

THE LAND OF THE SETTING SUN?



Equinox | Horsephotos

by Chris McGrath

It felt like a literal solstice, a moment marking our transition to a different phase in the alignment of the Thoroughbred firmament. Because the meteoric performance of **Equinox (Jpn)** in Dubai on Saturday night, as highlight of another momentous evening for Japan, left rival breeders everywhere speechless. Perhaps, they wondered next morning, this was what was meant by a Sunday silence.

There are so many lessons in Japan's accession as a dominant influence on the 21st Century Thoroughbred, a trend that even the most obtuse and parochial of us cannot fail to observe, that it's difficult to know where to start.

When, for instance, will those industries clinging to a historic presumption of superiority--either side of the Atlantic--acknowledge what's happening sufficiently to reverse the traffic and start importing Japanese racehorses to stand on their own farms? Not for a while yet, you suspect, given that you would need to be confident of commercial demand to make the necessary investment viable. And for now it seems an adequate challenge to get traction even for those few representatives of Japanese bloodlines to have at least showcased their wares before a domestic audience.

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IVAR ALL SET FOR NEXT CHAPTER IN ARGENTINA by Katie Petrunyak

Argentinian champion and U.S. Grade I winner **Ivar (Brz)** (Agnes Gold {Jpn}) is preparing for his Southern Hemisphere homecoming next month, when he will take up stud duty at Haras Carampangue in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The 7-year-old, who was campaigned by Kentucky-based Bonne Chance Farm and its South American partner Stud RDI, began quarantine shortly after his second-place finish in the GI Pegasus World Cup Turf Invitational S. and will depart for his new home at the end of April, leaving him plenty of time to adapt to his second career before the breeding season begins in August.

While the Southern Hemisphere breeding season is still months away, breeders in Argentina are already eager to send their mares to millionaire Ivar. Bonne Chance Farm CEO Alberto Figueiredo estimated that the new stallion will breed around 140 mares in his first season. **Cont. p7**

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This **Uncle Mo** filly out of G2 winner **May Be Now** (**Smart Strike**), born March 11 at **Bonne Chance Farm** in **Versailles, Ky.**, has big shoes to fill as the half-sister to **Argentinian** champion and **U.S. Grade I** winner **Ivar** (**Brz**) (**Agnes Gold {Jpn}**), who was recently retired to stud in **Argentina**. [Click here](#) or on the photo above for video and read more about **Bonne Chance's** newest addition cont. on page 7. | *Sara Gordon*

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But it's not as though this latest tour de force--featuring winners of the biggest prize on both surfaces at Meydan, as well as the first four in the G2 UAE Derby--was founded simply in stallion trade. The Japanese have certainly embraced many sires renounced as uncommercial by breeders in Kentucky and Europe. But that investment has been consistent with a holistic strategy, embracing the right mares, the right land, the right horseman-ship. Obviously the Japanese have enjoyed advantages, in terms of colossal gambling and government engagement. But all these unmissable moments of vindication, as in Riyadh last month or at the 2021 Breeders' Cup, have completed patient years of groundwork, during which Japan was sometimes viewed as a convenient, nearly gullible receptacle for the cashing out of unwanted genetic goods. As commercial breeding elsewhere has become ever more focused

on the sales ring, the Japanese meanwhile persevered with a longer game. Selection was predicated on the kind of assets, like stamina and durability, that are treated with something

between dread and derision in other markets. But now we see the results. Certainly nobody can remain deceived that this has all happened because of a single, game-changing roll of the dice on Sunday Silence. And if Japan did not get here overnight, nor can those industries now being challenged expect to retrieve the situation other than by patient increments. Let's take G1 Dubai World Cup winner **Ushba Tesoro (Jpn)** as a snapshot. He is, admittedly, by a grandson of Sunday Silence. But the dam of



Ushba Tesoro | Erika Rasmussen

Orfevre (Jpn) is by a sire, Mejiro McQueen (Jpn), who not only represents the fourth generation of a sire-line transplanted by the arrival from Europe of Partholon (Ire) in 1963, but also extends an indigenous maternal line through eight generations of Japanese mares to one foaled as long ago as 1909.

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Partholon, by the way, ended up as Japan's champion sire on three occasions, having won the Ebor H. at York, over 14 furlongs as a 3-year-old. The die was cast. Because if we're going to give due credit to the bottom line, then here's a question that I should like to ask any American breeder mating a mare this spring.

Say the resulting foal becomes champion sophomore or maybe, instead, he could win the second richest race on the planet. Either would sound pretty good, right? Well, what do the last two horses to reach this pinnacle of dirt racing, **Epicenter** (**Not This Time**) and Ushba Tesoro, have in common?

The answer is that the third dam of both is a daughter of Ela-Mana-Mou (Ire), one of the most redoubtable stamina influences in the recent history of European grass racing. Ela-Mana-Mou's two best-known sons were Double Trigger (Ire), who swept the Cup races in Britain including the G1 Ascot Gold Cup at 20 furlongs, and Snurge (Ire), whose Classic success came over 14 in the G1 St Leger.



Panthalassa | Jockey Club of Saudi Arabia

Now, I'm not suggesting for a moment that this single, attenuating strand specifically accounts for the excellence of **Epicenter** and Ushba Tesoro over two turns of dirt. But what I do believe is that this forgotten horse--virtually unknown in Kentucky, presumably, beyond its substantial community of emigre horsemen of a certain age--is typical of the overall "branding" today enabling Japanese runners to carry their speed so unanswerably.

Look at **Panthalassa** (Jpn) (Lord Kanaloa {Jpn}), who switched from turf to win the world's richest prize in Riyadh last month. Hardly anything in his pedigree indicated a likely proficiency on dirt, but it is saturated (sprinting sire notwithstanding) with toughness and stamina. His first two dams are by Montjeu (Ire) and High Estate (Ire).

LEADING SIRE,

Kingsbarns (**UNCLE MO**) won Saturday's **Louisiana Derby [G2]** for Todd Pletcher to remain unbeaten and become his sire's seventh Stakes winner of 2023



BROODMARE SIRE,

Southlawn (dam by **UNCLE MO**) won Saturday's **Fair Grounds Oaks [G2]** for Norm Casse

AND SIRE OF SIRE

Key Of Life (**MO TOWN**) registered her second Stakes success in Saturday's **Purple Martin S.** at Oaklawn for Brad Cox. She is one of six Stakes performers from her sire's first crop



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One has had a record impact at Epsom, the other was by a Derby winner and sired one himself. The next dam was admittedly by a sprinter, but out of a mare by another undiluted source of staying power in dual Arc winner Alleged.

This kind of thing is not confined to the Japanese, of course. The World Cup runner-up **Algiers (Ire)** (Shamardal) admittedly represents a versatile sire-line, but there are deep wells of stamina in his pedigree. His dam is by Platini (Ger) (Sumuru {Ger}), a horse that once outstayed even Ela-Mana-Mou's son Snurge. (And Shamardal himself requires us to reflect how his dam's half-brother Street Cry {Ire} became a Classic influence on dirt, as they are out of an G1 Irish Oaks (12f) winner by the ardent stayer Troy {GB}).

Certainly Ushba Tesoro himself is laden with staying influences. His sire Orfevre is a Japanese St Leger winner (15f) by Stay Gold--another son of Sunday Silence who majored in soundness (still showing top-class form at seven) and stamina (stayed two miles). And his dam is by King Kamehameha (Jpn),



Epicenter | Sarah Andrew

whose fertility as a source of brilliance was hardly impaired by his Classic success over 12 furlongs. She was out of one of the more accomplished runners (couple of graded stakes wins on turf after export to Bobby **Frankel**) by Septieme Ciel, a generally disappointing stallion by Seattle Slew. Ela-Mana-Mou then enters the picture as a mate for a daughter of the imported Argentinian sire Pronto (Arg).

We should not be surprised, then, if the Ela-Mana-Mou mare who features as **Epicenter**'s third dam should be out of a daughter of Busted (GB), whose two best sons Bustino (GB) and Mtoto (GB) both sired winners of the G1 Ascot Gold Cup over 2 1/2 miles. (Nor, if anyone is inclined to complacency in a commercial industry that can produce **Flightline**, should we neglect that the champion's second dam is by Roberto's son Dynaformer, while his sire's granddam is by Nijinsky).



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More predictably, perhaps, similar motifs occur just as prominently behind Equinox, sensational winner of the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic. His sire Kitan Black (Jpn), a grandson of Sunday Silence, twice won a Grade 1 over two miles; while his damsire King Halo (Jpn) (out of a mare by Sunday Silence's sire Halo) is by Dancing Brave, one of the all-time European greats yet soon written off to Japan as a stallion. Equinox's granddam is herself by a rejected Arc winner in Tony Bin (Ire), while the next dam is by a dual winner of the race in Alleged.

We just found Alleged, remember, lurking behind Panthalassa as well. And while his own background--by Hoist The Flag/inbred 3x4 to War Admiral--may take us into the mists of time, it also takes us right to the crux of the matter. Because dirt racing is about carrying speed, and that is itself a form of stamina.

Interestingly Tony Bin also provides the second dam of UAE Derby winner Derma Sotogake, who must be getting his stamina from the bottom side as a son of the imported American sprinter Mind Your Biscuits. Derma Sotogake's damsire is Sunday Silence's son Neo Universe, a Japanese Derby winner beaten a length in the 15-furlong St Leger. The way he destroyed his pursuers last Saturday permits no doubt that Derma Sotogake has the maternal wherewithal to carry his sire's speed and--setting aside last year's farcical tactics from the two UAE Derby graduates--nobody should be complacent that the GI Kentucky Derby itself can be secure from Japan's expanding hegemony.

Evidently there is no guarantee that Equinox will be given the chance to slake a rather longer thirst in the Arc, which is a pity given the Longchamp winners seeding his family, not to mention the fact that his own sire contributed two of Japan's serial near-misses in the race.

But just imagine what would happen if the Japanese suddenly

felt sorry for the industries they compete with, and donated Equinox to Kentucky or Britain. Would the commercial breeders of the Bluegrass, anxious to catch the eye of an Ocala pinhooker, come flocking? With his background, I doubt it. What, equally, would Nathaniel (Ire) tell Equinox about the kind of harem a proven Classic influence can expect in Britain? (That's the same Nathaniel who added the latest Epsom Derby winner to a resume already including Enable (GB), yet is still only charging £15,000 and increasingly relying on jumps mares).

And there's your answer, really. If we want to recover the ground lost to Japan, then we need to understand just what these rampant Japanese racehorses are digging into: seam after seam of soundness and stamina. Of course they need brilliance too. That's where the whole skill of breeding comes in, maintaining that cutting edge of speed. Yet one after another of these horses have been sired, not by recent imports, but by horses that have been developed in the Japanese program, many of them holding their form year after year, generally on turf and over what many would consider appalling distances.

Yes, we must reiterate the shrewd selection of mare imports over the years. The \$750,000 paid for Ushba Tesoro's granddam, for instance, doubtless owed little to her sire Septieme Ciel and rather more to the fact that had managed to add more black-type to the famous Claiborne clan of her fourth dam Bourtai.

But what kind of reception, honestly, would Deep Impact (Jpn) himself have had in Lexington, as a winner over two miles? American breeders didn't want his sire, but did they ever learn that lesson?

At least commercial breeding in Kentucky still aspires to a second turn on the first Saturday in May.



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But while I'm always recommending dirt sires as a way--and a proven way--to transfer a speed-carrying capacity to European Classic racing, the Japanese are meanwhile reminding us that the reverse also applies: that there's nothing like grass stamina to help keep up the gallop on dirt.

As I acknowledged at the outset, it would be commercially difficult to export an elite runner from Japan to stand in Europe or America. But now that they are taking their excellence onto a global stage, perhaps that kind of gamble may gradually start to inch a little closer.

In the meantime, only a few horses have had the chance to introduce Japanese blood to domestic racing theaters elsewhere. Unsurprisingly, the most promising experiment to date is the work of John Magnier and his partners in Coolmore, who outcrossed one of their many top-class daughters of Galileo (Ire) to Deep Impact (Jpn) and produced Classic winner **Saxon Warrior** (Ire)--whose debut crop includes GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf scorer Victoria Road (Ire). **Saxon Warrior**'s fee this spring is up to €35,000 from €20,000, and the same operation is now hoping to repeat the process with Auguste Rodin (Ire) (Deep Impact {Jpn}). The strong favorite for the Epsom Derby is similarly out of a high-class Galileo (Ire) mare, and actually won the same juvenile Group 1 as **Saxon Warrior** last fall.

Not many people, however, have either the resources or the imagination to emulate this kind of thing. As things stand, a Japanese sire-line entered the North American general sires' list in 2022 only at No. 92 through Silent Name (Jpn), who offers Ontario a direct conduit to Sunday Silence. And we do also have **Yoshida** (Jpn), a grandson of Sunday Silence, about to launch his first juveniles. His Grade I wins on both turf and dirt were due reward for the rare enterprise shown by WinStar in importing a Japanese yearling to race in the U.S.

Sunday Silence's son Hat Trick (Jpn) was a noble earlier experiment, and Gainesway bought into the project after he pulled Group 1-winning juvenile Dabirsim (Fr) out of his hat as a freshman. (The same farm, to its credit, evidently also liked the fact that **Karakontie** (Jpn) is out of a Sunday Silence mare.)

Unfortunately Hat Trick dwindled to 19 mares at \$5,000 in his final spring in Kentucky, before ending his days in Brazil. Dabirsim did meanwhile produce Royal Ascot winner Different League (Fr), an €8,000 weanling who advanced her value two years later to 1,500,000gns. That sum, incidentally, was ventured by another far-sighted Coolmore partnership, co-signed by M.V. Magnier and White Birch Farm.

Obviously it was always unlikely that such rare samples of Japanese blood should happen to prove as potent as the best of their gene pool. But who knows? Perhaps we will gradually learn a little humility. Perhaps we can admit to ourselves that, where Japan has strengthened over the past couple of generations, is

precisely where we have allowed things to slide.

As always, there's an ultimate consolation to the way this business functions. But eventually the people with the daring and the imagination to take a harder path, and heeding Japan's example, will be waiting for your horse on the racetrack.

We're all being taught a pretty deafening lesson here. That doesn't mean many people are necessarily going to pay attention, even if the Japanese now plunder the Kentucky Derby itself. But it'll be pretty obvious, in a few years' time, just who was listening, and taking notes, before going away to complete their homework.

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Ivar cont. from p1

"All the good breeders and important names in the industry in Argentina are interested," Figueiredo said. "There is general excitement about the horse. When you are in the stallion business, you have to pray that everything keeps going as you hope, but at least we are providing him with the best support he can have."

Ivar's breeder and co-owner Stud Rio Dois Irmaos (Stud RDI) has retained a 55% ownership share in the stallion, but the syndicate also includes Haras Carampangue--the farm where he will stand--as well as Haras Abolengo, Gran Muneca, San Benito, La Nora and Santa Maria de Araras.

Haras Carampangue is home to four other stallions including 2013 GI Frank E. Kilroe Mile S. winner Suggestive Boy (Easing Along) and 2013 GI Hollywood Derby victor Seek Again (**Speightstown**).

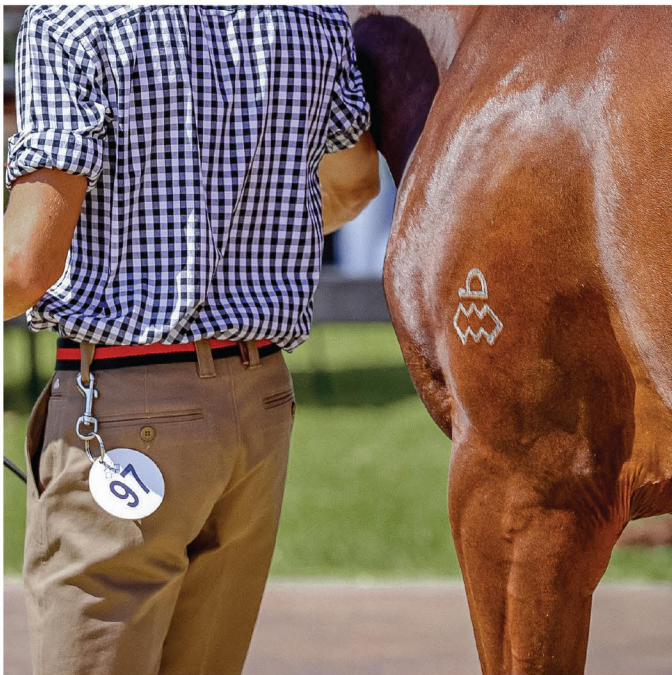


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Argentinian breeders are already more than familiar with Ivar from his undefeated 2-year-old season there in 2019, where he claimed two Group 1 victories and was named champion 2-year-old colt before shipping to the U.S. Under the tutelage of Paulo Lobo, Ivar was a winner in his second start in North America and then claimed the GI Turf Mile S. at Keeneland four months later. He ran third the following season in the GI Breeders' Cup Mile and last year, won the Jonathan B. Schuster Memorial S. and placed in two additional Grade I competitions.

Following his second-place finish in the GI Pegasus Turf in January, the decision was made for Ivar to retire. Figueiredo said that, had the horse won the Pegasus, they might have considered a trip to the Saudi Cup or keeping him in training for one last Keeneland spring meet, but ultimately they chose to give Ivar plenty of time to get through quarantine and let down before the fall breeding season.

"He ran in 11 Grade I races in his career and was so competitive, so we needed to look toward his second career," he explained. "Since his first race in Argentina, he showed that he had a ton of potential and that he was a freak. He was a different horse. He won on the dirt and the turf and he ran until he was a 6-year-old, so he showed versatility, durability and soundness. He ran in three Breeders' Cups in a row. He was a tough boy."

Figueiredo said that a stud fee is not yet set for Ivar's first year, but noted that he believes there is a good space in the Argentinian market for a stallion with his credentials. Ivar's sire Agnes Gold, a son of Sunday Silence who stood in Japan and Florida before making his mark in Brazil as a three-time leading sire, passed away in 2019. Ivar was one of the first top-level performers to bring attention to Bonne Chance Farm, which is located off Pisgah Pike in Versailles and was founded by Brazilian businessman Gilberto Sayao Da Silva. Silva is a partner in Stud

RDI, a breeding and racing operation established in 2008 with locations in Brazil and Argentina. In 2015, he launched Bonne Chance as his own boutique commercial farm in Kentucky.

Bonne Chance Bloodstock Manager Leah Alessandrone spoke on the significance of Ivar carrying the farm's silks to Grade I success so soon after the operation was off its feet.

"To have a horse like Ivar come up here and do what he did, holding his own against some of the best in the world on the turf and really showing up at the biggest stage every time, it's kind of hard to quantify what that means for a young organization like us. It's definitely something that we're thankful for every day and the significance is not lost on us."

Of course Ivar is not the only success story of South American-breds performing at the top of the game in the U.S. for the Bonne Chance and Stud RDI partnership. Top performers include In Love (Brz), a gelding son of Agnes Gold who followed Ivar to victory in the GI Keeneland Turf Mile S. in 2021, and Imperador (Arg) (Treasure Beach {GB}), winner of the 2021 GII Calumet Turf Cup S. Now back at Stud RDI, Imperador bred over 80 mares in his first book and is expecting his first foals to hit the ground this year.

"There is a pipeline of these outstanding racehorses coming from the programs in Brazil and Argentina," Alessandrone said of the Stud RDI operation. "The program that they've built there is so underappreciated on a global scale. When you look at the numbers and what they've done in South America with groups of horses that arguably aren't as respected as much as they should be, they have kind of forced people to look at the South American product and respect it."

"To have even a little bit of that influence through Bonne Chance is awesome," she continued. "I feel like we're sleeping on a giant because I'm so excited to see the future for Ivar as a stallion, but also for the future of the partnership of Stud RDI and Bonne Chance."



[Ivar wins the 2020 GI Turf Mile S. at Keeneland](#) | Coady

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At Bonne Chance, Ivar's dam May Be Now (Smart Strike) is creating her own pipeline of future broodmares for the Kentucky operation. Her 2-year-old Open Heart, a May-foaled daughter of Yoshida, was retained by the farm and is in the early stages of training under Paulo Lobo.

This year she produced a filly by **Uncle Mo**. Alessandrone said that they will take a few months to let the Mar. 11-foaled filly develop before deciding if she would be pointed toward the racetrack or the sales ring.

"She definitely favors **Uncle Mo**, which is one of the reasons why we bred the mare to him because we were looking for that type. She's a good mover out in the field and is a very quality filly. We're really excited about her."

May Be Now was acquired as a yearling by Stud RDI and was a Group 2 winner in Brazil. She spent her first few years as a broodmare there before returning to the U.S. shortly after producing Ivar. She was sold in foal to **Hard Spun** in 2017, but was bought back by Bonne Chance as Ivar was making a name for himself.

In a few years, the team at Bonne Chance hopes to be represented by sons and daughters of Ivar. Because Southern Hemisphere horses are at a disadvantage early in their racing career as they are born in the later months of the year, Figueiredo said that Stud RDI's Ivar babies will likely race as 2-year-olds in Argentina and those that show promise will ship to the U.S. after their juvenile season.

"We would be really excited by that," Figueiredo said enthusiastically.

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WILD ON ICE LEADS 12 LATE TRIPLE CROWN NOMINEES

Frank Sumpter's **Wild On Ice** (Tapizar), winner of Sunday's GIII Sunland Park Derby, is one of a dozen 3-year-olds nominated to the Triple Crown with a late payment of \$6,000 by Monday's deadline. The other late nominees (pending late mail) are: Middleham Park Racing's Road to the Kentucky Derby Condition Stakes winner **Brave Emperor (Ire)** (**Sioux Nation**); Adam Ference and Bill Dory's El Camino Real Derby winner **Chase the Chaos** (Astern {Aus}); John Salzman Jr., Fred Wasserloos and Anthony Geruso's multiple stakes winner **Coffeewithchris** (Ride on **Curlin**); Mrs. John Magnier, Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith, Westerberg and Jonathan Poulin's Animal Kingdom S. winner **Eye Witness** (**City of Light**); The Del Mar Group's Sunland Park Derby third-place finisher **Henry Q** (**Blame**); Lucky Seven Stable's maiden special weight winner and GI Arkansas Derby entrant **Interlock Empire** (**Classic Empire**); Brereton Jones and Naber Racing's maiden special weight winner and GI Arkansas Derby



Wild On Ice | Coady Photography

entrant **King Russell** (**Creative Cause**); Big Chief Racing's recent \$50,000 claim and Arkansas Derby entrant **Kolomio** (**Constitution**); C2 Racing Stable's maiden special weight winner and GI **Curlin** Florida Derby entrant **Mr. Peeks** (California Chrome); C2 Racing Stable and Stefania Farms maiden special weight winner and Florida Derby entrant **Nautical Star** (Dixie Chatter); and LC Racing's two-time stakes winner **Ninetypercentmaddie** (Weiglia).

There are now 381 sophomores eligible to compete in the Triple Crown series. Any horse not nominated during the early or late phases can become Triple Crown eligible through a supplemental nomination payment due at the time of entry for each Triple Crown race: Kentucky Derby (\$200,000), Preakness (\$150,000) and Belmont (\$50,000).

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FORTE FAVORED IN POOL 6 OF DERBY FUTURE WAGER

Forte (**Violence**), who goes postward in Saturday's GI **Curlin** Florida Derby, was tabbed the 5-2 favorite in the field of 39 individual horses, plus a 40th option for all other 3-year-olds, in the final pool of the GI Kentucky Derby Future Wager. Unlike the first five Future Wager pools, Pool 6 of the Kentucky Derby Future Wager will close Saturday at 6 p.m. ET., which is 40 minutes before the Florida Derby and one hour and 50 minutes ahead of GI Arkansas Derby.



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Here is the complete field for Pool 6 of the Kentucky Derby Future Wager (with morning line odds provided by Mike Battaglia): #1 **Angel of Empire** (**Classic Empire**) (30-1); #2 **Arctic Arrogance** (**Frosted**) (80-1); #3 **Blazing Sevens** (**Good Magic**) (50-1); #4 **Bourbon Bash** (**City of Light**) (99-1); #5 **Classic Car Wash** (Noble Bird) (80-1); #6 **Confidence Game** (**Candy Ride {Arg}**) (25-1); #7 **Continuar** (**Jpn**) (Drefong) (99-1); #8 **Cyclone Mischief** (Into Mischief) (80-1); #9 **Derma Sotogake** (**Jpn**) (Mind Your Biscuits) (40-1); #10 **Disarm** (**Gun Runner**) (40-1); #11 **Dreamlike** (**Gun Runner**) (80-1); #12 **Dubuyhnell** (**Good Magic**) (80-1); #13 **Fort Bragg** (**Tapit**) (80-1); #14 **Forte** (5-2); #15 **Geaux Rocket Ride** (**Candy Ride {Arg}**) (20-1); #16 **Hayes Strike** (**Connect**) (80-1); #17 **Hit Show** (**Candy Ride {Arg}**) (20-1); #18 **I Don't Get It** (Cloud Computing) (99-1); #19 **Instant Coffee** (Bolt d'Oro) (20-1); #20 **Jace's Road** (**Quality Road**) (80-1); #21 **Kingsbarns** (**Uncle Mo**) (20-1); #22 **Mage** (**Good Magic**) (80-1); #23 **Mandarin Hero** (**Jpn**) (Shanghai Bobby) (80-1); #24 **Mendelssohns March** (**Mendelssohn**) (99-1); #25 **National Treasure** (**Quality Road**) (50-1); #26 **Practical Move** (**Practical Joke**) (8-1); #27 **Raise Cain** (**Violence**) (40-1); #28 **Red Route One** (**Gun Runner**) (25-1); #29 **Reincarnate** (**Good Magic**) (20-1); #30 **Rocket Can** (Into Mischief) (30-1); #31 **Shadow Dragon** (**Army Mule**) (99-1); #32 **Skinner** (**Curlin**) (30-1); #33 **Slip Mahoney** (Arrogate) (80-1); #34 **Sun Thunder** (Into Mischief) (80-1); #35 **Tapit Trice** (**Tapit**) (8-1); #36 **Two Eagles River** (Cloud Computing) (99-1); #37 **Two Phil's** (**Hard Spun**) (40-1); #38 **Verifying** (**Justify**) (30-1); #39 **Wild On Ice** (Tapizar) (80-1); and #40 "All Other 3-Year-Olds" (15-1).

Pool 6 will feature \$2 Win and Exacta wagering. Fans can wager via www.TwinSpires.com along with simulcast and ADW outlets from around the country.

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NYTB ANNOUNCES NY-BRED CHAMPIONSHIP NOMS

New York Thoroughbred Breeders, Inc. (NYTB) announced the nominees for the New York-bred divisional champions of 2022. A panel of New York Turf writers, broadcasters, handicappers, racing analysts and photographers will vote on the winners of each division and the 2022 New York-bred Horse of the Year.

The 2022 New York-bred divisional champions and New York-bred Horse of the Year will be announced at the NYTB Awards Dinner sponsored by the New York Thoroughbred Breeding & Development Fund at 7 p.m. Monday, May 8 at Saratoga National Golf Club in Saratoga Springs.



Spondarella | Adam Coglianese

New York riding legend and NYRA TV personality Richard Migliore will again host the Awards Dinner. Tickets are available – \$150 for NYTB members and \$175 for non-members – for purchase at www.nytbreeders.org/events or by calling the NYTB Office at (518) 587-0777.

Also, to be honored at the Awards Dinner with 2022 awards will be Broodmare of the Year, Champion Steeplechaser, Trainer, Champion Jockey and Outstanding Breeder.

A list of the 2022 New York-bred divisional championship nominees by category follows.

Champion 2-Year-Old Male: Acoustic Ave, Andiamo a Firenze, Arctic Arrogance, Vacation Dance.

Champion 2-Year-Old Filly: Gambling Girl, Les Bon Temps, Stonewall Star, You're My Girl.

Champion 3-Year-Old Male: Barese, Rotknee, Un Ojo, Run Curtis Run.

Champion 3-Year-Old Filly: Fingal's Cave, Spondarella, Sterling Silver, Venti Valentine.

Champion Older Dirt Male: Americanrevolution, Bankit, Dr. Blute, Wudda U Think Now.

Champion Older Dirt Female: Bank Sting, Betsy Blue, Kept Waiting, Make Mischief.

Champion Turf Male: City Man, Dancing Buck, Red Knight, Somelikeithotbrown.

Champion Turf Female: Dream Central, Robin Sparkles, Runaway Rumour, Spondarella.

Champion Male Sprinter: Dancing Buck, My Boy Tate, Thin White Duke, Wudda U Think Now.

Champion Female Sprinter: Bank Sting, Betsy Blue, Robin Sparkles, Sterling Silver

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FINGER LAKES ADDS CLAIMING DISTANCE SERIES

Finger Lakes has unveiled a claiming distance series to the line-up for its 2023 season. The series, named after North Warning, the current track record holder at 1 5/8 miles, kicks off June 19 and features three legs and a final, with distance increasing with each leg.

"We're very exciting about the upcoming racing season and the North Warning series," Racing Secretary Jerry Richards said. "Finger Lakes Gaming and Racetrack has a long-time history of distance racing and I'm very happy to bring back some semblance from the past."

The first leg of the series, to be run at one mile and 70 yards, carries a purse of \$12,600 added per division, and will be run as a \$5,000 claimer. The claiming price increases to \$6,250 for leg two and the purse amount moves to \$15,000 added. Leg two, scheduled for July 31, is to be run at 1 1/8 miles. The claiming price increases again to \$8,000 for leg three and will be run Sept. 11 at the Classic distance of 1 1/4 miles. The purse will grow to \$20,000 for that event.

The series final is set for Oct. 23 at one mile and five and a half furlongs and will be run under starter (\$8,000 or less) conditions. The purse in the finals is guaranteed at \$25,000.

There is a one-time \$250 nomination fee, which is due by June 7. All nomination fees will be added to the purse for legs one and two. Supplemental fees will be accepted between June 8 through July 19 and will be added to leg 3. The cost to supplement to the series is \$1,000.

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Horses earn their way into the final by earning points throughout the preliminary legs with four points for a win, three points for a second, two points for a third and one point for fourth. The top 12-point earners from the preliminary legs make the finals. In the event of a claim, the points follow the horse.

Finger Lakes' 90-day season kicks off Apr. 24 and runs through Nov. 22. First post is 1:15 p.m.

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HIWU TESTING PROTOCOLS IN PLACE FOR LISTED, GRADED RACES

The Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association, which founded and manages the American Graded Stakes Committee, will accept the testing protocols and criteria administered by the Horseracing Integrity & Welfare Unit for graded and listed stakes races conducted in jurisdictions governed by the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority. HIWU will assign TCO2 and Post-Race testing for these races at quantities and rates specific to each race.

Racetracks will not be at risk of losing graded or listed status for their races if the HIWU testing protocols for these races differ from the American Graded Stakes Committee's requirements.

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AFTERCARE ALLIANCE.

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 Waves Edge Capital LLC and Donovan, Catherine		Velazquez	122
9	King Russell	Creative Cause	Jones, Brereton C. and Naber Racing, LLC	Moquett	Bejarano	119
10	Red Route One	Gun Runner	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC	Asmussen	Gaffalione	119
11	Kolomio 🐾	Constitution	Big Chief Racing, LLC	Desormeaux	Graham	119

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	Dubuyhnell 🐾	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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4th-Mahoning Valley, \$26,400, Alw, 3-28, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.54, gd, 6 1/4 lengths.

SHUTUPANDSHAKEIT (m, 5, More Than Ready--Greenfield d'Oro, by Medaglia d'Oro), a debut winner at Belterra Park last June, skipped to a front-running 3 1/2-length victory over this track and trip in her Feb. 22 return. The 3-5 favorite rushed to the early lead and tugged her way to a clear advantage through a quarter in :23.31. Pressed around the far turn, she was less than a length in front after a half in :47.15, but kicked clear in the final furlong to keep her perfect record in tact by 6 1/4 lengths. Shutupandshakeit was a \$280,000 FTKJUL yearling and a \$195,000 OBSAPR juvenile before selling for \$15,000 while still unraced as a 3-year-old at the 2021 Keeneland November sale. She is a half to Sun Thunder (Into Mischief, GSP, \$201,250), second in this year's GII Risen Star S. and most recently fifth in the GII Louisiana Derby. Greenfield d'Oro, a daughter of champion Maryfield (Elusive Quality), has a 2-year-old filly by More Than Ready and was bred back to **American Pharoah** last year. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.** Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$42,108.

O-Jerry Jamgotchian; B-Southern Equine Stables, LLC (KY); T-Eric R. Reed.




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1st-Parx Racing, \$50,500, (S), Msw, 3-28, 3yo, 1m 70y, 1:47.72, gd, 2 3/4 lengths.

GUN COLLECTOR (c, 3, Gun Runner--Wembley, by Bernardini), an even fourth in his six-furlong debut at Fair Grounds Mar. 2, was the 1-5 favorite in this stretch-out against fellow Pennsylvania-breds. The chestnut colt stepped right out to the early lead, but ceded his advantage into the first turn and settled in a stalking third down the backstretch. He rushed up to take over into the far turn and held Zoppi Fischbein (Uptowncharlybrown) at bay down the lane, drawing away late to score by 2 3/4 lengths. Gun Collector was purchased by bloodstock agent Michael Hernon on behalf of the Jacksons' Lael Stable for \$550,000 at the 2021 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga sale. Hernon purchased Sunday Shoes (Pioneerof the Nile), tabbed a 'TDN Rising Star' following her Feb. 15 debut, for the same connections. Wembley produced a colt by **Justify** last year. Bred back to **Gun Runner**, she sold to Albaugh Family Stables for \$550,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton November sale. Her **Justify** yearling sold to **JK Bloodstock** for \$250,000 at the same auction. The winner's second dam is Grade I winner Game Face (Menifee), who produced graded-placed Coliseum (**Tapit**). **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.** Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$33,000.

O-Lael Stables; B-Blackstone Farm LLC (PA); T-Michael Stidham.

MICHAEL HERNON Yearling Purchase

Broken & Trained by Tristan & Valery de Meric



SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: TUESDAY, MARCH 29

2023 Stud Fees Listed

Bucchero (Kantharos), Pleasant Acres Stallions

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

7-Gulfstream, 3:38 p.m. EDT, Alw 6f, Buc N Beauty, 8-1

5-Gulfstream, 2:38 p.m. EDT, Alw 6f, Dropkick Murphy, 8-1

Good Samaritan (Harlan's Holiday), WinStar Farm, \$7,500
172 foals of racing age/30 winners/1 black-type winner
1-Mahoning Valley, 12:35 p.m. EDT, Alw 5 1/2f, Holiday
Decision, 3-1
\$35,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$105,000 KEE SEP yrl

Mo Town (Uncle Mo), Coolmore Ashford, \$5,000
171 foals of racing age/30 winners/2 black-type winners
4-Penn National, 7:28 p.m. EDT, Alw 6f, Mobeer, 5-1

National Flag (Speightstown), Blazing Meadows Farm
38 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Mahoning Valley, 3:34 p.m. EDT, Alw 6f, Flag Raiser, 3-1



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STAKES RESULTS:

TRAO CLASSIC SPRINT S., \$55,000, Will Rogers Downs, 3-28, (S),
3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.46, ft.

1--**FLY TO THE BANK**, 124, g, 6, **Euroears--Take It and Fly, by Kingkiowa**. O-Juan Carlos Gallegos; B-James E. Helzer (OK);
T-Steve Martin; J-Obed Sanchez. \$33,000. Lifetime Record:
33-9-6-5, \$374,599.

2--**Mesa Moon**, 118, g, 6, **Sky Mesa--Creative Spirit, by Smarty Jones**. O/B-Cimarron TTT Farms, LLC (OK); T-J. Alan Williams.
\$11,000.

3--**Tommyhawk**, 118, g, 6, **Kick On--Saron's Time, by Timebank**.
O-Kim Swango; B/T-Randy E. Swango (OK). \$6,050.
Margins: 2, 1 3/4, 1. Odds: 5.00, 7.50, 1.30.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-Parx Racing, \$61,052, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 3-28,
4yo/up, 6f, 1:12.12, gd, 1 length.

FIVE DREAMS (g, 5, **Cinco Charlie--Tranquility Dream, by Proud Citizen**) Lifetime Record: MSP, 30-7-10-2, \$281,071. O/T-Miguel
A. Rodriguez; B-Ralph Kinder & Erv Woolsey (KY).



10th-Parx Racing, \$58,000, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$16,000), 3-28,
4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:47.26, gd, 2 1/4 lengths.

DREAMING OF GERRY (g, 5, **Liam's Map--Nothing to Declare, by Vindication**) Lifetime Record: 23-5-7-4, \$180,420. O-3 Loose
Screws Stable; B-Stephen Shoultz (KY); T-Robert Mosco.
*\$50,000 Ylg '19 KEEJAN; \$85,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP.



2nd-Parx Racing, \$47,708, (NW2L)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 3-28,
4yo/up, 6f, 1:12.36, gd, head.

RICH'S WAY (g, 4, **Bodemeister--Halo Humor {SP}, by Distorted Humor**) Lifetime Record: 8-2-0-3, \$67,345. O-Richard Malouf;
B-SF Bloodstock LLC (KY); T-Scott A. Lake. *\$5,000 Wlg '19
KEENOV; \$150,000 2yo '21 OBSMAR. **1/2 to **Practical Joke**
(Into Mischief), MGISW, \$1,795,800.



8th-Mahoning Valley, \$36,200, (S), 3-28, (NW4L), 3yo/up, 6f,
1:13.18, gd, 3 1/2 lengths.

MIDNIGHT WARSHIP (g, 5, **Midshipman--All About Allison, by City Zip**) Lifetime Record: 22-4-4-3, \$125,334. O-Mitten Mates
LLC and D & D Racing Stable; B-Duncan Lloyd (OH); T-William D.
Cowans. *\$52,000 RNA Ylg '19 KEESEP. **1/2 to **Honed (Sharp Azteca)**, GSP, \$104,700; and to **Ali Blue** (Bluegrass Cat), MSP,
\$269,280.

7th-Mahoning Valley, \$26,400, 3-28, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 1m,
1:41.17, gd, 3 3/4 lengths.

SOROS (g, 6, **Commissioner--Eastern Ruckus, by Eastern Echo**)
Lifetime Record: SW, 20-3-2-3, \$145,553. O-Brent Malmstrom;
B-Shain Crain (KY); T-Jonathan Wong. *\$40,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP;
\$95,000 RNA 2yo '19 OBSAPR. **1/2 to **Wall of Compassion**
(Jimmy Creed), GSP, \$123,200; **Whatdreamsmadeof** (Graeme
Hall), GSP, \$137,080; and to **Ladyecho** (Alphabet Soup), MSW &
MGSP, \$381,186.

2nd-Mahoning Valley, \$25,900, 3-28, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 1m,
1:42.22, gd, neck.

GULLANE (c, 4, **Bernardini--Daydreamin Gracie {SW, \$268,042}, by Domestic Dispute**) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, \$38,633.
O/B-PTK, LLC (KY); T-William D. Cowans.

3rd-Will Rogers Downs, \$25,250, 3-28, (NW2X), 3yo/up, 6f,
1:11.03, ft, 2 lengths.

TIME MACHINE (g, 6, **Giant's Causeway--Emma's Encore {GISW, \$398,248}, by Congrats**) Lifetime Record: 18-6-2-3, \$111,514.
O-Bankroll Racing and Samuel E. Shaw III; B-Narola, LLC (KY);
T-Juan Padilla. *\$300,000 Wlg '17 KEENOV; \$420,000 Ylg '18
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TAKING CHARGE DESI (f, 4, Will Take Charge--Hurricane Bernie {SW}, by Sea of Secrets) Lifetime Record: 15-2-6-3, \$63,502.

O-Rodney E. Paulson; B-Will Take Charge Syndicate & Charles V. Muth (KY); T-Valorie Lund. *\$7,500 Ylg '20 KEESEP.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Diabolical Fire, g, 3, Attila's Storm--Diabolical Dame (MSW, \$696,480), by Diabolical. Sunland, 3-28, (S), 6f, 1:09.95. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-1, \$34,070. B-Joe Dee Brooks, Scott Bryant & Derrol Hubbard (NM). *Full to Diabolical Storm, MSW, \$277,700.

My Imagination, g, 3, Lea--La Contessa, by Congrats. Parx Racing, 3-28, 7f, 1:27.19. Lifetime Record: 7-1-1-1, \$65,957. B-John L. Clair (KY).

Our Davina, f, 3, Midshipman--Cherryblossommiss (SP, \$161,394), by Langfuhr. Will Rogers Downs, 3-28, 6f, 1:12.31. Lifetime Record: 7-1-2-0, \$26,004. B-Michael T. Barnett (KY). *\$37,000 Ylg '21 FTKJUL; \$120,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT.

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Wilbert, g, 4, Wilburn--Rosemaui (MSW, \$166,898), by Austinpower (Jpn). Will Rogers Downs, 3-28, (S), 1m, 1:39.10. Lifetime Record: 12-1-1-0, \$28,089. B-Michael Major (OK).

Tiergarten, m, 5, English Channel--Major Allie, by Officer. Santa Anita, 3-27, (C), 1mT, 1:36.53. Lifetime Record: 7-1-2-0, \$42,600. B-St. George Farm, LLC (KY). *1/2 to Cistron (**The Factor**), GISW, \$768,719.

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Bodemeister, Rich's Way, g, 4, o/o Halo Humor, by Distorted Humor. AOC, 3-28, Parx Racing

Cinco Charlie, Five Dreams, g, 5, o/o Tranquility Dream, by Proud Citizen. AOC, 3-28, Parx Racing

Commissioner, Soros, g, 6, o/o Eastern Ruckus, by Eastern Echo. ALW, 3-28, Mahoning Valley

English Channel, Tiergarten, m, 5, o/o Major Allie, by Officer. MCL, 3-27, Santa Anita

Euroears, Fly to the Bank, g, 6, o/o Take It and Fly, by Kingkiowa. TRAO Classic Sprint S., 3-28, Will Rogers

Giant's Causeway, Time Machine, g, 6, o/o Emma's Encore, by Congrats. ALW, 3-28, Will Rogers

Gun Runner, Gun Collector, c, 3, o/o Wembley, by Bernardini. MSW, 3-28, Parx Racing

Lea, My Imagination, g, 3, o/o La Contessa, by Congrats. MSW, 3-28, Parx Racing

Liam's Map, Dreaming of Gerry, g, 5, o/o Nothing to Declare, by Vindication. AOC, 3-28, Parx Racing

Midshipman, Midnight Warship, g, 5, o/o All About Allison, by City Zip. ALW, 3-28, Mahoning Valley

Midshipman, Our Davina, f, 3, o/o Cherryblossommiss, by Langfuhr. MSW, 3-28, Will Rogers

More Than Ready, Shutupandshakeit, m, 5, o/o Greenfield d'Oro, by **Medaglia d'Oro**. ALW, 3-28, Mahoning Valley

Wilburn, Wilbert, g, 4, o/o Rosemaui, by Austinpower (Jpn). MSW, 3-28, Will Rogers

Will Take Charge, Taking Charge Desi, f, 4, o/o Hurricane Bernie, by Sea of Secrets. AOC, 3-28, Turf Paradise

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'HE'S JUST BOMBPROOF': VIEW FROM THE STOUTE STABLE AS DESERT CROWN NEARS RETURN



Sir Michael Stoute and Desert Crown | Dan Abraham/The Jockey Club

By Emma Berry

In the modern era, only Aidan O'Brien has trained more Derby winners than Sir Michael Stoute. The latter became almost instantly synonymous with the great race, and indeed woven into Derby folklore, when he first won it back in 1981. Few will need reminding that that was with Shergar (Ire), the horse whose infamy threatens to overshadow his brilliance, especially as the years wear on and the number of people who were there to witness Shergar's superiority first hand decreases.

Forty-one years later, and with the not insignificant names of Shahrastani, Kris Kin, North Light (Ire), and Workforce (GB) creating stepping stones to bridge that gap, Stoute was back at Epsom with Desert Crown (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}). The colt's rise to the Classic roll of honour had been swift: November maiden victory as a juvenile, straight to the G2 Dante S. six months later, thence to the Derby itself. Few trainers would be so assured in their assessment of the nascent ability of a young colt to have taken such a bold path, but then few have the legion of experience accrued by Stoute in his half century with a training licence. **Cont. p3**

WESTOVER CAMP MULLING SPRING TARGETS

Juddmonte's 2022 Classic hero **Westover (GB)** (**Frankel (GB)**), second in Saturday's G1 Dubai Sheema Classic, is pointing to either the G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup at the end of May, or the G1 Coronation Cup at Epsom, one week later for trainer Ralph Beckett.

Juddmonte racing manager Barry Mahon said, "We were a little nervous going into Saturday, but luckily it all worked out well and he ran a blinding race and that should settle him down and set him up for what will hopefully be a good season.

"The Tattersalls Gold Cup might come a bit soon for him, but we'll see. I'd imagine he'll get an entry in the Coronation, too.

"A couple of weeks later you have the [G1] Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud as well, so all those races are going to be under consideration and it just depends which one he's peaking for at the time." **Cont. p7**

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Sir Michael Stoute Cont. from p1

Fifty not out: the cricket-mad trainer would probably approve of that statistic, and Desert Crown became his sixth Derby winner 50 years and 37 days after Stoute had saddled his first ever winner (at Newmarket). But his remarkable innings is not defined solely by success at Epsom, where he has also sent out the Oaks winners Fair Salinia (GB) and Unite (Ire), as well as five winners of the Coronation Cup, including the brilliant Singspiel (Ire), a forerunner of the globetrotting superstars that are more commonplace these days.

While later-maturing, classy middle-distance horses have long been a hallmark of the Stoute stable, so has the longevity of the key personnel involved at his Freemason Lodge yard. Stoute's two most recent assistant trainers, Owen Burrows and James Horton, are now training in their own right, and into the latter's shoes has stepped James Savage, but not before a lengthy stint which has incorporated almost every role therein.

"I was apprenticed to Mark Tompkins and Jeremy Nosedá and I just could tell I wasn't a very good jockey," says Savage, who joined Stoute in 1999 and whose no-nonsense modesty is typified in this one statement. "I just thought, if I'm not going to be a jockey, then I want to go somewhere that I can build a career and work through the ranks.

"I was a stable lad here for many years, a work rider, then second head lad, learning from some really good experienced people. And then the travelling job came up and I went to so many places all over the world. When my daughter was two, the head lad option came up at [Stoute's former second yard] Beech Hurst. Then when James Horton moved on to train for John Dance the assistant trainer's job became available."

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Sarah Denniff, Sir Michael Stoute and Leigh Jordon on Newmarket Heath | Emma Berry

Early JUVENILE WINNERS...

Bucanero Fuerte, bred by Gestut Zur Kuste Ag, won Ireland's first 2YO race of the season at the Curragh on Saturday for Adrian Murray

By **WOOTTON BASSETT**



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Myconian, bred by Lisbrook, won the first Parisienne 2YO race of the season - a €30,000 Maiden at Saint-Cloud - last week for Amy Murphy

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“we might think about the Lily Agnes at Chester for him next” Amy Murphy

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He adds, "The boss likes to promote from within, I think as much to reward loyalty, and there was no change to anything when I became assistant because I've been here for so long, and if I don't know how the yard runs now, then I've been walking around with my eyes shut. So it was natural progression really."

Loyalty is a word which Savage returns to regularly when speaking about the man known as "the boss". It can be equally applied to Desert Crown's owner Saeed Suhail, a longstanding patron of the stable, but with good reason. Desert Crown was Suhail's second Derby winner after Kris Kin. He also owned King's Best, one of five 2,000 Guineas winners trained by Stoute, the top sprinter Dream Of Dreams (Ire), and dual Group 1 winner Poet's Word (Ire) among a significant list of Pattern winners. All connected with the Stoute stable are now hoping that the luck can hold for Suhail as the bid to return Desert Crown to the races increases in tempo. So how is he?

"Our head girl, Sarah Denniff, who manages Desert Crown really well, commented the other day about how he's developed through his back and strengthened up," says Savage. "He's really developing behind the saddle where he was just a little weak last year. Going from a maiden to the Dante to the Derby is a very hard thing to do, but we were never concerned because he had the mentality to deal with it."

He continues, "He's just bombproof. You go to the Derby and the first thing you think of is, 'How's the horse going to handle it?' We've been to a few now and some of them have taken it really well and some of them have just looked a bit edgy. You just knew he was going to go there and be professional."

A minor foot injury in July meant that the Derby was the last we saw of Desert Crown, but he is back cantering in Newmarket after recuperating nearby at Sheikh Mohammed's Dalham Hall Stud.

"He was extremely well managed up at Dalham Hall during his rehab," notes Savage. "It was as beneficial for his mind as it was for him physically. It's a long time to be just on a horse-walker or hand-led in a yard where horses are being trained and everything's happening, buzzing along. There, he had turnout, hand-walking and just a change of scenery really."

"Because of the time he had off, the build-up to his work has been in a slower manner than for a horse that's just had six weeks downtime from a season. It's been long and slow, but we're at half-speed work now, and he's in good condition."

"You can't make too many plans. You have to take it race by race, but the boss likes to start a horse like that at Sandown. The Gordon Richards will come too soon, but the Brigadier Gerard is an option and would tell us where we are after his first race."

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Desert Crown winning the 2022 Derby | [Racingfotos.com](https://www.racingphotos.com)

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Sir Michael Stoute Cont.

Stoute does indeed like Sandown as a starting point, and it was in that Group 3 contest last year that many of us first woke up to the abundant talent of Bay Bridge (GB) (New Bay {GB}), who later in the year gilded the season for his trainer when beating Adayar (Ire) and Baaeed (GB) in the G1 QIPCO Champion S. Now five, he, too, remains in training for his breeder James Wigan and Ballylinch Stud.

"Everything is a hundred per cent, so we've just got to mind him," Savage reports. "We went into the Champion Stakes quietly thinking we could beat Baaeed. We knew that Bay Bridge could be ridden positively and take the race to him early to really try and draw it out of him. Baaeed was the best turf horse in the world last year, and rightly so, but we were confident that day that we had Bay Bridge absolutely spot on."

He adds, "We could probably look at something like the Gordon Richards at Sandown on April 28 to get him going. Unfortunately he would have a seven-pound penalty, so the boss is just thinking carefully."

The stable is also home to Bay Bridge's three-year old half-sister by Territories (Ire), named Stormy Sea (GB), with a juvenile colt, Lucky Hour (GB) (Time Test {GB}), on the way in. Their dam Hayonna (GB) (Multiplex {GB}) foaled a full-brother to Bay Bridge on February 5.

Desert Crown and Bay Bridge will naturally be at the forefront of the stable's older-horse division, along with Cheveley Park Stud's five-year-old mare Potapova (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), who Savage says is "training really well." Among the Classic generation, Juddmonte's Nostrum (GB) (**Kingman {GB}**), must come in for strong consideration following his win in the G3 Somerville Tattersall S. and subsequent third, 16 days later, in the G1 Dewhurst behind another exciting Juddmonte colt, Chaldean (GB) (**Frankel {GB}**).

"He's a huge horse and he surprised us how he was handling his work early on," says Savage of Nostrum. "He found it all very easy so we pressed on a bit more and he was fairly impressive

first time out at Sandown. Like the two horses we were just talking about, he's got this bombproof mentality; nothing stresses him.

"We wanted to go to Doncaster, which would have given us a longer gap to the Dewhurst, but we just weren't completely happy with his scope so we were forced to go to Newmarket, which left the gap between the two races quite short. We were very happy with the run in the Dewhurst and I think it'll work out to be a very good race because I think the winner's very smart. But we've got a nice, clean run now and we'll see where we go. He's training well."

While Nostrum, who made his debut in July, was an earlier sort than Desert Crown, Savage says that Stoute remains resolute in not wishing to test his youngsters before they are ready, despite the increasing clamour in racing generally for early success.

"That's not something that we feel any pressure to do," he says. "Generally the horses we get sent by our owners are horses that are not precocious anyway. You get the odd one, and we do try if they've got a precocious pedigree to get them there, but we certainly don't ask them to run before they can walk as such.

"Our two-year olds are now just starting to do a little bit more work, say two [canters] on Warren Hill at the weekend, and some of them might just have to back off and some of them might go forward, but they'll tell you."

In the case of Desert Crown, Ryan Moore had as much of a say in regard to his debut as the horse himself.

"Ryan rode him work and there was one turf meeting left at Nottingham, and I remember saying we could get him out at Kempton," Savage recalls. "Ryan said, 'Run this horse on the turf.' I remember thinking it would be fairly soft but we ran him, he went to the front and he was running green, so Richard [Kingscote] just had to keep him straight and concentrating, but he went again on that ground." **Cont. p6**



James Savage with Oaks entrant Infinite Cosmos | Emma Berry

Sir Michael Stoute Cont.

With Moore, Kingscote, and jockey-turned-bloodstock agent Ted Durcan all riding work regularly for Stoute, he does not lack good feedback.

"They're such a valuable part of the team," Savage says. "We try and get the boys on everything in the spring, and Ryan will come in every day when he's available, Ted's here most days, and we try and switch all their rides so we get a bit of feedback on more or less everything in the yard before we step up the fast work. But their opinions are very valuable, especially with the two-year olds when you're trying to get somewhere, to back off or go forward, maybe run here, not there."

While Savage's time with Stoute has spanned four of the six Derby winners, he has also looked after two Derby place-getters, Tartan Bearer (Ire) and Golan (Ire). Both were homebreds for the

much-missed Ballymacoll Stud. Golan also won the 2,000 Guineas and returned at four to land the G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S.

"When you think of Ballymacoll, it makes you realise how many owner-breeders unfortunately aren't with us any more. Even smaller breeders like John Greetham, such great horses they gave us over the years," he says.

Another owner-breeder who will be sorely missing from Stoute's list is Sir Eveleyn de Rothschild, who died last November at the age of 91. His Southcourt Stud bloodlines, which have been seen to great effect for Freemason Lodge through such top-class horses as Crystal Ocean (GB) and Notnowcato (GB), live on at the stable through two fillies, Crystal Caprice (Ire) ([Frankel {GB}](#)) and Infinite Cosmos (Ire) ([Sea The Stars {Ire}](#)), who were held back from last year's partial dispersal by Sir Evelyn's sons.

The three-year-old Infinite Cosmos has raced just once, when beaten a short-head at Doncaster last October, but she is clearly one who is putting a spring in Savage's step each morning. "I'm very excited about her," he says, giving away rather more than the boss might be inclined to do. "I think she could be quite special and make up into a stakes horse."

Having had Golan in his care at the start of his tenure as a stable lad, Savage is enjoying the prospect of Nostrum's season ahead in his far more senior position.

"It's very exciting having a Guineas horse in the yard," he says. "And obviously getting Desert Crown and Bay Bridge back on the track and making plans for them is also very exciting. It's nice on a Tuesday looking at the early-closing entries and picking out Group 1s in France and Ireland and so on."

And along with those equine legends over two decades and counting, what has it been like working for a trainer who can certainly be put in the legendary bracket?

Savage thinks carefully about his reply. It is clearly not that he is agonising over saying what might be seen as 'the right thing', rather that he wants to be sure that he is doing Stoute justice from his almost unique view of the stable's inner workings.

"Words are used quite loosely, but he's a bit of a genius really when it comes to training racehorses, isn't he? A horse might go around the round gallop once as a two-year-old and he can see something that will probably come to fruition in 12 months'

time. He visualises the development and where a horse could end up," he says.

"I always thought it would be a good job as a jockey to ride for him, as good a job as it is for me to be his assistant because he doesn't tie you down to things. You do what you think he wants you to do and you're always rewarded with back-up and loyalty. He's an incredibly easy person to work for, and I would think the jockeys would probably say the same thing, too."

Savage adds, "He has his way of letting horses do things

naturally; mature naturally. Hence his success for all these years. He's very patient, with horses and people. He's still as hungry as ever and I think getting so many nice two-year-olds this year from owners that have been longstanding and loyal is very positive."



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After winning the G3 Classic Trial last April and running third in the G1 Derby in June, the bay won the G1 Irish Derby in impressive fashion later that month. Fifth in the G1 King George VI And Queen Elizabeth S. a month later and sixth in the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe in October, the 4-year-old was 3 1/2 lengths behind Equinox (Jpn) (Kitasan Black {Jpn}) in the Sheema.

He added, "I think he definitely has enough speed for 10 furlongs, so I think mix it up through the year between 10 and 12 and hopefully we can win another Group 1 or a couple of them if we're lucky."

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DOYLE SET FOR NEWCASTLE RETURN FRIDAY

Top jockey Hollie Doyle, who has been recovering from an elbow injury suffered in a fall at Wolverhampton on Jan. 17, is set to make her return to the saddle on Friday at Newcastle after over two months on the sidelines.

The 26-year-old rider will pilot the Archie Watson-trained **Rhythm N Hooves (GB)** (Pearl Secret {GB}) at Newcastle, while her weekend rides at Doncaster include Richard Spencer's **Revich (Ire)** (Requinto {Ire}) in the Lincoln, and **Wilderness Girl (Ire)** (No Nay Never), trained by Adrian Nicholls, in the Cammidge Trophy.

The six-time Group 1-winning rider was the first female to win

a Classic aboard **Nashwa (GB)** (Frankel {GB}) in the G1 Prix de Diane last year and is the retained rider for owner Imad Al Sagar's Blue Diamond Stud.

"Getting back for the start of the turf season was kind of a target for me and thankfully I've had the go-ahead," Doyle said. "I'm looking forward to getting back in the saddle and doing what I love really. It'll be good to get back to work. I know it's been a long time, but I've always had it in my head that it could have been a lot worse. It's sorted now, so hopefully I get a clean run at things now."

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WOMAN DIES AT MICHAEL OWEN'S STABLES

A 25-year-old woman working at Michael Owen's Manor House Stables, collapsed and died on Tuesday morning, police said.

"It is with deep sadness that we have to announce that a much-valued member of our team died at work this morning," Manor House Stables tweeted. "The family have been informed and both the family and the team at Manor House request privacy at this time."

The woman fell ill at around 8:50 a.m. at the stables in Malpas, Cheshire. Emergency services attended the yard, but the woman was pronounced dead at the scene, Cheshire Police said in a statement. The death is not being treated as suspicious and her next of kin have been informed.

The stable has been the base for trainer Hugo Palmer since last spring. Owen, 43, played for Liverpool, Real Madrid, Newcastle United, Manchester United and Stoke City and set up the stables in 2006.

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AN AMERICAN DREAM: THE RETURN TO ROYAL ASCOT LAUNCHED BY GBRI

An American Dream: The Return To Royal Ascot, the first installment of a video series in the lead up to Royal Ascot, was launched by Great British Racing International (GBRI) and Ascot Racecourse on Wednesday morning.

The series documents the journey of US-based syndicate operator **Harlan Malter**, as he tries to turn the dream of returning to Royal Ascot with a horse sired by his 2018 G1 King's Stand S. runner-turned-stallion **Buccherio (Kantharos)** into reality. In the first video installment, Malter reflects on his personal reasons for his ambitions, as well as his experience of watching the horse carry the Ironhorse Racing silks to place fifth at the Royal Meeting in 2018. He also explains his plans for purchasing an offspring of **Buccherio** that can be trained in the UK, as well as one day producing a homebred out of **Improvise (Fr)** (Iffraaj {GB}), a filly purchased from the dispersal of Queen Elizabeth II's horses at Tattersalls last November who is now racing for Ironhorse Racing in America.

Since this first episode was filmed, Malter has also secured a 2-year-old by **Buccherio** that he plans to aim at the **Royal Palm Juvenile S.** at Gulfstream Park on May 13, the winner of which will earn an automatic entry into one of Royal Ascot's six 2-year-old races. The **colt**, purchased for \$70,000 at the OBS March Sale, will be trained by Joe Orseno.

Malter said, "Our first tangible step [of the plan] was to head over to Tattersalls this winter to try to acquire a quality European mare to eventually breed to **Buccherio**. After finding that in **Improvise**, I was thrilled when GBRI reached out to help me and follow along in this dream. The next step in the process was to find a ready to race 2-year-old **Buccherio** this year who hopefully we found in the colt we purchased last week.

"The last step will be to head over to Royal Ascot in June and firm up our plans with a UK trainer and together look for a yearling prospect in the fall to send right over to Newmarket to begin preparation for a 2-year-old campaign in the UK.

"In a game that is often dominated by a small group at the top, horse racing is one of the few sports that lets anyone take a shot at glory. The process, the challenge and the people we surround ourselves within this sport is why all of us wouldn't think of living a day without these amazing horses in our lives."

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RACING LEAGUE TEAM MANAGERS ANNOUNCED AHEAD OF JOCKEY DRAFT

The seven team managers for this year's Racing League were announced on Tuesday just days ahead of the jockey draft, which is set for Saturday, Apr. 1 at Doncaster.

Frankie Dettori was added to the roster of seven managers attempting to win this year's competition and leads a strong East team which will be one of the favourites to wrestle the title from last year's winners, Jamie Osborne's Wales & The West.

"Racing League brings something different into racing and I've really enjoyed being part of it for the last two years," Dettori said. "The format adds a fun element while still being ultra-competitive. I will be doing everything I can to be the first player-manager to win it."

Over £2m in prize-money will be up for grabs, with an additional £50,000 for the winning team, a £35,000 prize pool for the winning team's jockeys and £20,000 to the jockey who scores the most individual points over the competition. Among the 108 riders to have signed up for the draft are last year's leading jockeys Saffie Osborne and Sean Levey, with Oisin Murphy a noteworthy addition. Each team manager will select seven jockeys via the draft and may add a wildcard selection at any time during the competition.

A total of 135 yards have registered to compete, up from 125 in 2022. Among those set to have their first Racing League runners this year are Sir Michael Stoute, joining Frankie's ranks in The East; Michael & David Easterby extending their family ties in Yorkshire and Hughie Morrison adding strength to Scotland.

The seven team managers are:

- Ireland--Kevin Blake
- London & The South--Matt Chapman
- Scotland--Linda Perratt
- The East--Frankie Dettori
- The North--Mick Quinn
- Wales & The West--Jamie Osborne
- Yorkshire--Leonna Mayor



Dettori Wins for Walkes & The West | *Grossick Racing Photography*

Racing League Team Managers Announced Cont.

Racing League kicks at Yarmouth on July 27 and continues at Chepstow, Windsor, Newcastle and Wolverhampton before concluding at Southwell on Sept. 13. All six fixtures will be shown live on ITV Racing and Sky Sports Racing.

The complete list of team trainers can be found [here](#).

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NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR 2023 TBA STUD EMPLOYEE AWARD

Nominations for this year's Thoroughbred Breeders' Association Stud Employee Award, sponsored by Peter Stanley's New England Stud, are now open. The award recognises the significant contribution that stud employees make to the Thoroughbred breeding industry and rewards those individuals who have shown dedication and excellence within their roles.



David Gardner and Peter Stanley | *Adam Smyth*

The winner will be selected from a list of six shortlisted candidates and will be honored with the perpetual Charlie Langton bronze trophy and a £2,000 cash prize at the TBA Flat Breeders' Awards Evening, which will take place at Chippenham Park, near Newmarket, on July 12. The remaining five shortlisted nominees will receive £250 each and a certificate in recognition of their achievement.

Nominations can be submitted by an employer, colleague or client, and made via the online form or by downloading a paper copy, both of which can be found on the dedicated page of the [TBA website](#). Any completed paper forms should be sent to the TBA office or emailed to [Rob Davey](#).

Last year's winning recipient was David Gardiner of New England Stud. Nominations will close on Tuesday, May 2.

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GAIN THE ADVANTAGE SERIES SET FOR THIRD YEAR

GAIN The Advantage Series will continue to be supported by Horse Racing Ireland (HRI) and GAIN Equine Nutrition for the third consecutive year. Last year's series was won jointly by trainers Pat Martin and Kevin Coleman, who shared an overall league prize of €5,000 worth of GAIN equine products.

After two successful years, this year there will be an added race at Tramore Racecourse. The race will be restricted to horses owned by a syndicate or racing club to support and encourage the growth in this area, and like the other races in the series will benefit from a 50% increase in prize-money. Each trainer will receive points for their successes over the course of the series through a grading process designed to give equal opportunity to each trainer to win the overall prize. The number of points per win or placing at each leg will be based on the number of winners the trainer recorded throughout 2022.

"I think the series has grown in strength over the past two years because it acknowledges not only the owner with the increased prize-money, but also the trainer with the league table, the breeder and the hard-working stable staff," Philip Gilligan, Irish Country Manager, GAIN Equine Nutrition, said.

The series will commence at Cork Racecourse on Apr. 21 and then proceed to Navan, Ballinrobe, Tramore, COMMA Tipperary, Killarney, Naas, and Fairyhouse with the final at Leopardstown.

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SON OF HAPPILY APPEARS AT NAVAN

5.35 Navan, Mdn, €12,000, 3yo/up, c/g, 8fT

BALLSBRIDGE (Lord Kanaloa {Jpn}) is the first foal out of the G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere and G1 Moyglare Stud S. heroine Happily (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), the sister to **Gleneagles (Ire)**, **Marvellous (Ire)** and **Joan Of Arc (Ire)** from the Giant's Causeway dynasty. One of two Ballydoyle newcomers set for this test, the bay who was described by his trainer as a "little bit laidback" on Monday unsurprisingly sports blinkers and is the pick of Ryan Moore over **Drumroll (Ire) (Deep Impact {Jpn})**, a full-brother to **Saxon Warrior (Jpn)**. Among the other first-time starters is Moyglare Stud's **Time Tells All (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire})**, a half-brother to last year's Irish 1000 Guineas-winning sensation **Homeless Songs (Ire) (Frankel {GB})**.

HOW THEY FARED

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

Valimi (Fr) (Teofilo {Ire}), the relative of the Prix de Diane heroine Valyra (GB) (Azamour {Ire}), was asked a big question coming from so far off a tepid pace and fared well in the circumstances to be second.

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

Snowpark (Fr) (Dubawi {Ire}), the half-sister to **Sottsass (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr})** and **Sistercharlie (Ire) (Myboycharlie {Ire})**, will have more opportunities to justify her **TDN Rising Star** status following this respectable reintroduction in third over what is probably a trip too short.

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BRITAIN

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Woolhampton (Ire), f, 3, Camacho (GB)--Mary Thomas (Ire), by Zoffany (Ire). Wolverhampton, 3-28, 6f 20y (AWT), 1:15.19. Lifetime Record: 9-1-2-2, £59,497. B-Cavalier Bloodstock & James Lombard (GB). *27,000gns Ylg '21 TATSOM.

FRANCE

Tuesday's Results:

2nd-Saint-Cloud, €28,000, Cond, 3-28, 3yo, c/g, 8fT, 1:46.64, vs.

HALFWAY LINE (GB) (c, 3, Zoffany {Ire})--Midweek {GB} {GSP-Fr}, by Motivator {GB}), second to TDN Rising Star Padishakh (Fr) (**Wootton Bassett {GB}**) on debut at ParisLongchamp in September before going one better at Chantilly in September, set moderate fractions from the outset. Never seriously threatened, the 17-5 second favourite was pushed out to secure a comfortable 2 1/2-length success from Valimi (Fr) (Teofilo {Ire}). The dam, who was second in the G3 Prix Imprudence, is out of an unraced half-sister to the Oaks heroine Reams Of Verse (Nureyev) and the Eclipse-winning sire Elmaamul. Kin to the G3 Joel S. winner Confront (GB) (Nayef) and to the dam of the G3 Maurice McCarten S. winner and G1 Galaxy-placed Easy Eddie (Aus) (Super Easy {NZ}) from the family of Midday (GB) (**Oasis Dream {GB}**) and Zafonic et al, her 2-year-old filly Mercury Day (Ire) is by Time Test (GB) while she also has a yearling filly by New Bay (GB). Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, €32,900. **Video, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Juddmonte; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB); T-Francis-Henri Graffard.

3rd-Saint-Cloud, €28,000, Cond, 3-28, 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:46.56, vs.

ALGOLIA (IRE) (f, 3, Lope De Vega {Ire})--Viva Rafaela {Brz} {G1SW-Brz, GISP-US, \$246,353}, by Know Heights {Ire}), labelled a **TDN Rising Star** following her five-length debut win over this trip on Chantilly's Polytrack three weeks previously, was favoured at 9-10 for this informative Prix Kizil Kourgan. Settled in fourth early by Maxime Guyon, the homebred daughter of the G1 Grande Premio Diana heroine and GI Flower Bowl S.-placed Viva Rafaela moved ominously into contention two out and soon had total control. At the line, the chestnut was two lengths ahead of the impressive course winner Prija (Fr) (Shalaa {Ire}), with another 1 1/4 lengths back to fellow TDN Rising Star Snowpark (Fr) (Dubawi {Ire}) in third. Algolia, who holds an entry in the G1 Prix de Diane, is a granddaughter of the G1 Grande Premio Marciano de Aguiar Moreira heroine Linda Rafaela (Brz) (Bin Ajwaad {Ire}) and a half-sister to last year's Listed Prix Charles Laffitte scorer Babala (Ire) (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**). The last known foal out of the dam, she is also related to the GII Edgewood S. winner New Year's Eve (Kitten's Joy). Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, €27,500. **Video, sponsored by TVG.** O/B-Wertheimer et Frere (IRE); T-Andre Fabre.

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CONDITIONS RESULT:

4th-Saint-Cloud, €27,000, 3-28, 4yo/up, 12fT, 2:43.38,

vs.

AUDE (FR) (f, 4, Shamalgan {Fr}--Miss Rail Link {Ire}, by Rail Link {GB}) Lifetime Record: SP-Fr, 16-5-5-1, €134,400. O-LG Bloodstock; B-G Laboureau (FR); T-Christophe Ferland.

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