

VALKYRE STUD: IT STARTS WITH THE HEART



Catherine Parke | Keeneland Photo

by Chris McGrath

The passing of Burt Bacharach last week evokes a couple of complementary tales that reflect instructively not only on the great man himself, but also on the different ways that different farms go about their business.

Back in the early 1980s Bacharach was staying in downtown Lexington, having been driven down from a concert in Cincinnati the night before so that he could visit his mares and foals before flying on to his next show.

Catherine Parke was still in her twenties, having barely established Valkyre Stud on a parcel of land near Georgetown, maybe 50 acres. She was waiting outside the hotel in her little two-door jeep, in her recollection about seven feet from nose to tail, when a gleaming white stretch limousine pulled up opposite.

Bacharach emerged from the lobby, understated in his blue jeans and gray sweatshirt. He looked at the limo, then at the jeep, walked over and gave Parke a hug. And suddenly here was this guy running up from the limo. Parke recognized the manager of a prominent Bluegrass operation.

"Mr. Bacharach!" he exclaimed. "I'm so-and-so of [...?!] Farm. We'd love to take you around today, maybe see some stallions, whatever you'd like to do, sir! We'd love to meet you and talk about handling your business."

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TOM AMOSS JOINS THE TDN WRITERS' ROOM PODCAST

Trainer Tom Amoss has never been shy about sharing his feelings about his filly **Hoosier Philly** (Into Mischief), saying she's the best horse he has ever trained. With Hoosier Philly ready to make her 3-year-old debut in Saturday's GII Rachel Alexandra S. at the Fair Grounds, the TDN team called upon Amoss to join them for this week's TDN Writers' Room podcast presented by **Keeneland** to get his latest thoughts on a filly who could be a superstar. Amoss was this week's **Green Group** Guest of the Week.

It didn't take him long to figure out that Hoosier Philly was going places.

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Valkyre Cont. From Pg. 1**Heartlight No. One** | *Coglianese*

Bacharach turned politely to the manager and his chauffeur. "Thank you, boys," he said. "But I've already made my plans."

"And off we went bouncing up to the farm in the old jeep," Parke recalls. "And he had a peanut butter-and-jelly sandwich, and spent two hours with his horses. I think that farm must have paid the bellhops or somebody to let them know when prominent people were in town, so that they could entertain them."

"But that's exactly why Burt was with me. Same with the Moscarellis, his lifelong managers on the farm in West Virginia: they were hands-on all the time. He wanted to talk to the person that fed his horses that day."

And, gosh, does the second story show that he got that with Parke! For it was her unstinting devotion to his Heartlight No. One (Rock Talk), champion sophomore filly of 1983, that not only assured Bacharach that his mares in Kentucky were in the right hands, but also convinced Parke herself that she had found her true vocation.

"Heartlight had cracked her pelvis in a workout and colicked literally every week," Parke explains. "I had to give her timothy hay, and steam-crimped plain oats with just mineral on it. If she had sweet feed, or grass, she'd colic right away. So she had this big dry lot, almost three-quarters of an acre, and Burt built her a great big covered hayrack. And she could go in and out, between there and her stall, any time she wanted, day and night, because the more she moved, the better."

"The problem was that I couldn't afford year-round night watch. So I got this sensor from Australia, a little radio transmitter you hooked to her halter. And if she lay her head down flat for more than three seconds it would send a signal that reached me anywhere on the farm. **Cont.**



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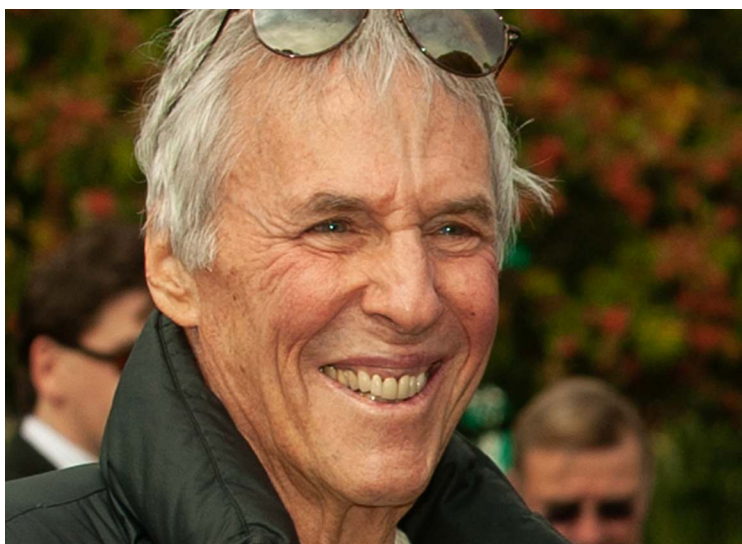
There were no holidays, anyway: every cent was going into barns and fencing and, a little at a time, mares as well. But the bond she developed with this precious animal was such that she feels as though she got more back than she ever had to give.

"Honestly, she was the smartest, most intelligent horse I've ever been around in my life," she says. "If she started colicking in her paddock, she'd stand screaming at the gate. I'd run over and her eyes were dilating but when she saw me come running with that shot, she'd hold still and wait. I suppose it was a conditioned response, after a while she realized that when I gave her that poke on her neck she was going to start feeling better. Anyway she would just stand there quietly and as soon as she'd had the shot she'd go back down, because she was in pain. She survived two colic surgeries but not the third, by which time she was 18."

But then Bacharach knew already that he could trust this novice. Their first dealings had been when he called Dick Broadbent's office, where Parke was working as a bloodstock analyst. She was trying to get started as an agent, too, but charged no commission for securing him a season once she gleaned that he had been offered terms elsewhere that were, shall we say, not quite disinterested.

Again, Parke got far more in return for her probity than she could ever believe she merited. "For me to have a champion filly on the farm, at that age, was surreal," she says. "Of course I was starstruck, but Burt was always so kind. I'd get to go backstage and meet Dionne Warwick, front row seats, all of that. He let me accept his TOBA award because he was doing a concert."

Cont.



Burt Bacharach | Benoit

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"I wouldn't know about his other life, but I know how he loved his horses. He called all the time, wanting to know how Heartlight was doing, how the babies were doing. He was very involved emotionally with them all."

Having ridden hunters since girlhood in rural Ohio, Parke had come to the University of Kentucky primarily in the hope of galloping racehorses at Keeneland. But the racetrack back then was a hostile environment for a young woman, and she soon gravitated towards farm work. On leaving school, she found cherished mentors in Henry White of Plum Lane Farm and then Broadbent. Usefully, the latter hated flying and Parke gained valuable experience by being dispatched far and wide on his behalf. She started out leasing a barn and run-in shed, with a mare of her own plus a single client.

"Then I had some people come to me from California, and they're like my parents now," she says gratefully. "Bill and Betty Currin, and Pat and Bill Klussman. They said why don't you get your own place? So I did."

Parke has lavishly repaid the fidelity of both couples. The Klussmans had Ava Knowsthecode (Cryptoclearance)—graded stakes-placed, albeit "her legs were just a little too short" to go as fast as she wanted—who produced Grade I winners Justin Phillip (**First Samurai**) and Greenpointcrusader (Bernardini) as well as the latter's brother, GIII Holy Bull S. winner and sire Algorithms. That secured a \$1.2 million dividend through her yearling son by **Tapit**.

The Currins, meanwhile, had Wilshewed (Carson City), who similarly produced Grade I winner Stormello (Stormy Atlantic) and two other graded stakes winners, plus a seven-figure yearling of her own. Then there was Robert Spiegel, who bred dual GI Santa Anita H. winner Milwaukee Brew (Wild Again) from a mare who soon afterwards produced a Cozzene filly to become another million-dollar baby. (Her commission built Parke's office.) Another of the first horses to put the farm on the map was elite turf runner Riskaverse (Dynaformer), raised here for Peter Schiff's Fox Ridge Farm.

In Parke's own cause, meanwhile, the cornerstone was the purchase of the 10-year-old Silk n' Sapphire (Smart Strike) from William A. Carl, for just \$40,000 at the Keeneland November Sale of 2008.

"Mr. Carl was an equine insurance executive, and a very nice man," Parke says. "He only had a small broodmare band but my goodness, he was extremely successful. They started out as very light pedigrees but now you see his bloodlines everywhere."

"Well, when I bought Silky it still looked very light. At the time Smart Strike wasn't yet considered a broodmare sire. But I had a very limited budget. And when I looked at her, I loved her physical: big, strong, very correct."

And there was a clincher. Just a couple of hours after she was due in the ring, her 2-year-old daughter by Pleasantly Perfect was to debut for Graham Motion at Laurel. Parke had known Motion since raising one of his earliest graded stakes winners, Bursting Forth (Alwasmi), for Sam Huff. So she made a call.

"You know, Cathie, I quite like this filly," Motion told her. "I think she can run a little bit."

Knowing his understated style, that was good enough for Parke. Sure enough, Shared Account not only won that same day but went on to become a Breeders' Cup winner, besides since producing another one in Sharing (**Speightstown**).

"It was just meant to be," Parke says. "And when I bought her, Silky was carrying a Pleasant Tap filly. We sold her for \$475,000 as a yearling and she became [graded stakes winner] Colonial Flag. So that truly was a life-changer for me. I was able to pay some debt down, and buy her half-sister Champagne Sue (Elusive Quality). And then Silky had a \$1.2 million yearling."

But there was more to come. Champagne Sue produced that good 2-year-old of a couple of summers ago, High Oak (Gormley). And Silky's final gift before retirement, a 2019 filly by **Hard Span**, has proved beyond price.

"When she had a filly, there was no way I could sell," Parke avows. "Silky was still very healthy but had this issue retaining fluid. It was very difficult to get her in foal. But Dr. Karen Wolfsdorf, who's just a brilliant reproductive veterinarian, wouldn't give up. We did a lot of procedures and she got in foal fine, carried the foal fine, and foaled easy as could be."

The **Hard Span** filly showed such an immediate and astonishing competitive instinct that Parke had to provide her dam with a raised feed tub.

"She would kick at her mother and run her off the feed tub when she was, oh, 30 days old," Parke marvels. "Silky's 16.1 and a big strong mare but that baby, she was tough."

Needless to say, the filly was sent to Motion—via Robbie Harris in Ocala, who Parke salutes for teaching even this feisty youngster to relax. But the filly's ardor remained intact.

"She got turned sideways in a couple of races as a 2-year-old, got slammed really hard, but she got up and came running," Parke recalls. "She's got no quit in her. It's just the blood, isn't it?"



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Her name is Sparkle Blue, and Motion brought her through the ranks to round off her sophomore campaign on the brink of the elite: winning a graded stakes at the Keeneland fall meet before overcoming a rough trip for third in the GI American Oaks at Santa Anita.

"Graham hopes that she'll be even better at four," Parke says. "She's changed tremendously since she was young, I don't know if it's the sire, or because she was a May foal. But you keep thinking you're going to wake up and it's all a dream. I've sold plenty of good horses for my clients, and enjoyed watching them run. And I've sold some good ones on my own. But you don't ever expect anything like this, it's just been an unbelievable gift."

The experience has been "wonderfully" enhanced by George Strawbridge, who doesn't typically engage in partnerships but

attests to Parke's standing in our community with his willingness to make an exception this time. Both are thoroughly in tune with Motion's patient style and Sparkle Blue has duly been indulged with a winter break, for a potential resumption at the

Keeneland spring meet.

"And I can't say enough about Graham," Parke emphasizes. "He's a great horseman, genuine and kind, a great communicator: really the kind of person we want to showcase our sport. Which is important, as we try to clean it up. I am an eternal optimist, and really think that we're turning the corner in some very important ways."

True, she is dismayed by certain trends within bloodstock. When she started out, in 1978, she could sell foals out of ageing stakes producers. But now she

finds that an ageing mare is no longer 18, but 13. And she's depressed by the difference in the kind of stallions used by clients who sell their foals, as opposed to those who want to runners to build a family. **Cont.**



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She misses the days when trainers would scout the sales themselves, and deplores the agents and pinhookers frightened to buy a nice foal by even a second-crop sire.

By this stage, however, she has long established what works for her farm. It has always housed around 30 mares, as a number that permits hands-on management, and doesn't accept the familiar mantra that youngsters need only to be left "to be horses." Horses leaving her farm should be mentally equal to the regime that awaits them.

"I don't shed raise, I don't hothouse, but I do like to bring everything in once a day," she explains. "In the afternoon they eat outside, they get to be competitive and bump each other around. But in the morning they come in, they get temped, they eat. Because someday they're going to have to be in a stall, and I don't want them to think of that just as somewhere they get vaccinations and their feet trimmed. I want them to lie down and find their stall's kindness."

If she's noticed a pattern at all, it's that those whose personalities change after weaning tend not to cope at the racetrack.

"So the mind, to me, is very important," she reflects. "They can be great-looking athletes, but even from our really good families we've had some that were too nervous and frantic."

"One of them was really gorgeous, but ended up mean and didn't train. They were all with good trainers, they just couldn't hold up at the track. So, long story short, I think disposition just as important as conformation."

But she acknowledges that different things work for different people; that some investors, unlike Bacharach, are actually happier getting into that big white limo.

"It's relationships," she says with a shrug. "Like there are big banks, small banks. I mean, I'm like my little bank in Georgetown. I've lost one client in 40 years--and we actually topped a sale that day! But he just said he needed a big fancy farm, somewhere to take people. I said, 'Well, I have a very pretty farm, but I don't have parties.' But that's okay. That's what suited him. And thank God we have the big corporate farms. We need them, to keep the stallions here. But everyone else I've worked for, from day one, wanted to talk to the person that saw their horse."

She named it Valkyre "because that was where the maidens waited for the war heroes to come home." Of course her venerable ladies are still here, too, cherished in retirement: Ava Knowsthecode, Wilshewed, Silky. But last week a fresh cycle began, with an auspiciously smooth foaling: nine o'clock in the evening, no assistance required, a healthy foal.



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Knowing you can always count on me.
'Cause I tell you that's what friends are for
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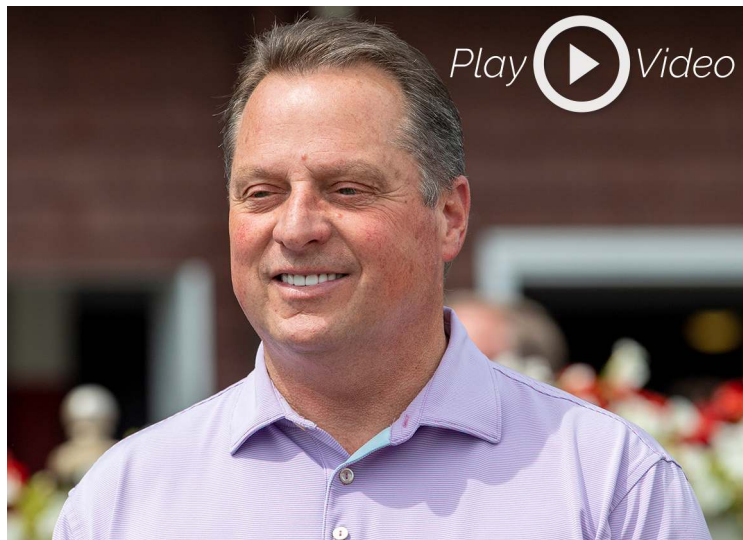
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"When she was getting ready to run at the beginning of September, we worked her quite a bit with other horses," he said. "What she was doing in the mornings in her workouts and her strong moves against competition was unlike anything that we had seen in our barn. I'm not going to tell that I've had all these champions, but we've had a lot of good horses. We've had enough of them through the years since 1987 when I started that I knew this one was just different. Hoosier Philly was different than anything I've had before."

When last seen, Hoosier Philly was romping to a five-length win in the GII Golden Rod S. at Churchill Downs on Nov. 26. She returned to the worktab on Jan. 28 at the Fair Grounds, posting the first of three straight bullet works. Amoss knows the expectations will be huge come Saturday, but he feels that Hoosier Philly will be ready.

"The expectations have now become so high with her," he said.



"It's almost as if anything less than a win is going to be a huge disappointment, not only to the barn and the ownership but to the general racing public. Hoosier Philly has gone through her preps just as she should. If there's any hesitancy in my voice at all, it's only because she hasn't run since the end of November and this is her first start off the bench. I just want her to show me that she's the same horse she was at two, if not a more mature, better version of that. In the mornings, that's what she's telling us. So, hopefully, we'll see that on Saturday."

Hoosier Philly has been nominated to the Triple Crown and Amoss has said he will consider a start in the GI Kentucky Derby. (Hoosier Philly closed at 11-1 in the latest round of Derby Future Wager betting). For now, though, Amoss said he's not looking past the Rachel Alexandra.

"She's going to run in this race on Saturday, the Rachel Alexandra," Amoss said. "What she does after that race is so dependent on how she performs and how she comes out of the race. We'll have a long discussion with the owners so far as what we're going to point to next. But that would be the case with any horse. Getting ahead of yourself and beginning to do this or that is silly. When you think about those odds, the 11-1 in the Future Wager, if we were to go to the Derby I think she might be 11-1 at post time. So why would you want to bet on something like that now? All the talk about the Derby is just a lot of noise. I'm looking forward to Saturday and in her coming back as a healthy horse after the race and, hopefully, a successful one."

Elsewhere on the podcast, which is also sponsored by [Coolmore](#), [Lane's End](#), [the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association](#), [XBTv](#) and [West Point Thoroughbreds](#), Randy Moss, Zoe Cadman and Bill Finley took a look back at the stunning upset by Dreaming of Snow (Jess's Dream) in the Suncoast S. at Tampa Bay Downs and the wins by Litigate ([Blame](#)) and Hit Show ([Candy Ride {Arg}](#)) in their Derby preps. Looking ahead, the team previewed the Rachel Alexandra S. and the GII Risen Star S. Moss, Cadman and Finley also shared their memories of three notable figures who passed away during the week, Burt Bacharach, Diana Firestone and John Veitch.

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ASMUSSEN BEARING DOWN ON NUMBER 10,000 *by Bill Finley*



Steve Asmussen | Sarah Andrew

Already the winningest trainer in the history of North American racing, Hall of Fame trainer Steve Asmussen is close to another milestone, his 10,000th career win.

Asmussen entered Thursday with 9,997 wins and had only one starter on the day, Flute Master (**Gun Runner**) in a maiden special weight race at Turfway Park.

After a quiet day for the barn, Asmussen's stable will go into overdrive on Friday. He has 13 horses entered in 11 races. His day will begin at Oaklawn Park, where he has entries in seven races. He has three horses entered at the Fair Grounds, two at Sam Houston and one at Turfway Park.

If he doesn't reach 10,000 on Friday he'll be back at it on Saturday. Asmussen has entered 26 horses in 19 races carded for Saturday. He has eight entrants at Oaklawn, eight at Sam Houston, nine at the Fair Grounds and one at Turfway Park. Asmussen's Saturday entries include three horses entered in the GII Risen Star S. at the Fair Grounds, Harlocap (**Justify**), Silver Heist (**Tapit**) and Private Creed (Jimmy Creed).

After he reaches the 10,000 mark, the next target for Asmussen could be Peruvian trainer Juan Suarez, the winningest trainer worldwide. Through Feb. 15, Suarez had 10,333 wins.

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February 16, 2023

Tom Amoss joins the writers on the TDN Writers' Room this week to talk about his stable stars Hoosier Philly and Curly Jack



MATING PLANS

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2023 MATING PLANS, PRESENTED BY SPENDTHRIFT: JAY EM ESS STABLES (SAMANTHA SIEGEL)

As we approach the opening of the 2023 breeding season, the TDN staff is once again sitting down with leading breeders to find out what stallions they have chosen for their mares, and why. Today we caught up with Jay Em Ess Stable's Samantha Siegel.

ACTING HAPPY (m, 16, Empire Maker--Ain't Bluffing, by Pine Bluff)

This mare is a reigning member of the decades-old breeding program established by Samantha Siegel and her late parents, Mace and Jan. The Empire Maker mare is a daughter of the 1998 GI Milady H. winner I Ain't Bluffing, who was also campaigned by the Siegels, and a half-sister to Grade II producer I Ain't P T (A.P. Indy) and Grade II producer Taunt (Deputy Minister). Acting Happy won the 2010 GII Black-Eyed Susan S. and was third in the GI Coaching Club American Oaks and GI Alabama S. She is in foal to **Maclean's Music** on a Mar. 14 cover and is booked this year to **Army Mule**.



Acting Happy | Sarah K. Andrew

AUNT LUBIE (m, 8, Uncle M--Galloping Giraffe, by Tapit)

Siegel laid down \$325,000 for this mare as a Keeneland yearling and after a career that spanned 17 races with a single win she was retired to become a member of the Jay Em Ess

Big Stakes in 'The Big Easy'!

*Best of luck to these
Woodford connections...*



Curly Jack

RISEN STAR S. (G2)

Woodford Breaking
& Training Grad

Hoosier Philly

RACHEL ALEXANDRA S. (G2)

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RACHEL ALEXANDRA S. (G2)

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broodmare band. Some of the more notable names to appear in her pedigree include GII winner Timber Reserve (Forest Camp), Sweet Reason (**Street Sense**) and Don't Forget Gil (Kafwain). Her first foal is an unnamed yearling filly by **Maclean's Music** and currently she is in foal to **City of Light**. She is booked back to **Girvin**.

"**Girvin** is off to a great start and should give speed to her foal," Siegel said of the mating plan.

BY THE LIGHT (m, 18, Malibu Moon--Dixie Tempo, by Major Impact)

This mare was purchased by the Siegel family for \$190,000 as a Fasig-Tipton Midlantic yearling 17 years ago and after winning half of her 20 starts and placing in a number of stakes, including the 2008 GII Prioress S., she has served as a productive member of Siegel's broodmare band. Her most successful offspring is By The Moon and she is in foal to Into Mischief on an Apr. 22 cover and booked back to leading sire **Good Magic**.

BY THE MOON (m, 11, Indian Charlie--By The Light, by Malibu Moon)

Aside from I Ain't Bluffing, By The Moon is perhaps one of Siegel's most notable runners, which is saying a lot considering Jay Em Ess Stables campaigned champion Declan's Moon,

Grade I winners Rail Trip and Include Me Out and dozens of other graded stakes winners. In a career that saw her bankroll \$1,552,940 from a line of 20-7-6-2, the 2014 GI Frizette S. winner is the dam of Full Moon Madness (Into Mischief), who was third in the GIII Nashua S. last year.

"She has a beautiful **Quality Road** yearling filly," Siegel said, adding she currently is in foal to **Curlin** and booked to visit **Gun Runner** this spring.

BY THE GATE (4, f, Arrogate--By The Moon, by Indian Charlie)

This bay filly is from the first crop of her late sire and didn't make the races. She is in foal to **Good Magic** and booked to **Not This Time**.

GO GOOGLE YOURSELF (m, 8, Into Mischief--Taunt, by Deputy Minister)

A Grade III winner, she had her first foal--a beautiful **Gun Runner** filly--on January 24. Her next foal will be from the first crop of newly crowned Horse of the Year **Flightline**

INCLUDE ME OUT (m, 15, Include--Don't Trick Her, by Mazel Trick)

This Siegel homebred won the 2012 GI Santa Margarita Invitational S. at Santa Anita and GI Clement L. Hirsch S. at

"Known Agenda reminded me a lot of Vino Rosso. He was going to be a good 4-year-old. He had that sort of potential."

Todd Pletcher, TDN 2/15

KNOWN AGENDA

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Del Mar and was also third in the 2012 GI Breeders' Cup Ladies Classic. She's had six foals so far and is currently in foal to **Munnings**. She is booked to **Oscar Performance** this year.

LOTSANDLOTSOFHOPE (m, 13, Tiznow--Hope Rises, by Mr. Greeley)

She raced once for Seigel and finished second before being retired to the broodmare band. She is the dam of GIIISW and GISP Extra Hope (Shanghai Bobby) and after a barren year for 2023 she is booked to Omaha Beach.

ROAD RAGER (m, 7, Quality Road—She Is Raging, by Aggressive Chief)

This Grade II-placed mare had her first foal this year, a beautiful filly by **Daredevil**, and is booked back to visit **Mo Town**.

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

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WEEKLY STEWARDS AND COMMISSIONS RULINGS, FEB. 7-13

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

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

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

California

Track: Santa Anita

Date: 02/10/2023

Licensee: Lorenzo Ruiz, trainer

Penalty: \$500 fine

Violation: Medication violation

Explainer: Trainer Lorenzo Ruiz, who started the horse Manitowish, who finished third in the second race on Sept. 10, 2022, at Del Mar Race Track is fined \$500.00 and assessed one half (1/2) point in accordance with California Horse Racing Rule #1843.4(a) (Multiple Medication Violations – Expires 02/10/24) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1887(a) (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1843(a)(b)(d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances and Rule #1843.1(b) (Prohibited Drug Substances – Phenylbutazone [Class 4]).

Track: Santa Anita

Date: 02/11/2023

Licensee: Diego Herrera, jockey

Penalty: Three-day suspension

Violation: Careless riding

Explainer: Jockey Diego Herrera, who rode Lasmuigh in the third race at Santa Anita Park on Feb. 10, 2023, is suspended for 3 racing days (Feb. 18, 19 and 20, 2023) for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course in the stretch, causing interference. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules – careless riding).

NEW HISA STEWARDS RULINGS

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

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

Violations of Crop Rule

Aqueduct

Erick Fuentes--violation date February 9; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, 7 strikes

Manuel Franco--violation date February 9; \$250 fine, raising wrist above the helmet

Jacqueline Anne Davis--violation date February 10; \$250 fine, raising wrist above the helmet

Gulfstream Park

Jose Luis Ortiz--violation date February 10; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, 7 strikes

Mahoning Valey Racecourse

Edilberto Dominguez--violation date February 7; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, 9 strikes

Oaklawn Park

Rafael Jesus Bejarano--violation date February 10; \$250 fine, raising wrist above helmet

Santa Anita

Armando Aguilar--violation date February 10; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, 7 strikes

Tampa Bay Downs

Carlos Eduardo Rojas--violation date February 10; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, 7 strikes, on appeal stay requested



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Isaac Manuel Jimenez--violation date February 10; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, 7 strikes

Carlos Eduardo Rojas--violation date February 11; Rojas is suspended 7 calendar days based on points accumulated for multiple violations and served from Saturday, March 11, 2023 through and including Friday, March 17, 2023. On appeal, stay requested

Melissa Iorio--violation date February 11; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, 8 strikes

Turfway Park

Alvin Ortiz--violation date February 10; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, 8 strikes

Turf Paradise

Enrique Garcia--violation date February 8; \$500 fine and three-day suspension, 14 strikes

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LONE STAR PARK ANNOUNCES 2023 SEASON

The Thoroughbred racing season at Lone Star Park will begin Thurs., April 13, with 44 live racing days and will conclude Tues., July 4. The calendar will feature live racing on Thursdays and Fridays at 6:35 p.m., Saturdays, Sundays and Memorial Day at 1:35 p.m., and special twilight post times of 5:00 p.m. on July 3 and July 4. The 2023 stakes schedule has a total of 21 stakes worth a combined \$2,925,000. The highlight of the schedule is Lone Star Million Day on Memorial Day featuring the GIII Steve Sexton Mile.

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Saturday, Fair Grounds #13, post time: 7:14 p.m. EST

RISEN STAR S. PRESENTED BY LAMARQUE FORD-GII, \$400,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Quiet as Midnight 🐾	Midnight Lute	PoBoy Racing, LLC and Metoyer, Rand S.	Chatters	Nieves	122
2	Single Ruler 🐾	Empire Maker	Rocker O Ranch, LLC	Desormeaux	Riquelme	122
3	Shaq Diesel	Khozan	Bishop, Chester A., Hinkson, Anthony and Stanford, Donovan	Richards	Beschizza	122
4	Determinedly 🐾	Cairo Prince	John C. Oxley	Casse	Gutierrez	122
5	Harlocap 🐾	Justify	Harlo Stables Corp. and Villa Rosa Farm, Inc.	Asmussen	Velazquez	122
6	Angel of Empire 🐾	Classic Empire	Albaugh Family Stables LLC	Cox	Saez	122
7	Sun Thunder	Into Mischief	R.T Racing Stable and Cypress Creek Equine	McPeck	Hernandez, Jr.	122
8	Tapit's Conquest 🐾	Tapit	LaPenta, Robert V., e Five Racing Thoroughbreds and Madaket Stables LLC	Cox	Geroux	122
9	Curly Jack 🐾	Good Magic	Michael McLoughlin	Amoss	Morales	122
10	Two Phil's 🐾	Hard Spun	Patricia's Hope LLC and Sagan, Phillip	Rivelli	Loveberry	122
11	Silver Heist 🐾	Tapit	Whisper Hill Farm, LLC	Asmussen	Lanerrie	120
12	Crupi 🐾	Curlin	Repole Stable and St. Elias Stable	Pletcher	Graham	122
13	Victory Formation 🐾	Tapwrit	Spendthrift Farm LLC and Frank Fletcher Racing Operations, Inc.	Cox	Prat	122
14	Private Creed 🐾	Jimmy Creed	Mike McCarty	Asmussen	Gaffalione	120

Breeders: 1-Four Pillars Holdings, LLC, 2-Don Alberto Corporation, 3-Bishop Racing, Inc., 4-Bedouin Bloodstock LLC, 5-Breed First LLC, 6-Forgotten Land Investment Inc & BlackDiamond Equine Corp, 7-Southern Equine Stables, LLC, 8-WinStar Farm, LLC & Tapit Syndicate, 9-Betz/J.Betz/Burns/Camaquiki/C.Kidder/etal, 10-Phillip Sagan, 11-Whisper Hill Farm, LLC, 12-Claiborne Farm, 13-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd.,

Saturday, Fair Grounds #12, post time: 6:41 p.m. EST

RACHEL ALEXANDRA S. PRESENTED BY FASIG-TIPTON-GII, \$300,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Vahva 🐾	Gun Runner	Belladonna Racing, LLC, Hudson, Jr., Edward J., West Point Thoroughbreds, LBD Stable LLC, Nice Guys Stables, Manganaro Bloodstock, Runnels Racing, Hornstock, Steve and Twin Brook Stables	DeVaux	Saez	122
2	Hoosier Philly 🐾	Into Mischief	Gold Standard Racing Stable, LLC	Amoss	Morales	122
3	Knockyoursockoff 🐾	Kitten's Joy	Town and Country Racing, LLC	Block	Prat	122
4	Chop Chop	City of Light	Selective, LLC	Cox	Geroux	122
5	Pretty Mischievous	Into Mischief	Godolphin, LLC	Walsh	Gaffalione	122
6	Miracle	Mendelssohn	WinStar Farm LLC and Siena Farm LLC	Pletcher	Velazquez	122

Breeders: 1-Woodford Thoroughbreds, LLC, 2-Candy Meadows LLC, 3-Zayat Stables, 4-Cobra Farm & MRJ Thoroughbreds, 5-Godolphin, 6-Magnolia Mares, LLC & Pony ExpressSales,Inc.



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Saturday, Oaklawn #9, post time: 5:42 p.m. EST**RAZORBACK H.-GIII, \$600,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Long Range Toddy	Take Charge Indy	Zenith Racing	Stewart	Bejarano	115
2	Law Professor	Constitution	Twin Creeks Racing Stables, LLC	Atras	Ortiz	120
3	Rated R Superstar	Kodiak Kowboy	Danny R. Caldwell	Villafranco	Cabrera	118
4	Ginobili 🦟	Munnings	Slam Dunk Racing, McClanahan, J & Nentwig, M	Miller	Santana, Jr.	119
5	Trademark 🦟	Upstart	BBN Racing, LLC	Oliver	Garcia	116
6	West Will Power	Bernardini	Gary and Mary West	Cox	Rosario	122
7	Last Samurai 🦟	Malibu Moon	Willis Horton Racing LLC	Lukas	Torres	118
8	Hero Status	Flatter	MyRacehorse and Agnew, Dan J.	Glatt	Smith	116
9	Keystone Field 🦟	Candy Ride (Arg)	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Castillo	115
10	Caddo River	Hard Spun	Shortleaf Stable, Inc.	Lukas	Saez	116

Breeders: 1-Willis Horton Racing LLC, 2-Twin Creeks Farm, 3-Thorndale Stable L.L.C., 4-Hinkle Farms, 5-Brereton C. Jones, 6-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc., 7-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 8-Fred W. Hertrich III, 9-CRK Stables, LLC, 10-Shortleaf Stable

Saturday, Fair Grounds #10, post time: 5:37 p.m. EST**MINESHAFT S. PRESENTED BY RELYNE GI BY HAGYARD-GIII, \$250,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Hoist the Gold 🦟	Mineshaft	Dream Team One Racing Stable	Stewart	Hernandez, Jr.	118
2	Run Classic 🦟	Runhappy	Tom R. Durant	Calhoun	Gutierrez	118
3	Tawny Port 🦟	Pioneerof the Nile	Peachtree Stable	Cox	Geroux	118
4	Farmington Road	Quality Road	Chrysalis Stables LLC	DeVaux	Gaffalione	118
5	Big Blue Line 🦟	Atreides	Silverton Hill LLC	McGee	Lanerie	118
6	Happy American 🦟	Runhappy	Lothenbach Stables, Inc.	Pessin	Graham	124
7	Pioneer of Medina 🦟	Pioneerof the Nile	Sumaya U.S. Stable	Pletcher	Saez	118
8	Mr. Wireless	Dialed In	Lapczenski, Jon and JIL Stable	Calhoun	Parker	118
9	King Fury	Curlin	Fern Circle Stables & Three Chimneys Farm LLC	McPeck	Murrill	118

Breeders: 1-Dream Team Racing, 2-Millennium Farms, 3-WinStar Farm, LLC, 4-Chrysalis Stables, 5-Barak Farm, 6-Claiborne Farm, 7-International Equities Holding, Inc., 8-John Kerber & Iveta Kerber, 9-Heider Family Stables, LLC

Saturday, Laurel #8, post time: 3:58 p.m. EST**BARBARA FRITCHIE S.-GIII, \$250,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Prodigy Doll 🦟	Shanghai Bobby	HnR Nothhaft Horse Racing, LLC	Schoenthal	Karamanos	122
2	Liscolvin 🦟	Speightstown	Hill N' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc.	Lynch	Pennington	122
3	Pass the Champagne	Flatter	R. A. Hill Stable, Black Type Thoroughbreds, Rock Ridge Racing, BlackRidge Stables & Brown, J	Weaver	Cruz	122
4	Quiet Imagination	Imagining	Harry Kassap LLC	Woolley	Marquez	122
5	Swayin to and Fro	Straight Talking	Baxter Racing Stable	Serey, Jr.	Monterrey	122
6	Union Lake	Speightster	Steven Schoenfeld	Terranova, II	Cancel	122
7	Moody Woman	Gormley	Robert James McGee	McMullen	Lopez	122
8	Fille d'Esprit	Great Notion	C J I Phoenix Group and No Guts No Glory Farm	Robb	Perez	122

Breeders: 1-Tolo Thoroughbreds & Michael A. Spirito, 2-Springhouse, W. Duignan, TranquilityInvestments & Speightstown Syndicate, 3-Preston Madden, 4-Harry Kassap LLC, 5-Franklin G. Smith Sr., 6-Richard Bosshard Jr., 7-Double Eagle Thoroughbreds, 8-Sweet Spirits Stables, LLC

Saturday, Laurel #9, post time: 4:29 p.m. EST**GENERAL GEORGE S.-GIII, \$250,000, 4yo/up, 7f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Sir Alfred James 🦟	Munnings	Built Wright Stables, LLC.	Cash	Acosta	124
2	Momos	Distorted Humor	Ironhorse Racing Stable, LLC and Bobo, Tami	Trombetta	-	122
3	Beren	Weigelia	St. Omer's Farm and Feifarek, Christopher J.	Reid, Jr.	Pennington	122
4	Yodel E. A. Who	Creative Cause	Johnson, Troy, Lo, Charles and Jagger, Inc.	Ness	Rodriguez	120
5	John the Bear 🦟	The Factor	Euro Stable	Gonzalez	Toledo	122
6	Pirate Rick 🦟	Liam's Map	Built Wright Stables, LLC.	Cash	Gomez	122
7	Eastern Bay	E Dubai	Built Wright Stables, LLC.	Cash	Humphrey	122
8	Factor It In 🦟	The Factor	Michael Scheffres	Mancilla	Cruz	122

Breeders: 1-Mt. Joy Stables, Pope McLean, MarcMcLean & Pope McLean Jr., 2-Tami D. Bobo & Distorted Humor Syndicate, 3-Susan C Quick & Christopher J Feifarek, 4-Heinz H. Steinmann, 5-George Bolton & Barry Lipman, 6-Woods Edge Farm, LLC, 7-Nancy Lee Farms, 8-Pope McLean, Marc McLean, Pope McLeanJr. & Phil Hager

Saturday, Fair Grounds #11, post time: 6:09 p.m. EST**FAIR GROUNDS S.-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Tiz the Bomb	Hit It a Bomb	Brookdale Racing, Inc.	McPeck	Hernandez, Jr.	118
2	Two Emmys 🦟	English Channel	Wolfe Racing LLC and Robertson, Hugh H.	Robertson	Graham	118
3	Cavalry Charge	Honor Code	West Point Thoroughbreds, Sandbrook, William and Masiello, Robert	Stewart	Cohen	118
4	Gentle Soul	Tapizar	Mueller, Martin, Ladd, Don, Reid, Richard, Bowley, Joe and Cieminis, Arvydas	Calhoun	Gutierrez	122
5	English Tavern 🦟	English Channel	Romans, Jr., Jerry and Smith, Hamilton A.	Lovell	Parker	118
6	Pixelate	City Zip	Godolphin, LLC	Stidham	Saez	118
7	Corelli	Point of Entry	Augustin Stable	Thomas	Geroux	118
8	Bay Street Money	Street Sense	Sanford J. Goldfarb	Maker	Gaffalione	118

Breeders: 1-Spendthrift Farm, LLC, 2-Tottenwood Thoroughbreds, Inc., 3-Glencrest Farm LLC, 4-Martin Mueller, Richard Reid, DonaldLadd, Joe Bowley & Garry Randall, 5-Dr. Charles H. Huber & English ChannelCo-Owners, 6-Godolphin, 7-George Strawbridge Jr., 8-Adena Springs

Saturday, Gulfstream #11, post time: 5:06 p.m. EST**ROYAL DELTA S.-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Don't Get Khozy	Khozan	Imaginary Stables	Dobles	Vasquez	120
2	Kathleen O. 🦟	Upstart	Winnate Stables, LLC	McGaughey III	Castellano	120
3	Midnight Stroll	Not This Time	Gatsas Stables, R. A. Hill Stable & Schoenfeld, S	Terranova, II	Zayas	120
4	Jungle Juice (Ire)	Bungle Inthejungle (GB)	Ford, Beth and Meah, David	Meah	Bridgmohan	120
5	Classy Edition	Classic Empire	Low, Lawana L. and Robert E.	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	120
6	Soul of an Angel	Atreides	James, Gerald and Hall Performance LLC	James	Morelos	118
7	Tap Dance Fever 🦟	Tapiture	J.P.G. 2 LLC, Mr Pug LLC, Winning Stables, Inc. and Team Equistaff, LLC	Bennett	Ferrer	120

Breeders: 1-Special Effort Farm, Laura Colon &Michael Colon, 2-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd & BridlewoodFarm, 3-Dr. Carolin Von Rosenberg DVM, 4-Ballybrennan Stud Ltd, 5-Chester Broman & Mary R. Broman, 6-Westbrook Stables, LLC, 7-John R. Penn

SUNDAY SHOES 'KICKS OFF' WITH 'RISING STAR' DEBUT *by Alan Carasso*



Sunday Shoes | Coady

Lael Stables' **Sunday Shoes** (f, 3, Pioneerof the Nile--Silvertoni, by **Tapit**) was forced to cover stacks of ground when making her career debut in a 6 1/2-furlong maiden under the Wednesday night lights at Turfway and turned in a spectacular effort to earn the 'TDN Rising Star' distinction.

A \$500,000 acquisition by Michael Hernon on behalf of Roy and Gretchen Jackson's operation from the Woodford draft at Keeneland September in 2021, Sunday Shoes was sent off as the 9-2 third choice on debut and was one of the first to break the line from her double-digit draw before easing back to sit in about midfield, albeit well out into the track. Waited with into the final three-eighths of a mile, the bay uncorked an eye-catching rally around the turn while still trapped out and was no better than five deep at the entrance to the stretch. Sunday Shoes wanted to have a good look around once she made the lead, but she was kept to her task and pulled nicely clear of what appeared on paper to be a strong group. OXO Equine's second-time starter **Upper Case** (**American Pharoah**), well-beaten behind future GISW Chocolate Gelato (**Practical Joke**) at Saratoga last August, was runner-up here as the 9-5 chalk, while firster **Chelsea Pier** (Arrogate) spiced up the triple at 24-1.

Sunday Shoes is a sixth 'Rising Star' for the much-missed Pioneerof the Nile, who is the sire of Lael's gifted turf sprinter Arrest Me Red, also a Ward trainee. Woodford Thoroughbreds acquired the winner's stakes-winning dam--also second in the 2016 GII Adirondack S.--for \$800,000 in foal to **Quality Road** at the 2018 Keeneland November sale.

Silvertoni, herself a \$230,000 KEESEP yearling, is a granddaughter of Grade I winner Easy Now, a half-sister to the legendary champion and nine-time Grade I winner Easy Goer (Alydar) and GI Ballerina S. heroine Cadillacing (Alydar). Fourth dam Relaxing (Buckpasser) was the champion older mare of 1981 and Broodmare of the Year in 1989.

5th-Turfway, \$68,852, Msw, 2-15, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:16.66, ft, 3 1/2 lengths.

SUNDAY SHOES, f, 3, by Pioneerof the Nile

1st Dam: Silvertoni (SW & GSP, \$141,330), by Tapit

2nd Dam: Somasach, by Johannesburg

3rd Dam: Easy Now, by Danzig

Sales history; \$500,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$42,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG. Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

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FRIDAY INSIGHTS: WELL-RELATED SPIRIT OF ST LOUIS SET TO TAKE FLIGHT *by Alan Carasso*

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Friday Insights cont.

3rd-AQU, \$70k, Msw, 4yo/up, (S), 1m, post time: 2:20 p.m. ET

A \$300,000 Keeneland September purchase by Peter Brant back in 2020, **SPIRIT OF ST LOUIS (Medaglia d'Oro)** makes a belated first trip to the races. Bred by the Bromans, the dark bay is a gelded son of GIII Herecomesthebride S. winner Khancord Kid (Lemon Drop Kid), whose daughter Bar of Gold (**Medaglia d'Oro**) caused one of the bigger upsets in the history of the Breeders' Cup when taking out the GI Filly & Mare Sprint in 2017, returning \$135.40 to her backers. Bar of Gold has gone on to be a producer herself, as she is responsible for Grade III-winning turfer Coinage (**Tapit**), as well as the placed Chulligan (**Justify**), an \$825,000 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga graduate. **TJCS PPs**

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

2nd-Charles Town, \$35,100, Alw, 2-15, (NW3LX), 3yo, 4 1/2f, :52.54, ft, 6 lengths.

WHERE IS MIKE (c, 3, Daddy Long Legs--Sailing Time {SP, \$157,477}, by Unbridled Time) caused a 13-1 upset when graduating by five lengths on Sept. 17 debut over course and distance and made it two-for-two when taking a third-level allowance by three lengths as the favorite Oct. 19. Sent off at 9-10 to keep the streak alive and racing with first-time Lasix, the chestnut was bumped at the outset, but recovered nicely and made all the running en route to a six-length romp in strong time. From the family of champion Big Drama (Montbrook) and three-time Grade I winner Sheer Drama (Burning Roma), Where Is Mike has a 2-year-old half-sister named Alto (**Not This Time**), a \$60,000 purchase at Keeneland November in 2021. Sales history: \$14,000 RNA Ylg '21 FTKOCT; \$47,000 RNA 2yo '22 FTIDEC. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$62,390. **Click for the**

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O/T-Michael E Jones Jr; B-David & Lisa Bechtol (KY).



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

1st-Gulfstream, \$70,000, Msw, 2-16, 3yo, f, 7 1/2fT, 1:30.12, fm, neck.

LOVE APPEALS (f, 3, Speightstown--Gioia Stella, by Medaglia d'Oro) just got the better of a final-furlong struggle with fellow first-starter and fellow 7-2 chance Delahaye (**Medaglia d'Oro**) in the Thursday opener from Gulfstream Park. The late money came for the well-tried Penumbra's Maker (Empire Maker), who jumped as the 9-5 chalk, and showed the most early interest, while Love Appeals relaxed kindly enough for Joel Rosario on the back of the front-runner. Full of run, but lacking room as the field neared the stretch, Love Appeals looked like she was going to split rivals to deliver her challenge. Instead, Rosario rolled the dice and dove back down to the fence, and Love Appeals--momentarily in tight to the inside of Penumbra's Maker--fought on bravely to the wire to win the photo from Delahaye, who rallied hard in the three path and proved an unlucky loser.



Love Appeals edges Delahaye | Lauren King

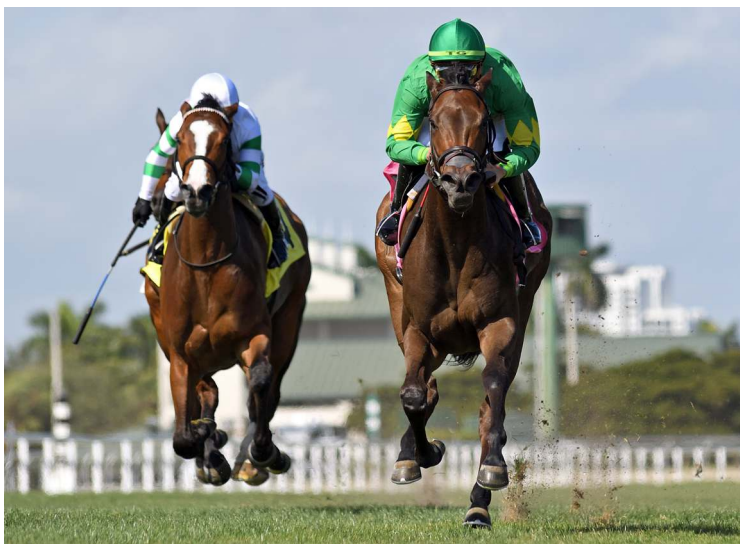
Moyglare Stud acquired Gioia Stella, a half-sister to GISW Nereid (Rock Hard Ten) and SW & GISP Sea Queen (Lemon Drop Kid), for \$1.5 million at the 2014 Keeneland September sale and Love Appeals is her second produce. The mare is also responsible for the 2-year-old filly Gioioso (**Curlin**), a yearling **Speightstown** filly and is due to **Quality Road** for her 2023 foal. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$42,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O/B-Moyglare Stud Farm Ltd (KY); T-Christophe Clement.

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5th-Gulfstream, \$70,000, Msw, 2-16, 3yo, f, 7 1/2ft, 1:30.71, fm.

GRACE DARLING (IRE) (f, 3, **Kingman {GB}--Stormfly {Ire} {GSW-Ire}, by Dark Angel {Ire})**, a distant sixth facing males on Naas debut in July for owner and trainer Dermot Weld, improved to be a longshot third against her peers Aug. 21 in which Charles Fipke's future Listed Star Appeal S. winner Spirit Gal (Fr) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) was 2 1/2 lengths ahead in second. Drawn one from the outside for this U.S. debut, the 3-1 chance settled last but one and was guided down to the inside while well in hand to the backstretch. Splitting rivals at about midway, Grace Darling went for a rails run into the stretch, accelerated brilliantly and shot clear to put the race to bed. Idle Chatter (**Justify**), a half-sister to GI Kentucky Oaks winner Princess of Sylmar (Majestic Warrior), overcame a hesitant start to be second. "She's a very unassuming little girl," said winning trainer Brian Lynch, who indicated the next objective for Grace Darling is the GII Edgewood S. at Churchill in May. "She's actually a brown paper bag. She's very plain, but always in the morning, she showed talent from the first time we started working her. She'd pin her ears and fight." A 22nd American winner for her outstanding sire and out of a G3 Leopardstown 1000 Guineas Trial winner also trained by Weld, Grace Darling hails from the extended female family of German champion Ivanhowe (Ger) (Soldier Hollow {GB}) and is kin to the 2-year-old colt Wasp (Ire) (Profitable {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$43,610. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.** O-William K Werner; B-Springbank Way Stud (IRE); T-Brian A Lynch.



Grace Darling (right) | Ryan Thompson

9th-Gulfstream, \$70,000, Msw, 2-16, 3yo, 1m 70y (AWT), 1:39.35, ft, neck.

TURF KING (IRE) (c, 3, **Kingman {GB}--Sweet Acclaim {Ire} {SW & MGSP-US, GSP-Eng, \$195,276}, by Acclamation {GB})** parlayed a perfect trip into victory in the afternoon's finale, giving his Banstead Manor-based stallion a second good-looking winner on the program. Away cleanly from the rail draw, the bay was forwardly placed and saved every inch of ground for Tyler Gaffalione, as Nate the Great (**West Coast**) was committed to an all-the-way attempt. Inching ever closer on the swing for home, Turf King pressed away from the rail and into the two path, and although Nate the Great did his best to see it through, Turf King grabbed him late to score narrowly. It was the third trip to the winner's circle on the afternoon for Gaffalione.



Turf King | Ryan Thompson

The March foal was hammered down to Niall Brennan for €100,000 at the 2021 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale and made the trans-Atlantic journey to be prepared for last year's OBS March Sale, where he was hammered down to this owner for \$180,000. Brennan also sold the **Kingman** filly Akayla (Ire)--stablemate of Turf King--for \$650,000 at OBS April. Sweet Acclaim, Group 3-placed in England for trainer Noel Quinlan, was runner-up in the GIII Appalachian S. on her U.S. debut in 2014 and later won the Ellis Park Turf before fetching \$600,000 at Keeneland November in 2016. Now the dam of three winners from as many to the races, Sweet Acclaim is also represented by a 2-year-old Lope de Vega (Ire) filly and a yearling filly by Night of Thunder (Ire). Sales history: €100,000 Ylg '21 GOFOR; \$180,000 2yo '22 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$42,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.** O-Wise Racing LLC; B-Ridgemont Stud (Ltd) (IRE); T-Chad C Brown.



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8th-Turfway, \$68,852, Msw, 2-15, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:16.90, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.

LADY LOWERY (f, 3, Munnings--Last Dance, by Revolutionary) came with a run from the back of an 11-horse field to round out the exacta behind the impressive Garden Belle (**Outwork**) on track-and-distance debut Jan. 18 and was 1-2 to go one better. Much closer to the pace this time, Lady Lowery tracked four wide early and then three deep into the turn. Held together by Jack Gilligan, the \$50,000 KEESEP purchase hit the front in upper stretch and cruised under the line a daylight winner. The winner's dam is an unraced daughter of Dance Swiftly (Danzig), a full-sister to Canadian Horse of the Year and Eclipse Award winner Dance Smartly, whose produce include the late **'TDN Rising Star'** Speightster (**Speightstown**) and SW/GSP **'Rising Star'** West Coast Swing (Gone West) as well as SW Paiota Falls (Kris S.), the dam of French SW & MGSP African Ride (GB) (**Candy Ride** {Arg}) and SW & GSP Rafting (**Tapit**). This is also the family of Smart Strike, Sky Classic, Dancethruthedawn et. al. Last Dance is the dam of a 2-year-old **Speightstown** and a yearling filly by **Justify**. She was barren to **Audible** for this year. Sales history: \$50,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$56,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.** O-Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, Gary Barber & Wachtel Stable; B-WinStar Farm LLC (KY); T-William Walden.

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Lady Lowery | Coady

6th-Fair Grounds, \$50,000, Msw, 2-16, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13.09, ft, 1/2 length.

BEAUXS ARTES (f, 4, Mastery--Only by the Night, by Tale of the Cat) was a debut second from two appearances for Peter Brant and Chad Brown early last season, changed hands for \$75,000 at Keeneland November and was having her first start for new

connections as the 8-5 pick here. A stalking second for the opening half-mile, Beauxs Artes went for home in upper stretch, but looked in deep water as the debuting Mad Caper (**Maclean's Music**) headed her with a furlong to race. Boxing on undaunted, Beauxs Artes managed to claw back the deficit in the dying strides to take it by a half-lengths. The winner is out of a half-sister to treble Grade I winner Curalina (**Curlin**) and GSP Dream Spinner (**Hard Spun**). Only by the Night has two foals of racing age--the 3-year-old colt American Only (American Pharoah) and a 2-year-old colt by **Twirling Candy**--and a yearling **Curlin** filly. She was most recently covered by **Liam's Map**. Sales history: \$120,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP; \$75,000 3yo '22 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$50,625. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

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★ CANDY MEADOWS BRED & SOLD ★

3rd-Fair Grounds, \$35,000, Msw, 2-16, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:47.27, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.

BLAME DAY (f, 3, Blame--Fancy Day {Ire}, by Shamardal), second for a \$150,000 tag on Churchill debut Nov. 16, filled the same spot sprinting against open maidens over this track Dec. 15 and was bridesmaid yet again in an auction-price restricted maiden allowance Jan. 14. Stretching out to a distance of ground for the first time as the prohibitive favorite at 1-2, **Blame** Day lobbed them along through six furlongs in 1:14.84, opened up on her foes in the stretch and had a clear margin on Lady With a Cause (**Creative Cause**) on the wire. The winner is a half-sister to Cabo Spirit (Pioneer of the Nile), MGSW, \$447,060; Convention (**Constitution**), MSP, \$226,778, and is out of a daughter of GI Sorrento S. winner Tizdubai (Cee's Tizzy), an own sister to Horse of the Year and dual GI Breeders' Cup Classic hero Tiznow, GSW Budroyale and SW Tizbud. Fancy Day is the dam of the 2-year-old **Yoshida (Jpn)** filly Nantuckets Day, a \$105,000 KEESEP yearling and was purchased by Chad Schumer for \$130,000 in foal to **War of Will** at KEENOV in 2021. She foaled a colt by the GI Preakness S. hero last year already named War Warrior, a \$195,000 KEENOV weanling, and was subsequently bred to **Medaglia d'Oro**. Sales history: \$25,000 Ylg '21 KEEJAN; \$50,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-1-3-0, \$52,500. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

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Aldrin (Malibu Moon), O'Sullivan Farms

46 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Charles Town, 7:32 p.m. EST, Msw 4 1/2f, Two Room School, 12-1

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

256 foals of racing age/34 winners/6 black-type winners
1-Turfway, 5:55 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, Fast Forward, 10-1
\$23,000 FTK OCT yrl

Bucchero (Kantharos), Pleasant Acres Stallions

155 foals of racing age/17 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Gulfstream, 12:39 p.m. EST, Msw 7 1/2f, Cosmic Speculation, 10-1
2-Gulfstream, 12:39 p.m. EST, Msw 7 1/2f, Ensign Skip, 6-1
\$25,000 OBS OCT yrl

Coastline (Speightstown), Rising Star Farm

11 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
1-Santa Anita, 4:00 p.m. EST, Msw 1mT, Cee Minus, 8-1

Collected (City Zip), Airdrie Stud, \$10,000

234 foals of racing age/17 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Charles Town, 10:02 p.m. EST, Alw 6 1/2f, Gabriel's Wing, 8-1
\$25,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$30,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Funtastic (More Than Ready), Three Chimneys Farm, \$5,000

43 foals of racing age/5 winners/1 black-type winner
1-Turfway, 5:55 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, Libertango, 2-1

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

347 foals of racing age/33 winners/3 black-type winners
3-Sam Houston Race, 2:54 p.m. EST, Msw 1 1/16mT, Mendi's Girl, 4-1
\$65,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$55,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Redesdale (Speightstown), McMahon of Saratoga TBs

74 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Aqueduct, 4:26 p.m. EST, Aoc 6f, Midtown Lights, 5-2
\$30,000 EAS OCT yrl; \$70,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo; \$150,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Sharp Azteca (Freud), Three Chimneys Farm, \$15,000

200 foals of racing age/42 winners/4 black-type winners
7-Aqueduct, 4:26 p.m. EST, Aoc 6f, Vax, 10-1

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

176 foals of racing age/19 winners/2 black-type winners
5-Aqueduct, 3:22 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Balentina, 6-1
\$75,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$47,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl
5-Aqueduct, 3:22 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Tap It Up, 15-1
\$6,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$37,000 OBS OPN 2yo



ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-Turfway, \$71,856, 2-15, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m (AWT), 1:37.83, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

WORLD OF WONDER (m, 5, Liam's Map--Wonderfuladventure, by Tiz Wonderful) Lifetime Record: 17-4-2-4, \$158,743. O-Spiess Stable LLC & Randy Klopp; B-Cove Springs Farm LLC (KY); T-Randy L Klopp. *\$70,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP.

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5th-Fair Grounds, \$52,000, (S), (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 2-16, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11.37, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.

OUR FREDDIE MAC (g, 6, Bind--Sweet Buddha, by Buddha) Lifetime Record: 10-4-1-0, \$78,020. O-Wayne T Davis; B-Rowell Farms LLC (LA); T-Shane Wilson.

7th-Fair Grounds, \$51,000, 2-16, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:49.37, fm, 1 3/4 lengths.

BLISSFUL (f, 4, Empire Maker--Belleski {MGSW, \$374,586}, by Polish Numbers) Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-0, \$96,525.

O-Belladonna Racing LLC, Manganaro Bloodstock & Edward J Hudson Jr; B-Thoreau LLC & Empire Maker Syndicate (KY); T-Cherie DeVaux. *\$155,000 Ylg '20 FTKOCT; \$350,000 2yo '21 OBSAPR. **Full to Keri Belle, GSW, \$323,140.





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2nd-Delta Downs, \$44,000, (S), 2-16, (NW3LX), 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:45, sy, 2 lengths.

WOODS N WATER (g, 4, Palace--Said and Done, by First Samurai) Lifetime Record: 13-3-0-4, \$81,465. O-Richard Painter & Dewberry Farm; B-Orange Grove Thoroughbreds Inc & Richard Painter (LA); T-Lee Thomas.

8th-Charles Town, \$33,900, (S), 2-15, (NW2L), 4yo/up, 4 1/2f, :53.90, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

ENTRY TIME (g, 5, Fiber Sonde--Attempting Reentry, by Not For Love) Lifetime Record: 17-2-5-4, \$88,104. O/B/T-J McKee (WV).

7th-Mahoning Valley, \$33,700, (S), 2-16, (NW2L), 3yo, 6f, 1:13.93, ft, 11 lengths.

MEDIA DARLING (c, 3, Sharp Azteca--Dark Darling {SP}, by Ready's Image) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$39,974. O/B-Nancy Lavrich (OH); T-Cirilo Gorostieta.

8th-Mahoning Valley, \$33,700, (S), 2-16, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:15.32, ft, 3/4 length.

NEAR PERFECT (f, 3, Mobil--Echt, by Fusaichi Pegasus) Lifetime Record: MSP, 9-2-2-3, \$83,443. O-Mast Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm (OH); T-Robert M Gorham. *1/2 to Authentic Cowtown (Cowtown Cat), MSP, \$287,275.


ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Grumpy's Buddy, g, 3, Bahamian Squall--Harbin Ice, by First Dude. Charles Town, 2-15, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:22.66. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$26,349. B-Newborne Farm (WV).

Hazednconfused, g, 3, Juba--Celestial Haze, by Utopia (Jpn). Charles Town, 2-15, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:23.01. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, \$31,978. B-Taylor Mountain Farm (WV).

Alfio, g, 4, Mucho Macho Man--Rusticana (SP, \$236,640), by Pioneering. Mahoning Valley, 2-16, 1m, 1:43.70. Lifetime Record: 10-1-1-1, \$25,802. B-Sunnyside Stock Farm LLC. (KY).

Foreign Relations, g, 5, Karakontie (Jpn)--Quest (GB), by Mr. Sidney. Turfway, 2-16, 1 1/4m (AWT), 2:05.66. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, \$62,350. B-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd (KY). *\$9,000 RNA Ylg '19 KEEJAN; \$1,500 Ylg '19 FTKFEB; \$6,000 RNA Ylg '19 OBSOCT; \$25,000 2yo '20 OBSAPR.

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Bind, Our Freddie Mac, g, 6, o/o Sweet Buddha, by Buddha. AOC, 2-16, Fair Grounds

Blame, Blame Day, f, 3, o/o Fancy Day (Ire), by Shamardal. MSW, 2-16, Fair Grounds

Custom for Carlos, My Man Louie, g, 4, o/o Kitty's Got Class, by Old Forester. ALW, 2-16, Delta Downs

Daddy Long Legs, Where Is Mike, c, 3, o/o Sailing Time, by Unbridled Time. ALW, 2-15, Charles Town

Empire Maker, Blissful, f, 4, o/o Belleski, by Polish Numbers. ALW, 2-16, Fair Grounds

Fiber Sonde, Entry Time, g, 5, o/o Attempting Reentry, by Not For Love. ALW, 2-15, Charles Town

Juba, Hazednconfused, g, 3, o/o Celestial Haze, by Utopia (Jpn). MSW, 2-15, Charles Town

Karakontie (Jpn), Foreign Relations, g, 5, o/o Quest (GB), by Mr. Sidney. MSW, 2-16, Turfway

Kingman (GB), Grace Darling (Ire), f, 3, o/o Stormfly (Ire), by Dark Angel (Ire). MSW, 2-16, Gulfstream

Kingman (GB), Turf King (Ire), c, 3, o/o Sweet Acclaim (Ire), by Acclamation (GB). MSW, 2-16, Gulfstream

Liam's Map, World of Wonder, m, 5, o/o Wonderfuladventure, by Tiz Wonderful. ALW, 2-15, Turfway

Mastery, Beaux Artes, f, 4, o/o Only by the Night, by Tale of the Cat. MSW, 2-16, Fair Grounds

Mobil, Near Perfect, f, 3, o/o Echt, by Fusaichi Pegasus. ALW, 2-16, Mahoning Valley

Mucho Macho Man, Alfio, g, 4, o/o Rusticana, by Pioneering. MSW, 2-16, Mahoning Valley

Munnings, Lady Lowery, f, 3, o/o Last Dance, by Revolutionary. MSW, 2-15, Turfway

Palace, Woods N Water, g, 4, o/o Said and Done, by First Samurai. ALW, 2-16, Delta Downs

Pioneerof the Nile, Sunday Shoes, f, 3, o/o Silvertoni, by Tapit. MSW, 2-15, Turfway

Sharp Azteca, Media Darling, c, 3, o/o Dark Darling, by Ready's Image. ALW, 2-16, Mahoning Valley

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ST LAWRENCE URGES SUPPORT FOR CHARITY STALLION AUCTION



Oliver St Lawrence | Tattersalls

By Brian Sheerin

Top bloodstock agent Oliver St Lawrence has urged his fellow industry professionals to look kindly on the online sale of stallion nominations in aid of the Giving To Ukraine charity and the Disasters Emergency Committee's Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal that will be hosted by Tattersalls on Monday.

The idea was first mentioned to St Lawrence at the Tattersalls December Sale by Stephen Byrnes, a well-known equine osteopath, who has undertaken a number of humanitarian missions to Ukraine and has witnessed first-hand the devastation caused in the war-torn country.

MURPHY OPENS UP ABOUT 'MANY ERRORS' AFTER RETURN WINNER

Oisín Murphy made a winning return to race-riding at Chelmsford on Thursday evening, after which he described his actions that led to a 14-month ban for alcohol and Covid breaches as "silly" and admitted to "many, many errors".

The three-time champion jockey had just the one ride on the card, the Mick Appleby-trained Jupiter Express (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), and after partnering that horse to victory, he opened up about his time away from the saddle.

He told *Racing TV* about his behavior that led to a hefty ban, "Realistically, very silly. I made many, many errors that I wish I hadn't done. I've had a period of time to think about that and come back with a different mindset. Hopefully, over the next year and the following years, I can prove the person I'd like to be."

Murphy credited the support of the Andrew Balding stable and the Qatar Racing team as being a major help to him during his suspension.

He said, "It's been incredible. When you start listing people, you will leave someone out. From my family to the Baldings and all of the Qatar Racing team, I never felt left out.

"I obviously focussed primarily in the first few months [of the ban] on me being sober and well. But from then on, I felt really good and I was able to carry that through for a long time and here is where I wanted to begin my riding career again. There is much to look forward to." [Cont. p4](#)

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Potential French Classic filly Pensee Du Jour (Ire) (**Camelot {GB}**) became her Coolmore sire's seventh 'TDN Rising Star' with a four-length victory at Chantilly on Thursday. Go to TDN Euro p4 to find out more. | Scoop Dyga

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Godolphin's Grade I winner Nations Pride (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}) is the star of the Dubai World Cup Carnival which continues on Friday.

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Charity Stallion Auction Cont. from p1

St Lawrence, who describes stallion nominations as his "bread and butter," has assembled a stellar cast of more than 75 stallion coverings to choose from, with Showcasing (GB), **Sottsass (Fr)**, Kodiak (GB), Sea The Moon (Ger), Hello Youmzain (Fr) and Nathaniel (Ire) all listed.

The total value of the advertised fees is estimated to be roughly £700,000, although some stud farms have offered more than one service per stallion, in which case the underbidder will be contacted.

St Lawrence explained, "Every nomination will be sold on a no foal free return basis. They will also be paid up front so that the charity can get on and spend the money, which is badly needed. All of the money will be collected by Giving To Ukraine, which is a small charity.

"There will be no VAT on the majority of the nominations so, cash flow-wise, people will not have to pay out VAT and they pay up front. If the mare does not go in foal or unfortunately aborts, they will have a free return next year."

St Lawrence acknowledges that Monday's charity auction will come relatively late for the majority of breeders who, by the middle of February, will have made some form of plans for their mares. However, he is hoping that, given the nature of the sale, stakeholders will support the cause.

He said, "The amount of stallion donations from studs across Europe has been very generous. I would urge people to get registered to bid. We've managed to get a nice bunch of nominations together and for the breeders, I know it's late in terms that a lot of people will have already made plans but, for those who haven't, if they could look kindly on us, it would be great."

"There are a few more stallion nominations coming. I just got a Sergei Prokofiev this morning and I expect to be able to add a couple more in the coming days. Quite often, I get repeat nominations and, while we will only offer one on the site, there will be cases where we contact the underbidder on some of the stallion nominations that were double offered. We won't be offering two nominations for a stallion because people may hold back on the first one, and I won't go naming stallions, as there may be a few canny people out there!"

St Lawrence added, "It was Stephen Byrnes who came up with the idea. He mentioned it to me during the December Sale but, for various reasons, we didn't get together until late January. That's when he told me of some of the horrendous things that he witnessed out there which simply aren't repeatable. This is my bread and butter, doing stallion nominations, so it was relatively easy to get on board with a project like this and try and generate some money for a worthy cause."

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Murphy Returns A Winner Cont.

Murphy had not ridden in public since November 2021, but showed no ring rustiness in driving the quirky but capable Horse Watchers-owned Jupiter Express to a narrow success at odds of 15-8.

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CAMELOT 'TDN RISING STAR' LIGHTS UP

CHANTILLY by Tom Frary

Thursday's card at Chantilly witnessed Europe's first 'TDN Rising Star' of 2023 as Ballymore Thoroughbred Ltd's **Pensee Du Jour (Ire) (Camelot {GB}--Painter's Pride {Fr}, by Dansili {GB})** powered to an impressive success in the 9 1/2-furlong Prix du Chateau de la Reine Blanche for unraced 3-year-old fillies. Away smartly under Alexis Pouchin, the 1-2 favourite who is a half-sister to the G3 Mahab Al Shimaal winner and G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen third Canvassed (Ire) (Shamardal) and who hails from the Wildenstein dynasty of the champion Peintre Celebre was in front before two furlongs had been covered.

Stretching clear in early straight, the Andre Fabre-trained bay was already being eased down a furlong from the finish and was

four lengths ahead of the Fabrice Chappet newcomer **Crown Princesse (Fr) (Zarak {Fr})** there, with another three lengths back to **Hasapiko (Fr) (Cloth Of Stars {Ire})** from the Stephane Wattel stable. With no prompting from the saddle during the closing stages, Pensee Du Jour still covered the last three furlongs on the Polytrack in :34.64 seconds and her entries in the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches, G1 Prix de Diane and G1 Prix Saint-Alary do not look fanciful on this first piece of evidence.

For **Camelot**, this is a seventh 'TDN Rising Star', with Sir Dragonet (Ire) and Santa Barbara (Ire) the pick so far. The dam was the 13th foal out of the GII Long Island H. winner Peinture Bleue (Alydar), who proved such a font of success for the Wildensteins with the aforementioned Arc and Prix du Jockey Club hero Peintre Celebre the pick of her offerings. She also provided the stud with the G2 Prix de Pomone scorer Peinture Rare (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), the G3 Prix de Barbeville winner Pointilliste (Giant's Causeway) and the listed scorer Peinture Rose (Storm Cat).

Peinture Bleue's winless daughter Pine Chip, a full-sister to Peintre Celebre, is the ancestress of the South African champion Jet Dark (SAf) (Trippi), while other descendants include the G3 JRA Cup winner Desert Icon (Fr) (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**) and the GIII Fall Highweight H. scorer Hopeful Treasure (Oxbow). **Cont. p5**

Wednesday's French Classic and Grand Prix de Paris entries...

ADELIADÉ (A Fabre): Poule d'Essai des Pouliches-Gr.1, Prix de Diane-Gr.1 and Prix Saint Alary-Gr.1

ADELAIDE RIVER (AP O'Brien): Prix du Jockey Club-Gr.1 and Grand Prix de Paris-Gr.1

ALDER (D O'Brien): Prix du Jockey Club-Gr.1 and Grand Prix de Paris-Gr.1

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CAPE BRIDGEWATER (AP O'Brien): Grand Prix de Paris-Gr.1

DEAKIN (JP O'Brien): Grand Prix de Paris-Gr.1

GOLD AS GLASS (M Botti): Poule d'Essai des Pouliches-Gr.1

GOOLOOGONG (AP O'Brien): Grand Prix de Paris-Gr.1

HUTTON (JP O'Brien): Grand Prix de Paris-Gr.1

MA LIBERTE (HA Pantall): Prix de Diane-Gr.1

SERENITI (M Delzangles): Prix de Diane-Gr.1

SHAMIDA (DK Weld): Prix de Diane-Gr.1 and Prix Saint Alary-Gr.1

TASMANIA (FH Graffard): Prix de Diane-Gr.1 and Prix Saint Alary-Gr.1

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SAINT-ALARY DATE SWITCHED BY FRANCE GALOP TO IMPROVE EXPOSURE AND AVOID DOWNGRADE

The G1 St Mark's Basilica Coolmore Prix Saint-Alary will be run two weeks earlier on Sunday, May 14, in an effort to increase its exposure and maintain its Group 1 status, France-Galop revealed on Thursday.

The scheduling update was originally **disclosed when 25 black-type races were cut by the European Pattern Committee on Wednesday**, but it has now been announced that the race is under scrutiny to be downgraded by the EPC in 2024 if its field quality does not improve. A rating of 110 is required to maintain its Group 1 status, but the past three renewals have averaged just 108.9.

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Pensee Du Jour scampers away to give **Camelot** his seventh 'TDN Rising Star' at Chantilly on Thursday. | Scoop Dyga

Prix Saint-Alary Cont.

France Galop's reasons for moving the date are as follows:

- By running it five weeks before the G1 Prix de Diane Longines, it reinforces its ambition to become a major prep race for the fillies' Classic.
- It will gain more exposure by being included on a card that already features two Classic races, the G1 French 1000 and G1 French 2000 Guineas.
- The two extra weeks between the Prix Saint-Alary and the June 18 Prix de Diane at Chantilly will allow it to become a major prep race for the fillies' Classic and hence secure the rating of the Saint-Alary, whose Group 1 status is currently under threat.

In 2016 and 2017, the Saint-Alary was held at Deauville on the Poules d'Essai card when ParisLongchamp was being renovated, and both editions met the 110 minimum rating--111.3 in 2016 and 111 a year later. Trial races for the newly scheduled race include the 1800-metre G3 Prix Vanteaux at ParisLongchamp on Apr. 9, and two races at Saint-Cloud in April--the G3 Prix Penelope over 2100 metres on Apr. 1 and the G3 Prix Cleopatre going that same trip on Apr. 21.

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**EXPERT EYE'S NUTHATCH LEADS
TATTERSALLS ONLINE SALE**

A winner at Chelmsford earlier this month for Jamie Osborne, **Nuthatch (GB)** (**Expert Eye {GB}**) (lot 46) brought a sale-topping 34,000gns from Mike Watson's Trebles Holford Farm during Thursday's Tattersalls Online February Sale.

Consigned by Osborne's The Old Malthouse Stables, the 3-year-old filly is a half-sister to the Listed Prix Coronation second Savaanah (Ire) (Olden Times {GB}). Their unraced dam, Tanouma (Mr. Greeley), is a half-sister to GIII Oceanport S. hero Silent Roar (Unbridled's Song), while farther back in the family are Grade/Group 1 winners and sires Joyeux Danseur, Noverre, and standout juvenile Arazi.

"I had seen her first race where she ran fifth at Southwell and thought she ran with a great deal of promise," said Watson. "I followed her next run when she won at Chelmsford and thought there was definitely more improvement to come. No plan has been "hatched" as of yet but we would like to race her on. We may give her a rest following on from her recent win, but we are yet to make a decision. Nothing is certain in this game--it's early days for her but you always live in hope."

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Sergeant Tibbs (GB) (Bobby's Kitten) (lot 24) made 22,000gns, the same price as lot 32, **Zero Mostel (GB)** (**No Nay Never**), when selling to John Flint. Part of Robyn Brisland's Danebury Racing Stables' draft, the winning 5-year-old gelding is rated 73 on the Flat.

Brisland said, "We've found utilising Tattersalls Online extremely useful, especially being a small yard, as it has allowed our horses to gain good traction from a wide range of buyers. Our owners enjoy selling on it as it's very cost effective in terms of entry fees, no transport costs and minimal staffing costs.

"There is also great flexibility with Tattersalls Online, for example if a horse happens to not sell, we can run them again next week with minimal stress to all involved."

Zero Mostel, consigned by Ger Lyons's Glenburnie Stables, was purchased by Gordon Watson Bloodstock. The 3-year-old gelding is a half-brother to GI Breeders' Cup Mile heroine Uni (GB) (More Than Ready) and has made two starts so far.

Overall, the sale grossed 210,700gns for 29 lots sold. The next sale on the Tattersalls Online platform is the **Charity Online Auction of Stallion Nominations** in aid of "Giving to Ukraine" and the Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal, which will take place on Feb. 20-21. The full catalogue for the charity auction, arranged in conjunction with Oliver St. Lawrence, will be published on Friday, Feb. 17.

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competitive race meeting. Slots in the trials can be booked on the **C&J Equine website**.

Craig Witheford, of C&J Equine, said, "The Race Day Trials provide a unique experience for unraced and experienced racehorses, with a race day scenario, without the pressure of a competitive race meeting. Statistics alone have proved that our trials produce many debut winners and help horses gain confidence on a racecourse. Our aim is to educate and prevent future problems for our client's horses, whilst providing an enjoyable experience for racehorses embarking on their career."

"It's all about helping the horse achieve its ultimate goal," said Adam Johnson, UK Thoroughbred Manager for Connolly's Red Mills. "Whether that's by providing our customers with the best in equine nutrition or by supporting the development of the young racehorse through initiatives such as the Race Day Trials. We are delighted to be able to continue supporting the racing industry."

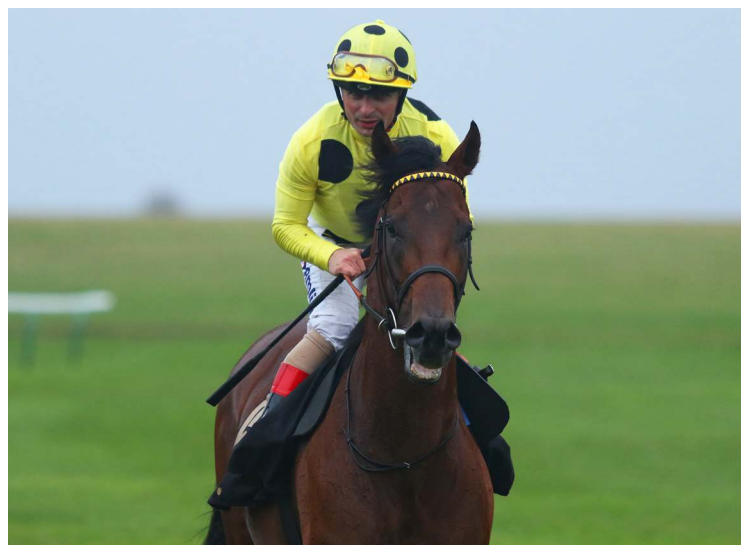
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ROSEMAN SIRES FIRST REPORTED FOAL

Stakes winner **Roseman (Ire)** sired his first reported foal on Thursday, March Hare Stud announced via Twitter.

The "cracking colt" is out of the **Wootton Bassett (GB)** mare Wootton Creek (GB) and was bred by Greg Saveall-Green, who boards his mares at James and Amelia Gray's Elusive Bloodstock's Hundred Acre Farm. Second in the G1 Queen Elizabeth II S., the son of **Kingman (GB)** stands for £5,000 under the LM Stallions banner at March Hare Stud this year.

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Thursday's Results:

1st-Chantilly, €27,000, Debutantes, 2-16, 3yo, c/g, 9 1/2f

(AWT), 2:00.06, st.

STAR OF STARS (FR) (c, 3, Sea The Stars {Ire}--Savanne {Ire} {GSW-Fr, \$139,572}, by Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}), sent off the 9-10 favourite, was able to assume an easy lead after the first three furlongs. Tackled by Swiss Money (Fr) (Anodin {Ire}) with a furlong remaining, the homebred asserted to score by a length. The dam, who captured the G3 Prix de Royaumont and was second in the G2 Prix de Malleret, is one of four black-type winners out of the G3 Lillie Langtry Fillies' S. scorer Sevensa (Fr) (Galileo {Ire}). Connected to the G2 Schwarzgold-Rennen winner Scatina (Ire) (Samum {Ger}) and the G3 Premio Parioli scorer See Hector (Ger) (Counterattack {Aus}), her 2-year-old colt is by Cloth Of Stars (Ire). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €13,500. **Video, sponsored by TVG.**

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IN QATAR:

Zicatela (Ire), c, 3, **Muhaarar (GB)**--Dazzling Rose (GB), by Raven's Pass. Al Rayyan, 2-16, Thoroughbred 3YO Sand Championship (Cond), 1700m. B-Emma Capon Bloodstock. *14,000gns Wlg '20 TATDEF; 5,000gns RNA Ylg '21 TATOCT; £52,500 HRA '22 TATAUG. **VIDEO**

Nuvolari (GB), c, 4, **Time Test (GB)**--Luang Prabang (Ire), by Invincible Spirit (Ire). Thoroughbred Sand Championship (Cond), 1700m. B-Des Thurlby. *Won by 5 1/2 lengths. **26,000gns Wlg '19 TATDEF; 40,000gns Ylg '20 TATOCT; 37,000gns HRA '22 TATAUT. **VIDEO**

Friday of racing arrives with a trio of Group 3 events.

Waving Godolphin Blue

The G3 Dubai Millennium S. sports this week's headliner, as Grade I winner **Nations Pride (Ire)** (Teofilo {Ire}) returns for a new campaign after what could be considered a successful 2022. The Godolphin homebred won last year at Meydan in the Jumeirah Derby, before competing at Newmarket, Epsom, in the 'Turf Triple' at each of the NYRA courses Stateside and finally in the GI Breeders' Cup Turf, where he was fifth behind stablemate Rebel's Romance (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}). Bearing the blue brought him an Eclipse Award nomination in the Male Turf Division off of his victories in the GI Saratoga Derby Invitational S. in August and the GIII Jockey Club Derby Invitational S. in September, as well as his runner-up effort in the first leg of the Turf Triple, the GI Belmont Derby Invitational S. in July. The 4-year-old colt should enjoy a return to 10 furlongs here as the deserving favorite in European markets.

"There will be some improvement to come for whatever he [Nations Pride] does on his seasonal return, as we hope that he has another international campaign ahead of him this year, said trainer Charlie Appleby. "Depending on how he goes here, we will consider potentially looking at the [G1] Jebel Hatta [on Super Saturday] or the [G1] Dubai Turf [on Dubai World Cup night]."

Appleby also runs multiple stakes winner and multiple group-placed **Ottoman Fleet (GB)** (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**), third in the G2 Singpiel S. last time out. "Returning to this distance looks as though it might benefit Ottoman Fleet based on his two runs so far this year," he continued. "He goes into the race a fit horse with solid form around him, so he should be a major player."

Dual French listed winner **Zagrey (Fr)** (**Zarak {Fr}**) is aiming to improve after a fourth in the G3 Al Rashidiya on Jan. 13.

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RACE PREVIEWS

NATIONS PRIDE FRIDAY'S DWCC HEADLINER

by J.N. Campbell

The Dubai World Cup Carnival adds its own footnote to the study of flags, known as vexillology for the more serious, since its intent is to draw horses from all over the world. As the meet continues to march towards its big night in late March, another

Longshot in the Nad Al Sheba

As for the other group races on Friday, a true distance test and prep race for the G2 Dubai Gold Cup will be proctored at 14 panels on the grass in the G3 Nad Al Sheba Trophy S. Godolphin, winners on nine occasions, has the advantage with four runners in **Global Heat (Ire)** Toronado (Ire), **Brilliant Light (GB)** (**Sea The Stars**), **Siskany (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}) and **Kemari (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}).

“Siskany looks great and will be a player if he brings his best form to the table,” said Charlie Appleby. “He has won over the course and trip, so he looks the one they have to beat.

“Kemari will also be competitive if he can rekindle some of his old form. He ran some solid races last year but can be a little inconsistent these days.”

Added fellow Godolphin trainer Saeed bin Suroor, “Global Heat won over this trip in the Al Khail Trophy and came out of his recent handicap run in good order. He stays well and I’m hoping for another good effort. Brilliant Light worked well last week and has some good form over this distance. He is ready to go again and will appreciate the step up in trip.”

Not to be overlooked is the Amy Murphy trainee **Magical Morning (GB)** (Muhaarar {GB}), who is a quality longshot and could play the role of spoiler, if the gelding can handle the stretch out in distance.



Mimi Kakushi | Dhric/AK/DRC

American Jaunt Continues in UAE Oaks

Rounding out Friday's Group 3 events is a Classic on the dirt oval that brings together seven fillies. Of these, **Mimi Kakushi** (City Of Light) looks best, not because her barn won this race last year, but because the bay filly clearly likes the Meydan surface—including a pair of wins in the UAE 1000 Guineas Trial over 1400 metres on Dec. 23 and in the Listed UAE 1000

Guineas upped to a mile on Jan. 20. Seven fillies have completed the UAE Guineas/Oaks double, with Shahama (**Munnings**), subsequently second in the GII Mother Goose S. and a winner of the GIII Monmouth Oaks in America, the latest in 2022.

Standing in her way will be the American-based **Ami Please** (Goldencents) for trainer Doug O'Neill. Running solely on turf since her California debut at Del Mar on Aug. 1, she was third last time out in the Blue Norther S. at Santa Anita, finishing just behind next out winner, Manhattan Jungle (Ire) (Bungle Inthejungle {GB}). Her barn collected a savory win last Friday with Tall Boy (**Lookin At Lucky**) in the G3 UAE 2000 Guineas.

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MIDDLE EAST

BAHRAIN TURF SERIES WRAPS FRIDAY

The final pair of £60,000 Bahrain Turf Series races of the season take place on Friday, and include a total of 12 European entries. **Get It (GB)** (Twilight Son {GB}) can bookend a successful Turf Series for trainer George Baker with victory in the Al Sakhir Cup.

“Get It has been a star for us,” said Baker. “He was unlucky on his first run in Bahrain and I think he bumped into one in Mobaadel (**Speightstown**) on his most recent start. It was a fantastic run and Andrea [Atzeni] was very keen to get back on him on Friday. We couldn’t be happier with how we have him.”

Meanwhile, Hugo Palmer is hopeful for a big run from **Box To Box (Ire)** in The Vision 2030 Cup. The son of Kodiak (GB) ran a promising race on his Bahraini debut at the start of December, but disappointed next out.

“Despite a wide draw, we’re happy with Box To Box,” he said. “We’ve deliberately given him a good break and we’re hoping he can step forward off a lower mark.”

Box To Box is one of eight European runners entered. Other notable contenders include **What’s The Story (GB)** (Harbour Watch {Ire}), **Marie’s Diamond (GB)** (**Footstepsinthesand** {GB}) and **Inigo Jones (GB)** (New Approach {Ire}).

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Thursday’s Result:

HH THE PRESIDENT CUP—Listed, AED380,000, Abu Dhabi, 2-17, NH &SH 3yo/up, 1400mT, 1:22.96, gd.

1--**WESTERN WRITER (IRE)**, 126, g, 4, by Shamardal--Yodelling, by **Medaglia d'Oro**. **1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** (AED1,800,000 HRA '22 ERASEP). O-Athbah Racing; B-Godolphin (Ire); T-Bhupat Seemar; J-Richard Mullen; \$61,803. Lifetime Record: 8-4-3-0, \$95,359.

2--**Syrtis (GB)**, 126, g, 7, **Frankel (GB)**--Sabratih (GB), by **Oasis Dream (GB)**. (€350,000 Ylg '17 ARQAUG). O-Nasir Askar; B-G B Partnership (GB); \$20,595.

3--**Haqeeqy (Ire)**, 126, g, 6, Lope De Vega (Ire)--Legal Lyric (Ire), by Lawman (Fr). (€28,000 Ylg '18 TATSEP; €175,000 HRA '19 TATMAY). O-Shadwell Stable; B-John O'Connor (Ire); \$10,279.

Margins: NK, SHD, HF.

Also Ran: Raaeb (Ire), Taamol (Ire), The Attorney (Ire), Ajwad (GB), Seniority (GB), Hawa Bilady, Island Rule (Ire), Zero To A Hundred. Scratched: Bright Melody (Ire).



Western Writer (Ire) | Dhric/AK/DRC

Formerly under the auspices of Godolphin and Charlie Appleby, Western Writer changed ownership and barns last fall after a campaign in England that yielded a pair of minor stakes victories in four tries. Taking to the turf at Abu Dhabi Racecourse, the gelding won a pair of races for his new outfit, as he came from well off the pace to win on both occasions.

Stepping up into this listed spot, he was taken back after a clean beginning, content to allow the pace to unfold as the field rounded the far turn led by Ajwad (GB) (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}). Given his cue, the gelding made a wide, sweeping move to the outside near the top of the lane, and was set down for the drive with a massive charge to poke a neck in front just in time to win over Syrtis.

Second dam Echoes of Eternity (Ire) (Spinning World)'s family includes half-sister Great Heavens (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), winner of the G1 Irish Oaks, and her full-brother, the multiple Group 1-winning sire Nathaniel (Ire). The winner's dam most recently produced 3-year-old filly Mountain Song (Ire) ([Sea The Stars {Ire}](#)) and a yearling filly by Farhh (GB). [Click for the Video.](#)

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WINFRIED ENGELBRECHT-BRESGES TO SERVE ANOTHER TERM AS ARF CHAIRMAN

Asian Racing Federation Chairman Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges was re-elected to another term by the ARF at its Executive Council Meeting in Melbourne on Feb. 14, during the 39th Asian Racing Conference (ARC). Vice-Chairman Masayuki Goto will also serve in the same capacity once again. The pair of appointments will run until the conclusion of the next ARC next year.

"I would like to thank the members of the Executive Council who have entrusted me to lead the Federation," said Engelbrecht-Bresges. "With their great support, I look forward to continue working with my colleagues and members of the ARF to overcome the challenges facing our industry."

"I am honoured to be re-elected as Vice-Chairman and welcome the opportunity to continue to help strengthen racing and breeding for the benefit of all ARF members," added Goto.

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Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges | Scoop Dyga

2023 Japanese Group Races

<u>Date</u>	<u>Race</u>
Feb. 18	G3 Diamond S. G3 Kyoto Himba S.
Feb. 19	G1 February S. G3 Kokura Daishoten
Feb. 26	G2 Nakayama Kinen G3 Hankyu Hai
Mar. 4	G3 Yukan Fuji Sho Ocean S. G2 Tulip Sho

Friday, Dubai, UAE, post time: 20:20 p.m.

NAD AL SHEBA TROPHY-G3, \$200,000, NH 4yo/up, & SH 3yo/up, 2810mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	12	Al Nayyir (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Dobbs	Watson	125
2	2	Away He Goes (Ire)	Farhh (GB)	Barzalona	Mohammed	125
3	14	Brilliant Light (GB)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Steward	bin Suroor	125
4	1	Charging Thunder (GB)	War Command	Tudhope	O'Meara	125
5	13	Count Rostov (Fr)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Dawson	bin Harmash	125
6	5	Emperor Of The Sun (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	de Vries	Nass	125
7	10	Global Heat (Ire)	Global Heat (Ire)	Cosgrave	bin Suroor	125
8	3	Kemari (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Doyle	Appleby	125
9	11	Magical Morning (GB)	Muhaarar (GB)	Scott	Murphy	125
10	4	Siskany (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Buick	Appleby	125
11	8	Tides Of War (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Fresu	Simcock	125
12	6	White Heart (Ire)	Camelot (GB)	O'Neill	Petersen	125
13	9	Ardakan (GB)	Reliable Man (GB)	Coen	Botti	121
14	7	Wickywickywheels (Ire)	The Carbon Unit	Mullen	Seemar	121

Friday, Dubai, UAE, post time: 20:55 p.m.

DUBAI MILLENNIUM S-G3, \$150,000, NH & SH 4yo/up, 2000mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	6	Nations Pride (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Buick	Appleby	136
2	12	Daramethos (Ire)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Fresu	Al Mheiri	130
3	3	Desert Fire (Ire)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Tudhope	bin Suroor	130
4	8	Freescape (GB)	Cityscape (GB)	Dobbs	Marnane	130
5	7	Good Fortune (Den)	Appel Au Maitre (Fr)	Barzalona	Jensen	130
6	2	Midlife Crisis (Fr)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Moutard	Shimizu	130
7	10	Ursa Minor (Ire)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Dawson	bin Harmash	130
8	5	Aeonian (Ire)	Ulysses (Ire)	Pinheiro	Al Mheiri	129
9	1	Ottoman Fleet (GB)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Doyle	Appleby	129
10	11	Withering (GB)	Mondialiste (Ire)	de Vries	Nass	129
11	4	Zagrey (Fr)	Zarak (Fr)	Soumillon	Barberot	129
12	9	Annerville (Ire)	Iffraaj (GB)	Coen	Murtagh	125

Friday, Dubai, UAE, post time: 19:10 p.m.

UAE OAKS-G3, \$150,000, NH & SH 3yo, f, 1900m

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	5	Ami Please	Goldencents	Fresu	O'Neill	125
2	4	Asawer	Nyquist	Dobbs	Watson	125
3	3	Awasef	Cairo Prince	Hitchcott	Watson	125
4	7	Habooba	Nyquist	Dawson	bin Harmash	125
5	2	Mimi Kakushi	City Of Light	Barzalona	bin Ghadayer	125
6	1	Priyanka	Mendelssohn	Mullen	Seemar	125
7	6	Solaire (Fr)	Dabirsim (Fr)	de Vries	Caulley	125

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Saturday, Al Rayyan (Doha), Qatar, 16:15 p.m.

HH THE AMIR TROPHY (Presented by Longines)-Listed, \$2,500,000, 4yo/up, 2400mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	13	Broome (Ire)	Australia (GB)	Lordan	O'Brien	128
2	7	Hellenistique (Fr)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Mazur	El Ahmad	128
3	12	In The Night (Ire)	Shamardal	Lukasek	Al Ramzani	128
4	1	Mutabahi (Fr)	French Fifteen (Fr)	Guyon	Pantall	128
5	11	Riocorvo (Ger)	Pastorius (Ger)	Peslier	Parias	128
6	4	Russian Emperor (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Sanna	Whyte	128
7	8	Senor Toba (Aus)	Toronado (Ire)	Bentley	Fownes	128
8	6	Bolthole (Ire)	Free Eagle (Ire)	Thomas	de Mieulle	126
9	9	Inverness (Ire)	Highland Reel (Ire)	Barzalnoa	de Mieulle	126
10	10	Scherzo (Fr)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Atzeni	Mikhalides	126
11	3	Stone Age (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Moore	O'Brien	126
12	5	Warren Point (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Buick	Appleby	126
13	2	Romagna Mia (GB) (f)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	Mosse	Reynier	121

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MUCH TO CELEBRATE FOR AUSTRALIA AT ARC



Chris Waller spoke during the second day of the Asian Racing Conference | Bronwen Healy

by Oz Wedmore

Day 2 of the ARC began with a question and answer session with special guest Chris Waller, in which the Champion Trainer gave away the secret to his success--though it's not one easily replicated.

Asked to reflect on his career so far, the ever-humble Waller reiterated that his has been a journey from the bottom, was frank about the lessons he's learned along the way and made clear that the pillars of his business are hard work, dedication and honesty with his clients.

When asked to recall the career of his great racemare Winx (Street Cry {Ire}), Waller was visibly emotional as he praised her longevity and uniqueness that crept up on him during her incredible 33-winning streak.

Beginning a day centred on the animal at the heart of our sport, it was a reminder that the dedication of the man at the helm of Australia's premier training operation is driven by a genuine love for horses.

Denise Martin--who is an integral part of Waller's operation with her Star Thoroughbreds horses trained solely by him--began her talk with an overview of how syndication has changed in the three decades since she formed her business.

In that time her maximum permitted number of owners per horse has risen from six to 20.

"I don't have a problem with micro ownership," Martin said.

"(But) I think in every form of business there's something to suit everybody."

For years a leading syndicator, responsible for superstars such as Sebring, Foxplay (Foxwedge) and Invincibella (I Am Invincible), it was notable that Martin foresees more involved forms of communication to owners as the future of racing in Australia, such as daily content coming directly from training tracks.

Hutch Hails Australian Growth

As he gave the international delegation an overview of the industry, including pandemic-induced developments, Inglis Bloodstock CEO, Sebastian Hutch, celebrated the Australian racing's state of affairs.

"Ultimately the pandemic represented one of the best shop windows that our sport has ever had," he told the conference.

"We kept racing going, we maintained free-to-air TV coverage, wagering boomed, as did prize-money and theories that were once held as gospel were debunked as myths.

"It accelerated the age of transparency and accessibility in our sport and certainly to this point, it hasn't looked back."

He argued that COVID necessitated progress in the sale of bloodstock, ushering in a new era of transparency.

"Breeders, who had traditionally been shy about revealing all of themselves, were forced into a world during the early stages of the pandemic where they had to reveal everything.

"Comprehensive conformation videos, vet reports, heights, weights, the development of the endoscope repository--people saw the market take confidence in that disclosure and pushed on from there."

Hutch presented statistics of exceptional growth within the Australian yearling market, which must surely be the envy of some nations represented in Melbourne this week. He said that in 2013 that market was worth \$256 million, rising to \$623 million last year.

In exemplifying the growth of the Inglis Digital platform in particular, he told the conference the story of Nick Dimitrakis, who only tuned into racing during the pandemic and invested in a 5% share in Private Eye (Al Maher) in September 2022 for \$60,000 only for the gelding to accrue more than \$4 million in earnings by the following November.

On the same theme, Hutch expounded the importance of broad participation, hailing Australia as "the most accessible country for ownership in the world."

He pointed the conference to the format of Australian racebooks, which sees up to 20 listed owners, and the variety of silks allowed as just two examples of ways in which Australia leads the world in accessibility and recognition for owners, adding as a juxtaposition that all but two horses of the 273 entries for the 2023 G1 Epsom Derby in the UK have fewer than five owners listed.

But Hutch's message wasn't entirely jubilation, as he also drew attention to issues such as welfare and public perception of racing in Australia, and added:

"I want to give a shout out to Vicky Leonard for her 'Kick Up for Racing' concept, which is all about addressing the misinformation put out about our sport--it's really important work."

Doctors Deliver Hope And Call for Further Progress

RV General Manager Veterinary Services, Dr. Grace Forbes opened the second morning session on Thursday, 'The Horse', a session which promoted the fundamental importance of equine welfare.

Forbes, who has overseen the implementation of more stringent veterinary protocols around the spring carnival which appear to have had a much-needed positive impact, was proud of the results.

"We're two years in and we haven't had any serious or fatal injuries in any of our horses or any international horses in the Melbourne Cup," she told the conference.

"Injury is a part of sport, death is not," she added. Pressed by the moderator, who posited that death, however unfortunately, might always be a part of the sport, she said, "It's like the road toll--we don't want to have car crashes... we're going to aim to get to zero but we know that's really difficult to achieve."

Director, Equine Welfare Research Foundation and Chief Advisor, Mainland Veterinary Engagement, the Hong Kong Jockey Club, Dr. Christopher Riggs delivered a pragmatic assessment on the issue of welfare. He warned that a focus on perception should not distract from implementing effective welfare strategies--essentially that mere posturing will do the industry no good in the long term.

"Of course we need to worry about the way people perceive the sport, that's absolutely fundamental because if we look as though we don't care and not doing the right thing people are

going to be turned off," he said.

"But, we need to do the right thing as well. So, let's not get too distracted about perception, let's focus on what the issues really are and what we need to do about them."

No Hiding Places

Riggs's message was that we must be honest and transparent on the issues which plague the industry.

"There are so many good things in racing; these beautiful creatures which would not be there otherwise; then the retired thoroughbreds you see them in spaces like human therapy--they're fantastic and they wouldn't exist if it weren't for racing.

"There are so many very, very good things, but there are some black things as well, just like anything in life. So, do you stop doing the whole thing because of those bad things? You try to make it better."

As evidenced by the turmoil created by the Melbourne Cup

fatality rate in the last decade, on-course breakdowns are, despite being rare, disproportionately damaging to the industry's reputation--something Riggs is all too aware of.

He went on to expound on the benefits of CT scanning, and posited that the same technology which eliminated Durston (GB) (Sea The Moon {GB}) from last year's G1 Melbourne Cup might become a more regular welfare precaution outside of the spring carnival.

"(But) the idea is that you have different tools," Riggs said, adding a caveat. "You have the whole population (to examine). From an epidemiological point of view like, for instance, a horse that has had an eight-week break and is coming back--then it's at high risk."

With regard to the unusually high risk to international raiders at the spring carnival, Riggs was asked which specific risk factors could be most significant.

"Certainly, miles on the clock and fatigue that accumulates is an important issue," he said. "But, how do you train the trainers?"

"There needs to be a change in that, people are going to have to shift, because society itself is not going to go on accepting it.

"But, there's no point in me saying there has to be a change if we then can't tell them how. And that's the point, that's what we need to find out."



Sebastian Hutch | Racing Photos