



## A DIFFERENT ROLE BUT STILL MADE TO MEASURE



The Taylor brothers: Mark, Ben, Frank, and Duncan | Jon Siegel

by Chris McGrath

When Saint Ballado came to the farm, Duncan Taylor recalls Les Brinsfield telling him to try Mari's Book mares.

"Mari's Book!" he exclaims now. "It's not like there were Mari's Book mares all around, out there in the population. But Les was a smart guy, very analytical."

And it was easy to see the logic: Mari's Book was by Northern Dancer out of a Maribeu mare; and Maribeu, like Saint Ballado's sire Halo, was out of Cosmah--whose half-sister Natalma, of course, gave us the sire of Mari's Book. Plenty of genetic wheels within wheels there, then.

"So we bought this mare by Mari's Book, Goulash, [for Aaron Jones] and bred her to Saint Ballado four times," Duncan resumes. "And we got like three stakes winners, one of them being Ashado. And it really made the stallion. But then Mr. McNair had a mare with very similar breeding, and I kept saying, 'You've got to breed her to Saint Ballado, got to!' So he did. And he got a swayback." He chuckles. "Named it Duncan."

Just one snapshot, this, of the breadth of experience that have given the Taylor brothers their plain-talking sense of how to make the best of a difficult game; and a wholesome, hard-headed scepticism about any theory or system purporting to make it easy.

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## FUSAICHI PEGASUS DEAD AT 26

The 2000 GI Kentucky Derby Champion, Fusaichi Pegasus (Mr. Prospector), has passed at the age of 26, Coolmore America said in a release on their website early Wednesday morning.

"It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Kentucky Derby winner Fusaichi Pegasus, who was euthanized at Ashford Stud yesterday due to the infirmities of old age," the organization said.

Bred by Arthur Hancock and Bob and Janice McNair of Stonerside farm, 'Fu Peg', as he was affectionately known, was a \$4-million yearling when purchased by Fusao Sekiguchi at the 1998 Keeneland July sale. Trained by Neil Drysdale, Fusaichi Pegasus won the GII San Felipe S. and the GII Wood Memorial before winning the 2000 Kentucky Derby as the favorite and finishing second in the GI Preakness S.

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**Fusaichi Pegasus** | *Coolmore*

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A year on from his sire Mr. Prospector passing away, a heated bidding war involving most farms in Lexington for Fusaichi Pegasus ensued, and he retired to Ashford Stud at the end of 2000 for a then-record-breaking sum.

Fusaichi Pegasus went on to sire six champions worldwide and Grade I winners which included Roman Ruler, Champ Pegasus, Haradasun (Aus) and Bandini. Southern Hemisphere stints at Haras Don Alberto and Haras Philipson yielded champion older horse Bronzo (Chi), and Fusaichi Pegasus was also broodmare sire of 2023 Chilean Triple Crown winner Fortino (Chi) ([Midshipman](#)).

The stallion was pensioned from stud duties in 2020 and had been living out his retirement at Ashford.

"Fu Peg was a fantastic racehorse and a colorful character," said Ashford Stud general manager Dermot Ryan. "I would like to thank Richard Barry and all of his team, past and present, for providing the highest level of care for him throughout his time at Ashford."

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**Correction:** In Wednesday's *TDN*, we reported that Donato Lanni was the underbidder of the \$1-million sales-topping Arrogate filly. In fact, Kerri Radcliffe outbid Clay Shearer. We regret the error.

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And that, in turn, is why we've seized the pretext to visit two of them, Duncan and Mark, in a rather different capacity from the usual: to hear how the family ended up breeding an elite sprinter in Sibelius, winner of the G1 Golden Shaheen in Dubai.

Taylor Made is obviously far better known as the largest consignor in the business, and also for standing the likes of **Not This Time**, the sire of Sibelius. But anyone familiar with the energy and imagination they have always brought to their principal roles can only be curious to hear how they adapt their know-how to the kind of challenge that occupies the majority of their clients.

"Anytime you're big, you get exposed to more people, with more theories and more thoughts," reasons Duncan, who formally handed over to Mark as President and CEO last year but remains a vital influence as Senior Consultant. "So you're able to soak those in, and get to talk about lots of different aspects.

Where a guy that's out on his farm with his 15 broodmares, that's all he is focused on. He can read all the books, but--well, we're not even trying to hear stuff and we hear it."

And that ties into a parallel conviction: that the best breeders, historically, have been able to weave many different strands of horsemanship together.

"I'm not knocking anyone else," stresses Duncan. "But in my lifetime, just watching what's gone on, there's been two or three people that you just thought really knew what they were doing. John Nerud was one, Alec Head was another. There was a guy named Bob Bricken at Elmendorf that was a guru of breeding. And, like Tesio himself, what did they have in common? They basically had a 360-degree view of every horse. They knew how to train, knew how to raise horses. And they were around every single one, watching and looking and trying to figure out what worked best where."

**Cont.**

## Here's to the Breeders of recent graded-stakes winning Keeneland September graduates



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### Joe Fafone

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### Johnson, Flounders, Hibbert, Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey

Frumos, Magic Millions Pam Oneill S. (G3)

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### Ramspring Farm

Up to the Mark, Turf Classic S. (G1)

### Randal Family Trust

Heavenly Sunday, Edgewood S. (G2)

### Spruce Lane Farm, Copper Beach

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### St. Simon Place

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### Susan Casner

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**Taylor brothers, cont.**

"Nobody is going to breed a terrible stall-walker to a terrible stall-walker," agrees Mark. "Nerud, if he trained the sire and the dam, would know that this filly had a lot of talent but wasn't so good between the ears. So he'd need to give her something to balance that out. But a lot of these people doing matings on a computer, honestly they may never even have seen the mare or the stallion and they certainly have no idea about any of these other characteristics."

And even when a Nerud or a Head noticed a recurring motif, they didn't make sweeping extrapolations.

"Say they see a Nodouble mare coming through this, this and this, and they could all run," Duncan says. "Well, if I brought up a Nodouble mare that looked the exact opposite, they would know: 'Just because that S.O.B. is by Nodouble, it isn't the Nodouble that I want. I want one that looks like this one over here.'"



Mark Taylor | Keeneland

And seeing the bigger picture cuts through the whole program. "When you have control over the entire operation, you're not sending your horse to Trainer X," Duncan says. "Because Trainer X is thinking, 'I could probably back off this horse and he would be okay later on, maybe win a stake or two. But he might be my only chance ever to win a Kentucky Derby. So I'm going to keep training hard on him.' And then he breaks down."

"Whereas if Nerud had him, he'd have said, 'Nope, we ain't running in the Derby. Back to the farm, and give him all he needs.' Because when that horse hits, it affects the value of eight others in his operation."

The Taylors' own remarkable story, of course, attests to the fruitful combination of nature and nurture. Their father Joe literally wrote the book on farm management, having supervised Gainesway for 40 years; and any congenital flair for horses was further underpinned by the discipline and faith of their upbringing. **Cont.**

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**Taylor brothers, cont.**

And whatever they have in common, even this closest of clans are hardly cookie-cut, whether in aspect or outlook.

"Well, we had eight in our family," muses Duncan. "And you can see a common look. But we're all different--and it's a 100% nick. It's the exact same with horses. The evolutionary scheme of genetics has so many variables."

No guarantees, then, but nonetheless there are plainly rewards available if you put the work in. Another thing Duncan did when Saint Ballado arrived, for instance, was create a scoring system on every mare ever bred to his full-brother Devil's Bag.

"Let's say the ancestor was Buckpasser," he explains.

"Anytime Buckpasser was in the first six generations, I said, 'Okay, was it a stakes winner or not?' So if it was one-for-49, I know I don't like a lot of Buckpasser in there. And so on, for all the relatives. I had them in an alphabetical order and knew the

rate that they hit at. And as Saint Ballado came through the ranks, we started keeping the same statistics. You're trying to see which ancestors are going to go with the horse, and sometimes you'd find others carried along the same way."

But only sometimes.

"And what you find in this business is that most people want a simple answer," he continues, in exasperated tones. "If there's 12 pies here, they want to be told that this one will taste best because it has half the ingredients my grandmother used, and she baked a hell of a pie. But the other half of the pie, we don't know what the damned ingredients are. And when I eat it, it doesn't taste like grandma's. But that pie brings more."

"It's the microwave mentality, unfortunately," Mark adds.

"Whether it's accurate or not, they don't care, they just want something they can understand. So I get into fights all the time with people that just get fixated on one tool, which a lot of times will send you in totally the wrong direction." **Cont.**

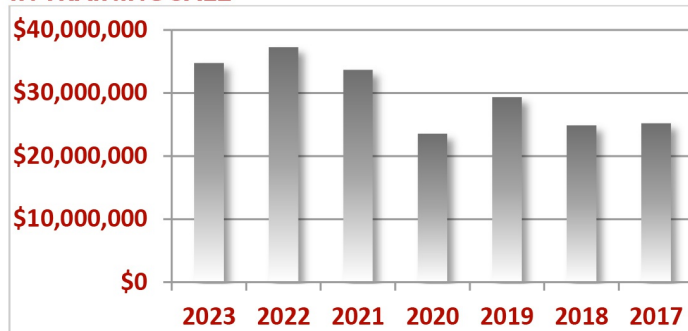


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THOROUGHBRED DAILY NEWS

### FASIG-TIPTON MIDLANTIC MAY TWO-YEAR-OLDS IN TRAINING SALE



*"Despite what looked like weakness in the middle market, the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic May sale concluded with figures just off last year's auction, which, helped by a sale-record \$3.55-million topper, set high-water marks for both gross and average."*

- Jessica Martini

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS	AVE
2023	603	437	375	27.5%	85.8%	62.2%	\$34,795,500	\$92,788
2022	636	482	391	24.2%	81.1%	61.5%	\$37,297,700	\$95,391
2021	587	426	357	27.7%	83.8%	60.8%	\$33,692,000	\$94,375
2020	563	375	303	33.4%	80.8%	53.8%	\$23,572,500	\$77,797
2019	600	425	326	30.2%	76.7%	54.3%	\$29,374,000	\$90,104
2018	600	430	333	38.3%	77.4%	55.6%	\$24,868,500	\$74,680
2017	575	412	330	28.3%	80.1%	57.4%	\$25,237,000	\$76,476



**Taylor brothers, cont.**

"To me, if you look at what works on 'blood' then you find a lot of times it makes sense as a physical mating, from a conformation perspective."

But we're forgetting why we troubled these gentlemen in the first place. And this Sibelius (targeting his first start since Dubai in the GII True North S. at Belmont on June 10) is a nice story, bringing together some of the most cherished stalwarts of this remarkable family firm.

He's out of Fiery Pulpit (Pulpit), an unraced half-sister to graded stakes winner Clamorosa (Seattle Dancer), acquired as a 7-year-old for \$55,000 at the Keeneland November Sale of 2011. There's quite a gang involved: Pat Payne, who might almost be another brother; Jeff Hayslett, who's been working here for over 30 years; and two of the farm's oldest clients, in Louis Brooks and Sam Pollock.

"This mare is a good example of any breeding success that we've had," Mark says.

"Because most of the mares we own are in partnership with customers. We've never

aspired to go out and say we're going to build some world-class broodmare band, become great breeders. It's more just coming alongside partners, who like to be commercial breeders. And in this mare's case, it was an interesting group. Pat was a partner of ours. Jeff was our farm manager and then our first Thoroughbred Advisor. The Pollocks have probably been with us 30 years, and the Brooks family maybe 40. The first yearling I ever took to the sales ring was a Secretariat filly [co-]bred by Louis."

(That was the old July Sale at Keeneland in 1983: Wayne Lukas gave \$525,000 for her and, as Fiesta Lady, she ended up a Grade I winner.)

Fiery Pulpit had managed to produce a minor stakes performer by Broken Vow, a son of Unbridled, so they tried her with Unbridled's Song. The result was a \$400,000 Keeneland September colt who won seven times. Next came a colt by Graydar, this time a son of Unbridled's Song: Peter O'Callaghan bought him as a Keeneland November weanling for \$185,000, and he became a hard-knocking, 11-for-48 campaigner. Then a colt by Will Take Charge made \$250,000 at Keeneland September.

"Before we got ahold of her, her babies weren't bringing anything at all," Mark notes. "But just by knocking on this

Unbridled's Song thing, she became a slot machine, paying off every year."

Typically, however, the one exception was her foal from the first crop of **Not This Time**--who has turned out to be her best runner. Offered as a short yearling at Keeneland January, he was a \$62,000 RNA and it was a similar story after he had been moved on, returned at \$75,000 in the same ring that September. Bottom line, however, is that Sibelius currently has a 19-7-3-3 record: pretty robust, for a horse that didn't vet.

"He was a beautiful horse," Mark emphasizes. "Just sesamoiditis. We got him sold privately. It's like Duncan's just

been saying about breeding theories. Vetting, X-rays, they're a tool, get you part of the way. But people want to be told that it's simple."

That said, commercial breeders nowadays tend to think about the ring sooner than the racetrack--a reality in which Mark cheerfully acknowledges complicity.

"My winning post is making money," he accepts. "The one thing I don't have the luxury of doing is breeding something that might come out ugly, and the

market's going to reject it, but it might be a great racehorse. I can't afford to do that. I'm trying to breed a good-looking horse."

Sadly it feels as though age may be catching up with Fiery Pulpit herself. She required colic surgery and, donated to one of the Taylor Made sales team who has a small farm, successfully conceived to **Catalina Cruiser**. After Sibelius won in Dubai, Mark called and said: "Hey did you see that? She just got a Grade I winner!" Unfortunately the reply was: "Didn't you get my text last night? She had a dystocia, the foal died."

So much can go wrong, at any time. But just as people shouldn't pretend that the game is easy, nor should we make the simple things complicated. A lot of it is common sense.

"Basically, when we're breeding a mare, we're looking at the value and we're looking at the conformation," Duncan says. "And not only the conformation of the two horses. If the mare's had foals before, you look at those too. Because she might not be toed-in herself, but three of the first four foals have been. So you're not going to breed to one that toes in."

Maybe you'd have bred her to Unbridled, though, as he toed out somewhat. Duncan, indeed, remembers the team more or less having to beg people to support the horse pending his first runners. **Cont.**



Sibelius wins the G1 Golden Shaheen | Erika Rasmussen



**Taylor brothers, cont.**

**The late Unbridled's Song, a cornerstone of Taylor Made's stallion barn | Taylor Made**

"And then Unbridled's Song comes out of his first crop, and Grindstone," he recalls. "Well, if Unbridled's Song had died foaling and Grindstone broke down before the Derby, maybe he'd have been in Turkey or something."

The margins are always so fine. Duncan remembers deciding that Mutakddim mares might work with California Chrome, whose damsire was a half-brother to that horse's dam. That was a Mari's Book type of call. But sure enough, just about the best runner Chrome left behind was Cilla, whose second dam is by Mutakddim.

"Of course all the knockers of my theory can say, 'Cilla's out of an Into Mischief mare, you can breed anything to that horse,'" he admits. "But Mutakddim, I picked a random horse. Most of his horses are in South America. And he ends up in the pedigree of California Chrome's best horse. So there's something to it. But if you bred every Mutakddim mare to California Chrome, it still might only be three or four out of 100 foals. And then two of them, the trainers mess up, and another one gets loose on the track."

Back we come, then, to the holistic approach. Because it's no good getting everything else right, and then having the whole thing unravel because you haven't matched the horse to the right trainer.

"If you want someone to coach a bunch of egomaniacs that all want to be the star, and turn them into the Bulls, you get in Phil Jackson," Duncan reasons. "Somebody else is coaching them, it probably would never have happened. Same with trainers. The mating's one key factor. But you could have the smartest mating in the world, and you have a bad trainer or a bad foaling man, it's never going to come to fruition. So you need a team."

He mentions one highly successful program. Could just be lucky, maybe, but he ticks off the quality of its land, farm management, sales scouts, trainers. "And if that gets a stallion from 10% stakes winners to 15%, that's a hell of a change in the economic value of that stallion," he says. "Because he becomes the superior horse."

Conversely, some stallions face adverse odds from the outset. At a given market level, they will only tend to get mediocre mares--and that won't just tell in the genes.

"Mortality and conception rates are hugely important to a stallion," Mark says. "With lesser stallions, the conception rate tends to be just not as good because most of their mares come from farms that don't have the same resources or organization. So from the very beginning that stallion has more to overcome."

"There's so many variables," concludes Duncan. "But if that's a curse, it's also a blessing. Because if it was easy to do, these rich people wouldn't be intrigued as they are. They know it's hard, and that's just what keeps everybody interested."

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**Duncan Taylor with California Chrome at Taylor Made**  
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## JUDGE DISMISSES BAFFERT'S LONE REMAINING CLAIM AGAINST CDI

by T.D. Thornton



Bob Baffert | Horsephotos

A federal judge on Wednesday issued a summary judgment that dismissed trainer Bob Baffert's lone remaining claim in his 15-month-old lawsuit against Churchill Downs, Inc. (CDI). The order was handed down three months after the same judge tossed out five other counts in the case that alleged civil rights violations related to the gaming corporation's two-year banishment of the Hall-of-Fame trainer.

"The Court denied Plaintiffs motion for a preliminary injunction and dismissed Plaintiffs' claims for unlawful exclusion, unlawful conspiracy in restraint of trade, unlawful use of monopoly power, tortious interference with contractual relations, and tortious interference with prospective business relations," wrote Judge Rebecca Jennings of United States District Court (Western District of Kentucky) in her May 24 order. "Defendants now move for summary judgment on Plaintiffs' only remaining claim--breach of due process."

Back on Mar. 14, CDI had argued that, "Because Baffert's due process claim fails as a matter of law...the Court should grant Defendants summary judgment and dismiss Baffert's complaint in its entirety."

Jennings wrote May 24 that CDI's suspension of Baffert from CDI-owned tracks and the 2022 and 2023 GI Kentucky Derbies did not "devalue" his training license in a manner that amounted to "an indirect deprivation of a property interest."

"[Baffert's] license was not suspended or revoked by the issuing entity, meaning he must demonstrate an indirect loss in the value of his Kentucky trainer's license. For Plaintiffs to demonstrate that this indirect injury amounted to a violation of due process, they must prove that Baffert's license was rendered valueless..."

"Here, the undisputed evidence demonstrates that Baffert's license is not valueless," Jennings wrote. "While suspended from racing at CDI racetracks, Baffert conceded that he has 'raced horses all around the world with enormous success.'"

"The Court cannot find that Baffert's Kentucky trainer's license was rendered valueless when he used it to win over \$1 million racing horses in the Commonwealth [at Keeneland]....Therefore, Plaintiffs cannot demonstrate that they were deprived of a property interest--a necessary element of their due process claim," Jennings wrote.

"Plaintiffs have failed to produce specific evidence creating a genuine issue of material fact that would allow a reasonable jury to find in their favor at trial," Jennings wrote.

"Because Plaintiffs cannot prevail on the first element of their due process claim, the Court will not continue to examine additional arguments," Jennings wrote.

CDI first imposed its ruling-off of Baffert in June 2021 because of a string of drug positives in horses Baffert trained, including two in CDI's most prominent races, the 2020 GI Kentucky Oaks and the 2021 Derby.

"Judgment is entered in favor of Defendants with respect to the claims brought in this matter," Jennings wrote.

"This is a FINAL and APPEALABLE Judgment," Jennings wrote. "The Clerk of Court is directed to strike this matter from the Court's active docket."

*Note: This is an updated version of a previously published story that contained an error describing the ruling. TDN regrets the mistake.*

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John Velazquez hoists the Woodlawn Vase | Jim McCue



**Velazquez on TDN podcast, cont.**

Velazquez and National Treasure | Maryland Jockey Club

The credit for the win in the GI Preakness S. goes to **National Treasure (Quality Road)**, but the assist goes to Hall of Fame jockey John Velazquez. Able to get to the lead and then slow the pace down to a crawl, Velazquez put in a perfect ride on his way to his first-ever win in the Preakness. Fresh off his victory, Velazquez joined this week's *TDN Writers' Room* podcast presented by **Keeneland**. He was this week's **Green Group** Guest of the Week.

"It was just one of those things that worked out perfect," Velazquez said of his Preakness trip. "You plan it but you never dream that you'll have the trip we had. The only thing that I was worried about...I saw Irad Ortiz [Jr., the rider of **Blazing Sevens (Good Magic)**] warming up his horse in the post parade and I thought he was going try to get closer to the pace. If he wanted to get close to that pace, he was going to have to go fast enough to go across from me. So when I broke, I started drifting my horse out. So then when I pushed him out he started grabbing his horse back and he went backwards. I thought, 'Okay, he's out of there'. And I went right back to the inside. And that kind of slowed the pace really well."

The race came down to National Treasure and Blazing Sevens in the stretch and National Treasure gamely held off his rival to win by a head. Velazquez and Ortiz were in close quarters the whole way and the two bumped. It sometimes seems that every time Ortiz is in a stretch battle something happens. Velazquez's thoughts on Ortiz and whether or not he too often crosses a line?

"I don't think he's a dirty rider," Velazquez said. "I think he definitely crosses the line and does it a lot. I have talked to him many times. I try to teach him that we can be aggressive, but we have a line that we have to put in there. For him, it's hard to control. For me, I've been riding for a long time, so I always try

to take the edge as much as I can, but try not to cross those lines. We all make mistakes. But I try to make as few mistakes as possible so I don't cross the line."

Velazquez also revealed that he was almost taken off of National Treasure before the Preakness.

"I had to plead my case," he said. "I made a few phone calls and I pleaded my case. I had to explain what happened in the Derby [where he rode **Reincarnate (Good Magic)**, who was surprisingly close to the early pace], and I'm going to leave it at that."

Should National Treasure start in the GI Belmont S., Velazquez thinks the mile-and-a-half will not be an issue.

"His gallop-outs are really strong every time," he said. "He's always given me the feeling that he can do more and, obviously, he put it together in the Preakness. He put in a really good effort and his gallop out was really, really good. So I think the mile-and-a-half shouldn't be a problem. The way he gallops out, he's always giving more and more."

Elsewhere on the podcast, which is also sponsored by **Coolmore, 2023 Penn Mile, the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association, Kentucky Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders, 1/st Racing, WinStar Farm, XBTv, Lane's End and West Point Thoroughbreds**, Bill Finley and Randy Moss reviewed the **Preakness and the incredible highs and lows Bob Baffert experienced during the day**. The breakdown of Havnameltdown (Uncaptured) and the way it was covered by the mainstream media was a major topic of discussion. Finley said that it is time for the sport to take another look at synthetic surfaces, noting that horses are 3 1/2 times more likely to die in a dirt race than they are in a synthetic surface race. With the Belmont next, Moss and Finley took a look at the story of **Forte (Violence)** re-emerging in the Triple Crown and wondered if he will be ready for his best after what would be a 10-week layoff and some missed training time due to the bruised hoof that led to his being scratched from the Derby.

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## LEGAL EXPERT: IF FIFTH CIRCUIT FINDS HISA CONSTITUTIONAL, TEXAS "ABSOLUTELY" CAN IMPLEMENT LAW *by Dan Ross*

Like rival boxers primed and posturing, proponents of the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA) and the Texas Racing Commission (TXRC) have taken to their respective corners during the unfolding legal fight over the law and have remained un-budged. **Cont.**



**Texas and HISA, cont.****Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie | Horsephotos**

At stake is the lucrative business of nationally beaming Texas's simulcast wagering signal.

The TXRC initially took the stance that it is legally prohibited from permitting Texan tracks to export their signals. Then at the start of February, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals sent the congressionally amended version of HISA down to the district courts for further review.

The Texas commission **interpreted this action** as meaning that HISA is "facially unconstitutional and therefore has no effect on the State of Texas," seemingly opening the door to Texas tracks once again engaging in interstate simulcasting.

As of writing, no Texas-based track has adopted that policy, and the simulcasting signal remains flatlined. Furthermore, **just this May**, the federal court judge out of the Northern District of Texas, Lubbock Division, found this version of HISA as constitutional. The case has now been appealed back up to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

In the meantime, though purses in the state remain fairly stable, the tracks are taking a huge financial knock, and horsemen there **are raising concerns** about other ancillary impacts on their businesses. Some of the horsemen are now asking: Can HISA be implemented in the state in order to facilitate the interstate simulcasting signal?

The TXRC has taken the stance that state law bars HISA from being implemented in the state unless it is replaced or altered to become a cooperative agreement grant program--an alternative financial and regulatory model for the federal government to cooperate with individual states.

Even then, "our statute doesn't even allow us to take grants," TXRC executive director, Amy Cook, **told the TDN last week**.

"We've actually made a request to have our statute conform, so, if HISA did become a cooperative agreement grant program,

and the [Federal Trade Commission] FTC became a grantor, we could actually take that money and work with HISA. That's the only pathway I see," Cook added.

In a follow-up email, Phil Fountain, the TXRC's chief of staff, pointed to a previously released commission **"fact sheet"** broadly outlining its legal argument. The fact sheet cites the Texas Racing Act, which directs the commission to "regulate and supervise each racing meeting in this state" that involves wagering.

"There is no provision for the Texas Racing Commission to cede this authority to another party. This means there is no preemption of Texas law under HISA's opt-in structure because HISA does not regulate pari-mutuel horseracing activities," wrote Fountain.

A legal analysis put together for HISA by the law firm Akin Gump takes the opposite stance. It finds that HISA indeed preempts the Texas law that the commission says confers it exclusive authority to regulate all matters relating to horseracing.

Furthermore, under HISA and state law, the TXRC can implement HISA and still continue to regulate matters outside the reach of HISA's jurisdictions, the Akin Gump analysis finds.

"There is no legal impediment to reversal of the Texas Racing Commission's self-destructive policy decision of restricting interstate wagering on horse racing. Under State and federal law, the Commission may continue to regulate horse racing in Texas to the extent not preempted by HISA rules," the analysis for HISA finds.

Which side stands on the sturdiest legal legs?

For an independent take on the dispute, the *TDN* spoke with Daniel Rodriguez, former dean of the Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law and former Minerva House Drysdale Regents Chair in Law at the University of Texas, Austin. **Cont.**

**Amy Cook | Courtesy Amy Cook**



**Texas and HISA, cont.**

Prior to being asked to sort through the legal bones of the matter, Rodriguez said that he was unaware both of the HISA legislation passed into law at the end of 2020 and of the legal conflict that has arisen in Texas.

His answers hinge on the looming decision in the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, which is set to rule on the constitutionality of the congressionally amended version of HISA. That ruling, however, could still take a number of months.

"What the Fifth Circuit is being asked to do is rule on a matter of federal constitutional law, just as they were asked to do on the ruling back in 2022, when the Fifth Circuit struck down the statute as violating what they call the private non-delegation doctrine," he said.

If the court rules in tandem with the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals--which recently found the revised HISA statute constitutional--there is "absolutely nothing" in Texas statute that bars HISA from being implemented in the state, he said. "That we can all agree on--even the lawyers for the Texas racing commission."

When asked about the Texas commission's stance--that state law bars HISA's implementation in Texas, irrespective of any court ruling in its constitutionality--Rodriguez called it "foolishness" as well as "head-scratching."

In other words, what the commission is saying in that scenario is that "I can't comply with the law," he said, before describing the stance as a policy posture rather than a solid legal argument.

"I lived in Texas for five years so I get to say that this is typical Texan intransigence," Rodriguez said.

At the same time, Texas could indeed enter into a cooperative agreement grant program with the federal government, if HISA were structured that way, said Rodriguez. "You certainly could implement [HISA] through a regional compact. But Congress has chosen a different mechanism," he added.

On the flip side, however, if the Fifth Circuit rules that the amended version of HISA remains unconstitutional--just as it ruled on the prior version of HISA--then the TXRC would be correct in barring HISA implementation in the state, said Rodriguez.

Rodriguez declined to weigh in on whether HISA could be implemented in Texas currently--that is, before the Fifth Circuit

ruling drops--explaining that he had not researched the legal landscape of the question enough to opine on the matter.

More within Rodriguez's wheelhouse are the ideological whims and fancies of the various Courts of Appeals--including the Fifth Circuit.

"The Fifth Circuit has a reputation for being an eccentric court of appeals--they've reached judgments in the past that leave us law professors to scratch our heads and wonder exactly why their views are so outside the mainstream of other circuit courts. They do what they do," he said.

When asked which way he thought the Fifth Circuit would rule on the constitutionality of the congressionally amended version of HISA, Rodriguez sided with the federal government. "I really don't anticipate the Fifth Circuit striking it down as unconstitutional," he said.

In that scenario, said Rodriguez, the plaintiffs would likely file a petition of certiorari with the Supreme Court--a request that the Supreme Court orders a lower court to send the case up to them for review.

But in that instance, there would be no obvious "circuit split" between the Fifth and Sixth Circuit Courts of Appeals for the Supreme Court to weigh in on and consider, meaning it's unlikely the highest court of the land would take the case, he said.

"It's always important for those of us to check our biases, no matter how much expertise we have as law professors," said Rodriguez.

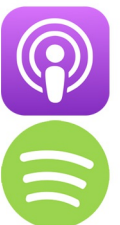
"But in a nutshell, the issue is, 'can Congress, consistent with their authority, delegate authority to an administrative agency whose constitutionality has never been questioned--I'm talking the FTC--to establish rules for Thoroughbred horse racing?' And the answer to that now is clearly, 'yes,'" he said.



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## TIF SAYS TRIPLE CROWN PRE-RACE INSPECTION REPORTS SHOULD BE PUBLIC

While veterinary scrutiny has increased, communication has not, as U.S. racing has fallen short in the transparency space both this year and many years in the past, the Thoroughbred Idea Foundation (TIF) said on their website on Wednesday.

According to the TIF report, there were more than 33,000 races for Thoroughbreds in the U.S. in 2022, but if you asked the public to name just three of them, chances are they would be the GI Kentucky Derby, the GI Preakness S. and the GI Belmont S.

The report takes the position that the Triple Crown races, despite massive coverage across multiple platforms, still relies on potential hearsay and not regulatory bodies with the specific expertise to offer "formal updates regarding the health and soundness of horses entered in the races which attract the most public attention."

TIF's piece goes on to argue that, "Actual details which media, horseplayers and fans alike can consume, eliminates speculation and repetitive inaccuracies that take hold, particularly across social media, while proving to a wider audience what many inside the sport already know--veterinary scrutiny has never been stronger!"

As with **Forte (Violence)**'s leg injury or **Mage (Good Magic)**'s cut above his eye leading up to this year's Kentucky Derby, the majority of the time the public hears from a veterinarian only after an injury has occurred. Though safety and welfare initiatives are welcomed without question, TIF advocates regulators going further to communicate with the public about the horses and their fitness to compete in the U.S.

"Communication" will occur regardless--first as whispers amongst some insiders, then tweets and texts that spiral endlessly--all while, as TIF wrote, "the truth is likely sitting in regulatory silence."

As for international examples, protocols in Australia and Hong Kong are models that the U.S. can emulate, which will lead to progress and transparency for the sport.

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"We are very excited with what we're seeing from **Maxfield**'s first crop hitting the ground this year, and are pleased to be able to team up with a stud farm as prestigious as Haras Firmamento, said Darren Fox, Darley Sales Manager.

In eleven starts, **Maxfield** never missed the board and earned over \$2 million during his racing career. His first foals have started to arrive this year.

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## TAA REPORTS SUCCESSFUL PREAKNESS

The Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance (TAA) had a successful week in Maryland during Preakness celebrations with several on-site events, the organization said in a release Wednesday.

With over 160 in attendance, the America's Best Racing Pre-Preakness Party to benefit the TAA raised a total of \$25,000 from a silent auction, ticket sales and donations.

"It was an absolute honor to once again partner with the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance on what has turned into a must-attend event on the racing calendar every year," said Dan Tordjman, Manager, Business Development/Sponsorships, America's Best Racing. "We want to thank everyone who supported Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance at the party and via the online auction. We look forward to seeing this event grow next year and beyond."

On Saturday, May 20, the TAA presented the Sir Barton S. sponsored by Brandon and Diannah Perry to Benefit the TAA. The Perrys entered into a three-year agreement to annually donate \$100,000 to the TAA as the title sponsor.

"Diannah and I are privileged to be able to advance the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance's mission, with our sponsorship of the Sir Barton S.," said Brandon Perry, Paragon Farms. "We are honored to be able to champion the rehabilitation, retraining, and rehoming of these amazing Thoroughbreds that give all of us so much joy."

On both Black-Eyed Susan and Preakness Day, the TAA hosted the Best Turned Out Awards in the Pimlico winner's circle for each race sponsored by Beyond the Wire and Fidelity First.

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## MAXFIELD TO SHUTTLE FOR STUD DUTY IN ARGENTINA

MGISW & MGSW **Maxfield (Street Sense)**, who stands at Darley in America, will shuttle to Argentina for stud duty, the organization said in a tweet Wednesday morning.



## Saturday, Santa Anita #8, post time: 7:30 p.m. EDT

### TRIPLE BEND S.-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Midnight Mammoth	Midnight Lute	Jeffrey Sengara	Dollase	Frey	120
2	Desmond Doss	Grazen	Nicholas B. Alexander	Miyadi	Rispoli	120
3	Positivity	Paynter	C T R Stables LLC and Aldabbagh, Omar	O'Neill	Pereira	120
4	Forbidden Kingdom	American Pharoah	MyRacehorse and Spendthrift Farm LLC	Mandella	Hernandez	120
5	Howbeit	Secret Circle	David A. Bernsen LLC, Weijland Holdings LLC, Aldabbagh, Omar and Lambert, Jeffrey	Papaprodromou	Smith	122
6	Spirit of Makena	Ghostzapper	Bruce Chandler	Papaprodromou	Bravo	122
7	C Z Rocket	City Zip	Altamira Racing Stable, Madaket Stables LLC, Barber, Gary and Kagele, Tom	Miller	Vazquez	120

**Breeders:** 1-Pedro Gonzalez & Jorge Herrera, 2-Nick Alexander, 3-Allen Farm, LLC, 4-Springhouse Farm, 5-University of Kentucky, 6-Bruce Chandler, 7-Farm III Enterprises LLC

## Saturday, Belmont #7, post time: 4:06 p.m. EDT

### SOARING SOFTLY S.-GIII, \$175,000, 3yo, f, 7fT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Lady Beth 🍀	Hard Spun	Richard Schermerhorn	Brown	Prat	118
2	Love Appeals	Speightstown	Moyglare Stud Farm, Ltd.	Clement	Rosario	118
3	American Apple 🍀	American Pharoah	KatieRich Stables LLC	Leitch	Cancel	123
4	Queen Picasso (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Siena Farm LLC, Kisber, Michael E., Deutsch, Peter and The Elkstone Group, LLC	Clement	Ortiz	118
5	Quarrel	Speightstown	Marc Keller	Ribaudo	Davis	118
6	Senior Prank	Into Mischief	Spendthrift Farm LLC	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	118

**Breeders:** 1-J. D. Stuart, P. C. Bance & Godolphin, 2-Moyglare Stud Farm LTD., 3-KatieRich Farms, 4-D. Farrington And Canning Downs, 5-Marc Keller, 6-Spendthrift Farm, LLC

## Saturday, Santa Anita #7, post time: 7:00 p.m. EDT

### DAYTONA S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, 6 1/2fT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Indian Peak	Comic Strip	Wachtel Stable and Barber, Gary	Miller	Hernandez	122
2	Lovesick Blues	Grazen	Nicholas B. Alexander	Miyadi	Rispoli	120
3	Fast Buck	Gallant Son	Zephyr Racing LLC, Cruz, Peter and De Alba, Cesar	DeAlba	Berrios	120
4	Restrainedvengeance 🍀	Hold Me Back	Brinkerhoff, Kelly and Grayson, Jr., Bob	Brinkerhoff	Cedillo	124
5	Whatmakessammyrun	We Miss Artie	Sterling Racing LLC	Glatt	Bravo	124
6	Prince Lancelot (GB)	Sir Prancealot (Ire)	David A. Bernsen LLC, Rockingham Ranch, Weijland Holdings LLC and Johnston, Keith F.	Papaprodromou	Herrera	122
7	Burnin Turf	Acclamation	Next Wave Racing LLC and The Ellwood Johnston Trust	Blacker	Van Dyke	120

**Breeders:** 1-Dr. & Mrs. William T. Gray, 2-Nick Alexander, 3-Daehling Ranch LLC, 4-Westwind Farms, 5-Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey, 6-Skymarc Farm, 7-Old English Rancho

Monday, Lone Star #12, post time: 8:05 p.m. EDT  
STEVE SEXTON MILE S.-GIII, \$400,000, 3yo/up, 1m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	McLaren Vale 🦿	Gun Runner	Hronis Racing LLC	Sadler	Santana, Jr.	118
2	Mine That Star 🦿	Pioneerof the Nile	Judge Lanier Racing, LLC	Ashford, Jr.	Goncalves	124
3	Allege	Uncle Mo	Hovitz, Chuck, Voss, Gene A. and Detmar, Wayne	Asmussen	Castillo	120
4	Holden the Lute	Midnight Lute	Charles Garvey	Diodoro	Fuentes	120
5	Frosted Grace 🦿	Mark Valeski	Flying P Stable	Diodoro	Torres	122
6	Sonneman 🦿	Curlin	End Zone Athletics, Inc.	Broberg	Cabrera	118
7	Silver Prospector 🦿	Declaration of War	Orr, Ed and Orr, Susie	Asmussen	Elliott	122
8	Endorsed	Medaglia d'Oro	Mark D. Breen	Maker	Gaffalione	124
9	Kokokomo	Uncle Mo	Michael S. Baez	Pish	Diaz	118
10	Logical Myth 🦿	Data Link	George A. Sharp	Davis	Diego	118
11	Touchuponastar	Star Guitar	Set-Hut LLC	Delhomme	Thornton	124
12	Kupuna 🦿	Hard Spun	Sanders, Wayne and Hirsch, Larry	Calhoun	Gutierrez	122

Breeders: 1-Austramore Pty. Ltd, 2-Phil & Judy Needham, Bena Halecky &WinStar Farm LLC, 3-Southern Equine Stables, LLC, 4-Michael E. Pegram, Karl Watson & PaulWeitman, 5-Brereton C. Jones, 6-Arnold Zetcher LLC, 7-Hargus Sexton, Sandra Sexton &Silver Fern Farm, LLC, 8-Godolphin, 9-Calumet Farm, 10-Glendalough LLC, 11-Coteau Grove Farms, 12-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC &Greg Biagi



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### IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**9th-Parx Racing, \$50,500, (S), Alw, 5-24, (NW1BX), 3yo, 7f, :n/a, ft, 8 1/2 lengths.**

**LORD OF THE NAVY (c, 3, Lord Nelson--Awesomemundo {GSW, \$185,370}, by Awesome Again),** a well-beaten eighth in his grassy debut at Saratoga last summer, has dominated in a pair of subsequent tries versus state-breds on dirt here. He graduated in front-running fashion by 8 3/4 lengths Apr. 17 and followed up with an 8 1/2-length wire-to-wire score this time as the 2-5 favorite. His dam produced a filly by **Improbable** this year. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$61,050. Sales history: \$165,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Robert N. Verratti, Todd Bladel & William Strauss; B-Dale N Krapf (PA); T-Michael J. Maker.



## MAIDENS

### IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**3rd-Delaware, \$38,600, Msw, 5-24, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70yT, 1:39.82, fm, nose.**

**TUFANI (f, 3, Distorted Humor--Windhoek, by Mineshaft),** last of 12 in her first start sprinting over the grass Apr. 15 at Aqueduct, was sent off at the big price of 25-1 here. Racing just off lone speed Creole (**Speightstown**), the gray filly was joined at the end of the far turn by 3-5 chalk Sun Bee (English Channel). The pair joined the pacesetter going three across the track and it was Tufani who dug down just in time to win by a nose over the favorite. The winner has a 2-year-old half-brother by **Audible**, who was purchased by Westbrook Stables for \$4,000 at the Fasig-Tipton October Yearling sale, and his dam was bred to Yaupon last year. Sales History: \$105,000 Wlg '20 KEENOV; \$140,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$23,142.

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O-Susan Moulton; B-Chance Farm & Distorted Humor Syndicate (VA); T-Michael Stidham.



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**5th-Delaware, \$38,600, Msw, 5-24, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70yT, :n/a, fm,**

**1 1/4 lengths.**

**LUSTY (f, 4, Animal Kingdom--Smart Believer, by Smart Strike)** lost the lead to finish second over the turf in her debut Apr. 16 at Laurel Park. Off as the 6-5 favorite here, the bay filly accepted an easy lead, set the pace throughout and uncorked into the stretch, winning by 1 1/4 lengths over first timer Heavenly Appointed (Point of Entry). The winner's dam was bred to Great Notion last year. Sales History: \$13,000 3yo '22 FTIDEC. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$33,200. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-BTR Racing, Inc. & Morgan's Ford Farm; B-Morgan's Ford Farm (VA); T-Brittany T. Russell.



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### FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, MAY 25

#### 2023 Stud Fees Listed

**Biblical (Tapit), MCA Farm**

10 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
4-Pimlico, 2:04 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Family Gal, 15-1  
4-Pimlico, 2:04 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, She's Fantastic, 15-1

**Enticed (Medaglia d'Oro), Darley, \$5,000**

103 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
2-Gulfstream, 1:20 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Eloper, 3-1  
\$45,000 OBS OCT yrl

**Flameaway (Scat Daddy), Darby Dan Farm, \$7,500**

116 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
2-Gulfstream, 1:20 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Casually, 2-1  
\$30,000 OBS WIN wnl

**Maximus Mischief (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, \$7,500**

135 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
4-Pimlico, 2:04 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Kristinachrysalis, 5-1  
\$50,000 RNA FTK FEB wnl

**St Patrick's Day (Pioneerof the Nile), Journeyman Stud, \$3,500**

72 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
2-Gulfstream, 1:20 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, April April, 20-1

## SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, MAY 25

### 2023 Stud Fees Listed

**Always Dreaming** (Bodemeister), WinStar Farm, \$10,000  
213 foals of racing age/30 winners/1 black-type winner  
7-Charles Town, 9:49 p.m. EDT, Alw 6 1/2f, Amelia's Dream, 12-1

**Army Mule** (Friesan Fire), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, \$12,500  
143 foals of racing age/42 winners/7 black-type winners  
4-Delaware, 2:00 p.m. EDT, Aoc 6f, Wild Army Brat, 8-1  
\$120,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$47,000 OBS APR 2yo

**Bolt d'Oro** (Medaglia d'Oro), Spendthrift Farm, \$35,000  
256 foals of racing age/51 winners/6 black-type winners  
2-Churchill Downs, 5:29 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Go Otto Go, 4-1  
\$42,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$180,000 FTK JUL yrl

**Camelot Kitten** (Kitten's Joy), Haras Rio Iguassu  
5 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
6-Delaware, 3:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 1mT, Doctor Magic, 20-1

**Collected** (City Zip), Airdrie Stud, \$10,000  
234 foals of racing age/30 winners/3 black-type winners  
5-Thistledown, 2:50 p.m. EDT, Alw 6f, Lady Giuliana, 15-1  
\$20,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$30,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Dosificado** (Chi) (Scat Daddy), Milky Way Farm  
25 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
6-Thistledown, 3:20 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Sister Code, 5-1

**Forever d'Oro** (Medaglia d'Oro), Breakway Farm, \$2,000  
21 foals of racing age/4 winners/1 black-type winner  
5-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 4:14 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Julee Forever, 20-1

**Free Drop Billy** (Union Rags), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000  
106 foals of racing age/14 winners/1 black-type winner  
5-Evangeline Downs, 8:18 p.m. EDT, Alw 1mT, Butler Cabin, 5-2

**Girvin** (Tale of Ekati), Airdrie Stud, \$20,000  
181 foals of racing age/36 winners/5 black-type winners  
4-Gulfstream, 2:23 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, To Thyself B True, 6-1  
\$40,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$15,000 OBS APR 2yo  
7-Gulfstream, 3:53 p.m. EDT, Alw 1m, Zosterop, 20-1  
\$27,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$35,000 OBS MAR 2yo

**Good Magic** (Curlin), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, \$50,000  
237 foals of racing age/45 winners/9 black-type winners  
4-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 3:43 p.m. EDT, Msw 1 1/16mT, Ghent Road, 10-1  
\$360,000 KEE NOV wnl  
4-Gulfstream, 2:23 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Rule It, 20-1  
\$190,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

**Irish War Cry** (Curlin), Northview Stallion Station, \$4,500  
104 foals of racing age/12 winners/0 black-type winners  
4-Delaware, 2:00 p.m. EDT, Aoc 6f, Princess Chessie, 6-1

**Mo Town** (Uncle Mo), Coolmore Ashford, \$5,000  
172 foals of racing age/34 winners/3 black-type winners  
4-Gulfstream, 2:23 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Motivo, 3-1  
\$65,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$200,000 KEE SEP yrl

**National Flag** (Speightstown), Blazing Meadows Farm  
38 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners  
8-Thistledown, 4:20 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Color Bearer, 2-1  
\$13,000 OTB OMX yrl

**Snag** (Harlan's Holiday), Hurst Racing Stables  
3 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
4-Thistledown, 2:20 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Hartstein, 8-1

**West Coast** (Flutter), Lane's End Farm, \$10,000  
198 foals of racing age/27 winners/2 black-type winners  
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**8th-Parx Racing, \$52,580**, Alw (NW2L)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 5-24, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:40.64, ft, 6 lengths.

**WINDSOR GOLD (g, 4, Golden Lad--English Mum, by Congrats)**

Lifetime Record: 8-2-4-1, \$131,000. O/B-Shooting Star Stable (PA); T-Kathleen A. Demasi. \*Full to Cinnabunny, MSW & GSP, \$370,560.

**10th-Parx Racing, \$42,750**, (NW2L)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 5-24, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70yT, 1:41.61, fm, head.

**CHARMED WAY (f, 4, Brody's Cause--Terry the Terror, by Crowd Pleaser)** Lifetime Record: 10-2-3-1, \$86,990. O/B-Ronald Salerno (KY); T-Jane Cibelli.

**6th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$41,000**, (S), 5-24, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12.10, ft, 3 lengths.

**BONNE CHERE (c, 4, Prayer for Relief--Freakin Amazing, by Zensational)** Lifetime Record: 8-2-2-0, \$67,155. O-Haran Thoroughbreds, LLC; B/T-John F. Haran (IN).

**8th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$40,000**, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 5-23, 3yo/up, 5fT, :56.76, fm, neck.

**CHARCOAL (g, 7, English Channel--Rose of Aran, by Van Nistelrooy)** Lifetime Record: MSP, 32-7-5-3, \$270,801. O/B-Ron Dowdy (KY); T-Tracey J. Wisner.

**7th-Presque Isle Downs, \$37,640**, 5-24, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m (AWT), 1:39.05, ft, neck.

**ANOINT (m, 5, Temple City--Warm Glow {SP, \$134,820}, by Sky Classic)** Lifetime Record: 8-3-1-0, \$72,915. O-Blue Streak Racing, LLC, Dark Horse Racing LLC and Brion, Keri; B-Jonathan Sheppard (PA); T-Keri Brion.

**4th-Thistledown, \$35,800**, (S), 5-24, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.40, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

**NEECHI (f, 3, Not This Time--La Nina Bronca {MSP, \$207,820}, by Cactus Ridge)** Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, \$55,238. O/B-Hillburn Racing Stable LLC (OH); T-Robert M. Gorham.

**8th-Thistledown, \$35,800**, (S), 5-24, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.06, ft, 2 lengths.

**HELLO SWEETS (f, 3, Unified--Helluva Notion {SP, \$124,743}, by Notional)** Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-1, \$54,173. O-Marion F.

Gorham; B/T-Robert M. Gorham (OH).

**5th-Presque Isle Downs, \$33,600**, 5-24, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m (AWT), 1:40.15, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

**STARSHIP BELMONT (m, 5, War Dancer--Golden Miss, by Golden Missile)** Lifetime Record: 20-2-3-2, \$62,100. O-Shagbark Farm, LLC; B-Hidden Lake Farm LLC (NY); T-Ryan D. Walsh. \*\$17,000 Ylg '19 OBSOCT. \*\*1/2 to My Italian Rabbi (Competitive Edge), MSW, \$239,138.

**7th-Presque Isle Downs, \$33,660**, (S), (C)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 5-23, 3yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:11.30, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

**RIO ABAJO (g, 6, Super Ninety Nine--Leawood, by Cape Canaveral)** Lifetime Record: 35-12-6-3, \$250,217. O-Sajor Stable; B-Cynthia J. Darrah-Hipple (PA); T-Eduardo E. Rojas. \*\$16,000 Ylg '18 EASOCT.

**7th-Finger Lakes, \$24,675**, 5-24, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:13.12, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

**NOBODYRIDESFORFREE (g, 4, Tiznow--No Panic, by Henrythenavigator)** Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-3, \$61,115. O-Ron Cecere; B-Tiznow Syndicate & Mullikin Thoroughbreds (KY); T-Chris J. Englehart. \*\$37,000 Wlg '19 KEENOV; \$9,000 Ylg '20 OBSOCT; \$17,000 RNA 2yo '21 OBSMAR.

**5th-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, \$20,776**, 5-23, (NW3LX), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.76, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

**WELLMAN (g, 5, Twirling Candy--Pardonmecomingthru {SP}, by Chatain)** Lifetime Record: 20-3-7-3, \$111,619. O-Brumley, Jerry S. & Reed, Kay; B-Michael T. Barnett (KY); T-Eric R. Reed. \*\$13,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Lil Miss Moonlight**, f, 3, **City of Light**--Sacred Luna, by Malibu Moon. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 5-24, 1 1/16mT, 1:46.11. Lifetime Record: 5-1-4-0, \$54,700. B-Dixiana Farms LLC (KY). \*\$95,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP.

**Honey Hauler**, f, 3, **Creative Cause**--Honey Talk, by Distorted Humor. Presque Isle Downs, 5-24, 1m (AWT), 1:39.01. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-1, \$30,080. B-Brereton C. Jones (KY). \*\$37,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP.

**Sweet Mobiltee**, f, 3, **Mobil**--Sweet Tessa Marie, by El Corredor. Belterra, 5-24, (S), 6f, 1:14.66. Lifetime Record: 7-1-1-1, \$27,120. B-Craig Powell & Lindy Powell (OH). \*\$10,000 Ylg '21 OTBOMX. \*\*1/2 to Birdacious (Birdrun), SW, \$250,442.

**DeSantis**, g, 3, **Palace**--Classe d'Oro, by **Medaglia d'Oro**. Parx Racing, 5-24, (C), 1m, 1:43.12. Lifetime Record: 12-1-4-1, \$70,957. B-Linda Mason (ON). \*C\$9,500 RNA Ylg '21 CANSEP.





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**Chicago's Gray**, g, 3, **Tapwrit**--Dulce Arabe (Chi), by **Speightstown**. Assiniboia Downs, 5-23, 5f, :59.31. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-0, \$16,641. B-International Equities Holding, Inc. (KY). \*\$16,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$77,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR.

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**Leo's Roar**, g, 4, **Lea**--City Roar, by Carson City. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 5-24, (S), 6f, 1:13.48. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-0, \$31,680. B-Superbad Stables LLC (IN). \*\$20,000 Ylg '20 KEEJAN. \*\*1/2 to Awsum Roar (In Summation), SP, \$317,955.

**Parish Belle**, f, 4, **Speightster**--St. Jean, by Macho Uno. Delaware, 5-24, 5 1/2f, 1:06.64. Lifetime Record: 4-1-3-0, \$51,400. B-J. Adcock & Hume Wornall (LA). \*\$38,000 Wlg '19 KEENOV; \$120,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP; \$32,000 4yo '23 KEEJAN. \*\*1/2 to Midnight Fantasy (**Midnight Lute**), MSW, \$340,971.

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**Brody's Cause**, Charmed Way, f, 4, o/o Terry the Terror, by Crowd Pleaser. AOC, 5-24, Parx Racing

**City of Light**, Lil Miss Moonlight, f, 3, o/o Sacred Luna, by Malibu Moon. MSW, 5-24, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Creative Cause**, Honey Hauler, f, 3, o/o Honey Talk, by Distorted Humor. MSW, 5-24, Presque Isle Downs

**Distorted Humor**, Tufani, f, 3, o/o Windhoek, by **Mineshaft**. MSW, 5-24, Delaware

**English Channel**, Charcoal, g, 7, o/o Rose of Aran, by Van Nistelrooy. AOC, 5-23, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Golden Lad**, Windsor Gold, g, 4, o/o English Mum, by Congrats. AOC, 5-24, Parx Racing

**Lea**, Leo's Roar, g, 4, o/o City Roar, by Carson City. MSW, 5-24,

Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Lord Nelson**, Lord of the Navy, c, 3, o/o Awesomemundo, by Awesome Again. ALW, 5-24, Parx Racing

**Mobil**, Sweet Mobiltee, f, 3, o/o Sweet Tessa Marie, by El Corredor. MSW, 5-24, Belterra

**Not This Time**, Neechi, f, 3, o/o La Nina Bronca, by Cactus Ridge. ALW, 5-24, Thistledown

**Palace**, DeSantis, g, 3, o/o Classe d'Oro, by **Medaglia d'Oro**. MCL, 5-24, Parx Racing

**Prayer for Relief**, Bonne Chere, c, 4, o/o Freakin Amazing, by Zensational. ALW, 5-24, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Sahara Sky**, Elusive Warrior, g, 3, o/o Elusive Mist, by Elusive Quality. MSW, 5-23, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Speightster**, Parish Belle, f, 4, o/o St. Jean, by Macho Uno. MSW, 5-24, Delaware

**Super Ninety Nine**, Rio Abajo, g, 6, o/o Leawood, by Cape Canaveral. AOC, 5-23, Presque Isle Downs

**Tapwrit**, Chicago's Gray, g, 3, o/o Dulce Arabe (Chi), by **Speightstown**. MSW, 5-23, Assiniboia

**Temple City**, Anoint, m, 5, o/o Warm Glow, by Sky Classic. ALW, 5-24, Presque Isle Downs

**Tiznow**, Nobodyridesforfree, g, 4, o/o No Panic, by Henrythenavigator. ALW, 5-24, Finger Lakes

**Twirling Candy**, Wellman, g, 5, o/o Pardonmecomingthru, by Chatain. ALW, 5-23, Mountaineer

**Unified**, Hello Sweets, f, 3, o/o Helluva Notion, by Notional. ALW, 5-24, Thistledown

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## "THIS IS MASSIVE FOR US" - ASADNA HAS AUGHAMORE TEAM EXCITED FOR ASCOT



Michael Gleeson | Tattersalls

By Brian Sheerin

Aughamore Stud's Michael Gleeson has said that producing Asadna (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), arguably the most impressive two-year-old winner there has been so far this season and a genuine Royal Ascot contender, eclipses anything the family-run farm has achieved in the sales ring.

Gleeson runs one of the shrewdest breeding and pinhooking operations in Ireland along with his brother Laurence. The Westmeath men have made a habit of producing a number of big results at the sales in recent years and are now savouring what looks a real Coventry S. contender in TDN Rising Star Asadna.

He said, "This is massive for us. The sales ring is brilliant but it's the winner's enclosure where you really want to be. We were fortunate enough to have sold a Group 1 winner [Champers Elysees (Ire) (Elzaam [Aus])] who won the Matron S. during lockdown so we couldn't be there for that. That's always going to stick in the back of your mind so we're going to make sure we're at Royal Ascot to see Asadna run."

That might be a good idea. The ratings suggest that what Asadna did on debut at Ripon was something out of the ordinary. [Cont. p3](#)

## "IT WOULD BE A HUGE UPSET WERE HE TO BE BEATEN" - DESERT CROWN BACK IN THE BRIGADIER GERARD by Tom Frary

If there were one race you could have bet that **TDN Rising Star** and unbeaten Derby hero of 2022 **Desert Crown (GB)** (Nathaniel {Ire}) would make his comeback in it would have been the G3 Brigadier Gerard S. which carries Sir Michael Stoute's stamp more than any other in the British Pattern. One of his record-setting dozen successes in the key Sandown staging post was the yard's penultimate Blue Riband hero Workforce (GB) (King's Best), so with all the stars aligning the stage is set for the return of Saeed Suhail's beau ideal on what promises to be an exciting and nerve-jangling Thursday evening.


While most connections of horses that carry this kind of gravitas err on the side of caution when commenting on a comeback after so long off the track, the owner's racing manager Bruce Raymond is having none of it. [Cont. p5](#)


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**Asadna Cont. from p1**

In actual fact, no two-year-old has posted a bigger Timeform rating than Asadna did when pulling a massive 12 lengths clear of his rivals to win over six furlongs on debut at Ripon for George Boughey.

For Asadna to win on debut didn't come as a surprise to anyone close to him. But for him to go and post one of the most impressive speed figures in recent times for a debutant, just over a month after selling from Church Farm and Horse Park Stud to owner Sheikh Abdullah Almalek Alsabab for 160,000gns, could not have been predicted by anybody.

Gleeson said, "We spoke to John Cullinan and Roger Marley, who breezed him, and they were very keen on the horse. But then again, he didn't blow the lights out at the Craven but still managed to sell well.

"Obviously, they got him sold on their reputation because it was probably the soft ground that killed him in the breeze. We heard he was going well with George and everyone liked him but you never want to get too far ahead of yourself.

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**Michael Gleeson**

He added, "When you first saw him win by that distance, you were in shock. And then the more information that came out in the following hours and days made you wonder if it actually happened. At the same time, it was still only a maiden, but he looks very exciting."

Asadna is a best-priced 4-1 for the Coventry but most firms are quoting just 5-2 about him winning one of the most prestigious two-year-old races in the calendar. His success is a triumph for the Gleeson brothers' patience and once again highlights their ability to sniff out a bargain given the dam Looks Great (GB) (New Approach {Ire}) was picked up for just 10,000gns through Hamish Macauley at the Tattersalls July Sale seven years ago.

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## Asadna Cont.

Gleeson said, "We've seven broodmares on the farm now but a lot of those have only been purchased in the past couple of years. Asadna is out of one of the original mares that we bought when we moved back home to the farm to try and give it a go so it has taken time. It's a long time since she was bought from the sales as a three-year-old.

"As her name suggests, she was an outstanding individual and we knew that her dam [Danehill Dreamer (Danehill)] produced lovely-looking stock. There was a Nathaniel (Ire) colt [Ecole d'Art (Ire)] out of the mare that made 675,000gns as a yearling.

"You need to find an angle and have to forgive something somewhere when you are shopping at that level. So we forgave her page because she had a strong backpage and felt that New Approach (Ire) would be a very good broodmare sire, which he now looks to be. He looks to be the next big thing as a broodmare sire."

He added, "We were actually debating whether or not to put her in training after we bought her off Godolphin but we just didn't have the finances to test the waters."

The Gleesons kept it local by travelling just 20 minutes from their base in Streamstown, County Westmeath, to their near

neighbours in Tally-Ho Stud to visit Mehmas just before his first runners hit the track. It turned out to be an inspired decision given the heights Mehmas has scaled in the interim and Gleeson is hoping that Asadna can be the latest star for the popular sire.

He said, "We went to him during his first season and it just made sense to go back. He is local to us there in Tally-Ho Stud and they have always been very good to us. It was an easy decision. When we used him the second time with the mare, with the resulting progeny now being Asadna, there was actually

a lot of word about his first runners so we decided to send two mares to him before anything hit the track. It proved to be the last chance saloon when you consider what his stud fee is now.

"But with the way the market is gone now, there has to be an element of risk because sire power is everything, especially with the mares who don't have the big pages. You need to land on the right sire to potentially upgrade your mare."

Gleeson added, "Looks Great now has a Belardo (Ire) yearling

filly who I imagine we will bring to the Tattersalls Ireland September Sale. She's also in foal to Nando Parado (GB, who we have a share in, so we were keen to support him this year with something decent." [Cont. p5](#)



The Gleesons utilised Mehmas right before he had runners

Amy Lanigan



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## Asadna Cont.

"Even though The Fugue (GB) (Dansili {GB}) is in the pedigree, you also have Limato (Ire) (Tagula {Ire}), while Fille De Reve (GB) (Iffraaj {GB}) and Sulaalaat (GB) (New Approach {Ire}) were other highly-rated performers in the pedigree as well. Sulaalaat actually won over six furlongs so we just said that we'd embrace the speed element of the pedigree. From a commercial point of view, it made sense to go that way with that level of a stallion."

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# RACE PREVIEWS

## Thursday's Preview Cont. from p1

"I'm more than hopeful. It would be a huge upset were he to be beaten," he bullishly stated on Wednesday. "Of course, they can all be beaten but I don't expect him to be."

"Michael is definitely 100% happy with him, he's fine, he's working good and while there's enough improvement to come, he's fit enough to do himself justice," Raymond added. "We've got a pacemaker in Solid Stone to make sure it's not a crawl. He leads him in all his work and he didn't run at Chester recently just so he could run in this."

## Is Hukum The Fly In The Ointment?

Another who hasn't been seen since last year's Derby meeting is Shadwell's **Hukum (Ire)** ([Sea The Stars {Ire}](#)), with his career-best G1 Coronation Cup success looking shortly after to have been his last. Nursed back from the brink by the team at Shadwell and trainer Owen Burrows, the 6-year-old who had the audacity to beat Pyledriver (GB) (Harbour Watch {Ire}) by 4 1/4 lengths at Epsom is not to be underestimated although his participation depends on an inspection of the surface by connections.

"Timing-wise it really works out, it slots in well with the Hardwicke at Royal Ascot as a prep run," Burrows said. "Fingers crossed he can show his old enthusiasm, run a nice race and get his season on track. Myself and Richard Hills are going to walk the track beforehand, I've been liaising with Andrew Cooper, the clerk, and he normally does a great job. I just don't want to run him for the first time in the year on fast ground and it's an evening meeting, so there's plenty of time throughout the day for it to dry out. We'll just be taking a look to make sure we're happy."

## Two Points To Make

Also at Sandown is the Listed National S., where Sultan Ali's

**Blue Storm (GB)** (Blue Point {Ire}) bids to confirm the merit of the form of his Newmarket novice win at the Craven meeting. The James Tate trainee is up against eight other winners among the 10, including Godolphin's fellow Newmarket scorer **On Point (Ire)**, another son of Blue Point (Ire) in a fascinating renewal of the Royal Ascot pointer.

"We were very impressed with him first time and the form couldn't have worked out any better," Tate said of Blue Storm. "He's been impressing at home and it's all positives really. Having said that, I've ran horses in the National S. a few times and on paper it looks a strong renewal, so it's a good job we're bringing what we think is a good horse in to it."

## TDN Rising Stars Cast Long Shadows

ParisLongchamp also stage a card running into the evening, with the feature G3 Prix Hocquart seeing Stall Nizza's ultra-impressive G3 Herzog von Ratibor-Rennen winner **Alpenjager (Ger)** (Nutan {Ire}) take on the French middle-distance colts. He split TDN Rising Star Mr Hollywood (Ire) (Iquitos {Ger}) and Sunday's G3 Baden-Baden Derby-Trial scorer Fantastic Moon (Ger) (Sea The Moon {Ger}) in Munich's G3 Bavarian Classic at the start of the month and that form looks red hot. Andre Fabre, whose record stands at seven winners of this, saddles two with Michael Tabor's **First Minister (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) set to act as barometer of the merit of the pair of TDN Rising Stars he split in this track's Prix de Ferrieres conditions event last month. Pascal Bary will be watching keenly to see if the winner of that, Feed The Flame (GB) ([Kingman {GB}](#)), gets a boost while Jean-Claude Rouget will also be hoping that the Fabre runner shows the third-placed Silver Crack (Fr) (Cracksman {GB}) in a favourable light.

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## BORN TO ROCK A NEW TDN RISING STAR

by Tom Frary

Aptly-named, Laurence Holder's 2-year-old Royal Ascot-bound debutante **Born To Rock (Ire)** (Soldier's Call {GB}--Love To Rock {Ire}, by Fastnet Rock {Aus}) burned up Yarmouth's ever-drying turf on Wednesday to become the latest **TDN Rising Star**.

Prepared for the five-furlong British Stallion Studs EBF Maiden Fillies' S. by Jane Chapple-Hyam having been purchased for 110,000gns at the Tatts Guineas Breeze Up Sale, the bay, fitted with the stable's white bridle and reins, showed key early pace under Robert Tart racing away from the main pack towards the far side. Always in command on the front end, the 7-2 second favourite opened up passing two out and was being eased late as she registered a 4 1/4-length defeat of the Gosdens' newcomer **Jiwin (Ire)** (Acclamation {GB}), with 3/4 of a length back to the Michael Bell-trained **Mirroring (Ire)** (Mehmas {Ire}). Ballyhane Stud-based Soldier's Call's first TDN Rising Star from his first crop, the winner is on target for the G2 Queen Mary S. according to Chapple-Hyam.

"She's worked with the horse in the previous race and with the colt that won last week and they've all been thereabouts

in the gallops, but she's turned it on this afternoon," she said. "We have to go for the Queen Mary, definitely."

"She was a gorgeous physical as a yearling," Derryconnor Stud's Katie McGivern told *TDN Europe*. "She had a huge walk, great use of herself with strength and size."

McGivern purchased the filly for €17,000 at the Goffs Sportsman's Sale and subsequently sold her for 110,000gns to Amanda Skiffington (agent for Laurence Holder) at the Tattersalls Guineas Breeze Up Sale.

"She toed out a little which reflected her €17,000 price tag but my husband Tom and I couldn't leave her behind. She was always such an athlete," she said.

"She was easy to break and prep for the breeze-up sales throughout the winter. We knew we had something special as she not only had the pace but she had this huge stride to go with it and loved her work."

"We were very excited about her heading to the Guineas Sale but Soldier's Call only had one winner at that stage so knew there was going to be a limit to what she was worth."

The Ballyhane stallion has since had a flurry of winners taking his total to nine. [Cont. p7](#)



Yarmouth maiden winner **Born To Rock (Soldier's Call)** was pinhooked by Katie McGivern's Derryconnor Stud. The filly was purchased for €17,000 at Goffs Sportsman's, and resold at the Tattersalls Guineas Breeze Up Sale for 110,000gns.

Laura Green/Tattersalls



## Born To Rock Cont.

"She's a filly with a very exciting future as she's not just a sharp 2-year-old type. She has size and scope and more developing still to do so we look forward to how she progresses throughout the season. We very much look forward to her lining up in the Queen Mary at Royal Ascot with a fighting chance."

One of nine winners from the first crop of the speedy and accomplished son of Showcasing (GB), Born To Rock is a grandson of the GIII Athenia H. runner-up I'm In Love (Zafonic) who produced the G3 Stockholms Stora Pris scorer Match Maker (Ire) (Declaration Of War) and the GIII Miesque S. winner More Than Love (More Than Ready). A distant relative of the sire Weldnaas, the moderate performer Love To Rock has just the sole progeny to date.

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**4th-Great Yarmouth, £30,000, Mdn, 5-24, 2yo, f, 5f 42yT, 1:00.57, g/f.**

**BORN TO ROCK (IRE), f, 2, by Soldier's Call (GB)**

**1st Dam: Love To Rock (Ire), by Fastnet Rock (Aus)**

**2nd Dam: I'm in Love, by Zafonic**

**3rd Dam: Bank On Her, by Rahy**

(€17,000 Ylg '22 GOFSP; 110,000gns 2yo '23 TATBRG). Lifetime

Record: 1-1-0-0, \$19,196. **Click for the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. VIDEO.](#)**

O-Mr Laurence Holder; B-Equos Ltd & Troy Cullen (IRE); T-Jane Chapple-Hyam.



Wide West | Ryan Thompson

## Golden Number 10 For Frankel

The Roar S. went to **Frankel's Wide West** for Craig Bernick's Glen Hill Farm and trainer Tom Proctor ([video](#)). The homebred is the first foal out of her dam, Deer Valley ([Speightstown](#)), who won Monmouth's Crank It Up S.

Besides Wide West, Deer Valley has the juvenile colt King Julien ([Kingman {GB}](#)) and was bred to both [Candy Ride {Arg}](#) and [Quality Road](#) last spring. She is a half-sister to GI Santa Anita Oaks winner Crisp (El Corredor)--herself the dam of Listed Japan Dirt Derby hero Danon Pharaoh (Jpn) ([American Pharoah](#))--and GI Futurity S. winner and sire Whywhywhy (Mr. Greeley) is under the third dam.

Juddmonte's **Frankel** now has 118 stakes winners internationally with Wide West's victory. From 43 runners in the U.S., 25 have won (58%), 15 are stakes horses (35%) and 10 are stakes winners (23%). His quartet of American graded winners are led by GI Belmont Oaks heroine McKulick (GB).

## Anodin Filly Victorious At Churchill

Chervenell Thoroughbreds, LLC's **Frivole {Fr}** (Anodin {Ire}) won at Churchill in her first U.S. start last week ([video](#)). Trained by Graham Motion, the 4-year-old was previously well-ried in France for breeder Wertheimer & Frere and trainer Carlos Laffon-Parias.

Knocked down to Gary Chervenell for €155,000 at Arqana's December Breeding Stock Sale, the bay is a half-sister to the dam of listed winner and dual group-placed Around Midnight (Fr) (Almanzor {Fr}), to G2 Prix de Malleret runner-up Fuse (Fr) (Teofilo {Ire}), and the yearling filly Bourrasque ([Ghostzapper](#)). Her dam, Houleuse (Dynamformer), was covered by [Uncle Mo](#) in 2022 and is distant kin to G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud heroine Plumania (GB) (Anabaa). **Cont. p8**

**Making Waves**  
by Heather Anderson



## FRANKEL FILLY STARS IN FLORIDA

*In this series, the TDN takes a look at notable successes of European-based sires in North America. This week's column is highlighted by the victory of Wide West (Ire) ([Frankel {GB}](#)) in the Roar S. at Gulfstream Park on Saturday.*

## Making Waves Cont.

Anodin, who stands at Haras de la Haie Neuve, has an 80% winners-to-runners ratio with his four U.S. winners coming from a pool of five runners. His first American stakes winner is Neige Blanche (Fr).

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# EUROPEAN NEWS

## FEED THE FLAME TO BE SUPPLEMENTED TO PRIX DU JOCKEY CLUB



TDN Rising Star Feed the Flame | Scoop Dyga

Undefeated **Feed the Flame (GB)** (**Kingman {GB}**) will be supplemented to the June 4 G1 Prix du Jockey Club, confirmed racing manager Gerard Larrieu, who purchased the colt for €270,000 at Arqana August on behalf of Jean-Louis Bouchard.

Named a **TDN Rising Star** following an eye-catching 5 1/2-length victory going 10 1/2 furlongs at ParisLongchamp on Apr. 9, the Pascal Bary trainee returned to make it two straight with a victory at that same venue on Apr. 27.

Christophe Soumillon, who was aboard for both of the colt's prior wins, is slated to ride in the French Classic.

"The foal turned out to be very late [Apr. 4] but Pascal Bary has always loved him," Larrieu told *Jour de Galop*. "He thought he would run as [a] 2-year-old, then he grew a lot and we gave him time. We didn't consider him for the Classics because we thought, at the time of registration, that it would happen too quickly. But he has developed very well in a short time. It's rare to see a foal able to change so quickly. Feed the Flame is still very immature and he will face the Jockey Club with several questions. We don't know what he has beaten. But the visual

impressions [of his prior races] were magnificent. They can be subjective but his [limited body of] work has been excellent. We don't know what it's worth, so his limits are unknown."

Hoping that history will repeat itself, Larrieu recalled another late foal that took the G1 Prix de Diane in June following only two prior starts.

"And if the Jockey Club becomes a kind of preparatory to the [G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe] as was the case for Treve (Fr) [Motivator (GB)], that's fine with me!"

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## GODOLPHIN DRAFT ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TATTERSALLS ASCOT JUNE CATALOGUE

The catalogue for the Tattersalls Ascot June Sale, which features a 15-strong draft from Godolphin, is now **online**. Set for Tuesday, June 6, the sale is comprised of 117 lots divided between 24 fillies and mares in- and out-of-training, 56 colts and geldings in- and out-of-training, 21 stores, and 16 point-to-pointers.

Leading the Godolphin consignment is four-time winner **Silent Film (GB)** (New Approach {Ire}) as lot 48, and another lot of note is dual winner **Winwood (Ger)** (**Siyouni {Fr}**) (lot 49). Other consignments represented include Andrew Balding, Robyn Brisland, Byerley Stud, Tom Ellis, Harry Fry, Bradley Gibbs, Richard Hannon, Darryl Holland, Eve Johnson Houghton, Alan King, Martinstown Stud, Mickley Stud, Hughie Morrison, Paul Nicholls, Joseph Parr, Shade Oak Stud, Oliver Sherwood, Nigel Twiston-Davies, Tom Ward, Archie Watson, Paul Webber and Adam West. Supplements will be accepted until Tuesday, May 30.

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## THOROUGHBRED AFTERCARE CHARITIES HOST BRAINSTORMING EVENT IN NEWMARKET

The thoroughbred aftercare charities in Ireland, France and Britain--Treo Eile, Au-Delà Des Pistes and Retraining of Racehorses--met earlier this month in Newmarket with the aim of bolstering the care racehorses receive upon retirement.

RoR managing director David Catlow, Au-Delà des Pistes executives Carole Desmetz and Mégane Martins and Vice President Alix Choppin, and Treo Eile executive Anne Connor and co-founder and director Caoimhe Doherty met with Godolphin's charities manager Penny Taylor and IFAR steering group member and Treo Eile co-director Diana Cooper, for the brainstorming session. All three charities have proved efficient at establishing connections between racing and equestrian disciplines in order to provide increasingly diverse and secure outcomes for thoroughbreds as they embark on their second career following retirement from racing. Their respective brands have become household names in the industry and actively contribute to raising awareness about retrained racehorses' versatility and outstanding athletic qualities for all equestrian sports. The gathering was intended to set up a collaborative base for best practice exchange and a lobbying force to push for transnational topics of welfare and aftercare to be addressed by the respective racing authorities. All three charities specifically agreed to combine forces on four issues that were identified as obstacles to aftercare becoming increasingly embedded within racing's objectives and commitments.

Caoimhe Doherty, co-founder and Director of Treo Eile commented, "With tripartite agreements in place for racing and breeding, it is a natural next step for England, France and Ireland to team up in their support for the aftercare of racehorses.

"We are very grateful for Godolphin's drive and commitment to the support of racehorses after racing, which encapsulates their vision and hosting of the inaugural meeting of representatives from Retraining of Racehorses, Au-Delà Des Pistes and Treo Eile. The sharing of our journeys to-date highlighted common areas of progress and concern. Open conversations addressing the present issue of the 'social licence' relating to our sport, the participation and responsibility of our stakeholders were mutually beneficial, given the varying years our organisations have been in existence."

She added, "We were very fortunate to avail of Roly Owers, CEO of World Equine Welfare, expertise when discussing the subject of euthanasia. The passion for the welfare of racehorses within each organisation was very evident, as was the positivity to work."

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The key members from the aftercare charities earlier this month  
*Treo Eile*

## ROADLESSTRAVELLED THE TOP LOT DURING DAY ONE OF THE GOFFS UK SPRING SALE

Point-to-pointer **Roadlesstravelled (Ire)** (Lauro {Ger}) (lot 513) brought a session-topping £215,000 from Stroud Coleman Bloodstock and Jonjo O'Neill during the first day of the Goffs UK Spring HIT/PTP Sale at Doncaster.

Consigned by Monbeg Stables, the 4-year-old gelding was one of 15 horses to breach the six-figure mark on the day, beating the previous record of 13. A supplement to the sale after winning a point-to-point second out at Taylorstown in May, he is from the family of Grade 1 winner Abyssial (Ire) (Beneficial {GB}).

Also a supplementary lot, **Saunton Surf (Ire)** (Sea Moon {Ger}) (lot 512A) was next at £175,000. Highflyer Bloodstock and Warren Greatrex purchased the two-for-two filly from the Millstone Stables consignment. Her price was a record for a British point-to-point filly sold at public auction.

At the close of Wednesday's trade, 196 horses of 234 offered (84%) had grossed £6,053,750. The average was £30,886 (-2%) and the median settled at £20,000 (-9%).

The sale continues on Thursday and will feature a partial dispersal from Dai Walters beginning at 10 a.m.

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## FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Thursday, May 25, 2023

### FRANCE:

**City Light (Fr)** (**Siyouni {Fr}**), Haras d'Etreham  
7-PARISLONGCHAMP, 1300m, Blue Ribbon (Fr)  
€17,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2022

**Masar (Ire)** (New Approach {Ire}), Dalham Hall Stud  
6-PARISLONGCHAMP, 1300m, Gentleman Beauty (Fr)  
€70,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2022  
6-PARISLONGCHAMP, 1300m, Will Scarlet (GB)

### UNITED KINGDOM

**Advertise (GB)** (Showcasing {GB}), Manton Park Stud  
18:42-SANDOWN PARK, 40K The Racehorse Lotto National  
Stakes (Class 1) (Listed Race)5f, Matters Most (GB)  
135,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2021; 500,000gns  
Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 1) 2022

**Blue Point (Ire)** (Shamardal), Kildangan Stud  
18:42-SANDOWN PARK, 40K The Racehorse Lotto National  
Stakes (Class 1) (Listed Race)5f, Blue Storm (GB)  
£75,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearlings 2022  
18:42-SANDOWN PARK, 40K The Racehorse Lotto National  
Stakes (Class 1) (Listed Race)5f, On Point (Ire)  
15:00-HAYDOCK PARK, 6f, Thunder Blue (GB)  
€105,000 Arqana Deauville August Yearling Sale 2022;  
£180,000 Goffs UK 2yo Breeze Up Sale 2023

**Inns of Court (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Tally-Ho Stud  
15:00-HAYDOCK PARK, 6f, Invincible Friend (Ire)  
€18,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2021; €32,000 Goffs  
Sportsman's Yearling Sale 2022

**Invincible Army (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Yeomanstown Stud  
18:42-SANDOWN PARK, 40K The Racehorse Lotto National  
Stakes (Class 1) (Listed Race)5f, Love Billy Boy (Ire)  
£90,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearlings 2022

**Land Force (Ire)** (**No Nay Never**), Highclere Stud  
14:10-CATTERICK BRIDGE, 5f, La Boo (GB)  
10,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2021; £27,300  
Tattersalls December Yearling Sale 2022  
10,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2022;  
£15,750 Tattersalls Guineas Breeze Up & HIT Sale 2023

**Soldier's Call (GB)** (Showcasing {GB}), Ballyhane Stud  
14:10-CATTERICK BRIDGE, 5f, Lotting's Lass (Ire)  
€14,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2022

15:00-HAYDOCK PARK, 6f, Soldier's Gold (Ire)  
18:42-SANDOWN PARK, 40K The Racehorse Lotto National  
Stakes (Class 1) (Listed Race)5f, World of Darcy (Ire)  
€42,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2022

**Too Darn Hot (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}), Dalham Hall Stud  
15:00-HAYDOCK PARK, 6f, Bjorn Ironside (GB)  
300,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2022



Blue Point | Marc Ruhl

## OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

### SON OF LADY MARIAN DEBUTS AT PARISLONGCHAMP

**18.10 Parislongchamp, Cond, €30,000, 2yo, c/g, 6 1/2ft**  
**WILL SCARLET (GB)** (**Masar {Ire}**) is a surprisingly early juvenile  
starter, given that he is by the Derby hero out of the track's G1  
Prix de l'Opera heroine Lady Marian (Ger) (Nayef), so  
Godolphin's February-foaled bay must have shown Andre Fabre  
something to suggest he is more precocious than his pedigree  
suggests. One of eight in the line-up, he is also a half-brother to  
the operation's G2 Grand Prix de Deauville and G2 Dubai City Of  
Gold winner Loxley (Ire) by Masar's sire New Approach (Ire)  
whose own career began in the October of his 2-year-old  
season.

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# BRITAIN

## Wednesday's Results:

### TENNENTS LAGER BRITISH STALLION STUDS EBF ROTHESAY S.-

Listed, £47,000, Ayr, 5-24, 4yo/up, f, 10fT, 2:08.52, gd.

1--**AL HUSN (IRE), 128, f, 4, Dubawi (Ire)--Hadaatha (Ire)**  
(SW-Eng & G1SP-Fr, \$109,194), by **Sea The Stars (Ire)**.

**1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** O/B-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd (IRE);  
T-Roger Varian; J-Jim Crowley. £26,654. Lifetime Record:  
GSP-Eng, 8-5-1-0, \$127,629.

2--**Angels Wrath (Ire), 128, f, 4, Dark Angel (Ire)--Cailini Alainn**  
(Ire), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). (£48,000 RNA Ylg '20 GOFSP).  
O/B-Newtown Anner Stud Farm (IRE); T-Johnny Murtagh.  
£10,105.

3--**Jewel In My Crown (GB), 128, m, 5, Mukhadram (GB)--Rosa**  
Grace (GB), by Lomitas (GB). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O/B-E P Duggan  
(GB); T-Rae Guest. £5,057.

Margins: HF, 1 1/4, 3/4. Odds: 0.83, 12.00, 22.00.

Also Ran: Crystal Caprice (Ire), Madame Ambassador (GB), Pink  
Carnation (GB), Makinmedoit (Ire).

Al Husn, who returned off a break to snag a pair of Newmarket  
handicaps in September and October, opened this campaign  
with a six-length second in the May 7 G2 Dahlia S. back at HQ  
last time and stepped forward to claim a first black-type success  
here. Settled behind the leaders in fourth after breaking to the  
fore, the 5-6 favourite quickened smartly to seize control  
approaching the final furlong and kept on strongly under  
minimal urging thereafter to hold Angels Wrath (Ire) (Dark Angel  
{Ire}) by a half-length in cosy fashion.

Al Husn is the fourth of six foals and one of two scorers  
produced by stakes-winning G1 Prix de l'Opera third Hadaatha  
(Ire) (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**), herself a daughter of stakes-winning  
G1 1000 Guineas third Hathrah (Ire) (Linamix {Fr}).



Al Husn is Dubawi's 256th stakes winner worldwide | Darley

Hathrah is one of seven black-type performers out of the  
multiple stakes-placed Zivania (Ire) (Shernazar {Ire}), headed by  
MG1SP sire Ivan Luis (Fr) (Lycius) and G3 UAE 2000 Guineas-  
winning sire Stagelight (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}). The April-foaled  
homebred bay is kin to a yearling filly by **Siyouni (Fr)**. **VIDEO**.

**3rd-Great Yarmouth, £15,000, Nov, 5-24, 2yo, 6f 3yT, 1:12.10,**  
g/f.

**WATCH MY TRACER (IRE) (g, 2, Dandy Man {Ire}--Heavenly**  
**Angel {GB}, by Dark Angel {Ire})** broke smartly from the far-side  
stall and raced in a handy fifth through the halfway mark of this  
first go. Inching into contention with a quarter-mile remaining,  
the 14-1 chance came under pressure to challenge approaching  
the final furlong and was ridden out in the closing stages to  
assert by 1 1/2 lengths from El Bodon (Ire) (**Churchill {Ire}**). "I  
love this horse and always have, but coming to Yarmouth at this  
time of year yoy never know what you're going to bump into,"  
said trainer George Scott. "He needed gelding because he was a  
bit awkward with his temperament. He's done that really well,  
he moved through the race really well and had the speed to  
hand. I would imagine he'd go straight to [Royal] Ascot now."  
Watch My Tracer is the latest of three reported foals and third  
scorer out of a half-sister to Listed Cathedral S. and Listed  
Boadicea S. third Pixeleen (GB) (Pastoral Pursuits {GB}). His  
second dam Ballyalla (GB) (Mind Games {GB}) is a half-sister to  
G2 Temple S. victrix Priceless (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}) and  
G2 Mill Reef S. runner-up Doctor Brown (GB) (Dr Fong). Sales  
history: €36,000 Wlg '21 GOFNO1; 75,000gns Ylg '22 TATSOM.  
Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$10,056.

O-Victorious Racing & Fawzi Nass; B-Donnchadh Higgins (IRE);  
T-George Scott.

**3rd-Kempton, £6,800, Novice, 5-24, 2yo, f, 6f (AWT), 1:14.38,**  
st/sl.

**LINCOLN LEGACY (IRE) (f, 2, Footstepsinthesand {GB}--Crystal**  
**Valkyrie {Ire}, by Danehill),** a 7-1 shot on debut, was  
professional from the widest stall to hold a narrow lead from  
Sparklight (GB) (Cable Bay {Ire}) racing freely. Initially swamped  
as that rival took a length out of her approaching the furlong  
pole, the bay rallied to regain the advantage in the last 75 yards  
and score by a length. The winner is the last known foal out of  
the dam, whose first came in 2004. Among her better progeny  
are the G3 Sandown Classic Trial scorer Above Average (Ire)  
(High Chaparral {Ire}), **Footstepsinthesand's** G3 Prestige S.  
winner Sent From Heaven (Ire)--who is the dam of the yard's  
Listed King Charles II S. runner-up Benacre (Ire) (**Australia {GB}**)--  
the G3 Bart Cummings runner-up Granddukeoftuscany (Ire)  
(Galileo {Ire}) and the Listed James Seymour S. scorer Freyja (Ire)  
(**Gleneagles {Ire}**).

**Cont.**

The family also includes the G1 Haydock Sprint Cup-winning sire Iktamal (Danzig Connection). Sales history: €36,000 Ylg '22 TATIRY. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,559.

O-GPS Heart of Racing (Bloodstock) Ltd; B-C O P Hanbury (IRE); T-Charlie Johnston.

**1st-Ayr, £10,000, Mdn, 5-24, 2yo, 6fT, 1:12.90, gd.**

**ARMY ETHOS (GB) (c, 2, Shalaa {Ire}--Dream Dana {Ire}, by Dream Ahead)** was the fastest of six into stride and led under a firm hold from the outset of this debut. In command throughout, the 5-4 favourite was shaken up when threatened passing the quarter-mile marker and lengthened clear under mild urging inside the final furlong to defeat Jehangeer (Ire) (Kodiak {GB}) by an impressive 3 1/4 lengths. "He's a smart colt and we liked him beforehand," said rider Hollie Doyle. "He gave me a great feel, I liked the way he went about things today and, hopefully, there's more to come. The ground is very quick today and it was quick enough for him. Archie [Watson] will speak to the owners, but I'd like to think Royal Ascot is on the agenda."

Army Ethos, kin to a yearling filly by Showcasing (GB), is the third of four registered foals produced by a winning daughter of G3 Ballyogan S. and G3 Greenlands S. victrix Lidanna (GB) (Nicholas). Lidanna is the dam of three black-type performers headed by Listed City of York S. victor Yaa Wayl (Ire) (Whipper) and Listed Sweet Mimosa S. runner-up Lidanski (Ire) (Soviet Star). Lidanski, in turn, is the dam of three stakes performers headed by G1 Prix de l'Abbaye heroine Wizz Kid (Ire) (Whipper). Sales history: 20,000gns RNA Wlg '21 TADEWE; 120,000gns Ylg '22 TATSOM. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$6,704.

O-Victorious Racing & Fawzi Nass; B-Plantation Stud (GB); T-Archie Watson.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Glory Sky (Ire), f, 3, Cotai Glory (GB)--Artax Hope (Ire), by Kyllachy (GB).** Kempton, 5-24, 7f (AWT), 1:27.61. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$7,865. B-Knocktartin House Stud (IRE). \*£28,000 Ylg '21 GOFFUK.

**Trip To Rome (Ire), g, 3, Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)--Marthamydear, by Tapizar.** Kempton, 5-24, 7f (AWT), 1:25.54. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$10,338. B-Joe Hernon & Minch Bloodstock (IRE). \*£15,000 Ylg '21 GOFFUK; 4,500gns 2yo '22 TATAHI.

## FRANCE

**Wednesday's Results:**

**1st-Le Mans, €23,000, Mdn, 5-24, unraced 2yo, 5 1/2fT, 1:05.70, gd.**

**ANTIFONA (FR) (f, 2, Recoletos {Fr}--Survived {GB} {SP-Eng}, by Kyllachy {GB})** chased the leaders in fifth through the initial fractions of this newcomers' test. Bustled along off the home turn to challenge with 300 metres remaining, the 4-1 third choice led soon after and was pushed out in the closing stages to hold the late threat of Vive La Reine (Fr) (Recorder {GB}) by a half-length. Antifona is the latest of four surviving foals and second scorer produced by Listed Rose Bowl S. third Survived (GB) (Kyllachy {GB}), herself a granddaughter of G2 Cherry Hinton S. victrix and G1 1000 Guineas third Dazzle (GB) (Gone West). Sales history: €18,000 RNA Ylg '22 ARQOCT Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €11,500. **Video, sponsored by TVG.** O/B-SARL Darpat France (FR); T-Carlos Laffon-Parias.

**2nd-Le Mans, €21,000, Mdn, 5-24, 3yo, f, 1950mT, 2:05.95, gd.**

**WINNING SIDE (FR) (f, 3, Fastnet Rock {Aus}--Uruguay {Ire}, by Authorized {Ire}),** runner-up on debut over 11 1/2 furlongs here last month, crawled along in front after a keen start. In the driving seat turning for home, the 11-5 favourite kicked decisively to score by a length from Del Cielo (Ire) (**Camelot {GB}**). The dam, whose first foal was the G3 Prix Miesque winner and G3 Prix Thomas Bryon runner-up Dame Du Roi (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), also has the 2-year-old colt Casapueblo (Ire) (Le Havre {Ire}) who was a €130,000 purchase by Stroud Coleman Bloodstock at Arqana Deauville October. She is out of the G3 Premio Umbria scorer Uruk (GB) (Efisio {GB}) whose sire son Urban King (Ire) (Desert King {Ire}) was placed in the GII National Museum of Racing Hall of Fame H. and GII Oak Tree Derby. Her listed-placed daughter Victoria College (Fr) (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}) produced a pair of group performers in Millfield (Fr) (Whipper) and Lucky Look (Fr) (Teofilo {Ire}). Sales history: €130,000 RNA Ylg '21 ARQAUG. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, €14,700. **Video, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Ecurie Jean-Louis Bouchard, Eric Puerari & Ecurie Ades Hazan; B-Eric Puerari & Ecurie Ades Hazan (FR); T-Pascal Bary.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:**

**Chiareggio (Fr), g, 3, El Kabeir--Espirita (Fr) (GSW-Fr), by Iffraaj (GB).** Le Mans, 5-24, 1950mT, 2:04.52. B-Le Thenney (FR). \*€35,000 Ylg '21 ARQOCT.

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**Thursday, ParisLongchamp, France, post time: 19:40**

**PRIX HOCQUART-G3**, €80,000, 3yo, 11fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	4	Guet Apens (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Fabre	Barzalona	128
2	1	Harry Way (Fr)	Galiway (GB)	Perret	Pasquier	128
3	6	Rashford (Fr)	<b>Zarak (Fr)</b>	Barberot	Soumillon	128
4	5	Alpenjager (Ger)	Nutan (Ire)	Schiergen	Piechulek	128
5	2	First Minister (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Fabre	Murzabayev	128
6	3	Silawi (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Laffon-Parias	Guyon	128

**Thursday, Sandown, Britain, post time: 19:12**

**RACEHORSE LOTTO HENRY II S.-G3**, £80,000, 4yo/up, 16f 50y

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Enemy (GB)	Muhaarar (GB)	Tracey Bell & Caroline Lyons	Ian Williams	Frankie Dettori	130
2	Nate The Great (GB)	Nathaniel (Ire)	Mildmay Racing & D H Caslon	Andrew Balding	William Buick	130
3	Roberto Escobarr (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Hussain Alabbas Lootah	William Haggas	Richard Kingscote	130
4	Sleeping Lion	Teofilo (Ire)	Merry Fox Stud Ltd	Harry & Roger Charlton	Ryan Moore	130
5	Princess Anne (Fr)	Anodin (Ire)	David Baker	Hiroo Shimizu	Jules Mobian	127

Breeders: 1-Ecurie des Monceaux & Skymarc Farm Inc, 2-Mildmay Bloodstock & D H Caslon, 3-R Scarborough & Carradale, 4-Merry Fox Stud Ltd, 5-Ecurie Biraben

**Thursday, Sandown, Britain, post time: 19:42**

**RACEHORSE LOTTO BRIGADIER GERARD S.-G3**, £80,000, 4yo/up, 9f 209y

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Cash (Ire)	Shamardal	Honorable Earle I Mack International	David Simcock	Jamie Spencer	128
2	Chichester (GB)	Dansili (GB)	Sir Ian & Ms Catriona Good	Keith Dalglish	P J McDonald	128
3	Claymore (Fr)	New Bay (GB)	Mrs Mary Slack	Jane Chapple-Hyam	William Buick	128
4	Desert Crown (GB)	Nathaniel (Ire)	Saeed Suhail	Sir Michael Stoute	Richard Kingscote	128
5	Hukum (Ire)	<b>Sea The Stars (Ire)</b>	Shadwell Estate Company Ltd	Owen Burrows	Jim Crowley	128
6	Solid Stone (Ire)	Shamardal	Saeed Suhail	Sir Michael Stoute	Ryan Moore	128

Breeders: 1-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd, 2-Mrs James Wigan & London Thoroughbred Services Ltd, 3-Guenther Schmidt, 4-Strawberry Fields Stud, 5-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd, 6-Epona Bloodstock Ltd

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**Thursday, ParisLongchamp, France, post time: 17:18**

**PRIX FINLANDE-Listed**, €55,000, 3yo, f, 9fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	5	Khahira (Fr)	Pedro The Great	Bollack-Badel	Marie	123
2	9	Snow Late (Fr)	Kingman (GB)	Figge	Madamet	123
3	7	Immensitude (Fr)	Lawman (Fr)	S Wattel	Pouchin	123
4	3	Atakama (Fr)	Le Havre (Ire)	Laffon-Parias	Soumillon	123
5	6	Lady Frasquita (Fr)	Iffraaj (GB)	Delcher Sanchez	Piccone	123
6	2	Start Me Up (Fr)	Pastorius (Ger)	Decouz	Lemaitre	123
7	8	Prija (Fr)	Shalaa (Ire)	M Nigge	Barzalona	123
8	4	Consort Royal (GB)	Mendelssohn	Clement	Pasquier	123
9	10	Curvature (Ire)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Harrington	Foley	123
10	1	Nasella (Fr)	Anodin (Ire)	Ferland	Guyon	128

**Thursday, Sandown, Britain, post time: 18:42**

**RACEHORSE LOTTO NATIONAL S.-Listed**, £40,000, 2yo, 5f 10y

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Blue Storm (GB)	Blue Point (Ire)	Sultan Ali	James Tate	Neil Callan	131
2	Dapper Valley (Ire)	Dandy Man (Ire)	Thurloe Royal Marsden Cancer Charity II	Richard Hannon	Pat Dobbs	131
3	Elite Status (GB)	Havana Grey (GB)	Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum	Karl Burke	Clifford Lee	131
4	Hackman (Ire)	Mehmas (Ire)	The Gene Genies	Hugo Palmer	James Doyle	131
5	Love Billy Boy (Ire)	Invincible Army (Ire)	Roldvale Ltd, C Bloor & W Salthouse	Richard Hannon	Sean Levey	131
6	Matters Most (GB)	Advertise (GB)	Robert Ng	Ralph Beckett	Rossa Ryan	131
7	On Point (Ire)	Blue Point (Ire)	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	131
8	Shayekh (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Sheikh Abdullah Almalek Alsabah	Alice Haynes	Kieran O'Neill	131
9	Son Of Corballis (Ire)	Raven's Pass	Knobel McGrath Partnership	Kieran Cotter	Declan McDonogh	131
10	World Of Darcy (Ire)	Soldier's Call (GB)	Bronte Collection 1	Karl Burke	Ryan Moore	131

Breeders: 1-Highview Bloodstock Ltd, 2-GCE Farm Ltd, 3-Whitsbury Manor Stud, 4-Golden Vale Stud, 5-Yeomanstown Stud, 6-Kirtlington Stud & Mrs Mary Taylor, 7-Godolphin, 8-Tally-Ho Stud, 9-Mighty Universe Ltd, 10-Thomas Foley

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## YULONG BUYS ZENAIDA FOR \$1.4 MILLION



Great Vibes topped Wednesday's session | Magic Millions

by Keely Mckitterick

Although the fireworks were not as frequent, there were still a number of highlights to be had. **Zenaida (NZ)** (Zabeel {NZ}), the dam of Sunshine In Paris (Invader) who lit up on the ring on Tuesday, finished as the top lot. While Yu Long Investments continued their quest to secure mares in foal to the Juddmonte Farms'-based **Frankel (GB)**.

### At A Glance:

- A further three millionaire mares were added to the Day 1 haul of nine on Wednesday, bringing the aggregate up to \$76,772,500 at the close of trade. At the same point last year the aggregate stood at \$78,431,500.
- The average had dipped by the end of Day 2 to sit at \$233,351, up on the comparable figure of \$219,696 at last year's sale.
- The median remained constant at \$110,000, down slightly from \$120,000 last year.
- At the close of trade, 329 horses had changed hands for a clearance rate of 75.98%, down considerably on last year's figure of 85.5%.

• Zenaida (NZ) (Zabeel {NZ}) (Lot 751), the dam of Sunshine In Paris (Invader), topped Wednesday's proceedings, becoming the Liston's own first millionaire as she sold from Three Bridges Thoroughbreds to Yu Long Investments for \$1.4 million.

• Yu Long Investments added a further 14 mares to their Day 1 haul of 35, and remained well ahead of the buyers. Their total spend after Day 2 was \$26,116,000, an average of \$532,980 per mare.

• The Newgate Consignment remained at the head of the vendors, having sold a total of 45 mares at the end of Day 2 for total receipts of \$21,976,000, passing in just two.

### Lot 751 - Zenaida (NZ) (Zabeel {NZ} x Madison Avenue {NZ} {Morcon {GB}}) - \$1.4 million to Yu Long Investments

Consigned by Three Bridges Thoroughbreds, the Zabeel (NZ) mare Zenaida (NZ) was predicted to cause a stir amongst buyers on Wednesday. Yu Long Investments duly went to \$1.4 million to secure the 11-year-old mare in foal to the outstanding Arrowfield Stud shuttler Maurice (Jpn), after her daughter Sunshine In Paris (Invader) sold as Lot 700 on Tuesday to James Harron Bloodstock for \$3.9 million.

Zenaida was a modest performer on the track, retiring a winner of one race. She is a half-sister to Vosne Romanee (NZ) (Electronic Zone {USA}) who was crowned the 2009 Horse of the Year in New Zealand and is from the family of the brilliant Mapperley Heights (NZ) (Sir Tristram {Ire}) - a nine-time victress who claimed the G1 South Australian Derby and was placed in the G1 AJC Oaks and the G1 VRC Oaks.

Zenaida is making her mark as a broodmare. Her first foal Macroua, a daughter of Champion Sire Snitzel, would retire a four-time winner, headed by victories in the G3 Typhoon Tracy S. and the Listed Woodlands S. Zenaida's second foal, Noble Exception (Exceed And Excel) has won a race, but it's her third foal, Sunshine In Paris, which makes her a truly rare proposition. The 3-year-old filly claimed the scalps of some of the best fillies in training when she landed the G1 Surround S. at just her fifth start last February.

Yulong Stud's Chief Operating Officer Sam Fairgray was thrilled to secure a daughter of Zabeel who has already produced two stakes winners.



Yulong's Sam Fairgray | Bronwen Healy

"Zenaida is a mare that, going forward, the pedigree is going to improve and improve. She's got the two stakes-winning daughters already so it's likely we'll keep the fillies out of Zenaida and keep building the family," he said.

"Zenaida will go to Alabama Express this season, obviously aiming for a similar sort of cross to Sunshine In Paris and Macroura.

"Mr Zhang has had a passion for Zabeel mares for a long time so to get one like her is fantastic.

"We were interested in Sunshine In Paris on Tuesday but she made a lot of money. We bought a couple of other mares and there's a couple of other mares today that gave us some options.

"Zenaida is in foal to a good stallion (Maurice), he's done well, he missed a year but he's a very good stallion and we're not really fussed whether we get a colt or a filly, because Maurice colts are very good and if we get a filly she's staying at the farm."

**Lot 910 - Great Vibes (GB) (Showcasing {GB} x Whazzat {GB} {Daylami {Ire}}) - \$1.3 million to Yu Long Investments**

**Great Vibes (GB)**, a daughter of Showcasing (GB) who stands at Whitsbury Manor Stud in the United Kingdom, was offered by Arrowfield Stud carrying a cover to **Frankel (GB)** and knocked down to Yu Long Investments for \$1.3 million

She is daughter of the Daylami (Ire) mare Whazzat (GB) who won the Listed Chesham S. at Royal Ascot and has produced the Group 2 winner and Group 1-placed James Garfield (Ire).

Great Vibes second dam, Wosatia (GB) (Generous {Ire}) is a half-sister to Rafha (GB) (Kris {GB}), the latter produced the influential stallion Invincible Spirit (Ire).

Furthermore, this is the family of the dual Group 1 winner Pride Of Dubai, who now stands at Coolmore Stud Australia.

Yulong Stud's Chief Operating Officer Sam Fairgray was

pleased to secure Great Vibes who described as the 'best-looking mare in-foal to **Frankel**.

"Great Vibes was a beautiful mare, probably the best-looking mare in-foal to **Frankel**, so we're really pleased to be taking her home," Fairgray said.

"It's a nice early service, if it comes out looking like her it'll be a good sort.

"There's a lot of fillies in the family, so hopefully it keeps on growing. These are great broodmares that we're putting together and it's good for the industry and having Mr Zhang involved is really good.

"I would say we will keep the resultant foal despite gender. She'll stay here and then we'll mate her to one of our stallions, probably to Tagaloa I would say.

"Tagaloa's sire Lord Kanaloa has worked well with mares with Daylami in the family so we'll just go with that cross."

**Lot 902 - Giza Goddess (USA) (Cairo Prince {USA} x Comfort And Joy {USA} {Harlan's Holiday {USA}}) - \$1.15 million to Clarke Bloodstock (FBAA)**

Hailing from a prolific international black-type pedigree and carrying a cover to the great I Am Invincible, **Giza Goddess (USA)** was offered as part of the Newgate Consignment draft, and she was knocked down for \$1.15 million to Jim Clarke of Clarke Bloodstock (FBAA) acting as agent for an undisclosed client.

A daughter of **Cairo Prince (USA)**, a son of the late Pioneer of The Nile (USA). **Cairo Prince** stands at Airdrie Stud in Midway, Kentucky. Giza Goddess was a dual winner, most notably winning the Listed Blue Northern S. at Santa Anita and was fourth in the G1 American Oaks.

Despite a predominantly international pedigree, there is some relevance to Australia, as this is the family of All Bar One, a Group 2 winner who was placed in the G1 BTC Cup.



Giza Goddess | Magic Millions



Clarke was keen to point out the impact sharp North American-bred mares have had on the Australian market, with the elite-level gallopers and now Newgate Stud-based stallions Wild Ruler and Russian Revolution are both out of quick North American mares.

"Giza Goddess is a gorgeous mare, physically she was just beautiful. It's obviously a lovely cover to our champion stallion and these American mares have proven themselves to be very good producers here in Australia, so we're delighted with her. She had a different profile, there's a small number of those elite mares in foal to that horse at the sale. We've seen yearlings out of these really sharp American mares sell really well the past few years but not only sell well, but race really well. Newgate has two young stallions in Wild Ruler and Russian Revolution out of American mares and they keep showing up and doing the job. It's probably something a little bit different for our market but given the record of those sorts of mares, we thought it was worth going after her. The beautiful thing about Giza Goddess and her pedigree is we've got unlimited options as to what she can go to."

**Lot 773 - Amiche (Nicconi x Meerlust {Johannesburg {USA}}) - \$825,000 to Kia Ora Stud**

Yarraman Park Stud consigned **Amiche**, a daughter of the Widden Stud-based stallion Nicconi, carrying a September cover to Arrowfield Stud's Snitzel. It was a second visit to the Bundall complex for Amiche, having been consigned by Telemon Thoroughbreds at last year's version of this sale, where she was knocked down for \$380,000 to Kestrel Thoroughbreds. Blessed with plenty of speed, Amiche won five races from 1000 to 1200 metres. Hailing from an outstanding family, she is the fourth foal from the Johannesburg (USA) mare Meerlust. Most notably, Amiche is a half-sister to the brilliant Duais (Shamus Award), who has claimed the G1 Australian Cup, the G1 Tancred S., and the G1 Queensland Oaks and is still in training with Edward Cummings. She is also a half-sister to Group 3 winner Baccarat Baby (Casino Prince) who was herself an expensive mare, selling to Dermot Farrington Bloodstock for \$900,000 at this sale last year as part of the Spendthrift Australia dispersal.

A hugely current page, Amiche hails from the extended family of Encosta De Lago, Russian Revolution and Home Affairs, whilst her fourth dam is the influential Fanfreluche (Can) (Northern

Dancer {Can}) - an outstanding galloper on the track who helped to cement Northern Dancer (Can)'s reputation. The Fanfreluche story turned to legend when she was kidnapped from Claiborne Farm in foal to the US Triple Crown winner Secretariat (USA), the mare later found at a farm near Tompkinsville, Kentucky.

Bloodstock and Breeding Manager at Kia Ora Stud, Shane Wright was eager to secure the 6-year-old Amiche given her prolific and current family.

"She's a beautiful mare from a beautiful family, obviously a half to a Group 1 winner already with a very strong family underneath that and, I suppose, if you look at it, she's in foal to Snitzel. He had the Slipper winner this year and although \$825,000 is expensive, if you can get a nice Snitzel out, you'd be hoping you can nearly get it back.

"Duais is very closely related but this girl, she's built very well and she's got that strong frame.

"I think Snitzel will suit her very well. She's been mated well, she's got a lovely family so fingers crossed for the future."



Jim Clarke | Bronwen Healy

**Lot 812 - Cafe Royal (Snitzel x Your Life Style {Hussonet {USA}}) - \$800,000 to Musk Creek Farm and Boomer Bloodstock (FBAA)**

The Newgate Consignment finished the opening sale session on Tuesday as the leading vendor and on Wednesday the draft held strong. They offered **Cafe Royal**, a 6-year-old daughter of Snitzel, carrying her first cover to Newgate's

Capitalist.

Cafe Royal was an eight-time winner on the track, winning three races in succession, and recording a valuable black-type placing in the Listed Silk Stocking H. before retirement. She is the third foal from the unraced Hussonet (USA) mare Your Life Style who, despite being unraced, hails from an outstanding pedigree; she is a three-quarter sister to The Broken Shore (Hussonet {USA}) who is the dam of the brilliant triple Group 1 winner Shoals (Fastnet Rock) and a brother to Listed winner Groundswell.

Arguably one of the best families in the Australian Stud Book, Cafe Royal's second dam is Monsoon Wedding (Danahill {USA}), who was third in the G2 Magic Night S., is a sister to the breed-shaping Redoute's Choice and a three-quarter sister to Al Maher and Sliding Cube (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}), the latter the dam of Rubick.

Craig Rounsefell of Boomer Bloodstock (FBAA) was delighted to buy into a family that isn't commonly accessible, having first identified her years ago.

"It is one I identified in the catalogue a while ago as a yearling so I knew the type was bang on and it is a family that is hard to get into," he said.

"Musk Creek Farm, they're in the program of getting a small band of quality mares together and she was our target at the sale.

"In-foal and early cover, tough race mare but a magnificent type from a really deep family that we can hang onto and hopefully get some fillies out of and develop.

"We'll set her up with a proven stallion. We'll sit down and decide that."

**Lot 772 - Amicable (GB) (Dutch Art {GB} x Likeable {GB} {Dalakhani {Ire}}) - \$600,000 to Yu Long Investments**


Carrying a highly valuable pregnancy to the extraordinary **Frankel**, **Amicable (GB)** was offered by Lime Country Thoroughbreds and was snapped up by Yulong.

Mr Yueshang Zhang is an admirer of the Juddmonte Farms' superhorse, **Frankel**.

Amicable is the eighth foal from the unraced Dalakhani (Ire) mare Likeable (GB). Amicable is a half-sister to Checkandchallenge (GB) (Fast Company {Ire}) who won the G3 Prix Daphnis and placed in the G2 Daniel Wildenstein S. Notably Checkandchallenge was fourth in the G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. at Ascot.

Furthermore, this is the family of Russian **Camelot** (Ire), the now Widden Stud Victoria stallion was an outstanding galloper when trained by Danny O'Brien claiming the G1 Underwood S. under weight-for-age conditions and the G1 South Australian Derby.

Russian **Camelot** was also placed in the G1 WS Cox Plate, the G1 Makybe Diva S., and the G1 Caulfield S.

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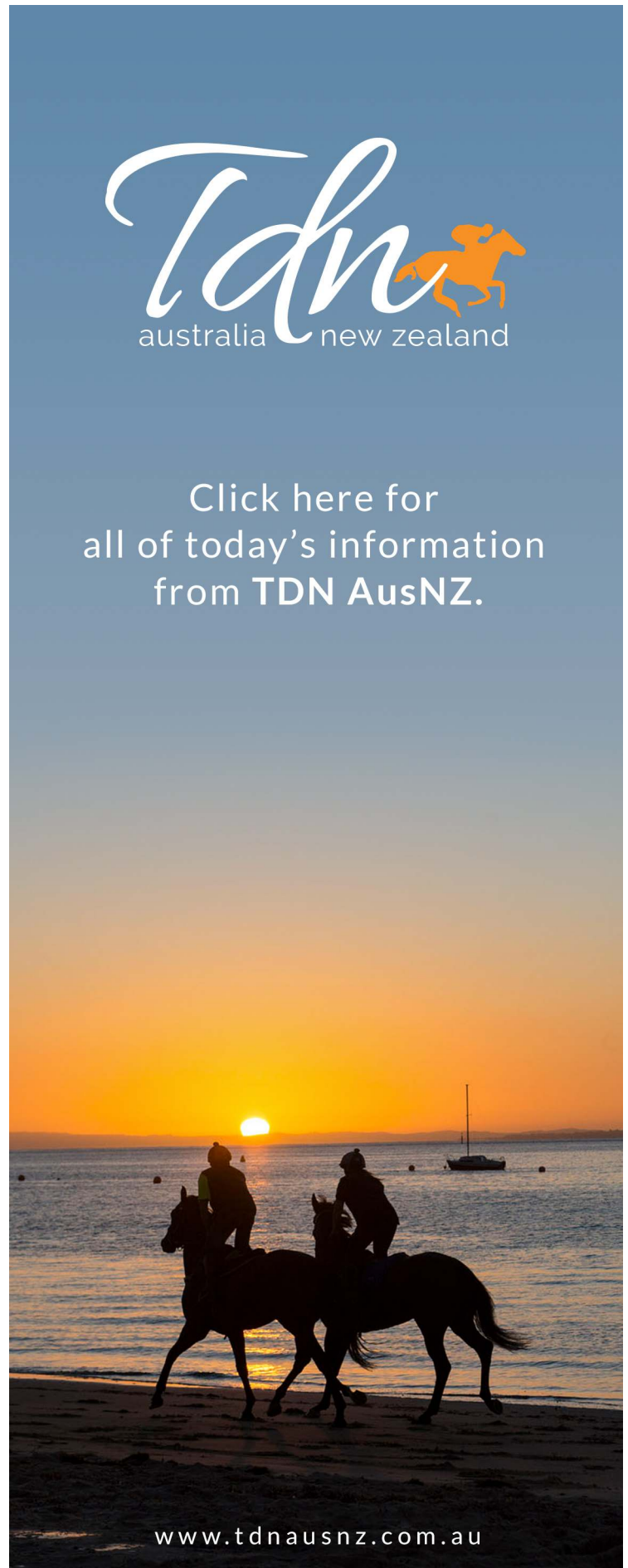
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