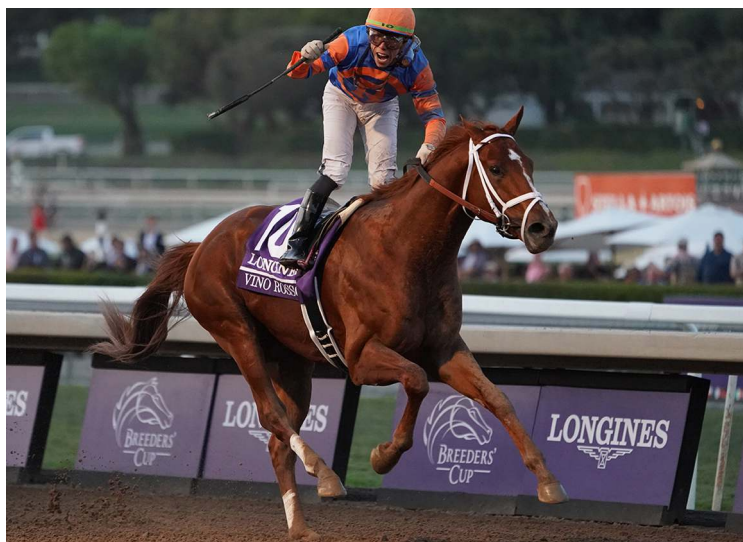


WHO WILL BE THIS YEAR'S LEADING FIRST-CROP SIRE?



Vino Rosso | Horsephotos

by Bill Finley

From this year's class, which freshman sire will emerge on top? And what sire currently flying under the radar will be the year's biggest surprise? With 2-year-old sales season upon us, over the next few days, we will be hearing from some of the experts.

NIALL BRENNAN

Top Pick: Vino Rosso (Curlin--Mythical Bride, by Street Cry {Ire}). Spendthrift Farm, 2023 fee: \$15,000.

The Mitoles were popular at the yearling sales and they sold well at the OBS March sale. They look like they will be early types. There will be some pressure on him because the expectation for him will be for him to get quite a few 2-year-old winners. I have a Vino Rosso who is quite nice. I'll pick **Vino Rosso** and the reason is, he was a very good racehorse and has the pedigree. He was a very good older horse. But from what we've seen so far, they have quite a bit of maturity and look like they could be summer 2-year-olds. That's impressive for a stallion where you might think they'll be better later on. From the Vino Rossos, I am seeing athleticism and mental maturity. It's between Mitole and Vino Ross, but I'll give the edge to Vino Rosso.

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KHRC RULES COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TWEAKS TO PARTNERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

by T.D. Thornton

The rules committee of the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission (KHRC) on Tuesday advanced a recommendation to amend the state's horse ownership regulations to do away with a requirement that no more than five individuals can be licensed as owners of a single horse.

In addition, a separate tweak would codify that up to 10 individual owners or entities may be listed in the track program as owners of a single horse. That limit was previously five, and it was based on the above-referenced regulation that also stated if more than five individual persons owned interests in a horse, one person was to be named as the licensed representative.

But now, in any horse ownership involving two or more owners, one of the members would have to be designated as the licensed principal owner. **Cont. p5**

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Who Will be This Year's Leading First-Crop Sire (cont. from p1)

Niall Brennan's Under-the-radar pick: **Demarchelier** (Dubawi {Ire}--Loveisallyouneed {Ire}, by Sadler's Wells). Claiborne Farm, 2023 fee: \$5,000.

My under-the-radar pick will be **Demarchelier**, a son of Dubawi who stands at Claiborne. He was an excellent racehorse in the making who won his first three starts before he got hurt. That reminds me of Danzig, who only had three starts and was retired. I'm not comparing him to Danzig. I'm just saying it is a similar story. He's the only son of Dubawi to stand over here and he had a lot of talent. I bred a mare to him because I thought he was a super value. Like **Oscar Performance**, he's going to have to step up and



Audible | Sarah Andrew

prove himself because he's a turf horse standing in America. They are average-sized, which he was. I have two that I really like. They are sharp and forward. I saw a couple breeze well at the March sale. I wouldn't be surprised if he comes up with four or five nice 2-year-old winners on the grass. He has the quality to do that. He has the potential to break out and have some really nice turf horses.

CARRIE BROGDEN

Top pick: **Audible** (Into Mischief--Blue Devil Bel, by Gilded Time). WinStar Farm, 2023 fee: \$25,000.

I think that every year, the early chatter about who is good and who is going to struggle is very telling, so I have learned to listen to that. Last year in January and February, all the talk was about Bolt d'Oro. The year before in January and February, it was **Gun Runner**. So we bred three mares to him on his bubble year, off the early chatter. So I'm going to have to go with the horse that everyone was talking about, and that was **Audible**.

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With Bolt d'Oro, every single person you talked to had one they liked. I felt that was the case this year with **Audible**. At Saratoga, we sold an **Audible** filly to MyRacehorse named Lady Blitz, and I bought a microshare just to keep up with her. She has just gone to Todd Pletcher's barn and she is the real deal. Now, full disclosure: I have a share in **Audible**, but we have shares in a lot of stallions. Before the speed works and everything, that early chatter tells you who the horses are that like to train.

Under-the-radar pick: Maximus Mischief (Into Mischief--Reina Maria, by Songandaprayer). Spendthrift Farm: 2023 fee: \$7,500.

Once again, I'm very biased here. We pinhooked him, raised him, sold him at Saratoga, stayed in on him with Cary Frommer, and took him to the 2-year-old sale. He was very fast. I think his horses look just like him. I'm biased, but I do feel like he's got a big shot. He throws a very different physical than **Audible**, who seems to throw a stouter body type. He was slightly long, and he throws a big, long horse.



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Brad Cox Talks Angel of Empire and Key Runners at Keeneland's Opening Weekend



JARED HUGHES

Top pick: Omaha Beach (War Front**--Charming, by Seeking the Gold). Spendthrift Farm, 2023 fee: \$30,000.**

I've liked **Omaha Beach** from the start and he hasn't disappointed at any step of the way. Great physical from a tremendous female family and they've looked like runners as weanlings, yearlings, and now 2-year-olds. I'm excited to see what he can do this year.

Under-the-radar pick: Solomini (Curlin**--Surf Song, by Storm Cat). McMahon of Saratoga, 2023 fee: \$6,500**

The under-the-radar pick is tricky this year due to a lack of depth, but I've liked the Solominis. He was a good 2-year-old who finished first in a Grade I and looks like he could be a standout in the New York market. **Curlin** is hot as a sire of sires right now with **Good Magic** waving the flag with three in the Derby.

Want to send in your first-crop sire selections? Email suefinley@thetdn.com.

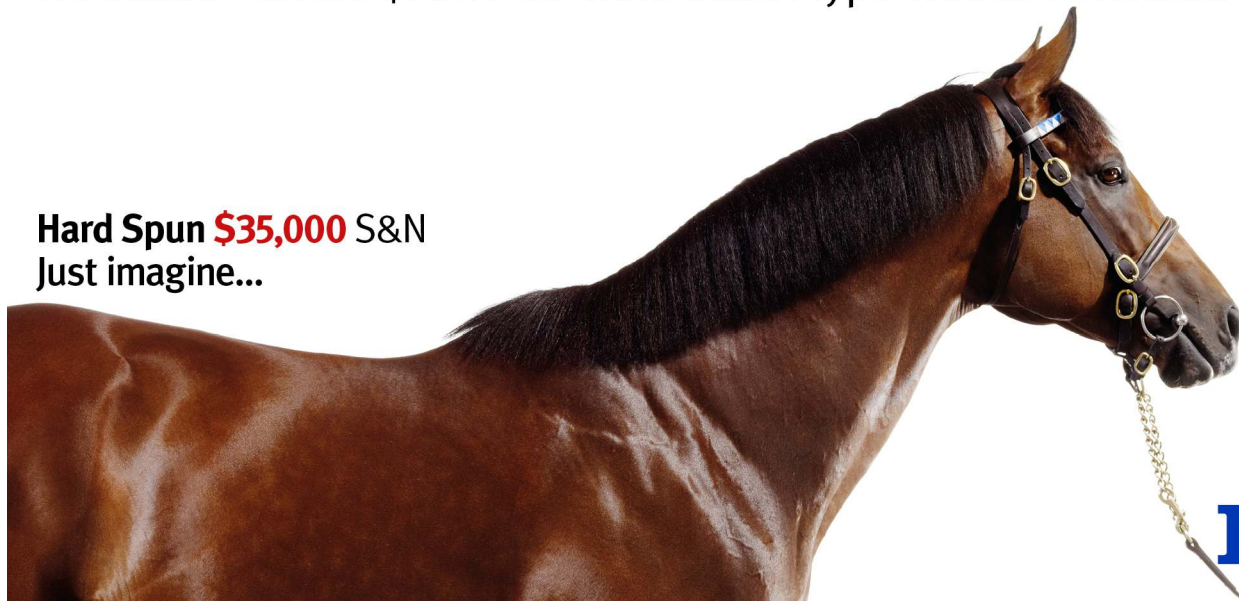
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KHRC Rules Committee Recommends Tweaks to Partnership Requirements

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And yet another change would do away with the requirement that partnership groups “shall” register with the commission. The recommended amendment would require partnership registration only “if requested by the stewards or the commission.”

Another subtle shift has to do with any kind of joint venture, such as stable names, partnerships or corporations. The new language would state that they “may be listed in the program with the principal owner's name shown parenthetically.”

The KHRC rules committee approved all of those proposed changes by unanimous voice vote at the Apr. 11 meeting. The measures still must be acted upon by the full KHRC board before they go into effect.



Churchill Downs | Coady Photography

“What we're suggesting is that we change [the existing rule] to state that there's no specific limit on the number of people who can be licensed,” said Jennifer Wolsing, the general counsel for the KHRC. “But if we have more than two people who own interests in a single horse, then they have to designate a member of that partnership to be the licensed principal owner.”

And in terms of partnerships and their registration, Wolsing added, “We are basically saying these partnerships do not have to register unless requested by stewards of the commission itself.”

Furthermore, if you are a syndicate or partnership member who owns a very minor or micro-share of a horse, but would like to still be licensed individually, there is nothing stopping you from doing so.

“Anybody [other than the principal owner] who is in that partnership can obtain a license by going to the license office

[and] writing the horse's name on an application,” said KHRC chief state steward Barbara Borden. “But I don't think [the stewards] would require anybody who hasn't divulged ownership [via syndicate] in the horse to obtain a license.”

The KHRC rules committee first took up this subject **back in January**, when KHRC commissioner Charlie O'Connor said he had “been approached by several ownership groups that we make room for more names” in the program.

“As syndicate groups in this country are becoming a big deal, [people] who invest their money in the horse business want to see their name on a program,” O'Connor said at that time.

The KHRC rules committee couldn't come up with an immediate solution at the January meeting. But now, three months later, O'Connor said he was pleased with the proposed rule amendments.

“I think that covers what we're trying to achieve here, because we've all been blown up about this,” O'Connor said. “It's a very important thing for these owners.”

Anna Seitz, a rules committee member who works with Fasig-Tipton and with international syndicates, said “I think it will help get new owners, honestly.”

Prior to the meeting's adjournment, Seitz floated another idea: Would there be any chance that Kentucky might swap out its annual license renewal requirement and go to three-year licensure, like in New York?

Frank Jones, Jr., a KHRC commissioner who chairs the rules committee, said he wasn't sure why the requirement exists as a one-year renewal. But he agreed that the committee should look into it.

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MARTY MCGEE LEAVES DRF TO BECOME JOCKEY'S AGENT *by Bill Finley*

Marty McGee, the longtime Kentucky correspondent for the *Daily Racing Form*, announced Tuesday that he is leaving the paper to become the agent for Joe Talamo. He had been with the *Form* since 1992.

"After 38 years as a professional racing journalist, I will begin working full time as an agent for my nephew-in-law, jockey Joe Talamo," McGee posted on his Twitter account. "Joe and I are very excited about what the future holds. He's an immense talent who belongs among the game's elite."

McGee wrote that the upcoming GI Kentucky Derby will be the 50th straight that he has attended and "my last as a writer and handicapper for *Daily Racing Form*."

"In the coming days, I'll be reaching out to thank many of you who have helped make my dream come true," he continued on Twitter. "I wanted to write about racing since I was 12, and after working for the *Baltimore Sun* (1985-92) and the *Form* (1992 to

present), I can honestly say it has been a career of incredible fulfillment. I filed racing stories from 17 different states and was privileged to meet thousands of wonderful people (and horses) along the way. Sometime in the next year or two, I'll be having my memoirs published, so in the meantime, there's still plenty of work to do. THANK YOU to my family, friends, and everyone who have helped to make this such a great life in the game I love!"

McGee's many accomplishments include a 2013

Eclipse Award for writing in the Feature/Commentary category for a story entitled "For Desormeaux, Conflicting Views on his Struggles."



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McGee's announcement comes roughly six months after *Daily Racing Form* National Correspondent Jay Privman announced his retirement.

Talamo is a veteran who has been riding since 2006 and has 2,289 career wins. He is 7-for-98 so far this year. In 2007, he won an Eclipse Award as the nation's outstanding apprentice.

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BREEDERS' CUP DIRT DOZEN SERIES RETURNS IN 2023

The Breeders' Cup Dirt Dozen, an incentive-based participation bonus program for horsemen pointing runners to the dirt races in the Breeders' Cup World Championships, will return this season. Launched in 2022, the series awards bonus credits funded by the Breeders' Cup for first through third-place finishes in each of 12 existing graded stakes races scheduled from May through October at six tracks throughout the United States. Horsemen can use those credits toward entry fees for one of the six Breeders' Cup World Championships dirt races.

In Dirt Dozen races in the \$2-million Breeders' Cup race divisions--which includes the GI Longines Distaff, GI Qatar Racing Sprint, GI FanDuel Juvenile and GI NetJets Juvenile Fillies--the bonus tier is allocated at \$30,000 for first, \$15,000 for second, and \$7,500 for third.

In Dirt Dozen races in the \$1-million Breeders' Cup race divisions--the GI PNC F/M Sprint and the GI Big Ass Fans Dirt Mile--the bonus tier will award \$15,000 for first, \$7,500 for second, and \$3,750 for third.

The Dirt Dozen program begins May 6 with the GI Derby City Distaff at Churchill Downs. The first three finishers in the race will earn credits toward entry fees for a potential start in the F/M Sprint. The program concludes Oct. 1 with the GI Zenyatta S. at Santa Anita, where the first three finishers in the race will earn credits toward entry fees for a potential start in the Distaff.

"After a successful launch in 2022, we are happy to again present our innovative Dirt Dozen program," said Dora Delgado, Executive Vice President and Chief Racing Officer of Breeders' Cup Limited. "Last year, many horsemen who took advantage of those credits toward entry fees for our dirt races were rewarded at the World Championships, and we look forward to extending the same incentive to connections who are targeting a start at Santa Anita Park in November."

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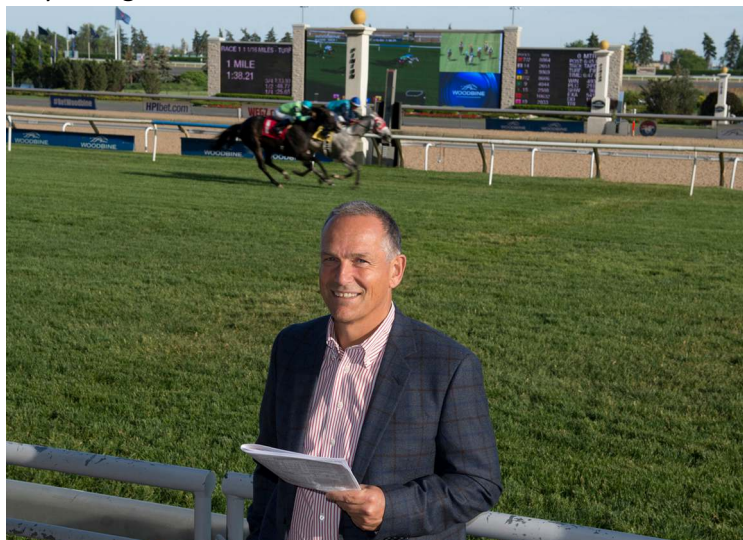
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LAWSON TO STEP DOWN AT WOODBINE

Jim Lawson will step down from his role as chief executive officer at Woodbine Entertainment this fall, the company announced Tuesday. Lawson has held the position since 2015.

“Being CEO of Woodbine Entertainment has been a great honor and passion for me,” Lawson said. “On a personal level, I have truly enjoyed my time leading the organization and I am so grateful for the incredible people that I have had the honor of working with, but it’s now time to spend more time with my family.

“On a professional level, during my time with Woodbine, we have become a multi-dimensional organization, having expanded our scope and reputation as a world leader in dual-breed horse racing, while working meticulously and respectfully to drive new revenues that will continue to support the Ontario horse racing industry for decades to come. I have every confidence that Woodbine Entertainment is on a path to a very strong and sustainable future.”



Jim Lawson | Michael Burns

Hugh Mitchell, Chair of Woodbine Entertainment’s Board of Directors, praised Lawson for his stewardship.

“On behalf of our Board of Directors, I would like to thank Jim for his strong, unwavering and impactful leadership to both Woodbine Entertainment and the Ontario horse racing industry over the last 15 years,” said Mitchell. “Jim’s passion for the horse racing industry and admiration for the hardworking people has been a hallmark of his tenure as CEO. Jim has made lasting contributions that will undoubtedly benefit the organization and industry for decades. We also look forward to identifying ways for the Board of Directors and the next CEO to continue benefiting from his experience and passion in the future.

“As for Woodbine’s next leader, the Board’s Succession Committee is working diligently and is confident that we will be

successful in finding the next CEO who will continue to build on our positive momentum.”

It is expected that Lawson will be associated with Woodbine in a senior role that will be defined at a later date.

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MARYLAND RACETRACK AUTHORITY BILL PASSES HOUSE, HEADS TO GOVERNOR'S DESK

Legislation which will create the Maryland Thoroughbred Racetrack Operating Authority (MTROA) was passed by the state's House of Representatives by a vote of 132-2 Apr. 10, the last day of the state's 2023 General Assembly session. Previously Senate Bill 720, which is designed to assist in the development of racing and training facilities in the state and operate in the best interests of Thoroughbred racing, passed the state Senate by a 47-0 vote Apr. 6.

The bill also states that, “If necessary, the authority will manage and oversee day-to-day racing operations and live racing days and, in coordination with the Maryland Economic Development Corp., acquire property for operations; enter into any agreements, leases, partnerships or contracts needed for pari-mutuel wagering and compliance with rules and regulations.”

The bill also would, “prop up a new ownership group for racing and training,” should the The Stronach Group (1/ST Racing), the owner/operator of the Maryland Jockey Club's Laurel Race Course and Pimlico, exit racing in the state.



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Five members of the MTROA will be appointed by the governor—one of two nominated by the Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (MTHA), one of two nominated by the Maryland Horse Breeders Association (MHBA), and three other members who possess relevant industry, business or government experience, including one in real estate or finance. Other members are the Chair or Executive Director of the both the Maryland State Archives (MSA) and the Maryland Economic Division (MEDCO), one who is not an elected official appointed by the Senate President and one who is not an elected official appointed by the Speaker of the House.

Additionally, three non-voting ex-officio members will be appointed by the governor—one who resides near Laurel, one who resides near Pimlico, and one who resides near the old Bowie Training Center, which is being given to the city of Bowie and University of Bowie. The other non-voting ex-officio member will come from the Maryland Racing Commission.

The MTROA will be in place for four years and one month, but could be extended through statutory changes if necessary. The bill, which is set to take effect June 1, now heads to the desk of Governor Wes Moore, who is expected to sign it.

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GRAYSON-JOCKEY CLUB APPROVES VACCINE RESEARCH FUNDING

The Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation recently issued a special call for research proposals to address vaccines for Equid Alphaherpesvirus 1 (EHV-1) and Equine Herpesvirus Myeloencephalopathy (EHM) and after a thorough review process by the foundation's veterinarian advisory committee, two research proposals were selected for funding.

The projects, led by Gisela Soboll Hussey of Michigan State University and Bettina Wagner of Cornell University, aim to develop novel nucleic acid vaccines to protect horses from EHV-1/EHM and EHV-4.

The EHV-1 and EHM viruses affect horses of every breed and discipline, and they continue to cause significant economic losses through closures of racetracks and sales barns, delays in training schedules, and severe disease and death of horses. Total funding for the projects of \$1,885,436 was provided by Dr. John Ballantyne and Fargo-Moorhead Area Foundation.

"The work of our research advisory committee is timely and essential," Dell Hancock, chairman of the Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation, said. "We look forward to working with these institutions to develop these vaccines and protect the equine industry from the devastating effects of EHV-1 and EHM."

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The TAA-accredited Hidden Acres Rescue for Thoroughbreds (HART) in Cocoa, Florida, is raising money to buy the land the rescue is on in order to keep it from being sold out from under them.

HART has rescued and rehomed over 200 horses, while helping children in the community a place to develop life skills and find purpose.

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Dawn Krout is organizing this fundraiser.





HORSESHOE INDIANAPOLIS CUTS PICK 6, ADDS PICK 5

Horseshoe Indianapolis will eliminate the Jackpot Pick 6 from its wagering format in 2023 and will add an additional Pick 5 to its menu.

“Our team stays engaged with customers year-round and there’s no question that the single most requested change from many of our best players was to eliminate the Jackpot Straight Fire 6,” said Eric Halstrom, Vice President and General Manager of Racing. “We have listened and are taking the Jackpot Pick 6 off the wagering format in 2023. It will be replaced with an additional Pick 5 on the first five Thoroughbred races daily and we think this will be a win-win for both our customers and horsemen.”

The Late Fire 5 joins the current Pick 5, which moves to the first five Thoroughbred races on the program. Both wagers will offer an industry low takeout of 11.99%. Each racing program will also retain two pick four wagers on the card, with the first Pick 4 held starting on the second Thoroughbred race and the late pick 4 scheduled for the last four Thoroughbred races on the card. Both Pick 4 wagers also have a reduced takeout of 15%. All four wagers begin with a 50-cent minimum and provide separate pools, each with their own carryovers.

The 21st season of live Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse racing at the Indiana oval opens Apr. 18 and runs through Nov. 17.

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OLD FRIENDS TO HOST ANNUAL HOMECOMING

Old Friends in Georgetown, Ky., will host its 18th annual homecoming event May 7 from noon to 4 p.m. The day will include a barbecue buffet lunch provided by Proud Mary, farm tours, live Bluegrass music, and live and silent auctions of racing memorabilia, collectible stallion halters, artwork, jewelry, books, and much more. There will also be an art sale in the shed near the office. Tickets are \$40 for the general public and \$20 for Old Friends Clubhouse members (children 12 and under are free). For tickets, go to the [Old Friends](#) website.

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TRF GOLF SCRAMBLE SET FOR APRIL 18

The Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation (TRF) will host a charity golf event at the Nevel Meade Golf Course in Prospect, KY, Apr. 18 in celebration the organization's 40th anniversary.

The event will begin with 12:30 p.m. registration and lunch, followed by a shotgun start at 2 p.m.

Included in the registration fee are greens fees, cart, lunch, range balls, a sleeve of TRF logo golf balls, an embroidered green golf shirt with TRF logo, a TRF baseball hat and more. Prizes will be given for the 1st-, 2nd- and last-place foursomes, along with the longest drive and closest to the pin. Raffle tickets will be sold for the Justin Thomas line drive, mulligans, and a variety of fun and popular pet, golf and dining-themed raffle baskets. A silent auction of unique horse-racing themed items including a jockey-signed Woodford Reserve bourbon barrel and a morning on the backstretch with Dale Romans will help raise funds to support the TRF herd of 425 retired Thoroughbreds.

Racing celebrity golfers include jockeys Brian Hernandez, Jr., David Cohen, Joel Rosario and Joe Rocco, Jr., among others.

Limited golfer registrations remain available. To register visit the [TRF website](#).

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JOHNSON WINS PREAKNESS ART CONTEST

Justin Johnson has been named the winner of the second annual Preakness Art of Racing contest. Johnson's original illustration titled "The Face of Victory" was selected by a panel of judges from among the 207 submissions, each of which depicted the extraordinary elements of Thoroughbred horse racing and the Preakness S.

The winning artwork was announced at a ceremony in the Brown Center at the Maryland Institute College of Art. In attendance were Senior Advisor of Art & Culture for the City of Baltimore Tonya Miller, MICA dignitaries, Park Heights Renaissance representatives and 1/ST RACING leadership. Participating artists also attended.

As the winner of the second-annual competition, Johnson receives a \$4,000 stipend and two tickets to Preakness 148. In addition, his work will be reproduced on a curated collection of Preakness 148 merchandise that will be available for purchase online and onsite during Preakness weekend. Proceeds from the sale of merchandise will be used to support the activities of the Park Heights Renaissance as it pursues affordable housing for families and provides employment opportunities for the people of Park Heights.

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Even in Exile, Bob Baffert is the King of the Sport of Kings

As exiles go, Bob Baffert's has been a comfortable one. Most mornings, the horse trainer who is barred from competing in the Kentucky Derby, can be found beneath the rouge-tipped San Gabriel Mountains, holding court at Clockers' Corner, the open-air bistro at Santa Anita Park. Joe Drape, New York Times



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MAKER'S MARK MILE S.-GI, \$600,000, 4yo/up, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Speaking Scout 	Mr Speaker	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners	Motion	Saez	123
2	Up to the Mark 	Not This Time	Repole Stable and St. Elias Stable	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	123
3	Chez Pierre (Fr)	Mehmas (Ire)	Lael Stables	Delacour	Prat	123
4	Emmanuel 	More Than Ready	WinStar Farm LLC and Siena Farm LLC	Pletcher	Castellano	123
5	Dr Zempf (GB)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Peter M. Brant	Brown	Gaffalione	123
6	In Love (Brz)	Agnes Gold (Jpn)	Bonne Chance Farm, LLC and Stud R D I, LLC.	Lobo	Cheminaud	123
7	Modern Games (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Godolphin, LLC	Appleby	Buick	123
8	Cabo Spirit 	Pioneerof the Nile	Kretz Racing LLC	Papaprodromou	Rispoli	123

Breeders: 1-Mike Abraham, 2-Ramspring Farm, 3-SCEA des Prairies & Ecurie de Castillon, 4-Helen K. Groves Revocable Trust, 5-Stratford Place Stud, 6-Fazenda Mondesir / Stud Rio Dois Irmaos, 7-Godolphin, 8-WinStar Farm, LLC

Saturday, Oaklawn #11, post time: 7:12 p.m. EDT







APPLE BLOSSOM H.-GI, \$1,000,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Secret Oath	Arrogate	Briland Farm	Lukas	Gaffalione	123
2	Hot and Sultry 	Speightster	Alex and JoAnn Lieblong	Casse	Cabrera	117
3	I Feel the Need	Keen Ice	Denny East, Jerry White, Mark Young and Michael Post	McBride	Bailey	114
4	Clairiere	Curlin	Stonestreet Stables LLC	Asmussen	Rosario	122

Breeders: 1-Briland Farm, Robert & Stacy Mitchell, 2-Cobalt Investments, LLC, 3-Calumet Farm, 4-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC

Saturday, Oaklawn #9, post time: 5:58 p.m. EDT

COUNT FLEET SPRINT H.-GIII, \$500,000, 4yo/up, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Edge to Edge 	Competitive Edge	Peggy Thompson	Hartman	Murrill	118
2	Skelly	Practical Joke	Red Lane Thoroughbreds LLC	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	117
3	Pirate Rick 	Liam's Map	Built Wright Stables, LLC.	Cash	Saez	115
4	Candy Man Rocket 	Candy Ride (Arg)	Frank Fletcher Racing Operations, Inc.	Mott	Alvarado	122
5	Tejano Twist	Practical Joke	JD Thoroughbreds LLC and Joey Keith Davis	Hartman	Arrieta	124
6	Radical Right 	First Samurai	Tom Kagele	Miller	Torres	117
7	Surveillance 	Constitution	Big Chief Racing, LLC, Rocker O Ranch, LLC and J. Keith Desormeaux	Desormeaux	Graham	119
8	Cogburn 	Not This Time	Clark O. Brewster, L. William & Corinne Heiligbrodt	Asmussen	Rosario	116
9	Payne	Paynter	Steven M. Asmussen	Asmussen	Asmussen	115
10	Strobe	Into Mischief	Godolphin, LLC	Cox	Geroux	119

Breeders: 1-Yeamans Racing Stable, LLC, 2-H. Allen Poindexter, 3-Woods Edge Farm, LLC, 4-R. S. Evans, 5-Tom Durant, 6-Richard Shultz, 7-Kendall E. Hansen, M.D. Racing, LLC, 8-Bellary Bloodstock, 9-Millennium Farms & **Paynter** Syndicate, 10-Godolphin





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FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

2023 Stud Fees Listed

Lost Treasure (Ire) (**War Front**), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, \$3,500
15 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Keeneland, 1:32 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Joia Rara, 20-1

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

2023 Stud Fees Listed

Accelerate (**Lookin At Lucky**), Lane's End Farm, \$10,000
214 foals of racing age/28 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Parx Racing, 3:22 p.m. EDT, Aoc 6f, True Queen, 15-1
\$25,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$15,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$55,000 RNA OBS
MAR 2yo

Buccherio (**Kantharos**), Pleasant Acres Stallions
155 foals of racing age/21 winners/0 black-type winners
9-Tampa Bay Downs, 4:20 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Fast Fixer, 20-1
9-Tampa Bay Downs, 4:20 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Infamous
Nono, 7-2

Collected (**City Zip**), Airdrie Stud, \$10,000
234 foals of racing age/26 winners/1 black-type winner
3-Keeneland, 2:04 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, The Princess Says, 7-2
\$37,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$67,000 OBS APR 2yo

Girvin (**Tale of Ekati**), Airdrie Stud, \$20,000
180 foals of racing age/32 winners/5 black-type winners
9-Tampa Bay Downs, 4:20 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Tiz a Tale, 20-1

Hoppertunity (**Any Given Saturday**), Northview Stallion Station

156 foals of racing age/15 winners/1 black-type winner
8-Parx Racing, 3:49 p.m. EDT, Alw 1m, Hop On Me, 4-1

Magick Dancer (**Two Step Salsa**)

1 foal of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Tampa Bay Downs, 2:20 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Magick
Minstrel, 12-1

Mo Town (**Uncle Mo**), Coolmore Ashford, \$5,000

172 foals of racing age/30 winners/3 black-type winners
5-Tampa Bay Downs, 2:20 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Burn the



West Coast | Horsephotos

Breeze, 10-1

\$13,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$8,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl

National Flag (**Speightstown**), Blazing Meadows Farm
38 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners
8-Mahoning Valley, 4:01 p.m. EDT, Alw 1m, Controller, 5-2

Oscar Performance (**Kitten's Joy**), Mill Ridge Farm, \$20,000
172 foals of racing age/22 winners/2 black-type winners
2-Keeneland, 1:32 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Hollywoodboulevard,
10-1
\$10,000 KEE SEP yrl

West Coast (**Flatter**), Lane's End Farm, \$10,000
198 foals of racing age/21 winners/2 black-type winners
2-Keeneland, 1:32 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Midnight Angel, 30-1
\$2,500 FTK OCT yrl

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22 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners

7-Evangeline Downs, 9:13 p.m. EDT, Aoc 5 1/2f, All of Us, 15-1

Yockey's Warrior (Warrior's Reward), Holly Hill Farm

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

7-Evangeline Downs, 9:13 p.m. EDT, Aoc 5 1/2f, Comanche

Warrior, 8-5

**STAKES RESULTS:****CLASICO JOSE DE DIEGO S.**, \$42,560, Camarero, 4-9, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10.86, ft.**1--ICATIRO, 118, g, 10, by Quality Road--Ingleside, by Lemon Drop Kid.** O-Sonata Stable; B-St. George Stables, LLC (KY); T-Edwin Diaz, Jr.; J-J.C. Diaz, Jr. \$24,685. Lifetime Record: 59-20-11-8, \$365,244.**2--Sope**, 121, g, 6, Shanghai Bobby--That's Life (Mex), by King Cugat. (\$57,000 RNA Ylg '18 FTKOCT). O-Matta Stable PR; B-Rose Hill Farm (KY); T-Axel J. Cruz. \$8,512.**3--Super Kojak**, 117, h, 5, Liaison--Alaska Miss, by Officer. (\$5,500 Ylg '19 OBSWIN; \$13,000 2yo '20 OBSMAR). O-Skull Stable PR; B-Spendthrift Farm LLC (KY); T-Ricardo Negron. \$4,256.

Margins: NK, 1 3/4, 2HF. Odds: 4.75, 2.70, 9.90.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**10th-Parx Racing, \$59,214**, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 4-11, 4yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:47.29, ft, 1/2 length.**IRISH EXIT (g, 4, Run Away and Hide--Atlanta Highway {SW, \$139,190}, by Chief Seattle)** Lifetime Record: 11-5-1-1, \$144,410. O-Irish Three Racing LLC; B-Dede McGehee (KY); T-John C. Servis. *\$11,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP; \$40,000 2yo '21 EASMAY.**9th-Parx Racing, \$52,250**, (S), (NW2BX)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 4-11, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:47.80, ft, 8 1/2 lengths.**NINETYPERCENTBRYNN (m, 5, Weigelia--Amblin Easy {MSP, \$167,426}, by Private Interview)** Lifetime Record: MSP, 21-5-6-4, \$311,696. O/B-LC Racing LLC (PA); T-Robert E. Reid, Jr. *Full to Ninetypercentmaddie, MSW, \$200,730.**7th-Mahoning Valley, \$40,900**, (S), 4-11, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.07, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.**TIVIS (m, 5, Tale of Ekati--Preseli's Pulpit, by Pulpit)** Lifetime Record: MSW, 21-9-4-3, \$331,085. O/B-Hillburn Racing Stable LLC. (OH); T-Robert M. Gorham. *1/2 to Out for Fun (City Weekend), SW, \$119,218.**6th-Mahoning Valley, \$31,900**, 4-11, 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:42.74, ft, 4 lengths.**FIRST CITIZEN (g, 6, Proud Citizen--First Circle {MSP, \$192,983}, by Langfuhr)** Lifetime Record: 38-10-6-5, \$232,688. O-Jorge Calixtro-Villanueva; B-Brereton C. Jones (KY); T-Caryn Vecchio. *\$17,000 RNA Ylg '18 KEESEP.**7th-Will Rogers Downs, \$30,000**, 4-11, (C), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:03.80, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.**ADRIA (f, 4, Dialed In--Amylimehouse, by Limehouse)** Lifetime Record: 13-5-2-0, \$101,456. O-Poindexter Thoroughbreds LLC; B-H. Allen Poindexter (KY); T-Lynn Chleborad. *\$47,000 RNA Ylg '20 FTKOCT; \$29,000 RNA 2yo '21 EASMAY.**6th-Will Rogers Downs, \$27,600**, (S), 4-11, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38.97, ft, 5 lengths.**CHILLAXIFICATION (f, 4, Tale of Ekati--Shezafasionista, by Fashion Find)** Lifetime Record: SP, 8-2-1-3, \$70,525. O/B-Terry Westemeir (OK); T-Scott E. Young.**2nd-Mahoning Valley, \$27,500**, 4-11, (NW4L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.13, ft, 4 1/2 lengths.**ATOMIC TONE (g, 4, Protonico--Bling On the Music {MSW & GSP, \$153,167}, by Too Much Bling)** Lifetime Record: 9-4-1-2, \$78,221. O-Jerry Ward; B-International Equities Holding, Inc. (KY); T-Penny Rone.**8th-Mahoning Valley, \$25,900**, 4-11, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40.59, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.**MAMBO KITTEN (f, 4, Kitten's Joy--Mambo Fever {MGSP, \$124,010}, by Stormin Fever)** Lifetime Record: 16-2-2-3, \$46,096. O/T-Hugo Andrade; B-Dixiana Farms LLC (KY).**8th-Turf Paradise, \$23,400**, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000-\$25,000), 4-10, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:34.70, fm, 1 1/4 lengths.**HYPERFOCUS (g, 5, Constitution--Discreet Meating, by Hat Trick {Jpn})** Lifetime Record: 24-6-2-6, \$148,618. O-Riley Rycroft; B-Mike & Jill Heitzmann & WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-Riley Rycroft. *\$100,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Nordic Queen, f, 4, **Read the Footnotes**--Awesome Emma, by **Ghostzapper**. Will Rogers Downs, 4-11, 1m, 1:41.48. Lifetime Record: 8-1-4-1, \$37,063. B-Eureka Thoroughbred Farm (MN).
Bold Courage, c, 4, **Union Rags**--Giant Mover (SW, \$163,813), by Giant's Causeway. Will Rogers Downs, 4-10, 1m, 1:39.88. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$16,820. B-Dell Ridge Farm, LLC (KY). *\$350,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP. **1/2 to Liora (**Candy Ride {Arg}**), GSW & GISP, \$530,080; Family Tree (Smart Strike), MGSW & GISP, \$733,387.

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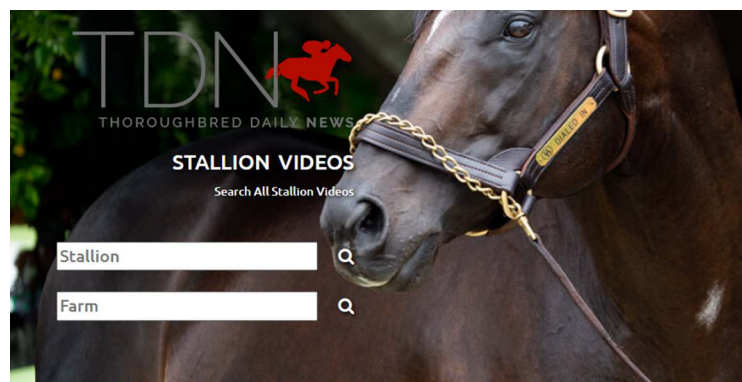
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Kitten's Joy, Mambo Kitten, f, 4, o/o Mambo Fever, by Stormin Fever. ALW, 4-11, Mahoning Valley
Protonico, Atomic Tone, g, 4, o/o Bling On the Music, by Too Much Bling. ALW, 4-11, Mahoning Valley
Proud Citizen, First Citizen, g, 6, o/o First Circle, by Langfuhr. ALW, 4-11, Mahoning Valley
Quality Road, Icatiro, g, 10, o/o Ingleside, by Lemon Drop Kid. GIII Clasico Jose de Diego S., 4-9, Camarero
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Run Away and Hide, Irish Exit, g, 4, o/o Atlanta Highway, by Chief Seattle. AOC, 4-11, Parx Racing
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By Emma Berry

It has been a good spell for Christopher Head. On Sunday, his colt Big Rock (Fr) (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}) became the latest group winner for owner-breeder Yeguada Centurion, followed two days later by a **TDN Rising Star** award for the trainer's first juvenile runner of the season, Ramatuelle (Justify), who demolished her opposition in the Prix du Premier Pas at Chantilly.

This prominent start to the season picks up where Head left off last year: his first Group 1 success came in October's Prix Marcel Boussac with Blue Rose Cen (Ire) (Churchill {Ire}), another Yeguada Centurion homebred.

It would be easy to imagine that the 36-year-old has merely waltzed in to pick up the reins upon the retirement of his father Freddy last year, but in fact he started out four years ago with a handful of horses trained from boxes rented from Pascal Bary, saying at the time, "I wanted to be seen as a trainer in my own right."

That he very much is now. His appearance in the training ranks coincided with the expansion of the breeding operation of Spaniard Leopoldo Fernandez Pujals, whose Yeguada Centurion banner is now represented on the racecourse by the offspring of the mares recruited in France, Ireland, Britain and America at some considerable expense.

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JUSTIFY FILLY POWERS TO RISING STARDOM AT CHANTILLY

By Sean Cronin & Brian Sheerin

France Galop has boosted a series of 21 premium races for unraced 2-year-olds with increased prizemoney and the first such event, Tuesday's €50,000 Prix du Premier Pas at Chantilly, was bolstered by a 'TDN Rising Star' performance from Christopher Head incumbent Ramatuelle (Justify--Raven's Lady {GB}, by Raven's Pass), a €100,000 Arqana August purchase, who debuted with a stunning display in the straight five-furlong test. Ramatuelle, sporting the Infinity Nine Horses silks, broke well from an outer stall and raced prominently throughout. Looming large on the bridle approaching the final furlong, the 23-10 favourite was not for catching once hitting the front, powering clear in impressive fashion to easily outclass Dubai Hills (GB) (Adaay {Ire}) by 4 1/2 lengths. She becomes the fifth 'TDN Rising Star' for Justify (Scat Daddy), whose roll of honour includes unbeaten G2 Airlie Stud S. heroine Statuette. Cont. p5

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*Coolmore's Freshman sire *Ten Sovereigns* was represented by initial winner Brighter (Fr) at Dundalk Tuesday.*

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These included Hardiyna (Ire) (*Sea The Stars {Ire}*), a close relative of dual Derby winner Harzand (Ire), who was bought unraced from the Aga Khan Studs carrying her first foal, who would go on to be named Big Rock and become one of the leading French Classic prospects of the season.

"Many factors affect me when it comes to Big Rock," says Head, who has nurtured the colt through six starts to date, winning for the first time in a handicap at Chantilly in February before going on to an easy victory in the Listed Prix Maurice Caillault, then Sunday's G3 Prix La Force. What was most taking about his recent win is the manner in which he dominated the race from the off before finding more when asked to go on in the final furlong.

"Starting with the colt himself: he is beautiful, willing in his work and talented. He is also from a renowned Aga Khan

maternal family and I have a great respect and admiration for Prince Aga Khan. Being French and a lover of horse racing, how could it be otherwise?

"Big Rock is one of the last offspring of Rock of Gibraltar, who

was a fabulous Classic racehorse. During his stallion career, Rock of Gibraltar has produced both Group 1 winners and horses capable of winning more than 10 races in their career. I admire this type of career and it is also the type of pathway that I hope to have with horses that will perform as well on the track as at breeding."

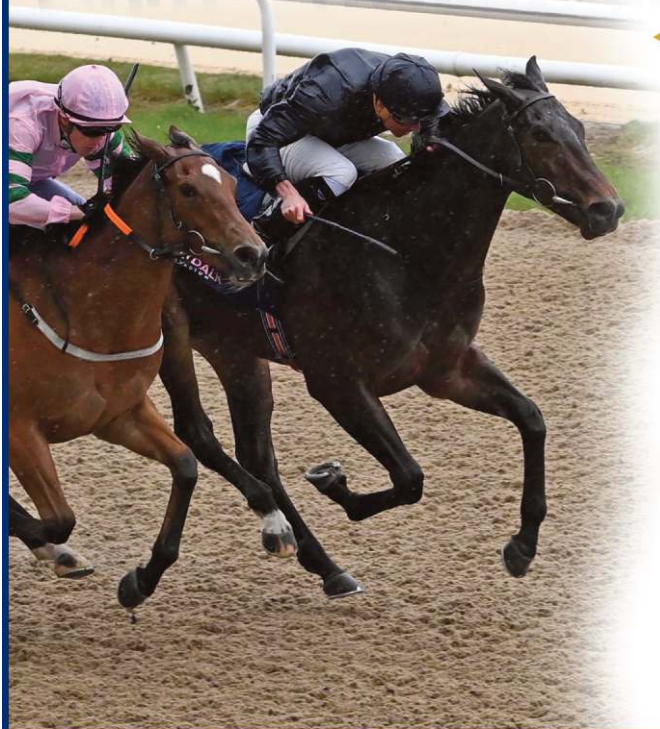
Head adds, "And last but not least, he is a representative of the Yeguada Centurion colours and their young breeding operation. The Yeguada is the

owner that brought me my first group winner, and that is a special attachment in a trainer's career.



Big Rock winning last Sunday's G3 Prix la Force
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Ten Sovereigns



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« The colt is progressing well. He is a very smart horse with a promising future. » **Philippe Decouz** (Equidia)

« Le Boss showed an excellent turn of foot and his performance on this second outing demonstrated that he has the class to tackle Group races » **Bruno Barbereau** (Jour de Galop)

Entered in the Poule d'Essai des Poulains and the Jockey Club

ELZORA 1st Prix de Chaillot Longchamp



« Elzora won in a canter. I am delighted for her sire, Almanzor, who produces a lot of good horses. He's a very successful stallion for me! »
Jean-Claude Rouget (Jour de Galop)

Entered in the Prix de Diane



9 APRIL

ALMANZORA 1st Prix de Saint-Martial Bordeaux

Bought as a yearling by Jean-Claude Rouget for the same connections as Almanzor, Almanzora outclassed the opposition on her debut.



8 APRIL

Cont.

"I owe him everything and of course we are nothing as trainers without the right horses."

That first group winner was Sibila Spain (Ire), who took last season's G2 Prix du Muguet, and she had also been Head's first Classic runner a year earlier when fourth in the G1 Prix de Diane. As well as the success of Blue Rose Cen last year, the stable was also represented by Tigrais (Fr) (Outstrip {GB}), owned by OTI Racing and Gerard Augustin Normand. The winner of the G3 Prix La Rochette, she is another potential Classic contender this year.

In regard to Big Rock's immediate future, Head outlines, "Plan A is to go the Prix de Guiche [on May 9] to prepare for the Prix du Jockey Club. I still want to see how he is after Sunday's race but he seems to have come out of it brilliantly."

Blue Rose Cen, meanwhile, is set to shed her winter wraps and step back into the limelight at Longchamp on Sunday for the G3 Prix de la Grotte, which could also feature Tigrais, depending on the weather in the interim.

"We are on schedule for everything," Head says. "Blue Rose Cen is ready for her first race of the season, and of course the Poule d'Essai des Pouliches is going to be the main target."

"She's a fast learner and always wanted to work, and she hasn't changed a bit in that respect. She has strengthened up over the winter. She has a great mental attitude and I think that's what really makes the difference."

He continues, "We will see after the Pouliches if she can go up to 2,100m for the Prix de Diane, but it's too early to say yet." Of her stable-mate, Head adds, "We know that Tigrais doesn't cope with heavy ground, so we will see. At the moment the plan is for her also to go to the Prix de la Grotte, but if it rains all week we won't go there. The only thing that counts is doing what's right for her."

From that initial team of six horses back in 2019, the inhabitants of his Chantilly stable, which he bought from his father, have grown in number to around 50. Their owners include Eric Puerari, Haras d'Etreham, Guy Pariente, Nurlan Bizakov, Haras de la Gousserie, Qatar Racing, and of course his family's Haras du Quesnay, which has two homebreds by Recoletos (Fr) in the yard.

"We are trying to grow in a way that we are able to keep the quality of work that we are doing right now," he says. "I am very happy with the team that I've built up and I'm very happy with the owners we have with us who are helping us to grow and to go into those races."

"We bought the stable this year so now we are able to stay in one place. It's good to be able to tell people that we are here to stay for a long time. We are at around 50 horses this year. I

think we will stay at this number for now, and we already have what we need for this season, but of course we are open for next season for new owners."

Last year represented a significant time of change for the Head family and for French racing itself, with the death of patriarch Alec Head at the age of 97 in June, and the retirement of Freddy Head in September. Moreover, the family's revered Haras du Quesnay is also in the process of changing hands. But the name that has



Blue Rose Cen en route to winning the G1 Prix Marcel Boussac
ScoopDyga

become synonymous with Chantilly is still represented among the training ranks by Christopher and his sister Victoria, who has trained her first two winners this year.

"I really want to be able to continue what my grandfather and my father have built," Head says. "It's hard for me to say that I will be as good as them because they have done so many things that are impressive, but I will try to continue in this way."

Quizzed by TDN on Tuesday morning as to how his juvenile team for 2023 was shaping up, he had replied, "It's a bit early but will be able to assess the others from what happens today. It's about the first runner, and then everything else sorts itself out after that."

So, after watching Ramatuelle put clear daylight between herself and her 14 rivals at Chantilly, how's he feeling now?

"I am very happy. I've never had a filly that had that much speed and precocity at the same time. This race was really important and I'm really happy that the stable is capable of having that kind of programme for her," Head says.

"It's too soon to make firm plans. For now, the plan is to stay in France for her next race, whatever happens. But of course we will have a discussion, and it could be an option to go to Royal Ascot for the Queen Mary, but we will see."

TDN Rising Star Ramatuelle, cont. from p1

"At this stage she is much more forward than most of my other 2-year-olds," the winning trainer commented. "She has been working well at home and looks like a nice sort with a future."

Ramatuelle, half to a yearling filly by **Uncle Mo**, is the first of two foals produced by G2 Goldene Peitsche and G3 Summer S. victrix Raven's Lady (GB) (Raven's Pass), herself out of an unraced half to G1 Prix d'Ispahan-winning sire Best Of The Bests (Ire) (Machiavellian), G2 Dante S. third Dunhill Star (Ire) (Danehill) and the dam of MGSW G1 Melbourne Cup runner-up Prince Of Arran (GB) (Shirocco {Ger}). The February-foaled chestnut's third dam, G3 Fred Darling S. winner Sueboog (Ire) (Darshaan {GB}), is a half-sister to the dam of GSW G1 Grand Prix de Paris and G1 Prix Jean Prat runner-up Shaanmer (Ire) (Darshaan {GB}) and stakes-winning GI Garden City Breeders' Cup H. second Nordican Inch (GB) (Inchinor {GB}).

She was bought for €100,000 by Arthur Hoyeau, who described the filly as his pick of the fillies at the August Sale at Arqana, and predicted bigger and better things to come from Ramatuelle when she steps up in trip.

"We had very good reports from Christopher so we were quite hopeful. She did on the track what she was showing in the mornings and Christopher thinks that she will be better when she steps up in distance a little so we are very excited about the filly," Hoyeau said after the race.

"I am also very excited about the ownership group, which is composed of high-profile industry players from all over the world, so it's quite exciting. She was my favourite filly of the August Sale. She was not one hundred per cent at the sale because she got cast and that is probably the reason why we were able to afford her.

"**Justify** is a very promising stallion and his progeny are quite versatile. He can get very nice horses on turf and dirt and, through that Scat Daddy line, he could do anything. They can go quick early in their careers and they also seem to train on and get further with racing--that's the sign of a very good stallion."



Arthur Hoyeau | ScoopDyga

Although nothing concrete has been mapped out for Ramatuelle, Hoyeau revealed that connections were keen to take in a novice before stepping the filly up in class.

He said, "Christopher is first of all very talented as a trainer

and he likes to project himself so he has mapped out a few races for this filly already. We will take things step by step with her and go for a novice over six furlongs next and then go for the better races after that."

Tuesday's success marked an excellent week for Hoyeau on a personal level given the leading bloodstock advisor also bought Classic Flower (GB), who got her first-season sire **Calyx** (GB) off the mark at the first attempt, for 45,000gns as a foal.

"We have a few more

2-year-olds in the pipeline. We have two fillies in training with Christophe Ferland, who has just set up in Chantilly, and we are quite excited about them. There is a **No Nay Never** and a Zoustar (Aus) that we really like so we are in good shape. It's been a good start but hopefully there are a few more to come as well."

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1st Dam: Raven's Lady (GB) (GSW-Eng & Ger, \$238,499), by Raven's Pass

2nd Dam: Pivotal Lady (GB), by Pivotal (GB)

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

(€100,000 Ylg '22 ARQAUG) Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €25,000.

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O-Infinity Nine Horses, Arthur Hoyeau, Ecurie des Monceaux, Hollymount Stud France SC, Mme Ilse Smits & Clement Tropres; B-Yeguada Centurion SLU (KY); T-Christopher Head.

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BETFRED NAMED AS DERBY SPONSOR

Betfred has been announced as the new sponsor of the Derby, described by the company's founder Fred Done as "greatest Flat race in the world". In a deal initially lasting three years, the bookmaking firm will also sponsor the Oaks. This year's meeting takes place on June 2 and 3. The largest independent bookmaker in Britain, with 1,400 high street shops, Betfred has also expanded into South Africa and currently operates across 10 American states. The company was racing's biggest sponsor between 2011 and 2018, its backing including the Cheltenham Gold Cup, G1 Sprint Cup at Haydock, Newmarket's Cambridgeshire and Cesarewitch, and York's prestigious Ebor Handicap. Betfred is also the official betting partner of Ascot racecourse and Royal Ascot.

"I am immensely proud to sponsor the Derby and the Oaks. For me, the Derby remains the greatest Flat race in the world," Done said.

"When you look at some of the horses and characters that have won this great race, Sea-Bird, Mill Reef, Nijinsky, Sir Gordon Richards, Lester Piggott, and Frankie Dettori, it has an amazing history and I am delighted to become a part of it for at least the next three years."

The Jockey Club's chief executive Nevin Truesdale added, "We're delighted that Betfred have agreed to be the sponsor of the Derby and the Oaks. Betfred's support of British racing over many years has been superb and we're proud to be working with Fred Done and his team on its next chapter, to promote these two iconic races on the first weekend in June."

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TATTERSALLS IRELAND GORESBRIDGE BREEZE UP SALE CATALOGUE ONLINE

The catalogue for the Tattersalls Ireland Goresbridge Breeze Up Sale is now available online, featuring 245 juveniles. Ireland's only Breeze Up Sale takes place on the eve of the Tattersalls Irish Guineas Festival at The Curragh with horses breezing at Fairyhouse Racecourse Thursday, May 25, starting at 9.00am with the sale starting on Friday, May 26 at 10.00am.

Tattersalls Ireland Goresbridge Breeze Up graduates include last year's G2 Mooresbridge S. winner Layfayette, Harry Rosebery S. scorer Prince of Pillo and Bright Diamond, winner first time out for Karl Burke. Already group placed, she holds entries in the Irish Guineas and the Oaks.

Included among the highlights of the 2023 catalogue: Inns Of Court half-brother to Britain's 2021 leading freshman sire Ardad, a **Ten Sovereigns** half-sister to Western Australia and Hoarding, a Blue Point half-brother to the Pretty Polly S. runner up Mashaaer. Additionally, the catalogue offers an Inns Of Court half-brother to group performer Clem Fandango, an **Oasis Dream** colt out of Group 1-placed Calyxa, a Lope De Vega colt out of Oaks-placed Lady of Dubai, a Sea the Stars colt out of a half-sister to Champion mare the Fugue and a **Ten Sovereigns** filly out of a half-sister to Havana Gold.

The sale will provide opportunities for owners and trainers to benefit from additional incentives, with 18 2-year-olds qualified for French Owners' Premiums, six fillies registered for the Great British Bonus Scheme and 26 juveniles qualified for the Swedish Derby and Oaks Series.

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GSW HISPANIC MOON TOPS ARQANA ONLINE SALE



Hispanic Moon | Arqana

Hispanic Moon (Fr) (Spanish Moon) (Lot 1), winner of the G3 Prix de la Gascogne, was knocked down for €80,000 to Kieran Mariga of Coolmara Stables. Offered from Haras d'Ecouvies, the 6-year-old jump mare also finished runner-up in the G3 Grande Course de Haies de Compiègne last season.

The David Cottin-trained **Le Garde Royal (Fr)** (Martaline) (Lot 2) went to Oscar Gonzalez Lonzano and Gemini Stud for €62,000. From the family of the talented Laterano and Laterana, the 4-year-old finished runner-up over hurdles at Pau on his only start last year.

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FIRST-SEASON SIRE WITH RUNNERS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2023

UNITED KINGDOM

Soldier's Call (GB) (Showcasing {GB}), Ballyhane Stud
17:30-KEMPTON PARK, 5f, Hot Front (Ire)

BRITAIN

Tuesday's Results:

6th-Pontefract, £10,000, Mdn, 4-11, 3yo, 10f 5yT, 2:22.30, sf.
KNOCKBEX (GB) (c, 3, Ulysses {Ire}--Prominence {GB}, by Pivotal {GB}), an inauspicious last of eight on debut at Newcastle in February, set off in front as he had there. Refusing to buckle this time, the strong-galloping 8-1 shot resolutely recorded a 3 1/2-length success from Perfuse (GB) (Lope De Vega {Ire}). The dam, whose unraced dam also has a 2-year-old colt by Dutch Art (GB) and a yearling colt by Ulysses (Ire), is kin to the GI Del Mar Oaks heroine Dublino (Lear Fan). She was also responsible for the dual listed scorer and triple group-placed Answered (GB) (Authorized {Ire}) and for Ulysses' daughter Peripatetic (GB) who was second in last year's G3 Princess Royal S. Sales history: 7,500gns Wlg '20 TATFOA. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$6,687.

O-Mr Iain Service; B-Cheveley Park Stud Limited (GB); T-Charlie Johnston.

2nd-Wolverhampton, £8,000, Novice, 4-11, 3yo, 12f 51y (AWT), 2:42.72, st.

DUKE OF OXFORD (GB) (g, 3, Kingman {GB}--Miss Marjorie {Ire} {GSW-Eng, \$214,621}, by Marju {Ire}), penalised for his debut win over 10 furlongs at Chelmsford last month, raced close to the early pace in second. Taking command two out, the 11-4 second favourite strode clear in impressive fashion to score by 7 1/2 lengths from Captain Potter (GB) (Almanzor {Fr}). The winner is the third foal out of the dam, whose career tally included success in the G3 Pinnacle S. and who was third in the G2 Lancashire Oaks. From the family of the five-times group 1-winning champion Soviet Song (Ire) (Marju {Ire}), the G1 Prix Jean Romanet heroine Ribbons (GB) (Manduro {Ger}) and the G1 Prix de l'Abbaye and G1 Nunthorpe S. winner Marsha (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}), she also has the 2-year-old colt Normandy Legend (GB) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) who cost Avenue Bloodstock €330,000 at the Arqana Deauville August Yearling Sale and a yearling filly by Too Darn Hot (GB).

Sales history: 27,000gns Ylg '21 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$12,821.

O-Mr A Cope, Mr B Roberts and Mr J Biggane; B-Ed's Stud Ltd/A Swinburn (GB); T-Michael Bell.

3rd-Wolverhampton, £8,000, Mdn, 4-11, 3yo, 8f 142y (AWT), 1:51.20, st.

WONDER LEGEND (IRE) (c, 3, Sea The Stars {Ire}--Sea of Wonders {Ire}, by Fastnet Rock {Aus}), runner-up over a mile at Kempton at the start of February, led the way throughout the early stages. Headed by Mr Buster (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) inside the final furlong, the 5-1 shot battled back to get up late and score by a neck. The unraced dam is a daughter of the dual listed scorer and G3 Prix de Royaumont-placed Mer De Corail (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) and a granddaughter of Miss Tahiti (Ire) (Tirol {Ire}), the G1 Prix Marcel Boussac winner and G1 Prix de Diane runner-up who was responsible for the G1 1000 Guineas heroine Miss France (Ire) (Dansili {GB}). Her 2-year-old full-sister to the winner was a 80,000gns Book 1 purchase by McKeever Bloodstock for Charlie Hills. Sales history: €50,000 Ylg '21 GOFSP; €220,000 2yo '22 ARQMAY. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$7,536.

O-Mr Boniface Ho Ka Kui; B-Sunderland Holding Inc (IRE); T-James Ferguson.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Indian Falcon (GB), g, 3, Mayson (GB)--Indian Lass (Ire), by Indian Haven (GB). Pontefract, 4-11, 6fT, 1:23.12. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$4,681. B-H J Fitzsimons & Smarden Thoroughbreds (GB).



Ulysses | Amy Lanigan

IRELAND

Tuesday's Results:

FIRST WINNER FOR SIRE

1st-Dundalk, €15,000, Mdn, 4-11, 2yo, f, 5f (AWT), 1:02.69, st. BRIGHTER (FR) (f, 2, **Ten Sovereigns {Ire}--Tara's Force {Ire}, by Acclamation {GB}),** sent off the 13-8 second favourite behind the 11-8 choice Vanity Pays (GB) (Kodiac {GB}), was swiftly away under Ryan Moore and on the flanks of the leader Love Ya (Ire) (Bungle Inthejungle {GB}). Left in front as that rival veered towards the far rail after turning for home, the bay battled tenaciously to ward off the Twomey runner Vanity Pays by a head, surviving an inquiry having brushed her inside the last furlong. In so doing, the €110,000 Arqana Deauville October purchase gave Coolmore's first-season sire (by **No Nay Never**) his first winner. "She's a fine example of the **Ten Sovereigns'** progeny," stable representative Chris Armstrong said. "Ryan was happy with her--she was green throughout the run, but she is going to improve a tonne. We will probably go to the [G3] Fillies' juvenile sprint at Naas in five weeks' time." Brighter is currently the last known foal out of the dam, who has produced the Listed Prix Volterra scorer Charm Appeal (Fr) (Canford Cliffs {Ire}) and who is a half to the G3 Somerville Tattersall S. and G3 Dubai Duty Free Cup scorer Ashram (Ire) (Indian Haven {GB}). This is also the family of the G3 Prix Miesque runner-up Show Gorb (Spa) (Caradak {Ire}), dam of last week's G3 Prix Imprudence winner Showway (Fr) (Galiway {GB}). Sales history: €110,000 Ylg '22 ARQDOY. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$9,775. O-Mrs.J Magnier/M Tabor/D Smith/Westerberg; B-Framont Limited (FR); T-Aidan O'Brien.

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Ten Sovereigns | Coolmore

3rd-Dundalk, €13,000, Mdn, 4-11, 3yo, f, 10f 150y (AWT), 2:21.97, st.

RED RIDING HOOD (IRE) (f, 3, **Justify--Ballydoyle {Ire} {G1SW-Fr, GSW & G1SP-Ire, G1SP-Eng, \$538,223}, by Galileo {Ire}),** a daughter of the G1 Prix Marcel Boussac heroine and G1 1000 Guineas runner-up Ballydoyle, had been second to stablemate Jackie Oh (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) on her seasonal bow over a mile at Naas last month and set off in the lead. Clear at halfway, the 2-7 favourite ducked right when she spotted something off to the left close home but had plenty in reserve to score by 3/4 of a length from Letiza (Ire) (**Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}**). "She's still a work-in-progress, she's just got to put everything together," stable representative Chris Armstrong said. "She will definitely come on a lot for the run, the experience will do her the world of good. She could go back to Naas for something like the Naas Oaks Trial in three weeks' time and try to get the black-type for her." Ballydoyle, whose first foal was the Listed Ingabelle S. winner Monday (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), is a full-sister to the four-times group 1-winning Irish 1000 Guineas heroine Misty For Me (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) who in turn produced **War Front's** G1 July Cup, G1 Middle Park S. and G1 Dewhurst S.-winning sire **U S Navy Flag** and G1 Prix Rothschild, G1 Sun Chariot S. and G1 Falmouth S. heroine Roly Poly. The family also features one of the best juveniles this stable has had in the 1999 European champion 2-year-old colt Fasliyev (Nureyev). Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, \$16,159. O-D Smith,Mrs J Magnier, M Tabor,Westerberg; B-Coolmore (IRE); T-Aidan O'Brien.

5th-Dundalk, €12,500, Mdn, 4-11, 3yo/up, 7f (AWT), 1:28.59, st.

BROADHURST (IRE) (c, 3, **No Nay Never--Sweet Charity {Fr} {SW-Fr, GSP-USA, \$170,312}, by Myboycharlie {Ire}),** a well-beaten ninth over this trip on testing ground at The Curragh last month, raced behind the early leaders. Taking control approaching the furlong pole, the 11-8 favourite stayed on powerfully to score by six lengths from Emorcee (Ire) (Elzaam {Aus}). The winner is the first foal out of the Listed Prix de Liancourt scorer and GII Santa Ana third Sweet Charity, who was a \$250,000 purchase by BBA Ireland at the 2019 Keeneland January Sale. With two more No Nay Nevers to come, both fillies, she is connected to the stable's Greenland (Ire) (**Saxon Warrior {Jpn}**) who was third in the G3 Prix la Force at the weekend. Sales history: €620,000 Ylg '21 GOFOR. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$11,310. O-D Smith,Mrs J Magnier,M Tabor,Westerberg; B-Lynch Bages Ltd & Summerhill Bloodstock (IRE); T-Aidan O'Brien.

FRANCE

Tuesday's Results:

2nd-Chantilly, €28,000, Cond, 4-11, 3yo, c/g, 10fT, 2:09.61, sf.
SWING VOTE (GB) (c, 3, Shamardal--Qualify {Ire}) {G1SW-Eng & GSW-Ire, \$485,356}, by Fastnet Rock {Aus}}, who snagged his Mar. 7 debut over one mile on the all-weather surface at this venue last time, was well away and stalked the leader in second from flagfall. Easing alongside Ivanowitch (Fr) (**Saxon Warrior {Jpn}**) passing the quarter-mile marker, the 4-5 favourite came under pressure soon after and was ridden out inside the final furlong to deny that tenacious rival by a neck. Swing Vote is the third of five foals and one of two scorers out of G1 Oaks heroine Qualify (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), herself a full-sister to MGSP G2 Futurity S. third and multiple Bahrain champion Shogun (Ire). The March-foaled homebred bay, whose fourth dam is G1 Oaks runner-up and matriarch Media Luna (GB) (Star Appeal {Ire}), is half to a 2-year-old filly by **Kingman (GB)** and a yearling colt by Lope De Vega (Ire). Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, €27,500. **Video, sponsored by TVG.**
 O/B-Godolphin (GB); T-Andre Fabre.

4th-La Teste-Bassin Arcachon, €22,000, Cond, 4-11, 3yo, 9fT, 1:50.28, gd.
ATHANASIA (GB) (f, 3, Lope De Vega {Ire}--Aseel {Fr}, by Bernardini), who notched a Mar. 18 debut success tackling one mile at Toulouse in her only prior start, settled off the tempo in fifth through the early fractions here. Making headway under coaxing in the straight to go third with a quarter-mile remaining, the 4-1 chance was ridden to challenge passing the furlong pole and kept on well from there to prevail by a neck from the fast-finishing Murano (Fr) (Recorder {GB}). Athanasia is the second foal and scorer produced by a daughter of MGSW GI Flower Bowl runner-up Changing Skies (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), herself one of eight black-type performers thrown by G3 Musidora S.-winning matriarch Magnificent Style (Silver Hawk). Her third dam's roll of honour is headed by elite-level winners Nathaniel (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Great Heavens (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) and Playful Act (Ire) (Sadler's Wells). The February-foaled bay is half to a yearling colt by New Bay (GB). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €13,500. **Video, sponsored by TVG.**
 O/B-Al Asayl France (GB); T-Francois Rohaut.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

5th-Chantilly, €28,000, Cond, 4-11, 4yo, 9fT, 1:51.34, sf.
MACHETE (FR) (c, 4, Myboycharlie {Ire}--Maid To Believe {GB}, by Galileo {Ire}) Lifetime Record: SW & GSP-Fr, 13-3-1-1, €102,146. O/B-Rashit Shaykhutdinov (FR); T-Fabrice Chappet. *€52,000 RNA Ylg '20 ARQOCT. **1/2 to Maid To Remember (GB) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), GSP-Eng & US.

6th-La Teste-Bassin Arcachon, €22,000, Cond, 4-11, 4yo/up, 8fT, 1:40.48, gd.

RUSSIPANT FAL (MOR) (c, 4, Russian Cross {Ire}--Pantherii, by Forest Wildcat) Lifetime Record: SW-Fr, 13-6-1-0, €112,350. O/B-Azeddine Sedrati (MOR); T-Joel Boissard.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

SAFETY STANDARDS REMAIN A FEATURE OF VICTORIA'S SPRING RACING CARNIVAL

Racing Victoria (RV) announced that the core safety standards for horses competing in the Spring Racing Carnival will remain in place in 2023 with a focus on further enhancing administrative processes for their connections.

Introduced in 2021, the world leading safety standards are part of Victorian racing's effort to minimise the risk of injuries, particularly among international horses travelling to compete in Victoria and for all horses contesting the Melbourne Cup.

The safety standards are reviewed regularly and in determining this year's veterinary protocols, RV conducted a review of their application in the 2022 Spring Racing Carnival – the second successive without a serious incident.

RV's working group, which includes integrity, veterinary, equine welfare and racing experts, also considered feedback from a broad range of stakeholders including Australian and international private veterinarians, regulatory veterinarians, trainers, jockeys, owners, primary service providers, and Victoria's racing clubs.

Upon recommendation of the working group, the RV Board endorsed updates to the following veterinary protocols for international horses seeking to travel via the Werribee International Horse Centre (WIHC) and compete in Victoria in 2023 and beyond:



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a) Radiographs (X-Rays) will no longer be mandatory but may be directed to be undertaken at the discretion of RV. X-Rays are now primarily suggested as a screening tool for connections before progressing to advanced diagnostic imaging. A pre-travel CT or MRI scan remains mandatory for each international horse


b) The pre-travel inspection and imaging window will now open Aug. 1 for all international horses and close one week prior to a horse entering pre-export quarantine (dates to be determined based on horse shipments)

In addition to the endorsed changes to the 2023 veterinary protocols, the RV Board, on advice from the working group, also determined:

- A requirement for improved operational communication methods and processes to enhance the experience of connections completing the veterinary protocols. This will include the appointment of a case manager for international contenders
- A renewed focus on attracting Japanese horses to Melbourne for future editions of the Spring Racing Carnival, by improving the understanding of the veterinary protocols by Japanese trainers and owners
- All international horses, including those travelling on a one-way ticket, will remain in WIHC until Champions S. Day Nov. 11 or until after their last Spring Racing Carnival start if earlier

The Victoria Racing Club also announced that nominations for the 2023 Melbourne Cup, scheduled for Nov. 7, will close in early September for all horses. The nomination dates for the Cox Plate and Caulfield Cup are expected to remain in early August when finalised.

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