

## KEENELAND TO REOFFER SIX SEPTEMBER SALE YEARLINGS



**Constitution** colt out of Cozze Up Lady | Keeneland

A half-dozen recently turned 2-year-olds--four colts and two fillies--originally sold for a cumulative \$4.85 million at last year's Keeneland September Sale, are being reoffered by Keeneland, the auction house announced Friday. Offers will be accepted from Feb. 27 through Mar. 1. Details on the horses and the offer process are available [here](#).

Each of the six horses is currently in training in Ocala with David Scanlon or Niall Brennan and are available for in-person inspection by appointment. Contact info may be accessed at the link above.

The six horses were acquired by Richard Knight Bloodstock during the September sale.

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## DERBY PREPS HEADLINE WEEKEND SLATE

A pair of 20-point GI Kentucky Derby preps headline Saturday's stakes action in the U.S.

Aqueduct's GIII Withers S.--pushed back a week due to cold weather--was helped slightly from a field size perspective by the delay and a group of seven are now set to line up. Gary and Mary West's **Hit Show** (**Candy Ride** {Arg}) invades from Oaklawn and will look to provide trainer Brad Cox with a first Withers trophy. A dominant debut winner going seven panels at Keeneland in October, he could only manage fourth as the favorite in a two-turn Churchill allowance Nov. 26, but the strength of that field has been demonstrated in the interim. Winner Confidence Game (**Candy Ride** {Arg}) was third in January's GIII Lecomte S., while runner-up Rocket Can (Into Mischief) annexed last week's GIII Holy Bull S. Hit Show, meanwhile, took an Oaklawn allowance by daylight Dec. 17, good for a career-best 82 Beyer Speed Figure. His dam Actress (**Tapit**) was an 8 1/4-length winner of the track-and-trip GIII Comely S. in 2017. A trio of stakes-winning New York-breds also figure to have a say: **Arctic Arrogance** (**Frosted**), **General Banker** (Central Banker) and **Andiamo a Firenze** (**Speightstown**) were second, third and fifth, respectively, in the one-mile Jerome S. Jan. 7.

Meanwhile, down south, a full field of 12 will contest the GIII Sam F. Davis S. Danny Gargan trainee **Dubuyhnell** (**Good Magic**) makes his first start since a breakout tally in the nine-furlong GII Remsen S. in the Aqueduct slop Dec. 3. *Cont. p4*

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### LAFFON WORKING TO BUILD ON 'HEAD' START

Fernando Laffon is expanding his horizons by shadowing David Ingordo, and Chris McGrath has the story.

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2	<b>American Pharoah</b>	\$60,000	4
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4	Into Mischief	\$250,000	3

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*And they're off in the 1896 Withers Mile at Morris Park Racecourse in the Bronx, NY. First run at Jerome Park Racetrack from 1874 to 1889, the Withers was then held at Morris Park from 1890 to 1904 before relocating to Jamaica Race Course, then Belmont Park, then Aqueduct Racetrack. | Keeneland Library/John C. Hemment Photograph Collection*

## NEW TRIO OFFERED AT FLORIDA'S OCALA STUD

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*David O'Farrell believes that Ocala Stud's Grade I-winning trio of new stallions makes for a special group. Katie Petrunyak is on the scene with video of all three newcomers, including Colonel Liam.*

## TODAY'S GRADED STAKES

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**Keeneland September reoffers, cont. from p1**

Tattersalls also **reoffered 17 horses** earlier this year purchased by Knight for gross receipts of better than 11 million guineas at last year's October Yearling Sale.

"These horses are actively in training with David and Niall and should fit well into anyone's program, particularly end-users who are looking at summer and fall racing opportunities," Keeneland Vice President of Sales Tony Lacy said. "Prospective buyers in the Ocala area are welcome to inspect the horses in person. We also encourage those participating remotely to view the walking and training videos on [www.Keeneland.com/reoffer](http://www.Keeneland.com/reoffer)."

**Horses at Scanlon Training Center:**

- Colt by **Constitution** out of Grade III winner Cozze Up Lady (Cozzene); half-brother to GISW Kimari (**Munnings**); originally purchased for \$1.3 million;
- Colt by Omaha Beach out of Grade III winner Daisy (**Blame**), purchased for \$400,000;
- Colt by **Street Sense** out of Bambalina (Bernardini) whose second dam is champion Perfect Sting (Red Ransom), a \$725,000 acquisition.

**Horses with Niall Brennan Stables:**

- Colt by **Twirling Candy** out of Danceforthecause (Giant's Causeway) who is a half-brother to Canadian champion Say the Word (More Than Ready) and Grade II winner Rideforthecause (**Candy Ride {Arg}**), originally sold for \$300,000;
- A **Justify** filly out of GSP Fully Living (Unbridled's Song), a \$1.05-million purchase;
- A **Gun Runner**--Just Wicked (**Tapit**) filly whose full-sister Wicked Halo won the GII Lexus Raven Run S. and GII Prioress S., a \$1.1-million sale.

"Given the quality of these individuals and the interest they have attracted both in September and now, we feel an invitation to make an offer is the best way at this time to ensure a fair and transparent process for prospective buyers," Keeneland President and CEO Shannon Arvin said.

Current pedigree pages, walking and training videos and pre-sale veterinary X-rays and endoscopic video submitted to Keeneland's online Repository are available at the link above. Veterinary exams were conducted on each horse as of Feb. 2. A second veterinary exam will be done within 10 days of sale, and those results will be available in the online Repository. Information on the 2-year-olds will be updated on [www.keeneland.com/reoffer](http://www.keeneland.com/reoffer) through noon on Mar. 1.

Offerors are encouraged to inspect fully any horse they may seek to purchase. Horses will be sold on an "AS-IS" basis, subject to the terms of the Bill of Sale available at the website.

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**2nd dam**

**LASSIE'S LEGACY**. Winner at 3, \$33,370. Dam of 8 foals; 6 winners, including—

**Aspiring**. winner at 2 and 4, \$132,227, 2nd Dearly Precious S, 3rd Bourbonette Oaks (**G3**), Sweetest Chant S. Producer. Dam of **Sweet Success** (\$125,260, 2nd Bourbonette Oaks, **G3**), **Sweet Legacy** (\$108,193, 3rd Wayward Lass S).

Granddam of **GULF COAST** (\$93,705, Cash Run S, 2nd Ruthless S, Sandpiper S).

**DUBLIN SIX**. Placed at 3. Producer. Dam of **Leafy Shade** (\$80,000).

**3rd dam**

**WEEKEND SURPRISE**. 7 wins, 2 to 4, \$402,892, Golden Rooster S, 2nd Louisville S (**G3**), Pocahontas S, 2nd La Canada S (**G1**), El Encino S (**G3**).

Rosedale S, Pleasant Hill S, 3rd Santa Margarita Invitational H (**G1**), Matron S (**G1**), Frizette S, 2nd H (**G2**), Black-Eyed Susan S, 2nd Troy S.

Troienne S. Broodmare of 15 foals; 9 winners, including—

**A.P. INDY**. 8 wins at 2 and 3, \$1,100,000, Horse of the Year and champion 3yo colt, Belmont S (**G1**), Preakness S (**G1**), Kentucky Derby (**G1**), Santa Anita Derby (**G1**), Petaluma S (**G2**), 3rd Jockey Club Gold Cup S.

Sire, 2.87 AEL. LASSIE'S LEGACY broodmare sire twice.

**SUMMER SQUAD**. 1 win, \$282, Preakness S (**G1**), Hopeful S (**G1**), Jim Beam S (**G2**), Pennsylvania S (**G2**), Saratoga Special S, 2nd Kentucky Derby S, 2nd Kentucky Derby S, 2nd Kentucky Derby S, 2nd Kentucky Derby S.

**WELCOME S**. 1 win, \$140,000, 2nd Good Hope S, 3rd P.

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**Weekend graded preview, cont. from p1**



Hit Show | Coady Photo

He earned a field-best 90 Beyer for that performance. **'TDN Rising Star' Champions Dream (Justify)** was also a member of the Gargan barn when he scored in the Big A's GIII Nashua S. in November. Subsequently transferred to trainer Mark Casse by owner Rosedown Racing Stables, he was beaten a neck by re-opposing **Zydeceaux** (Cajun Breeze) in the local seven-furlong Pasco S. Jan. 14. Trainer Todd Pletcher owns a record six Davis

wins, but is looking to end a drought since 2016. He sends out **Litigate (Blame)**, a well-beaten second last time in a Gulfstream allowance behind Holy Bull beaten favorite Cyclone Mischief (Into Mischief).

Saturday's Tampa card also marks the return of champion juvenile filly **Wonder Wheel** (Into Mischief), who takes on GII Demoiselle S. winner and **'Rising Star' Julia Shining (Curlin)** in the Suncoast S.

A third Derby qualifier, the 10-point El Camino Real Derby, takes place Saturday at Golden Gate. Bob Baffert and The Avengers send a pair northward to square off with unbeaten local speedster **Harcyn** (Goldencents).

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## OCALA STUD OFFERS INTRIGUING NEW TRIO TO FLORIDA BREEDERS

by Katie Petrunyak

As three newcomers acclimate to their surroundings in the historic stallion barn at Ocala Stud while the latest crop of 2-year-olds steadily progresses at the adjacent training facility, it's a time of hope and anticipation at Ocala Stud.

David O'Farrell is outspoken in his belief that their Grade I-winning trio of new stallions makes for a special group. **Cont.**

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**Ocala Stud's new stallions, cont.**

Two-time GI Pegasus World Cup Turf Invitational S. winner **Colonel Liam** (**Liam's Map**) recently joined the roster alongside newcomers **Roadster** (**Quality Road**), another eye-catching dappled gray who did his best work on dirt, as well as **Gretzky the Great**, a precocious son of leading fourth-crop sire **Nyquist**.

"I think these are three of the most exciting stallion prospects that we've stood for a really long time," O'Farrell stated. "I think there is a really nice variety to offer Florida breeders with sire power, good race records and very good physicals. They all have the qualities to be leading sires and I think it's a great opportunity for everybody here in Florida."



[Click here for our visit with Colonel Liam and the other new stallions at Ocala Stud](#)

Roadster, a 'TDN Rising Star' as a debuting juvenile and the winner of the 2019 GI Santa Anita Derby, makes for an interesting stallion prospect in part because of the powerhouse group of supporters already backing the new sire. His breeder Stone Farm and campaigner Speedway Stable will both be supporting the son of **Quality Road**, as will Rustlewood Farm and Airdrie Stud.

Ocala Stud and Airdrie already have a promising track record with partnering on stallions. Last year's fast-starting freshman sire **Girvin** launched his career at Ocala Stud and relocated to Airdrie this year with five stakes winners already to his credit.

"We had been competing with Airdrie for years on the same stallion prospects and we kind of have the same mentality when it comes to picking stallions," O'Farrell explained. "So rather than competing with one another, we've started to partner up on certain stallions. We had **Girvin**, and now we have Win Win Win (Hat Trick {Jpn}) and we're adding Roadster. We both support the horses with nice mares and it's been a great partnership. We couldn't be more excited to partner with this group with Roadster and get him off to a really good start." **Cont.**



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His runners include:

**West Coast Cowboy**, GSP, Holy Bull S. at Gulfstream Park, 2/4/23

**Sally's Sassy**, 1st at Golden Gate, 1/16/23

**Sally's Sassy**, 1st, Golden Gate Debutante S. at Golden Gate, 11/25/22

**Marz Express**, 1st, Eleanor Casey Memorial S. at Charles Town, 10/29



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### Ocala Stud's new stallions, cont.

During his career, Roadster came just short of reaching one million in earnings, defeating juvenile champion **Game Winner** in the Santa Anita Derby and coming home with additional Grade I placings in the Del Mar Futurity at two and the Malibu S. behind Omaha Beach at three.

"To have a top-level son of **Quality Road** is really exciting," said O'Farrell. "He has a lot of pedigree, was a tremendous racehorse and has a very good physical. He's a typical **Quality Road**--kind of long and lean, but with a lot of quality. He's very athletic and well-balanced."

Roadster is out of stakes winner Ghost Dancing (Silver Ghost), who is also the dam of GI Manhattan S. victor Ascend (**Candy Ride {Arg}**).

O'Farrell said that Roadster, who launches his career at \$7,500, has been received enthusiastically by Florida breeders and will be booked full in just a few weeks.

Colonel Liam's retirement was announced just three weeks ago, but the millionaire has brought a steady stream of interested breeders since his arrival.

"The Colonel Liam deal came together really quickly for us right at the start of the breeding season," O'Farrell explained. "It's giving us a boost coming into the season. A lot of breeders in Florida book their mares a little later, but we've had a lot of traffic and a lot of good feedback. People are really excited about him standing here in Florida."

Colonel Liam did his best work in the Sunshine State, winning his first start on the Gulfstream dirt before switching to the turf and



Roadster bests juvenile champion **Game Winner** in the 2019 GI Santa Anita Derby | Benoit

taking the Tropical Park Derby and back-to-back editions of the GI Pegasus World Cup Turf. His resume also includes victories in the 2021 GI Old Forester Bourbon Turf Classic S. and the GII Muniz Memorial Classic S. **Cont.**



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## FIRST CROP 2YO STAKES WINNERS IN 2022!

<b>KEY OF LIFE</b>	1st <b>Myrtlewood Stakes</b> , Keeneland by 6¾ lengths
<b>MAZING MARK</b>	1st <b>Jean Lafitte Stakes</b> , Delta Downs
<b>CHOLLY</b>	2nd <b>Golden State Juvenile Fillies Stakes</b> , Santa Anita
<b>MO TRUMP</b>	2nd <b>Aspirant Stakes</b> , Finger Lakes
<b>MO STASH</b>	2nd <b>Indian Summer Stakes</b> , Keeneland

Fairly steady stuff on the track from **MO TOWN** (illuminated by Myrtlewood S. romper Key Of Life) does not tell half his story, as he is an unusual example of a stallion whose business soared in his third and fourth seasons. His second crop of yearlings emerge from a book of 104 mares, but he then covered 204 in 2021 and 218 this spring. If that generates renewed momentum on the track, in a couple of years from now, **this could turn out to be a smart time to get involved at just \$5,000.**

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# MO TOWN

Gr.1 winner by Gr.1 sire of sires **UNCLE MO**





**Ocala Stud's new stallions, cont.**

"I think that he's probably the best racehorse that we've stood at stud as far as accomplishments in a really long time," O'Farrell said. "He's a three-time Grade I winner on the turf, but he has a dirt pedigree. He's by champion dirt miler **Liam's Map** and is out of a Bernardini mare, so it gives you confidence that he could throw top-level runners on any surface. Even though he didn't run at two, he did have speed. He worked :20 4/5 at the OBS April Sale, so we have confidence that he could sire 2-year-olds and a lot of quality dirt runners."

A \$1.2 million juvenile for Robert and Lawana Low, Colonel Liam's second dam Wonder Again (Silver Hawk) was also a millionaire and multiple Grade I winner.



Gretzky the Great takes the 2020 GI Summer S. | Michael Burns

O'Farrell reported that the Lows are busy buying mares to support their new stallion, who will launch his stud career at a fee of \$6,500.

The third member of Ocala Stud's new roster, Gretzky the Great, is another Grade I-winning turfster with a dirt pedigree. The 5-year-old is the first son of GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner and leading fourth-crop sire **Nyquist** to go to stud. He is out of the stakes-placed Bernardini mare Pearl Turn.

Campaigned by Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and Gary Barber, Gretzky the Great won the Soaring Free S. and GI Summer S. at two, earning the Sovereign Award for champion 2-year-old male in 2020. He went on to further stakes success in the Greenwood S. at three.

"He was a precocious, very classy individual," O'Farrell said. "He has a dirt pedigree, which leads us to believe that he could be a very good sire of runners on either surfaces. He's a really good-looking horse and is by a sire line that I believe in. I think he's a really neat prospect for Florida breeders."

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## DO YOU KNOW THE WAY TO SAN... FELIPE?

by Chris McGrath

How apt that one of Burt Bacharach's very first hits was *The Story Of My Life*. Because reading the tributes prompted by his loss a couple of days ago, it turns out that his music was pretty well a soundtrack to the lives of millions who--especially in the Sixties, an era of profound societal tension between materialism and idealism--wanted assurance that the essential bonds of humanity still united them all. He transcended those divisions much as he did musical genres, knowing that the middle-aged hosts of suburban cocktail parties and their rebellious adolescents both ultimately shared an abiding weakness for romance, optimism and style.

Though somewhat later on the scene, I too am indebted to Bacharach for a literal soundtrack of one particular evening. I was young and foolish, and had no real sense of my privilege in hearing him at a piano in a London venue that now strikes me as unbelievably intimate for a star of such magnitude. If the only real change since is that I am no longer young, my regret is compounded, by since having discovered that it must have been right around that time that he could have gone back late to his hotel room, and exploit the time zones to call Richard Mandella in California about one of the Derby colts he had bred in consecutive crops. **Cont.**



Burt Bacharach in 2007 | Benoit

# TOPPING THE CHARTS

## 3 BLAME

**LEADING BROODMARE SIRE OF 2022  
BY PERCENTAGE OF STAKES HORSES**

	BLAME	12.63%
UNCLE MO		10.53%
INTO MISCHIEF		9.82%
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SATURDAY, APRIL 22

**\$350,000 Elkhorn (G2) T**

4-year-olds and up, 1 1/2 miles (turf) | \$50,000 KTDF Contribution\*

**\$300,000 Ben Ali (G3)**

4-year-olds and up, 1 3/16 miles | \$50,000 KTDF Contribution\*

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

**\$300,000 Bewitch (G3) T**

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***This Side Up, cont.***

Both looked authentic contenders in the GII San Felipe S., each thwarting a Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner: Soul of the Matter turned over Brocco in 1994, while Afternoon Deelites saw off Timber Country the following year. Glitzy days for our game, those, when Burt Bacharach could win a big Derby trial with a homebred, from a rival owned by the Bond movie producer Albert Broccoli. (It would be nice to think that someday we might restore all that glamor, but I'll leave you to decide whether we first need to demonstrate a collective commitment to getting syringes out of our barns; or simply to heed the intricacies of constitutionality to which our attention has been so kindly drawn by so many interested parties, from Alaska to Mississippi).

It's impossible for us to put a value on the enthusiasm of a man like Bacharach. He didn't just give us kudos, with all the headlines he generated on the Derby trail and elsewhere; he also gave us belief in what we were doing. It's always gratifying when somebody like that embraces our arcane way of life and exudes a sense that he is taking a step up in the world, and not the other way round.

Soul of the Matter remains best remembered for nearly tearing up the script in the inaugural Dubai World Cup, but had earlier made history as the first West Virginia-bred to contest the GI Kentucky Derby, running fifth to Go for Gin; while Afternoon Deelites promptly became the second, though only eighth behind a horse he had thrashed at Hollywood Park the previous December in Thunder Gulch.

Soul of the Matter was out of a half-sister to Bacharach's first star, Heartlight No. One (Rock Talk), who broke her pelvis and basically colicked weekly for the rest of her 18 years. The mare was indebted for that span of life to the round-the-clock devotion of a young lady named Catherine Parke, now familiar in the Bluegrass as the exemplary owner of Valkyre Stud. Catherine says that this was the experience that sealed her vocation; so you might even say that Bacharach wrote the story of her life, as well.

Who knows, then, what tendrils of fate may be quietly extending from the current renewal of the Derby trail? It does, regrettably, already feel as though this year will consolidate modern trainers' renunciation of everything that made the Derby the ultimate proving ground for the breed. The most accomplished juveniles have largely either disappeared or



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remain lurking in the wings--the champion not even scheduled to appear until March--while the later-developers will still have their races spaced out, leaving them with minimal competitive experience; and the fans with minimal engagement.

One thing that does tickle me about the emergence of **Tapit** Trice and Arabian Knight is that they are respectively out of mares by Dunkirk and Astrology. Other names high on my Derby list at this stage include Blazing Sevens, out of a Warrior's Reward mare; and Practical Move, whose dam is by Afleet Alex; while the Brad Cox team includes a couple out of daughters of Repent and Giant Oak. As I've noted before, with so many of the most expensive mares at auction similarly by unfashionable stallions, I'd be very wary if I were throwing millions at a breeding program and my advisors kept telling me that I need to pack out the broodmare band with the daughters of elite sires.

The Derby rehearsals this Saturday cannot measure up to the startling convergence of Wonder Wheel (Into Mischief) and Julia Shining (**Curlin**) in a non-graded stakes at Tampa Bay. Prairie Hawk (**Curlin**) has certainly been revving up for the GIII Sam F. Davis S., however, and it's obviously a home game for him. And I am really intrigued by Litigate (**Blame**) who traces to Numbered Account (Buckpasser) and must have a ton of talent to post a big number sprinting on debut with such a copper-bottomed two-turn pedigree. He had a bit of shock on his second start but was raised by one of the best small farms around (actually one of the best farms, period) and Pletcher has chosen him from eight nominations for a race he has harvested a record six times.



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### ***This Side Up, cont.***

With the GII Remsen S. winner also in the field, and the runner-up lining up for the GIII Withers S. back at Aqueduct, we should at least get a firmer grip on the state of play in New York and Florida. Last week the GIII Holy Bull S. was dismally undermined by the performance of Cyclone Mischief (Into Mischief), who had looked so exciting against Litigate. It would be typical of the rate these young horses alter perceptions if Cyclone Mischief and Litigate were so swiftly to exchange the respective futures they were allotted on their sophomore debut.

Whether any of these can take us on a Derby ride as uplifting as the ones Bacharach shared not only with our community, but also with a curious world beyond, remains to be seen. At 31, Afternoon Deelites is actually the oldest surviving resident at Old Friends in Georgetown, Ky., a sanctuary long supported by Bacharach. In fact, there's a corner of that facility reserved for contemplation of his tragic daughter Nikki. And though himself blessed with a generous lease of life, even Bacharach would acknowledge the line from his collaborator Hal David as applicable to us all. "Weeks turn into years, how quick they pass."

But if the story of our lives is told far too quickly, at least the soundtrack is pretty good.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Valkyre Stud cared for Burt Bacharach's Kentucky broodmares for many years. His champion filly Heartlight No. One is buried here. He was a wonderful, caring man who truly loved his horses. He kept personal contact with the people who cared for his horses and was very interested in their well being.



*Courtesy of Keeneland*

He would call during concert breaks and check to see if a mare had foaled and ask about Heartlight.

So many memories--in a limousine with him on the way to the Kentucky Derby, he became very quiet and started to write. It turned out to be a song, another big hit! I asked Burt about it and he said, "I don't know. I just start to hear music in my head and then write it down."

It was truly a gift to work for Burt Bacharach. Music in heaven now.

*Catherine Parke*

*Owner of Valkyre Stud*

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## NEWGATE HURT, OFF DERBY TRAIL

*by Bill Finley*



**Newgate** | Benoit

**'TDN Rising Star' Newgate** (Into Mischief), the winner of last Saturday's GIII Robert B. Lewis S. at Santa Anita under Frankie Dettori, has been diagnosed with a minor hock issue that will prevent him from making a start in the GI Kentucky Derby.

The news of the injury was announced on Twitter early Friday by Tom Ryan, the managing partner of one of the colt's owners, SF Racing LLC.

"His prognosis to return is excellent," Ryan wrote. "We look forward to seeing him back this summer."

Ryan also wrote that veterinarians have recommended 60 to 90 days off for Newgate before he resumes training.

The setback may mean that Dettori will not have a Kentucky Derby mount. When announcing his decision to ride at the current meet at Santa Anita, Dettori said that one of the reasons he came to Southern California was that the move gave him a chance to pick up a Derby contender.

He has only ridden in the race once, in 2000. **Cont.**



**Newgate, cont.**

Dettori is the regular rider of the once-beaten G1 Darley Dewhurst S. winner Chaldean (GB) (**Frankel {GB}**), a top contender for the G1 2000 Guineas, also run on the first Saturday in May.

Trained by Bob Baffert, Newgate only broke his maiden in three tries as a 2-year-old, but has improved this year to the point where he was considered by most to be among the leading contenders for the Derby. He finished second in the GIII Sham S. and then won the Lewis by a neck over stablemate Hard to Figure (**Hard Spun**), earning a 100 Beyer Speed Figure.

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**OBS MARCH CATALOG ONLINE**

The catalog for the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's March Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training is now available at the OBS website at [www.obssales.com](http://www.obssales.com).

The 2023 iteration of the March Sale has been lengthened to three days and will take place Monday through Wednesday, Mar. 20-22, with sessions beginning at 11 a.m. daily. Hips 1-278 will be offered Mar. 20, Hips 279-566 on Mar. 21 and hips 567 through 833 on Mar. 22.

Under-tack previews will take place over the course of four days, Mar. 14 (hips 1-208), Mar. 15 (209-416), Mar. 16 (417-624) and Mar. 17 (625-833). All breeze shows are scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. and will be streamed live at the [TDN website](#).

The March Sale cover is graced by 2019 graduate Cafe Pharoah (**American Pharoah**), back-to-back winner of the G1 February S. and currently among the probables for the \$20-million G1 Saudi Cup Feb. 25. The half-brother to recently crowned champion turf female Regal Glory (Animal Kingdom) sold for \$475,000 and has amassed earnings north of \$3.4 million with seven wins--six in black-type company--from his 13 career starts.

The March sale, whose graduates have been on the board in no fewer than 340 stakes races--90 graded--since 2021 also claims as alumni last year's GIII Holy Bull S. hero White Abarrio (Race Day); the fleet Speed Boat Beach (Bayern); and GIII Nashua S. hero Champions Dream (**Justify**), a top chance in Saturday's GIII Sam F. Davis S.

OBS will again offer online bidding during the March Sale. Buyers will be able to go to the OBS website and register to gain bidding approval, then access the OBS Bidding Screen with their credentials. For complete information on registration and online bidding please go to the OBS website: [obs-online-bidding](http://obs-online-bidding).

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**CITING HISA CONCERNS, FONNER WON'T SIMULCAST RACES**

by Bill Finley



Fonner Park | Courtesy Fonner Park

With uncertainties regarding the Horse Racing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA) still swirling, Fonner Park management announced Friday that it will not simulcast its races to locations outside of Nebraska. The meet is set to begin Feb. 10 and run through May 6.

Fonner will become the second track not sending out its signal due to questions over HISA. Last year, the Texas Racing Commission ordered its tracks to cut off simulcasting because of HISA, only to reverse the decision earlier this month after the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals denied a motion from HISA to rehear a case in which the court had held that HISA's enabling legislation was unconstitutional. However, citing a need to further review the many complexities surrounding HISA, Sam Houston, the lone track now running in Texas, has not resumed simulcasting.

In a statement released Friday, management said it took the measure "because of the many uncertainties associated with HISA in Nebraska and the nation."

"The unreasonable and overreaching HISA rules and regulations have presented demands and obstacles that a racetrack our size cannot achieve or endure," said Fonner Park CEO Chris Kotulak.

Under HISA rules, racetracks that do not voluntarily become a covered HISA racetrack are not permitted to send their signals out of state.

"The new increased costs to Fonner Park, plus the conflict with enforcing the variance between state and federal rules of racing, were determined unsurmountable to overcome for Nebraska's flagship Thoroughbred track," the statement read.

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**Fonner Park, cont.**

"Fonner Park is a plaintiff in a large, national, multi-plaintiff lawsuit against HISA, but that lawsuit has not advanced with sufficient clarity to ensure that HISA rules would not be applicable to us," Kotulak said. "Challenging federal regulations is a gamble my board has currently chosen not to make, as this would leave Fonner Park splayed open and at the mercy of a lengthy judicial process and costly legal circumstances that would significantly damage Fonner Park and our horsemen. We're not some gyp joint. We're a TRA racetrack. And for 70 years we've provided for our horse, horsemen and horseplayers. It's a shame it's come to this."

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## BAFFERT WANTS FEDERAL JUDGE REMOVED FROM CASE AGAINST CDI

by T.D. Thornton

Trainer Bob Baffert now wants the federal judge handling his year-old lawsuit against Churchill Downs, Inc. (CDI), to recuse herself.

The stated reason is that legislative lobbying efforts conducted by the judge's husband for two racing industry clients allegedly create a conflict of interest for Judge Rebecca Jennings in adjudicating Baffert's case.

Baffert is attempting to reverse the second year of a two-year ban by CDI that prohibits his trainees from accruing qualifying points and competing in the 2023 GI Kentucky Derby.

CDI first imposed that punishment in June 2021 because of a string of drug positives in horses Baffert trained, including two in CDI's most prominent races, the 2020 GI Kentucky Oaks and in the 2021 Derby.

The now-deceased Medina Spirit (Protonico) tested positive for the Class C drug betamethasone after crossing the finish wire first in the 2021 Derby.

Seven months later, the colt collapsed after a workout and died in December 2021.

Medina Spirit was posthumously disqualified from the Derby by the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission (KHRC) in February 2022.



Bob Baffert | Benoit

Baffert's appeal on that matter (and a suspension he has already served but wants cleared from his record) is pending.

"The plaintiffs submit that the Court's impartiality is in question because [the judge's] husband, Michael Patrick Jennings and his firm, Commonwealth Alliances, are legislative agents employed by The Jockey Club," Baffert's motion for recusal stated.

"The Jockey Club has actively intervened publicly and litigiously in the litigation surrounding the Bob Baffert/Medina Spirit matter since the beginning of state and racing association action against Mr. Baffert," the motion stated.

"R. Alex Rankin, a named Defendant in this case, is a senior, influential member of the Jockey Club and serves as a Jockey Club Steward," the recusal request continued. "The motion is brought on a good faith basis after a diligent investigation of the public record and not for 'other advantage or litigation tactic'.... [T]he impartiality of the Court is in question, and the necessary remedy is a disqualification."

In an affidavit signed by one of Baffert's lawyers that accompanied the motion, attorney Clark Brewster stated that Patrick Jennings was also employed as a lobbyist by The Stronach Group (TSG).

Although TSG tracks have not banned Baffert, the filing noted that the lobbyist's engagement with TSG overlaps a time when "litigation was pending against TSG by Jerry Hollendorfer (a

racehorse trainer excluded from Santa Anita by TSG)."

Brewster's affidavit stated that Patrick Jennings's firm was paid \$50,750 by The Jockey Club during 2022, and that his personal income from that client was \$34,256. His 2022 personal income from TSG was \$34,038 out of \$74,219 that went to his firm.

Baffert had initially sued CDI on Feb. 28, 2022, alleging civil rights violations related to what Baffert said was a deprivation of his right to due process of law guaranteed

under the Fourteenth Amendment.

According to the court docket, Judge Jennings was "randomly assigned" to the case on the same day it was filed.

"The fees earned in 2022 are a clear source of extrajudicial bias," Baffert's filing stated. "At no time during the litigation did Judge Jennings disclose her husband's employment by The Jockey Club [or TSG]."

**Cont.**



**Baffert/CDI, cont.**

Brewster's affidavit laid out his version of recent events, including details of a spat that erupted over the past week involving differences of opinion related to alleged "ex parte" discussions between the judge and the CDI defense team that potentially occurred without Baffert's attorneys being included. The result was a written denial from the judge that anything improper happened, along with an admonishment from the judge to Baffert's legal team.

"After the Court adjourned on Feb. 3, I sent an informal email to lead counsel for the defense seeking some understanding of how he knew the Court would commence the continued hearing with the defense being permitted to call a party-witness (Mr. Baffert) out of order and cross-examine a party before he was presented by Plaintiffs' counsel," Brewster stated in his affidavit.

"Given that not every contact with court staff is a prohibited ex parte communication, there was no accusation of ethical or judicial impropriety. The email was sent to gain an understanding of Defendants' surprising degree of knowledge about the mode and manner of the proceedings...

"Defense counsel sent an incendiary email response, copying Judge Jennings and accusing [Brewster] of making false accusations regarding ex parte communications between defense counsel and the Court," the affidavit stated.

On Feb. 8 Judge Jennings issued a memorandum that stated, in part, that, "The Court has not engaged in ex parte communications with either side [and] Plaintiffs are warned that any future conduct implicitly threatening the Court, attempting to create or fabricate a situation suggesting recusal, or made for other advantage or litigation tactic will not be tolerated and may result in a show cause hearing and disciplinary action."

Brewster claimed in his affidavit that he was "bewildered by the announcement of Judge Jennings and the 'warning' to counsel to not suggest recusal, given that counsel had made no effort to impugn the Court or to seek recusal."

Then Brewster engaged in some Googling, which did lead to the seeking of recusal.

"To gain some understanding of Judge Jennings's disclosed concern regarding recusal, [I] searched the internet on Feb. 8 and discovered that Judge Jennings's husband, Michael Patrick Jennings, is the Legislative Agent/Lobbyist for The Jockey Club," Brewster stated in his affidavit.

This is not the first time that a **conflict-of-interest recusal** has arisen in Baffert's intertwined legal cases and administrative appeals.

In September 2022, Clay Patrick, the hearing officer assigned to Baffert's KHRC appeal, recused himself three weeks after the appeal's testimony was heard.

Patrick stepped down after Brewster revealed that he had

unknowingly bought a \$190,000 horse at the Keeneland September Yearling Sale that was co-owned by Patrick, who operates Ramspring Farm.

The KHRC assigned a new hearing officer to that case.

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**LOEHR, RICHARDS TO HEAD HIWU****INVESTIGATIONS UNIT** *Edited Press Release*

HIWU Executive Director Ben Mosier | HIWU

As part of its preparations for administration of the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority's (HISA) Anti-Doping and Medication Control (ADMC) Program, the Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit (HIWU) is building a robust investigations unit to administer this fundamental component of the Program.

The investigations unit will be led by Shawn Loehr and Naushaun "Shaun" Richards, who will be guided by their decades of law enforcement and investigative experiences to help ensure the success of Thoroughbred racing's first national, uniform ADMC program.

Richards joined HIWU after a decorated 23-year tenure with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). He was most recently a supervisory special agent in the FBI's Eurasian Organized Crime Task Force. Richards initiated and directed the highly publicized criminal investigation involving the widespread misbranding of drugs, doping of racehorses, and international money laundering that ultimately resulted in the indictments of more than 30 individuals, including trainers Jorge Navarro and Jason Servis.

In his role as HIWU's director of intelligence and strategy, Richards will focus on long-range investigations, which will rely heavily on real-time intelligence, strategy, sophisticated investigative techniques and data analysis to identify and prosecute potential significant violations of the ADMC Program.



**HIWU, cont.**

He will liaise with federal, state, and local law enforcement as it relates to possible criminal violations.

Loehr, HIWU's director of investigative operations, joined HIWU following a distinguished 27-year career in law enforcement in California. Loehr had most recently spent nearly four years as the chief of enforcement and licensing for the California Horse Racing Board, where he managed all investigations and licensing staff. Loehr also spent time as chief investigator for the Sacramento County Department of Human Assistance, district attorney investigator for Sacramento County, and a police officer in Redding, CA.

As director of investigative operations, Loehr will oversee the investigators stationed at tracks across the country. In states that have signed voluntary agreements with HIWU, existing state investigators may be utilized. In states that choose to opt out of signing a voluntary agreement, HIWU is contracting independent investigators to work at specific tracks under Loehr's leadership. Loehr is also responsible for developing standardized investigative protocols for Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Rule Violations, as well as other related investigative procedures.

Loehr and Richards will be supported by a full-time data analyst/scientist and an investigative analyst, in addition to other investigative staff. Gunter Younger, a member of the HIWU Advisory Council and director of intelligence and investigations at the World Anti-Doping Agency, will also play an active role and support all HIWU investigations. Relevant intelligence will be shared with HISA's Racetrack Safety Program directors, and vice versa, as appropriate.

To enhance investigative efforts, HIWU will offer an anonymous whistleblower platform through which individuals can submit tips in English or Spanish concerning potential violations of the ADMC Program once the rules take effect. The system will accept submissions via email, phone, text message, and WhatsApp and be managed by Richards' team to ensure that all tips are triaged appropriately and handled confidentially. Examples of reportable violations of the ADMC Program include, but are not limited to, the administration or use of a prohibited substance or method, trafficking, tampering with a sample collection and complicity in committing an ADMC rule violation. HIWU will circulate the relevant contact information to submit tips once it is available.

Later this month, HIWU's investigations team will be attending the Organization of Racing Investigators Annual Training Conference in Tucson, Arizona, where they will present on their operations and how they plan to work with states to effectively administer the ADMC Program.

"HIWU understands that a strong investigations arm is

essential for an ADMC program to be effective, and we could not be more excited to have Shawn and Shaun leading our efforts in this area," said Ben Mosier, executive director of HIWU. "As a result of the work of our investigations team, stakeholders in the Thoroughbred industry can look forward to competing under a program that facilitates a level playing field while punishing those who don't comply with the rules and threaten the safety and welfare of our equine and human athletes."

"I am honored to be able to use my experiences at the World Anti-Doping Agency to help contribute to the HIWU investigation team's success and promote the integrity of Thoroughbred racing," said Younger. "We recognize the importance of whistleblowers in alerting us to potential violations, and industry members can feel confident that information can be safely shared with us through the secure platform."

HIWU is anticipating that it will begin enforcement of the ADMC Program Mar. 27, 2023, pending approval of the ADMC rules submitted to the Federal Trade Commission in December and published to the Federal Register Jan. 26.

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**GROWING PAINS**

*by Jude R. Florio, GradDipELR*

I've often wondered about the significance and the origins of what I might label the arbitrary four-week shoeing cycle and its strict adherence by some owners, trainers, and stable managers. I recognize scheduling is simplified when the shoeing occurs the same day every month. However, having now done this job for some time, I have identified many circumstances where horses would benefit with more time in between shoeing and on more than one occasion that has been my recommendation (accepted or not).

Unfortunately, there are some non-farrier professionals who fail to recognize how frustrating it can be for a farrier in situations where there is little or nothing to do when addressing a horse's hooves. **Cont.**



**Farrier Tales, cont.**

This is especially true in examples of horses with poor feet, odd hoof conformation, and the often-associated lack of hoof growth. Most unnerving are the circumstances connected to top performers, and a farrier's singular mission to ensure soundness and optimal performance against all odds. Interestingly, in top performers of any sport or discipline, there exists some correlation between superior performance and hoof-related issues.

Routine struggles can be commonplace with some farm managers' insistence on tight schedules due to travel or competitions, often overriding or disregarding individual horse needs. On these occasions, virtually little or nothing can be done from a trimming standpoint and farriers find themselves going through the motions. It seems counterintuitive and possibly even detrimental in one's attempts to maintain and/or improve the hoof's integrity, often resulting in more nail holes, broken hoof walls, possible results from the stress, pressure and the torque of the shoe's marriage to the dynamic hoof.

Often, owners and trainers are nearby keeping a close eye, a predictable scenario when working on their top horses. Occasionally they chime in, "you did nothing" or quizzically "not much foot there." Usually I have a quick persnickety reply, "I get paid for what I leave on and not what I take off," borrowing from an old timer.

How does a younger, less experienced farrier react to those occurrences and statements?

Undoubtedly, the unspoken pressure results in some obligation to do something greater than lightly rasping and repositioning the shoe for compensation, which can lead to unnecessary invasiveness, harmful to the foot and the horse's soundness.

It stands to reason, very simplistically, taking something flat and rasping it flatter probably won't increase or improve the vertical depth of the coffin bone, but maybe extra time with correctly executed interventions could.

So how long does it take for the hoof to grow, what may affect growth, and how can positive hoof growth be promoted? There are many factors which are believed to influence the hoof's quality and the amount of future growth, but there are also as many mysteries. Any attempts to make a convincing argument

on this topic that 100% applies can prove elusive. There is always one horse that can make you a liar. Some horses can routinely grow significant amounts of hoof, but why that is can only be theorized. Hoof growth can be quantified by measurements of the toe's length with changes equaling 1/4 to 1/2 inch or more. Farrier visits and time in between certainly can affect this measurement. However, there are always exceptions and some horses may require shorter periods of time (three weeks) in between appointments, while others can go longer (six to eight weeks). When considering the shod hoof, the frequency of visits are primarily dictated by the ability to maintain the shoe's integrity, perhaps the farrier's greatest challenge.



**Jude Florio at work on a Thoroughbred** | Photo Courtesy JRF

It's universally acknowledged that it takes approximately one year for the hoof to grow from the top of the coronary band to the bottom of the foot. Old-school horsemen often preached the belief of the dam's influence on her offspring's hoof conformation and presentation, something I can directly attest to (including a propensity to kick). Genetics aside, diet, environment, terrains, work, conformation, injuries, climate, weather, moisture or

lack thereof, and the time of year, as well as previous farrier interventions, all directly influence hoof growth. The most often overlooked influence on hoof growth are forces and pressures experienced, encountered, absorbed, and dampened, affecting circulation and a hoof's ability or inability to allow healthy blood flow which plays the most significant role in overall foot health and future growth. The hoof grows away from pressure, so low-heeled hooves have increased heel pressure and restricted blood flow promoting the foot's forward migration. Conversely, the same can be said with the presentation of high heels, shorter toes, medial, or lateral pressures.

Certainly, all of this trimming and 'balancing' keeps us farriers in business and recent changes in thought have owners and trainers considering individual needs instead of the calendar to the horse's betterment. This shift in thinking likely comes as a result of previous experience and unintended negative consequences.

Regrettably, time may never be on our side and overriding factors may fail to account for the time needed for optimal hoof growth. **Cont.**



**Farrier Tales, cont.**

Shoeing schedules vary throughout the world, with greater amounts of time elapsing in between farrier visits, however, economics and environment may influence those practices.

In the end, the foot can only grow with time, proper nutrition, care, and maintenance. It's amazing how resilient the foot can be and it's always advisable to follow the recommendations of one's farrier or a knowledgeable professional. They may likely suggest the application of certain approved hoof dressings and/or topical ointments to the coronary band or sole meant to stimulate blood flow, hoof growth and/or enhance protection. The added extra steps actually work and most farriers report an ability to detect improvements.

**Jude Florio, who has served as a professional farrier for over 20 years, is also a patented inventor having earned a graduate diploma from the University of London's Royal Veterinary College in Applied Equine Locomotor Research. He is among the current MSc Equine Science cohorts researching the effects of farrier interventions at the University of Edinburgh, Royal 'Dick' School of Veterinary Studies (June 2023).**

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**BLANKETS OF ASHFORD CHAMPIONS UP FOR CHARITY AUCTION**

Coolmore America's Ashford has donated the blankets worn by three of the champions in their stallion barn--2015 and 2018 Triple Crown winners **American Pharoah** and **Justify**, as well as 2022 champion 3-year-old colt **Epicenter**--to CASA of Lexington's annual "Bourbon and the Bayou" silent auction. The blankets will be auctioned individually to support advocacy for abused and neglected children in the family court systems of seven Central Kentucky counties.

"There haven't been many opportunities ever before to acquire the actual blankets worn by celebrity Thoroughbreds," said Melynda Jamison, CASA of Lexington's executive director. "We are excited to have these unique items in our auction! Whoever wins them will also be supporting brighter futures for abused children in the heart of horse country."

For more information or to bid until 9:45 p.m. Feb. 24, visit [BandB2023.givesmart.com](http://BandB2023.givesmart.com).

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**VISITANT TO ARROYO VISTA FARM**

**Visitant** (**Ghostzapper**--Peppermint Lodge, by Distorted Humor), a five-time stakes winner, has been retired and will enter stud this season at Arroyo Vista Farm in California.

A homebred owned by Henry Williamson of Williamson Racing LLC, the 7-year-old was an 11-time winner from 20 starts overall including the 2021 Kentucky Club Classic, and he was also on the board behind Mucho Gusto (**Mucho Macho Man**) in the GIII Affirmed S. and was runner-up to **Maxfield** (**Street Sense**) in the GII Alysheba S. Visitant retires with earnings of \$676,927.

"Visitant is our number one earning homebred male horse of all-time and leads all runners in number of wins," said Williamson. "He has been so versatile, winning stakes races from six furlongs to a 1 1/8 miles with success on dirt and synthetic tracks, earning multiple triple digit Beyer figures on both surfaces, while hitting the board 16 out of his 20 starts."

Added Arroyo Vista Farm Manager Miguel 'Mike' Jimenez, "We are excited to have him coming back to California. We all felt this was good timing to bring Visitant back as we have many clients interested in breeding their quality mares to him, and the desirable **Ghostzapper** sire line."

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**TERF AWARDS \$12,000 TO CORNELL'S VET PROGRAM**

The Thoroughbred Education and Research Foundation (TERF) has awarded \$12,000 to Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine. In alignment with a mission to support and promote equine education by supporting organizations that are educating the public on the proper care of horses, TERF's scholarship recipients are Brooke Schiltz and Kaitlin Dullea. Schiltz hopes to go into racetrack practice in Florida and Dullea hopes to pursue a surgical residency.


To learn more about TERF and/or to make a tax-deductible donation to support TERF's mission and programs, please visit [terfusa.org](http://terfusa.org).

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## Saturday, Aqueduct #9, post time: 4:27 p.m. EST






**WITHERS S.-GIII**, \$250,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Arctic Arrogance	<b>Frosted</b>	Chester Broman, Sr. and Mary Broman	Rice	Lezcano	118
2	Prove Right 	<b>Justify</b>	James K. Chapman and Stuart Tsujimoto	Chapman	Gomez	118
3	Jungfrau	Arrogate	Juddmonte	Mott	Davis	118
4	Hit Show	<b>Candy Ride (Arg)</b>	Gary and Mary West	Cox	Franco	118
5	General Banker	Central Banker	Seacoast Thoroughbreds of N. E.	Ferraro	Cancel	118
6	Ninetyprcentmaddie	Weigelia	LC Racing LLC	Reid, Jr.	Adorno	120
7	Andiamo a Firenze	<b>Speightstown</b>	Mr. Amore Stable	Breen	Pennington	118

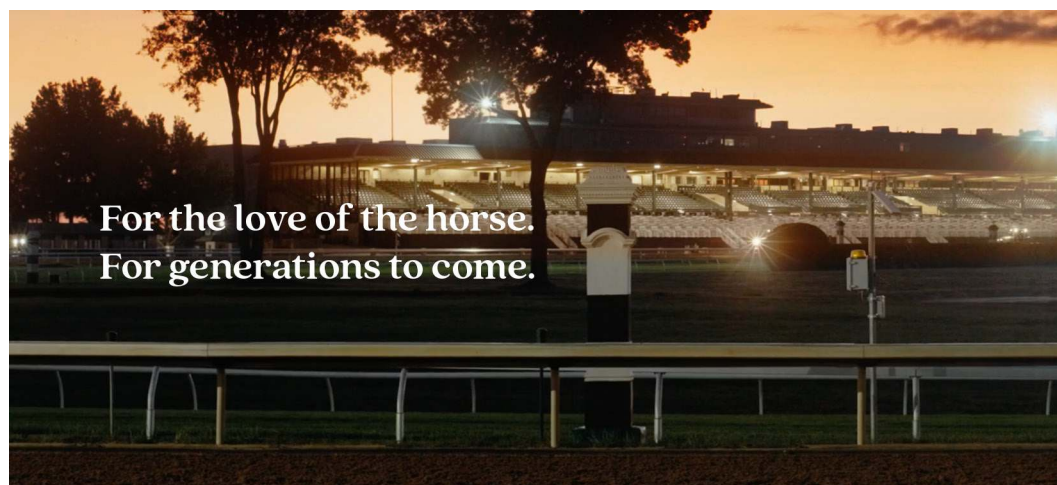
**Breeders:** 1-Chester Broman & Mary R. Broman, 2-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC, 3-Juddmonte Farms Inc, 4-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc., 5-Seacoast Thoroughbreds of New England, 6-LC Racing LLC, 7-Mr Amore Stables

## Saturday, Tampa Bay Downs #10, post time: 5:18 p.m. EST

**SAM F. DAVIS S.-GIII**, \$250,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Worthington	<b>Classic Empire</b>	Watters Edge, LLC	Maker	Morales	122
2	Prairie Hawk	<b>Curlin</b>	Peachtree Stable and WinStar Farm LLC	Joseph, Jr.	Camacho	120
3	Classic Legacy	Into Mischief	Bruce Lunsford	Mott	Alvarado	120
4	Laver	Bernardini	G. Watts Humphrey, Jr.	Arnold, II	Morelos	120
5	Groveland	<b>Street Sense</b>	Godolphin, LLC	Harty	Centeno	120
6	Classic Car Wash	Noble Bird	Gary Barber	Casse	Jaramillo	120
7	Dubuyhnell 	<b>Good Magic</b>	West Paces Racing LLC & Stonestreet Stables LLC	Gargan	Ortiz	124
8	Notah 	Flatter	Gatsas Stables, R. A. Hill Stable and Swick Stable	Terranova, II	Gallardo	120
9	Champions Dream 	<b>Justify</b>	Rosedown Racing Stables, LLC	Casse	Gaffalione	122
10	Dreaming of Kona 	Fast Anna	Aldana Gonzalez Racing LLC and Lisa & Steve Ballou	Spieth	Spieth	122
11	Litigate 	<b>Blame</b>	Centennial Farms	Pletcher	Saez	120
12	Zydeceaux	Cajun Breeze	Stud Carmen Cristina, LLC	Minguet	Marin	120





**Breeders:** 1-Watters Edge, LLC, 2-WinStar Farm, LLC, 3-W. Bruce Lunsford, 4-G. Watts Humphrey Jr., 5-Godolphin, 6-Sherry R. Mansfield & Kenneth H. Davis, 7-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 8-Athens Woods LLC, 9-John C. Oxley, 10-eLGee farm, 11-Nursery Place, Donaldson & Broadbent, 12-Dee Ellen Cook & Suzette Parker



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Saturday, Gulfstream #11, post time: 5:06 p.m. EST  
GULFSTREAM PARK TURF SPRINT S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, 5fT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Rockcrest	Old Forester	Paul Mouttet	Burke	Bridgmohan	118
2	County Final 	Oxbow	Ken Copenhagen	Joseph, Jr.	Zayas	120
3	Belgrano 	War Front	Peace Sign Stables	Russo	Lopez	122
4	Carotari	Artie Schiller	William A. Branch	Lynch	Rosario	122
5	Yes I Am Free	Uncaptured	Golden Kernel Racing Stable	Cazares	Vasquez	122
6	My Pal Mattie	My Pal Charlie	Lee Thomas	Thomas	Sutherland	118
7	Full Disclosure	Cajun Breeze	Elizabeth L. Dobles and Imaginary Stables	Dobles	Reyes	118
8	Shekky Shebaz 	Cape Blanco (Ire)	TEC Racing	Drexler	Castellano	120
9	The Critical Way 	Tizway	Monster Racing Stables	Delgado	Leon	122
10	Classicstateofmind	Classic Empire	JFG Thoroughbreds and Maritza Weston	D'Angelo	Perez	122


Breeders: 1-Northern Dawn Stables Inc, 2-Calumet Farm, 3-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 4-Tom Evans & Pam Clark, 5-Sherry R. Mansfield & Kenneth H. Davis, 6-Michele Rodriguez, 7-Shadybrook Farm Inc., 8-Ashford Stud, Tammy Barnes & Dr.Bernard Vertuca, 9-Blackstone Farm LLC, 10-Lakland Farm



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## SANTA ANITA SAVES THE BEST FOR LAST

10th-SA, \$67K, Msw, 3yo, 6fT, 8:09 p.m.

Breaking from the far outside post in the nightcap at the Great Race Place, **NUCLEAR** (Justify) looks to start earning back some of his \$1,550,000 price tag with a turf debut for trainer John Sadler. Out of GIII Schuylerville S. runner-up True Feelings (Latent Heat), the colt is a half-brother to SW Feeling Mischief (Into Mischief) and GSP Royal Act (American Pharoah) while Metro, his 2-year-old half-brother by **Quality Road**, outshone his brother in sales ring by bringing \$2.5m from Talla Racing, Woodford Racing, and West Point at last year's Keeneland September Sale. True Feelings is herself a half-sister to the dam of champion 3-year-old filly Wait A While (Maria's Mon). This is also the extended family of dual Eclipse winner and successful sire **Lookin At Lucky** (Smart Strike).

On the complete opposite side of the gate, **Precision Strike** (Gun Runner) makes the races after bringing \$485,000 out of last year's OBS April Sale. He's out of a half-sister to MGISW Winchester (Theatrical {Ire}) and MGSW Middleburg (Lemon Drop Kid) and starts Saturday out of the Doug O'Neill barn. **TJCS PPS**

1st-TAM, \$32K, Msw, 3yo, 1m 40yd, 12:25 p.m.


Another son of **Gun Runner**, St. Elias Stables LLC's **ARCH RUNNER**, kicks off the day's action in Florida for Todd Pletcher. A \$750,000 Fasig-Tipton Fall Yearling Sale grad and a half-brother to MGSW & GISP Proctor's Ledge (**Ghostzapper**), the colt picks up jockey Luis Saez.

One gate to his inside, **Champagne Juan** (Justify) has put in a trio of bullet drills for trainer Christophe Clement and owner RT Racing Stable. The \$500,000 Keeneland September yearling is a half to the dam of GSW & MGISP Will's Secret (Will Take Charge) while his own dam, GSW & MGISP Well Monied (Maria's Mon), is a half to GSW & GISP Economic Model (Flatter) and GSW Happy American (**Runhappy**). **TJCS PPS**

10th-GP, \$84K, Msw, 3yo, 1m, 4:37 p.m.

Rounding out the action in Florida, **DREAMLIKE** (Gun Runner) was a \$975,000 St. Elias Stable and Repole Stable pick up out of Keeneland September in 2021. His dam is a full-sister to champion 3-year-old Untapable as well as a half to GISW Paddy O'Prado (El Prado {Ire}). Also under the second dam is 2023 Triple Crown contender Red Route One (Gun Runner). **TJCS PPS**




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### IN ORDER OF PURSE:

3rd-Gulfstream, \$73,400, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 2-10, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:50.33, ft, head.

**EXPRESSMAN** (c, 4, **Liam's Map**--Spangled Banner, by Tiz **Wonderful**) came out running at first asking to romp by 7 1/4 lengths at Saratoga last August en route to posting a 107 Beyer Speed Figure. The beaten favorite against winners in his next two starts, he did little to dissuade the betters Friday, going off as the heavy 2-5 choice while adding blinkers for the first time. Sent to the front after a smooth beginning, Expressman set the tempo from just off the rail, leading Montauk Point (**Violence**) through three-quarters in 1:11.37. That rival came alongside at the head of the stretch and put a neck in front with an eighth to



run. Expressman looked beat but dug in to battle back, just getting up in the shadow of the wire to win by a head. Out of a half-sister to the dam of MGISW Curalina (**Curlin**), Expressman traces back to Canadian horse of the year Uncaptured (Lion Heart). He has a winning 3-year-old half-brother, Proctor Phantom (**Tapwrit**), a 2-year-old half-brother also by **Tapwrit**, and his dam is in foal to **Tiz the Law** for the 2023 season after losing a full-sibling to Expressman last year. Sales History: \$145,000 Wlg '19 KEENOV; \$140,000 RNA Ylg '20 KEESEP; \$325,000 2yo '21 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: 4-2-2-0, \$134,150.

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#### IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**4th-Oaklawn, \$90,000, Msw, 2-10, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.29, gd, 1 3/4 lengths.**

**ROYAL KING (g, 4, Bernardini--R Frosty One {MSW, \$271,869}, by Southern Success)** debuted a well-beaten fifth at this track and distance over a year ago before going to the sidelines for the rest of his 3-year-old season. Brought back Jan. 13 to be fourth as a longshot, the gelding contested the six panels for the third straight time, breaking at odds of 3-1. Away cleanly from the rail position, Royal King was in front from the get go, pacing the field through a :22.20 opening quarter mile. Confronted by Global Stage (**Street Sense**) around the far turn, he dueled into the final furlong before gaining separation from that rival late. Runaway Jack (**Not This Time**) came running late but had to settle for second as Royal King hit the wire 1 3/4 lengths ahead. The winner has a 3-year-old half-brother, Tempo Crescendo (**Mendelssohn**), a 2-year-old half-brother by Vino Rosso, and a yearling half-brother by **Liam's Map**. R Frosty One visited Galilean for a 2023 foal. Sales History: \$70,000 Ylg '20 EASOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$61,020. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Novogratz Racing Stables Inc.; B-Brandy Rojas & Godolphin (PA); T-McLean Robertson.

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**6th-Sam Houston Race, \$35,000, Msw, 2-10, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:26.68, ft, 11 lengths.**

**WISH IT (f, 3, **Tapit**--Graeme Six {GSW & GISP, \$338,854}, by Graeme Hall)** was fifth first time out when tackling 6 1/2 furlongs at Churchill Downs Nov. 18 before traveling to Oaklawn Dec. 31 to be second over a good eight furlongs. Brought to Texas as the post-time favorite, she was sent from the gate to duel inside of Clay's Ruby Love (Caleb's Posse) into the far turn. Under a ride a long way from home, Wish It put away her rival past the furlong marker and easily drew off from there, cruising home alone to win by 11 lengths while Clay's Ruby Love was well clear for second. Graeme Six, already responsible for Seymourdini (Bernardini), SW, \$242,027, Cali Star (Street Cry {Ire}), GSW, \$348,080, and Delightful Joy, GSW, \$179,200, last produced a yearling filly by **McKinzie** before returning to that same stallion for 2023. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$42,420. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#).**

O/B-Gainesway Thoroughbreds LTD & Whisper Hill Farm LLC (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen.



#### IN BAHRAIN:

**Mobaadel, g, 5, **Speightstown**--Maggy's Melody, by Unbridled's Song. Sakhr, 2-10, Horse Welfare Authority Cup (Bhr-G2, NBT), 1000mT, :58.34. B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY). \*Among the probables for the G3 1351 Sprint in Saudi Arabia Feb. 25. \*\*SP-Bhr. \*\*\*\$375,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP; 50,000gns HRA '21 TATSEP. VIDEO (SC 1)**

**IN SAUDI ARABIA:**

**Jammran**, c, 3, **Super Saver**--Civility Pledge, by **Hard Spun**. King Abdulaziz, 2-10, Hcp., 1200m. B-Conrad A Little & Travis Price (KY). \*1/2 to Let's Cruise (**Not This Time**), SP, \$196,285.

\*\*\$22,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT; \$95,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR.

**VIDEO (SC 5)**

**IN THE UAE:**

**Tall Boy**, c, 3, **Lookin At Lucky**. See "Worldwide News".

**IN FRANCE:**

**Stormy Entry**, c, 3, **Point Of Entry**. See "Ireland".

**IN SAUDI ARABIA:**

**Rustum Basha (KSA)**, c, 3, **Summer Front**--Palabre, by Giant's Causeway. King Abdulaziz, 2-10, Maiden (KSA-bred), 1400m. B-n/a. \*1ST-TIME STARTER. \*\*Won by 8 3/4 lengths.

\*\*\*\$9,500 in utero '19 KEENOV. **VIDEO (SC 16)**

**SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: SATURDAY, FEB. 11**

*2023 Stud Fees Listed*

**Accelerate** (**Lookin At Lucky**), Lane's End Farm, \$10,000  
214 foals of racing age/20 winners/1 black-type winner  
10-Oaklawn, 6:14 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Exponential Star, 20-1  
\$30,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$45,000 OBS OPN 2yo  
6-Aqueduct, 2:49 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Mo Than Luck, 6-1  
\$10,000 OBS OPN 2yo

**Always Dreaming** (Bodemeister), WinStar Farm, \$10,000  
212 foals of racing age/13 winners/1 black-type winner  
9-Oaklawn, 5:42 p.m. \$150K Dixie Belle S., 6f, Always Angels  
\$8,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$47,000 OBS MAR 2yo

**Army Mule** (**Friesan Fire**), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, \$12,500  
142 foals of racing age/27 winners/6 black-type winners  
4-Turfway, 7:25 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Climb to Glory, 30-1  
1-Delta Downs, 6:20 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, Cowboy Values, 9-5

\$17,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$160,000 KEE SEP yrl  
9-Oaklawn, 5:42 p.m. \$150K Dixie Belle S., 6f, Klassy Bridgette  
\$30,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$70,000 EAS MAY 2yo

**Bee Jersey** (Jersey Town), Darby Dan Farm, \$5,000  
87 foals of racing age/12 winners/2 black-type winners  
8-Sam Houston Race, 5:09 p.m. EST, Aoc 5f, Candy Bee, 9-2

**Bolt d'Oro** (**Medaglia d'Oro**), Spendthrift Farm, \$35,000  
256 foals of racing age/34 winners/6 black-type winners  
10-Oaklawn, 6:14 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Barstool Babe, 10-1  
4-Oaklawn, 3:03 p.m. EST, Aoc 1m, Bolt for Allison, 3-1

**Bucchero** (**Kantharos**), Pleasant Acres Stallions  
155 foals of racing age/16 winners/0 black-type winners  
1-Tampa Bay Downs, 12:25 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Fast Fixer, 20-1

**City of Light** (**Quality Road**), Lane's End Farm, \$60,000  
209 foals of racing age/14 winners/4 black-type winners  
7-Turfway, 8:55 p.m. EST, Aoc 1m, Eye Witness, 7-2  
\$235,000 FTK NOV wnl; \$650,000 KEE SEP yrl  
11-Tampa Bay Downs, 5:48 p.m. EST, Msw 1 1/16mT, Lil Miss  
Moonlight, 10-1  
\$95,000 KEE SEP yrl  
9-Gulfstream, 4:07 p.m. EST, Aoc 1 1/16mT, Sendero, 5-1  
\$130,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$300,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Cloud Computing** (**Maclean's Music**), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000  
198 foals of racing age/20 winners/0 black-type winners  
6-Aqueduct, 2:49 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Cloud Music, 30-1

**Girvin** (**Tale of Ekati**), Airdrie Stud, \$20,000  
179 foals of racing age/23 winners/5 black-type winners  
4-Oaklawn, 3:03 p.m. EST, Aoc 1m, U Glow Girl, 7-2  
\$36,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$28,000 RNA FTK; \$50,000 FTK OCT yrl

**Good Magic** (**Curlin**), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, \$50,000  
237 foals of racing age/30 winners/7 black-type winners  
5-Golden Gate Fields, 6:19 p.m. EST, Aoc 1m, Delusively, 6-1  
\$75,000 KEE SEP yrl  
10-Tampa Bay Downs, 5:18 p.m. EST, \$250K GIII Sam F. Davis S.,  
1 1/16m, Dubyuhnell, 9-5  
\$400,000 KEE SEP yrl  
3-Gulfstream, 1:08 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Favorable Scenario, 5-2  
\$200,000 KEE SEP yrl  
3-Gulfstream, 1:08 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Gold Magic, 8-1  
\$170,000 FTK JUL yrl  
6-Aqueduct, 2:49 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Moore's Law, 3-1  
\$150,000 FTK OCT yrl



**Good Samaritan** (Harlan's Holiday), WinStar Farm, \$7,500

172 foals of racing age/24 winners/1 black-type winner  
 1-Aqueduct, 12:20 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Aeron Warrior, 12-1  
 \$30,000 EAS MAY 2yo  
 7-Turfway, 8:55 p.m. EST, Aoc 1m, Hunteertown, 50-1  
 5-Tampa Bay Downs, 2:24 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Ms Excuse, 30-1  
 \$26,000 FTK FEB wnl; \$19,000 FTK OCT yrl

**Justify** (Scat Daddy), Coolmore Ashford, \$100,000

343 foals of racing age/32 winners/6 black-type winners  
 1-Tampa Bay Downs, 12:25 p.m. Msw 1m, Champagne Juan, 5-2  
 \$300,000 FTK NOV wnl; \$500,000 KEE SEP yrl  
 10-Tampa Bay Downs, 5:18 p.m. EST, \$250K GIII Sam F. Davis S.,  
 1 1/16m, Champions Dream, 9-2  
 \$25,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$425,000 OBS MAR 2yo  
 10-Santa Anita, 8:09 p.m. EST, Msw 6fT, Nuclear, 3-1  
 \$1,550,000 KEE SEP yrl  
 2-Cross Country Pick X, 4:27 p.m. EST, \$250K GIII Withers S. AQU  
 - R9, 1 1/8m, Prove Right, 30-1  
 \$15,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Long On Value** (Value Plus), Pleasant Acres Stallions

30 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
 5-Tampa Bay Downs, 2:24 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Bella Faccia, 20-1  
 \$3,700 OBS WIN wnl; \$4,000 OBS OCT yrl  
 1-Aqueduct, 12:20 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Majestic Return, 10-1

**Mendelssohn** (Scat Daddy), Coolmore Ashford, \$25,000

347 foals of racing age/32 winners/3 black-type winners  
 10-Santa Anita, 8:09 p.m. EST, Msw 6fT, Calm Sea, 10-1  
 \$140,000 RNA KEE JAN wnl; \$95,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl  
 10-Oaklawn, 6:14 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Cecile, 20-1  
 \$115,000 RNA FTK NOV wnl; \$85,000 FTK JUL yrl; \$150,000 EAS  
 MAY 2yo  
 4-Turfway, 7:25 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Lily's Home, 15-1  
 \$50,000 KEE NOV wnl  
 7-Turfway, 8:55 p.m. EST, Aoc 1m, Mendel's Secret, 10-1  
 \$60,000 EAS MAY 2yo  
 9-Tampa Bay Downs, 4:48 p.m. EST, \$150K Suncoast S., 1m,  
 Opus Forty Two, 10-1  
 \$185,000 FTK JUL yrl  
 9-Gulfstream, 4:07 p.m. EST, Aoc 1 1/16mT, Royal Mende, 12-1  
 \$70,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$95,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo  
 7-Turfway, 8:55 p.m. EST, Aoc 1m, Storm Daddy, 50-1

**Mor Spirit** (Eskendereya), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000

189 foals of racing age/21 winners/1 black-type winner  
 6-Aqueduct, 2:49 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Whenlovetakesover, 5-1  
 \$10,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$17,000 RNA OBS OPN 2yo

**Mo Town** (Uncle Mo), Coolmore Ashford, \$5,000

171 foals of racing age/26 winners/2 black-type winners  
 9-Santa Anita, 7:38 p.m. EST, \$100K Sweet Life S., 6 1/2f, Itzel,  
 6-1  
 \$19,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$42,000 KEE SEP yrl  
 9-Oaklawn, 5:42 p.m. EST, \$150K Dixie Belle S., 6f, Key of Life,  
 7-5  
 \$42,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$350,000 OBS APR 2yo

**Mrazek** (Square Eddie), Ocean Breeze Ranch

20 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners  
 9-Santa Anita, 7:38 p.m. EST, \$100K Sweet Life S., 6 1/2f, Fun  
 Money, 6-1

**Oscar Performance** (Kitten's Joy), Mill Ridge Farm, \$20,000

171 foals of racing age/19 winners/2 black-type winners  
 10-Oaklawn, 6:14 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Shesasalltowngirl, 20-1  
 9-Gulfstream, 4:07 p.m. EST, Aoc 1 1/16mT, Tumbaramba, 6-1  
 \$30,000 FTK OCT yrl

**Ransom the Moon** (Malibu Moon), Calumet Farm, \$5,000

101 foals of racing age/12 winners/0 black-type winners  
 7-Turfway, 8:55 p.m. EST, Aoc 1m, Clear the Air, 6-1  
 \$95,000 KEE SEP yrl  
 11-Tampa Bay Downs, 5:48 p.m. EST, Msw 1 1/16mT, Dazzling  
 the Moon, 30-1  
 \$1,200 KEE NOV wnl; \$2,000 OBS WIN wnl

**Tapwrit** (Tapit), Gainesway Farm, \$10,000

176 foals of racing age/19 winners/1 black-type winner  
 8-Sam Houston Race, 5:09 p.m. EST, Aoc 5f, Real Tap, 30-1

**West Coast** (Flatter), Lane's End Farm, \$10,000

198 foals of racing age/13 winners/2 black-type winners  
 5-Turfway, 7:55 p.m. EST, \$125K Valdale S., 6 1/2f, Sally's Sassy,  
 10-1  
 \$67,000 FTK JUL yrl; \$190,000 OBS APR 2yo



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Mendelssohn	35.77%
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## STONE COLD RUNNERS







#### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**8th-Oaklawn, \$104,000**, 2-10, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:44.65, gd, 2 1/2 lengths.

**CAMP DAVID (c, 4, Pioneerof the Nile--Morrow Cove {MSW, \$182,610}, by Yes It's True)** Lifetime Record: 10-4-1-0, \$193,165. O-Three Diamonds Farm; B-Paul Tackett Revocable Trust, Phil Tackett & Pioneerof the Nile Syndicate (KY); T-Michael J. Maker. \*\$370,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP; \$130,000 3yo '22 FTKHRA.



**3rd-Aqueduct, \$88,000**, 2-10, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:27.74, ft, 3 lengths.

**EASY TO BLESS (m, 5, Flat Out--Arbeka, by Mr. Greeley)** Lifetime Record: 24-10-5-1, \$441,818. O-Amsterdam Two Stables; B-Haymarket Farm LLC (KY); T-James W. Ferraro. \*\$52,000 2yo '20 OBSOPN.

**6th-Aqueduct, \$84,000**, 2-10, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:12.50, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

**STEINBECK (c, 4, Frosted--Nickel, by Unbridled's Song)** Lifetime Record: 20-4-3-1, \$184,908. O-Built Wright Stables, LLC.; B-Rigney Racing LLC (KY); T-Norman L. Cash. \*\$125,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP; \$650,000 2yo '21 FTFMAR.

**8th-Gulfstream, \$74,000**, 2-10, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:34.71, fm, 1/2 length.

**SOUPER DORMY (g, 6, Into Mischief--Truly Blushed {MSW-USA, SP-Can, \$263,199}, by Yes It's True)** Lifetime Record: GSP, 20-5-3-3, \$320,611. O-Bruno Schickedanz; B-Newtown Anner Stud (KY); T-Martin Drexler. \*\$400,000 Ylg '18 FTSAUG. \*\*1/2 to Truly Marie (**Hard Spun**), SP, \$151,760.

**8th-Aqueduct, \$74,000**, (S), 2-10, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11.88, ft, 6 lengths.

**BOLD JOURNEY (c, 4, Hard Spun--Polly Freeze, by Super Saver)** Lifetime Record: SP, 12-3-4-0, \$204,133. O-Pantofel Stable, LLC, Wachtel Stable and Gary Barber; B-Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding (NY); T-William I. Mott. \*\$75,000 RNA Ylg '20 KEESEP; \$80,000 2yo '21 OBSAPR. \*\*1/2 to Americanrevolution (**Constitution**), GISW, \$1,275,310.

**1st-Santa Anita, \$73,000**, (S), 2-10, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:35.26, fm, head.

**MOBOU (g, 7, Uncle Mo--Abou, by Distorted Humor)** Lifetime Record: 17-3-4-1, \$207,033. O-Jerome S. Moss; B-Gene Tenbrink (CA); T-John A. Shirreffs. \*\$390,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP.



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**8th-Laurel, \$55,110**, 2-10, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:25.06, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.

**GOLDEN EFFECT (f, 4, First Samurai--Ripple Effect, by Frankel {GB})** Lifetime Record: 16-4-2-1, \$125,430. O-Day At The Races, LLC; B-Mt Brilliant Broodmares II LLC (KY); T-Michael J. Trombetta. \*\$12,000 Wlg '19 KEENOV; \$70,000 2yo '21 OBSAPR.

**7th-Gulfstream, \$54,000**, (S), 2-10, 4yo/up, f/m, 5f (AWT), :55.87, ft, 3 lengths.

**TALKIN TIPSY (f, 4, Greenpointcrusader--Topsy Toes, by Got the Last Laugh)** Lifetime Record: 10-2-0-2, \$64,150. O-Crown's Way Racing LLC, Louis F. Stevens, Princess Kathy Racing, LLC and James M. Gulick; B/T-Jim Gulick (FL).

**3rd-Charles Town, \$38,700**, (S), 2-9, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:27.60, ft, 3 lengths.

**MISSIONSNINETYNINE (g, 5, Super Ninety Nine--Mission True, by Warrior's Reward)** Lifetime Record: 26-8-5-3, \$183,088. O-Ronney W. Brown and John Cefalu; B-Taylor Mountain Farm (WV); T-Ronney W. Brown.

**4th-Charles Town, \$36,300**, 2-9, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:19.92, ft, head.

**NICO (h, 6, Trappe Shot--Cleft in the Rock, by Arch)** Lifetime Record: MSP, 22-8-10-1, \$253,915. O/B-O'Sullivan Farms LLC (WV); T-Javier Contreras. \*1/2 to Seneca Rocks (**Summer Front**), SW, \$145,718.

**6th-Charles Town, \$35,100**, 2-9, (NW3LX), 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:20.93, ft, 5 lengths.

**FAR AWAY LOVE (ARG) (m, 5, Violence--Far Away Eyes {Arg}, by Not For Sale {Arg})** Lifetime Record: GSW & GISP-Arg, 8-3-0-1, \$58,601. O-Breeze Easy, LLC; B-La Pasion (ARG); T-Javier Contreras.

**7th-Charles Town, \$33,900**, (S), 2-9, (NW2L), 4yo/up, 7f, 1:28.84, ft, 3/4 length.

**MR CHANCE ROMANCE (g, 4, Limehouse--Color Vision, by Noonmark)** Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-1, \$53,007. O/B-Ronney & Nicole Brown (WV); T-Ronney W. Brown.



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**6th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$26,550**, 2-10, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:43.92, fm, 3/4 length.

**MOHAWK TRAIL (f, 3, Pioneer of the Nile--Iroquois Girl {SP, \$149,614}, by Indian Charlie)** Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$48,170. O-NBS Stable; B-Westbury Stables LLC (FL); T-Kelsey Danner. \*\$180,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP.

**7th-Turf Paradise, \$21,900**, 2-9, 4yo/up, 7 1/2fT, 1:30.16, fm, 2 lengths.

**THIRTY SECONDS OUT (g, 7, Treasure Beach {GB}--Switchin Lanes, by Devon Lane)** Lifetime Record: 46-7-10-4, \$98,255. O/T-Jose Silva, Jr.; B-Carl Walker (FL). \*\$3,500 RNA Ylg '17 ARZNOV.

#### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Candy Caramel**, f, 3, **Candy Ride (Arg)**--Bride Street, by Street Cry (Ire). Oaklawn, 2-10, (C), 6f, 1:12.45. Lifetime Record: 9-1-0-1, \$49,120. B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY). \*\$75,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR.

**Vagabond Shoes**, c, 3, **Carpe Diem**--Spice Lady (SP), by **Speightstown**. Santa Anita, 2-10, (C), 6fT, 1:09.59. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$25,200. B-Randal Family Trust (KY). \*\$5,500 Ylg '21 FTKFEB. \*\*1ST-TIME STARTER.

**Cruzin Man**, c, 3, **Chitu**--Satan's Mistress (SP, \$238,825), by Songandaprayer. Gulfstream, 2-10, (C), 5f (AWT), :56.47. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$26,200. B-Michael Frank (FL).

**Clear as a Bele**, g, 3, **Clearly Now**--My Friend Bele (SW, \$145,980), by My Friend Max. Fair Grounds, 2-10, (S), 6f, 1:12.14. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$30,000. B-Delmar Caldwell (LA). \*1/2 to Hunker Down (Musket Man), MSP, \$250,275. \*\*1ST-TIME STARTER

**Letitgotovoiceemail**, f, 3, **Dialed In**--Frozen Music, by Langfuhr. Charles Town, 2-9, 6 1/2f, 1:21.93. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$24,659. B-David J. Lanzman Racing Inc & Jason W. Wood (KY). \*\$8,500 Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$60,000 2yo '22 OBSOPN.



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**Lady Dreamer**, f, 3, **Exaggerator**--Hout Bay (SP, \$139,190), by Harlan's Holiday. Delta Downs, 2-9, 6 1/2f, 1:21.86. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-3, \$37,765. B-Perry & Denise Martin (KY). \*\$15,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$30,000 2yo '22 OBSOPN.



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**Retired**, g, 3, **Goldencents**--Rebooted, by Mr. Greeley. Gulfstream, 2-10, (C), 1mT, 1:37.34. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$30,700. B-Angela M Ingenito (FL). \*\$65,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$80,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR. \*\*1ST-TIME STARTER.

**Terrier**, c, 3, **Into Mischief**--Night Time Lady (SP), by **Midnight Lute**. Santa Anita, 2-10, (C), 6fT, 1:10.00. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$25,200. B-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY). \*\$260,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. \*\*1ST-TIME STARTER.

**Freebritney**, f, 3, **Klimt**--Arrostos, by Bodemeister. Delta Downs, 2-9, 6 1/2f, 1:21.96. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$30,920. B-Mullikin Thoroughbreds (KY). \*\$22,000 RNA Wlg '20 FTKNOV; \$27,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP.



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**Liberal Lady**, f, 3, **Mor Spirit**--Cut Class Trip, by Trippi. Santa Anita, 2-10, (C), (C), 6 1/2f, 1:16.89. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$26,040. B-Coteau Grove Farms, LLC (LA). \*\$25,000 Ylg '21 OBSOCT; \$95,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR.



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**Testa**, g, 4, **Connect**--Rovenna (MSW, \$419,030), by Vronsky. Gulfstream, 2-10, (C), 1mT, 1:36.16. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$34,123. B-Donald R Dizney, LLC (FL).

**Lexington Diva**, f, 4, **El Kingdom**--Valid Enchantment, by Tiznow. Sam Houston Race, 2-10, (S), 7f, 1:28.51. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-0, \$32,000. B-Jose Luis Espinoza (TX).

**King of Song**, g, 4, **Songandaprayer**--Bon Lil, by Bon Point (GB). Sam Houston Race, 2-10, 5fT, :57.81. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, \$27,030. B-Marablue Farm LLC (FL).

**Bavarian Creme**, m, 5, **Bayern**--Critical Cathy, by Gold Token. Aqueduct, 2-10, (S), 7f, 1:29.00. Lifetime Record: 10-1-1-3, \$95,472. B-Tea Party Stable Inc. (NY).

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**Bayern**, Bavarian Creme, m, 5, o/o Critical Cathy, by Gold Token. MSW, 2-10, Aqueduct

**Bernardini**, Royal King, g, 4, o/o R Frosty One, by Southern Success. MSW, 2-10, Oaklawn

**Candy Ride (Arg)**, Candy Caramel, f, 3, o/o Bride Street, by Street Cry (Ire). MCL, 2-10, Oaklawn

**Carpe Diem**, Vagabond Shoes, c, 3, o/o Spice Lady, by **Speightstown**. MCL, 2-10, Santa Anita

**Chitu**, Cruzin Man, c, 3, o/o Satan's Mistress, by Songandaprayer. MOC, 2-10, Gulfstream

**Clearly Now**, Clear as a Bele, g, 3, o/o My Friend Bele, by My Friend Max. MSW, 2-10, Fair Grounds

**Connect**, Testa, g, 4, o/o Rovenna, by Vronsky. MOC, 2-10, Gulfstream

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**Dialed In**, Letitgotovoice, f, 3, o/o Frozen Music, by Langfuhr. MSW, 2-9, Charles Town

**El Kingdom**, Lexington Diva, f, 4, o/o Valid Enchantment, by Tiznow. MSW, 2-10, Sam Houston

**Exaggerator**, Lady Dreamer, f, 3, o/o Hout Bay, by Harlan's Holiday. MSW, 2-9, Delta Downs

**First Samurai**, Golden Effect, f, 4, o/o Ripple Effect, by Frankel (GB). ALW, 2-10, Laurel

**Flat Out**, Easy to Bless, m, 5, o/o Arbeka, by Mr. Greeley. AOC, 2-10, Aqueduct

**Frosted**, Steinbeck, c, 4, o/o Nickel, by Unbridled's Song. AOC, 2-10, Aqueduct

**Goldencents**, Retired, g, 3, o/o Rebooted, by Mr. Greeley. MOC, 2-10, Gulfstream

**Greenpointcrusader**, Talkin Topsy, f, 4, o/o Topsy Toes, by Got the Last Laugh. AOC, 2-10, Gulfstream

**Hard Spun**, Bold Journey, c, 4, o/o Polly Freeze, by Super Saver. AOC, 2-10, Aqueduct

**Into Mischief**, Souper Dormy, g, 6, o/o Truly Blushed, by Yes It's True. AOC, 2-10, Gulfstream

**Into Mischief**, Terrier, c, 3, o/o Night Time Lady, by Midnight Lute. MCL, 2-10, Santa Anita

**Klimt**, Freebritney, f, 3, o/o Arrostopos, by Bodemeister. MSW, 2-9, Delta Downs

**Liam's Map**, Expressman, c, 4, o/o Spangled Banner, by Tiz Wonderful. AOC, 2-10, Gulfstream

**Limehouse**, Mr Chance Romance, g, 4, o/o Color Vision, by Noonmark. ALW, 2-9, Charles Town

**Mor Spirit**, Liberal Lady, f, 3, o/o Cut Class Trip, by Trippi. MOC, 2-10, Santa Anita

**Pioneer of the Nile**, Camp David, c, 4, o/o Morrow Cove, by Yes It's True. ALW, 2-10, Oaklawn

**Pioneer of the Nile**, Mohawk Trail, f, 3, o/o Iroquois Girl, by Indian Charlie. AOC, 2-10, Tampa Bay

**Tapit**, Wish It, f, 3, o/o Graeme Six, by Graeme Hall. MSW, 2-10, Sam Houston

**Uncle Mo**, Mobou, g, 7, o/o Abou, by Distorted Humor. AOC, 2-10, Santa Anita

**Violence**, Far Away Love (Arg), m, 5, o/o Far Away Eyes (Arg), by Not For Sale (Arg). ALW, 2-9, Charles Town

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## LAFFON WORKING TO BUILD ON 'HEAD' START



Fernando Laffon | Sue Finley

by Chris McGrath

It has been a poignant year for his mother's family, who last summer grieved not only their own venerable patriarch but the founder of many parallel equine dynasties. Within months of Alec Head's death, their Haras du Quesnay was being dismantled and, as a reflective young man, Fernando Laffon could not fail to sense the end of a cycle as his grandmother Criquette Head-Maarek was joined in retirement by her brother Freddy. But just as Freddy's children Christopher and Victoria meanwhile continue in training careers of their own, so Laffon is assisting the next turn of the wheel.

Though only 23, he is already a familiar sight on the bloodstock circuit either side of the ocean. He was born to the game, as son of trainer Carlos Laffon-Parias and Criquette's daughter Patricia. And his nascent agency, Fernando's Horses, already features Real Madrid full-back Alvaro Odriozola among its clients. Lately, moreover, he has been shadowing a paragon of his chosen profession, David Ingordo, round the American sales in completing his education with a stint at Lane's End.

Except, of course, with such a background Laffon understands perfectly well that one's education with Thoroughbreds is never "complete". Though he will always stand out from a crowd, elevated by those long limbs, Laffon scrupulously renounces any entitlement through pedigree or upbringing. [Cont. p3](#)

## LOOKIN AT LUCKY'S TALL BOY BREAKS MAIDEN IN UAE 2000 GUINEAS

by Heather Anderson

Calumet Farm's **Tall Boy** (**Lookin At Lucky**) broke his maiden in stirring fashion, running out a length winner of the G3 UAE 2000 Guineas Presented by Nakheel over **Shirl's Bee** (**Bee Jersey**) for trainer Doug O'Neill and jockey William Buick at Meydan on Friday evening.

Sitting just off the Charles Fipke runner after leaving the chute, the chestnut edged closer as noses pointed for home. Refusing to give his rival a breather, the pair locked horns in earnest by the 600-metre mark. Throughout the stretch drive, it appeared that Tall Boy was moving the better of the duo, but Shirl's Bee was dogged against the fence and pushed him all the way through the final furlong, as the winner inched away late. **Mr Raj** (Bolt d'Oro) closed to take third. [Cont. p8](#)

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# TODAY in TDN EUROPE

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*Danyah (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) became his sire's 146th stakes winner with a 2 1/4-length victory in the Listed Business Bay Challenge Presented By Nakheel over 1400mT at Meydan on Friday. | Dhric/AK/DRC*

## PENALTIES TWEAKED AHEAD OF NEW WHIP RULES

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*The penalties for whip infractions under the new rules that begin on Monday, were "marginally adjusted" by the BHA.*

## PAIR OF BREEDING RIGHTS SELL AT GOFFS ONLINE

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## Fernando Laffon Cont. from p1

If anything, in fact, that's where he does have a "Head" start: in grasping that horses are ever here to keep us humble.

"I really have no expectations whatsoever," he insists. "Because I've been taught not to have any; that any good surprise is a good surprise. I'm the last of my siblings, so have always been among older people. But in no way, shape or form am I any wiser than anyone else my age. I just try to keep quiet, be observant, and be respectful to everyone I work with. And, if I can, to make my way through the industry qualitatively and maturely."

That said, the industry in question is entirely predicated on the principle that breeding and upbringing will show in performance-and sometimes that can apply on two legs, no less than on four. Laffon was only 12 when his father saddled Solemia (Ire) (Poliglote {GB}) to win the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, compounding the extraordinary race record of his maternal family. Criquette won the next two runnings with Treve (Fr) (Motivator {GB}); and had earlier won with Three Troikas (Fr) (Lyphard), one of four Arc winners ridden by her brother. Freddy duly matched

the quartet saddled by their father, whose own father William had in turn trained two.

"I feel very lucky to have been raised in the centre of racing: Chantilly," Laffon acknowledges. "Growing up, I never really grasped the importance of my great-grandfather's name. His daughter became my mentor, but first and foremost she was my grandmother. But by the time I got out of college, and knew what area of the industry I wanted to be involved in, I started to realize how critical he had been, and who he was, and the love for the animal that he had. And as the years goes by, I'm sure I'll also find myself looking back on things that my dad has said or done, things I heard or saw as a kid falling into place with my own experiences. I'm going to have to make my name for myself, as obvious as that is. But those memories are always going to be there, in the back of your mind, giving you an edge."

That kind of heritage, admittedly, can sometimes prove a double-edged sword. In this business you often see successor generations losing their way because they never sampled different ways of doing things elsewhere. [Cont. p4](#)



2012 Arc heroine Solemia was trained by Laffon's father Carlos  
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**ALEXANDROUPOLIS** (Ire), 3c, ex **Jazz Cat (Tamayuz)**  
**O:** Coolmore Partners  
**B:** Mrs Fitri Hay  
**T:** A P O'Brien



Debuting in early September at Galway, this colt defied market expectation to make a winning debut in stylish fashion. Travelling strongly behind the leading group, the debutant pierced a gap with a furlong left to run and comfortably prevailed by just shy of two lengths. Running home late behind him was stablemate **Espionage (Galileo)**, who has since mightily boosted the form by being beaten by just a head into second in October's Gr.1 Criterium International.

**AZAZAT** (Ire), 3f, ex **Azama (Sea The Stars)**  
**O/B:** H H Aga Khan  
**T:** D K Weld



Debuting in late October, **Azazat** beat home some experienced rivals to finish a promising half a length second in a 7f fillies maiden at the Curragh. She holds an entry for the Gr.1 Irish Oaks...From a predictably strong Aga Khan family, she is out of the unraced **Azama (Sea The Stars)**, a half-sister to **Azamour (Night Shift)**.

**BE HAPPY** (Ire), 3f, ex **Frequential (Dansili)**  
**O:** Coolmore Partners  
**B:** Lynch Bages Ltd & Longfield Stud  
**T:** A P O'Brien



This filly produced a fine late run to make a winning debut over 1m at Cork in September....Her extended pedigree is an outstanding one and features the likes of the legendary **Urban Sea** and of course her two champion sons and sires **Galileo** and **Sea The Stars**, amongst many. **Camelot** has had particular success with breeding to this family, producing the likes of the Gr.1 winners **Sir Dragonet** and **Athena**.

**BLUESTOCKING** (GB), 3f, ex **Emulous (Dansili)**  
**O/B:** Juddmonte  
**T:** Ralph Beckett



Another possible Oaks filly, and like many on this list, **Bluestocking** was a winner on debut when she defeated a field of ten in a 1m Novice event at Salisbury. She claimed the lead with a furlong left to run and was going away at the line....She is out of the Gr.1 Matron Stakes victrix and champion **Emulous (Dansili)**.

**DENMARK** (GB), 3c, ex **Board Meeting (Anabaa)**  
**O:** Coolmore Partners  
**B:** Dayton Investments (Breeding) Limited  
**T:** A P O'Brien



**Denmark** made an impressive winning debut over 1m at Naas in August, despite showing signs of greenness. He then went to Longchamp on Arc weekend for the Haras de Bouquetot Criterium Arqana, finishing a short neck second and emphasising that a step up in trip beyond a mile would be beneficial....**Denmark** descends from a potent Wildenstein lineage, which includes the likes of the high-class French fillies **Bright Moon (Alysheba)** and **Bright Sky (Wolfhound)**.

**HIAWATHA** (Ire), 3c, ex **Attire (Danehill Dancer)**  
**O:** Coolmore Partners  
**B:** B V Sangster  
**T:** A P O'Brien



The most expensive of his sire's progeny ever to sell at public auction, **Hiawatha** was unable to replicate the stellar juvenile form of his full-brother **Luxembourg** last year, but retains potential after narrowly being denied a victory in Gr.3 company on his last start. A big stamp of a colt, he could be seen to best effect over a Derby trip this season....Like **Denmark**, **Hiawatha** descends from an impressive Wildenstein lineage, containing the likes of the Gr.1 Breeders' Cup Classic Stakes hero and sire **Arcangues (Sagace)** and the Classic-winning fillies **Aquarelliste (Danehill)** and **Cape Verdi (Caerleon)**.

# COOLMORE

### Fernando Laffon Cont.

So it feels very wholesome that Laffon has broadened his horizons, not just at Reading University/Henley Business School (plus a desk job in Geneva), but in taking the Irish National Stud course and learning the agency ropes under Tom Goff. He feels a huge debt to both; and now here he is in Kentucky.

"It's definitely something you have to do: experience different schools, understand the different ways that horses are managed, land is managed," Laffon says. "From the very early morning training routines I once knew, growing up, it's so different over here. And I really acknowledge the privileged situation I'm in here, with the Farish family, it's an absolutely fantastic organisation."

And the timing could not have been better, allowing such a young man already to have been on neck-slapping terms not with just Treve but now also with **Flightline (Tapit)**.

"Oh, everything that's happened since I got here is a blessing, really," Laffon enthuses. "Joining at such an important time in the farm's history, in any horseman's career really, was really something special. Being able to witness greatness, and the upcoming path for him, is so exciting."

Given Alec Head's example, it would be fitting if Laffon could build on this transatlantic foundation to renew the kind of genetic transfusion so culpably neglected in recent times.

"Yes, my great-grandfather brought a lot of pedigrees over here and, most importantly, brought them back to Europe as well," he agrees. "When he was surrounded with stallions such as Riverman and Lyphard and Anabaa and Mr. Sidney, it was all about exposing them to different markets, different methods of racing. And that's kind of been lost. People now want certainty, whereas before it was a gamble that either paid off or didn't."

"But now that we're seeing such improvement in the way

Americans look at turf racing, I think there are definitely opportunities for working both continents at once; in fact, I intend to do so. And also for reconciling the racing, acknowledging that horses here are definitely different, they're bigger, and speed out of the gate is crucial. And the nutrition program is completely different. However I was shocked by the amount of European pedigree I have found, both on the farms and at the sales. So these horses can be super versatile, and exposing myself to both is a necessity."

But you certainly learn fast in the Bluegrass. Laffon equates trying to keep up with Ingordo, round a single September Sale, with three full years on the European circuit. Again, it's about keeping humble--and keeping



Laffon is shadowing David Ingordo | Keeneland

eyes and ears open.

"I've been raised in a very traditional manner," Laffon emphasizes. "I just want to do right by me, and my clients, and the people I work with. Because in the end it's a game of honesty and trust. My end goal has always been to breed, which is something I've undertaken already back in Europe, with fillies in training and newly purchased mares."

The commercial yearling represents a valuable new dimension for Laffon, the clientele of father and grandmother alike having largely been owner-breeders.

"It's helped to evolve the way I see things," he says. "You're not looking at the perfect horse, only at a certain stage of maturity, and asking yourself what improvement you can get from them. And I think that comes down to just understanding that every individual in your barn has different qualities. Spotting those is what sets apart trainers like my father and grandmother from others."

With that old school

background, it feels positive that Laffon should have joined forces with another young man from a very different world.



Footballer Alvaro Odriozola is one of Laffon's clients | Getty Images



### Fernando Laffon Cont.

For Odriozola, equally, it must have been refreshing to encounter someone who knew so much about racing, and plenty about rugby, but very little about soccer. They met when Odriozola, attending the Arc, was invited (as a fellow Spaniard) to visit his father's yard.

"Alvaro has sure made an impression, since the beginning," Laffon says. "He's so eager towards the game we all love, passionate and knowledgeable. He and I are just on the same wavelength, we're friends before anything else, and both happen to share this unconditional love of the horse in its entirety. Spain is a small country, racing-wise, but any horseman or racing fan must experience Madrid La Zarzuela racetrack, architecturally it's one of the most beautiful in Europe. The quality of racing is without a doubt picking up. And that's one of the beautiful things I admire about Alvaro, that he's willing just to give back to the industry he so loves, in his country. He wants to breed, so has bought a few young fillies for racing: with Ramon Avial in San Sebastian, in Chantilly with Dad, but also at Joseph O'Brien's in Co. Kilkenny."

Since establishing that link with Odriozola, a couple of years ago, Laffon has also assisted his grandmother in matings and stud management, and meanwhile built a few partnerships among friends and clients.

"I want a very close relationship with anyone I work with," he stresses. "To me, it's not about putting yourself out there and buying the most horses you can, but about building trust with those you want to buy for."

We're plainly talking to a pretty cosmopolitan young man here. Laffon went to school in England, his genes are French and Spanish, and he has embraced a career where his surname resonates internationally at Hall of Fame level. Yet he knows that he has barely scratched the surface; that even in our narrow walk of life, there's a whole world out there waiting to be discovered.

"It's such a short time that we have to experience everything. And that's what this industry gives us. One day you're in Keeneland, the next you're at the Magic Millions. It's a beautiful thing. We're so lucky to do what we love."

Fernando Laffon

"I think the world is both a big place and a small place," he suggests. "I want to go to many different places, discover many different cultures. It's such a short time that we have to experience everything. And that's what this industry gives us. One day you're in Keeneland, the next you're at the Magic Millions. It's a beautiful thing. We're so lucky to do what we love. There's no words to describe it: how this job that takes every single day of every week, every single hour of every day, but makes us proud just to be waking up and working hard."

And perhaps it is that precocious insight--as much as any connections, any inherited lore--that represents Laffon's most precious family legacy.

"Yes, of course, having an 'in' is a positive," he accepts. "In terms of the way I can look at and understand the animal, it's been great to have been brought up with a 'second nature' type of outlook. But one of the things I love about this industry is that it's really open to any hardworking person. If you have the drive, you can go anywhere: people will never overlook you. And that's why I wanted to come here. In America people are very outgoing: starting out in business, they get themselves heard. Obviously my great-grandfather did a lot here, and his name is very well regarded. But I really wanted to make my own way, a fresh start.

"In breeding, there's always progression. Change will always occur: not only in the way I do things, but in the way everyone does. So it's about adapting. A breeder has to be a seller, has to understand how the market works and how it may change. That's why coming here, and being exposed to all this, it's really the best thing I could do."

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## EUROPEAN NEWS

### PENALTIES TWEAKED AHEAD OF NEW WHIP RULE DEPLOYMENT

The **previously announced new whip regulations** will go into force on Monday, but the way penalties are calculated has been "marginally adjusted" according to the British Horseracing Authority (BHA).

Following **feedback from jockeys**, there were further amendments to the rules, and the **bedding in period** for jumps racing was extended by a week.

Under the new regulations, use of the whip in the forehand position will be allowed, with the BHA having reversed a previous decision to ban it after riders' objections. **Cont. p6**



New whip rules begin on Monday | PA Sport

### Penalty Tweak Cont.

However, use of the whip has been reduced to six and seven strikes over the Flat and Jumps races, respectively.

The penalty structure was also strengthened, with the very worst whip offences potentially resulting in disqualification of horses and riding bans of 20 days--a tariff which will be doubled in Class 1 and 2 races.

In its latest update, the BHA confirmed only offences for use of the whip above the permitted level will be doubled and not offences for use above shoulder height. A tweak to how offences are aggregated where multiple offences are committed in the same ride has also been made.

In a statement, the BHA said, "The rules being implemented on Monday are the result of a detailed consultation process designed to foster more considered and judicious use of the whip."

"They are being introduced after an extensive bedding-in period which has successfully allowed jockeys and officials to familiarise themselves with the new rules and guidance and identify where improvements can be made to their implementation, or where some jockeys might need to adapt their riding style. This was the purpose of the bedding-in period."

"We are grateful for the input of the PJA (Professional Jockeys Association), NTF (National Trainers Federation) and a number of senior riders and trainers and we have now reached a position where the new rules and guidance will be implemented in the manner in which they were intended."

"We were pleased to note jockeys stating that the responsibility now rests on them to ride within the new rules and adapt their riding style where necessary. We have already seen this happening during the bedding-in period, for which jockeys deserve great credit."

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## GOFFS ONLINE SALE FEATURES STALLION BREEDING RIGHTS

Two breeding rights sold during the Goffs Online Sale Of Stallion Breeding Rights on Friday.

A breeding right in young Castlefield Stud sire **Alkumait (GB)** (lot 3) went for €16,000 to Broompark House Stud. The son of Showcasing (GB) won the G2 Mill Reef S. and is a half-brother to G1 Dewhurst S. hero Chaldean (GB) (**Frankel {GB}**). He stands for €5,000 this year, the same year his first foals arrive.

Also selling, was lot 4, a breeding right in **Mirage Dancer (GB)** who also stands at Castlefield. Venice Consulting shelled out €14,000 for access to the 9-year-old. Out of dual Grade I-winning turf mare Heat Haze (GB) (Green Desert), the bay stands for €3,500 this term.

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## BRITAIN

### Friday's Result:

**4th-Southwell, £18,800, Mdn, 2-10, 3yo, 8f 13y (AWT), 1:40.32, st.**

**CREATE (IRE) (f, 3, Harry Angel {Ire}--Patent Joy {Ire}, by Pivotal {GB})**, sent off at 20-1 on this racecourse bow, broke alertly from her wide stall and raced enthusiastically behind the leaders. Delivered wide off the bend, the bay was in front a furlong out and drew away to score with authority by 1 3/4 lengths from Woodstock (GB) (Sixties Icon {GB}). The winner is the last known foal out of the dam, who is a daughter of the G2 Rockfel S. scorer Kitty Matcham (Ire) (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}). The third dam is the Oaks and Irish 1000 Guineas heroine Imagine (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), the half-sister to Generous (Ire) who was in turn responsible for the Group 1 winners Horatio Nelson (Ire) (Danehill) and Van Gogh (**American Pharoah**). Sales history: £17,000 Ylg '21 TATIRY. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$12,303.

O-Dixon, Wylam, M Baldry, J & S Harrod; B-Godolphin (IRE); T-Scott Dixon.



### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

**Dream For Gold (Ire)**, c, 3, **U S Navy Flag**--Why Not Queen (Ire), by Dubawi (Ire). Chelmsford City, 2-10, 5f (AWT), :59.11. Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-1, \$14,695. B-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited (IRE).



# IRELAND

## Friday's Result:

**5th-Dundalk, €17,000, Cond, 2-10, 3yo, 8f (AWT), 1:42.03, st.**  
**STORMY ENTRY (c, 3, Point Of Entry--Stormy Perfection {GISP-US}, by Tale Of The Cat),** off the mark over seven furlongs here last month, tracked the leading trio throughout the early stages. Staying on strongly to overhaul Cash Out (Ire) (**No Nay Never**) in the shade of the post, the 7-4 second favourite had a short-head margin to spare there. The dam, who was runner-up in the GI Natalma S., is connected to Tale Of The Cat's GI Wood Memorial and GI Cigar Mile hero Tale Of Ekati and the champion Sky Beauty (Blushing Groom {Fr}). Her yearling colt is by **Sky Mesa**, while she was bred to Danish Dynaformer and Point Of Entry for 2023. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$24,299.  
 O/B-Charles Fipke (KY); T-Willie Browne.

## CONDITIONS RESULTS:

**2nd-Dundalk, €17,000, 2-10, 3yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:14.61, st.**  
**HARRY'S BAR (GB) (g, 8, Exceed And Excel {Aus}--Firenze {GB} {MSW & GSP-Eng, \$202,634}, by Efio {GB})** Lifetime Record: SW-Ire, 47-14-4-7, \$251,067. O-Shamrock Thoroughbreds & Liam Ferguson; B-Jan & Peter Hopper (GB); T-Adrian McGuinness. \*120,000gns RNA HRA '19 TATAHI; 75,000gns HRA '20 TATAHI. \*\*Full to Mazzini (GB), GSP-UAE, \$383,670.

**1st-Dundalk, €14,500, 2-10, 4yo/up, 16f (AWT), 3:39.53, st.**  
**OKITA SOUSHI (IRE) (h, 5, Galileo {Ire}--Amicus {Aus} {G1SW-Aus, \$641,722}, by Fastnet Rock {Aus})** Lifetime Record: SP-Ire, 8-2-2-2, \$45,268. O-Toshihiro Matsumoto; B-Coolmore (IRE); T-Joseph O'Brien.

# FRANCE

## Friday's Results:

**4th-Deauville, €27,000, Mdn, 2-10, 3yo, f, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:29.35, st.**  
**ANGE DE LA MOISSON (FR) (f, 3, Harry Angel {Ire}--Moisson Precoc {GB} {GSP-Fr}, by Lawman {Fr}),** not seen since finishing third on her debut over six furlongs at Chantilly last May, was in front before the end of the first furlong. Setting the perfect fractions under Tony Piccone, the 27-10 second favourite was clear and out of reach in early straight and despite tiring late had 3/4 of a length to spare over Mgheera (GB) (Zoustar {Aus}) at the line. The winner is the first foal out of the dam, who was

third in the G3 Prix Miesque and is connected to the G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest-winning leading French sprinter Signs Of Blessing (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) and the G2 Rockfel S. winner Hello You (Ire) also by Invincible Spirit. Her 2-year-old colt Rock The Kasbah (Fr) (City Light {Fr}) was an €85,000 purchase by Gerard Larrieu and Haras d'Etreham at the Arqana Deauville August Yearling Sale, while she also has his yearling full-brother to come. Sales history: €47,000 Ylg '21 ARQAUG. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, €17,050. **Video, sponsored by TVG.**  
 O-Hollymount Stud France SC; B-Mme I Corbani (FR); T-Francis-Henri Graffard.

**6th-Lyon-la-Soie, €19,000, Mdn, 2-10, 3yo, 9f (AWT), 1:54.55, st.**

**GRECIAN BONANZA (GB) (c, 3, Ribchester {Ire}--Chrysale {GB}, by High Chaparral {Ire}),** third behind the Wertheimers' Not Alone (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) and the subsequent winner Back To Black (Fr) (**Al Wukair {Ire}**) at Cagnes-sur-Mer last month, was keen early reserved in mid-division. Staying on strongly to wear down Engaliwe (Fr) (Galiway {GB}) in the final strides, the 9-10 favourite nosed out that rival in the bobber. The winner is the first foal out of the dam, whose immediate family includes the classy siblings Flag Of Honour (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Misu Bond (Ire) (Daneshill Dancer {Ire}) and Air Chief Marshal (Ire) (Daneshill Dancer {Ire}). Her 2-year-old filly Grecian Jewel (Fr) is by Iffraaj (GB), while she also has the yearling filly Grecian Comet (Fr) (Make Believe {GB}). Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-2, €15,650. **Video, sponsored by TVG.**

O- Mme Catherine Kairis & Tolmi Racing SC; B-SCEA Marmion Vauville & Mme C Kairis (FR); T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

## CONDITIONS RESULT:

**4th-Lyon-la-Soie, €15,000, 2-10, 4yo, 2150m (AWT), 2:17.85, st.**

**ZILYA (FR) (f, 4, Silver Frost {Ire}--Zamoyska {Fr}, by Country Reel)** Lifetime Record: 16-4-0-1, €41,700. O-Ecurie JP Bonardel, M Cesandri, Jean-Claude Ravier & Thierry Ravier; B-Bloodstock Agency Ltd & Mlle M Risi (FR); T-Maxime Cesandri.

## ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Valentino Face (Fr), c, 3, Almanzor (Fr)--Asumi (Ire),** by Shamardal. Deauville, 2-10, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:29.61. B-SARL Winning Bloodstock Agency (FR). \*€100,000 Ylg '21 ARQOCT.  
**More (Fr), f, 3, Shalaa (Ire)--Sport Game (Fr),** by Azamour (Ire). Lyon-la-Soie, 2-10, 2150m (AWT), 2:16.35. B-Mme S Dupray (FR). \*€41,000 Ylg '21 ARQAUG.

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**IN AUSTRALIA:**

**Aspen Colorado (Ger)**, g, 5, **Sea The Moon (Ger)**--Aspen Royal (Ger), by Royal Applause (GB). Moonee Valley, 2-10, Hcp., 1514mT, 1:31.72. B-Gestuet Goerlsdorf. \*€120,000 Ylg '19 BBAAUG.

**IN BAHRAIN:**

**Gumais (Ire)**, g, 3, **Buratino (Ire)**--Rinaria (Ire), by Tamayuz (GB). Sakhir, 2-10, Cond., 1600mT, 1:36.11. B-Kildaragh Stud. \*15,000gns Ylg '21 TATSEP; 20,000gns HRA '22 TATAUT.

**VIDEO (SC 8)**

**Jazeel (Ire)**, g, 8, **Roderic O'Connor (Ire)**--Simla Bibi (GB), by Indian Ridge (Ire). Sakhir, 2-10, HH Sheikh Faisal Bin Rashid Bin Isa Al Khalifa Cup (Bhr-G1, NBT), 1600mT, 1:36.45. B-Mrs Joan Murphy. \*1/2 to Ooh Aah Camara (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), MSP-Eng, SP-Itly; Emerald Wilderness (Ire) (Green Desert), SP-Eng, \$261,652. \*\*€42,000 Wlg '15 GOFNOV; 130,000gns RNA HRA '18 TATAUT; 160,000gns HRA '19 TATAUT. **VIDEO (SC 6)**

**IN SAUDI ARABIA:**

**Treble Joy (Ire)**, g, 4, **Kitten's Joy**--Three Hearts (GSW-US, \$282,173), by Hat Trick (Jpn). King Abdulaziz, 2-10, Hcp., 2000m. B-Ridgemont Stud Ltd. \*50,000gns Ylg '20 TATOCT; 25,000gns HRA '22 TATAUT. **VIDEO (SC 1)**

**Melody of Life (Ire)**, g, 5, **Dark Angel (Ire)**--Tamarisk, by Selkirk. King Abdulaziz, 2-10, Cond., 1400m. B-Yeomanstown Stud. \*Full to Happy Power (Ire), MGSW-Eng, \$529,793. \*\*425,000gns Ylg '19 TATOCT; 42,000gns HRA '22 TATOCT.

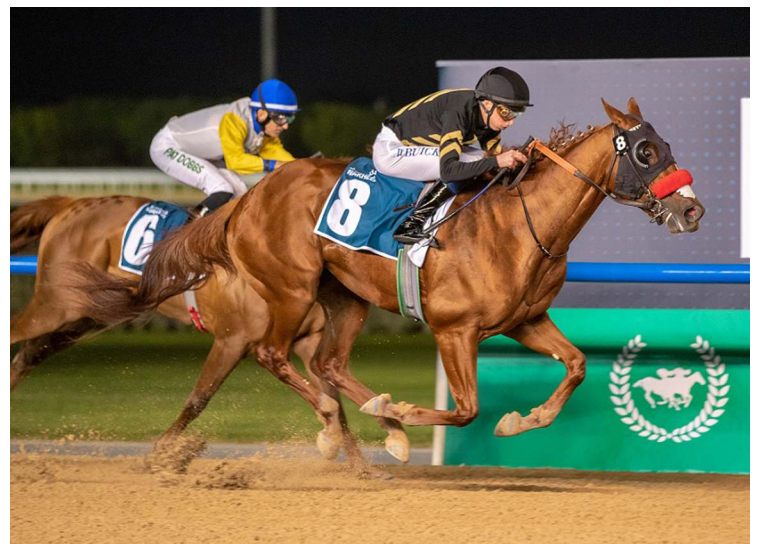
**VIDEO (SC 12)**

## WORLDWIDE NEWS

**G3 UAE 2000 Guineas Cont. from p1**

"We were going a good pace and I didn't expect to be where I was, as he struggled for pace early in America," said Buick, winning this race for a third time. "He showed guts, good attitude and I expect connections will have one eye on the [G3] UAE Derby after that. Once we turned into the straight I felt him grow an inch and he gave me plenty in response."

Although winless prior to his trip to Meydan, the colt has been slugged it out with some of the biggest names in the California 3-year-old division. He ran fifth when unveiled in the wake of **'TDN Rising Star'** and subsequent dual Grade I-winning Juvenile Cave Rock (Arrogate) and Practical Move (**Practical Joke**) at Del Mar on Aug. 13. Dropped in for an \$80,000 tag, he improved with a closing second in a maiden claimer still at the seaside oval on Sept. 5, and rallied for third behind fellow **'Rising Star'** Spun Intended (**Hard Spun**) back in maiden special weight company there on Nov. 26. In his final start of 2022, Tall Boy ran fourth in the GII Los Alamitos Futurity to Practical Move in late December, and Friday's victory was O'Neill's second in the race after Fore Left (**Twirling Candy**) in 2020.



Tall Boy | DRC

**Pedigree Notes**

Bred by Rockingham Ranch, the February-born colt was picked up by Calumet from Paramount Sales for just \$40,000 as a Keeneland November weanling. He is the 72nd stakes winner for his GI Preakness S.-winning Coolmore Ashford sire. His unraced dam has fillies of 2021 and 2022 by Liam's Map, and **Gun Runner**, respectively. O'Neill signed for the former on behalf of Del Mar Group for \$100,000 out of last autumn's Keeneland September Yearling Sale, also from Paramount.

The second dam, the winning Golden Peach, by GI Belmont victor Touch Gold, is a half-sister to Grade III winners Squadron A (Unbridled's Song) and Belgravia (Mr. Greeley), as well as the three-time graded-placed Persuading (Broken Vow). Qualique (Hawaii {SAf}), out of fourth dam Dorothy Gaylord (Sensitivo {Arg}), claimed the GI Demoiselle S. in 1983.



**Friday, Meydan, Dubai**

**UAE 2000 GUINEAS PRESENTED BY NAKHEEL-G3**, \$150,000, Meydan, 2-10, 3yo, 8f, 1:37.32, fs.

1--**TALL BOY, 121, c, 3, by Lookin At Lucky**

1st Dam: Madame Mayra, by Scat Daddy

2nd Dam: Golden Peach, by Touch Gold

3rd Dam: Peaks Mill, by Stalwart

**1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. 1ST GROUP WIN.** (\$40,000 Wlg '20 KEENOV). O-Calumet Farm; B-Rockingham Ranch (KY); T-Doug O'Neill; J-William Buick. \$90,000. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, \$122,186. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++.** \*Triple Plus\*. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

 Congratulations to all the connections from Paramount Sales 

2--**Shirl's Bee, 121, c, 3, Bee Jersey--Shirl's Soul, by Perfect Soul** (Ire). **1ST BLACK-TYPE. 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.** O/B-Charles Fipke (KY); T-Doug Watson. \$30,000.

### Bridlewood Farm Training Graduate

 Congratulations to all the connections from Paramount Sales 

3--**Mr Raj, 121, c, 3, Bolt d'Oro--Sonja's Angel, by Smoke** Glacken. **1ST BLACK-TYPE. 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.** (\$70,000 RNA Ylg '21 KEESEP; €86,773 2yo '22 GOFMAR). O-Ahmad Bintooq Al Marri; B-John B. Penn (FL); T-Ahmad bin Harmash. \$15,000.

Margins: 1, 1 3/4, 9HF.

Also Ran: Legend Of Cannes, Eye On The Prize (Arg), Magic Petition, Talentum, Tiger Nation, Morning. **Click for the Video.**

**Friday, Meydan, Dubai**

**BLUE POINT SPRINT PRESENTED BY NAKHEEL-G2**, \$180,000, Meydan, 2-10, 3yo/up, 5fT, 57.10, gd.

1--**MIQYAAS (GB), 126, g, 8, by Oasis Dream (GB)**

1st Dam: Fawaayed (Ire), by Singspiel (IRE)

2nd Dam: Eshaadeh, by Storm Cat

3rd Dam: Sarayir, by Mr. Prospector

**1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. 1ST GROUP WIN.** (£1,500 HRA '18 GOF AUG). O-Bouresly Racing Syndicate; B-Shadwell Estate Co Ltd (GB); T-Rashed Bouresly; J-Oscar Chavez. \$108,000. Lifetime Record: 11-4-1-0, \$165,311.

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2--**Ladies Church (GB), 126, f, 4, Churchill (Ire)--Rioticism (Fr), by Rio De La Plata.** (62,000gns Wlg '19 TATFOA; £160,000 Ylg '20 GOFORB; €970,000 HRA '22 GOFNOV). O-Mark Dobbin; B-Dukes Stud & Overbury Stallions Ltd (GB); T-Johnny Murtagh. \$36,000.

3--**Logo Hunter (Ire), 126, g, 5, Brazen Beau (Aus)--Jadanna (Ire), by Mujadil.** (5,000gns HRA '20 TATAUT). O-RRR Racing; B-Mountarmstrong Stud (IRE); T-Bhupat Seemar. \$18,000.

Margins: SHD, SHD, 1.

Also Ran: Lazuli (Ire), Acklam Express (Ire), Khaadem (Ire), Thunder Of Niagara (Ire), Equilateral (GB), Khuzaam, Ponntos (Ire), Raasel (GB), Man Of Promise. Scratched: Taneen. **Click for the Video.**

Miqaas just beat out Ladies Church in a desperately tight finish to take the \$180,000 G2 Blue Point Sprint Presented By Nakheel at Meydan on Friday.

Owned by the Bouresly Racing Syndicate and trained by Rashed Bouresly, the 8-year-old gelding was winning his third on the bounce, after taking a Sharjah 1600-metre main track handicap on Christmas Eve, before running out a 2 1/2-length victor going the same trip over the Meydan turf course just five days previously.

Prominently positioned from the bell, he still held the advantage at the quarter pole, but had to withstand fierce challenges from last year's winner Lazuli (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) to his outside, as well as Ladies Church, the only filly in the field. Logo Hunter was also showing plenty of fight against the stands' side fence. In the end, Miqaas squeaked out a short head winner from Ladies Church, who was the same margin in front of Logo Hunter. Lazuli emptied out late, and had to be content with fourth, a length back.



**Miqaas | Dhric/AK/DRC**

"I always knew he was an improved horse on the turf, but I didn't know he would improve this much," said the rider. "He went flat out from the stalls, I gave him a breather in the middle, but he was there for me at the end."

### Pedigree Notes

The 134th stakes winner for his Juddmonte sire, Miqaas is one of three winners for his unraced dam, who is a half-sister to G2 Queen Mary S. heroine and G1 1000 Guineas/G1 Cheveley Park S. third Maqaasid (GB) (Green Desert). **Cont. p10**

## G2 Blue Point Sprint Cont.

From a family replete with black-type, another half-sister, the Monsun (Ger) mare Jumoooh (GB), is the dam of four stakes winners led by G1 Sydney Cup hero Shraaoh (Ire) ([Sea The Stars {Ire}](#)) and dual group winner Raheen House (Ire) ([Sea The Stars {Ire}](#)). Third dam Sarayir produced Classic heroine Ghanaati (Giant's Causeway), as well as G2 Cumberland Lodge S. winner and G1 Champion S. second Mawathee (Danzig), and the stakes-winning G1 Oaks third Rumoush (Rahy).

# DUBAI

## Friday's Results

**BUSINESS BAY CHALLENGE PRESENTED BY NAKHEEL-Listed**, \$100,000, Meydan, 2-10, NH & SH 4yo/up, 7fT, 1:22.00, gd.  
**1--DANYAH (IRE)**, 126, g, 6, **Invincible Spirit (Ire)--Cuis Ghaire (Ire) (GSW & G1SP-Eng, \$342,897), by Galileo (Ire). 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** O-Shadwell; B-Shadwell Estate Company Limited (IRE); T-Musabbeh Al Mheiri; J-Dane O'Neill. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 15-5-3-3, \$220,012.

**2--Modern News (GB)**, 126, g, 5, Shamardal--Modern Ideals (GB), by New Approach (Ire). O/B-Godolphin (GB); T-Charlie Appleby. \$20,000.

**3--Shining Blue (Ire)**, 126, g, 5, Exceed And Excel (Aus)--Braided, by Elusive Quality. **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O/B-Godolphin (IRE); T-Saeed bin Suroor. \$10,000.

Margins: 2 1/4, 3/4, 1.

Also Ran: I Am Superman (Ire), Major Partnership (Ire), Spirit Of Light (Ire), Rodaballo (GB), Erzindjan (Ire), Fast Raaj (Fr), Land Of Legends (Ire), Manjeer (Ire).

Danyah, who switched conditioners towards the end of 2022 after over a year away, came to Dubai where he ran second at a mile in the Listed Dubai Creek Mile over the turf on Dec. 1. Taking on the G2 Al Maktoum Challenge R1 next time out on Jan. 6, the bay gelding was clearly overmatched when he ended up 13th out of 16 runners.

Dropping down to a much more manageable spot on Friday, the hooded miler enjoyed a dream trip from the fence, as Shining Blue showed the way into and around the far turn. With 300m to go, it appeared that the pacesetter would stay on, but he left the door open for a rail ride, which is precisely what Danyah sought as he won over the late-charging Modern News.

"I had a nice position and once we turned in he started to lengthen and grow in stature," said O'Neill. "He couldn't win from his gate [on dirt] the other night when he was drawn 16 but there's no reason why he can't go on it again."

The winner's dam is a full-sister to both GSW Scintillula (Ire)

and listed winner The Major General (Ire). She is responsible for Danyah's full-brother Ghathanfar (Ire). [Click for the Video.](#)

**4th-Meydan, Hcp**, \$100,000, NH4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 10f, 2:04.74, fs.

**FRANZ STRAUSS (GB) (c, 4, Golden Horn {GB}--Favulosa {GB} {SW-Ity}, by Dansili {GB})**, a perennial turfer last year in England with zero wins in five attempts, came to Meydan on Dec. 23 and ended up sixth over the grass. Trying the dirt for the first time which had turned to mud, he fashioned a neck victory in a handicap against nine others on Jan. 27. Getting bolder in what could be a stepping stone to Super Saturday, the bay colt was hard sent up the rail, but his efforts paid off as he gained the lead around the first turn. Saving all the ground along the fence, the pacesetter showed poise around the far turn, got away from most of the field and down the lane composed an allegro that turned back would-be challengers Sanad Libya ([Tapiture](#)) and Withering (GB) (Mondialiste {Ire}) to win by 1 1/2-lengths. "He hasn't surprised me, he shows a lot in the mornings, but it's good to see him doing it in the evenings too," said Seemar. "Ideally what he wants to do is follow someone, but we had a plan to make use of him early on today and Tadhg rode a fantastic race. Our obvious choice has to be Super Saturday [G1 Maktoum Challenge Round 3] now and there's no hiding place there as it's not a handicap, so he'll have to run off level weights with some very professional dirt horses." Part of a family that includes several stakes winners in Italy, his dam has a gelding named Regional (GB) (Territories {Ire}) who was a respectable third in the Stewards' Cup at Goodwood back on July 30. Sales history: 80,000gns Wlg '19 TATFOA; AED280,000 HRA '22 ERASEP. Lifetime Record: 9-3-1-1, \$126,941. [Click for the Video.](#) O-Greg Bryce; B-Razza Del Sole Societa Agricola SRL (GB); T-Bhupat Seemar.



**Franz Strauss (GB) | Dhric/AK/DRC**



**1st-Meydan, Hcp, \$75,000, NH4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 10fT, 1:59.20 (NCR), gd.**

**BLUE TRAIL (IRE) (g, 4, Teofilo {Ire}--Pietrafiore {Ire}, by Dubawi {Ire}),** not in the winner's enclosure since last year at this time over the all-weather at Kempton Park, finished his 2022 campaign with a dead last in the Lavazza S. at Ascot on Sept. 3. With a fifth in the Zabeel Turf on Jan. 27 as his New Year's bow, this time the homebred exited from stall seven a bit slowly, then wrestled the lead away in the early stages.



Blue Trail | Dhric/AK/DRC

On the engine, the gelding was simultaneously keen and rank. The second choice in the European markets began to steadily separate himself from the rest of the field around the far turn. Kicking for home, the Charlie Appleby trainee's final 400 metres time of :23.40 led him to not only win by 11 lengths over Magical Morning (GB) (Muhaarar {GB}), but he eclipsed the course record of 1:59.8 by stopping the clock at 1:59.2 (NCR). "I wanted to hold a prominent position and then when we started to turn in he really started motoring," said James Doyle after his eighth winner of the season. "He is a high-class horse and we've always thought he was capable of big performances, so it shows he's got an engine." Second dam Porto Roca (Aus), herself a Group 1 winner, is a half-sister to Group 1 hero Bluebird The Word (Aus) (Bluebird), and produced a full-sister to the winner's dam in G1 Dubai World Cup victor Monterosso (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}). Blue Trail has a 3-year-old half-sister named Via Corone (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) who won going away on debut for Godolphin at Kempton Park on Nov. 2.

Lifetime Record: 10-3-2-1, \$133,067. **Click for the Video.**

O/B-Godolphin (GB); T-Charlie Appleby.

**3rd-Meydan, Cond, \$100,000, 3yo, 6fT, 1:09.78, gd.**

**AL DASIM (IRE) (c, 3, Harry Angel {Ire}--Dance Hall Girl {Ire}, by Dansili {GB}),** sported a trio of wins all at lower levels in England last year, the last coming at Wolverhampton over the all-weather. Shipping to Dubai, the newly-minted 3-year-old won a six-furlong conditions race by three lengths at Meydan on Jan. 13. Primed for another score, the chestnut colt was squeezed early, but settled towards the rear as Good Time Gal (Ire) (El Kabeir) showed the way down the straight. Boxed in for a time, the pacesetter began to fade and the field spread out past the midpoint in the race. Al Dasim's viewpoint opened up like a canyon and he made the most of that with a furious turn-of-foot going :23.37 in the final 400 metres to cruise home over stablemate Perdika (GB) (Unfortunately {Ire}) by nearly four lengths to hoist the Dubai Trophy. "He confirmed what he did a few weeks ago," said Boughey. "He was a bit free early and I was worried that they weren't going a good gallop, but luckily the pace evened out. "He's got to be a horse who goes to Super Saturday now. The Nad Al Sheba Turf Sprint is the race and, if he gets his rating up, then the [G1] Al Quoz Sprint is something we'd have to consider. He's a horse who has to be aimed at Pavilion S. and G1 Commonwealth Cup now." Second dam Dawn Raid (Ire) (Docksider) is a half-sister to MG1SW Bachir (Ire) (Desert Style {Ire}), while her own produce Dance Hall Girl is responsible for listed winner Tashweeq (Ire) (Big Bad Bob {Ire}). Sales history: £50,000 Ylg '21 DBSPRM. Lifetime Record: 10-5-3-0, \$121,471. **Click for the Video.**

O-Sheikh Abdullah Almalek Alsabah; B-Skymarc Farm (IRE); T-George Boughey.



Al Dasim (IRE) | Dhric/AK/DRC



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**HANDICAP RESULT:**

**2nd-Meydan, Hcp, \$75,000, NH4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 8f,**  
1:37.74, fs.

**ALKAAMEL (GB) (g, 7, Havana Gold {Ire}--Grace And Glory {Ire},  
by Montjeu {Ire})** Sales history: 250,000gns Ylg '17 TATOCT.  
Lifetime Record: 34-6-6-4, \$170,088. O-Shadwell; B-Coln Valley  
Stud (GB); T-Musabbeh Al Mheiri. \*1/2 to Give And Take (GB)  
(Cityscape {GB}), GSW-Eng, GSP-Fr, \$116,657.

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Date	Race
Feb. 11	G3 Daily Hai Queen Cup
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**Saturday, Jebel Ali Racecourse, UAE, post time: 16:30**

**JEBEL ALI MILE (SPONSORED BY SHADWELL)-G3**, AED575,000, NH4yo/up, SH3yo/up, 1600m

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	3	Bochart (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Seemar	Mullen	126
2	10	Bright Melody (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Bouresly	Herholdt	126
3	8	Canvassed (Ire)	Shamardal	Watson	Dobbs	126
4	1	Fanaar (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Watson	O'Neill	126
5	9	Kafoo	<b>Curlin</b>	Seemar	Fresu	126
6	7	Lord Tennyson (GB)	Poet's Voice (GB)	Bouresly	da Silva	126
7	4	Marshall Plan (GB)	Golden Horn (GB)	Al Shemalli	Pinheiro	126
8	11	Secret Ambition (GB)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	Seemar	de Vries	126
9	6	Shanty Star	<b>Hard Spun</b>	Bouresly	Chavez	126
10	12	Sovereign Prince (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Appleby	Buick	126
11	2	Tenbury Wells	<b>Medaglia d'Oro</b>	bin Ghadayer	Ffrench	126
12	5	Down On Da Bayou (m)	Super Saver	bin Ghadayer	Barzalona	121

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