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TDN KENTUCKY OAKS TOP 10



Wonder Wheel | Breeders' Cup/Eclipse Sportswire

by Bill Finley

It's early in the season, but not too early to get excited about the group eyeing the GI Kentucky Oaks.

In **Wonder Wheel** (Into Mischief) you have a standout 2-year-old and a deserving Eclipse champion.

Hoosier Philly (Into Mischief) has so impressed trainer Tom Amoss that he said the GI Kentucky Derby is under consideration.

Justique (Justify) has been ultra impressive at times.

They're the Top 3, but numbers 4 through 10 make up a group filled with potential.

At least two prominent members of the division will not make it to the Oaks.

Trainer Todd Pletcher reports that GI Frizette S. winner Chocolate Gelato (Practical Joke) is behind schedule and will need some more time before returning to the races.

Raging Sea (Curlin), who finished third in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies, has yet return to training and is not currently on target for the Oaks, reports trainer Chad Brown.

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EQUINE PROSTHETICS: "THERE IS LIFE AFTER THE LEG COMES OFF"

by Dan Ross

There is a theme of reinvention running through Ian Gould's cephalopod-like business ventures.

His UK-based research and development company is looking to revolutionize the way electric vehicle batteries are re-processed, for example, and wants to recycle carbon fiber composite materials otherwise destined for the dump. His latest focus is on animals that suffer catastrophic limb injuries, those with a usually grim prognosis.

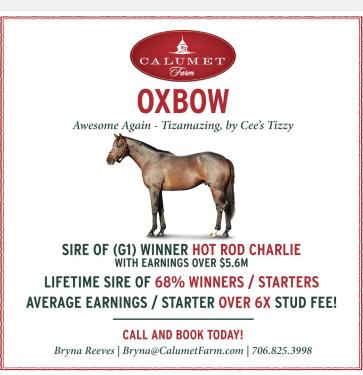
"We were looking at greyhounds at first," said Gould-loquacious and enthusiastic, in the mold of a spirited science professor--over Zoom one recent evening UK-time.

But given the inherent threat of severe injury in racing, "we were thinking, given the advances in digital technologies, in 3D reverse modeling, we realized we could profile equines as well," Gould added. *Cont. p3*

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Donato Poliseno of Delaware, who trained Standardbreds for over 50 years, sold a "bevy of drugs" and was sentenced Wednesday.



In Gould's telling, the idea is broken down into two main buckets. Firstly, a horse's entire physical make-up, inside and out, must be digitally mapped using a 3D laser scan and through bio-engineered X-rays.

"And we can hold that information in a database," said Gould, pointing to another product in his company library, a digital pet passport accessed through an implanted chip.

In the event a racehorse suffers a catastrophic injury that cannot be saved through conventional surgeries--but which the attending veterinarians believe can be saved though prosthesis--the horse's specifications can be accessed through the chip, then used to print out on a 3D printer an accurate three-dimensional rendering of the required limb part.



Ric Redden

"If the vet identified that there is a possibility to save the horse [with prosthetics], that part could be manufactured within hours through 3D printing," said Gould, of a limb made from hybrid polymer materials strong enough to build jet aircraft.

The technology already exists to bring Gould's idea to life, but practicalities mean it's a long way still, if ever, from being realized in any broad fashion. What it taps into is a niche corner of equine veterinary practice--marginalized for various reasons.

One is the dearth of veterinarians equipped with the training, expertise and inclination to both perform the operation and oversee weeks of post-surgery critical care. Another is cost. Spoiler alert: It ain't cheap.

Another is all wrapped up in ethics: Just because you can do something, does it mean you should?

"Clients often bring friends to see their horse with them standing next to each other watching their horse with a full or half limb prosthesis fly around the paddock with other horses bucking and kicking," said Lexington-based veterinarian Ric Redden, who says he has performed more than 50 equine amputation surgeries in his long career. He's an ardent advocate for the surgery but understands how some remain skeptical.



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"One says, 'wow, is this not amazing,' with happy tears running down their cheek. The other says, 'poor thing, she doesn't have but three legs,' with tears in their eyes. There you go, nothing about horses or horse sports is for everyone," he added. "But there is life after the leg comes off. That's the story."

History

"It's been a long slow development on the history of prosthesis," explained Barrie Grant, a long-time veterinary fixture at Southern California racetracks.

"People have been fashioning sticks and everything else at the end of stumps for years," said Grant. "I've been over to Egypt. I worked down in Ramses's tomb. I didn't see any hieroglyphic of a horse missing one leg, but that doesn't mean it didn't happen back then."

Whether or not those ancient Nubians ever fashioned some kind of alternative limb to any accident-prone early ancestor of the horse, a more recent "modern-day" report of equine prosthesis came in the early 1970s, explained Grant, when an Appaloosa mare called Robin Dundee was equipped with a prosthetic limb at Washington State University (WSU).

When it comes to overlap with horse racing, Grant was involved in 1985 with one of the most high-profile cases of racehorse prosthesis--Boitron (Fr), an ex-European graded stakes winner trained in the U.S. by Wally Dollase.

Boitron's troubles began at stud, with an abscess in the lining of his right-hind hoof wall. The abscess worsened, ultimately necessitating removal of the whole foot.

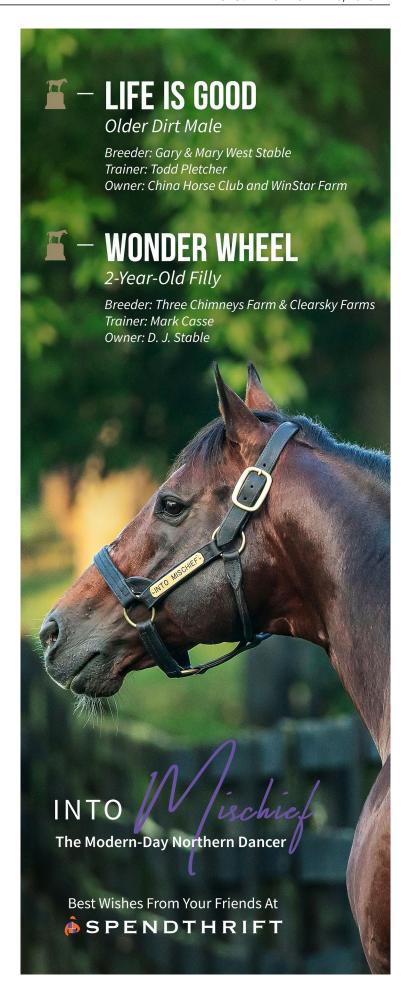
Gradually, though, residual problems and infections worked their way up the leg, until eventually Grant and his team at WSU removed the bone to four inches below the hock, wrapping the skin and the superficial flexor tendon around the stump to provide cushioning.

Boitron was fitted with a permanent prosthetic leg, and eventually returned to stud duties at a farm near California's Central Valley coastline. He would end up covering mares until five years later when he died from complications through a stomach abscess that led to peritonitis.

Since the experimental days of Boitron's travails with limb loss, technical advances have been made to the whole procedure. Grant specifically champions the work in this field of veterinarian Donna Harper.

Indeed, Ted Vlahos, a Wyoming-based veterinarian who has performed or overseen virtually over 100 such surgeries, describes a process of refinement to his approach over the past 20 years.

"People always ask, "oh, you'll have to have the horses recover for weeks in a sling," said Vlahos, pointing to what he calls a common misconception. *Cont.*



"That is not necessary," he added. "We don't have a sling in our facility anymore. We stopped using it for amputees and found it completely unnecessary."

Rather, horses at Vlahos's clinic are expected--like humans with new knees and hips--to move around right away on a temporary prosthetic, and to get up in the recovery room unaided. "We want them as normal as possible," he said.

So, what does the whole surgical process resemble today?

How it Works

The highest Vlahos has amputated is to the mid-radius of the front leg, and to the upper cannon bone in the hind leg. "But the vast majority of cases-probably 90% of the ones we have done-have been at the fetlock and below," Vlahos said.

"We will typically in a distal limb case amputate at the fetlock and preserve the sesamoid bones," said Vlahos, adding that sesamoid bones can still be left in place, even if fractured (a common catastrophic injury in racehorses).

"If we can, it's very important to preserve the sesamoid bones when we do our closure as that makes for a bulbous end on the distal limb so the prosthesis won't slip off," he added.

Blood flow is vital for the tissue and any supporting tendons to be safely closed over the stump, and Vlahos removes sensation of that area by performing an "aggressive neurectomy" so the horses "don't feel their stump," he said, describing this as a typical process in humans. "We actually take about 3 inches of nerve from the fetlock."

Surgery will usually range between one and a half to two hours, a difference largely defined by whether or not Vlahos inserts "transfixation pins"--a concoction of metalwork to help alleviate weight-bearing on the stump in the initial post-surgery period.



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Unlike humans, whose stumps must heal before a prosthesis is fitted, a horse is put into a temporary prosthetic leg immediately, before transport to the recovery room. "They have to walk on it right away out of recovery," said Vlahos.

"In most of our cases if the horse is healthy enough to accommodate a transfixation cast, we will place two threaded pins in the bottom third of the horse's cannon bone and incorporate that into a transfixation cast," said Vlahos. "That is something we've used in fractures and founder cases for many years"

The thinking behind the transfixation pins and cast boils down to this: When the horse stands upright, the weight in the removed limb is transferred down through the cannon bone to the pins--which stick out each side of the leg about an inch-down through the cast, to which the temporary prosthesis is attached, and then to the ground.

"That allows the horse to fully load on the leg but not put any pressure on the stump," said Vlahos. "This facilitates stump healing."

As horses acclimatize to their foreign limb, there of course exists the worry that a horse will injure itself or damage the transfixation cast as it scrambles to its feet.

However, "the risk of limb failure in recovery is no greater than other procedures," Vlahos said, adding that he has never had a limb fracture in recovery from a transfixation cast in 35 years of surgery. *Cont.*

The temporary prosthesis comes with a bulbous end to negate torque as the horse moves around the recovery room. "We have that fabricated at our welding shop, and it's basically a little round cup with straps that go up the leg," said Vlahos.

Horses remain in this temporary prosthesis until the stump heals--what generally takes about a month--at which point, the patient will be fitted for the permanent prosthesis, necessitating a mold of the leg. This takes about two weeks to manufacture.

Intriguingly, Vlahos typically halts pain medications after 48 hours, but will keep them on antibiotics or antimicrobial agents for two to three weeks. In all, the horses typically remain at the clinic for about six to eight weeks.

Problems

Given the practicalities of managing lameness, a fair assumption would be that the biggest hurdle to successful post-surgery recovery would be support limb laminitis--lameness transferred to the good leg as the horse shifts its weight away from the problem limb.

Vlahos downplays the threat posed by support limb laminitis, though encourages constant mindfulness of its threat. But in pre-existing chronic cases where support limb laminitis was already at

play, "What we found was, by removing the painful limb, the support limb laminitis resolved in most horses," he said.

Redden, who helped in the initial stages of Boitron's surgical odyssey, similarly emphasizes the need for vigilance in the post-surgery period for support limb problems.

"You can't be looking at them over the stable door waiting for them to tell you if something's wrong," he warned.

The trick, said Redden, is to support the good leg with devices like a "Mega Ultima"--a high-level mechanical aid that can

reduce the load on the deep flexor tendon about 60-65%--and to routinely monitor vascular supply to the foot. The Mega Ultima is technique sensitive, stressed Redden, and requires radiographic control.

Rather, Vlahos and Redden both identify the quality of care horses receive over the long-haul as one of the most instructive factors to post-surgery success and longevity of life.

Once the stump has healed and the permanent prosthetic has been fitted, the new limb still needs to be changed as frequently as every day if the horse is in a hot climate, or every few days somewhere colder. It's a quick process that Vlahos says takes less time than cleaning out all four feet.

Pressure sores at the stump remain a continuous concern, explained Vlahos. The permanent prosthetic will need periodic adjustments and will have to be fully replaced every two to

three years. When turned out, the paddock must be essentially child-proofed to ensure the prosthetic won't snag or catch. Steep slopes and muddy patches are discouraged, for example.

"The daily attention you need to give the horse is incredible," said Redden.



Courtesy Ted Vlahos

Ethical Considerations

Which partially explains why so few of these operations are conducted. Another is money.

Vlahos breaks the pricetag down this way: Between \$8,000 and \$10,000 for the surgery,

post-surgery aftercare between \$200 and \$300 a day (for roughly two months), and the permanent prosthesis priced between \$2,500 and \$3,000.

Gould estimated that 3D rendered limbs--both the temporary and permanent prosthesis--could come with the combined cost of between \$12,000 and \$25,000.

But perhaps the greatest reason why equine prosthesis remains such a niche veterinary procedure boils down to ethics and optics. *Cont.*

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Respected British publication *Horse & Hound* has posted various articles in recent years broadly condemning the procedure, for example, with the publication's resident veterinarian quoted as being "horrified" by a video shared on social media of a horse in Columbia fitted with a prosthetic limb.

"It's hard for me to comment on something that I've never seen done," said Ryan Carpenter, a Southern-California based veterinarian instrumental over the past few years in a fetlock arthrodesis surgery program--a procedure to stabilize the ankle, preventing joint movement by fusing it into a normal position for the leg--when asked about the procedure.

"But it's the same for any program: What's in the best interest of the horse? We have to be able to look back at these horses after six months or a year and say, 'are we doing the right thing or not?'" he added. "What we've seen with the arthrodesis program is they do remarkably well, and we're actually very happy and proud of our outcomes."

So, what does Vlahos consider a successful amputation surgery? "Can that horse have a quality of life, maintain their body condition and serve their purpose, whether that be as a pasture animal or a breeding animal?"

In a 2005 study, Redden and Vlahos reported the findings from 26 amputation cases, with 73% surviving the 120-day post-operative period and 65% surviving at least nine months,

the latter of which described as "serviceably sound as breeding or companion animals." Mean survival time was 30.6 months.

Over his 100-plus cases to date, Vlahos pins the figure at 90% of horses surviving discharge and comfortable at more than 12 months. Fewer than a handful of horses failed to survive to discharge, he added, tripped up by things like septic limbs and complications during anesthesia.

"Our experience has been they live a normal life, if cared for properly," said Vlahos, pointing to videos. "We have horses that have spent between 15 to 20 years since surgery out running happily in pastures and being serviceable breeding animals."

As a recent success story, Vlahos points to the Quarter Horse stallion Triple Vodka, fitted with a prosthetic after a septic coffin joint in his right front necessitated amputation below the fetlock. Triple Vodka returned to full stallion duties, but passed away last fall through complications from a twisted colon.

In a 1985 article in the *Blood-Horse* on Boitron's surgeries, Grant is quoted as saying that he hoped the horse's exploits would spur copy-cat surgeries. "We were lucky with Boitron," Grant said at the time. "If he hadn't made it, a lot of skeptics would say don't bother trying anymore."

Nearly 40 years later, however, Grant laments how few believers his proselytizing has converted. "Personally, one of the unfinished things I put in my bucket, I guess, is trying to get more people to think about doing it." *Cont.*



Which brings us back to the prosthetic limb itself, and its evolution from bygone days of stumps fashioned from wood.

Boitron's foreign limb was ostensibly jimmy-rigged: A steering column from a Volkswagon vehicle mounted along two stainless steel tubes atop on a foot plate and support cup.

Modern iterations used by Vlahos consist of titanium pylons--some with shock-absorbers incorporated--surrounded by graphite laminate or hard plastic and mounted on a stainless-steel foot plate.

To help alleviate pressure sores at the stump, Vlahos inserts a gel cushion into the lining of the prosthesis. With a similar aim, Redden graphs frog tissue to the stump.

And for the past two years, the addition of a Boa cable system to the permanent prosthetic has enabled a more secure fit to the leg, in the style of a ski boot, allowing for a lighter prosthetic. "This helps prevent the prosthetic from falling off, even at full gallop," said Vlahos.

The materials used, however, are intended for human use. "So, they're meant for up to a 350lb person per leg," he said. Which circles back to Gould's vision of the future.

The 3D rendering, he said, could be made accurate in size, weight and proportion to not only the part of the limb removed but to the corresponding leg as well, to act as a necessary

"counter balance." Why is this important?

"Taking the profile of the animal, we can take the dimensions of the other leg that isn't damaged, and say, 'it's got to be within grams of the same weight and the same composition and bone structure as the leg we're already fixing. It has to be. If I was to dissect my legs, they would weigh virtually the same.

"The way the brain operates is that it has already been pre-programmed for the weight of my arms, the weight of my legs, and the pressure I put on each of those things," Gould said. "There's a lot of areas that we can tailor to the specific horse."

Of course, the most accurate rendering of a horse's limb would replicate its full range of motion. Right now, Gould's 3D rendered limb would be a static object.

Eventually, however, "we can, though further engineering, insert into it moving parts and compounds," he said, pointing to significant advances already made in human prosthetics.

And where does Gould stand on the ethical question: Should veterinary science be pursuing this?

"It's probably only been the last three to five years where analytical data and big data streams have become more prominent," said Gould, emphasizing how sound evidencebased statistical knowledge can be used to compliment veterinary science, and racehorse health and welfare in general. "Big data is the new frontier."

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1) WONDER WHEEL (f, Into Mischief--Wonder Gal, by Tiz Wonderful) O-D. J. Stable LLC. B-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC & Clearsky Farm (Ky). T-Mark Casse. Sales history: \$275,000 yrl '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: MGISW, 5-4-1-0, \$1,550,725. Last Start: Won GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies at Keeneland Nov. 4. Kentucky Oaks Points: 40. Next Start: Suncoast S., Tam, Feb. 11



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Even though she won the GI Alcibiades S., Wonder Wheel was a bit overlooked when sent off at 6-1 in the Juvenile Fillies. Winning by three lengths that day, she proved she was the best of her division and a worthy 2-year-old filly champion. Everyone is jumping on the Hoosier Philly bandwagon, and with good reason, but based on what she accomplished at two, Wonder Wheel deserves to be considered, at least at this point, the No. 1 contender for the Oaks. This is a good horse with no apparent flaws. She has been training at Mark Casse's facility in Ocala and has, through Tuesday, had works of three furlongs and four furlongs. DJ Stable General Manager Jon Green reports that the filly will have one more work before it is decided where she will make her 3-year-old debut, but said the Feb. 11 Suncoast S. at Tampa is the most likely spot. That could set her up for a run in the GI Ashland S.

2) HOOSIER PHILLY (f, Into Mischief--Tapella, by Tapit) O-Gold Standard Racing Stable, LLC. B-Candy Meadows, LLC (Ky). T-Thomas Amoss. Sales history: \$510,000 yrl '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSW, 3-3-0-0, \$432,610. Last Start: Won GII Golden Rod S. at Churchill Downs Nov. 26.

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Trainer Tom Amoss believes that Hoosier Philly is a once-in-a-lifetime horse. "If she stays healthy, she is going to wow the world," he said. Amoss, who won the 2019 Kentucky Oaks with Serengeti Empress (Alternation), has also called her the best horse he has ever trained. He's even contemplating running her in the Kentucky Derby. That the trainer has talked in such glowing terms about the filly has definitely made her stock rise and has led to many rating her as the best of her group. It's easy to see what Amoss likes about Hoosier Philly. She's 3-for-3 and absolutely demolished the competition in the Rags to Riches S. and the GII Golden Rod S., both at Churchill Downs. So far as her road to the Oaks goes, here's what Amoss had to say: "She is back at the track and training daily. We are tentatively pointing towards the Rachel Alexandra, but we are not married to that spot." A very exciting filly.

3) JUSTIQUE (f, Justify--Grazie Mille, by Bernardini) 'TDN Rising Star' O-C R K Stable, LLC. B-John D. Gunther & Eurowest Bloodstock (Ky). T-John A Shirreffs. Sales history: \$725,000 yrl '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: SW & GSP, 3-2-0-1, \$132,000. Last Start: Won Desi Arnaz S. at Del Mar Nov. 19. Kentucky Oaks Points: O. Next Start: GIII Las Virgenes S., SA, Jan. 28

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4) ICE DANCING (f, Frosted--Welcome Dance, by Henny Hughes) O-Perry R Bass, II & Ramona Bass. B-Bass Stables, LLC (Ky). T-Richard Mandella. Lifetime Record: GSW & GISP, 5-2-0-2, \$219,600. Last Start: Won GIII Santa Ynez S. at Santa Anita Jan. 8. *Kentucky Oaks Points: 12. Next Start: To Be Determined*

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Hall of Fame trainer Richard Mandella showed early on how much confidence he had in this filly, running her as a maiden in the GI Del Mar Debutante and the Chandelier S. She was third in the Del Mar race and fourth in the Chandelier. After that race, Mandella went back to square one and found a maiden race for her. Since then, everything has gone right. She broke her maiden on Nov. 25 and then romped in the GIII Santa Ynez S. on Jan. 8. Mandella is never one to rush a horse and it's a safe bet that we have yet to see this filly's best. She will not run Saturday in the Las Virgenes S. "We're not going to run her this weekend," Mandella said. It's too quick back. I don't have a plan yet. There is the Santa Ysabel Stakes here, but I might look around." Could emerge as the clear leader of the Southern California division.

5) LEAVE NO TRACE (f, Outwork--Tanquerray, by Good Journey) O-WellSpring Stables. B-Red Cloak Farm, LLC (Ky). T-Philip Serpe. Sales history: \$8,000 yrl '21 FTFFEB; \$40,000 yrl '21 FTMOCT. Lifetime Record: GISW, 4-2-1-1, \$598,650. Last Start: 2nd in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies at Keeneland Nov. 4. Kentucky Oaks Points: 15. Next Start: GII Davona Dale S., GP, Mar. 4

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Oaks Top 10, cont. from 10

A \$40,000 purchase at the 2021 Fasig-Tipton Mid-Atlantic Eastern Fall Yearling Sale, she's been an overachiever ever since bought that day by owner Dr. Robert Vukovich. Trainer Phil Serpe doesn't get many opportunities with Grade I-level horses, but he's pushed all the right buttons with this filly, winning the GI Spinaway S. before finishing third in the Frizette and second in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies. Wonder Wheel beat her by three lengths in the Juvenile Fillies, so she may need to improve this year, but there's no reason why that can't happen. Blue collar or not, she shows up every time. She has breezed twice after being given a break over the winter, the most recent work a four-furlong move in 49.31 at Gulfstream.

6) JULIA SHINING (f, Curlin--Dreaming of Julia, by A.P. Indy)

'TDN Rising Star' O-Stonestreet Stables LLC. B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (Ky). T-Todd Pletcher. Lifetime Record: GSW, 2-2-0-0, \$194,075. Last Start: Won the GII Demoiselle S. at Aqueduct Dec. 3. *Kentucky Oaks Points: 10. Next Start: Suncoast S., Tam, Feb. 11*

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Give Todd Pletcher a filly by Curlin and good things happen. Pletcher finished second in last year's Oaks with Nest (Curlin)



Julia Shining | Sarah Andrew

and won the 2021 Oaks with Malathaat (Curlin); the latter won an Eclipse Award. The latest to come around is Julia Shining, a full-sister to Malathaat. She turned a lot of heads when winning her debut at Keeneland. She was climbing early in the race, but exploded once she leveled off. Next out, she won the GII Demoiselle, the same race won by Nest and Malathaat.

There's a lot to like, but she needs to prove more before ascending on this list. *Cont.*

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Oaks Top 10, cont. from 11

As the 1-2 favorite, she won the Demoiselle by just a neck and had to work hard to do so and her best Beyer figure is a 71, which she produced in her debut. Looks like she'll face Wonder Wheel in the Suncoast, a \$150,000 ungraded race that has attracted two of the best fillies in the division.

7) FAIZA (f, Girvin--Sweet Pistol, by Smart Strike) 'TDN Rising Star' O-Michael L Petersen. B-Brereton C. Jones (Ky). T-Bob Baffert. Sales history: \$90,000 yrl '21 KEESEP; \$725,000 2yo '22 FTMMAY. Lifetime Record: GISW, 2-2-0-0, \$222,000. Last Start: Won the GI Starlet S. at Los Alamitos on Dec. 10. Kentucky Oaks Points: 0. Next Start: GIII Las Virgenes S., SA, Jan. 28

Paul Sharp Training and Sales Graduate

Considering how high the bar is set, Bob Baffert is relatively light when it comes to 3-year-old fillies. For now, it looks like Faiza is his best hope. A \$725,000 purchase from the 2022 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale, she looked every bit worthy of that price tag when breaking her maiden by 3 1/2 lengths at Del Mar in November. Baffert wheeled her back in the GI Starlet S. at Los Alamitos and got a win, but she had to work awfully hard to get the job done. She won a stretch battle

with the 12-1 shot Pride of the Nile (Pioneerof the Nile). It's dangerous to underestimate any horse in the Baffert stable, but this is another one who needs to show more before being considered among the top threats for the Oaks.

8) THE ALYS LOOK (f, Connect--Foul Play, by Harlan's Holiday) O-lke and Dawn Thrash. B-G. Watts Humphrey (Ky). T-Brad H. Cox. Sales history: \$60,000 yrl '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: SW, 5-2-1-1, \$150,528. Last Start: Won the Silverbulletday S. at Fair Grounds Jan. 21. Kentucky Oaks Points: 24. Next Start: Gll Fair Grounds Oaks, FG, Mar. 25

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LANE'S END SALES GRADUATE



While Brad Cox doesn't have nearly the depth in this division that he does with his 3-year-old colts, he's got some interesting prospects, among them The Alys Look. Just a \$60,000 yearling purchase, the filly kicked off her 3-year-old campaign last Saturday with a one-length win over stablemate Chop Chop (City of Light) in the Silverbulletday S. presented by Fasig-Tipton. It wasn't the best field, but she looked good in the victory and might be on the improve. She has been a much different horse since Cox took the blinkers off after her second career start, where she was beaten 15 3/4 lengths in a maiden at Churchill.





Yearling avg. to bred-on fees

Spendthrift	3.74x
Hill 'n' Dale	3.60x
Darley	3.30x
WinStar	3.13x
Ashford	3.00x
Lane's End	2.59x
Claiborne	2.07x

% of stallions that averaged over 3x stud fee

Spendthrift	60%
Hill 'n' Dale	55%
WinStar	44%
Darley	43%
Lane's End	33%
Ashford	22%
Claiborne	14%





*Data compiled from TDN Sales Statistics includes farms with 6 or more active stallions across all levels of the market that had yearlings sell in 2022.

Oaks Top 10, cont. from p12

9) OCCULT (f, Into Mischief--Magical Feeling, by Empire Maker) O-Alpha Delta Stables, LLC. B-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC (Ky). T-Chad C. Brown. Sales history: \$625,000 yrl '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: SW, 3-2-0-0, \$107,450. Last Start: Won the Busanda S. at Aqueduct Jan. 14. Kentucky Oaks Points: 20. Next Start: To Be Determined

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STEVEN W. YOUNG Yearling Purchase

Occult won in her stakes debut when capturing the Jan.14 Busanda S. at Aqueduct. But if she is that good, why isn't she with Chad Brown's first string in Florida? The answer is that Brown has no problem developing good horses in New York during the winter months. His Kentucky Oaks runner-up Search Results (Flatter), as well as his two winners of the GI Preakness S., Cloud Computing (Maclean's Music) and Early Voting (Gun Runner), all used the Big A road to the Oaks and Derby. A \$625,000 yearling buy by Into Mischief who is in the hands of Brown and is now a stakes winner, Occult checks a lot of boxes. Brown said he's not sure where Occult will run next and that he will look for a race in early March for her.

10) CHOP CHOP (f, City of Light--Grand Sophia, by Giant's Causeway) Selective, LLC. B-Cobra Farm & MRJ Thoroughbreds, LLC (Ky). T-Brad H. Cox. Sales history: \$230,000 yrl '21 FTKJUL. Lifetime Record: GISP, 5-2-0-0, \$455,450. Last Start: 2nd in the Busanda S. at Aqueduct Jan. 14. Kentucky Oaks Points: 12. Next Start: GII Rachel Alexandra S, FG, Feb. 18

C Cary Bloodstock Yearling Purchase C Broken & Trained by KARL KEEGAN, LUCAN BLOODSTOCK T'S NETHE WATER

Was simply second best behind stablemate The Alys Look in the Silverbulletday S. presented by Fasig-Tipton as the 4-5 favorite. So her 3-year-old campaign did not get off to the best of starts. But she still ran well enough for her to be considered at least a mid-level threat for the Kentucky Oaks. This remains the filly that lost to divisional leader Wonder Wheel by just a nose in the GI Alcibiades S. and went off as the 2-1 favorite in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies, where she finished 13th.

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CODY'S WISH STORY NAMED MOMENT OF THE YEAR



Cody Dorman in the winner's circle following his namesake's

Breeders' Cup victory | Horsephotos

The National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA), National Turf Writers and Broadcasters (NTWAB), and *Daily Racing Form* (DRF) announced that the story of Cody's Wish has been voted the 2022 FanDuel Racing-NTRA Moment of the Year based on the results of more than 1,000 votes cast via Twitter and an online poll. The uplifting story that swept across America had the ultimate ending when the equine Cody's Wish (Curlin) won the GI Big Ass Fans Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile at Keeneland Nov. 5.

The FanDuel Racing-NTRA Moment of the Year will be recognized during the 52nd Annual Eclipse Awards at The Breakers Palm Beach in Florida Jan. 26. The ceremony will be broadcast live on FanDuel TV and Racetrack Television Network (RTN), and will be streamed live on multiple outlets including: NTRA.com, americasbestracing.net, bloodhorse.com, equibase.com, and NTRA's YouTube channel.

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GLOBAL CAMPAIGN COLT TOPS OBS WINTER MIXED OPEN SESSION

A short yearling from the first crop of GI Woodward S. winner Global Campaign (Curlin) (hip 485) topped the open session of the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's Winter Mixed Sale Wednesday when selling to Machmer Hall for \$80,000. Bred in Florida by Dominque Damico and consigned by Fly By, the dark bay colt is out of Im a Dixie Diva (Henny Hughes), a half-sister to multiple Grade I winner Mor Spirit (Eskendereya).

During Wednesday's open session of the two-day auction, 182 horses sold for \$2,064,200. *Cont.*

OBS January, cont. from p13



Hip 485 | Judit Seipert

The average was \$11,342 and the median was \$7,500. With 22 horses reported not sold, the buy-back rate was 10.8%.

Those figures were right on par with the 2022 open session when 186 horses grossed \$2,075,600 for an average of \$11,159 and a median of \$7,000. The 2022 buy-back rate was 8.8%.

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OBS WINTER MIXED SALE

OPEN SESSION	2023	2022*
Catalogued	253	248
No. Offered	204	204
No. Sold	182	186
• RNAs	22	18
• % RNAs	10.8%	8.8%
High Price	\$80,000	\$95,000
• Gross	\$2,064,200	\$2,075,600
Average (% change)	\$11,342	\$11,159
 Median (% change) 	\$7,500	\$7,000

*2022 statistics are from the end of session and do not reflect post-sale transactions.



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Trainer Will Walden Discusses His Remarkable Stable That is Based on Substance Abuse Recovery



HARNESS TRAINER WHO SOUGHT TO USE DEAD VET'S CREDENTIALS TO ORDER DRUGS IMPRISONED 4 MONTHS

by T.D. Thornton

Donato Poliseno of Delaware, who trained Standardbreds for over 50 years before opening a pharmaceutical company in 2012 that federal prosecutors said sold a "bevy of drugs" to other harness racing participants without legally mandated prescriptions, was sentenced on Wednesday to four months in prison.

A federal judge ordered that Poliseno, 72, must also pay a \$2.26-million forfeiture as the result of a plea bargain that set aside felony charges related to conspiracy, drug alteration, and misbranding in exchange for pleading guilty to one count of a substantive violation of the Food Drug and Cosmetic Act.

In a sentencing submission, prosecutors wrote that "Poliseno so abused his position that he sought to use a deceased veterinarian's credentials to continue ordering prescription drugs."

The filing from the feds continued: "Poliseno fraudulently used the veterinary licenses of complicit veterinarians to obtain and widely disseminate adulterated and misbranded drugs marketed to racehorse trainers, including drugs designed to have performance-enhancing effect....Poliseno distributed and offered for sale both bespoke drugs created by co-defendant Louis Grasso, and prescription drugs that could only be distributed pursuant to a valid prescription."

The sentencing submission explained that for eight years Poliseno ran Equine Vet Supplies LLC, which served as "a conduit between bulk drug manufacturers and consumers, creating a pipeline for trainers to receive prescription drugs that would otherwise require issuance by a licensed veterinarian. In that manner, Poliseno armed trainers with the tools to abuse and misuse drugs at their discretion."

The government had requested "a sentence to some term of imprisonment [that] is sufficient, but not greater than necessary."

A separate sentencing submission filed by the defense asked for leniency in light of Poliseno's age, his history of poor cardiac health, and the fact that he and his severely ill wife are the sole caretakers of a 5-year-old grandson.

Poliseno's sentencing submission further stated that "he has loved horses since he was a young boy" and that his crime was the result of "a serious lapse in his better judgment."

EARLY NOMINATIONS FOR 2023 TRIPLE CROWN SERIES CLOSE SATURDAY

Early nominations for 3-year-old Thoroughbreds to become eligible to compete in the 2023 Triple Crown series are due Saturday with a \$600 payment.

Payment for early Triple Crown nominations must be made at the time of entry on www.thetriplecrown.com. Information regarding phone or mail-in entries can also be found on the website.

Nominations are scheduled to be released to the public on Monday, Feb. 6.

The 2023 Triple Crown opens Saturday, May 6 with the 149th running of the \$3-million GI Kentucky Derby at 1 1/4 miles at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky. The 148th running of the \$1.5-million Preakness S., its 1 3/16-mile second jewel, is set for Saturday, May 20 at Pimlico Race Course in Baltimore, Md. The 155th running of the \$1.5-million GI Belmont Stakes, the series' 1 1/2-mile final leg, is scheduled for Saturday, June 10 at Belmont Park in Elmont, N.Y.

Last year's early Triple Crown nominations attracted 312 horses and nine late nominees.

Horses not nominated during the early phase can be made eligible through Monday, Mar. 27 with a \$6,000 payment. Any horse not nominated during either the early or late nomination phases have a final opportunity to become eligible for the races through payment of a supplemental nomination fee due at the time of entry for each Triple Crown race: Kentucky Derby (\$200,000), Preakness (\$150,000) and Belmont (\$50,000).

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WEEKLY STEWARDS AND COMMISSIONS RULINGS, JAN. 17-23 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.

New York

Track: Aqueduct Date: 01/18/2023

Licensee: Manuel Franco
Penalty: Three-day suspension
Violation: Mid-race interference

Explainer: For having waived his right to an appeal Jockey Mr. Manuel Franco is hereby suspended for 3 NYRA racing days January 20th 2023, January 21st 2023, January 22nd 2023 inclusive. This for interference during the running of the seventh race at Aqueduct Racetrack on January 12th 2023 causing his horse "Spiked" to be disqualified from first and placed third.

Track: Aqueduct Date: 01/19/2023

Licensee: Michelle Giangiulio, trainer **Penalty:** Ten-day suspension, \$1,000 fine

Violation: Medication violation

Explainer: Having received a report from the NYS Gaming Commission Drug Testing Laboratory of the finding of Phenylbutazone in the post-race sample taken from horse " Eight and Sand " (#10) which raced at Aqueduct racetrack in the 9th race and finished 1st on December 11th 2022. Trainer of record Ms. Michelle Giangiulio having been notified of the post-race findings and having waived her right to an appeal, is hereby fined the sum of one thousand (\$1,000) dollars and suspended 10 Calendar days effective January 20th 2023, through January 29th 2023, inclusive. Furthermore, the Stewards order horse "Eight and Sand" disqualified from any part of the purse and the purse redistributed as follows:

- 1. (#12) Itsalittlebitfunny
- 2. (#3) Reunion Tour
- 3. (#6) Our Son Jake
- 4. (#7) Tiza Brown
- 5. (#11) Escape Mission
- 6. (#9) Patrick the Great
- 7. (#4) Dancing with Rico
- 8. (#1) Uncle Bruce
- 9. (#2) Hereby
- 10.(#8) Red Jet
- 11.(#5) Chief Engineer

Ordered that during your period of suspension, you shall not directly or indirectly participate in New York State pari-mutuel horse racing. You are denied the privileges and use of the grounds of all racetracks, you are forbidden to participate in any share of purses or other payment. Every horse is denied the privileges of the grounds and shall not participate in pari-mutuel racing in New York State, that (a) is owned or trained by you, or by individuals who serves as your agent or employee during your suspension: or (b) for which you during your suspension are directly or indirectly with training, including any arrangements to care for, train, enter, race, invoice, collect fees or other payments, manage funds, employ or insure workers, provide advise or other information or otherwise assist with any aspect of the training of such horses. *Cont.*



Best of luck to all of the

ECLIPSE AWARD FINALISTS

CAVE ROCK

Owners: Michael Pegram, Karl Watson, and Paul Weitman Breeders: Anne and Ronnie Sheffer Racing

Trainer: Bob Baffert

CLAIRIERE

Owner: Stonestreet Stables
Breeder: Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings
Trainer: Steve Asmussen

CODY'S WISH

Owner: Godolphin Breeder: Godolphin Trainer: Steve Asmussen

ECHO ZULU

Owners: L and N Racing and Winchell Thoroughbreds Breeders: Betz/J. Betz/Burns/CHNNHK/ Magers/CoCo Equine/Ramsby Trainer: Steve Asmussen

ELITE POWER

Owner: Juddmonte Breeder: Alpha Delta Stables Trainer: Bill Mott

EPICENTER

Owner: Winchell Thoroughbreds Breeder: Westwind Farms Trainer: Steve Asmussen

FLIGHTLINE

Owners: Hronis Racing, Siena Farm, Summer Wind Equine, West Point Thoroughbreds, and Woodford Racing Breeder: Summer Wind Equine Trianer: John Sadler

FORTE

Owners: Repole Stable and St. Elias Stable Breeder: Southgate Farm Trainer: Todd Pletcher

GOOD NIGHT OLIVE

Owners: First Row Partners and Team Hanley Breeder: Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings Trainer: Chad Brown

JACKIE'S WARRIOR

Owners: J. Kirk and Judy Robison Breeder: J & J Stables Trainer: Steve Asmussen

LEAVE NO TRACE

Owner: Wellspring Stables Breeder: Red Cloak Farm Trainer: Philip Serpe

LIFE IS GOOD

Owners: CHC Inc. and WinStar Farm Breeder: Gary and Mary West Stable Trainer: Todd Pletcher

MALATHAAT

Owner: Shadwell Stable

Breeder: Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings

Trainer: Todd Pletcher

NEST

Owners: Repole Stable,
Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, and Michael House
Breeders: Ashview Farm and Colts Neck Stables
Trainer: Todd Pletcher

OLYMPIAD

Owners: Grandview Equine, Cheyenne Stable, and LNJ Foxwoods Breeder: Emory Hamilton Trainer: Bill Mott

REGAL GLORY

Owner: Peter Brant Breeder: Paul Pompa Trainer: Chad Brown

SECRET OATH

Owner: Briland Farm Breeders: Briland Farm, Robert and Stacy Mitchell Trainer: D. Wayne Lukas

TAIBA

Owner: Zedan Racing Stables Breeder: Bruce Ryan Trainer: Bob Baffert

WAR LIKE GODDESS

Owner: George Krikorian Breeder: Calumet Farm Trainer: Bill Mott

WONDER WHEEL

Owner: DJ Stable Breeders: Three Chimneys Farm and Clearsky Farms Trainer: Mark Casse

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Weekly Rulings, cont. from p15

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

- Gherson (Jason) Huayas violation date January 14; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, 8 strikes
- Abner Perez Adorno violation date January 20; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, 7 strikes

Golden Gate Fields

- Silvio Amador violation date January 16; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, 7 strikes
- Julien H Couton violation date January 21; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, 7 strikes

Gulfstream Park

Jorge Espitia - violation date January 14; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, 7 strikes

Santa Anita

- Frankie Dettori violation date January 15; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, 7 strikes
- Victor Espinoza violation date January 15; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, 8 strikes

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DUNCAN KENNER REINSTATED TO LISTED STATUS

The American Graded Stakes Committee policy has reinstated the 2023 renewal of the Duncan F. Kenner S. to listed status. Scheduled for the Fair Grounds turf course Jan. 21, the off-theturf race was demoted to non-Listed Black-Type status, however, was subsequently determined that the original Listed status would be reinstated.

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GRADED STAKES ENTRIES



Saturday, Gulfstream #13, post time: 5:40 p.m. EST

PEGASUS WORLD CUP INVITATIONAL S. PRESENTED BY BACCARAT-GI, \$3,000,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Proxy	Tapit	Godolphin, LLC	Stidham	Rosario	123
2	Simplification 🖛	Not This Time	Tami Bobo & Tristan De Meric	Sano	Lopez	123
3	Ridin With Biden 🛷	Constitution	Cash is King LLC & LC Racing LLC	Reid, Jr.	Jaramillo	123
4	White Abarrio	Race Day	C2 Racing Stable LLC & La Milagrosa Stable, LLC	Joseph, Jr.	Gaffalione	123
5	Defunded 🖛	Dialed In	Michael E. Pegram, Karl Watson, & Paul Weitman	Baffert	Ortiz, Jr.	123
6	Art Collector	Bernardini	Bruce Lunsford	Mott	Alvarado	123
7	Skippylongstocking <a>**	Exaggerator	Daniel Alonso	Joseph, Jr.	Ortiz	123
8	Get Her Number	Dialed In	Gary Barber	Miller	Saez	123
9	Last Samurai 🖛	Malibu Moon	Willis Horton Racing LLC	Lukas	Dettori	123
10	Cyberknife	Gun Runner	Gold Square LLC	Cox	Geroux	123
11	Stilleto Boy	Shackleford	Steve Moger	Moger, Jr.	Smith	123
12	O'Connor (Chi)	Boboman	Fernando Vine Ode & Michael & Jules lavarone	Joseph, Jr.	Castellano	123
13	Hoist the Gold 🖛	Mineshaft	Dream Team One Racing Stable	Stewart	Hern&ez, Jr.	123
14	Endorsed	Medaglia d'Oro	Mark D. Breen	Maker	Leparoux	123

Breeders: 1-Godolphin, 2-France Weiner & Irwin Weiner, 3-William Harrigan & Mike Pietrangelo, 4-Spendthrift Farm, LLC, 5-Athens Woods, LLC, 6-W. Bruce Lunsford, 7-Brushy Hill, LLC, 8-Philip Robertson & Brenda Robertson, 9-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 10-Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey, 11-John Kerber & Iveta Kerber, 12-Haras Carioca, 13-Dream Team Racing, 14-Godolphin

Saturday, Gulfstream #12, post time: 4:40 p.m. EST

PEGASUS WORLD CUP TURF INVITATIONAL S. PRESENTED BY QATAR RACING-GI, \$1,000,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT

HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
Wit 🖛	Practical Joke	Repole Stable, St. Elias Stable & Gainesway Stable	Pletcher	Ortiz	123
Good Governance (GB) 🛷	Kingman (GB)	Foxbrook Farm, LLC	Meah	Bridgmohan	123
Atone	Into Mischief	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Ortiz, Jr.	123
Hurricane Dream (Fr)	Hurricane Cat	Team Valor, et al	Motion	Dettori	123
One More Bid	California Chrome	California Racing Partners, Ciaglia Racing LLC	Hanson	Smith	123
		& Ryan Hanson			
Lady Speightspeare	Speightstown	Charles E. Fipke	Attfield	Saez	118
Speaking Scout 🛪	Mr Speaker	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners	Motion	Lopez	123
Who's the Star 🛪	Tonalist	M Racing Group, LLC	Casse	Wilson	123
Decorated Invader 🖛	Declaration of War	West Point Thoroughbreds, William T. Freeman,	Clement	Alvarado	123
		William Sandbrook, & Cheryl Manning			
Ivar (Brz)	Agnes Gold (Jpn)	Bonne Chance Farm, LLC & Stud R D I, LLC.	Lobo	Castellano	123
Master Piece (Chi)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	Michael lavarone, Julia C. lavarone, Nicholas Zoumas,	Joseph, Jr.	Gaffalione	123
		Vapewh & Frank Argano, & Ten Twenty Racing			
City Man	Mucho Macho Man	Reeves Thoroughbred Racing, Peter Searles,	Clement	Rosario	123
		& Patty Searles			
King Cause 🖛	Creative Cause	Nice Guys Stables	Maker	Geroux	123
Steady On 🖛	Pioneerof the Nile	Repole Stable & St. Elias Stable	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	123
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Breeders: 1-Rosilyn Polan, 2-Michael E. Wates, 3-Godolphin, 4-Marie Laurence Oget & &re Brakha, 5-Tolo Thoroughbreds, 6-Charles Fipke, 7-Mike Abraham, 8-Oscar Penn & John R. Penn, 9-Redmon Farm, LLC, 10-Stud Rio Dois Irmaos, 11-Haras Don Alberto, 12-Moonstar Farm, 13-Bret Jones, 14-Springhouse Farm

Saturday, Gulfstream #8, post time: 2:27 p.m. EST INSIDE INFORMATION S. PRESENTED BY BRIGHTLINE-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Famed	Uncle Mo	Godolphin, LLC	Cox	Geroux	120
2	Miss Speedy	Souper Speedy	Gary Barber, Ryan Shane Kerbel, & Barry Kerbel	Casse	Saez	120
3	Colorful Mischief	Into Mischief	St. Elias Stable	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	118
4	Obligatory	Curlin	Juddmonte	Mott	Ortiz	120
5	Fire On Time 🛷	Not This Time	Albaugh Family Stables LLC	Romans	Gaffalione	118
6	Jag Warrior	Shackleford	Robert Gauthier, Tony Crish, & Chad Givens	Romans	Alvarado	118
7	Maryquitecontrary	First Dude	Rodney G. Lundock	Catanese, III	Panici	120
8	Diamond Wow	Lookin At Lucky	Diamond 100 Racing Club, LLC, Amy E. Dunne,	Biancone	Smith	118
			& Patrick L. Biancone LLC			
9	Last Leaf 🖛	Not This Time	Monarch Stables, Inc.	Spatz	Vasquez	120
10	R Adios Jersey	Adios Charlie	Averill Racing LLC, ATM Racing & Jayson R. Werth	Bennett	Lopez	120

Breeders: 1-Godolphin, 2-Linda Mason, 3-Clearsky Farms, 4-Juddmonte Farms Inc, 5-Jorge S. Wagner Jr., 6-David Jacobs, Cock-A-Doodle-Doo & Given's Wings, 7-R. G. Lundock, 8-Diamond 100 Racing Club LLC, 9-Khalid Mishref Alkahtani, 10-Ocala Stud & J. Michael O'Farrell Jr.

Saturday, Santa Anita #8, post time: 7:00 p.m. EST SAN PASQUAL S.-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Hopper 🛪	Declaration of War	Lanni Bloodstock, Madaket Stables LLC, & SF Racing LLC	Baffert	Maldonado	122
2	Tripoli 🖛	Kitten's Joy	Hronis Racing LLC	Sadler	Kimura	120
3	Parnelli ở	Quality Road	C R K Stable LLC	Shirreffs	Espinoza	120
4	Perfect Flight	Uncle Mo	Gary Barber	Miller	Bravo	120
5	American Admiral 🖛	American Pharoah	Donnie Crevier	Yakteen	Vazquez	120
6	Newgrange 🛪	Violence	David A. Bernsen, LLC, Little Red Feather Racing,	D'Amato	Hernandez	122
			& Rockingham Ranch			
7	Go On	Nyquist	Reddam Racing LLC	O'Neill	Gutierrez	120
8	Breakfast Ride 🛪	Distorted Humor	Paul Eggert & Karen Eggert	Sadler	Contreras	120
9	Messier	Empire Maker	SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC,	Baffert	Desormeaux	122
			Robert E. Masterson, Jay A. Schoenfarber, Waves Edge			
			Capital LLC, Catherine M. Donovan, Golconda Stable,			
			Siena Farm LLC			

Breeders: 1-Green Lantern Stables, LLC, 2-Blue Devil Racing Stable, LLC, 3-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd., 4-Siena Farms LLC, 5-Dixiana Farms LLC, 6-Jack Mandato & Black Rock Thoroughbreds, 7-Reddam Racing, LLC, 8-Paul Eggert & Karen Eggert, 9-Sam-Son Farm

Saturday, Oaklawn #10, post time: 5:57 p.m. EST SOUTHWEST S.-GIII, \$750,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Sun Thunder	Into Mischief	R.T Racing Stable & Cypress Creek Equine	McPeek	Cabrera	117
2	Corona Bolt 🖛	Bolt d'Oro	Stonestreet Stables LLC	Cox	Prat	117
3	Jace's Road 🖛	Quality Road	West Point Thoroughbreds & Albaugh Family Stables LLC	Cox	Talamo	119
4	Western Ghent 🖛	American Pharoah	Bob Ghent, Ann Ghent, Laurie Lukas, & D. Wayne Lukas	Lukas	Torres	117
5	Frosted Departure 🛪	Frosted	C&H Diamond Racing LLC & Magdalena Racing	McPeek	Arrieta	117
6	Arabian Knight 🖛	Uncle Mo	Zedan Racing Stables, Inc.	Baffert	Velazquez	117
7	Red Route One	Gun Runner	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	117
8	Hit Show	Candy Ride (Arg)	Gary & Mary West	Cox	Franco	119
9	El Tomate 🛪	Runhappy	Silva Racing LLC	Silva	Mojica	117

Breeders: 1-Southern Equine Stables, LLC, 2-Summerfield Sales Agency, Inc. & EtaripStables, 3-Colts Neck Stables LLC, 4-Dixiana Farms LLC, 5-Alastar Thoroughbred Company, LLC, 6-Corser Thoroughbreds LLC, 7-Winchell Thoroughbreds, LLC, 8-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc., 9-Stone Farm

Saturday, Gulfstream #11, post time: 4:06 p.m. EST

Queen Goddess

Perseverancia 🛪

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT			
1	Artie's Princess	We Miss Artie	Kenneth L. Ramsey Est Sarah K. Ramsey	Joseph, Jr.	Ortiz	119			
2	Dalika (Ger)	Pastorius (Ger)	Bal Mar Equine, LLC	Stall, Jr.	Hernandez, Jr.	123			
3	Wakanaka (Ire) 🖛	Power (GB)	Team Valor International & Gary Barber	Mott	Rosario	121			
4	Sweet Enough (GB)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Trevor Harris	Attfield	Alvarado	119			
5	Mona Stella 🖛	Will Take Charge	Reeves Thoroughbred Racing, Andie Biancone,	Biancone	Smith	119			

Lady Rockstar (GB) Frankel (GB) Steven Parkin Walsh Gaffalione 119 Justify My Love (Brz) Agnes Gold (Jpn) Bonne Chance Farm, LLC & Stud R D I, LLC. Lobo Castellano 119 Coulsty (Ire) Shantisara (Ire) Madaket Stables LLC, Michael Dubb, & Robert V. LaPenta Brown Ortiz, Jr. 119 10 Bay Storm Kantharos Bridlewood Farm **Thomas** Dettori 119

Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners & Barber, Gary

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McCarthy

DeVaux

Saez

Leparoux

& Patrick L. Biancone

Georg D. Morgan

Breeders: 1-Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey, 2-Gestut Ammerl&, 3-Mrs Jean Brennan, 4-James Wigan, 5-Bridlewood Farm, 6-Tolo Thoroughbreds, 7-Branton Court Stud, 8-Stud Rio Dios Irmaos, 9-Mr Oliver Donlon, 10-C&y Meadows LLC, 11-Alastar Thoroughbred Company, LLC

Saturday, Sam Houston Race #9, post time: 6:25 p.m. EST HOUSTON LADIES CLASSIC S.-GIII, \$300,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m

Empire Maker

California Chrome

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Fast & Feminine 🖛	Oxbow	Randy L. Snipes Revocable Trust	Snipes	Hamilton	116
2	Oliviaofthedesert 🖛	Bernardini	Susan Moulton	Catalano	Graham	118
3	She Can't Sing	Bernardini	Lothenbach Stables, Inc.	Block	Loveberry	123
4	Hidden Connection 🖛	Connect	Hidden Brook Farm & Black Type Thoroughbreds	Calhoun	Gutierrez	116
5	Pauline's Pearl	Tapit	Stonestreet Stables LLC	Asmussen	Elliott	120
6	Sixtythreecaliber <a>**	Gun Runner	My Racehorse Stable & Spendthrift Farm LLC	Amoss	Carmouche	123
7	Moon Swag 🛪	Malibu Moon	Farfellow Farm, Ltd.	Walsh	Lanerie	118

Breeders: 1-Calumet Farm, 2-Timber Town Stable, LLC & JaneWinegardner, 3-Lothenbach Stables Inc, 4-St. Simon Place, 5-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 6-Lee Pokoik, 7-Spendthrift Farm LLC

Saturday, Gulfstream #9, post time: 3:01 p.m. EST

WILLIAM L. MCKNIGHT S. PRESENTED BY DAVIDOFF CIGARS-GIII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Time for Trouble 🖛	English Channel	Jeff A. Hiles & Thorndale Stable LLC	Hiles	Jaramillo	119
2	Shawdyshawdyshawdy	Summer Front	Lawrence Goichman & Jennifer Goichman	Abreu	Lopez	119
3	Pao Alto (Fr)	Intello (Ger)	Wertheimer & Frere	Motion	Dettori	121
4	Abaan 🛪	Will Take Charge	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners & Alex Daigneault	Pletcher	Saez	121
5	Agitare (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Molly Willis, Paul Willis, CFC Stables, Danny Kelly, Sheila Kelly, & L5 Racing	Brion	Leparoux	121
6	Temple 🖛	Temple City	Paradise Farms Corp. & David Staudacher	Maker	Geroux	121
7	Channel Maker 🛪	English Channel	Wachtel Stable, Gary Barber, R. A. Hill Stable & Reeves Thoroughbred Racing	Mott	Gaffalione	121
8	Harlan Estate 🖛	Kantharos	Graham Grace Stable	Beckman	Rosario	121
9	Value Engineering <a>*	Lemon Drop Kid	Michael M. Hui & Phil Forte	Maker	Ortiz	121
10	Reigning Spirit 🖛	War Front	Town & Country Racing, LLC	Lynch	Castellano	119
11	Red Knight	Pure Prize	Trinity Farm	Maker	Ortiz, Jr.	124
12	Wicked Fast	Tourist	Jordan V. Wycoff	Maker	Vasquez	119
13	Barberini 🖛	Flintshire (GB)	Rhianon Farms, Inc.	Delacour	Ruiz	119

Breeders: 1-Calumet Farm, 2-Larry Goichman, 3-La Motteraye Earl & M. Gerrard Ferron, 4-Rosilyn Polan, 5-J. S. Bolger, 6-Mark Toothaker & Dan White, 7-Tall Oaks Farm, 8-Tall Oaks Farm, 9-D. J. Stable, LLC, 10-Town & Country Horse Farms, LLC, 11-Trinity Farm, LLC, 12-Wachtel Stable, 13-Rhianon Farm, Inc.

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Saturday, Sam Houston Race #10, post time: 6:55 p.m. EST

JOHN B. CONNALLY TURF CUP S.-GIII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Scarlet Fusion 🖛	Curlin	Carl R. Moore Management LLC & Brad Grady	Sharp	Beschizza	120
2	Kinenos 🛪	Empire Maker	Paradise Farms Corp. & David Staudacher	Maker	Lanerie	116
3	Portos	Tapit	Flying P Stable	Faucheux	Luzzi	116
4	Devamani (Fr)	Dubawi (Ire)	End Zone Athletics, Inc.	Broberg	Valdez-Jiminez	<u> 2</u> 116
5	Bemma's Boy 🖛	Into Mischief	Paradise Farms Corp.	Maker	Gutierrez	116
6	Logical Myth 🖛	Data Link	George A. Sharp	Davis	Goncalves	116
7	U S Navy Cross 🖛	Curlin	End Zone Athletics, Inc.	Broberg	Civaci	118
8	Risk Manager	Lookin At Lucky	Case Chambers	Davidson	Hamilton	120
9	Spooky Channel	English Channel	NBS Stable	Barkley	Graham	123
10	Another Mystery	Temple City	Team Block	Block	Loveberry	123
11	Seductive U S A	El Kingdom	L & G Racing Stables	Govea	Guerra	118
12	Bay Street Money	Street Sense	Sanford J. Goldfarb	Maker	Carmouche	120

Breeders: 1-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 2-T. F. VanMeter, 3-Wertheimer et Frere, 4-S. C. H. H. The Aga Khan Studs, 5-Lochlow Farm, 6-Glendalough LLC, 7-John W. Phillips, Phillips RacingPartnership, Hank Snowden & Lynn Snowden, 8-Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey, 9-Calumet Farm, 10-Team Block, 11-Jose Luis Espinoza, 12-Adena Springs

Saturday, Santa Anita #2, post time: 4:00 p.m. EST

LAS VIRGENES S.-GIII, \$200,000, 3yo, f, 1m

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Faiza	Girvin	Michael Lund Petersen	Baffert	Vazquez	124
2	Sweet Trouble 🖛	Into Mischief	Old Bones Racing Stable LLC, Michael V. Lombardi,	D'Amato	Desormeaux	120
			Joey Platts, & William J. Sims			
3	Broadway Girls	Army Mule	ERJ Racing, LLC, Pappas Horse Racing Corp,	O'Neill	Maldonado	124
			& Neil A. Haymes			
4	Pride of the Nile 🛪	Pioneerof the Nile	West Coast Stables, LLC	O'Neill	Hernandez	122
5	Uncontrollable	Upstart	Repole Stable	McCarthy	Kimura	120
6	Justique 🛪	Justify	C R K Stable LLC	Shirreffs	Espinoza	120

Breeders: 1-Brereton C. Jones, 2-Barry Becker & Judith Becker, 3-Trackside Farm & Tenlane Farm, 4-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 5-Fountian of Youth Breeding, LLC, 6-John D. Gunther & Eurowest Bloodstock

Saturday, Gulfstream #6, post time: 1:19 p.m. EST

LA PREVOYANTE S. PRESENTED BY DON JULIO-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/2mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Lisheen 🛪	Into Mischief	Shamrock Farm	Motion	Ruiz	118
2	Personal Best	Tapit	Joseph Allen LLC	McGaughey III	Ortiz, Jr.	118
3	Bow Draw 🛪	Oxbow	Wesley Cook	Mardis	Morelos	118
4	Beside Herself	Uncle Mo	Michael B. Tabor	Pletcher	Saez	118
5	Adventuring	Pioneerof the Nile	Godolphin, LLC	Cox	Rosario	123
6	Transient (GB)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	e Five Racing Thoroughbreds	Joseph, Jr.	Gaffalione	118
7	Soul of an Angel	Atreides	Gerald James & Hall Performance LLC	James	Bridgmohan	118
8	My Candy Girl 🖛	Twirling Candy	Kris Vanzant	Hiles	Lopez	118

Breeders: 1-Timothy Rooney, 2-Mr. Joseph Allen LLC, 3-Calumet Farm, 4-Chelston, 5-Godolphin, 6-B. Sangster & Freynestown Stud, 7-Westbrook Stables, LLC, 8-Dr. & Mrs. A. Leonard Pineau

Saturday, Aqueduct #7, post time: 3:28 p.m. EST

TOBOGGAN S.-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, 7f

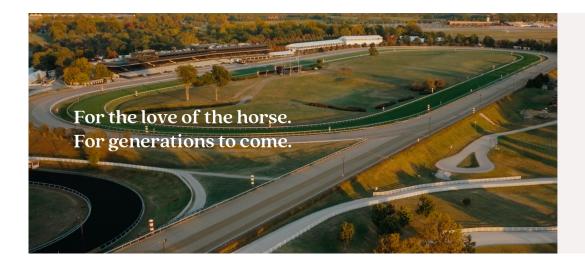
PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Three Two Zone 🛪	Street Sense	Alonzo Racing, LLC, Michael Bagnoli & Jacqueline Bagnoli	Handal	Davis	118
2	Pirate Rick 🛪	Liam's Map	Built Wright Stables, LLC.	Cash	Gomez	120
3	Drafted	Field Commission	Dublin Fjord Stables LLC, Racepoint Stables,.	Duggan	Rodriguez Castro	124
			Kevin D. Hilbert & Thomas E. O'Keefe			
4	Wendell Fong 🛪	Flat Out	Dark Horse Racing Stable, Serio Racing Stables,	Lynch	Vargas, Jr.	118
			Rich Spiesman, Natalia Lynch, & Corms Racing Stable			
5	Double Crown	Bourbon Courage	Built Wright Stables, LLC.	Cash	Acosta	124
6	Repo Rocks 🛪	Tapiture	Double B Racing Stables	Ness	Wolfsont	122
7	Milton the Monster 🛪	Jack Milton	Rainbow's End Racing Stable LLC	Morley	Franco	120
8	Little Vic 🛪	Practical Joke	Victoria's Ranch	Avila	Olivero	122
9	Synthesis 🛪	First Samurai	David Jacobson	Jacobson	Kocakaya	120

Breeders: 1-Don Alberto Corporation, 2-Woods Edge Farm, LLC, 3-John Foster, Barbara Hooker &Field Commission Partnership, 4-Nicholas M. Lotz, 5-Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Bowman & Rebecca Davis, 6-Mrs. C. Oliver Iselin III, 7-Pope McLean, Marc McLean & Pope McLeanJr., 8-Stride Sales and Syndicate, 9-Catherine Zoc

Saturday, Gulfstream #10, post time: 3:34 p.m. EST FRED W. HOOPER S. PRESENTED BY WHISPERING ANGEL-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, 1m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Miles D 🛪	Curlin	Peter M. Brant & Robert V. LaPenta	Brown	Rosario	118
2	Noble Drama	Gone Astray	David Fawkes Racing, Inc.	Fawkes	Jaramillo	120
3	Mish	Field Commission	C2 Racing Stable LLC	Joseph, Jr.	Zayas	118
4	Octane	Brethren	Arindel	David	Smith	120
5	Hoist the Gold 🛪	Mineshaft	Dream Team One Racing Stable	Stewart	Hern&ez, Jr.	120
6	Black Belt	Not This Time	EKB Stables LLC & P & L Thoroughbred Racing, LLC	Walder	Ortiz, Jr.	118
7	Picking Up Pennies	First Dude	Michael lavarone, Julia C. lavarone, Saffie A. Joseph, Jr.,	Joseph, Jr.	Ortiz	118
			& Paraiso Investments			
8	Doc Amster 🛪	Midshipman	Russell Staggs	Antonucci	Castellano	118
9	Endorsed	Medaglia d'Oro	Mark D. Breen	Maker	Saez	120
10	The Reds 🖛	Tonalist	Flanagan Racing	Joseph, Jr.	Alvarado	118
11	Dean Delivers	Cajun Breeze	Stonehedge LLC	Yates	Vasquez	118
12	Prevalence	Medaglia d'Oro	Godolphin, LLC	Walsh	Gaffalione	122
13	Twelve Volt Man 🖛	Violence	Magic Cap Stables	Joseph, Jr.	Dettori	118

Breeders: 1-River Bend Farm, 2-Harold L. Queen, 3-Joyce Mary Kielty, 4-Arindel, 5-Dream Team Racing, 6-Springl& Farm & Duncan Taylor, 7-Jesus Rodriguez, 8-Robert V. LaPenta, 9-Godolphin, 10-R. S. Evans, 11-Stonehedge LLC, 12-Godolphin, 13-Joe Anzalone





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Rank	Stallion	BTW	втн	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Into Mischief	27	62	17	36	3	7	475	236	3,482,500	28,523,242
	(2005) by Harlan's Holiday	/ FYR: 2	010 Crop	s: 11	Stand	s: Spendt	hrift Farı	m KY Fee	: \$250,000	Life Is Good	
2	Munnings	15	29	6	13	1	3	309	163	886,400	13,201,696
	(2006) by Speightstown	FYR: 2	012 Crop	s: 9	Stand	s: Coolmo	ore Ashfo	ord KY Fe	e: \$100k	Jack Christopher	
3	Quality Road	14	35	5	16	2	4	253	143	10,110,758	20,971,498
	(2006) by Elusive Quality	y FYR: 20	012 Crop	s: 9	Stand	s: Lane's	End Farn	n KY Fee:	\$200,000	Emblem Road	
4	Uncle Mo	14	40	7	19	1	5	293	145	1,314,000	14,990,766
	(2008) by Indian Charlie	FYR: 2	013 Crop	s: 8	Stand	s: Coolmo	ore Ashfo	ord KY Fe	e: \$150k	Mo Donegal	
5	Not This Time	14	28	7	15	2	3	167	101	2,810,000	12,850,409
	(2014) by Giant's Csway	FYR: 2	018 Crop	s: 3	Stand	s: Taylor	Made Fa	ırm KY Fe	e: \$135k	Epicenter	
6	Constitution	14	32	4	18		4	209	122	445,250	10,648,314
	(2011) by <mark>Tapit</mark>	FYR: 2	017 Crop	s: 4	Stand	s: WinSta	ır Farm K	(Y Fee: \$1	110,000	We the People	
7	War Front	13	24	6	17	1	3	171	76	1,001,100	7,215,586
	(2002) by Danzig	FYR: 2	008 Crop	s: 13	Stand	s: Claibor	ne Farm	KY Fee:	\$100,000	Annapolis	
8	Curlin	12	34	10	25	6	9	263	133	2,055,675	19,481,395
	(2004) by Smart Strike	FYR: 2	010 Crop	s: 11	Stand	s: Hill 'n' i	Dale at X	(alapa KY	Fee: \$225k	Malathaat	
9	Gun Runner	12	28	9	18	4	10	138	62	2,012,520	14,861,039
	(2013) by Candy Ride (Arg) FYR: 2	019 Crop	s: 2	Stand	s: Three (Chimneys	s Farm KY	Fee: Priv.	Cyberknife	
10	Pioneerof the Nile	12	26	7	11	1	3	174	89	906,200	10,580,865
	(2006) by Empire Maker	FYR: 2	011 Crop	s: 10	Stand	s: WinSta	ır Farm L	JSA (Dead	l/Retired)	Matareya	
11	Street Sense	12	18	4	6	1	1	266	146	543,323	10,364,327
	(2004) by Street Cry (Ire			s: 12	Stand	s: Darley	KY Fee:	\$75,000		Speaker's Corn	er
12	Hard Spun	11	19	2	6		2	315	150	368,902	10,207,874
	(2004) by Danzig	FYR: 2	009 Crop	s: 12	Stand	s: Darley	KY Fee:	\$35,000		Sister Seagull	
13	Nyquist	11	24	4	9		3	187	84	659,250	8,095,094
	(2013) by Uncle Mo	FYR: 2	018 Crop	s: 3	Stand	s: Darley	KY Fee:	\$55,000		Slow Down And	dy
14	Tapit	10	32	5	13	3	5	229	102	4,255,000	14,727,059
	(2001) by Pulpit	FYR: 2	006 Crop	s: 15	Stand	s: Gaines	way Farr	n KY Fee.	\$185,000	Flightline	
15	Medaglia d'Oro	10	29	5	22	1	3	228	95	3,503,418	12,095,961
	(1999) by El Prado (Ire)	FYR: 2	006 Crop	s: 15	Stand	s: Darley	KY Fee:	\$100,000	1	Golden Sixty (A	NUS)
	(1999) by El Prado (Ire)	FYR: 2	006 Crop	s: 15	Stand	s: Darley	KY Fee:	\$100,000	1	Golden Sixty (A	NUS)

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8th-Gulfstream, \$54,000, (S), Alw, 1-25, (NW1X), 3yo, f, 6f, 1:10.78, ft, 6 1/4 lengths.

MUNNYS GOLD (f, 3, Munnings--Haraawa, by Medaglia d'Oro), not seen since romping to a 14 1/2-length 'TDN Rising Star'-worthy debut at Monmouth Park last June, strode home the easiest of winners in her return to the races at Gulfstream Park Wednesday. Away a half-step slowly, the 1-9 favorite rushed up

to press the pace down the backstretch and grabbed command as the quarter went up in :22.00. Three lengths in front through a half in :45.36, she sailed clear down the lane under a motionless Irad Ortiz to win by 6 1/4 lengths. Jolly Miss Jill (Handsome Mike) was second.

"She'd been training well," winning trainer Todd Pletcher said. "She was great in her debut. She didn't get off to a great start today. She kind of broke sideways and brushed the side of the gate, but once she got corrected, she showed that natural speed she has and looked good from there."

Of the long layoff, Pletcher said, "She had a little issue we had to give her a break for and then by the time we got started back, there wasn't a race for her so it's taken a little while. We had the choice of going to a stakes at Tampa and then this race came up, and we decided it's been a long time since she ran so we wanted to do the right thing by her. She's a very talented filly."

Munnys Gold's next start is still to be determined, but it will involve a step up in class, according to Pletcher.



"We'll go in a stakes, we just don't know [which one] yet," he said.

A \$92,000 FTKNOV weanling, Munnys Gold sold for \$300,000 at the 2021 Fasig-Tipton July sale. Haraawa produced a filly by Frosted last year and was bred back to Game Winner. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$66,900.

O-Robert & Lawana Low; B-Nicksar Farms (FL); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

8th-Parx Racing, \$55,500, Msw, 1-25, 3yo, 1m, 1:42.92, my, 3 lengths.

JACKSON ROAD (c, 3, Good Magic--Dark Before Dawn, by **Ghostzapper**) opened his career with a troubled fourth-place effort over the lawn at Pimlico last Sept. 17 and was well-beaten when fourth again in an off-turfer at Delaware Oct. 13. The 7-2 shot was stretching out to a mile off a third-place finish going 6 1/2 furlongs at Parx Nov. 21. The bay chased the pacesetters while three wide into the first turn and settled in third down the backstretch. He moved to challenge for the lead heading into the far turn and took over under minimal urging into the stretch, splashing clear to win by three lengths. Morethanafeeling (Blame) was second. Jackson Road, a \$47,000 EASOCT yearling, RNA'd for \$62,000 at last year's OBS April sale before selling for \$49,000 at OBS last June. Dark Before Dawn, a half-sister to the dam of multiple Grade I placed Dawn the Destroyer (Speightstown), has a 2-year-old full-sister to the winner who sold to Larry Hirsch for \$165,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale. The mare's now-yearling colt by Not This Time sold to Cherry Knoll Farm for \$220,000 at last year's Keeneland November sale. She was bred back to Charlatan last spring. Click

for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, \$44,170.

O-Pewter Stable and Montour Stable; B-Nathan McCauley & Killora Stud (KY); T-Kathleen A. Demasi.



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9th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$24,900, Msw, 1-25, 3yo, f, 5fT, :56.54, fm, neck.

EXPLOSIVE EXCHANGE (f, 3, Handsome Mike--Exchangeable, by Exchange Rate) had not been seen since finishing fifth in her five-furlong unveiling over the turf at Monmouth last August. Adding blinkers for this return, the 9-2 shot rushed out to the early lead and zipped through a quarter in :20.78. The gutsy gray grimly held off Sweet Track (Uncle Mo) down the lane to win by a neck. Exchangeable, a half-sister to multiple Grade I winner Presious Passion (Royal Anthem), has a 2-year-old filly by Ride On Curlin and a yearling filly by Neolithic. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$17,050.

O/T-Michael Dini; B-Helen & Joseph Barbazon (FL).



SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, JANUARY 26 2022 Stud Fees Listed

Always Dreaming (Bodemeister), WinStar Farm, \$10,000 212 foals of racing age/12 winners/1 black-type winner 5-Aqueduct, 2:47 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, Awesome Force, 15-1 \$32,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$55,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$75,000 OBS APR 2yo

Army Mule (Friesan Fire), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, \$12,500 142 foals of racing age/25 winners/5 black-type winners 5-Aqueduct, 2:47 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, Ferris Muler, 20-1 \$20,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$17,500 OBS APR 2yo

Bee Jersey (Jersey Town), Darby Dan Farm, \$5,000 86 foals of racing age/9 winners/2 black-type winners 6-Turfway, 8:25 p.m. EST, Aoc 6f, Jersey Pearl, 9-2 \$12,000 KEE SEP yrl

Bucchero (Kantharos), Pleasant Acres Stallions 155 foals of racing age/15 winners/0 black-type winners 1-Gulfstream, 12:10 p.m. EST, Msw 5fT, Ben's Hero, 8-1 8-Gulfstream, 3:36 p.m. EST, Alw 5f, Clay Soldier, 4-1

Cloud Computing (Maclean's Music), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000 197 foals of racing age/19 winners/0 black-type winners 5-Charles Town, 8:53 p.m. EST, Msw 4 1/2f, Cloud Mover, 6-1

Good Samaritan (Harlan's Holiday), WinStar Farm, \$7,500 172 foals of racing age/19 winners/1 black-type winner 6-Turfway, 8:25 p.m. EST, Aoc 6f, Holiday Decision, 20-1 \$35,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$105,000 KEE SEP yrl

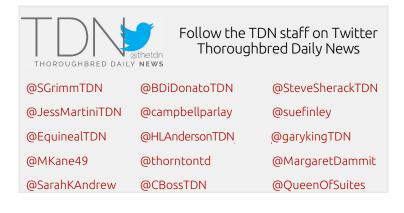
The Lieutenant (Street Sense), Sequel New York 30 foals of racing age/3 winners/1 black-type winner 5-Aqueduct, 2:47 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, Dr. Kraft, 5-2 \$50,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Mendelssohn (Scat Daddy), Coolmore Ashford, \$25,000 347 foals of racing age/30 winners/3 black-type winners 5-Aqueduct, 2:47 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, Bingood to Knowya, 4-1

Mor Spirit (Eskendereya), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000 189 foals of racing age/18 winners/1 black-type winner 8-Turf Paradise, 6:07 p.m. EST, Aoc 1mT, Mohamad, 10-1 CAN\$8,000 ALB MIX yrl

Oscar Performance (Kitten's Joy), Mill Ridge Farm, \$20,000 171 foals of racing age/18 winners/2 black-type winners 1-Gulfstream, 12:10 p.m. EST, Msw 5fT, Act a Fool, 10-1 \$10,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$100,000 KEE SEP yrl







ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-Parx Racing, \$75,990, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$16,000), 1-25, 4yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:05.92, sy, 2 lengths.

DIESEL (g, 5, Peace and Justice--Really a Gem, by Mineshaft) Lifetime Record: 24-8-2-1, \$222,580. O-Star - Lo Racing Stable; B-A1A Racing (PA); T-Susan L. Crowell.

9th-Sunland, \$51,800, (S), (C)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 1-24, 4yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:02.91, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

MASSIVE ROAR (g, 4, Sway Away--Kiki Chacer, by Stormello) Lifetime Record: 14-4-4-3, \$223,568. O/B-The Quarter Company LLC (NM); T-Todd W. Fincher.

8th-Sunland, \$42,200, (S), 1-24, (NW2L), 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:04.12, ft, 3/4 length.

HEY FRIEND (f, 4, Mr. Gold Mover--Island Shine, by Hennessy) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$53,686. O/B-Mason Meadows (NM); T-Nancy Summers.

3rd-Turf Paradise, \$22,900, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000-\$35,000), 1-25, 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:02.05, ft, 1/2 length.

HINDU MISS CHEF (m, 5, Lotsa Mischief--Awesome Effort, by Awesome Again) Lifetime Record: 9-3-0-0, \$41,177. O-Michael Feigenbaum; B-Fleming Thoroughbred Farm LLC (AZ); T-Rafael S. Barraza. *\$4,500 RNA Ylg '19 ARZNOV.

8th-Turf Paradise, \$22,200, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$15,000-\$20,000), 1-24, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:15.53, ft, neck.

BRUIN MAGIC (g, 4, Mastery--Veronique, by Mizzen Mast) Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-1, \$29,327. O-Jamie Bolles; B-Breffni Farm (KY); T-Bart G. Hone. *\$12,000 Wlg '19 KEENOV; \$80,000 Ylg '20 FTKOCT; \$225,000 2yo '21 FTFMAR. **1/2 to Nashville (Speightstown), SW, \$233,350.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Buc N Beauty, f, 3, **Bucchero**--Act of Beauty, by Act of Duty. Gulfstream, 1-25, (C), 5 1/2f, 1:06.57. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$36,130. B-Thoroughbred Racing Nation (FL).

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Good Magic, Jackson Road, c, 3, o/o Dark Before Dawn, by Ghostzapper. MSW, 1-25, Parx Racing

Handsome Mike, Explosive Exchange, f, 3, o/o Exchangeable, by Exchange Rate. MSW, 1-25, Tampa Bay

Lotsa Mischief, Hindu Miss Chef, m, 5, o/o Awesome Effort, by Awesome Again. AOC, 1-25, Turf Paradise

Mastery, Bruin Magic, g, 4, o/o Veronique, by Mizzen Mast. AOC, 1-24, Turf Paradise

Mr. Gold Mover, Hey Friend, f, 4, o/o Island Shine, by Hennessy. ALW, 1-24, Sunland

Munnings, Munnys Gold, f, 3, o/o Haraawa, by Medaglia d'Oro. ALW, 1-25, Gulfstream

Peace and Justice, Diesel, g, 5, o/o Really a Gem, by Mineshaft. AOC, 1-25, Parx Racing

Sway Away, Massive Roar, g, 4, o/o Kiki Chacer, by Stormello. AOC, 1-24, Sunland



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By Brian Sheerin

Widely considered as one of the shrewdest trainers in Britain, Stuart Williams discusses the major issues facing middle-tolower-tier operators as well as his concerns for the wider industry as a whole in this week's Starfield Stud-sponsored Q&A.

Brian Sheerin: The first thing that pops up when you log on to your website is a quote from Timeform, which describes you

as, 'A conjurer of a trainer. One who can transform an apparently moderate animal into a frequent winner.' Another HE FLYING MEHMAS

compliment that could be paid to you is that few trainers would contemplate trying to improve one that you trained.

Stuart Williams: To be honest, there are not many who have done better when they have left. There are plenty who have won races but they don't usually improve so it's something I'm proud of. We try to get the best out of every horse we have.

BS: What is the secret to rejuvenating and doing so well with the already-tried horses who make up the lion's share of your stable?

SW: We try to train each horse individually. It's easier to do that when you have a smaller yard like ours which is never home to more than 50 horses at any given time. It's easier for us to train them individually and we try to work out what suits each horse individually and make it work best in our routine. It's one of those things where I have gone down this route because I had to in order to survive. We started training with one horse. We've never had a big influx of yearlings so we've been forced to stock our stable with the older horses and the used horses at the sales. We've tried to do the best we can with each horse. It's all about trying to work out what makes each horse tick and trying to make them as happy as possible. If you can get them fit and healthy, they will produce it on the racetrack. Cont. p3

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The latest edition of the TDN Kentucky Oaks Top 10 from Bill Finley is on tap in Thursday's edition.

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Star hurdler Honeysuckle (GB) (Sulamani {Ire}) is pictured with trainer Henry de Bromhead in advance of the 2023 Dublin Racing Festival. | INPHO/Morgan Treacy

ROCKSTOWN NATIVE BRINGS 82K GOFFS JAN. SALE 7

Rathmore Stud's Rockstown Native (Ire) brought £82,000 to top the Goffs UK January Sale which concluded on Wednesday.

FIRST FOAL FOR CLASSIC WINNER SANTIAGO

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G1 Irish Derby victor Santiago (Ire) sired a filly at Ballingcurrig House Stud on Monday night, which was his first reported foal.

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BS: So was it a case of needs must or was it a conscious decision to try and target the middle-tier horses at the sales in the hope of improving them?

SW: A bit of both, really. It has changed a lot in that the foreign market has become so strong and now the used horses are very hard to buy at the sales. In reality, 80% of the horses-in-training are rated below 80, so that's the standard of the breed and it has been that way for about 40 years. If we are looking at 80% of the horse population being rated less than 80 and everyone, including myself, wanting to operate in the top 20%, that's hard to do when you can only afford to buy a few yearlings every year. You are not going to beat the odds very often and get many of those yearlings rated above 80 if you are only buying a handful of them. If you want to be able to run at the big meetings and to compete for decent prize-money, you can go to the horses-in-training sales. Ten years ago, we could go and buy a 4-year-old and upwards rated 80 for 20 or 30 grand. If we could just improve it a little bit, we had a horse rated 90 who had a chance of winning a decent pot on a Saturday afternoon.

BS: What impact has the strength of the sales had on your business? It's obviously been a good avenue to trade horses for some people but the flip side of that is recruiting fresh talent has become arduous.

SW: The market has changed. We have a different funding system in Britain where they are basically relying on eight or more runners in all of these races and it's turning into quite a big problem because the fixture list has grown exponentially since the introduction of these all-weather tracks, and the horses who filled that programme are now being sold. It is not just the top

horses, either, as it is the second- and even third-tier horses who are being sold abroad. If you looked at the horses-in-training sales from last year, you'd be amazed by how many horses were sold to continue their careers abroad.

BS: What is life at the coalface as a trainer in Britain like right now?

SW: To be honest, I think it's very difficult. It has never been a lucrative business, apart from if you are operating at the very top, and it's the same for the jockeys. The top 15 to 20 jockeys are making a good living whereas the rest of them are just about breaking even. It's the same for the trainers. It amazes me how many trainers manage to survive. It's a great lifestyle but it's very hard work and you put everything into it. I love it and I don't know how to do anything else. But it's becoming even more difficult to survive now than it was 15 or 20 years ago.

BS: In the face of that, I see you said you are expanding and are looking for more staff on Twitter.

SW: Everyone is short of staff. Any yard in Newmarket, there's a vacancy. John Gosden, Godolphin, everyone. We've changed our working practices to try and improve the work-life balance. None of my staff do a complete full week any week. We try to balance that against the fact that we need to look after these horses 24/7.

BS: Is that your biggest headache as a trainer, the recruiting and retaining of staff?

SW: Staff is a huge problem for everyone. I've been in Newmarket for a long time. When they had the stable lads strike, the wages doubled overnight, which resulted in a huge influx of Irish people coming over to work in England. Very few Irish people work in England now. There's more money, less racing and less hours by working in Ireland. The jockeys come over, and Ross Coakley and Oisin Orr are a good example of very good jockeys who haven't quite made it at the top tier of Irish racing doing very well over here, but very few staff come to work in England. In the 1980s, we'd a huge influx of females getting into the sport and, while they still come, it's not in the same numbers. **Cont. p4**

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SW: In 2004 we'd a huge influx of Asian workers but now they can't come anymore. We have an indigenous population who are encouraged to stay on at school until at least 19 or 20 years

of age and not many have ever ridden ponies as kids. Most of them are too big to ride Flat horses as well. There's a perfect storm developing where there aren't the people there to do the job.

BS: Obviously there's going to be turnover in the training ranks, as there is with any profession, but I know you were sad to see Chris Wall call time on his career.

of the super trainer where

everyone wants to have their horse with William Haggas, John Gosden, Roger Varian or the new kid on the block. Really good trainers like Chris, who is a smashing fella, saw his numbers

dwindle down through the years. It's hard to see the logic behind any owner, who may have two or three horses, sending them to a big stable. You are going to be such a small fish in a big pond. When my owners want to ring up and find out about one of their horses, they ring assistants, the head lad or an

me, they don't ring one of the agent. I think that should count for something. You have people like Rae Guest, George Margarson, Chris Wall, who wouldn't have had big strings, but proved that they are perfectly capable of training group horses once they have the right ammunition.

BS: How do you go about leveling the playing field?

SW: They brought in the one meeting a day rule for jockeys. Some of them like it and others don't but, for safety reasons, I think that was a good idea.

SW: We're going down the route Stuart Williams (right) and Marco Ghiani at Lingfield | Racingfotos.com

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Sons of GALILEO have 20 in Timeform's Top 100 3YOs, headed by European Champion VADENI (Churchill), vis-à-vis 6 for sons of DUBAW

SW: A lot of the time, we have Lingfield on a Friday afternoon and Wolverhampton later that evening. It was a mad rush to get up the M6 on a Friday afternoon but everyone was doing it. If you could bring in something to help trainers in a similar way, I don't think that would be a bad thing. I'm not sure how feasible this would be but perhaps limiting trainers to a certain number would be a start. Two years ago, for example, the Gosdens had 253 horses in the horses-in-training book and that excluded 2-year-olds. They've 191 boxes at Clarehavan so you know that all of those horses are not stabled there. A lot of the horses are based at pre-training facilities and come in when they are ready. If you were the BHA, you could possibly say that, 'we are licensing you to train from this many boxes,' plus a few in and out of training. If you wanted to train 500 horses, which some do, you'd need close to 500 boxes. That would make it slightly more difficult.

BS: The role of the satellite trainer has never been as important to the super powers.

SW: And they require staff as well. The pre-training yards have

got the staff and they don't have the overheads or the restrictions or the BHA inspecting their yards. It's a lot cheaper for them to run their business. I was talking to Malcolm Bastard about this recently, as one of my owners has a couple of horses down there with him, and he would make far more in a year pre-training than I would make as a trainer.

BS: A lot of guys' backs are against the wall and would say that, outside the top bracket, it's impossible to make a living as a trainer if you are not a trader. So what is it that entices so many people to soldier on?

SW: Listen, I enjoy it. I enjoy being with the horses and talking with the owner and going racing. I left school when I was 14 and have never known anything else. I've always wanted to be in racing and, I've been doing it so long, I probably wouldn't be able to do anything else! It's difficult and the first thing we do every year is try and make sure we don't go out of business.

BS: What measures do you take to ensure that doesn't happen?

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SW: We don't go on fantastically-expensive holidays and we don't have a lavish lifestyle. We make sure we break even on the training fees and try to vet all of the owners who come to us in order to make sure we are not left with any bad debts. We've been very lucky in that regard and most of the people pay on time. We put a lot of work into that on a daily basis and the last thing you want is someone not paying at the end of the month. We also try to be as cute as we can with the placement of horses in order to win as much prize-money as we can for the owners and ourselves.

BS: We could be here all night talking about prize-money. It's obviously quite bad in Britain, as it is in Ireland, compared to all of the other major racing jurisdictions. You associate your

stable as being well able to land a gamble. Has that propped up the business in light of the terrible prize-money?

SW: When we first started training, it did. It's not part of the business anymore because it's almost impossible to get any kind of money on these days. When I first started training, we built landing touches on horses into the business plan if we could hopefully identify a few horses who we felt could win and then we'd back them accordingly on the right days. But now we just try and place the horses where they have their best possible chance to win. It annoys me a little bit that people brand me as

"If you land a gamble, you get praised on one side for knowing the time of day but it's a black mark on the other side because some owners won't want to go to you because they'll think all you want to do is try and land gambles all of the time. That's not the case at all. We do the best we can with each individual horse."

Stuart Williams

back through the levy and the media rights and comes back into racing through different avenues. In the gross profits era that we're in at the moment, we need punters to lose. So, your owners are losing 92 to 94 pence in the pound and your second biggest customer is the punter and you want him to lose as well. That's a crazy way to run a business. It's just bonkers.

We need to somehow get nearer to the Australian model. It's more accessible now than it's ever been because the big bookmakers are mostly owned by American companies that are casino-based. They are the same people who own the big bookmakers in Australia. If we could convince the government that we are fighting this overseas drain with both hands tied behind our back right now, because of the funding system, we could hopefully get them to legislate in favour of an Australian-based system. I think it would be hugely beneficial to

us and might also bring the on-course market back to life because there'd be bigger bets struck on the track.

That's one thing that is unique about British and Irish racing, is the bookmakers on the racecourse shouting the odds. It's part of the experience and is an exciting place to be. You go racing in France, the prize-money is better but there's four men and a dog sitting there watching the smaller meetings with no atmosphere at all. If we get the product, the prize-money and the competition right, then get people betting on it, then it all snowballs into a higher level altogether.

a gambling trainer. If you land a gamble, you get praised on one side for knowing the time of day but it's a black mark on the other side because some owners won't want to go to you because they'll think all you want to do is try and land gambles all of the time. That's not the case at all. We do the best we can with each individual horse.

BS: As you said in the *Racing Post* the other day, it has become a lot harder to get big money on. You also spoke about the impact the affordability checks are having on the industry.

SW: I think we need a radical change. Our two main income streams are from the owners and the punters. At the moment in Britain, our owners are recovering between six and eight pence in the pound on average. The money spent by punters comes

BS: You've spent time all over the world. Did you ever flirt with the idea of basing yourself somewhere other than Britain?

SW: I always think to myself that I should have stayed in Australia! I might retire out there one day. I was with Bart Cummings out there and I can remember going to Brisbane for the Carnival and basing one of our horses there with a small trainer who had a row of eight boxes behind his house in a suburb of Brisbane about a mile from the track. We used to walk the horses to the track every day and just work them like that. Well, that wouldn't be a bad retirement, having three or four horses in the back garden. He used to take them to the track and pay a work rider to ride them for him. That would appeal to me when I get too old to do it here! One day. **Cont. p7**





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BS: Hopefully that won't come anytime soon as you've proved yourself to be one of the shrewdest operators in Britain down through the years. But if I was to ask you what provided you with your biggest kick in the game, what would you say?

SW: We had a horse when we first started training, Concer Un (GB) (Lord Bud {GB}), who was owned by a farmer who couldn't get 500 pounds for him at the sales. He was out of a mare who won once from as many starts, in a bumper, and William Haggas had trained it. Concer Un won a hatful of races for us, including a big handicap at the Ebor meeting at York, where he broke the track record and beat a horse who went on to finish second at the Breeders' Cup. To do that with a horse who couldn't get sold in the ring for 500 pounds provided us with a great buzz. We won 10 handicaps in the same season with Sendintank (GB) (Halling) and he won four handicaps in the same week in two separate weeks. That was pretty good as well.

BS: Finally, what does 2023 look like for you?

SW: We've got some nice horses and have picked up some new owners. George Gil is one of them, and he runs Opulence Thoroughbreds. He asked if I'd buy him some yearlings a couple of years ago and some of those look quite promising. We bought 14 in total in 2021. I trained seven of those and Roger Varian trained the rest. They didn't buy as many last year and they went to a few different trainers but the syndicate is growing and is modeled on Middleham Park. They've been fairly successful and, luckily, a few of the horses look quite promising so it's all quite positive.



EUROPEAN NEWS

ROCKSTOWN NATIVE BRINGS £82K AT DONCASTER JANUARY SALE

Rathmore Stud's winning point-to-pointer **Rockstown Native** (Ire) (Califet {Fr}) brought £82,000 to top the Goffs UK January Sale which concluded on Wednesday.

Purchased by Stroud Coleman/Jonjo O'Neill as lot 295, he was one of 43 horses to sell on the day of 57 offered (75). The aggregate was £434,500 and the average and median both increased by double digits–£10,105 (+26%) and £5,500 (+16%), respectively.

At the close of trade over the two-day stand, 158 of 281 (56%) lots found new homes for a gross of £2,019,000. The average climbed 24% to £12,778, while the median declined by 7% to £6,500.

Goffs UK Managing Director Tim Kent said, "A £75,000 record price for a NH foal is a fantastic way to start the new sales year and we're delighted with the results that have been achieved at the top of end of the market including The Glancing Queen selling for £150,000 and Rockstown Native realising £82,000. These were the obvious highlights and they proved yet again that when we're given the best horses, we can achieve the best prices in any category, and we will continue to work with British Breeders to encourage them to offer their very best for sale in the UK." Cont. p8



Rockstown Native | *Goffs UK*

Goffs UK January Sale Cont.

He added, "Having said all that, it would be remiss of us not to acknowledge the selective nature of the foal market which was very similar to that shown at the same sales in Ireland last year. The difference between the UK and Ireland was the greater number of Irish animals by stallions deemed to be 'in fashion' which can present a different picture to that shown in the UK. We will obviously work with the TBA and breeders to try and address a challenge which applies to us all rather than being specific to one side of the Irish Sea."

For the full results, please visit the Goffs UK website.

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FIRST FOAL FOR CLASSIC WINNER SANTIAGO

Santiago (Ire) (Authorized (Ire)), a G1 Irish Derby victor and winner of G2 Queen's Vase at Royal Ascot, sired his first reported foal when Bestow (GB) produced a filly at Ballincurrig House Stud on Monday night.

"She's a gorgeous bay filly with quality, bone and size," said owner Michael Moore. "We are delighted with her."

Bestow is a daughter of Presenting (GB) and a half-sister to Operating (GB) (Milan {GB}), winner of the €100,000 Aon H. Novice Chase at Punchestown.

Santiago, who stands at Coolmore's Castlehyde Stud, is a Derby winner like his sire Authorized, grandsire Montjeu (Ire) and relatives Galileo (Ire) and Sea The Stars (Ire).

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GOFFS UK DONCASTER BREEZE-UP DATE CHANGE:

The date for the breezes and sale for the Goffs UK Breeze-Up Sale have been moved to Apr. 24 (breezes) and Apr. 25 (sale proper.) Please visit the Goffs UK website for more.

BRITAIN

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Silver Nightfall (GB), f, 3, Adaay (Ire)--Godzilla's Girl (GB), by Mastercraftsman (Ire). Newcastle, 1-25, 7f 14y (AWT), 1:34.03. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$8,722. B-Clarendon Farm Ltd (GB).

Harry Magnus (Ire), c, 3, Harry Angel (Ire)--Music And Dance (GB), by Galileo (Ire). Kempton, 1-25, 7f (AWT), 1:30.21. B-Norelands Bloodstock & Emma Capon Bloodstock (IRE). *55,000gns Wlg '20 TATFOA; 125,000gns Ylg '21 TATOCT.

FRANCE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

1st-Cagnes-sur-Mer, €**26,000**, 1-25, 3yo, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:20.10, st. SWING FOR ME (GB) (c, 3, Wootton Bassett {GB}--Sing For Me **(Fr), by Siyouni (Fr))** Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-0, €46,040. O-Ecurie Antonio Caro; B-L Baudron (GB); T-Jean-Claude Rouget. *€125,000 Ylg '21 ARQOCT.

4th-Cagnes-sur-Mer, €**26,000**, 1-25, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:16.23, st.

BLU METAL JACKET (ITY) (c, 4, Le Vie Infinite {Ire}--Street Force {Ity} {SP-Ity}, by Blu Air Force (Ire}) Lifetime Record: 18-7-2-2, €73,320. O-Niccolo Rugani; B-S Luciani (ITY); T-Giulia Stobbione.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

HKJC ENJOYS BIGGEST RESULT IN 25 YEARS

The Year of the Rabbit got off to a racing start for the Hong Kong Jockey Club as its Lunar New Year meeting pulled in HK\$2.06 billion (US\$255 million) in bets--the biggest daily take since the city's return to Chinese rule in 1997, the South China Morning Post reported.

Punters wagered across the 11 races at Sha Tin on Tuesday and, although the take was beaten by a distance by the record HK\$2.54 billion gambled in June 1997, it was a healthy 10.1% increase on last year's event.

"We are absolutely delighted with today's race meeting. The atmosphere was really fantastic and it brought back what we always felt--that Lunar New Year is a very special race meeting," Jockey Club chief executive Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges said.

HKJC Big Result Cont.

Almost 80,000 people clicked through the Sha Tin turnstiles and the official crowd stood at 84,394--79,354 at Sha Tin and 5,040 watching from Happy Valley--the biggest turnout since the 2019 Lunar New Year races.

The Lunar New Year card drew a bigger crowd than the prestigious Longines Hong Kong International Races last month, with fans shoulder to shoulder in front of a packed grandstand after they flocked to see a pre-races performance by Cantopop star Joey Yung Cho-yee.





Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges | HKJC

ASIA

Wednesday's Result:

TCK JO-OH HAI-Listed (Jpn-G3), ¥37,400,000, Oi, 1-25, 4yo/up, f/m, 1800m, 1:53.90, gd.

1--GRAND BRIDGE (Jpn), 123, f, 4, Sinister Minister

1st Dam: Direttrice (Jpn), by Daiwa Major (Jpn)

2nd Dam: Broncone (Jpn), by Brian's Time

3rd Dam: Mrs. Victoria (Jpn), by Tony Bin (Ire)

(¥3,410,000 Ylg '20 JBBASEP). O-Cypress Holdings; B-Yukio Kanemasu (Jpn); T-Koichi Shintani; J-Yuga Kawada;

¥22,000,000. Lifetime Record: 10-5-2-2.

2--Valle de la Luna (Jpn), 123, f, 4, Duramente (Jpn)--Seresta (Arg), by Jump Start. (¥100,000,000 Wlg '19 JRHAJUL). O-La Mere Co.Ltd.; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); ¥7,700,000.

3--**Pretty Chance (Jpn)**, 123, m, 6, Symboli Kris S--Future Sunday (Jpn), by Sunday Silence. O-Toshihiro Hirosaki HD Inc.; B-Fujiwara Bokujo (Jpn); ¥4,400,000.

May 28

G1 Tokyo Yushun

Margins: 1, 2, 2HF. Odds: 1.60, 1.60, 3.20.

	2023 Japanese Group Races
<u>Date</u>	Race
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.
Mar. 25	G2 Nikkei Sho
	G3 Mainichi Hai
Mar. 26	G3 March S.
	G1 Takamatsunomiya Kinen
Apr. 1	G3 Lord Derby Challenge Trophy
Apr. 2	G1 Osaka Hai
Apr. 8	G2 New Zealand Trophy
	G2 Sakneisports Hai Hanshin Himba S.
Apr. 9	G1 Oka Sho
Apr. 15	G3 Arlington Cup
Apr. 16	G1 Satsuki Sho
	G3 Antares S.
Apr. 22	G3 Fukushima Himba S.
	G2 Sankei Sports Sho Flora S.
	G2 Yomiuri Milers Cup
Apr. 29	G2 TV Tokyo Hai Aoba Sho
Apr. 30	G1 Tenno Sho (Spring)
May 6	G2 Kyoto Shimbun Hai
May 7	G1 NHK Mile Cup
	G3 Niigata Daishoten
May 13	G2 Keio Hai Spring Cup
May 14	G1 Victoria Mile
May 20	G3 Heian S.
May 21	G1 Yushun Himba
May 27	G3 Aoi S.

Friday, Meydan, post time: 20:55 p.m.

FIREBREAK S.-G3, \$150,000, NH 4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 1600m

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	1	Discovery Island (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Seemar	Fresu	125
2	4	Ever Given (Ire)	Kodi Bear (Ire)	bin Ghadayer	Barzalona	125
3	2	Everfast	Take Charge Indy	Watson	Dobbs	125
4	6	Imperial Empire (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Seemar	Dawson	125
5	8	Law Of Peace (GB)	Shamardal	Seemar	O'Shea	125
6	7	Mister Saint Paul (Fr)	Dariyan (Fr)	bin Ghadayer	Ffrench	125
7	3	Prince Eiji (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Watson	Hitchcott	125
8	5	Thegreatcollection	Saint Anddan	Watson	de Vries	125

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LISTED STAKES ENTRIES

Friday, Meydan, 21:30 p.m.

JUMEIRAH CLASSIC PRSENTED BY LONGINES-Listed, \$150,000, NH & SH 3yo, 1800mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	8	Long Kiss (Brz)	Adriano	Olascoaga	da Silva	131
2	3	Al Hajaj (Ire)	War Command	bin Harmash	Dawson	121
3	6	Bay Of Plenty (Ire)	New Bay (GB)	Murtagh	Sheehy	121
4	1	Highbank (Ire)	Kingman (GB)	Appleby	Mullen	121
5	5	Legend Of Cannes	Cairo Prince	Nass	de Vries	121
6	9	Naval Power (GB)	Teofilo (Ire)	Appleby	Buick	121
7	2	Nopoli (GB)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Mohammed	Pinheiro	121
8	7	One Nation (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Appleby	Barzalona	121
9	4	Slava Ukraini (Den)	Moohaajim (Ire)	Petersen	Cosgrave	121

Friday, Meydan, 18:35 p.m.,

DUBAI SPRINT PRESENTED BY LONGINES-Listed, \$100,000, NH & SH 3yo/up, 1200mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	14	Man Of Promise	Into Mischief	Appleby	Buick	132
2	11	Nahaarr (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Costa	Van Overmeire	132
3	5	Batwan (Fr)	Kendargent (Fr)	Caullery	Bachelot	128
4	2	Bouttemont (Ire)	Acclamation (GB)	Barberot	Mullen	128
5	15	Motafaawit (Ire)	Intikhab	Watson	O'Neill	128
6	4	City Walk (Ire)	Brazen Beau (Aus)	bin Suroor	Tudhope	125
7	10	Coachello (Fr)	Dunkerque (Fr)	Elliott	Dobbs	125
8	7	New York City (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Osborne	Osborne	125
9	3	Prisoner's Dilemma (GB)	Toronado (Ire)	Levins	Coen	125
10	8	Royal Commando (Ire)	No Nay Never	bin Ghadayer	Barzalona	125
11	6	Nizaaka (Fr)	New Bay (GB)	Chapple-Hyam	Egan	122
12	13	Thunder Of Niagara (Ire)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	bin Harmash	Dawson	122
13	9	Ventura Rebel (GB)	Pastoral Pursuits (GB)	bin Harmash	Cosgrave	122
14	1	McManaman (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Watson	Hitchcott	119
15	12	Nationwide (Ire)	Exceed And Excel (Aus)	Nass	Malune	119

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39TH ASIAN RACING CONFERENCE COMES TO MELBOURNE



37th Asian Racing Conference in Seoul | HKJC

by Jessica Owens

Every few years, the Asian Racing Federation (ARF) comes together for its Asian Racing Conference, and next month, from Feb. 14 for six days, it will come together in Melbourne.

The southern city was the initial host for the 39th Asian Racing Conference (ARC) in February 2022, but COVID caused an infinite delay and the event was rescheduled to next month.

It's been a popular addition to the industry calendar for over 60 years.

Cities like Istanbul, Mumbai, Seoul and Hong Kong have all played hosted to an ARC over the years, with delegates and attendees flying in from all over the world. Australia will host the event this year for the fourth time.

The Asian Racing Federation represents nations as far west as Turkey and South Africa, as far east as New Zealand, Australia and Japan, and countries like Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, China, Mongolia and Thailand in between.

In fact, the stats on ARF membership are impressive.

There are 21 full members, two associate members (from China and Mongolia) and four affiliate members (from China, Indonesia, Philippines and Kuwait). Rather than representing nations in themselves, the ARF members are racing

organisations. For example, in Australia the member is Racing Australia.

The first conference was held in Japan as far back as 1960, and there have been 38 Asian Racing Conferences since. In 2001, the Asian Racing Federation was formally established as a permanent organisation, which occurred during the 28th ARC in Thailand.

The objectives of the Federation were to 'meet and foster goodwill and mutual understanding through the medium of periodic conferences and other racing events', all the while promoting the racing and breeding industries of member nations, exchanging ideas and promoting discussion on relevant issues.

The ARF is also central to the Asian Pattern Committee, advising and assisting with the co-ordination of members' best races.

These objectives have helped each year's ARC blossom into a go-to event, something that Melbourne is looking forward to next month. From Feb. 14 to 19, the city, and specifically Racing Victoria, will showcase its local wares to around 650 delegates.

The theme of the 39th ARC is 'breaking barriers', and the three-day business program of the week will look at racing and wagering landscapes, fan engagement and such fundamental issues as modern ownership. It will also look at equine welfare, which is so key to the industry these days.

A Post-COVID Reset

Carly Dixon is the general manager of corporate affairs at Racing Victoria. She's also the director of next month's conference and she's gearing up for a deluge of interesting visitors.

Dixon is expecting around 650 delegates in Melbourne by Feb. 14, with two-thirds of them being international.

"The last conference I attended was in Cape Town in 2020, shortly before lockdown, and it was quite an interesting time because the world was rapidly changing around us," she said, speaking this week to *TDN AusNZ*. "Borders were starting to close and I remember getting home around four or five days before they shut, it was that tight.

"So we've since had two or more years of incredibly unusual times globally, and for me, coming out of that, the conference will be the first time, as an international racing community, that we'll be getting back together.



Carly Dixon and Lizzie Jeffs | Racing Victoria

"There's a real opportunity in that for a refresh almost, to take the things we all learned during the global pandemic and see how they've affected racing, and to see how racing moves forward."

As such, the 39th ARC will be unique among its peers. No other has occurred after a lifestyle-altering, world-affecting global event, and it will promote interesting discussions in the sessions.

"The theme of 'breaking barriers' was something we landed upon as a backward-looking conference, but as a forward-looking conference too," Dixon said. "What barriers have we overcome as an industry and a sport internationally, and what hurdles do we still have to get over to ensure our sport maintains its currency in a really dynamic external environment?

"I'd characterise this conference as something of a resetting of how racing wants to engage with the world around it, and that will be obvious in the different sessions we've got planned for the week."

Who's Who

The opening day of the ARC, Valentine's Day, will take place at Crown Conference Centre. It's a bureau meeting environment, with the opening ceremony later that day at the Palladium.

Thereafter, the business program will see three days of sessions at the Melbourne Convention Centre with evening entertainment scheduled before the closing ceremony on Friday, Feb. 17.

The following day, delegates will be invited to the Black Caviar Lightning Raceday at Flemington, followed by an optional regional tour on the Sunday of Lindsay Park Racing and Mitchelton Winery.

Like all of these conferences, Melbourne's ARC is an attractive social occasion. The business end of things knits well with its social agenda, and the opportunity of meeting likeminded industry participants. But as social as the conference is, it usually hits its target as a riveting industry spectacle.

Next month, Chris Waller will be a key speaker on the opening day of the business sessions. He'll be joined by Denise Martin of Star Thoroughbreds.

"Chris is such an extraordinary advocate for the industry," Dixon said. "He has such amazing stories himself, but he really has a sound understanding of the nexus and importance of ownership to the racing industry in general, and also that crossover to owner-breeders.

"There are issues there of micro-ownership and how owners and owner-breeders are navigating those challenges while still securing investment and continuing to supply and support the entire industry."

The ARC is still narrowing its list of key speakers for next month. It will include prominent racing people, like Inglis Bloodstock's CEO Sebastian Hutch, but also wider business heads like Katie Page-Harvey.

Dixon said AFL identity Eddie McGuire was also a likely speaker, a man that has a long sporting repertoire and who returned to commentary roles last year for Channel 10's Melbourne Cup broadcast.

"We are aiming to feature speakers from within the industry, but also prominent people outside the racing bubble," Dixon said. "Katie Page-Harvey and Eddie McGuire would be friends of racing, I guess you might say, who have a longstanding affection for and engagement with racing, and they will bring a different lens to the event through their own corporate and personal experiences."



Chris Waller | The Image Is Everything

Why Should I Go?

The promotional material for the 39th ARC describes it as a 'significant occasion for ARF members and stakeholders to gather in person to exchange ideas for the betterment of our sport'. Often, to everyday industry workers, the idea of a conference is eyewatering, but the ARC is a genuine good time most years.

What would Dixon say to those industry participants, be they studmasters, racehorse trainers, hobby owners or office staff, who ordinarily wouldn't consider a racing conference of this nature?

"For me, it's a week to establish those networks of thought leadership," she said. "It's about connecting with people that are at the cutting edge of their trades and professions, both locally and overseas, and sharing their knowledge.

"I really do think we're an industry of very humble people, people that don't brag about their achievements, but we've got some exceptional owners, breeders and administrators here in Australia. I think we've got a lot to give the world, and the conference is about sharing that expertise and, in turn, learning and sharing from others."

Dixon agrees that the connections made at an ARC, hosted anywhere in the world, can last a lifetime.

"I have colleagues that have been going to these conferences for a decade and they still get as much out of them now as when they first went," she said.

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