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by Bill Finley

This past year was a good one for the Breeders' Cup. Returning to Keeneland for the first time since the pandemic year of 2020, the event generated a global wagering total of \$189.1 million, which set a record, 3.4% higher than the previous mark. The Breeders' Cup also produced big numbers when it came to the total economic impact for Keeneland, Lexington and the surrounding community. It was **announced Friday** that a survey (see page 5) conducted by University of Louisville Economics Professor Thomas E. Lambert, Ph.D., showed that the Breeders' Cup was responsible for a total estimated economic impact of \$81,846,897. It was the second-highest economic impact recorded in Breeders' Cup history, following the record set in 2017 at Del Mar.

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NOT THIS TIME COLT CAPS SPEEDY WEEK AT OBS FOR GOP RACING by Jessica Martini

A colt by **Not This Time** (hip 654) equaled the fastest-furlong time of the week when covering the distance in :9 3/5 during the final session of the under-tack show for next week's Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's March Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training Friday in Central Florida.

The chestnut colt is consigned by trainer Gerard Ochoa's GOP Racing Stable.

"I was hoping for a :9 4/5," Ochoa said through an interpreter Friday. "I wasn't expecting a :9 3/5. So, of course, I was very, very happy with the work."

Ochoa purchased the Iowa-bred, who is out of multiple stakes winner Meadow Bride (Runaway Groom), for \$50,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale.

"Of course the pedigree was a good thing," Ochoa said of the colt's appeal last fall. "I paid attention to that, but also I liked the conformation."

In addition to Friday's bullet worker, GOP was also represented by a trio of juveniles who worked the week's second fastest furlong time of :9 4/5.

"I am very happy with this week's results," Ochoa said. "These horses have been working for months and these results couldn't have happened without the work of the whole team."

GOP Racing Stable has 18 horses slated to sell at next week's OBS sale; none of the group was purchased for more than \$55,000 last year.

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ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE 2022 BREEDERS' CUP

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The 2022 Breeders' Cup World Championships at Keeneland Race Course generated a total estimated economic impact of \$81,846,897 in Lexington, the second-highest economic impact recorded in Breeders' Cup history.

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On the track, it was a spectacular two days of racing, highlighted by a memorable win by **Flightline (Tapit)** in the Breeders' Cup Classic.

How is it that the Breeders' Cup's momentum never seems to wane and what's ahead for racing's championship event? We posed those questions and more to Breeders' Cup President and CEO Drew Fleming.

TDN: The handle figures are particularly impressive as the Friday card yielded a record \$66.1 million in handle and the Saturday card produced \$122.9 million in handle, also a record. What has caused the growth in handle and what needs to be done to see that it continues to grow?

DF: We are very grateful to the horseplayers that have been supporting us and our Thoroughbred industry for a long time. At the Breeders' Cup, we take pride in the fact that we have the best horses in the world competing, which equates to really great betting races. Additionally, the Breeders' Cup, for many years, has been conducting its own global pool and we had 27 countries last year bet into the common pool. We had an additional six countries betting separately. One of the things that the company continues to invest in, not only in time but capital, is in the awareness of the Breeders' Cup as a whole. We felt we ran an effective awareness campaign last year, which caused an increased consumption of content as well as generating additional wagering dollars.

TDN: As they are proud of saying, Lexington is the horse capital of the world. There are racing fans all over the country, but it's just different in Lexington. How does that factor into the success of the 2022 Breeders' Cup?

DF: The moment you get off the plane in Lexington, Kentucky, horse racing is in the air. You go to a restaurant, a bar, a coffee shop, people are talking breeding, training, owning race horses. It's a way of life. The city was so welcoming. Unfortunately, in 2020 we weren't able to have fans due to the pandemic. We told the city we would be back as soon as we could. We were able to come two years later and deliver on that promise and they could not have been more thankful. The hospitality was everywhere. People were thrilled to have fans back and were also very thrilled to have the World Championships back in Lexington and to be able to showcase our industry.

TDN: The 2020 numbers aren't applicable because of the pandemic. Before that, the last Breeders' Cup at Keeneland was in 2015. The economic impact numbers from 2015 to 2022 increased by 27.8%. What was different about 2022 versus 2015 that the number increased the way that it did?

DF: A couple of things played a role. The brand and the demand for the Breeders' Cup continues to grow. Last year, we had people from all 50 states purchase tickets as well as 18 countries. **Cont.**

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Because the brand continues to grow we continue to see investment not only in the Breeders' Cup but in the surrounding areas when we are there.

TDN: It's not just Lexington. The entire state of Kentucky is horse-crazy and Louisville is also a great racing town. We haven't seen the Breeders' Cup at Churchill Downs since 2018 and it is not scheduled for there either this year or next. Is there any reason for that and what is the status of the event returning to Churchill Downs?

DF: Churchill is a great partner and we enjoy working with them and had a very successful Breeders' Cup there in 2018. Normally, we don't talk about future host sites until we have made a host site announcement. With the impact and the success of the past few times we have been in Kentucky, I anticipate that shortly in the future we will be back in Kentucky.

TDN: You had a superstar in the Breeders' Cup this year in Flightline. What impact did he have and can you address both the business aspects of the event and the excitement level that he brought to the event. Fifty years from now, people will still be talking about his win in the Classic.

DF: NBC compared Flightline's performance to Secretariat. Any time you have a horse like that there will be increased interest, not only for the Breeders' Cup but for the sport as a whole. It was amazing to see him deliver in the horse capital of the world. Being a hometown boy, seeing him come around the turn and the energy he generated was just amazing. It's something I will remember for the rest of my life. One thing about the Breeders' Cup that we are so proud of is that we know we're going to have the best horses in the world competing. In 2015, we had American Pharoah, who was the first 'grand slam' winner. That was also amazing. You feel humbled to be a part of that. As far as a monetary impact, that's hard to quantify. But we knew with him there would be increased interest and that was evident when he came into the paddock. It was like the Beatles were

coming on stage.

TDN: Flightline aside, what were some of your favorite moments from this Breeders' Cup?

DF: There was not a dry eye in the house when Cody's Wish won. That was such a tremendous and compelling story. It's great when racing can tell feel-good stories like that. It was also great just having the fans come back after we couldn't have fans in 2020.

TDN: The Breeders' Cup Festival has become a big part of the whole experience. It's not just two days anymore. You have

several events leading up to race day. Can you tell us a little bit of the history of this and how much has the Festival helped when it comes to things like economic impact?

DF: In addition to having the two best days of racing, the Breeders' Cup is a celebration of equestrian life. Like most major sporting events across the globe, it's important to have a festival component so that fans can come and see what a



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beautiful area the event is taking place in, be welcomed, have great hospitality and celebrate the equestrian lifestyle. We want them to walk away and say, 'Wow, not only was that two great days of racing, but it was a wonderful vacation, a wonderful experience and I want to come back.' In any of the cities that we are in, we work with the locals to develop that festival and to highlight key aspects of the region to our visiting guests.

TDN: NYRA is trying to get a loan from the state so that it can refurbish Belmont Park. You are on the record saying that if this gets done the Breeders' Cup would love to come back there. Your thoughts on a return to New York?

DF: We're incredibly supportive of NYRA and we will support any redevelopment at Belmont. We have a great relationship with the executive team at NYRA. I am having dinner Wednesday night in New York with (NYRA CEO) David O'Rourke. We wrote him a letter several months ago with the title, 'If you build it we will come.' The Breeders' Cup sticks to its word. **Cont.**

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TDN: The Breeders' Cup has not been to Belmont since 2005, understandable because the current track is not a good fit when it comes to hosting an event like this. How much has the Breeders' Cup missed New York?

DF: We very much miss New York. There's so much energy up there and they are large investors in the game. We look forward to coming back. If they build it we will be there.

TDN: What can you tell us so far about what's in store for this year's Breeders' Cup at Santa Anita when it comes to new initiatives and things you can do to maintain the momentum?

DF: One of the challenging but also fun things when it comes to working for a company like the Breeders' Cup is that we are always innovating. We are continuing to move the ball forward on technological advancements in viewing and look forward to working with NBC, FanDuel and some other partners to continue to make sure that those who are watching have many different angles and experiences when it comes to watching the sport. Along with having great views of the San Gabriel mountains, we want to make sure that they have a world-class time when it comes to hospitality. We will continue to work to advance the culinary offerings and will have some exciting things to announce in the near future. We will also have some new ticket packages that we are putting the final touches on to make sure, again, that everyone has the best experience possible.

TDN: You brought up FanDuel. It's obvious that racing needs to find a way to attract the sports bettor and we need to have the FanDuels of the world offering betting on the Breeders' Cup and all racing on their sports betting platforms. Where do things stand when it comes to getting the sports bettors to follow and bet on the Breeders' Cup?

DF: Hats off to FanDuel for advancing the technology so there can be an aggregated wallet experience for the sports bettor. It's a tremendous marketing opportunity for our sport to be on the same bookshelf as the NFL, the NBA and MLB. Horse racing will be able to be cross-marketed from a wagering standpoint to those who are already wagering on other sports. This is one of the largest marketing opportunities we have had in a long time.

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\$82M ECONOMIC IMPACT OF KEENELAND BREEDERS' CUP REVEALED

The 2022 Breeders' Cup World Championships at Keeneland Race Course generated a total estimated economic impact of \$81,846,897 in Lexington, Kentucky and the surrounding areas. Determined by a recent study led by University of Louisville Economics Professor Thomas E. Lambert, Ph.D., the results represent the second-highest economic impact recorded in Breeders' Cup history, following the record set in 2017 at Del Mar. **Cont.**



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The economic benefits of the Breeders' Cup quantified in this study include:

- \$30.5 million in on-track spending including wagering, concessions, parking, merchandise, and more
- \$33.6 million in spending on hotels, retailers, food and drink, transportation, and off-track entertainment
- \$10 million in track improvement investments for Keeneland Race Course, with \$7.5 million in labor and material costs generated by the projects boosting the



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Lexington economy by an estimated \$17.5 million overall

- \$900,000 secured in state and local tax revenues and \$5.3 million secured in federal tax revenues

“When the Breeders' Cup comes to town, Lexington has the opportunity to step into the international spotlight and demonstrate why we are known as the Horse Capital of the World—clearly, we're home to the best track in the world, Keeneland, and to the best

Thoroughbreds,” Mayor Linda Gorton said. “However, the Breeders' Cup is about much more than bragging rights. The event has a significant economic impact that helps our hotels, our restaurants, and our entire community.”

“We are proud of the positive economic impact the 2022 World Championships had on the Lexington community, our hometown,” said Drew Fleming, President and CEO of the Breeders' Cup. **Cont.**

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Fleming continued: "After enduring a global pandemic, we held true to our word and returned to Keeneland just two years after the 2020 edition with an understanding of the needed boost the World Championships would give local businesses. Keeneland and Lexington are intimately connected to the history of our great sport, and it was wonderful to work with our highly engaged community to host an event that benefited everyone involved. I also enjoyed once again having the opportunity to work with Keeneland President and CEO Shannon Arvin, Festival Chairman Kip Cornett, the VisitLEX Tourism Board, and Mayor Linda Gorton to execute a successful weeklong event, welcome guests from around the world to the Horse Capital of the World, and collaborate with local businesses to foster economic growth opportunities for the region and community members."

In tandem with the economic successes and community impact of the 2022 Breeders' Cup, the World Championships featured two days of best-in-class racing under the safest possible conditions to benefit horses, riders, participants, fans, and bettors. Ticket purchasers traveled to Lexington from all 50 states and from 18 different countries, contributing to a significant increase in traffic at Blue Grass Airport. Breeders' Cup also successfully promoted several charitable initiatives throughout the week.

"The results of this study show with certainty that Lexington fully embraces the Breeders' Cup," Keeneland President and CEO Shannon Arvin said. "Breeders' Cup and Keeneland share a mission to conduct racing at the highest levels of quality, safety, and integrity, and to contribute to our community. It was a pleasure to work again with Drew Fleming and the team at Breeders' Cup, and we thank them, our industry partners, and Central Kentucky business and civic leaders who teamed with us to provide a warm welcome and outstanding hospitality to fans and racing connections from around the world."

"Breeders' Cup 2022 was an outstanding weekend of racing, hospitality, and economic impact," said Mary Quinn Ramer, president of VisitLEX. "We know there is no better place around the globe for championship racing than here in Lexington, the Horse Capital of the World, and we applaud Breeders' Cup's decision to bring the 2022 event to our city."

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“Last year when I was planning to buy, I was looking for very good horses who would train on well and would sell well this year,” Ochoa said.

Ochoa has been consigning under the GOP Racing Stable banner since 2018. His 2022 March consignment was led by Hard to Figure (**Hard Spun**), a \$40,000 Keeneland September purchase who sold for \$200,000. Trained by Bob Baffert on behalf of Mike Pegram, Karl Watson and Paul Weitman, the sophomore was a narrowly beaten runner-up in the Feb. 4 GIII Robert B. Lewis S.

Asked if he had another graded stakes performer in his 2023 consignment, Ochoa said, “It could be similar,” before quickly adding, “Or it might be even better.”

A filly from the first crop of multiple graded stakes winner **Enticed** (hip 631) equaled the week’s fastest quarter-mile time when she worked in :20 3/5 Friday for Omar Ramirez Bloodstock. The gray filly is out of Love’s Illusion (**Tapit**), a half-sister to graded winner Unchained Melody (Smart Strike) and the dam of stakes-placed J C’s a Legend (**Lea**).

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The Todd Pletcher-trained 2022 Eclipse Award-winning 2-year-old male breezed for the first time since his tour-de-force 2023 debut in the GII Fountain of Youth S. Mar. 4 at Gulfstream Park. He breezed a half-mile in :50.72 under regular jockey Irad Ortiz, Jr.

"I thought it was super. The horse is doing extremely well. He came out of the Fountain of Youth in great shape. He had a nice breeze this morning, just a half-mile. He finished up strongly with a good gallop-out," Pletcher said. "He's very happy and moving well."

Pletcher added, "He came back with really good energy. His appetite has been super. He's doing all the things the way you'd want him to be doing them. He's coming out of a big race and leading up to another big one. I couldn't be more pleased."

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VETERANS' DAY AT OAKLAWN

When it comes to ageing, as the wiseguys remind us, it's when you're over the hill that you begin to pick up speed. And it's true: the magnolia trees where I live are coming into blossom, and I swear that each passing year compresses both the duration of those brief candles and, above all, the intervals in between. The inference is a dismal one: time flies when you've had your fun.

So on a weekend when we temporarily suspend our search for the adolescent Thoroughbred maturing sufficiently to beat his peers on the first Saturday in May, let's celebrate the fulfilments that remain available later in life--whether on two legs or four.

The GIII Essex H. is the kind of race that warms the cockles of my heart. Last year it retrieved graded status, and deservedly so after increasing its purse fivefold between 2016 and 2021--a telling snapshot of the thriving Oaklawn program. And this time round it throws together a couple of evergreen veterans who show that whether age turns us into vinegar or vintage wine is largely up to us.

In the case of D. Wayne Lukas, it actually stands to reason that he should still maintain the standards of his heyday even with a much smaller barn. True, he does seem as blessed in indefatigability as in the genius he always brought to his vocation, and harnessing one to the other has simply given a fresh dimension to his unique status in our community. A wider application, however, surely applies to the principle that any decline in the physical powers even of lesser mortals is compensated, and amply so, by experience.

It's not as though anyone sends an expensive Thoroughbred to a given trainer because he might otherwise have made a cage-fighter or lumberjack. I've never understood why "ageing" trainers (an alarmingly elastic concept) should have become unfashionable as they certainly are in my homeland. **Cont.**

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Some of the biggest yards in Newmarket these days seem to be supervised as a perk accompanying appointment as head boy at various prep schools. As I have frequently remarked, if I owned the Derby favourite, and he had a foot in a bucket of ice the evening before the race, I would rather my trainer was dealing with the problem for an umpteenth time, and not the first.

It would be nice to think that a few people pondered this after the longest-serving trainer in Newmarket won the Arc last autumn, and I was delighted to learn that Sir Mark Prescott will be training for the new monarch this year. On the other side of the water, meanwhile, Lukas himself offered a similar prompt to reflection with Secret Oath (Arrogate) in the GI Kentucky Oaks last year. Though he was now closer to 90 than 80, perhaps one or two people recognized that the guy might finally be getting the hang of the game.

Admittedly it was hard, after Rich Strike (Keen Ice) emerged from nowhere (both figuratively and literally) the next day, to resist a wistful sense that Secret Oath in that form might well have cut down the boys in the Derby after all. While her form then tapered off, last weekend she looked as rejuvenated as her trainer when resurfacing at the track where she first made her name.

That was a gratifying sight, after her breeders had resisted all blandishments to keep her in the Briland family. And Last Samurai (Malibu Moon), who represents Lukas in the Essex, similarly looked better than ever when taking his earnings past \$1.6 million in the GIII Razorback H. Even in his fourth campaign, however, he remains a relative greenhorn compared to the horse who closed for fourth that day.

Rated R Superstar (Kodiak Cowboy) won this race last year, as he had back in 2019 when a callow 6-year-old, and now bids to retain the trophy on his 68th career start. Here's a horse, then,

to renew the perennial question: who do we blame for the fact that the modern Thoroughbred is treated like porcelain? Is it the trainers themselves? Or do they only treat horses this way because of the raw materials they're nowadays given by breeders?

One trainer who sets himself apart in that respect is Kenny McPeck, who actually trained Rated R Superstar through his first 30 starts, including when third in the GI Breeders' Futurity. And on Saturday McPeck takes on his old buddy with another who exactly matched that effort as a juvenile, in Classic Causeway.

This time last year, this horse had just won the GII Tampa Bay Derby and was sketching out an apt memorial as one of just three colts in the final crop of Giant's Causeway. True to that legacy of toughness and versatility, in the summer Classic Causeway reinvented himself in startling fashion, winning a Grade I on turf just two weeks after finishing third in the GIII Ohio Derby. Few American trainers today would dare attempt anything like that, so who can presume to anticipate what he might yet achieve back on dirt?

This week McPeck has already dusted off another of last year's sophomores to make a really heartening return. It certainly seems a long time since Smile Happy (**Runhappy**) beat Classic Causeway (then in another barn) in the GII Kentucky Jockey Club S., not having been seen since his midfield finish in the Derby. But his rehearsals last spring had confirmed him among the best of the crop, and it's very wholesome to be reminded that there is life after the Triple Crown trail. Three years ago, after all, Last Samurai himself trailed in a distant fifth of six in the GI Arkansas Derby; while his rivals Saturday also include Silver Prospector (Declaration of War), who had bombed out in the previous running of that race. **Cont.**

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So let's hope that Litigate (**Blame**) can likewise return to build a career commensurate with his talent and potential after the hugely disappointing news that he's out of the Derby. All of us have some kind of stake in this horse doing enough to earn a place at stud, given that he has Numbered Account (Buckpasser) facing Thong (Nantallah) on either side of his pedigree. As that indicates, he has been in the best of hands throughout and hopefully his time will still come.

Even without him, the GII Louisiana Derby next week looks deep enough for horses to show that they could have a legitimate shot at Churchill but without banking enough points to prise open a gate. If that happens, however, nobody should despair. You might yet end up with a millionaire contesting the Essex H. in 2025. There are worse fates. Because what they say of people is probably just as true of many a horse: youth is wasted on the young.

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SUPER CORINTO ADDED TO DUBAI WORLD CUP FIELD *by Alan Carasso*



Super Corinto | *Lauren King*

Jet Set Racing Stable's Chilean Group 1 winner **Super Corinto** (**Arg**) (Super Saver), originally among a bulky field entered for the G2 Godolphin Mile at Meydan Mar. 25, will instead run in the \$12-million G1 Dubai World Cup, it was announced Friday.

Trained by Amador Sanchez, the Southern Hemisphere 4-year-old colt began his career at Monterrico Racetrack in Peru, winning three of his four starts, before finishing second to O'Connor (Chi) (Boboman) in the G1 Longines Gran Premio Latinoamericano at Hipodromo Chile last Apr. 2. A 1 1/4-length winner of the G1 Gran Premio Hipodromo Chile going 11 furlongs on the dirt four weeks later, turning the tables on O'Connor, the bay was runner-up in a one-mile allowance/

optional claimer at Gulfstream Park Nov. 12 before going one better over 8 1/2 furlongs Dec. 8. He was an intended runner in the Jan. 28 GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational S., but was forced to miss the race due to an Equine Herpesvirus outbreak in his barn.

Super Corinto is one of two probable World Cup night starters for Sanchez, who is also set to be represented by **Super Ocho (Chi)** (Dubai Sky), a multiple Group 2 winner in Chile and third in last year's GII Santa Anita Sprint Championship. He will be a decided longshot in against the likes of **Gunite (Gun Runner)**, **Sibelius (Not This Time)** and a strong Japanese contingent in the G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CRAIG BERNICK

No business can change what it does not measure. Racing's public measurement of support, via wagering, hides serious issues.

Recent stories have continued to cite declines in total handle, wondering just what is at play.

How that handle has been derived has changed dramatically, but that's not reflected in the overall numbers.

Over the last century, U.S. racetracks have reported total handle on their races and, for most of that time, it was one metric that accurately depicted the health of the business.

But in our modern era of simulcasting, rebating and high-frequency betting from professionals, often called computer-assisted or robotic wagering (CAW/CRW), total handle figures actually deceive industry stakeholders more than anything.

Just over \$12 billion was bet in 2022, which is roughly the same as in 2000.

Adjusted for inflation, total wagering is down nearly 50% in the last 20 years.

To compound the issue, research conducted by the Thoroughbred Idea Foundation (TIF) estimates that roughly \$4 billion of total handle from 2022, around one-third of betting, was from the CAWs/CRWs. Others think the figure is probably higher.

Racing industry stakeholders should know how much is being wagered, through which channels, how much of those wagers are going towards purses and how that has changed and continues to change. But racetrack operators and executives in the betting space seem to have little interest in publicly discussing how their CAW/CRW business is thriving while their mainstream business appears to be floundering. **Cont.**

Letter to the Editor, cont.

That lack of transparency wasn't always the case.

Big Changes Over 20 Years

In 2004, an NTRA-commissioned study showed the burgeoning CAW/CRW space represented about 7-8% of total betting. Now, it seems headed towards 40%.

This does not have to be the problem it has become.

On its own, betting from CAW/CRW groups represents a modern, tech-based, intelligent and efficient form of betting. It should be something we can embrace and improves the overall business.

NASDAQ estimates that high frequency trading now represents half of all stock trading. But trading and investing from mainstream investors has never been cheaper or more accessible.

Racing has not evolved similarly.

Racing's costs--through takeout--have grown for mainstream customers while rebates for high-frequency bettors are believed to be higher than ever. The amount the public actually loses, "effective takeout," also seems greater than ever.

TIF research, led by Pat Cummings, has uncovered public data which shows mainstream ADW customers are losing far more than the traditional blended takeout rate at tracks in Florida. A figure that should be approximately 20% is often closer to 30%, and it typically gets worse on mandatory payout days.

While racing should be able to embrace a future with more tech-enabled betting, it cannot do so at the expense of mainstream customers. All of the evolution has focused on CAW/CRW bettors, making it easier to bet and at lower price points, while mainstream customers are still paying full-freight on a product that has not evolved for them...and they have fled the sport in droves. Total handle figures hide that shift.

The higher the takeout, the more room there is to rebate the sport's biggest players. And they have responded!

The segment that has actually grown is the segment with the lowest takeout!

Using inflation-adjusted figures from that NTRA study, published in 2004, CAW/CRW betting has likely tripled in the last 20 years. That means mainstream betting is probably down about two-thirds since then. This is an atrocious trajectory from racing's largest customer base--rank-and-file horseplayers--and has occurred during a period where racing had a veritable

monopoly on legal, regulated betting via the Internet.

Now racing's inferior, expensive product for mainstream bettors has to compete with legal sports betting.

Good luck.



Craig Bernick | *Keeneland*

Great Purses Should Not Buy Our Ignorance

Owners and breeders have enjoyed purse supplements through additional gaming revenue for over two decades now. Combined with poor reporting of actual wagering trends, these supplements have also succeeded in buying our general ignorance of the core product--betting on racing. That's incredibly problematic in the long term.

Horseplayers are some of our sport's greatest advocates, and many of our biggest owners were first introduced to racing as \$2 bettors. Not only do we risk losing a generation of future owners if our sport is no longer relevant to mainstream bettors, but we are also squandering the business acumen of leading owners on industry boards by failing to give them an accurate picture of how wagering on the sport has evolved.

More than ever before, racetrack operators are owned, or controlled, by gaming companies. Combined with racing stakeholders' ambivalence towards wagering, gaming corporation ownership often does not seem to rate daily racing as a long-term priority. For many of them, owning and operating racetracks has been a not-so-subtle Trojan horse for gaming machines.

Particularly in jurisdictions with heavily supplemented purses, owners should be advocates for reduced takeout and a healthier evolution of the wagering product for all customers. This will drive future participation.

It has gotten easy to ignore how the betting business has evolved when tracks run maiden races for over \$100,000, when auction prices climb and the business of buying and selling horses is so lucrative. It defies logic that purses have grown considerably thanks to purse supplements but yet takeout remains high for our mainstream customers.

Industry stakeholders--specifically, owners and breeders--must be more attentive to the alarming trajectory of the wagering business, demanding both more transparent reporting and a product that can grow all customer bases--not just the high frequency bettors at the expense of rank-and-file horseplayers.

Cont.

Letter to the Editor, cont.

I'm all for technology. I'm not against CAW/CRW play. I want all customer segments to grow. I want a bigger pie for everyone. I'm FOR horse racing.

We all enjoy bigger purses, but the realities of our core wagering business, which sustains the sport and keeps it in the public consciousness, is really alarming.

Most owners and breeders don't see it because it has been, relatively, hidden behind antiquated methods of reporting handle.

I encourage owners, breeders' and horsemen's organizations to demand far greater transparency--both of operators and regulators--as it relates to racing's wagering business.

We need to be stewards of our sport and not merely accept elevated purses while ignoring the economic fundamentals that impact our largest base of customers.

Craig Bernick is President and Chief Executive Officer of Glen Hill Farm, a breeding and racing operation based in Ocala, Florida. He founded the Thoroughbred Idea Foundation.

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WOODBINE AND HBPA AGREE TO TWO-YEAR DEAL



Woodbine Racetrack | Michael Burns

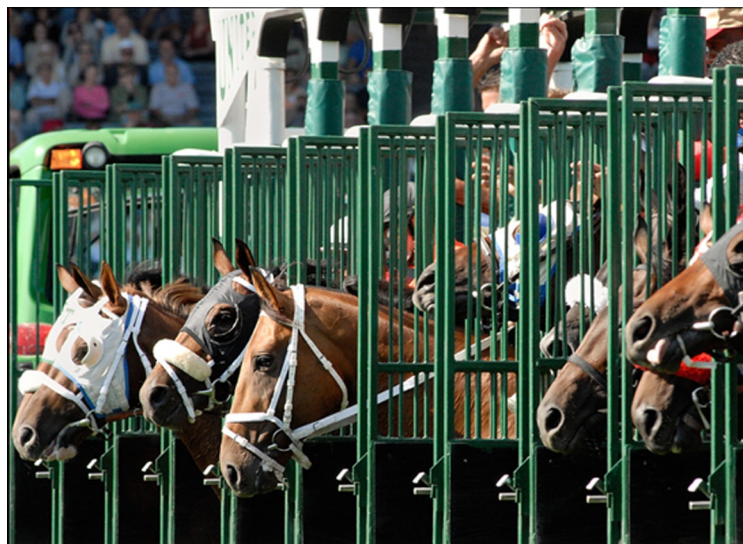
Woodbine Entertainment and the Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association of Ontario (HBPA) have reached an agreement for a new two-year deal that commits to \$62 million in purses for the 2023 and 2024 Thoroughbred racing meets, both released in a statement Friday.

The deal also includes a 133-raceday meet in 2023 and 129 race dates in 2024. Despite the fewer race days next year, the track expects the number of races offered to be substantially the same as 2023 through more optimized scheduling.

As part of the agreement, Woodbine Entertainment will continue to contribute \$300,000 to the HBPA in each year of the deal for improving working benefits and conditions for those working on the Woodbine backstretch.

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MORE THAN 70,000 PARTICIPANTS NOW REGISTERED WITH HISA



Sarah Andrew

More than 70,000 Thoroughbred racing participants and administrators across the country have now registered with the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA), in compliance with HISA's Registration Rule which went into effect on July 1, 2022. To date, 30,061 covered persons and 41,953 covered horses have been registered.

As previously announced, HISA will require compliance with its Registration Rule in order to race beginning Mar. 27. Covered persons and horses who are not in compliance with the rule will be unable to race until they register in the HISA Portal.

"Reaching 70,000 registered participants is a significant milestone," said HISA CEO Lisa Lazarus. "We are grateful for the cooperation of the vast majority of racing participants under HISA's jurisdiction who have now registered, and we strongly urge any who have not yet registered to do so by March 27 to remain able to race. With support from the racing community, we're continuing to strengthen the safety and integrity of our great sport."

Racing participants who have not yet registered themselves or their horses with HISA can do so at hisaus.org/registration.

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LUKAS KEYNOTE AT RACE FOR GRACE



Race For Grace | Kentucky Race Track Chaplaincy

Hall of Fame trainer D. Wayne Lukas will serve as the keynote speaker at this year's 21st annual Race For Grace May 1, which benefits the Kentucky Race Track Chaplaincy.

Held along Millionaires Row in the clubhouse at Churchill Downs, the dinner will include a live auction featuring a box for the 2024 Kentucky Oaks and Kentucky Derby, while a silent auction sports leather halters from last year's Derby participants, horse racing art and other assorted memorabilia.

Scott Davenport, Bellarmine University men's basketball coach who led the Knights to the 2011 NCAA Division II Tournament National Championship, will emcee.

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LIVE RACING AT FAIR GROUNDS CANCELED FRIDAY

After running the first race, the decision was made to cancel the rest of Friday's card at Fair Grounds Race Course & Slots due to inclement weather. Live racing will resume on Saturday, Mar. 18 with nine races scheduled to begin at the regular post time of 1:15 p.m. CT.

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1	Silver Prospector 🏇	Declaration of War	Ed and Susie Orr	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	118
2	Vittorio 🏇	Ghostzapper	Kaleem Shah, Inc.	Mott	Garcia	116
3	Rated R Superstar	Kodiak Kowboy	Danny R. Caldwell	Villafranco	Cabrera	118
4	Call Me Fast	Dialed In	Giddyup Stables, LLC and Tom Lambro	Puhich	Arrieta	116
5	Classic Causeway	Giant's Causeway	Kentucky West Racing LLC & Clarke M. Cooper Family Living Trust	McPeck	Prat	119
6	Necker Island 🏇	Hard Spun	The Scherr Boys	Hartman	Juarez	118
7	Forza Di Oro	Speightstown	Don Alberto Stable	Cox	Geroux	117
8	Tawny Port 🏇	Pioneer of the Nile	Peachtree Stable	Cox	Bejarano	117
9	Keystone Field 🏇	Candy Ride (Arg)	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Castillo	116
10	Last Samurai 🏇	Malibu Moon	Willis Horton Racing LLC	Lukas	Torres	121

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Saturday, Oaklawn #8, post time: 5:22 p.m. EDT

WHITMORE S.-GIII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Spankster 🏇	Mastery	Willis Horton Racing LLC	Lukas	Cabrera	124
2	Tejano Twist	Practical Joke	JD Thoroughbreds LLC and Joey Keith Davis	Hartman	Arrieta	124
3	Miles Ahead 🏇	Competitive Edge	Jay Em Ess Stable	McGee	Garcia	117
4	Edge to Edge 🏇	Competitive Edge	Peggy Thompson	Hartman	Juarez	124
5	Empire of Gold	Goldencents	Johnny B. Evans and Terry Eoff	Eoff	Luzzi	119
6	Baytown Bear 🏇	Upstart	McEntee Racing, Inc.	McEntee	Enriquez Jr.	117
7	Flash of Mischief	Into Mischief	Jerry Namy	Broberg	Torres	124
8	Pirate Rick 🏇	Liam's Map	Built Wright Stables, LLC.	Cash	Bejarano	119
9	Cogburn 🏇	Not This Time	Clark O. Brewster, L. William & Corinne Heiligbrodt	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	124
10	Morello 🏇	Classic Empire	Blue Lion Thoroughbreds, Iapetus Racing and Diamond T Racing	Asmussen	Prat	117

Breeders: 1-Wedgewood Farm, 2-Tom Durant, 3-Nicholas M. Lotz & Betsy Kelley, 4-Yeamans Racing Stable, LLC, 5-W C Racing, 6-Brereton C. Jones, 7-Jerry Namy, 8-Woods Edge Farm, LLC, 9-Bellary Bloodstock, 10-Robert B. Tillyer & Dr. Chet Blackey



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BIG PEDIGREES SHINE ON SATURDAY

10th-SA, \$67K, Msw, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 8:01 p.m.

The first of a pair of Juddmonte fillies racing for Bob Baffert, **PLEASANT** (**Munnings**) is the latest filly to make the races out of Fair Lady (**Medaglia d'Oro**), a daughter of GISW Honest Lady (Seattle Slew), making her a half to GISW First Defense (Unbridled's Song), SW & GSP **Honest Mischief** (Into Mischief), SW Phantom Rose (Danzig) and SW Honest Quality (Elusive Quality). Pleasant's third dam is none other than Toussaud (El Gran Senor), the Broodmare of the Year responsible for MGISW and late sire Empire Maker (Unbridled), GISW Chester House (Mr. Prospector), MGSW & GISP Decarchy (Distant View), GISW Chiselling (Woodman) and the dam of MGSW Honorable Duty (Distorted Humor). The bay worked a sharp five-furlongs in :59.1 (3/32) Mar. 6 and picks up veteran John Velazquez.

Her uncoupled stablemate breaking from the inside gate, **Enclosure** (Arrogate) is the first foal out of Juddmonte's \$500,000 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga purchase Cognitive (**Uncle Mo**). This is the extended family of \$3.3 million Fasig-Tipton Night of the Stars pick up MGISW Dream Rush (Wild Rush) and her daughters: GISW Dreaming of Julia (A.P. Indy) and MGSW Dream Pauline (**Tapit**).

"They are both nice fillies," Baffert said. "The Arrogate [Enclosure] is probably going to need a race and I think she wants two turns. The **Munnings** [Pleasant] is quicker."

Also of note in this field is the outside runner **Ruby Nell** (Bolt d'Oro), purchased for \$1.2 million as a 2-year-old at the Gulfstream Sale last year. She was last seen in second behind SW Ag Bullet (**Twirling Candy**) when debuted on the grass Jan.

22. **TJCIS PPS**

7th-FG, \$50K, Msw, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 5:15 p.m.

Triple Crown nominated **PURSUIT OF POWER** (**Gun Runner**) brought \$875,000 from Courtlandt Farm at the 2021 Keeneland September Sale. Distorted Lies (Smart Strike), herself a daughter of GI Kentucky Oaks runner-up Broadway's Alibi, is a half-sister to newly crowned Eclipse champion sprinter Elite Power (**Curlin**), MGSW Golden Lad (**Medaglia d'Oro**) and MSW & GISP R Gypsy Gold (Bernardini). This is also the family of Armed Forces S. winner Lights of Broadway (**City of Light**).

First Mission (**Street Sense**), a Godolphin homebred from the family of Argentinian champion 3-year-old filly Forty Marchanta (Arg) (Roar), will try to improve off his three-quarter length defeat on debut Feb. 18. **TJCIS PPS**

3rd-GP, \$84K, Msw, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:38 p.m.

A \$460,000 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Select Yearling purchase, **MAGICAL POWER** (**Good Magic**) enters this debut off a pair of bullet drills Feb. 26 and Mar. 11 for trainer Todd Pletcher and owners AMO Racing USA and Stonestreet Stables. The colt is out of a half-sister to MSW More Moonlight (More Than Ready).

TJCIS PPS

9th-GP, \$84K, Msw, 3yo, 1 1/8m, 4:37 p.m.

A homebred for Mandy Pope's Whisper Hill Farm, **UNION TAP** (**Union Rags**) is from the family of champion 3-year-old colt Afleet Alex (Northern Afleet) and MGSP Unforgettable Max (Northern Afleet).

Making his second start for Todd Pletcher and Repole Stable, Phipps Stable and St. Elias Stable after a close third over the all-weather track Feb. 16, **Clever Thought** (**Quality Road**) is out of a daughter of champion 3-year-old filly Dancinginmydreams (Seeking the Gold). His dam is a half to GISW Dancing Forever (Rahy) and the to the dams of GSP Miss Yearwood (Will Take Charge), GSP Tuggle (Point of Entry) and GSW & GISP Carrumba (Bernardini). Under his third dam is another champion 3-year-old filly in Heavenly Prize (Seeking the Gold), MGISW Good Reward (Storm Cat) and GISW Oh What A Windfall (Seeking the Gold). **TJCIS PPS**

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IRISH O'BRIEN S., \$98,000, Santa Anita, 3-17, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f (off turf), 1:16.95, ft.

1--**ALICE MARBLE, 124, m, 6, Grazen--Unsung Heroine, by More Than Ready.** O/B-Nick Alexander (CA); T-Philip D'Amato; J-Flavien Prat. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: GSP, 15-7-2-3, \$470,880. *Full to Enola Gray, GSW & GISP, \$585,100.

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2--**Rose Maddox, 124, f, 4, Grazen--Heat the Rocks, by Unusual Heat.** O/B-Nick Alexander (CA); T-Steven Miyadi. \$20,000.

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3--**Taming the Tigress, 122, m, 5, Smiling Tiger--Joeandbetty'sbaby, by Yes It's True.** (\$21,000 2yo '20 CTBAJA). O-Mia Familia Racing Stable and Moon S. Han; B-Highlander Racing Stable, LLC (CA); T-Librado Barocio. \$12,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, 2 1/4, 5 1/4. Odds: 0.40, 4.80, 3.20.

Also Ran: Feeling Grazeul. Scratched: Big Summer, Shocking Grey.

The picture of consistency, Alice Marble's only off-the-board finish in her career came on debut in Oct. 2020 when she found the synthetic at Golden Gate not to her liking. Never worse than third over both dirt and turf in California since, the 6-year-old has contested two straight stakes races at Santa Anita--finishing third to Big Summer (Mr. Big) in the Sunshine Millions Filly and Mare Turf Sprint S. Jan. 7 and winning the Spring Fever S. On the dirt Feb. 19.

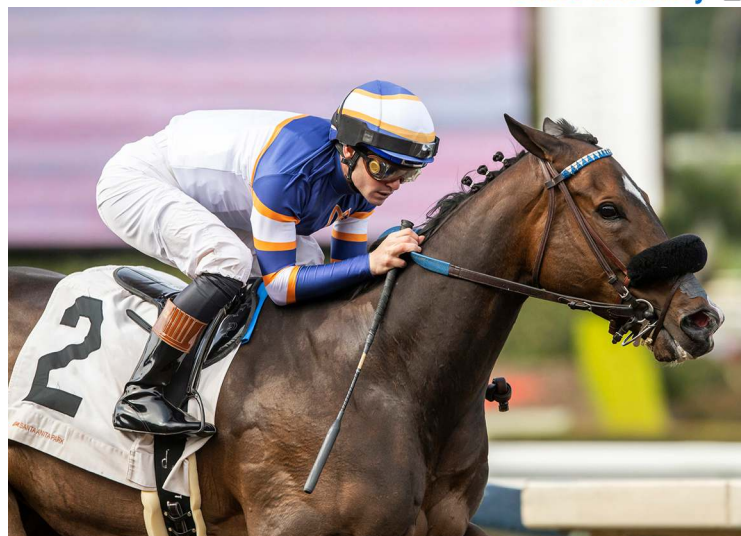
Happy whether this race stayed on the turf on not, the heavy 2-5 wagering choice was away in good order and checked in second of four at the first point of call. Paced up front by Feeling Grazeul (Grazen), the field remained tightly bunched up the backstretch through a half in :45.56. Up alongside the leader as Rose Maddox had the door slammed on her inside, Alice Marble took over between rivals past the quarter pole and was able to gain just a bit of separation. Rose Maddox made a gallant effort to re-rally down the outside but Alice Marble had the first jump and was home clear to top a Grazen-sired exacta.

"I was actually focused on 'Rose' and she had to take up pretty seriously, I think it spoke well for her," said Nick Alexander, the owner and trainer of the top two finishers. "I think she (Rose Maddox) has a bright future. It is just a relief that we beat

(Taming the Tigress), I didn't want to run three Grazens behind her (trainer Anthony Saavedra's Feeling Grazeul included)...That worked out well."

With a pair of stakes winners by the leading California sire already, Unsung Heroine has returned to Grazen in each of her last four seasons but has not produced a foal since 3-year-old filly Dusty Springfield. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

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8th-Oaklawn, \$106,000, Alw (C)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 3-17, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38.14, ft, 6 3/4 lengths.

TRAVERSE (f, 4, *Street Sense*--Chastise, by *Blame*) started her 2023 season, and tenure in the barn of new trainer Riley Mott, finishing fourth in the local Jan. 7 Pippin S. before stepping back into the allowance optional claiming ranks to pick up her first win of the year by two lengths Feb. 12 as the even-money choice. The betting public crowned her the 6-5 favorite in this spot against GSW Butterbean (Klimt)--who was making her return off the bench since last year's GI Coaching Club American Oaks--and she made it look a gift with a stylish victory here. Allowed off the pace early as Speedometer (*Tapit*) went to set it, Traverse was three wide as the runners closed ranks through the far turn and took over turning for home. Striding clear quickly, she put 6 3/4 lengths on her competition as Butterbean rolled from last to pick up the minors; the win here being the second in a row under the tutelage of her promising young conditioner. The flag bearer for her dam, Traverse has a 3-year-old half-sister Romping (*Runhappy*) as well as a 2-year-old half-brother Nocreekforme (Flatter). Chastise delivered a now yearling colt by *War of Will* last season but aborted her 2023 *Silver State* pregnancy. Lifetime Record: 8-4-0-1, \$251,665. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.** O/B-Claiborne Farm (KY); T-Riley Mott.



9th-Oaklawn, \$106,000, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 3-17, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09.52, ft, 4 3/4 lengths.

SKELLY (g, 4, *Practical Joke*--Adande, by *Bwana Charlie*), first or second in each of his races barring two starts back when he caught a sloppy track at Oaklawn Dec. 10, looked to improve off a last-out win in which he posted a career high 95 Beyer Speed Figure. On the pace from the break, the 7-2 second choice kept things tight with Doctor Oscar (Shackleford) and Vulcan (*Munnings*) as the top trio blitzed an opening quarter in :21.97. Sent between those rivals to take full command at the head of the lane, Skelly had plenty left for a sprint home, drawing clear to defeat Doctor Oscar by 4 3/4 lengths. Out of a half-sister to MGSW & GISP Isotherm (Lonhro {Aus}), GISP Gio Game (Gio Ponti), and GISP Giant Game (Giant's Causeway), Skelly is his dam's most recent offspring. Adande visited *Silver State* for a 2023 foal. Sales History: \$250,000 Ylg '20 FTKSEL; \$350,000 RNA 2yo '21 FTFMAR. Lifetime Record: 7-3-3-0, \$253,650. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.** O-Red Lane Thoroughbreds LLC; B-H. Allen Poindexter (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen.



4th-Oaklawn, \$103,000, Alw, 3-17, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:44.03, ft, 4 1/4 lengths.

KING OTTOMAN (c, 4, *Curlin*--Shook Up {GISP, \$307,100}, by *Tapit*) made his first start Friday since a second to GISW Rattle N Roll (*Connect*) in the GIII Oklahoma Derby last September. A consistent runner in graded-stakes company with another placing in the GIII Indiana Derby last summer, the even-money favorite made just his second start at Oaklawn after racing over seven different tracks in 2022. Taken back off the pace as C. J's Storm (Storm's Eye) hustled out to the front, King Ottoman rated patiently in need of racing room up the backstretch. Tipped out four across into the far turn, he bid with a sustained drive to the top of the lane and outsprinted eventual runner-up Cawkab (*Curlin*) through the final furlong to win by 4 1/4 lengths. Out of GI Kentucky Oaks runner-up Shook Up (*Tapit*), King Ottoman has only one younger sibling--a yearling half-brother by *Volatile*. Shook Up was barren when bred to *Gun Runner* for 2023. Sales History: \$335,000 RNA Ylg '20 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: SW & MGSP, 8-2-1-2, \$375,294. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.** O/B-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen.



King Ottoman | Coady

5th-Gulfstream, \$82,800, Alw (C)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 3-17, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:35.96, ft, 8 lengths.

BETH'S DREAM (m, 5, *Jess's Dream*--Gator Brew {SW}, by *Milwaukee Brew*) put together a three-race winning streak from December 2021 through April 2022 where her combined winning margin was nearly 30 lengths. Second in the Lady Secret S. at Monmouth last summer, she faltered behind GISW Search Results (Flatter) in the GIII Molly Pitcher S. before going to the bench until a return to the races Jan. 14 at Tampa.

5th-Gulfstream, Cont.

Third in that day's Wayward Lass S., she shortened back up to a mile after three consecutive efforts at 1 1/16 miles as the 1-2 choice. Looming from second while kept out in the clear, Beth's Dream, always under confident handling by Jose Ortiz, made a bid from the six path into the far turn. Still well in hand, she overtook early pacesetter Music City Star (**Tapiture**) past the quarter pole and cruised home much the best, winning under wraps by eight lengths. This is the extended female family of GII Sorrento S. winner Vegas Magic (**Good Magic**) and GSW & GISP Sweet Whiskey (Old Fashioned). Beth's Dream has only one younger sibling--a 3-year-old stakes placed half-brother named Bart's Dream (Chitu). Lifetime Record: MSP, 9-4-1-1, \$161,160. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.** O-James E. & Virginia Gramble; B-James Gamble (FL); T-Victor Barboza, Jr.

6th-Aqueduct, \$72,000, (S), Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 3-17, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:39.78, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

MIDTOWN LIGHTS (f, 3, Redesdale--Miz Midtown, by Exchange Rate) broke her maiden at third asking against state-bred company in the slop Dec. 3 at the Big A after previously trying the turf in South Ozone Park where her best finish was a third Oct. 28. With a lost lead second Dec. 17 in a Stallion Series race, she was second next out once again at Aqueduct, this time against optional claimers in the slop Feb. 17. Finally under a fast track and as the 2-1 co-favorite, the Brad Cox trainee broke alertly, but was shuffled back down the backstretch as Luna Loca (Malibu Moon) and the other chalk, I'mhavingamoment (**Uncle Mo**), showed the way. Making up ground approaching the far turn, the chestnut filly split horses, hustled to catch her rival on the tote and stubbornly refused to quit on her way to a 2 1/4-length victory. The winner's unraced mare has a 2-year-old filly by Noble Mission (GB) and a yearling colt by Honest Mission. She visited that same sire last year. Sales History: \$30,000 Ylg '21 EASOCT; \$70,000 RNA 2yo '22 OBSAPR; \$150,000 2yo '22 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-1, \$204,820. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Clay Scherer, Carson McCord, Gregory M. Hoffman, Harriette Waldron and Sonny Dotson; B-Windylea Farm-New York LLC (NY); T-Brad H. Cox.

8th-Aqueduct, \$70,000, (S), Msw, 3-17, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:13.18, ft, head.

TEN CENT TOWN (c, 3, Redesdale--Heleanor Rugby {MSW & GSP, \$265,990}, by Tribal Rule) was the beaten favorite on debut at Belmont last summer and had to settle for second again behind MSW Acoustic Ave (**Maclean's Music**) in his only other start to date at Saratoga in July.

Making his first start Friday since that runner up performance and given the 2-1 nod, he was quick from the gate and hooked up early with On the Ledge (Majestic City). The pair traded blows around the far turn before Ten Cent Town finally began to wear down his rival, edging ahead while under a drive. Pressured all the way to the line by a closing Empire Sky (Klimt), Ten Cent Town had just enough to hold on, winning by a head. From his sire's first crop, Ten Cent Town is his dam's most recent offspring though she visited Galilean for a 2023 foal. Sales History: \$40,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, \$71,100. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-James Redekop and Stefan Ferrario; B-Hidden Lake Farm LLC (NY); T-William E. Morey.

8th-Laurel, \$58,300, Alw (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$32,000-\$40,000), 3-17, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:37.89, ft, 5 1/4 lengths.

SHAFT'S BULLET (g, 4, Mineshaft--Comet of Love {SW, \$266,805}, by Not For Love) made his lone start of 2022 a winning effort before going on the shelf until Jan. 6 this season, where he returned in allowance company at track and this trip to post another neck victory off the layoff. Second by a nose on his return to 1 1/16 miles Feb. 4 against optional claiming company, he was third last out Feb. 24 when forced as far as six wide at one point. MGSP Doppleganger (Into Mischief) earned his second victory in a row there. Rating in midpack early to the outside of runners, Shaft's Bullet closed the distance on dueling leaders under confident handling and took aim mid turn as he cruised four wide into upper stretch. Taking command, Shaft's Bullet distanced himself from the field passing the three-sixteenths and eagerly widened his margin to 5 1/4 lengths on the wire as Be Better (**Uncle Mo**) chased him in. His jockey Jaime Rodriguez counted this victory as his record-tying seventh on the day. The winner has a 3-year-old half-brother Bettruckythangood (**Lookin At Lucky**), a yearling half-brother by Mission Impazible, and a 2023 half-brother by Known Agenda. Sales history: \$16,000 Ylg '20 KESEEP. Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-1, \$117,720. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Paul L. Fowler, Jr.; B-Athens Woods LLC (KY); T-Gary Capuano.



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Jaime Rodriguez Rides Record-Tying Seven Winners Friday: "I was pretty happy when I won the first one. I thought that everything that I rode had a shot [Friday]. I give everything to anyone that I ride. I am so happy. It's a huge day. Seven wins in one day? It's impressive." | Maryland Jockey Club

5th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$25,750, Alw (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$32,000), 3-17, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.16, fm, 1 3/4 lengths.

PANAMA RED (IRE) (f, 4, Showcasing {GB}--Allegation {Fr}, by Lawman {Fr}) did the majority of her racing in Ireland, breaking her maiden in her third career start before finishing her juvenile season with a stakes win at Leopardstown in Sept. 2021. Not competitive in group action as a 3-year-old, she settled for a pair of runner-up efforts in stakes at Killarney last summer before making the trip overseas to debut a close fourth in Florida as a 4-year-old Feb. 4 in the GIII Endeavour S. The popular wagering choice at 4-5 over the same track and distance Friday, the chestnut filly was sharp from the blocks and dashed to the early lead, setting the pace while saving ground along the rail up the backstretch. She had a good kick left to give at the top of the lane when confronted by a late-closing Paris Peacock (Ire) (Muhaarar {GB}) and held that rival off with room to spare, winning by 1 3/4 lengths. Out of a half-sister to a pair of group winners, Panama Red traces back through her third dam to none other than Urban Sea, a Group 1 winner in her own right but perhaps best known for her two sons--Galileo (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) and Sea the Stars (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}). Allegation has a 2-year-old filly by Profitable (Ire) and a yearling colt by Acclamation (GB) still to race. Sales History: 70,000gns Ylg '20 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: SW-Ire, 11-3-2-0, \$122,049. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.** O-Lael Stables; B-Corduff Stud & Farmleigh Bloodstock Ltd (IRE); T-Arnaud Delacour.



IN ORDER OF PURSE:



Exponential Star | Coady Photography

7th-Oaklawn, \$90,000, Msw, 3-17, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:45.56, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

EXPONENTIAL STAR (f, 3, Accelerate--Star Number, by Polish Numbers) pulled the 18-1 shocker here, breaking her maiden by open lengths despite initially being slow to settle into the first turn. Tracking a loose leader from second, she chased all the way into the turn for home before taking over and going clear to the wire by 2 1/4 lengths. Unstable Princess (Cairo Prince) closed from the rear of the field for the minors. Exponential Star exited from a Feb. 11 sloppy maiden dash at this venue which yielded three next-out winners, including dominant optional claimer victress Punchbowl (Uncle Mo). She was a distant eighth there. Half-sister to Hartigan (Include), MSW, \$197,300--who claims two Maryland stakes horses to her tally and is granddam to a further two others--Exponential Star is also half to Struth (Curlin), MSW, \$378,960. She is the last registered foal for Star Number. Sales history: \$30,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$45,000 2yo '22 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$54,563. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.** O-Ten Strike Racing; B-A. Leonard Pineau (MD); T-Lindsay Schultz.



Maidens, Cont.

4th-Aqueduct, \$80,000, Msw, 3-17, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:12.64, ft, 3/4 length.

MAYHEM MISS (f, 3, Carpe Diem--Mayhem Mizz, by Exchange Rate) broke on top in her Jan. 29 debut over track and near trip, but ultimately faded to fifth. Leaving the gates at 6-1 here, she was again hustled out to show the way just off the rail while taking pressure early. Urged to widen on her competition, Mayhem Miss spun three wide coming for home and this time, she would not be denied. Heavy 2-5 favorite Spelterini (Bernardini) gave a good effort, but could not catch the winner, a 3/4-length margin between them on the wire. The winner's dam has a 2023 filly by **Sharp Azteca** on record. Sales history: \$6,000 Wlg '20 KEENOV; \$24,000 2yo '22 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$47,200. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

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Kalik | Ryan Thompson

1st-Gulfstream, \$70,000, Msw, 3-17, 3yo, 1mT, 1:34.64, fm, nose.

KALIK (c, 3, Collected--Coronation Street, by Street Cry {Ire}) began his career in a Sept. 16 Belmont at Big A maiden special over the main track which yielded 'TDN Rising Star' Signator (**Tapit**) and next-out winner Warman Road (**Unified**), finishing last in that field. The Triple Crown-nominated chestnut was moved to the turf and stretched out to 1 1/16 miles Oct. 23 at the venue, and finished a much-improved second to next-out stakes-winner Bat Flip (**Good Magic**). Opening his sophomore docket here riding a healthy record on the work tab, Kalik tracked in fourth from two off the fence early as Cumberland (**Classic Empire**) stepped out to do all the running in the beginning stages.

Tipped to the four path and called on for a run through the far turn, he took aim from six wide in the stretch and was making good progress before starting to move slightly inward during his rally. Bumping with a rival nearing the line, Kalik nailed the game Cumberland in a photo and overcame a stewards' inquiry into the homeward drive as the even-money favorite. A half-brother to Bringer of Rain (**Twirling Candy**), GSP, \$112,830, the Ontario-bred has a yearling half-sister by **Hard Spun**. Unraced dam Coronation Street is out of MGSW Sara Louise (Malibu Moon), making her a half-sister to GSP Sara Street (**Street Sense**). That second dam is herself a half-sibling to GSW Just Louise (Five Star Day), the dam of GISP & MGSW Forbidden Kingdom (**American Pharoah**). Coronation Street is due to **Collected** for 2023. Sales history: \$80,000 Wlg '20 FTKNOV; \$200,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$62,425. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Robert V. LaPenta, eFive Racing Thoroughbreds & Madaket Stables LLC; B-Peter A. Berglar Racing Interests, LLC & Anderson Farms (Ontario) (ON); T-Chad C. Brown.



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6th-Gulfstream, \$70,000, Msw, 3-17, 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:40.97, fm, 1 length.

EXACT ESTIMATE (c, 4, Into Mischief--Magic Union {GSP, \$217,566}, by Dixie Union) was a distant second on debut Apr. 24 last season to B Dawk (Gormley) as that one rolled home ahead of a Keeneland maiden field by over 11 lengths. He was fourth last out June 10 behind SW Artorius (Arrogate) and ahead of GISP Commandperformance (**Union Rags**) at Belmont in a mile maiden contest. Gone since then, but appearing religiously on the worktab at Payson Park, the 2-1 shot raced from fifth in the early stages before advancing three wide around the far turn into third. Taking over midstretch, he drifted out when given left-hand reminders nearing the sixteenth pole but ultimately held favorited Oglethorpe (Arrogate) to a safe length. His dam's final foal to the races, Exact Estimate claims the stalwart Tizamagician (Tiznow), MGSW & GISP, \$741,851 as a half-sibling as well as Avenue (**Quality Road**), MGSP, \$168,100. This is the extended female family of Queen's Plate S. hero and MSW Sir Dudley Digges (Gio Ponti). Sales history: \$375,000 Ylg '20 FTKSEL. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$66,150. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Jeff Drown & Don Rachel; B-Woodford Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY); T-Chad C. Brown.



2nd-Gulfstream, \$53,000, (S), Msw, 3-17, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:25.71, ft, neck.

SIN FOR A SEASON (f, 3, Anchor Down--Be Kind, by Overanalyze) jumped true and immediately took to pressing the pace from three wide in second on this unveiling effort here. The 5-2 second choice took over the front leaving the three-eighths marker and drew clear briefly in upper stretch. Luis Saez had to ask Sin for a Season to dig in as Principia (Greenpointcrusader) launched a furious final bid late, but came a neck short at 8-1 odds in her 10th career try at graduation. The victress is thus far her dam's first and last registered foal. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$31,800. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.** O/B-Larry L Fugate (FL); T-David Fawkes.

6th-Hawthorne, \$30,000, Msw, 3-16, 3yo/up, f/m, 5f, :56.83, ft, 12 lengths.

MENDREL (f, 3, Blame--Custody, by Broken Vow) debuted against a mixed field of fillies and despite being chilly on the tote at near 15-1, she ran like the even-money favorite. Urged to the front and sporting a pair of blinkers, she was quick to assume command through :22.03 and :44.68 splits for the five-furlong dash. Rolling into the lane almost eight ahead of her nearest rival, Mendrel bumped her advantage to almost 12 lengths in the stretch over Magic Beauty (Curlin) and stopped the clock in :56.83, only .17 off a nine-year-old track record. Hailing from a four-time winning dam, Mendrel is the most recent to get her picture taken and has a yearling half-sister by **Midnight Lute**. Custody is due to Astern (Aus) for 2023. Sales history: \$5,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$18,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.** O-William A. Nicks; B-Bloom Racing LLC (KY); T-Brian Cook.



IN SAUDI ARABIA:

Rustom Basha (KSA), c, 3, Summer Front--Palabre, by Giant's Causeway. King Abdulaziz, 3-17, Allowance, 1200m. B-Sa'ad Ahmed A/Alwahid. *Remained unbeaten in three starts. **\$9,500 in utero '19 KEENOV. **VIDEO (SC 1)**



SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: SATURDAY, MARCH 18 2023 Stud Fees Listed

Accelerate (Lookin At Lucky), Lane's End Farm, \$10,000
214 foals of racing age/25 winners/1 black-type winner
6-Fair Grounds, 4:45 p.m. EDT, Alw 1m, For Harper, 6-1
\$35,000 RNA OBS OCT yrl
3-Cross Country Pick X, 5:32 p.m. EDT, \$100K Cicada S. AQU - R9,
6f, Musicmansandy, 15-1
\$160,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$175,000 OBS APR 2yo

Always Dreaming (Bodemeister), WinStar Farm, \$10,000
213 foals of racing age/16 winners/1 black-type winner
1-Tampa Bay Downs, 12:18 p.m. EDT, Msw 1mT, Ginettes On
Fire, 6-1
\$30,000 KEE SEP yrl

Army Mule (Friesan Fire), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, \$12,500
143 foals of racing age/33 winners/7 black-type winners
5-Fair Grounds, 4:15 p.m. EDT, Msw 1mT, Army Kitten, 6-1
\$110,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$55,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo
3-Cross Country Pick X, 5:32 p.m. EDT, \$100K Cicada S. AQU - R9,
6f, Hot Little Thing, 5-2
\$35,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$80,000 OBS MAR 2yo
1-Oaklawn, 1:35 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Stormin Army, 10-1
\$80,000 FTK JUL yrl

Bolt d'Oro (Medaglia d'Oro), Spendthrift Farm, \$35,000
256 foals of racing age/37 winners/6 black-type winners
5-Fair Grounds, 4:15 p.m. EDT, Msw 1mT, Boltoro, 7-2
\$30,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$100,000 OBS APR 2yo
5-Gulfstream, 2:37 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Decidedly So, 6-1
\$70,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$150,000 OBS APR 2yo
10-Santa Anita, 8:01 p.m. EDT, Msw 6 1/2f, Mahina, 8-1
\$100,000 KEE SEP yrl
10-Santa Anita, 8:01 p.m. EDT, Msw 6 1/2f, Ruby Nell, 8-5
\$80,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$85,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$1,200,000 FTF MAR
2yo

Bucchero (Kantharos), Pleasant Acres Stallions
155 foals of racing age/19 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Tampa Bay Downs, 3:03 p.m. EDT, Aoc 6f, Dance Step, 6-1
\$25,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$27,000 OBS APR 2yo

City of Light (Quality Road), Lane's End Farm, \$60,000
 209 foals of racing age/20 winners/4 black-type winners
 1-Santa Anita, 3:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2fT, Heart of the Night, 4-1
 \$105,000 SAR AUG yrl; \$275,000 EAS MAY 2yo
 1-Santa Anita, 3:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2fT, Jennifer's d'Light, 5-1
 \$650,000 FTS AUG yrl

Destin (Giant's Causeway), Sequel New York
 77 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
 10-Aqueduct, 6:04 p.m. EDT, Msw 7f, October Bliss, 10-1
 \$5,000 SAR AUG yrl; \$19,000 RNA OBS OPN 2yo

Frank Conversation (Quality Road), Rockridge Stud
 63 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
 6-Aqueduct, 3:55 p.m. EDT, Msw 7f, Bandulu Queen, 30-1
 \$1,000 RNA EAS DEC wnl

Good Magic (Curlin), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, \$50,000
 237 foals of racing age/37 winners/7 black-type winners
 3-Gulfstream, 1:38 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Magical Power, 2-1
 \$460,000 FTS AUG yrl
 5-Fair Grounds, 4:15 p.m. EDT, Msw 1mT, Mystic Pleasure, 3-1
 \$35,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$210,000 KEE SEP yrl
 6-Santa Anita, 6:01 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Mystification, 6-1
 \$65,000 RNA KEE JAN wnl; \$60,000 FTK JUL yrl; \$250,000 OBS APR 2yo

Good Samaritan (Harlan's Holiday), WinStar Farm, \$7,500
 172 foals of racing age/28 winners/1 black-type winner
 6-Aqueduct, 3:55 p.m. EDT, Msw 7f, Good Accelebrate, 10-1
 \$23,000 RNA SAR AUG yrl; \$18,000 EAS MAY 2yo
 7-Fair Grounds, 5:15 p.m. EDT, Msw 1 1/16m, Neighbor, 15-1
 \$11,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$50,000 FTK JUL yrl

Gustav Klimt (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Haras d'Annebault, \$3,500
 105 foals of racing age/13 winners/0 black-type winners
 7-Santa Anita, 6:31 p.m. EDT, \$100K China Doll S., 1mT, The Wild Grazer (Ire), 5-2

Havana Grey (GB) (Havana Gold {Ire}), Whitsbury Manor Stud, \$18,500
 225 foals of racing age/51 winners/6 black-type winners
 7-Santa Anita, 6:31 p.m. EDT, \$100K China Doll S., 1mT, Havana Angel (Ire), 15-1
 €10,000 GOF NOV wnl; €20,000 GOF SPT yrl; €320,000 ARQ JUL 2yo

Hoppertunity (Any Given Saturday), Northview Stallion Station
 156 foals of racing age/14 winners/1 black-type winner
 6-Aqueduct, 3:55 p.m. EDT, Msw 7f, Bella Sonadora, 20-1
 8-Laurel, 3:52 p.m. EDT, \$100K Beyond The Wire S., 1m, Voodoo Mama Juju, 20-1

Irish War Cry (Curlin), Northview Stallion Station
 103 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
 9-Laurel, 4:23 p.m. EDT, \$100K Private Terms S., 1 1/16m, Feeling Woozy, 8-1
 \$16,000 EAS OCT yrl

Justify (Scat Daddy), Coolmore Ashford, \$100,000
 343 foals of racing age/37 winners/7 black-type winners
 5-Fair Grounds, 4:15 p.m. EDT, Msw 1mT, Amisfield, 8-1
 7-Fair Grounds, 5:15 p.m. EDT, Msw 1 1/16m, Big Commerce, 15-1
 \$435,000 KEE SEP yrl

The Lieutenant (Street Sense), Sequel New York
 30 foals of racing age/4 winners/1 black-type winner
 10-Aqueduct, 6:04 p.m. EDT, Msw 7f, Lifetime of Chance, 3-1
 \$135,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Long On Value (Value Plus), Pleasant Acres Stallions
 30 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
 1-Santa Anita, 3:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2fT, Lulu Lemon Drop, 10-1
 \$12,000 OBS WIN wnl; \$25,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$75,000 OBS APR 2yo

Mendelssohn (Scat Daddy), Coolmore Ashford, \$25,000
 348 foals of racing age/38 winners/3 black-type winners
 5-Gulfstream, 2:37 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Astrila, 5-1
 \$190,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl
 6-Sam Houston Race, 4:26 p.m. EDT, Msw 1mT, Malibu Mendelssohn, 20-1
 \$77,000 RNA KEE JAN wnl
 6-Sam Houston Race, 4:26 p.m. EDT, Msw 1mT, Mendel Warrior, 30-1
 6-Sam Houston Race, 4:26 p.m. EDT, Msw 1mT, Nerky Rose, 8-1
 \$37,000 KEE JAN wnl
 5-Gulfstream, 2:37 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Now Showing, 15-1
 \$100,000 KEE SEP yrl
 6-Golden Gate Fields, 7:16 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Sweet Tessa, 15-1
 \$140,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$105,000 OBS APR 2yo

Sire List, Cont.**Mrazek** (Square Eddie), Ocean Breeze Ranch

20 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners

3-Santa Anita, 4:29 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2fT, Barely Funtional, 6-1

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

171 foals of racing age/21 winners/2 black-type winners

5-Fair Grounds, 4:15 p.m. EDT, Msw 1mT, Dream Role, 20-1

\$37,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl

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

200 foals of racing age/46 winners/4 black-type winners

3-Cross Country Pick X, 5:32 p.m. EDT, \$100K Cicada S. AQU - R9,

6f, Fancy Azteca, 10-1

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

176 foals of racing age/19 winners/2 black-type winners

2-Sam Houston Race, 2:30 p.m. EDT, Aoc 1m, Roses Are Gray,

10-1

\$17,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$35,000 OBS OPN 2yo

2-Sam Houston Race, 2:30 p.m. EDT, Aoc 1m, Taylors Tap, 7-2

\$21,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$35,000 OBS APR 2yo

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

198 foals of racing age/17 winners/2 black-type winners

9-Laurel, 4:23 p.m. EDT, \$100K Private Terms S., 1 1/16m,

Circling the Drain, 6-1

\$45,000 RNA EAS OCT yrl

8-Gulfstream, 4:07 p.m. EDT, \$100K Hutcheson S., 6f, Live Is Life,

10-1

\$115,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$115,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$60,000 OBS APR 2yo

1-Oaklawn, 1:35 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Patton's War, 2-1

\$120,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Zoustar (Aus) (Northern Meteor {Aus}), Tweenhills Stud,

\$30,000

211 foals of racing age/22 winners/1 black-type winner

1-Santa Anita, 3:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2fT, Lunar Impact (GB),

8-1

100,000gns TAT OCT yrl



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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:****7th-Aqueduct, \$84,000**, 3-17, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38.30, ft, 3 1/4 lengths.**MOMMASGOTTARUN** (f, 4, **Maclean's Music**--Love in Tokyo, by **Tiznow**) Lifetime Record: 17-5-4-3, \$250,798. O-Ronald P.

Stewart; B-Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc (ON); T-Linda Rice.

*\$110,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP.

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3rd-Santa Anita, \$72,000, (S), 3-17, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:38.67, ft, 4 1/2 lengths.**TALKLESSWORKMORE** (g, 5, **Summer Front**--Talk Less Run**More, by Old Fashioned**) Lifetime Record: 10-2-3-2, \$143,500.

O/B-Ruis Racing (CA); T-Shelbe Ruis.

7th-Sam Houston Race, \$37,000, 3-17, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:45.97, my, 10 lengths.**KOKOKOMO** (g, 6, **Uncle Mo**--Vueмонт, by **A.P. Indy**) Lifetime Record: 23-5-2-5, \$131,004. O-Michael S. Baez; B-Calumet Farm (KY); T-Danny Pish.**3rd-Sam Houston Race, \$36,000**, (S), 3-17, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:05.72, my, neck.**JOSH'S DREAM** (g, 4, **Race Day**--Philogyny, by **Johannesburg**)

Lifetime Record: 4-2-2-0, \$56,560. O/B-Ken Pullen (TX); T-Alan Love, Sr.

8th-Charles Town, \$35,100, 3-16, (NW3LX), 3yo/up, 7f, 1:27.85, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.**JUNGLE BEAST** (g, 4, **Golden Years**--Jungle Diamond, by **Jump Start**) Lifetime Record: SW, 16-7-4-2, \$252,337. O/B-O'Sullivan Farms LLC (WV); T-Javier Contreras.**1st-Penn National, \$31,600**, (S), 3-16, (NW1BX), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.98, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.**NO EASY ANSWER** (f, 4, **Peace and Justice**--Easy A, by **More Than Ready**) Lifetime Record: 13-3-0-3, \$75,148. O-Tom Coulter; B-Arrowwood Farm, Inc. (PA); T-Erin C. McClellan.**BOOKMARK**

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8th-Hawthorne, \$31,500, 3-16, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 5f, :57.31, ft, 1/2 length.

MIDNIGHT ESCAPE (c, 4, Speightstown--Enquete {SP}, by Indian Charlie) Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-1, \$61,981. O-Hooves and Saddles, LLC and Silver Lining Racing, LLC; B-Wertheimer Et Frere (KY); T-Javier Hernandez.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Dreamawayseven, f, 3, **Always Dreaming**--Away We Go (SW), by Tizway. Aqueduct, 3-17, (C), 6f, 1:13.83. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$24,750. B-Nicewonder Stable, LLC & Serendipity Farm (KY). *\$11,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$25,000 2yo '22 OBSOPN. **1ST-TIME STARTER. ***Won by 6 1/4 Lengths.

Six the Hard Way, f, 3, **Creative Cause**--Silver Lantana, by Badge of Silver. Laurel, 3-17, (C), 7f, 1:27.79. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-0, \$39,480. B-Brereton C. Jones (KY). *\$4,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP.

Laughintothebank, f, 3, **Empire Way**--Laugh N Yodel, by **Speightstown**. Charles Town, 3-16, (S), 7f, 1:30.68. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, \$34,598. B-Huntertown Farm LLC (WV). *1/2 to Yodel E. A. Who (**Creative Cause**), GSP, \$510,786.

Chasenjohnathan, c, 3, **Juba**--Sensationalism, by Tiger Ridge. Charles Town, 3-16, (S), 4 1/2f, :53.53. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$19,458. B-Gregory Ryan Viands (MD). *1ST-TIME STARTER.



Flute Master, g, 4, **Gun Runner**--Perfect Flute, by Pleasantly Perfect. Turfway, 3-16, (C), 1m (AWT), 1:38.11. Lifetime Record: 7-1-0-0, \$42,193. B-Ann Fostock (KY).

Deservedly, g, 5, **Nyquist**--All Due Respect (SW & MGISP, \$468,880), by Value Plus. Santa Anita, 3-17, (C), 6f, 1:10.80. Lifetime Record: 7-1-1-1, \$39,520. B-Highland Yard, LLC (KY). *\$200,000 Ylg '19 FTSAUG; \$200,000 RNA 2yo '20 OBSAPR.

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Always Dreaming, Dreamawayseven, f, 3, o/o Away We Go, by Tizway. MCL, 3-17, Aqueduct

Anchor Down, Sin for a Season, f, 3, o/o Be Kind, by Overanalyze. MSW, 3-17, Gulfstream

Blame, Mendrel, f, 3, o/o Custody, by Broken Vow. MSW, 3-16, Hawthorne

Carpe Diem, Mayhem Miss, f, 3, o/o Mayhem Mizz, by Exchange Rate. MSW, 3-17, Aqueduct

Collected, Kalik, c, 3, o/o Coronation Street, by Street Cry (Ire). MSW, 3-17, Gulfstream

Creative Cause, Six the Hard Way, f, 3, o/o Silver Lantana, by Badge of Silver. MCL, 3-17, Laurel

Curlin, King Ottoman, c, 4, o/o Shook Up, by **Tapit**. ALW, 3-17, Oaklawn

Empire Way, Laughintothebank, f, 3, o/o Laugh N Yodel, by **Speightstown**. MSW, 3-16, Charles Town

Golden Years, Jungle Beast, g, 4, o/o Jungle Diamond, by Jump Start. ALW, 3-16, Charles Town

Grazen, Alice Marble, m, 6, o/o Unsung Heroine, by More Than Ready. Irish O'Brien S., 3-17, Santa Anita

Gun Runner, Flute Master, g, 4, o/o Perfect Flute, by Pleasantly Perfect. MCL, 3-16, Turfway

Into Mischief, Exact Estimate, c, 4, o/o Magic Union, by Dixie Union. MSW, 3-17, Gulfstream

Jess's Dream, Beth's Dream, m, 5, o/o Gator Brew, by Milwaukee Brew. AOC, 3-17, Gulfstream

Juba, Chasenjohnathan, c, 3, o/o Sensationalism, by Tiger Ridge. MSW, 3-16, Charles Town

Macleans Music, Mommasgottarun, f, 4, o/o Love in Tokyo, by Tiznow. AOC, 3-17, Aqueduct

Mineshaft, Shaft's Bullet, g, 4, o/o Comet of Love, by Not For Love. AOC, 3-17, Laurel

Nyquist, Deservedly, g, 5, o/o All Due Respect, by Value Plus. MCL, 3-17, Santa Anita

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Winners by Sire, Cont.

Peace and Justice, No Easy Answer, f, 4, o/o Easy A, by More Than Ready. ALW, 3-16, Penn National

Practical Joke, Skelly, g, 4, o/o Adande, by Bwana Charlie. AOC, 3-17, Oaklawn

Race Day, Josh's Dream, g, 4, o/o Philogyny, by Johannesburg. ALW, 3-17, Sam Houston

Redesdale, Midtown Lights, f, 3, o/o Miz Midtown, by Exchange Rate. AOC, 3-17, Aqueduct

Redesdale, Ten Cent Town, c, 3, o/o Heleanor Rugby, by Tribal Rule. MSW, 3-17, Aqueduct

Showcasing (GB), Panama Red (Ire), f, 4, o/o Allegation (Fr), by Lawman (Fr). AOC, 3-17, Tampa Bay

Speightstown, Midnight Escape, c, 4, o/o Enquete, by Indian Charlie. ALW, 3-16, Hawthorne

Street Sense, Traverse, f, 4, o/o Chastise, by **Blame**. AOC, 3-17, Oaklawn

Summer Front, Talklessworkmore, g, 5, o/o Talk Less Run More, by Old Fashioned. AOC, 3-17, Santa Anita

Too Much Bling, My Boy Bling, g, 3, o/o Gurlin, by **Curlin**. MSW, 3-17, Sam Houston

Tu Brutus (Chi), Dashyns Dream, f, 3, o/o Calamari, by Storm Boot. MSW, 3-17, Sam Houston

Uncle Mo, Kokokomo, g, 6, o/o Vuemont, by A.P. Indy. AOC, 3-17, Sam Houston



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GALOPIN TO GLORY IN THE GOLD CUP



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By Emma Berry

CHELTEMHAM, UK--Resplendent in bright green on St Patrick's Day, Audrey Truly clasped the Cheltenham Gold Cup as she chatted with Princess Anne while her face bore a look of disbelief. The owner could be forgiven if the enormity of the relatively smooth victory of her 7-year-old **Galopin Des Champs (Fr)** (Timos {Ger}) in jump racing's most prestigious race was yet to sink in.

Exactly a year ago the sleek dark brown gelding appeared to be about to back up his first Cheltenham success in the Martin Pipe Conditional Jockeys' Hurdle with victory in the G1 Turners Novices' Chase when, with a 12-length lead in hand, he crumpled on landing over the final fence. With three more confidence-restoring Grade 1 wins to his credit since that luckless day, including the Irish Gold Cup, Galopin Des Champs has now added the big one to the Gold Cup roll of honour, his name permanently etched on the list of winners including such greats as Golden Miller and Arkle.

His victory left no small amount of drama in its wake as the long-term leader **Ahoy Senior (Ire)** (Dylan Thomas {Ire}) fell at the 17th fence, bringing down **Sounds Russian (Ire)** (Sholokhov {Ire}) in the melee, after the 2021 winner **Minella Indo (Ire)** (Beat Hollow {GB}) had already cried enough and been pulled up early in the second circuit.

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SHEIKHA HISSA ANNOUNCES DEATH OF SARAYIR

Sarayir (Mr. Prospector), a daughter of champion Height of Fashion {Fr} (Bustino {GB}) and the dam of 2009 G1 1000 Guineas heroine Ghanaati (Giant's Causeway), has passed away, Sheikha Hissa Hamdan tweeted Friday. She was 29 years old.

A half-sister to the likes of Nashwan, Unfuwain, Alwasmī, Mukddam and Nayef, Sarayir won her maiden and the Listed Oh So Sharp S. at two for Major Dick Hern and added a third career success as a 3-year-old in 1997. The first of her produce to make an impact at the races was her foal of 2005 Mawathee (Danzig), winner of the G3 Cumberland Lodge S. and runner-up in the G1 Champion S. for trainer Marcus Tregoning.

Foaled in 2006, Ghanaati was conditioned by Barry Hills to three wins from six trips to the races, graduating by a half-dozen lengths at second asking in 2008 before taking the 1000 Guineas and G1 Coronation S. in succession the following season.

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Willie's World. Willie Mullins celebrates after winning the Grade 1 Boodles Cheltenham Gold Cup Chase with Galopin Des Champs (Timos). | racingfotos.com

SIYOUNI COLT IMPRESSES AT FONTAINEBLEAU

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Trainer Andre Fabre unleashed the talented Godolphin homebred Grand Traverse (Ire) (*Siyouni {Fr}*) to score the victory in his debut.

FOURTEEN SET FOR HONG KONG DERBY

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Sunday's BMW Hong Kong Derby has attracted a competitive field of 14, led by the progressive John Size-trained Beauty Eternal (Aus) (*Starspangledbanner {Aus}*).

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Cheltenham Day Four Wrap cont.

Last year's winner, **A Plus Tard (Fr)** (Kapgarde {Fr}), representing the resurgent Henry de Bromhead stable, could not match his heroics of 12 months ago, and he too was eased down by Rachael Blackmore as the leaders started to draw away with three left to jump. Most heartbreaking of all was seeing the game Eclipse Award winner **Hewick (Ire)** (Virtual {GB}) make a bold go from the front after Ahoy Senor's departure, only to fall himself at the second-last fence.



Galopin Des Champs & Bravemansgame | Racingfotos

Thirteen starters had faced the judge and only seven crossed the line. Galopin Des Champs was simply too good for the best of the British contenders, **Bravemansgame (Fr)** (Brave Mansonnien {Fr}), whose faultless round, and particularly his never-say-die effort at the last under Harry Cobden, could leave his supporters dreaming of Gold Cups to come for the 8-year-old after he finished seven lengths adrift in second. **Conflated (Ire)** (Yeats {Ire}) posted a similarly solid performance to take third for Gordon Elliott and the Gigginstown House Stud team, while last year's Grand National winner, **Noble Yeats (Ire)** (Yeats {Ire}), who looked beaten a long way out, called upon his great reserves of stamina to rally to take fourth for Emmet Mullins.

Usually unflappable and once again the leading trainer at the Cheltenham Festival with six winners across the four days, Willie Mullins nevertheless admitted to some nerves as he watched Paul Townend guide Galopin Des Champs to the stable's third win in the Gold Cup.

"I didn't realise what pressure I was under," he said. "I'm absolutely delighted for Audrey and Greg Turley and for Paul, who was under huge pressure too. He had the confidence to drop him in and come through.

"They were going to plenty fast enough so I didn't want him up in there in the early stages. I thought if he has the class he will come through. All thoughts were going through my head; one or

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two fell and we missed all that, so we had a lot of luck as well. I think that man on board when the pressure comes on he is very good. I was surprised myself how I was over the last two fences.”

Mullins added, “He has that little bit of class: you could run him over two miles, two and a half miles. He has that little bit of speed when you want it. You just have to conserve it. Over those shorter trips he likes to get on with the job and that was to me the whole key today, not to let him get running early on in the race.”



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Stay Away Fay Stays All Day

Despite having to settle for second in the Gold Cup, Paul Nicholls had made his second visit to the winner's spot this week earlier in the day when **Stay Away Fay (Ire)** (Shantou) took advantage of a bizarre last-flight run-out by favourite Corbetts Cross (Ire) (Gamut {Ire}) to win the G1 Albert Bartlett Novices' Hurdle.

“He's a very smart young horse, and he'll improve for the summer,” said the champion trainer. “I knew he would win turning in, because he's a very, very strong stayer. Well, I hoped he'd win, because I knew he wouldn't stop.

“He looked fantastic and to me he ran how he looked. That was only his third race under Rules and there's lots of improvement to come from him.”

French Fab Four

It is hard to imagine anyone ever repeating Michael Dickinson's extraordinary feat of training the first five home in the Cheltenham Gold Cup, but Willie Mullins is rarely short-handed in the major races and he got Gold Cup day off to the perfect start when being responsible for the first four home in the G1 JCB Triumph Hurdle.

The favourite **Lossiemouth (Fr)** (Great Pretender {Ire}) had been beaten just once in her nascent career and she made amends for that blip when second at Fairyhouse last month by overhauling her conqueror that day, stable-mate **Gala Marceau (Fr)** (Galiway {GB}). That pair was followed home by two more familiar faces in **Zenta (Fr)** (Pastorius {Ger}) and **Gust Of Wind (Fr)** (Great Pretender {Ire}), making it a quartet of French-breds to the fore in the juvenile contest.

To put Mullins's feat in context, he saddled seven of the 15 runners for the race he has won in three of the last four years.

While Lossiemouth's owner Rich Ricci appeared to pour cold water on the idea of the smart filly switching to staying races on the Flat, he did leave the door open for another of his stars to be seen on the level this summer.

“I think she has got enough boot to go on the Flat but my view would be to go to Punchestown and put her away for next season. She is only four so maybe in two years'; time she will go for the Champion Hurdle, depending on **Constitution** Hill and the rest of the field. You are asking me the same question that Willie asked me about going to the Flat with her and I'm not sure we have to. Vauban is a better question, to go on the Flat with him, because he has a good Flat rating.”

French-bred jumpers have been particularly prevalent this week at Cheltenham, with the feature races on three of the four days falling to **Energumene (Fr)**, **Sire Du Berlais (Fr)** and Galopin Des Champs. Exactly half of the 28 winners at the 2023 Cheltenham Festival were bred across the Channel.

Impervious Delights Small Breeder O'Doherty

The Colm Murphy-trained **Impervious (Ire)** (Shantou) gave owner JP McManus his first of two winners on the day when turning over the hot favourite **Allegorie De Vassy (Fr)** (No Risk At All {Fr}) on the run-in in the G2 Paddy Power Mares' Chase, in turn providing a truly memorable result for her small breeder Tom O'Doherty.

“I'm absolutely over the moon,” said O'Doherty, whose sole broodmare is Impervious's dam **Blodge (Ire)** (Kalanisi {Ire}). “My sister bought Blodge at the Tattersalls sales in 2017. A lot of people won't know, but Impervious's grand-dam Bilboa (Fr) was placed in the [2002] Champion Hurdle, so it came out somewhere.”

He continued, “I saw Blodge win a point-to-point in Ireland a long, long time ago and she came from a very good family. She came from a very good place, the Kenilworth House Stud in Clonmel, and I love the pedigree. Bilboa was a feisty lady as well. She's inherited all of it.”

O'Doherty added. “It's been wonderful. Little did I think when I sold my foal for €4,000 that JP McManus would end up buying her and she would end up winning at Cheltenham. **Cont. p5**

"I saw two fences, I could not watch, my heart was in my mouth even though she is a fantastic jumper. I knew she wouldn't let me down. Once she got into battle, I knew she'd outbottle the rest. She's a terrier, and the mare at home is a terrier as well."

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[Sarayir Passes Away cont. from p1](#)



Sarayir's G1 1000 Guineas-winning daughter Ghanaati | *Racingfotos*

Ghanaati would go on to produce G2 Joel S. hero **Mutasaabeg** (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) and Wafy (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), winner in Dubai of the G3 Mahab Al Shimaal S.

Rumoush (Rahy) continued Sarayir's streak of breeding shed success, winning the Listed Feilden S. for Tregoning before crossing the line in fourth, but placed third via disqualification, behind Snow Fairy (Ire) in the 2010 G1 Investec Epsom Oaks. Rumoush was also third in the G3 Prix de Psyche in France and second in the G2 Park Hill S. before going on to account for multiple Dubai Group 3 winner Muntazah (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), G3 City of York S. heroine Talaayeb (GB) (Dansili {GB}) and listed winner Wadilsafa (GB) (**Frankel {GB}**). This is also the female family of German Group 1 winner Wind in Her Hair (Alzao), famously the dam of the outstanding Deep Impact (Jpn), and of Miqyaas (GB) (**Oasis Dream {GB}**), expected to run in the G1 Al Quoz Sprint next weekend.

Sarayir, a full-sister to Baaeed (GB)'s fourth dam Bashayer, was the granddam of the stakes-winning Zawraq (Ire) (Shamardal), G2 Queen Mary S. winner and 1000 Guineas G1 Cheveley Park S. third Maqaasid (GB) (Green Desert). Her grandson Tawaareq (Ire) (Shamardal) was a winner of the Bahrain Gold Cup (non black-type) Friday. Sarayir was the third dam of G1 Sydney Cup victor Shraaoh (Ire) (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**) and G3 Bahrain Trophy hero Raheen House (Ire) (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**).

"Thank you for everything sweet girl, we already miss you," Sheikha Hissa tweeted.

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PRINCE GIBRALTAR FILLY LEADS AUCTAV MARCH SALE

The first lots for the March Auctav Sale catalogue are now online and includes recent Fontainebleau maiden winner **Soleil d'Arizona (Fr)** (Prince Gibraltar {Fr}), a 3-year-old daughter of SW Roxanne (Fr) (Falco). The bay filly won the 2200 metre test on Mar. 8 by two lengths.

"She's a very good filly who still has some margin," trainer Francois Monfort said. "Soleil d'Arizona will only get better. She came back from her race very well. For her debut, she needed some rhythm, that's why I chose to run her in a maiden rather than a beginner's race. Her jockey Tony Piccone really liked her. She is perfect in condition and will really come into her own mentally and physically over the summer. She has never had any health problems, and she is learning extremely fast."

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CONDITIONS RESULTS:

3rd-Wolverhampton, £8,200, Cond, 3-17, 4yo/up, 12f 51y (AWT), 2:43.39, st.

MISS SLIGO (IRE) (m, 6, New Approach {Ire}--Illandrane {Ire}, by Cape Cross {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 39-6-6-5, \$46,618. O-The Q Party; B-Myriad, New England & Watership Down (IRE); T-Jamie Osborne. *20,000gns Ylg '18 TAOCT.

5th-Newcastle, £7,200, Cond, 3-17, 4/up, 6f (AWT), 1:13.29, st. HURT YOU NEVER (IRE) (f, 4, Dandy Man {Ire}--Kyllarney {GB}, by Kyllachy {GB}) Lifetime Record: 23-3-1-3, \$21,259. O/T-Adrian Nicholls; B-Mount Coote Estates (IRE). *8,000gns Ylg '20 TATASY; 30,000gns 2yo '21 TATBRG.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Cuban Grey (GB), c, 3, Havana Grey (GB)--Tout Va Bien (Ire), by Verglas (Ire). Wolverhampton, 3-17, 5f 21y (AWT), 1:01.09. Lifetime Record: 10-1-2-1, \$20,202. B-Plantation Stud (GB). *9,500gns Wlg '20 TATFOA; 27,000gns Ylg '21 TATOCT.

Yaanaas (GB), g, 4, Ulysses (Ire)--Troarn (Fr) (SP-Fr), by Wootton Bassett (GB). Newcastle, 3-17, 8f 5y (AWT), 1:47.72. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$6,339. B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd (GB). *€150,000 Wlg '19 GOFNOV; 320,000gns Ylg '20 TATOCT.

FRANCE

Friday's Results:

2nd-Fontainebleau, €27,000, Mdn, 3-17, unraced 3yo, c/g, 7fT, 1:33.33, sf.

GRAND TRAVERSE (IRE) (c, 3, Siyouni {Fr}--Gamilati {GB} {GSW-Eng & SW-UAE, \$258,559}), by Bernardini), was a little awkward at the break and was off the tempo in sixth for most of this debut. Nudged along with three furlongs remaining, the even-money favourite came under increased pressure to gain a narrow advantage entering the final furlong and was pushed out to prevail by 2 1/2 lengths from Kash Express (Fr) (Penny's Picnic {Ire}). Grand Traverse is the fifth of seven foals and fourth scorer from as many runners produced by G2 Cherry Hinton S. victrix Gamilati (GB) (Bernardini), herself a half-sister to the stakes-placed Late Romance (Storm Cat), out of G3 Chartwell Fillies' S. winner and G1 Irish 1000 Guineas third Illustrious Miss (Kingmambo). The April-foaled homebred bay is a half-brother to Listed Jumeirah Classic victor Sovereign Prince (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), a 2-year-old colt by Blue Point (Ire) and a yearling filly by Night Of Thunder (Ire). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €13,500.

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O/B-Godolphin (IRE); T-Andre Fabre.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

5th-Fontainebleau, €27,000, Cond, 3-17, 4yo/up, 5 1/2fT, 1:02.81, sf.

LESSLEPASSER (FR) (g, 4, Penny's Picnic {Ire}--Ekatea {Fr}, by Power {GB}) Lifetime Record: 23-3-8-3, €100,380. O-Ecuries Club des Etoiles; B-SCEA Haras du Hoguenet (FR); T-Mathieu Boutin. *€24,000 Ylg '20 ARQOCT.

3rd-Fontainebleau, €18,000, Cond, 3-17, 4yo/up, 15fT, 3:14.19, sf.

OPERA GIFT (GB) (m, 6, Nathaniel {Ire}--Opera Glass (GB), by Baratheas {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 8-5-1-0, €40,062. O-J C Smith; B-Littleton Stud (GB); T-Myriam Bollack-Badel. *1/2 Opera Gal (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), MSW-Eng & GSP-Ger, \$212,522.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Captain's Choice (Fr), c, 3, Dawn Approach (Ire)--Cranky Spanky (Ire) (SW-Ity, \$111,314), by Spectrum (Ire). Fontainebleau, 3-17, 13fT, 2:47.18. B-NBH Racing (FR). *€30,000 Ylg '21 ARQNOV. **1/2 to Dessertoflife (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}), GSW-Ger & MSP-Eng; and La Fille Du Sud (Ire) (The Gurkha {Ire}), SP-Fr.



IN BAHRAIN:

Tawaareq (Ire), g, 5, Shamardal--Sundus, by Sadler's Wells. Sakhr, 3-17, Bahrain Gold Cup (Bhr-G1, NBT), 2000mT, 1:59.96. B-Shadwell Estate Company Limited. *Full to Zawraq (Ire), SW-Ire. **MSP-Bhr. ***180,000gns HRA '21 TATSEP.

VIDEO (SC 8)



IN BAHRAIN:

Echo Through Time (Bhr), f, 3, Time Test (GB)--Hawatif (Ire), by Royal Applause (GB). Sakhr, 3-17, Cond., 1600mT, 1:37.62. B-n/a. **VIDEO (SC 1)**

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by Alan Carasso



Beauty Eternal has won four of his five starts | HKJC

Hong Kong's 4-year-old Classic series concludes with the running of the HK\$24-million BMW Hong Kong Derby Sunday at Sha Tin Racecourse, and while no one will confuse any of the 14 runners signed on for Horse of the Year Golden Sixty (Aus) (Medaglia d'Oro), who became the second to sweep the series in 2020, or last year's winner Romantic Warrior (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}), who has gone on to multiple Group 1 victories in unrestricted company, it is a race that--in theory--is wide open.

Voyage Bubble (Aus) (Deep Field {Aus}) was the front-running winner of the first leg of the series, the Hong Kong Classic Mile, as Jamie Kah lulled them to sleep, but, as commentator Mark McNamara put it, 'the Bubble burst' 300 metres from the wire in the Hong Kong Classic Cup (1800m) when he capitulated readily and **Super Sunny Sing (Aus)** (Nicconi {Aus}) whistled home down the centre for Golden Sixty's jockey Vincent Ho. Neither of those gallopers will be fancied to add a second leg in the Derby, but rather **Beauty Eternal (Aus)** (Starspangledbanner {Aus}) is the likely favourite despite making his Classic series debut. Zac Purton, who won the 2015 Derby aboard Luger (Aus) (Choirir {Aus}), rides from gate seven for the latter's trainer John Size. The perennial leading conditoner is in search of a fourth victory in the domestic centrepiece, all since 2012.

"I think it's fine," Size said of the draw. "Zac has options from there and I'm sure that he'll have a better idea of what he wants to do according to who's drawn around him, but I think seven is fine. It wouldn't seem like it's any great disadvantage."

Super Sunny Sing will rightfully have his fair share of admirers off a fast-finishing victory over **Sword Point (Aus)** (American Pharoah) in the Classic Cup, while **Galaxy Witness (Aus)** (Star Witness {Aus}) also got home strongly from the back of the field to be third three weekends ago.

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The nominal Sunday co-feature is the G1 Queen's Silver Jubilee Cup over seven furlongs, where G1 Longines Hong Kong Mile victor **California Spangle (Ire)** (Starspangledbanner {Aus}) figures a strong favourite against the two most recent winners of the race--**Waikuku (Ire)** (Harbour Watch {Ire}) in 2021 and last year's victor **Wellington (Aus)** (All Too Hard {Aus}).

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BMW HONG KONG DERBY

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#1 KEEFY (AUS) (PP #5)
(*All Too Hard {Aus}--Urban Rocker {Aus}, by Fastnet Rock {Aus}*) (A\$105,000 Ylg '20 INGFEb) O-Chong Min Onn; B-Raffles Dancers (NZ) Pty Ltd (NSW); T-Frankie Lor; J-Derek Leung. Current Rating: 99

A two-time winner from eight starts in Australia, Keefy kicked off his Hong Kong career on a fairly lofty rating of 75 and took that to triple digits with a romping victory in the C1 Chevalier Cup H. over 1600m in November. A meritorious third under top weight in Class 2 next time, he has not factored in the first two legs of the Classic series and is unlikely to here either.

#2 BEAUTY ETERNAL (AUS) (PP #7)
(*Starspangledbanner {Aus}--Ithacan Queen {NZ}, by Savabeel {Aus}*) (A\$90,000 Ylg '20 INGFEb) O-Patrick Kwok Ho Chuen; B-P Raftopoulos (Vic); T-John Size; J-Zac Purton. Current Rating: 94



Everyone's idea of the Derby favourite, having won four of his five trips to the post, including an on-the-bridle, two-length victory going a mile Feb. 26. Carrying the same silks as Horse of the Year Beauty Generation (NZ), third in this in 2017, Beauty Eternal will look to become the rare horse to win the Derby without having started in either the Classic Mile or Classic Cup.



#3 SUPER SUNNY SING (AUS) (PP #9)
(*Nicconi {Aus}--Red Centre {Aus}, by Rubiton {Aus}*) (A\$48,000 Ylg '20 INGFEb) O-Janice Wong Oi Ying; B-Miss J Henderson, Etak T'breeds (NSW); T-Chris So; J-Vincent Ho. Current Rating: 94

Super Sunny Sing defeated Classic Mile winner Voyage Bubble (*see below*) over 1400 metres on International Races day Dec. 11 and added two more victories in Class 3 competition before turning in a scintillating late turn of foot to defeat Sword Point (*see below*) when last seen in the Classic Cup. Vincent Ho swept the series in 2020 with Golden Sixty (*Medaglia d'Oro*)

#4 VOYAGE BUBBLE (AUS) (PP #14)
(*Deep Field {Aus}--Raheights, by Rahy*) (A\$380,000 Ylg '20 INGFEb) O-Sunshine and Moonlight Syndicate; B-Torryburn Stud (NSW); T-Ricky Yiu; J-Alexis Badel. Current Rating: 93.



Was allowed a soft time of things in the Classic Mile and made all the running beneath Jamie Kah for a 1 1/4-length defeat of Tichel (*see below*). The pace proved far more demanding in the Classic Cup, and it took its toll late, as he finished four lengths adrift of Super Sunny Sing. Hard to see the 2000 metres as a plus. One of two Torryburn Stud-breds in the race.



#5 SWORD POINT (AUS) (PP #6)
(*American Pharoah--Jazz Song {Aus}, by Fastnet Rock {Aus}*) (A\$750,000 Ylg '20 MMGCYS) O-Li Chi Pong; B-Morning Rise Stud (Vic); T-Hugh Bowman; J-Frankie Lor. Current Rating: 89

Expensive Easter Yearling was a two-time winner in New South Wales for Chris Waller and owns a single Class 3 score from five local starts. Was inconvenienced by the lack of pace in the Classic Mile and was given a positive Hugh Bowman ride in the Classic Cup before staying on for second. Drawn well, trip suits, Bowman sticks around and could outrun his odds.

#6 TUCHEL (NZ) (PP #1)
(*Redwood {GB}--Trista Rossa {Aus}, by Testa Rossa {Aus}*) (NZ\$130,000 Ylg '20 NZBJAN) O-Philip Chan Kwok Chung; B-G Harvey; T-John Size; J-Ryan Moore. Current Rating: 88



Low-odds winner in Class 3 and Class 2 over 1400m, boxed on gamely when second in the Classic Mile and was beaten under 4L in the Classic Cup. Three-time Derby-winning trainer John Size reaches out for Ryan Moore and the two teamed to win this in 2018 with Ping Hai Star (NZ). Should sit a cushy trip from the rail draw, but that final 200 metres looks a bit iffy.



#7 BEAUTYVERSE (NZ) (PP #11)
(*Tarzino {NZ}--The Love Of Money {Aus}, by Casino Prince {Aus}*) (NZ\$75,000 Ylg '20 NZBJAN) O-Melody Kwok Sze Wai & Junbon Chan Chun Bong; B-G Harvey; T-Tony Cruz; J-James McDonald. Current Rating: 87

The second of the 'Beauty' horses and second bred by Gerry Harvey, Beautyverse does have a front-running victory over Keefy on his resume, but has struggled since, finishing a no-factor eighth in the Classic Mile and last of 14 after enduring a torrid trip in the Classic Cup. James McDonald is in for the ride, but the positives end right about there.



#8 GALAXY WITNESS (AUS) (PP #3)
(*Star Witness {Aus}--Black Tulip {Aus}, by Lonhro {Aus}*) (A\$160,000 Ylg '20 MMGCYS) O-Winnie Law Wing Yin; B-Bird Rock Thoroughbreds (Vic); T-Caspar Fownes; J-Damian Lane. Current Rating: 86

Galaxy Witness looked like any kind last season, going four-for-five, but he really hasn't built on those efforts this term. That said, he ran with merit when fifth behind the dawdle in the Classic Mile and clocked the third-fastest final 400m to be third in the Classic Cup. Damian Lane continues his world tour here on a horse not without a puncher's chance.



#9 SWEET ENCOUNTER (NZ) (PP #2)
(*Toronado {Ire}--Haumea {Aus}, by Encosta de Lago {Aus}*) (NZ\$80,000 Ylg '20 NZBJAN; NZ\$110,000 2yo '20 NZBTR) O-Vicky Tang; B-Hong Kong Breeders Club Ltd; T-John Size; J-Luke Currie. Current Rating: 86

Looked a real Classics contender early in the season, with a pair of wins at odds-on in C3 and can be forgiven a second-place effort with a big weight in his next start. But his runs in the Classic Mile (eighth) and an on-pace 11th in the Classic Cup fall well short of what will be needed here. John Size puts the blinkers on for the first time.



#10 ATULLIBIGEAL (AUS) (PP #12)
(*Street Boss--Kellys Ocean Jewel {GB}, by Dansili {GB}*) (A\$40,000 Wlg '19 IGLJUN; NZ\$80,000 RNA Ylg '20 NZBJAN) O-Zeng Shuida; B-R Harding (Vic); T-David Hall; J-Luke Ferraris. Current Rating: 85

Winner in listed company in New Zealand, Atullibigeal carried 133 pounds to a 1 1/4-length success in a 1600-metre Class 3 Feb. 19 to earn a rating high enough to make this field. David Hall gave his charge an unorthodox Derby prep over 1400m and pronounced himself satisfied with a fifth-place effort. Still feels like one of the outsiders from a bad draw to boot.



#11 FLAGSHIP WARRIOR (AUS) (PP #13)
(*Foxwedge {Aus}--Inishmore {Aus}, by More Than Ready*) (A\$45,000 RNA Ylg '20 MGMMAR) O-Kwok Chan Yiu; B-Mill Park Stud Pty Ltd, Robert & Helen Dinham (SA); T-David Hayes; J-Karis Teetan. Current Rating: 84

Won a listed event at Morphettville last April and stayed this trip well enough to be second in the G3 Chairman's S. before finishing well-beaten in the G1 South Australian Derby (2500m). Won his local debut and his Classic Cup effort was sound enough. Races with a hood for the first time and has a poor barrier, but won't be surprised if he's running on.



#12 ENCOUNTERED (IRE) (PP #8)
(*Churchill {Ire}--Enrol {GB}, by Pivotal {GB}*) (160,000gns Ylg '20 TATOCT). O-Vincent Wong Yin Shun; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited; T-Manfred Man; J-Slivestre de Sousa. Current Rating: 83

Winner of a Doncaster novice for Marco Botti in 2021, Encountered has done his best work at the city circuit at Happy Valley, where he has won two from four. He was forwardly placed in the Classic Cup last time and ran into a bit of traffic, but he never looked like a serious threat finishing 8 1/2 lengths behind Super Sunny Sing. Looks overmatched.



#13 STRAIGHT ARRON (AUS) (PP #10)
(*Fastnet Rock {Aus}--Imperial Lass {NZ}, by Tavistock {NZ}*) (A\$270,000 Ylg '20 INGEAS) O-Karen Lo Ki Yan; B-Torryburn Stud (NSW); T-Casper Fownes; J-Blake Shinn. Current Rating: 81

Another former Chris Waller inmate, Straight Arron won last year's G3 Carbine Club S., but made no impact in his first three local starts, all since the first of the year. He needed a bit of a miracle to make the Derby field at all and delivered with a Class 3 tally over 1800 metres Feb. 26. He'll go back from a high gate and will be saved for a finish, likely behind midfield.



#14 BON'S A PEARLA (AUS) (PP #4)
(*f, Bon Hoffa {Aus}--Treasure Island {Aus}, by Duporth {Aus}*) O-Leung Lun Ping; B-Ken King Thoroughbreds (Vic); T-David Hayes; J-Lyle Hewitson. Current Rating: 80

It's been 20 years since David Hayes sent out the filly Elegant Fashion (Aus) to win the Derby and tries again here with the lowest-rated galloper in the Derby field. She gets the blinkers on, figures to sit a decent trip from gate four and wasn't totally embarrassed in the first two legs. Still, hard to endorse.

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Saturday, Saint-Cloud, France, post time: 15:50

PRIX EXBURY-G3, €80,000, 4yo/up, 10fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	8	Bakhchisaray (Fr)	Motivator (GB)	Vermeulen	Lemaitre	126
2	7	Haya Zark (Fr)	Zarak (Fr)	Fouassier	Soumillon	126
3	4	Virtual Rock (Ire)	Fascinating Rock (Ire)	Kobayashi	Demuro	126
4	1	Skalleti (Fr)	Kendargent (Fr)	Reynier	Mosse	126
5	2	Surrey Mist (Fr)	Kendargent (Fr)	Philippart De Foy	Mendizabal	126
6	6	Kertez (GB)	Intello (Ger)	Fabre	Guyon	126
7	5	Craps (Fr)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Rulec	Pasquier	126
8	3	Flyingbeauty (Fr)	Galiway (GB)	S Wattel	Pouchin	122

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 4:00 p.m.

QUEEN'S SILVER JUBILEE CUP-G1, HK\$12,000,000, 3yo/up, 1400mT (PPs)

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	1	California Spangle (Ire)	Starspangledbanner (Aus)	Purton	Cruz	126
2	3	Wellington (Aus)	All Too Hard (Aus)	Moore	Gibson	126
3	4	Lucky Swaynesse (NZ)	Swaynesse (Aus)	McDonald	Man	126
4	2	Waikuku (Ire)	Harbour Watch (Ire)	Lane	Size	126
5	5	Courier Wonder (NZ)	Sacred Falls (NZ)	Shinn	Size	126

Breeders: 1-M Enright, 2-Kia Ora Stud Pty Ltd, David Paradise, Steve McCann (NSW), 3-P L Dombroski, Explosive Breeding Ltd & S A Sharrock, 4-Shane Molan, 5-Waikato Stud Ltd

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 4:40 p.m.

BMW HONG KONG DERBY-LR, HK\$24,000,000, NH/SH4yo, 2000mT (PPs)

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	5	Keefy (Aus)	All Too Hard (Aus)	Leung	Lor	126
2	7	Beauty Eternal (Aus)	Starspangledbanner (Aus)	Purton	Size	126
3	9	Super Sunny Sing (Aus)	Nicconi (Aus)	Ho	So	126
4	14	Voyage Bubble (Aus)	Deep Field (Aus)	Badel	Yiu	126
5	6	Sword Point (Aus)	American Pharoah	Bowman	Lor	126
6	1	Tuchel (NZ)	Redwood (GB)	Moore	Size	126
7	11	Beautyverse (NZ)	Tarzino (NZ)	McDonald	Cruz	126
8	3	Galaxy Witness (Aus)	Star Witness (Aus)	Lane	Fownes	126
9	2	Sweet Encounter (NZ)	Toronado (Ire)	Currie	Size	126
10	12	Atullibigeal (Aus)	Street Boss	Ferraris	Hall	126
11	13	Flagship Warrior (Aus)	Foxwedge (Aus)	Teetan	Hayes	126
12	8	Encountered (Ire)	Churchill (Ire)	De Sousa	Man	126
13	10	Straight Arron (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Shinn	Fownes	126
14	4	Bon's A Pearla (Aus) (f)	Bon Hoffa (Aus)	Hewitson	Hayes	122
Emergencies						
		Sinba (Aus)	Xtravagant (NZ)	No Rider	Richards	126
		La City Blanche (Arg)	Cityscape (GB)	No Rider	Cruz	126

Breeders: 1-Raffles Dancers (NZ) Pty Ltd (NSW), 2-P Raftopolous (Vic), 3-Miss J Henderson & Etak Thoroughbreds, 4-Torryburn Stud (NSW), 5-Morning Rise Stud (Vic), 6-G Harvey, 7-G Harvey, 8-Bird Rock Thoroughbreds (Vic), 9-Hong Kong Breeders Club Ltd, 10-R Harding (Vic), 11-Mill Park Stud Pty Ltd, Robert & Helen Dinham (SA), 12-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited, 13-Torryburn Stud, 14-Ken King Thoroughbreds (Vic)

Saturday, Saint-Cloud, France, post time: 13:23

PRIX FRANCOIS MATHET-Listed, €55,000, 3yo, 10 1/2fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	1	Harry Way (Fr)	Galiway (GB)	Perret	Pasquier	128
2	7	Back To Black (Fr)	Al Wukair (Ire)	Vermeulen	Lecoeuvre	128
3	6	Winter Pudding (Fr)	Seahenge	A&G Botti	Bachelot	128
4	5	Mononof (Fr)	Zelzal (Fr)	Kobayashi	Bazire	128
5	8	Cte D'Escarbagnas (Fr)	Galiway (GB)	Fabre	Murzabayev	128
6	2	Sirtaki (Fr)	Kingsalsa	Reynier	Mosse	128
7	3	Not Alone (Ire)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	Ferland	Guyon	128
8	4	Immensitude (Fr)	Lawman (Fr)	S Wattel	Soumillon	125

Saturday, Saint-Cloud, France, post time: 13:58

PRIX OMNIUM II-Listed, €55,000, 3yo, c/g, 8fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	6	Denver Chop (Fr)	Vale Of York (Ire)	O de Montzey	Demuro	128
2	7	Kizmambo (Ire)	Zoustar (Aus)	Decouz	Lemaitre	128
3	5	Kendly (Fr)	Kendargent (Fr)	Sogorb	Crastus	128
4	3	Duc De Kent (Fr)	Zelzal (Fr)	Vermeulen	H Boutin	128
5	2	Birr Castle (Fr)	Cloth Of Stars (Ire)	Fabre	Barzalona	128
6	1	Strako (Fr)	Kendargent (Fr)	Gadbin	Mendizabal	128
7	8	American Flag (Fr)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Barberot	Soumillon	128
8	4	Angers (Fr)	Seabhac	Baratti	Mosse	128
9	9	Sosino (Ire)	New Approach (Ire)	Laffon-Parias	Guyon	128

Saturday, Saint-Cloud, France, post time: 16:25

PRIX LA CAMARGO-Listed, €55,000, 3yo, f, 8fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	7	Heavenly Breath (GB)	Dark Angel (Ire)	A Watson	Shoemark	126
2	3	Knock On (Fr)	Zelzal (Fr)	Decouz	Lemaitre	126
3	4	Queen Sao (Fr)	Authorized (Ire)	Kobayashi	Lecoeuvre	126
4	6	Hoxton (Ire)	Camelot (GB)	Vermeulen	H Boutin	126
5	5	Palerma (Fr)	Alex The Winner	Scandella-Lacaille	Peslier	126
6	2	Axdaliva (Fr)	Elusive City	Barberot	Barzalona	126
7	1	Autumn Starlight (GB)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	S Wattel	Soumillon	126
8	8	Angelaba (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Ferland	Guyon	126

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