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VALUE SIRES FOR '23, PART VII: ESTABLISHED SIRES



Speightstown | Louise Reinagel

by **Chris McGrath**

It tells you plenty about the business today that this final leg of our quest for value on Kentucky farms should compress together stallions whose various retirements from the racetrack spanned more than a decade. In devoting nearly all the previous instalments to individual classes of younger stallions, we've simply mirrored the distribution of mares, which as we all know is massively loaded toward largely unproven sires. To me, then, those few survivors that do establish a viable niche in the Bluegrass are real heroes.

While dozens of their original competitors have been banished to regional or overseas theaters, they have battled their way through and now contest a rather different market. Typically it will be oriented to those rare programs that can either afford to pay the top fees, for the likes of Into Mischief and **Tapit**, or at least take a longer view on building up families.

So today we must confront head-on the claim that drives so much commercial traffic toward new stallions that will, in the majority of cases, turn out to be standing at career high fees. And that's the idea those few sires that earn the label "proven" tend to become so expensive that investors have no choice but to roll the dice on relatively affordable rookies, hoping to hit a **Gun Runner** on the way up. **Cont. p3**

FIFTH CIRCUIT JUDGES DENY MOTIONS RELATED TO REWRITTEN HISA LAW

by **Sue Finley and T. D. Thornton**

The Fifth Circuit United States Court of Appeals on Tuesday denied a motion by the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA) Authority for that court to vacate its recent opinion that HISA is unconstitutional.

Back on Jan. 3, the **HISA Authority** had asked for the Fifth Circuit's Nov. 18, 2022, anti-constitutionality order **to be vacated** based on a **federal rewrite** of the HISA law in December.

Also on Tuesday, separate motions for a rehearing of the case made by both the HISA Authority and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) were shot down by the same Fifth Circuit panel of judges.

And after ruling on those two motions, the Fifth Circuit then issued a mandate that stated, "IT IS ORDERED and ADJUDGED that the judgment of the District Court is REVERSED and REMANDED to the District Court for further proceedings in accordance with the opinion of this Court." **Cont. p11**

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October 30, 2004. With John Velazquez in the irons, *Speightstown* wins the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint at Lone Star Park. Value Sires continues on page 3. | Horsephotos

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If the Classics are the gauge, Mr. Prospector's impact on them certainly makes him the most influential stallion of the last 50 years, says Sid Fernando in Taking Stock.

SW LEMIEUX HEADS FTK WINTER SUPPLEMENTS

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The Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Winter Mixed Sale, scheduled for Feb. 6 and 7 in Lexington, Kentucky, has catalogued 29 supplemental entries.

KENTUCKY UPDATES EHV PROTOCOLS

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Ten days after Gulfstream Park identified a horse who was displaying signs of Equine Herpesvirus (EHV), Kentucky has issued new guidelines on protocols for horses moving from Florida to Kentucky.

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Value Sires, cont. from p1

To a degree, of course, that consensus creates its own validity. Commercial breeders know where to anticipate ringside interest and as a result a stallion's debut book, very often, will prove the best he will ever assemble.

Putting that reality to one side, however, I do feel skeptical about the basic premise. For one thing, agents and managers almost invariably back off stallions as soon as they have cycled through their debut crops, long before they have had a meaningful chance to demonstrate whether or not their stock can actually run. But the principal point, and the object of the exercise today, is that there are actually plenty of stallions out there you could describe as both "proven" and affordable.

Despite career stats that will remain far beyond the vast majority of those newcomers annually flooding the gene pool, more likely than not with mediocrity, many of these stalwart operators tend to suffer flagrant commercial neglect. Their books are modest, whether measured by quality or quantity, and unsurprisingly the same then proves true of their sales dividends. Hence, in turn, their accessible fees. That does mean that some of the horses we highlight today will seldom appeal to a fast-buck commercial breeder. But I'll keep saying it: there should be nothing more commercial than putting a winner under your mare.

So I have every confidence that in this final wrap we're not only looking at some of the worthiest stallions around, but at some of the best value as well. And because of the sheer range of this final group, we'll include rather more than usual in our round-up of near-misses. The whole process, of course, has represented no more than one more opinion in a massively subjective environment. A ton of deserving stallions will have been overlooked; perhaps even entire farms. But nobody knows better than you what might work for your particular mare, and your particular program.

Many of the choices I've made are based on principles that a lot of people will consider impractical. When I suggest that you can get value from sires whose stock may need time to mature, and a second turn, then I absolutely accept that a lot of people need (and really "need", as opposed to "prefer") to get paid sooner and better than that will typically allow. Equally, however, I'm not going to flag up stallions that corral 400 mares in their first two seasons and then get their vaunted black-type action at only a pedestrian rate.

The nature of this particular beast means that we will be revisiting some old pals here. A body of work extending over several years is hardly invalidated by a single quiet one. And, as I've said before, there's no vice harder to overcome than that of being too stubborn! **Cont.**



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BUBBLING UNDER:

I hate to admit it, but commercially the game does appear to be up with my old favorite **LOOKIN AT LUCKY**. It tells you everything about the unwholesome way the business is skewed that he can sire winners of America's two most iconic races and still be reduced to a fee of just \$10,000. His scandalous neglect does have one benefit, however, for breeders far-sighted enough to "prove" a young mare inexpensively.

Even now his neighbor **Munnings**--launched simultaneously but long a darling of the sales ring, now commanding a fee 10 times higher than **Lookin At Lucky**--cannot beat his elite footprint. Both have 13 Grade I performers, but it is **Lookin At Lucky** who has produced them at a superior percentage (and, of course, from far inferior opportunity). "Lucky" should be gold on the value podium every year, but there would clearly be no point by this stage. All we can do is hand over the baton on to his big-value sons **Accelerate** and **Country House**.

MIDSHIPMAN, another podium regular, has in contrast finally had his remarkable data acknowledged by the doubling of his fee to \$20,000. Somehow he can't quite crack that Grade I ceiling, but maintained his astounding consistency at black-type level in 2022, with 25 such performers representing 10.7% of starters. He'll have to work harder to achieve the same profitability from his new fee, having soared to an average of \$65,687 (median \$50,000) for yearlings conceived at just \$8,500, but hopefully his mares will also be upgrading now. What an exemplary horse! He's been a gift for so long, but I am confident he will keep on giving.

MIDNIGHT LUTE almost achieved the same stakes footprint last year, at 9% of starters--just shy of his lifetime clip, which has yielded 41 stakes winners including five at Grade I level. These are obviously headed by Midnight Bisou, but we have long since established that this is no one-trick pony. **Cont.**

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

Value Sires, cont. from p4

Midnight Lute really has a tremendous output for a horse standing at \$12,500 and is another to mock the notion that there are no “proven” stallions out there within reach of the ordinary breeder. He looks after his clients respectfully at the sales, too.

Even better stats back up **SKY MESA**, another whose resumé will remain far beyond the competence of the vast majority of rookies annually launched at much steeper fees than \$10,000. Even among “proven” sires, you’ll find quite a few at much higher tariffs that can’t better **Sky Mesa**’s lifetime 12.5% stakes performers-to-named foals.

Another struggling for due respect at \$7,500 is **FIRST SAMURAI**, who nonetheless got on with business as usual in 2022 with another seven stakes winners. His buddy **BLAME** did not quite meet his own high standards, and rather feels due another star, but he has long demonstrated an ability to recycle his class at a rate better than his \$25,000 fee. With that aristocratic pedigree behind him, I’ve always thought **Blame** highly eligible to become a distaff influence and so it is already proving. Two of the very best juveniles of 2022, **Forte (Violence)** and **Loggins (Ghostzapper)**, are both out of **Blame** mares—surely a hugely significant straw in the wind.

BRONZE: CROSS TRAFFIC (Unbridled’s Song—Stop Traffic, by Cure The Blues)

\$7,500 Spendthrift

To be honest, this lad is not quite in “proven” territory just yet, belonging as he does to the intake immediately preceding the three we grouped together **last time as still “earning their stripes”**. Even so, it feels like he has been around for quite some time: in his relatively short career he has managed to squeeze in some dazing fluctuations in fortune. He finds himself at another crossroads now, but the fact is that he has just confirmed (for a second time) his ability to punch above this kind of fee.

As champion freshman by multiple indices in 2018, the gray was hoisted to \$25,000 for 2019 and duly received a stampede of 188 mares. The resulting crop were juveniles of 2022, and drove a spirited comeback in the all-comers’ table of 2-year-old sires.

Though this category was conspicuously dominated by freshmen, his 33 individual winners from 79 starters put him second overall; while his 13 black-type juveniles represented a knockout ratio of starters, surpassed in fact only by his latest successor as champion freshman, **Bolt d’Oro**, and the six-figure covers **Quality Road** and **Constitution**.

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First-Crop Sires Update: Mendelssohn progeny start strongly as 3yos

Alastair Bull, TwinSpires, 01/20/2023

Bloodlines: Mendelssohn Is Hitting The Right Note

Frank Mitchell, Paulick Report, 01/18/2023

Opus Forty Two Builds Mendelssohn's Credentials

Alan Porter, Blood Horse Daily, 01/17/2023

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winners from his first 2YO crop in 2022 including:

DELIGHT, a 5-length winner of the **Jessamine Stakes-Gr.2** at Keeneland and **CLASSICAL CAT**, winner of the **Eddie Logan Stakes** at Santa Anita on December 30

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Value Sires, cont. from p5**Cross Traffic** | Sarah Andrew

His four juvenile stakes winners included one unbeaten in both starts at Saratoga, and a filly that flew late into fourth at the Breeders' Cup. But despite doubling down on a reputation for precocity, Cross Traffic's stock is actually entitled to keep building. His principal earner to date, Ny Traffic, won over \$900,000 across four campaigns, and remember that Cross Traffic himself only raced as a 4-year-old, when making up for lost time with a GI Met Mile second and GI Whitney success on only his fourth and fifth starts.

He has some pretty exotic names seeding the bottom line, but that certainly hasn't stopped the big horse on this farm and it felt auspicious that Cross Traffic actually elevated his yearling average in 2022 to \$43,250 from \$29,019, reversing a bleakly familiar trend at this stage of a stallion's career. Unfortunately his books have quickly dwindled since his renewed vogue in 2019, but his juvenile returns in both 2018 and 2022 show what he can do if given a chance--which is surely just what he deserves at this kind of basement fee.

Incidentally, a word here for his studmate **JIMMY CREED**, who struggled somewhat commercially with his last yearlings but counted dual Grade I winner Casa Creed and GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint third Private Creed among his seven stakes scorers in 2022. His book numbers have held up healthily over the past couple of years and there's a corresponding sense that he has more to offer at just \$10,000.

SILVER: HARD SPUN (Danzig--Turkish Tryst, by Turkoman)
\$35,000 Darley

Okay, so he had no real headliner in 2022--dropping out of the top 10 in the general sires' list for the first time in four years--but his customary foil **Street Sense** (\$75,000) was nonetheless the only stallion standing for under six figures to beat 11 stakes winners. **Cont.**

DIRT DELIVERS!

Bob Baffert and Donato Lanni found **FAIZA** at last year's Midlantic May 2YO's-In-Training Sale for owner Michael Lund Petersen, following a **10.1 breeze** over the sale's **DIRT** racetrack.

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Value Sires, cont. from p6

In other words, **Hard Spun** maintained his customary consistency and, moreover, boosted his yearling average to \$109,187 from \$80,353 the previous year.

That gives a commercial dimension to his principal appeal as the most accomplished sire of runners around at this kind of fee. **Hard Spun** stands as high as eighth in the earnings table of active American stallions, just ahead of his longstanding accomplice **Street Sense**. Their ratios across all indices are uncannily similar, for horses who first crossed swords on the track and at one stage even shared a sojourn in Japan together. As **Street Sense** himself is widely respected as pretty fair value at \$75,000, it's remarkable that you can still get to **Hard Spun** for less than half that fee.

As a parting gift of the breed-changing Danzig, he has duly parlayed that international influence into many different

theaters--short, long; dirt, turf--and he is already proving a notable broodmare sire. That's no surprise, when he complements Danzig with all that Darby Dan royalty down the bottom line.

Sure, much like our gold pick, **Hard Spun**'s youngsters tend not to be the most precocious. But they are worth the wait. That capacity to carry speed, after all, is supposedly the grail for breeders. Though he later landed the GI King's Bishop over seven furlongs, **Hard Spun** held out for second in **Street Sense**'s Derby after setting a pace that left the eventual winner, third and fourth, respectively, in 19th, 13th and 20th after half a mile.

It's a mystery, really: **Hard Spun** was standing at \$60,000 before his year in Hokkaido, and dominated the fourth-crop sires' table during his absence (ahead of

Street Sense, English Channel and Scat Daddy), yet has never since restored his fee to its due level. You wouldn't catch me complaining about that, however, if I had a worthy mare. **Cont.**



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A photograph of four men in suits cheering and holding up tickets at a racetrack. The man on the far left is a young man with short brown hair, smiling broadly. Next to him is a man with dark curly hair and glasses, also smiling. Then a man with a long grey beard and sunglasses, holding a beer. On the far right is an older man with grey hair, laughing and holding a beer. They are all behind a metal railing, and a large crowd of spectators is visible in the background under bright daylight.

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Value Sires, cont. from p7

GOLD: SPEIGHTSTOWN (Gone West--Silken Cat, by Storm Cat) \$80,000 WinStar

So what better way to finish a project like this, where you cannot fail to offend more people than you please, than with a truly provocative pick!?

But while I, too, would love to live in a world where \$80,000 feels like a bargain, then we have to accept that value is a relative concept. And, for those folks who really can afford to send a mare to the elite sires, then here's a fee that brings to mind the old advertising slogan: "Hurry while stocks last!"

This is a game of opinion and I absolutely respect your right to share the prejudice against ageing stallions and mares. To me, even so, it has a self- fulfilling quality. The most expensive sires gradually find themselves in competition with their own sons-- who start out not only with all the customary freshman fanfare, and a recency bias, but

generally at a more accessible fee. Nonetheless there are copious examples of champion runners and important influences (including the one on the second step of this podium) being delivered very late in the career of their sire and/or dam.

As a very late starter (aged seven) at stud, of course,

Speightstown has not had quite as exhausting a love life as his peers: **Tapit**, for instance, is three years younger but has 1,567 named foals against 1,344 for **Speightstown**. And the WinStar stalwart evidently remains as potent a genetic influence as ever, with nine new Grade I winners over the last three years.

Take the two most expensive stallions among his established rivals, Into Mischief (\$250,000) and **Curlin** (\$225,000). At those fees, they must be man enough to stand comparison.

Speightstown has maintained his 130 stakes winners at 9.7% of named foals (Into Mischief 8.6%, Curlin 8 %) and graded stakes winners at 4.6% (Into Mischief 4.1%, **Curlin** 4.5%). **Cont.**



Speightstown | Lee Thomas

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Speightstown's 24 Grade I winners represent 1.8%, exactly the same as **Curlin** with Into Mischief (obviously started from a lower base of mares) on 0.9%.

At this rarefied level, the only pair who can shade **Speightstown's** ratios are the ever-freakish **Tapit**, who costs more than twice as much; and **War Front**, who has always hit incredible percentages but from unusually selective books for this day and age. And while **War Front** himself arguably now represents value at \$100,000, the fact is that some such surgery to his fee had become imperative after his 2022 yearlings, conceived at an eye-watering \$250,000, couldn't redeem that sum either by average or median.

Speightstown's latest crop of yearlings, in contrast, averaged \$229,450 on a conception fee of \$70,000. Having for several years routinely been a six-figure cover, he was hiked back up to \$90,000 for 2021 and 2022 as

the elite winners just kept on coming. But he has taken a friendly trim this year and, in this giddy context, he looks authentic value for a stallion who now has **Olympiad** joining half a dozen other sons at stud in Kentucky.



Munnings, one of **Speightstown's** sire sons | *Coolmore*

One of those, **Munnings**, has now overtaken his sire in fee. Pending the testing of **Jack Christopher**, however, **Munnings** can hardly be called an established sire of sires as yet; whereas **Speightstown** has now been in the game long enough to be launching stallions out of his daughters (**Vekoma**, **Laoban**, **Aloha West**) as well.

If this seems an even eccentric way to conclude this series, so be it. But this horse, surely, is an influence that we can all agree on: commercial

breeders, pinhookers, end-users. He had the physique and pedigree to cost \$2 million as a yearling and duly poured on the speed on the main track. **Cont.**

"I have three words written on my page—**"BIG, STRONG BEAST"**—and that is exactly how I would describe ['22 Fly Down]. We love being able to support the stallions that have come through our program, and I was delighted to be able to bring him back to Machmer Hall."

—Carrie Brodgen on Hip 485 at OBS Winter Mixed

"This horse has the necessary elements to be a successful sire. He's a **CURLIN WITH SPEED** and that's a **HOT SIRE LINE**. I saw him win his first two races and he sure caught my eye. Then we saw what he did around **two-turns** and that's **important to me**."

—John Stuart

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"We like him quite a bit. He's an **ATTRACTIVE** colt. **GREAT MOVER**. Covers a lot of ground on the move."

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Yet he was also better than ever at the age of six, and has diversified his legacy in terms of distance and surface. His three latest Grade I winners sum him up perfectly, in tests as diverse as the Jockey Club Gold Cup, Dubai Golden Shaheen and Maker's Mark Mile.

The one dimension he has admittedly lacked is precocity, but I would trade that for his old-school soundness. He gets a stellar 83.3% of named foals into the starting gate, and narrowly shades even **Tapit** with 63.5% also proceeding to the winner's circle. (To pick on a couple of other stallions standing at fees that require them to face the music: **Quality Road** (\$200,000) gets 56.6% winners to named foals; and **Uncle Mo** (\$150,000) 47.1%.)

Speightstown is now 25 and must surely be nearing the final stretch of a storied career. But just think about the great names he compresses to our reach, as a result: first three dams by Storm Cat, Chieftain and Buckpasser. He has retained the vigor to serve 199 mares across the last two seasons and, if you have that kind of money, being granted one of his final audiences would be a privilege beyond price.

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Fifth Circuit/HISA, cont. from p1

The flurry of Fifth Circuit court action Jan. 31 bolstered the case for a plaintiff team led by the National Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (NHBPA), which two weeks ago urged the court not to grant the vacated order or the rehearings because the new federal law that amended the operative language of HISA did not "fix" all the alleged constitutionality issues that plaintiffs have raised in federal lawsuits.

"We view this as additional strong evidence as to the valid concerns we have been raising all along and this should remind everyone that constitutionality isn't optional," Eric Hamelback, the chief executive officer of the NHBPA, said in a statement.

"We have made it very clear that the one-sentence so-called fix tucked into Congress's must-pass year-end spending bill did not address all the legal questions created in the HISA corporation's enabling legislation," Hamelback continued.

"With that said, it's extremely gratifying that the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals has denied the HISA corporation's motion to vacate the Appellate Court's original unanimous opinion that found the Horseracing Integrity & Safety Act unlawful," Hamelback said.

Asked to comment on Tuesday's court orders and the mandate, Mandy Minger, HISA's director of communications, wrote in an email that, "In the aftermath of the recent Congressional amendment, and without opining on the newly amended HISA law, the Fifth Circuit has sent the case back to the district court. Outside Louisiana and West Virginia, the Authority will continue enforcing the Racetrack Safety Program and preparing for the implementation of its Anti-Doping and Medication Control Program on March 27, subject to the Federal Trade Commission's approval of the rules."

At a later point in the NHBPA statement, Hamelback took umbrage with the HISA Authority's resubmission of those medication rules while constitutional questions remained in limbo.

"Citing the legal uncertainties in the wake of the Fifth Circuit's ruling, the **FTC issued an order** on Dec. 12 of 2022 disapproving the Anti-Doping and Medication Control proposed rules submitted by the HISA corporation until those questions regarding constitutional challenges are resolved," Hamelback said. "Therefore, it was the height of arrogance for the HISA corporation to recently resubmit such rules on the pretext that the so-called fix actually was one. As we see it now more than ever, the Fifth Circuit Court made it clear significant constitutional questions remain with HISA."

Hamelback continued: "To be clear, absolutely nothing has changed in the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals since the FTC originally rejected these rules, and the FTC must wait on the outcome of ongoing litigation to be resolved. Along with a bipartisan group of U.S. Senators and Congressmen, we believe the FTC must reject these again based on the unconstitutional uncertainty." **Cont.**



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Fifth Circuit/HISA, cont. from p11

Prior to reaching the Fifth Circuit on appeal, the **underlying lawsuit was initiated** by the NHBPA and 12 of its affiliates against personnel from the HISA Authority and the FTC on Mar. 15, 2021, bringing anti-constitutionality claims under the private-nondelegation doctrine, public-nondelegation doctrine, Appointments Clause, and the Due Process Clause.

On Mar. 31, 2022, a U.S. District Court **judge dismissed that** suit, writing in an order that "despite its novelty, [HISA] as constructed stays within current constitutional limitations as defined by the Supreme Court and the Fifth Circuit."

The HBPA plaintiffs appealed that decision, leading to the Fifth Circuit's reversal on Nov. 18.

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TAKING STOCK

by Sid Fernando



MR. PROSPECTOR IS THE MOST INFLUENTIAL

by Sid Fernando

A few weeks ago, I was a guest on the weekly Going In Circles podcast, which is hosted by Chuck Simon, the former trainer who's also a top-notch writer at his blog, and Barry "The Sniper"

Spears, an excellent handicapper and well-known figure on Twitter. Simon asked for my opinion on which stallion I'd consider to be the most influential of the past 50 years. You can **listen to a nine-minute clip of the conversation here**. My answer? Claiborne's iconic Mr. Prospector, of course.



Mr. Prospector at Claiborne in 1983 | Dell Hancock

The clip generated quite a bit of interest and debate on social media. Simon kept Northern Dancer out of the equation.
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Mr. Prospector, cont. from p12

I made my selection on North American-based stallions whose careers had begun within the 50-year window. Mr. Prospector, a son of Raise a Native from Gold Digger, by Nashua, was born in 1970--the same year as Secretariat and Forego--and entered stud in 1975 in Florida. This timeframe eliminated not only Northern Dancer but also Raise a Native, another icon.

Mr. Prospector's stud career and substantial influence has been thoroughly documented through the years from the time he went to stud until his death in 1999 at the age of 29. All told, he sired 1,195 foals and 182 black-type winners, a ratio of 15% from foals-- not starters. These days top stallions are lucky to hit 10%.

Fifty-odd years since his birth, Mr. Prospector's influence is still palpable. Five of the top 10 sires on the general sire list of 2022--**Quality Road, Curlin, Gun Runner, Speightstown**, and **Munnings**--trace in tail-male descent to him, as do four of the top 10 broodmare sires--Street Cry (Ire), Smart Strike, Distorted Humor, and Unbridled's Song.

In 2015, John Sparkman wrote a piece in *Daily Racing Form* titled "Mr. Prospector line has no American equal" that said in part, "...Mr. Prospector now stands at the head of the most successful classic sire line in the United States. His fifth-generation male-line descendant **American Pharoah**, who broke a 37-year Triple Crown drought with his Belmont Stakes victory on June 6, is the 32nd American classic winner descending in male line from Mr. Prospector dating back to when his son Conquistador Cielo won the Belmont in 1982."

According to Sparkman, the Northern Dancer line was second to Mr. Prospector in this timeframe, with 17 Classic winners.

Since then, the Mr. Prospector line is responsible for an additional seven Classic winners in the U.S., the most recent of which was last year's GI Preakness winner **Early Voting (Gun Runner)**. The Northern Dancer line also has had another seven.

If the Classics are the gauge, Mr. Prospector's impact on them

certainly makes him the most influential stallion of the last 50 years.

Florida to Claiborne

Mr. Prospector, who was bred by Leslie Combs II, topped the 1971 Keeneland July sale at \$220,000. He was purchased by A.I. "Butch" Savin's AISCO Stable and trained by Jimmy Croll, but he wasn't a Classic horse himself; he was sprinter, and a brilliantly fast one when he was sound. On the same day that Savin's Regal and Royal won the GI Florida Derby, defeating Forego by three lengths, Mr. Prospector set the track record for six furlongs at Gulfstream in 1:07 4/5, winning by nine lengths in his third start.

Mr. Prospector, who was unraced at two, would go on to win seven of 14 starts, including the Gravesend and Whirlaway while contemporaries Secretariat won the Triple Crown and Forego three Horse of the Year titles.

Mr. Prospector attained his legendary status in the breeding shed, and improbably at that. Savin retired him to stud inexpensively at his AISCO Stable in Florida, far away from the best broodmares in Kentucky, but Mr. Prospector simply had what it took to overcome lesser mares. From his first crop, he got 1978 Eclipse

champion 2-year-old filly It's in the Air, among others. Fappiano, a Grade I winner and top racehorse who became an influential stallion himself, was a member of Mr. Prospector's second crop. Another future successful stallion, Grade I-placed Crafty Prospector, was from Mr. Prospector's fourth crop.

Peter Brant, who picked up an Eclipse award for Regal Glory (Animal Kingdom) as top turf filly or mare last week, was among the first owner-breeders to notice Mr. Prospector's prepotency and was instrumental in acquiring Mr. Prospector and moving him to Kentucky for the 1981 breeding season. I spoke last week to Brant, whose White Birch Farm is in Connecticut, of how he was able to move the stallion from AISCO to Claiborne.

"Butch Savin was in the concrete mix business in Connecticut. When he had Mr. Prospector, he lived in Connecticut and also in Boca Raton in Florida," said Brant. **Cont.**



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Mr. Prospector, cont. from p13

Brant continued: "I started to notice this horse was getting some nice horses from some cheap mares, as I was looking up stallion stats to see who to breed to, and this horse was looking very, very good, so I made it my business to meet Butch Savin. I would go down to Boca Raton, because at the time I was playing polo in Wellington. I kind of lived in Florida three months of the year while I was playing polo. So, I would go down to Boca--he had a condominium overlooking the ocean--and I would pick him up; he had a favorite Chinese restaurant and we would go there and sit and talk of the future plans of Mr. Prospector.

"I'd called Seth Hancock up and told him this horse was the real deal, and Seth was interested but the horse was in Florida and the horse was good with cheap mares but would he do well on the Kentucky circuit against those other stallions, especially the ones Seth was carrying at the time," Brant said.

"Anyway, I'm talking to Butch and I tell him why don't we move the horse to Kentucky, and he says, 'Well, I'm not going to move. I have a farm in Florida.' And I said, 'Why don't you stay in on the horse, and we'll move him to Kentucky?' So, I'm talking to Seth and Butch--it was really like arbitrating Seth and Butch--and it wasn't the easiest job in the world. Finally, Butch agreed to move the horse to Kentucky and said he would stay in on the horse. I was going to keep like a third of the horse, and Seth was going to syndicate the rest of him. You know, Seth did a great job syndicating him--he had the best owners in there. And then Savin says, 'I don't want to stay in on the horse. I'm not, realistically, going to send any mares up to Kentucky.' So, he didn't stay in. And we paid real money for the horse. It was probably between \$175,000 to \$200,000 per share; there were 40 shares.

"I ended up keeping a third, and as the prices went up I'd spin off some shares. You know, at one point he was standing for \$300,000 no guarantee. He was a very valuable horse, and what made him a great investment for everybody involved was that the shares went to over a million dollars. And what made him even more valuable was he was one of the few stallions who was breeding to more mares back then, and so you basically got an extra season every other year. Back then, horses were breeding 40 to 48 mares, and he was breeding 64, 65 mares, up to 70. And so it was a very good deal, and he also lived a very long life and was fertile for a long time."

And he sired some of the best colts and fillies of his era, and they in turn became sires and dams of other high-quality stock, and the cycle kept continuing.

And it keeps continuing, which is why Mr. Prospector is the most influential sire of the last 50 years in North America.

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

STAKES WINNER LEMIEUX HEADS FTK WINTER MIXED SUPPLEMENTS



Lemieux | Sarah Andrew

The Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Winter Mixed Sale, scheduled for Feb. 6 and 7 in Lexington, Kentucky, has catalogued 29 supplemental entries. Sessions will begin daily at 10 a.m.

These latest entries, which are catalogued as hips 566-594, include:

Lemieux (Nyquist) (Hip 588): A stakes winner at two, she is a half-sister to Grade I stakes-placed Brilliant Cut (**Speightstown**). She's out of a half-sister to three stakes winners including multiple Grade I winner and international group stakes producer Diamondrella (GB) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}). Her immediate family includes multiple Grade I winner and recent Horse of the Year finalist **Life Is Good** (Into Mischief). She is consigned as a broodmare prospect by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent.

Miss Auramet (Uncaptured) (Hip 566): A three-time stakes winner at Tampa Bay Downs, Monmouth, and Gulfstream Park of \$632,830, she notched 12 wins from ages two to six. She is consigned as a broodmare prospect by Hidden Brook, Agent.

Flight to Shanghai (Shanghai Bobby) (Hip 586): A stakes-placed mare who is a half-sister to two graded stakes-performing 2-year-olds from the family of GI winner Game Face (Menifee) and recent graded stakes winner Turnerloose (**Nyquist**). Consigned as a racing/broodmare prospect by Blandford Stud, Agent.

Karakatsie (Karakontie {Jpn}) (Hip 591): This 5-year-old was a multiple stakes performer at three and four, including a strong third in last fall's GII Goldikova S. at Santa Anita to Grade I winner Going Global (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}). Her female family traces back to blue-hen producer Courtly Dee. Consigned as a broodmare prospect by Brookdale Sales, Agent.

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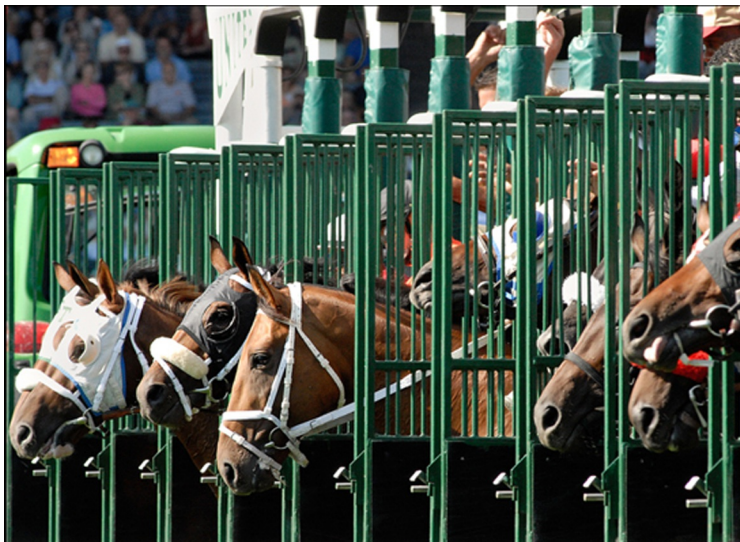
Wasp (**American Pharoah**) (Hip 592): Stakes-placed at Saratoga on her way to earnings of \$242,380. She hails from the immediate family of Grade I winners Evening Jewel (Northern Afleet), Denman's Call (Northern Afleet), General Challenge (General Meeting), and Notable Career (Avenue of Flags). Consigned as a broodmare prospect by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent.

The supplement also includes mares in foal to **Army Mule** and **Audible**, as well as yearlings, horses of racing age, and a racing/stallion prospect.

These entries may now be **viewed online** and will be available in the equine sales catalogue app. Print versions of the supplemental catalogue will be available on the sales grounds.

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KENTUCKY UPDATES EHV, MOVEMENT PROTOCOLS FROM GULFSTREAM



Sarah K. Andrew

Ten days after **Gulfstream Park identified a horse** who was displaying signs of Equine Herpesvirus (EHV), Kentucky's Department of the State Veterinarian issued new guidelines on protocols for horses moving from Florida to Kentucky.

Current guidelines require that all horses entering a Kentucky racetrack or sanctioned training facility meet the additional requirements of having a 72-hour Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) and also meet the state's EHV-1 vaccination requirement of having been vaccinated a minimum of 14 days and no more than 120 days prior to entering the stable area. The 14-day minimum applies only to horses that have not been vaccinated during the preceding 120 days.

"There has been no change in the status at Gulfstream Park," Rusty Ford, Kentucky State Veterinarian Office's Equine Operations consultant, said. "One case of a neurologic horse has been confirmed positive for EHV-1. The horse became

recumbent and was euthanized [and] 174 horses remain housed in the affected barn and are under an official quarantine. Florida state veterinary officials have been conducting the epidemiologic investigation as well as managing and monitoring the quarantine. I have also received notification that a review of the records of horses moving out of the affected barn during the two weeks preceding the diagnosis did not identify any horse moving to Kentucky.

"At this point in time, we understand there has been no testing of the 174 exposed horses and lacking additional symptomatic horses being reported, there is currently no plan to test. My understanding is the horses in the quarantined barn may qualify for release following 21 days of no additional cases being reported or diagnosed. Though these 174 horses are under quarantine and have not since January 21 had direct contact with other horses on the grounds at Gulfstream, the lack of testing these exposed horses has raised our concern.

"Movement of the non-quarantined horses currently stabled, or horses that had been on the grounds of Gulfstream Park since January 20th, can continue to be conditionally allowed entry onto a Kentucky track/training facility and be stabled on the grounds."

Horses moving from Gulfstream (or having recently been on the grounds) can be allowed entry if the horse meets the requirements for entry in addition to the modifications below:

- Prior to a horse destined to a Kentucky track/training facility departing, the horse's trainer or veterinarian is to contact the equine medical director, or his designated person, and provide information on each horse that is seeking approval to move to the track.
- Approval of a designated horse to enter the Kentucky destination track by that track's equine medical director is based on the condition that the horse is to be temperature monitored and recorded twice daily for seven days post arrival with the temperature logs posted on the stall. Any elevated fever or other sign of illness shall immediately be reported.
- The horse is to travel on a Health Certificate showing examination and issuance of the certificate performed the day of departure or during the 12 hours immediately preceding the departure. The certificate shall have the EHV vaccination recorded on it as well as the date the equine medical director approved the move and the estimated time of departure/arrival.

"These requirements are being adjusted in consultation with the track's equine medical directors and are subject to change without any advanced notice being provided should the disease event at Gulfstream Park change," Ford said.

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CHRB EMERGENCY RULE ON COMPOUNDED DRUGS GEARED TO SHIELD VETERINARIANS

by Dan Ross

In an attempt to help shield California's backstretch veterinary community from possible further punitive actions by the Veterinary Medical Board (VMB), the California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) has issued proposed emergency regulations designed to clear up discord between these two agencies about the correct use of compounded medications across California's backstretches.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) **defines the compounding of drugs** as "the process of combining, mixing, or altering ingredients to create a medication tailored to the needs of an individual patient. Compounding includes the combining of two or more FDA-approved drugs."

The tranquilizer acepromazine is a prime example of this process, routinely compounded into liquid form to be prescribed and used on fractious dogs and horses. Other commonly used compounded medications across America's backstretches include dantrolene, used on horses that tie-up, and naquasone, for swelling.

Compounded drugs are not FDA-approved, but they are widely used in veterinary medicine provided the compounding process is done according to federal and state guidelines--a dynamic the CHRB has mirrored as a practical regulatory approach for many years, despite the existence of a state statute that essentially forbids drug compounding on CHRB licensed premises.

CHRB's Rule 1867 (b) states that "the possession and/or use on the premises of a facility under the jurisdiction of the Board of any drug, substance or medication that has not been approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for use in the United States."

The California VMB **interprets that rule categorically**. Of the roughly 25 backstretch veterinarians currently working in Southern California, nearly all have accusations, are on probation or have record requests pending from the VMB in relation to potential Rule 1867 violations, according to the CHRB.

Last September, the CHRB issued an advisory to its relevant stakeholders stating that the agency's "longstanding interpretation" of rule 1867 "is that lawfully prescribed, compounded medications which are manufactured according to Federal and State guidelines do not violate this regulation."

But CHRB equine medical director Jeff Blea said that the current Rule 1867 language "falls short of the intention of the rule." It has been modified "to allow for quality standard care of racehorses by the use of compounded medications provided they are legally manufactured and prescribed in conjunction with a [veterinary client patient relationship]."

The proposed emergency rule making--one along a truncated timeline--appears geared to help shield veterinarians with pending cases by the VMB against them from a potential regulatory trap if they settle with the VMB and return to work under probation: should they then prescribe and administer

compounded medications under the current Rule 1867 language, they could face stark professional consequences.

CHRB executive director Scott Chaney explained that the "sole purpose" of the proposed emergency rule making "is to clarify the language both for the vet' med' board but also for the practitioners."

When asked if Rule 1867 (b)--adopted more than 20 years ago--should have been modified before to avoid the present professional threat that backstretch veterinarians currently face, Chaney

pointed to how the CHRB has never cited a veterinarian for a Rule 1867 (b) violation, and that the board wasn't aware of the VMB filing accusations related to the same rule prior to 2020.

"Looking at it today, the easy answer is yes," said Chaney. "But I think given it's our regulation and we were always purposeful and public about how we interpreted it, there was no reason."

The proposed new rules modify Rule 1867 with provisions meaning that "possession or use of any compounded drug, substance, or medication, manufactured according to Federal and State laws and regulations, shall not be considered a prohibited veterinary practice" as long as no other human or animal drugs approved by the FDA to do the same job exist and are available, and that the drug is compounded by a California licensed veterinarian or California licensed pharmacy.

The proposed regulations do not differ substantially from any existing comparable federal regulations or statutes, according to the CHRB. **Cont.**



Sarah Andrew

CHRB emergency rule, cont. from p16

The CHRB has already noticed the proposed emergency regulations, giving interested parties a five-day public comment period. On Feb. 2, the board will submit them to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL). That office then has 10 days to accept or deny the proposed rules.

If the OAL indeed adopts the proposed emergency regulations in this truncated manner, the CHRB has 180 days to formally adopt the rules through its typical rule-making process. If the OAL denies the proposed rules, the CHRB can still adopt them through that normal rule-making process, but they won't go into effect until formally finalized.

The VMB, said Chaney, was involved in the drafting of the proposed regulations.

"We sent them the language we were thinking about, they made some suggestions. We incorporated a few of them but not all," explained Chaney. "I know they discussed at their last meeting actually commenting, when they had the opportunity, on our regulation."

The TDN emailed the VMB a series of questions, including whether the agency endorsed the proposed rules, and whether it would urge the OAL to accept or deny it. The VMB has not responded as of publication.

This action is the latest in a regulatory standoff between the CHRB and the VMB, ongoing since the VMB took the unprecedented step of **suspending the license** of equine medical director Blea at the end of 2021, only to **reinstate his license** the following September after finding him guilty of only fairly minor record-keeping offenses.

The VMB has complaints currently open against a number of Southern California veterinarians citing them for **various alleged offenses** beyond Rule 1867 violations, including the alleged misuse of misbranded drugs and of record-keeping offenses.

"This is the only CHRB regulation that the vet' med' board was using in its accusations," said Chaney, when asked if the CHRB was planning on issuing other similar proposed emergency regulations.

"There are other causes of action, this just eliminated one of them," he added. "The others the CHRB can't address, like problems with the Veterinary Medicine Practice Act and prosecutorial philosophy."

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JAMIE EADS OFFICIALLY NAMED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF KHRC

Gov. Andy Beshear has appointed Jamie Eads—who served as **interim executive director** of the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission (KHRC) for the past six months—the executive director of the KHRC, effective Dec. 1.



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After graduating from the University of Kentucky with dual degrees in marketing and management, Eads worked for both the National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA) and the Breeders' Cup LLC. She has been with the KHRC since 2008, when she joined the organization as the director of the Division of Incentives and Development. She then moved into the deputy director position in 2016.

"Jamie has done a wonderful job in leading a talented team at the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission since July of 2022 when she was named interim director," said Beshear. "Her 15-year tenure at KHRC has prepared her to lead Kentucky horse racing into the future."

Eads has been responsible for the administration of several popular incentive programs that have boosted the racing industry in Kentucky. She oversaw \$16 million in breeder incentive funds and \$47 million in state purse development funds and harness racings' Kentucky Proud Series.

"I am honored to serve Gov. Beshear and the Commonwealth, along with the members of the Commission and everyone on the KHRC team as we work together to further cement Kentucky as the world leader of breeding and racing," said Eads.

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MACK PROVIDES ONGOING SUPPORT WITH 'OPERATION HEAT UKRAINE'

Thoroughbred owner and former Ambassador to Finland Earle Mack, in conjunction with former New York governor George Pataki, have launched Operation Heat Ukraine (OHU), a nonprofit dedicated to "helping those suffering due to ongoing Russian attacks on critical infrastructure," the organization announced Tuesday.

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Pataki and Mack delivering heaters to Ukraine
Operation Heat Ukraine

When Ukraine's First Lady Olena Zelenska visited New York, former Gov. George Pataki asked what her country needed most. Her answer was, "heaters, heaters, heaters."

As a result, Governor Pataki and Ambassador Mack delivered heaters to Ukraine for 200,000 people Jan. 12. Each heater can run for 31 hours and heat a 20,000-cubic-foot area--about the size of a hotel ballroom--on a single load of diesel fuel. They delivered the first load to Viktor Mykyta, governor of the western Ukrainian region of Zakarpattia, much of which is without power and lights for eight to 12 hours a day, according to OHU. On its most recent mission, Operation Heat Ukraine donated and delivered more than 350 heaters which will be used for invincibility centers at the request of the Zelensky government and will provide heat for thousands of Ukrainians.

"To save just one life with these heaters makes our mission worth it," said Mack. "We have come here, boots on the ground, to ensure the delivery of these heaters to the people of Ukraine. Despite billions of dollars in aid to support military efforts, there is still significant humanitarian work that needs to be done. Through our efforts, we hope to bring awareness to the horrors of this war, particularly among civilians, and to drive additional resources to support them. The importance of much-needed humanitarian aid for the survival of the Ukrainian people cannot be overstated. Forming a network of individuals, foundations, and corporations, as we have done with Operation Heat Ukraine, will hopefully raise awareness and encourage others to support the Ukrainians with resources for critical daily needs."

To learn more or to donate to the effort, visit www.heatukraine.org.

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PREAKNESS WEEKEND TO FEATURE 15 STAKES WORTH \$3.5 MILLION

Nine stakes--of which five are graded--worth \$2.5 million in purses will highlight the 148th running of the GI Preakness S., which will be contested this year on Saturday, May 20. Overall, 15 stakes--including the 99th running of the GII Black-Eyed Susan S. on Friday, May 19--will be contested over two days of racing at Pimlico.

Other graded stakes on the Preakness undercard are the GIII \$200,000 Dinner Party S. for 3-year-olds and up going 1 1/8 miles on the grass, GIII \$200,000 Chick Lang S. for 3-year-olds at six furlongs, the GIII \$100,000 Maryland Sprint S. for 3-year-olds and up also racing three-quarters of a mile, and the GIII \$100,000 Gallorette S. for fillies and mares, 3-year-olds/up going 1 1/16 miles on the turf.

The historic GIII \$300,000 Pimlico Special for 3-year-olds and up, contested at the Preakness distance of 1 3/16 miles, and GIII \$150,000 Miss Preakness S. for 3-year-old fillies sprinting six furlongs top the Black-Eyed Susan undercard.

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JOE BIANCA TO WEST POINT



Joe Bianca

Former *TDN* Associate Editor Joe Bianca has joined West Point Thoroughbreds as a partner account representative.

Bianca comes to the partnership company after nearly seven years as an associate editor at *Thoroughbred Daily News*. **Cont.**

Joe Bianca, cont. from p18

During his tenure at *TDN*, he received a Media Eclipse Award for his 2020 piece on New York City, Belmont Park and the COVID-19 pandemic, **"To Hell and Back: Belmont Marks a Deserved Triumph for New York City."**

Bianca also hosted the industry-leading "TDN Writers' Room" podcast as well as the handicapping-focused conversation show "Better Things with Joe Bianca."

An avid handicapper and racetracker since his teenage years, Bianca previously worked in sports journalism and television production. His decades-long love for horse racing has been a constant, turning him into a regular on the aprons and in the paddocks of Belmont, Aqueduct, and Saratoga.

"I'm very excited and honored to be joining West Point Thoroughbreds, as respected a brand in horse racing as there is," Bianca said. "In my work in print and on air, I've tried to be a passionate but honest advocate for the game. I'm looking forward to using that passion to bring new people into the sport and ensure existing partners have a great experience with it for a company that's done things the right way for over 30 years."

"Joe will no doubt help us improve the West Point partner experience," said West Point CEO Terry Finley. "He's knowledgeable and creative and enjoys talking horses as much as anybody I know. He'll be on-site at New York tracks, and I expect him to connect with many West Point partners over his love of handicapping, sports, and racing content."

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THE JOCKEY CLUB'S T.I.P. PROGRAM ANNOUNCES 2023 SCHEDULE

More than 6,700 awards and classes at more than 1,400 shows in 43 states and six Canadian provinces will be offered for off-track Thoroughbreds in 2023, The Jockey Club's Thoroughbred Incentive Program (T.I.P.) announced on Tuesday.

Awards are available for multiple disciplines, including eventing, dressage, Western and English pleasure, ranch riding, hunter/jumper, endurance, barrel racing, polo, and polocrosse.

T.I.P. Championships in hunters, jumpers, combined test, dressage, English pleasure, and English in-hand will return this year to Stable View in Aiken, South Carolina, from Oct. 5-8.

T.I.P. Western & Central Dressage Championships will be held Oct. 11-14 at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington during the Retired Racehorse Project's (RRP) Thoroughbred Makeover and National Symposium, presented by Thoroughbred Charities of America.

"The Jockey Club is proud of the expansive number of T.I.P.-approved awards, classes, and championships that showcase the diversity Thoroughbreds have in their second

careers," Kristin Werner, senior counsel for The Jockey Club and coordinator of T.I.P., said. "Our partnership with organizations like Stable View and the Retired Racehorse Project further expand opportunities for Thoroughbreds to excel in multiple disciplines beyond the track, and we are proud to see the continued growth and success of T.I.P. in 2023."



Thoroughbred Makeover | Sarah K. Andrew

A full calendar of shows offering awards is available at [The T.I.P. website](#) and will be updated as dates are confirmed.

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Aidan Butler Previews Pegasus World Cup Weekend at Gulfstream Park





Saturday, Santa Anita #9, post time: 7:00 p.m. EST

SANTA MONICA S.-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Anacapa	Tiznow	Spendthrift Farm LLC	Gaines	Velazquez	120
2	Fun to Dream	Arrogate	Natalie J. Baffert and Connie Pageler	Baffert	Hernandez	124
3	Samurai Charm	First Samurai	J. Kirk Robison and Judy Robison	Miller	Prat	120
4	Angel Nadeshiko 🦋	Carpe Diem	U.S. Equine	Gallagher	Smith	120
5	Awake At Midnyte 🦋	Nyquist	Reddam Racing LLC	O'Neill	Gutierrez	120
6	Lady T 🦋	Into Mischief	Jerome S. Moss and Tina Moss	Shirreffs	Espinoza	122

Breeders: 1-Tolo Thoroughbreds & Art Tanaka, 2-Connie Pageler & Bob Baffert, 3-J. Kirk Robison & Judy Robison, 4-Fred W. Hertrich III, 5-Forty Oaks, 6-Springhouse Farm & Circular Rd Breeders

Saturday, Gulfstream #12, post time: 5:43 p.m. EST

HOLY BULL S.-GIII, \$250,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Lord Miles	Curlin	Vegso Racing Stable	Joseph, Jr.	Ortiz, Jr.	118
2	West Coast Cowboy 🦋	West Coast	Gentry Farms	Joseph, Jr.	Zayas	118
3	Shadow Dragon	Army Mule	Peachtree Stable	Mott	Ortiz	118
4	Cyclone Mischief 🦋	Into Mischief	Albaugh Family Stables LLC and Castleton Lyons	Romans	Gaffalione	120
5	Mr Bob 🦋	Practical Joke	John Grossi's Racing Corp., Beast Mode Racing and Robert N. Falcone, Jr.	Falcone, Jr.	Rosario	118
6	Legacy Isle	Shackleford	D. Walters, D. Smith, A. Smith, & Rohan Crichton	Crichton	Saez	120
7	Il Miracolo 🦋	Gun Runner	Alexandres, LLC	Sano	Reyes	118
8	Rocket Can	Into Mischief	Frank Fletcher Racing Operations, Inc.	Mott	Alvarado	118

Breeders: 1-Vegso Racing Stable, 2-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc., 3-AJ Suited, 4-Castleton Lyons & Kilboy Estate, 5-Clarkland Farm LLC, 6-Erv Woolsey & Ralph Kinder, 7-Willow Oaks Stable LLC, 8-Woodford Thoroughbreds, LLC

Saturday, Oaklawn #9, post time: 5:42 p.m. EST

BAYAKOA S.-GIII, \$250,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	A Mo Reay 🦋	Uncle Mo	Hunter Valley Farm	Cox	Geroux	121
2	Guana Cay	Air Force Blue	Maxis Stable and Foster Family Racing	Foster	Arrieta	121
3	Ice Orchid	Super Saver	Shortleaf Stable, Inc.	Ortiz	Santana, Jr.	121
4	Powder River 🦋	Mineshaft	Slipstream Thoroughbreds LLC	Casse	Cabrera	121
5	Graysonsmacho Gal	Mucho Macho Man	Millard R. Seldin Revocable Trust	Ortiz	Saez	117
6	Le Da Vida (Chi)	Gemologist	Masaiva Corp.	Correas, IV	Cheminaud	121
7	Lovely Ride	Candy Ride (Arg)	John Holleman, Flying P Stable and Larry Nafe	Diodoro	Torres	124

Breeders: 1-T & G Farm of Kentucky LLC, 2-Wesley Ward & Kent Spellman, 3-Shortleaf Stable, 4-John H. Adger, 5-Millard R. Seldin Rev. Trust, 6-Haras Santa Olga, 7-Allied Racing Stable, LLC

Saturday, Santa Anita #3, post time: 4:00 p.m. EST**ROBERT B. LEWIS S.-GIII, \$200,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Arabian Lion	Justify	Zedan Racing Stables, Inc.	Baffert	Velazquez	120
2	Newgate 🦿	Into Mischief	SF Racing, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables, Robert E. Masterson, Stonestreet Stables LLC, J. Schoenfarber, Waves Edge Capital & C. Donovan	Baffert	Dettori	120
3	Worcester 🦿	Empire Maker	SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables, Robert E. Masterson, Jay a. Schoenfarber, Waves Edge Capital LLC and Catherine Donovan	Baffert	Hernandez	120
4	Hard to Figure 🦿	Hard Spun	Michael Pegram, Kalr Watson, Karl and Paul Weitman	Baffert	Vazquez	120

Breeders: 1-Bonne Chance Farm, LLC, 2-Town & Country Horse Farms, LLC, 3-Jerry Dixon Revocable Trust & EmpireMaker Syndicate, 4-James Heyward**Saturday, Gulfstream #9, post time: 3:46 p.m. EST****KITTEN'S JOY S.-GIII, \$175,000, 3yo, 1 1/16mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Candidate	Exaggerator	Mark B. Grier	Delacour	Gaffalione	122
2	Souzak (Fr)	Kodiac (GB)	R. Larry Johnson	Motion	Rosario	120
3	Moon Cat	Malibu Moon	Dare To Dream Stable LLC	Davis	Alvarado	118
4	Major Dude	Bolt d'Oro	Spendthrift Farm LLC	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	124
5	Lights of Broadway 🦿	City of Light	John C. Oxley	Casse	Morelos	122
6	Dude N Colorado (GB) 🦿	Uncle Mo	Three Diamonds Farm	Pletcher	Saez	118
7	Congruent	Tapit	Tami Bobo and Lugamo Racing Stable LLC	Sano	Zayas	122
8	Boppy O 🦿	Bolt d'Oro	John C. Oxley and Breeze Easy, LLC	Casse	Ortiz	124

Breeders: 1-Rose Hill Farm & Thoroughbred Acadiana, 2-Ecurie Skymarc Farm & LanglaisBloodstock, 3-Town & Country Horse Farms, LLC, 4-Clearsky Farms, 5-Upson Downs Farm & Papason Stables, 6-St. Elias Stables, LLC, 7-**Tapit** Syndicate & Glencrest Farm, LLC, 8-Rustlewood Farm, Inc.**Saturday, Gulfstream #11, post time: 5:01 p.m. EST****SWEETEST CHANT S.-GIII, \$175,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Sweetlou'sgotaces 🦿	Constitution	Gary Barber, Wachtel Stable & Twin Sports Racing	Handal	Rosario	122
2	Padma	Tapit	Godolphin, LLC	Mott	Alvarado	118
3	Mallemoo 🦿	English Channel	Rockingham Ranch, David A. Bernsen, Talla Racing and JWS Racing LLC	Sisterson	Leparoux	118
4	Metaphysical 🦿	American Freedom	Rocket Ship Racing, LLC	Hiles	Perez	118
5	Alpha Bella	Justify	Don Alberto Stable	Pletcher	Saez	118
6	Bulsara	Klimt	Commonwealth New Era Racing	Trombetta	Reyes	120
7	Cairo Consort	Cairo Prince	Repole Stable and Town and Country Racing, LLC	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	122
8	Heavenly Sunday 🦿	Candy Ride (Arg)	Miacomet Farm	Cox	Gaffalione	120
9	Stephanie's Charm	Distorted Humor	R.T Racing Stable	Jimenez	Ortiz	118




Breeders: 1-Town & Country Horse Farms, LLC & George Sauflay, 2-Godolphin, 3-Calumet Farm, 4-Brereton C. Jones, 5-Don Alberto Corporation, 6-Ellen B. Kill Kelley, 7-Frankfort Park Farm, 8-Randal Family Trust, 9-Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding**THE SIGN OF SUCCESS**Look for the  throughout the TDN graded stakes entries denoting Keeneland Sales Graduates.**KEENELAND®**

Saturday, Gulfstream #6, post time: 2:15 p.m. EST**CLAIBORNE FARM SWALE S.-GIII, \$125,000, 3yo, 7f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	General Jim 	Into Mischief	Courtlandt Farms, LLC	McGaughey III	Saez	120
2	Keanu	Brethren	Arindel	Alvarado	Alvarado	118
3	Two of a Kind	Overanalyze	K and R Racing Stable and Town Branch Racing	Lynch	Rosario	120
4	Aaraj	Commissioner	JFG Thoroughbreds	D'Angelo	Ortiz, Jr.	118
5	King Sparrow	Redesdale	Dexter Craigie, Jr.	Richards	Ruiz	118
6	Super Chow	Lord Nelson	Lea Farms, LLC	Delgado	Sutherland	120

Breeders: 1-Fifth Avenue Bloodstock & CenterlineBreeding, 2-Arindel, 3-C. W. Swann & Wetherbee Holdings, LLC., 4-Jumping Jack Racing LLC, 5-Howard C. Nolan, 6-Spendthrift Farm LLC

Saturday, Gulfstream #10, post time: 4:17 p.m. EST**FORWARD GAL S.-GIII, \$125,000, 3yo, f, 7f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Flakes	Frosted	BC Racing LLC	Alvarado	Zayas	118
2	Twice as Sweet	Candy Ride (Arg)	Godolphin, LLC	Walsh	Gaffalione	120
3	Atomically	Girvin	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners & Michael Bernard	Pletcher	Ortiz	120
4	Arella Star 	Nyquist	J Stables LLC	Rodriguez	Vasquez	120
5	Aprapos	Mendelssohn	Burning Daylight Farms and Rebecca Galbraith	Toner	Ruiz	118
6	Lynx	Brethren	Arindel	David	Rosario	120
7	Undervalued Asset 	Speightstown	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	118
8	Red Carpet Ready	Oscar Performance	Ashbrook Farm and Upland Flats Racing	Arnold, II	Saez	120
9	Positano Sunset	Goldcents	Six Column Stables, LLC, Randall L. Bloch, John Seiler, and David Hall	Wilkes	Leparoux	118
10	Adeliese's Smile 	Uncle Mo	R.T Racing Stable	Jimenez	Reyes	118

Breeders: 1-Arindel, 2-Godolphin, 3-Tracy Pinchin & Michael Bernard, 4-Respite Farm, 5-Robert Slack, 6-Arindel, 7-Speightstown Syndicate & Cloyce C.Clark, Jr., 8-Lynn B. Schiff, 9-John Seiler, Randy Bloch, Trish Henson,Brad Stephens & Dave Hall, 10-Breeze Easy, LLC

Saturday, Santa Anita #4, post time: 4:30 p.m. EST**MEGAHERTZ S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Bay Storm	Kantharos	Bridlewood Farm	Thomas	Velazquez	120
2	Hamwood Flier (Ire)	Kodiak (GB)	Rockingham Ranch, Talla Racing & David Bernsen	D'Amato	Hernandez	122
3	Nadette (Fr)	Outstrip (GB)	Team Valor International, LLC	Drysdale	Rispoli	122
4	Closing Remarks	Vronsky	Harris Farms, Inc.	Gaines	Bravo	122
5	One Silk Stocking	Lord Nelson	Roadrunner Racing, Neil A. Haymes, Dennis O'Neill, and William Strauss	O'Neill	Dettori	120
6	School Dance	Animal Kingdom	Agave Racing Stable & Rockin Robin Racing Stbls	D'Amato	Vazquez	120
7	Quattroelle (Ire)	Mehmas (Ire)	Red Baron's Barn LLC and Rancho Temescal LLC	Mullins	Berrios	122
8	Oakhurst	Mr Speaker	Little Red Feather Racing	D'Amato	Prat	120

Breeders: 1-Candy Meadows LLC, 2-F. Dunne, 3-Mr. Herve Dardenne, 4-Harris Farms, 5-Country Life Farm and Keep Right LLC, 6-Betz/Lamantia/Ramsby/Strong, B & KCanetti/J.Betz, 7-Rossenarra Bloodstock Ltd, 8-Vegso Racing Stable



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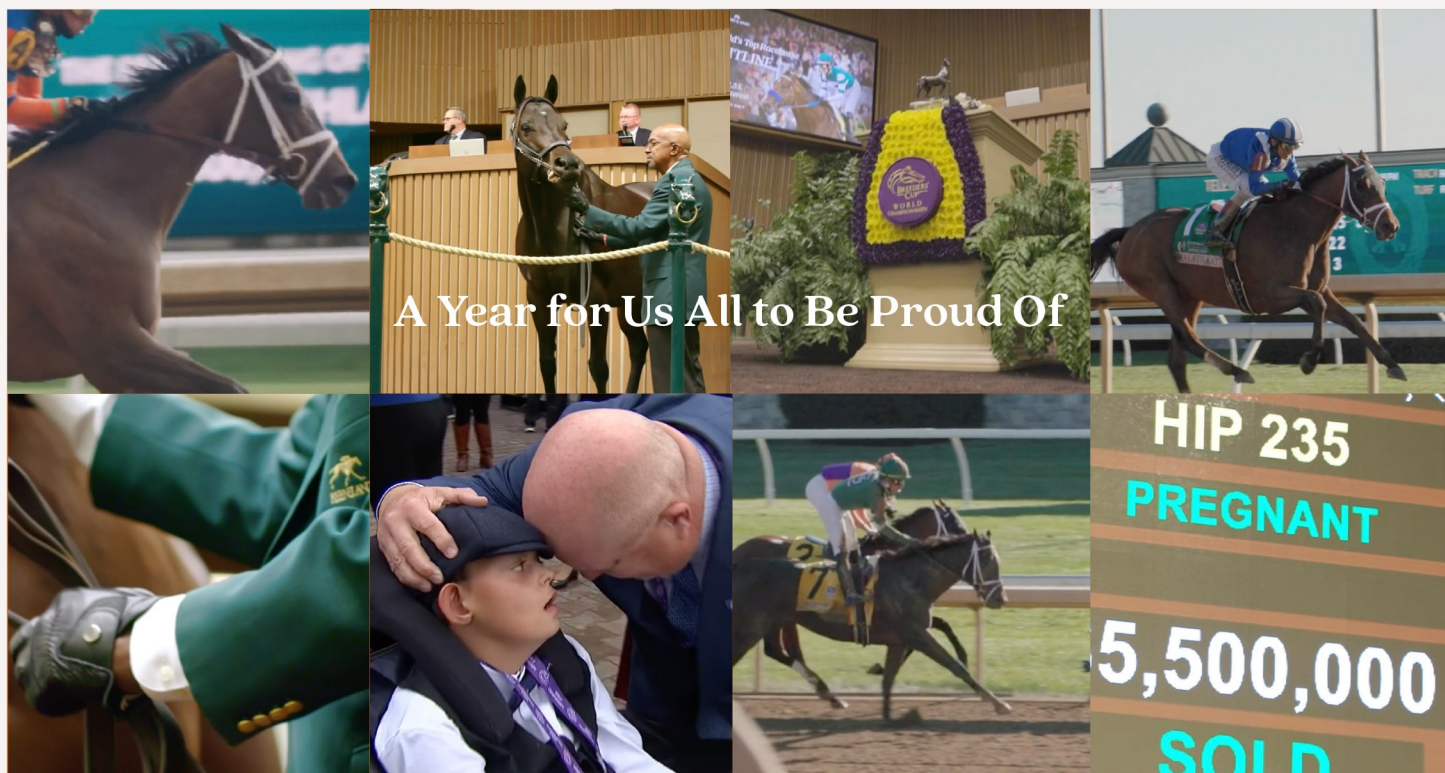
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Saturday, Santa Anita #10, post time: 7:30 p.m. EST

THUNDER ROAD S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Earls Rock (Ire)	Fascinating Rock (Ire)	Anthony Fanticola	D'Amato	Prat	120
2	Du Jour 	Temple City	Natalie J. Baffert and Debbie Lanni	Baffert	Rispoli	124
3	Anaconda 	Pioneerof the Nile	Three Diamonds Farm	Sharp	Maldonado	120
4	Bob and Jackie 	Twirling Candy	Calvin Nguyen and Joey C. Tran	Papaprodromou	Valdivia, Jr.	124
5	Kiss Today Goodbye 	Cairo Prince	Sondereker Racing LLC	Kruljac	Frey	124
6	Irideo (Arg)	Easing Along	Pozo de Luna, Inc.	Polanco	Berrios	124
7	There Goes Harvard	Will Take Charge	Cannon Thoroughbreds, LLC	McCarthy	Velazquez	124
8	Air Force Red	Air Force Blue	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and Holly Golightly	Powell	Hernandez	122
9	Hit the Road 	More Than Ready	D K Racing, Radley Equine, Taste of Victory StbIs, Rick Gold, Tony E. Maslowski, and Dave Odmark	Blacker	Kimura	124
10	Dark Shift (GB)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Craycroft Racing, LLC and Riverside Bloodstock	Murphy	Dettori	120
11	Beaudacious	Karakontie (Jpn)	Big Barn Thoroughbred, Inc.	Hanson	Desormeaux	120
12	Cabo Spirit 	Pioneerof the Nile	Kretz Racing LLC	Papaprodromou	Bravo	124

Breeders: 1-Newtown Anner Stud, 2-Woods Edge Farm, LLC, 3-Hargus Sexton, Sandra Sexton, SilverFern Farm & WinStar Farm, LLC, 4-Zayat Stables LLC, 5-Debmar Stables, 6-Pozo de Luna, 7-Cannon Thoroughbred LLC, 8-Stephen B. Weissman Living Trust, 9-Fred W. Hertrich III, 10-Niarchos Family, 11-Richard Barton Enterprises, 12-WinStar Farm, LLC



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SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, FEB. 1 2022 Stud Fees Listed

Bolt d'Oro (**Medaglia d'Oro**), Spendthrift Farm, \$35,000



Bolt d'Oro | Sarah Andrew

256 foals of racing age/33 winners/6 black-type winners
7-Gulfstream, 3:07 p.m. EST, Msw 1 1/16m, Global Pride, 12-1
\$32,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$170,000 RNA EAS MAY 2yo

City of Light (**Quality Road**), Lane's End Farm, \$60,000
209 foals of racing age/14 winners/4 black-type winners
7-Gulfstream, 3:07 p.m. EST, Msw 1 1/16m, Expect More, 1-1
\$160,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$350,000 KEE SEP yrl



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Mendelssohn (**Scat Daddy**), Coolmore Ashford, \$25,000
347 foals of racing age/31 winners/3 black-type winners
5-Turfway, 7:55 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Jenny Lind, 3-1
\$140,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$60,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$340,000 RNA
EAS MAY 2yo

Mo Town (**Uncle Mo**), Coolmore Ashford, \$5,000
171 foals of racing age/26 winners/2 black-type winners
6-Charles Town, 9:21 p.m. EST, Alw 4 1/2f, Colt Rock, 9-2



ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

10th-Parx Racing, \$81,840, 1-31, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:18.10, ft,
1 1/2 lengths.

BEREN (h, 5, **Weigelia--Silmaril {MGSW, \$1,032,973}**, by **Diamond**) Lifetime Record: MSW, 24-10-7-1, \$770,040. O-St.
Omer's Farm & Christopher J. Feifarek; B-Susan C Quick &
Christopher J Feifarek (PA); T-Robert E. Reid, Jr.

4th-Sunland, \$45,000, (S), (C)/Opt. Clm (\$15,000), 1-31, 4yo/up,
1m, 1:37.10, ft, neck.

I THINK I'M HERE (g, 4, **Marking--Limeade**, by **Summer Bird**)
Lifetime Record: SP, 11-3-2-2, \$120,736. O-Charles Dunleavy III;
B-Chuck Dunleavy & Shawn Davis (NM); T-Lillian N. Silva.

8th-Mahoning Valley, \$35,100, (S), 1-31, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m,
6f, 1:13.48, my, 1 length.

KICHI KITSU (m, 6, **Dark Kestrel--Buckler**, by **Concerto**) Lifetime
Record: 5-3-0-2, \$67,140. O-Ruberto Racing Stable, Inc.; B-Louis
V. Ruberto (OH); T-Louis V. Ruberto, Jr. *Full to Buckeye Bullet,
MSP, \$414,459; Midnight Mikey, MSP, \$316,355.

4th-Mahoning Valley, \$33,700, (S), 1-31, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6f,
1:12.70, my, 4 1/4 lengths.

DERBY INCLUDED (g, 6, **Include--Derby Day Storm {MSP,
\$238,512}**, by **Habayeb**) Lifetime Record: 20-2-3-2, \$71,594.
O/B-Bryan A Metz (OH); T-Robert C. Cline.

6th-Mahoning Valley, \$30,300, (NW36MX)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000),
1-31, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.79, my, 3 1/4 lengths.

SHEISTHEHERO (m, 5, **Hero of Order--Dreams On Tap**, by **Tapit**)
Lifetime Record: 30-5-2-4, \$107,266. O-Joe Liss; B-Raut, LLC
(KY); T-Lori Loudin-Smith.

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5th-Turf Paradise, \$23,400, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000-\$25,000), 1-31, 4yo/up, 4 1/2f, :50.51, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

GOOD BYE CHARLIE (g, 4, Adios Charlie--Magda, by Hamazing Destiny) Lifetime Record: SP, 15-5-2-1, \$71,351. O-Paul Chavez; B-Tom McCrocklin (FL); T-Raymond G. Valerio.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Flags Finale, g, 3, **G G Flag**--Crafty Finale, by Crafty C. T. Sunland, 1-31, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:04.97. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, \$27,645. B-Denton Crozier (NM).

Verdandi, f, 4, **Cupid**--Pieces of Speight, by **Speightstown**. Parx Racing, 1-31, (C), 7f, 1:28.63. Lifetime Record: 12-1-1-2, \$44,333. B-Rosilyn Polan (KY). *\$42,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP.

Pacific Grove, f, 4, **Distorted Humor**--Rose Reflection, by Malibu Moon. Mahoning Valley, 1-31, 1m, 1:39.83. Lifetime Record: 14-1-1-1, \$33,594. B-Kelshel Equine LLC (KY). *\$90,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP.



Dark Kestrel, Kichi Kitsu, m, 6, o/o Buckler, by Concerto. ALW, 1-31, Mahoning Valley

Distorted Humor, Pacific Grove, f, 4, o/o Rose Reflection, by Malibu Moon. MSW, 1-31, Mahoning Valley

G G Flag, Flags Finale, g, 3, o/o Crafty Finale, by Crafty C. T.. MSW, 1-31, Sunland

Hero of Order, Sheisthehero, m, 5, o/o Dreams On Tap, by **Tapit**. AOC, 1-31, Mahoning Valley

Include, Derby Included, g, 6, o/o Derby Day Storm, by Habayeb. ALW, 1-31, Mahoning Valley

Klimt, Respect the Union, g, 3, o/o Union Queen, by **Union Rags**. ALW, 1-31, Sunland

Marking, I Think I'm Here, g, 4, o/o Limeade, by Summer Bird. AOC, 1-31, Sunland

Weigelia, Beren, h, 5, o/o Silmaril, by Diamond. ALW, 1-31, Parx Racing

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Cupid, Verdandi, f, 4, o/o Pieces of Speight, by **Speightstown**. MCL, 1-31, Parx Racing

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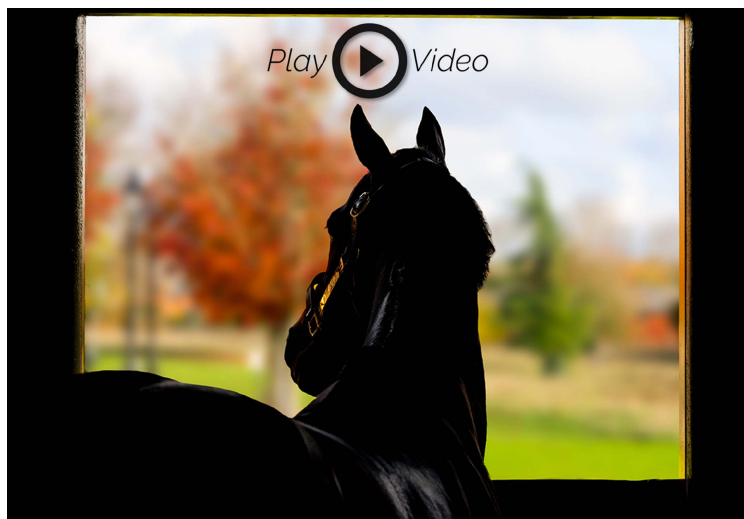
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'IT'S A PRIVILEGE TO HAVE A HORSE LIKE BAAEED'



Baaeed at Nunnery Stud | Equus Images

By Emma Berry

Speaking in the TDN's **Conversations** series last month, Shadwell's racing manager Angus Gold reiterated the fortuitous appearance of Baaeed (GB) on the global stage so soon after the sad death of his breeder Sheikh Hamdam Al Maktoum.

"I don't think it could be overstated how important Baaeed coming along, and the timing of it, was," Gold told Brian Sheerin. Baaeed's significance as a racehorse was exemplified by his recent ratification as the top-rated turf horse in the world in 2022, his mark of 135 making him the clear leader among the offspring of his sire **Sea The Stars (Ire)**, ahead even of the former Horse of the Year Crystal Ocean (GB), who shared that accolade with Enable (GB) and Waldgeist (GB) in 2019 on a rating of 128. But when a colt retires to stud, the slate is in a sense wiped clean and he has it all to prove once more.

Baaeed will not be without support in this regard, however. It is perhaps no surprise to hear Will Wright, Shadwell's UK nominations and European marketing manager, say, "He has gone down exceptionally well."

late November, breeders have been inspecting him, first at Beech House Stud during the December Sales, and later at his new base at Nunnery Stud's stallion unit, which was once home to his relations Nashwan, Unfuwain, and Nayef, with the latter still in residence in retirement. **Cont. p3**

TRAINER RONAN MCNALLY HIT WITH A MASSIVE 12-YEAR BAN

Trainer Ronan McNally has been disqualified from Irish racing for 12 years, charged €50,000 in costs and ordered to return over €13,000 in prize-money after being found guilty of multiple sanctions by the Irish Horseracing Regulatory Board.

McNally was found to have conspired with fellow trainer David Dunne to conceal his ownership of Full Noise and All Class, for which, Dunne has been hit with a two-year ban for bringing racing into disrepute. Dunne was also handed a €5,000 fine and ordered to forfeit his prize-money which was deemed to have been won by illicit means. The rule 212 covers improvement in form, and it was under that rule that McNally's Dreal Deal was disqualified from wins at Limerick and Navan in the autumn of 2020. The Jam Man has also been disqualified from finishing second in a Limerick race under rule 275, which covers horses who have been the subject of fraudulent practice. **Cont. p5**

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HISA MOTION DENIED

Fifth Circuit has denied HISA's motion for a rehearing.

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"It's a privilege to have a horse like Baaeed," Wright continues. "From a Shadwell perspective, it has obviously been a wonderful journey right from moment one and his win at Leicester, and all the way through. All that excitement is now transferred to the Nunnery. Everyone here has got that buzz. To have a horse who was as good as him, bred in the Shadwell blue, and who traces all the way back to Height Of Fashion, it's a credit to Sheikh Hamdan and his family for all that work that he put in."

Baaeed's dam, the French listed winner Aghareed (Kingmambo), had quite the year in 2022, and it was Baaeed's full-brother Hukum (GB) who who got the ball rolling for the 14-year-old mare with his victory last March in the G2 Dubai City of Gold at Meydan, a win naturally enjoyed by his owner Sheikha Hissa on her home turf. Hukum, now six, backed that up with his first Group 1 success in the Coronation Cup at Epsom, though his winning performance sadly came at a high

price as he sustained an injury that kept him sidelined for the remainder of the season.

Baaeed in the meantime was diligently adding to the two Group 1 races he won as a three-year-old by bowling from race

to race at four, winning the Lockinge in May, Queen Anne in June, Sussex in July, and then, stepping beyond a mile for the first time, adding the coveted Juddmonte International to his record at his trainer William Haggas's beloved York in August. As history relates, Baaeed's perfect ten remained just that, and he was defeated for the first time in his eleventh and final race on Ascot's Champions Day, where the previous year he had beaten Palace Pier (GB) in a thrilling renewal of the Queen



Baaeed arrives at Nunnery Stud with Mark Dean | *Equus Images*

Elizabeth II S.

That transpired to be the final occasion on which the late Queen attended her racecourse, making Baaeed, with his roots firmly in the royal broodmare band, a fitting winner of the race named in her honour.

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That same day, Shadwell's homebred filly Eshaada (GB) won the QIPCO British Champion Fillies & Mares S., and for her first cover this season the daughter of Muhaarar (GB) will be among Baaeed's smart first book, as will the dual Group 1 winner Nazeef (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}).

The hallmark of Baaeed's racing career, along with his obvious athletic talent, was his apparently rock-solid temperament, a facet of his nature which was referred to regularly by his jockey Jim Crowley. The buzz of the big days didn't bother him, and this laidback attitude has continued as Baaeed settles in to his new Norfolk home.

"When he first came in we were actually a little worried that he was too relaxed, but that's just him," Wright notes. "His temperament is something else and that's a sign of him being the complete package: the ability to listen to the handler, to the rider, and that has helped him settle in. He's not fussed over at all. He's just a relaxed horse and that makes everyone's life a lot easier."

He adds, "We had our parade during the December Sales and my phone has not stopped ringing. Stephen Collins's phone has not stopped ringing. We had nominations being applied for from before he retired. It has to be a careful selection, and it's been incredibly difficult, but we've got an exceptional book of mares, and breeders that have seen him have not been disappointed." Baaeed may come with an obvious wow factor but he will still have to earn his laurels in the stallion yard along with his three fellow young residents. Farthest ahead in this regard is Tasleet (GB). One of two sons of Showcasing (GB) on the roster, he made an encouraging start with his first juveniles last season. Leading the pack was Bradsell (GB), winner of the G2 Coventry S. for Archie Watson and Bahrain-based Victorious Racing.

"We were gutted when [Bradsell] picked up a setback that knocked him out for the rest of the year. In the Coventry he defeated **Blackbeard**, Persian Force, Royal Scotsman, and did it in fine style. That shows us the mark of [Tasleet's] ability as a sire and that was recognised last year as he covered his biggest and best book yet. If they can replicate anywhere near what his two-year-olds did last year with the quantity that's going to be on the track, he'll be an incredibly hot prospect."

Waiting in the wings with his first runners for the coming season is the imposing homebred Eqtidaar (Ire), winner of the G1 Commonwealth Cup and an Invincible Spirit (Ire) half-brother to the 2,000 Guineas runner-up Massaat (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}).

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"He's the sort of horse who I think is flying under the radar but we could be telling a different story come May if he has a few early runners, and we've been hearing good things from buyers and trainers alike," says Wright.

Then there's Mohaather (GB), another son of Showcasing bred by Gaie Johnson Houghton from her classy family which includes the G1 Queen Anne S. winner Accidental Agent (GB) (Delegator {GB}). His first foals caught the eye of many a good judge last November and that commercial popularity looks sure to carry through with the sleek dark brown Mohaather's first yearlings.

"He was an incredibly talented racehorse. His Sussex S. win, when he defeated **Circus Maximus**, Kameko and Siskin, wasn't his only his day in the sun. He was a group winner at two, three and four, winning the Horris Hill at two, and the Greenham at three," says Wright.

"The foal prices during the sales reached 110,000gns and we supported him ourselves. People are coming to him in the third year off the back of that."

Baaeed is not the only newcomer at Nunnery Stud as Will Wright only joined the Shadwell team last October, taking over the role of Tom Pennington.

"I have to pinch myself joining at this time," he admits. "To have a horse like Baaeed on your doorstep along with an exceptionally exciting roster of stallions, you really can't ask for much more."

If you missed seeing the Shadwell stallions in November but are in Newmarket for this week's February Sale, Eqtidaar, Mohaather and Tasleet will all be available for viewing at Shadwell's Beech House Stud, close to Tattersalls, on Thursday and Friday from 10am to 3pm.

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McNally must forfeit €13,400 in prize-money while Dunne must hand over €27,000 to for winnings achieved with All Class and Full Noise.

In a report published by the IHRB on Tuesday, it stated, "The committee regards the findings against Mr McNally as very serious. His offences strike at the integrity and the objective of having a level playing field for all who send horses out to race. They also involved a deception of the public, especially the betting public."

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PRIZE-MONEY BOOST FOR FRENCH JUVENILE RACES



Emma Berry

Following a €10 million increase in prize-money for French racing in 2023, France Galop has announced a boost for 19 juvenile races which are to be run for €50,000 each.

The total prize fund will be distributed among the first seven finishers, with the winner receiving €25,000. Juveniles eligible for French owners' premiums will receive an additional 80% on top of prize-money, meaning a pay out of €45,000 to the winner.

The selected races over a range of distances have been proven to produce group-class horses over a number of years. In addition to the 19 to be staged at premier tracks in the Paris region, another two provincial races for unraced horses will be included in the scheme. The Prix du Four a Chaux and the Prix Didier Vezia are both run at Bordeaux in September and will each carry prize-money of €35,000.

The full programme of €50,000 races, which begins at Chantilly in April and runs through to the end of October at Saint-Cloud, can be found here.

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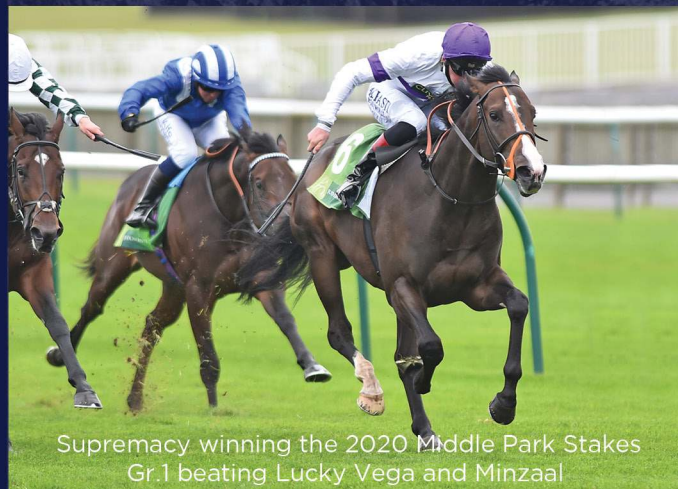
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Supremacy winning the 2020 Middle Park Stakes Gr.1 beating Lucky Vega and Minzaal



'Supremacy is just pure class. His talent was clear to see early on with a blistering turn of foot and coupled with his wonderful laid-back attitude, he was an absolute pleasure to train. I really

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PERSIAN KING SHARE BRINGS TOP PRICE AT ARQANA ONLINE

A share (1/50th) in French Classic winner **Persian King (Ire) (Kingman {GB})**, who stands at Haras d'Etreham, realised top price of €190,000 from Patricia Butel during the Arqana Online Sale Tuesday. Eight stallion shares and breeding rights and five purebred Arabians of racing age sold for a total of €511,000.

A share (1/60th) in Haras du Petit Tellier's **The Grey Gatsby (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire})** brought €62,000 from Bridge Consignment. For the complete results, click [here](#).

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DUBAWI LANDS DOUBLE SUCCESS IN TBA FLAT STALLION STATISTICAL AWARDS

Dubawi (Ire) (Dubai Millennium {GB}) led all sires in the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association's (TBA) annual Flat statistical based awards. The awards, calculated from racecourse results throughout the calendar year, include both British and Irish statistics for British-based stallions and breeders. All five awards will be presented at the annual TBA Flat Breeders' Awards Evening which will take place at Chippenham Park on Wednesday, 12 July.

The BBA Silver Cigar Box, which is awarded to Britain's leading sire by earnings over the calendar year, was reclaimed from **Frankel (GB)**. The 21-year-old has won nine out of the past 10 years. The Dalham Hall Stud resident ended the campaign with 99 winners of 152 races in Britain and Ireland for a total prize money haul of £6,387,336. Chief among them is G1 St. Leger winner Eldar Eldarov (GB), also victorious in the G2 Queen's Vase at Royal Ascot. Also leading the way in terms of individual Flat winners, Dubawi is also the recipient the Barleythorpe Stud Silver Cup, a trophy he has now won for the past six seasons.

The Tattersalls Silver Salver, awarded to the leading British-based first season sire by Flat earnings is given to **Havana Grey (GB)** (Havana Gold {Ire}). This is the third time in the past nine years that the Harper family have received this award. Havana Gold was the recipient of the award in 2017. Sire of five Stakes winners from his initial crop--three in Britain and two in France--his progeny in Britain and Ireland accrued £1,070,064. Among the 36 individual winners was the G3 Molecomb S. Rumstar (GB).

The Queen's Silver Cup for leading British-based Flat breeder was awarded to Godolphin. H.H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum's breeding operation retained the award for the 11th consecutive year, topping the lists in earnings.

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Its flagbearer was the aforementioned Naval Crown, whilst there were group wins for Yibir, Flying Beauty (Zetland S.) and Wild Beauty (Fred Darling S.).

Voted on by an industry panel, **Nathaniel (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) earned the British European Breeders' Fund's Stallion Special Merit Award for results from the 2022 Flat racing season. The award, with a shortlist drawn from the British EBF supported Stallion Focus in the European Bloodstock News, recognises British-based stallions that reward breeders through value for money, accessibility and performance. The sire of Oaks winner Enable (GB) from his first crop, Nathaniel's sixth crop contained last season's Derby victor Desert Crown (GB).

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A filly by Technician out of the Manduro mare Sans Regret

FIRST FOAL FOR G1SW TECHNICIAN

Group 1 winner **Technician (Ire)** (Mastercraftsman {Ire}--Arosa, by Sadler's Wells) was represented by his first foal, born at Haras de Cisai Jan. 23. Bred by D&C Bloodstock, the filly is out of Sans Regret (Fr) (Manduro {Ger}). During his career, Technician won five off 11 careers starts, including the G1 Prix Royal-Oak, G2 Prix Chaudenay and G3 Geoffrey Freer S.

The 7-year-old stallion currently stands for €3,000 Live Foal at Haras de Montaigu.

"She is very correct," said Sybille Gibson at Montaigu. "The stallion added some class to this mare and this foal is of good size. This is a very encouraging start."

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WALK IN THE PARK COLT TOPS TATTERSALLS IRELAND FEBRUARY NH SALE



Top lot at February NH Sale | Tattersalls Ireland

A colt by Walk In The Park (Ire) led the way with a €49,000 final bid at Tuesday's one-day February National Hunt Sale at Fairhouse. Sold by Walshtown Stables on behalf of breeder Liam Flavin, lot 109, who is out of Be Mine Tonight (Ire), was purchased by pinhooker Dick Frisby. Consignor Donie Murphy said, "We always thought he was a nice sort, this is the right sale for him as he was a June foal. The mare is three from three and there are a few more from her to run. We had plenty of interest yesterday and were very busy. We are very happy."

The day's session finished on a similar level to 2022--the median of €8,500 and the average of €12,451 saw a marginal drop, and the turnover of €1,624,500, from a 21-lot leaner catalogue than in 2022. "The focus today was clearly on quality with strong competition for the better yearlings from a large group of pinhookers who turned out in force at the first sale of the year at Tattersalls Ireland," said Tattersalls Ire CEO Simon Kerins. "Figures held up well with the average dropping ever so slightly to €12,451 and a median of €8,500. The top of the market was strong with 13 yearlings selling for €30,000 or more and those with sought after individuals were well rewarded."

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FRANCE

CONDITIONS RESULT:

1st-Cagnes-sur-Mer, €26,000, 1-31, 4yo/up, 8f (AWT), 1:35.47, st
NATIONAL SERVICE (FR) (g, 6, Elusive City--Forces Sweetheart {GB}, by Allied Forces) Lifetime Record: GSW-Fr, 16-4-3-3, €131,112. O/B-Erika Gilliar (FR); T-Jerome Reynier. *€28,000 RNA Ylg '18 ARQOCT; 75,000gns RNA HRA '22 TATDEC.

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on the European racing scene

HALF TO REBEL'S ROMANCE SET FOR KEMPTON BOW

6.30 Kempton, Mdn, £7,000, 3yo/up, 8f (AWT)

MEASURED TIME (GB) (Frankel {GB}) is a significant newcomer from the Charlie Appleby stable as a half-brother to last year's GI Breeders' Cup Turf hero Rebel's Romance (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}). From the family of the sires Victoire Pisa (Jpn) (Neo Universe {Jpn}) and Asakusa Den'en (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}), the February-foaled bay is one of only two unraced members of the dozen in the line-up.

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BRITAIN

Tuesday's Result:

2nd-Southwell, £8,000, Novice, 1-31, 3yo/up, 8f 13y (AWT), 1:40.39, st.

IMPERIAL ACE (IRE) (c, 3, Lope De Vega {Ire}--Cottonmouth {Ire} {GSW-Itly, \$384,318}, by Noverre), carrying a penalty for his success over this trip at Newcastle Jan. 12, broke well to track the early leader in second. Taking control passing the two-furlong pole, the 11-4 second favourite drifted left soon after but stayed on strongly to score by 2 1/4 lengths from Roaring Legend (Fr) (Roaring Lion). The winner is a half to the triple Italian group 1 winner Dylan Mouth (Ire) (Dylan Thomas {Ire}) and to the listed scorers Henry Mouth (Ire) (Henrythenavigator) and Per Un Dixir (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}). The dam, who took the G3 Premio Verziere, is also responsible for a 2-year-old full-sister to the winner who was bought for €160,000 by Grove Stud at the Goffs Orby. Sales history: 125,000gns Ylg '21 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$13,445. O-Michael Blencowe & J P M O'Connor; B-John O'Connor (IRE); T-Hugo Palmer.

CONDITIONS RESULT:

3rd-Southwell, £12,000, 1-31, 3yo, 6f 16y (AWT), 1:13.60, st.
SHOULDVEBEENARING (GB) (c, 3, Havana Grey {GB}--Lady Estella {Ire}, by Equiano {Fr}) Lifetime Record: SW-Eng, 8-4-1-0, \$205,715. O-Middleham Park Racing XVIII; B-Whitsbury Manor Stud (GB); T-Richard Hannon. *£40,000 Ylg '21 GOFFUK.



FASTNET ROCK FILLY MAKES NZ\$1 MILLION



Tuesday's Topper by Fastnet Rock | NZ Bloodstock

by Lydia Symonds

At the close of trade on the final day of Book 1, the aggregate finished at NZ\$70,063,000, which is a huge increase on last year's edition which finished with a gross of NZ\$63,127,500. In 2021, the sale finished with total receipts of NZ\$50,778,000, while in 2020 it was recorded as NZ\$67,130,000, but more horses were offered that year.

- The average for the sale has risen to NZ\$151,980 compared to the NZ\$146,808 recorded at last year's edition, while in 2021 it was NZ\$123,248 and NZ\$138,698 in 2020.

- As with the two preceding days of Book 1, the healthiest growth metric was the median which finished on Day 3 at NZ\$130,000 up on the NZ\$100,000 in 2022.

- New Zealand Bloodstock reported they had sold 461 lots at a clearance rate of 79 per cent, which is up on last year which was recorded as 77 per cent.

- The sale-topper of the week was the Curraghmore-consigned filly by Coolmore's Fastnet Rock and was purchased by Te Akau's David Ellis for NZ\$1 million, the most he has spent on a filly a Karaka.

- Leading the way in terms of vendors by aggregate was Waikato Stud who cleared 52 yearlings for a total turnover of NZ\$7,742,500.

- Brent and Cherry Taylor's Trelawney Stud finished the sale as the leading vendor by average, having sold all 12 of their yearlings offered for an average of NZ\$248,333.

- Coolmore Stud's Pierro was the leading sire by average at the close of trade. The son of Lonhro's five yearlings recorded an average of NZ\$352,000 and an aggregate of NZ\$1.76 million.

- As has become customary at Book 1 of Karaka, Te Akau's David Ellis had spent the most, having bought 25 yearlings for an aggregate of NZ\$6,115,000, while his average closed at NZ\$226,481.

The curtain came down on Book 1 of the New Zealand Bloodstock Karaka Yearling Sale and a filly by Coolmore Stud's Fastnet Rock delivered fireworks during the final session when she sold to Te Akau supremo David Ellis for a sale-topping NZ\$1 million.

"It was a great start to the week naming the sale auditorium after Sir Patrick Hogan, which set the scene for a strong three days," said New Zealand Bloodstock's Managing Director Andrew Seabrook.

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David Ellis and Tom Magnier | NZ Bloodstock



Lot 586 | NZ Bloodstock

“All the big guns were here. It was fantastic to see the Australian spend up by NZ\$11.5 million and tremendous to have them back.

“There is still work to be done and the nice horses in Book 2 will be very hard to buy. There are plenty of Kiwis who will be looking to buy and I believe Book 2 will provide some good opportunities for them.”

Lot 586 - Fastnet Rock x Testa The World (Testa Rossa) filly, NZ\$1,000,000

Te Akau’s David Ellis described the Fastnet Rock filly he purchased for a sale-topping NZ\$1 million on Tuesday as ‘the best filly he had seen’ in the many years he had been attending the New Zealand Bloodstock Karaka Yearling Sale and the seven-figure sum he gave for her makes her the most expensive female Ellis has ever bought at the sale.

David Ellis has enjoyed enormous success racing the progeny of the stallion, headlined by multiple Group 1 winner Avantage, who still remains Fastnet Rock’s most prolific winning top-flight scorer. Ellis also had success racing sons of the sire: Heroic Valour, Rock ‘N’ Pop and Age Of Fire, who all triumphed at Group 1 level.

“I had a good chat with Karyn (Fenton-Ellis, wife) this morning and I said this was the best filly since 1988 that I have seen on this ground. This complex was opened in 1988 and I have never seen a better filly,” Ellis said.

“She was just perfect. She has a beautiful pedigree and the mare had a lot of speed,” he said.

“I saw the mare’s foal at Coolmore Stud in December and that is a cracker. There is so much to like about this filly, and I can’t wait to get her into training.

“I think she will make a 2-year-old, she is a definite Sires’ Produce filly and is a filly we would like to take to Melbourne as a 3-year-old and have a crack at those big races. The good thing about this filly is that there are two NZ\$1 million races for her that are restricted to horses that came from this sale.”

Ellis said Tuesday’s headline act had similar traits to nine-time Group 1 winner Avantage, who later sold on gavelhouse.com for an online world-record of NZ\$4.1 million.

“Avantage was by the same sire. They are both very fast-looking Fastnet Rocks,” Ellis said. “This one is out of a Testa Rossa mare, which reflects, in my opinion, a lot of speed. This filly’s mother was a very fast filly and I think she will be a really good broodmare.”

Offered by Curraghmore, the filly was bred by Coolmore and she is out of Listed-placed mare Test The World (Testa Rossa) and comes from the extended family of Group 2 winner Glory Girl (Best Western) and Listed-winning duo The Travelling Man (Mossman) and Unanimously (Not A Single Doubt).

“When you buy one from Coolmore Stud you know you have got a great chance because they are reared in such a great environment.”

Ellis was crowned leading buyer for the 18th consecutive time and he said he felt the week had been a tremendous success.

“I think it has been a very successful sale,” Ellis said. “Given the fact a lot of overseas people couldn’t come because of the weather, I think New Zealand Bloodstock have done an incredible job promoting the sale.

“I think the prices overall have been strong and it has been a successful week.”



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Lot 616 | *NZ Bloodstock*

Lot 616 - Super Seth x Valpolicella (NZ) (Red Ransom {USA}) filly, NZ\$625,000

Super Seth's first crop of yearlings had been well-received all week at Karaka and on Tuesday he was handed the best result of his short career in the sales ring when Ian Moses' Laguna Partnership, Barry Lee Bloodstock and John Sargent Racing stretched to a massive NZ\$625,000 for a filly by Waikato Stud's first-season sire.

Offered by Haunui Farm, the filly is out of Valpolicella (NZ) (Red Ransom {USA}), the dam of Group 2 winners Vavasour (NZ) (Redoute's Choice) and Vilanova (NZ) (Commands), as well as Celebrity Dream (NZ) (Thorn Park) and Group 1-placed Rondinella (NZ) (Ocean Park {NZ}).

Bidding alongside Sydney-based trainer John Sargent and bloodstock advisor Barry Lee, Moses said he had to break the budget for the filly.

"I am a Kiwi and I have lived in the US for the last 30 years and I now live in Byron Bay," said Moses. "It was a mobile pet grooming franchise, and we just sold it 18 months ago and I'm now kind of retired and living in Byron Bay.

"I liked the pedigree, that was the most important thing. I am trying to put together five real quality broodmares and I had four of them and this will be the fifth."

Another member of Moses' future broodmare band is 3-year-old filly Byron Belle (Snitzel), who is entered to run at Canterbury Park on Wednesday for Sargent.

"She is by Snitzel out of Diademe and then the other three are broodmares at Coolmore," Moses said.

"I go back quite a way with John Sargent. I raced a horse called Holy Moly with him. I thought she was a great type, very athletic – I loved her. I thought she was the best filly in the sale," he said.

A total of 33 Super Seths sold for an average of NZ\$160,758

which is four times his service fee, which was set at NZ\$35,000 plus GST in his first year. These good results come off the back of a wonderful Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale, when his seven yearlings grossed \$1,620,000 at an average \$231,429, with the top-seller making \$450,000.

Lot 488 - Written Tycoon x Save The Date (NZ) (Savabeel) filly, NZ\$460,000

Andrew Forsman, Andrew Williams Bloodstock (FBAA) and Bevan Smith made a splash on the first day of the New Zealand Bloodstock Karaka Yearling Sale when they purchased a filly by Savabeel for NZ\$600,000 and on the final day of Book 1 that same group teamed up to purchase a daughter of Written Tycoon for NZ\$460,000.

With Forsman set to open a satellite stable at Macedon Lodge in Melbourne last this year, Williams and Smith have been sourcing top-line fillies to join the facility.

Catalogued as Lot 488 and offered by Cambridge Stud, the daughter of Yulong Stud's Written Tycoon is out of Group 3-placed Savabeel mare Save The Date (NZ) and Williams said they earmarked her as one of the fillies of the sale.

"She is a filly we have been waiting for, we had to wait until day three, which was a little agonising in itself," Williams said. "We are very happy to get her. We went over budget by NZ\$10,000 in order to get her, but hopefully that is a good decision in the long-term.

"We are excited to get her and she is going to get every chance with Andrew Forsman and hopefully we see her in the Melbourne spring as a 3-year-old filly.

"We need to buy quality in order to compete in Melbourne. We have got to take fillies like this and put them through Andrew's system and let's hope they are good enough to be running in Melbourne in the spring."



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The same consortium of buyers struck last year for a filly by Snitzel, who is now known as Ethereal Star and has already banked a stakes win in the Listed Challenge S. She was most recently seen running a brave second in the R. Listed Karaka Million 2YO, a race which Williams said will likely be on the cards for the Written Tycoon filly.

“She is a horse that we have looked at multiple times throughout the week and singled out her and the Savabeel filly on day one.

“We bought Ethereal Star at this sale last year with Andrew Forsman and she is a stakes winner and runner-up in the Karaka Million a fortnight ago, so let’s hope we can have similar success with this filly.

“We will point her in that direction (Karaka Million) and see if we can get her there. You need to have a lot of luck to get a runner pre-Christmas, everything needs to go right.

“We thought she was forward enough physically, her demeanour and everything about her was faultless.”

Williams has been active at Karaka this week and has been pleased with the seven yearlings he has bought to date.

“I think a filly like this exemplifies the sale,” he said. “I think the cream of the crop are really rising and everyone is on them.

“I think it is also strong in that NZ\$150,000 to NZ\$200,000 bracket, which is a credit to the buying bench and what New Zealand Bloodstock has done to get those people here. Whether they are from Australia or further afield, as well as the domestic buyers.”

Lot 505 - Per Incanto (USA) x Sharvasti (NZ) (Montjeu {Ire}) colt, NZ\$450,000

Kevin Walls of KBW Bloodstock has been acting on behalf of prominent owners Ron and Judy Wanless all week and he continued to stockpile on Tuesday, buying a son of Per Incanto (USA) for NZ\$450,000.

The colt is out of Group 1-winning Montjeu (Ire) mare Sharvasti (NZ) and she is herself a daughter of Listed winner Veddora (NZ) (Kreisker {Ire}), the dam of Group 3-winning pair

Shastri (NZ) (Stravinsky {USA}) and Bhandara (NZ) (Zabeel {NZ}).

This is the second yearling by the sire Walls has bought under his KPW Bloodstock banner this week, having purchased a filly by Little Avondale’s sire on the first day of the auction, paying Ardsley Stud Limited NZ\$275,000 for her.


“They’re good clients and he loves the game and loves racing, this is their passion. He is getting stuck into this year,” said Walls. “He is a great type and that is our main thing, we start off on type and then we go through the breeding and if we like it we try very hard to buy it.

“Per Incanto is a good sire who throws both colts and fillies and we bought a nice filly by him on day one.”

Of the price, Walls said, “He was one of the nicest Per Incanto colts here so you would expect to pay that. We went a bit above the budget we had for him, but he was such a nice horse.”

The Wanlesses were active at the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale in January purchasing 11 yearlings for \$4,815,000, using Joe Curran of Curran Bloodstock.

“Joe Curran and I do the legwork, we then get together and do the shortlist. At the end of the day the client makes the decision. It is good to have everyone back and the atmosphere has changed and the spirit around this week has been great,” said Walls.

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