISA-related rulings from the same week.

California

Track: Santa Anita

Date: 01/13/2023

Licensee: Tim Yakteen, trainer

Penalty: \$1,000 fine

Violation: Late notification of gelding operation

Explainer: Trainer Haitham "Tim" Yakteen, who entered the horse Code Runner, in the eighth race on November 6th, 2022, at Santa Anita Park is fined \$1,000.00 for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1865(e)(2) (Altering Sex of Horse - true sex not reported) necessitating a late declaration.

NEW HISA STEWARDS RULINGS

The following rulings were reported on HISA's "rulings" portal, except for the voided claim rulings which were sent to the *TDN* directly. Some of these rulings are from prior weeks as they were not reported contemporaneously.

One important note: HISA's whip use limit is restricted to six strikes during a race.

Violations of Crop Rule

Aqueduct

Jackie Davis – violation date January 5; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, 7 strikes

Andy Hernandez – violation date January 13; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, 7 strikes

Cont.

Weekly rulings, cont. from p11**Golden Gate Fields**

Silvio Amador – violation date January 6; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, "Use of Riding Crop - Three Strikes in a row"

Silvio Amador – violation date January 6; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, 7 strikes

Oaklawn Park

Angel Rodriguez – violation date January 13; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, "Raising his wrist above his helmet when using the crop"

Isaac Castillo – violation date January 14; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, 7 strikes

Santa Anita

Ramon Vazquez – violation date January 8; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, 7 strikes

Umberto Rispoli – violation date January 8; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, 7 strikes

Edwin Maldonado – violation date January 13; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, 7 strikes

Tampa Bay Downs

Robert Reeves Jr. – violation date January 13; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, 9 strikes

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**FIRST FOALS FOR TAYLOR MADE'S TACITUS**

Taylor Made Stallions' MGSW **Tacitus** (**Tapit**) out of MGSW Close Hatches, sired his first reported foals in New York on Monday, Jan. 16. The arrivals were a colt born at Waldorf Farm out of the Bustin Stones mare Super Stone who was bred by Jerry Bilinski, DVM, and a filly produced from SW Courageous Cat mare Lady Joan who was bred by Irish Hill Century Farm and foaled there.

"She is what I was expecting a **Tacitus** foal would look like," said Rick Burke of Irish Hill Century Farm. "She has plenty of leg and good bone. She looks a lot like him."

A Juddmonte Farms homebred trained by Bill Mott, **Tacitus** won the 2019 GII Tampa Bay Derby and the GII Wood Memorial. He was third in the Kentucky Derby that year, and finished second in both the GI Belmont S. and the GI Travers S. **Tacitus**, who stands the 2023 season for \$10,000 S&N, bred 188 mares in his initial book.

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PLETCHERS TO BE HONORED BY NYRTC

Tracy and Todd Pletcher | Courtesy of the Pletchers

The New York Race Track Chaplaincy (NYRTC) will honor Tracy and Todd Pletcher for their generous and continued support of the New York backstretch community at its 16th Annual Fundraising Brunch, which will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 16 at the Saratoga National Golf Club in Saratoga Springs, New York.

"This honor means the world to Tracy and to me," said Todd Pletcher. "Our record reflects a team effort and the members of the backstretch are key members of our team. The New York Chaplaincy does great work serving those who care for our horses and we are humbled to join their list of honorees."

"The Pletchers have demonstrated a deep commitment to the backstretch community, and their support has come in many forms over the years," said Ramón Dominguez, President of the Board of the NYRTC. "We are thrilled to honor them in this way for all they have done and all they continue to do."

Previous recipients have included Anne Campbell, Edgar Prado, Michael Dubb, Fay and David Donk, Marylou Whitney and John Hendrickson, Letty and Kieran McLaughlin, Lisa and Kenny Troutt, Debbie and Terry Finley, the New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, Irad Ortiz, Jr. and Andy Serling.

Additional information, including tickets and sponsorships for the event, may be found at www.rtcany.org.

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WANAMAKER'S JAN. SALE CATALOGUE AVAILABLE

Bidding for the Wanamaker's Jan. Sale will open Wednesday, Jan. 25 at 8:00 a.m. ET with the first listing set to close at 5:00 p.m. Subsequent offerings will close in three-minute increments.

Cont.

Wanamaker's January, cont. from p12**Instilled Regard** | Taylor Made Stallions/Amy Lanigan

This year's catalogue includes a yearling from the first crop of **Instilled Regard**, multiple 2-year-old racing prospects and stakes-winning broodmare prospects. The auction will also feature 16 stallion seasons on offer with proceeds being donated to Love My Pitties, a non-profit rescue, sanctuary and rehabilitation program for dogs coming from high kill and rural shelters.

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NMRHF HOSTS FEB. 4 FUNDRAISER

The National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame in Saratoga Springs, New York will play host to a special "Countdown to the Triple Crown" fundraising event on Saturday, Feb. 4. Taking place exactly three months prior to the 2023 GI Kentucky Derby, it will feature hundreds of silent auction items and unique online auction pieces, plus experience packages, all to benefit the Museum.

Guests can attend the event in person from 5 p.m. ET to 8 p.m. ET or bid on special packages online. The early-bird event at the Museum will feature refreshments and entertainment by Rich Ortiz, as well as screenings of the 16-minute signature film "What It Takes: Journey to the Hall of Fame" at 5:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Cost to attend the event is \$10 for Museum members and \$25 for non-members.

Click [here](#), to purchase tickets or call (518) 584-0400.

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TOBA'S EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS SET FOR 2023

The Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association (TOBA) has scheduled educational seminars for 2023. Specific topics, speakers, and sponsors for each seminar will be announced closer to the events with each seminar covering topics pertaining to both Thoroughbred owners and breeders.

The 2023 schedule includes:

- Mar. 19-20 - Ocala, Florida
- June 23-24 - Toronto, Canada
- July 27-28 - Del Mar, California
- Aug. 10-11 - Saratoga Springs, New York*
- Oct. 23 - Lexington, Kentucky

**Tentative dates for Saratoga; all others confirmed.*

"We are excited to announce some great venues for the 2023 educational seminars" said TOBA's Director of Marketing, Events & Partnerships Samantha Smith. "We hope to reach more people by expanding the agenda to both ownership and breeding topics at each seminar, as well as offering a variety of locations across the U.S. and Canada."

For more information, [click here](#) or contact Smith at samantha@toba.org or at (859) 276-6793.

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GWATHMEY STEEPLECHASE FOUNDATION ELECTS OFFICERS

Edited Press Release

Katherine Neilson, a trainer of stakes winners over both hurdles and timber and a prominent member of the steeplechase community, has been elected president of the Temple Gwathmey Steeplechase Foundation (TGSF). Based in Kennett Square, Pa., she was an accomplished jockey before switching roles. Neilson trained her 200th winner in 2021. Neilson was elected president of the Steeplechase Owners and Trainers Association in 2010 and again in 2020. She has been co-director of the Cheshire Hunt Races from 2019 to the present.

The Foundation's Executive Committee also elected W. B. Dixon Stroud, a well-known steeplechase horseman who founded the Willowdale Steeplechase in 1993 and continues as its chairman, as vice president. Ann Jackson, a steeplechase owner and Thoroughbred breeder based in Monkton, Md., was elected treasurer, while George Cary of Hockessin, Del., a third-generation horseman whose family has a long history in racing, polo, hunting, and showing, was elected secretary. **Cont.**

Gwathmey Steeplechase officers, cont. from p13Katherine Neilson | *Tod Marks*

A TGSF priority in 2023 will be to provide continued support for the Maryland and Pennsylvania point to points, as a partner with the Central Entry Office. In addition, the Foundation looks forward to continuing its support of apprentice riders, safety, and the general promotion of the sport.

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FIRST FOAL FOR MARYLAND MILLION CHAMPION ANNA'S BANDIT

Anna's Bandit (Great Notion) produced her first foal Jan. 10. The new colt by **Tapit** was also the first reported to the Maryland Horse Breeders Association this year. Bred by her trainer Jerry Robb, she was foaled in West Virginia. Winning 17 of 39 starts, including 11 stakes, while earning \$806,655 over six seasons for the Robb's No Guts No Glory Farm, the highlight of her career was a victory in the 2019 Maryland Million Distaff S. at Laurel Park. She was the winningest horse in the nation that same year, scoring in nine of her 11 starts. The 9-year-old will visit **Frosted** for 2023.

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LECOMTE S.-GIII, \$200,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Echo Again	Gun Runner	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC	Asmussen	Gaffalione	122
2	Denington	Gun Runner	Fern Circle Stables and Magdalena Racing	McPeck	Lanerie	122
3	Bromley 	Mastery	OXO Equine LLC	Lobo	Castellano	122
4	Confidence Game 	Candy Ride (Arg)	Don't Tell My Wife Stables	Desormeaux	Graham	122
5	Tapit's Conquest 	Tapit	Robert LaPenta, e Five Racing Thoroughbreds & Madaket Stables LLC	Cox	Geroux	122
6	Itzos	Bolt d'Oro	OXO Equine LLC	Lobo	Hernandez, Jr.	122
7	Instant Coffee 	Bolt d'Oro	Gold Square LLC	Cox	Saez	122
8	Two Phil's K	Hard Spun	Patricia's Hope LLC and Phillip Sagan	Rivelli	Loveberry	122

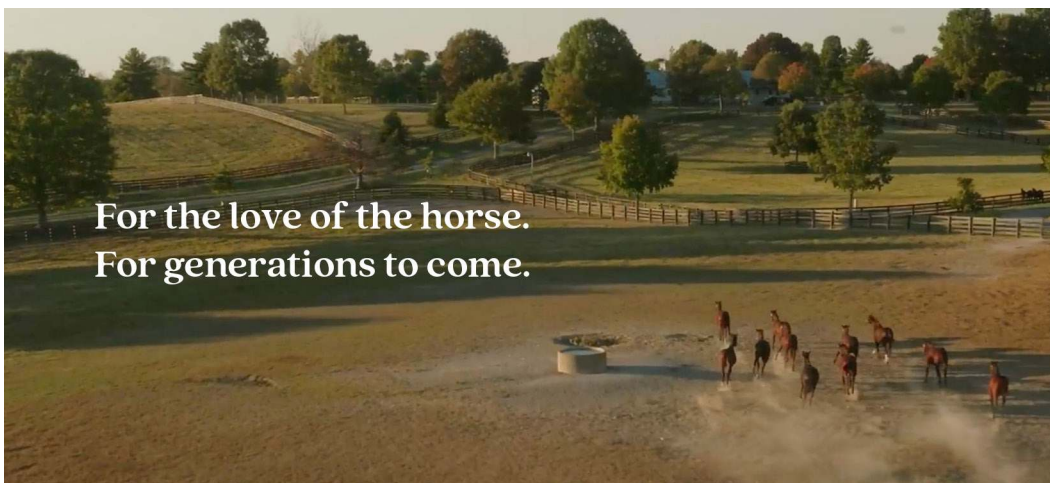
Breeders: 1-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC, 2-Fern Circle Stables LLC & Magdalena Racing, 3-Lee McMillin & Eric Buckley, 4-Summer Wind Equine LLC, 5-WinStar Farm, LLC & Tapit Syndicate, 6-Heaven Trees Farm, 7-Sagamore Farm, LLC, 8-Phillip Sagan

Saturday, Fair Grounds #13, post time: 7:00 p.m. EST

LOUISIANA S. PRESENTED BY RELYNE GI BY HAGYARD-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Business Model	Candy Ride (Arg)	Qatar Racing and Marc Detampel	Walsh	Gaffalione	120
2	Run Classic 	Runhappy	Tom R. Durant	Calhoun	Hernandez, Jr.	118
3	Intrepid Heart	Tapit	Jack Wagon Stables, LLC	Sharp	Saez	118
4	Gentle Soul	Tapizar	Martin Mueller, Don Ladd, Richard Reid, Joe Bowley, Calhoun and Arvydas Cieminis		Loveberry	118
5	Happy American 	Runhappy	Lothenbach Stables, Inc.	Pessin	Graham	122
6	Chess Chief	Into Mischief	Estate of James J. Coleman, Jr.	Stewart	Gutierrez	118
7	Forza Di Oro	Speightstown	Don Alberto Stable	Cox	Geroux	118
8	Zozos	Munnings	Barry and Joni Butzow	Cox	Lanerie	118
9	Mr. Wireless	Dialed In	Jon Lapczenski and JIL Stable	Calhoun	Parker	120

Breeders: 1-Godolphin, 2-Millennium Farms, 3-WinStar Farm, LLC & Winchell Thoroughbreds, LLC, 4-Martin Mueller, Richard Reid, Donald Ladd, Joe Bowley & Garry Randall, 5-Claiborne Farm, 6-Morgan's Ford Farm, 7-Don Alberto Corporation, 8-Barry & Joni Butzow, 9-John & Iveta Kerber



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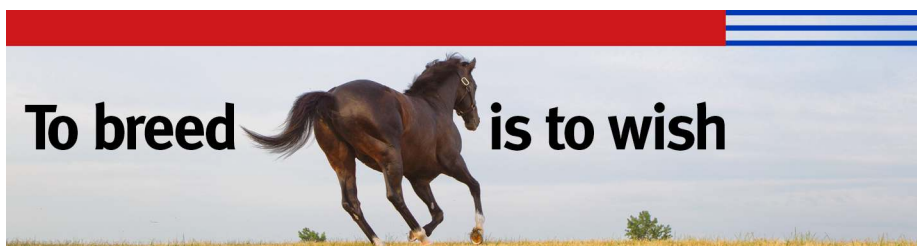
2022 Leading Third-Crop Sires by Earnings

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

Earnings represent Worldwide figures, NH foals only, stud fees listed are 2023 fees.

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Not This Time (2014) by Gnt's Causwy FYR: 2018 Stands: Taylor Made Farm KY Fee: \$135,000	14	28	7	15	2	3	167	101	2,810,000 <i>Epicenter</i>	12,850,409
2	Nyquist (2013) by <i>Uncle Mo</i> FYR: 2018 Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$55,000	11	24	4	9	--	3	187	84	659,250 <i>Slow Down Andy</i>	8,095,094
3	Frosted (2012) by <i>Tapit</i> FYR: 2018 Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$10,000	7	19	1	5	--	1	220	100	263,677 <i>Macron</i>	6,908,185
4	Speightster (2012) by <i>Speightstwn</i> FYR: 2018 Stands: Northern Dawn Stables Can (Dead/Retired)	5	9	--	3	--	--	203	125	204,943 <i>Sheriff Bianco</i>	6,880,930
5	Upstart (2012) by <i>Flatter</i> FYR: 2018 Stands: Airdrie Stud KY Fee: \$30,000	6	13	2	4	1	3	127	81	1,385,500 <i>Zandon</i>	6,615,566
6	Exaggerator (2013) by <i>Curlin</i> FYR: 2018 Stands: Elite Thoroughbreds LA Fee: \$5,000	4	6	1	1	--	1	220	114	724,310 <i>Skippylongstocking</i>	5,951,578
7	Runhappy (2012) by <i>Super Saver</i> FYR: 2018 Stands: Claiborne Farm KY Fee: \$15,000	6	10	--	4	--	1	166	87	453,188 <i>Joyful Cadence</i>	5,527,135
8	Laoban (2013) by <i>Uncle Mo</i> FYR: 2018 Stands: WinStar Farm USA (Dead/Retired)	6	13	1	3	--	2	117	55	660,250 <i>Un Ojo</i>	5,028,020
9	Outwork (2013) by <i>Uncle Mo</i> FYR: 2018 Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$10,000	3	11	1	2	1	1	146	88	598,650 <i>Leave No Trace</i>	4,729,085
10	Mshawish (2010) by <i>Medg d'Oro</i> FYR: 2018 Stands: Al Shaqab Racing Qtr Fee: Private	3	8	1	1	--	--	116	70	154,140 <i>I Am the Law</i>	3,144,284
11	Uncle Lino (2013) by <i>Uncle Mo</i> FYR: 2018 Stands: Northview Stallion Station MD Fee: \$4,000	1	4	--	--	--	--	86	50	194,880 <i>Far Mo Power</i>	3,115,303
12	Tourist (2011) by <i>Tiznow</i> FYR: 2018 Stands: Rockridge Stud NY Fee: \$3,500	3	7	1	4	--	--	113	53	171,590 <i>I Can Run</i>	2,994,020
13	Mosler (2011) by <i>War Front</i> FYR: 2018 Stands: Country Life Farm MD Fee: \$4,000	1	3	--	--	--	--	82	48	181,066 <i>Response Time</i>	2,914,832
14	War Dancer (2010) by <i>War Front</i> FYR: 2018 Stands: Irish Hill/Dutchess Views Stallions NY Fee: \$7,500	2	7	1	2	--	--	87	39	271,020 <i>Dancing Buck</i>	2,873,810
15	Jess's Dream (2012) by <i>Curlin</i> FYR: 2018 Stands: Ocala Stud FL Fee: \$3,000	1	5	--	--	--	--	96	52	94,868 <i>W W Crazy</i>	2,585,492

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7th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$25,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 1-18, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:38.12, fm, 2 lengths.

MISSION OF JOY (f, 3, Kitten's Joy--Smart Mission, by Smart Strike), sent off at 4-5 favorite, was eager early, pulling her way into contention as A Nite in Cairo (**Cairo Prince**) set languid fractions of :24.59 and :49.44. Drawing on even terms with the pacesetter exiting the far turn and inching ahead near the quarter pole, the chestnut was given the cue at the head of the lane, kicked clear late and proved two-lengths best over Tall Girl (**First Samurai**). Ninth sprinting 6 1/2 furlongs over Woodbine's synthetic last September, the filly showed her appreciation of the added yardage as well as the move to the grass with a four-length victory going a mile here Dec. 3. A half-sister to Ch. 3yo Filly and Ch. Grass Mare Irish Mission (Giant's Causeway), Smart Mission is a granddaughter of Sam-Son's Hangin On a Star (Vice Regent), responsible for Canadian Juvenile Champion Comet Shine (Fappiano). Smart Mission has a yearling filly by **Union Rags** and was bred back to **Tonalist**. Sales history: \$32,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$29,807.

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Bolt d'Oro (Medaglia d'Oro), Spendthrift Farm, \$35,000
256 foals of racing age/32 winners/6 black-type winners
3-Turfway, 6:55 p.m. EST, Aoc 6f, Olazabal, 3-1
\$60,000 FTK OCT yrl

Collected (City Zip), Airdrie Stud, \$10,000
234 foals of racing age/16 winners/1 black-type winner
3-Turfway, 6:55 p.m. EST, Aoc 6f, Gettin Paid, 7-2

Girvin (Tale of Ekati), Airdrie Stud, \$20,000
179 foals of racing age/21 winners/5 black-type winners
4-Gulfstream, 1:39 p.m. EST, Msw 1 1/16mT, First Place G, 10-1
\$275,000 OBS APR 2yo
4-Gulfstream, 1:39 p.m. EST, Msw 1 1/16mT, For the Chief, 4-1
\$19,000 RNA OBS OCT yrl; \$87,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Good Samaritan (Harlan's Holiday), WinStar Farm, \$7,500
172 foals of racing age/19 winners/1 black-type winner
3-Turfway, 6:55 p.m. EST, Aoc 6f, Huntertown, 12-1

Oscar Performance (Kitten's Joy), Mill Ridge Farm, \$20,000
171 foals of racing age/17 winners/2 black-type winners
3-Turfway, 6:55 p.m. EST, Aoc 6f, Uncle Headley, 12-1

Tapwrit (Tapit), Gainesway Farm, \$10,000
176 foals of racing age/18 winners/1 black-type winner
3-Turfway, 6:55 p.m. EST, Aoc 6f, Lightning Cashes, 12-1
\$15,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$15,000 OBS OPN 2yo



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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

10th-Parx Racing, \$78,498, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$16,000), 1-18, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:14.47, ft, 2 lengths.

EMPRESS DEONA (m, 5, Emperor Tiberius--Deona, by Yankee Victor) Lifetime Record: 19-3-4-4, \$152,165. O-Richard N. Miller; B-R. N. Miller (PA); T-Scott A. Lake.

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8th-Gulfstream, \$74,400, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 1-18, 4yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :55.30, fm, nose.

TRAIN TO ARTEMUS (m, 5, Tapizar--Pay Day Kitten, by Kitten's Joy) Lifetime Record: 11-6-0-2, \$244,565. O-M and W Stables, LLC; B-Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey (KY); T-Kelly J. Breen.

9th-Parx Racing, \$57,500, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$16,000), 1-18, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:44.44, ft, 5 1/4 lengths.

CASHING BIG CHECKS (f, 4, Mr. Big--Palisadesprincess, by Indian Charlie) Lifetime Record: 14-4-6-0, \$174,400. O-Johnson, Troy and Jagger, Inc.; B-George Krikorian (CA); T-Jamie Ness. *\$1,500 Ylg '20 CTBAJA.

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6th-Mahoning Valley, \$40,900, (S), 1-18, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m,
1:41.82, gd, nose.

POWER BANKER (m, 7, Power Broker--Boffo, by Banker's Gold)

Lifetime Record: 44-13-5-4, \$257,710. O-Robert C. Cline;

B-Robert Maro (OH); T-Robert C. Cline.

7th-Mahoning Valley, \$33,700, (S), 1-18, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m,
6f, 1:14.86, gd, 2 lengths.

KICHI KITSU (m, 6, Dark Kestrel--Buckler, by Concerto) Lifetime

Record: 4-2-0-2, \$46,080. O-Ruberto Racing Stable, Inc.; B-Louis

V. Ruberto (OH); T-Louis V. Ruberto, Jr. *Full to Buckeye Bullet,

MSP, \$414,459; Full to Midnight Mikey, MSP, \$316,355.

5th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$26,500, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$32,000),
1-18, 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT, 1:50.25, fm, 2 3/4 lengths.

NEVER EXPLAIN (h, 5, Street Sense--Black Oak {SP}, by

Forestry) Lifetime Record: 13-3-1-2, \$105,862. O-Courtlandt

Farms, LLC (Donald Adam); B-Hidden Brook Farm & Godolphin

(KY); T-Claude R. McGaughey III. *\$155,000 Wlg '18 KEENOV;

*\$475,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP.



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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

R Swirvin Girvin, f, 3, Girvin--Lucy Ring, by Eavesdropper.

Tampa Bay Downs, 1-18, (C), 6f, 1:10.89. Lifetime Record:

2-1-0-1, \$16,470. B-Joan M Tennant & Judy Karlin (FL).

*\$6,000 Ylg '21 OBSOCT; \$38,000 2yo '22 OBSOPN.

Guardian Angel, f, 3, Jess's Dream--Sacred Psalm (SP), by

Awesome of Course. Gulfstream, 1-18, (S), 6f, 1:12.08.

Lifetime Record: SP, 6-1-1-2, \$83,450. B-Jacks or Better Farm

Inc. (FL). *1/2 to Sing Praises (Hear No Evil), MSW, \$483,722;

1/2 to Spirit Wind (Bahamian Squall), MSW & GSP, \$197,890;

1/2 to Silent Prayer (Brooks 'n Down), MSP, \$302,444.

Shez Speightful, f, 3, Speightster--She Shines, by Polish

Numbers. Gulfstream, 1-18, (C), 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:03.75.

Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$41,600. B-Almar Farm, LLC (KY).

*\$15,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$55,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR. *1/2 to

Clare's Dowery (Jump Start), SP, \$258,715.

C J All the Way, c, 4, Violence--Joyous Music (SP, \$273,756), by

Bellamy Road. Mahoning Valley, 1-18, 6f, 1:12.91. Lifetime

Record: 8-1-1-1, \$36,778. B-St. Simon Place & Scott Stephens

(KY). *\$65,000 RNA 2yo '21 OBSAPR.

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1-18, Mahoning Valley

Emperor Tiberius, Empress Deona, m, 5, o/o Deona, by Yankee
Victor. AOC, 1-18, Parx Racing

Girvin, R Swirvin Girvin, f, 3, o/o Lucy Ring, by Eavesdropper.
MCL, 1-18, Tampa Bay

Jess's Dream, Guardian Angel, f, 3, o/o Sacred Psalm, by
Awesome of Course. MSW, 1-18, Gulfstream

Kitten's Joy, Mission of Joy, f, 3, o/o Smart Mission, by Smart
Strike. AOC, 1-18, Tampa Bay

Mr. Big, Cashing Big Checks, f, 4, o/o Palisadesprincess, by
Indian Charlie. AOC, 1-18, Parx Racing

Power Broker, Power Banker, m, 7, o/o Boffo, by Banker's Gold.
ALW, 1-18, Mahoning Valley

Speightster, Shez Speightful, f, 3, o/o She Shines, by Polish
Numbers. MOC, 1-18, Gulfstream

Street Sense, Never Explain, h, 5, o/o Black Oak, by Forestry.
AOC, 1-18, Tampa Bay

Tapizar, Train to Artemus, m, 5, o/o Pay Day Kitten, by Kitten's
Joy. AOC, 1-18, Gulfstream

Violence, C J All the Way, c, 4, o/o Joyous Music, by Bellamy
Road. MSW, 1-18, Mahoning Valley

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MONFORT: 'WILLIE MULLINS TAUGHT ME HORSES CAN TAKE A LOT OF WORK'



Edouard Monfort: has built up a good relationship with Willie Mullins | *Scoop Dyga*

By Brian Sheerin

No trainer in Ireland has farmed France for top-class talent quite like Willie Mullins has in recent times. Superstars Hurricane Fly (Ire), Douvan (Fr), Un De Sceaux (Fr), Vroum Vroum Mag (Fr) and Benie Des Dieux (Fr) are all a product of that hugely successful resource.

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HOLLIE DOYLE BENCHED WITH BROKEN ELBOW

Rider Hollie Doyle, who fell after her mount broke down at Wolverhampton on Monday evening, has been diagnosed with a broken elbow and will face a spell on the sidelines. A date to return to the saddle has not been set.

A winner of the G1 Prix de Diane aboard Nashwa (GB) (**Frankel {GB}**) in 2022, the first female rider to win a Classic was riding Archie Watson's 4-7 race favourite **The Perfect Crown (Ire)** (Hallowed Crown {Aus}) when he broke down on the final turn. Doyle was up after the incident, and **went to see a specialist on Tuesday**.

Husband and fellow jockey Tom Marquand said, "She has broken her elbow. We don't really know how long she will be out for as she literally only had her MRIs last night. It is one of those fiddly things, as you could put a number on it and you'd be wrong every time anyway.

"To be honest, it is just a case of making sure she gets it right now, because you wouldn't want to stop halfway through the summer. It is frustrating."

Besides her Classic triumph, Doyle enjoyed a 151-winner season, and was second to William Buick in the Flat Jockeys' Championship.

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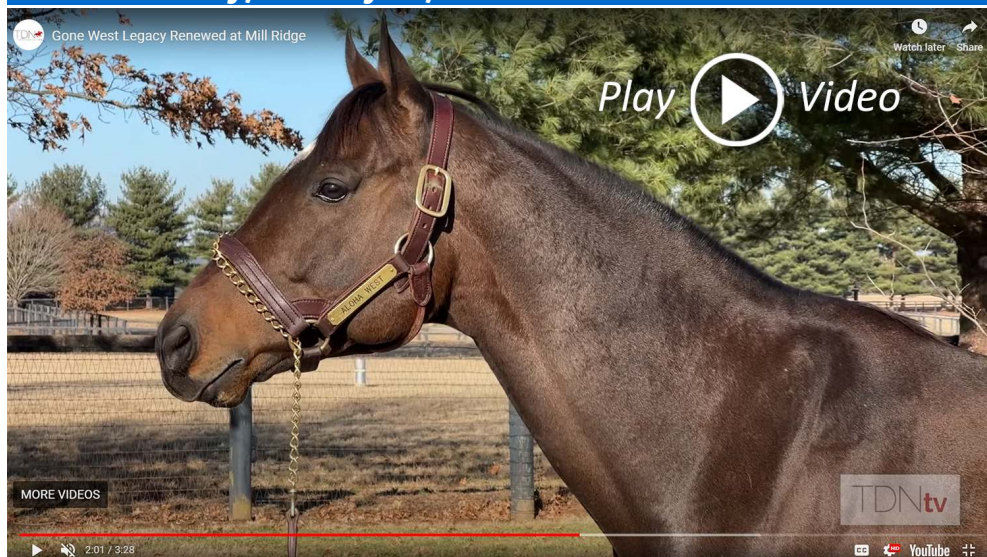
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A third Economic Impact Study of the British Thoroughbred breeding industry was published on Wednesday.

SAX APPEAL STRIKES AT SOUTHWELL

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Saxon Warrior (Jpn)'s Sax Appeal (GB) strode to a 5 1/2-length win in a novice race at Southwell.

CHURCHILL COLT A DEBUT WINNER AT WOLVES

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Making his debut, *Majestic Warrior (Ire)* (*Churchill {Ire}*) scored with authority in a Wolverhampton maiden at first asking.

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Edouard Monfort Cont. from p1

It seems as though not one week goes by where Mullins fails to unleash a leading French prospect, which was evident at Clonmel on Tuesday when Ireland's dominant National Hunt trainer sent out Night And Day (GB) and Gaelic Warrior (Ger) to record emphatic successes and harden their claims for festival honours respectively.

So where do all these winners come from? Mullins's long-standing and trusty ally Harold Kirk is responsible for a lot of Closutton's jumping stars while Pierre Boulard plays an integral role in France.

But the tapestry of talent that makes its way to Mullins runs much deeper than Kirk and Boulard alone, with many trainers in France blooding talent in the hope that the major jumps trainers in Britain and Ireland come in with a blank cheque for the next big jumping star the country has to offer.

That includes Edouard Monfort, a former employee of Mullins, who now trains a string of 70 horses in his native France and recently sold smart prospects **Tekao (Fr)** and **Parmenion (GB)** to the most successful trainer in Cheltenham Festival history.

Monfort spent the 2015/16 National Hunt season with Mullins, which was the same campaign that Annie Power (Ire) came off the substitutes' bench to land the Champion Hurdle, and he

revealed that the relationships forged during his time working for the 16-time Champion National Hunt trainer in Ireland burns bright to this day.

Monfort explained, "Willie is a really good man. He's very simple and you can talk with him. He's always the same. Of all my experiences in racing, I base my style on Willie."

He added, "During my experience in Ireland, I made good friends--like Niall Kelly, Sonny Carey and Paddy Mullins. This is why I like coming to the Irish sales. It is easier for me to get information on these horses with all of my contacts. I have lots of clients from England and Ireland.

"It's important to sell the right horses because it's easy to sell the bad horses. It's important for the future and for business to keep good contacts which is why I was confident to sell Tekao and Parmenion to Willie. I was pretty sure that they would be good jumps horses for him."

At 34 years old, Monfort has built up a solid string. Indeed, he was destined to go down this route, being a son of Patrick Monfort, a successful trainer in France.

But a trip to Mullins's base for that winter in 2015 had the biggest influence on Monfort, according to the man himself, who revealed that he has adopted the many things that he learned from the trainer to his own operation in France.

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Monfort said, "I was born into horses as my father was a trainer. I went to engineers' school during my career as an amateur rider where I rode for 12 years on the Flat and over jumps in France. When I finished my career as an amateur, I targeted becoming a trainer and spent a jumps season with Willie, a year with Andre Fabre and another year with Jean-Claude Rouget.

"Working with Willie and seeing how he manages all of the horses that he has in his yard was a great experience. I wanted to go to Willie because I really like jumps racing and I wanted to get experience with a top jumps trainer. I learned from Willie that a horse can work a lot. They can work hard before they run. I also learned that you can take your time with some horses. Some of Willie's horses, he takes it step by step with them, and they could be in the yard for a few months without having a race. When they do race, they come

back stronger."

He added, "Sometimes I manage my young horses so that they can work hard for two or three months before getting a rest and after that, they come back and they feel that bit stronger. I was based with Willie when he had that very good mare, Annie

Power. I also rode in one race for him. I think it was a gift from Willie to me!"

Now it's Monfort's turn to supply the ammunition to Mullins and the early signs are promising. Tekao won on his hurdling debut at Leopardstown over Christmas for Mullins in the famous green and gold hoops of JP McManus while Parmenion is also held in decent regard.

On the duo, Monfort said, "Tekao was bred by his owner. He has a good pedigree and we took our time with him. He won very

well on debut on the Flat but, from the very beginning, he looked more like a jumps horse, which is why he was sold.



Tekao (right): could be a leading Triumph Hurdle contender
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“I hope he is a very good hurdles horse. I saw him winning at Leopardstown and I thought he was a good winner because he was a little bit keen but he kept going all the way from the last to the winning post. I am confident he will be a very good horse for Willie and the team.”

He added, “Parmenion does not have a lot of experience but I really loved this horse when I used to train him. To compare him and Tekao, I would have to say that I would nearly prefer Parmenion from when he was a 3-year-old. I hope that he can be a very good horse. He has a German pedigree and I just think that all he needs is time.”

So why has Mullins returned to France time and time again in search of his next festival star? According to Monfort, one of the key reasons behind the success of the French-breds on racecourses in Britain and Ireland cannot be attributed to the excellent stallions who stand in the country alone, but also the deep pool of quality jumps mares that are available to breeders.

He said, “For a long time, the French breeding for jumps horses has been very good. We’ve got excellent mares in France for this. I think that is why we are having a lot of success in England and Ireland with our French-bred horses, because our mares here are so good. The breeders have worked very hard in

keeping the right stallions in France for jumps racing. We have top jumps stallions in France but we are a little bit light on the Flat. We don’t have the same level of stallions standing here compared to the jumps.”

Monfort admits that buying the raw material has become harder but a series of big-money sales, to Flat and National Hunt handlers, has been a huge help.

“It’s very important for business to sell some of the horses. We know that the prize-money in France is very good but, if you want to make money, you have to sell these horses. That’s why it’s important to be able to showcase these horses and be able to sell them.

“When I think a horse could be a selling prospect, we manage him with a view towards that and we take our time. Most of the time, they don’t run until they are three years old if their future lies over jumps.”

He added, “We also sell horses to Australia or America. It just depends on the profile of the horse. The market has been very strong lately which has made it harder for us to buy the right horses. But, you know, when you start selling these good horses it makes it easier to buy the next ones because you’ve got the wallet!”

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EUROPEAN NEWS

THIRD ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY ON UK BREEDING INDUSTRY PUBLISHED

The third Economic Impact Study of the British Thoroughbred breeding industry was published on Wednesday. In the report, key opportunities and challenges for the sector were outlined and provide a blueprint for future progress.

Building on reports published in 2014 and 2018, the study was commissioned by the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association (TBA) and conducted by PwC. Both the Racing Foundation and Horseracing Betting Levy Board (HBLB) funded the project.

British breeding was found to have an impact of over £375m of gross value added to the rural economy, as well as being a world-leading producer of top racehorses and the foundation for a world-class racing programme. There was also greater insight gained into the current climate in which Thoroughbred breeders operate through deeper analysis of factors affecting profitability and the overall health of the sector.

Over 7.5 million data points were analysed in the project following the impact of both Brexit and COVID-19. One of the highlights of the report was how the Great British Bonus scheme has narrowed the gap in average sales prices between colts and fillies at British sales. There are ongoing profitability issues, particularly in the middle and lower tiers of the market, where smaller operators continue to exit the industry. Forecasts on foal crops and broodmare numbers in the report also show a steady but continual reduction without intervention.

The report also outlined some recommendations for the industry to pursue, including the consideration of prize-money

levels, new targeted industry incentives, creation of accessible ownership models, encouragement and support of the domestic stallion market, and the development of recruitment and retention strategies to meet the industry's talent requirements.

TBA Chairman Julian Richmond-Watson said, "It is timely as it coincides with the racing industry's development of a new long-term strategy, led by the BHA, which is an opportunity to shape racing's future and strengthen our position as a world-leader in thoroughbred racing and breeding.

"The report will be a key evidence bank for this vital work, as industry stakeholders seek to work together to address the challenges for the long-term health of the sport. A high quality and sustainable supply of thoroughbred horses is a specific objective underpinning the whole strategy, and is a requisite for an attractive, competitive and quality racing product."

TBA Chief Executive Claire Sheppard added, "It is of fundamental importance that as the TBA, and as an industry, we take action based on a sound and robust evidence base and have a real depth of understanding of underlying trends across the whole industry.

"As this is the third study the TBA has commissioned, a comprehensive and longer-term picture of the key trends now exists, and the data have helped PwC to model into the future and map out what could happen if these trends continue and we do not take interventions.

"The long-term declining trend in the key indicators are an ongoing concern, but there are signs of hope for the future in the upturn in the 2022 British-born foal crop numbers and the positive impact of the Great British Bonus on sales prices and owner returns.

"The report demonstrates that incentives and strategic interventions can work. We must learn from this and take forward a plan with the support of breeders in particular and the racing industry in general as part of racing's new strategy."

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BRITAIN

Wednesday's Results:

2nd-Southwell, £8,000, Novice, 1-18, 3-5yo, c/g, 11f 23y (AWT), 2:24.86, st.

SAX APPEAL (GB) (c, 3, Saxon Warrior {Jpn})--Isobel Archer {GB}, by Oasis Dream {GB}), seventh on his racecourse bow over seven furlongs at Lingfield at the end of December, soon recovered from a tardy start to shadow the leader. In command before four out, the 11-8 favourite produced a resolute galloping display to beat Biscoff Joe (GB) (Cityscape {GB}) by 5 1/2 lengths. [Cont. p7](#)

2nd-Southwell Cont.

The winner is currently the last known foal out of a full-sister to the G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere-winning sire Naaqoos (GB) and half to the G3 Prix la Force-winning sire Barastraight (GB) (Barathea {Ire}). Sales history: 20,000gns RNA Wlg '20 TATFOA; 14,000gns RNA Ylg '21 TATOCT; 13,000gns Ylg '21 TADEY. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$5,309. O-Johnston Racing Ltd; B-C&S B/S Ltd, C Younghusband, K McGivern (GB); T-Charlie Johnston.

2nd-Wolverhampton, £7,200, Mdn, 1-18, 3yo, 9f 104y (AWT), 2:02.10, st.

MAJESTIC WARRIOR (IRE) (c, 3, Churchill {Ire}--Zam Zoom {Ire}, by Dalakhani {Ire}), backed into even-money favouritism, settled fourth of the five runners initially. Surging to the front passing the furlong pole, the chestnut asserted under hand riding to score with authority by 2 1/4 lengths from Chronograph (GB) (Recorder {GB}). The dam, who has also produced the G1 Irish St Leger runner-up Fujaira Prince (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}), the dual listed winner and Stayers' Hurdle hero Nichols Canyon (GB) (Authorized {Ire}) and the Listed Cheshire Oaks third Bright Approach (Ire) (New Approach {Ire}), is kin to the G3 Winter Derby scorer Nideeb (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}). Also connected to the dual G1 Coronation Cup winner Warrsan (Ire) (Caerleon) and the GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf heroine Queen's Trust (GB) (Dansili {GB}), her yearling colt is by Ghaiyyath (Ire). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,778. O-Saeed Manana; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited (IRE); T-James Tate.

IRELAND

Wednesday's Results:

8th-Dundalk, €17,000, Mdn, 1-18, 3yo, 7f (AWT), 1:26.76, st.

STORMY ENTRY (c, 3, Point Of Entry--Stormy Perfection {GISP}, by Tale Of The Cat), runner-up over six furlongs here last month, tracked the early leader. Working his way to the front approaching the furlong marker, the 13-8 favourite held Miami Thunder (GB) (Kingman {GB}) to score by half a length. The dam, who was runner-up in the GI Natalma S., is connected to Tale Of The Cat's GI Wood Memorial and GI Cigar Mile hero Tale Of Ekati and the champion Sky Beauty (Blushing Groom {Fr}). Her yearling colt is by **Sky Mesa**, while she was bred to Danish Dynaformer and Point Of Entry for 2023. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$13,528. O/B-Charles Fipke (KY); T-Willie Browne.

FRANCE

Wednesday's Results:

1st-Cagnes-sur-Mer, €26,000, Cond, 1-18, 3yo, 10f (AWT), 2:04.97, st.

BAY D'ARGENT (FR) (c, 3, New Bay {GB}--Joiedargent {Fr} {MSP-Fr}, by Kendargent {Fr}), who scored over a mile on turf at Lyon-Parilly in October, was anchored in last early. Brushing aside all rivals in the straight, the homebred was in front passing the furlong pole and readily drew away to beat Limesy (Fr) (Anodin {Ire}) by 2 1/2 lengths. The dam, who also has the 2-year-old colt Le Ravi (Fr) (Olympic Glory {Ire}), is related to the stable's 3-year-old colt Lodovico (Fr) (Toronado {Ire}) who scored here on Monday. The family features the sires Bobby's Kitten and **Camelot** Kitten and the Argentinian champion Sixties Song (Arg) (Sixties Icon {GB}). Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, €28,300. **Video, sponsored by TVG.**

O/B-Jean-Claude Seroul (FR); T-Jerome Reynier.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Run Ahead (Fr), f, 3, **Ectot (GB)**--Testina (Ire), by Lawman (Fr). Cagnes-sur-Mer, 1-18, 7 1/2fT, 1:36.37. B-C Marzocco & L Marzocco (FR).

Rising Up (Fr), c, 3, **Showcasing (GB)**--Red Line (Fr) (SW-Fr, \$113,195), by Sageburg (Ire). Cagnes-sur-Mer, 1-18, 7 1/2fT, 1:37.77. B-Mme L Lemiere Dubois (FR).

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SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	4	Desert Fire (Ire)	Cape Cross (Ire)	S. bin Suroor	P. Dobbs	126
2	6	Erzindjan (Ire)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	A. bin Harmash	R. Dawson	126
3	5	I Am Superman	Footstepsinthesand (GB)	M. O'Callaghan	C. Keane	126
4	8	Land of Legends (Ire)	Iffraaj (GB)	S. bin Suroor	P. Cosgrave	126
5	7	Laser Show (Ire)	New Approach (Ire)	S. bin Suroor	L. Steward	126
6	1	Master of the Seas (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	C. Appleby	W. Buick	126
7	3	Modern News	Shamardal	C. Appleby	J. Doyle	126
8	2	Shelir (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	D. O'Meara	D. Tudhope	126

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UAE 1000 GUINEAS-Listed, \$150,000, 2yo, 2810m

SC PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1 3	Asawer	Nyquist	D. Watson	P. Dobbs	126
2 6	Awasef	Cairo Prince	D. Watson	S. Hitchcott	126
3 7	Cite d'Or (Fr)	Galliway (GB)	H. Eustace	W. Buick	126
4 2	Here We Are	Super Saver	S. bin Ghadayer	R. Ffrench	126
5 5	Mimi Kakushi	City of Light`	S. bin Ghadayer	M. Barzalona	126
6 4	Nafas	Cairo Prince	B. Seemar	T. O'Shea	126
7 1	Unjokable	Practical Joke	A. bin Harmash	R. Dawson	126

Friday, Meydan, 20:55 p.m., TVG

AL KHAIL TROPHY-Listed, \$100,000, NH 5yo/up, SH 3yo/up, SH 5yo, 2810mT

SC PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1 2	Emperor of the Sun (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	F. Nass	A. de Vries	132
2 8	Get Shirty (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	D. O'Meara	D. Tudhope	129
3 3	Ardakan (GB)	Reliable Man (GB)	M. Botti	J. Doyle	127
4 1	Away He Goes (Ire)	Farhh (GB)	I. Mohammed	M. Barzalona	125
5 5	Charging Thunder (GB)	War Command	D. O'Meara	W. Buick	122
6 9	Global Heat (Ire)	Toronado (Ire)	S. bin Suroor	P. Cosgrove	122
7 4	Tides of War (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	D. Simcock	C. Fallon	122
8 7	WickyWickyWheels (Ire)	The Carbon Unit	B. Seemar	T. O'Shea	122
9 10	Traila (GB)	Australia (GB)	D. Simcock	R. Mullen	119
10 6	New Comedy (Ire)	Sea the Stars (Ire)	A. Al Shemali	A. Fresu	117

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