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1	PRACTICAL JOKE	4	3	\$2,451,201
	CLASSIC EMPIRE	2	2	\$1,395,600
-	Gun Runner	2	-	\$2,510,594

# SADLER STAYING ON THE FLIGHT PATH



John Sadler | Horsephotos

#### by Chris McGrath

As noted by colleague Bill Finley earlier in the week, we've just passed the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Secretariat's sophomore debut. Yet even two years ago hardly anyone had heard of an unraced son of Tapit, meanwhile acclaimed by many as the best American Thoroughbred since.

Okay, so he had been a seven-figure yearling; and everyone who had participated in his education knew that he was something special. In fact, John Sadler was so aware of the impending responsibility that he was saying nothing. For one thing, if people had any inkling of the talent he was about to detonate, the races wouldn't have filled. But also because this, like all secrets, was a burden as well as a privilege.

Looking back, Sadler accepts that doing justice to Flightline felt like so intense a duty that it could not come without some personal cost.

"I kind of devoted my time to him to a point where I probably shut some people out," he admits. "The odd dinner at night, that kind of thing. I really drilled down, I said to myself, 'I'm going to walk this walk with this horse.' I wanted to be right alongside him, every step, because I knew it was going to be so special. So here I am today, light mood, happy as heck, because I always said my time to celebrate would be when it was over. Very early on, I said to myself: 'I'd like to pitch a perfect game.' That's a career goal. And we did." **Cont. Pg. 3** 

## FEDERAL BILL TO REPLACE HISA REPORTEDLY IN PIPELINE

by T.D. Thornton

A federal bill aimed at replacing the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA) with a regulatory system modeled around an interstate compact is reportedly in the pipeline.

The president of the United States Trotting Association (USTA), Russell Williams, disclosed the news about the pending legislation Mar. 21 during a special meeting of the Pennsylvania Horse Racing Commission (PHRC).

Williams addressed the PHRC Tuesday just prior to the board voting in favor of entering into three nine-month agreements with the HISA Authority that pertain to the Racetrack Safety Program, the Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit (HIWU), and the Laboratory Services Agreement. **Cont. Pg 8** 

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## AL DASIM GIVING BOUGHEY 'QUOZ' FOR OPTIMISM

Trainer George Boughey is looking forward to the G1 Al Quoz Sprint with **Al Dasim (Ire)** (Harry Angel {Ire}). Alan Carasso has the details.



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John Sadler with Flavien Prat | Benoit

#### John Sadler Cont. From Pg. 1

But so much of life is about the pursuit, rather than the actual moment of fulfilment. Sadler, tall and bronzed, looks in great shape at 66. But now that he has consummated a generational dream, can he still maintain the same motivation?

"We've been pondering that a lot," he acknowledges. "But like B. Wayne Hughes of Spendthrift Farm used to say, 'My health insurance is that group of yearlings over there.'"

So, while he knows that he can hardly expect another Flightline, Sadler also feels that the true horseman's appetite, happily enough, can never be finally sated.

"I'm pretty confident I'll have a lot of good horses come my way, because I still want to do it," he says. "If there's a time to not do it, I'll know when that is. Somebody said I'd retire right after Flightline. But rushing into a decision like that, with horses, is always rash. Time will see where we're at. I've got some really good young people in my operation. They've invigorated me the last several years and really make me excited about the future. My assistant Juan Leyva is just going to be a phenom, and I've a couple of other guys like that. So I'm really not feeling a lot of pressure."

And, actually, that's just why it's appropriate to catch up with Sadler now, when the dust has settled and Flightline is embarking on a new career at Lane's End. Because the horse himself was such a meteor, burning with almost agonizing brightness as it became clear how fleeting his passage was likely to be, that he almost became a communal possession. As such, we rather lost sight of his more intimate context: of the decades of groundwork that prepared Sadler for the task that would define his career.

That long accretion of experience didn't just make him eligible, but also duly appreciative. Yes, he could feel vindicated--not least after the notorious torments he endured, for much of his

career, at the Breeders' Cup--but the true gratification was personal, not public. Because for the great horsemen, it's about the process, the daily and seasonal cycles of engagement. If that ultimately produces a champion, then it all makes sense. And, that being so, then of course you continue with the immersion.

"Totally, a lifestyle," he replies, when asked how he views his vocation now. "It's the journey that I've always loved: horses coming in, and seeing where they go. You don't want to be like a claiming trainer, slashing around here and there, but to develop horses. I think that's where my strong suit is. And for this to hit at this time, in the latter part of my career, is so special. When I started out, I wanted to be known as a good professional. I know I achieved that. But then to get these great horses is gravy on my career."

Because don't forget that Sadler started out right at the other end of the scale. With no background in the game, he learned under tough, old-school horsemen, and laid the foundations of his own career with tough, fast Cal-breds.

"I've had to battle stereotypes my whole career," he muses. "When you're a young trainer, you get locally-bred horses and those happen to be sprinters. And we did well with them. So, as I started getting better horses over the years, and won important races over a distance of ground, that's fun. But every year they'd write how Sadler can't win at the Breeders' Cup. And you'd be beaten a head. Or find yourself running against Miesque. I think I did that three years, and I ran against Goldikova a couple of times, too. And when you do that, it doesn't matter if you have the best turf horse in California."

But if Sadler had a long wait for the best materials, in one respect he could not have been more blessed. **Cont.** 



"Oh, absolutely!" he exclaims. "I came under a brilliant class of horsemen. They may not have all been perfect human beings. In that era, they might have smoked or drank too much. But they were self-made guys and really knew what they were doing."

He absorbed priceless insights assisting racetrack vet Dr. Jack Robbins, observing the day-to-day methods of clients like Ron McAnally and Gary Jones.

"It was great practice," he says. "I loved that we were going in all these different barns: you could take something from every one of them and then build your own program. And Dr. Robbins himself was so smart. A tremendous veterinarian, obviously, but also a successful horse owner, one of the charter members of the Oak Tree Racing Association. Tough guy, opinionated guy, smoker, drinker, but just a great man."

Robbins could see that his protégé was unusually attentive. Sadler might say, "Oh, Doctor, I went over to such-and-such a barn and suggested a vitamin shot for that horse." And Robbins would reply, "Oh John, no, that was a terrible idea!" And then he'd wink.

Sadler also learned a great deal as assistant to Dave Hofmans, though his big break came in 1979 when Eddie Gregson had taken on a big client and was looking for someone, he could trust to take four or five to Golden Gate Fields. There were things going on--a pari-mutuel strike, people shipping out--and

Sadler quickly learned not to turn down horses. By the end of spring, he was up to 30 or 40.

Gregson's heartbreaking end, by his own hand, still grieves all who knew him. "He was really a bright guy, very sensitive, he knew food and wine and was very cultured," Sadler recalls. "It caught everybody off guard, nobody saw that coming. But you never know what goes on with people. A great guy and a great trainer also."

Besides these mentors, Sadler cherishes no less affection for the horses who also assisted his education. He'll never forget the \$100,000 match, at Santa Anita in 1991, where his Cal-bred speedball Valiant Pete (The Irish Lord) beat Quarter Horse champion Griswold in a world record dash. And then there was the \$50,000 claim Olympic Prospect (Northern Jove).

"He didn't run very well the day we claimed him," Sadler recalls. "But he became really an important horse for me, early on. You couldn't train him very hard, but he ended up winning every sprint stake in the state. One day Patrick Valenzuela got on him, I can't remember what happened to the usual jock, in a race called the Potrero Grande [now the GIII Kona Gold S.]. He just let him roll, and they went that first half-mile in 42-and-change. And won! I mean, he was tiring at the end. But I've never seen that, before or since."

Cont.



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215	C	10.0	JUSTIFY	Hartley/De Renzo T'breds	Maverick Racing & Siena Farms LLC	\$1,200,000
558	F	20.4	MUNNINGS	Tom McCrocklin	Donato Lanni for Frank Fletcher Operations	\$1,000,000
95	C	10.0	UNCLE MO	Hartley/De Renzo T'breds	Bill & Corinne Heiligbrodt and Jackpot Farm	\$950,000
626	С	9.4	<b>PRACTICAL JOKE</b>	Wavertree Stable	Speedway Stables	\$925,000
806	С	9.4	JUSTIFY	Niall Brennan Stables	CSLR Racing Partners	\$700,000
598	C	9.4	MUNNINGS	Eddie Woods	OXO Equine	\$685,000
698	F	10.0	<b>AMERICAN PHAROAH</b>	de Meric Sales	Gayle Van Leeer	\$475,000
418	F	10.0	<b>CLASSIC EMPIRE</b>	de Meric Sales	Jonathan Thomas	\$450,000
408	C	10.0	MO TOWN	Eddie Woods	Vince J. Foglia	\$300,000



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With that kind of background, it meant a great deal to Sadler gradually to disclose a mastery with two-turn horses. Whatever pinnacle it might also represent in the story of the breed, let's not forget that Flightline last summer--by a bewildering 19½ lengths--was his barn's fourth different GI Pacific Classic winner in five years, all owned (part-owned, in this case) by Sadler's cherished patrons at Hronis Racing.

That streak was started by the slow-burning Accelerate (Lookin At Lucky), whose campaign at five would have made him a lock for Horse of the Year but for landing in the same ballot as an unbeaten Triple Crown winner. He remains Sadler's richest runner at \$6.7 million.

"I just love him to death," Sadler says. "His foals are going to be like him, they'll be later types, but I've two or three [of his first crop] that I really like and I'm expecting a lot of them to come forward as the year goes on."

But Flightline was a freak from the outset. "He never hid his talent," Sadler says. "April Mayberry called me from the farm and said, 'John, this horse gives me goosebumps.' She's been doing it a long time, and the only other to give her that feeling had been Zenyatta. So, we were expecting a lot when he came in. And even after the first, short piece of work, we were all just going, 'Wow.'

"I mean, usually, I have to train them up. This horse, it was just a straight line. He's already there. He was so willing, from day one he just wanted to do it. Most of the early training was about getting him to relax and carry his speed. Even when he broke a little slow, he was very keen to charge out there between horses and push them aside. So, it was just about calming him down a little."

While it was bittersweet only to race Flightline six times, Sadler absolutely understood his retirement. It would have been virtually impossible to find domestic opposition, unless or until a



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sophomore champion proved willing to take him on, while the insurance of fresh challenges overseas would have been eyewatering.

Whatever life after Flightline may comprise, it's been an incredible odyssey for the stockbroker's son who gazed across a paddock fence one summer vacation and fell in love with the horses grazing there. It should plainly end in the Hall of Fame, for which Sadler has a belated nomination this year.

In some ways, perhaps he doesn't stand out from the production line of his profession merely in terms of his craggy six feet and four inches. And he does admit that there have

been times when he has sensed a little resistance, notably in East Coast perceptions.

"You get that a little bit," Sadler concedes with a shrug. "But you know what, when you've been training a long time, I don't

really let those things bother me. I love training a stable of horses. I like where I train. I'm very comfortable doing what I'm doing. And, when you've been doing it a long time, you tend to end up with clients that are

end up with clients that are people you really like. So, I feel I'm in a good place. Like I said, I've hit most of the marks I want to. You can't worry about that kind of stuff. I mean, anything can happen with horses--and that's what's fun."

That willingness to fight your corner, feisty and independent, was something he always loved about the California circuit.

"I was always trying to model after the guys that might not have had the best horses, but were always very hard to beat," he remembers. "Even back then,

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Flightline | Horsephotos

they went out and won everywhere. I loved Tommy Doyle going over to win the Belmont [in 1975, with Avatar]. When California ships out, the results have always been amazing--and continue to be, to this day. **Cont.** 





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"We don't have gaming or casinos but we have the most beautiful tracks in the world and we always hold our own. Yes, when there's 15 protestors, versus 40,000 on opening day, and I'm signing autographs with Flavien Prat for an hour and a half, it's the 15 protestors that get all the noise. But California's led the way in all sorts of reforms. It's an adjustment, but you either embrace it or get stuck in the past."

Sure enough, California has now given us one of the all-time greats soon after producing the only Triple Crown winners of modern times; not to mention a mare that arguably reached a wider public than any of them. Zenyatta's trainer, incidentally, is also deservedly nominated for the Hall of Fame--and would certainly join Sadler in stressing their shared debt to David Ingordo, now purchaser of three GI Breeders' Cup Classic winners.

"I was a friend of David's father so I've known him since he was in short pants," Sadler says with a chuckle. "Actually, I do have a picture of him in short pants! He calls me Uncle John sometimes. So, it's been fun for me, and a source of great pride, to see how his business has developed. He's a tremendous, tireless worker, and obviously brilliant at it."

Whether on behalf of his closest circle, then, or the entire Turf community, Sadler says he's profoundly grateful for the benediction he shared over the past couple of years.

"Many of the horses Flightline beat were really never the same afterwards," he remarks. "He was a very dominant colt. At the Breeders' Cup one morning, Juan was coming off the track just as Epicenter was going up and Juan said he could feel Flightline rise up under him, literally making himself bigger like a rooster, as that horse came by."

And something else happened that week. One morning Sadler's phone rang and there was Ron McAnally, 90 years old and still rooting for that lofty young man who used to follow Dr. Robbins round the barn.



























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"John," McAnally said. "Don't let those photographers bother Flightline. I had that once with a horse, they were pestering him every five minutes, and he didn't run any good."

Sadler hardly needed telling, but was still blown away. "Okay, Ronnie, I really appreciate that."

McAnally, of course, had bred Rock Your World (Candy Ride {Arg}), who won the GI Santa Anita Derby for Sadler a couple of years ago. That connection had given him an extra buzz, and now it was adding something memorable to the Flightline adventure, too.

"That was a special call for me," Sadler says. "He's one of the good guys and it was great that he wanted to pass that on to me, that he was still thinking of me. Like I said, as a young trainer I relied on the older guys a lot. I had great mentors. You'd sit around in the cafeteria, and these guys were so colorful, some of them in that era were doubtless politically incorrect--but they knew their stuff."

By the same token, nothing pleases Sadler more today than when a young trainer seeks his counsel. Evidently that doesn't happen as often as a generation ago.

"That's a shame because horsemen are really very generous with their knowledge," Sadler says. "I think to be a good horseman is intuition based on experience. And I do have the background: I walked hots, I groomed, I came up from the bottom of the stable. I didn't come in at the management level. So, I put in the years. And it's been a great journey. None of this happened overnight. It's like the guy that did 50 movies before he won the Academy Award. It's a lifetime of work."

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#### HISA Replacement Bill Cont. From Pg. 1

Williams was urging the board to consider future implications prior to taking its vote, and one of the issues he brought up was the looming potential for a replacement regulatory structure.

"It's not just a possibility out there. It should be happening in the near future," Williams said.

"There is legislation about to be introduced in Congress [and] the primary sponsor of this legislation has been talking with us," Williams said. He did not disclose who that senator or congressman is.

"We provided him with a draft," Williams continued. "The draft came from the [North American Association of] Racetrack Veterinarians, the HBPA, and the USTA. And it's already been through legislative services, [which has] put it in Congressional format, and as soon as the primary sponsor has his team put together, the bill will be introduced.

"This bill is a state-administered program," Williams said. "So states would form an interstate compact. They would use state authorities, state experience and state funding, and save millions of dollars over the HISA structure.

"The legislation is health- and safety-focused," Williams said. "It provides all of the same benefits to the racing industry that HISA does. It is science-based, and this is one of the problems we've had historically with the approach of HISA; it's in the HISA statute, the arbitrary nature of the regulatory approaches in words and statute, the Lasix ban."

Williams said that the new legislation would be underpinned by "state administration, a science basis for making policy decisions, and a funding model that can be afforded by the racing industry."

TDN could not independently confirm the involvement of the National Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (NHBPA) with the pending legislation. A phone message left for the NHBPA's chief executive officer, Eric Hamelback, did not yield a return call prior to deadline for this story.

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#### TDN Q & A: GODOLPHIN JAPAN'S HARRY **SWEENEY**



Lemon Pop | DRC/Liesl King

by Alan Carasso

DUBAI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES -- Answer: The G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen.

Question: What is the only race in the history of the Dubai World Cup that has never been won by the host?

That statement feels like an enormous anomaly, given all the success down the years at old Nad Al Sheba Racecourse and here at Meydan Racecouse, but true it is all the same. It is a record that Harry Sweeney, the president of the Japanese arm of Sheikh Mohammed's global operation, hopes will change this weekend when American-bred and sourced Lemon Pop (Lemon Drop Kid) takes on five U.S.-based sprinters and significant Japanese-bred challenge in the 1200-meter race. Cont.

Moments after the clean chestnut, bred in the names of former Darley executive Olly Tait and his wife, completed some light work under the early-morning lights at Meydan Wednesday, Sweeney graciously took a few minutes out of his busy schedule to talk about the acquisition of Lemon Pop, his rise to Group 1 winner and what the future may hold.

**Alan Carasso:** First of all, how has Lemon Pop come out of his victory in the G1 February S.?

Harry Sweeney: Yeah, he's come out well. It's a five-week gap, which we thought was reasonable, between the February S. and this race. He's a 5-year-old, but he's still very lightly raced. He's only raced 11 times. But I watched him warm up down there [in the 1600-meter chute] this morning. He's not at times the most fluent of movers, but he's moving well now. So I'm very pleased with that. The trainer seemed happy with him. He traveled reasonably well, a little bit off his food for the first few days, but he's back to grubbing. He's a big strong horse and he moved well this morning, so I'd say he's good.

AC: When did Lemon Pop arrive here into Dubai?

**HS:** He got in here last Tuesday, I believe. Tuesday of last week.

**AC:** Under the Paca Paca Farm banner, you guys selected him as a weanling at Keeneland (\$70,000 in November 2018), and I know you guys tend to do that, pick them up as foals. What's the philosophy of buying them at that young age?

**HS:** Well, the reason is it's a model of logistics really, because, I mean, I'm buying these for Japan and of course if we buy in the yearling market, then it's pretty congested already with Godolphin people. We have the UK Godolphin team buying and also Shadwell buying when they were buying a lot of horses. So we're the 'small boy' in the organization. So there was a lot of congestion in that area and it was just easier to buy them as foals, really, and to avoid that.

**AC:** And where do these types of purchases go after you buy them?

**HS:** He came to Japan, Lemon Pop was bought in November and he came straight to Japan, and so he spent his yearling year in Japan, on the farm.

**AC:** What was it about him that attracted you at Keeneland?

**HS:** Well, if I'm perfectly honest, I mean, I probably short-listed him on the basis that I thought he might run on turf. Lemon Drop Kid can get a few decent turf runners and the mare being by Giant's Causeway, I thought there's a chance this horse might run on turf. So I'd say that's the reason that I looked at him in the first place.

But when I did look at him, I mean, physically he's a very, very well-balanced, well-proportioned horse. I mean, I really, really like that about him. He was an average mover, but I thought he was just a very, very well-balanced horse. And that's the reason I bought him.

**AC:** Like you pointed out, he's only made the 11 starts but for eight wins and over \$2.2 million in earnings. He's a 5-year-old now. Were there any serious issues, or just little niggling issues that kept him from stringing starts together?

**HS:** Yeah. Well, after he won--I think--his second start, I mean, he showed enormous talent initially. Even at the second start, we were already clear that this horse had the ability and we already had kind of marked him down as a Group 1 horse, maybe not a Group 1 winner, but a Group 1 horse. And we were considering and coming even to we kind of planning, really hoping, to come to the [G2] UAE Derby [in 2021]. But then fate intervened, hit a small issue. We took numerous X-rays and we had four different veterinary opinions, all different, the most expensive veterinary opinions in the world. He had what looked like a little bit of fracture line there. We were just a bit worried in the end and we opted to be conservative and so we gave him time off, which was probably the right decision. Because listen, we were aware of that ability and we didn't want to compromise that. We were happy to wait.



Harry Sweeney | Tattersalls

**AC:** Coming here, you had a choice between whether to stay at the mile [for the G2 Godolphin Mile] or cut back in trip for the Dubai Golden Shaheen. What ultimately led to the decision to keep him short?

**HS:** Firstly, the trainer always believes this horse is a sprinter. And even when we ran in the February S. over a mile, the trainer really wasn't that enthusiastic about him, to be honest. We had to kind of lean on him to even run in the February S., but I mean these decisions are made for us. There are only two Group1 races on dirt on the JRA [circuit]. So, where do you go if you have a horse of this caliber? You have little option, you must go there. And to be honest, we're thinking of his next career when he finishes as a stallion. I mean, he's already secured his place. It was important to win a Group 1 in Japan. And so that's why we went there. Okay. Now the reverse is true. That's why we're here as well. Where else would he go in Japan? The next Group 1 in the JRA on dirt is [the 1800-meter G1 Champions Cup in December and the trainer also wants to sprint. In fact, it was the trainer's preference initially to come here and avoid the February S., not even to run there.

So we'll see how he goes. It's a bit of an ask because he he's never run over six furlongs [Ed's Note: Lemon Pop broke his maiden at first asking going 1300 meters or 6 1/2 furlongs]. So that's a first for him. Equally, running on this type of dirt surface with the kickback, we're not sure about that. We have a young jockey aboard. The trainer is traveling his first horse abroad. We're all rookies here. It's a bit of an ask, but we feel there's little to be lost. To be honest, I vacillated between going for this or the Mile. We did it give it real consideration. I think when [champion and GI Breeders' Cup Sprint hero] Elite Power came out of the sprint and when we had a feeling that he wasn't going to come, that changed us. When he was in, we were going to go for the other race. So they were part of the reasons and the trainer's belief as well. He's a sprinter. Let's see how he goes.

**AC:** My next question sort of dovetails off of that. If he's not going to stretch out to nine furlongs, if he is not a horse for the Champion's Cup, what is there for him left at home? Any thoughts of sending him to the States?

**HS:** The February S. is a 'Win and You're In' race for the Breeders' Cup, the Classic, and I think we might be able to use it for a different race. I'd say we're not ruling out. These decisions might be much easier to make on Sunday, but we're not ruling it out. But he'll go back to Japan, we're going to give him a spell. He'll go to the farm straight away after the race one way or the other. There is a race called the JBC Sprint in Japan [Nov. 3], which is a local Japan Group 1 race. But even though it doesn't

have international graded status, it's a big race in Japan and it's an extremely competitive race. And that's a six-furlong sprint. I wouldn't rule out a run in the Champions Cup either. We're ambitious in Japan. We have little to be restricted about it.

**AC:** And finally, How does it feel to have one of yours run here in front of the boss?

**HS:** Oh, that's very important. And listen, we hope he runs well and if he runs well, we'd be pleased. The boss is a true internationalist. And it's fashionable, so it would be nice to have. And this is the only race that Godolphin have never won, so it would be nice to tick that box.

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#### LISA LAZARUS JOINS TDN WRITERS' ROOM **PODCAST**



Lisa Lazarus | Carley Storm

On Monday, there will be a seismic shift in horse racing. That's when the Horse Racing Integrity and Safety Authority will launch its Anti-Doping and Medication Control program and, in most states, will take over the responsibilities of drug testing and drug adjudications.

With that date right around the corner, the TDN Writers' Room podcast presented by Keeneland brought in HISA's CEO Lisa Lazarus to give an update on what to expect once HISA takes over. Lazarus was this week's Green Group Guest of the Week.

Lazarus made it clear that one of HISA's major goals is to do everything in its power to stop anyone who tries to use performance-enhancing drugs to get an edge. To do so, they will go beyond drug testing and will rely on investigations and intelligence. Cont.





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"Our test distribution plan is going to be investigations and intelligence led," she said. "We are not going to be relying primarily on post-race testing in order to discern who actually is breaking the rules. We've got a very robust investigative team headed by Shaun Richards, who is a former FBI agent. He is actually the one who worked up all the evidence in the prosecutions in the Southern District involving Navarro and Servis, et cetera. We really are focusing on the intelligence."

Lazarus said she knows there are still those in the industry who are anti-HISA and have a lot of trepidation about it taking over when it comes to drug testing. She said one of her main goals for HISA is to change that narrative.

"I would like to have gained the trust of the majority of horsemen and players in the industry," she said when asked about her goals for the coming year. "You may agree or disagree about a rule here or there, and that's all good. That's all part of the dialogue. But I really hope that and believe that we'll have the majority saying that this is actually needed. That we needed a uniform system. We needed uniform rules. This is good. And this is this actually professionalizes our sport to a different level. I hope that horsemen will feel like there is a level playing field. I hope the public sees racing horse racing in a different way, that it is safer and with more integrity."

Another change that HISA will usher in is that it will differentiate between drugs that are true performanceenhancers and therapeutic medications that were still in a horse's system when they were tested. They will also have a separate category for positives that appear to be the result of environmental contamination.

"We completely separated the rule book into two categories, the banned substances, which are the doping substances; versus the controlled medications, which are the therapeutics," she said. "And we take a very different philosophical approach to those two categories. If you have a banned substance in a horse, which is a performance enhancement that should never be in a horse, the penalties are severe. They're severe, they're swift, and they will be game-changing. If you make a mistake or if you have a therapeutic overage, there will be consequences, but they'll be proportionate to the to the violation. We also have a policy called the Atypical Findings Policy, which basically has 27 different substances that, if detected in a horse's system, we know it's almost certain to be result of contamination. Those will go through a different process. If we are satisfied after looking at those a little bit more deeply that it really is contamination, there's no loss of purse, there's no sanction. It's like it never happened."



Elsewhere on the podcast, which is also sponsored by Coolmore, the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association, Woodford Thoroughbreds, The Kentucky Thoroughbred Association, XBTV, 1/st Racing, WinStar Farm and West Point Thoroughbreds, Randy Moss and Bill Finley took a look at the remarkable year 87-year-old trainer Wayne Lukas is having. Lukas won last weekend's biggest race, the GIII Essex H. at Oaklawn Park with Last Samurai (Malibu Moon). There was also a discussion of the promising numbers that came out of the Equine Injury Database for 2022. The 2022 figure of 1.25 fatalities per 1,000 starters was the lowest since The Jockey Club began compiling fatality numbers in 2009. Looking ahead to this weekend's racing, the team gave their thoughts on the major races at the Fair Grounds and Turfway Park, which include key GI Kentucky Derby preps in the GII Louisiana Derby and the GIII Jeff Ruby Steaks S.

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#### STAUFFER'S VOICE BOOMS AT LONE STAR **PARK**



Vic Stauffer | Coady Photography

by J.N. Campbell

Veteran track announcer Vic Stauffer will take the microphone when Lone Star Park opens its Thoroughbred season Apr. 13 in Grand Prairie, Texas, the track's Brandon Leigh confirmed in a phone call Thursday.

Stauffer was let go by Oaklawn Park earlier this month, a position he held since 2017. Lone Star's regular voice Jim Byers replaced him in the booth in Hot Springs, but is expected to return to Grand Prairie when Oaklawn's meet closes on Kentucky Derby Day. Stauffer will also join Rick Lee, morningline oddsmaker and Rodney Nelson, social media and marketing manager, for Lone Star's handicapping show.

Leigh, director of marketing and player development said, "Vic is going to fill-in for us until Jim [Byers] returns. We know we are getting an accomplished announcer and we are happy to have him on board for the second half of April and into May."

Before his time at Oaklawn, Stauffer called races at a number of venues starting in the mid-1980s, including a stretch at Hollywood Park from 2001 until its closure in 2013. Working in several sectors of the industry, he also served as a member of the TVG broadcast team and for a time was a jockey's agent.

"I've been a huge fan of Lone Star ever since the 2004 Breeders' Cup," said Stauffer via text. "I've actually called one race there during the All-Star Announcer's Day before that 2004 Breeders' Cup, and I am looking forward to sharing Texas racing with their excellent fans. I appreciate Lone Star affording me the opportunity."

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In 2021, The Jockey Club took over the production of The American Racing Manual from The Daily Racing Form, and the latest edition will be available as part of the Fact Book in the coming weeks.

This edition of the Fact Book includes updates to the Reports

of Mares Bred and Breeding Statistics sections and can be sorted

by stallion name, number of mares bred and state. Information

The 2023 State Fact Books, which feature detailed breeding,

states, Canadian provinces and Puerto Rico, are also available

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racing and auction sales information specific to numerous

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#### TAA DRIVE RETURNS TO FLORIDA DERBY DAY

The Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance (TAA) will be present Apr. 1 once again for Florida Derby Day at Gulfstream Park, which includes the GI Curlin Florida Derby, they said in a release on Thursday.

Partnering with 1/ST Racing, the TAA will be recognized with a named race on the day's undercard and a presentation to the winning connections will include a branded blanket and swag bag. Additionally, the organization will take part in the Best Turned Out Horse Awards, and jockeys will have the opportunity to pledge their mount fee.

The TAA will be a co-beneficiary for the Florida Derby Charity Golf Tournament alongside the Permanently Disabled Jockeys Fund. The charity golf tournament, hosted by 1/ST Racing, will be held on Monday, Mar. 27, at the Pembroke Lakes Golf & Country Club. Teams in the top three placings will receive gift bags from the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance.

Interested participants can contact Stacy Nicks at Gulfstream Park for more information by email.

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#### **JOCKEY CLUB FACT BOOK RELEASED**



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The Jockey Club of America's 2023 edition of the Fact Book is available in the Resources section of their website, the organization said in a release Thursday.

A statistical and informational guide to Thoroughbred breeding, racing and auction sales in North America which is updated quarterly, the Fact Book also features a directory of Canadian, international, national and state organizations. Links to the Breeding Statistics report that is released by The Jockey Club each September and the Report of Mares Bred information that is published each October can be found in the Breeding section.





## **GRADED STAKES** ENTRIES



#### Saturday, Fair Grounds #12, post time: 6:42 p.m. EDT

#### TWINSPIRES.COM LOUISIANA DERBY-GII, \$1,000,000, 3yo, 13/16m

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I	PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
•	1	Shopper's Revenge 🛪	Tapit	Whisper Hill Farm LLC and Three Chimneys Farm	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	122
2	2	Instant Coffee 🛪	Bolt d'Oro	Gold Square LLC	Cox	Saez	122
3	3	Curly Jack 🖛	Good Magic	Michael McLoughlin	Amoss	Morales	122
4	4	Sun Thunder	Into Mischief	R.T Racing Stable and Cypress Creek Equine	McPeek	Hernandez, Jr.	122
į	5	Disarm	Gun Runner	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC	Asmussen	Rosario	122
(	3	Kingsbarns	Uncle Mo	Spendthrift Farm LLC	Pletcher	Prat	122
7	7	Cagliostro	Upstart	David Ingordo, Talla Racing, James D. Spry,	DeVaux	Torres	122
				West Point Thoroughbreds and Nice Guys Stables			
8	3	Single Ruler 🖛	Empire Maker	Rocker O Ranch, LLC	Desormeaux	Cohen	122
Ç	9	Tapit's Conquest 🛪	Tapit	Robert V. LaPenta, e Five Racing Thoroughbreds,	Cox	Franco	122
				Madaket Stables LLC			
•	10	Denington	Gun Runner	Fern Circle Stables and Magdalena Racing	McPeek	Alvarado	122
•	11	Jace's Road 🖛	Quality Road	West Point Thoroughbreds & Albaugh Family Stable	Cox	Geroux	122
•	12	Baseline Beater 🖛	Flatter	Lothenbach Stables, Inc.	Pessin	Lanerie	122

Breeders: 1-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC & Whisper Hill Farm, LLC, 2-Sagamore Farm, LLC, 3-Betz/J.Betz/Burns/Camaquiki/C.Kidder/etal, 4-Southern Equine Stables, LLC, 5-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC, 6-Parks Investment Group, LLC, 7-Lance Colwell & Janice Clark, 8-Don Alberto Corporation, 9-WinStar Farm, LLC & Tapit Syndicate, 10-Fern Circle Stables LLC & Magdalena Racing, 11-Colts Neck Stables LLC, 12-Chippewa Bloodstock

#### Saturday, Fair Grounds #9, post time: 5:04 p.m. EDT

#### NEW ORLEANS CLASSIC S. PRESENTED BY RELYNE GI BY HAGYARD-GII, \$500,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Treasury	Speightstown	Robert K. Johnson and Britt Haselton	Forster	Lanerie	118
2	Art Collector	Bernardini	Bruce Lunsford	Mott	Alvarado	124
3	West Will Power	Bernardini	Gary and Mary West	Cox	Prat	124
4	Trafalgar	Lord Nelson	JD Thoroughbreds, LLC and Wayne Scherr	Hartman	Murrill	118
5	Rattle N Roll 🖛	Connect	Lucky Seven Stable	McPeek	Hernandez, Jr.	118
6	Happy American 🖛	Runhappy	Lothenbach Stables, Inc.	Pessin	Graham	122
7	Mr. Wireless	Dialed In	Jon Lapczenski and JIL Stable	Calhoun	Parker	118
8	Pioneer of Medina 🛪	Pioneerof the Nile	Sumaya U.S. Stable	Pletcher	Saez	122

Breeders: 1-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC, 2-W. Bruce Lunsford, 3-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc., 4-Machmer Hall, 5-St. Simon Place, 6-Claiborne Farm, 7-John & Iveta Kerber, 8-International Equities Holding, Inc.







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#### Saturday, Fair Grounds #11, post time: 6:08 p.m. EDT

#### FAIR GROUNDS OAKS PRESENTED BY FASIG-TIPTON-GII, \$400,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Southlawn 🖛	Pioneerof the Nile	Robert E. Masterson	Casse	Gutierrez	122
2	Christian d'Oro	Bolt d'Oro	Brad King, Randy Andrews, G. Chris Coleman, Jim Cone, Suzanne Kirby and Lee Lewis	Asmussen	Rosario	122
3	Pretty Mischievous	Into Mischief	Godolphin, LLC	Walsh	Hernandez, Jr.	122
4	The Alys Look 🛪	Connect	Ike and Dawn Thrash	Cox	Saez	122
5	Hoosier Philly 🛪	Into Mischief	Gold Standard Racing Stable, LLC	Amoss	Morales	122

Breeders: 1-WinStar Farm, LLC, 2-Ben D Farm, 3-Godolphin, 4-G. Watts Humphrey Jr., 5-Candy Meadows LLC

#### Saturday, Fair Grounds #10, post time: 5:36 p.m. EDT

#### MUNIZ MEMORIAL CLASSIC S. PRESENTED BY HORSE RACING NATION-GII, \$300,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Atone	Into Mischief	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Saez	124
2	Rising Empire 🖛	Empire Maker	Welch, Russell and Leonard, Ran M.	Walsh	Geroux	118
3	Gentle Soul	Tapizar	Martin Mueller, Don Ladd, Richard Reid,			
			Joe Bowley and Arvydas Cieminis	Calhoun	Gutierrez	122
4	English Tavern 🛷	English Channel	Jerry Romans, Jr. and Hamilton A. Smith	Lovell	Parker	118
5	Spooky Channel	English Channel	NBS Stable	Barkley	Rosario	122
6	Two Emmys 🖛	English Channel	Wolfe Racing LLC and Hugh H. Robertson	Robertson	Graham	122
7	Another Mystery	Temple City	Team Block	Block	Prat	118
8	Tiz the Bomb	Hit It a Bomb	Brookdale Racing, Inc.	McPeek	Hernandez, Jr.	118
9	Risk Manager	Lookin At Lucky	Case Chambers	Davidson	Santana, Jr.	118
10	Native Thunder 🖛	American Pharoah	Travis Lance Fenton	Stewart	Murrill	118

**Breeders:** 1-Godolphin, 2-Gainesway Thoroughbreds LTD., 3-Martin Mueller, Richard Reid, DonaldLadd, Joe Bowley & Garry Randall, 4-Dr. Charles H. Huber & English Channel Co-Owners, 5-Calumet Farm, 6-Tottenwood Thoroughbreds, Inc., 7-Team Block, 8-Spendthrift Farm, LLC, 9-Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey, 10-Bo Hirsch LLC

## Saturday, Turfway #12, post time: 6:25 p.m. EDT JEFF RUBY STEAKS-GIII, \$700,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Major Dude	Bolt d'Oro	Spendthrift Farm LLC	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	123
2	Scoobie Quando 🖛	Uncle Mo	Andrew N. Warren and Rania Warren	Colebrook	Machado	123
3	Event Detail	City of Light	OXO Equine LLC	Lobo	Rodriguez	123
4	Funtastic Again 🛷	Funtastic	Three Chimneys Farm	Ward	Corrales	123
5	Maker's Candy	Twirling Candy	Paradise Farms Corp., David Staudacher,	Maker	Rispoli	123
			Maxis Stable and Gata Racing Stable LLC			
6	Baby Billy 🖛	Gormley	Reeves Thoroughbred Racing, Steven Rocco,	Sisterson	Talamo	123
			and William Branch			
7	Bluebirds Over	English Channel	Edward A. Seltzer and Beverly S. Anderson	Joseph, Jr.	Zayas	123
8	Congruent	Tapit	Tami Bobo and Lugamo Racing Stable LLC	Sano	Leon	123
9	Escapologist 🖛	Good Magic	Walking L Thoroughbreds, LLC	McPeek	Achard	123
10	Two Phil's 🖛	Hard Spun	Patricia's Hope LLC and Phillip Sagan	Rivelli	Loveberry	123
11	Wadsworth	Quality Road	Godolphin, LLC	Cox	Landeros	123
12	Point Proven 🖛	Gun Runner	Repole Stable and St. Elias Stable	Pletcher	Velazquez	123

**Breeders:** 1-Clearsky Farms, 2-CHC Inc., 3-Camas Park Stud, 4-BHMFR, LLC, 5-Newtownanner Stud, 6-Spendthrift Farm, LLC, 7-Edward A. Seltzer & Beverly S. Seltzer, 8-Tapit Syndicate & Glencrest Farm, LLC, 9-Bryan Anderson & Carol Anderson, 10-Phillip Sagan, 11-Godolphin, 12-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC

## Sunday, Sunland #10, post time: 6:45 p.m. EDT SUNLAND PARK DERBY-GIII, \$600,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	How Did He Do That	Good Magic	J. Kirk and Judy Robison	Asmussen	Juarez, Jr.	122
2	Low Expectations	Nyquist	Reddam Racing LLC	Garcia	Gutierrez	122
3	Fort Bragg	Tapit	SF Racing, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables,	Yakteen	Hernandez	122
			R. Masterson, Stonestreet Stables, J. Schoenfarber,			
			Waves Edge Capital LLC and C. Donovan			
4	Henry Q 🖛	Blame	The Del Mar Group	Fincher	Maldonado	122
5	One in Vermillion	Army Mule	Jonathan Kalman	Martinez	Hernandez	122
6	Hard to Figure 🖛	Hard Spun	Michael Pegram, Karl Watson and Paul Weitman	Baffert	Prat	122
7	Wild On Ice	Tapizar	Frank Sumpter	Marr	Tohill	122

**Breeders:** 1-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 2-Mount Riga Bloodstock, 3-SF Bloodstock LLC & Henry Field Bloodstock, 4-Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding, 5-Richard Barton Enterprises, 6-James Heyward, 7-Frank Sumpter

## Saturday, Santa Anita #8, post time: 7:30 p.m. EDT DESERT STORMER S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Violent Runner 🖛	Violence	Les Blake	Knapp	Maldonado	120
2	Half Past Twelve 🛪	Midnight Lute	Beerman Family Trust, Rex Racing, LLC,	Knapp	Pereira	120
			and Sayjay Racing LLC			
3	Dance to the Music 🛪	Maclean's Music	Red Baron's Barn LLC and Rancho Temescal LLC	Glatt	Hernandez	120
4	Elm Drive	Mohaymen	Little Red Feather Racing	D'Amato	Vazquez	124
5	Stella Noir	Stay Thirsty	Rose Hill Farm, J. Keith Desormeaux,	Desormeaux	Contreras	120
			Wayne Detmar, and Gene A. Voss			

**Breeders:** 1-Lee McMillin & Anita Cauley Breeding, 2-Arika Everatt-Meeuse & Tim Meeuse, 3-George Kirkorian, 4-Kenneth D'Oyen, 5-Wayne Detmar, Gene Voss, KeithDesormeaux & Rose Hill Farm



## TH AMERICAN RACING

#### ALLOWANCE WINNERS



#### IN ORDER OF PURSE:

6th-Oaklawn, \$103,000, Alw (NW2L)/Opt. Clm (\$100,000), 3-23, 3yo, 5 1/2f, 1:03.42, ft, 1 length.

ARMAN (c, 3, Bolt d'Oro--Beautissimo, by Uncle Mo), trained by Simon Callaghan in his first three starts, was a 'TDN Rising



**Arman** | Coady Photography

**Star'** debut winner at Churchill Downs June 23. A distant eighth in the GIII Best Pal S. at Del Mar Aug. 14, the bay colt was seventh in the Speakeasy S. over the Santa Anita turf Oct. 2. Transferred to Peter Miller's shedrow, the \$600,000 OBSMAR purchase emerged from the bench to finish sixth going a mile at Oaklawn Feb. 19. Given a 3-1 chance on the cutback in this spot, he chased 3-5 favorite Easy Action (Speightstown) down the backstretch, took aim from the outside rounding the far turn and wore down the pacesetter to win by a length. Out of an unraced mare who visited Vekoma last year, the winner has a 2year-old half-sister by Vino Rosso. Sales History: \$52,000 RNA Ylg '21 OBSOCT; \$600,000 2yo '22 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, \$100,077. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-Kaleem Shah, Inc.; B-Loren Nichols (FL); T-Peter Miller.

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8th-Oaklawn, \$103,000, Alw (NW2L)/Opt. Clm (\$100,000), 3-23, 3yo, 5 1/2f, 1:04.29, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

MAJOR BLUE (c, 3, Flatter--Ire {GSP, \$202,639}, by Political Force) debuted a well-beaten sixth in a sprint at Churchill Downs Sept. 29 before returning to finish fourth in Hot Springs going a mile Feb. 18. He broke his maiden with a wire-to-wire score going a mile here Mar. 11. The 6-1 chance challenged the 3-5 favorite Tivy (Into Mischief) from the break. As the speed duel developed, it was too much for the chalk. Major Blue flashed a nice burst of energy down the lane and outran a late charge to declare victory by 1 1/2 lengths over Wild Mule (Army Mule). The winner's dam is a full-sister to SP Flashy Campaign, who is responsible for MSW Flash of Mischief (Into Mischief). Her latest produce is a 2-year-old filly by Mastery. Sales History: \$60,000 Wlg '20 KEENOV; \$95,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$121,605. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-Bob Ghent, Ann Ghent, Laurie & D. Wayne Lukas; B-Claiborne Farm & Adele B. Dilschneider (KY); T-D. Wayne Lukas.



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8th-Gulfstream, \$74,800, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 3-23, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:43.86, ft, 1/2 length. SANURA (m, 5, Kitten's Joy--Nehantic Kat {MSW & MGSP, \$394,481}, by Tomorrows Cat) broke her maiden over this course 12 months ago and finally emerged from hiding here. The 3-2 favorite was sent to the front and turned away all challengers to gamely score by a hard-fought half length. The winner's dam produced a colt by Union Jackson in 2022. Sales history: \$95,000 Ylg '19 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$86,530. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-Hidden Brook Farm; B-Mia Gallo, Michael Newton, Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey (NY); T-Barclay Tagg.

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'TDN Rising Star' Arman (Bolt d'Oro) gets back on track. (click to watch)



#### IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**7th-Oaklawn, \$90,000, Msw**, 3-23, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:38.08, ft, 2 lengths.

BLACK POWDER (c, 3, Gun Runner--Oldfashioned Style {GSP, \$149,862}, by Old Fashioned), overlooked at 11-1 in this debut



Black Powder | Coady

around two turns, shot out to the front and made every pole a winning one. It was two lengths back to Stand Proud (Flashback) in second. Oldfashioned Style, also represented by the 2-year-old colt Atlas Falls (Bernardini), was bred to Rock Your World for 2023. Sales history: \$35,000 Ylg '21 KEEJAN; \$170,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$54,000. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-L and N Racing LLC and Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC; B-D.J. Stables (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen.

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SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, MARCH 24 2023 Stud Fees Listed

Accelerate (Lookin At Lucky), Lane's End Farm, \$10,000 214 foals of racing age/28 winners/1 black-type winner 4-Fair Grounds, 3:45 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Stayinyourlane, 5-1 \$45,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$42,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo

Aldrin (Malibu Moon), O'Sullivan Farms
46 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
8-Charles Town, 10:32 p.m. EDT, Alw 7f, Tobi Wan Kenobi, 7-2

City of Light (Quality Road), Lane's End Farm, \$60,000 209 foals of racing age/20 winners/4 black-type winners 9-Fair Grounds, 6:15 p.m. EDT, Aoc 6f, Roja Ligera, 6-1 \$155,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$75,000 OBS MAR 2yo

**Cloud Computing (Maclean's Music)**, Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000 198 foals of racing age/24 winners/1 black-type winner 9-Fair Grounds, 6:15 p.m. EDT, Aoc 6f, My Aunt Snookie, 6-1

**Girvin** (Tale of Ekati), Airdrie Stud, \$20,000 180 foals of racing age/29 winners/5 black-type winners 9-Fair Grounds, 6:15 p.m. EDT, Aoc 6f, U Glow Girl, 7-2 \$36,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$28,000 RNA FTK JUL yrl; \$50,000 FTK OCT yrl

Mendelssohn (Scat Daddy), Coolmore Ashford, \$25,000 348 foals of racing age/39 winners/3 black-type winners 4-Fair Grounds, 3:45 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Power Alley, 6-1 \$75,000 RNA KEE JAN wnl; \$40,000 KEE SEP yrl

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#### **Second-Crop Sires cont.**

Yockey's Warrior (Warrior's Reward), Holly Hill Farm 35 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners 8-Fair Grounds, 5:45 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Yockey Betterfly, 9-2



#### **STAKES RESULTS:**

**SOUTHERN PARK S.**, \$75,000, Mahoning Valley, 3-23, (S), 3yo, f, 6f, 1:13.22, sy.

- 1--NEAR PERFECT, 120, f, 3, by Mobil--Echt, by Fusaichi Pegasus. 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Mast Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm (OH); T-Robert M. Gorham; J-Angel I. Diaz. \$45,000. Lifetime Record: 10-3-2-3, \$128,443. \*1/2 to Authentic Cowtown (Cowtown Cat), MSP, \$287,275.
- 2--Larry's Angel, 119, f, 3, Conveyance--The War Department, by Lost Soldier. **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Memory Lane Racing, LLC; B-Nancy Friel (OH); T-William D. Cowans. \$15,000.
- 3--**Soft Talk**, 118, f, 3, Midshipman--Small Secret, by Ministers Wild Cat. (\$20,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT). O-Rankin, Bobby R. and Johnson, Charles W.; B-Hal Snowden (OH); T-Joe Sharp. \$7,500.

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#### **ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**9th-Oaklawn, \$104,000**, (S), 3-23, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.79, ft, 1 length.

LOCHMOOR (g, 4, Laurie's Rocket--Copperelle, by Elusive Quality) Lifetime Record: 9-3-2-2, \$181,072. O-William Kennedy, Jr.; B-Bill McDowell (AR); T-Bruce L. Riecken. \*1/2 to Navy Seal (Midshipman), SP, \$252,301; Weast Hill (Rockport Harbor), MSW, \$499,852.

**7th-Fair Grounds, \$51,000,** (S), 3-23, (NW2L), 3yo, 6f, 1:11.38, ft, 3 lengths.

CLEAR AS A BELE (g, 3, Clearly Now--My Friend Bele {SW, \$145,980}, by My Friend Max) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$63,660. O-Pendleton Larsen, Jr.; B-Delmar Caldwell (LA); T-Courtney Dandridge Jr. \*1/2 to Hunker Down (Musket Man), MSP, \$250,275.

**9th-Fair Grounds, \$51,000**, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$17,500), 3-23, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.47, ft, 4 1/4 lengths.

PALACEIN (f, 4, Palace Malice--Naples Gold {SP, \$145,108}, by Langfuhr) Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-1, \$61,695. O/B-Cimarron TTT Farms LLC (OK); T-Joseph M. Foster.

**2nd-Mahoning Valley, \$36,200**, (S), 3-23, (NW4L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13.71, sy, neck.

KICHI KITSU (m, 6, Dark Kestrel--Buckler, by Concerto) Lifetime Record: 7-4-1-2, \$96,824. O-Ruberto Racing Stable, Inc.; B-Louis V. Ruberto (OH); T-Louis V. Ruberto, Jr. \*Full to Buckeye Bullet, MSP, \$414,459; Midnight Mikey, MSP, \$321,730.

**4th-Penn National, \$34,720**, 3-22, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.41, ft, 2 lengths.

QUEEN'S DREAM (m, 5, Well Spelled--Queen Mab, by Lido Palace {Chi}) Lifetime Record: 25-5-6-6, \$130,073. O-Cody Beattie & Jerome Linderman; B-Godstone Farm LLC (PA); T-Cody Beattie.

**5th-Penn National, \$30,634**, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 3-22, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:39.58, ft, neck.

HERE'S WALDO (g, 5, Super Saver--Accelebrate {SP}, by Northern Afleet) Lifetime Record: 26-6-5-3, \$122,512. O-Peter Kazamias; B-TLC Thoroughbreds LLC & WinStar Farm, LLC (NY); T-Paulina Sinnefia. \*\$13,000 Ylg '19 SARAUG.



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**8th-Mahoning Valley, \$25,900**, 3-23, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:43.34, sy, neck.

WILDCAT DREAM (f, 4, Wildcat Red--Opie, by Lemon Drop Kid) Lifetime Record: 21-2-5-1, \$65,941. O-JJBE Stable; B-Maccabee Farm (KY); T-Ramon Salcedo. \*\$7,000 RNA 2yo '21 OTBOMX.

#### **ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Kentucky Kiss**, f, 3, **Sharp Azteca**--Reiko, by Declaration of War. Gulfstream, 3-23, (C), 1mT, 1:37.12. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$26,800. B-Siena Farms LLC (KY).

Oddsontony, c, 3, Tonalist--La Sombre, by Unusual Heat. Fair Grounds, 3-23, (C), 6f, 1:11.71. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$20,550. B-Brenda R. Stewart (KY).

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**Clearly Now**, Clear as a Bele, g, 3, o/o My Friend Bele, by My Friend Max. ALW, 3-23, Fair Grounds

**Dark Kestrel**, Kichi Kitsu, m, 6, o/o Buckler, by Concerto. ALW, 3-23, Mahoning Valley

**Flatter**, Major Blue, c, 3, o/o Ire, by Political Force. AOC, 3-23, Oaklawn

**Gun Runner**, Black Powder, c, 3, o/o Oldfashioned Style, by Old Fashioned. MSW, 3-23, Oaklawn

**Kitten's Joy**, Sanura, m, 5, o/o Nehantic Kat, by Tomorrows Cat. AOC, 3-23, Gulfstream

**Laurie's Rocket**, Lochmoor, g, 4, o/o Copperelle, by Elusive Quality. ALW, 3-23, Oaklawn

**Mobil**, Near Perfect, f, 3, o/o Echt, by Fusaichi Pegasus. Southern Park S., 3-23, Mahoning Valley

Palace Malice, Palacein, f, 4, o/o Naples Gold, by Langfuhr. AOC, 3-23, Fair Grounds

**Sharp Azteca**, Kentucky Kiss, f, 3, o/o Reiko, by Declaration of War. MOC, 3-23, Gulfstream

**Super Saver**, Here's Waldo, g, 5, o/o Accelebrate, by Northern Afleet. AOC, 3-22, Penn National

**Tonalist**, Oddsontony, c, 3, o/o La Sombre, by Unusual Heat. MCL, 3-23, Fair Grounds

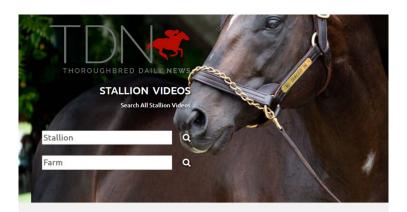
**Well Spelled**, Queen's Dream, m, 5, o/o Queen Mab, by Lido Palace (Chi). ALW, 3-22, Penn National

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# AL DASIM GIVING BOUGHEY 'QUOZ' FOR OPTIMISM



Al Dasim | Emirates Racing

by Alan Carasso

DUBAI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES -- From the very beginning, young trainer George Boughey has made one thing quite clear-when the opportunity presents, he wants to travel horses to play the game on the international stage at the very highest level.

At this time last year, Sheikh Abdullah Almalek Alsabah's **Al Dasim (Ire)** (Harry Angel {Ire}) was about a month away from making an early-season debut; 12 months on from that somewhat disappointing fifth when favoured in a five-furlong maiden at Leicester, the chestnut colt will be one of the choices to give Boughey a victory at one of the world's greatest and richest race meetings in Saturday's \$1.5-million G1 Al Quoz Sprint at Meydan.

"It's great. I've been pretty outspoken about the fact that this is what we want to be doing," Boughey said. "The UK is very much our base, but if we want to be running horses, we'll span the world when we can. I've got a super team of guys who take the horses wherever they go. The horse makes the job very easy, but to have runners around the world, you have to have enormous trust in your staff for doing the job that you asked them to do. And I have that so I'm hugely grateful for that."

## AUGUSTE RODIN SET TO CANTER AFTER RACING AT THE CURRAGH ON SATURDAY

Group 1 winner **Auguste Rodin (Ire)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}), favoured for both the G1 2000 Guineas and G1 Derby, is likely to step out for a racecourse gallop after racing at the Curragh on Saturday.

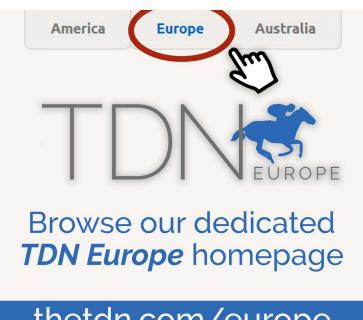
The 'TDN Rising Star', a winner of three of his four starts including the G1 Vertem Futurity Trophy S., the bay could be joined by 'Rising Star' and G1 Phoenix S. victor Little Big Bear (Ire) (No Nay Never).

"Little Big Bear and Auguste Rodin are good, everything has been good so far anyhow," said O'Brien. "We're not sure if either will run in a trial, they are going to go to the Curragh on Saturday maybe for a canter around, and we'll see about them after that." Cont. p5

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#### SADLER STAYING ON FLIGHT PATH

Chris McGrath speaks with trainer John Sadler, the trainer of retired wonderhorse **Flightline** (Tapit), and how training the Horse of the Year affected him in multiple ways.



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Newmarket trainer and TDN correspondent John Berry, centre, with colleagues Jana Trnakova and Ivona Slachtova, in full flow on the Al Bahathri gallop. | Emma Berry

#### **NOBLE STYLE SET FOR CHALDEAN CLASH**

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#### SON OF CRACKSMAN A NEW TDN RISING STAR

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Silver Crack (Fr) (Cracksman {GB}) delivered a stirring performance to become the newest 'TDN Rising Star' at Saint-Cloud on Thursday.

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#### George Boughey Cont. from p1

#### **Boughey Steps In**

Boughey is at least equally thankful that he was given the chance to take over the training of Al Dasim, bred by Skymarc Farm and a  $\pounds50,000$  purchase by Sheikh Abdullah from the draft of Tony O'Reilly's Hollyhill Stud at the 2021 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearlings Sale.

The chestnut, whose third calendar birthday doesn't come until Apr. 11, was runner-up in a Salisbury novice event in two starts for Clive Cox and graduated a couple of runs later in a Windsor maiden after being transferred to Kevin Philippart de Foy. He was turned over to Boughey after finishing unplaced in the Listed Prix de la Vallee d'Auge at Deauville last August.

"I'd trained for Sheikh Abdullah before and we were lucky enough to be the recipient of a handful of horses and he was one of them," said the conditioner, who has about 10 horses for Sheikh Abdullah. "[Sheikh Abdullah]'s got a string of horses out in Saudi Arabia at the moment, obviously not far away from his local Kuwait."

Runner-up in a nursery handicap at Haydock in his first appearance for Boughey last September, Al Dasim took a pair of starts back-to-back over the Wolverhampton all-weather, including a November novice with a whopping 144 pounds on his back, and the stage was set to broaden his horizons.

"It's been a plan for [Sheikh Abdullah] for a long time to try and have some horses in Dubai," Boughey said. "When he came to me, for me, I thought he was a fast-ground horse. He'd been tried on slower ground before and I was pretty keen that if he did show enough ability, that we'd take him to Dubai. So it was later on in the year, but he needed to prove to me that he was good enough to be a horse who was going to be competitive."

Cont. p4



George Boughey | Emma Berry

## FIRST 2YO RUNNER A WINNER!

**MYCONIAN** justified favouritism to win the 13-runner Prix du Debut over 4½ furlongs at Saint-Cloud yesterday for Amy Murphy



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#### **George Boughey Cont.**

He added, "I wasn't going to take him unless he was. And he's very good. He won under a double penalty at Wolverhampton. I just wanted to go and see him carry a big weight and try and win well and he did exactly that. Just before that race, [Dubai] was the plan, and then obviously it came to fruition when he won."

#### **Hitting The Road**

Dubai is not for every horse, but Al Dasim has actually come on for his time in the Emirates, Boughey suggests.

"Yeah, he's done very well," he said. "Ryan King, my sort of head man out there, he's been in charge of him and he's been riding him every day. He's a horse who was a little bit fractious when we first got him, and he seems to be relaxing each week. I thought at the time that we had him in a good mental state and

that he'd be able to handle training on the track. And actually, I think, having seen him train out there, I think he's almost thrived for it. He's actually done a lot of work on the dirt, and I'm not saying he's going to run on the dirt immediately, but it would be no surprise if he did end up in Dubai next year. Then we might try him on the dirt as well as the turf."

For now, it's been the lush Meydan grass where Al Dasim has made a name for himself. Taking full Will all the registrations and the registration of the registratio

Al Dasim during Dubai World Cup week | Dubai Racing Club

advantage of the opportunity to face his peers early during the Dubai World Cup Carnival, he ran strong times in winning conditions events in January and February over the straight six furlongs, which came as little surprise to his connections.

"On just official ratings alone, he looked liked he was clear of certainly the colts out there in the sprint division," said Boughey. "So as long as we could have him in good condition as well, then I thought he'd be a horse who'd be very hard to beat out there, having seen the pool of horses he was going to run against. But I didn't really ever...you know, obviously the programme is Super Saturday and the Al Quoz was obviously there. But he's certainly had to go and prove his merit to be in the race and he certainly did that."

different ball of wax stepping a 3-year-old up to tackle older rivals as early as March. But Al Dasim did just that last time in the G3 Nad Al Sheba Turf Sprint. Drawn low on the oft-disadvantageous far side, he nevertheless raced prominently, took over from pacesetting Miqyaas (Ire) (Oasis Dream {GB})-previously winner of the G2 Blue Point Sprint S. over the minimum trip--and went on to score by 2 1/4 lengths beneath Mickael Barzalona.

"I think the speed that they go in the older races is very different," said Boughey. "The tempo of race is different to what he's ever encountered before. And as a horse whose traveled very well against his own age and I did hope that he would step up, and it was nice to see him do it. But he was taking on some 6-, 7-,8-year-old sprinters who are hardened, good performers. Obviously it will be a massive step up again on World Cup night, but I've got no reason to suggest that he's out of place and he goes there in great shape."

Boughey is taking it raceby-race with Al Dasim, but has a plan in mind for the near to mid-term, with the G1 Commonwealth Cup back against 3-year-olds at Royal Ascot in June the likeliest target.

"He'll probably get an entry in the [G1] King's Stand [S.] as well, being open to 3year-olds, whereas the [G1] Platinum Jubilee S. isn't," the trainer said. "Ascot I think is almost tailor-made for him, you know? It's a faster track

on the flat track than at Meydan. I think that stiff finish will suit him well and you can ride him for a turn of foot. He's entered in the [G1 2000] Guineas at Newmarket, but at this stage I'd be very surprised if he's stepping up to the mile. He's showing a lot of pace from the get-go, he's an old-school winner over the minimum trip of five furlongs and being by Harry Angel, I don't see any reason to stretch him at this stage."

George Boughey is clearly excited about the challenge that awaits around a quarter past five local time Saturday.

"I'm looking forward to it and it's a pretty special place, Meydan. I'm looking forward to seeing it full of people," he said.

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It is one thing to go and beat up on your peers, it's an entirely



## **EUROPEAN NEWS**

#### Auguste Rodin Cont. from p1

The Coolmore partners also have several fillies that could be heard from on the Classic trail, and GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies heroine Meditate (Ire) (No Nay Never) and 'Rising Star' and G2 Airlie Stud S. victress **Statuette** (Justify) are also possible for the racecourse gallop.

Added O'Brien, "It's probably the same for the fillies, Meditate and Statuette."





Auguste Rodin | Racingfotos.com

#### NOBLE STYLE SET FOR MOUTHWATERING **GREENHAM CLASH WITH CHALDEAN**

A mouthwatering early-season clash could be on between G1 2000 Guineas hopefuls Chaldean (GB) (Frankel (GB)) and Noble Style (GB) (Kingman {GB}) after Charlie Appleby confirmed the latter to be on course for the G3 Greenham S. at Newbury in April.

Andrew Balding had already told TDN Europe that Chaldean, the highest-rated juvenile in Britain last season and winner of the G1 Dewhurst S., would run in next month's Greenham en route to Newmarket.

Noble Style, impressive in the G2 Gimcrack S. last year, will tackle seven furlongs for the first time at Newbury with Appleby keen to test the water over that trip before the Guineas.

Appleby said, "He has done well from two to three and the plan is to go for the Greenham, because I didn't want to step him up from six furlongs to a mile in the Craven.



**Noble Style** | Racingfotos.com

"The seven and how he gets on will give me an indication of what we are going to be doing, whether that is dropping back to six for the Commonwealth Cup or going forward in distance to the Guineas."

The trainer added, "He was very impressive in the Gimcrack when he gave the impression there's a lot of speed in that family. His maiden at Ascot is also very strong form, and he's delighted me through the winter.

"I have a few to run in the trials, and while there is no standout individual they have all done well and will not look out of place physically. Others will run in maidens and let's see what transpires."

Chaldean is a general 8-1 chance for Guineas glory while Noble Style can be backed at odds of 10-1.

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#### **ALL-TIME RECORD HIGH OF €2.7 MILLION** FOR IRISH EBF SPONSORSHIP ANNOUNCED

A total of €2.7 million will be added to the prize-money of Irish races in 2023 by the Irish European Breeders' Fund, an all-time record high.

Celebrating 40 years of service to Irish racing, the Irish EBF's 2023 contribution brings their overall contribution to over €57 million since its founding in 1983. Almost 500 races, both Flat and National Hunt, will carry EBF conditions this year. Over 42% of the total spend by the Irish EBF is targeted at 2-year-olds, with almost all of the maiden races, the successful Irish EBF Auction Series and the Median Sires Series with the Irish EBF Ballyhane S. a valuable showcase for median races. The Irish EBF Auction Series is worth a total of €745,000 and has 24 qualifying races and two finals to target. The €50,000 Auction Nursery Final, over six furlongs, will be run at Cork Racecourse in September and the €120,000 Irish EBF Auction Series Final is at Naas racecourse in October. Cont. p6

#### Irish EBF Sponsorship Cont.

Races for older horses are being bolstered, with all listed fillies races running for a minimum of  $\in$ 50,000 and all other listed races running for a minimum of  $\in$ 40,000.

About 50% of the National Hunt allocation is targeted at mares' chases, hurdle and bumper races. The popular Connolly's Red Mills Irish EBF Auction Hurdle Series, worth nearly  ${\in}400,\!000$  has 16 qualifying races and a  ${\in}75,\!000$  final at the Punchestown Festival which is backed up by the Irish EBF Auction Bumper Series with six races worth  ${\in}15,\!000$  each over the season.

Joe Foley, Irish EBF Chairman, said, "Prize-money is the lifeblood of our industry and fundamental to the health and future of any racing jurisdiction. The Irish EBF board are always eager to direct as much funding as possible into prize-money and are delighted to put forward this €2.7 million record spend for 2023. This level of spend is only possible thanks to the voluntary contributions made annually, by every stallion owner and manager in Ireland. The sponsorship spend encompasses all facets of the racing programme throughout the year and provide many valuable options to owners and trainers of horses of both codes."

Suzanne Eade, CEO Horse Racing Ireland, said, "The Irish EBF has long been the largest sponsor of Irish racing and HRI is hugely appreciative of their long-standing and continued commitment which is underpinned by voluntary contributions from stallion farms all over Ireland. The Irish EBF's record race sponsorship of €2.7m million in 2023 is hugely important to the horseracing industry as it will benefit all the many recipients of prize money under both codes including owners, trainers, jockeys and stable staff."

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Panic Alarm | INPHO/Tom Maher

## THREE LOTS ADDED TO AUCTAV MARCH SALE

Three more lots have been added to the Auctav March Sale set for Mar. 29. Dream Ahead 2-year-old **Perhaps Traou Land (Fr)** (lot 8) is a half-brother to seven winners and will be offered by trainer Edouard Monfort.

Monfort said, "This colt is still growing. He should be ready late spring or early summer. I bought him at the sales, I liked him a lot. He is a late season-born colt. He is well made and has a good temper. From what he shows in the morning, he is very "Dream Ahead", more of a speed and short-distance oriented horse."

There is also a 1/60th share in Group 1 sire **Complacent (Aus)** (lot 3B) set to go under the hammer, as well as a 1/90th share in trotting stallion **Feeling Cash (Fr)** (lot 10).

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#### SON OF CRACKSMAN A NEW TDN RISING

**STAR** by Tom Frary

With the prospect of the initial progeny of Cracksman (GB) encountering middle-distances and testing ground in their second seasons, the signs were strong that the Dalham Hall resident would come to the fore and Thursday's early Spring meeting at Saint-Cloud proved early confirmation as the newcomer Silver Crack (Fr) stormed to 'TDN Rising Star' status.

Anchored behind the early leaders by Cristian Demuro, the well-supported 9-10 favourite for the 10-furlong Prix Suave Dancer for 3-year-old colts and geldings moved to the front well in hand with 300 metres remaining before beginning his victory lap. Cont. p7

#### Silver Crack Cont.

Clear when eased late, the Jean-Claude Rouget-trained G1 Prix du Jockey Club and G1 Grand Prix de Paris entry who races for Claudio and Edoardo Marzocco and Free Man Racing hit the line with seven lengths to spare over Juddmonte's Broadfield (GB) (Almanzor {Fr}), who was in turn a neck ahead of Barbate (GB) (Frankel {GB}).

Bruno Barbereau, racing manager for Claudio Marzocco, was not surprised by this eye-catching debut. "This is a horse that Jean-Claude liked very much last year and he was working with his best 2-year-olds in the summer," he explained. "He was supposed to have his first start at Deauville in the Prix de Crèvecoeur [eventually won by Rouget's leading Classic hope Rajapour], but he was lame a few days before with a minor problem and he couldn't make it to the races at two. Hopefully he will make up for lost time this year."

Bought for €120,000 at the Argana Deauville October Yearling Sale, the winner is out of the Car Colston Hall Stud-bred Silver Bark (GB) (Royal Applause {GB}) who is a full-sister to the GI American Oaks Invitational and GI Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup-winning luminary Ticker Tape (GB). Responsible for the listed-placed Toofi (Fr) (Henrythenavigator) and Silver Meadow

(Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}), she is also the second dam of the Listed Burradon S. runner-up Legion Of Honour (GB) (Wootton Bassett (GB) who went on to race in Hong Kong as Fly On Earth.

The second dam Argent Du Bois (Silver Hawk) also produced the high-class G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest-winning sprinter Brando (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), while Ticker Tape's daughter Royal Decree (Street Cry {Ire}) was in turn responsible for the G2 Vintage S.-winning sire War Decree (War Front) and the GII Sands Point S. scorer Skims (GB) (Frankel (GB)). Another stakes performer out of Argent Du Bois was Sant Elena (GB) (Efisio {GB}), who is the dam of the G1 Prix Morny and G1 Middle Park S. winner Reckless Abandon (GB) (Exchange Rate), the G3 Prix Paul de Moussac winner Erasmo (GB) (Oasis Dream (GB)) and the group-placed Best Approach (GB) (New Approach {Ire}). Another descendant of Argent Du Bois is the G3 Sweet Solera S. scorer West End Girl (GB) (Golden Horn {GB}), while the family also features the G1 Racing Post Trophy hero Crowded House (GB) (Rainbow Quest) and last year's G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains third Tribalist (GB) (Farhh {GB}). Having provided the sire with his first TDN Rising Star, Silver Bark's 2-year-old filly Coeur d'Argent (Fr) is by his studmate Masar (Ire).

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**Silver Crack is the first 'TDN Rising Star' for his sire** | *Scoop Dyga* 





**3rd-Saint-Cloud, €27,000, Debutantes**, 3-23, 3yo, c/g, 10fT, 2:17.34, vs.

SILVER CRACK (FR), c, 3, by Cracksman (GB)

1st Dam: Silver Bark (GB), by Royal Applause (GB) 2nd Dam: Argent Du Bois, by Silver Hawk 3rd Dam: Wiener Wald, by Woodman

(€120,000 Ylg '21 ARQOCT). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €13,500. Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. Video, sponsored by TVG.

O-Claudio Marzocco, Edoardo Marzocco & Free Man Racing; B-Team Hogdala AB (FR); T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

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#### **HOW THEY FARED**

**4.10 Saint-Cloud, Debutantes,** €27,000, 3yo, f, 10ft Ronea (GB) (Sea The Stars {Ire}), the daughter of the dual G2 Prix de Royallieu winner and G1 Prix Vermeille third The Juliet Rose (Fr) (Monsun {Ger}), went close on debut but hung right in the straight and found one too good.

## FRANCE

#### Thursday's Results:

**PRIX DE LA PORTE DE MADRID-Listed**, €52,000, Saint-Cloud, 3-23, 4yo/up, 12fT, 2:38.08, vs.

- 1--THE GOOD MAN (FR), 126, h, 6, Manduro (Ger)--So Good (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). O-Adrian Pratt, Martin Ingram, Peter David Anwyl-Harris, S Wattel & Lord Clinton; B-SARL Haras de Saint-Faust, Haras d'Idernes & SAS Gerard Larrieu (FR); T-Stephane Wattel; J-Morgan Delalande. €26,000. Lifetime Record: GSW-Fr, 28-5-7-6, €304,320.
- 2--Always Welcome (Fr), 126, g, 6, Manduro (Ger)--Around Me (Ire), by Johannesburg. O/T-Louis Baudron; B-Herald Bloodstock Ltd (FR). €10,400.
- 3--Luisa Casati (Ire), 122, m, 5, Vadamos (Fr)--La Marchesa (Ire), by Duke Of Marmalade (Ire). 1ST BLACK TYPE. (30,000gns Ylg '19 TATYEA). O-Velocity Racing; B-Mark Dixon & Mount Coote Estates (IRE); T-Tom Ward. €7,800.

Margins: NK, NO, HD. Odds: 3.60, 2.90, 48.00.

Also Ran: Melo Melo (GB), Jacksun (Fr), Pride Of America (Fr),

Fasol (GB), Or Gris (Fr), Stronger Together (GB).

Already accomplished at a higher level, The Good Man was able to add to his success in the G3 Prix de Barbeville last May and get his 2023 campaign off to a flyer. Also second in the 2021 G2 Grand Prix de Deauville and placed in five other staying contests in his native France, the bay was fresh and keen early anchored towards the back and Morgan Delalande judged the pace to perfection as he delivered him on the front end 150 metres from the finish.

The dam, who also has the unraced 3-year-old filly The Good Girl (Fr) (Muhtathir {GB}), a 2-year-old filly by Zarak (Fr) and the yearling filly Good Girl De Faust (Fr) (Goliath Du Berlais {Fr}), is a daughter of the GI Garden City Breeders' Cup heroine Luas Line (Ire) (Danehill) from the family of the fellow top-level winners Prince Arch (Arch) and Kingsfort (War Chant). Video, sponsored by TVG.

#### FIRST WINNER FOR SIRE

**2nd-Saint-Cloud,** €**30,000, Debutantes**, 3-23, 2yo, 4 1/2fT, 0:53.37, vs.

MYCONIAN (IRE) (c, 2, Magna Grecia {Ire}--Sirici {Ire} {SW & GSP-Ire}, by Choisir {Aus}), the first runner for Coolmore's 2000 Guineas-winning first-season sire (by Invincible Spirit {Ire}), was sent off the 19-5 favourite for this "Prix du Debut" which is the first Parisian juvenile race of 2023. Prominent from the outset under Mickael Barzalona, the bay only had The Fixer (Ire) (No Nay Never) to worry about inside the final 1 1/2 furlongs but managed to outbattle that peer in the last 50 metres for a gutsy 3/4-of-a-length success. Cont. p9



Myconian | Scoop Dyga

#### 2nd-Saint-Cloud Cont.

The dam, who captured the Listed Tipperary S. and was third in the G3 Curragh S., hails from the family of the dual listed-winning sprinter Dazed And Amazed (GB) (Averti {Ire}) and the ultra-fast Bishops Court (GB) whose impressive career tally included the G3 Prix du Petit Couvert. Sirici's yearling colt is by Circus Maximus (Ire). Sales history: €27,000 Ylg '22 TIRSEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €15,000. Video, sponsored by TVG. O-D MacAuliffe & A Don; B-Lisbrook (IRE); T-Amy Murphy.

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**4th-Saint-Cloud, €27,000, Debutantes**, 3-23, 3yo, f, 10fT, 2:18.83, vs.

KHARANOVKA (FR) (f, 3, Siyouni {Fr}--Milena's Dream {Ire}, by Authorized {Ire}), sent off at 15-2, raced behind the leading group under cover throughout the early stages. Moving smoothly to Ronea (GB) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) and to the front with a furlong remaining, the bay asserted under hand riding to bat that rival comfortably by 1 3/4 lengths. The winner is a full-sister to Etoile (Fr) who captured the G3 Prix Cleopatre in this country before annexing the GI E. P. Taylor S. and selling to Lake Villa Farm for \$1.6 million at the 2021 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky November Sale. The family includes the G1 Prix de la Salamandre-winning Maximova (Fr) (Green Dancer). Sales history: €260,000 Ylg '21 ARQAUG. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €13,500. Video, sponsored by TVG.

O-Alain Jathiere, Hubert Guy, Eric Puerari, Geraldine Henochsberg & Ecurie Ades Hazan; B-Ecurie Ades Hazan, Mme G Henochsberg, P Fellous & Haras De S.A. Aga Khan SCEA (FR); T-Stephane Wattel.

#### A Hubert Guy Bloodstock Yearling Purchase

#### **ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:**

Hamsiyann (Ire), c, 3, Lope De Vega (Ire)--Harasiya (Ire) (GSW & G1SP-Ire, \$109,758), by Pivotal (GB). Lyon-la-Soie, 3-23, 12f (AWT), 2.39.80. B-S A Aga Khan (IRE).

## WORLDWIDE NEWS

## OSBORNE AND O'MEARA HORSES CLAIM BAHRAIN TURF SERIES BONUS

Two horses, trained by Jamie Osborne and David O'Meara respectively, have each won £25,000 after the end of the Bahrain Turf Series.

The second of edition of the £50,000 Bahrain Turf Series Bonus was divided between Pot B winner Gary Allsopp Partnership's Inigo Jones (GB) (New Approach {Ire}) for Osborne, and Pot A winner Nomadic Empire (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), who races for Al Mohamediya Racing. In total, £303,800 of the £600,000 Bahrain Turf Series was secured by European-trained horses, who won five of the 10-race series. Lucander (Ire) (Footstepsinthesand {GB}), trained by George Baker, scooped £116,044 in prizemoney throughout the Bahraini season for owners Nigel Jones and Paul Bowden. A quintet of horses were disqualified from the series due to the presence of harpagoside, a prohibited substance: The Covex Kid (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}) (twice), What A Welcome (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}), Fighter Pilot (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), and Mobaadel (Speightstown), and the Turf Series results and prize-money distribution were amended accordingly.

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#### Saturday, Meydan, UAE, post time: 8.35 p.m.

DUB	AI WOR	LD CUP SPO	NSORED BY EMIRATES AIRLINE-G1, \$12,00	0,000, NH 4yo/up & SH 3	yo/up, 2000m
90	DD	HORSE	SIRE	IOCKEY	TRAINER

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	13	Algiers (Ire)	Shamardal	Doyle	S & E Crisford	126
2	7	Bendoog	Gun Runner	Soumillon	Seemar	126
3	10	Cafe Pharoah	American Pharoah	Moreira	Hori	126
4	14	Country Grammer	Tonalist	Dettori	Baffert	126
5	12	Crown Pride (Jpn)	Reach the Crown (Jpn)	Lane	Shintani	126
6	2	Emblem Road	Quality Road	Al Furaydi	Abdulwahid	126
7	9	Geoglyph (Jpn)	Drefong	Lemaire	Kimura	126
8	3	Jun Light Bolt (Jpn)	King Kamehameha (Jpn)	Moore	Tomomichi	126
9	15	Panthalassa (Jpn)	Lord Kanaloa (Jpn)	Yoshida	Yahagi	126
10	1	Remorse (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	O'Shea	Seemar	126
11	4	Salute the Soldier (Ger)	Sepoy (Aus)	de Vries	Seemar	126
12	11	Super Corinto (Arg)	Super Saver	Berrios	Sanchez	126
13	6	T O Keynes (Jpn)	Sinister Minister	Murphy	Takayanagi	126
14	8	Ushba Tesoro (Jpn)	Orfevre (Jpn)	Kawada	Takagi	126
15	5	Vela Azul (Jpn)	Eishin Flash (Jpn)	C Demuro	Watanabe	126

#### Saturday, Meydan, UAE, post time: 8.00 p.m.

#### LONGINES DUBAI SHEEMA CLASSIC-G1, \$6,000,000, NH 4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 2410mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	5	Botanik (Ire)	Golden Horn (GB)	Barzalona	Fabre	126
2	8	Mostahdaf (Ire)	Frankel (GB)	Crowley	J & T Gosden	126
3	10	Rebel's Romance (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Buick	Appleby	126
4	3	Russian Emperor (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Sanna	Whyte	126
5	9	Senor Toba (Aus)	Toronado (Ire)	Dettori	Fownes	126
6	7	Shahryar (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	C Demuro	Fujiwara	126
7	6	Equinox (Jpn)	Kitasan Black (Jpn)	Lemaire	Kimura	125
8	1	Westover (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Moore	Beckett	125
9	2	Zagrey (Fr)	Zarak (Fr)	Soumillon	Barberot	125
10	4	Win Marilyn (Jpn) (f)	Screen Hero (Jpn)	Lane	Tezuka	121

#### Saturday, Meydan, UAE, post time: 7.10 p.m.

#### **DUBAI TURF SPONSORED BY DP WORLD-G1**, \$5,000,000, NH 4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 1800mT

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SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	6	Alfareeq (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	O'Neill	Al Mheiri	126
2	4	Danon Beluga (Jpn)	Heart's Cry Jpn)	Moreira	Hori	126
3	13	Do Deuce (Jpn)	Heart's Cry (Jpn)	Take	Tomomichi	126
4	12	El Drama (Ire)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Egan	Varian	126
5	15	Glorious Dragon (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Callan	Ng	126
6	8	Junko (GB)	Intello (Ger)	Guyon	Fabre	126
7	3	Lord North (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Dettori	J & T Gosden	126
8	10	Master of the Seas (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Doyle	Appleby	126
9	16	Nations Pride (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Buick	Appleby	126
10	1	Order of Australia (Ire)	Australia (GB)	Moore	O'Brien	126
11	7	Real World (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Murphy	bin Suroor	126
12	5	Serifos (Jpn)	Daiwa Major (Jpn)	Lane	Nakauchida	126

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13	11	Shelir (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Watson	O'Meara	126
14	2	Shirl's Speight	Speightstown	Fresu	Attfield	126
15	9	Sir Busker (Ire)	Sir Prancealot (Ire)	Curtis	Knight	126
16	14	Vin de Garde (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Fujiwara	Barzalona	126
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DUB	AI GOL	DEN SHAHEEN SPONSORED	BY NAKHEEL-G1, \$2,000,000	, NH 4yo/up & SH 3yo/up	, 1200m	
SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	12	C Z Rocket	City Zip	Fresu	Miller	126
2	13	Gunite	Gun Runner	Gaffalione	Asmussen	126
3	5	Hopkins	Quality Road	Dettori	Baffert	126
4	8	Justin (Jpn)	Orfevre (Jpn)	Murzabayev	Yahagi	126
5	6	Lemon Pop	Lemon Drop Kid	Sakai	Tanaka	126
6	14	Mouheeb	Flatter	Doyle	Costa	126
7	10	Red le Zele (Jpn)	Lord Kanaloa (Jpn)	Kawada	Yasuda	126
8	9	Remake (Jpn)	Lani	Take	Shintani	126
9	7	Road Bloc	Street Sense	Chavez	Refai	126
10	1	Sibelius	Not This Time	Moore	O'Dwyer	126
11	11	Sound Money	Flatter	Barzalona	Seemar	126
12	3	Super Ocho (Chi)	Dubai Sky	Berrios	Sanchez	126
13	2	Switzerland	Speightstown	O'Shea	Seemar	126
14	4	Tuz	Oxbow	da Silva	Seemar	126
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SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	2	Al Suhail (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Buick	Appleby	131
2	3	Cazadero	Street Sense	Gaffalone	Walsh	131
3	5	Danyah (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	O'Neill	Al Mheiri	131
4	7	Duke Wai (NZ)	Per Incanto	Chau	Ng	131
5	12	Flaming Rib (Ire)	Ribchester (Ire)	Murphy	Palmer	131
6		Logo Hunter (Ire)	Brazen Beau (Aus)	SCR	SCR	<del>131</del>
7	16	Migyaas (Ire)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Chavez	Bouresly	131
8	9	Pogo (Ire)	Zebedee (GB)	Shoemark	Hills	131
9	4	Raaed (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Dettori	Alsubaie	131
10	14	San Donato (Ire)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Dobbs	Watson	131
11	13	Sight Success (Aus)	Magnus (Aus)	Moore	Size	131
12	6	The Astrologist (Aus)	Zoustar (Aus)	Lane	Corstens	131
13	11	Thunder of Niagara (Ire)	Night of Thunder (Ire)	Dawson	bin Harmash	131
14	1	Happy Romance (Ire)	Dandy Man (Ire)	Levey	Hannon	131
15	10	Ladies Church (Ire) (f)	Churchill (Ire)	Coen	Murtagh	127
16	8	Al Dasim (Ire)	Harry Angel (Ire)	Barzalona	Boughey	122
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1	14 o	Atletico El Culano (Uru	Alcorano (Brz)	da Silva Sakai	Cintra Vabogi	126 126
2	8	Bathrat Leon (Jpn)	Kizuna (Jpn)	Sakai do Vrigo	Yahagi M Shomaili	126 126
3 1	7 12	Desert Wisdom (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	de Vries	Al Shemaili	126 126
4	12	Discovery Island (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Doyle	Seemar	126

5	10	Egot (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Barzalona	Fabre	126
6	1	Everfast	Take Charge Indy	Dobbs	Watson	126
7	13	Golden Goal (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Hitchcott	Watson	126
8	2	Isolate	Mark Valeski	Gaffalione	Watson	126
9	5	Lauda Sion (Jpn)	Real Impact (Jpn)	Murzabayev	Saito	126
10	6	Law of Peace (GB)	Shamardal	Mullen	Seemar	126
11	11	Prince Eiji (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Dobbs	Watson	126
12	4	Raaeb (Ire)	Raven's Pass	O'Neill	Al Mheiri	126
13	3	Royal Mews (Fr)	Siyouni (Fr)	O'Shea	Seemar	126
14	9	Win Carnelian (Jpn)	Screen Hero (Jpn)	Miura	Shikato	126

#### Saturday, Meydan, UAE, post time: 4.40 p.m.

DUBAI GOLD CUP SPONSORED BY AL TAYER MOTORS-G2, \$1,000,000, NH 4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 3200mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	9	Al Nayyir (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Dobbs	Watson	127
2	1	Broome (Ire)	Australia (GB)	Moore	O'Brien	127
3	7	Enemy (GB)	Muhaarar (GB)	Kingscote	Williams	127
4	6	Get Shirty (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Tudhope	O'Meara	127
5	8	Global Storm (Ire)	Night of Thunder (Ire)	Doyle	Appleby	127
6	4	Passion And Glory (Ire)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Soumillon	bin Suroor	127
7	12	Quickthorn (GB)	Nathaniel (Ire)	Murphy	Morrison	127
8	14	Sisfahan (Fr)	Isfahan (Ger)	Mitchell	Grewe	127
9	5	Siskany (Fr)	Dubawi (Ire)	Buick	Appleby	127
10	15	Subjectivist(GB)	Teofilo (Ire)	Fanning	Johnston	127
11	10	Trawlerman (Ire)	Golden Horn (GB)	Dettori	J & T Gosden	127
12	2	Al Qareem (Ire)	Awtaad (Ire)	Lee	Burke	121
13	11	Ardaan (GB)	Reliable Man (Ire)	Lane	Botti	121
14	3	El Habeeb (Ire)	Al Rifai (Ire)	Atzeni	P'part de Foy	121
15	13	Giavellotto (Ire)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	Callan	Botti	121
<del>16</del>	16	Sober (Fr)	Camelot (GB)	SCR	SCR	121

#### Saturday, Meydan, UAE, post time: 5.50 p.m.

UAE DERBY-G2 SPONSORED BY ATLANTIS THE ROYAL, \$1,000,000, NH/SH 3yo, 1900m

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	7	Es-Unico (Brz)	War Secretary	Moreira	Cintra	131
2	4	Ah Jeez	Mendelssohn	Gaffalione	O'Neill	121
3	5	Cairo (Ire)	Quality Road	Moore	O'Brien	121
4	12	Continuar (Jpn)	Drefong	Sakai	Yahagi	121
5	1	Derma Sotogake (Jpn)	Mind Your Biscuits	Lemaire	Otonashi	121
6	8	Dura Erede (Jpn)	Duramente (Jpn)	Demuro	Ikezoe	121
7	2	Go Soldier Go	Tapiture	de Vries	Nass	121
8	13	Goraiko (Jpn)	Hokko Tarumae (Jpn)	Kawada	Shintani	121
9	9	Lahresh (Ire)	Iffraaj (GB)	Barzalona	Al Mheiri	121
10	6	Mr Raj	Bolt d'Oro	Dawson	bin Harmash	121
11	3	Perriere (Jpn)	Henny Hughes	Murphy	Kuroiwa	121
12	10	Tall Boy	Lookin At Lucky	Buick	O'Neill	121
13	11	Worcester	Quality Road	Dettori	Baffert	121





# LONHRO RETIRED FROM COVERING DUTIES



Lonhro | Darley

#### by Trent Masenhelder

Thursday marked the end of an era for the Australian breeding industry, with Godolphin Australia announcing Darley's Champion Sire **Lonhro** has been retired from stallion duties. The rising 25-year-old retires at the top of his game, with last Saturday's Rosehill Guineas victor Lindermann becoming his 13th individual winner at the highest level.

Furthermore, Lonhro's progeny has combined for 191 stakes wins (106 of those are group successes), and he has 95 stakes winners (56 of them are group winners). And earlier this month, he sired his 1000th winner, that being the David Jolly-trained Lake Agawam, who saluted at Morphettville.

Speaking to *TDN AusNZ*, Darley Australia's Head of Stallions, Alastair Pulford, said Lonhro will forever be remembered as an all-time great.

"What can you say?" Pulford commented. "He goes out on his own terms and as a happy, healthy horse. Hopefully, he's got a long time in retirement, there's no reason to think he won't have.

"He's been such an important horse for us.

"Lonhro, Street Cry and Exceed And Excel have been champion stallions for the stud. But he's a bit more than that because he's such an iconic horse and has been the pin-up horse for the stud for a long time, certainly alongside Exceed.

"One of the reasons people love coming to visit our stallions is

actually just to see Lonhro and have their picture taken with him; he's one of those horses."

Vin Cox, Godolphin Australia's managing director, also paid tribute to Lonhro, who will see out his days at Kelvinside Stud in the Hunter Valley of New South Wales.

"It is with great appreciation I announce that the decision to retire Lonhro from covering duties has been confirmed," said Cox.

"Most importantly, Lonhro retires from the Darley roster sound, happy, healthy and will remain in residence at Kelvinside. The stallion team, led by Barley Ward-Thomas and Yev Kovalov, plus Lonhro's long-time mate Deen Griesheimer and all other handlers who have contributed within our stallion barn have done a wonderful job caring for this Australian icon for over a decade, and who will continue to do so.

"It's important to us that the horse retires on his terms and to all who have supported Lonhro throughout his career, we thank you enormously."

Cox said Lonhro has and always will be 'the people's horse'.

"A few times a year we have people come up for their anniversaries and want to see Lonhro," he said.

"We've even had a couple get engaged in front of Lonhro, people name their kids' middle names Lonhro.

"He is a horse who has charisma, and the effect he has had on people has been quite significant."

#### A Champion on the Track

Bred by Woodlands Stud, Lonhro is by the great Octagonal (NZ) from the Group 3 victress Shadea (NZ) (Straight Strike {USA}).

Trained by John Hawkes, the gorgeous (dark) brown horse made his debut at Rosehill in November 2000. Sent off at 2-1, the colt was touched off by Gai Waterhouse's Royal Courtship (Royal Academy {USA}) in an 1100-metre event worth \$40,000.

He broke through at his next start, before notching his first stakes win in the G3 Blue Diamond Prelude (Colts And Geldings) under Brett Prebble.

Lonhro ran fourth in the G1 Blue Diamond S. and would have to wait until the spring of his 3-year-old season to bag the first of 11 Group 1s--in the time-honoured Caulfield Guineas. With Darren Gauci in the saddle, Lonhro circled the field and ran away from his rivals in the stallion-making race.

"Occy's little boy has taken the lead and pulls away to win the Guineas," race caller Greg Miles described at the time.

## "HIS RACE RECORD....HE WAS JUST AWESOME."

Darley's Alastair Pulford

Lonhro's triumph in the G1 Australian Cup of 2004 is etched in racing folklore and his ability to perform a Houdini act and clutch victory from the jaws of defeat still beggars belief. Seemingly in an impossible position at the 200-metre mark, Lonhro sprouted wings to nail Delzao on the line.

Having raced on into his 5-year-old season, the curtain came down on Lonhro's stellar career in April 2004. He bowed out having won 26 of his 35 starts. He also placed five times, amassing earnings of \$5,790,510, which in today's money, would be quite staggering.

"His race record... he was just awesome," Pulford said.

"The Australian Cup is obviously the one everyone centres on, but the day he beat Sunline at Caulfield (in the Caulfield S.), it was just unbelievable.

"And he was so dominant in Sydney."

#### The Next Chapter

Following his illustrious career on the track, Lonhro was retired to stud. He spent the past 15 seasons in the Darley breeding barn and his reputation was enhanced when he shuttled to the US between 2012-14. Lonhro was crowned Champion Sire and Leading Australian sire of winning 3-year-olds in 2010/11, the top Australian sire of 2-year-olds in 2011/12 and the leading Australian sire of winners in 2013/14 and 2014/15.

"He was one of the keys behind the purchase of the Ingham racing operation all those years ago and a lot of the success of that deal relied on him," Pulford explained. "Around the time of Equine Influenza, I remember Peter Snowden saying how much faith had in his progeny. He said, 'Compared to the Octagonals, they've got speed, they're different types of horses', and obviously he went on to prove that as a stallion, and he was a horse that imparted far more speed than people expected him to.

"Most of his best horses were sprinter-milers, although he did get the odd big winner past a mile; he had a Rosehill Guineas winner on Saturday in Lindermann and Aristia won a VRC Oaks."

Lonhro became a stakes-producing sire on Mar. 1, 2008 when Black Minx (NZ) took out the Listed McDougall S. at Eagle Farm. His first Group 1 winner was the top colt Denman, who was much the best in the Golden Rose of 2009. Lonhro's other Group

1 winners are Beaded, Benfica, Pierro, Mental, Bounding, Exosphere, The Conglomerate, Impending, Kementari, Aristia, Lyre and Lindermann.

Pulford rates Pierro as the best of that list. "We bred Pierro and it's obviously well-told that we sold him as a weanling," said Pulford. "He was a horse I was always barracking for at the races because he was just such a good horse.

"He was flying Lonhro's flag and will continue to do so.

"Kementari is a horse we've all grown attached to over the time, but I remember Beaded and Mental and horses like that."

With the likes of Impending, Pierro, Denman, Encryption and Exosphere standing at stud in Australia, Lonhro has become a sire of sires, and he has made his mark as a leading broodmare sire, too, with his daughters producing 101 group-winning horses including the likes of So Si Bon (So You Think {NZ}), Osborne Bulls (Street Cry {Ire}), Barber (Exceed And Excel), Niedorp (Not A Single Doubt) and Golden Mile (Astern).

"You see the benefit of Lonhro, not only through his sons, but also his daughters, everywhere at the moment and that's very pleasing to see," said Pulford.

"I looked at Lindermann walking around the mounting yard at Rosehill on Saturday and he was as cool as a cucumber, he walked just like his father, and there was a lovely photo of Anamoe recently just standing on the track taking it all in; Lonhro used to do that."

His deeds in the sale ring reflect that of a wonderful racetrack career with his yearlings offered at public auction netting supporters \$71,939,788, with his top seller being Lot 416 from the 2019 Inglis Australian Easter Yearling Sale--a filly from Dancing Heather (Danzero), which was consigned by Newhaven Park and bought by Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Maktoum for \$1.4 million.

On three occasions (2018, 2019 and 2022), his progeny have averaged in excess of \$200,000. Lonhro has six yearlings catalogued for next month's Inglis Australian Easter Yearling Sale and two remaining crops for buyers to get their hands on.

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