



TDN DERBY TOP 12: FRONT FOUR UNCHANGED INSIDE 75-DAY MARK



Arabian Knight | Coady Photography

by T.D. Thornton

There's been a mid-season reshuffling at the back of the pack within this week's rankings. The next significant target date on the GI Kentucky Derby trail that could shake up the Top 12 leaders will be the trio of preps in Florida, California and New York Mar. 4.

1) ARABIAN KNIGHT (c, **Uncle Mo**--Borealis Night, by Astrology) '**TDN Rising Star**'. O-Zedan Racing Stables, Inc.; B-Corser Thoroughbreds LLC (KY); T-Bob Baffert. Sales history: \$250,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$2,300,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: GSW, 2-2-0-0, \$544.275 Last start: 1st GIII Southwest S. at Oaklawn Park, Jan. 28. KY Derby Points: 0.

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'TDN Rising Star' Arabian Knight is the legitimate kingpin atop the crop as we crest the 75-day mark until the Derby. But a two-race foundation--no matter how wowing those performances were--understandably still seems a touch precarious by conventional Derby-assessment standards.

After ransacking the GIII Southwest S. at Oaklawn Jan. 28 in his 2023 coming-out party, this sales-topping son of **Uncle Mo** wasn't nominated to the next leg in the Oaklawn series, which is this Saturday's GII Rebel S. **Cont. p8**

EARNING THEIR STRIPES: CHRIS DAVIS

Last year, we conducted a popular Q and A series called 'Smaller But Still Super,' where we featured veteran trainers who have built a competitive racing stable with relatively small numbers ([click here](#) to view the archive). This year, we will highlight trainers who have already cut their teeth as novice trainers, but now have a few years of experience under their belt and are looking to make a name for themselves as they grow their stable. We'll talk about the challenges that come with hanging out your single, advice for trainers setting out on their own, how the incoming class of young trainers differs from previous generations and more.

Arlington Park was one of Chris Davis's first loves and the 34-year-old conditioner is still quick to say that the now-closed historic track will always be his favorite place to watch racing. Davis developed a passion for the sport by following his parents, conditioner Liane Davis and assistant starter Hershell Davis, around the Chicago racing circuit. **Cont. p3**

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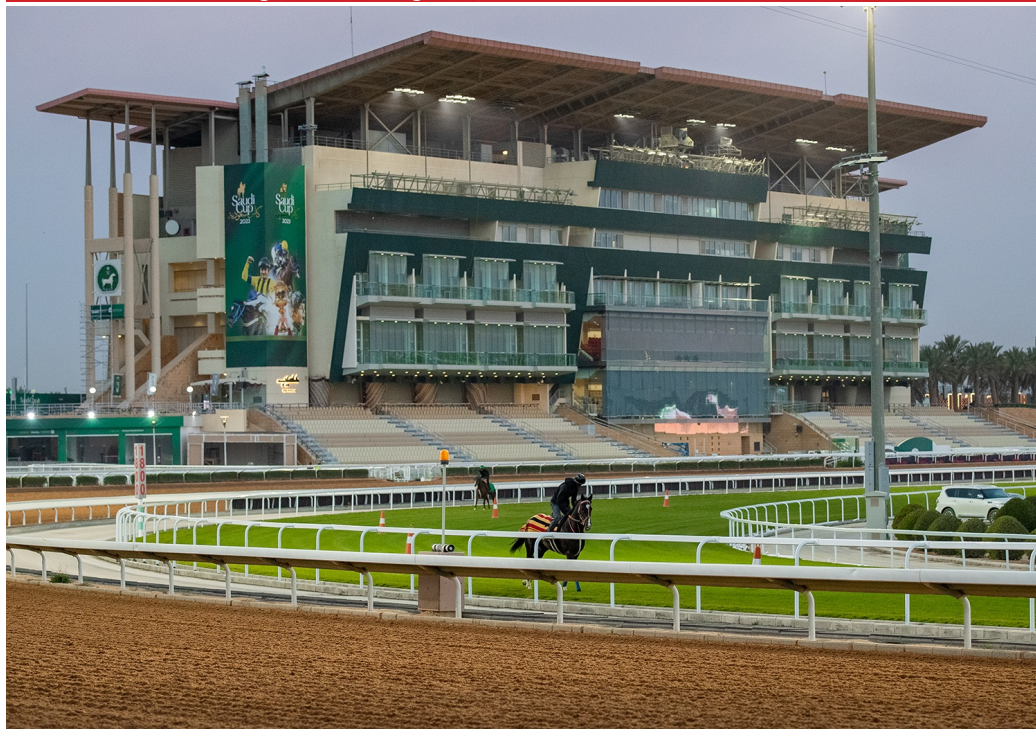
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EARNING THEIR STRIPES



Chris Davis (cont. from p1)

He worked for local trainers as a teenager and eventually ventured to other tracks across the country to serve as assistant for Wayne Catalano, Michael Stidham and Philip d'Amato.

Davis said that d'Amato was the one who gave him the push to go out on his own in the fall of 2016. It didn't take long for him to saddle his 100th winner in 2021.

With around 30 horses in his stable and several graded stakes wins to his credit, Davis travels the Kentucky circuit throughout the majority of the year and races out of Gulfstream Park in the winter. Already this year, he has had two promising maiden winners on the Gulfstream turf in



Chris Davis | Lauren King

Dare To Dream Stable's Moon Cat (Malibu Moon) and Gary Broad's Royal Mende (**Mendelssohn**).

What has been the key to your stable's growth since you first opened?

I started with two horses. Town and Country Farms gave me my first two and they've obviously had a lot of success over the years. Shannon Potter and Kiki Courtelis really jump started my career and I owe a lot to them. They gave me a lot of good quality horses from fairly early on, including my first stakes winner Moonlit Garden (Malibu Moon). She had been with Todd Pletcher in New York and they felt like she needed a bit more individual attention. I was riding basically all of my own horses and doing a lot of it myself. Her form was not very good when I got her.

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Chris Davis (cont.)

We individualized her and she ended up going back to New York a year and a half later and winning the Summer Colony S. She was also second in a stake at Monmouth and was beat by a nose in the GIII Houston Ladies Classic S. to none other than Midnight Bisou (**Midnight Lute**).

It has kind of been a grind since starting out. It's hard to break through as a trainer without the really big connections or the support of a big bloodstock agent or syndicate. Being 34 and with this being our sixth full year now, we've had a fair amount of success in finding stakes horses. We do well at the 2-year-old sales. We stay within our budget and still seem to come out with maiden winners, or maybe a group or listed winner.



Royal Mende breaks his maiden in January at Gulfstream

Lauren King

What do you believe makes your stable unique?

I think the fact that I've been around to a lot of places from coast to coast and the Midwest. I've worked with a wide variety of horses on the track throughout my career, from the time with my parents to with Mike, Phil and Wayne. Being around good horses, you get a good sense of a good horse and certain horses will remind you of others.

It's about individual attention and trying to fine tune what you have. Obviously you can't train on some horses in a smaller stable like some of the bigger stables because they have more waiting to come in to you. When you're a smaller trainer, you have to be able to get the most out of what you have and still be conservative and keep them sound. I think being able to individualize and keep a horse healthy so it can campaign for longer is a big benefit that we have. **Cont.**

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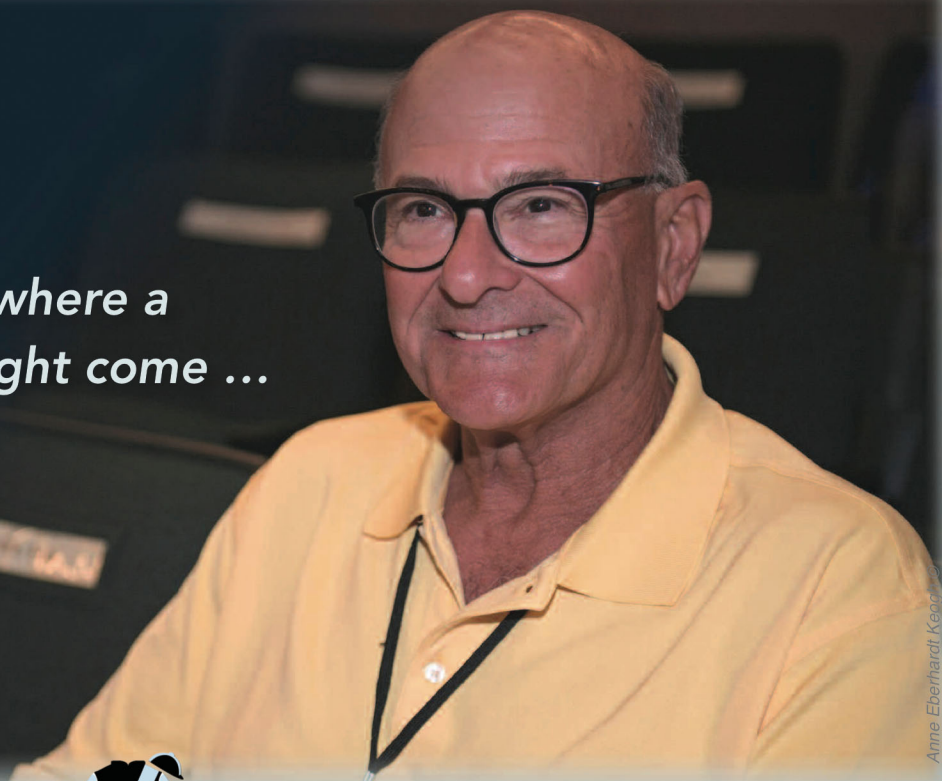
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Chris Davis (cont.)**What has been the biggest thing you have learned since going out on your own?**

Probably client management. The horses are easy for the most part. They do make fools out of all of us, there's no question about that, but client management is the biggest thing. Richard Mandella told me years ago that people are going to try to tell you what to do. Being able to work with clients is the toughest transition from going to an assistant to being on your own. It's about dealing with the clients on a daily basis, not just the horses.

I do try to work with everyone's needs on a very personal level. We're pretty respectful of what the client wants. Obviously I won't run one for a tag if an owner doesn't want to run for a tag. If we were able to place every horse where they needed to belong, we would all win a lot more races and you would see a lot more 25-30% trainers out there--not just a certain five guys.

If you could give one piece of advice to someone going out on their own this year, what would it be?

Be patient. It's going to test you physically and mentally. The stress level of a Thoroughbred trainer, especially one starting out, is no joke.

Mike told me when I was struggling with two to four horses that you have to keep showing up and keep grinding. I took a lot of weight from his interview that he gave after winning the Dubai World Cup when he said, "It was finally my time." He had been training horses for 40 years.

People will say, "That trainer came from out of nowhere," when in all actuality he has been training for 20 years. Or people will say, "This guy is untouchable," when maybe he wasn't five years ago, but now all of a sudden people are flocking to him. That's what happens because numbers breed success. You have more options, more liberty and you have a different clientele.

What is something that you think this incoming generation of trainers does better than the generations before them?

That's hard to say. Every generation has had to overcome certain things. You think back to when D. Wayne Lukas and Jack Van Berg really started the era of super trainers. Now it's just kind of keeping up with the Joneses as far as when you don't have that many horses coming in like the bigger stables, you have to be able to individualize.

I think the trainers just coming in like myself are facing a lot more medication overhaul than what was previously imposed. There is a lot more veterinary regulations.

Also the expense of owning a racehorse has gone up tremendously, which has caused some of the little owners who would potentially give a startup guy a horse or two to kind of just fizzle out. **Cont.**

2023 LEADING SIRES OF STAKES WINNERS

Rk	STALLION	SWs
1	Into Mischief	8
2	UNCLE MO	5
3	MUNNINGS	4
-	Constitution	4

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2022 LEADING SIRES OF STAKES WINNERS

Rk	STALLION	SWs
1	Into Mischief	27
2	MUNNINGS	15
3	UNCLE MO	14
-	Quality Road	14
-	Not This Time	14
-	Constitution	14

2021 LEADING SIRES OF STAKES WINNERS

Rk	STALLION	SWs
1	Into Mischief	29
2	MUNNINGS	19
-	Curlin	19
4	Medaglia d'Or	18
5	AMERICAN PHAROAH	15
6	UNCLE MO	14

2020 LEADING SIRES OF STAKES WINNERS

Rk	STALLION	SWs
1	Into Mischief	29
2	UNCLE MO	22
3	Speightstown	17
4	Curlin	15
5	Tapit	14
6	SCAT DADDY	13
-	War Front	13
8	MUNNINGS	12

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Chris Davis (cont.)

We're kind of seeing it go back to the "Sport of Kings" in that it's the super wealthy or the big syndicates that are really taking over. That's good and bad. If you're churning for those guys, it's great. If you're not, you're on the outside looking in. When you go to a sale, you know the guys you're going to go up against and you know the money behind them, so you're hoping you can get lucky.

Who is your favorite horse that you've ever had in your stable?

I have a horse named City Drifter (Temple City) who is one of my all-time favorites. He's a barn favorite. He's a very honest horse. I've won six allowance races with him. He's won eight out of 26 starts. He seems like he always shows up and gives us what we have. He's a beautiful, stocky horse and is very easy to be around.

I also just retired a horse named Jimmy D (Haynesfield) who was the definition of a war horse. I got him when he was running for \$5,000 in California. Subsequently as a 7-year-old after almost 70 starts, he won his first allowance race. He ended up winning 11 in his lifetime. I just retired him sound because he was at the end of his career and we hope to make him a stable pony.



Moonlit Garden wins the 2018 Summer Colony S. | Sarah Andrew

If you could spend one afternoon at the track enjoying the day (i.e. not working), which track would you go to?

Well they closed it. Arlington Park. That's home and it was one of the best facilities to watch racing. I've been to most places in the country at some point or another and Arlington was probably the premier spot to go watch racing.

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Chris Davis (cont.)

If you aren't at the track, what can you be found doing?

Playing golf and taking care of a six-month-old baby.

If one change was made to racing that would make your life easier, what would it be?

There are a lot of things. In terms of medication reform, higher surveillance in the barns would be key to level the playing field. We had the Servis and Navarro scandal, but that stuff is still very prevalent today in my opinion. I would never be opposed to them putting cameras in every stall at every racetrack throughout the country.

What is your biggest hot take? It can be racing-related or completely random.

Time is only relevant in prison. A horse may work fast or maybe run a race slow, but you might have caught a fast track or a slow track or your horse might have just preferred the surface that day. There might have been a speed bias or a closing bias. I think people overestimate times.

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HISA TEST ERRONEOUSLY ADDS HORSES TO VET'S LIST

A software test by the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority inadvertently went live Tuesday morning, causing multiple horses to be erroneously added to HISA's Vet's List for Clenbuterol. The issue was caught and corrected quickly, according to a statement from the Authority.

"HISA's horsemen portal experienced a technical error earlier this morning," read the statement released Tuesday afternoon. "An IT team was testing the functionality of vet entries for Clenbuterol and accidentally pushed it to production instead of keeping it in test mode. Since it was dummy/test data, it caused many horses to be put wrongly on the HISA Vet's list for Clenbuterol. The issue was quickly identified and all horse records were corrected by 9 a.m. ET. This error did not affect any horse's ability to enter a race. HISA apologizes for any issues this may have caused."

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Derby Top 12: Arabian Knight (cont. from p1)

Until his connections disclose details, the date and place of Arabian Knight's next start remains the most sought-after secret on the Derby trail (both for fans who want to see him race and the connections of contenders who want to avoid him).

Last week's federal court ruling **denying Bob Baffert an injunction** to avoid a Churchill Downs ban on his Derby participation is already resulting in some movement of his sophomore contenders to other trainers. But that news, if or when it comes for Arabian Knight, shouldn't overshadow the fact that this classy colt has sky's-the-limit potential augmented by a confident demeanor and a blazing natural quickness that doesn't cross the line into being speed-crazy.

2) FORTE (c, Violence--Queen Caroline, by Blame) 'TDN Rising Star'. O-Repole Stable and St. Elias Stable; B-South Gate Farm (KY); T-Todd Pletcher. Sales history: \$80,000 Wlg '20 KEENOV; \$110,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: Ch. 2yo colt, MGISW, 5-4-0-0, \$1,595,150. Last start: 1st GI FanDuel Breeders' Cup Juvenile presented by TAA, Nov. 4. KY Derby Points: 40.

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Divisional champ Forte is five works into his training for the Mar. 4 GII Fountain of Youth S., and Saturday's five-eighths breeze at Palm Beach Downs was a bullet in 1:01.41 (1/10). For months, trainer Todd Pletcher has articulated a two-prep path to Louisville, with the second race expected to be either the GI Curlin Florida Derby at Gulfstream or the GI Toyota Blue Grass S. at Keeneland (site of Forte's GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile triumph).

Leggy and athletic in the same manner as his sire, **Violence**, this 'TDN Rising Star' stands out because of his ability to carve out ideal tactical positioning to set up a powerful punch off the far turn, and Forte won three Grade I stakes last season from seven furlongs up to 1 1/16 miles.

Pletcher has twice trained a 2-year-old Eclipse Award-winning colt who won the Juvenile. How did they fare in their comebacks?

In January 2013, Shanghai Bobby ran second at even-money in his 3-year-old debut at Gulfstream in the GIII Holy Bull S. In March 2011, Pletcher found a cushy winning spot for the returning **Uncle Mo**, who was 1-20 in the betting to beat four others in a non-graded \$100,000 stakes at Gulfstream.

Regardless of what you think of Forte himself, be aware that historically, the Fountain of Youth has been a notorious trap for high-profile favorites. Although the chalk has won the last two editions, the public's choice has gone down in defeat in 12 of the last 16 runnings, including one demotion via disqualification.



Tapit Trice | Ryan Thompson

3) TAPIT TRICE (c, Tapit--Danzatrice, by Dunkirk) 'TDN Rising Star' O-Whisper Hill Farm LLC and Gainesway Stable (Antony Beck); B-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd. (KY); T-Todd Pletcher. Sales history: \$1,300,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$100,150. Last start: 1st GP Allowance/Optional Claiming, Feb. 4. KY Derby Points: 0

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Derby Top 12: **Tapit** Trice (cont.)

Two weeks to the day since his scintillating one-turn-mile allowance win at Gulfstream, this \$1.3-million KEESEP colt returned to the worktab Saturday with an unhurried :50.93 half-mile breeze (27/33) at Palm Beach Downs.

While stablemate Forte, ranked above at No. 2, sports the more accomplished resume, this 'TDN Rising Star' is more of the "now" colt considering the two impressive scores he's racked up since Dec. 17.

His Beyer Speed Figures signal legitimacy with room for improvement, while cresting upward over three races (73-87-92), and **Tapit** Trice also rates highly from a "how he did it" visual perspective that emphasizes his ability to build serious far-turn momentum.

True, he'll head into the month of March without a race at two turns. But with a pedigree anchored by sire **Tapit** and a female family clustered with stayers capable of fast clockings (A.P. Indy, Seattle Slew, Secretariat), this isn't the type of prospect you'd doubt would be able to sustain his speed over added ground.



4) **ROCKET CAN (c, Into Mischief--Tension, by **Tapit**)**

O-Frank Fletcher Racing Operations Inc.; B-Woodford Thoroughbreds LLC (KY); T-Bill Mott. Sales history: \$245,000 RNA Ylg '21 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$249,738. Last Start: 1st GIII Holy Bull S., Feb. 4. KY Derby Points: 20

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Rocket Can got bumped and was away last when sprinting seven furlongs in his Saratoga debut Aug. 6, yet he still managed to pick off half the pack to finish fifth for a trainer (Bill Mott) not known for springing first-out winners.

He then ran an uninspiring seventh, beaten 16 lengths on closing weekend at the Spa over the same distance, behind eventual two-time stakes winner Instant Coffee (Bolt d'Oro).

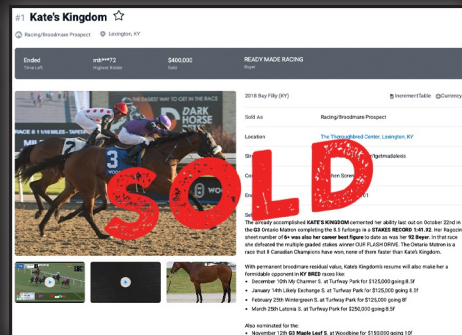
But a transition to two turns Oct. 30 at Churchill brought advancement. This Into Mischief gray broke running from post 10 in the slop, staked out an assertive stalking position, got first run at the two pacemakers a quarter mile from the wire, then held sway in a length-of-stretch showdown.

He almost prevailed next time out in a Nov. 26 first-level allowance, again at 1 1/16 miles, losing by only half a length while engaging in another deep-race tussle, and although he finished second, Rocket Can gave the impression he's not the type to back down from stretch slugfests.

His Holy Bull S. score Feb. 4 was more impressive than the tepid 82 Beyer it earned, because the relatively low fig is offset by the ground Rocket Can gave up on both bends before unleashing another focused, mentally intent finish. **Cont.**

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Derby Top 12: Rocket Can (cont.)

Right now this colt rates as the type of Derby prospect who isn't likely to dominate or scare away the competition. But his efficiency, resilience, and willingness to mix it up when challenged are all valuable, intangible assets.

5) CAVE ROCK (c, Arrogate--Georgie's Angel, by Bellamy Road) 'TDN Rising Star'. O-Michael E. Pegram, Karl Watson, and Paul Weitman; B-Anne and Ronnie Sheffer Racing LLC (KY); T-Bob Baffert. Sales history: \$210,000 Wlg '20 KEENOV; \$550,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: MGISW, 4-3-1-0, \$748,000. Last start: 2nd GI FanDuel Breeders' Cup Juvenile presented by TAA, Nov. 4. KY Derby Points: 0

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After starting the season ranked at No. 3, he's been leapfrogged on this list by colts with more recent form. But the gravitas of what this fullback-sized son of Arrogate accomplished at age two (three straight wins, including two in Grade I stakes and one with a gaudy 104 Beyer) will still merit respect when he finally hits the entries.

Cave Rock has been able to generate an intimidatingly high cruising speed up to 1 1/16 miles. But what most Derby prognosticators will be watching for is whether or not he has outgrown his hot-headed tendencies. This colt's loss in the Breeders' Cup was at least partially attributable to him getting visibly keyed-up before the race and then getting sucked into

sparring with a 70-1 long shot through an imprudent :22.90 opening quarter.

6) FAUSTIN (c, Curlin--Hard Not to Like, by Hard Spun) 'TDN Rising Star'. O-Michael L Petersen. B-DATTT Farm (Ky). T-Bob Baffert. Sales history: \$285,000 RNA yrl '21 KEESEP; \$800,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-1-0, \$80,200. Last start: 2nd GIII San Vicente S., Jan. 29. Kentucky Derby Points: 0.

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'TDN Rising Star' Faustin has now fired two bullet moves at four and five furlongs after being outgunned by a stablemate when second in the GII San Vicente S. Jan. 29.

He was tasked with sprinting seven furlongs in that race (shorter than what his pedigree indicates he's capable of) and was forced to try and reel in a loose-on-the-lead favorite under less-than-ideal tactical circumstances. Still, he upped his Beyer by two points off a powerful debut win (89 to 91), and that

learning experience, combined with his being by **Curlin** out of a **Hard Spun** mare, should pave the way for an improvement in a two-turn stakes.

Faustin is a high-energy gray who, in his Dec. 26 debut, was unfazed by a slow start and twice having to switch off heels at the head of the homestretch.

It is a touch concerning, though, that the horses Faustin beat in that MSW have only managed a collective 1-for-7 record in their next outs, indicating he roughed up a subpar bunch.



Faustin | Benoit



7) HEJAZI (c, Bernardini--G Note, by Medaglia d'Oro)

O-Zedan Racing Stables Inc.; B-Mary & Chester Broman (Ky); T-Bob Baffert/Tim Yakteen. Sales history: \$3,550,000 2yo '22 FTMMAY. Lifetime Record: GISP, 4-1-2-1, \$108,200. Last Start: 1st SA Maiden Special Weight, Jan. 15. Kentucky Derby Points: 0.

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Derby Top 12: Hejazi (cont.)

Hejazi broke his maiden in start number four for trainer Bob Baffert Jan. 15, but over the weekend got transferred to trainer Tim Yakteen as per the nominations list for the one-turn-mile Mar. 4 GIII Gotham S. at Aqueduct.

A \$3.55-million EASMAY sale topper, this New York-bred son of Bernardini has the unusual distinction of having run a 100 Beyer Speed Figure in a losing maiden effort (back on Sept. 10 at Del Mar), and he's never been off the board (including when third as a maiden in the GI **American Pharoah** S. Oct. 8).

He was able to set the pace under pressure at the rail in his MSW victory over 6 1/2 furlongs after stalking the pace in his first three attempts.



Verifying | Horsephotos

8) VERIFYING (c, **Justify--Diva Delite, by Repent)** O-Westerberg, Mrs. John Magnier, Jonathan Poulin, Derrick Smith & Michael Table; B-Hunter Valley & Mountmellick Farm (Ky); T-Brad Cox. Sales history: \$775,000 yrl '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GISP, 4-2-1-0, \$260,150. Last Start: 1st Opt. Clm at Oaklawn Park Jan. 14. Kentucky Derby Points: 4.

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Verifying, a May 11 foal who is a half-brother to 2019 champion older dirt distaffer Midnight Bisou, drew the rail for Saturday's Rebel S. at Oaklawn. He's forced the issue in three of his four lifetime races, so that post should play to his advantage by allowing him to secure a forwardly placed ground-saving spot.

This \$775,000 KEESEP son of **Justify**'s career started with an 85-Beyer sprint win at the Spa, followed by a second in the GI Champagne S., and then a trouble-at-the-start sixth in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile.

Freshened until Jan. 14, Verifying roared back to the winner's circle with a 97-Beyer, first-level allowance win at Oaklawn. The second- and third-place finishers out of that race have both since come back to win allowance miles in subsequent starts.

9) ARTHUR'S RIDE (c, **Tapit--Points of Grace, by Point Given)** O-Karl & Cathi Glassman; B-Helen & Joseph Barbazon & **Tapit** Syndicate (Fl); T-William Mott. Sales history: \$250,000 yrl '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, \$93,800. Last Start: 1st Maiden Special Weight at Gulfstream Feb. 11. Kentucky Derby Points: 0.

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Arthur's Ride started his career in the same two seven-furlong MSW contests at Saratoga as fellow-gray stablemate Rocket Can ranked above at No. 4, finishing second on both occasions.

This \$250,000 KEESEP colt resurfaced for trainer Bill Mott Feb. 11 at Gulfstream in a one-turn mile, and as the 2-1 second choice he really caught the eye by taking pace pressure at the rail from the 6-5 favorite for most of the race.

He actually lost but clawed back the lead on two occasions through the turn, and then after he dispatched the chalk, Arthur's Ride ably repulsed what looked like a winning bid from the third choice in the betting.

His damsire Point Given was the beaten fave in the 2001 Derby, but won the GI Preakness S., GI Belmont S. and GI Travers S., while maternal grandsire Thunder Gulch won the 1995 Derby, Belmont, and Travers.

10) INSTANT COFFEE (c, Bolt d'Oro--Follow No One, by **Uncle Mo)** O-Gold Square LLC. B-Sagamore Farm (Ky). T-Brad Cox. Sales history: \$200,000 yrl '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: MGSW, 4-3-0-0, \$442,815. Last Start: Won Jan. 21 GIII Lecomte S. at Fair Grounds. Kentucky Derby Points: 32.

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Derby Top 12: Instant Coffee (cont.)

Trainer Brad Cox opted not to aim for this past Saturday's Risen Star S. with Instant Coffee, saying he will instead point straight to the Mar. 25 GII Louisiana Derby coming off this colt's last-to-first win in the GIII Lecomte S. Jan. 21.

This son of Bolt d'Oro had been absent from the work tab for four weeks, but he was finally back in action with a moderate :49.80 half-mile breeze (34/109) at Fair Grounds Feb. 18.

That plan of race spacing will leave a nine-week gap for Instant Coffee to try to make the leap from 1 1/16 miles to 1 3/16 miles, and then another six weeks off until the 10-furlong Kentucky Derby. Cox has expressed a belief that this light-on-his-feet colt should relish those longer distances.

But Instant Coffee hasn't had the most arduous path to victory in either of his two stakes wins, having beaten only one current Top 12 foe in either the GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. or the Lecomte, and that makes it tough to project how he'll fare when faced with more intense competition.

11) RED ROUTE ONE (c, **Gun Runner**--Red House, by **Tapit**)

O/B-Winchell Thoroughbreds, LLC (Ky); T-Steve Asmussen. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-1, \$313,575. Last Start: 2nd in Jan. 21 GIII Lecomte S. at Fair Grounds. Kentucky Derby Points: 0.

This Saturday's Rebel S. at 1 1/16 miles might not be the spot where Red Route One finally uncorks the "put it all together" type of stretch run he's shown flashes of being capable of. But with a stout **Gun Runner** out of a **Tapit** mare breeding line, he's looming as a longer-the-better Derby prospect who one of these days is going to catch the right pace setup and a clear enough trip to outrun long odds.

He already has a sturdy foundation of six lifetime races, all at a mile or longer, and this homebred for Winchell Thoroughbreds was most recently a best-of-the-rest second when rallying from last behind No. 1-ranked Arabian Knight in the Southwest S. four weeks ago.

He had significant trip trouble and/or encountered ground loss in all three of his stakes attempts at age two, yet he still managed a couple of decent third- and fourth-place tries.

However, this deep-closing chestnut has still never won on dirt, with his only victory coming over a mile at Kentucky Downs nearly six months ago.



12) GEAUX ROCKET RIDE (c, **Candy Ride {Arg}**--Beyond Grace, by **Uncle Mo**)

O-Pin Oak Stud LLC; B-OXO Equine LLC (Ky); T-Richard Mandella. Sales history: \$350,000 yrl '21 FTKJUL. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$40,200. Last Start: Won Maiden Special Weight at Santa Anita Jan. 29.

CONGRATS TO PIN OAK FROM TAYLOR MADE
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Is it too deep into the prep season to tout a sprinter who wired the field at first asking onto the list? By conventional standards, yes. But convention on the Derby trail has long since flown the coop, thanks to the stylishly late-on-the-scene **Justify** in 2018 (a Feb. 18 debut), and the overall less-is-more mindset in bringing along sophomore prospects.

Yet when Hall-of-Fame conditioner Richard Mandella is the trainer of a flashy winning firster like Geaux Rocket Ride, you pay attention.

This colt is aiming for the Mar. 4 GII San Felipe S. at 1 1/16 miles after administering a full-bore clock-cleaning of a Santa Anita MSW crew over six furlongs Jan. 29. That display of dominance was timed in 1:09.52 and featured a decisive swat-down of the 1-2 favorite before "Geaux" rolled home by 5 3/4 lengths. This \$350,000 FTKJUL son of **Candy Ride (Arg)** earned a 92 Beyer for the effort.

Underscore that he doesn't make the trip to Louisville unless he's confident he has the right horse, Mandella hasn't had a Kentucky Derby starter since 2004. But in 2019 he was on the cusp of saddling the imposing favorite, Omaha Beach, before having to scratch the colt several days before the Derby because of an entrapped epiglottis.

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TURCOTTE SADDLE GOES ON DISPLAY MARCH 4

The saddle Ron Turcotte used while riding Secretariat to victory in the 1973 Triple Crown has been acquired by The Jim Irsay Collection and will be on display Mar. 4 at the Downtown Las Vegas Events Center during a free, one-night-only performance of The Jim Irsay Band and exhibition of The Jim Irsay Collection.

Irsay acquired the saddle from the now 81-year-old Turcotte.

"This special saddle represents a most magical time in my racing career and its personal significance to me and my family goes beyond words," Turcotte said from his home in New Brunswick, Canada. "I have had the privilege of keeping it safe and secure for nearly 50 years, and now it's time to let others enjoy the treasures in my collection as well. I am grateful to The Jim Irsay Collection for recognizing the saddle's historical importance and making it and the Secretariat story available to current and future generations."

Irsay, owner of the NFL's Indianapolis Colts, has assembled a collection of instruments and items owned and used by some of the greatest artists in music history. **Cont.**

Turcotte saddle (cont.)

His collection includes mementos from Bob Dylan, The Beatles, Prince, James Brown, Eric Clapton, Sir Elton John, Johnny Cash, Jerry Garcia, Les Paul, Bo Diddley, David Gilmour, Jim Morrison, Pete Townshend, Jimi Hendrix, Janis Joplin, Kurt Cobain and John Coltrane.

His collection also includes historic items like an 1823 William J. Stone printing of the Declaration of Independence; artifacts and signed documents from numerous U.S. Presidents; handwritten documents and artifacts from women's suffrage pioneer Susan B. Anthony; a Jackie Robinson game-used bat from 1953 (the founding year of the Colts); and Muhammad Ali's championship belt from his victory over George Foreman in the 1974 "Rumble in the Jungle" and his boxing shoes from the 1975 "Thrilla" in Manila" vs. Joe Frazier.

The Mar. 4 event is free and open to the public, but tickets are required. To reserve a ticket, visit jimirsaycollection.com.

Irsay, who regularly loans items in the collection out to museums and non-profits, has already hosted free exhibitions of the collection in [Nashville](#), Washington, D.C., Austin, Los Angeles, New York City, Chicago, Indianapolis and San Francisco, with more dates planned for 2023.

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REGISTRATION OPEN FOR TOBA CLINIC IN OCALA

The Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association is hosting a Pedigree & Conformation Clinic Sunday and Monday, Mar. 19-20 in Ocala. The clinic will be held at the Ocala Breeders' Sales and Ocala Stud and will be held in conjunction with the OBS March Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training.

Speakers at the clinic include: Tammy Gantt and George Isaacs; Dr. Johnny Mac Smith, DVM; Marette Farrell (bloodstock agent); Tod Wojciechowski, director of sales for Ocala Breeders' Sales Company; and David O'Farrell from Ocala Stud.

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RACING'S BLACK PIONEERS EXHIBIT OPENS THURSDAY AT KEENELAND LIBRARY

The Heart of the Turf: Racing's Black Pioneers, an exhibit highlighting the lives and careers of 80 African American horsemen and women from the mid-1800s to the present, opens to the public at the Keeneland Library Thursday. The exhibit employs an engaging mix of interpretive panels, rare photographs, never-before-displayed artifacts, original artwork and video interviews to chronicle and bring to life the involvement of African Americans in the racing industry.

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The Kentucky Equine Education Project will offer a limited edition "The Color of Silk" print in recognition of Black History Month. The print commemorates the Jockey Silks Art Project featuring the racing silks worn by African American jockeys who won 16 Kentucky Derby races held from 1875 to 1902. Nine of the jockeys were born in Kentucky. Seven of the Thoroughbreds they rode were trained by African Americans.

"The Color of Silk" is a product of a living and learning community at UK, LEXengaged, that brought together William Wells Brown students and UK undergraduates to learn, via art, about the contributions African Americans have made to our state's premier industry.



Portion of the Color of Silk print | courtesy KEEP

The print is available for \$50.00 (postage included) with all net proceeds going to William Wells Brown Elementary. To order a print, email brittany@horseswork.com.

At KEEP Day at the Capitol in Frankfort Feb. 23, the KEEP Foundation will recognize the contribution of African American horsemen to our industry and honor their legacy by presenting our African American legislators with a 'The Color of Silk' print.

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REBEL S.-GII, \$1,000,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Verifying 	Justify	Westerberg, Mrs. John Magnier, Jonathan Poulin, Derrick Smith & Michael B. Tabor	Cox	Geroux	122
2	Powerful 	Nyquist	Courtlandt Farms	Asmussen	Castillo	117
3	Red Route One	Gun Runner	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC	Asmussen	Torres	117
4	Gun Pilot	Gun Runner	Three Chimneys Farm	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	122
5	Giant Mischief 	Into Mischief	Spendthrift Farm LLC, Steve Landers Racing LLC, Martin Schwartz, Michael Dubb, Ten Strike Racing, Jim Bakke, Titledown Racing Stables, Kueber Racing, Big Easy Racing, Winners Win & Stonestreet Stables	Cox	Ortiz, Jr.	117
6	Reincarnate 	Good Magic	SF Racing, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables, Robert Masterson, Stonestreet Stables, Jay Schoenfarber, Waves Edge Capital LLC & Catherine Donovan	Yakteen	Velazquez	122
7	Confidence Game 	Candy Ride (Arg)	Don't Tell My Wife Stables	Desormeaux	Graham	119
8	Talladega 	Into Mischief	WinStar Farm LLC & Siena Farm LLC	Brisset	Prat	117
9	Event Detail	City of Light	OXO Equine LLC	Lobo	Corrales	117
10	Bourbon Bash 	City of Light	BC Stables, LLC	Lukas	Michel	117
11	Frosted Departure 	Frosted	C&H Diamond Racing LLC & Magdalena Racing	McPeck	Arrieta	117

Breeders: 1-Hunter Valley & Mountmellick Farm, LLC, 2-Parks Investment Group, LLC, 3-Winchell Thoroughbreds, LLC, 4-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC, 5-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 6-Woods Edge Farm, LLC, 7-Summer Wind Equine LLC, 8-Spruce Lane, Stepwise, Ground Thunder, Robbins, Copper Beech, Lynn, et al, 9-Camas Park Stud, 10-Machmer Hall, 11-Alastar Thoroughbred Company, LLC

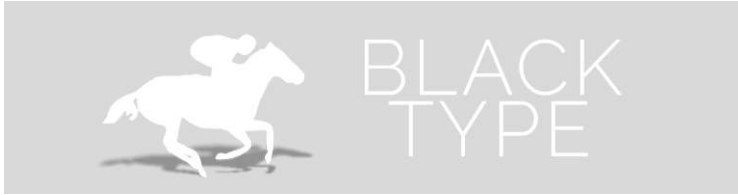
Saturday, Oaklawn #10, post time: 5:43 p.m. EST

HONEYBEE S.-GIII, \$300,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Effortlesslyelgant 	Liam's Map	Alex & JoAnn Lieblong	Casse	Santana, Jr.	117
2	Towhead 	Malibu Moon	Pura Vida Investments, Cindy Hutson & Brett Setzer	Maker	Castillo	122
3	Grand Love	Gun Runner	Three Chimneys Farm	Asmussen	Rosario	117
4	Gambling Girl	Dialed In	Repole Stable	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	117
5	Condensation	Frosted	Pravin A. Patel	Hartman	Arrieta	122
6	Take Charge Briana	Curlin	Willis Horton Racing LLC	Lukas	Michel	117
7	Wet Paint	Blame	Godolphin, LLC	Cox	Prat	122
8	Defining Purpose 	Cross Traffic	Magdalena Racing, Colette Vanmatre & James Ball	McPeck	Cabrera	119
9	Boss Lady Bailey 	Connect	Hooties Racing LLC	Ortiz	Geroux	117
10	Doudoudouwanadance	Magna Graduate	Terry Westemeir	Stewart	Graham	117
11	Olivia Twist 	Mshawish	Brad King, Randy Andrews, G. Chris Coleman, Jim Cone, Suzanne Kirby & Lee Lewis	Fincher	Torres	119
12	Taxed 	Collected	Richard Bahde	Morse	Bejarano	117

Breeders: 1-Offshoot Farm LLC, 2-DJ Stable, LLC, 3-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC, 4-Gallagher's Stud, 5-William Humphries & Altair Farms LLC, 6-Willis Horton Racing LLC, 7-Godolphin, 8-Colette Marie VanMatre, 9-White Fox Farm, 10-Terry J. Westemeir, 11-Brushy Hill, LLC, 12-Brereton C. Jones

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

MARDI GRAS S., \$99,000, Fair Grounds, 2-21, 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2fT, 1:05.76, fm.

1--**OEUVRE, 122, f, 4, Shackleford--Love This Kitten, by Kitten's Joy.** O/B-Richard Perkins (IL); T-Chris M. Block; J-Jareth Loveberry. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 16-10-3-2, \$473,126.

2--**New Boss, 118, m, 5, Street Boss--Denali Dreamscape, by Corinthian.** (\$45,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP). O-Barry & Carol Conrad; B-Hinkle Farms (KY); T-W. Bret Calhoun. \$20,000.

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3--**Goin' Good, 118, m, 5, Congrats--Good Deed, by Broken Vow.** O/B-Klein Racing (KY); T-Brad H. Cox. \$10,000.

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Oeuvre rolled to her fifth straight victory with an authoritative score in the Mardi Gras S. at Fair Grounds Tuesday. The 7-5 favorite prompted the pace down the backstretch, but took over into the turn. She skipped away into the stretch and maintained her advantage despite being geared down under the wire.

On the board in 15 of 16 lifetime starts, Oeuvre is now a perfect three-for-three at Fair Grounds after winning the Pan Zareta S. over the main track Dec. 3 and adding the Nelson J. Menard Memorial S. over the Mardi Gras course and trip last time out Jan. 14. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**


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8th-Santa Anita, \$79,412, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 2-20, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:24.05, ft, 3/4 length.

PRINCESS ADALEIGH (f, 4, Goldencents--Daring Darling, by Tiz Wonderful) graduated by a front-running 6 1/4 lengths over the synthetic surface at Golden Gate last November and battled on the front end before settling for second in a six-furlong optional claimer at Santa Anita last time out Jan. 22. The 3-5 favorite went out quickly to the early lead and was in hand through fractions of :23.81 and :47.06. Asked for run at the top of the lane, the bay filly was always holding Kristi's Tiger (Smiling Tiger) at bay to win by a geared-down 3/4 lengths. Princess Adaleigh RNA'd for \$42,000 as a KEESEP yearling. She has a 2-year-old full-brother who sold for \$75,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale and her dam was bred to **Complexity** last year. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.** Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0, \$96,400.

O-Valley Farm Racing Stable, LLC, Alpi, Rene Carole, Anguiano, Maria R., Cady, Todd, Cerin, Tyler, Gabbay, Nisan and Donna, Lee McFarland; B-Brian Kahn (KY); T-Vladimir Cerin.

9th-Santa Anita, \$77,000, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 2-20, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2fT, 1:13.05, fm, 1/2 length.

TOM'S BEAUTY (f, 4, Astern {Aus}--Shanghai Beauty, by Munnings), a maiden winner over the Santa Anita turf in October 2021, made only three starts last term and returned this year with a win in a six-furlong allowance Feb. 4. The 8-5 favorite rated just off the pace down the hill and powered to the lead in deep stretch before holding off the late-closing Unbridled Mary (Maclean's Music) to win by a half-length. Tom's Beauty was a \$29,000 KEENOV weanling and a \$90,000 KEESEP Yearling. Her 2-year-old half-brother by Bolt d'Oro sold for \$260,000 at the 2021 Keeneland November sale and RNA'd for \$275,000 last September at Keeneland. Shanghai Beauty, a half-sister to multiple graded stakes winner Secret Gypsy (Sea of Secrets), was bred to **Not This Time** last year. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.** Lifetime Record: 7-3-0-2, \$150,540.

O-Michael House; B-Nathan McCauley (KY); T-Jeff Mullins.

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7th-Fair Grounds, \$51,240, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$17,500), 2-21, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11.26, ft, 1/2 length.

FLINT RIDGE (g, 5, Into Mischief--Chantess, by Unbridled's Song) was coming off a pair of open-lengths victories over this track and trip, winning a \$30,000 claimer Dec. 8 and adding a Jan. 15 starter allowance last time out. The 4-5 favorite to make it three in a row, the gray gelding chased the pacesetters down the backstretch and rolled up three wide on the turn to take the lead into the lane. He opened a clear advantage in upper stretch, but was all out to hold off the late-charging Spartan Army (**Tapiture**) to win by a half-length. A \$320,000 FTSAUG yearling, Flint Ridge is a half-brother to Bavaro (Freud), MSW & GSP, \$344,785. He has a yearling half-sister by **Unified**, the final foal out of his dam who died last year. **Click for the**

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O-Brad Grady; B-Machmer Hall, Carrie & Craig Brogden (KY); T-Joe Sharp.

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

8th-Parx Racing, \$62,000, Msw, 2-21, 3yo, 7f, 1:26.99, ft, 1 length.

COLES CONUNDRUM (g, 3, Cross Traffic--Villette {SW, \$278,110}, by Petionville) closed late while finishing runner-up in his one mile and 70-yard debut versus state-bred foes at this oval Jan. 2. Outfooted out of the gate, the 7-5 favorite rushed up along the rail to shadow the early pacesetters. He pulled his way to challenge Tatum (Cross Traffic) for the lead nearing the far turn and those two rivals turned for home in tandem. They went eye to eye down the lane before Coles Conundrum began inching away in the dying strides to graduate by one length. The winner was a \$32,000 EASOCT yearling. Villette produced a filly by Flatter last year and was bred back to **Practical Joke**. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.** Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$52,000.

O-Cash is King LLC & LC Racing LLC; B-Jon A Marshall (PA); T-Robert E. Reid, Jr.



SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, FEB. 22

2023 Stud Fees Listed

Always Dreaming (Bodemeister), WinStar Farm, \$10,000
212 foals of racing age/14 winners/1 black-type winner
5-Charles Town, 8:53 p.m. EST, Alw 4 1/2f, Sister's Duty, 15-1
\$19,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl; \$15,000 OBS APR 2yo

Bucchero (Kantharos), Pleasant Acres Stallions
155 foals of racing age/18 winners/0 black-type winners
8-Gulfstream, 3:37 p.m. EST, Alw 7f, Sherlyn Go Go, 6-1
\$22,000 OBS OCT yrl

City of Light (Quality Road), Lane's End Farm, \$60,000
209 foals of racing age/15 winners/4 black-type winners
8-Turfway, 9:25 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, La Village Lumiere, 15-1

Cloud Computing (Maclean's Music), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000
198 foals of racing age/21 winners/0 black-type winners
9-Delta Downs, 10:22 p.m. EST, Msw 5f, My Aunt Snookie, 2-1

Collected (City Zip), Airdrie Stud, \$10,000
234 foals of racing age/17 winners/1 black-type winner
8-Mahoning Valley, 4:01 p.m. EST, Alw 6f, Lady Giuliana, 10-1
\$20,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$30,000 KEE SEP yrl
9-Delta Downs, 10:22 p.m. EST, Msw 5f, Leprechaun Charm, 5-1
\$32,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$47,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo; \$40,000 OBS
OPN 2yo

Destin (Giant's Causeway), Sequel New York
77 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
8-Delta Downs, 9:50 p.m. EST, Alw 6 1/2f, Make Your Destiny, 8-1
\$11,000 FTK OCT yrl

Divide and Conquer (Tiznow)
11 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
9-Delta Downs, 10:22 p.m. EST, Msw 5f, Alabama Queen, 8-1

Domino Run (Include)
2 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
9-Delta Downs, 10:22 p.m. EST, Msw 5f, Mda Run Address, 20-1

Girvin (**Tale of Ekati**), Airdrie Stud, \$20,000

179 foals of racing age/25 winners/5 black-type winners
 8-Gulfstream, 3:37 p.m. EST, Alw 7f, **Girvin** Girl, 8-1
 8-Turfway, 9:25 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Shewillghostu, 9-2
 \$40,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$25,000 FTK HRA 2yo

Good Magic (**Curlin**), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, \$50,000

237 foals of racing age/31 winners/7 black-type winners
 8-Turfway, 9:25 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Moonlit Magic, 30-1
 \$55,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl
 8-Turfway, 9:25 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Swiss Franc, 4-1

McCraken (**Ghostzapper**), Airdrie Stud

48 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners
 5-Charles Town, 8:53 p.m. EST, Alw 4 1/2f, Lady Serenity, 5-1
 \$5,000 EAS OCT yrl; \$25,000 EAS MAY 2yo

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

348 foals of racing age/36 winners/3 black-type winners
 8-Turfway, 9:25 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Kate's Concerto, 9-2
 \$65,000 KEE SEP yrl

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

190 foals of racing age/23 winners/1 black-type winner
 8-Delta Downs, 9:50 p.m. EST, Alw 6 1/2f, Mor Big Lee, 10-1
 RNA TTA YHR yrl

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

101 foals of racing age/12 winners/0 black-type winners
 8-Turfway, 9:25 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Luna Moth, 7-2

Requite (**Warrior's Reward**), Red River Farm

9 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
 9-Delta Downs, 10:22 p.m. EST, Msw 5f, Luminous Flight, 15-1

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

200 foals of racing age/43 winners/4 black-type winners
 5-Charles Town, 8:53 p.m. EST, Alw 4 1/2f, In Good Trouble, 9-2
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9th-Parx Racing, \$54,178, (NW2L)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 2-21, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:21.36, ft, 2 lengths.

MOONBOOTS (f, 4, **Bourbon Courage--Siege**, by **Malibu Moon**)

Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-1, \$78,540. O-Lady Olivia Northcliff LLC; B-Cassandra Mahoney (PA); T-Carla L. Morgan.

8th-Sunland, \$48,000, (S), 2-21, (C), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12.20, gd, 3 lengths.

LONZO WHO (g, 4, **Comfort--Weekends for Love**, by **Not For Love**)

Lifetime Record: SP, 21-4-4-2, \$163,774. O/T-Filiberto Quiroz; B-Sam E. Stevens & Sammy L Stevens (NM).

3rd-Sunland, \$42,200, (S), 2-21, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:20.78, gd, 5 1/4 lengths.

PROBATE (g, 6, **Pro Prado--Aquarellist {SP}**, by **Ole'**)

Lifetime Record: 14-2-2-3, \$70,782. O/B-C. P. Hourigan (NM); T-Ever Olguin. *1/2 to Cali Baby (Thatsusinthelbean), MSW, \$535,709.

3rd-Mahoning Valley, \$26,400, 2-21, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:16.09, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

DOCTOR WU (g, 4, **American Freedom--Wish It Were {MSW, \$166,001}**, by **Is It True**)

Lifetime Record: 15-3-1-2, \$49,405. O-Holly Delaney; B-Fourty Oaks & Serendipity Farm (KY); T-Richard Zielinski. *\$37,000 Wlg '19 KEENOV; \$50,000 Ylg '20 FTKSEL. **1/2 to Ancient Rome (Roman Ruler), MSW, \$230,180.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Lotsa Matcha, g, 3, **Mucho Macho Man**--Doris' Diamond, by Monarchos. Mahoning Valley, 2-21, (S), 6f, 1:17.19. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$21,942. B-Smokin C LLC (OH).

Windsor Gold, g, 4, **Golden Lad**--English Mum, by Congrats. Parx Racing, 2-21, 1m, 1:41.51. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, \$61,800. B-Shooting Star Stable (PA). *Full to Cinnabunny, MSW & GSP, \$370,560.

Real Fire, f, 4, **Street Boss**--Hinder, by Stroll. Santa Anita, 2-20, (C), 6fT, 1:09.79. Lifetime Record: 8-1-2-3, \$72,660.

B-University Of Arizona (KY). *\$23,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP; \$360,000 2yo '21 OBSAPR. **1/2 to Samurai Cause (**First Samurai**), SP, \$253,249.

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American Freedom, Doctor Wu, g, 4, o/o Wish It Were, by Is It True. ALW, 2-21, Mahoning Valley

Astern (Aus), Tom's Beauty, f, 4, o/o Shanghai Beauty, by **Munnings**. AOC, 2-20, Santa Anita

Bourbon Courage, Moonboots, f, 4, o/o Siege, by Malibu Moon. AOC, 2-21, Parx Racing

Comfort, Lonzo Who, g, 4, o/o Weekends for Love, by Not For Love. ALW, 2-21, Sunland

Cross Traffic, Coles Conundrum, g, 3, o/o Villette, by Petionville. MSW, 2-21, Parx Racing

Golden Lad, Windsor Gold, g, 4, o/o English Mum, by Congrats. MSW, 2-21, Parx Racing

Goldcents, Princess Adaleigh, f, 4, o/o Daring Darling, by Tiz Wonderful. AOC, 2-20, Santa Anita

Into Mischief, Flint Ridge, g, 5, o/o Chantess, by Unbridled's Song. AOC, 2-21, Fair Grounds

Mucho Macho Man, Lotsa Matcha, g, 3, o/o Doris' Diamond, by Monarchos. MSW, 2-21, Mahoning Valley

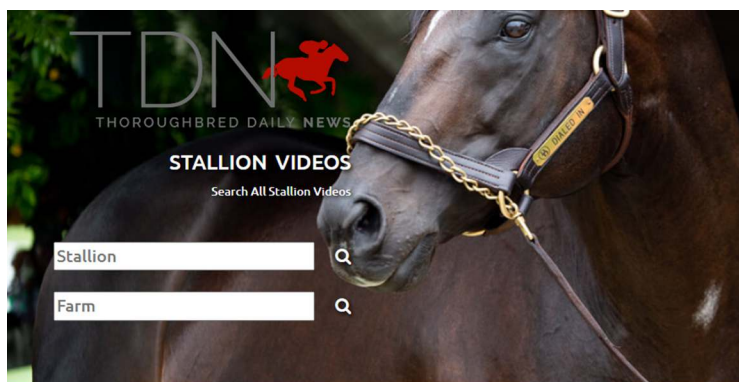
Pro Prado, Probate, g, 6, o/o Aquarellist, by Ole'. ALW, 2-21, Sunland

Shackleford, Oeuvre, f, 4, o/o Love This Kitten, by Kitten's Joy. Mardi Gras S., 2-21, Fair Grounds

Street Boss, Real Fire, f, 4, o/o Hinder, by Stroll. MCL, 2-20, Santa Anita


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BOLGER STAYING LOYAL TO CLEARY AND MCATEER THIS SEASON



Rory Cleary: won the Irish 2,000 Guineas on Mac Swiney | *Racingfotos.com*

By Brian Sheerin

Jim Bolger has provided the strongest indication yet that the stable jockey vacancy left by his retired son-in-law Kevin Manning at Coolcullen Stables will not be filled by an outside rider and that the legendary trainer will be staying loyal to Rory Cleary and Luke McAteer this season.

Cleary has already tasted major success for his long-standing boss when partnering MacSwiney (Ire) (New Approach {Ire}) to lead home a Bolger-trained one-two in the 2021 Irish 2,000 Guineas, outpointing Manning aboard the better-fancied Poetic Flare (Ire) (*Dawn Approach {Ire}*).

It was at Galway last October when Derby-winning jockey Manning, 55, called time on his storied career after riding Bolger's Vocal Studies (Ire) (*Vocalised*) to victory.

His Derby win came in 2008 at Epsom aboard New Approach (Ire) and, all told, Manning was successful in eight British and Irish Classics.

Bolger failed to be drawn on a succession plan for his stable jockey of nearly 30 years back in October, however, with the Flat season a month away, hinted that Cleary and McAteer would share the rides going forward.

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ARTORIUS SET FOR AUDACIOUS ROYAL ASCOT AND EVEREST DOUBLE

Group 1 winner **Artorius (Aus)** (Flying Artie {Aus}) will likely return to Royal Ascot this year seeking to better his third-place finish behind Naval Crown (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) in the G1 Diamond Jubilee S. in 2022, co-owner Henry Field of Newgate Farm told *TDN Aus/NZ*.

"As long as he's going well and he's healthy, that's definitely the plan," Field said. "He was unluckily beaten last year in the Platinum Jubilee when he was held up at a vital stage, and I think he can go back there. There's no question he's got the ability, and he's more seasoned from the experience."

Before Ascot, the 4-year-old is set to make his seasonal debut in the G1 Canterbury S. at Royal Randwick on Mar. 4. Leading Hong Kong jockey Zac Purton will be aboard and will ride in his native Australia for the first time since the 2018 G1 Melbourne Cup. *Cont. p4*

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With 75 days left to go to this season's Kentucky Derby, Arabian Knight continues to lead the way in T.D. Thornton's latest TDN Derby Top 12 rundown.

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Just A Care (Australia) winning a Maiden Special Weight at Gulfstream on Saturday. She was purchased by Kerri Radcliffe for 105,000gns at Tattersalls Book 2, and was subsequently snapped up by Bo Bromagen for \$150,000 at Fasig-Tipton July Selected Horses Of All Ages. [Race Replay](#). | Ryan Thompson

TATTS ONLINE SALE BENEFITS CRISIS RELIEF

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In excess of £250,000 has already been raised via the Tattersalls Online Charity Sale of Stallion Nominations in aid of the Giving to Ukraine charity and the Disasters Emergency Committee's Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal.

SHOWCASING FILLY WINS AT SOUTHWELL

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The Richard Fahey-trained Amy Santiago (GB) gets off the mark at Southwell Tuesday.

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Bolger cont. from p1

When asked if he had made plans to appoint a stable jockey, the 81-year-old simply said on Tuesday, "I have been very well served by Rory Cleary and Luke McAteer in the past and I am sure that will remain the case into the future."

He added, "Luke still has three pounds left on his claim and we will make full use of that."

Cleary is widely-regarded as one of the hardest-working riders in the weighroom and enjoyed another productive season last year when landing the G3 Eyrefield S. for Bolger at Leopardstown on Speirling Beag (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire})

He also enjoyed notable success for Sheila Lavery at that track on Irish Champions Weekend last year when guiding Moracana (Ire) (Elzaam {Aus}) to victory in the "Petingo" Handicap.

McAteer is yet another quality apprentice to come through Bolger's famous production line. The Donegal native rode his first winner for the trainer in 2017 and has recorded tallies in the 20s for the past three consecutive seasons.

Like Cleary, McAteer also enjoyed Group 3 success in the Eyrefield S. for Bolger, with that win coming in 2020 on Flying Visit (Ire) (Pride Of Dubai {Aus}).



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While Bolger explained that "appearances will be scarce" in terms of going racing this season, he revealed that his Coolcullen operation still hums to the tune of about 100 horses and that he has already started to make plans for the best of them.

He said, "I'll have 100 horses this season. About 60 of those would be two-year-olds. Fleetfoot (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}) will run in the 2,000 Guineas Trial over a mile at Leopardstown.



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"I have a couple for the fillies' trials as well. Comhra (Ire) (Vocalised), who was beaten a length by the Breeders' Cup winner [Meditate (Ire) (No Nay Never)] is one and Clever And Cool (Ire) (Vocalised) is the other. She was bred by my late brother Patrick.

He died a year ago and I miss him as he was a big help on the breeding side of things. There is improvement in those fillies this year."

Asked about his breeding plans for the year, Bolger added, "We don't make plans until we see the foal. It's only then that we decide. But I will be using Dawn Approach big time. I'm still a believer. Also, I've always used New Approach, so I'll continue to use him. I'll send a few to him as well. We did some business last year with the O'Callaghans at Tally-Ho Stud. We sent a good few mares to Mehmas (Ire) and will send him more again."

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Artorius to Royal Ascot cont. from p1



Artorius | Bronwen Healy

"Artorius is a very important horse to us," Field said. "He has such an elite profile that we had to think outside the square rider-wise, and Zac is one of the dominant riders anywhere in the world right now. He's probably as good a rider as there's ever been in Hong Kong, and a very strong rider that we thought would suit Artorius nicely."

Artorius was also third in the G1 Darley July Cup at Newmarket and hasn't run since a sixth-place finish in the G1 Arc Prix Maurice de Gheest at Deauville on Aug. 7.

The colt will likely return to Australia to contest the G1 Everest S. at Royal Randwick on Oct. 14 in what will likely be his final start in that richest sprint race the world has to offer at A\$15.

"I'd say it will be very likely he'll be retired to stud at the end of this season, but I do genuinely believe he is a horse with enough natural ability to win an Everest, so those conversations will be had with the ownership group," Field said.

Artorius has not won a race since taking the 2021 G1 Blue Diamond S. but has placed in five Group 1s. He won a trial race at Warwick Farm last week in preparation for his comeback. His career line stands at 14-2-3-4 and he has amassed A\$1,808,349 in prize-money.

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Oliver St Lawrence | Tattersalls

By Brian Sheerin

Oliver St Lawrence has heaped praise on the bloodstock industry for coming together and supporting the online sale of stallion nominations in aid of the Giving To Ukraine charity and the Disasters Emergency Committee's Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal on Tuesday.

The sale was hosted by Tattersalls and, according to St Lawrence, over £250,000 has been raised, but that figure is expected to rise to £300,000 by close of play on Wednesday.

A nomination to Showcasing(GB) topped the session when selling to Turquoise Bloodstock for 35,000gns while the La Australiana Partnership went to 30,000 for a nomination to Kodiak (GB).

Speaking on Tuesday evening, St Lawrence said, "It looks as though we have raised a quarter of a million and, with other sales almost over the line, we might get that to the £300,000 mark."

He added, "Given the charity nature of the sale, quite a few people bought anonymously. I am really thankful to the people who bid, and even the underbidders, as they helped to drive the bidding. I'm really grateful to them for their support and obviously to the stallion rights holders as well for being so generous."

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Tuesday's Results:

5th-Southwell, £10,000, Novice, 2-21, 3yo/up, f, 6f 16y (AWT), 1:14.21, st.

AMY SANTIAGO (GB) (f, 3, Showcasing {GB}--Sacre Coeur {GB}, by Compton Place {GB}), a full-sister to the Listed Arran Scottish Fillies Sprint S. winner and G2 Temple S. third Lady In France (GB) and half to the G2 Sapphire S. and G3 Flying Five S. scorer and G1 King's Stand S. and G1 Nunthorpe S. runner-up Stepper Point (GB) (Kyllachy {GB}), was sixth over this trip at Newcastle last month on her first start since a debut second at Thirsk in July and raced freely behind the early leaders.



A nomination to Showcasing, represented by a winner at Southwell yesterday, led the action at the Tattersalls Online sale Tuesday | Whitsbury Manor Stud

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Producing a strong effort down the centre of the track, the 14-1 shot overwhelmed Class Member (GB) (Charm Spirit {Ire}) 150 yards out en route to a half-length success. The winner is currently the last known foal out of Sacre Coeur, who is also the second dam of the G3 Summer S. runner-up Adaay To Remember (GB) (Adaay {Ire}). The family includes the G3 Tetrarch S. and dual listed scorer Leitrim House (GB) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}) and the Listed Lansdown Fillies' S. winner and G3 Prix de Saint Georges-placed Place In My Heart (GB) (Compton Place {GB}). Sales history: 170,000gns Ylg '21 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$9,282. O-The Bastille Partnership; B-Whitsbury Manor Stud (GB); T-Richard Fahey.

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