

TDN DERBY TOP 12: REAL RUNNING STARTS NOW



Forte | Nicole Thomas

by T.D. Thornton

We've taken the plunge into the deeper end of the prep pool for the GI Kentucky Derby. Five nine-furlong stakes each awarding 100 qualifying points are scheduled over the next two Saturdays, after which this list will expand to the Top 20.

1) FORTE (c, Violence--Queen Caroline, by Blame) 'TDN Rising Star'. O-Repole Stable and St. Elias Stable; B-South Gate Farm (KY); T-Todd Pletcher. Sales history: \$80,000 Wlg '20 KEENOV; \$110,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: Ch. 2yo Colt, MGISW, 6-5-0-0, \$1,833,230. Last start: 1st GII Fountain of Youth S. at Gulfstream Mar. 4. Kentucky Derby Points: 90.

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The further 'TDN Rising Star' and 2-year-old champ Forte goes in his sophomore campaign, the more favorably he compares to **Nyquist**, who was the last winner of the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile (and only the second Juvenile winner ever) to score in the Kentucky Derby. Each was put on a two-prep path at age three, consisting of an early March stakes victory followed by a try in the GI Florida Derby.

Where they differ, though, is in the level of difficulty of their respective Florida Derbies.

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FTC APPROVES HISA'S ANTI-DOPING AND MEDICATION CONTROL RULE

Edited Press Release

New and enhanced anti-doping regulations took effect in U.S. Thoroughbred horse racing Monday following the Federal Trade Commission's approval of the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority's (HISA) Anti-Doping and Medication Control (ADMC) Program.

HISA's ADMC Program, administered by the Horseracing Integrity & Welfare Unit (HIWU), brings all testing and results management under one national authority, standardizes the categories of substances laboratories test for and institutes clear and consistent penalties for violations.

In its authority as the independent administrator of the ADMC Program, HIWU is introducing to the sport a new paperless sample collection system, strategic out-of-competition testing nationwide and centralized adjudication processes to facilitate swift rulings. **Cont. p3**

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FTC Approves ADMC Rules (cont. from p1)

“Having a uniform anti-doping program in place for the first time ever will be a game changer for American horse racing,” said HISA CEO Lisa Lazarus. “HISA’s ADMC Program is the modern, rigorous yet fair regulatory framework the sport deserves. Its rules, philosophical approach and professional implementation will help ensure the integrity of the competition and demonstrate the seriousness of the industry’s commitment to equine welfare.”

HIWU is led by Executive Director Ben Mosier. Among other members of HIWU’s leadership team are experts with decades of experience working in anti-doping, including in Thoroughbred racing, as well as in federal law enforcement.

“The HIWU team is proud to partner with HISA in the administration of the ADMC Program, which represents a major advancement in how the sport

governs anti-doping enforcement,” said Mosier. “HIWU has been working with state racing commissions and racing participants for months to educate all the sport’s stakeholders on the new rules, including through in-person and virtual presentations and

the library of resources on our website. I am grateful to all who are working with us, particularly the local sample collection personnel, laboratories and other officials operating under the new uniform procedures now in place.”

The ADMC Program’s Prohibited Substances List is divided into two categories: 1) Banned Substances that are never permitted in a horse and 2) Controlled Medications that are permitted outside specified periods. Horses will now be tested for these substances following races as well as outside competition windows through an intelligence-based testing system developed by HIWU.



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The Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act, passed into federal law by a bipartisan act of Congress, grants HISA jurisdiction over all Thoroughbred horse races in the U.S. that are the subject of interstate off-track or advance deposit wagers.

The ADMC Program is the second of HISA's two regulatory programs to be implemented. HISA's Racetrack Safety Program, which established uniform operational safety rules and racetrack accreditation standards, took effect upon receiving approval from the FTC on July 1, 2022.

National HBPB Statement in Response to ADMC Rules Approval

The National Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association released a statement in response to the FTC's approval the Anti-Doping and Medication Control rules, while also committing to filing a motion to stop the rules from going into effect.

"The Authority is barreling forward to implement HISA, and the FTC is enabling it by rubber-stamping another set of seriously

flawed rules," said National HBPB President Doug Daniels, DVM. "Industry concerns must be taken into account, and we believe no one at the FTC is listening. That's why the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled HISA unconstitutional in our lawsuit. Without our efforts, I fear for our future. Today, we plan to file a motion with the Northern District of Texas court asking the judge immediately to stop these rules from going into effect."

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PLAINTIFFS IN LOUISIANA LAWSUIT MAKE CASE FOR ALLOWING AMENDED

COMPLAINT *by T. D. Thornton*

The plaintiffs in the federal lawsuit spearheaded by the state of Louisiana against the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA) Authority and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) fired the latest salvo Monday, arguing in a filing that the judge should not accede to the defendants' request to strike a recently amended version of the complaint that expands the slate of plaintiffs by letting new entities join the case.

"Defendants suggest that Plaintiffs engage in something sinister by seeking amendment to request expanded relief," stated the Mar. 27 memorandum filed in United States District Court (Western District of Louisiana). "But parties across the country routinely amend to seek expanded relief without issue."



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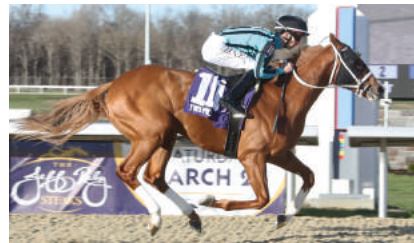
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Back on Feb. 6, the plaintiffs filed an amended complaint to their **original June 29, 2022, lawsuit**, with the chief changes involving the addition of 14 new individual Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (HBPA) affiliates, plus a wide swath of states, racing commissions, and individual racetracks.

Then, **in a Mar. 6 motion**, the HISA defendants asked the judge to strike that amended complaint on the basis that adding a "vast number" of organizations and states as new plaintiffs constituted an allegedly "blatant attempt" at "gamesmanship" and "shotgun" litigation.

The plaintiffs' Mar. 27 filing disputed those characterizations and argued for the amended complaint to proceed.

"Defendants' motion is unwarranted and amendment is proper as a matter of right at this early stage in the case," the plaintiffs' filing stated.

"Leave to amend is also proper to allow parties who have been waiting for months to participate in this litigation to seek redress. [The amended version] both addresses HISA rules approved after Plaintiffs filed the initial complaint and adds more parties who have suffered harm from those rules," the memorandum stated.

"Procedural squabbles aside, [the HISA Authority's] unlawful regulations pose a litany of issues requiring redress," the plaintiffs stated.

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HISA LAUNCHES WHISTLEBLOWER PLATFORMS

The Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority's Integrity and Welfare Unit has launched anonymous whistleblower platforms that will allow Thoroughbred industry participants to submit tips about potential violations of its Anti-Doping and Medication Control Program. The text and email platforms are supported through a partnership with RealResponse, the leading provider of safe and secure reporting platform for athletes, teams, and organizations, while the telephone platform is supported by AnsaFone.

"Our anonymous whistleblower platforms will empower concerned individuals to safely and securely alert HIWU to potential violations of the AMDC Program, including situations where the welfare of the horse or integrity of the sport may be compromised," said Michelle Pujals, HIWU's general counsel. "We look forward to working with RealResponse, which has a proven track record in administering this type of technology, to facilitate the success of this key component of the ADMC Program."

Individuals who would like to submit tips have the following contact options: phone line: (888) 714-4498; text line: (855) 901-8477; email: hiwutips@hiwu.realresponse.com.

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Forte (cont. from p1)

In 2016, the connections of **Nyquist** took a gamble by shipping their colt cross-country from his California base to chase a \$1-million Florida sales-grad bonus offered by Fasig-Tipton. Despite being the undefeated 2-year-old champ, the 6-5 **Nyquist** wasn't even favored in the Florida Derby (Mohaymen was at 4-5). But **Nyquist** wired the field commandingly, cementing favoritism in Louisville.

Forte, by contrast, will race over a Gulfstream surface over which he's already won emphatically, and he will be getting a considerable break in terms of competition. The draw for Saturday's Florida Derby landed him in post 11, but none of the 11 horses entered against him have ever been ranked in TDN's Top 12, and only one has ever won a stakes.

Beyond the obstacle of an outer post in a large field, the race, on paper at least, gives off a "damned if he does, damned if he doesn't" vibe that the champ will be up against.

If Forte trounces the field, it'll be reasoned he was supposed to beat up on such an overmatched crew based on his established gravitas as the divisional kingpin. The tall, lanky stalker has pasted nearly all comers over a six-race career that dates to last May 27 and includes only one forgivable loss in a Saratoga sprint stakes. None of the visual takeaways of his stretch runs offer evidence that he won't be able to handle pressure while negotiating longer distances.

If Forte runs well but narrowly loses, the result will likely elicit a positive-leaning connotation, along the lines that he wasn't fully cranked for the effort with his main goal being four weeks out. But if Forte finishes off the board with no excuse? Yikes. He'll suddenly be perceived as vulnerable for the first time and the proverbial barn door will be knocked off its hinges by the crush of contenders rushing in to fill the Derby void.

2) PRACTICAL MOVE (c, Practical Joke--Ack Naughty, by Afleet Alex) O-Leslie & Pierre Jean Amestoy & Roger Beasley; B-Chad Brown & Head of Plains Partners (KY); T-Tim Yakteen. Sales history: \$90,000 RNA yr1 '21 KEESEP; \$230,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: MGSW, 6-3-1-2, \$434,200. Last Start: 1st GII

San Felipe S. at Santa Anita Mar. 4. Kentucky Derby Points: 60.

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THOROSTRIDE—featured horse

They don't drape a blanket of roses atop your shoulders on the first Saturday in May for looking like the most improved colt on the Derby contenders list at the end of March. But if they did, Practical Move would be this year's ideal fit.

This son of **Practical Joke**'s progression toward the Apr. 8 GII Santa Anita Derby gives the impression of an ocean wave that did not at first appear menacing when in the distance, but now that it's nearing a crest, look out.



Practical Move | Benoit

This Tim Yakteen trainee started five times in a four-month span at age two and his form in those races might have been shaded by running into some fairly accomplished foes while encountering repeated trip trouble.

A 10-1 upset in the GII Los Alamitos Futurity closed out this robust-framed colt's juvenile campaign. But Practical Move opened eyes with a 12-point Beyer jump when winning the GII San Felipe S. Mar. 4, uncorking a professional inside run despite enduring early bumping, a rank horse on the clubhouse turn, and a momentum stall on the far bend while jockey Ramon Vazquez patiently waited for an opening.

If you want a Derby horse who rates as “flashy,” look elsewhere. But if you lean toward a level-headed prospect who is quick enough to prowl behind strong fractions while having enough stamina to stick around late, Practical Move just might be your type.

3) TAPIT TRICE (c, Tapit--Danzatrice, by Dunkirk) 'TDN Rising Star' O-Whisper Hill Farm LLC and Gainesway Stable (Antony Beck); B-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd. (KY); T-Todd Pletcher. Sales history: \$1,300,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSW, 4-3-0-1, \$100,150. Last start: 1st GIII Lambholm South Tampa Bay Derby at Tampa Bay Downs Mar. 11. KY Derby Points: 50.

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This gray son of Tapit who hammered for \$1.3 million at KEESEP was back on the Palm Beach Downs work tab Friday, breezing a half-mile in :49.82 (11/31) nearly two weeks after closing with a desperate rush to win the GIII Lambholm South Tampa Bay Derby (88 Beyer).

From several perspectives--his dawdling break, the questionable quality of the competition, the four-point Beyer regression off his previous win--the Tampa excursion was not an artistic triumph for Tapit Trice.

Yet considering that this colt overcame self-inflicted trip adversity and closed capably through a final sixteenth clocked in an impressive :6.14, Tapit Trice remains poised to put forth a more polished version of the athletic prowess he displayed in his first three career races. That chance will come in his final Derby tune-up, the Apr. 8 GI Toyota Blue Grass S. at Keeneland.

Only one horse has ever parlayed wins in both the Tampa and Kentucky Derbies--Street Sense in 2007. Street Sense, like Tapit Trice is being pointed to do, also attempted the Blue Grass S. in the interim. He was second, losing by a nose in a four-horse photo.

With Instant Coffee (Bolt d'Oro) never firing when sixth as the beaten 3-2 favorite in this past Saturday's GII Louisiana Derby, it appears that Tapit Trice is now the best Kentucky Derby shot for jockey Luis Saez.



4) GEAUX ROCKET RIDE (c, Candy Ride {Arg}--Beyond Grace, by Uncle Mo) O-Pin Oak Stud LLC; B-EXO Equine LLC (KY); T-Richard Mandella. Sales history: \$350,000 yrl '21 FTKJUL. Lifetime Record: GSP, 2-1-1-0, \$120,200. Last Start: 2nd GII San Felipe S. at Santa Anita Mar. 4. Kentucky Derby Points: 20.



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The GI **Runhappy** Santa Anita Derby is shaping up as a showdown between the Nos. 2 and 4 headliners on this list. While Practical Move brings experience, this son of **Candy Ride** looms as a speed-centric threat who could have a decided advantage in a short field if the race comes up light on entries.

Geaux Rocket Ride was narrowly favored in the betting for the GII San Felipe S. and he gamely forced the issue on the front end of a high-tempo pace yet still managed to stay on determinedly in the final furlong to hold second even when it was clear that Practical Move had him beat.

In just two lifetime starts, Geaux Rocket Ride has paired 92 and 96 Beyers, and his transition out of a MSW sprint wiring to an off-Lasix stakes route was about as smooth as his connections could have hoped for. Note that the second- and fourth-place runners out of his Jan. 29 victory both came back to win their next starts, lending credibility to that sizzling debut.

Geaux Rocket Ride worked six furlongs in 1:13 flat Sunday at Santa Anita (2/6), after which his Hall-of-Fame trainer, Richard Mandella, quipped, "The rockets are ready to fire."

5) DISARM (c, **Gun Runner--Easy Tap, by **Tapit**) 'TDN Rising Star'** O/B-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC (Ky); T-Steve Asmussen. Lifetime Record: GSP, 4-1-2-1, \$290,350. Last Start: 2nd GII Twinspires.com Louisiana Derby at Fair Grounds Mar. 25. Kentucky Derby Points: 40.

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'TDN Rising Star' Disarm returns to the Top 12 off his runner-up try in the Louisiana Derby and I'm taking an ambitious gamble by leapfrogging him all the way up to No. 5 considering this colt hasn't won a race in nearly nine months.

Last summer, trainer Steve Asmussen said he had "high expectations" for Disarm, adding that in a June 19 third-place debut at Churchill, the colt "didn't do much correctly first time out, just because he's a big boy."

But Asmussen expressed faith that this son of **Gun Runner** (out of a **Tapit** mare) would "stretch out beautifully" over time. Unfortunately, that didn't happen during his juvenile season, because after a blowout MSW win at the Spa over seven furlongs, Disarm was shelved in September for undisclosed reasons. After a second-place effort going a mile in an Oaklawn allowance Feb. 19 for his 2023 debut, he resurfaced at Fair Grounds Saturday.

Trying to chase a lone-speed pacemaker getting away with soft splits, Disarm was at a tactical disadvantage. His trip was further compromised by being caught behind the heels of a stablemate for most of his inside journey, and his stride stalled at several points during the race. Yet he still closed with purpose and earned a 90 Beyer for the effort.

Being up against the grain of a speed-favoring track also hurt his chances in the Louisiana Derby. There were 11 dirt races on the Mar. 25 card at Fair Grounds. Four were won in wire-to-wire fashion, six were won by pace-pressers who raced just off the lead, and one was won by a mid-pack stalker. Closers like Disarm got completely shut out. He'll be a live sleeper at well over 20-1 in Louisville.



Reincarnate | Benoit

6) REINCARNATE (c, **Good Magic--Allanah, by **Scat Daddy**)** O-SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Robert Masterson, Stonestreet Stables LLC, Jay Schoenfarber, Waves Edge Capital LLC & Catherine Donovan; B-Woods Edge Farm (Ky); Tim Yakteen. Sales history: \$775,000 yrl '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSW, 6-2-3-1, \$231,900. Last Start: 3rd in the GII Rebel S. at Oaklawn Feb. 25. Kentucky Derby Points: 15.

Reincarnate, a \$775,000 KEESEP colt by **Good Magic**, will bear the burden of favoritism in Saturday's GI Arkansas Derby, and deservedly so.

He's the controlling speed on paper and is exiting a difficult trip in the Feb. 25 GII Rebel S., in which he got bounced around at the break, advanced into contention, then had to check late. Still, he managed third (90 Beyer). Jockey John Velazquez rides back.

A big horse with a long stride, Reincarnate started his career with two turf tries (both seconds). He was then second in his dirt debut, and finally broke through in try number four at Del Mar Nov. 25, after which he took the Jan. 8 GIII Sham S., dueling all the way on the inside and earning a 95 Beyer at somewhat surprising 16-1 odds.

Reincarnate has never been off the board from six starts, all at a mile or longer, so the stamina base is there. The Arkansas Derby will offer a sharper picture of where this colt stands in terms of honing his chief tactical weapon, which is front-end force.

7) TWO PHIL'S (c, **Hard Spun--Mia Torri, by General Quarters)**
O-Patricia's Hope LLC and Phillip Sagan; B-Phillip Sagan; T-Larry Rivelli. Sales History: \$150,000 RNA Ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: MGSW, 8-4-1-1, \$683,450. Last start: 1st GIII Jeff Ruby Steaks at Turfway Mar. 25. Kentucky Derby Points: 123.

Figuring out whether or not nine-furlong Tapeta form will translate to 10-furlong dirt success is a bit like trying to understand voodoo. But the 101-Beyer win by Two Phil's in Saturday's GIII Jeff Ruby Steaks stamps him as an intriguing mid-tier threat on the Derby totem pole, and he has growing appeal as a 4-for-8 closer/stalker whose strengths are versatility and adaptability.

This son of **Hard Spun** has taken a somewhat unconventional path to Derby relevancy, having started as a 2-year-old at Colonial and Canterbury before breaking through with a 5 1/4-length win at 7-1 odds in the GIII **Street Sense** S. at Churchill, which came over a sealed and sloppy track.

After running second in the GII Lecomte S. and third in the GII Risen Star S., trainer Larry Rivelli took a risk by opting for a start over Tapeta at Turfway, over which Two Phil's had never raced.

Off as the 2.8-1 second choice in the Jeff Ruby, jockey Jareth Loveberry rated this colt three wide into the first turn, patiently kept him parked outside while sixth down the backstretch, then let Two Phil's unwind four deep through the far bend, always shadowing the move of the 1.7-1 fave Major Dude (Bolt d'Oro) before reeling in that rival without much of a fight in upper stretch.

True, no one else was firing down the lane to offer a fresh challenge. But Two Phil's finished up respectably under his own power, leaving the impression that he wasn't entirely sapped by the effort.

Two Phil's will train at Rivelli's Hawthorne-based stable, where he will remain under the radar until Derby day gets closer.



8) KINGSBARNS (c, **Uncle Mo--Lady Tapit, by Tapit)**

O-Spendthrift Farm; B-Parks Investment Group (Ky); Todd Pletcher. Sales history: \$250,000 yrl '21 FTSAR; \$800,000 2yo '22 FTMAR. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$657,300. Last Start: 1st GII Twinspires.com Louisiana Derby at Fair Grounds Mar. 25. Kentucky Derby Points: 100.



Congratulations to all the connections from Paramount Sales

With the calendar on the cusp of flipping into April, Todd Pletcher has emerged as the deepest-stocked Derby trainer, with three colts ranked within the top eight on this list.

The 3-for-3 Kingsbarns is evolving into a no-nonsense frontrunner who knows his job and gets into gear without drama, having now handled the footing of three very different dirt surfaces (Gulfstream, Tampa, Fair Grounds) and shipping to each track from Pletcher's winter training base at Palm Beach Downs without apparent difficulty.

This **Uncle Mo** colt was assigned a 95 Beyer for his Louisiana Derby wiring. The win represents a nice progression through only 10 weeks of racing experience. But peering more closely at his 1:57.33 clocking for 1 3/16 miles does raise legitimate questions.

That final time is the slowest in four years since the Louisiana Derby got elongated from nine furlongs, and it's nearly a full second off the previous slowest clocking of 1:56.47. Granted, that's only a small sample. But also consider that Kingsbarns was virtually unchallenged through a tepid pace, and the speed-favoring track at Fair Grounds Mar. 25 definitely played to his running style. Both the pace pressure and the tempo will be ratcheted up considerably in the Kentucky Derby.



Kingsbarns | Hodges Photography

The Apr. 8 GI **Runhappy** Santa Anita Derby will have an indirect impact on Kingsbarns. Flavien Part, who rode this colt for the first time in New Orleans, has a competing call aboard Geaux Rocket Ride in that Santa Anita stakes, meaning he might have to choose between mounts at some point.



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

O-Frank Fletcher Racing Operations Inc.; B-Woodford Thoroughbreds LLC (KY); T-Bill Mott. Sales history: \$245,000 RNA Ylg '21 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$249,738. Last Start: 2nd GII Fountain of Youth S. at Gulfstream Mar. 4. KY Derby Points: 40.

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The presence of No. 1-ranked Forte isn't what re-routed Rocket Can from the Florida prep path to Saturday's Arkansas Derby. This Into Mischief gray is owned by North Little Rock's Frank Fletcher, who is seeking his first victory in Oaklawn's premier stakes, a win he covets dearly because of the local connection to his home-state track.

Trainer Bill Mott has no problem accommodating an Oaklawn try by shipping Rocket Can to Hot Springs, and in the grand scheme of things, evading the formidable Forte in the same-day Florida Derby does look like a wise move.

Since stretching out to two turns back on Oct. 30, Rocket Can has finished 1-2-1-2 in four consecutive 1 1/16-miles races, the latter two being Gulfstream stakes.

His route-race Beyers look a little light (78, 82, 82, 91) compared to other Derby aspirants, but this gray has resonated as a “better than what you see on paper” type of prospect, earning style points for reliably pouncing off the far turn and throwing himself headlong into deep-stretch showdowns with an underdog flair.

Mott acknowledged after Rocket Can's second-place try behind Forte in the Mar. 4 GII Fountain of Youth S. that this colt got a little too wound up pre-race and was overly keen in the early stages of that race. Seeing how he acts in the post parade and during warmups will be crucial in assessing his chances Saturday.

10) RED ROUTE ONE (c, *Gun Runner*--Red House, by *Tapit*) O/B-Winchell Thoroughbreds, LLC (Ky); T-Steve Asmussen. Lifetime Record: GISP, 7-1-2-1, \$492,575. Last Start: 2nd in Feb. 25 GII Rebel S. Kentucky Derby Points: 33.

Red Route One has never won on dirt, hasn't hit the winner's circle in more than six months, and has never been fancied as the favorite in any of his seven lifetime races.

Yet here he is, one prep race from the Derby and pegged at a comparatively lofty No. 10 within the Top 12 while commanding a qualifying spot at No. 16 in the points standings for Derby eligibility. He closed at a respectable 24-1 in the latest version of the Derby Future Wager back on Mar. 12, which might end up representing lower odds than he'll be in the Derby itself on May 6.



Red Route One | Coady Photography

The chief reason this Winchell Thoroughbreds homebred is so well-regarded this deep into the season has everything to do with his potential upside at longer distances. By *Gun Runner* out of a *Tapit* mare and with a come-from-behind running style, Red Route One has twice splashed home second at Oaklawn this winter in graded stakes, and in all five of his 1 1/16-miles dirt races since October he's given the appearance that he's just starting to get uncoiled when the finish line is looming.

Red Route One has drawn post 10 for Saturday's Arkansas Derby.

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

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Slip Mahoney's stout *Arrogate*-over-A.P. Indy pedigree is likely to serve him well when this Brad Cox trainee stretches out to nine furlongs in the Apr. 8 GII Wood Memorial.

This \$150,000 KEESEP colt was slow from the gate and second best with a big late rush from 13th behind a 7 1/2-length runaway winner in the muddy GIII Gotham S. back on Mar. 4.

That one-turn mile was Slip Mahoney's first go outside of the maiden ranks and he likely got more out of the experience than it looks on paper.

He breezed a half mile in :48.40 (2/89) Saturday over the Belmont training track with assistant trainer Dustin Dugas up, working in company with a stakes-placed filly.

“The work was great,” said Dugas. “Slip Mahoney was on the inside and it was a really good move from the both of them. They broke off well and galloped out in 1:01, so it was a good gallop out. I was happy with it and both came back really well. He didn't really require much encouraging.”

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



LANE'S END SALES GRADUATE



Confidence Game's next start remains up in the air as trainer Keith Desormeaux mulls options that include the Apr. 8 Blue Grass S. at nine furlongs, the GIII Lexington S. at 1 1/16 miles one week later, or simply training up to the Kentucky Derby.

This \$25,000 KEESEP *Candy Ride* colt earned a 94 Beyer when winning the Rebel S. back on Feb. 25, benefitting from a comfortable, mid-pack trip behind two long-shot speedsters and two favorites who never fired.

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Confidence Game, an efficient strider who responds to rousing from his rider, got third run at the tiring leaders off the final turn in the Rebel, then largely avoided a crush of inside traffic with a wide stretch bid that included some outward wandering late.

Although he has seven races of experience (five of them routes), this is a colt I'd like to see in action at nine furlongs before more emphatically getting behind his chances in the Derby.



Confidence Game | Coady Photography

If he goes straight to Louisville after having been idle for 10 weeks and having never raced beyond 1 1/16 miles, it would be a huge ask, especially considering that Desormeaux acknowledged Confidence Game "sort of lost his mind in the paddock" prior to his Rebel score.

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The catalogue for the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's upcoming Spring Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training is now available on the company's website, www.obssales.com. A total of 1,221 juveniles have been cataloged for the four-day sale, set for Apr. 25-28. Hips 1-306 will sell Tuesday; hips 307-612 will be sold Wednesday; Hips 613-918 will sell Thursday; and hips 919-1222 will sell Friday. Bidding will begin each day at 10:30 a.m.

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HIP 192--a filly by Congrats out of a champion imported filly in Mexico. From the family of GSW Governor Charlie and champion Silverbulletday. Consigned by A B Dynamite Racing.

HIP 193--a filly by **Nyquist** out of MGSP Maria Maria and from the family GSW He's Got Grit. Consigned by Clary Bloodstock.

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Saturday, Oaklawn #12, post time: 7:50 p.m. EDT

ARKANSAS DERBY-GI, \$1,250,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Bourbon Bash 🐾	City of Light	BC Stables, LLC	Lukas	Gutierrez	119
2	Interlock Empire 🐾	Classic Empire	Lucky Seven Stable	McPeck	Cabrera	119
3	Harlocap 🐾	Justify	Harlo Stables Corp. and Villa Rosa Farm, Inc.	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	119
4	Two Eagles River	Cloud Computing	Mach 1 Racing and Scattered Acres LLC	Hartman	Juarez	119
5	Airtime	American Freedom	Randy Howg	Diodoro	Torres	119
6	Angel of Empire 🐾	Classic Empire	Albaugh Family Stables LLC	Cox	Prat	122
7	Rocket Can	Into Mischief	Frank Fletcher Racing Operations, Inc.	Mott	Alvarado	122
8	Reincarnate 🐾	Good Magic	SF Racing, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables, Masterson, R, Stonestreet Stables, Schoenfarber, J, Yakteen		Velazquez	122
9	King Russell	Creative Cause	Waves Edge Capital LLC and Donovan, Catherine	Moquett	Bejarano	119
10	Red Route One	Gun Runner	Jones, Brereton C. and Naber Racing, LLC	Asmussen	Gaffalione	119
11	Kolomio 🐾	Constitution	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC	Desormeaux	Graham	119
			Big Chief Racing, LLC			

Breeders: 1-Machmer Hall, 2-Parks Investment Group, LLC, 3-Breed First LLC, 4-William B. Harrigan & Mike Pietrangelo, 5-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc., 6-Forgotten Land Investment Inc & BlackDiamond Equine Corp, 7-Woodford Thoroughbreds, LLC, 8-Woods Edge Farm, LLC, 9-Brereton C. Jones, 10-Winchell Thoroughbreds, LLC, 11-EKQ Stables Corp.




Saturday, Gulfstream #14, post time: 6:40 p.m. EDT

CURLIN FLORIDA DERBY PRESENTED BY HILL 'N' DALE FARMS AT XALAPA-GI, \$1,000,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Jungfrau	Arrogate	Juddmonte	Mott	Lopez	122
2	West Coast Cowboy 🐾	West Coast	Gentry Farms	Joseph, Jr.	Leon	122
3	Shaq Diesel	Khozan	Chester Bishop, Anthony Hinkson, Alvin Rampaul, Patrick Biggs and Donovan Stanford	Richards	Vasquez	122
4	Mage 🐾	Good Magic	OGMA Investments, Ramiro Restrepo, Sterling Racing LLC and CMNWLTH	Delgado	Saez	122
5	Mr. Peeks	California Chrome	C2 Racing Stable LLC	Joseph, Jr.	Gonzalez	122
6	Nautical Star	Dixie Chatter	C2 Racing Stable LLC and Stefania Farms, LLC	Joseph, Jr.	Reyes	122
7	Il Miracolo 🐾	Gun Runner	Alexandres, LLC	Sano	Rios	122
8	Mr. Ripple	Dialed In	Legacy Racing LLC	Joseph, Jr.	Zayas	122
9	Cyclone Mischief 🐾	Into Mischief	Albaugh Family Stables LLC and Castleton Lyons	Romans	Castellano	122
10	Fort Bragg	Tapit	SF Racing, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables, R. Masterson, Stonestreet Stables, J. Schoenfarber, Waves Edge Capital LLC and C. Donovan	Yakteen	Rosario	122
11	Forte 🐾	Violence	Repole Stable and St. Elias Stable	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	122
12	Dubuyhnnell 🐾	Good Magic	West Paces Racing and Stonestreet Stables	Gargan	Ortiz	122



Breeders: 1-Juddmonte Farms Inc, 2-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc., 3-Bishop Racing, Inc., 4-Grandview Equine, 5-Winchester Place Thoroughbreds, LLC, 6-Gedda M. Quinonez, 7-Willow Oaks Stable LLC, 8-Pillar Property Services Inc, 9-Castleton Lyons & Kilboy Estate, 10-SF Bloodstock LLC & Henry Field Bloodstock, 11-South Gate Farm, 12-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC

Saturday, Gulfstream #12, post time: 5:15 p.m. EDT**GULFSTREAM PARK OAKS PRESENTED BY FANDUEL TV-GII, \$250,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Flakes	Frosted	BC Racing LLC	Alvarado	Zayas	122
2	Infinite Diamond	Bee Jersey	Diamond 100 Racing Club, Madaket Stables, and Frank Silva	Biancone	Rosario	122
3	Just Katherine 	Justify	R.T Racing Stable	Jimenez	Reyes	122
4	Affirmative Lady 	Arrogate	AMO Racing USA	Motion	Saez	122
5	Miracle	Mendelssohn	WinStar Farm LLC and Siena Farm LLC	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	122
6	Atomically	Girvin	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, Michael Bernard, and Harry Colburn	Pletcher	Ortiz	122
7	Sacred Wish 	Not This Time	Black Type Thoroughbreds, Swinbank Stables, Steve Adkisson, C. Dunn and A. Spinazzola,	Weaver	Castellano	122
8	Dorth Vader	Girvin	John Ropes	Yates	Vasquez	122




Breeders: 1-Arindel, 2-Charles Fipke, 3-Boyd Brooks, Louis Brooks Ranch Limited Partnership, Hugh Owen, et al., 4-Alastar Thoroughbred Co, LLC, 5-Magnolia Mares, LLC & Pony Express Sales, Inc., 6-Tracy Pinchin & Michael Bernard, 7-John R. Penn, 8-John Ropes

Saturday, Gulfstream #5, post time: 1:26 p.m. EDT**PAN AMERICAN S. PRESENTED BY ROOD & RIDDLE-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Wicked Fast	Tourist	Jordan V. Wycoff	Maker	Zayas	118
2	Novo Sol (Brz)	Agnes Gold (Jpn)	Daniel Alonso	Joseph, Jr.	Reyes	120
3	Master Piece (Chi)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	Michael & Julia Iavarone, Nicholas Zoumas, Argano Vapewh, Frank and Ten Twenty Racing	Joseph, Jr.	Ortiz	122
4	Ry's the Guy	Distorted Humor	Lothenbach Stables, Inc.	Wilkes	Leparoux	118
5	Therapist	Freud	Michael Dubb	Maker	Ortiz, Jr.	120
6	California Frolic 	California Chrome	Julian J. De Mora Jr.	De La Cerda	Perez	120
7	Abaan 	Will Take Charge	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners & Alex Daigneault	Pletcher	Rosario	120
8	Bay Street Money	Street Sense	Sanford J. Goldfarb	Maker	Saez	118

Breeders: 1-Wachtel Stable, 2-Stud Eternamente Rio, 3-Haras Don Alberto, 4-Tenth Street Stables, LLC, 5-Oak Bluff Stable, LLC & C. Clement, 6-Steven Friedfertig & Taylor Made Sales Agency, 7-Rosilyn Polan, 8-Adena Springs

Saturday, Oaklawn #10, post time: 6:35 p.m. EDT**FANTASY S.-GIII, \$600,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	She's Lookin Lucky	Lookin At Lucky	Dunn, Richard, Ten Strike Racing, Barber, Gary, Sussman, Jeremy and Monken, Todd	Shirer	Torres	119
2	Grand Love	Gun Runner	Three Chimneys Farm	Asmussen	Gaffalione	119
3	Towhead 	Malibu Moon	Pura Vida Investments, Hutson, C & Setzer, Brett	Maker	Castillo	119
4	Taxed 	Collected	Richard Bahde	Morse	Bejarano	119
5	Take Charge Briana	Curlin	Willis Horton Racing LLC	Lukas	Gutierrez	119
6	Wet Paint	Blame	Godolphin, LLC	Cox	Prat	122
7	Pate	Super Saver	Agave Racing Stable & Living The Dream Stables	Maker	Geroux	119
8	Royal Spa	Violence	Breffni Farm	Brisset	Santana, Jr.	119
9	Olivia Twist 	Mshawish	King, Brad, Andrews, Randy, Coleman, G. Chris, Cone, Jim, Kirby, Suzanne and Lewis, Lee	Fincher	Cabrera	122
10	Condensation	Frosted	Pravin A. Patel	Hartman	Arrieta	119

Breeders: 1-Richard Dunn, 2-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC, 3-DJ Stable, LLC, 4-Brereton C. Jones, 5-Willis Horton Racing LLC, 6-Godolphin, 7-Chance Farm, 8-Breffni Farm, 9-Brushy Hill, LLC, 10-William Humphries & Altair Farms LLC

Saturday, Oaklawn #5, post time: 3:32 p.m. EDT**OAKLAWN MILE S.-GIII, \$400,000, 4yo/up, 1m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Smile Happy 🐾	Runhappy	Lucky Seven Stable	McPeck	Arrieta	121
2	Necker Island 🐾	Hard Spun	The Scherr Boys	Hartman	Murrill	117
3	Hero Status	Flatter	MyRacehorse and Agnew, Dan J.	Diodoro	Torres	117
4	Silver Prospector 🐾	Declaration of War	Orr, Ed and Orr, Susie	Asmussen	Gaffalione	121
5	Caddo River	Hard Spun	Shortleaf Stable, Inc.	Lukas	Santana, Jr.	121
6	Atoka	Union Rags	Lukas, Laurie & D. Wayne, Heird, J & Green, E	Lukas	Michel	117
7	Hopper 🐾	Declaration of War	Lanni Bloodstock, Madaket Stables & SF Racing	Baffert	Velazquez	117

Breeders: 1-Moreau Bloodstock Int'l Inc. & White Bloodstock LLC, 2-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 3-Fred W. Hertrich III, 4-Hargus Sexton, Sandra Sexton & Silver Fern Farm, LLC, 5-Shortleaf Stable, 6-KatieRich Farms, 7-Green Lantern Stables, LLC

Saturday, Gulfstream #7, post time: 2:26 p.m. EDT**GHOSTZAPPER S.-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Surly Furious	Upstart	Novogratz Racing Stables Inc.	Wismer	Ortiz	122
2	Cajun's Magic	Cajun Breeze	Stonehedge LLC	Yates	Rios	118
3	Simplification 🐾	Not This Time	Tami Bobo	Sano	Rosario	118
4	O'Connor (Chi)	Boboman	Fernando Vine Ode & Michael & Jules Iavarone	Joseph, Jr.	Ortiz, Jr.	120
5	First Captain	Curlin	West Point Thoroughbreds, Siena Farm LLC, Bobby Flay and Woodford Racing, LLC	McGaughey III	Saez	120
6	Clapton	Brethren	Arindel	Alvarado	Jaramillo	122
7	Twelve Volt Man 🐾	Violence	Magic Cap Stables	Joseph, Jr.	Zayas	118

Breeders: 1-Brereton C. Jones, 2-Stonehedge LLC, 3-France Weiner & Irwin Weiner, 4-Haras Carioca, 5-B. Flay Thoroughbreds, 6-Arindel, 7-Joe Anzalone

Saturday, Gulfstream #8, post time: 2:56 p.m. EDT**ORCHID S.-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/2mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Viburnum	Include		Dede McGehee	Danner	Saez 120
2	Miss Yearwood	Will Take Charge		Roger Keith Long	Wilkes	Landeros 117
3	Transient (GB)	Sea The Stars (Ire)		e Five Racing Thoroughbreds	Joseph, Jr.	Zayas 117
4	Tamarindo	Into Mischief		Stefania Farms, LLC	Joseph, Jr.	Reyes 117
5	Amazing Grace (Ger)	Protectionist (Ger)		Moyglare Stud Farm, Ltd.	Clement	Rosario 123
6	Personal Best	Tapit	Joseph Allen LLC	McGaughey III	Ortiz, Jr.	123
7	Lady Arsinoe	Pioneer of the Nile		Nine Thirty Racing LLC	Mott	Castellano 117
8	Atomic Blonde (Ger)	The Grey Gatsby (Ire)		Michaela Faust, West Point Thoroughbreds, and Heather Winters	Clement	Ortiz 123

Breeders: 1-Dede McGehee, 2-R. Keith Long, 3-B. Sangster & Freynestown Stud, 4-Craig Lawrence Wheeler, 5-Dr. Chr. Berglar, 6-Mr. Joseph Allen LLC, 7-Mr. & Mrs. David Garner, 8-Gestut Karlshof



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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

9th-Parx Racing, \$79,858, 3-27, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:17.42, ft, 5 1/2 lengths.

BEREN (h, 5, Weigelia--Silmaril {MGSW, \$1,032,973}, by Diamond), third last out Feb. 18 in Laurel's GIII General George S. as GSW Eastern Bay (E Dubai) went on to victory, the 4-5 favorite found much kinder company here and ran to the good; stalking the pacesetter early before taking over mid-race and drawing away from the field in the straight. Yodel E. A. Who (**Creative Cause**) came on from last to pick up the minors. The ultra consistent runner seven times in his career, and is the most accomplished for his dam, a talented racehorse in her own right. Silmaril's--who claims SP Risque's Diamond (Weigelia) in her female line--is a half-sister to the granddam of MSW Smooth B (Weigelia) and his full-siblings MSW Disco Ebo; SW Fat Kat; SP Pink Princess, a 16-time winner; and SP Disco Rose. Simaril's most recent offspring is a 2-year-old colt Carcharoth, a full-sibling to the winner, and she is due for another full-sibling this year after not foaling last season. Lifetime Record: GSP, 26-11-7-2, \$847,120. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-St. Omer's Farm and Christopher J. Feifarek; B-Susan C Quick & Christopher J Feifarek (PA); T-Robert E. Reid, Jr..

7th-Santa Anita, \$72,500, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$100,000), 3-27, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:22.07, ft, 2 lengths.

ANYWHO (f, 3, Bolt d'Oro--Fancy and Flashy {SP}, by Zensational), making her first start in the Hronis Racing colors, took her record to a perfect two-for-two with a determined victory at Santa Anita Monday. The 9-2 shot prompted the pace of longshot Liberal Lady (Mor Spirit), quickened on the bend to challenge the pacesetter and grabbed the lead into the stretch. She shrugged off favored Coffee in Bed (**Curlin**) down the lane and sailed under the wire two lengths in front. Anywho debuted with a victory at the Belmont at Aqueduct meet last October for Rob Masiello and trainer Tom Albertrani before selling for \$290,000 to the bid of bloodstock agent David Ingordo at last year's Keeneland November sale. She had originally been purchased by agent Joe Migliore for \$300,000 at the 2021 Keeneland September sale. The bay filly, a half-sister to graded-placed Wipe the Slate (**Nyquist**, GSP, \$122,999), has a 2-year-old half-brother by **Catholic Boy**--who sold to bloodstock agent Alistair Roden for \$55,000 at last year's Keeneland

September sale--as well as a yearling half-sister by **McKinzie**. Stakes-placed Fancy and Flashy was bred to **Maxfield** last year. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$95,450. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Hronis Racing LLC; B-Brookfield Stud (KY); T-John W. Sadler.



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6th-Parx Racing, \$42,500, Alw (NW2L)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 3-27, 3yo, 1m, 1:42.17, ft, 5 1/2 lengths.

DIDINGER (c, 3, Bolt d'Oro--Gwithian, by Street Sense) had an off-again on-again case of seconditis last season, broken two back Oct. 18 at track and near trip with a stylish 13-length graduation over a 103-1 shocker turned two-time winner, Ryan's Fleet (**Midshipman**). Finding himself in a familiar position last out Nov. 4 in his seasonal cap at Delaware Park--caught late by We Don't Need Roads (Hoppertunity)--Didinger would have none of it here as the 3-5 favorite with first-time Lasix. Stalking from third from the outside of runners, he launched his bid to catch them on the far turn. Locking horns briefly with Dreaming of Smarty (**Always Dreaming**), he took over in the stretch and pulled away by 5 1/2 lengths as Praetorian Guard (Speightster) came on from the back to take second. The most recent to the races for Gwithian, Didinger has a 2-year-old full-brother and a yearling half-brother by **Tapiture**. The dam went back to that sire for 2023. Sales history: \$230,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 6-2-3-1, \$113,600. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Cash is King LLC and LC Racing LLC; B-Clark O. Brewster (KY); T-Robert E. Reid, Jr..

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7th-Parx Racing, \$71,120, Msw, 3-27, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:19.83, ft, 2 lengths.

AMUSING MISCHIEF (g, 4, Into Mischief--Amusing, by Distorted Humor) was bumped and shuffled back at the start of his late unveiling Nov. 18 at this venue, but still managed to gamely run on for third. Off to a much better beginning here in a shorter seasonal bow, the 2-1 shot rushed to the front from the inside, widened his advantage in the stretch and was geared down late to win by two lengths over Marvelousmoondance (**Hard Spun**). A half to Rose Tree (Harlan's Holiday), MSW, \$336,976, Amusing Mischief has a 3-year-old unraced half-sister Amusing Spin (**Hard Spun**) as well as a 2-year-old half-sister Sweet Humor (**Candy Ride {Arg}**). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$51,400. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.** O/B-Buttonwood Farm, LLC (PA); T-Edward L. Graham.

3rd-Santa Anita, \$42,000, (C), Moc (\$50,000-\$62,500), 3-27, (C), 3, 4, 5yo, 6f, 1:10.67, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

ABELIEFINTHISLIVIN (c, 3, Arrogate--Half A. P., by Pulpit) opened his career with a pair of runner-up efforts last summer, but had not been seen since running third behind subsequent Grade I winner Cave Rock (Arrogate) going 6 1/2 furlongs at Del Mar Aug. 13. The 3-5 favorite was outfooted and trailed the field in the early going. He took closer order down the backstretch and attempted to move between foes, but was mired in traffic as the quarter went up in :22.13. Tipped out four wide for the stretch run after a half in :45.06, the gray colt closed determinedly to overtake pacesetter The Giant's Candy (**Twirling Candy**) in deep stretch and drew off in the final strides to graduate by 1 1/4 lengths.

The \$70,000 KEESEP yearling is a half-brother to Fully Living (Unbridled's Song), GSP, \$172,417, whose 4-year-old daughter Ballet Dancing (Medaglia d'Oro) recently won the GIII Santa Ana S. Half A. P., a half-sister to champion Halfbridled (Unbridled), produced a filly by Omaha Beach in 2021--who RNA'd for \$32,000 at last week's OBS March sale--and a colt by Bolt d'Oro in 2022. She was bred back to **McKinzie** last year. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.** Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-1, \$60,800.

O-Peter Redekop B. C., Ltd.; B-Merriebelle Stable, LLC (KY); T-Peter Miller.



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Always Dreaming (Bodemeister), WinStar Farm, \$10,000
213 foals of racing age/19 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Mahoning Valley, 3:34 p.m. EDT, Alw 1m, Agnello's Dream, 8-1
\$35,000 KEE SEP yrl

Cloud Computing (**Maclean's Music**), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000
198 foals of racing age/24 winners/1 black-type winner
2-Will Rogers Downs, 2:35 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Computer Virus, 7-2

Code West (Lemon Drop Kid), Westwin Farms
40 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
4-Will Rogers Downs, 3:35 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Grandsonsam, 5-2
\$17,000 FTK OCT yrl

Conquest Mo Money (**Uncle Mo**), McKenna Thoroughbreds
30 foals of racing age/3 winners/1 black-type winner
1-Sunland, 2:25 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Classy Money, 20-1
\$14,000 RNA TTA APR 2yo

Frank Conversation (**Quality Road**), Rockridge Stud
63 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
7-Parx Racing, 3:22 p.m. EDT, Msw 7f, Talk With Me, 5-1

Liberty Lover (Diabolical)
4 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Sunland, 2:25 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Emperial Eagles, 9-2






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**STAKES RESULTS:**

MIRANDA DIANE S., \$55,000, Will Rogers Downs, 3-27, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.71, ft.

1--RAGAN'S JET, 121, m, 6, Mister Lucky

Cat--She'sgottherownjet, by Songandaprayer. O-Bryan Hawk; B-Millar Equine (OK); T-Joe S. Offolter; J-Gerardo Mora. \$33,000. Lifetime Record: 15-7-4-2, \$259,646.

2--Sinnin N Grinnin, 120, f, 4, Kantharos--Sue's Sweet Sioux, by Indian Charlie. 1ST BLACK TYPE. O/B-CresRan LLC (OK); T-Kari Craddock. \$11,000.

3--Dicey, 121, m, 7, Flat Out--Broken Blues, by Broken Vow. (\$43,000 Ylg '17 OKCYRL). O-Patrick E. Swan and Judith E. Lewis; B-John James Revocable Trust (OK); T-Patrick E. Swan. \$6,050.

Margins: HF, HF, 5HF. Odds: 1.30, 5.50, 1.00.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-Santa Anita, \$87,688, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 3-26, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.89, ft, 4 1/4 lengths.

KRISTI'S TIGER (m, 6, Smiling Tiger--Lottawampum, by Indian Charlie) Lifetime Record: 28-6-8-1, \$339,876. O-Mia Familia Racing Stable and Rockingham Ranch; B-Premier Thoroughbreds LLC & Alan Klein (CA); T-Librado Barocio. *\$29,000 2yo '19 FTSANA.

5th-Santa Anita, \$72,000, (S), (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 3-27, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39.10, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.

GLORIOUS SPRING (f, 4, Grazen--Maziette, by Candy Ride {Arg}) Lifetime Record: 7-2-3-0, \$116,420. O/B-Harris Farms, Inc. (CA); T-Dan Blacker.

8th-Parx Racing, \$60,508, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$16,000), 3-27, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13.62, ft, nose.

PEAK OF CHIC (m, 5, Competitive Edge--Piccolo Flats, by A. P. Warrior) Lifetime Record: 27-9-6-2, \$221,872. O-Hardesty Stables; B-Jonathan Thorne (NY); T-Michael M. Moore. *\$30,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP.

3rd-Parx Racing, \$42,588, (NW2L)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 3-27, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:19.86, ft, 4 lengths.

IN MY OPINION (m, 5, Munnings--Carmel Beauty, by Arch) Lifetime Record: 23-2-3-6, \$158,507. O-A P Stable and Fox Tale Racing Stable; B-Siena Farms LLC (KY); T-Alan Bedard. *\$85,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP; \$80,000 2yo '20 OBSAPR; \$31,000 RNA 5yo '23 FTKFEB.

4th-Parx Racing, \$42,000, (NW2L)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 3-27, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:41.80, ft, 8 lengths.

IRIE EMPRESS (f, 4, Shackleford--Waltzing Cat, by More Than Ready) Lifetime Record: 19-2-6-3, \$140,438. O-Kirk Nesbeth; B-Timothy Rooney (PA); T-Herold O. Whyllie. *\$1,000 Ylg '20 EASOCT. **1/2 to Lisheen (Into Mischief), SP, \$183,638.

5th-Golden Gate Fields, \$37,030, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 3-26, 3yo, f, 1m (AWT), 1:38.67, ft, 3 1/4 lengths.

SMILING LADY (f, 3, Smiling Tiger--Banner Elk Lady, by Pleasantly Perfect) Lifetime Record: 9-3-0-1, \$85,124. O-Philip Lebherz; B-Premier Thoroughbreds LLC (CA); T-Andy Mathis.

7th-Mahoning Valley, \$31,900, 3-27, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.89, my, 2 3/4 lengths.

MALICED (m, 6, Palace Malice--Electric Temptress {MSP, \$190,667}, by First Samurai) Lifetime Record: 40-11-7-8, \$166,065. O-Urieta's Racing Stable; B-WHITE FOX FARM (KY); T-Johanna Urieta.

6th-Will Rogers Downs, \$30,000, (S), 3-27, (C), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39.24, ft, neck.

FIGHTINGTEMPTATION (f, 4, Tactical Cat--Silver Share, by Silver Charm) Lifetime Record: 15-3-2-3, \$106,567. O/B-Forrest Hills Farm LLC (OK); T-J. Alan Williams. *\$29,500 RNA 2yo '21 TTAAPR.

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4th-Will Rogers Downs, \$26,420, 3-27, (NW2X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.11, ft, 1 length.

ADRIA (f, 4, Dialed In--Amylimehouse, by Limehouse) Lifetime Record: 12-4-2-0, \$83,456. O-Poindexter Thoroughbreds LLC; B-H. Allen Poindexter (KY); T-Lynn Chleborad. *\$47,000 RNA Ylg '20 FTKOCT; \$29,000 RNA 2yo '21 EASMAY.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

Onasa, c, 3, Always Dreaming--Silent Candy (SW & GSP, \$182,208), by Candy Ride (Arg). Hawthorne, 3-26, 5 1/2f, 1:03.71. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-0, \$30,750. B-Westwind Farms (KY). *\$25,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$140,000 2yo '22 OBSMAR. **1/2 to Epicenter (Not This Time), Ch. 3-year-old Colt, GISW, \$2,940,639.

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Ruby the Destroyer, f, 3, Dramey--Get Down Kitten, by Kitten's Joy. Will Rogers Downs, 3-27, (S), 1m, 1:40.24. Lifetime Record: 6-1-0-3, \$28,114. B-John James Revocable Trust (OK). *\$32,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT.



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Kiss Valentina, f, 3, **National Flag**--Kiss for Dodie, by Statement. Mahoning Valley, 3-27, (S), 6f, 1:15.99. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-2, \$26,076. B-Barbara Madrigal (OH).

Magnet and Steel, g, 4, **Jimmy Creed**--Sharp Quality, by Elusive Quality. Will Rogers Downs, 3-27, 6f, 1:12.34. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, \$18,472. B-Legacy Ranch, Inc. (CA).

Thirty Four Coupe, g, 4, **Run Away and Hide**--Full of Joy, by Kitten's Joy. Santa Anita, 3-26, (C), 1mT, 1:35.43. Lifetime Record: SP, 9-1-2-1, \$71,680. B-Phillips Racing Partnership, Christopher & George Elser (KY). *\$32,000 Ylg '20 FTKOCT; \$31,000 2yo '21 FTSANA.

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Bolt d'Oro, Anywho, f, 3, o/o Fancy and Flashy, by Zensational.

AOC, 3-27, Santa Anita

Bolt d'Oro, Didinger, c, 3, o/o Gwithian, by **Street Sense**. AOC, 3-27, Parx Racing

Competitive Edge, Peak of Chic, m, 5, o/o Piccolo Flats, by A. P. Warrior. AOC, 3-27, Parx Racing

Dialed In, Adria, f, 4, o/o Amylimehouse, by Limehouse. ALW, 3-27, Will Rogers

Dramedy, Ruby the Destroyer, f, 3, o/o Get Down Kitten, by Kitten's Joy. MSW, 3-27, Will Rogers

Grazen, Glorious Spring, f, 4, o/o Maziette, by **Candy Ride (Arg)**. AOC, 3-27, Santa Anita

Into Mischief, Amusing Mischief, g, 4, o/o Amusing, by Distorted Humor. MSW, 3-27, Parx Racing

Jimmy Creed, Magnet and Steel, g, 4, o/o Sharp Quality, by Elusive Quality. MSW, 3-27, Will Rogers

Mister Lucky Cat, Ragan's Jet, m, 6, o/o She'sgothorownjet, by Songandaprayer. Miranda Diane S., 3-27, Will Rogers

Munnings, In My Opinion, m, 5, o/o Carmel Beauty, by Arch. AOC, 3-27, Parx Racing

National Flag, Kiss Valentina, f, 3, o/o Kiss for Dodie, by Statement. MSW, 3-27, Mahoning Valley

Palace Malice, Maliced, m, 6, o/o Electric Temptress, by **First Samurai**. ALW, 3-27, Mahoning Valley

Run Away and Hide, Thirty Four Coupe, g, 4, o/o Full of Joy, by Kitten's Joy. MCL, 3-26, Santa Anita

Shackleford, Irie Empress, f, 4, o/o Waltzing Cat, by More Than Ready. AOC, 3-27, Parx Racing

Smiling Tiger, Kristi's Tiger, m, 6, o/o Lottawampum, by Indian Charlie. AOC, 3-26, Santa Anita

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Weigelia, Beren, h, 5, o/o Silmaril, by Diamond. ALW, 3-27, Parx Racing



Bolt d'Oro | Sarah Andrew



'AUGUSTE RODIN IS THE ONE' O'BRIEN DREAMING OF TRIPLE CROWN GLORY



Aidan O'Brien with Auguste Rodin | [Racingphotos.com](https://www.racingphotos.com)

By Brian Sheerin

Aidan O'Brien has nominated Auguste Rodin (Ire) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), the ante-post favourite for the 2000 Guineas and the Derby, as being the horse who is most capable of emulating Nijinsky by winning the Triple Crown this season.

If successful, Auguste Rodin would bridge a 53-year gap, and complete a long-held ambition for the master of Ballydoyle, who came agonisingly close to achieving the feat with Camelot (GB) in 2013. [Cont., p3](#)

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By Emma Berry

A World Cup meeting needs world-class runners plus a global spread of results. This much and more was delivered by the 27th G1 Dubai World Cup and supporting races at Meydan on Saturday.

With 26 runners on the night, it was always a given that Japan would feature prominently and, in an exhibition of excellence that we are now becoming accustomed to, they led all comers, just as they had in Riyadh last month. The performance of **Ushba Tesoro (Jpn)** (Orfevre {Jpn}) alone was pretty dramatic, coming from tailed off to a rallying victory in the big race itself, but all else pales when compared to the extraordinary **Equinox (Jpn)** (Kitasan Black {Jpn}).

There have been some classy winners of the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic over the years but none has cruised over the line with such imperious ease as the 4-year-old, who was Japan's Horse of the Year in 2022.

We may be only three months into 2023, but Equinox has quickly become almost everybody's horse of this year.

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Champion trainer Aidan O'Brien gives insight to his up-and-coming stars and updates on current ones Little Big Bear and Auguste Rodin.

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Auguste Rodin, Cont. from p1

Auguste Rodin is understood to have come out of an exercise gallop at the Curragh racecourse on Saturday in good shape by O'Brien, who also revealed that he has every faith in last year's crack juvenile Little Big Bear (Ire) (**No Nay Never**) getting the Guineas trip.

Both colts were reported to be on course for Newmarket by O'Brien at a Ballydoyle press morning on Monday.

He explained, "Auguste Rodin and Little Big Bear will be aimed at Newmarket and then the lads will have to decide whether they will let the two of them run together or split them up.

They were obviously two very classy colts last year, and what Little Big Bear did in the Phoenix was just different, but we were also very impressed with Auguste Rodin in the Vertem Futurity as everything went wrong in the race."

O'Brien added, "Little Big Bear would be very comfortable and happy to go back sprinting any time, but there's a very good chance he will get a mile. He races very relaxed.

"Auguste Rodin, you would imagine, will have no bother stretching out to a-mile-and-a-quarter or a-mile-and-a-half. He's that type of horse. We were nearly not running him at Doncaster because of the ground, as he's an exceptional mover--a very slick, very long and low mover.

"He is that type of horse that could start in the Guineas and stretch out. He was always very classy, from the first time Ryan [Moore] rode him. I remember Ryan riding him in February, as a two-year-old, and he was raving about him then. If we have a horse who could do that [win the Triple Crown], he would definitely be the one."

One horse who won't be seen at Newmarket in May is Statuette (**Justify**), who has suffered a setback. Unbeaten in both of her starts at two, including the G2 Airlie Stud S., Statuette will be joined on the easy list by Kyprios (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), the reigning Gold Cup hero, who will miss the defence of his Royal Ascot crown due to injury.

O'Brien said, "Statuette is on a little bit of a hold-up. I don't think she's going to make the Guineas. We'll go gently with her and see what happens.

"I don't think Kyprios will make the Ascot Gold Cup. He got a little bit of an infection in a joint and it's not settling down. We'll just have to wait and see. It happened a month ago and it's just not settling. Sometimes those things can settle very quickly and sometimes they don't. He got an infection inside the joint--an unusual thing--and the joint had to be flushed. And then there was more infection, so they had to flush it a second time."

Asked what horses could potentially fill the Gold Cup void for Ballydoyle, O'Brien responded, "We were very impressed with Emily Dickinson (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) at the Curragh, on her last run. She grew another leg when she went to two miles.

2 GROUP WINNERS IN A WEEK, BOTH WITH GROUP 1 TARGETS!

INSINUENDO won the Park Express Stakes-Gr.3 at the Curragh on Saturday for Willie McCreery & the Deegan Racing Syndicate. Bred by Mountarmstrong Stud

"She's been Group 1 placed and we'll aim for all the Group 1s for the year" Willie McCreery

TIMOUR won the Manion Cup-Gr.3 at Rosehill on March 18th for Chris Waller & OTI Racing, Mrs L De Seroux et al. Bred by Ecurie Peregrine

"he is a genuine Sydney Cup (Group 1) chance" Chris Waller

2YO TO FOLLOW

"We've been very lucky with Gleneagles and this guy is out of a Pivotal mare. We're pretty impressed by what we have seen from him to date."

Joseph O'Brien on the colt ex. Apache Storm, TDN March 25th

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I'm not sure whether Broome (Ire) (**Australia {GB}**) will stretch out that far, but I'd imagine Goodwood, Irish Leger and Melbourne Cup, those types of races for him."

Breeders' Cup scorer Victoria Road (Ire) (**Saxon Warrior {Jpn}**) will be trained for the French 2,000 Guineas while an audacious plan has been hatched with the speedy Tenebrism (Caravaggio) to win the G1 King's Stand S. and G1 Platinum Jubilee at Royal Ascot.

O'Brien said, "I think they [Ballydoyle three-year-olds for this season] are strong. There are plenty of chances there, and we have two very strong Guineas chances, and then we have the horse for France [Victoria Road]."

He added, "Tenebrism is going to go sprinting and will probably start in one of the local sprints. She's nearly ready to go. She's a fast filly, and I'd say five or six furlongs would be comfortable for her.

"Last year we were dallying around with her, seeing where we were going to go, but the minute we started sprinting with her, it was very obvious she was a sprinter. She's very quick. She'll be trained differently. Last year, we were trying to stretch her out, to see how far she would go, and she was still very competitive at those distances because she's just a good filly."

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THE NEXT LITTLE BIG BEAR? O'BRIEN REVEALS TWO-YEAR-OLD TO FOLLOW

By Brian Sheerin



O'Brien on the gallops at Ballydoyle on Monday morning | [Racingfotos.com](#)

Aidan O'Brien opened the gates of Ballydoyle to the Irish press on Monday morning. It was at this event 12 months ago where the trainer nominated Little Big Bear as being his two-year-old to follow for the year ahead.

Without major prompting, O'Brien selected another **No Nay Never** colt, a brother to **Sioux Nation** who goes by the name of Alabama, as being the one to keep the right side of this season.

He also went into detail about his main Classic contenders and older horses, all of which can be read below.

Older horses

Luxembourg

We plan to start him off in the Prix Ganay. We're very happy with him at the moment. He was at the Curragh at the weekend and we're very happy with what he did. Physically, he has done very well since last year. We're thinking of the Ganay, the Tattersalls Gold Cup, the Prince of Wales's S. at Royal Ascot and then on we go from there.

Last season, he came back and won at the Curragh and then at Leopardstown and then went to France, but the ground got bad. He had a tough race in the Irish Champion S. It was a good, competitive race, but because he had the time off in the middle, I think it probably took its toll on him a little bit. We're looking forward to him now.

Changing of the guard

He's a horse that's going to get a-mile-and-a-half well, and further. We're going to look at the Coronation Cup for him, and we might give him a run before that. He could get a-mile-and-six and could even get further.

Broome

Delighted with him. He'll probably be trained for the Gold Cup. Obviously, we're not sure about the two-and-a-half miles, but we'll see. He could go to Goodwood and then to the Irish St Leger and then to the Melbourne Cup, those types of races.

Three-year-olds

Alfred Munnings

We're looking at the weekend Guineas trial with him. He could be an Irish or French Guineas type. He chipped his splint bone in the Chesham last year, and that's what put him out, but he has done well since.

The Antarctic

He could be a very good sprinter this year. He will handle an ease in the ground. He gets six furlongs well and could even get a little further. Physically, he has done very well.

Alexandroupolis

He's working very well and could go to the Ballysax at the weekend. He handles an ease in the ground and we're very happy with what he's doing at the moment.

Victoria Road

He'll probably go to the French Guineas and then we may look at the French Derby afterwards.

O'Brien 3-year-olds, cont.**Denmark**

He's a horse that's going to stay well--a mile and a half plus, probably. He could turn into a Leger horse.

Be Happy

She runs on Saturday in Saint Cloud, in a fillies' trial over a-mile-and-a-quarter. She could turn into an Oaks filly.

Diamonds Are Forever

She's a big, **Justify** filly. She'll start in one of those Oaks trials, and we'll see where we go from there.

Thoughts Of June

She was a listed winner over a-mile-and-a-quarter, so hopefully she'll go into a Group 3 this year.

Beginnings

She's a filly who won in Dundalk late in the year, and she'll go to a Guineas trial.

Two-Year-Olds

Alabama is a **No Nay Never** horse out of Dream The Blues (Ire) (**Oasis Dream** {GB}), making him a brother to **Sioux Nation**--he's one to watch.

Battle Cry [**No Nay Never** colt out of I'll Have Another (Ire) (Dragon Pulse {Ire})], **Emperor Of Rome** [**No Nay Never** colt out of Coral Shell (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire})] and a **Ten Sovereigns** (Ire) filly called **Brighter** are also there.

The Liffey [**No Nay Never** colt out of Rain Goddess (Ire) (Galileo {Ire})] is another one. **His Majesty**, who is another **No Nay Never** [out of Czabo (GB) (Sixties Icon {GB})], and **Carnegie Hall** [**No Nay Never** colt out of Compression (First Defence)] are all working well.

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Seven Days

by Emma Berry

**Seven Days Cont. from p1**

His connections appear to have ruled out a bid for the Arc, with the G1 Breeders' Cup Turf a more likely international option for later in the year. Those of us on this side of the pond can only hope they change their mind and consider Ascot in July for the G1 King George and Queen Elizabeth S.

Once again it was a major meeting which showcased the rewards to be reaped when keeping horses in training beyond

their 2- or 3-year-old seasons. Leaving aside the G2 UAE Derby, Equinox was the youngest winner of the night, with horses aged five, six and seven claiming two victories apiece.



Equinox | Dubai Racing Club

Lord North (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) and **Broome** (Ire) (**Australia** {GB}) were born a day apart in February 2016, and have mustered 52 runs and 19 wins between them. Both may be a little under-appreciated, though surely not by their connections, considering that the former has triumphed in exactly half of his 20 starts and accumulated almost £6.5 million in prize-money, largely through his historic hat-trick in the G1 Dubai Turf. The well-named Broome (out of Sweepstake) has taken his connections on a merry dance from Ireland to England, France, America, Japan, Hong Kong, Qatar, and now Dubai. He has also overcome a fractured shin from a kick by another horse after running in the G1 Japan Cup of November 2021. Quick thinking and treatment by vet Kanichi Kusano, who is now the Japan Racing Association's representative in London, meant that Broome was able to resume racing the following May, winning the G2 Hardwicke S. on his second run back after the break, and now the G2 Dubai Gold Cup.

A chance outing on Sunday took this correspondent to the ancestral home of the original Lord North. Kirtling Tower, not far from Newmarket, is the remaining part of what was once Kirtling Hall and its vast estate across Suffolk and Cambridgeshire. A financial advisor and treasurer of sorts to Henry VIII and Thomas Cromwell when it came to the dissolution of the monasteries, Lord North, who died in 1564, is entombed at Kirtling Church. Some 14 years later, his son Roger, the second Lord North, entertained Elizabeth I at Kirtling Hall.

Legend has it that the among the long list of food served to the Queen and fellow guests during their three-day stay were 2,316 pigeons, 446 quails, 221 cows' tongues, feet and udders, 110 bitterns, 99 dotterels, 96 rabbits, 67 sheep, 34 pigs, 32 swans,

28 plovers, four stags, and one crane. This was all washed down with 74 hogsheads of beer, six hogsheads of claret and six gallons of spiced wine known as hippocras. It makes the Federation of Bloodstock Agents' annual lunch seem positively abstemious.



Kirtling Tower | Emma Berry

Saudi, Dubai, Next Stop Kentucky

It is hard to get away from Sunday Silence in the Japanese sire lists, and he featured as the paternal great grandsire of both Ushba Tesoro and Equinox. The 1989 Kentucky Derby winner also pops up on the dam's side in the third generation of the UAE Derby winner **Derma Sotogake (Jpn)**, who will now try to emulate his notable ancestor by heading to Churchill Downs on the first weekend of May.

The Shadai-bred Derma Sotogake, who was also third in the G2 Saudi Derby, is the first major international winner from the debut crop of Mind your Biscuits, who ended 2022 as the leading first-season sire in Japan. In his racing days, the 10-year-old son of Posse landed back-to-back runnings of the G1 Golden Shaheen as well as winning the GI Malibu S. at three, and he looks an inspired purchase for the Shadai Stallion Station. His pedigree appears to be a natural fit for mares from the Sunday Silence/Deep Impact line and, as a great grandson of Deputy Minister, his is a sire-line which has succeeded in Japan through French Deputy and his son Kurofune. The latter, himself a grey, features most notably as the sire of the pure white **Sodashi (Jpn)**, winner of the 2021 G1 Oka Sho (Japanese 1,000 Guineas).

Amo Racing's Season Off to a Flyer

The 2023 Tattersalls Craven Breeze-up was represented by its first winner on Saturday before the sale had even taken place. Formerly known as Lot 153 but now racing as **Bucanero Fuerte**

(GB) (Wootton Bassett {GB}), the full-brother to G1 Prix de l'Abbaye winner and Haras de Bouquetot sire Wooded (Ire) won Ireland's first juvenile contest of the year at the Curragh.

Bought as a yearling last August at Arqana for €165,000, he was signed for by breeze-up consignor Robson Aguiar, who presumably had plenty of involvement in the colt's preparation for his debut for owners Amo Racing and Giselle de Aguiar and trainer Adrian Murray. The same triumvirate is also involved in **Lightening Army (GB)**, a juvenile from the first crop of Soldier's Call (GB) who has an entry at Dundalk on Friday.

By Saturday evening, Amo Racing had notched its first stakes winner in America when **Crispy Cat (GB)** (Ardad {Ire}), who had also been selected by Aguiar as a yearling, won the Texas Glitter S. at Gulfstream Park. A decent juvenile last term for Michael O'Callaghan, Crispy Cat won on debut and notched several black-type places, including an unlucky third in the G2 Norfolk S. He later filled the same position in the G2 Flying Childers, and he could well have a fruitful year ahead of him in the States, where is one of a team of around 30 horses for Amo Racing.

The Amo colours could also be seen in Classic action this year as among the entries for the Irish 2,000 Guineas is the G2 Beresford S. winner **Crypto Force (GB)** (Time Test {GB}), who has moved from O'Callaghan to the Gosdens.

Murphy Skilled in Both Spheres

Amy Murphy has made a habit of targeting French races in recent years and her approach paid dividends across the codes last week with two markedly different winners.

At Saint-Cloud on Thursday, the versatile trainer saddled the first winner for Coolmore's freshman sire **Magna Grecia (Ire)** when Myconian (Ire) won the Prix de Debut for Daniel Macauliffe and Anoj Don. Murphy's husband Lemos de Souza has been a key part of her training establishment from the outset and he had selected the colt for €27,000 at the Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling Sale.

For sheer emotion, however, nothing could top the trainer's second French victory of the week. Now 10, **Kalashnikov (Ire)** (Kalanisi {Ire}) had been an early star for Murphy and headed into the 2018 Cheltenham Festival with four wins to his credit. He was beaten just a neck when second in the G1 Supreme Novices' Hurdle and went on to become the trainer's first Grade 1 winner the following year in the Manifesto Novices' Chase at Aintree.

Having had almost two years away from the track while recovering from a tendon injury, Kalashnikov, who races in the colours of Murphy's father Paul, returned to action on Boxing Day. On Sunday, he recorded his eighth victory in the Prix Hubert de Navailles at Auteuil, reducing his trainer, who also rides him every day, to tears.

Globetrotting Murzabayev Off the Mark for Fabre

We may struggle to spell his name correctly but be prepared to hear and see plenty more of Bauyrzhan Murzabayev, the Kazakhstan-born, four-time German champion jockey, who rode his first winner for his new boss Andre Fabre at Fontainebleau on Monday.

Having race-ridden in both in his native country and the Czech Republic, Murzabayev was initially connected to Andreas Wohler following his move to Germany in 2017. He later joined Peter Schiergen, for whom he won last year's G1 Deutsches Derby on Sammarco (Ire) and G1 Grosser Preis von Bayern aboard Tunnes (Ger). A further breakthrough came during this winter's stint in Japan, where he partnered Dura Erede (Jpn) to land the G1 Hopeful S. among his 21 winners in the country.

Fabre initially called him up ride Mare Australis (Ire) in last year's G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, and the 30-year-old was announced as the French trainer's retained jockey earlier this month. On Monday, **Palais Du Louvre (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) became the duo's first winner. He is unlikely to be the last.

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COMPREHENSIVE STUDY ON UMBILICAL TORSION IN THOROUGHBREDS EXPANDED

Researchers at the Royal Veterinary College (RVC) have been awarded funding to build on their studies into umbilical cord torsion (UCT) in Thoroughbreds. This research, funded by the Alborada Trust, continues the first-ever comprehensive study of UCT in the world and will explore causation, as well as develop novel diagnostic tools to enable veterinary surgeons to detect and monitor the condition.

Sadly, one in 25 Thoroughbred pregnancies in the UK result in pregnancy loss during mid- to late gestation, a figure that has shown no significant improvement over the last 30 years and results in the yearly loss of approximately £1.1 million for owners, as well as veterinary costs in the region of £1.2 million. The most common cause of this in the UK--accounting for nearly half of cases sent to a laboratory--is UCT, which is the excessive twisting of the umbilical cord leading to blockage of the blood supply and the subsequent death of the foetus.

Across the globe, with the exception of Australia, the proportion of pregnancy loss attributed to UCT is significantly lower. This is most noticeable compared to North America, with UK occurrences 10 times higher than in the U.S.

Researchers at the RVC are leading a collaboration with colleagues at Cornell University, Rossdale Laboratories and Hagyard Equine Medical Institute to explore the reason why the umbilical cord twists excessively mid-pregnancy. Together, they hope to establish new ways of detecting the twisting prior to the pregnancy being aborted. The team will use epidemiological

modeling to refine and update the current diagnostic criteria for UCT, allowing for more reliable comparisons between populations within the UK and overseas. This would facilitate the accurate diagnosis of the condition by veterinarians globally and allow researchers to identify risk factors to optimise the management of pregnant mares.

"This project brings together researchers who are leading their field and I hope that this will allow us to forward our understanding of this condition," Jessica Roach, Research Fellow at the RVC, said. "Our aim is to develop novel diagnostic tools to identify pregnancies with a torsed umbilical cord, and ultimately prevent or decrease the risk of pregnancy loss."

Researchers will also characterise subcomponents and key proteins of the umbilical cord in both normal and diseased cords to identify any potential regions of the cord that could be monitored clinically. These areas will then be examined using ultrasonography in mid-gestation to assess the diagnostic potential for mares that are at risk of UCT abortion. The development of novel diagnostic tools will also enable veterinarians to predict mares at risk of suffering a UCT pregnancy loss and monitor the efficacy of novel treatments for the condition. Ultimately, the findings from this project will push forward the understanding of this cause of equine pregnancy loss, and abortion more widely.

More information on the study can be found [here](#).

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RESEARCHERS DISCOVER STRESS GENES IN RACEHORSES

Edited Press Release

Scientists at University College Dublin and Plusvital Ltd. in Ireland have published a study describing the discovery of genes in racehorses that are associated with stress and coping in the training environment.



Alayna Cullen

The research, which titled, “Integrative genomics analysis highlights functionally relevant genes for equine behaviour,” appears in the peer-reviewed journal *Animal Genetics* and is the result of a four-year PhD research project that examined the stress hormone cortisol and the results of a questionnaire in 100 yearlings as they encountered key milestone events during the early training period.

“The most stressful event for a young racehorse is the first time it is backed by a jockey, with studies showing that it causes the greatest cortisol response in the horse,” lead scientist Dr. Amy Holtby said. “Some horses cope better than others, with lower cortisol reactions,”.

One key finding was that yearlings’ behaviour with highly experienced handlers did not agree with the cortisol results, indicating that cortisol identifies a distinct aspect of the stress response that is not perceivable to handlers.

“This means that some horses experience stress without acting out, and this could have detrimental long-term effects if it cannot be managed appropriately,” senior scientist Professor Emmeline Hill said. “Identifying genetic markers for the stress response could therefore have value in identifying horses most susceptible to stress.”

The scientists compared the genetic profiles of the yearlings in early training best able to cope with those less able to cope. They used genetic data from two different brain tissues that regulate the fear response and the modification of behaviour to pinpoint the genes that were most likely to impact on the ability to cope. This approach highlighted a set of genes that function [in other species] in social behaviour, suicide, stress-induced anxiety and depression, neurodevelopmental disorders, neuroinflammatory disease, fear-induced behaviours, and alcohol and cocaine addiction.

The gene that was most important in the Thoroughbred stress response was NDN (necdin), which is associated with temperament in cattle and measured as ‘flight time’ (the time taken for an animal to reach a fixed distance following release from an enclosure). In humans this behavior is associated with paranoia.

“Everyone involved with racehorses recognises the importance of maintaining the mental well-being of their animals and balancing the training routine to keep them happy and engaged with their work,” Dr. Holtby said. “It is one of the most crucial aspects of training.”

Professor Hill added, “Genetics doesn’t have all the answers, but our research provides a sound scientific basis for genetic screening tools to support the highest welfare standards for the Thoroughbred. The ‘nurture’ aspect of behaviour is of course a major factor, with the management of the animal impacting on its temperament.

Our research has revealed genetic markers that could be used to identify animals that will benefit most from more nuanced handling. In time these makers could also be developed into tests to inform breeding decisions.”

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EUROPEAN NEWS



Baden-Baden Racecourse | Emma Berry

TATTERSALLS TO SPONSOR LISTED DIANA TRIAL AT BADEN-BADEN

Tattersalls this year will sponsor the Listed Diana Trial at Baden-Baden Racecourse in Germany. The nine-furlong contest for 3-year-old fillies will take place on May 20.

The race is a key trial for the G1 Preis der Diana and previously has been won by high-class fillies **Ashiana (Ger)** (Mastercraftsman {Ire}), **Preciosa (Ger)** (Sea The Moon {Ger}) and **Mascha (Fr)** (Le Havre {Ire}), who was subsequently sold for 325,000gns in the inaugural Sceptre Sessions at the 2022 Tattersalls December Mares Sale.

“Tattersalls is delighted to sponsor the Listed Diana Trial at Baden-Baden, a race which is an important stepping-stone to one of the most significant races in the German calendar,” Tattersalls Chairman Edmond Mahony said. “Tattersalls has a history of selling some of the finest German-bred foals, yearlings, horses-in-training and broodmares and our sponsorship of the Tattersalls Diana Trial underlines our commitment to the German racing and breeding industries as well as reinforces our long association with Baden-Baden Racecourse.”

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OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

SNOWPARK RETURNS AT SAINT-CLOUD

2.25 Saint-Cloud, Cond, €28,000, 3yo, c/g, 8ft

VALIMI (FR) (Teofilo {Ire}) has already flashed talent last term and makes his 3-year-old bow for The Aga Khan and Jean-Claude Rouget in this Prix Comrade won 12 months ago by their high-class colt Erevann (Fr) (Dubawi {Ire}). Entered in the Poule d'Essai Poulains, Prix du Jockey Club and Grand Prix de Paris, the relative of the Prix de Diane heroine Valyra (GB) (Azamour {Ire}) is a live prospect for those major tests having beaten the subsequent Listed Prix Omnium II winner American Flag (Fr) (**Wootton Bassett {GB}**) on his sole start at Deauville in October. In his way is Juddmonte's **Halfway Line (GB) (Zoffany {Ire})**, a Francis-Henri Graffard-trained relative of Elmaamul and Reams Of Verse (Nureyev) who encountered the Rouget TDN Rising Star Padishakh (Fr) (**Wootton Bassett {GB}**) at ParisLongchamp in September before going one better at Chantilly in September.



Snowpark | Scoop Dyga

3.00 Saint-Cloud, Cond, €28,000, 3yo, f, 8ft

SNOWPARK (FR) (Dubawi {Ire}) makes her eagerly-awaited seasonal debut, having earned **TDN Rising Star** status when winning her sole start at Deauville in October. Ecurie des

Monceaux's daughter of Starlet's Sister (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and half-sister to the Arc and Prix du Jockey Club-winning luminary **Sottsass (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr})** and the champion Sistercharlie (Ire) (Myboycharlie {Ire}) is another Jean-Claude Rouget Classic aspirant on a big afternoon for the stable and among her rivals is the Wertheimers' impressive Chantilly maiden winner **Algolia (Ire) (Lope De Vega {Ire})**, an Andre Fabre-trained daughter of the G1 Grande Premio Diana heroine and GI Flower Bowl S.-placed Viva Rafaela (Brz) (Know Heights {Ire}).

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HOW THEY FARED

3.35 Fontainebleau, Mdn, €27,000, 3yo, f, 11ft

Simply Marvellous (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), the daughter of the GI Ashland S. winner Christmas Kid (Lemon Drop Kid), ran an encouraging debut making up ground from rear and pushing the experienced winner all the way to the line.

BRITAIN

Monday's Result:

3rd-Wolverhampton, £10,000, Novice, 3-27, 3yo, 7f 36y (AWT), 1:29.70, st.

GIRL RACER (IRE) (f, 3, No Nay Never--In The Fast Lane {SAf} {Ch. 3-y-o Filly-Saf, MG1SW-Saf, \$170,739}, by Jet Master {SAf}), a daughter of the G1 Cape Fillies Guineas and G1 Woolavington 2000-winning South African champion 3-year-old filly In The Fast Lane, raced in third throughout the early stages. Taking the measure of Smoky Mountain (Ire) (**Frankel {GB}**) a furlong from home, the 2-1 second favourite surged away to beat that rival impressively by 3 3/4 lengths. The dam, who has produced the useful filly Stiptelik (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus}) who was placed in the G2 Sceptre S. and G2 Southern Cross S. in her native South Africa, also has a 2-year-old colt by **Starspangledbanner (Aus)** bought by Jeremy Brummitt for 105,000gns at the Book 2 Sale. The second dam, the Zimbabwean champion 3-year-old filly First Arrival (SAf) (Northern Guest), was responsible for a total of eight stakes performers including the South African champion 3-year-old colt Let's Rock'n Roll (Zim) (Muhtafal) and the G2 Peninsula H. And G3 Abu Dhabi Championship winner Light The Lights (SAf) (Western Winter). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$6,606. O-Barnane Stud; B-Ridgemont Stud Ltd (IRE); T-William Haggas.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Flash Bardot (GB), f, 3, **Sixties Icon (GB)**--Bridie Ffrench (GB), by Bahamian Bounty (GB). Lingfield, 3-27, 10f (AWT), 2:06.49. Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-1, \$20,408. B-Mike Channon Bloodstock Limited (GB).

FRANCE

Monday's Results:

2nd-Fontainebleau, €28,000, Cond, 3-27, 3yo, f, 10fT, 2:10.31, vs.

COMING FRANCE (IRE) (f, 3, **Camelot (GB)**--**Trail Of Tears (Ire)**, by **Exceed And Excel (Aus)**), off the mark over this trip at Cagnes-sur-Mer last month, raced in a share of third early. Holding a narrow advantage a furlong from home, the 6-4 favourite was always doing enough on the run to the line and had a cosy head margin to spare over Enchantres (Fr) (Al Wukair {Ire}) there.

The dam, whose 2-year-old is a full-sister to the winner, is a daughter of the G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest and G1 Haydock Park Sprint Cup heroine Cherokee Rose (Ire) (Dancing Brave), which links her with a host of high-class performers including the G1 St Leger and G1 Hong Kong Vase hero **Mastery (GB)** (Sulamani {Ire}), the G1 Eclipse winner Mukhadram (GB) (Shamardal) and fellow sire Cable Bay (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}). She also has a yearling colt by **Churchill (Ire)**. Sales history: €38,000 Ylg '21 ARQOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, €26,650. **Video, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Joseph Lesguer; B-Camas Park Stud, Lynch-Bages Ltd & Summerhill Bloodstock (IRE); T-Jean-Claude Rouget.



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3rd-Fontainebleau, €27,000, Cond, 3-27, 3yo, c/g, 11fT, 2:22.27, vs.

PALAIS DU LOUVRE (IRE) (c, 3, **Galileo (Ire)**--**Allez Alaia (Ire)**, by **Pivotal (GB)**), last seen finishing fourth over 7 1/2 furlongs on Chantilly's Polytrack in November, broke alertly before being restrained to track the leader. In front 500 metres from the line, the 11-2 shot stayed on strongly to secure a 2 1/2-length verdict over De Florio (GB) (Muhaarar {GB}). The unraced dam, who has produced the listed-placed sprinter Tarhib (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), is out of Trevor Stewart's high-class G2 King's Stand S. and G2 Temple S. winner Cassandra Go (Ire) (Indian Ridge {Ire}) and is therefore a full-sister to the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas, G1 Sun Chariot S. and G1 Nassau S. heroine Halfway To Heaven (Ire). Therefore connected to the latter's star daughters by Galileo, Magical (Ire) and Rhododendron (Ire)--herself the dam of the G1 Futurity Trophy winner Auguste Rodin (Ire) (Deep Impact {Jpn})--as well as the late Coolmore great's GI First Lady S. and GI Rodeo Drive S. heroine Photo Call (Ire) and last year's GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf winner Victoria Road (Ire) (**Saxon Warrior (Jpn)**), her yearling colt is by Lope De Vega (Ire). Sales history: 340,000gns Ylg '21 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, €16,200.

Video, sponsored by TVG.

O-Smith, Magnier, Tabor & Westerberg; B-T C Stewart (IRE); T-Andre Fabre.

4th-Fontainebleau, €27,000, Cond, 3-27, 3yo, f, 11fT, 2:22.91, vs.

HIGGLE (GB) (f, 3, **Sea The Stars (Ire)**--**Haggle (GB)** {GSW-Fr & SP-Eng, \$150,776}, by **Pivotal (GB)**), runner-up on debut over 9 1/2 furlongs on Chantilly's Polytrack last month, tracked the leader throughout the early stages. Committed with two furlongs remaining, the 2-1 favourite held the challenge of Simply Marvellous (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) to score by 3/4 of a length. The winner is the first foal out of the dam, whose career achievements included success in the G3 Prix Fille de l'Air and Listed Prix Maurice Zilber and placings in the G2 Prix Corrida and G3 La Coupe de Maisons-Laffitte and who is a granddaughter of Fittocks Stud's exceptional foundation mare Souk (Ire) (Ahonoora {GB}). That links her to the talented half-siblings Magic Wand (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Chicquita (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}) and Philomene (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) and the Classic heroines Alexandrova (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) and Channel (Ire) (Nathaniel {Ire}) among many others. She has the 2-year-old colt Apolino (Fr) (**Frankel (GB)**) and the yearling colt Squabble (GB) (**Kingman (GB)**) to follow. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, €18,900. **Video, sponsored by TVG.**

O/B-Wertheimer et Frere (GB); T-Carlos Laffon-Parias.

France Results, Cont.

CONDITIONS RESULT:

5th-Fontainebleau, €27,000, 3-27, 4yo, 10fT, 2:07.48, vs. IN TIME (FR) (f, 4, Zarak {Fr})--Mixed Evidence {Ire}, by Elusive City) Lifetime Record: 7-3-0-0, €43,700. O-Jan Romel; B-J B S Invest N V (FR); T-Pia & Joakim Brandt.

7th-Fontainebleau, €23,000, 3-27, 4yo/up, 8fT, 1:43.66, vs. ROUGEGARDE (FR) (g, 6, Red Dubawi {Ire})--Krestena {Fr}, by Kendor {Fr}) Lifetime Record: 21-6-6-4, €74,582. O-Mme Jean-Hugues De Chevigny; B-Mme D Sepulchre (FR); T-Paul De Chevigny.

WORLDWIDE NEWS



Ushba Tesoro | Erika Rasmussen

WORLD POOL WAGERING ON WORLD CUP INCREASES

Saturday's G1 Dubai World Cup meeting at Meydan saw World

Pool's globally commingled turnover hit HK\$315,177,810 (approx. \$40.1m) across the eight-race card, a rise of \$33.6 million (approx. \$4.2m) over 2022.

The \$12 million feature, won by Japanese raider **Ushba Tesoro (Jpn)** (Orfevre {Jpn}), drew the highest handle of the night, with pari-mutuel organisations from over 20 countries betting HK\$54,521,829 (approx. \$6.9m) on the race. It became World Pool's highest turnover race of 2023 so far, surpassing the HK\$48.4m (approx. \$6.1m) wagered on the G1 Saudi Cup in February. The two races that preceded the Dubai World Cup--the G1 Dubai Turf won by **Lord North (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}) and the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic won by **Equinox (Jpn)** (Kitasan Black {Jpn}) also saw large turnover, with HK\$46,031,449 (approx. \$5.8m) and HK\$46,460,790 (approx. \$5.9m) wagered, respectively.

Equinox's win was selected as the World Pool Moment of the Day and his groom will receive a prize of HK\$40,000 as well as entry into the World Pool Moment of the Year competition, which rewards the winner with a VIP trip to Hong Kong.

World Pool is next in operation on G1 2000 Guineas Day at Newmarket on May 6.

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