

TDN DERBY TOP 12: FORTE CROWNS HIMSELF THE NEW KINGPIN



Forte | Nicole Thomas

by T.D. Thornton

A trio of graded stakes preps in Florida, California and New York yielded a reshuffled deck this past weekend as we edge within the two-month mark for the May 6 GI Kentucky Derby.

1) FORTE (c, Violence--Queen Caroline, by Blame) 'TDN Rising Star'. O-Repole Stable & 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, 6-5-0-0, \$1,833,230. Last start: Won GII Fountain of Youth S. at Gulfstream Park Mar. 4. KY Derby Points: 90.

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THOROSTRIDE—featured horse

'TDN Rising Star' and juvenile champ Forte muscles into the top spot for the first time based on his overall, six-race body of work as much as the powerhouse performance he delivered when romping in his first sophomore start, the GII Fountain of Youth S.

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EARNING THEIR STRIPES: TOM MORLEY

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

Tom Morley won his first race at Aqueduct in the spring of 2013 and has been a fixture on the New York circuit since.

Hailing from Yorkshire, the conditioner was born into a racing family. Not only was his father an owner and breeder, but his uncle David Morley was a Group I-winning trainer and his other uncle Christopher Spence was a senior steward at the Jockey Club in England. Among his cousins still involved in the sport, Henry Daly is a multiple Grade-I winning jump trainer.

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The first foals by Eclipse Champion and Classic winner *Essential Quality* have hit the ground in Kentucky. [Click here](#) to watch our visit with a few of the new arrivals. | Sara Gordon

JAPANESE HORSE TO COME FOR SANTA ANITA DERBY 12

Mandarin Hero (Jpn) (Shanghai Bobby), a winner of four of five career starts in Japan, will make his next start in the GI Santa Anita Derby Apr. 8 at Santa Anita.

ANY GIVEN SATURDAY REPATRIATED TO OLD FRIENDS 13

GI SW Any Given Saturday (Distorted Humor) has been repatriated to the United States from South Korea to spend his retirement at Old Friends.

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Following the cancellation of racing Feb. 25 and 26, the California Horse Racing Board has granted Santa Anita permission to add a card for this coming Thursday.





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If you liked his athletic, win-from-any-spot tactics and head-of-the-stretch blast-offs at age two, you had to love the way this son of **Violence** prowled around the short-stretch 1 1/16-mile configuration on Saturday, giving the impression he had the field at his mercy the entire trip while never being over-ridden by Irad Ortiz, Jr.

From a numbers perspective, Forte's 98 Beyer Speed Figure does represent a two-point regression from the 100 he earned when winning the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile four months ago. But the visual image of this colt soaring home while geared down and never fully extended should trump any by-the-numbers concerns about whether he's moved forward since November.

Trainer Todd Pletcher had stated before the start of 2023 that Forte would likely take a two-prep path to Louisville, with the second race being either the GI **Curlin** Florida Derby at Gulfstream or the GI Toyota Blue Grass S. at Keeneland. Forte is now undefeated over both of those surfaces, lending an additional edge, although trainer Todd Pletcher told *Daily Racing Form* on Sunday that he is leaning toward the Florida Derby as his preference.

2) 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 one of three horses ranked within the Top 12 to have only two starts by the first week in March. But unlike the other two colts ranked deeper down the list, his whopping auction price (\$2.3 million OBSAPR sales topper after initially selling for \$250,000 at KEESEP), two scintillating wins and outsized public expectations will put quite a bit more pressure on him to win the Derby off a schedule that trainer Tim Yakteen said will only include one more prep.

The race spacing will be additionally unconventional, because if Arabian Knight starts next in either the GI Santa Anita Derby or the GI Arkansas Derby as expected, that will leave him with a base of just three lifetime races spread relatively far apart (November, January, April) before attempting 10 furlongs on the first Saturday in May.

The question will come down to whether his raw talent can overcome what looks like a very narrow foundation. But right now, if you lined up the dozen horses on this list in the gate, you wouldn't get much argument against Arabian Knight being the "speed of the speed." And considering that speed-centric horses who raced either on the front end or just off it have won eight of the last nine Derbies, that trend tilts the tactical advantage in this colt's favor.

After unseasonably wet weather delayed Arabian Knight's training for more than 2 1/2 weeks, he was back on the Santa Anita work tab Saturday for the first time since Feb. 13, with a five-eighths move clocked in :59.20 (3/71).

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 looms as the legit favorite when entries get drawn on Wednesday for Saturday's GIII Tampa Bay Derby.

This \$1.3 million KEESEP son of **Tapit** brings an upward-trending 73-87-92 Beyer progression into his first two-turn try after eye-catching wins in two of three one-turn-miles at Aqueduct and Gulfstream. But he'll have to come off Lasix (used once, in his most recent Feb 4. Start) as he ventures into stakes company for the first time.

Trainer Todd Pletcher has won the Tampa Derby five times, and it's also of note that despite having two horses ranked on this list who have already won over the Tampa surface this meet (No.s 10 and 11), he is instead aiming them both for the GII

Louisiana Derby in deference to sending **Tapit** Trice to Tampa.

Luis Saez, who has ridden **Tapit** Trice only once--in the colt's most recent start--will be aboard. To keep the mount, Saez had to make the difficult decision to vacate the same-day call this coming Saturday aboard the returning GI Kentucky Oaks winner Secret Oath (Arrogate) in Oaklawn's GII Azeri S., a filly he has ridden in her last six races.

4) PRACTICAL MOVE (c, Practical Joke--Ack Naughty, by Afleet Alex) O-Pierre Amestoy Jr, Leslie Amestoy & Roger K Beasley; B-Chad Brown & Head of Plains Partners (KY); T-Tim Yakteen. Sales history: \$90,000 RNA Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$230,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-2, \$434,200. Last start: Won GII San Felipe S. at Santa Anita Mar. 4. Kentucky Derby points: 60

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THOROSTRIDE—featured horse

Practical Move (\$90,000 RNA KEESEP; \$230,000 OBSAPR) executed the biggest leapfrog of the season by emphatically winning Saturday's GII San Felipe S., going from unranked to No. 4 on this list.

Have to admit I wasn't initially wowed by his 10-1 win in the Dec. 17 GII Los Alamitos Futurity (88 Beyer) because that race gave off an aberrational vibe--the 2-5 favorite abruptly dropped back and finished last after an ideal stalking trip, and this son of **Practical Joke** scooted up the inside to pass a drifting, tiring pacemaker. But three months later, we saw a sturdier, more confident colt who looked dialed in the entire trip.

After minor brushing and bumping leaving the gate, jockey Ramon Vazquez carved out a sweet stalking spot, and Practical Move was unbothered by a rank horse to his outside on the first turn before responding to a rating hold, biding his time behind legit splits. **Cont.**



Practical Joke jumps in at number four this week | Benoit

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He edged up incrementally to jointly attain second, but on the far bend, Practical Move was briefly hemmed in with nowhere to go at the fence and he lost momentum for several strides, regressing to fourth.

Vazquez remained patient and committed to his spot, and when the tired pacemaker drifted out to the four path at the quarter pole, Practical Move quickened on cue to win by 2 1/2 lengths with another inside stretch run (100 Beyer). This one, though, looked stronger and better composed than his previous winning move.

There have been 15 Derby qualifying stakes at 1 1/16 miles on dirt so far in 2022-23. Practical Move now owns the two fastest clockings--1:41.65 in the Los Al Futurity and 1:42.10 in the San Felipe.


 **5) GEAX 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: 2-1-1-0, \$120,200. Last Start: Second in the GII San Felipe S. at Santa Anita Mar. 4. Kentucky Derby Points: 20

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Geaux Rocket Ride broke running and hounded the pacemaker through brisk fractions nearly every step of the trip in the San Felipe S. on Saturday. Despite having to shift inward and off the heels of tiring leaders at the head of the homestretch, this \$350,000 FTKJUL son of **Candy Ride (Arg)** still finished resolutely at the rail to end up 2 1/2 lengths behind winner Practical Move and 1 1/4 lengths ahead of the third-place horse.

He was credited with a 96 Beyer for his stakes and two-turn debut, four points higher than his blitzing MSW win over six furlongs back on Jan. 29.

Trainer Richard Mandella told *Daily Racing Form* on Sunday that the Santa Anita Derby is likely next. "On the path we're talking [about], everything would have to be perfect, but he's a pretty good horse," the understated Hall-of-Fame conditioner said.

 **6) 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: 6-2-2-0, \$326,538. Last Start: Second GII Fountain of Youth S. Mar. 4. KY Derby Points: 40

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This Into Mischief gray (\$245,000 FTSAUG RNA) broke fluidly from post seven in the Fountain of Youth S., conceded the lead, then was a close-up fourth while three wide into the clubhouse turn. He methodically kept advancing his position while tucked between rivals on the backstretch, then was second out from the rail when the field fanned out four across the track at the top of the stretch.

Rocket Can got a touch tired but never stopped grinding away, and although no one in that stakes was in the same league as the winner, Forte, this colt landed second while upping his GIII Holy Bull S. winning Beyer by nine points, from 82 to 91.

"It was a good trip. I ended up where I wanted to be," said jockey Junior Alvarado. "The only thing was on the backside we were putting a little bit of pressure. From [:24.05] the first part we had to speed it up to [:23.60] the second quarter. Normally we do that the other way around, but he was there.

"Every time I ride him, he's a different horse in the post parade, a different dimension. We're trying to figure it out. I just think he hasn't matured yet. He comes here and he's very playful. I don't think he's put it all together. I take that as a good thing. Hopefully when he puts it together we can gain a few more lengths," Alvarado said.



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7) 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 still has to work on his lead-changing skills and he drops frighteningly far back off the pace. He's also never won on dirt. But you can see flashes that this still-learning chestnut "gets it" based on his last two races, which were runner-up efforts behind the Nos. 1 and 9 horses on this list in January and February stakes on the Oaklawn prep path.

With seven starts, experience over varied types of wet and dry footing, and a fairly obvious "longer-the-better" development arc, trainer Steve Asmussen said after the GII Rebel S. that Red Route One might try the 1 3/16-mile GII Louisiana Derby in his next race.

A Winchell Thoroughbreds homebred by **Gun Runner** out of a full-sister to Untapable, he's already racked up enough points to be seventh on the qualifying list. So long as he keeps coming close in major stakes, Red Route One wouldn't even have to win a sophomore prep to emerge as a plausible long shot in Louisville. Like any deep closer, he'd be at the mercy of the pace and the luck of the trip. But it's not too hard to envision this colt getting completely ignored in the Derby betting, building momentum from far back, and storming down the Churchill Downs stretch with abandon at something like 40-1.

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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: 33.

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Instant Coffee has put together a commendable four-race progression that includes a win sprinting seven furlongs at Saratoga first time out at 14-1 odds, plus two scores over 1 1/16 miles in which he's taken the overland route from far back to win as the favorite in the GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. and the GIII Lecomte S.

Nestled in between his maiden victory and those stakes tallies is a fourth-place try in the GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity S. that shouldn't be overlooked, because that Keeneland stakes was the deepest, most productive 2-year-old race from last autumn (five next-out winners, including four in stakes).

This son of Bolt d'Oro (\$200,000 KEESEP) will next target the Louisiana Derby, and you'd think the long Fair Grounds stretch would benefit his off-the-tailgate style.

But just two preps at age three? From 2017 through 2022, horses with only two sophomore starts prior to the Kentucky Derby are a collective 0-for-34. However, that two-at-three

template worked much better over the previous decade, producing eight Derby winners between 2007 and 2016.

9) 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.



LANE'S END SALES GRADUATE



What a great story line it'll be if an unheralded colt with a royal pedigree makes it into the gate for the Derby. Confidence Game, the 18-1 upsetter of the Rebel S., cost just \$25,000 as a late-sale KEESEP bargain despite his dam, Eblouissante (Bernardini), being 'TDN Rising Star' half-sister to Hall-of-Famer Zenyatta (Street Cry {Ire}).

Beyond the underdog appeal, let's not forget that blue-collar steals been very real Derby threats in recent years. Three of the last four horses to cross the finish wire first in the Derby were sold (or offered for sale) comparatively cheap: the DQ'd **Maximum Security** in 2019 (ran for a \$16,000 maiden-claiming tag); the DQ'd-but-under-appeal Medina Spirit in 2021 (sold for \$1,000 and then \$35,000 at auction), and Rich Strike in 2022 (claimed for \$30,000 at age two).

EIGHT *electric sophomores!*

- 1 ARABIAN KNIGHT (Tim Yakteen)**
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 KINGSBARNES (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.
- 8 DUDE N COLORADO (Todd Pletcher)**
Landed the \$200,000 Colonel Liam Stakes at Gulfstream Park on Saturday



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This efficient-striding son of **Candy Ride (Arg)** capitalized off an ideal speed setup for his 94-Beyer Oaklawn victory, and you can expect handicappers will hold that against him next time out. They will argue that Confidence Game had everything his own way, pace-wise, then benefitted from taking a wide path to victory while the inside contenders were mired in a muddy traffic jam. Those skeptics just might be right. But this is what overachievers do—they exceed expectations when odds are stacked against them. I wouldn't be surprised if Confidence Game has another big race in him yet.



10) KINGSBARNs (c, **Uncle Mo--Lady Tapit, by Tapit)** O-Spendthrift Farm LLC; B-Parks Investment Group LLC (Ky); T-Todd Pletcher. Sales history: \$250,000 Ylg '21 FTSAUG; \$800,000 2yo '22 FTFMAR. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$57,300. Last start: Won allowance/optional claimer at Tampa Feb. 12. KY Derby points: 0

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Kingsbarns (\$250,000 FTSAUG; \$800,000 FTFMAR) energetically tracked a hot pace in his one-turn-mile debut at Gulfstream Jan. 14 as the 3-1 favorite. This son of **Uncle Mo** was "on hold" but not bothered by being covered up at the rail in tight quarters on the turn, then got boxed and blocked even worse at the top of the stretch before punching through with a professional late run that resulted in a 1 3/4-length victory (74 Beyer).

Next time out on Feb. 12, trainer Todd Pletcher spotted him in a mile and 40 yards first-level allowance at Tampa, and Kingsbarns conceded a long lead to an intemperate 37-1 shot who quickly backpedaled through the pack. Kingsbarns dispatched him with ease and fended off all comers to draw away by 7 3/4 easy lengths (85 Beyer).

This colt doesn't have a flashy way of going and his speed numbers aren't eye-popping. But he has a level-headed, adaptable approach and a measure of confidence that should aid his chances as the competition toughens and the distances increase. The Louisiana Derby is next.



Kingsbarns | Ryan Thompson

11) 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's 1 1/4-length win in the GIII Sam F. Davis S. at Tampa looks slow based on his 77 Beyer and :7.05 final sixteenth, but those numbers don't reflect that the race was run under sudden downpour conditions even though the track remained rated "fast" for the Equibase chart.

This \$370,000 KEESEP colt by **Blame** broke well but Luis Saez opted not to engage the leaders through a :46.94 half-mile. Litigate had good far-turn punch, but did require aggressive handling through the lane to sustain his bid ahead of two longshot closers.

Next up is the Louisiana Derby.

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12) SLIP MAHONEY (c, Arrogate--Got Lucky, by A.P. Indy) O-Gold Square LLC; B-Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings Inc & Philip J Steinberg (KY); T-Brad Cox. Sales history: \$150,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-0, \$126,100. Last Start: Second in the GIII Gotham S. at Aqueduct Mar. 4. Kentucky Derby points: 20

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Slip Mahoney was slow from the gate in the one-turn-mile GIII Gotham S., had to be ridden cautiously to steer clear of a loose horse, dropped far behind through a quick :45.53 half-mile, then unwound with a prolonged far-turn bid.

But this \$150,000 KEESEP gray still had only one horse beaten at the top of the stretch in a field of 14. Fanned way out wide in the 11 path, he dug in under Trevor McCarthy, uncorking a furious late rally that earned second under the wire behind a 7 1/2-length, 23-1 upsetter Raise Cain (**Violence**).

Trainer Brad Cox said he "never expected him to be that far back" and that "hopefully he gets a little better trip and a little better position" when he goes next in the GII Wood Memorial Apr. 8.

The added furlong should suit this colt, with stout A.P. Indy and Seattle Slew influences anchoring the bottom of his pedigree. His dam, Got Lucky, was a six-time victress with all of her wins at a mile or longer, the most prominent being a nine-furlong score in the 2015 GI Juddmonte Spinster S. at Keeneland.

Owner Al Gold's stable, Gold Square Racing, now has two contenders with the Top 12, as New York-stabled Slip Mahoney joins the New Orleans-based Instant Coffee.

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EARNING THEIR STRIPES



Tom Morley (cont. from p1)

Growing up, Morley spent his summer with David in Newmarket. Before graduating from Newcastle, he spent time as an assistant to Ed Dunlop at Gainsborough Stable and at the Lloyd Webber family's Watership Down Stud.

After graduating from the Godolphin Flying Start program, he worked as assistant to Jeremy Nosedo for over four years. It was a busy time to be involved with Nosedo's stable, with 14 Group I winners going through the barn while Morley was there including European champion sprinter Fleeting Spirit (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) and Breeders' Cup champion Wilko (Awesome Again).

From there, Morley made the move to the States to work for Eddie Kenneally, where he eventually helped open and develop

Kenneally's New York operation.

As his stable celebrates its 10th anniversary this year, Morley has surpassed \$13.5 million in career earnings. Graduates of his operation include Grade I victors Haveyoungeaway (Congrats) and Carrick (Giant's Causeway). Morley and his wife, NYRA racing analyst and Team Morley assistant/exercise rider Maggie Wolfendale Morley, have two daughters.

When you came to America, was the plan always to stay in the States and eventually train here?

Steve Hillen and Jeremy Nosedo both suggested I come to America to get experience. A lot of trainers in the UK like John Gosden and Jeremy himself spent time here before going home.

That was the original game plan, but when I got here I felt like the American industry gave me the opportunity not only to travel, but also I felt like young people were given more of an opportunity to get going here. It's quite hard to get going in the UK. You have to have a lot of capital behind you. You need to be able to rent property and then you need to be able to fill the stalls immediately. Whereas here, you can literally start with one horse, a saddle and a bridle.

So after 18 months of being here, I pretty much made my mind up that I was going to stay. Now I have a business, a house, a wife and two children, so I'm not going anywhere.

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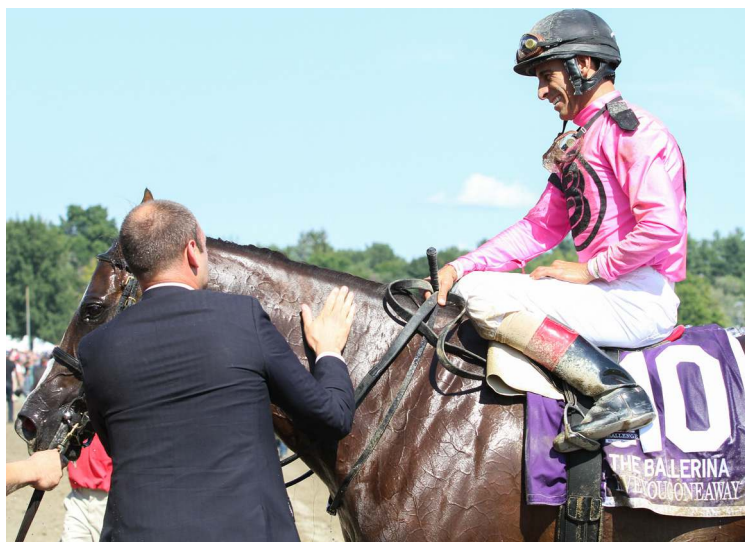


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Morley celebrated his first career Grade I win with Haveyougoneaway in the 2016 GI Ballerina S. | Brittlan Wall

Q: How has your stable evolved since it first opened?

We started with the one horse, Treblemaker (Read The Footnotes). Anthony Grey was very kind to send us a homebred of his. He won his second start on the 13th of April in 2013. I groomed and hotwalked the horse, and my girlfriend at the time who is now my wife rode him every morning. It's grown from there over the years. Now in the middle of the summer we get

up to about 50 horses. We'd love more and we're always looking for better-quality horses. That's part of growing into the training ranks. It's tough to attract the top-quality horses. I've always said that as a trainer starting out, the model should be to survive the first 10 years, grow the second 10 years and hopefully by the time you're getting into the third part of it, you're getting some top-quality horses. When I started training in New York in 2013, seven people took their license out that year. I'm the only one that is still in business. That shows how tough it is as a young trainer to survive on a circuit like New York.

What is the biggest thing you have learned since going out on your own?

I think the biggest thing I've learned--and I'm still learning it--is to be patient with these horses. In this industry in America, we ask an awful lot of our young horses. I see a lot of talented horses not fulfill their potential because of an over-eagerness to get them to the races at a young age. I think if you can train for people who are willing to give them the time to mature, the horses will reward you in the long run. There is nothing better than having a really good 2-year-old, but just because a horse shows that he has an above-average level of ability, it doesn't mean that the right thing to do is try to win a maiden at Saratoga with him.

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Tom and Maggie celebrate Dynadrive's win in the 2022 Fasig-Tipton Lure S. | *Coglianese*

What do you think makes your stable and your training style unique?

It's very individual. Every horse does something different than what they did the day before.

We've certainly shown over the last few years that we can win races on both surfaces at every level. We've done very well getting older horses from other outfits and improving their careers. There are many facets to training horses and I think we're always trying to improve in every department as much as possible.

Q: Do you think a trainer's success is defined more by their ability or by the quality of horses that they receive?

Without a doubt, it's about the quality of horses that they're receiving. There are plenty of very talented, capable horsemen out there. It's something that the American industry is really struggling with at the moment with super trainers. I take nothing away from these guys. It's not their fault that they train a vast number of horses. The reason they do is because they win the big races and they get the results. But I genuinely believe that there are plenty of trainers out there that could do just as good of a job with the number and quality of stock that those other trainers get. The industry needs to do more things, like this kind of series, to promote younger trainers.

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

I have two daughters, Grace and Willow, who take up plenty of time. With Maggie doing her work for NYRA and Fox Sports, we're also both full-time parents as well. Between the children, our dogs and the retired racehorses, that seems to take up most of our free time but when we have the opportunity, we're a traveling family. The girls have plenty of stamps in their passports already.

With your hectic trainer's schedule and Maggie busy as one of the faces of America's Day at the Races, what is the juggling act like for you between your family and your stable?

It can be tough, especially in Saratoga when Maggie works enormously long hours. It can be tough on the girls as well because I have to be at the barn in the morning and the races in the afternoon. They go to Faith's House, which is an amazing Belmont Child Care Association school and playgroup. There's nothing I enjoy more than when I'm finished at the barn in the morning, to go pick them up and take them racing. They love going racing in Saratoga. I think it's mainly due to the popcorn and lemonade.

We try not to push horses on the girls at all because it would be very easy for them to be totally swamped with a father who trains and a mother who is incredibly active in the media. They do have a little pony called Snickers who they enjoy going to see, but it's nothing that we actively push upon them.

Obviously I'm enormously proud of my wife. She has become one of the very best around the world at what she does and she deserves all the applause that she gets because her results speak for themselves.

What is your favorite racetrack? I'm guessing Saratoga, but maybe not?

It's York, actually. I was born and raised in Yorkshire and the May and August meeting at York are two extremely special meetings for me. I really look forward to maybe one day having a horse run at York. It would be a homecoming for me.

I have a number of favorite tracks around the world. During the Flying Start program, I thought that Randwick was just the

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I'm a huge jumps racing fan too. Maggie and I try to go to Cheltenham during the March festival whenever we can. There's no better racing atmosphere in my opinion anywhere on earth.

I do love going to Saratoga, but it's hard to call it my favorite because it is when we are under the most pressure. I don't think I can really enjoy it for what it is because it is such an important part of our year.

Who is your favorite horse that you've trained?

You never forget your first winner. I'll never forget the feeling of standing on the outside rail at Aqueduct as a field of maiden claiming \$25,000 New York-breds were coming down the lane and Treblemaker cleared from the rest. He was in my barn for a while and then went on to Finger Lakes, but eventually came back to us as a pony for a while. He will always be special for us.

The first really good horse that I was lucky enough to train was Haveyougoneaway (Congrats). She seemed to really thrive in our program. She was my first stakes winner, my first graded stakes winne, my first Grade I winner and my first Breeders' Cup horse. At our house I have a photograph of her taken by Barbara Livingston from the day after the Ballerina. She was an extremely talented, very sweet filly. She will always hold a very special place in my heart.

Do you have any up-and-coming horses in your barn that we should know about?

I'm really looking forward to our group of 2-year-olds this year. We have an Arrogate colt that we bought at the Keeneland Sale for a lot of money coming to us. Steven Roco has bought an **Upstart** filly and an Into Mischief that are both training very well in Florida.

With the turf season coming up soon, it's going to be exciting to get some horses back like Dynadriver (Temple City), who won the Lure S. in Saratoga last year. His half-brother Tell Your Daddy (Scat Daddy), who won the GII Bernard Baruch H. in Saratoga the year before for us, is back breezing now in Florida. It's going to be fun having the brothers back here for turf season. I'm kind of dreading the idea that they might have to run against each other at some point. It would make an unbelievably cool story, but I'd like to try and keep them separate.

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JAPANESE HORSE TO COME FOR SANTA

ANITA DERBY *by Bill Finley*



Shanghai Bobby in Japan in 2020 | Horsephotos

Mandarin Hero (Jpn) (Shanghai Bobby), a winner of four of five career starts in Japan, will make his next start in the GI Santa Anita Derby Apr. 8 at Santa Anita. Mandarin Hero races on the National Association of Racing (NAR) circuit, comprised of regional tracks predominantly offering dirt racing and widely considered to be a cut below the Japan Racing Association circuit. Mandarin Hero will be the first NAR horse to compete in the U.S., though Marche Lorraine (Jpn) (Orfevre {Jpn}) was a four-time black-type winner at NAR tracks before upsetting the 2021 GI Longines Breeders' Cup Distaff at Del Mar.

Mandarin Hero, one of 24 winners from the first Japanese crop of 2012 Eclipse Award-winning juvenile male Shanghai Bobby, was undefeated in four starts as a 2-year-old and won the Haiseiko Kinen (allowance) going a two-turn mile last November ([video](#), SC 9). He made his 3-year-old debut in an valuable 1800-meter [nine-furlong] test Feb. 23, finishing a close second. All of his races have come on the dirt at Ohi Racecourse outside Tokyo where he has earned the equivalent of \$236,854.

"My goal of running in the Santa Anita Derby has come true, and I am determined to achieve good results," said trainer Terunobu Fujita. "After a good run in the Santa Anita Derby, I hope to run in the Kentucky Derby. I have the experience of an overseas tour [in Korea] and I will do my best to do everything in my power."

There are four races on the Japanese calendar win which points for the GI Kentucky Derby are awarded. Mandarin Hero has not run in any of them. Five Japanese horses are expected to take part in the G2 UAE Derby at Meydan Mar. 25, a race that offers Kentucky Derby points on a scale of 100-40-30-20-10 as does the Santa Anita Derby.

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ANY GIVEN SATURDAY REPATRIATED FROM SOUTH KOREA TO OLD FRIENDS



Any Given Saturday | Sarah Andrew

GISW Any Given Saturday (Distorted Humor) has been repatriated to the United States from South Korea to spend his retirement at Old Friends, the Thoroughbred Retirement Farm in Georgetown, Ky., said founder and president of Old Friends, Michael Blowen.

Purchased by the Korea Thoroughbred Breeders Association in 2014, he was relocated to South Korea where he has been for the last nine years.

The 19-year-old recently flew home and underwent the standard quarantine procedure at Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital before arriving at Old Friends Monday afternoon.

Any Given Saturday retired from racing with six wins, two seconds, one third, and \$1,083,533 in earnings in 11 career starts and began his stud career in 2008 at Darley, before going to Pin Oak Lane Farm in Pennsylvania for the 2014 season. He was then purchased in 2017 by the Korea Thoroughbred Breeders Association (KTBA) and was relocated to South Korea for the 2015 breeding season.

In 2023, Any Given Saturday was pensioned and, following discussions with Blowen, he was returned to the United States to live out his retirement at Old Friends.

Jun Park, Bloodstock Agent for the Korea Thoroughbred Breeders Association, who was not only responsible for working out the details of getting Any Given Saturday sent to South Korea, but was also instrumental in helping bring the horse home to the United States and to Old Friends, visited the horse at Rood & Riddle, and is very happy to see him back in the United States.

"I was so excited to see him at the stall at the clinic," he said. "I mean, he went to Korea a long time ago, and he came back here and it's good to see him back."

When asked why he helped retire the horse at Old Friends, he said, "(Michael) has been (doing an) excellent job since he founded the farm. I mean, the horses are happy out there, (and) racing fans are still able to see the horses. And, that's great."

"We are very grateful to the KTBA for donating Any Given Saturday to Old Friends," said Blowen. "It's a great example of how we can all work together for the betterment of these invaluable athletes. I can't wait to feed him a Mrs. Pastures' horse cookie."

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WOODBINE RELEASES 2023 STAKES SCHEDULE

Woodbine Entertainment unveiled the stakes schedule Monday for the 2023 Thoroughbred racing season at Woodbine Racetrack in Toronto, Ontario.

The program will offer more than \$17 million in purses, including 39 graded stakes, five Grade I events and two \$1 million classics, The King's Plate and Ricoh Woodbine Mile.

"Highlighted by the return of the Canadian International, and the first running of The King's Plate in 70 years, this year's stakes program at Woodbine will be as exciting as ever," said Jim Lawson, CEO, Woodbine Entertainment.

The 164th running of The King's Plate is scheduled for Sunday, August 20 to launch the OLG Canadian Triple Crown. The \$400,000 Prince of Wales will be run Tuesday, September 12 at Fort Erie Race Track, while the \$400,000 Breeders' S. will be contested Sunday, October 1.

The GI Ricoh Woodbine Mile is accompanied by the \$500,000 GI Johnnie Walker Natalma S. and \$500,000 GI Summer S. Saturday, September 16. The trio of Grade I events are all part of the Breeders' Cup "Win and You're In" Challenge Series.

The biggest addition to the 2023 stakes schedule is the return of the Grade I Canadian International. The race will have its 84th running Sunday, October 8 at a new distance of a mile and a quarter over the E.P. Taylor Turf Course. The GI E.P. Taylor will also be contested on October 8.

The \$500,000 Woodbine Oaks Presented by Budweiser will launch the Canadian Triple Tiara Sunday, July 23. To view the entire 2023 Thoroughbred stakes schedule, click [here](#).

The 2023 season at Woodbine Racetrack opens Saturday, April 22 and runs through Sunday, December 10.

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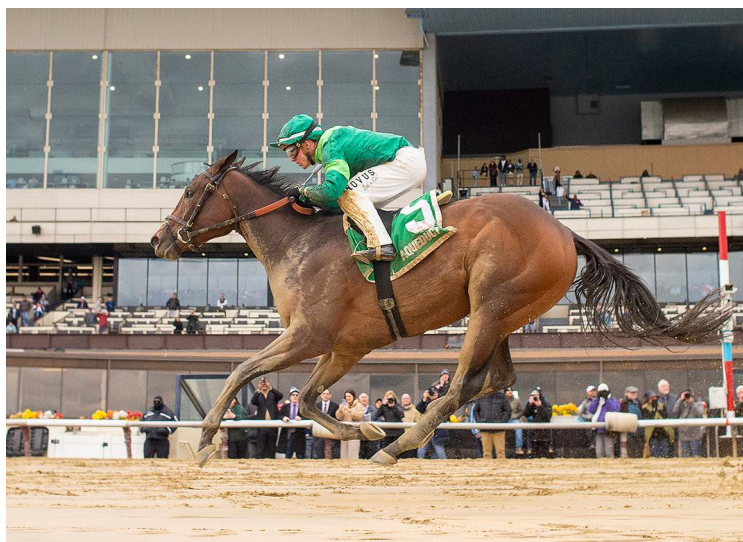
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Medaglia d'Oro (El Prado {Ire}) (Botanical--Cincinnati Trophy S.)	141	73
Nyquist (Uncle Mo) (Johannes--Baffle S.)	16	6
Practical Joke (Into Mischief) (Little Vic--Tom Fool H.-GIII; Shidabhuti--Busher S.-L)	12	5
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Tapiture (Tapit) (Go Soldier Go--Al Bastakiya S.-L)	19	2

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SANTA ANITA ADDS THURSDAY CARD

Following the cancellation of racing Feb. 25 and 26, the California Horse Racing Board has granted Santa Anita permission to add a card for this coming Thursday. A pair of \$72,000 allowance races will highlight Thursday's program, which has a first post time of 12:30 p.m. Race six, for fillies and mares bred or sired in California, has attracted a field of seven at six furlongs on the main track. Thursday's seventh race, for older horses at a mile and one quarter over the Camino Real Turf Course, attracted a field of nine.

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OCALA STUD'S FIRST-SEASON STALLIONS HAVE MARES CONFIRMED IN FOAL

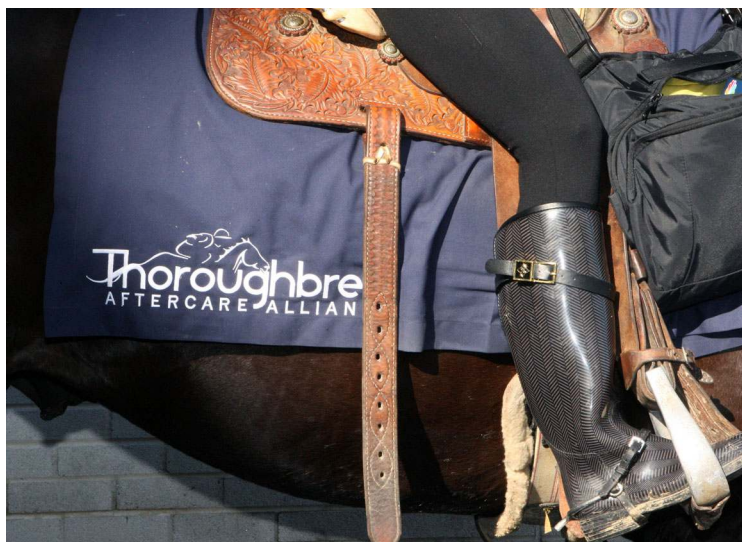
Roadster (Quality Road--Ghost Dancing, by Silver Ghost), **Colonel Liam** (Liam's Map--Amazement, by Bernardini), and **Gretzky the Great** (Nyquist--Pearl Turn, by Bernardini)--all first-year stallions at Ocala Stud--have had their first mares confirmed in foal, the farm announced Monday.

Alotofappeal, a stakes-producing daughter of Trippi owned by Ocala Stud, has scanned in foal to 2019 GI Santa Anita Derby winner Roadster.

Oakleaf Farm's Florida-bred Sainted Dancer, a seven-time winner by Saint Anddan, is confirmed in foal to Colonel Liam, a three-time Grade I winner and back-to-back winner of the GI Pegasus World Cup Turf Invitational S.

JD Farms' Bold Rate, a Florida-bred daughter of Exchange Rate, has scanned in foal to Gretzky the Great. Gretzky the Great won the 2020 GI Summer S. and was named Canada's champion 2-year-old that year.

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NOFFSINGER NAMED PRAIRIE MEADOWS SUPERINTENDENT

Ryan Noffsinger has been named track superintendent at Prairie Meadows. A third-generation horseman, Noffsinger has worked at tracks from California, Arizona, New Mexico and, most recently, in Florida.

"In my 18 years working in various roles with track maintenance, I've been able to gain valuable knowledge at tracks like Del Mar, Turf Paradise, Zia Park, Sunland Park, Gulfstream Park West and Palm Meadows which will serve me well as Track Superintendent for Prairie Meadows," Noffsinger said.

Prairie Meadows Vice President for Racing Derron Heldt added, "Ryan brings so much to the table with his experience, dedication and love of the industry as a third-generation horseman and having worked in various roles in track maintenance, I feel confident in his abilities to provide a solid and consistent racing surface for the horses, jockeys and racing industry participants that come to race in Iowa."

Prairie Meadows' live racing season begins with 20 days of Thoroughbred-only racing from May 12-June 17 and is followed by a mixed Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse schedule of 60 race days from June 18-Sept. 30.

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GOLDEN GATE MOVES FRIDAY CARD TO THURSDAY

Due to forecasted high winds and heavy rain in the Bay Area on Friday, Golden Gate Fields will move the Friday, March 10 live race card to Thursday, March 9.

Eight races are on the program for the now-Thursday card with first post time remaining at 12:45 PM.

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THOROUGHBRED AFTERCARE ALLIANCE ON-SITE AT TAMPA BAY DERBY

The Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance will be featured at Tampa Bay Downs with a named race on the Tampa Bay Derby undercard Saturday, March 11. Following the running of the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance Race, a presentation will be made to the winning connections including a branded blanket and swag bag. Tampa Bay Downs will feature and promote accredited aftercare awareness throughout the race day and race meet.

"We are excited to have Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance on-site during the Tampa Bay Derby with a featured race and hosting a VIP experience," said Margo Flynn, Vice President of Marketing and Publicity at Tampa Bay Downs. "We value aftercare and think this is a great opportunity to promote everything that the TAA does on one of our biggest race days."

"The Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance is thrilled to have such longstanding support from Tampa Bay Downs" said Emily Dresen, Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance Director, Funding & Events. "Accredited aftercare is important to Tampa Bay Downs, and they continue to promote safe and proper aftercare for our equine athletes through a variety of avenues, and we are so excited to be here for the Tampa Bay Derby."

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Saturday, Oaklawn #9, post time: 5:54 p.m. EST

AZERI S.-GII, \$350,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Secret Oath	Arrogate	Briland Farm	Lukas	Gaffalione	119
2	Lovely Ride	Candy Ride (Arg)	John Holleman, Flying P Stable and Larry Nafe	Diodoro	Torres	124
3	Clairiere	Curlin	Stonestreet Stables LLC	Asmussen	Rosario	119
4	Le Da Vida (Chi)	Gemologist	Masaiva Corp.	Correas, IV	Cheminaud	119
5	Interstatedaydream 🌿	Classic Empire	Flurry Racing Stables LLC	Cox	Geroux	119
6	Hidden Connection 🌿	Connect	Hidden Brook Farm and Black Type Thoroughbreds	Calhoun	Gutierrez	117
7	Hot and Sultry 🌿	Speightster	Alex and JoAnn Lieblong	Casse	Cabrera	119
8	Moon Swag 🌿	Malibu Moon	Farfellow Farm, Ltd.	Walsh	Santana, Jr.	121

Breeders: 1-Briland Farm, Robert & Stacy Mitchell, 2-Allied Racing Stable, LLC, 3-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 4-Haras Santa Olga, 5-William D. Graham, 6-St. Simon Place, 7-Cobalt Investments, LLC, 8-Spendthrift Farm LLC

Saturday, Gulfstream #8, post time: 4:07 p.m. EST

HURRICANE BERTIE S.-GIII, \$125,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Diamond Wow	Lookin At Lucky	Diamond 100 Racing Club, Amy Dunne, and Patrick Biancone LLC	Biancone	Bridgmohan	118
2	Colorful Mischief	Into Mischief	St. Elias Stable	Pletcher	Ortiz	118
3	Fire On Time 🌿	Not This Time	Albaugh Family Stables LLC	Romans	Perez	118
4	Frank's Rockette	Into Mischief	Frank Fletcher Racing Operations, Inc.	Mott	Alvarado	124
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6	R Adios Jersey	Adios Charlie	Averill Racing LLC, ATM Racing and Jayson Werth	Bennett	Reyes	122

Breeders: 1-Diamond 100 Racing Club LLC, 2-Clearsky Farms, 3-Jorge S. Wagner Jr., 4-Frank Fletcher, 5-Hidden Springs Farm, 6-Ocala Stud & J. Michael O'Farrell Jr.-Godolphin

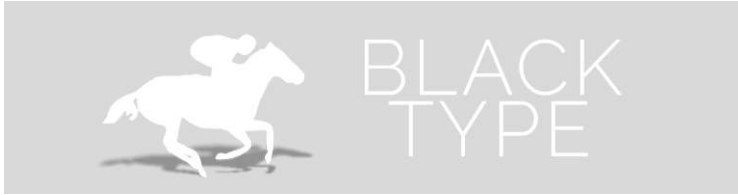
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MAIN LINE S., \$75,000, Parx Racing, 3-6, 3yo, f, 1m 70y, 1:46.76, ft.

1--**SOCIAL SUCCESS**, 121, f, 3, by **Social Inclusion**

1st Dam: Schuyllilla, by **With Distinction**

2nd Dam: Baby Jane, by **Stuka**

3rd Dam: Billy Jane, by **Wig Out**

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O/B-Shirley Lojeski (PA); T-Bruce M. Kravets; J-Frankie Pennington. \$44,100. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, \$86,526.

2--**Gold Medal Anna**, 121, f, 3, Fast Anna--Voodoo Dancer, by Kingmambo. (\$22,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$40,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR). O-Happy Tenth Stable; B-Green Hills Farm Inc. (KY); T-Alfredo Velazquez. \$14,700.

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3--**Girl Trouble**, 125, f, 3, Fast Anna--Adorabella, by **Ghostzapper**. (\$15,000 Ylg '21 EASOCT). O-Swilcan Stable LLC and LC Racing; B-Gregory J Kilka & Bright View Farm (NJ); T-Robert E. Reid, Jr. \$7,350.

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

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Also Ran: Girlfromouterspace, Sally's Sassy, Majestic Creed. Scratched: Iyi.



Social Success | Bill Denver/EQUI-PHOTO



Social Success went wire-to-wire to earn her first stakes victory in the Main Line S. at Parx Monday. The 6-1 shot led the field while racing three wide into the first turn and was pressed by Gold Medal Anna down the backstretch. Asked for more approaching the stretch, the dark bay filly drifted out but skipped clear late as favored Girl Trouble failed to find running room between the two front-runners and had to settle for third.

Social Success finished fifth, promoted to fourth, in her Dec. 21 debut at Penn National, graduated going six furlongs at that oval Jan. 20 and added a one-mile allowance last time out Feb. 10.

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SOCIETY HILL S., \$75,000, Parx Racing, 3-6, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:19.88, ft.

1--**TAPPIN JOSIE**, 123, f, 3, by **Anchor Down**

1st Dam: Homemaker (MSW, \$303,485),

by **Afternoon Deelites**

2nd Dam: Open House, by **Deputy Minister**

3rd Dam: Day After Day, by **Alydar**

(\$15,000 Ylg '21 EASOCT). **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O-Darryl E. Abramowitz; B-Charles Blanford (PA); T-Horacio De Paz; J-Kevin Gomez. \$44,100. Lifetime Record: 10-5-2-1, \$200,200. *1/2 to Mischievous Mama (Into Mischief), SW, \$187,730.

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2--**Chickieness**, 125, f, 3, Blofeld--Chickaletta, by Harlan's Holiday. O-Morris Kernan, Jr. & Jagger Inc.; B-Jagger Inc (MD); T-Jamie Ness. \$14,700.

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3--**Broadwaycharlyrose**, 121, f, 3, Eastwood--Charlybrown's Rose, by Uptowncharlybrown. **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC & Whiskey Run Stables LLC; B-Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC (PA); T-Edward J. Coletti, Jr. \$7,350.

Margins: 3/4, 1 1/4, 2 3/4. Odds: 1.60, 1.30, 6.60.

Also Ran: Empress Ariana, Dream Chaser, Creative Copy. Scratched: Hot Little Thing.

Tappin Josie, claimed for \$50,000 two starts back, won her third in a row with a determined score in the Society Hill S. at Parx Monday. Sent off the 8-5 second choice, the bay filly was on the lead in the early strides before settling in a stalking position in the compact field as favored Chickieness set the pace. She moved to challenge the pacesetter on the turn and stuck her head in front at the top of the stretch. Chickieness attempted to claw her way back along the rail down the lane, but Tappin Josie held the favorite at bay to the wire.

Society Hill S., Cont.

Tappin Josie was claimed for \$65,000 out of a winning effort at Laurel last November and was eased while finishing seventh in the Dec. 30 Gin Talking S. in her first start for the new connections. Haltered for \$50,000 out of a winning effort going 5 1/2 furlongs at Laurel Jan. 20, she was coming off a 3/4-length victory in a six-furlong optional claimer at Laurel Feb. 11.

Homemaker produced a filly by Bandbox in 2021. She was bred to Audible last year. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**



Tappin Josie | Barbara Weidl/EQUI-PHOTO

RITTENHOUSE SQUARE S., \$75,000, Parx Racing, 3-6, 3yo, 6 1/2f, 1:19.27, ft.

1--**NO CONFESSION**, 121, g, 3, by Into Mischief

1st Dam: Ready to Confess (SW & MGSP, \$377,962), by More Than Ready

2nd Dam: Confessional, by Holy Bull

3rd Dam: Whisper Who Dares, by Green Dancer (\$30,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP). **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O-Kingdom Racing; B-Pin Oak Stud, LLC (KY); T-Linda Simon; J-Anthony Y. Nunez. \$44,100. Lifetime Record: 10-3-2-1, \$135,550.

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2--**Prove Right**, 121, c, 3, **Justify**--Joe'sgoldenholiday, by Harlan's Holiday. (\$15,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP). O-James K. Chapman and Stuart Tsujimoto; B-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC (KY); T-James K. Chapman. \$14,700.

3--**Praetorian Guard**, 121, g, 3, Speightster--Super Shopper, by Super Saver. (\$25,000 2yo '22 OBSOPN). **1ST BLACK TYPE.**

O-Conway Racing LLC (Mark Conway), Over The Moon Racing and Innovest BC LLC; B-Jimmy L. Gladwell, III (KY); T-Louis C. Linder, Jr.. \$7,350.

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Margins: 4, 2 1/4, 2. Odds: 3.90, 2.10, 18.90.

Also Ran: All Eyes On You, John Dutton, El de Chimi.

Scratched: Belt Parkway, On the Mark, Recruiter.

No Confession doesn't kiss and tell, but he has wracked up an undefeated record for 2023 which includes a career-first black-type score in the Rittenhouse Square S.

Starting his sophomore season Jan. 3 with a 10 1/2-length romp over this track and trip, albeit one soaked by rain, and then picking up a two-length victory last out Jan. 23 under similar conditions against optional claiming company for conditioner Rafael Schistl, No Confession made his first jump here for the barn of Linda Simon a resounding success. Stalking a loose 2-1 favorite in Prove Right, he summoned a bid midway on the turn and drew off from that early leader to win by open lengths. Praetorian Guard rolled in from the rear of the field to complete the trifecta. The victor is only one of two registered foals for his dam, whose only other offspring is a 2-year-old filly by the late Flatter. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**



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CITY OF BROTHERLY LOVE S., \$75,000, Parx Racing, 3-6, 3yo, 1m 70y, 1:44.57, ft.

1--**NINETYPERCENTMADDIE**, 126, c, 3, by Weigelia

1st Dam: **Amblin Easy** (MSP, \$167,426),

by **Private Interview**

2nd Dam: **Cowboy Chili**, by **Evening Kris**

3rd Dam: **Luciente**, by **U. S. Flag**

O/B-LC Racing LLC (PA); T-Robert E. Reid, Jr.; J-Paco Lopez.

\$44,100. Lifetime Record: 7-4-1-0, \$200,730. *Full to

Ninetypercentbrynn, MSP, \$280,496.

2--**Time to Cruise**, 121, c, 3, **First Dude**--Majestic Melresa, by Majestic Warrior. (\$23,000 Ylg '21 EASOCT; \$40,000 2yo '22 EASMAY). **1ST BLACK TYPE**. O-Morris E. Kernan Jr., Yo Berbs Racing and Jagger Inc.; B-Best A Luck Farm LLC (PA); T-Jamie Ness. \$14,700.

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3--**Blue Royal**, 121, c, 3, Air Force Blue--Irish Debt, by Giant's Causeway. (\$30,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$55,000 RNA 2yo '22 OBSAPR). **1ST BLACK TYPE**. O-Angel Alciro Castillo, Jr.; B-R. S. Evans (KY); T-Angel J. Castillo Sanchez. \$7,350.

 **LANE'S END SALES GRADUATE** 

Margins: 9 3/4, HD, 11. Odds: 0.20, 7.40, 5.40.

Also Ran: Upstate and Back, Runnin Joke, Jackson Road.

Scratched: Abker, Fort Warren.

With the scratch of would-be favorite Fort Warren, bettors turned their affections toward Ninetyprcentmaddie, who put on an exhibition in the City of Brotherly Love S. as the prohibitive chalk.

A stakes winner against state-bred company, and an overwhelming allowance optional winner as a juvenile, the eye-catching homebred for LC Racing started his 2023 year a runner-up in the Parx Juvenile S. before testing deep waters outside of Parx for the first time in the GIII Withers at Aqueduct last out Feb. 11. Eased to seventh after going very wide most of that trip, it was almost no contest right from the jump here. Setting the pace from the inside with Blue Royal in close pursuit, he was still in command on the far turn and responded eagerly when roused for something more coming into the lane. Widening his advantage, Ninetyprcentmaddie rolled in 9 3/4 lengths to the good as Time to Cruise managed to nail Blue Royal for runner-up honors.

In addition to his multiple stakes-placed full-sister, the victor has a pair of half-sisters by Maximus Mischief--a 2-year-old and a yearling. Their dam returned to that sire for a third foal this season. **Click for the [Equibase.com](https://www.equinbase.com) chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**



Ninetyprcentmaddie | Bill Denver/EQUI-PHOTO



IN JAPAN:

Jasper Tiara, f, 3, **Justify**--Sweetgrass (MGSP, \$330,145), by **Street Sense**. Kawasaki, 3-1, Allowance, 1400m. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$18,350. O-Kazuo Kato; B-Chris Baccari, Brad Stephens & Breeze Easy (KY); T-Hideyuki Mori. *Won by six lengths. **\$150,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP.

Baccari Bloodstock Sales Graduate

Pier Chic, h, 7, **Central Banker**--Our Miss Jones (SP), by Alphabet Soup. Hanshin, 3-4, Allowance (\$262k), 1200m, 1:12.3. Lifetime Record: 27-4-3-4, \$757,270. O-Kieffers Inc; B-McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds LLC (NY); T-Hideyuki Mori. *1/2 to Mr. Online (Silent Name {Jpn}), SW & MGSP-US, GISP-Can, \$551,005; and Carmenootz (Silent Name {Jpn}), SP-Can, \$207,731. **\$60,000 Ylg '17 FTNAUG; \$180,000 2yo '18 OBSMAR.

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IN SOUTH KOREA:

Victor Moon, m, 5, **Malibu Moon**--Long Approach (MGSP, \$183,451), by Broad Brush. Seoul, 3-4, Hcp. (C2), 1200m. B-Stonehaven Steadings (KY). *\$67,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP; \$45,000 2yo '20 OBSJUN. **VIDEO (SC 4)**



American-bred Winners Abroad, Cont.

IN PANAMA:

Sol Principe Gris, c, 3, **Summer Front**--Memories Prevail, by **Creative Cause**. Presidente Remon, 3-4, Allowance, 1700m. B-Brereton C Jones (KY). *1/2 to Zandon (**Upstart**), GISW, \$1,485,000. **MSW-Pan. ***\$12,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP.

VIDEO (SC 2)

IN PERU:

Estrella De Fuego, f, 3, **Oscar Performance**--Settle 'n Speight, by **Speightstown**. Monterrico, 3-4, Allowance, 1300mT.

B-Woodslane Farm (KY). *Won by four lengths. **\$7,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$25,000 2yo '22 OBSJUN. **VIDEO (SC 4)**

IN BARBADOS:

It's A Gamble, h, 5, **English Channel**--Yes It's Pink, by Yes It's True. Garrison Savannah, 3-4, Sandy Lane Barbados Gold Cup (Bar-G1, NBT), 1800mT, 1:50.2. B-Ron Lombardi (NY). *SW-US.

VIDEO (SC 4)



ANOTHER TRAVIS DURR GRADUATE

Jocular, m, 5, **Hard Spun**--Unfunny, by Distorted Humor.

Garrison Savannah, 3-4, Sandy Lane Spa Sprint Stakes & Trophy (Bar-G1, NBT), 1100mT, 1:05.6. B-Marc Keller (KY).

VIDEO (SC 11)



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IN HONG KONG:

Ching (NZ), g, 4, **Frosted**--Darci Dancer (NZ), by Darci Brahma (NZ). Sha Tin, 3-5, Hcp. (C3), 1600mT, 1:34.82. B-Llanhennock Trust. *NZ\$100,000 Ylg '20 NZBJAN. **VIDEO**



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Cloud Computing (**Maclean's Music**), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000
198 foals of racing age/23 winners/1 black-type winner
8-Will Rogers Downs, 5:30 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Computation, 12-1

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

234 foals of racing age/20 winners/1 black-type winner
4-Mahoning Valley, 2:03 p.m. EST, Alw 1m, Lady Giuliana, 10-1
\$20,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$30,000 KEE SEP yrl

Eastwood (**Speightstown**), Blackstone Farm

17 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
3-Parx Racing, 1:34 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, Now Act Surprised,
8-1

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

237 foals of racing age/33 winners/7 black-type winners
3-Parx Racing, 1:34 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, Bruno Barber Girl, 4-1
\$35,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$47,000 RNA OBS OCT yrl; \$30,000 OBS
APR 2yo

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

190 foals of racing age/27 winners/1 black-type winner
3-Will Rogers Downs, 3:00 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Crees Valentyme,
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9th-Santa Anita, \$75,296, 3-5, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, 6fT, 1:08.91,
fm, 1 1/2 lengths.

NOBLE REFLECTION (g, 5, **Liam's Map**--Deal of the Decade, by **Tiznow**) Lifetime Record: 8-2-0-1, \$100,100. O-Calvin Nguyen and Joey C. Tran; B-G. Watts Humphrey (KY); T-George Papaprodromou. *\$60,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP. **1/2 to Pretty Fancy (Lemon Drop Kid), MSP, \$226,330; and Cash Out (Street Cry {Ire}), MGSP, \$344,461.



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8th-Golden Gate Fields, \$39,526, 3-5, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, f/m,
5 1/2f (AWT), 1:03.39, ft, head.

SMILING MOLLY (f, 4, **Smiling Tiger**--Jilted Lady, by **Exchange Rate**) Lifetime Record: 10-2-1-2, \$110,240. O-Hoof Pick Racing Partners, LLC; B-W. Morgan Fussell & Joseph Wisner (CA); T-D. Wayne Baker.

7th-Mahoning Valley, \$35,100, (S), 3-6, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:14.15, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

GOLD N SILVER (g, 4, Goldencents--Pretty Much Mine, by Half Ours) Lifetime Record: 12-3-1-2, \$64,866. O/T-David Wolochuk; B-Peter J. Sheppell (OH). *\$10,500 Ylg '20 FTKOCT.

4th-Mahoning Valley, \$33,700, (S), 3-6, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:14.34, ft, 5 lengths.

RUMBLE STRIP RON (g, 4, Klimt--Feisty Tomboy, by Unbridled's Song) Lifetime Record: 25-3-5-3, \$172,519. O-Anthony T. Quartarolo; B-Pick View LLC, Paul W. Schaffer & William D. Pickerrell (OH); T-Jeffrey A. Radosevich. *\$45,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP; \$50,000 2yo '21 OBSMAR.

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4th-Will Rogers Downs, \$33,000, 3-6, (NW26MX), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11, ft, 4 3/4 lengths.

(DH)--DICEY (m, 7, Flat Out--Broken Blues, by Broken Vow) Lifetime Record: 44-7-3-7, \$291,594. O-Patrick E. Swan; B-John James Revocable Trust (OK); T-Patrick E. Swan. *\$43,000 Ylg '17 OKCYRL.

(DH)--DISTORTED FLASH (m, 6, Flashback--Unanimous Decision, by Distorted Humor) Lifetime Record: 22-7-3-3, \$155,404. O-Bryan Hawk; B-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc. (KY); T-Joe S. Offolter.

5th-Will Rogers Downs, \$27,600, (S), 3-6, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:05.38, ft, 1 length.

HEADY MOVES (f, 4, Magna Graduate--Serena Ballerina, by Cherokee Run) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-2, \$34,980. O/B-Clark O. Brewster (OK); T-Michael E. Biehler.

8th-Mahoning Valley, \$25,900, 3-6, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:46.87, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

BROADWAY SKY (g, 4, Not This Time--Irene Adler, by Bernardini) Lifetime Record: 14-2-2-1, \$46,606. O/B-Colebrook Farms (ON); T-Kevin Buttigieg. *C\$55,000 Ylg '20 CANSEP. **1/2 to Bohemian Bourbon (Midshipman), GSP-Can, MSP-US, \$243,191.

5th-Turf Paradise, \$21,400, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$15,000-\$20,000), 3-6, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:36.58, ft, 3 lengths.

TERRACOTTA SOLDIER (g, 6, Shanghai Bobby--Forever Vow, by Broken Vow) Lifetime Record: 13-2-4-3, \$50,330. O-H and E Ranch, Inc.; B-FPF LLC (KY); T-Chad K. Story. *\$40,000 Wlg '17 KEENOV; \$155,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$75,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR. **1/2 to Seven Scents (Goldencents), SW, \$409,982.



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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Dreaming of Smarty, g, 3, Always Dreaming--Nikkis

Smartypants (GSW, \$264,907), by Smarty Jones. Parx Racing, 3-6, (C), 6f, 1:14.23. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$23,300. B-SF Bloodstock LLC (KY). *\$16,000 RNA Ylg '21 KEEJAN; \$20,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT.

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Kodamine, g, 3, Foreign Policy--Buena Fortuna (Mex), by Election Day (Ire). Will Rogers Downs, 3-6, 1m, 1:40.32. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$19,530. B-Kari Craddock (OK).

La Paradiso Jordan, f, 3, Mister Lucky Cat--Juanitas Babe (SP), by Mi Selecto. Will Rogers Downs, 3-6, (S), 6f, 1:13.01. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$22,998. B-Patrick Swan (OK).

Flag Raiser, g, 3, National Flag--Princess Adelyn, by Tale of the Cat. Mahoning Valley, 3-6, (S), 6f, 1:14.59. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-0, \$23,001. B-Smokin C LLC (OH).

Code Violation, g, 4, Honor Code--American Diva (SP), by Quiet American. Mahoning Valley, 3-6, 1m, 1:43.17. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$15,655. B-Move Up Breeders LLC (KY).

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Always Dreaming, Dreaming of Smarty, g, 3, o/o Nikkis Smartypants, by Smarty Jones. MCL, 3-6, Parx Racing

Anchor Down, Tappin Josie, f, 3, o/o Homemaker, by Afternoon Deelites. Society Hill S., 3-6, Parx Racing

Flashback, Distorted Flash, m, 6, o/o Unanimous Decision, by Distorted Humor. ALW, 3-6, Will Rogers

Flat Out, Dicey, m, 7, o/o Broken Blues, by Broken Vow. ALW, 3-6, Will Rogers

Foreign Policy, Kodaline, g, 3, o/o Buena Fortuna (Mex), by Election Day (Ire). MSW, 3-6, Will Rogers

Goldencents, Gold N Silver, g, 4, o/o Pretty Much Mine, by Half Ours. ALW, 3-6, Mahoning Valley

Honor Code, Code Violation, g, 4, o/o American Diva, by Quiet American. MSW, 3-6, Mahoning Valley

Into Mischief, No Confession, g, 3, o/o Ready to Confess, by More Than Ready. Rittenhouse Square S., 3-6, Parx Racing

Klimt, Rumble Strip Ron, g, 4, o/o Feisty Tomboy, by Unbridled's Song. ALW, 3-6, Mahoning Valley

Liam's Map, Noble Reflection, g, 5, o/o Deal of the Decade, by Tiznow. ALW, 3-5, Santa Anita

Magna Graduate, Heady Moves, f, 4, o/o Serena Ballerina, by Cherokee Run. ALW, 3-6, Will Rogers

Mister Lucky Cat, La Paradiso Jordan, f, 3, o/o Juanitas Babe, by Mi Selecto. MSW, 3-6, Will Rogers

National Flag, Flag Raiser, g, 3, o/o Princess Adelyn, by Tale of the Cat. MSW, 3-6, Mahoning Valley

Not This Time, Broadway Sky, g, 4, o/o Irene Adler, by Bernardini. ALW, 3-6, Mahoning Valley

Shanghai Bobby, Terracotta Soldier, g, 6, o/o Forever Vow, by Broken Vow. AOC, 3-6, Turf Paradise

Smiling Tiger, Smiling Molly, f, 4, o/o Jilted Lady, by Exchange Rate. ALW, 3-5, Golden Gate

Social Inclusion, Social Success, f, 3, o/o Schuylkill, by With Distinction. Main Line S., 3-6, Parx Racing

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ZARKAVA AND TARNAWA AMONG 22 AGA KHAN MARES FOR SIYOUNI



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The Aga Khan Studs has one of Europe's leading Classic prospects for this season in the unbeaten Group 1 winner Tahiyra (Ire), whose sire Siyouni (Fr), unsurprisingly, has a stellar lists of mares booked to visit him in 2023.

These include Tahiyra's half-sister **Tarnawa (Ire)** (Shamardal), who was also trained by Dermot Weld and won three Group 1 races among her nine career victories, as well as finishing runner-up in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.

An equally starry name features on the list as the brilliant, unbeaten **Zarkava (Fr)** (Zamindar) will also visit Siyouni and currently has a 2-year-old colt by him named Zarouk (Fr), who is in training with Francis Graffard, along with the mare's 3-year-old Frankel (GB) filly named Zarkala (Fr).

Zarkava's 4-year-old daughter, **Zarka (Fr)** (Dubawi {Ire}), will also be covered by Siyouni for the first time, as will **Ebaiyra** (Distorted Humor), who retired at the end of last season with five wins to her name, including the G2 Prix Corrida and G2 Prix de Pomone.

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GROUP 1 WINNER ANGEL BLEU RETURNS AT WOLVERHAMPTON

Saturday's card at Wolverhampton, which includes two Fast-Track Qualifiers for the All-Weather Championships, has attracted some classy entrants, including the dual Group 1 winner **Angel Bleu (Fr)** (Dark Angel {Ire}).

The 4-year-old looks set to start his 2023 campaign in the Listed Spreadex Sports Lady Wulfruna S., in which he could face the G2 Coventry S winner of 2021, **Berkshire Shadow (Ire)**, who is also by Dark Angel.

"Angel Bleu has been in training all winter and the intention is to start him off at Wolverhampton on Saturday," said trainer Ralph Beckett. "This is not a prep for the All-Weather Championships finals but it is a prep for the rest of the year."

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IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

TDN DERBY TOP 12: FORTE CROWNS HIMSELF THE NEW KINGPIN

Defending juvenile champion Forte marked his seasonal return with an emphatic victory in last weekend's GII Fountain of Youth S. at Gulfstream Park.



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JUMPS TRAINER HIT WITH EXTENSIVE BAN

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French National Hunt trainer David Cottin was given a 12-month ban for failure to follow proper withdrawal times for corticosteroids.

QATAR RACING ASKS FOR HELP NAMING FILLIES

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Qatar Racing has launched a competition to help name two Zoustar fillies.

GROUP 1-PLACED ANCIENT ROME RETURNS

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Coolmore and Westerberg's Group 3 winner Ancient Rome returns to action at Chantilly Tuesday for Andre Fabre off a nine-month break.

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“He has had some very good-looking foals... I bred a lot of stakes-winning mares to him. What I do is, I give the stallion mares over a three-year period and the best mares will probably be sent to him in years two and three so that the quality is maintained”

Peter Brant of White Birch Farm, TDN

Amongst the eight mares Brant has already booked for 2023 are **\$4,100,000** four-time Grade 1 winner **UNI**, **650,000gns** Rockfel Stakes-Gr.2 winner **SPAIN BURG** (on the strength of her 2023 Sottsass colt), **€675,000** purchase **BLUE KIMONO** and City Of York Stakes-Gr.3 winner **NEMORALIA**.

“A strong, quality, well-balanced and exceptionally good-walking foal. Sottsass himself was a World Champion 3YO by a top stallion in Siyouni and is owned by a very important man in the industry”

Michael Fitzpatrick, purchaser of a €180,000 colt at Goffs November



“Two lovely fillies, both very good walkers with plenty of size and scope. I was very impressed by Sottsass when I saw him at Coolmore and if these two are anything to go by, you'd have to give him a great chance”

Mags O'Toole, purchaser of filly foals for €105,000 at Goffs November and 80,000gns at Tattersalls December



“We like him a lot. He was a frame of a horse as a foal and has the potential to turn out a big scopey yearling. I like the idea of the stallion and tried to buy another by him at Goffs February”

Jamie Railton, on the colt purchased with Trotting Bloodstock for €105,000 at Arqana December



“Based on what I've seen, the future for Sottsass looks very bright”

Paul Shanahan who has supported him strongly from the outset



“The Sottsass was a good, straightforward colt who had good X-rays and a good scope. He'd plenty of fans—he had six or seven vets, and there was plenty of action on him”

David Cox, of Baroda Stud who consigned the €115,000 colt bought by Tally Ho Stud at Goffs February



“She was a very, very powerful foal who walked exceptionally well. Every time she came out of the box she performed... I would definitely be advising my clients to use Sottsass”

Daniel Creighton, Salcey Forest Stud who sold a filly for 80,000gns



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While the exciting Classic winner and Arc runner-up Vadeni (Fr) (Churchill {Ire}) remains in training at four, his stakes-placed half-sister **Vadsena (Fr)** (Makfi {GB}) is another on the books for Siyouni, as well as Group 2 winners and Group 1 runners-up **Candarliya (Fr)** (Dalakhani {Ire}) and **Valia (Fr)** (Sea The Stars {Ire}). Group 3 winner **Hamariyna (Ire)** (Sea The Moon {Ger}) and **Dariyza (Fr)** (Dawn Approach {Ire}), a listed-winning half-sister to Aga Khan Studs sire Dariyan (Fr) (Shamardal) are among those to be covered by France's leading sire.

At Giltown Stud in Ireland, Sea The Stars (Ire) will also be receiving strong support from the home team. He enjoyed another fine season in 2022, when he was represented by the top-rated turf horse in the world, Baaeed (GB), as well as his full-brother and G1 Coronation Cup winner Hukum (GB), and the fellow Group 1 winners Emily Upjohn (GB) and Sea La Rosa (Ire).

The five members of the Aga Khan Studs broodmare band to be heading his way, including **Vaderana (Fr)** (Monsun {Ger}), the dam of 2022 Cartier Champion Three-Year-Old, Vadeni. She will be joined by **Zaykava (Fr)**, who is a Listed winner and the result of the aforementioned Siyouni and Zarkava mating.

Haparanda (Ire) (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}), a stakes winner out of a half-sister to Sea The Stars's dual Derby-winning son Harzand (Ire), is also on his list, along with **Tasalka (Fr)**, a winning Lope De Vega (Ire) half-sister to the dam of Tarnawa and Tahiyra; and the recently retired **Ebba (Fr)** (Medaglia d'Oro), a winning half-sister to Ebaiyra.

The Aga Khan once famously described his sensational race mare Zarkava as "the greatest gift a breeder could have" and in her second career she has continued to give. Zarkava's Group 1-winning son Zarak (Fr) is now one of the most sought-after young stallions in Europe and, with his third crop set to race this year, he will be sent 15 of the Aga Khan's broodmare band this covering season.

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Vaderana | Bronwen Healy

The G1 Dubai Sheena Classic winner **Dolnya** (Fr) (Azamour {Ire}) and her dam **Daltama** (Ire) (Indian Ridge {GB}) are among them, along with the Ebaiyra's Group 2-winning dam winners **Ebiyza** (Ire) (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}) and G3 Athasi S. winner **Emiyna** (Maria's Mon). Also on the list is Siyouni's Galileo half-sister **Sayana** (Fr), and Erdana (Fr), a Sea The Stars half-sister to Group 2 winner and Group 1 placed Erevann (Fr) (Dubawi {Ire}).

Included on the list of well-bred young Aga Khan mares being sent to Haras de Bonneval resident Dariyan (Fr) this season are **Kerasia** (Fr) (Zoustar {Aus}), a daughter of the stakes-winning Oasis Dream (GB) mare Kerasona (Fr), and **Vedaska** (Fr), who is by Siyouni out of the Listed Prix Isonomy winner Vedouma (Fr) (Dalakhani {Ire}) and from the family of Vadeni.

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Angel Bleu makes '23 debut at Wolverhampton, cont. from p1

The Andrew Balding-trained Berkshire Shadow was fifth in last season's G1 2000 Guineas, just one place ahead of **Lusail** (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), who is also entered for Saturday's race and was last seen running sixth in the G3 1351 Turf Sprint on the Saudi Cup card in Riyadh. His trainer Richard Hannon has won two of the last three editions of the Lady Wulfruna S, including in 2021 with Mums Tipple (Ire) (Footstepsinthesand {GB}), who is another of the 14 entries.

Hannon said, "I have given Lusail an entry and we will decide whether he runs once I have discussed it with [his owner] Al Shaqab Racing. He has come back from Saudi as good as gold. I thought he ran well out there but it showed he needs a bit further than that. He will go on the surface at Wolverhampton no problem and could well take his chance."



Angel Bleu | Scoop Dyga

Last year's Lady Wulfruna winner **Tinker Toy** (GB) (War Front) is entered to defend his title for Roger Varian and owner/breeder Craig Bennett, while another notable potential runner is the Charlie Appleby-trained **Noble Dynasty** (GB) (**Dubawi** {Ire}), who is rated 106 and has won three of his last four starts.

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EUROPEAN NEWS

DAVID COTTIN HANDED 12-MONTH BAN

French National Hunt trainer and former champion jump jockey David Cottin faces a 12-month suspension as both trainer and owner after failing to observe the correct withdrawal times in the use of corticosteroids on four horses in his stable.

A veterinary officer from France's National Federation of Horseracing carried out an inspection at Cottin's yard in Lamorlaye, near Chantilly, on December 3, which revealed "several violations", according to a statement released by France Galop on Monday. Of particular concern was the evidence of intra-articular (joint) injections, as well as injections between the vertebrae on four horses. The substance used, the corticosteroid Dexamethasone, has a withdrawal period of 14 days before the treated horse is allowed to resume racing.

The four horses, identified as Matilda Du Berlais (Fr), Duke Chop (Fr), Para (Fr) and Madara (Fr), have all subsequently been disqualified from the contests in which they raced within that 14-day period.



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David Cottin | Scoop Dyga

A treble winner of the Cravache d'Or d'obstacle (French champion jump jockeys' title), Cottin retired from race-riding in 2017 at the age of 27. He made a notably successful start to his training career, and enjoyed victory at the Cheltenham Festival in 2020 with Easysland (Fr). Cottin was one of 21 people arrested from a number of different French stables, along with one person in Spain and another in Italy, in March 2022 in connection with alleged doping offences. He was subsequently released without charge. Cottin has 14 days in which to lodge an appeal against his suspension.

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NAME TWO ZOUSTAR FILLIES FOR QATAR RACING

Qatar Racing has launched a competition to name two juvenile fillies from the second European crop of Tweenhills resident **Zoustar (Aus)**. The horses in question are in training with John and Thady Gosden and Archie Watson, and are out of the mares Wind Fire and Out Of The Flames (GB) respectively. The latter is already the dam of a winner by Zoustar, Stars On Fire (Ire), trained by Wesley Ward.

The competition can be entered on social media by following [@Qatar_Racing](#) (Twitter) or [@qatarracingltd](#) (Instagram) and replying to the posts with a name suggestion of no more than 18 characters. The winners will be selected by Sheikh Fahad, chairman of Qatar Racing, and manager David Redvers, and the prize will include two tickets for the opening day of the QIPCO Guineas Festival on Friday, May 5.

"The Zoustar filly ex Out Of The Flames is with Archie Watson and looking very forward for a Zoustar filly," said Redvers. "Being out of a mare who was third in the Queen Mary and who has already bred a 2-year-old winner by Zoustar, we would be very hopeful that she might even turn into a Royal Ascot filly."



Zoustar | Tweenhills

He added, "The Zoustar filly out of Wind Fire has been in training with John and Thady Gosden for about three weeks. She is another extremely well bred, speedy filly. Her dam was also placed at Royal Ascot, this time in the Norfolk Stakes, and although I wouldn't expect her to be quite as forward and likely to be running by Ascot, I would expect her to be extremely fast."

Zoustar's first European crop included the G1 Cheveley Park S. winner and Cartier European Champion Two-Year-Old Filly, Lezoo (GB), who is one of three entries by the stallion for the QIPCO 1,000 Guineas.

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OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

DUAL GROUP 1-PLACED ANCIENT ROME SET FOR CHANTILLY RETURN

14.25 Chantilly, Mdn, €27,000, unraced 3yo, c/g, 8f (AWT)

Godolphin's **SWING VOTE (GB) (Shamardal)** is an Andre Fabre-trained son of G1 Oaks heroine Qualify (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) and the March-foaled homebred bay faces nine rivals in this debut. They include Alain and Gerard Wertheimer's **Tonal (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr})**, who is kin to three black-type performers out of a half-sister to G1 Cheveley Park S. victrix Pas De Reponse (Danzig).

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Morgana, from the family of Joshua Tree | Michael Burns

15.35 Chantilly, Mdn, €27,000, unraced 3yo, f, 8f (AWT)

Alain and Gerard Wertheimer's **ALGOLIA (IRE) (Lope De Vega {Ire})**, another Andre Fabre-conditioned newcomer of note, is a half-sister to Listed Prix Charles Laffitte victrix Babala (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) produced by G1 Grande Premio Diana (Brazilian Oaks) winner Viva Rafaela (Brz) (Know Heights {Ire}). Her 10 opponents include Ecurie Skymarc Farm's homebred **Morgana (Fr) (Camelot {GB})**, who is out of an untried half-sister to three-time G1 Canadian International-winning sire Joshua Tree (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}) and G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud second Arthur's Kingdom (Ire) (Camelot {GB}), from the Stephane Wattel stable; and Rashit Shaykhutdinov's **Meteor Shower (Fr) (Sea The Stars {Ire})**, who is a homebred daughter of stakes-winning G1 Preis der Diana (German Oaks) runner-up Megera (Fr) (Motivator {GB}), representing Fabrice Chappet.

16.45 Chantilly, Cond, €18,000, 4yo, 9f (AWT)

Coolmore and Westerberg's 4-year-old colt **ANCIENT ROME (War Front)** returns to action for Andre Fabre coming back off a nine-month break, having run ninth in June's G1 Prix du Jockey Club when last seen. The 2021 G3 Prix des Chenes victor, who also hit the board in that season's G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere and G1 Criterium International, encounters seven rivals in this low-key affair.

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CONDITIONS RESULTS:

8th-Wolverhampton, £7,800, Cond, 3-6, 4yo/up, 5f 21y (AWT), 1:01.30, st.

AMAZING AMAYA (GB) (m, 8, New Approach {Ire})--Faslen

{GSP-Fr}, by Fasliyev) Lifetime Record: 49-4-7-5, \$40,317.

O/B-Paddy Barrett (GB); T-Derek Shaw. *50,000gns Ylg '16

TAOCT. **1/2 to Don't Be (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}), MSW-Eng & SW-Ire, \$209,660.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Radio Goo Goo (GB), f, 3, Havana Grey (GB)--Radio Gaga (GB)

(SW & GSP-Eng), by Multiplex (GB) Wolverhampton, 3-6,

6f 20y (AWT), 1:13.91. Lifetime Record: 11-1-6-1, \$23,794.

B-Allseasons Bloodstock (GB). *€20,000 Wlg '20 GOFNOV;

£50,000 Ylg '21 GOFFUK.

FRANCE

Monday's Results:

1st-Toulouse, €21,000, Mdn, 3-6, 3yo, c/g, 10 1/2ft, 2:13.60, g/s.

LIARI (FR) (g, 3, Cracksman {GB})--Lidiyana {Fr}, by Moticator

{GB}), a Jan. 30 debut runner-up at Cagnes-sur-Mer last time, bounded along in fourth after a sharp getaway here. Nudged along rounding the home turn, the 11-10 favourite came under sterner urging in the straight and was ridden out inside the final furlong to deny Axiome (Fr) (Dubawi {Ire}) by 3/4-of-a-length nearing the line. Liari, kin to Listed Prix Occitanie victrix Likala (Fr) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}), is the fourth foal and winner produced by a winning half-sister to G2 Blamey S. victor Lidari (Fr) (Acclamation {GB}). Progeny of the February-foaled homebred bay's dual stakes-winning second dam Laxlova (Fr) (Linamix {Fr}) also includes the stakes-winning duo Laristan (Fr) (Sinndar {Ire}) and Luannan (Ire) (Zamindar). He is half to a 2-year-old filly by Churchill (Ire) and a yearling filly by Siyouni (Fr). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, €15,100. **Video, sponsored by TVG.**

O-H H The Aga Khan; B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC (FR);

T-Jean-Claude Rouget.



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French results cont.

2nd-Toulouse, €21,000, Mdn, 3-6, 3yo, f, 10 1/2fT, 2:12.90, g/s.

HABEEBAH (FR) (f, 3, Invincible Spirit {Ire}--Al Wathna {GB} {GSW-Fr, \$145,094}, by Nayef), a Jan. 26 first-up third going 10 furlongs at Cagnes-sur-Mer last time, stalked the pace in second passing the judge first time in this return. Coaxed to the front with 300 metres remaining, the even-money chalk was allowed her head passing the furlong marker and drew off late to easily defeat Kovattack (Fr) (War Front) by three lengths. Habeebah is the third foal and scorer out of G2 Prix de Malleret victrix Al Wathna (GB) (Nayef). The February-foaled homebred bay is kin to a 2-year-old filly by Shalaa (Ire) and a yearling filly by Kingman (GB). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, €13,950. **Video, sponsored by TVG.**

O/B-Al Shaqab Racing (FR); T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

1st-Marseille-Borely, €22,000, Cond, 3-6, 3yo, 10fT, 2:03.31, gd.

BACK TO BLACK (FR) (c, 3, Al Wukair {Ire}--Lady Astronomer {Fr}, by Astronomer Royal) Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0, €33,650. O-Ecurie MG & Bernard Giraudon; B/T-Fabrice Vermeulen (FR).

3rd-Marseille-Borely, €16,000, Cond, 3-6, 4yo/up, 13fT, 2:40.24, gd.

MY LENNY (FR) (g, 8, Youmzin {Ire}--Clochette De Sou {Fr}, by Ajdayt) Lifetime Record: 70-8-10-6, €158,600. O/B-Robert Bonaventure (FR); T-Nicolas Perret.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Belle Et Grise (Ire), f, 3, Kendargent (Fr)--Et En Meme Temps (Fr), by Motivator (GB). Marseille-Borely, 3-6, 10fT, 2:04.71. B-Jean-Claude Seroul (IRE).

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STARSPANGLED BANNER COLT SHINES AT INGLIS PREMIER



Lot 515, Starspangledbanner-Kylix (Lonhro) colt | Inglis

by Oz Wedmore

At A Glance:

- The Day 2 aggregate (as at 7 p.m. AEDT) is \$24,654,000, which is down on last year's figure of \$36,185,000 at the corresponding time. In 2021, the gross at the conclusion of Day 2 was \$29,036,000.
- The Day 2 average sits at \$140,080, less than the 2022 figure (\$164,477) and similar to 2021 (\$142,333).
- The Day 2 clearance rate of 73% is well below last year (89%) and 2021 (88%), but this year's figure is almost certain to rise, just as it did after Day 1, when the initial 76% jumped to 81%.
- The Day 2 median was \$100,000, which is below the \$150,000 of 12 months ago, but the same as 2021.
- Rosemont Stud consigned Monday's top-priced yearling (Lot 515), a **Starspangledbanner** colt, knocked down to Andrew Williams Bloodstock (FBAA) for \$560,000.
- The highest-priced filly of the day was Lot 295, which made \$400,000. The daughter of **Written Tycoon** was bought by John Wheeler from the Noorilim Park draft.
- Yulong is the leading vendor by aggregate; they have had 21 yearlings make a combined \$4,150,000 at an average of \$197,619.
- MG Price Racing and Breeding is the leading buyer in terms of

aggregate; they have spent \$1,640,000 on nine yearlings at an average of \$182,222.

- Despite not having any progeny go through the ring on Day 2, Am Invincible maintains his position as the leading stallion by average and aggregate, with his 10 yearlings grossing \$3,368,000 at an average of \$336,800. He also holds top price with his \$1.1 million filly from Day 1.

The second day of the Inglis Premier Yearling Sale saw another strong session of selling as the average crept up slightly, although the top three spots on the price-list are still held by those sold on Monday.

Strong trade on Day 2 of the Inglis Premier Yearling Sale saw the average nudged up to \$139,475 for the whole sale. With trade continuing post-sale, the gross grew to \$52,024,000 overall, as the clearance rate also improved to 7%.

Inglis Bloodstock CEO Sebastian Hutch was pleased with Day 2 of the sale, in particular to see the clearance rate climb from the first day.

"We expected that the clearance rate from Day 1 would improve significantly into today," Hutch said. "Ultimately, we're trying to get to a point where we have a clearance rate somewhere in the eighties, that would be very pleasing and I think we can get there."

Lot 515, Starspangledbanner x Kylix, colt--\$560,000

The top lot on Day 2 of the sale came late on in the afternoon as momentum had built up throughout the day. Creeping above



Anthony Mithen and Andrew Williams | Inglis



Lot 515, Starspangledbanner--Kylix (Lonhro), colt | Inglis

the half-million mark for the second time on Monday, Lot 515 was secured by Andrew Williams Bloodstock (FBAA) on behalf of a Hong Kong-based client. A son of Starspangledbanner, the colt was bred and consigned by Rosemont Stud and headlined Monday's action with a price-tag of \$560,000.

"We obviously set our sights on him from when we first walked onto the complex last Wednesday," Williams said. "He was a horse that thankfully passed the vet, and he did everything right all week. I probably pestered Mitho (Anthony Mithen) and the crew to look at him too much every day.

"He's a horse that we obviously really liked physically, but the stallion's doing everything he possibly can in Hong Kong, and to us that's one of the huge factors.

"I probably thought he was in that five-to-six (hundred thousand) bracket, that's what we told the owners, and I'd have been surprised if he'd made less to be honest."

The second foal from the Darley-bred Lonhro mare Kylix, it's been a quick and lucrative return on the young mare for Rosemont principal Anthony Mithen, having sourced her in foal to Astern at the Magic Millions National Broodmare Sale in 2020, where she was signed for by Belmont Bloodstock Agency (FBAA) for \$30,000.

"I brought the Astern weanling here to the Great Southern Sale last year and got most of our money back, \$35,000, so it was an all-square result," Mithen said.

Initially, however, it was an inside tip which led to Mithen's interest in the family, with Kylix being a half-sister to dual-listed winner Barbed (Canny Lad), and the pair out of Listed winner and Group 2 placegetter Key Bar Nights (Anabaa {USA}).

"Key Bar Nights is a mare I've followed since John O'Shea's days at Godolphin. When he was training there he once said to me: 'I've got a good 2-year-old from that Key Bar Nights family, and it goes like a rocket ship.'

"I madly scrambled around trying to find mares that were in that family and she was one that I found. I bred her to Starspangledbanner, I liked the mating... and we got just a fantastic colt that has done everything right from day dot."

Lot 499, Zoustar x Jestajingle, colt--\$500,000

Striking for the second time at the sale, having earlier in the day picked up Yulong's daughter of Group 1 winner Foxplay (Foxwedge) by Alabama Express (Lot 428) for \$300,000, Annabel Neasham alongside Mitchell Bloodstock (FBAA) landed Lot 499, a Zoustar colt co-bred and consigned by Blue Gum Farm. Annabel Neasham Racing's Sales and Marketing Manager Alix Turpin was on hand at the sale and was delighted to secure the colt on behalf of clients.

"We're pretty chuffed with this one," Turpin said. "Annabel came down to the complex on Thursday and saw him herself. He was just a standout, he paraded so professionally, he's from a great farm. He's exceptionally well bred (and) we've got clients who are really excited to get involved in him - looking forward to getting him into Warwick Farm.

"Physically he was just so strong, he presented himself so well. I went and had a look at him this morning and he didn't turn an eyelid.

"... we think he was worth every penny at that price, but we were willing to go to that much and I'm glad we got him for that price."

The colt is out of the Lonhro mare Jestajingle, a dual-winner who is a half-sister to Aquis Farm's second-season sire Jukebox, and is a half-brother to Bruckner (Snitzel), the Group 3 winner who finished runner-up in the G1 Coolmore Stud S.

It was the best result of the sale so far for Widden Stud's Zoustar, who's now had seven lots sell at an average of just over \$186,000. **Cont. P3**



Lot 499, Zoustar--Justajingle (Lonhro) colt | Inglis

“He’s a stallion that’s very well supported,” Turpin added. “We have a number of clients who are always looking to get involved in Zoustars.”

Lot 358, So You Think (NZ) x Danalicious, colt--\$460,000

Damon Gabbedy’s Belmont Bloodstock Agency (FBAA) signed for Lot 358, who was picked out by Liam Peters, grandson of the prominent Western Australian-based owner/breeder Bob Peters. With Peters senior directing over the phone, bidding stopped at \$460,000 on the son of So You Think (NZ), who was bred and consigned by Morning Rise Stud.

As a young man raising his hand for a significant sum of money, Liam Peters said he doesn’t feel too much pressure.

“... I’m starting to get used to it now, bidding on his behalf,” Peters said. “I really liked this horse during inspections, and obviously, with the dam’s side being Zabeel, it’s a breed we’re very familiar with and we’re happy to pick this horse up.

“That’s all him (Bob Peters), in charge of the budget. I was surprised he told me to keep going, but happy to get the horse in the end.

“I think he might have been getting close (to his limit), but when I heard that the other bidder had hung up the phone it was good news.”

Out of the Zabeel (NZ) mare Danalicious, the colt is a half-brother to Douceur (No Nay Never {USA}), a dual winner as a juvenile who placed second in the G1 VRC Oaks and third in both the G2 Wakeful S. and G3 Alexandra S. He is also a three-quarter brother to three-time Listed scorer Northwest Passage.

Lot 473, Written By x Holy Cow, colt--\$410,000

Ciaron Maher Bloodstock and Best Bloodstock teamed up to secure Lot 473, a colt by Written By out of the Teofilo (Ire) mare Holy Cow. Bred and sold by Gilgai Farm, he was knocked down for \$410,000 to the same team responsible for the exciting 2-year-old Steel City (Merchant Navy).

Jarred Magnabosco, Best Bloodstock’s managing director, credited his purchase as “the colt of the sale.”

“... obviously, off a good farm in Gilgai, who’s produced some cracking types - Ole Kirk, Black Caviar, All Too Hard, just to name a few,” Magnabosco said. “Written By was a Champion 2-Year-Old of his generation and I think this guy’s got all those attributes to be a nice, up-and-early 2-year-old.

“The farm tells me that the Vinnie (I Am Invincible) at foot is an absolute belter, probably the best they’ve ever had on the farm, so the family’s a ripper and I’m very happy to secure it and send it to Ciaron and Dave.”

Having targeted an early type with his latest purchase,

Magnabosco revealed that it’s his client’s desire to see a quick turnaround that drives his selection process.

“Group racing these days for 2-year-olds is worth so much money, and the Inglis Race Series is exceptional as well, so there’s so many options for a horse of this quality. He can get up and go early and run from 1000 metres up to seven furlongs, and I think he’ll fit in somewhere in that bracket.”

Although she’s yet to win a race, Magnabosco admitted that Steel City has helped put his business on the map, the filly having run second in the G3 Widden Stud S., despite disappointing last time out in the G1 Blue Diamond S.

“I think it definitely helps with getting the colours out there. I’m obviously a young brand [and] she’s done really well to fly the flag. She’s still a maiden, but she’ll run this week in the [G3] Magic Night [S.] and we hope she’ll prevail and give herself a shot at the [G1] Golden Slipper [S.]”

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Mar. 18	Longines Golden Slipper	Rosehill Gardens
	George Ryder S.	Rosehill Gardens
	Ranvet S.	Rosehill Gardens
	The Galaxy	Rosehill Gardens
	Sky Racing Rosehill Guineas	Rosehill Gardens
Mar. 24	William Reid S.	The Valley
Mar. 25	TAB Australian Cup	Flemington
	KIA Tancred S.	Rosehill Gardens
	Vinery Stud S.	Rosehill Gardens