

## TAPIT TRICE HAS GROWN UP



**Tapit Trice surges to the lead in the Blue Grass | Coady**

*The Week in Review, by Bill Finley*

**Tapit Trice** (**Tapit**) won the GII Lambholm South Tampa Bay Derby in his stakes debut back on Mar. 11, but that horse was never going to win the GI Kentucky Derby. Yes, he had become a Grade II winner, is by **Tapit**, cost \$1.3 million at Keeneland September sale and is in the capable hands of Hall of Fame trainer Todd Pletcher. But the **Tapit Trice** that won the Tampa Bay Derby looked like an immature horse who had yet to figure the game out. Combine that with the fact that he beat a soft group of horses and earned a Beyer figure of only 88 and his chances to win a race as tough and as demanding as the Derby seemed slim.

Which meant there was room for improvement and that he had to get better. It happened. In Saturday's GI Toyota Blue Grass S. at Keeneland, this was a much better version of **Tapit Trice**. He looked like a horse that can beat stablemate Forte (**Violence**) and everyone else in the Derby.

It was evident from the start. At Tampa, **Tapit Trice** walked out of the gate and was so sluggish early on that he found himself in last within four or five strides of the horses leaving the gate. Down the backstretch, he was 11th out of 12 and 8 1/4 lengths behind the leader. In the Blue Grass, he broke with the field, losing nothing at the start. He still didn't have the type of speed that could carry him to the front, but neither would he sluggishly drop back. **Cont. p3**

## WRIGHT TAKES FLIGHT WITH PINHOOK

### GRAD ANGEL OF EMPIRE by Jessica Martini

Sam Wright has been purchasing racehorses for clients across the globe since founding Equine Investments International three years ago, but the Hong Kong native may have found his most successful graduate to date in the fields of Kentucky where he picked out three foals for a pinhooking partnership of friends. The trio included a son of **Classic Empire** who, after RNA'ing for \$32,000 at the 2020 Keeneland November Breeding Stock Sale, sold to Albaugh Family Stables for \$70,000 at the following year's Keeneland September Yearling Sale. Named Angel of Empire, the colt heads to Louisville as a serious GI Kentucky Derby contender following victories in the GII Risen Star S. and GI Arkansas Derby.

"It was amazing," Wright said of Angel of Empire's dominant victory at Oaklawn Apr. 1. "You never really know what these horses are going to go on and achieve on the racetrack. And for him to do what he did in New Orleans and to back it up in Arkansas, it stamps him as a pretty serious and genuine Derby prospect." **Cont. p5**

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A nose and a head separate Saturday's top three GII Wood Memorial finishers at Aqueduct. Outside to inside: Lord Miles (*Curlin*), Hit Show (*Candy Ride {Arg}*), Dreamlike (*Gun Runner*). | Sarah Andrew

## FISK ASSESSMENT KEEPS WINCHELLS IN SAFE HANDS

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Longtime manager David Fiske helps keep Winchell Thoroughbreds ticking from success to success.

## KEEJAN TOPPER WINS FIRST OUT FOR NEW CONNECTIONS

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Ancient Peace (*War Front*), the \$650,000 topper at this year's Keeneland January sale, wins her first start for new owner Travis Boersma's Boardshorts Stables Saturday at Santa Anita.






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## The Week in Review (cont. from p1)

At the first point of call in the Blue Grass, he was fourth, just 2 1/2 lengths off of the lead being set by Clear the Air (Ransom the Moon).

In the Tampa Bay Derby, jockey Luis Saez figured out early on that he needed to get close to the leaders. At the half-mile pole, he already had **Tapit** Trice under a drive and, at least initially, got no response. It was a much different scenario in the Blue Grass. Beginning in the run down the backstretch, **Tapit** Trice made a sharp move and seemed to be doing it on his own. He went from eighth to fourth in a matter of about 40 yards.

**Tapit** Trice looked beaten on the far turn at Tampa and didn't do any real running until the final eighth. It was good enough for the win, which came over Classic Car Wash (Noble Bird). Note that he beat the same horse by 16 1/2 lengths in the Blue Grass.

Fast forward four weeks and **Tapit** Trice continued to make progress until drawing even with Verifying (**Justify**) at the top of the Blue Grass stretch. Verifying comes out of the loaded Brad Cox barn, finished second in the GI Champagne S. and romped in an Oaklawn allowance before finishing fourth in the GII Rebel S. He was a worthy foe and he put up a fight. **Tapit** Trice got by him in the final sixteenth, showing the type of determination that is important in any race and extra important in the Kentucky Derby.

This time his Beyer number was a 99. That's just two points behind Two Phil's (**Hard Spun**), whose 101 Beyer from the Jeff Ruby Steaks is best among horses headed to the Derby. It's also faster than any number Forte has ever run.

That doesn't mean that **Tapit** Trice has to win the Derby. It does mean that, after the Blue Grass, he has to be considered a major contender. He's fast enough and has the right pedigree. But most importantly, he'll come in to the race off of the best performance of his career and everything points to him continuing to get better.

## At Santa Anita, Another Big Effort Out of a Japanese Horse

**Practical Move** (**Practical Joke**) won the GI **Runhappy** Santa Anita Derby Saturday, which was a surprise to no one. After his win in the GII San Felipe S., he looked like the best 3-year-old in California.

But what not many expected was the huge effort by runner-up **Mandarin Hero** (**Jpn**) (Shanghai Bobby), who finished second, losing by just a nose. Even with all the success Japanese horses have had around the globe of late, it looked like Mandarin Hero was up against it at Santa Anita. While he was 4-for-5 lifetime, he had been racing on Japan's National Association of Racing (NAR) circuit.



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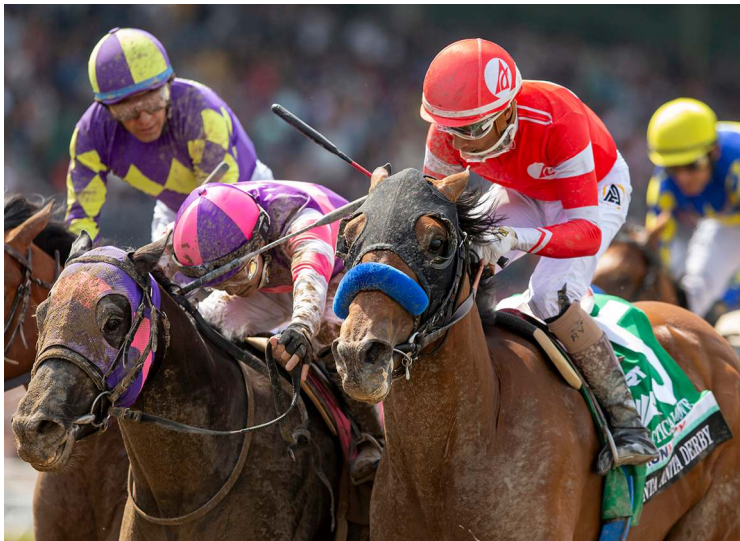


The NAR circuit is the lesser circuit in Japan and the horses that race at those tracks are supposed to be inferior to the horses who run at the Japan Racing Association (JRA) tracks.

So, if Mandarin Hero from the NAR can come that close to beating one of the top 3-year-old colts in the U.S., what does that say about **Derma Sotogake (Jpn)** (Mind Your Biscuits), who looked so good when winning the G2 UAE Derby? Derma Sotogake, who also finished third in the G3 Saudi Derby, came to the Middle East after winning three straight at JRA tracks.

The Japanese will also be represented by **Continuar (Jpn)** (Drefrong). A JRA horse, he earned an automatic spot in the Derby with his win in the Cattleya S. He was third, beaten 10 lengths, by Derma Sotogake in the UAE Derby.

As for Mandarin Hero, he may not get into the Derby. With 40 points, he currently sits 24th on the points standings for the race and will need a few defections to get in.



**Practical Move (inside) gets the bob in Santa Anita Derby | Benoit**

## A Stunner in the Wood Memorial

There are too many Kentucky Derby prep races and not enough top 3-year-olds to go around, so one of the races had to suffer. And it's the Gil Wood Memorial. For decades it was one of the most important prep races for the Derby, but is now mired in a slump that goes back 20 years. The last Wood starter to win the Derby was Funny Cide (Distorted Humor) in 2003. Since then, 40 Wood starters have run in the Derby and not one crossed the wire among the top three. In 2019, Wood winner **Tacitus (Tapit)** was awarded third due to the disqualification of **Maximum Security**.

In 2017, the Wood Memorial was deservedly downgraded to a Grade II.

Things don't figure to change this year. It was an exciting race with three horses separated by a nose and a head at the wire, but not a race that should inspire much confidence when it comes to the top three. Not when the race was won by a 59-1

shot in **Lord Miles (Curlin)**. He was a dull sixth on the GIII Holy Bull S. and didn't do much better when fifth, beaten 5 3/4 lengths by **Tapit** Trice in the Tampa Bay Derby. He looks like a 50-1 shot in the Derby.

## Back at Keeneland, Another Big Win for the Computer Players

We've all seen it happen hundreds of times, the odds plunge on a horse after the gates open and the horse goes on to win. But it's not something anyone should grow complacent about, not when the sport has no answer to the problem that is the computer players pouring huge sums into the pools at the very last second.

There was a glaring example of this Saturday at Keeneland in the GIII Commonwealth S. With the field loaded, eventual winner **Here Mi Song** (Cross Traffic) was 19-1. About five seconds after the field left the gate, his odds fell to 12-1. Then, 32 seconds after the start of the race, his odds changed again, falling to 11-1. He paid \$25.60, yet I imagine any normal player who had a win bet on him felt more cheated than victorious.

It's time for more tracks to do what NYRA did, which was to effectively ban the computer players from the win pools. That won't keep them from pounding the other pools, but will take care of the problem of having their core customers grow irate every time a horse goes on to win after their odds plummeted after the race has started.

## NY Horseplayers Shut Out Again on Easter

We've got the dumbest rule in horse racing for you. In New York on Easter, you can buy alcohol at a store or go to a bar. You can play the lottery, wager on pro sports and go to a casino. You can even go to the Resort's World casino in Queens, which is under the same roof as Aqueduct. But you can't bet on a horse.

It's not just that the New York tracks can't race on Easter. It's that all betting on all racing is shut down. The ADW customer is not allowed to place a bet on any tracks anywhere. Like someone in the fourth at Gulfstream? Too bad.

This goes back to 1973 when Sunday racing was legalized in New York, but several politicians were opposed to this based on religious reasons. In order to pass Sunday racing, a compromise had to be reached and it included not allowing any betting on the ponies on Easter and Palm Sunday. In 2015, the Palm Sunday ban was lifted, but not the Easter ban. It lives on, as ridiculous as it is.



# LEADING DERBY CONTENDERS ARE BRED IN KENTUCKY



Kentucky-breds emerged victorious in Saturday's Grade 1 Derby preps with **TAPIT TRICE** winning the **\$1,000,000 Blue Grass S. (G1)** at Keeneland and **PRACTICAL MOVE** capturing the **\$750,000 Santa Anita Derby (G1)** at Santa Anita.

## **TAPIT TRICE**

**KEE SEPT '21 - \$1,300,000**

**Consignor:** Gainesway

**Owners:** Whisper Hill Farm & Gainesway Stable

**Breeder:** Gainesway Thoroughbreds LTD.

**Trainer:** Todd Pletcher

## **PRACTICAL MOVE**

**OBS APR '22 - \$230,000**

**Consignor:** Eisaman Equine

**Owners:** Pierre & Leslie Amestoy & Roger Beasley

**Breeders:** Chad Brown & Head of Plains Partners

**Trainer:** Tim Yakteen



Also on Saturday, Vegso Racing Stable's **LORD MILES** won the **\$750,000 Wood Memorial (G2)** at Aqueduct.



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## Wright Takes Flight with Angel of Empire

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Wright and a group of friends annually put together a pinhooking partnership and it was that group that led him to Christian Black's Forgotten Land Investment.

"In 2020, I approached Christian Black and I told him I was looking to buy some stock privately for a group that I do pinhooking for and he said he might have some opportunities for me," Wright recalled. "So in late summer, probably just around the September sale, he took me out to various farms where he had some foals. I basically was looking at his stock in the field. I came across three horses that year. It was a **Mendelssohn**, a **Practical Joke** and a **Classic Empire**. I bought into all three of those horses for this pinhooking group. Two of them went on to sell, one sold at Fasig for \$110,000 and the other sold at Keeneland for \$80,000. And the **Classic Empire** RNA'd."

"He was a typical first foal who had a lovely action and was very calm and good-natured," said of the young Angel of Empire. "I was just really impressed with how he handled himself. I went to see him twice and I saw a real athlete there. When he was a weanling, he was just really small and we just kicked him down the line to Keeneland the following year. He was an awkward horse throughout much of that period and then he became really leggy. He was never that robust individual that you were really taken by, but the thing that he always had was that he was always a great mover. He really lowered his head and just walked. I was really happy with how he developed at that time. He was at Nicky Drion's from when he RNA'd until he sold when he sold with Hunter Sims at Warrendale."

Of the sales result at Keeneland in 2021, Wright said, "You buy for basically just over its stud fee, to yield that type of return, it's not going to make you rich and sort your life out forever, but it certainly was a decent return. Whoever bought for the Albaugh family has a great eye because he was in the later books, I think he was a book 4 or 5 horse, he just always presented himself really well."

Eschewing the sales ring for buying off the farm is one way Wright looks to find value for his clients.

"I like buying horses privately," he said. "There is some good value there, obviously. Buying horses in the marketplace sometimes can determine value from other people's perspective. But to go and look at horses in their natural setting, it tells you a lot about them. It tells you their demeanor. You're going to see how they handle things and you're not really taking them out of their own element. I have had some success doing it. I enjoy going out there and seeing the horses in their natural settings and being themselves."

For the 31-year-old Wright, being born in racehorse crazy Hong Kong may have set the trajectory for the rest of his life.

"I was born and raised in Hong Kong, so I am a Hong Kong citizen and a U.S. citizen," Wright explained. "My parents are American. They were over there for professional reasons since the early 80s and have recently moved back. I was born and raised over there and did the typical Pony Club into show jumping route. I ended up representing Hong Kong at quite a significant level in show jumping. I rode in shows all across the world, in Asia, Europe, the States."

At the same time, Wright was introduced to the racing industry by 13-time champion jockey Douglas Whyte.



Angel of Empire | Coady Photography



“Hong Kong is a place where racing is kind of the only professional sport,” Wright said. “It’s huge. Everyone in town talks about. They love punting on it. It’s almost like being a serious celebrity. As a young boy, I basically attached myself to Douglas Whyte. He became a second father and a mentor to me. Douglas took me under his wing as a young child. He exposed me to horses and going to trials and being at the track. We developed a close friendship.”

Wright went on to graduate from the University of Arizona’s School of Animal and Veterinary Sciences with a degree in Horse Racing Management. And from there, his education in the industry only intensified.

“For my first gig out of Arizona, I was doing some stuff for Joe Miller at Kern Thoroughbreds,” Wright said. “From there, I spent a year in Christophe Clement’s system—I went through grooming horses, going to the track and getting all of that kind of experience as one does in a training barn.”

From the track, Wright turned to the sales ring where he worked for Justin Casse for several years, first with his Casse Sales consignment and then shopping at auctions around the world.

“Justin gave me the exposure of being involved in a consignment,” Wright said. “I spent a lot of time with Justin and really learned to respect him. He afforded me the opportunity to go around to sales and start doing a lot of his sales work for him and for his brother at the time. And that gave me a lot of exposure to different things; conformationally looking at horses and not only domestically in the States, but he took me to Europe and Australasia. I spent about five years working under Justin. He was probably one of the main reasons why I have developed a decent eye, in my opinion. I owe a lot to Justin Casse.”

In 2020, in the midst of a global pandemic, Wright decided it was time to go out on his own and he launched Equine Investments International.

“I was starting to get away from doing Justin’s stuff and I wanted to start focusing on Hong Kong,” Wright said of the decision to launch his own company. “Douglas got his trainer’s license and more opportunities were coming my way to buy horses for clients. I thought it was a good time to have my own LLC and it’s not like I can’t still do work for other people if need be. But I wanted to start making my own brand and my own name.”

He continued, “The pandemic made things a little more stressful, but the private market in Hong Kong was still quite active. That really was amazing to have that opportunity to have me ticking over during what was probably a really tough time for people.”

Wright spends half the year in Kentucky and half the year in Hong Kong, where the majority of his clients are based.

“They are mostly Chinese people who race in Hong Kong and overseas,” Wright said of his client base. “A lot of my business would be based overseas. I attend yearling sales and breeze-up sales globally, but what I really like to hone in on is private sales. I like to buy racehorses with proven track records. I’d rather spend that extra money and go buy something that has some form, rather than taking a chance on something.”

The web site for Wright’s [Equine Investments International](#) stresses the concept of racing-centric investment portfolios. Does Wright think his clients can make money in the sport?

“I think they certainly can,” he said. “I think you have to be strategic about it. You’ve got to have your finger in a lot of different pies and not just focus on one thing. But racing needs some new blood and some new exposure. I think people should be able to get involved. With what My Racehorse has done with the microshare level and I think the syndications in Australia, people can certainly have fun and shouldn’t be solely focused on investment, but I think there is money to be made.”

Wright’s focus is on taking advantage of the global marketplace.

“I think the goal for myself is to be a participant in global bloodstock,” he said. “I think the world is getting smaller. Obviously with social media and new technology, it’s easy to access people all over the world where it may have not been 10-15 years ago. I would like to be a global participant in every market. And I’m doing that to an extent now. I buy a lot of horses in Australia and New Zealand, Europe, Ireland and France and here in the States. I am covering quite a few markets.”

Angel of Empire’s spot in the Derby starting gate goes a long way to validate Wright’s life work.

“To have horses in these types of races is why we do this,” he said. “It’s gratifying to say I have spotted some young talent that has gone on to produce what he’s done on the racetrack. It’s challenging, as you know. There are only 20 horses in the starting gate and to be one of the 20—and I’m expecting he will be in the top three or four in the betting—to have a horse go on and do that is a serious achievement.”

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## FISKE ASSESSMENT KEEPS WINCHELLS IN SAFE HANDS *by Chris McGrath*



David Fiske (left) and Ron Winchell | Keeneland photo

A Sunday afternoon in August, back in the 1970s, and a student at U.C. Davis is trying to catch up on his history notes ahead of his final semester. There's a knock at the door. Two girls.

"They wanted to know if my roommate Morgan was home," remembers David Fiske. "He was not. Asked if my roommate Jeff was home. He was not. Asked if my roommate Pat was home. He was not."

Nothing else for it, so they wondered if Fiske would like to come along to a party.

"I don't know. Where is it?"

"It's at the farm."

Well, any place that these girls might know couldn't be much of a farm.

"Sure, yeah, I'm finished studying: I'll go with you."

So they went out to a ranch outside Dixon, next town along the valley. Fiske didn't know a soul, but at one point found himself resting an elbow on a thick stack of papers. He took a look. Stallion contracts.

"Turned out the guy was standing two Appaloosas, breeding to Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse mares," Fiske says. "And I thought, 'Well, that's interesting: you actually charge people to breed to these horses?'"

He couldn't know it, but he had just stumbled across a life's work. Yet nor was even this the most precious serendipity occasioned by the fact that his three buddies happened to be out that afternoon. Because as he was leaving, Fiske was followed to the door by a girl named Martha, a University of Kentucky graduate who was working with some show horses there. She said to stop out again sometime.

"And that is my wife for the last 45 years," says Fiske. "Next time I went out there, we went trail-riding. Now, I don't ride. Okay, as a kid I'd play with the entries at Golden Gate Fields and Bay Meadows, in the green sports pages of the *San Francisco Chronicle*, and see how my picks did the next day. But I'd do the same thing with stocks on the financial page, and certainly did not grow up around horses. So Martha and her friend thought it'd be fun to have me ride a green-broke Appaloosa mare up into those hills there. Turned out that if I was game or stupid enough to do that, she thought I was probably okay."

Moreover the guy running the farm--"crazy and charismatic, just a ton of fun to be around"--started getting Fiske to help with the horses as his visits became more frequent. To the extent that when he graduated, without no real plan for the rest of his life, Fiske suddenly found that he had a job there.

And without that random apprenticeship, we wouldn't find him now supervising one of the most successful programs of its size on the modern Turf. Winchell Thoroughbreds have produced a champion stallion in **Tapit**, and a record-breaking newcomer in **Gun Runner**; they raced the champion sophomore of 2022, in **Epicenter (Not This Time)**; and after his massive step forward in the GII Louisiana Derby last weekend, they once again have a live shot at the GI Kentucky Derby with Disarm--aptly enough, a son of **Gun Runner** out of a **Tapit** mare.

Yet teaming up with the Winchell family in 1980 was itself another pretty random development. Martha had brought her husband back to her native state: she was working for Hagyard's in Lexington while Fiske, at 28, was in bloodstock advertising. In the course of her work, Martha happened to be asked by the Winchells' manager, who was leaving, whether she knew anyone who might take over.



**Tapit** | Sarah Andrew



Verne H. Winchell and his family were due at the farm for their summer vacation, and Fiske thought there could be no harm in meeting the donut king. “Even though the only thing I’d managed by that stage was... Well, I could manage to get my shoes on,” Fiske recalls wryly. “I had not managed anything even close to a 50-horse racing stable, and almost 50 broodmares, and 15 people working on a farm.”

Winchell had previously operated a farm in California--racing the eponymous Donut King to win the Champagne S. in 1961, plus homebred Mira Femme to be co-champion juvenile filly five years later--but had recently upgraded his program to Kentucky. The meeting, the interview--whatever it was--it went well. Fiske was asked to stay for lunch, then dinner, and started as manager two weeks later.

“Mr. Winchell was an intuitive guy,” he remembers. “He would go by his gut, and I guess that worked out to my benefit. I had the best job in town: a 320-acre park to live in, pool, tennis court, a 50-horse racing stable to play with--and owners who lived on the other side of the country! I’d talk to Mr. Winchell long distance a couple times a week, and they’d come and stay at the farm for a few weeks every summer. Looking back, it’s remarkable that somebody he’d just met was handed the keys and told, ‘Have at it.’”

But Verne’s instincts were amply vindicated. There had been no grand plan, no real strategy. New barns were going up; there were 50 stallion shares to distribute; broodmares from Maryland to California; half a dozen trainers spread round the country. Something was working, to be fair, in that Fiske reckons Verne bred at least one stakes winner from 36 consecutive crops. But this unsupervised young man was soon making things work better yet. By the time Verne died, in 2002, Fiske had helped him from around 25 stakes winners to 80--and these had included homebred 1991 Turf male champion Tight Spot (His Majesty), Fleet Renee (Seattle Slew), Sea Cadet (Bolger) and Olympio (Naskra).

A key moment had been when they started funneling all the young stock through Keith Asmussen in Texas. One of Asmussen’s sons, Cash, was taking tax breaks from a brilliant career in Europe--and where else could you get your yearlings broken in by a champion jockey? Around that time Verne was becoming disenchanted with the Californian circuit, and turning increasingly to Michael Dickinson and “this new upstart trainer

named Steve Asmussen.”

Dickinson, of course, had **Tapit**, a rather frustrating racehorse, but a game-changer afterwards. “He was clearly the best stallion of the first part of this century,” Fiske says proudly. “He did things that other horses had never done. I mean, it would be record earnings on top of record earnings. As leading first-crop sire, he was also leading sire of 2-year-olds. I sat in the Keeneland library and looked as far back as I could, and **Tapit** was only the seventh stallion to do that. And the others were all horses like Danzig. The next guy to do it was **Uncle Mo**, and the next after him was....?”

**Gun Runner**! The horse that has crowned this second cycle, where Verne’s heir Ron had gone “all in” with Steve Asmussen. “We started giving Steve a few horses, and he’s winning races for us at Bandera Downs and Trinity Meadows and Birmingham,” Fiske recalls. “And as he learned his craft, he just

got better and better. Soon he’d gotten to a point where he was winning more 2-year-old races than anybody in the country.

“Now if you’re going to have a broodmare band, as opposed to just buying yearlings, that gives you the longest risk horizon of all. You buy a yearling and give it to a trainer, and it doesn’t win, you’re out the purchase price and some training. But doing what we do, first they’ve got to get pregnant, then they’ve got to carry the pregnancy, then you’ve got to get the foal--and it’s like

three years to find out where you are. So if you send these horses to somebody who just hammers the life out of them, that will impact what their brothers and sisters are worth, what their mother’s worth, the whole deal. And since you won’t be winning stakes races unless you first break your maiden, Steve started to get more and more of the horses until pretty soon he had most of them.”

Fiske, then, has served as the hinge connecting two generations of Winchells and two generations of Asmussens. Ron was only 30 when he took over from his late father. He’d only been on the scene sporadically through high school and college, and was then away cutting his teeth in business, building sports bars in Las Vegas. But he took to his youthful responsibilities with much the same flair as had Fiske himself, a couple of decades previously.



**Gun Runner** | EquiSport Photos

"He's been around it all his life," Fiske notes. "I have winner's circle photos of him 'in utero,' when Mrs. Winchell was pregnant! And I think he always liked it: the action, the volatility was attractive to him. He's got a pretty good streak of gambler in him. But I tell people he's the hardest-working man I know that doesn't have to work. He's constantly on the go. I'm real proud of him, having known him since he was an 8-year-old kid and seeing everything that he's accomplished."

**Gun Runner** having himself thrived with maturity, his stock was widely expected to do much the same.

"But he came up from Florida during the spring meet at Keeneland," Fiske reminds us. "And Steve had only trained him a little while when he was, like, 'Holy cow, this thing's good.' He could have run earlier, but to Steve's credit, he just held off, didn't take him to Saratoga, just planned out a series of races for him to maximize his talent.

Because we weren't buying horses to be what Scott Blasi [Asmussen's assistant] calls 'go-karts.' They're meant to be proper Derby horses, Classic horses, like Midnight Bourbon, like **Epicenter**."

At stud, moreover, the Winchells rowed in from the start. Fiske admits that they didn't breed too many to **Tapit**, for instance, when he was \$15,000. Typically they've given their retired colts half a dozen mares to see how they work out. But they sent **Gun Runner** 17.

"And they all came out looking like little Gun Runners," Fiske marvels. "They had incredible consistency. So we pushed on with a dozen or so mares the second year, just on the strength of how the foals looked. I mean, if none of them can run, that's a pretty slender limb that we were crawling out on."

But he remembers being at Churchill one morning, and asking Asmussen how one of **Gun Runner**'s first winners had come back.

"Oh, great," Asmussen said. "These things can take a lot of training." And he grabbed one of the partition pipes round the box where they were watching work. "That's what his legs feel like today."

Fiske replied that he was unsurprised. Blasi had once told him that **Gun Runner** had never even seen an ice bucket.

Asmussen shook his head. "Not only has he never seen an ice bucket," he said. "We never used to do up his legs."

To be fair, Lady Luck extracted ample redress last year. Losing Midnight Bourbon (Tiznow) was harrowing. Then they ran into the unaccountable Rich Strike (Keen Ice) in the Derby with **Epicenter**, who ended up being vanned off the course at the Breeders' Cup.

"I've told the people that do those new owner seminars, that they should just play the last 75 yards of the Derby, from our point of view," Fiske says. "Because that pretty much encapsulates the highs and the lows right there. I mean, if you can't handle getting beat like that, and can't handle having a horse of the caliber of Midnight Bourbon drop dead, then you need to find another game to play. On the other hand, if most people had Midnight Bourbon, that would be a career horse for them. Or if they could finish second in the Derby, huge."

As a yearling purchase, **Epicenter** was a tribute to the balance of this program.

"We have talked about this at length," Fiske says. "Because it seems like our successes break down to almost 50/50, homebreds versus purchases. Tight Spot, Fleet Renee, now Gunite (**Gun Runner**); and then you've got Echo Zulu (**Gun Runner**), **Epicenter**, Midnight Bourbon.

"We're kind of old-timey in that we don't have stallions, don't have boarders, and we're not a commercial yearling producer, per se. We're either a little big farm or a big little farm, I never know which. But almost every

other property in town has one of those three things."

That's not to say that they don't sell yearlings. Under Verne Winchell, the largest foal crop was 42 or 44, and he'd want to lose half before they were broken. But that was never the driving focus when putting matings together.

"In fact, I remember standing with him one day watching a yearling Franklin Groves was selling for well over a million," Fiske recalls. "And Mr. Winchell just goes, 'I don't know why that would be exciting to someone like Franklin. He has several other millions, and that's just one more.' Mr. Winchell got a lot more enjoyment just out of watching the horses run.

"When I came in, it was all starting to change from being a sport. You still had the old moneyed guys, with blow money they could write off against other income, deciding foal shares on a flip of a coin. Everything has become more professional, on every level."



Ron Winchell in Travers winner's circle with **Epicenter**

Sarah Andrew



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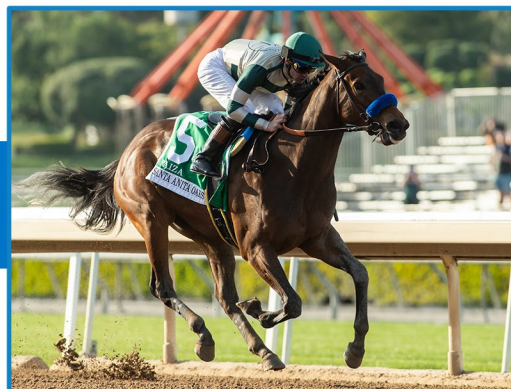
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He continued, "Look at the veterinary practices in town here: among the best in the world. But I used to pick up my wife after work and everybody was walking around with a plastic specimen cup full of bourbon. I don't think that happens anymore! Nowadays you come to a sale and you might see more attorneys and financial planners and bloodstock agents than actual horsemen."

However well this program has played a changing landscape, there naturally remain unrequited ambitions. Especially after last year's tough beat, to share Asmussen's first Derby would be priceless. But whatever happens from here, Fiske proudly compares the Winchell program to the way Kentucky itself punches above its weight.



Disarm | Sarah Andrew

"Everybody thinks it's hillbilly, but we've so many artists, writers, actors, musicians here," he says. "And we have our signature industries. You tell me the signature industry of Indiana or Oregon? And actually that's really frustrating for Ron, recently, now that he's a racetrack and slot machine owner in Kentucky, and has to deal with the legislators dragging their feet in Frankfort. It's like, 'Guys, you've got this thing that you can build on, this thing most states don't have. You're blessed!'"

As are we all. But none could feel more so than Fiske himself, looking back on four decades sharing the Midas touch of his patrons. Yet none of it would have happened had any of his roommates been home that afternoon those girls knocked the door.

"Just some fortuitous events and decisions, I guess," Fiske says with a shrug. "But a lot of the guys on the farm have been there for years. The veterinarian that does our repro work, I first met him in 1976. Steve has been training for us forever. And I've had the same job 42 years. So there's kind of a theme there. Maybe I'm unimaginative, or lazy, but it does kind of gnaw at me because of our recent success. I don't know that I do anything different than anybody else. Everybody I know in this business is working hard. But somehow or another, we've got all this stuff happening.

"I'm something of a student of history, that's part of what attracted me to this: the traditions, the genealogies, the great breeders and their methods, the Greentrees and the Whitneys, going back to the English and French sides of it. But **Gun Runner** coming on the heels of **Tapit**?" A shake of the head, a grateful smile. "I don't know if that ever happened before."

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# NORTH AMERICAN RACING



**JOHN SHEAR S.**, \$101,500, Santa Anita, 4-9, 3yo, 6 1/2fT, 1:11.50, fm.

1--**FIRST PEACE**, 120, c, 3, by Funtastic

1st Dam: **Peace Opportunity**, by Point of Entry

2nd Dam: **Won Opportunity**, by Street Cry (Ire)

3rd Dam: **Rare Opportunity**, by Danzig Connection

(\$15,000 Ylg '21 FTKFEB; \$65,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT; \$75,000 2yo '22 OBSOPN). **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O-Rancho Temescal LLC, Red Baron's Barn LLC & Rodney Orr; B-Christopher L. Baker & Mullikin Thoroughbreds (KY); T-Mark Glatt; J-Mike E. Smith. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-1, \$141,300.

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2--**Mas Rapido (GB)**, 120, g, 3, Massaaf (Ire)--High Speed (Ire), by Kodiak (GB). (£22,000 Ylg '21 GOFFUK; £34,000 2yo '22 GOFTY). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Schroeder Farms LLC; B-Mickley Stud & Fred Ellis (GB); T-Robert B. Hess, Jr. \$20,000.

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3--**Valiancer**, 122, c, 3, Tapiture--War Angel, by Declaration of War. (\$7,000 Ylg '21 KEEJAN; \$150,000 2yo '22 OBSOPN). O-Doug Gans, Gary Jacobs, Larry Katz, Michael Lewis, William Meathe & K Riggs; B-Savesnine Corp (KY); T-J Mullins. \$12,000.

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Margins: 1, 3 3/4, 3/4. Odds: 4.00, 9.70, 9.00.

Also Ran: Conclude, Helladic, Fleet Feet, Nullarbor, Marks Hip.

First Peace earned the first stakes victory of his career with a confident rail-skimming ride from Mike Smith. The gray colt, allowed to settle into stride out of the gate, rushed up and was within striking distance entering the bend. He waited for racing room as the field went over the dirt track, but found a seam along the rail once back on the grass and bound to the lead before holding off Mas Rapido to the wire. First Peace was a maiden winner going one mile over the Santa Anita turf last October before a third-place effort in the one-mile GIII Cecil B. DeMille S. at Del Mar Dec. 4 and was making his first start since a runner-up finish over that same trip in the Dec. 30 Eddie Logan S. in Arcadia Dec. 30. Peace Opportunity has a 2-year-old filly by Always Dreaming and a yearling filly by Cloud Computing who sold for \$18,000 at this year's Fasig-Tipton February sale. She was bred back to Thousand Words. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**



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**5th-Santa Anita, \$75,950, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt.** Clm (\$80,000), 4-9, 4yo/up, 6 1/2fT, 1:10.52 (NCR), fm, 2 1/2 lengths.

**NOBLE REFLECTION (g, 5, Liam's Map--Deal of the Decade, by Tiznow)** returned from a year on the sidelines with a wire-to-wire victory going six furlongs over this turf course in a Mar. 5 allowance in his first start for trainer George Papaprodromou last time out. The 7-1 shot jumped out to the early lead and tugged his way through an opening quarter in :21.46. The gray gelding was still clear through a half in :44.06 and had plenty in reserve to hold off Count of Amazonia (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}) to the wire to score by 2 1/2 lengths in course record time. A \$60,000 KEESEP yearling, Noble Reflection is a half-brother to Pretty Fancy (Lemon Drop Kid), MSP, \$226,330 and to Cash Out (Street Cry {Ire}), MGSP, \$344,461. Deal of the Decade, a daughter of MGISW Dream Deal (Sharpen Up {GB}) and a half-sister to multiple Grade I winner Clear Mandate (Deputy Minister), has a 2-year-old colt by Air Force Blue and was bred to Vino Rosso last year. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.** Lifetime Record: 9-3-0-1, \$145,100. O-Calvin Nguyen & Joey Tran; B-G. Watts Humphrey (KY); T-George Papaprodromou.



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**12th-Santa Anita, \$75,888, Alw**, 4-8, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m (off turf), 1:37.10, ft, 6 lengths.

**ANCIENT PEACE (f, 3, War Front--Deceptive Vision {GSW & GISP-Can, GSW-USA, \$501,441}, by A.P. Indy)**, off the board in her one-mile turf debut at Del Mar last December, graduated by a front-running 4 1/4 lengths going that same distance over the Santa Anita lawn Dec. 30 for Mike Ryan and trainer Graham Motion, just days before selling for a sale-topping \$650,000 to Travis Boersma's Boardshorts Stables at this year's Keeneland January sale. Ryan had purchased the well-bred filly for \$180,000 at the 2021 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga sale. Favored at 4-5 in this field shortened to five when the race came off the turf, the dark bay filly jumped right out to the early lead. She was well in hand while loose through fractions of :22.84 and :46.06 and was some 10 lengths in front entering the far turn. The favorite sailed down the lane as a much-the-best winner under a motionless Flavien Prat. Chloe's Crown (Declaration of War) was six lengths back in second. Deceptive Vision has a 2-year-old filly by **War Front**, who was sent to Japan after selling for \$400,000 to Masahiro Miki at last year's Keeneland September sale. The mare also has a yearling colt by **American Pharoah** who sold for \$150,000 to the Albaugh Family Stables at last year's Keeneland November sale. A full-sister to champion Eye of the Leopard, the 13-year-old mare, who sold for \$900,000 to Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa as part of the Sam-Son dispersal at the 2021 Keeneland January sale, was bred to **Uncle Mo** last year. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.** Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$83,900. O-Boardshorts Stables, LLC; B-Sam-Son Farm (ON); T-John W. Sadler.

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**5th-Hawthorne, \$34,020, Alw** (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 4-9, 3yo, 1m 70y, 1:42.23, ft, 5 1/4 lengths.

**ACT A FOOL (c, 3, Oscar Performance--Post Script, by Quality Road)**, well distanced in his debut over the synthetic at Turfway in January, graduated by 6 1/4 lengths over this track and trip last time out Mar. 5. The 6-5 favorite broke awkwardly, but recovered to take the lead into the first turn before loping along unchallenged down the backstretch. Gem Collection (**Collected**) moved to challenge the favorite on the far turn, but Act a Fool easily turned back that foe at the top of the lane and strode home an easy 5 1/4-length winner. Weslan (Mor Spirit) overtook Gem Collection for second. The winner was a \$10,000 KEENOV weanling and a \$100,000 KEESEP yearling. He has a 2-year-old full-sister--who sold for \$10,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale--and a yearling full-brother.

Post Script sold in foal to **Upstart** for \$7,000 at last year's Keeneland November sale. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.** Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$37,348.

O-Patricia's Hope LLC & Richard Ravin; B-Brook T. Smith Investments, LLC (KY); T-Larry Rivelli.

**8th-Turf Paradise, \$21,400, Alw** (C)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000-\$25,000), 4-8, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:10.42, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

**RED MOON (f, 3, Redesdale--Dubai Moon, by Malibu Moon)**, a runaway debut winner versus maiden optional claimers first out over track and trip Mar. 14, stayed perfect as the 1-5 chalk here. She chased the leaders from an inside fourth, and, while continuing to ride the rail throughout, rallied in the stretch to score by 1 1/4 lengths. Sales history: \$22,000 Ylg '21 SARAUG; \$52,000 2yo '22 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$25,524. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**


O-Patricia J. Hancock; B-Hidden Lake Farm, LLC & Questroyal Stable, Inc (NY); T-Jeffrey Metz.



#### IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**1st-Santa Anita, \$67,500, Msw**, 4-9, 3, 4-/5yo, 1 1/8mT, 1:47.85, fm, 2 1/4 lengths.

**ESCAPE ARTIST (r, 3, Good Magic--Glory {MGSP, \$202,690}, by Tapit)** set the pace before settling for second, beaten just a neck, in his one-mile debut over this course Dec. 26 and was second again over this course and trip in his most recent outing Feb. 4. The 3-5 favorite was away well from his inside post and led the field through fractions of :23.68 and :47.53. Headed by Nuclear (**Justify**) nearing the stretch, the bay cut the corner, scampered clear in upper stretch and reported home a 2 1/4-length winner. Precision Strike (**Gun Runner**) overtook Nuclear late for second. Escape Artist, a \$90,000 KEESEP yearling, was a \$185,000 EASMAY juvenile. He has a 2-year-old full-brother, who sold for \$37,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale, as well as a yearling half-sister by **McKinzie**. Glory was bred to **Gun Runner** last year. The winner's third dam is multiple group winner and Group 1-placed Dress to Thrill (Danehill). **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.** Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, \$67,000. O-Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners; B-Grandview Equine (KY); T-Michael W. McCarthy.

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**4th-Gulfstream, \$43,000, (S), Msw, 4-9, 3yo, 6f, 1:12.13, ft, 2 lengths.**

**THE ICEMAN RUNNETH (c, 3, **Girvin**--Permanent Makeup {SP}, by Red Bullet)**, a 3-1 shot, was hustled out to the early lead and was pressed through a quarter in :22.72 and a half in :46.53. He kicked clear into upper stretch and maintained a two-length advantage to the wire. Adios Papa Chico (Adios Charlie) was second best. The Iceman Runneth, a \$35,000 OBS June juvenile, is a half to Bullet Gone Astray (Gone Astray), SW & GSP, \$187,235. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.** Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$25,800.

O-The Four Horsemen Racing Stable, Inc.; B-Joe & Kris Carroll (FL); T-Saffie A. Joseph, Jr.



**5th-Gulfstream, \$43,000, Msw, 4-9, 3yo/up, f/m, 7 1/2ft, 1:29.28, fm, 1 1/2 lengths.**

**BELLA ROMANZA (f, 3, Bernardini--Redstart {SW}, by Blame)**, dismissed at 14-1, was caught some four wide while shuffled towards the back of the pack into the first turn and was well back behind a pair of battling runaway leaders in a strung-out field down the backstretch. She clawed her way back into contention with an inside move into the lane and tipped out three wide in upper stretch before closing stoutly to bound home a 1 1/2-length winner. Favored Starship Boeing (**American Pharoah**) was second. Bella Romanza was a \$350,000 OBSAPR juvenile. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.** Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$25,800.

O-Team Valor International, LLC; B-Nice Guys Stables (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

## STEVEN W. YOUNG 2yo in Training Purchase

**5th-Golden Gate Fields, \$30,900, Msw, 4-8, 3yo, 1m (AWT), 1:39.87, ft, 3 1/2 lengths.**

**EGON (c, 3, **Ghostzapper**--Nashoba's Gold {MGSW, \$285,128}, by Smart Strike)**, the overall 9-2 third choice and most popular pick of the first-time starters, held good forward position but narrowly avoided trouble as early pacesetter Fast Service (Fast Anna) blew the first turn and drifted out to the center of the track. Recovered to resume running in third, Egon kept tabs on that leader before making a three-wide bid at the top of the lane to engage Fast Service. With the most left late, the bay was driven out to defeat a closing Fast Chad (**City of Light**) by 3 1/2 lengths. Out of a half-sister to MGSW Nashoba's Key (Silver Hawk), Egon has a 2-year-old half-brother by **Tapit**. Nashoba's Gold lost her Authentic foal last year and was not re-bred. Sales history: \$350,000 RNA Ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$18,000. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O/B-Williamson Racing, LLC (KY); T-Reid France.



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### 2023 Stud Fees Listed

**Always Dreaming** (Bodemeister), WinStar Farm, \$10,000  
213 foals of racing age/22 winners/1 black-type winner  
3-Mahoning Valley, 1:35 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Giacometti, 9-2  
\$6,500 KEE JAN 2yo

**Awesome Slew** (Awesome Again), Ocala Stud, \$4,000  
78 foals of racing age/16 winners/1 black-type winner  
8-Mahoning Valley, 4:04 p.m. EDT, Alw 6f, Brownie, 8-1  
\$15,000 OTB OMX yrl

**Mor Spirit** (Eskendereya), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000  
190 foals of racing age/28 winners/1 black-type winner  
2-Mahoning Valley, 1:05 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Appalachian Spirit, 9-2  
\$10,000 FTK OCT yrl

**West Coast** (Flatter), Lane's End Farm, \$10,000  
198 foals of racing age/21 winners/2 black-type winners  
3-Mahoning Valley, 1:35 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Warhorse West, 5-2



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**EVANGELINE MILE S.**, \$100,000, Evangeline Downs, 4-8, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:38.95, gd.

1--**FIVE STAR GENERAL, 115, h, 7, Distorted Humor--Party of Interest, by Bernardini.** (\$235,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEESEP; \$180,000 3yo '19 FTKHRA; \$110,000 6yo '22 FTDIGD). O-Elttaes Stable; B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-Grant T. Forster; J-Timothy Thornton. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: GSW, 28-9-4-6, \$500,545.



2--**Hyperbolist, 117, g, 4, Exaggerator--Lookinforchange, by Gilded Time.** (\$70,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Donegal Racing; B-Lantern Hill Farm (KY); T-D Noel. \$20,000.



3--**Strong Eagle, 119, c, 4, Lord Nelson--The Last Journey, by Good Journey.** (\$40,000 Wlg '19 KEENOV; \$9,500 2yo '21 OBSMAR). O-Tres Potrillos Ranch Inc.; B-Star Crossed Stables (KY); T-Alison Escobar. \$10,000.



Margins: 2, 1 1/4, 1. Odds: 1.50, 9.20, 3.90.

**INAUGURAL S.**, \$74,438, Sunray, 4-8, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:18.17, ft.

1--**BYE BYE BOBBY, 123, c, 4, Quality Road--Revel in the Win, by Red Bullet.** (\$870,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP). O-B4 Farms, LLC; B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY); T-Todd W. Fincher; J-Luis A. Fuentes. \$45,000. Lifetime Record: GSP, 12-4-3-1, \$288,852. \*1/2 to Poker Player (Harlan's Holiday), GSW, \$214,848.



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2--**K P Aim High, 123, g, 5, Air Force Blue--Nimue, by Speightstown.** (\$100,000 RNA Wlg '18 FTKNOV; \$185,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Karl Pergola; B-Summerhill Farm (KY); T-Jose R. Gonzalez, Jr. \$15,000.



3--**Open Road, 123, c, 4, Quality Road--Blast, by Harlan's Holiday.** (\$360,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Vanessa Motta; B-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY); T-Sean Alfortish. \$7,500.



Margins: 2, HF, 1HF. Odds: 1.70, 15.30, 3.70.

**LAFAYETTE S.**, (NB) \$60,000, Evangeline Downs, 4-8, 3yo, 6f, 1:11.16, gd.

1--**GHOST HERO, 120, c, 3, Shaman Ghost--Queen Buxley, by Super Saver.** (\$77,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT). O-Norman Stables, LLC; B-Clark O. Brewster (OK); T-Jayde J. Gelner; J-Floyd Wethey Jr. \$36,000. Lifetime Record: 8-4-1-0, \$162,900.

2--**Alto Road, 119, c, 3, Army Mule--Field of Flowers, by City Zip.** (\$12,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR). O-Champion Racing Stable; B-Machmer Hall (KY); T-Ronnie E. Cravens, III. \$12,000.



3--**Not On Herb, 119, c, 3, First Samurai--Toast to Ashley, by First Defence.** (\$27,000 Ylg '21 TTAYHR). O-Ivery Sisters Racing; B-Summergrove Farm, LLC & Terry Gabriel (LA); T-David Terre. \$6,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, 3HF, HD. Odds: 1.40, 3.70, 7.70.

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**6th-Gulfstream, \$49,900, (C)/Opt.** Clm (\$62,500), 4-9, 3yo/up, 7f, 1:23.75, ft, 3 lengths.

**STARSHIP RENEGADE (h, 5, First Dude--Happy Honeymoon, by Honour and Glory)** Lifetime Record: 7-4-2-0, \$171,620.

O-Starship Stables & Steven Dwoskin; B-William A.T. Rainbow (FL); T-Steven Dwoskin. \*1/2 to Surprise Wedding (High Cotton), SW, \$309,875; and to Starship Bonita (Gone Astray), MSW, \$577,237.

**9th-Gulfstream, \$41,000, (S), (NW1X)/Opt.** Clm (\$20,000), 4-9, 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :56.83, fm, 3/4 length.

**BABY STEPS (f, 4, Jimmy Creed--Competitivebalance, by Into Mischief)** Lifetime Record: GSP, 16-2-2-4, \$137,460. O-California Racing Partners, Ciaglia Racing LLC & Richard Pearson; B-Summer Mayberry & Rick Rudman (FL); T-Jorge Delgado. \*\$70,000 2yo '21 OBSMAR.

**7th-Hawthorne, \$38,280, (C)/Opt.** Clm (\$40,000), 4-9, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09.61, ft, 3 3/4 lengths.

**SHARP HERO (m, 5, Hero of Order--Helli, by Mizzen Mast)** Lifetime Record: SP, 17-4-2-3, \$113,362. O-Art Zacharski & Shelley Steele; B-Raut, LLC (KY); T-Bradley S. Ross.

**8th-Sunray, \$35,800, (S), 4-8, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:19.63, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.**

**MASSIVE ROAR (g, 4, Sway Away--Kiki Chacer, by Stormello)** Lifetime Record: SP, 17-5-5-4, \$270,678. O/B-The Quarter Company LLC (NM); T-Todd W. Fincher.

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**COASTAL MISSION (g, 4, Great Notion--Smart Crowd, by Crowd Pleaser)** Lifetime Record: MSP, 11-6-3-1, \$203,797.

O/B-Coleswood Farm, Inc. (WV); T-Jeff C. Runco. \*Full to Lewisfield, MSW & MGSP, \$535,264.

**7th-Evangeline Downs, \$35,000**, (S), 4-8, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:41.92, gd, neck.

**OUR LITTLE GIRL (m, 5, Sadie's Soldier--Deb's Gal, by Decibel)** Lifetime Record: 28-5-6-4, \$120,505. O-Mojica Stables, Inc.; B-Gerald L. Averett (LA); T-Edith A. Mojica.

**8th-Charles Town, \$33,900**, (S), 4-8, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:21.63, ft, 1/2 length.

**NO DENYING DENIS (f, 3, Denis of Cork--Won't Be Denied {SW, \$167,810}, by Windsor Castle)** Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-3, \$58,181. O/B-Taylor Mountain Farm (WV); T-Ronald G. Sigler.

#### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Bodyslam**, c, 3, **Malibu Moon**--Cayuga's Waters (SW, \$194,422), by Langfuhr. Charles Town, 4-8, 4 1/2f, :53.01. Lifetime Record: 7-1-1-2, \$30,929. B-Brant M. Laue & Spendthrift Stallions, LLC (KY). \*\$10,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT. \*\*1/2 to Cascadilla Falls (E Dubai), SW, \$140,310; Highball (Lemon Drop Kid), MGSP, \$229,761; and to Glorious View (Pleasant Tap), GSW, \$307,190.

**Tapatio Leo**, g, 3, **Stay Thirsty**--Sweet Lips Pooh, by Rio Verde. Santa Anita, 4-9, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:04.38. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$40,700. B-Terry C. Lovingier (CA). \*\$110,000 Ylg '21 FTCAYR. \*1/2 to Cholula Lips (Empire Way), SW, \$163,750.

**Don'tcalltooeearly**, g, 4, **Real Estate**--Cedar Run's Emblem (SW, \$211,808), by Our Emblem. Charles Town, 4-8, (S), 7f, 1:28.95. Lifetime Record: 12-1-3-3, \$46,215. B-Karen M Freer (WV).

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**Bernardini**, Bella Romanza, f, 3, o/o Redstart, by **Blame**. MSW, 4-9, Gulfstream

**Denis of Cork**, No Denying Denis, f, 3, o/o Won't Be Denied, by Windsor Castle. ALW, 4-8, Charles Town

**Distorted Humor**, Five Star General, h, 7, o/o Party of Interest, by Bernardini. Evangeline Mile S., 4-8, Evangeline

**First Dude**, Starship Renegade, h, 5, o/o Happy Honeymoon, by Honour and Glory. AOC, 4-9, Gulfstream

**Funtastic**, First Peace, c, 3, o/o Peace Opportunity, by Point of Entry. John Shear S., 4-9, Santa Anita

**Ghostzapper**, Egon, c, 3, o/o Nashoba's Gold, by Smart Strike. MSW, 4-8, Golden Gate

**Girvin**, The Iceman Runneth, c, 3, o/o Permanent Makeup, by Red Bullet. MSW, 4-9, Gulfstream

**Good Magic**, Escape Artist, r, 3, o/o Glory, by **Tapit**. MSW, 4-9, Santa Anita

**Great Notion**, Coastal Mission, g, 4, o/o Smart Crowd, by Crowd Pleaser. ALW, 4-8, Charles Town

**Hero of Order**, Sharp Hero, m, 5, o/o Helli, by Mizzen Mast. AOC, 4-9, Hawthorne

**Jimmy Creed**, Baby Steps, f, 4, o/o Competitivebalance, by Into Mischief. AOC, 4-9, Gulfstream

**Liam's Map**, Noble Reflection, g, 5, o/o Deal of the Decade, by Tiznow. AOC, 4-9, Santa Anita

**Malibu Moon**, Bodyslam, c, 3, o/o Cayuga's Waters, by Langfuhr. MSW, 4-8, Charles Town

**Oscar Performance**, Act a Fool, c, 3, o/o Post Script, by **Quality Road**. AOC, 4-9, Hawthorne

**Quality Road**, Bye Bye Bobby, c, 4, o/o Revel in the Win, by Red Bullet. Inaugural S., 4-8, Sunray

**Real Estate**, Don'tcalltooeearly, g, 4, o/o Cedar Run's Emblem, by Our Emblem. MSW, 4-8, Charles Town

**Sadie's Soldier**, Our Little Girl, m, 5, o/o Deb's Gal, by Decibel. ALW, 4-8, Evangeline

**Shaman Ghost**, Ghost Hero, c, 3, o/o Queen Buxley, by Super Saver. Lafayette S., 4-8, Evangeline

**Stay Thirsty**, Tapatio Leo, g, 3, o/o Sweet Lips Pooh, by Rio Verde. MSW, 4-9, Santa Anita

**Sway Away**, Massive Roar, g, 4, o/o Kiki Chacer, by Stormello. ALW, 4-8, Sunray

**War Front**, Ancient Peace, f, 3, o/o Deceptive Vision, by A.P. Indy. ALW, 4-8, Santa Anita



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## BIG ROCK PUNCHES PRIX DU JOCKEY CLUB TICKET IN FRANCE



Big Rock | ScoopDyga

by Sean Cronin

Yeguada Centurion's 3-year-old colt **Big Rock (Fr)** (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}--Hardiyna {Ire}, by **Sea The Stars {Ire}**), who failed to nose ahead in each of his first three outings, graduated in a Feb. 2 handicap at Chantilly and repeated the dose back there in last month's Mar. 3 Listed Prix Maurice Caillault. Sent forward for a sterner test in Sunday's G3 Prix La Force at Paris-Longchamp, he dented a host of lofty reputations with a game performance in the nine-furlong French Derby trial to register a career high. Big Rock was swiftly into stride from the inside stall and dictated proceedings on the front end for the most part. Scrubbed along when headed by 'TDN Rising Star' **Padishakh (Fr)** (**Wootton Bassett {GB}**) passing the quarter-mile marker, the 19-5 chance rallied gamely to reclaim control approaching the final furlong and kept on strongly in the latter stages to win going away by 2 1/2 lengths. Ballydoyle raider **Greenland (Ire)** (**Saxon Warrior {Jpn}**) ran on with gusto inside the final quarter-mile to finish a head adrift of Padishakh at the line.

"It was our intention to take advantage of his inside draw," said Christopher Head. "We knew his ability on the all-weather, but there was a question mark about the turf. We didn't want to complicate matters, so making the running was the sensible option and he handled everything with aplomb." **Cont. p3**

## JANNAH ROSE EXCITES IN THE VANTEAUX

by Tom Frary

As the only inexperienced member of the line-up for Sunday's G3 Prix Vanteaux, Al Shira'aa Farms' **Jannah Rose (Ire)** (**Frankel {GB}**--Sophie Germain {Ire}, by Indian Ridge {Ire}) had her work cut out but after her command performance in ParisLongchamp's Classic pointer all were left pondering where her considerable talent will take her. Off the mark in professional if not flashy fashion over a mile at Chantilly in September, the Carlos Laffon-Parias-trained half-sister to the G2 Lanwades Stud S. winner Creggs Pipes (Ire) (Rip Van Winkle {Ire}) was nevertheless not missed in the market as the 5-2 second favourite for the nine-furlong test. Racing under early restraint early from Christophe Soumillon with one behind, the bay who was a €650,000 Goffs Orby purchase made her move wide in early straight and struck the front 300 metres out en route to a comfortable 1 3/4-length success from **Sea The Lady (Fr)** (Sea The Moon {Ger}). **Cont. p4**

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### WEEK IN REVIEW: TAPIT TRICE HAS GROWN UP

Bill Finley looks back at an action-packed weekend of racing, including **Tapit Trice's** hard-fought win in the GI Toyota Blue Grass S. at Keeneland.

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*Feed The Flame, a decisive winner at ParisLongchamp Sunday, becomes the 30th TDN Rising Star for Juddmonte stallion **Kingman**. A €270,000 Arqana August graduate, the 3-year-old is trained by Pascal Bary on behalf of Ecurie Jean-Louis Bouchard. See p6*  
*Scoop Dyga*

## SIMCA MILLE BACK IN STYLE

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*Tamayuz's Simca Mille returned from a forgettable effort in the G1 Japan Cup to take Sunday's G2 Prix d'Harcourt at ParisLongchamp.*

## ALMANZOR'S ELZORA EARNS RISING STAR STATUS

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*Elzora comes from off the pace to win by 3 1/2 lengths at first asking in Paris.*

## LIBERTY ISLAND WINS THE OKA SHO

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*Reigning Japanese champion juvenile filly Liberty Island (Duramente) storms to an impressive victory in the G1 Japanese 1000 Guineas at Hanshin Sunday.*

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**Prix La Force cont. From p1**

"He has that ability to set a lively pace and still find an extra gear, which is what you expect from a good horse. Evidently, the [June 4 G1] Prix du Jockey Club [at Chantilly] is the target, but he is not a horse to remain two months without a race. As long as he is well, he will have one more run before the French Derby. Which one has not yet been decided and we will discuss his programme with the owner."

**Pedigree Notes**

Big Rock is the first foal of two foals produced by an unraced daughter of G3 Silver Flash S. victrix and G1 Moyglare Stud S. third Harasiya (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}), herself a half-sister to five black-type performers headed by G1 Derby and G1 Irish Derby-winning sire Harzand (Ire) (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**). The February-foaled dark bay, half to a 2-year-old colt by **Ten Sovereigns (Ire)**, is from the family of last term's G1 British Champions Fillies & Mares victrix and G1 Oaks runner-up Emily Upjohn (GB) (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**), MG1SW G1 Irish Derby hero Hurricane Lane (Ire) (**Frankel {GB}**) and G1 British Champions Fillies & Mares winner Seal Of Approval (GB) (Authorized {Ire}).

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**Sunday, ParisLongchamp, France**

**PRIX LA FORCE-G3**, €80,000, ParisLongchamp, 4-9, 3yo, c/g, 9fT, 1:49.63, g/s.

1--**BIG ROCK (FR)**, 128, c, 3, by **Rock Of Gibraltar (Ire)**

1st Dam: **Hardiyna (Ire)**, by **Sea The Stars (Ire)**

2nd Dam: **Harasiya (Ire)**, by **Pivotal (GB)**

3rd Dam: **Hazariya (Ire)**, by **Xaar (GB)**

**1ST GROUP WIN.** O/B-Yeguada Centurion SLU (FR); T-C Head; J-A Lemaitre. €40,000. Lifetime Record: 6-3-2-0, €94,650.

**Werk Nick Rating: A.** Click **eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree**, or the **free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree**.

2--**Padishakh (Fr)**, 128, c, 3, **Wootton Bassett (GB)**--Penny Lane (Ger), by Lord Of England (Ger). **1ST BLACK TYPE; 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.** (€130,000 Ylg '21 ARQAUG). O-Nurlan Bizakov; B-Haras d'Etreham, Riviera Equine SARL & Ecurie de Montlahuc (FR); T-Jean-Claude Rouget. €16,000.

3--**Greenland (Ire)**, 128, c, 3, **Saxon Warrior (Jpn)**--Aktoria (Fr), by Canford Cliffs (Ire). **1ST BLACK TYPE; 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.** (160,000gns Wlg '20 TATFOA; 300,000gns Ylg '21 TATOCT). O-S Magnier, M Tabor, D Smith & Westerberg; B-SCEA Marmion & Alain Jathiere (IRE); T-A O'Brien. €12,000. Margins: 2HF, HD, 1HF. Odds: 3.80, 1.70, 11.00.

Also Ran: Rashford (Fr), Horizon Dore (Fr), Birr Castle (Fr), Zalamo (Fr), Duc De Kent (Fr). **Video, sponsored by TVG.**

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### G3 Vanteaux cont. from p1

“She is a very nice filly and considering what she does in the mornings, it was not a problem for me to run her in this group race on only her second career start,” Laffon Parias explained. “She has the speed for a race like the [G3] Prix de la Grotte next week, but I made the choice of this one thinking that it would be easier. She settled well in a race with a good rhythm and showed us all her quality in the straight. Now it looks like the [G1 Prix] Saint Alary and the [G1 Prix de] Diane, but an alternative is the [G1] Poule d’Essai [des Pouliches] and the Diane.”

### Pedigree Notes

Jannah Rose, who becomes the 78th group winner for her sire, is out of the unraced Sophie Germain whose aforementioned daughter Creggs Pipes improved beyond all recognition from three to five years of age and also captured the Listed Cairn Rouge S. as well as placing in the G3 Fairy Bridge S. and G3 Blue Wind S. Also responsible for the listed-placed Silver Spear (Ire) (Clodovil {Ire}), Sophie Germain is a daughter of the G1 Oaks d’Italia heroine Hydrion (Critique) from the family of the GI Breeders’ Futurity hero and G1 Breeders’ Cup Juvenile runner-up Square Eddie (Smart Strike) and the GI Personal Ensign H. heroine Pompeii (Broad Brush). Next up from the dam is a 2-year-old filly by Invincible Spirit (Ire) who was bought by David Redvers for €280,000 at the most recent Goffs Orby.

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**Sunday, ParisLongchamp, France**

**PRIX VANTEAUX-G3**, €80,000, ParisLongchamp, 4-9, 3yo, f, 9fT, 1:49.74, g/s.

1--**JANNAH ROSE (IRE)**, 126, f, 3, by **Frankel (GB)**

1st Dam: Sophie Germain (Ire), by Indian Ridge (Ire)

2nd Dam: Nydrion, by Critique

3rd Dam: Nabila, by Foolish Pleasure

**1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE WIN; 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.**

(€650,000 Ylg '21 GOFORB). O-Al Shira'aa Farms; B-J Hayes (IRE); T-Carlos Laffon-Parias; J-Christophe Soumillon. €40,000.

Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, €53,500. **Werk Nick Rating: A.**

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2--**Sea The Lady (Fr)**, 126, f, 3, Sea The Moon (Ger)--Blumenfee (Ger), by Soldier Hollow (GB). **1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE**. O-Avatara SA & Haras d'Etreham; B-Avatara SA (FR); T-Yann Barberot. €16,000.

3--**Around Midnight (Fr)**, 126, f, 3, Almanzor (Fr)--Artifix (Ire), by Lawman (Fr). O-Ecurie Billon, Ecurie Taos, Mandalore Racing Stable SAS & Normandie Breeding; B-Mme Camille Vitse & Ecurie Taos (FR); T-Jean-Claude Rouget. €12,000.

Margins: 1 3/4, 1 1/4, 2HF. Odds: 2.50, 5.80, 2.20.

Also Ran: Mqse De Maintenon (Ire), Khahira (Fr), Sparkling Beauty (Fr), Delightful (Ire). **Video, sponsored by TVG.**

## SIMCA MILLE BACK IN STYLE *by Tom Frary*

Returning from a break having failed to make an impact in the G1 Japan Cup, Haras de la Perelle and Stephane Wattel's **Simca Mille (Ire)** (Tamayuz {GB}--Swertia {GB}, by Pivotal {GB}) again demonstrated his love of ParisLongchamp by winning Sunday's G2 Prix d'Harcourt. Impressive in the G2 Prix Niel here in September, having finished second to Onesto (Ire) (**Frankel {GB}**) in the G1 Grand Prix de Paris over that same mile-and-a-half course and distance in July, the 7-1 shot was positioned close to the early pace by Alexis Pouchin dropping back in trip. In front at the top of the 2 1/2-furlong straight, he stayed on strongly as the G1 Prix Royal-Oak hero **Iresine (Fr)** (Manduro {Ger}) put up a spirited chase and had 3/4 of a length to spare at the line over that rival, who was giving away two pounds. Al Shaqab Racing's G2 Prix Guillaume d'Ornano scorer and Arc fourth **Al Hakeem (GB)** (**Siyouni {Fr}**) was disappointing as the 4-5 favourite, beaten four lengths in fourth. "I had hoped we could leave Japan behind us, but there was some concern," trainer Stephane Wattel said. "I still don't have a clue what happened there—I believed he had a good chance, but he was beaten four out and I kept questioning myself as to whether or not I had done something wrong. He was training well for this return, but I didn't know if he still wanted to fight so he gave us the perfect answer. We were lucky to have good ground and a good pace and the shorter trip didn't prove a problem."



Simca Mille | ScoopDyga

"He is good. Period. We will be back for the Ganay."

Iresine's handler Jean-Pierre Gauvin is keen on a rematch in the course-and-distance feature in three weeks' time, which is set to feature the returning Vadeni (Fr) (**Churchill {Ire}**) and Luxembourg (Ire) (**Camelot {GB}**). "It was a great performance for a comeback, giving weight," he said. "He runs superbly well at Longchamp, whatever the distance or the ground so if he is well he will return for the Ganay."

## Pedigree Notes

Simca Mille, who was also successful in Chantilly's G3 Prix du Lys last term, is the first foal out of Swertia, a daughter of The Aga Khan's G3 Prix de Conde, G3 Prix Penelope and G3 Prix Cleopatre-placed Sanjida (Ire) (Polish Precedent). Among Sanjida's half-siblings is the G1 Prix de Diane, G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud and G1 Prix Saint-Alary-winning champion Sarafina (Fr) (Refuse To Bend {Ire}), who is in turn the dam of the G3 Prix d'Aumale scorer Savarin (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) and her G3 Prix Messidor-winning full-brother Geniale (Jpn). Swertia's 2-year-old filly by Invincible Spirit (Ire) is named Slawena (GB).

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NEW GROUP WINNER

# Frankel

## Jannah Rose

Won Prix Vanteaux **Gr.3**, 9f, ParisLongchamp

Owned by Al Shira'aa Farms

Bred by J Hayes

Trained by C Laffon-Parias



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## Sunday, ParisLongchamp, France

**PRIX D'HARCOURT-G2**, €130,000, ParisLongchamp, 4-9, 4yo/up, 10fT, 2:03.39, g/s.

1--**SIMCA MILLE (IRE)**, 128, c, 4, by Tamayuz (GB)

1st Dam: Swertia (GB), by Pivotal (GB)

2nd Dam: Sanjida (Ire), by Polish Precedent

3rd Dam: Sanariya (Ire), by Darshaan (GB)

(€68,000 RNA Ylg '20 ARQSEP). O-Haras de la Perelle & Stephane Wattel; B-Haras de la Perelle (IRE); T-Stephane Wattel; J-Alexis Pouchin. €74,100. Lifetime Record: 11-5-4-0, €368,160. **Werk Nick Rating: A++.**

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2--**Iresine (Fr)**, 130, g, 6, Manduro (Ger)--Inanga (GB), by **Oasis Dream (GB)**. (€6,000 Ylg '18 ARQOCT). O-Bertrand Milliere, Ecurie Jean-Paul Gauvin, Christian Goutelle et al; B-P Joyaux & Bnne M-L Van Dedem (FR); T-Jean-Pierre Gauvin. €28,600.

3--**Kertez (GB)**, 126, g, 5, Intello (Ger)--Distortion (GB), by Distorted Humor. O/B-Wertheimer et Frere (GB); T-Andre Fabre. €13,650.

Margins: 3/4, 1 1/4, 2. Odds: 7.30, 4.20, 13.00.

Also Ran: Al Hakeem (GB), Haya Zark (Fr), Alter Adler (Ger), Calgary (Fr). **Video, sponsored by TVG.**

## KINGMAN'S FEED THE FLAME POWERS TO TDN RISING STARDOM IN FRANCE

by Sean Cronin

ParisLongchamp opened its doors to 2023 and immediately played host to a 'TDN Rising Star' performance when Pascal Bary trainee **Feed The Flame (GB)** (**Kingman {GB}**--Knyazhna {Ire}, by Montjeu {Ire}) unleashed a power-packed display to garner Sunday's Prix de Juigne, a 10 1/2-furlong contest for unraced 3-year-old colts and geldings. The eventual winner bided his time and was positioned sixth of the seven runners through the early stages.



Christophe Soumillon looks back to his distant rivals as Feed The Flame powers home an authoritative winner | ScoopDyga

Sent forward along the false straight to turn for home in third, the 31-10 chance joined the front rank hard on the steel at the quarter-mile marker and powered clear in impressive fashion once shaken up with 300 metres remaining to easily outclass **Cocktail Prince (GB)** (Exceed And Excel {Aus}) by 5 1/2 lengths. **Kingman's** updated catalogue of 30 Rising Stars also includes the multiple elite-level winners Persian King (Ire) and Palace Pier (GB).

"He had worked well as a 2-year-old, but was unable to run because of some minor problems, which is often the case with immature horses," explained trainer Pascal Bary. He came around really well lately and I think he will be a very good horse one day."

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Trained by H-A Pantall



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Feed The Flame is the sixth of seven foals and fourth scorer out of an unraced half-sister to dual Group 2-placed sire Migwar (Ire) ([Sea The Stars {Ire}](#)). The April-foaled bay's second dam Katyusha (Kingmambo), herself a daughter of Listed Rose Bowl S. victrix Crystal Crossing (Ire) (Royal Academy), is an unraced full-sister to G1 St Leger-winning sire Rule Of Law. Feed The Flame's siblings include MGSW G3 Prix Thomas Bryon victor Sacred Life (Fr) ([Siyouni {Fr}](#)), MGSP G2 Prix Hocquart third Khagan (Ire) (Le Havre {Ire}) and the unraced 2-year-old colt Gulf Legend (Fr) (Dubawi {Ire}).



**1st-ParisLongchamp, €27,000, Mdn, 4-9, unraced 3yo, c/g, 10 1/2fT, 2:14.43, g/s.**

**FEED THE FLAME (GB), c, 3, by Kingman (GB)**

**1st Dam:** Knyazhna (Ire), by Montjeu (Ire)

**2nd Dam:** Katyusha, by Kingmambo

**3rd Dam:** Crystal Crossing (Ire), by Royal Academy

(€270,000 Ylg '21 ARQAU) Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €13,500.

\*1/2 to Sacred Life (Fr) ([Siyouni {Fr}](#)), MGSW-US & GSW-Fr, \$920,768; and Khagan (Ire) (Le Havre {Ire}), MGSP-Fr. **Click for the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#). Video, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Ecurie Jean-Louis Bouchard; B-Ecurie des Monceaux, Lordship Stud & Clear Light SAS (GB); T-Pascal Bary.

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## ALMANZOR'S ELZORA ATTAINS TDN RISING STAR STATUS IN PARIS *by Sean Cronin*

Hot on the hooves of **Feed The Flame (GB)** ([Kingman {GB}](#)) powering to 'TDN Rising Star' status, Riviera Equine and Eric de Chambure's 3-year-old filly **Elzora (Fr)** ([Almanzor {Fr}](#)--[Elodie {GB}](#), by [Dansili {GB}](#)) joined him in the elevated ranks with an equally-impressive display in the 10 1/2-furlong Prix de Chaillot at ParisLongchamp. The May-foaled homebred bay employed waiting tactics from flagfall and settled off the pace in rear until easing forward into midfield with a half-mile remaining. Asked to close at the top of the home straight, the 39-10 chance quickened in style to seize control at the quarter-mile marker and lengthened clear under minimal urging inside the final 300 metres to easily account for **Zvaroshka (Ire)** ([Camelot {GB}](#)) by an impressive 3 1/2 lengths. Almanzor is responsible for one previous Rising Star, the Listed Prix Nureyev-winning Lassaut (Fr), who carried the Riviera Equine silks into second in last October's G2 Prix Niel.

"It was a large field with 14 previously unraced fillies and some of them were all over the place," explained winning rider Cristian Demuro. "My filly was green too, but I had a good trip with cover. She quickened brilliantly in the straight and is certainly a filly with a future."

Elzora is the latest of seven foals and one of four winners produced by a winning full-sister to G1 Prix Rothschild heroine With You (GB) ([Dansili {GB}](#)) and G1 Prix de l'Opera victrix We Are (Ire) ([Dansili {GB}](#)). She is a full-sister to last term's G1 Prix Saint-Alary third Queen Trezy (Fr), who changed hands for €800,000 at Arqana's Breeding Stock sale in December, and a half-sister to Listed Prix Panacee victrix Eliade (Fr) ([Teofilo {Ire}](#)). Descendants of their G3 Prix de Flore-winning second dam In Clover (GB) ([Inchinor {GB}](#)) also include G1 Prix du Cadran winner Call The Wind (GB) ([Frankel {GB}](#)) and the stakes-winning trio In Crowd (GB) ([Dubawi {Ire}](#)), Dream Clover (GB) ([Oasis Dream {GB}](#)) and Incahoots (GB) ([Oasis Dream {GB}](#)).



**2nd-ParisLongchamp, €27,000, Mdn, 4-9, unraced 3yo, f, 10 1/2fT, 2:11.89, g/s.**

**ELZORA (FR), f, 3, by Almanzor (Fr)**

**1st Dam:** Elodie (GB), by Dansili (GB)

**2nd Dam:** In Clover (GB), by Inchinor (GB)

**3rd Dam:** Bellarida (Fr), by Bellypha (Ire)

Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €13,500. \*Full to Queen Trezy (Fr), G1SP-Fr, \$115,186; and 1/2 to Eliade (Fr) ([Teofilo {Ire}](#)), SW-Fr, \$154,430. **Click for the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#). Video, sponsored by TVG.**

O/B-Riviera Equine SARL & E de Chambure (FR); T-J-C Rouget.

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14:20-KEMPTON PARK, 5f,

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**Phoenix of Spain (Ire)** (Lope de Vega {Ire}), Irish National Stud

14:20-KEMPTON PARK, 5f, Spanish Phoenix (Ire)

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### LAUREL RETURNS IN THE SNOWDROP



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**14.55 Kempton, Cond, £25,000, 3yo, f, 8f (AWT)**

**RAINBOW SKY (GB)** (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**), a 1.5million gns Book 1 purchase by Godolphin, is a daughter of the Barnetts' G2 Lowther S. and G2 Queen Mary S. winner Best Terms (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}) who dazzled on her winning debut over this course and distance in November. An Oaks entry for the Charlie Appleby stable, the January-foaled chestnut is joined in this race that used to hold listed status and be known as the Masaka S. by stablemate **Dancing Goddess (Ire)** (**Dubawi {Ire}**), a seven-furlong debut winner here in November hailing from the family of Thunder Snow (Ire) (Helmet {Aus}) and Dubawi's 2000 Guineas hero Coroebus (Ire).

**15.30 Kempton, Cond, £25,000, 3yo, c/g, 8f (AWT)**

**SLIPOFTHPEN (GB)** (**Night Of Thunder {Ire}**) is an intriguing Royal runner in this contest which also used to be listed and run as the Easter S. Still in the 2000 Guineas, the John and Thady Gosden-trained relative of the Oaks runner-up Flight Of Fancy (GB) (Sadler's Wells) made a big impression on his sole start over this course and distance in November.

**16.10 Kempton, Listed, £50,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 8ft**

**LAUREL (GB)** (**Kingman {GB}**) makes her eagerly-awaited seasonal return as one of Juddmonte and John and Thady Gosden's more exciting prospects for the season. Earning **TDN Rising Star** status over this course and distance days before finishing runner-up in the G1 Sun Chariot S. at Newmarket, the daughter of the G1 Pretty Polly S. heroine Promising Lead (GB) (Danehill) from the dynasty of Hasili (Ire) takes in this Listed Snowdrop Fillies' S., won three years ago by the stable's subsequent dual group 1 winner Nazeef (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}).

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## BRITAIN

### Sunday's Result:

**2nd-Southwell, £6,800, Novice, 4-9, 2yo, 4f 214y (AWT), :58.89, st.**

**YORKSHIRE TERRIER (GB)** (c, 2, Bow Creek {Ire})--Yorkkindred Spirit {GB}, by **Sea The Stars {Ire}**), sent off the 11-4 favourite, quickly established a lead. Always in control, the bay maintained a relentless gallop to register a 3 1/4-length defeat of Tees Douge (Fr) (Dream Ahead). The dam, who hails from the family of the G1 1000 Guineas heroine Cape Verdi (Ire) (Caerleon) and Arcangues et al, also has a yearling colt by Study Of Man (Ire). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,561.

O-Miss D Finkler, A Herd, Dr P Holloway 1; B-Friar Ings Stud Ltd (GB); T-Charlie Johnston.

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

**Mountain Warrior (GB)**, g, 3, **Brazen Beau (Aus)**--Plucky (GB), by Kyllachy (GB). Southwell, 4-9, 6f 16y (AWT), 1:14.91. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$5,861. B-East Layton Stud Ltd (GB). \*25,000gns RNA Ylg '21 TATSOM.



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## FRANCE

## Sunday's Results:

**PRIX ZARKAVA - FONDS EUROPEEN DE L'ELEVAGE-Listed**, €48,000, ParisLongchamp, 4-9, 4yo/up, f/m, 10 1/2fT, 2:10.20, g/s.

1--**PLEasant JANE (FR)**, 123, f, 4, **Pivotal (GB)**--Jane The Star (GB), by **Sea The Stars (Ire)**. **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** (€20,000 Ylg '20 ARQOCT). O/B-Rashit Shaykhutdinov (FR); T-Fabrice Chappet; J-Christophe Soumillon. €24,000. Lifetime Record: 6-3-2-1, €68,140.

2--**Mountaha (Ger)**, 123, f, 4, Guiliani (Ire)--Montfleur (GB), by Sadler's Wells. O/B-Gestut Schlenderhan (GER); T-Andre Fabre. €9,600.

3--**Manisha (Ire)**, 127, f, 4, Lope De Vega (Ire)--Mahati (Fr), by Montjeu (Ire). O-Mme Andre Fabre; B-Ecurie Peregrine SAS (IRE); T-Andre Fabre. €7,200.

Margins: SHD, SNK, 1 1/4. Odds: 5.80, 6.10, 10.00.

Also Ran: Wonderful Times (Ire), La Mehana (Fr), Baiykara (Fr), Calliepie (Fr), Mythicara (Ire), Katoucha (Fr), Winema (Fr), Kabula (Ire). **Video, sponsored by TVG.**

Successful in two of her first four starts prior to finishing runner-up in the Listed Grand Prix de Fontainebleau in November, Pleasant Jane returned with an improved effort to break through at this level and become the 163rd stakes winner for her late sire. Able to gain a perfect drafting position on the fence following the leader Mountaha throughout the early stages, the homebred was also gifted a rail run in the straight as that rival drifted and after gaining a narrow advantage approaching the furlong pole dug deep to hold her rally as the other Fabre runner Manisha closed out wide.



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The dam is a granddaughter of the triple German group 1-winning Albanova (GB) (Alzao), whose four black-type winners include the useful stayer Alignak (GB) by **Sea The Stars'** son Sea The Moon (Ger). Albanova is also the second dam of the now-legendary six-times group 1-winning Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe heroine Alpinista (GB) (**Frankel {GB}**) and last year's G1 St Leger hero Eldar Eldarov (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}). Also connected to Albanova's dual G1 Champion S.-winning full-sister Alborada (GB), the G1 Prix Royal-Oak heroine Allegretto (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains-winning sire Aussie Rules (Danehill), Jane The Star's 2-year-old filly by New Bay (GB) is named Javelina (Fr).

## GERMANY

## Sunday's Results:

**PREIS DES GESTUT LUNZEN & FRIENDS-Listed**, €25,000, Hoppegarten, 4-9, 4yo/up, f/m, 8fT, 1:43.30, g/s.

1--**NANO NAGLE (IRE)**, 126, f, 4, **Frankel (GB)**--Discursus (GB) (SW-Ger), by Dubawi (Ire). **1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.**

O/B-Godolphin (IRE); T-Henri-Alex Pantall; J-Pierre Bazire. €15,000. Lifetime Record: MSP-Fr, 11-2-0-3, €54,415.

2--**Yummylicious (GB)**, 126, f, 4, Dubawi (Ire)--Yummy Mummy (GB), by Montjeu (Ire). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O/B-Newsells Park Stud Ltd (GB); T-Andreas Wohler. €5,000.

3--**Mowe (Ger)**, 126, m, 5, Soldier Hollow (GB)--Mouette (Ger), by Tertullian. **1ST BLACK TYPE.** (€20,000 Ylg '19 BBAGO). O-Florian Martens & Steffi Schroder (GER); B-Gestut Gorldsdorf (GER); T-Roland Dzubasz. €3,125.

Margins: 3/4, 1 1/4, 3. Odds: 1.90, 12.40, 6.90.

Also Ran: Stella (Ger), Task (Ire), Lacuna (GB), Valuable Vista (Ger), Valpolicella (Ger), Clementine (Ger), Oriental Princess (Ger).

**PREIS VON DAHLWITZ-Listed**, €25,000, Hoppegarten, 4-9, 4yo/up, 10fT, 2:10.30, g/s.

1--**PANJARI (IRE)**, 128, g, 5, **Camelot (GB)**--Path Wind (Fr) (SW-Ger & G1SP-Ity, \$128,012), by Anabaa. O/B-Stiftung Gestut Fahrhof (IRE); T-Andreas Wohler; J-Eduardo Pedroza. €15,000. Lifetime Record: SW-Ity, 9-4-0-2, €44,075.

2--**Best Of Lips (Ire)**, 128, h, 5, The Gurkha (Ire)--Beata (Fr), by Silver Frost (Ire). (90,000gns RNA Ylg '19 TAOCT). O-Stall Lintec; B-Stall Parthenaue (IRE); T-Andreas Suborics. €5,000.

3--**Dolomit (Ire)**, 126, c, 4, Mastercraftsman (Ire)--Douala (GB), by Dubawi (Ire). (€65,000 Ylg '20 TIRSEP). O-Stall Nizza; B-Ursula & Jurgen Imm (IRE); T-Peter Schiergen. €3,125.

Margins: 3/4, 1 3/4, NK. Odds: 5.90, 1.10, 4.10.

Also Ran: Nastaria (GB), New Wizard (Ger), Duke Of Lips (Ire), Vallando (Ger), Angelino (Ger), Weria (Ger).



**2nd-Hoppegarten, €10,000, Mdn, 4-9, unraced 3yo, f, 9fT, 1:58.30, g/s.**

**VIEW ZABEEL (IRE) (f, 3, Saxon Warrior {Jpn})--Sand Zabeel {Ire} {GSW-Ger & Ity, \$263,626}, by Poet's Voice {GB})** was shuffled back through rivals to chase the leaders in sixth after an alert exit in this debut. Shaken up to reduce arrears rounding the home turn, the 3-1 second choice moved into third with 350 metres remaining and kept on strongly under continued urging to deny We Love Harzburg (Ger) (Toronado {Ire}) by a neck in the dying strides. View Zabeel is the first foal and scorer produced by MGSW G2 Oaks d'Italia heroine Sand Zabeel (Ire) (Poet's Voice {GB}), herself a half-sister to Listed Nereide-Rennen runner-up Paris Rose (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}) out of dual stakes-winning G3 Princess Royal S. third Samira Gold (Fr) (Gold Away {Ire}). The February-foaled bay is half to a yearling filly by Ghaiyyath (Ire). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €6,000. O-Jaber Abdullah; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd (IRE); T-Andreas Wohler.

**3rd-Hoppegarten, €10,000, Mdn, 4-9, 3yo, 10fT, 2:11.80, g/s. SALVINA (GER) (f, 3, Lord Of England {Ger})--Salve Sardegna {Ire}, by Soldier Hollow {GB}),** a Nov. 19 debut fifth tackling this distance at Munich last time, employed patient tactics from the break and settled towards the rear initially. Improving into fifth before halfway, the 69-10 second choice was hustled along with 500 metres remaining and stayed on well under late rousing to revail by 2 1/2 lengths from Aslan (Ger) (Camelot {GB}). Salvina, half-sister to a yearling colt by Lawman (Fr), is the second foal and scorer out of a winning half-sister to G3 Derby-Trial victor Sea Of Sands (Ger) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) and Listed Mannheim Cup third Salve Annetta (GB) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}). The April-foaled homebred chestnut's G1 Preis der Diana-winning third dam Salve Regina (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}) is a full-sister to G1 Deutsches Derby winners Schiaparelli (Ger) and Samum (Ger) and to the dam of runaway G1 Deutsches Derby hero Sea The Moon (Ger) (Sea The Stars {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €6,000. O-Rennstall Gestut Hachtsee; B-Gestut Hachtsee (GER); T-Sarah Steinberg.

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## WORLDWIDE NEWS

### LIBERTY ISLAND FROM THE CLOUDS IN OKA SHO by Alan Carasso



Liberty Island | Japan Racing Association

Ridden with supreme confidence by Yuga Kawada, reigning champion Japanese 2-year-old filly **Liberty Island (Jpn)** (Duramente {Jpn}) was given her cue with 400 metres to race and stormed home down the centre of the course to post a breathtaking victory in Sunday's G1 Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas) at Hanshin Racecourse. **Kona Coast (Jpn)** (Kitasan Black {Jpn}) was swamped late and completed a Sunday Racing 1-2, while Carrot Farm colourbearer **Perifania (Jpn)** (Maurice {Jpn}) checked in a sound third.

Void of early speed, the odds-on favourite was content to drop out to race with just two rivals behind her as G2 Tulip Sho winner **Mozu Meimei (Jpn)** (Real Impact {Jpn}) showed the way at a good clip in advance of Kona Coast, who just failed to reel in Mozu Meimei in the Tulip Sho. Still third last, but quietly ridden by Kawada as the Oka Sho field raced midway on the turn, Liberty Island peeled off heels once heads were turned for home, with the better part of 10 lengths to find. Kona Coast took over from the weakening front-runner at the 200-metre mark and Perifania also laid down a challenge, but by this time, Liberty Island was in high gear and she whistled home to score a shade cosily in the finish. She covered her final three furlongs in a wicked :32.9.

"I feel relieved to have done my job of guiding her to the wire in time," said Kawada. "We [landed] an inside draw and she wasn't keen to hurry out of the gate so the position was where it was going to be. But she was relaxed today, was in good rhythm in the race and clicked into gear nicely so this is where she ended up [winning], so I am glad. Now that we have accomplished our aim in the first of the Triple Crown, I hope that we can meet expectations in the following title."

The late Duramente also accounted for last year's Oka Sho heroine Stars on Earth (Jpn), who doubled up in the G1 Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks) (2400m) before falling just short in the G1 Shuka Sho (2000m) when attempting to sweep the Classic series. This year's Oaks takes place at Tokyo Racecourse May 21.

A debut winner over a mile last July--in which she finished off in an other-worldly :31.4--Liberty Island struck trouble and was second to **Ravel (Jpn)** (Kitasan Black {Jpn}) in the G2 Artemis S. in October before stamping her authority on the G1 Hanshin Juvenile Fillies over this course and distance Dec. 11.

#### Pedigree Notes:

A son of the late King Kamehameha (Jpn), Duramente was sadly lost to a bout of acute colitis in September 2021, but had already left his mark as the leading first-crop sire in Japan the previous season. From just three crops of racing age, Duramente is already responsible for Classic and three-time Group 1 winner Titleholder (Jpn) and last year's G1 Hopeful S. hero Dura Erede (Jpn), recent runner-up in the G2 UAE Derby and pointing towards the G1 Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby). Duramente has now accounted for the winner of four Classic races.

Liberty Island's dam was purchased for just A\$10,000 at the 2015 Inglis Sydney Classic Yearling Sale and went on to take three of her first four career starts, including the G1 Inglis Sires S. two weeks after finishing a half-length second to Capitalist (Aus) (Written Tycoon {Aus}) in the G1 Longines Golden Slipper S. She would add the G1 Spring Champion S. in October 2016 and retired with four wins from 10 runs and earnings in excess of US\$1.6 million before being acquired privately and exported to Japan.

Yankee Rose's first foal, the current 4-year-old filly Romneya (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), was purchased by that sire's owner Kaneko Makoto for \$1.9 million as a foal at the 2019 JRHA Select Sale and won her most recent start at Kokura back in February.

The current 2-year-old out of the mare, a colt by Lord Kanaloa (Jpn), fetched \$3.35 million at the same event in 2021. Yankee Rose produced a filly by Kizuna (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) in 2022 and was among the first book of mares served by Triple Crown winner Contrail (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}).

#### Sunday, Hanshin, Japan

**OKA SHO (JAPANESE 1000 GUINEAS)-G1**, ¥304,020,000, Hanshin, 4-9, 3yo, f, 1600mT, 1:32.10, fm.

1--**LIBERTY ISLAND (JPN)**, 121, f, 3, by Duramente (Jpn)

**1st Dam: Yankee Rose (Aus) (Ch. 2yo & 3yo Filly & MG1SW-Aus, \$1,627,487), by All American (Aus)**

**2nd Dam: Condesaar (Aus), by Xaar (GB)**

**3rd Dam: Condescendance, by El Gran Senor**

O-Sunday Racing; B-Northern Farm; T-Mitsumasa Nakauchida; J-Yuga Kawada; ¥166,614,000. Lifetime Record: Ch. 2yo Filly-Jpn, 4-3-1-0, ¥252,046,000. **Werk Nick Rating: B. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Click for the free Equineline.com pedigree.**


2--**Kona Coast (Jpn)**, 121, f, 3, Kitan Black (Jpn)--Kona Brewers (Jpn), by King Kamehameha (Jpn). O-Sunday Racing; B-Northern Farm; ¥63,604,000.

3--**Perifania (Jpn)**, 121, f, 3, Maurice (Jpn)--Katie's Heart (Jpn), by Heart's Cry (Jpn). O-Carrot Farm; B-Northern Farm; ¥38,802,000.

Margins: 3/4, NK, 1 3/4. Odds: 0.60, 17.40, 16.60.

Also Ran : Harper (Jpn), Doe Eyes (Jpn), Shinryokuka (Jpn), Sing That Song (Jpn), Light Quantum (Jpn), Bouton d'Or (Jpn), Emu (Jpn), Ravel (Jpn), Kita Wing (Jpn), Mozu Meimei (Jpn), Dura (Jpn), Conch Shell (Jpn), June Orange (Jpn), Moon Probe (Jpn), Tosen Laurier (Jpn). **Click for the JRA chart and VIDEO.**

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SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Abhayaa (Ire)	<b>Australia (GB)</b>	Mme Natalie Steinmann	Carina Fey	Eddy Hardouin	128
2	Don't Tell Claire (GB)	Gutaifan (Ire)	Andrew Stonehill	Daniel & Claire Kubler	Jack Mitchell	128
3	Inishnee (Ire)	Al Wukair (Ire)	S Fisher & Joseph P Burke	Willie McCreery	James Doyle	128
4	Laurel (GB)	<b>Kingman (GB)</b>	Juddmonte	John & Thady Gosden	Ryan Moore	128
5	Life Of Dreams (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	128
6	Lightship (Ire)	Fascinating Rock (Ire)	J P M O'Connor	Kevin Philippart de Foy	Daniel Muscutt	128
7	Magnificence (Fr)	<b>Kingman (GB)</b>	Brian O'Rourke Bloodstock Ltd	Brian O'Rourke	Kieran Shoemark	128
8	Sound Angela (GB)	Muhaarar (GB)	Yuichi Masuda	Roger Varian	David Egan	128
9	Tango Tonight (GB)	Pivotal (GB)	Helena Springfield Ltd	Hughie Morrison	Oisin Murphy	128

Breeders: 1-Double First Stables Ltd, 2-Tareq Al Mazeedi, 3-Pier House Stud, 4-Juddmonte Farms Ltd, 5-Godolphin, 6-John O'Connor, 7-Woodslane Farm LLP, 8-Charles Fox, 9-Meon Valley Stud

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