

TDN DERBY TOP 12: WILL MARCH SEPARATE LIONS FROM LAMBS?



Arabian Knight has been transferred to Tim Yakteen, but remains at the head of affairs in this week's Top 12 | *Coady*

by T.D. Thornton

The first Saturday in May is the ultimate goal on the GI Kentucky Derby trail. But the first Saturday in March is often a make-or-break day on the national calendar, with key stakes in Florida, California and New York providing an uptick in intensity.

1) ARABIAN KNIGHT (c, Uncle Mo--Borealis Night, by Astrology) 'TDN Rising Star'. O-Zedan Racing Stables, Inc.; B-Corser Thoroughbreds LLC (KY); T-Tim Yakteen. 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 kingpin colt among the sophomores who switched out of trainer Bob Baffert's barn over the past week and into the care of Baffert's former assistant from two decades ago, Tim Yakteen. The transition was necessitated by a Churchill Downs ban on Baffert trainees that prohibits them from accruing qualifying points or racing in the Derby while under Baffert's control.

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ELM TREE ROOTED IN SOLID GROUND

by Chris McGrath

They were already through the show ring and into the Keeneland pavilion, circling for their turn. Jody Huckabay knew that the dam's only previous foal, a **Ghostzapper** colt, had coincidentally been declared to make his debut at Churchill the same afternoon. Still more fortuitously, the rate of selling that session last September had now conspired to let him advertise their genes even as his half-sister by Flatter was strolling the back ring.

"I couldn't see the race but had people watching," Huckabay recalls. "And suddenly my phone was going off, and they were running back in to tell me this horse just freaked at Churchill." By eight and a half lengths, in fact, having started odds-on for Brad Cox. Huckabay had already told their breeder, P.L. Blake of Pop-A-Top Stables, not to give this filly away. Okay, she wasn't a total paragon, conformationally, but she was very intelligent and never seemed to get tired.

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*Pictured in February, Red Carpet Ready visits the track at Palm Beach Downs. The next start for the undefeated daughter of **Oscar Performance** is Saturday's GII Davona Dale S. at Gulfstream. | Susie Raisher/Coglianese*

SPENCER'S SPARKLE CARRIES NAMESAKE'S LEGACY **8**

*A 3-year-old filly trained by Cherie DeVaux will be looking to do more than break her maiden when she debuts at Turfway Park on Thursday. The daughter of **Unified** carries the legacy of Spencer Stephens.*

RECORD CATALOGUE FOR TEXAS 2YO SALE **16**

A catalogue featuring 186 horses has been released for the Apr. 5 Texas 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale, the highest number cataloged for a 2-year-old sale in Texas Thoroughbred Association (TTA) sales history.




ORI WRAPS UP TUCSON CONFERENCE **16**

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Elm Tree, cont. from p1

They had set a \$75,000 reserve.

"Look, let's not sell her," Huckabay suggested now. But Blake told him to let the market decide, and didn't even elevate the reserve.

Well, people are busy at that sale. But the fact is that nobody was sharp enough to clock what had just happened, and the filly was led out unsold at \$70,000.

"And afterwards, of course, a multitude of people came back and tried to buy her!" Huckabay says. "If they're consigned, we try to get them to the ring and give the public the opportunity. But as soon as somebody didn't buy her, Mr. Blake said, 'That's it. They had their shot.'"

And that is the real point of this story. It's not just that the filly's half-brother happens to be none other than Loggins, beaten only a neck by champion Forte (**Violence**) in his only subsequent start despite being exposed to a grueling pace in the GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity. For now, admittedly, Loggins

must rely on Forte as his proxy on the Derby trail when resurfacing at Gulfstream on Saturday, his own resumption having been delayed so that he will have to renew their rivalry down the line. But whatever happens, it's already hugely fulfilling for both the Blake family and Elm Tree Farm to see a young mare vindicate their shared insistence on doing things right.

They know that it's a long game, but that you may get rewarded if you trust the process and stay patient. The Blakes had retained Beyond **Blame** (**Blame**), the dam of Loggins, for their own small operation though she could have been cashed in after winning four of her eight starts including the GIII Regret S. After all, she'd been homebred from a mare found in the same ring by Huckabay, at the 2011 November Sale, for \$140,000.

So this third-generation filly by Flatter was a classic example of playing it straight: Blake didn't try hastily to exploit the situation, but nor did he let other people move the goalposts, either. **Cont**

Here's to the Breeders of graded stakes-winning Keeneland graduates in February



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Elite Power, Riyadh Dirt Sprint (G3)

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Angel of Empire, Risen Star S. (G2)

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Emmanuel, Tampa Bay S. (G3)

International Equities Holding, Inc.
Pioneer of Medina, Mineshaft S. (G3)

Nursery Place
Hopkins, Palos Verdes S. (G3)

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Litigate, Sam F. Davis S. (G3)

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Tall Boy, U.A.E. Two Thousand Guineas (G3)

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Last Samurai, Razorback H. (G3)

Summer Wind Equine, LLC
Confidence Game, Rebel S. (G2)

**Paul Tackett Revocable Trust, Phil
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Commissioner King, Saudi Derby (G3)

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Lemon Pop, February S. (G1)

Tottenwood Thoroughbred, Inc.
Two Emmys, Fair Grounds S. (G3)

Town & Country Horse Farms, LLC
Newgate, Robert B. Lewis S. (G3)

Elm Tree, cont.**Jody Huckabay | Keeneland**

"I'm glad we didn't sell her, I'll be honest," Huckabay says. "She could be a nice broodmare. She's with Dr. Eisaman in Florida now and doing well so far. It's fulfilling, very fulfilling, to work for good people. Our very first paying customers, Danny and Cindy Bockmon from East Texas, are still here with us. They only keep a couple of horses, but they've been very loyal clients, for many years, and we bought a mare with them in November.

"So when you get a horse like Loggins coming along, that's what gets me up in the morning. I get emotional about it, because this is a tough business and a hard life. And we've been doing it a while. Man, we've been trying for 38 years. It takes time to get all this to come together."

Yes, indeed: if "mighty oaks from little acorns grow", then that is no less true of Elm Tree Farm. The very name has deep roots: Huckabay's grandfather owned a plantation in Louisiana named Elmwood, but lost it in the Depression. In the 1970s, Huckabay's father was able to buy back some of that lamented acreage. When Huckabay and his wife-to-be Michelle founded their farm in 1989, it was named in homage to those original steadings. Though his father and grandfather had both been country doctors, neither Huckabay nor his sisters turned out to share the family vocation.

"My father and a partner had the last privately-owned hospital in the state of Louisiana," Huckabay recalls. "But he worked 24/7, there was hardly time for family. Thank goodness my mother had time to raise us! But both my parents were certainly instrumental in helping us get that first parcel of land, here in Kentucky, besides giving us lots of direction and guidance. Without them, we'd never have been able to get where we are now."

But a less literal inheritance was equally important. Raised among cattle and horses, Huckabay had absorbed stockmanship throughout his boyhood. **Cont.**



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 **MILL RIDGE**

Elm Tree, cont.

He showed Arabian horses for his father all round the country, and was no more than nine when daily feeding "a hundred and something mares" after school. Moreover it was his responsibility to alert his father at the surgery if anything were then amiss.

Huckabay was introduced to Thoroughbreds when his father became a founding shareholder of Louisiana Downs in 1974. And by the time he finished college in his home state, Huckabay was opting for the University of Kentucky as graduate school specifically to "get my feet wet" in the Bluegrass.

It was at UK that he found a partner in life and work. Michelle had grown up riding hunter jumpers in North Carolina, and together they established a farm near Paris comprising "one barn, two fields, three paddocks and a wheelbarrow." They also had one half of a \$500 mare, albeit not especially certain where to find the \$250.

"We started out with 112 acres but only about 60 ready for horses," Huckabay recalls. "The rest wasn't even fenced and had sat idle for several years. There was a recession at the time, and we had one paying boarder. It was pretty dire at times."

Dire enough that Huckabay couldn't turn down an offer to return to the University of Kentucky and run their horse farm for a spell. But after marriage and the arrival of a daughter, Huckabay told Michelle that trying to do two things at once meant doing neither properly. He brought a trailer house to the farm, promising to build a house after six months. In the event they lived in that trailer for four years. "For years we parlayed everything we had back into the farm," Huckabay recalls. "But both of us are cut of the same cloth, in that failure was not an option. We were going to persevere no matter



Loggins | Coady

what. Even today it seems like I'm never content: I'm always wanting to do better, always pushing for the next stakes horse, for a better sale. **Cont.**

SEVEN **SERIOUS SOPHOMORES!**

1 ARABIAN KNIGHT (Tim Yakteen)
Consensus Derby favorite and remains in pole position on the TDN Derby Top 12. Unbeaten in two starts, earning 97 & 96 Beyer speed figures. Starts next in the GI Santa Anita Derby or the GI Arkansas Derby.

2 BISHOPS BAY (Brad Cox)
Earned a 97 Beyer when breaking his maiden in impressive fashion on debut at the Fair Grounds on 18 Feb.

3 KINGSBARN (Todd Pletcher)
2-for-2 including 7-length Allowance win at Tampa 12 Feb. G2 Louisiana Derby next.

4 GO ON MO (Wesley Ward)
Looked good winning on debut at Gulfstream Park 26 Jan. Pointing to a Stake at Keeneland next.

5 SCOOKIE QUANDO (Ben Colebrook)
Broke his maiden in the Turfway Prevue S. on 7 Jan. A possible for the G3 Jeff Ruby S.

6 GULFPORT (Steve Asmussen)
Bashford Manor S. winner and twice G1 placed at 2. Nearing his seasonal debut.

7 PUNCHBOWL (Brad Cox)
Made a winning debut in a MSW at Oaklawn on 11 Feb despite spotting the field several lengths at the start.



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Elm Tree, cont.

That's probably one of my faults. But when you think how many years we've been doing it now, and all the people that have come and gone, and we're still pressing forward... Well, we're very proud of that."

The farm has since expanded to 600 acres with eight barns, 125 stalls and a faithful core of returning customers. Around 15 of the 105 mares to be bred this spring are Elm Tree's own; the rest belong to clients large and small. (Those who sell through their consignment, meanwhile, extend right the way to Stonestreet.)

What brings them to Elm Tree? Well, it certainly isn't bragging; nor even advertising. "It's always been word of mouth," says Huckabay. "Secondly, the land. As far as I'm concerned, it's the best in the world. You could raise anything out here. And thirdly, our motto is 'solid from the ground up'. We believe in treating every individual horse as if we own it. From the matings, to raising them the very best we can. If you do that, every one of them has a chance to run. We've had several that were mediocre sale horses come on to be leading runners. For example, the mare You (You and I) that we raised for Mr.

Dolphus Morrison. We couldn't get \$7,500 for her as a yearling [Keeneland September 2000] and she won six Grade Is." Huckabay's degree in equine nutrition signposts another key element of the Elm Tree regime.

"But I'm also a big believer in raising horses outside," he stresses. "Yes, our horses come in and they're fed and checked once a day, but then they're turned back out. Unless it's inclement weather, they stay outside all but two hours a day. We know they have to be managed and taught proper etiquette, to get their feet trimmed and be groomed. But you have to let them be horses."

You hear that often enough, but a less common dimension to this program is a herd of pedigree Angus cattle. That adds 125 calvings to the workload, but there are all kinds of dividends, whether in terms of emotional satisfaction or scientific inquiry. After all, John Magnier is famed for his eye for cattle; and Huckabay remembers reading how another great breeder, Bull Hancock, considered cattle to be useful aerators in their grazing.

"People ask me all the time, 'Why are you doing all that stuff?'" Huckabay admits. "Well, one, we enjoy it, me and my wife. It's a lot of work but we're homebodies. But we also do a lot of rotational grazing. It breaks the parasite cycle. And of course they eat a lot of grass. We've got tremendous grass in Kentucky, and the horses can't utilize it all. And finally, we recycle our muck. We put up a lot of bluegrass bedding, and then we feed that back to the cattle."

Huckabay reckons you can learn a lot about cattle from horses, and vice versa. True, there are radical divergences--artificial insemination, embryo transfer--but someday he envisages horsemen informing their breeding decisions with similarly increased DNA testing. **Cont.**



UNIFIED

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Unified has a greater percentage of winners to runners in 2023 than any other Kentucky-based third-crop sire. His maiden special weight winners this year include Mytown Myrules, who won by 16 ½ lengths on debut at Fair Grounds.



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Elm Tree, cont.

Above all, however, he feels that the cows help to hone his intuitions about the maze of genetics.

"I love the breeding side, whether it's horses or cattle or dogs," he says. "And I think if you're a good stockman, you can apply it to about anything. You see that in your labor. Some people have that sixth sense, and just pick right up on it. And other ones don't, and never will."

With the farm now embarked on another foaling cycle, Beyond **Blame** is actually one of those only on the covering loop. She missed on a late cover last year, but was duly booked for an early date with **Life Is Good**. Meanwhile she has a "very, very nice" colt by Authentic set for sales prep, while her "gorgeous" dam Quippery (Forest Wildcat), at 16, has a yearling filly by **Game Winner**.

This continuing dynasty represents a cherished memorial to Blake's late wife Shirley, who died in November 2018.

"A very special lady," Huckabay says. "She loved the horses, and Mr. Blake told me that one of the last things she said was, 'I don't want you to get out of the horse business! I want you to keep going.' And so they have, with some of the children now involved and enjoying it too. They've four mares with us right now: three are graded stakes-producing mares, while the other is half-sister to a couple."

Loggins duly feel like an apt memorial to his departed breeder. "He was a horse that we were always very high on," Huckabay recalls. "He was kind of special from the time he was born. He wasn't mean, but always had a cocky air about him. And prepping him, he did everything right. He was never sick, never had any problems. He would do whatever you wanted, and never got tired."

Cox had trained Beyond **Blame**, who had required patience with a couple of issues but combined talent with a notably tough outlook. And he was duly determined that his "Colts Group" take her \$460,000 son from the Denali consignment at Saratoga. After outclassing inferiors on debut, Loggins certainly showed his dam's fighting qualities in what proved a very demanding

second assignment. "It was a very physical race, he got banged and bumped several times, but I thought he showed lots of courage," Huckabay remarks. "He did a lot of the dirty work and was still fighting at the end."

It feels instructive of the Elm Tree way that even a conspicuous new client should actually have had many years to learn what kind of people they would be dealing with.

"Michael and Susan Simpson lived across the fence from where I was raised in Louisiana," Huckabay explains, when asked about their arrival on the scene. "I went to school with Susan, all the way from first grade to graduate high school, and we've been very good friends, well, my whole life. And out of the blue they called last year and said they were interested in buying a mare. Unfortunately, their first one had a dead foal--but they

came back in November and jumped in with both feet to buy two very nice mares."

Even in opening a new chapter, then, the Huckabays have built on a reputation earned over many years. And exactly the same applies to the growing involvement of their daughter Caroline, along with son Jack when not away at college.

Caroline was actually on another path until Huckabay had to tackle a bout of cancer three years ago.

"She's a very good equestrian

but hadn't really developed that passion for the farm until I got sick and we talked her into coming back in," he explains. "Now she really enjoys it and she's doing a very, very good job. Both kids are certainly stepping up, and hopefully that keeps going. To have them involved as well now is very rewarding."

Since his reprieve, meanwhile, Huckabay himself cherishes his way of life more than ever.

"I vividly remember being in the third grade and drawing on a piece of paper what I wanted to do," he says. "And I had my horses, I had cattle, a dog kennel, my house: I had everything down on that piece of paper. So I'm one of those rare people that have been able to do exactly what they always wanted to do, from a very young age. **Cont.**



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"I can hardly put it in words, how lucky I feel--especially after going through a life-changing experience like I did. I'd never been sick a day in my life and it came on very sudden. We caught it early but it certainly changed my perspective. It's a cliché, but I appreciate the little things a lot more. Just getting up in the morning and driving round the farm, it's a different feeling. And when you go to bed at night, you thank God for giving you another good day."

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SPENCER'S SPARKLE CARRIES NAMESAKE'S LEGACY IN DEBUT

by Katie Petrunyak

A 3-year-old filly trained by Cherie DeVaux will be looking to do more than just break her maiden when she makes her career debut at Turfway Park on Thursday. The daughter of **Unified** named Spencer's Sparkle carries the legacy of Spencer Stephens.

Spencer, whose mother Dawn was DeVaux's high school classmate, died in a car accident at the young age of 18 in November of 2020.

An openly gay person, Spencer was loved by many and was an inspiration to those around him. He was active in his church and



Spencer's Sparkle | photo courtesy Cherie DeVaux

his school's theater department and was crowned homecoming king during his senior year. After his passing, an outreach program called Spread Spencer's Sparkle was set up in Spencer's honor.

On the organization's [website](#), Spencer is described as someone who "always had a smile on his face" and "looked out for the people he loved, was incredibly thoughtful and was one of the most fun people to be around." **Cont.**

KNICKS GO

"WHAT A BARGAIN!"

— Bill Oppenheim

KNICKS GO compared to first-year stallions standing for \$25,000 and above

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KNICKS GO	\$15,000	2	5	1	\$9,258,135
Flightline	\$200,000	1	4	0	\$4,515,800
Life Is Good	\$100,000	1	4	0	\$4,541,700
Jack Christopher	\$45,000	0	3	1	\$1,216,400
Cyberknife	\$35,000	0	2	0	\$2,087,520
Corniche	\$30,000	1	2	2	\$1,263,500
Mandaloun	\$25,000	0	2	0	\$3,356,052
Epicenter	\$45,000	0	1	0	\$2,940,639
Olympiad	\$35,000	0	1	0	\$3,027,560
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Spencer's Sparkle, cont.

The filly now named Spencer's Sparkle was purchased as a 2-year-old by DeVaux's 11-year-old stepdaughter Reagan Ingordo. Inspired by Spencer's story, the Ingordo-DeVaux crew named their new acquisition after Spencer.

David Ingordo's daughter Reagan has used her platform in the industry to help spread awareness about charities in the past. In December of 2021, her own namesake **Reagan's Decision (Unified)** raced to benefit relief efforts for the tornadoes in western Kentucky.

"David and I try to teach Reagan about charity and empathy," DeVaux explained. "With this filly, it opens up the door for conversation and it creates teachable moments. We talk about how we're blessed to have a lot of nice horses and it gives us an opportunity to show her that what we do can have a bigger meaning and can raise awareness."

DeVaux shared that Spencer's Sparkle, who has put in seven works over Keeneland's training track this year, seems to have adopted a bit of her namesake's personality.

"I was telling Dawn about how the filly is quite opinionated and tries to get the better of her riders. She told me that Spencer was the same way."

Spencer's Sparkle will debut in the nightcap of Turfway's Thursday card, which features a field of 12. DeVaux said she doesn't like to place too many expectations on her first-time starters, but added that the filly shows all the potential for success.

"She seems pretty quick. She should fit the six furlongs and she's bred to be able to handle the Tapeta. She definitely acts very forward mentally."

Various DeVaux trainees have had a meaningful story behind their names over the years, like in the case of another maiden filly named **Mayo Miracle** that was in their stable a few years ago.

"If a horse's name can bring awareness to something, we're happy to use it as a platform," DeVaux explained. "For us it's just naming a horse, but for Spencer's mom, who has really had a hard time with the grief, it has given her something to look forward to. She gets excited when I send her updates about the filly."

DeVaux said that Dawn won't be able to make Spencer's Sparkle's debut, but that her team is planning to livestream the race for her. And if all goes well in the filly's first start, there will be more sparkles to watch for in the future.

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TACITUS (c. by Tapit). Black-tan, 2022, 2 wins below.

2nd dam **RISING TORNADO**, by Storm Cat, 2001, 3 wins, €26,100, in France. (Total: \$39,366). Dam of 5 foals to race, 3 winners, including **CLOSE HATCHES** (f. by First Defense, 2015, 1 win, \$445,900, Busanda S. (AQU, \$60,000), 2nd Gazelle S. (AQU, \$150,000), Mother Goose S. [G2] (BEL, \$50,000), 3rd Kentucky Oaks [G1] (CD, \$100,000), etc.), Hall of Fame (f. by Tapit). Winner at 2 of \$100,000, Busanda S. (AQU, \$10,000).

3rd dam **Silver Star** (GB), by Zafonic, 1997, 1 win, 3rd Prix Coronation (f. by Ruler, \$25,140). Sister to **LOCKDOWN** (2 wins, \$501,350, champion 2-year-old colt in Europe, sire of **TACITUS**).

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TDN Derby Top 12/Arabian Knight, cont. from p1

Top-ranked on this list since the outset of the season, this intimidatingly speedy, sales-topping son of **Uncle Mo** (\$250,000 KEESEP, \$2.3 million OBSAPR) is being aimed for either the GI Arkansas Derby Apr. 1 or the GI Santa Anita Derby one week later.

Staying home at Santa Anita means being able to race out of his own stall there. But shipping hasn't adversely affected either of his on-the-road wins, and Arabian Knight showed he can absolutely devour a wet Oaklawn racetrack if that condition arises again.

That last victory was a thorough shellacking of an overmatched field in the GIII Southwest S. in Hot Springs Jan. 28, in which Arabian Knight earned a 96 Beyer Speed Figure while dominating the tempo and not being throttled for maximum output.

Arabian Knight has only had one published workout since that win, a three-furlong move at Santa Anita back on Feb. 13, though there have been no recorded breezes of any variety since Feb. 23 owing to a rare winter storm.

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 (\$80,000 KEENOV; \$110,000 KEESEP) will have a figurative target on his back in Saturday's GII Fountain of Youth S. at Gulfstream. It's his 2023 debut off a four-month layoff, and he drew post four as the 7-5 morning line favorite.


Somewhat surprisingly, this 'TDN Rising Star' by **Violence** didn't go off favored in any of the three Grade I victories that closed out his juvenile campaign, although he was the chalk in

both his May 27 debut win at Belmont (7 3/4 lengths) and in start number two, a fourth-place try in the GII Sanford S. at Saratoga.

Yet this colt's trio of Grade I wins in the Hopeful S., Claiborne Breeders' Futurity S., and Breeders' Cup Juvenile each revealed new tactical dimensions, and Forte's knack of being able to essentially pick his own positioning before reliably firing a big shot off the far turn is a skill that a number of his competitors still haven't mastered. Watching the leggy, athletic Forte target and reel in horses without flinching from stretch fights whets the appetite for what he might be able to deliver on a two-prep path to Louisville.

But longer-term statistical trends could be stumbling blocks: as for this Saturday, be aware that favorites have lost 12 of the last 16 editions of the Fountain of Youth. Widening the lens to take in 38 years of Breeders' Cup history, only two colts (**Nyquist** and **Street Sense**) have parlayed wins in the Juvenile into a blanket of roses on the first Saturday in May.

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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'TDN Rising Star' **Tapit** Trice is headed for the Mar. 11 GIII Lambholm South Tampa Bay Derby for start number four.

His Nov. 6 debut at Aqueduct was a better-than-it-looks learning experience based on his fast-closing third. This colt's Dec. 17 MSW win, also at Aqueduct, rated as an eye-opener because of his unfazed attitude after brushing, bumping and running down a rival in a deep-stretch mud fight. But it was the over-the-top nature of **Tapit** Trice's gaudy, eight-length allowance pummeling at Gulfstream on Feb. 4 (92 Beyer) that stamped his Kentucky Derby aspirations as realistic and achievable. **Cont.**

TDN Derby Top 12/Tapit Trice, cont.**Tapit Trice** travels to Tampa next weekend | *Lauren King*

This \$1.3-million KEESEP son of **Tapit** still needs to hone his early-race skills by overcoming lackadaisical breaks from the gate. But as the distances increase and he gains experience against larger fields, those are the types of developmental concerns that seasoning can melt away like the spring thaw.

This year, the Tampa Bay Derby has been downgraded from Grade II to III. Part of that demotion had to do with the race's

recent trend of well-meant favorites being no-shows while the long-shot winners went on to be low-impact factors in subsequent stakes.

Although the 4-5 choice Classic Causeway (Giant's Causeway) won Tampa's big race last year, the previous four Tampa Derbies were won by harder-to-figure horses at odds of 15-1, 49-1, 8-1 and 19-1.

**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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As the co-fourth choice on the morning line for Saturday's Fountain of Youth S., Rocket Can isn't facing the same scrutiny or pressure as race favorite and divisional champ Forte. But this Into Mischief gray (\$245,000 FTSAUG RNA) will still be under the gun to prove his GIII Holy Bull S. score was no fluke, and he needs to shrug off the stigma of having relatively low speed figures compared to other top Derby hopefuls.

Rocket Can has plateaued with 82 Beyers in his last two starts on Nov. 26 and Feb. 4. **Cont.**

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But as discussed in previous editions of this list, his efforts rate considerably higher from a "how he did it" visual perspective. He gave up ground on both turns of the Holy Bull while always within three lengths of the leaders, and when he commandeered the lead off the final turn of that short-stretch configuration, Rocket Can finished focused through the lane while chased home by a tenacious stablemate.

Over the same 1 1/16-mile setup that starts close to the first turn and ends at the sixteenth pole, look for jockey Junior Alvarado to try and execute a follow-the-favorite strategy on Saturday, a tactic that should be a smooth fit for this colt's capable stalking style.

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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'TDN Rising Star' Cave Rock, who races with his head slung low in a style that evokes his sire still merits a strong foothold within the Top 12 despite the certainty that he'll be the last colt on this list to make his first sophomore start.

Powerful and promising at age two, this physically imposing dual sales grad (\$210,000 KEENOV; \$550,000 KEESEP) detonated a 104 Beyer in his two-turn debut, the GI **American Pharoah** S., while never being fully extended.

But in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile, he got hot and bothered pre-race, then had trouble settling when trying to clear an irrationally exuberant 70-1 shot through a :22.90 opening quarter. Cave Rock seized the lead a half-mile from home, but Forte had far more in the tank while Cave Rock languished too long on his left lead in the stretch.

Still, the second-place effort was commendable given those less-than-optimal circumstances, and Cave Rock looms as a front-end force when he finally hits the entries.

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: GSP, 2-1-1-0, \$80,200. Last start: 2nd GIII San Vicente S., Jan. 29. Kentucky Derby Points: 0.



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Faustin (\$285,000 RNA KEESEP; \$800,000 OBSAPR) was christened a **'TDN Rising Star'** upon debut back on opening day at Santa Anita, overcoming multiple examples of trip adversity (some of it self-inflicted) to win first time out.

In start number two, he ran a credible second despite being tactically disadvantaged behind a one-turn-specialist stablemate Havnameltdown (Uncaptured) in the GII San Vicente S. going seven furlongs. The latter returned to just miss in last weekend's G3 Saudi Derby Cup over a stamina-stretching mile.

Additional ground along the Derby trail (next start not yet disclosed) should aid Faustin's development arc, because 10 furlongs is well within the scope of his pedigree. His damsire and sire, **Hard Spun** and **Curlin**, finished second and third, respectively, in the 2007 Kentucky Derby. Half a year later, **Curlin** and **Hard Spun** ran one-two in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic.

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

O-Zedan Racing Stables Inc.; B-Mary & Chester Broman (Ky); T-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.

A GARY YOUNG 2YO-IN-TRAINING SALE PURCHASE

Hejazi, a New York-bred, \$3.55-million EASMAY sale topper, is among the headliners in Saturday's 11-horse GII San Felipe S. at Santa Anita. He has four races of experience, but only one try around two turns, which came last October while still a maiden and attempting winners (third in the GI **American Pharoah** S.).

He drew post seven for the San Felipe, and coming off a 6 1/2-furlong MSW score in which he led the field through early fractions of :21.97 and :44.28, Hejazi projects to be a forward factor on the stretch-out. **Cont.**



Hejazi is one of 11 in this Saturday's GII San Felipe S. | Benoit

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TDN Derby Top 12/Hejazi, cont.

This will be his second start off a freshening (and his first for trainer Tim Yakteen on a transfer from Bob Baffert), and Hejazi merits respect based on the 97 Beyer he earned and the authoritative way he swatted back two deep-stretch challengers inside the final 100 yards.

A concern, though, is that four of the horses he beat on Jan. 15 have already raced again, and the best finish among them was a third-place try.

8) 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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Instant Coffee's company lines got a boost when the third- and fourth-place finishers out of his Jan. 21 GIII Lecomte S. tally came back to win their next starts. Confidence Game (**Candy Ride {Arg}**) scored in last Saturday's GII Rebel S. at 18-1 odds and Denington (**Gun Runner**) popped at 8-1 in a Feb. 18 first-level allowance route at Fair Grounds.

This son of Bolt d'Oro (\$200,000 KEESEP) is three-for-four lifetime, with his only loss coming when fourth in a key renewal of the Breeders' Futurity at Keeneland last October.

He is, however, the type of colt you'd like to see more of before deciding if he's a true 10-furlong horse.

That's not going to happen under trainer Brad Cox's current two-prep sophomore plan. With the Mar. 25 GII Louisiana Derby projected as his next race, Instant Coffee is going to have nine weeks between starts trying to make the jump from 1 1/16 miles to 1 3/16 miles, then another six weeks until the 10-furlong Kentucky Derby.

He's currently two breezes into training since his last race.

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

O/B-Winchell Thoroughbreds, LLC (Ky); T-Steve Asmussen. Lifetime Record: GISP, 7-1-2-1, \$492,575. Last Start: 2nd in Feb. 25 GII Rebel S. Kentucky Derby Points: 33.

Red Route One is a longer-the-better type who isn't going to head to Louisville as a Derby standout. Yet he has the staying power and pedigree to be a dangerous threat; the type of double-digit longshot who will sit far back, make one sustained run, and if the trip and pace scenarios shake out in his favor--look out. **Cont.**

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TDN Derby Top 12/Red Route One, cont.

This son of **Gun Runner** out of a full-sister to Eclipse Award and GI Longines Kentucky Oaks winner Untapable (**Tapit**) is a Winchell Thoroughbreds homebred who rallied from far off the tailgate and splashed into the homestretch of the GII Rebel S. with abandon, avoiding the crowding that was going on closer to the rail but not still shying from outer-path roughhousing in upper stretch before accelerating with a separate, deep-race burst in the run to the wire (92 Beyer for second).

True, he's never won on dirt. But Red Route One's past-performance block consists of seven route races on turf and dirt, and a wet racetrack hasn't been a problem on the three occasions he's encountered slop (twice second, once fifth).

"Obviously, we're anxious for the races to go farther," said trainer Steve Asmussen. "Not positive we won't wheel him back in the Louisiana Derby, a mile and three-sixteenths. Quit messing around and get him on out there."



10) 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. Kentucky Derby Points: 0.

**CONGRATS TO PIN OAK FROM TAYLOR MADE
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This colt's 92-Beyer, 5 3/4-length, smash-and-grab score in a six-furlong Santa Anita MSW sprint was encouraging enough for the generally conservative trainer Richard Mandella to declare him a "geaux" for two-turn stakes company, and he'll start from post eight in the 1 1/16-mile San Felipe S. on Saturday.

Geaux Rocket Ride's form was flattered when the runner-up from that Jan. 29 win, Sonoran (Ride on **Curlin**), returned Feb. 20 to break his maiden by 7 1/4 lengths as a 3-5 favorite.

This \$350,000 FTKJUL son of **Candy Ride (Arg)** retains the services of jockey Flavien Prat for this weekend's engagement.

But, like six other entrants in the San Felipe, he'll have to come off the medication Lasix as he advances into stakes territory. That many horses making the off-Lasix switch lends an accentuated wild-card flavor to what already looms as a tough 11-horse race to handicap.

11) CONFIDENCE GAME (c, Candy Ride {Arg}--Eblouissante, by Bernardini) O-Don't Tell My Wife Stables; B-Summer Wind Equine, LLC (Ky); T-J K Desormeaux. Sales history: \$25,000 yrl '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSW, 7-3-1-2, \$785,525. Last Start: Won Feb. 25 GII Rebel S. at OP. Kentucky Derby Points: 57.

Confidence Game is a plucky, adaptable overachiever (\$25,000 KEESEP) with some racing royalty in his bloodlines: his dam, former '**TDN Rising Star**' Eblouissante, is a Bernardini half-sister to the mighty Zenyatta.

Trainer Keith Desormeaux said this son of **Candy Ride (Arg)** "sort of lost his mind in the paddock" prior to his 94-Beyer winning effort in the sloppy Rebel S. last Saturday. But jockey James Graham was able to settle down Confidence Game during his warm-up, and the colt got a sweet mid-pack trip while fifth behind two longshot speedsters and two stalking favorites who never truly fired despite no-excuse trips.

Responding to far-turn rousing, Confidence Game got third run at the wilting leaders while widest off the turn, then largely avoided inside traffic with a work-in-progress kind of stretch run that included some outward wandering late (94 Beyer).

"He's really come into his own," Desormeaux said. "He started off pretty immature. But as the races went on [seven total, five of them routes], he has improved things mentally and physically."



Confidence Game (left) held off Red Route One in the GII Rebel S. last weekend | Coady

12) LITIGATE (c, Blame--Salsa Diavola, by Mineshaft) O-Centennial Farms; B-Nursery Place, Donaldson & Broadbent (Ky); T-Todd Pletcher. Sales history: \$370,000 yrl '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSW, 3-2-1-0, \$182,590. Last Start: Won Feb. 11 GIII Sam F. Davis S. Kentucky Derby Points: 20.

Litigate, a \$370,000 KEESEP colt by **Blame**, will be on trainer Todd Pletcher's traveling team with an expected next start in the Louisiana Derby. He most recently scored a 1 1/4-length win in the GIII Sam F. Davis S. at Tampa.

Note that even though the track is listed as 'fast' on the Equibase chart, that Feb. 11 race was run in a downpour, which might be a contributing factor to Litigate's tepid 77 Beyer and the race's lethargic closing fractions. **Cont.**



TDN Derby Top 12/Litigate, cont.

Sent to clear the field from post 10 by Luis Saez, Litigate ably rated back to fifth on the backstretch. He uncorked a decent move between the five-sixteenths pole and the quarter pole, then had to be ridden hard through the lane to put away a 21-1 shot and a 12-1 shot, finishing through driving rain in a sluggish final sixteenth clocked in :7.05.

His two previous tries showed promise, and they could prove to be useful building blocks as this colt attempts longer races more suited to his distance-centric pedigree: sprinting 6 1/2 furlongs at Aqueduct Nov. 19, Litigate stalked with purpose behind a three-way battle for the lead, patiently took the overland route through the turn, then drew away respectably. Tasked with a one-turn mile allowance at Gulfstream Jan. 8, he nailed second by a nose behind a daylight winner.

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Last year's edition of the sale was topped by Free Drop Maddy (Free Drop Billy), who was consigned by Carl Deville and brought

\$200,000 from Mansfield Racing. The now-sophomore has since won four black-type events, including the Texas Thoroughbred Association Futurity at Lone Star and the Louisiana Champions Day Lassie S. at Fair Grounds.

"This is an impressive catalog for our 2023 2-year-old sale," TTA Sales Director Foster Bridewell said. "It's deep, it's full of pedigree and stallion power, and we're proud to offer the depth and quality come April that hasn't been seen around here in a decade."

Bridewell continued: "The commitment of our consignors, breeders, and owners to bring such quality athletes and pedigrees to our sale is unmatched."

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ORI WRAPS UP TUCSON CONFERENCE



ORI Conference participants in Tucson | *JN Campbell*

Executive Director Ben Mosier brought representatives from his Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit (HIWU) to make the final presentation on Tuesday afternoon to members of the Organization of Racing Investigators (ORI), who held their annual conference in Tucson, Arizona this week.

In his introductory remarks, Mosier said, "Nobody knows more about the confusion over HISA than we do. We are prepared and ready, assuming Mar. 27 as a start date." **Cont.**

ORI Conference, cont.

Attendees heard from General Counsel Michelle Pujals, Head of Investigative Operations Shawn Loehr and Head of Intelligence and Strategy Shawn Richards, as each outlined a different segment of HIWU's program. A question and answer session covered topics including the contracting of outside investigators, how out-of-competition testing would be conducted and the current status of agreements with state racing commissions, which could directly affect the role played by members who serve on the frontlines at their respective tracks.

Besides the HIWU session, ORI examined a number of issues earlier in the day from ethics, the media, barn surveillance, proper licensing and employee retention. Participants came away from Tucson with a greater understanding of a myriad of best practices that they can immediately implement in their respective jurisdictions.

"This year's ORI meeting was our best yet," said Chairman Juan Carlos Estrada of the Arizona Department of Gaming. "Not only because of the camaraderie, but we heard from some excellent speakers that gave our membership the opportunity to add to their skills, so we are already looking forward to next year."

The 28th ORI Conference will be hosted by Parx Racing in Bensalem, Pennsylvania with dates forthcoming.

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FIRST MARE IN FOAL TO ALOHA WEST

Aloha West (**Hard Spun**--Island Bound, by **Speightstown**), winner of the 2021 GI Breeders' Cup Sprint, has had his first mare reported in foal. Bashful (Orb), owned by Carrie and Craig Brogden's Machmer Hall, was reported in foal to the 6-year-old stallion who is standing his first season at Mill Ridge for a fee of \$10,000, live foal.

"We love having teammates like Carrie and Craig Brogden supporting **Aloha West**, and thankful for quality shareholders and breeders who believe in him," said Price Bell, Mill Ridge syndicate and general manager.

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FIRST MARES IN FOAL FOR SPENDTHRIFT'S FIRST-YEAR STALLIONS

Cyberknife, Greatest Honour, Jackie's Warrior, and Mo Donegal--the four first-season stallions standing at Spendthrift Farm for 2023--have all stopped their first mares, according to the Central Kentucky farm.

The first mare reported in foal to GI Arkansas Derby and TVG.com Haskell S. winner Cyberknife, a son of sire sensation **Gun Runner**, is graded producer Afleet Lover (Northern Afleet), who is located at Wynnstay Farm. Likewise, the beautifully bred GII Fountain of Youth S. winner Greatest Honour, a son of **Tapit**,

also had his first mare confirmed in foal. She is American Jack (Pioneer of the Nile) and is part of the Watershed Equine broodmare band.

The Eclipse champion sprinter of 2021, Jackie's Warrior got Chesapeake Farm's stakes producer Battle Bridge (Arch) in foal. A son of **Maclean's Music**, Jackie's Warrior won five Grade I races during his career. And finally, the 2022 GI Belmont S. winner Mo Donegal, a son of **Uncle Mo**, also had his first mare confirmed in foal. She is Allez Jete (Petionville), who is part of Adan Mandujano's broodmare band.

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WINSTAR REPORTS FIRST MARES IN FOAL TO LIFE IS GOOD AND NASHVILLE

Breeders' Cup winner **Life Is Good** (Into Mischief) and Keeneland track record-setter **Nashville** (**Speightstown**), both 'TDN Rising Stars' and first-year stallions at WinStar Farm, have each had their first mares confirmed in foal, according to WinStar.

Four-time Grade I winner **Life Is Good** has multiple mares confirmed in foal, including graded winner Tiz Breathtaking (Tiznow) and Tapas (**Tapit**), an unraced mare acquired for \$1.3 million by CHC Inc. at the 2016 Fasig-Tipton sale.

Nashville also has multiple mares scanned in foal. Undefeated in his first three starts, **Nashville** set a new track record of 1:07.89 for six furlongs in winning the Perryville S. at Keeneland on Breeders' Cup Day in 2020.

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Secretariat's Legacy, a book by award-winning journalist and photographer Patricia McQueen exploring the champion's accomplishments as a sire, is available now at www.secretariatslegacy.com. It will soon be available at other online sites and retail outlets. Accompanying the detailed research and storytelling in the 298-page coffee table book are more than 280 photos of Secretariat's sons, daughters and descendants, assembled from around the world.

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T.I.P. ANNOUNCES YOUTH AMBASSADORS

The Jockey Club Thoroughbred Incentive Program has named 13 youth ambassadors for 2023: Allison McHattie, Ontario; Anna Szefer, Virginia; Ashlynn Riley, Kansas; Bella Anne Park, Arkansas; Connor Stegeman, Louisiana; Emily Lindsay, Washington; Emma Hill, South Carolina; Ginger Demetrick, British Columbia; Julia Buytenhuys, Virginia; Karlie Dennis, Pennsylvania; Lottie Crawford, Virginia; Rylee Koll, Michigan; and Savannah Lacey, Maryland.

The T.I.P. Youth Ambassador Program is offered on an annual basis to young riders who own or lease a Thoroughbred and have actively participated in T.I.P.-sponsored shows, classes, or awards programs. The goal of the T.I.P. Youth Ambassador Program is to promote participation in T.I.P. with the mission to encourage retraining of Thoroughbreds into other disciplines upon completion of careers in racing or breeding.

"This year, we are thrilled to showcase the creativity and passion that T.I.P. Youth Ambassadors have by featuring videos with their OTTBs on America's Best Racing social channels," said Rachel Miller, digital marketing manager at America's Best Racing. "By promoting the second careers of these versatile athletes, the ambassadors are not only doing their part in ensuring a bright future for retired racehorses, but also for the Thoroughbred industry as a whole. We look forward to sharing their message with our fanbase, especially those who are new to the sport, and to helping increase visibility of T.I.P.'s important cause."

Last month, T.I.P. announced that it will offer more than 6,700 awards and classes at more than 1,400 shows in 43 states and six Canadian provinces in 2023. Awards are available for multiple disciplines, and a full calendar of shows offering awards is available at tjtip.com/CalendarOfEvents and will be updated as show dates are confirmed.

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WOODFORD RESERVE DERBY BOTTLE CELEBRATES SECRETARIAT ANNIVERSARY

Woodford Reserve's commemorative 2023 Kentucky Derby bottle will celebrate the 50th anniversary of Secretariat's 1973 Derby victory. The bottle features the artwork of Kentucky native Jaime Corum. Her painting captures Secretariat in the winner's circle at Churchill Downs.

"I hope that my painting for this year's Woodford Reserve Derby bottle, 'Still The Greatest,' allows us to remember that moment of dreamlike perfection when Secretariat won the 1973 Kentucky Derby," Corum said. "I have been honored to paint Secretariat many times over the years, but this one is truly special to me, as it celebrates his 50th anniversary and is paired with Woodford Reserve. Who could imagine a more perfect pairing of two things that will never go out of style?"

The bottle retails for \$55 and is available for purchase globally. A special pre-sale on [ReserveBar](#) begins Mar. 1.

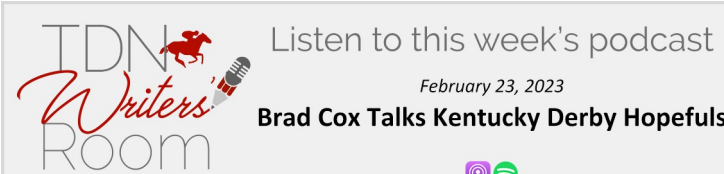
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HORSEPLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP'S HOF INDUCTEES ANNOUNCED

The National Thoroughbred Racing Association announced that Jose Arias, Dennis Decauwer, Jim Goodman, and Bill Shurman have been voted by their peers for induction into the NTRA National Horseplayers Championship's Hall of Fame. The handicappers represent the ninth class of NHC Hall of Fame inductees and will be recognized during the NHC Champions Dinner Sunday, Mar. 12, 2023 at the conclusion of the NTRA National Horseplayers Championship (NHC) at the Horseshoe Las Vegas.

For more information on the latest inductees, click [here](#).

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Saturday, Santa Anita #11, post time: 8:00 p.m. EST

FRANK E. KILROE MILE S.-GI, \$500,000, 4yo/up, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Gold Phoenix (Ire)	Belardo (Ire)	Little Red Feather Racing, Sterling Stables, LLC, and Marsha Naify	D'Amato	Kimura	122
2	Cabo Spirit 	Pioneerof the Nile	Kretz Racing LLC	Papaprodromou	Bravo	122
3	Masteroffoxhounds	War Front	Rockingham Ranch	D'Amato	Velazquez	122
4	Air Force Red	Air Force Blue	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners & Holly Golightly	Powell	Hernandez	120
5	Balnikhov (Ire)	Adaay (Ire)	Little Red Feather Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, and Old Bones Racing Stable, LLC	D'Amato	Rispoli	122
6	Hong Kong Harry (Ire)	Es Que Love (Ire)	Scott Anastasi, Jimmy Ukegawa & Tony Valazza	D'Amato	Prat	122
7	Du Jour 	Temple City	Natalie J. Baffert and Debbie Lanni	Baffert	Dettori	120
8	Irideo (Arg)	Easing Along	Pozo de Luna, Inc.	Polanco	Berrios	120
9	Royal Ship (Brz)	Midshipman	Fox Hollow Racing LLC and Siena Farm LLC	Mandella	Smith	122

Breeders: 1-Mighty Universe Ltd, 2-WinStar Farm, LLC, 3-Orpendale/Chelston/Wynatt, 4-Stephen B. Weissman Living Trust, 5-T. de La Heronniere & Gestut Zur Kuste AG, 6-Amarath Business Management, 7-Woods Edge Farm, LLC, 8-Pozo de Luna, 9-Haras Belmont

Saturday, Santa Anita #12, post time: 8:30 p.m. EST

SANTA ANITA H. PRESENTED BY YAAMAVA' RESORT & CASINO-GI, \$500,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/4m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	There Goes Harvard	Will Take Charge	Cannon Thoroughbreds, LLC	McCarthy	Kimura	120
2	Parnelli 	Quality Road	C R K Stable LLC	Shirreffs	Espinoza	119
3	Newgrange 	Violence	David A. Bernsen, LLC, Little Red Feather Racing, and Rockingham Ranch	D'Amato	Dettori	122
4	Stilieto Boy	Shackleford	Steve Moger	Moger, Jr.	Desormeaux	122
5	Defunded 	Dialed In	Michael E. Pegram, Karl Watson & Paul Weitman	Baffert	Hernandez	125
6	Warrant	Constitution	Twin Creeks Racing Stables, LLC	Cox	Prat	121
7	Heywoods Beach 	Speightstown	Hronis Racing LLC	Sadler	Vazquez	119
8	Hopper 	Declaration of War	Lanni Bloodstock, Madaket Stables & SF Racing	Baffert	Smith	120
9	Scarlet Fusion 	Curlin	Carl R. Moore Management LLC and Brad Grady	Sharp	Maldonado	117
10	Tisquantum	Constitution	Rebecca Young	Quinonez	Berrios	114
11	Proxy	Tapit	Godolphin, LLC	Stidham	Velazquez	123

Breeders: 1-Cannon Thoroughbred LLC, 2-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd., 3-Jack Mandato & Black Rock Thoroughbreds, 4-John & Iveta Kerber, 5-Athens Woods, LLC, 6-Twin Creeks Farm, 7-SF Bloodstock LLC, 8-Green Lantern Stables, LLC, 9-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 10-Mike Anderson Racing, 11-Godolphin



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Saturday, Gulfstream #14, post time: 5:43 p.m. EST**FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH S.-GII, \$400,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	General Jim 🌿	Into Mischief	Courtlandt Farms	McGaughey III	Saez	121
2	Legacy Isle	Shackleford	Daniel L. Walters, Dennis G. Smith, Anthony Smith, and Rohan Crichton	Crichton	Jaramillo	121
3	Shadow Dragon	Army Mule	Peachtree Stable	Mott	Ortiz	119
4	Forte 🌿	Violence	Repole Stable and St. Elias Stable	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	123
5	Il Miracolo 🌿	Gun Runner	Alexandres, LLC	Sano	Perez	119
6	Blazing Sevens 🌿	Good Magic	Rodeo Creek Racing, LLC	Brown	Rosario	123
7	Mage 🌿	Good Magic	OGMA Investments, LLC, Ramiro Restrepo, Sterling Racing LLC and CMNWLTH	Delgado	Castellano	119
8	Rocket Can	Into Mischief	Frank Fletcher Racing Operations, Inc.	Mott	Alvarado	123
9	Cyclone Mischief 🌿	Into Mischief	Albaugh Family Stables LLC and Castleton Lyons	Romans	Gaffalione	121
10	Dangerous Ride	Lord Nelson	Palm Beach Racing V LLC	David	Vasquez	121

Breeders: 1-Fifth Avenue Bloodstock & Centerline Breeding, 2-Erv Woolsey & Ralph Kinder, 3-AJ Suited, 4-South Gate Farm, 5-Willow Oaks Stable LLC, 6-Tracy Farmer, 7-Grandview Equine, 8-Woodford Thoroughbreds, LLC, 9-Castleton Lyons & Kilboy Estate, 10-Palm Beach Racing III, LLC

Saturday, Santa Anita #6, post time: 5:30 p.m. EST**SAN FELIPE S.-GII, \$400,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Chase the Chaos 🌿	Astern (Aus)	Adam Ference and Bill Dory	Moger, Jr.	Ayuso	122
2	National Treasure	Quality Road	SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables, R. Masterson, Stonestreet Stables, J. Schoenfarber, Waves Edge Capital LLC & C. Donovan	Yakteen	Velazquez	120
3	Practical Move 🌿	Practical Joke	Pierre Jean & Leslie Amestoy, Jr. & Roger Beasley	Yakteen	Vazquez	124
4	Bluegrass Go Go 🌿	Sharp Azteca	Calumet Farm	O'Neill	Maldonado	120
5	Genius Jimmy 🌿	Jimmy Creed	Pappas Horse Racing, Corp, Joseph Jaconi, Shane O'Neill and William Strauss	McCarthy	Kimura	120
6	Crypto Ride	Clubhouse Ride	James Shenouda	Lewis	Rispoli	120
7	Hejazi	Bernardini	Zedan Racing Stables, Inc.	Yakteen	Smith	120
8	Geaux Rocket Ride	Candy Ride (Arg)	Pin Oak Stud LLC	Mandella	Prat	120
9	Fort Bragg	Tapit	SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables, R. Masterson, Stonestreet Stables, J. Schoenfarber, Waves Edge Capital LLC & C. Donovan	Yakteen	Hernandez	120
10	Skinner 🌿	Curlin	C R K Stable LLC	Shirreffs	Espinoza	120
11	Mr Fisk	Arrogate	Sunny Brook Stables, LLC	Yakteen	Dettori	120

Breeders: 1-Mr. & Mrs. Dale N. Krapf, 2-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC, 3-Chad Brown & Head of Plains Partners, 4-David Bloom, 5-Deann & Greg Baer DVM, 6-James Shenouda, 7-Chester & Mary R. Broman, 8-EXO Equine LLC, 9-SF Bloodstock LLC & Henry Field Bloodstock, 10-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 11-Sunny Brook Stables

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Saturday, Gulfstream #10, post time: 3:33 p.m. EST**WINSTAR GULFSTREAM PARK MILE S.-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 1m**

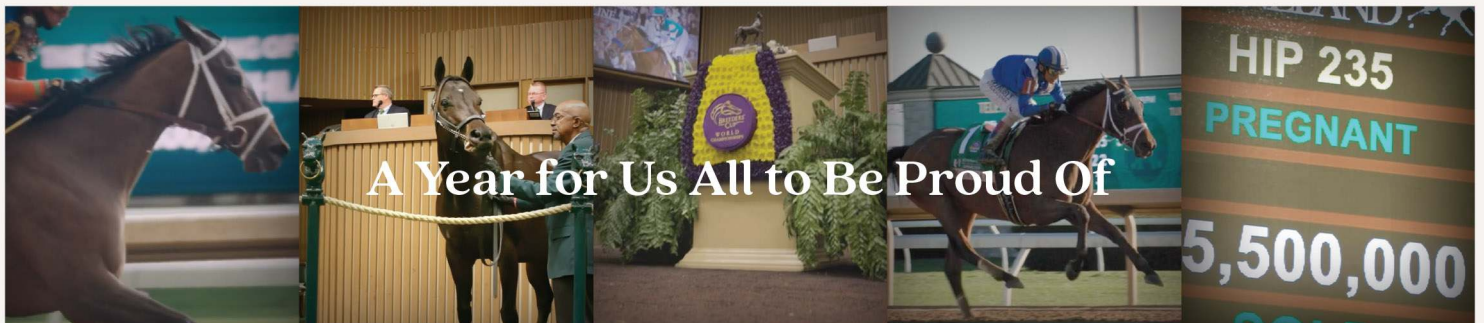
PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Dean Delivers	Cajun Breeze	Stonehedge LLC	Yates	Vasquez	118
2	Steal Sunshine	Constitution	Carrie L. Brogden	Dibona	Reyes	122
3	Noble Drama	Gone Astray	David Fawkes Racing, Inc.	Fawkes	Jaramillo	120
4	Simplification 🌿	Not This Time	Tami Bobo & Tristan De Meric	Sano	Ortiz	122
5	Octane	Brethren	Arindel	David	Zayas	122
6	Endorsed	Medaglia d'Oro	Mark D. Breen	Maker	Gaffalione	124
7	Charge It	Tapit	Whisper Hill Farm, LLC	Pletcher	Saez	122
8	O Captain 🌿	Carpe Diem	OGMA Investments, LLC, Michael & Jules Iavarone, Marquee Bloodstock and Jack Hardin Towell, Jr.	Delgado	Castellano	118
9	Nitrous Channel	Nyquist	R. A. Hill Stable, Reeves Thoroughbred Racing, and Spedale Family Racing, LLC	Weaver	Ortiz, Jr.	118

Breeders: 1-Stonehedge LLC, 2-Machmer Hall, 3-Harold Queen, 4-France & Irwin Weiner, 5-Arindel, 6-Godolphin, 7-Whisper Hill Farm, 8-WinStar Farm, 9-VinLaur Racing Stable

Saturday, Gulfstream #12, post time: 4:37 p.m. EST**DAVONA DALE S.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo, f, 1m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Atomically	Girvin	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, Michael G. Bernard, and Harry Colburn	Pletcher	Perez	120
2	Infinite Diamond	Bee Jersey	Diamond 100 Racing Club, Madaket Stables LLC, and Frank Silva	Biancone	Ortiz	120
3	Red Carpet Ready	Oscar Performance	Ashbrook Farm and Upland Flats Racing	Arnold, II	Saez	120
4	Positano Sunset	Goldencents	Six Column Stables, LLC, Randall L. Bloch, John Seiler and David Hall	Wilkes	Leparoux	118
5	Undervalued Asset 🌿	Speightstown	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	118
6	Guns n' Graces 🌿	Gun Runner	CHP Racing	Brown	Rosario	118
7	Lynx	Brethren	Arindel	David	Zayas	120
8	Adeliese's Smile 🌿	Uncle Mo	R.T Racing Stable	Jimenez	Reyes	118
9	Dorth Vader	Girvin	John Ropes	Yates	Vasquez	120
10	Leave No Trace	Outwork	WellSpring Stables	Serpe	Gaffalione	120

Breeders: 1-Tracy Pinchin & Michael Bernard, 2-Charles Fipke, 3-Lynn B. Schiff, 4-John Seiler, Randy Bloch, Trish Henson, Brad Stephens & Dave Hall, 5-**Speightstown** Syndicate & Cloyce C. Clark, Jr., 6-Coffee Pot Stable, 7-Arindel, 8-Breeze Easy, LLC, 9-John Ropes, 10-Red Cloak Farm, LLC



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Saturday, Gulfstream #13, post time: 5:09 p.m. EST**MAC DIARMIDA S.-GII**, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 1 3/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Highest Honors	Tapit	W.S. Farish	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	120
2	Master Piece (Chi)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	Michael & Julia C. Iavarone, Nicholas Zoumas, Frank Argano Vapewh and Ten Twenty Racing	Joseph, Jr.	Gaffalione	122
3	Value Proposition (GB)	Dansili (GB)	RORE Champion Racing	Goodman	Reyes	120
4	Time for Trouble 🦟	English Channel	Jeff A. Hiles and Thorndale Stable LLC	Hiles	Alvarado	118
5	Henley's Joy	Kitten's Joy	Bloom Racing Stable LLC	Casse	Leparoux	120
6	Bemma's Boy 🦟	Into Mischief	Paradise Farms Corp.	Maker	Vasquez	120
7	Astronaut	Quality Road	John M. B. O'Connor	Albertrani	Saez	124
8	Barberini 🦟	Flintshire (GB)	Rhianon Farms, Inc.	Delacour	Ruiz	118
9	Shawdyshawdyshawdy	Summer Front	Lawrence and Jennifer Goichman	Abreu	Lopez	118
10	Value Engineering 🦟	Lemon Drop Kid	Michael M. Hui and Phil Forte	Maker	Ortiz	120
11	Abaan 🦟	Will Take Charge	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners & Alex Daigneault	Pletcher	Rosario	120
12	Wicked Fast	Tourist	Jordan V. Wycoff	Maker	Castellano	118
13	Marwad (GB)	Intello (Ger)	Rachid Racing Inc.	Moubarak	Castellano	118

Breeders: 1-W.S. Farish, 2-Haras Don Alberto, 3-Meon Valley Stud, 4-Calumet Farm, 5-Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey, 6-Lochlow Farm, 7-Anastasia Astrid Christiansen-Croy, 8-Rhianon Farm, 9-Larry Goichman, 10-D. J. Stable, 11-Rosilyn Polan, 12-Wachtel Stable, 13-Shadwell Estate Company Limited

Saturday, Santa Anita #5, post time: 5:00 p.m. EST**BUENA VISTA S.-GII**, \$200,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Closing Remarks	Vronsky	Harris Farms, Inc.	Gaines	Bravo	120
2	Macadamia (Brz)	Hat Trick (Jpn)	R Unicorn Stable	D'Amato	Pereira	120
3	Tik Tok Famous (GB) 🦟	Belardo (Ire)	Chad Schumer and Stephen Screnci	Papaprodromou	Rispoli	120
4	Kitty Kitana (GB)	Bobby's Kitten	Little Red Feather Racing and Sterling Stables, LLC	D'Amato	Prat	120
5	School Dance	Animal Kingdom	Agave Racing Stable & Rockin Robin Racing Stable	D'Amato	Vazquez	120
6	Quattroelle (Ire)	Mehmas (Ire)	Red Baron's Barn LLC and Rancho Temescal LLC	Mullins	Berrios	122
7	Annaghlasa (Ire)	Estidhkaar (Ire)	Strand Beach, LLC	D'Amato	Gonzalez	120
8	Nadette (Fr)	Outstrip (GB)	Team Valor International, LLC	Drysdale	Dettori	120

Breeders: 1-Harris Farms, 2-Haras Springfield, 3-Amelia Field, 4-Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey, 5-Betz/Lamantia/Ramsby/Strong, B & KCanetti/J.Betz, 6-Rossenarra Bloodstock Ltd, 7-Leaf Stud, 8-Mr. Herve Dardenne

Saturday, Aqueduct #9, post time: 4:56 p.m. EST**GOTHAM S.-GIII**, \$300,000, 3yo, 1m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Clear the Air 🦟	Ransom the Moon	Cypress Creek Equine	Walden	Gilligan	118
2	Howgreatisnate 🦟	Speightster	Imaginary Stables	Simoff	Acosta	120
3	Mr. Swagger 🦟	Maclean's Music	Victoria's Ranch	Avila	Olivero	118
4	Uncorrelated	Arrogate	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Franco	118
5	Carmel Road 🦟	Quality Road	SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables, Masterson, R, Stonestreet StbIs, Schoenfarber, J, Waves Edge Capital LLC and Donovan, Catherine	Yakteen	Cancel	118
6	General Banker	Central Banker	Seacoast Thoroughbreds of N. E.	Ferraro	Pennington	118
7	Transect 🦟	Gun Runner	OXO Equine LLC	Lobo	Talamo	118
8	Fort Warren 🦟	Curlin	SF Racing, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables, Masterson, R, Stonestreet StbIs, Schoenfarber, J, Waves Edge Capital LLC and Donovan, Catherine	Russell	Toledo	118
9	Clubhouse 🦟	Speightstown	Harrell Ventures, LLC and Starlight Racing	Pletcher	Carmouche	118
10	Lugan Knight	Goldencents	BG Stables	McCarthy	Davis	120

11	Slip Mahoney 🦋	Arrogate	Gold Square LLC	Cox	McCarthy	118
12	Raise Cain 🦋	Violence	Warren, Andrew N. and Warren, Rania	Colebrook	Lezcano	118
13	Eyeing Clover 🦋	Lookin At Lucky	Ten Strike Racing, Kisber, Michael and Reed, Colin	Cox	Geroux	118
14	Recruiter	Army Mule	Nick Sanna Stables LLC and Lynch, Cathal A.	Lynch	Cruz	123
15	Radio Red	The Big Beast	Reeves Thoroughbred Racing	Gargan	Gomez	118

Breeders: 1-Calumet Farm, 2-B. D. Gibbs Farm, LLC, 3-Bethany Walton, Craig Hagan & Macleans Music Syndicate, 4-Frederick and May Construction, 5-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC, 6-Seacoast Thoroughbreds of New England, 7-Gun Runner Syndicate & Sun Valley Farm, 8-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 9-Blue Heaven Farm & Speightstown Syndicate, 10-BG Stables, 11-Hill 'N' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc. & Philip J. Steinberg, 12-Rock Ridge Thoroughbreds, LLC, 13-Mike Abraham, 14-Beth Bayer, 15-Windylea Farm - New York, LLC

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

HERECOMESTHEBRIDE S.-GIII, \$200,000, 3yo, f, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Anna Karenine (Fr)	Toronado (Ire)	Madaket Stables, M. Dubb, Seventh Sense Stable, and E5 Racing Thoroughbreds LLC	Brown	Gaffalione	121
2	American Rockette	American Pharoah	Frank Fletcher Racing Operations, Inc.	Mott	Alvarado	119
3	Malley moo 🦋	English Channel	Rockingham Ranch, David Bernsen, Talla Racing, and JWS Racing LLC	Sisterson	Rosario	119
4	Riding Pretty	Jack Milton	Holly Crest Farm	Owens, Jr	Lopez	121
5	Blind Spot	Cross Traffic	C2 Racing Stable LLC and Stefania Farms, LLC	Joseph, Jr.	Zayas	121
6	Revalita (Fr)	Recoletos (Fr)	Wise Racing LLC	Brown	Ortiz	121
7	Cairo Consort	Cairo Prince	Repole Stable and Town and Country Racing, LLC	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	123
8	Papilio (Ire)	Starspangledbanner (Aus)	D. J. Stable LLC, Medallion Racing, Barry Fowler, and Parkland Thoroughbreds	Casse	Saez	121
9	Danse Macabre 🦋	Army Mule	NBS Stable and Elements Racing, LLC	Danner	Beschizza	121
10	Moonage Daydream	Candy Ride (Arg)	Chris Larsen	Abreu	Perez	121
11	Tituba 🦋	Good Magic	Three Diamonds Farm	Pletcher	Leparoux	119
12	Sweetlou'sgotaces 🦋	Constitution	Gary Barber, Wachtel Stable & Twin Sports Racing	Handal	Castellano	121

Breeders: 1-Ecurie Haras du Cadran & SCEA Haras du Ma, 2-Frank Fletcher, 3-Calumet Farm, 4-Holly Crest Farm, 5-Country Life Farm & Your Flame in Me LLC, 6-Sarl Darpat France, 7-Frankfort Park Farm, 8-SCEA Marmion & Mr A. Jathiere, 9-St. Elias Stables LLC, 10-3C Stable, LLC, 11-LNJ Foxwoods, 12-Town & Country Horse Farms, LLC & George Saufley

Saturday, Aqueduct #8, post time: 4:27 p.m. EST

TOM FOOL H.-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Eastern Bay	E Dubai	Built Wright Stables, LLC.	Cash	Humphrey	123
2	Chateau	Flat Out	David Jacobson	Jacobson	Lezcano	118
3	Runninsonofagun 🦋	Gun Runner	Karen A. Zimmerman	Toscana, Jr.	Carmouche	122
4	Drafted	Field Commission	Dublin Fjord StbIs, Racepoint Stables, Hilbert, K & O'Keefe, Thomas E.	Duggan	Rodriguez Castro	122
5	Pirate Rick 🦋	Liam's Map	Built Wright Stables, LLC.	Cash	Gomez	118
6	Nakatomi 🦋	Firing Line	Detampel, Marc, Qatar Racing and Banker, Tim O.	Ward	Davis	120
7	Little Vic 🦋	Practical Joke	Victoria's Ranch	Avila	Olivero	121
8	Wendell Fong 🦋	Flat Out	Dark Horse Racing Stable, Serio Racing Stables, Spiesman, R, Lynch, N and Corms Racing Stable	Lynch	Vargas, Jr.	117

Breeders: 1-Nancy Lee Farms, 2-Preston Stables LLC, 3-Dattt Farm LLC, 4-John Foster, Barbara Hooker & Field Commission Partnership, 5-Woods Edge Farm, LLC, 6-Arnold Zetcher LLC & Crestwood Farm, 7-Stride Sales and Syndicate, 8-Nicholas M. Lotz

Saturday, Gulfstream #6, post time: 1:27 p.m. EST**THE VERY ONE S.-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 3/8mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Libretto (Ire)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Lawrence Goichman	Abreu	Perez	118
2	Beside Herself	Uncle Mo	Michael B. Tabor	Pletcher	Saez	118
3	Lady Rockstar (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Steven Parkin	Walsh	Rosario	118
4	Mylady (Ger)	The Grey Gatsby (Ire)	Michaela Faust	Brown	Zayas	120
5	Broadway Boogie	Uncle Mo	Joseph Allen LLC	Toner	Ruiz	118
6	Transient (GB)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	e Five Racing Thoroughbreds	Joseph, Jr.	Gaffalione	118
7	Higher Truth (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Team Hanley, Jeff Drown and Michael J. Ryan	Brown	Ortiz	118
8	Ensemble (Ire)	Nayef	Clipper Logistics	Walsh	Castellano	118
9	Flying Fortress	Uncle Mo	Joseph Allen LLC	McGaughey III	Alvarado	118
10	Virginia Joy (Ger)	Soldier Hollow (GB)	Peter M. Brant	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	123

Breeders: 1-Gestut Hof Ittlingen, 2-Chelston, 3-Branton Court Stud, 4-Gestut Karlshof, 5-Mr. Joseph Allen LLC, 6-B. Sangster & Freynestown Stud, 7-Churchtown House Stud, 8-Mrs T. Mahon, 9-Mr. Joseph Allen, LLC, 10-Gestut Auenquelle

Saturday, Gulfstream #8, post time: 2:29 p.m. EST**CANADIAN TURF S.-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	English Bee	English Channel	Calumet Farm	Motion	Saez	120
2	California Frolic 🌿	California Chrome	Julian J. De Mora Jr.	De La Cerda	Alvarado	122
3	Emmanuel 🌿	More Than Ready	WinStar Farm LLC and Siena Farm LLC	Pletcher	Castellano	124
4	Fort Washington	War Front	Peter M. Brant and Joseph Allen LLC	McGaughey III	Ortiz	122
5	Good Governance (GB) 🌿	Kingman (GB)	Foxbrook Farm, LLC	Meah	Leparoux	120
6	Shadow Sphinx	Pioneerof the Nile	Paradise Farms Corp. and David Staudacher	Maker	Gaffalione	118
7	Souper Dormy	Into Mischief	Bruno Schickedanz	Drexler	Zayas	120
8	Safe Conduct 🌿	Bodemeister	WellSpring Stables	Serpe	Wilson	120
9	Dakota Gold	Freud	Reeves Thoroughbred Racing	Gargan	Vasquez	122
10	Steady On 🌿	Pioneerof the Nile	Repole Stable and St. Elias Stable	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	118

Breeders: 1-Calumet Farm, 2-Steven Friedfertig & Taylor Made 3-Helen Groves Revocable Trust, 4-J. Allen & White Birch Farm 5-Michael Wates, 6-Grade 1 Bloodstock, Halcyon Farm & Equine Equity Partners 7-Newtown Anner Stud, 8-M. Kursner, 9-Sequel Thoroughbreds & R. Bowden, 10-Springhouse Farm

Saturday, Gulfstream #11, post time: 4:05 p.m. EST**HONEY FOX S.-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Faith in Humanity (Fr)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Rosario	123
2	Sweet Enough (GB)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Trevor Harris	Attfield	Wilson	120
3	Speak of the Devil (Fr)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Peter M. Brant	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	120
4	White Frost	Candy Ride (Arg)	Gainesway Stable	Mott	Alvarado	118
5	Kahiko	First Samurai	Victory Racing Partners	Sweezey	Lopez	120
6	Miss Delicious 🌿	California Chrome	Hibiscus Stables LLC and Dig That Mine, LLC	Klesaris	Castellano	118
7	Princess Theorem 🌿	Nyquist	Dewberry Thoroughbred LLC	Walsh	Gaffalione	118
8	Miss Yearwood	Will Take Charge	Roger Keith Long	Wilkes	Panici	118
9	Touch of Class	Mizzen Mast	L. T. B., Inc. and Hillerich Racing, Inc.	Fawkes	Leparoux	118
10	Fast as Flight 🌿	Air Force Blue	Jim and Susan Hill	Lynch	Ortiz	118
11	Sweet Dani Girl	Jess's Dream	J & J Stables, LLC and Vaccarezza, Nicholas	Vaccarezza	Saez	120

Breeders: 1-Ecurie Des Monceaux & Lordship Stud Limited, 2-James Wigan, 3-Herve Viallon, 4-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd., 5-Mountmellick Farm, 6-Robert Spiegel, 7-Barry & Judith Becker, 8-R. Keith Long, 9-L.T.B. Inc, 10-Pursuit of Success, LLC, 11-J&J Stables, LLC & Carlo Vaccarezza

MAR. 2 INSIGHTS: FULL-BROTHER TO WICKED HALO DEBUTS AT FAIR GROUNDS



Wicked Halo | Sarah Andrew

8th-FG, \$50k, Msw, 3yo, 6f, 5:45 p.m. ET

WICKED AGAIN (Gun Runner), a full-brother to MGSW and last term's GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint third-place finisher Wicked Halo, kicks off his career for Hall of Famer Steve Asmussen. The Winchell Thoroughbreds homebred, drawn on the inside in post two and favored on the morning line at 5-2, fired back-to-back, five-furlong bullets for this, including a 1:00 2/5 (1/8) drill Feb. 21. Wicked Again's dam Just Wicked (**Tapit**) won the 2015 GII Adirondack S. at Saratoga.

The field of 10 also includes debuting pricey yearling purchases: \$550,000 FTSAUG purchase **Gun Collector (Gun Runner)** and \$525,000 FTSAUG graduate **Squire Creek (Uncle Mo)**. **TJCIS PPs**

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

6th-Gulfstream, \$72,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 3-1, 3yo, f, 5fT, :55.67, fm, 2 3/4 lengths.

SASSY NATURE (f, 3, Straight Fire--Renee's Queen {SW}, by After Market) made three prior starts in Southern California for C T R Stables (Calvert) and trainer Luis Mendez, including a nine-length wire-to-wire maiden victory versus Cal-breds at Santa Anita Jan. 7. She entered off a third-place finish versus state-breds in an optional claimer Jan. 27. Making her turf debut in this first attempt for these connections, the 2-1 favorite forced the issue from an outside second, took over heading into the turn and reported home a sharp 2 3/4-length winner. Vai Bella (**Practical Joke**) was second. Renee's Queen, a half-sister to GISW American Theorem (**American Pharoah**), produced a **Gun Runner** filly in 2021 and an **Army Mule** filly in 2022. She was bred back to Galilean. Sales history: \$60,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$92,540. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-JWS Racing LLC; B-Straight Fire, LLC (CA); T-Jack Sisterson.

Dam Renee's Queen a \$20K buy for clients at FTKFEB '22 by Mike Slezak. | BullOTheWoodsStables@gmail.com



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

6th-Fair Grounds, \$50,000, Msw, 3-1, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:49.78, fm, 1/2 length.

ESCAPOLOGIST (c, 3, Good Magic--Revealing Moment, by After Market), fourth at Oaklawn last time Jan. 28, switched to grass for the first time here. The 5-2 favorite raced in a ground-saving fourth and found room along the rail in the stretch to outgame Caroom (Flintshire {GB}) to the wire by a half-length. The winner's dam, a full-sister to MGSW Belle Gallantey, produced a filly by Vino Rosso in 2021 and a filly by Sungold in 2022. She was bred back to the latter for 2023. Sales history: \$35,000 Wlg '20 KEENOV; \$150,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 6-1-0-2, \$63,813. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG. Cont. p2**

O-Walking L Thoroughbreds, LLC; B-Bryan Anderson & Carol Anderson (KY); T-Kenneth G. McPeck.

 **Another Yearling Graduate from Stuart Morris, Agent**

THINK INDIAN CREEK

7th-Fair Grounds, \$50,000, Msw, 3-1, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11.64, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

MUCHO MACHO GIRL (f, 3, Mucho Macho Man--Tacit Approval, by Tapit), overlooked at 24-1 in this debut run, rushed up from her inside draw to battle for command in between horses through an opening quarter in a sharp :21.86. She kicked for home with a narrow advantage and fought on gamely down the stretch to graduate by 1 1/2 lengths. Fellow longshot firster Going the Distance (**Tapwrit**) completed the exacta. The winner is a half-sister to Hoist the Gold (**Mineshaft**), GISP, \$317,352. After producing a filly by Vekoma last year, Tacit Approval was bred back to **Mucho Macho Man**. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$30,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Dream Team One Racing Stable; B-Dream Team Racing (KY); T-Dallas Stewart.

 **ANOTHER TRAVIS DURR GRADUATE**



SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, MAR. 2
2023 Stud Fees Listed

Accelerate (Lookin At Lucky), Lane's End Farm, \$10,000
214 foals of racing age/24 winners/1 black-type winner
8-Gulfstream, 3:38 p.m. EST, Aoc 1 1/8m, Run Cory Run, 6-1
\$32,000 KEE SEP yrl



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

Awesome Slew (Awesome Again), Ocala Stud, \$4,000
77 foals of racing age/15 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Mahoning Valley, 3:34 p.m. EST, \$50K OTBO Sales Graduate
Race S., 6f, Brownie, 8-1
\$15,000 OTB OMX yrl

Collected (City Zip), Airdrie Stud, \$10,000
234 foals of racing age/17 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Fair Grounds, 5:15 p.m. EST, Msw 1mT, Salsalita Verde, 6-1
\$14,000 FTK OCT yrl

Girvin (Tale of Ekati), Airdrie Stud, \$20,000
179 foals of racing age/26 winners/5 black-type winners
7-Fair Grounds, 5:15 p.m. EST, Msw 1mT, Summerosa, 10-1
\$42,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

Good Magic (Curlin), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, \$50,000
237 foals of racing age/31 winners/7 black-type winners
8-Gulfstream, 3:38 p.m. EST, Aoc 1 1/8m, Devil's Cay, 10-1

Hoppertunity (Any Given Saturday), Northview Stallion Station
155 foals of racing age/13 winners/1 black-type winner
1-Penn National, 6:00 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Fierce and Strong, 5-1

McCraken (Ghostzapper), Airdrie Stud
48 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Oaklawn, 4:18 p.m. EST, Alw 6f, Crackalacking, 20-1
\$15,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$20,000 KEE SEP yrl
8-Fair Grounds, 5:45 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Rush Center, 15-1

Mendelssohn (Scat Daddy), Coolmore Ashford, \$25,000
348 foals of racing age/37 winners/3 black-type winners
7-Fair Grounds, 5:15 p.m. EST, Msw 1mT, Acting, 8-1
€80,000 GOF OR yrl
5-Turfway, 7:55 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Midnight Rising, 12-1
\$180,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$100,000 F '22 KEE NOV

Mo Town (Uncle Mo), Coolmore Ashford, \$5,000
171 foals of racing age/28 winners/2 black-type winners
1-Penn National, 6:00 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Mobeer, 8-5

**STAKES RESULTS:****ALBERT AND HENRY DOMINGUEZ MEMORIAL H., (NB)**

\$100,000, Sunland, 2-28, (S), 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:43.95, ft.

1--**CHEESE TRAY, 125, g, 5, Attila's Storm--Road to Reason, by Redattore (Brz).** O/B-J. Kirk & Judy Robison (NM); T-Todd W. Fincher; J-Luis A. Fuentes. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 23-8-6-6, \$403,866.

2--**Jet N G, 123, g, 8, Mr. Trieste--Book the Cat, by Tabasco Cat.** O-Maurcenia Cross; B-Maurcenia & Gary Cross (NM); T-Gary W. Cross. \$20,000.

3--**Thunder Dome, 125, g, 9, Dome--Lauren Lynn, by Hadif.** O-Mike H. & Bill Carson; B-Frank Richardson & Mooring (NM); T-Dallas J. Barton. \$10,000.

Margins: HF, 1 3/4, 4. Odds: 1.70, 8.00, 2.10.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-Parx Racing, \$59,000, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 3-1, 4yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:43.83, ft, 4 3/4 lengths.

HOLDTHEFLIGHT (g, 7, Hold Me Back--Aviation Dare, by Lac Ouimet) Lifetime Record: 21-5-2-6, \$161,029. O-Bing Cherry Racing, Inc.; B-Philip Franklin Coomer (KY); T-Michael V. Pino.

9th-Parx Racing, \$53,250, (S), 3-1, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, 7f, :n/a, ft, 1/2 length.

LOOSE ENDS (g, 4, Divining Rod--Giant Shadow, by Giant's Causeway) Lifetime Record: SP, 15-4-9-1, \$210,768. O-Runnymore Racing, LLC; B-Gregory & Caroline Bentley Breeders (PA); T-Cathal A. Lynch.

4th-Fair Grounds, \$52,000, (S), 3-1, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.77, ft, 5 lengths.

HELAIRE (c, 4, Violence--Playful Dancer, by Into Mischief) Lifetime Record: 18-3-6-4, \$131,970. O-Save D. & Patricia L. Roe; B-Coteau Grove Farms, LLC (LA); T-Patrick Mouton. *\$45,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP.

C Dam purchased by Cary Bloodstock **C**

5th-Fair Grounds, \$52,000, (S), (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 3-1, 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:04.69, ft, 4 1/2 lengths.

WUPKAR (f, 4, Bind--Anne Margaret, by Songandaprayer) Lifetime Record: 9-3-3-1, \$116,560. O-Wayne Sanders & Larry Hirsch; B-Terry Adcock (LA); T-W. Bret Calhoun. *\$13,000 Ylg '20 ESLYRL; \$150,000 2yo '21 TTAAPR. **1/2 to Adrienne G (Indygo

Shiner), MSP, \$346,012.

2nd-Tampa Bay Downs, \$27,500, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$100,000), 3-1, 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:41.00, fm, 1 3/4 lengths.

NEVER EXPLAIN (h, 5, Street Sense--Black Oak {SP}, by Forestry) Lifetime Record: 14-4-1-2, \$122,062. O-Courtlandt Farms (Donald Adam); B-Hidden Brook Farm & Godolphin (KY); T-Claude R. McGaughey III. *\$155,000 Wlg '18 KEENOV; \$475,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP.

B Hidden Brook Foaled, Raised & Sold **B**

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Led Tasso, g, 3, Ghostzapper--Broken Silence (SP, \$123,430), by Broken Vow. Mahoning Valley, 3-1, 5 1/2f, 1:07.73. Lifetime Record: 7-1-0-1, \$26,802. B-Woods Edge Farm, LLC (KY). *\$175,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. **1/2 to Stronger Than Ever (Congrats), SW, \$196,846.

Can't Complain, f, 3, Runhappy--Awesome Ashley (MSW, \$303,260), by Unbridled's Song. Parx Racing, 3-1, (C), 7f, 1:26.57. Lifetime Record: 6-1-2-1, \$52,200. B-Andrew Warren (KY). *\$24,000 RNA Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$24,000 RNA Ylg '21 OBSOCT; \$30,000 2yo '22 OBSOPN.

Buckeye Charlie, g, 4, Cinco Charlie--Windsail, by Grand Appointment. Mahoning Valley, 3-1, (S), 6f, 1:16.29. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$20,034. B-Susan Anderson Racing LLC (OH). *1/2 to Windy Lu Who (Justin Phillip), SW, \$196,731.

The Big Calico, g, 4, The Big Beast--Calico Bay (MSW, \$408,700), by Three Wonders. Tampa Bay Downs, 3-1, 6 1/2f, 1:17.00. Lifetime Record: 9-1-2-1, \$30,535. B-Bobby Jones Equine, LLC (FL). *\$20,000 RNA 2yo '21 OBSOPN.

Pillbox, f, 4, We Miss Artie--Endless Fancy, by Ghostzapper. Gulfstream, 3-1, (C), 1mT, 1:34.97. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$37,605. B-Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey (KY).

Yankee Agate, m, 5, Gemologist--Revolutionary Act (MSW, \$146,861), by Boston Harbor. Tampa Bay Downs, 3-1, 6 1/2f, 1:18.27. Lifetime Record: 9-1-4-2, \$46,730. B-Kindred Racing Stable, Inc (NY). *\$9,000 Ylg '19 EASOCT. **1/2 to American Act (Quiet American), SW & MGSP, \$239,717; Night Party (Rahy), SW & MGSP, \$287,223; Summer Revolution (Summer Bird), SP, \$328,590.

THINK INDIAN CREEK

Raise a Profit, g, 5, Reload--River Nymph, by Ascot Knight. Gulfstream, 3-1, (C), 5f (AWT), :56.99. Lifetime Record: 9-1-0-3, \$50,527. B-Ballycroy Training Centre (ON). *C\$3,500 Ylg '19 CANSEP.

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Attila's Storm, Cheese Tray, g, 5, o/o Road to Reason, by Redattore (Brz). Albert and Henry Dominguez Memorial H., 2-28, Sunland

Bind, Wupkar, f, 4, o/o Anne Margaret, by Songandaprayer. AOC, 3-1, Fair Grounds

Cinco Charlie, Buckeye Charlie, g, 4, o/o Windsail, by Grand Appointment. MSW, 3-1, Mahoning Valley

Divining Rod, Loose Ends, g, 4, o/o Giant Shadow, by Giant's Causeway. ALW, 3-1, Parx Racing

Gemologist, Yankee Agate, m, 5, o/o Revolutionary Act, by Boston Harbor. MSW, 3-1, Tampa Bay

Ghostzapper, Led Tasso, g, 3, o/o Broken Silence, by Broken Vow. MSW, 3-1, Mahoning Valley

Good Magic, Escapologist, c, 3, o/o Revealing Moment, by After Market. MSW, 3-1, Fair Grounds

Hold Me Back, Holdtheflight, g, 7, o/o Aviation Dare, by Lac Ouimet. AOC, 3-1, Parx Racing

Mucho Macho Man, Mucho Macho Girl, f, 3, o/o Tacit Approval, by Tapit. MSW, 3-1, Fair Grounds

Reload, Raise a Profit, g, 5, o/o River Nymph, by Ascot Knight. MOC, 3-1, Gulfstream

Runhappy, Can't Complain, f, 3, o/o Awesome Ashley, by Unbridled's Song. MCL, 3-1, Parx Racing

Straight Fire, Sassy Nature, f, 3, o/o Renee's Queen, by After Market. AOC, 3-1, Gulfstream

Street Sense, Never Explain, h, 5, o/o Black Oak, by Forestry. AOC, 3-1, Tampa Bay

The Big Beast, The Big Calico, g, 4, o/o Calico Bay, by Three Wonders. MSW, 3-1, Tampa Bay

Violence, Helaire, c, 4, o/o Playful Dancer, by Into Mischief. ALW, 3-1, Fair Grounds

We Miss Artie, Pillbox, f, 4, o/o Endless Fancy, by **Ghostzapper**. MOC, 3-1, Gulfstream

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March 3, 1966... Ogden Phipps' Buckpasser won the Flamingo S. by a nose, under the guidance of Bill Shoemaker. The colt was such a prohibitive favorite among the field of nine that the race was declared a non-wagering contest and was dubbed "The Chicken Flamingo."

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Perfect Power: a graduate of the sale | Scoop Dyga

The catalogue for the Goffs UK Doncaster Breeze-up Sale, of which last year's Royal Ascot winners Bradsell (GB) (Tasleet {GB}) and Perfect Power (Ire) (Ardad {Ire}) are graduates, was released on Wednesday.

The breeze takes place on Monday, Apr. 24, at Doncaster racecourse, with the sale taking place the following day at 10 a.m.

There are 209 lots catalogued with many notable standouts on pedigree at least. Lot 2 is a Too Darn Hot (GB) half-brother to Group 2 winner Aljamaaheer (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) while lot 3 is a sister to the Group 2 winner Sovereign Debt (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}).

This sale is responsible for seven Royal Ascot winners in as many years which is why Goffs have utilised the clever marketing of a roulette wheel with the heading, 'Bet On Red,' illustrating the strong chance buyers have of snapping up a top-class 2-year-old.

Goffs UK Managing Director, Tim Kent, commented, "For longer than any European breeze-up this sale has been turning heads on the international stage and never more so than in recent years given its outstanding recent performance at Royal Ascot." **Cont. p3**

CLASSIC HEROINE CACHET BACK IN ACTION

By Emma Berry

Last year's 1000 Guineas winner Cachet (Ire) has resumed cantering in Newmarket and is reported to be "doing very well" by her trainer George Boughey.

The daughter of Aclaim (Ire) propelled the already upwardly mobile trainer to new heights last season when she became Boughey's first Classic winner and she has given her owners in the Highclere Thoroughbred Racing syndicate much cause for cheer through her two seasons of racing. A graduate of the Tattersalls Craven Breeze-up Sale of 2021, Cachet won on debut at the Rowley Mile a month after the sale and gained important black type later in her juvenile season when finishing second in the G2 Rockfel S. and third in the G1 Fillies' Mile. Her love affair with her home track was fully confirmed the following spring, however, when Cachet bounced straight from winning the Nell Gwyn to becoming a Classic heroine in the Guineas. **Cont. p3**

IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

TDN DERBY TOP 12 FOR MAR. 2

T. D. Thornton has the latest edition of the TDN Derby Top 12 which is topped by **Arabian Knight** (Uncle Mo).

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Wertheimer and Frere homebred Speechman (*Kingman* {GB}) swept to a 4 1/2-length win at Chantilly on Mar. 1. Go to the French section for more. | Scoop Dyga

THE NEW BOY AT BALLYLINCH STUD

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Bayside Boy (Ire) is the new kid on the block at Ballylinch Stud, and John O'Connor reveals how the G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. has been received so far. Alayna Cullen Birkett has the details.

REBEL'S ROMANCE OUT OF SUPER SATURDAY

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G1 Breeders' Cup Turf winner Rebel's Romance (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) has inflammation in a foreleg and will not run in the G2 Dubai City Of Gold at Meydan on Saturday.

COMPAS STALLIONS EXPANDS NAAS SPONSORSHIP

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Micheal Orlandi's Compas Stallions will sponsor five races at Naas Racecourse this year, up one from 2022.

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Goffs UK Doncaster Breeze-Up Catalogue Cont. from p1

He added, "As a result, demand from vendors for places this year has been at an all-time high and that has led to a brilliant catalogue of breezers with a strong sire profile which looks well-placed to continue the sale's unrivalled Royal record. As Europe's first breeze-up it is also a first choice for so many and deservedly so."

Perfect Power, top-class at two with wins in the G2 Norfolk S., the G1 Prix Morny and the G1 Middle Park S., doubled his Royal Ascot tally when landing the G1 Commonwealth Cup last season.

He was snapped up by Blandford Bloodstock for £110,000 and consigned by his breeders Tally-Ho Stud at this sale in 2021. Perfect Power is set to embark on his stallion career at Dalham Hall Stud this year and will stand for £15,000.

Bradsell capped a memorable year for this sale at Royal Ascot when storming to G2 Coventry S. glory for Archie Watson and Hollie Doyle last summer.

He cost just a fraction of what Perfect Power made when he went through the ring at Goffs UK last year. Consigned by Mark Grant Racing, Bradsell, who made 12,000gns as a yearling, fetched £47,000 at the breeze-up, with Blandford Bloodstock doing the buying.

The catalogue features the progeny of a number of young and performing sires including Acclamation (GB) (4), Advertise (GB) (5), Ardad (2), Blue Point (Ire) (4), **Calyx (GB)** (5), Dandy Man (Ire) (9), Dark Angel (Ire) (4), Exceed And Excel (Aus) (2), Harry Angel (Ire) (4), Havana Grey (GB) (11), Inns Of Court (Ire) (7), Invincible Army (Ire) (4), Invincible Spirit (Ire) (4), Kodiak (GB) (9), Land Force (Ire) (8), Mehmas (Ire) (11), More Than Ready (2), Night Of Thunder (Ire) (3), **Saxon Warrior (Jpn)** (2), Showcasing (GB) (4), **Sioux Nation** (8), Soldier's Call (GB) (6), Showcasing (GB) (4), **Ten Sovereigns (Ire)** (7), Too Darn Hot (2) and more represented.

Other notable lots include a Night Of Thunder (Ire) colt out of Royal Ascot winner Anthem Alexander (Ire) (**Starspangledbanner {Aus}**) (lot 136) and a Lope De Vega (Ire) colt (lot 152) out of a half-sister to Raven's Pass.

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Cachet Cont. from p1

She was only narrowly denied a fortnight later when beaten a head into second by Mangoustine (Fr) (Dark Angel {Ire}) in the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulaches and was seen for the final time last year when finishing fifth in the G1 Coronation S. at Royal Ascot. **Cont. p4**

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Cachet Cont.

"She had one little thing after another which meant she keep missing bits of work at the back end of the year, but I was delighted to have Highclere's full support to give her the time and she's really starting to show her old self again, which is great," Boughey told *TDN* on Wednesday.

"She had a good long break and I think she has grown a little bit, but she was big enough as she was. I am just hoping that with her direct family--Aclain and being out of a Teofilo (Ire) mare--that she will continue to progress with time. She's a filly who had been very busy at two and then very busy at three, but the good ones are usually very tough, so I hope that she will go on and do it again this year."

He continued, "She was the one that took us to that level and we just want to try to maintain that. To have a horse of her quality at proven Group 1 level, it's

very exciting coming into this new season. She came back in at the end of last year and was trotting for a long time and has been gently cantering up Warren Hill, then she did her first normal canter this morning."

Boughey indicated that the G3 Chartwell Fillies' S. over seven furlongs at Lingfield on May 13 could be a possible reintroduction to the track for Cachet.

"I'm not really training her with any target in mind. The programme for older fillies doesn't really get going until after Ascot at a higher level. She could possibly be a Chartwell filly. That's the second week of May and it's kind of that intermediate trip, which could be where her future lies. I'm not going to lob her straight back into a Group 1 but I do want to explore bringing her back in trip, and being able to give her the chance to sprint might open up a few more doors." **Cont. p5**



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Cachet Cont.

Cachet rightfully retains her status as stable star but Boughey, who set a personal best when saddling 136 winners in Britain last year, along with some notable international raids, has a sizeable string to look forward to this season. The year has started well with Al Dasim (Ire) (Harry Angel {Ire}) having won his two starts in Dubai to follow on from two victories last autumn for the stable. The 3-year-old heads to the G3 Nad Al Sheba Turf Sprint on Saturday.

"We are just starting to step them up," said Boughey. "We had a bunch on the grass this morning and the 2-year-olds are coming along. We're trying to increase the older horse quality and it takes a while to build up that number. It has been nice through the winter to have Al Dasim doing it out in Dubai and he's favourite for the Group 3 on Super Saturday."

The trainer is also pleased with the progress of another colt from the first crop of Harry Angel, Proverb (Ire), who won the Listed Criterium de Vitesse at Longchamp last October after winning twice in Britain.

"Again he's owned by Highclere and was a pretty inexpensive breeze-up purchase, and he seems to have done very well," Boughey noted. "He's by Harry Angel, who is a sire who has gripped me a little bit at the moment. We've got two nice horses by him and a bunch of 2-year-olds who seems to be going the right way."

"Proverb is probably only a few weeks away [from running] and there's a race for him at

Chantilly on 21 March; he's pretty forward."

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THE NEW BOY AT BALLYLINCH STUD

By Alayna Cullen Birkett

It is never a chore to pay the team at Ballylinch Stud a visit. The winding road that leads to the stone entrance is hugged by greenery and pastures as well as a resplendent view over the River Nore which separates the Mount Juliet Estate and the stud. Once on the grounds, history is preserved amongst the new infrastructure as The Tetrarch's grave greets you on your way to the stallion yard. It is a yard which houses horses who need little in the way of introduction.

The newest member of the roster is Bayside Boy (Ire), who was one of three individual Group 1 winners for his sire New Bay (GB), a fellow resident of the Kilkenny stud farm. Without a doubt, Lope De Vega (Ire) currently leads the five-strong roster but 2022 saw New Bay catapulted toward elite sire territory after three of this progeny struck gold at the highest level.

"Last year really was an exceptional year for him," says John O'Connor, Managing Director of Ballylinch Stud. "To get three Group 1 winners from less than 90 runners is, statistically, not an easy thing to do and he's got a lot of other nice horses to

back those up so he's well on his way."

With the model that Ballylinch employs to launch the careers of their stallions it is no wonder that they are one of the foremost stallion farms in Ireland. When New Bay retired to stud, he was supported by a strong syndicate which included China Horse Club--breeders of Saffron Beach (Ire), who was her sire's first Group 1 winner--among other prominent breeders.

O'Connor explains, "Luckily enough he kicked right off, he got some nice foals, his yearlings sold well and his first crop of 2-year-olds were impressing the breeze-up boys."

As such his fee rose in increments over the years but, given the monumental strides taken in 2022, it was doubled for 2023, to €75,000.

"In general, we're relatively conservative with stud fees and we like for horses to gradually increase so that there isn't a sudden shock," notes O'Connor. "But with this guy for the last couple of years, we've been so overbooked. We don't want to cover excessive books of mares as it's not good for the breeder or the stallion himself. So effectively, it's the market deciding."

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The newest stallion at Ballylinch Stud is Bayside Boy, and the stud's John O'Connor shares how the son of New Bay has been received

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Bayside Boy Cont.

O'Connor added, "He's overbooked this year at his new fee so maybe I've got it wrong again, but I think we'll take it nice and steady, let the horse build into whatever fee he ultimately ends up at."

The solution to the problem of New Bay's popularity would be to look to his son, Bayside Boy, who is stabled in The Tetrarch yard. Bayside Boy is well known to the team at Ballylinch considering that he was bred and raised on the farm. His listed-winning dam Alava (Ire) (Anabaa) had already produced a four-time group winner by a former Ballylinch resident in Forest Ranger (Ire) (Lawman {Fr}). Bayside Boy was offered by Ballylinch as a yearling and, while he captured the attention of many, it was Richard Ryan for Teme Valley who was the victorious bidder, with Ballylinch retaining a share.

During his racing career, Bayside Boy was held in high esteem from the word go.

"Roger [Varian, trainer] said, 'this is a very talented horse' and he proved it," says O'Connor. "He won first time out and he got the highest Timeform rating for a debutant of the year in his first start, so we knew he was well on the way. He then went on and won the [G2] Champagne S., and he was placed in both the [G1] Dewhurst S. and [G1] Vertem Futurity."

The early part of his 3-year-old year was "quiet", according to O'Connor, with his down-the-field run in the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains being a "bit of a non-event."

"He built back into form and both William Buick and Tom Marquand said he was a really tough horse," he continues. "He won the [G1] Queen Elizabeth II S., and it gave us a bit of dilemma of whether we should keep him in training or retire him. So, the deciding factor was the fact that New Bay's fee was rising and those people who had started him may not want to be sending their mares to him at the new fee."

In his turn, now Bayside Boy will benefit from a syndicate of breeders and "excellent judges who have taken shares in him," as he begins his stallion career.

The roster at Ballylinch has something for everyone. Lope De Vega has recently sired his 105th stakes winner, Make Believe (GB) is set to be represented by his best crops yet, and the first crop of the Arc winner Waldgeist (GB) will be hitting the track this year. O'Connor admits to being "quite positively surprised" by the feedback from trainers of Waldgeist's offspring.

There is then much for the Ballylinch team to be keeping tabs on as the busy season progresses. "One of the things I'm most proud of is the team we've built at Ballylinch," says O'Connor. "They're high-quality professionals. Obviously, you need to get the genetics into the place, with the stallions and the mares, but equally then you must have the horse people to see to it that the horses achieve their potential and we're lucky that we have some great people working for us."

With those people helping Bayside Boy settle into life alongside his sire, the tried-and-tested formula of starting a stallion at Ballylinch will no doubt stand him in good stead.

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EUROPEAN NEWS

BREEDERS' CUP WINNER REBEL'S ROMANCE OUT OF SUPER SATURDAY

Godolphin's **Rebel's Romance (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}), who won the G1 Breeders' Cup Turf at Keeneland in November, will miss an intended start in Saturday's G2 Dubai City Of Gold due to inflammation in his foreleg, the operation announced via Twitter.

Trained by Charlie Appleby, the 5-year-old is still an intended runner in the Mar. 25 G1 Dubai Sheema Classic on the \$12-million G1 Dubai World Cup undercard.

"Rebel's Romance was found to have inflammation in his foreleg during a routine inspection this morning and will miss Saturday's City Of Gold," Godolphin tweeted. "He is still aiming for the Dubai Sheema Classic on World Cup night."

A winner of all five of his starts last year, the gelding claimed a Newmarket listed affair in June, before adding Goodwood's July 29 G3 Glorious S. and clawed out a neck victory in the G1 Grosser Preis von Berlin on Aug. 14. He added another German top-tier score in the Preis von Europa on Sept. 25, his Breeders' Cup warm up. Saturday's start would have been his first outing in 2023.

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COMPAS STALLIONS EXPANDS NAAS SPONSORSHIP

Five races, up from four, will be sponsored by Micheal Orlandi's Compas Stallions at Naas Racecourse in 2023, the racecourse announced on Wednesday. The operation is one of the headline sponsors for the first Flat meeting of 2023 at Naas on Sunday, Mar. 26.

Orlandi said, "Naas Racecourse is a wonderful nursery for young precocious horses and Compas Stallions is delighted to continue our association with a progressive track which shares our passion to support and engage with grassroots racing and breeding."

Compas Stallions stands new stallion **Dubawi Legend (Ire)** this year, and third-season sire **King Of Change (GB)** is also new to the stud, moving from Derrinstown Stud after two covering seasons. In addition, third-year stallion **Far Above (Ire)**, **Galileo Chrome (Ire)**, **Kuroshio (Aus)**, and **Smooth Daddy** are also members of the stallion roster.

Eamon McEvoy, General Manager of Naas Racecourse, said, "I'm delighted to see Micheal Orlandi's Compas Stallions back sponsoring at Naas for the fourth year in a row and we are thrilled to get such support. It was great to visit Starfield Stud recently and see the range of very exciting sires standing there. I was really impressed with Dubawi Legend and would imagine the support he will receive will give him a great chance in the first-season sires' list in a couple of years' time."

Breeders will also be rewarded by winning a free nomination to the stallion that a particular race is named after, and, in the case of The Compas Stallion H., the winning breeding will be allowed to take their pick for a free nomination to a stallion on the Compas roster.

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Micheal Orlandi is pictured with Dubawi Legend | RVN Management

NEW IRISH RACING DOCUMENTARY BEGINS ON TG4 NEXT WEEK

A new four-part series of *Laochra Na Rásaíochta*, featuring some of Ireland's greatest National Hunt racehorses, will air for four consecutive Wednesdays at 8 p.m. beginning on Wednesday, Mar. 8, TG4 and Touchline Media announced on Tuesday.

The opening episode tells the stories of Willie Mullins's three Champion Hurdle heroes--Hurricane Fly (Ire), Faugheen (Ire) and Annie Power (Ire)--and also features a segment on Quevega (Fr), the record six-time winner at the Cheltenham Festival.

Contributors include Willie Mullins, Paul Townend, Ruby Walsh, David Casey, Gail Carlisle, Ted Walsh and Noel Meade.

The *Laochra na Rásaíochta* series was written and directed by Stephen Cullinane, produced by Denis Kirwan and Dave Keena, and the director of photography is Peter Moffett. Touchline Media has also produced racing documentaries such as *Arkle--The Legend Lives On*, *Jump Boys* in 2012 and *Jump Girls* in 2019. Touchline has also produced a four-part series on the Galway Races, called *Seachtain na Rása*.

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RACING TOGETHER COMMUNITY DAY SCHEDULED FOR MAY 25

The 2023 **Racing Together Community Day**, where UK racing industry members will give their time for a good cause, will be held on Thursday, May 25.

John Blake, CEO of Racing Together, said, "We're pleased to announce this year's date for the popular Racing Together Community Day and hope to build on last year's efforts, which engaged 65 racing organisations and gave us wonderful stories of racing teams helping out at food banks, hospices, local community areas and much more."

For more information on the initiative, please visit the **Racing Together website**.

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BUXTED TOO NAMED HORSE OF THE MONTH

Buxted Too (GB) (Iffraaj {GB}) earned enough points last month to be the ARC £1-million All-Weather Bonus Horse of the Month for February. His award is £40,000, as the bonus was doubled from February to April.

The competition lasts from Oct. 18 through Apr. 7, with points being awarded for finishing first through fifth. A winner of all of three of his starts for the last month over 1 1/2 miles at Newcastle and Lingfield, the 5-year-old has risen 13 pounds on the handicap scale. **Cont. p9**



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Horse of the Month Cont.

Trainer Ian Williams said, "What a great result. He ran a great race when winning first time out in February and has just built on that. He enjoyed the track at Newcastle and has done very well."

He added, "It's a great opportunity for horses of his kind, and we were lucky enough to win it in December with Dream Harder (Ire) (Muhaarar {GB}). It has become something which is worth targeting and the bonus is something the owners really appreciate. They put a lot of money into racing and to pick up a bonus like this for them and the stable staff is well appreciated from all at Ian Williams Racing."

There was a three-way tie for second with three horses winning two races and finishing runner-up in another, so **Inaam (Ire)** (Camacho {GB}), **Sicario (Ger)** (Poet's Voice {GB}) and **Local Bay (GB)** (Cable Bay {Ire}) will share the second and third prize-money bonuses, each receiving £10,000 for their connections.

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OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

HALF-BROTHER TO WILD ILLUSION AND YIBIR ON DECK FOR NEWCASTLE DEBUT

14.35 Newcastle, Mdn, £10,000, 3yo/up, 10f 42y (AWT)
Godolphin's **THROUGH THE AGES (GB)** (Golden Horn {GB}) is a gelded son of the stakes-winning Rumh (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}) and thus kin to a quintet of black-type performers headed by three-time top-level victrix Wild Illusion (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) and GI Breeders' Cup Turf hero Yibir (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}). The April-foaled homebred bay undertakes the long trek north to face five opponents in this debut.

17.15 Chelmsford, Nov, £8,050, 3yo/up, f/m, 8f (AWT)
SITHCHEAN (IRE) (Dark Angel {Ire}), another notable Godolphin debutante, is a half-sister to five stakes performers out of G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches second Firth Of Lorne (Ire) (Danehill). They include G1 2000 Guineas runner-up Master Of The Seas (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) and G1 St James's Palace S. second Latharnach (Iffraaj {GB}). Her nine rivals include **Two Fools Collide (GB)** (Mukhadram {GB}), who is a William Jarvis-trained half-sister to G1 Prix de l'Opera third Hadaatha (Ire) (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**).

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BRITAIN

Wednesday's Results:

4th-Kempton, £7,000, Nov, 3-1, 3yo/up, 7f (AWT), 1:27.53, st/sl.
ONE NIGHT THUNDER (GB) (c, 3, **Night Of Thunder {Ire}**--**Elis Eliz {Ire}**, by **Lord Shanakill**) tracked the leaders in fourth for most of this debut. Rowed along to close approaching the two pole, the 8-11 favourite quickened to launch his challenge entering the final furlong and was ridden out to deny Beauen Arrows (GB) (Brazen Beau {Aus}) by a neck nearing the line. "There wasn't much depth to the race and all he could do was the way he has done it tonight," said winning rider David Probert. "He was quite green at times, but I liked his attitude inside the final furlong. Once he found his stride he hit the line really nicely and he's a promising horse for the future. A step up in trip will definitely help him improve." One Night Thunder, half-brother to a 2-year-old filly by Charming Thought (GB), is the fourth of five foals and first scorer produced by a multiple-winning daughter of Listed Finale S. third Suailce (Ire) (Singspiel {Ire}). His second dam is a full-sister to G2 Lonsdale Cup victrix Pale Mimosa (Ire) and a half to G2 Prix Kergorlay winner Nearly Caught (Ire) (New Approach {Ire}) and Listed Denford S. runner-up Ferrari Queen (Ire) (Decorated Knight {GB}). Sales history: 75,000gns Wlg '20 TATFOA; 300,000gns Ylg '21 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,544.
O-Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum; B-Tugay Akman (GB); T-Richard Hannon.

4th-Lingfield, £18,800, Mdn, 3-1, 3, 4/5yo, 7f 1y (AWT), 1:24.65, st.
NAASER (IRE) (g, 3, **New Bay {GB}**--**L'Ambre Gris {Ire}**, by **Iffraaj {GB}**), who posted a Feb. 15 debut second tackling this trip at Kempton last time, was eighth of nine into stride and soon raced in fifth here. Tanking forward from halfway, the 4-7 pick pounced for control off the home turn and surged clear inside the final furlong to easily outclass My Mate Mike (Ire) (Camacho {GB}) by 3 3/4 lengths. **Cont. p10**

4th-Lingfield Cont.

Full-brother to a 2-year-old colt, Naaser is the second of three foals and first scorer produced by an unraced half-sister to G3 Premio Dormello and G3 Premio Primi Passi victrix Fontanelice (Ire) (Vale Of York {Ire}). Sales history: 35,000gns 2yo '22 TATBRG. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$14,366. O-M Almutairi; B-L'Ambre Gris Syndicate (IRE); T-George Boughey.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

6th-Lingfield, £8,200, Cond, 3-1, 4yo/up, 10f (AWT), 2:08.32, st.

SAUSALITO (GB) (g, 4, Frankel {GB}--One Last Dance {Aus} {GSW-Aus, \$177,060}, by Encosta De Lago {Aus}) Lifetime Record: 11-3-0-0, \$15,470. O-The Southstand Syndicate; B-Fairway Thoroughbreds (GB); T-Gary Moore. *10,000gns 3yo '22 TTJULY.

5th-Lingfield, £8,200, Cond, 3-1, 3yo/up, 8f 1y (AWT), 1:38.77,

st.

RIVAS ROB ROY (GB) (g, 8, Archipenko--Rivas Rhapsody {Ire} {SP-Eng}, by Hawk Wing) Lifetime Record: 68-8-7-4, \$56,333. O-T J F Smith; B-D Hefin Jones (GB); T-John Gallagher. *£6,500 RNA 3yo '18 TATIAJ.

FRANCE

Wednesday's Results:

5th-Chantilly, €27,000, Mdn, 1-3, 3yo, f, 8f (AWT), 1:39.14, st.
KITTEN'S PAW (IRE) (f, 3, Mukhadram {GB}--So Much Joy, by Kitten's Joy) posted a first-up fifth over course and distance in December last time, was steadied off the pace in ninth through halfway in this sophomore debut. Making smooth headway in the straight, the 27-2 chance was shaken up approaching the final furlong and pushed out in the closing stages to prevail by a half-length from Terredeguerre (Fr) (Al Wukair {Ire}). [Cont. p11](#)



Kitten's Paw (red and blue) | Scoop Dyga

5th-Chantilly Cont.

Kitten's Paw is the lone reported foal produced by a granddaughter of MGSW GI Santa Monica H. third Enjoy The Moment (Slew's Royalty). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €14,850.

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O/B-Zak Bloodstock (IRE); T-Mikel Delzangles.

3rd-Chantilly, €27,000, Mdn, 1-3, 3yo, c/g, 8f (AWT), 1:38.29, st.

SPEECHMAN (c, 3, Kingman {GB}--Not Ready, by More Than Ready), who posted a runner-up finish at Deauville in October when last seen, broke well from the outside gate and stalked the tempo in a close-up second after the opening exchanges of this seasonal return. Easing to the front passing the quarter-mile marker, the even-money favourite was soon clear and kept on well under whipless coaxing inside the final furlong to easily account for Elamaz (Ire) (**Gleneagles {Ire}**) by 4 3/4 lengths. Speechman is the latest of three foals and second scorer out of a winning half-sister to stakes-winning GII Louisiana Derby runner-up Spinoff (**Hard Spun**) and the stakes-placed Rugbyman (**Tapit**). The March-foaled homebred bay's second dam is GI Acorn S. victrix Zaftig (Gone West), herself kin to GI Mother Goose S. winner Zo Impressive (**Hard Spun**) out of GI Selene S. heroine Zoftig (Cozzene). Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-1, €29,410. **Video, sponsored by TVG.**

O/B-Wertheimer & Frere (KY); T-Carlos Laffon-Parias.



IN HONG KONG:

Atomic Force (Ire), g, 4, **Cotai Glory (GB)**--Atlas Silk (GB), by Dansili (GB). Happy Valley, 3-1, Hcp. (C3), 1000mT, :56.56. B-David Barry. *MGSW-Fr. **€12,000 Wlg '19 GOFNOV; £22,000 Ylg '20 GOFOCT. ***1/2 to Wilsons Ruby (Ire) (Lilbourne Lad {Ire}), Ch. Miler-Bel. **VIDEO**

WORLDWIDE NEWS

SAUDI STARS ARRIVE IN DUBAI FOR WORLD CUP NIGHT

Panthalassa (Jpn) (Lord Kanaloa {Jpn}), who defeated **Country Grammer (Tonalist)** in the \$20-million G1 Saudi Cup this past

Saturday, has arrived in Dubai alongside his erstwhile rival ahead of the Mar. 25 Dubai World Cup meeting.

Now the third-highest earning Japanese-trained horse of all time, the Yoshito Yahagi-trained Panthalassa has been nominated for both the \$12-million G1 Dubai World Cup, as well as the G1 Dubai Turf. Last year's Dubai World Cup winner for Bob Baffert, Country Grammer was joined on the flight by G3 Riyadh Dirt Sprint second **Gunita (Gun Runner)**, who holds an entry in the G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen from the Steve Asmussen barn. Another Golden Shaheen runner is **Remake (Jpn)** (Lani), third in the Riyadh Dirt Sprint, as well as **Justin (Jpn)** (Orfevre {Jpn}), fourth in the Dirt Sprint on Saturday.



Panthalassa | Horsephotos

A baker's dozen of Japanese horses made the trip from Saudi, including 2022 G2 Godolphin Mile and 2023 G3 1351 Turf Sprint hero **Bathrat Leon (Jpn)** (Kizuna {Jpn}); G1 Dubai Turf placegetter **Vin De Garde (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}); G1 Al Quoz Sprint hopeful **Lauda Sion (Jpn)** (Real Impact {Jpn}); Saudi Cup third, fourth and seventh **Café Pharoah (American Pharoah)**, **Geoglyph (Jpn)** (Drefong), and **Jun Light Bolt (Jpn)** (King Kamehameha {Jpn}); and 2022 G2 UAE Derby winner **Crown Pride (Jpn)** (Reach The Crown {Jpn}).

Fresh from a run in the G1 February S. in Japan, Roger Attfield trainee **Shirl's Speight (Speightstown)** is aiming for the Dubai Turf and has settled into the International Stables.

"It was gratifying to see our 2022 Dubai World Cup winners do so well in Saudi, with Panthalassa and Bathrat Leon winning and Country Grammer running an honorable second," said Stephanie Cooley, International Manager for Dubai Racing Club.

"We are delighted that so many top-class horses have travelled on from Saudi and they will now have plenty of settling in time ahead of the big day. The Japanese look likely to have their strongest Dubai World Cup team ever, with several more arriving over the next few weeks."

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ASIA

Wednesday's Results:

EMPRESS HAI-Listed, ¥68,000,000, Kawasaki, 3-1, 4yo/up, f/m, 2100m, 2:18.7, ft.

1--**GRAND BRIDGE (Jpn)**, 123, f, 4, **Sinister Minister--Direttrice (Jpn)**, by **Daiwa Major (Jpn)**. (¥3,410,000 Ylg '20 JBBSEP).

O-Cypress Holdings LLC; B-Yukio Kanemasu; T-Koichi Shintani; J-Yuga Kawada; ¥40,000,000. Lifetime Record: 11-6-2-2, ¥174,402,000.

2--**Valle de la Luna (Jpn)**, 126, f, 4, **Duramente (Jpn)**--**Seresta (Arg)**, by **Jump Start**. (¥100,000,000 Wlg '19 JHRAJUL). O-La Mere Co Ltd; B-Northern Racing; T-Hideaki Fujiwara; J-Mirai Iwata; ¥14,000,000.

3--**Teleos Bell (Jpn)**, 121, m, 7, **Kizuna (Jpn)**--**Early Spring (Jpn)**, by **Kurofune**. (¥6,480,000 Ylg '18 JBBAUG; ¥10,260,000 2yo '19 JRA2YO). O-Mieko Suzuki; B-Nozaka Bokujo; T-Toshiaki Tajima; J-Teruo Eda; ¥8,000,000.

Margins: 2HF, NK, 3. Odds: 0.60, 2.50, 4.90.

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Date	Race
Mar. 4	G3 Yukan Fuji Sho Ocean S. G2 Tulip Sho
Mar. 5	G2 Hocht Hai Yayoi Sho
Mar. 11	G3 Laurel R.C. Sho Nakayama Himba S.
Mar. 12	G2 Hocht Hai Fillies' Revue G2 Kinko Sho
Mar. 18	G3 Flower Cup G3 Chunichi Sports Sho Falcon S.
Mar. 25	G2 Nikkei Sho G3 Mainichi Hai
Mar. 26	G3 March S. G1 Takamatsunomiya Kinen
Apr. 1	G3 Lord Derby Challenge Trophy
Apr. 2	G1 Osaka Hai
Apr. 8	G2 New Zealand Trophy G2 Sakneisports Hai Hanshin Himba S.
Apr. 9	G1 Oka Sho
Apr. 15	G3 Arlington Cup
Apr. 16	G1 Satsuki Sho G3 Antares S.
Apr. 22	G3 Fukushima Himba S. G2 Sankei Sports Sho Flora S. G2 Yomiuri Milers Cup

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AL MAKTOUM CHALLENGE-G1, \$450,000, NH 4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 2000m

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	12	Ajuste Fiscal (Uru)	Ioya Bigtime	Cintra	Jara	125
2	14	Atletico El Culano (Uru)	Alcorano (Brz)	Cintra	Da Silva	125
3	4	Bendoog	Gun Runner	Seemar	Doyle	125
4	5	First Constitution (Chi)	Constitution	Bin Ghadayer	Barzalona	125
5	12	Hypothetical (Ire)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	SCR	SCR	SCR
6	3	Ides Of August	More Than Ready	Alsabri	Chavez	125
7	1	Injazati (Ire)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Alsuwaidi	Cosgrave	125
8	8	Kafoo	Curlin	Seemar	O'Neill	125
9	13	Law Of Peace (GB)	Shamardal	Seemar	O'Shea	125
10	11	Marshall Plan (GB)	Golden Horn (GB)	Al Shemali	Pinheiro	125
11	7	Military Law (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Watson	Dobbs	125
12	9	Quality Humor	Distorted Humor	Bin Harmash	Dawson	125
13	10	Salve The Solider (Ger)	Sepoy (Aus)	Nass	De Vries	125
14	6	Sanad Libya	Tapiture	Seemar	Mullen	125
15	2	Sifting Sands (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	O'Neill	Fresu	125

Saturday, Meydan, Dubai, post time: 19:45 p.m., TVG

JEBEL HATTA-G1, \$350,000, NH 4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 1800mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	6	Aegean Finale	Not This Time	Ozelcanat	Kursun	125
2	12	Aeonian (Ire)	Ulysses (Ire)	Al Mheiri	Fresu	125
3	9	Alfareeq (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Al Mheiri	O'Neill	125
4	13	El Drama (Ire)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Varian	Egan	125
5	8	Erzindjan (Ire)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Bin Harmash	Dawson	125
6	7	First Winter (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Bin Harmash	Barzalona	125
7	1	Hawa Bilady	Shanghai Bobby	Bouresly	Herholdt	125
8	11	I Am Superman (Ire)	Footstepsinthesand (GB)	O'Callaghan	Dobbs	125
9	15	Land Of Legends (Ire)	Iffraaj (GB)	Bin Suroor	Cosgrave	125
10	2	Master Of The Seas (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Appleby	Buick	125
11	5	Maydanny (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Albadwawi	Crowley	125
12	10	Real World (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Bin Suroor	Tudhope	125
13	3	Russian Emperor (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Whyte	Sanna	125
14	4	Shelir (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	O'Meara	Watson	125
15	14	Valiant Prince (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Appleby	Doyle	125

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Saturday, Meydan, Dubai, post time: 16:05 p.m., TVG**DUBAI CITY OF GOLD-G2**, \$250,000, NH 4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 2410mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	7	Away He Goes (Ire)	Farhh (GB)	Mohammed	Pinheiro	125
2	13	Daramethos (Ire)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Al Mheiri	Fresu	125
3	6	Fastnet Crown (Ire)	Hallowed Crown (Aus)	O'Callaghan	Jara	125
4	4	Global Heat (Ire)	Toronado (Ire)	Bin Suroor	Tudhope	125
5	12	Global Storm (Ire)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Appleby	Barzalona	125
6	5	Kemari (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Appleby	Doyle	125
7	1	Lost Eden (Ire)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Watson	Dobbs	125
8	10	Rakeez (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Seemar	De Vries	125
9	11	Rebel's Romance (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	SCR	SCR	125
10	8	Senor Toba (Aus)	Toronado (Ire)	Fownes	Sanna	125
11	2	Tides Of War (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Simcock	O'Neill	125
12	3	Green Team (Fr)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Williams	O'Shea	123
13	15	New Comedy (Ire)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Al Shemali	Chavez	123
14	9	White Wolf (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Bin Suroor	Crowley	123
15	14	Annerville (Ire)	Iffraaj (GB)	Murtagh	Egan	121

Saturday, Meydan, Dubai, post time: 14:40 p.m., TVG**BURJ NAHAAR-G3**, \$250,000, NH 4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 1600m

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	11	Canvassed (Ire)	Shamardal	Watson	Dobbs	125
2	12	Celtic Prince (GB)	Shamardal	Bouresly	Chavez	125
3	10	Desert Wisdom (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Al Shemali	De Vries	125
4	9	Discovery Island (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Seemar	Doyle	125
5	4	Everfast	Take Charge Indy	Watson	Hitchcott	125
6	7	Fanaar (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Watson	O'Neill	125
7	8	Imperial Empire (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Seemar	Tudhope	125
8	2	King Of The Match	Cairo Prince	Kim	Sanna	125
9	15	Mister Saint Paul (Fr)	Dariyan (Fr)	Bin Ghadayer	Barzalona	125
10	6	On The Warpath (GB)	Declaration Of War	Al Mheiri	Pinheiro	125
11	14	Prince Eiji (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	SCR	SCR	SCR
12	1	Raaeb (Ire)	Raven's Pass	Al Mheiri	Crowley	125
13	5	Royal Mews (Fr)	Siyouni (Fr)	Seemar	Buick	125
14	3	Secret Ambition (GB)	Exceed And Excel (Aus)	Seemar	O'Shea	125
15	16	Secret Victory (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Bin Harmash	Dawson	125
16	13	Down On Da Bayou	Super Saver	SCR	SCR	SCR
17	14	Street Mood	Street Boss	Al Mheiri	Fresu	125
18	13	Legionario (GB)	Toronado (Ire)	Osorio	Da Silva	125
Reserves:						
19	XX	King Gold (Fr)	Anodin (Ire)	Caullery	No Rider	125

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Saturday, Meydan, Dubai, post time: 17:15 p.m., TVG

NAD AL SHEBA TURF SPRINT-G3, \$250,000, NH & SH 3yo/up, 1200mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	5	Acklam Express (Ire)	Mehmas (Ire)	Tinkler	Scott	131
2	14	Batwan (Fr)	Kendargent (Fr)	Caullery	Hardouin	131
3	11	City Walk (Ire)	Brazen Beau (Aus)	Bin Suroor	Tudhope	131
4	7	Coachello (Fr)	Dunkerque (Fr)	Elliott	Dobbs	131
5	16	Could Be King (GB)	Bated Breath (GB)	Petersen	Fresu	131
6	3	Equilateral (GB)	Equiano (Fr)	Hills	Crowley	131
7	1	Erasmio (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Bouresly	Pinheiro	131
8	13	Khaadem (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Hills	Egan	131
9	9	Lord Tennyson (GB)	Poet's Voice (GB)	Bouresly	Herholdt	131
10	6	Meishar (Arg)	Exchange Rate	Chapple-Hyam	Malune	131
11	4	Miqyaas (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Bouresly	Chavez	131
12	15	Motafaawit (Ire)	Intikhab	Watson	O'Neill	131
13	12	Spirit Of Light (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Williams	O'Shea	131
14	10	Thunder Of Niagara (Ire)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Bin Harmash	Dawson	131
15	8	Ventura Rebel (GB)	Pastoral Pursuits (GB)	Bin Harmash	Cosgrave	131
16	2	Al Dasim (Ire)	Harry Angel (Ire)	Boughey	Barzalona	121

Saturday, Meydan, Dubai, post time: 20:20 p.m., TVG

MAHAB AL SHIMAAL-G3, \$250,000, NH & SH 3yo/up, 1200

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	4	Cloudbridge	Hard Spun	Al Shemali	Pinheir	131
2	5	Colour Up (Ire)	Mehmas (Ire)	Watson	Hitchcott	131
3	7	Isolate	Mark Valeski	Watson	Dobbs	131
4	3	Manjeer (Ire)	Footstepsinthesand (GB)	Fey	Hardouin	131
5	8	Mouheeb	Flatter	Costa	Van Overmeire	131
6	1	Ponntos (Ire)	Power (GB)	Nieslanik	Fresu	131
7	2	Sound Money	Flatter	Seemar	Barzalona	131
8	10	Tuz	Oxbow	Seemar	O'Shea	131
9	6	Western Symphony (Ire)	Shamardal	Seemar	De Vries	131
10	9	Magic Petition	Good Magic	Bin Harmash	Dawson	121

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SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	1	Eye On The Prize (Arg)	Il Campione (Chi)	Cintra	Da Silva	131
2	7	Flying Hunter	Maclean's Music	Bin Harmash	Egan	121
3	4	Go Soldier Go	Tapiture	Nass	De Vries	121
4	8	Lahresh (GB)	Iffraaj (GB)	Al Mheiri	Fresu	121
5	9	Mr Raj	Bold d'Oro	Bin Harmash	Dawson	121
6	6	Nopoli (GB)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Mohammed	Jara	121
7	2	Oasis Moon	Malibu Moon	Al Mheiri	Pinheiro	121
8	5	Sharp Army	Sharp Azteca	Bin Harmash	Hitchcott	121
9	10	Slava Ukraini (Den)	Moohaajim (Ire)	Petersen	Cosgrave	121
10	12	Southern Artist	Munnings	Seemar	O'Shea	121
11	11	Ami Please	Goldencents	O'Neill	Barzalona	117
12	3	Priyanka	Mendelssohn	Seemar	Mullen	117

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YARRAMAN PARK AND AIRLIE STUD STRIKE GOLD



Shuffle Dancer takes the G2 Angus Armanasco S. | Bronwen Healy

by Jessica Owers

Shuffle Dancer (I Am Invincible) was a smart winner of the G2 Angus Armanasco S. last weekend ([video](#)) and, as we discovered when we sat down with Anthony Rogers of Airlie Stud and Harry Mitchell of Yarraman Park, she's a new thread in a long history between the two operations.

Airlie Stud in north Kildare is a long way from Sandown Racecourse, and at 2 a.m. in Ireland last Saturday, parked alone on the couch with just a phone, television and cup of tea, studmaster Anthony Rogers felt every mile of it.

His 3-year-old filly **Shuffle Dancer** (I Am Invincible), co-owned with the Mitchell brothers at Yarraman Park, was lining up in the G2 Angus Armanasco S. When she won by a nose in a squeezed finish, it was beer, skittles and a party for one.

"I was slightly giddy," Rogers said, speaking to *TDN AusNZ*. "It was really exciting and I then stayed up for another four hours because I couldn't get back to sleep, bouncing around the house by myself.

"At this time of year over here, though the foals are starting to come through, there's not much happening on the racetrack, so to have a bit of excitement like that from the other side of the world, it was just amazing."

Anthony Rogers is the son of Sonia Rogers, and the pair run the old, established Kildare nursery that is Airlie Stud. It's one of Ireland's most accomplished operations, run initially by Roger's father, Captain Tim Rogers, who died when his son was 12.

The horses that have emerged from this property since the 1960s demonstrate a rich vein of decades-long success, and this eye for good pedigrees is how Rogers became involved in the neat, Group 2 Sandown winner **Shuffle Dancer**.

"My mother initially found the full-sister to this filly in an Easter catalogue," he said. "My mum goes through every single catalogue, and the reason she found this one, who was later called **Forbidden City**, was because we had bred the great-grandam, **Eljazzi**, who was from a mare called **Border Bounty**.

"This is going back a very long time, almost before my time. We had **Border Bounty** here at Airlie and we sold **Eljazzi**, but we'd been trying to get back into the family.

"You can have a family for a very long time and then you lose it because it just goes a bit quiet, but we'd been looking for the family for 15 to 20 years by the time my mum came across **Forbidden City**."

Forbidden City (I Am Invincible) was bred by Yarraman Park and sold to Peter Moody for \$450,000 at the 2020 Inglis Australian Easter Yearling Sale. To date, she has won three races and placed six times in 14 starts, including dual Group 3-thirds at her last two starts.

"We tried to buy her, but she made too much for us at Easter and that was that," Rogers said.

"But after we couldn't buy **Forbidden City**, Harry Mitchell came back to me to say they had a full-sister coming through that's even nicer. We did a deal, Mum came through for a bit and I came through for a bit, and Arthur and Harry stayed in her, so that's how we ended up with **Shuffle Dancer**."

Long-time Family Ties

Initially, **Shuffle Dancer** was consigned by the Mitchell brothers to the 2021 Inglis Australian Easter Yearling Sale, a year after her full-sister had gone through the ring.

However, she was Lot 1 in the catalogue and, in-hand with an X-ray issue that later resolved itself, she was withdrawn, which was a happy situation for Sonia and Anthony Rogers and, in the end, for Harry Mitchell.

"Anthony was interested in her before we knew she had an X-ray issue, and when she was withdrawn from Easter he was still keen to follow it through," Mitchell said. "When she came completely sound and was broken in, he wanted to buy half of her so we decided to race her together and we gave her to Peter Moody, and it's been a really enjoyable ride."

Shuffle Dancer, like her sister, is with Moody at Pakenham. In six starts she has won three races and placed twice, which is a very good record.

She's one of the first horses that Harry and Arthur Mitchell have had with Moody since he resumed training, the brothers eager to send the trainer a particularly good one. They thought Shuffle Dancer fitted that mould perfectly, as she has since proved.

"We've had a long association with Peter, going right back to when he worked for my brother," Harry Mitchell said. "He and I worked as foremen for my brother back in the 90s, so there's a connection there all along the way."

In fact, the connections through Shuffle Dancer go back even further than that, as Rogers well knows.

"I've known Harry for a long time," he said. "I worked out at Widden in the early 90s, and Harry's father was very good friends with my father. They were in the army together, and when I worked at Widden I went and stayed with Arthur and Harry and they fed me a couple of times."

"That's not to say that Widden didn't look after me or anything, but Antony Thompson was just a pup at that stage and always in Sydney."

The memories are good for Rogers, probably of simpler times in the hot Australian summers when the likes of Danehill (USA), Bletchingly and Rubiton were covering books.

He remembers wartime stories with the Mitchells, and the two families have been friends ever since, so their coming together on Shuffle Dancer was, in a way, written on the wall.

"I'd always mentioned that we should have a filly together, and this one is inbred four-by-four to Eljazzi, which we love," Rogers said. "We got lucky, I suppose, and I've got to thank Arthur and Harry for letting us come in on the filly and my mum for finding her. She looks like she's very good."

A New Foothold in Australia

Eljazzi (Ire) (Artaius {USA}) is, in fact, the great-great-grandam of Shuffle Dancer. She was born in 1981 at Airlie Stud and is also the dam of the G1 Prix de Diane winner Rafha (GB) (Kris {GB}), so it's not difficult to see why the Rogers family wanted back into it.

The first emergence of this line in Australia was via Fayfa (Ire),

a Slip Anchor (GB) daughter of Eljazzi who was imported to Australia by Coolmore in 1997, and Fayfa foaled Duduo (Danehill {USA}), who in turn foaled Palace Talk (NZ), the Street Cry (Ire) dam of Shuffle Dancer.

The Mitchells bought into the family in 2017, picking up Palace Talk via Boomer Bloodstock (FBAA) at the 2017 Magic Millions National Broodmare Sale. She was consigned by Newhaven Park, costing the Mitchells \$140,000.

"The family goes back with the Rogerses a very long time, which is why they were so keen to get back into it," Mitchell said. "For Yarraman Park, it doesn't go back that far but we bought her because we liked the pedigree. She was also a beautiful physical and she was by Street Cry, which really appealed to us."

"My brother actually bought her and it's worked out really well. At the time, we didn't realise it was an old Rogers family until Anthony mentioned it to me one day. He started following

up on this filly, Shuffle Dancer, and he's always wanted to do a bit of stuff with us here in Australia and this was a good starting point."

Rogers makes no secret of his interest in Australia. It might have started with the good 'ol days at Widden, but these days it's a sound admiration of the country's racing and breeding practices.

"I love Australia," he said. "I'm very jealous of your racing. You're very lucky because the animals are outside most of the time, you breed a tougher racehorse and

the prize-money... I mean, gosh."

"This filly is the first time I've had a racehorse where I'm looking at what she can win on the racetrack rather than what she's worth to sell. It's a sad state of affairs but that's the way that it is over here, I'm afraid."

As such, Shuffle Dancer could be the first of something significant for Rogers. In the past, he's had a small number of mares at Widden, but a business and four children dragged him back to a more local focus. He doesn't pretend that his smart filly will end up as a broodmare at Airlie Stud, but she will be a valuable addition to Yarraman Park at the very least.

She's All the Talk

The immediate plans for Shuffle Dancer involve the G2 Kewney S. at Flemington on Mar. 11, on the same card as the G1 Newmarket H.



Anthony and Sonia Rogers | *Laura Green/Tattersalls*

“She’ll go the Kewney on Saturday week, and I think Peter wants to give her a break then,” Mitchell said. “She’s a valuable mare now but she’ll come back and race in the spring in Melbourne, and we’ll see after that.”


Without doubt, Shuffle Dancer has a breeding career ahead of her at Yarraman Park. She’s a Group 2-winning third foal from Palace Talk, but she’s also the third group performer from the mare in as many foals.

Palace Talk’s first born was Never Talk, a daughter of **No Nay Never** (USA) who was second to Every Rose (Choisir) in the G2 Light Fingers S. She’s now retired after four placings in group and listed races.

The second foal was Forbidden City, who was third in both the G3 Mannerism S. and G3 Geoffrey Bellmaine S.

Since her three foals, Palace Talk has had a colt by I Am Invincible, born on Oct. 18 last spring. Mitchell describes him as one of the best on the farm, which is saying something, and the mare went back to the farm’s leading stallion again.

“With the first three out of this mare being black-type horses, she [Palace Talk] could prove one of our best,” Mitchell said.

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