

## 'THEY'VE TAUGHT ME TO BE HUMAN AGAIN'



Chris Courtney at Wainui Farm | Sue Finley photo

by Chris McGrath

No chance. I mean, you just had to take one look at the guy. The tattoos, the words tumbling nervously through gaps in his teeth, the sheer damage he's soaked up. You didn't have to look up his record. It was like he had an invisible ball and chain. So, no, thank you very much for asking, but we don't need any help right now. He could be someone else's problem.

No chance? Not even one? That was all Chris Courtney wanted: a single opportunity to break the cycle, a single precarious plank to bridge the abyss dividing a convicted felon from the world of work; from consuming taxes to paying them. Turns out, one chance was all he needed.

"He kept calling me," Jeannie Larkin remembers. "I kept saying, 'I'm sorry but I'm just so busy right now, I really don't have time to sit down.' And he finally just said, 'I'm coming.'"

First impressions being what they are, he can't have seemed any more promising in person than he must have sounded on the phone.

"Okay," Larkin said. "Can you just walk with me while I finish up work here?"

"Because we had to get ready for a show the next day," she explains now. "He came out at 5 p.m. and I thought, 'At this point I'm still going to be in this barn at 10 p.m.'" She pauses and smiles. "We were done by 7.30 p.m. Chris had two horses bathed and shining in no time."

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## THE X-RAY FILES: BILL HEILIGBRODT

by Jessica Martini

The TDN sat down with longtime owner/breeder Bill Heiligbrodt for the next installment in this ongoing series presented in cooperation with the Consignors and Breeders Association (CBA). Through conversations with buyers and sellers, the series looks to contribute to the discussion on radiograph findings and their impact on racetrack success.

Bill and Corinne Heiligbrodt have been in the racing game some 30 years and have enjoyed top-level success with **Yaupon (Uncle Mo)**, winner of the 2021 GI Forego S., as well as Eclipse champion sprinter **Mitole (Eskendereya)**. Both Grade I winners were purchased at the 2-year-olds in training sales, a venue which Bill Heiligbrodt said allows him to add another layer of information to the standard vet report.

"When you buy 2-year-olds in training, you have some indication of their ability," Heiligbrodt said. "I'm not saying it's perfect by any means, but you get a pretty good indication and you eliminate some horses that may not ever run or might run limited in terms of their ability."

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## 'They've Taught Me to be Human Again'

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Larkin continued, "All these farms he'd been to, nobody had let him touch a horse. And when I said, 'Okay, you take this one and I'll take this other one and we'll turn them out,' he got to the edge of the barn and started crying. It all came out: it was just like that, letting go of everything. A new start."

That was two years ago, and today Courtney remains a diligent employee at Wainui Farm near Paris, Kentucky. He has seized his one chance.

It has been a long and winding road. His dream had been to be a jockey, like his dad. But he fell into bad company on the racetrack and, trying to keep his weight down, became dependent on cocaine.

"I can't count the jockeys I got high with in the parking lot," Courtney admits. "I was at Ellis Park, living in the tack room on the backside. My dad had brought a rider in, he called me over there and I couldn't believe it, all these guys sitting there doing their thing right before the race. Next day my dad's horse got beat in a photo finish and he said, 'What were you on?!' It was the jockey that couldn't finish, not the horse."

"A lot of bad stuff went on at the racetrack in the 80s and 90s. I've been everywhere. River Downs, Latonia, Beulah. If I stayed in one place too long, I would get in trouble and had to go on

the road again."

In the end, his addiction became so desperate that he held up a series of motels. He was sentenced to 10 years for armed robbery.

"I didn't hurt anybody," he stresses. "But let me tell you, doesn't matter how often you see it on TV, when you're in that courtroom and your final judgement comes, and you're looking around and see people that you love and they can't do anything for you, and then they put you in handcuffs and walk you through that door, and it bangs shut behind you, it's scary. You're thinking, 'Wait a minute, is this really happening?'"

And the following years, similarly, introduced him to all the nightmares of prison life. For the first five and a half years he was in a high-security prison, his brutalization measured by a transformation of the 90lbs track rider into 270lbs of misery, barely able to tie his laces.

"They turned me into an animal," he says. "They put me in this cage, shut the door, walked away, leaving me to fend for myself. Because of my crime, having a weapon, I was classified as violent. So they wouldn't let me go into any rehab, which is what I needed."

He came out believing that the system had no true interest in reformation, when reoffending would only lock in profit for prison operators. **Cont.**

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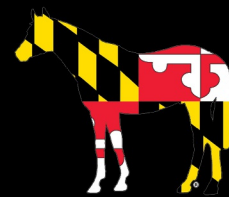
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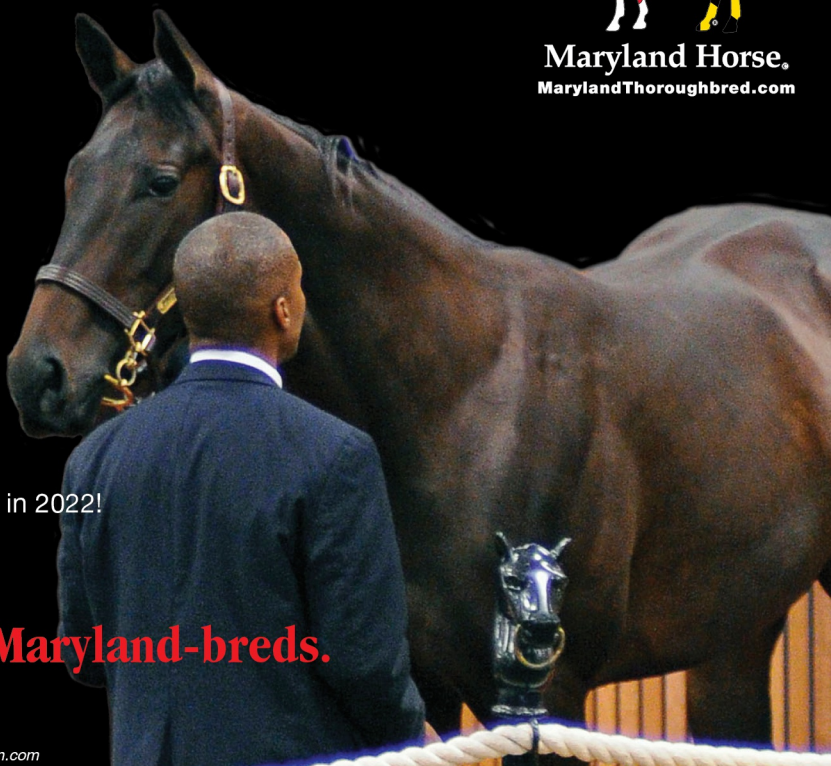
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### 'They've Taught Me to be Human Again,' *cont.*

He was grateful, however, to complete his time at the low-security Blackburn Correctional Complex near Lexington, and to excel in the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation (TRF) program there. Nonetheless the lack of solid pathways back into society, at that time, left anyone with his history all too vulnerable to relapse.

"I've been good, though, I haven't been back," he says. "But I was bad when I first come home, I was lost. My dad and my brother both died on me while I was in the joint. I came home and everything I knew was gone. Nobody would hire me. And this is all I know how to do." He gestures at the barns. "I can't even wash dishes. For two years I tried to find a job. Sometimes I'd get hired but at the end of the [first] day they'd call me in the office and say, 'Well, Mr. Courtney, you're a convicted felon and we run tours here: we can't have you in the barn, out in public.' There was always some excuse.



Wainui Farm's Jeannie and Nick Larkin | Sue Finley photo

"Statistically, you will go back. About 80 percent do. Some of them I saw come in three times. And that little gap, between being released and trying to find where you fit in, you get mad, you get frustrated, you try to relieve it with drugs or alcohol, and then it just spirals."

As things have turned out, however, his love of horses has now restored the trapdoor it opened in his youth--thanks to the intervention of Laurie Mays at the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce. As project manager of the Agriculture and Equine Talent Pipeline, Mays was determined to dovetail a labor crisis on Bluegrass farms with a route back into society for released prisoners.

Those plans were still evolving when she put Courtney in touch with Larkin and her husband Nick at Wainui Farm.

"We've had a farm for over 20 years," Larkin says. "And we've



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had a lot of people come through and work for us. And I have to say it's just a handful that have truly cared about the horses. We've had highly educated people wanting to do horses, people with PhDs. But compassion and caring is what it really comes down to. And Chris has a natural ability. Even from a distance he can look at a horse and see when something's wrong. From the start, he was somebody we could depend on. We trusted him immediately. He's been through a lot, but we're just looking to the future, and beautiful days with the horses."

"I thank God every day that Miss Jeannie trusts me to be out here," Courtney says. **Cont.**



**'They've Taught Me to be Human Again,' cont.****The Kentucky Chamber's Laurie Mays | Sue Finley photo**

"I mean, look at this!" He surveys the rolling paddocks, the shades of green altering with the breeze, and laughs. "I'm being paid right now! Can you believe that? I ought to be paying them. I came through that gate and have been here ever since. I never had a job this long in my life. I'm 50 years old, and sometimes I've had three jobs in a week. I'm happy every day I come here. I feel my heart full. They've taught me to be human again."

He relates how another troubled creature, a mare named Miss Cocoa, had also found sanctuary on the farm about a month previously.

"She was a really nervous one," he says. "She'd pace and work herself up in a frenzy. But she has finally started to come around."

"And today I walked through the field and said, 'Hey, Cocoa.' And she raised her head up and started walking towards me, paid no attention to the other horses, came over on her own. And I told Miss Jeannie, 'You know what, that's the moment in a horseman's life when you know you got that horse.' This is 'my' horse: she's comfortable, she trusts me, and I trust her."

The parallels are too obvious to require stating. The question is whether these redemption tales, the kind that united Miss Cocoa and her groom, could be emulated elsewhere? After all, this is an industry nearly as lacking in skilled and willing labor as Chris Courtney had been lacking opportunities to provide just that.

**'It's About Breaking Down That Stigma'**

The fervent ambition of Mays, back at the Kentucky Chamber, is that people sharing this kind of odyssey might now find their path to a brighter future better signposted.

"We now have a pipeline from Blackburn straight into the

industry," she explains. "Whereas Chris came in a roundabout way, now we work very specifically with the instructor and the warden to make sure when guys are coming out, we know exactly where they're going."

Many who enter the TRF program at Blackburn have no previous experience with horses; nor will they tend to know a great deal about the surrounding region and its premier industry. At the same time, many potential employers know little more about the program than they might have glimpsed from the interstate. So a connection had to be fostered from both sides.

"Within the prison system, we help with resumé writing, cover letters, interview skills," Mays says. "A lot of gentlemen, if they've worked jobs before, maybe in manufacturing or construction, don't know how their skills transfer into the equine industry."

"And then on the flip side, we educate. Oftentimes, they've hired people with a criminal record, but they've not done it on purpose. So we're helping them figure out how to be good employers. How can you support that population? A lot of times, these justice-involved individuals come out with needs outside of the scope of work. Housing. Transportation. If they're in any type of recovery program because of a substance-use disorder, how can employers support their recovery so that they are the best employee that they can be?"

Though COVID delayed things, the next initiative was to invite potential employers to visit the program.

"Employers would tour the facility, and basically do working interviews with the guys, they could see their skills," Mays explains. **Cont.**



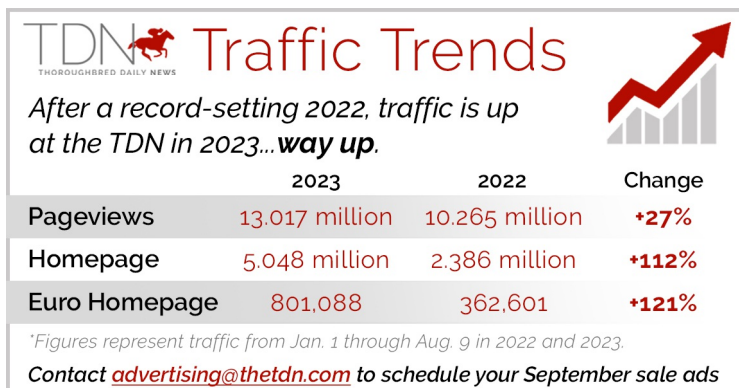
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### 'They've Taught Me to be Human Again,' cont.

"Once employers could put faces to stories, it was a lot easier. It wasn't just 'an inmate', it was 'Steven'. And that really helped with the stigma we had seen in the industry."

Mays liaises with the prison's re-entry co-ordinator and equine instructor. When they advise her of an inmate nearing release, with an interest in offering the industry the skills he has acquired (and these may be in masonry or maintenance, for instance, as well as in the equine program), she will circulate his details to potential interviewers. These employers can either come to the campus or interview remotely.

"Our goal is that they're hired before they leave Blackburn," Mays says. "That way, when we know they're going to a certain farm, we can then work with the re-entry coordinator to make sure they have housing, transportation and all of the things that might present as barriers. Our goal is for them to start work within three days of release."

This is only one of several channels--others include high schools and foster care--opened by the Chamber to supply a labor deficiency in the agricultural sector. But it's proving so successful that the model is now being adopted by other prisons at a higher level of security. Numbers have so far been relatively low, but should keep growing along with the confidence of employers. Over 70 released prisoners have now been placed, so far without a single report of recidivism.

To promote empathy among potential employers, for those leaving prison and/or addiction rehab, the Chamber offers a re-entry simulation.

"All employers are given an identity of someone who's just

been released from incarceration," Mays explains. "And you have all these things you have to do within a certain time limit, and with a certain amount of money. That way employers truly understand what justice-involved individuals are up against, and it really is eye-opening. Employers finally understand why this population often fails, because the deck is stacked against them."

"A lot of the guys have been incarcerated for a very long time. And to go from 20, 25 years' incarceration, to being out and about within an hour is scary, and hard. A lot of prep work needs to be done. Just grocery shopping can be very overwhelming."

Some employers have responded by maintaining zero tolerance on failed drug tests while also assisting entry into recovery programs, for instance, or with legal consequences.

"And so the employers are helping employees to navigate the system," Mays says. "Employers will say, 'You can come back to

us [once clean] and there will be a job here for you.' This support significantly increases the likelihood of success in recovery, and opens the door for the return of a valued employee. So that learning curve, on the employer side, is really helping to alleviate the 'one-and-done' mentality. They see the barriers this population faces."

Mays has gathered 45 farms into her Thoroughbred collective: a solid base, if still only a fraction of the Bluegrass total. But they extend from small family outfits to some of



**'There's something about the outside of a horse...'**

*Stable Recovery photo*

the biggest in the business, and the word should continue to spread as success stories proliferate. Farms that have embraced the program, moreover, tend to make themselves available to mentor those nervous about doing so.

"I think there's been a culture shift," Mays adds. "It's been about breaking down the stigma. Over the last 18 months, we've seen a huge uptick in involved employers. Because a) they're desperate, and b) they're starting to really understand the benefits of hiring this population, and that it's doable. But I'll be honest, it's an upward climb."

Because the reality is that there will, of course, be failures. Not every story ends with everyone living happily ever after. "You are going to have people that relapse or recidivate," Mays acknowledges. "But that doesn't mean they're a lost cause." **Cont.**



**'They've Taught Me to be Human Again,' cont.**

Often the best outcomes reflect best practice. One large show-jumping farm has promoted a Blackburn graduate to professional groom, but had to match his exceptional competence with exceptional commitment. They worked with parole officers, to allow him to accompany horses out of the state, and diverted a portion of his pay into a savings account to fund the purchase of a car.

The one environment of which the program remains wary is the racetrack, which tends to be too volatile for those vulnerable in early recovery. But farms and veterinary clinics have given purpose and engagement to many troubled characters trying to retrieve a foothold in society. Mays says that studies demonstrate a huge reduction in reoffending among those who secure not just a job, but "meaningful" employment. And the key player here, very often, is the horse itself.



**Frank Taylor** | Keeneland photo

"We talk with the guys all the time about how horses have helped them with trust, empathy and understanding

responsibility," Mays says. "A lot of them will tell you, 'I don't trust anybody because of my history and my background, and I was never responsible for anything.' But having been assigned horses, program attendees have to work as a team, with the horses and each other. They build a lot of interpersonal skills that they didn't have before."

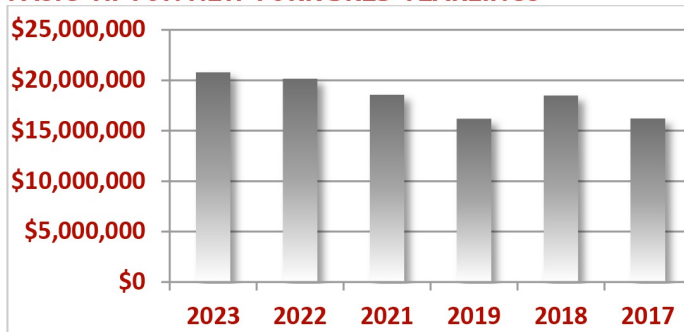
The point is that farms are short of "help" when that is precisely what some of these people could really use. Mays is trying to bring those needs together. But if the Bluegrass

community needs to hear the same message from one of its own, then they do not have far to seek. Because one of its premier farms has launched an exemplary rehab program, from the ground up, through a tremendous commitment of both moral and financial resources. **Cont.**

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"There's been literally miracles happen," Frank Taylor says. "Guys that would be dead. Guys reunited with their families. A bunch that are now employable and sober. I didn't even dream it could go as well as it has."

With the cooperation of his brothers, since 2021 Taylor has helped as many as 40 recovering addicts back onto an even keel through their Stable Recovery program at Taylor Made. At the moment, he has 20 housed together in downtown Lexington, with another dozen sharing a smart residence on the farm.

Responding to a chastening challenge within his family environment, two and a half years ago, Taylor renounced the bottle himself and reset his whole lifestyle. And he resolved to match this spiritual renewal with a hugely practical walking of the walk.

On the one hand, like so many others, Taylor and his brothers were finding it increasingly difficult to hire reliable help. They did muster a score of "super people, very hard workers" through the H2A Visa program. But then Taylor went to see Rob Perez, whose two DV8 Kitchens in Lexington are staffed by recovering addicts.

"What do you think?" Taylor asked. "Could this work in the horse business? Tell me what you've learned doing this."

Perez replied that you do it, first and foremost, because it's the right thing to do. Other fulfillments, notably finding yourself a useful employee, are incidental. And he warned that there would be a lot of groundwork. DV8 starts with 90 days' training, half of which is spent patching things up: hauling people to doctors, dentists, lawyers, parole officers.

"But Rob said that once you get somebody through that fire, you'll find they start to develop all the characteristics you look for in an employee or team member," Taylor explains. "They're honest, loyal, hardworking, grateful, and they work well with others. And I've found that to be totally true. When you bring these guys together, it forms a brotherhood like nothing I've ever seen."

Stable Recovery addresses the exact same gap highlighted by Chris Courtney and Laurie Mays. Because even when addicts manage the resolution and good fortune to get onto a 30-day detox, they will often drop straight off a ledge once back out in the world.

The Taylors started by dovetailing their School of Horsemanship with the work of Shepherd's House in Lexington, but Stable Recovery only came together once they hired Christian Countzler.

"He was a coal miner and then a soldier," Taylor relates. "Went to Afghanistan and Iraq, saw a lot of bad stuff. Got into addiction. That took over his life, he lost his family, his wife, his finances. He lived under a bridge here in Lexington for four years. And then he went to Shepherd's House and got sober there. That was five years ago, and now that's what he lives for: to help people get sober, and stay sober."

The Taylors put Countzler in charge of a program they were bankrolling at arm's length. It was to have financial independence: there would be no Taylor on the board, which instead recruited the likes of Dan Pride from Darley and former University of Kentucky quarterback Freddie Maggard. This was not to be perceived as



An AA Meeting at Stable Recovery | Stable Recovery photo

any kind of private benefit, for the farm, but something that other donors could get behind.

Anybody who comes to Stable Recovery has made a vital first step. They have admitted to themselves that they're in a corner, and need to be lifted out. They start with the detox, gathering basic tools of recovery. But then comes the game-changer: a structure, a navigable path.

"In Stable Recovery, they're around people that are trying to do the exact same thing as them, 24/7," Taylor explains. "Now, the first 90 days they're going to all these appointments, doctors, therapists. So we only work them about 30 or 40 hours a week. But once they've gotten through all that, they start their typical day at 5 a.m. They make their beds, their rooms have to be spotless."

They get something to eat, and have to be ready for an AA meeting in the house at 6.15 a.m. And then, 6.50 a.m., everybody hits the barns. They work until 4 p.m. and then come back, do chores, eat dinner. Then usually they have another meeting, and by that time they're ready for sleep."

In other words, no free time. No idle hands for which the devil might make work. They do get a chance to lie in, every week or so, just to avoid burnout. But otherwise they don't leave those tramlines. There's sweat, but not the sweats. **Cont.**



**'They've Taught Me to be Human Again,' cont.**

Countzler sets unsparing standards, and knows how to dish out a military bawling. He won't abide a bad apple. But so long as his guys are putting it all in, they'll be tired but safe.

"The other thing, in their first 90 days, is that they can never go anywhere without another guy," Taylor adds. "So it's a buddy system. You can't go off to the store or do something by yourself. What's great is that when you can get somebody sober, the only way they can stay sober is by helping another person get sober. So if you get one sober, and he gets 10 sober, and they each get 10 sober, you can start changing this."

Nobody pays a dime until they get a paycheck. Once they're getting their minimum 15 bucks an hour, they pay \$160 a week for board, lodging, utilities, some clothing. Taylor belongs firmly in the school that you don't give a man fish to eat but instead teach him how to use a rod. But he's animated primarily by his faith, and a Christian duty to those in need.

"I think if everybody woke up in the morning and said, 'What can I do to make this world better?' and then took action on doing that, this place would turn around pretty quickly," he says. "Not overnight, maybe, but pretty quickly."

As it is, he's distressed to see young people in the thrall of fentanyl; and incensed by the greed that has nourished opioid addiction.

"The way I acted, when I was young, I might not have made it if I'd been born in this time period," he says. "But look, the thing is that 70 to 80 percent of the people in jail got there because of addiction. And then you take how much it costs to keep a prisoner, when you're just housing them, not rehabbing them. What if you shifted all those funds into a bunch of things like this?"

"What we're doing, the government ought to do. Because basically we're taking people that have become criminals on the dole, because they're addicted; we're getting them off the stuff; and we're making them employable. Now they're taxpayers. They go from costing \$50,000 a year to paying \$15-20,000. And they'll raise better kids too."

Everyone on the program has started work at Taylor Made but several have graduated elsewhere: a couple placed at Spy Coast, a couple at Rood and Riddle, one at Darley. And Taylor wants them to aim high. One of the first on the program had never been anywhere near a horse in his life. He turned out to be a natural.

"And now he's a broodmare divisional manager for us," Taylor says. "He's making a good salary plus utilities, car, insurance and a place to live. And his kids are moving out of inner-city Lexington. So it's just awesome to see that. And I've another guy that took over my maintenance, did the same thing."

When he meets resistance from industry peers, Taylor tells

them straight. "Basically, when you're hiring at that groom level, you're not going to get some Harvard graduate come in there," he argues. "And basically the group you're hiring from is composed of two people: the ones that are addicted and not treated, and the ones that are addicted and treated."

Okay, that might be overstating the situation. But if you're anything like the Taylor brothers, who toiled so hard to get where they are today, you definitely want someone that works as hard as you do.

True, when Taylor first proposed mining this unpromising seam of labor, there was pushback even from his brothers: "What if somebody ODs out here? What if they kill a horse? What if they steal everything?" And he replied: "Yeah, but what if you save somebody's life? Or get a family reunited?"

Recently they had a bunch of their guys in a winner's circle and counted up something like 37 felonies in the picture.

"But I trust those guys, I really do," Taylor says. "They feel so good when they actually start working, start doing something positive. And then we haven't even talked about the secret ingredient in the whole operation. Because it is amazing how therapeutic those horses are. When you see these guys, down and out, in bad shape, and then they get to handle a horse? As they say, there's something about the outside of a horse that's good for the inside of a man. We've got all these things, but then, boom, put the horse in there, it's like icing on the cake."

That should resonate across an industry with many affluent participants and patrons. As Taylor says, addiction is today so prevalent that he doesn't know one person whose life hasn't been in some way affected, through family or friends. Some donors have already supplemented the Taylors' own contribution, which was recently boosted by a six-figure dividend from the John Hall Memorial golf day, staged for the farm's late yearling manager. But Taylor believes that funding is all that prevents exponential growth of this venture. **Cont.**



**Workers from the Stable Recovery program | Stable Recovery**



***They've Taught Me to be Human Again,' cont.***

"If we had the housing and the money, we could have 150 to 200 in the program in 60 days," he avows. "I've been dreaming big. In five or 10 years from now, you could have a Stable Recovery with 100 people at Belmont Park, 100 at Churchill, 100 in Ocala. And starting in Ireland, England, all over the world. I think it just works so well and, if you can keep the human tendency to screw up out of it, and stay focused on what God wants done, I think it will grow like that. I just think it's a no-brainer. And it's a no-brainer for anybody trying to build a workforce. Our taxes are paying able-bodied people not to not work, and that's crazy."

Not everyone who enters the program will walk out the door as another miracle. Taylor remembers one tragic case: couldn't see it through, went away and drank himself to death. But even he bequeathed moments of enrichment.

"We're all sitting around this campfire, the sun's coming up," Taylor recalls. "We're talking about how you don't need to be judging other people. And he goes, 'You ever heard that saying, that you need to walk a mile in a man's shoes before you judge him? Well, I think that's great. Because at least you're a mile away from that sonofabitch--and you got his shoes.'"

Taylor's laughter is laced with sorrow. But overall he is astounded at the extent and degree of reformation his program is achieving. He refuses any credit, instead reproaching himself that he should have tried something like this decades ago.

"This is literally the best thing that I've ever been involved in," he says. "These guys, I love them. I mean, they've become so close to me. If you hear their stories, and what they have been through, to see them come out of it, see the joy and happiness, man, it really is awesome."

"There's one guy in there, he's been addicted for 32 years. Drugs, alcohol, everything. Had a good family, grandkids, lost it all. For 32 years he's been in and out, hadn't been able to do anything. Now he's been sober 10 months, he's earning a good living, and he's a model employee. He is now running one of the recovery houses and helping a lot of men get and stay sober. He's spiritually strong, he's made a connection with God, he's a totally different person. And the other day, while we're out there working, out of the blue he comes up and gives me a big hug and says, 'Thank you for saving my life.' And you sell a horse for \$10 million, it's not even close to what that means."

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**X-Ray Files: Bill Heiligbrodt (cont. from p1)**

**Yaupon | Sarah Andrew**

Heiligbrodt continued: "When we talk about vetting, I think vetting is probably the most important tool that you have out there to use, after you pass conformation on the horse, especially on the weanlings and the yearlings. But on 2-year-olds, I am a little more lenient on the vetting and then I look more at price. I have tended, over the years, to take chances on really fast horses in the 2-year-old sales."

Heiligbrodt points to both Mitole and Yaupon to prove his point. Mitole was purchased for \$140,000 at the 2017 OBS Spring sale and was a four-time Grade I winner who earned over \$3 million on the track. Yaupon was purchased for \$255,000 at the 2019 OBS June sale and was a three-time graded winner who earned over \$700,000.

"With the 2-year-olds, the vetting is just as important, but in the last five years, the two main horses that I have had, Mitole and Yaupon, both had vetting issues and they were mostly known to the public," he said. "I looked at them and thought, how can I get a horse that fast--what they worked in and what they could do--so I overlooked things. I was willing to take a chance on issues that could possibly not affect the horse in the long run. Maybe it was a longshot, but with management and time and direct attention to those kind of things, you are sometimes able to overcome it. I wouldn't want to tell people to take too many chances. But you are looking at what kind of talent you are dealing with versus price, versus vetting, that comes into play especially on the 2-year-olds. It's a risk assessment according to what you have to pay versus what the vetting actually is versus their talent."

He continued, "There is no question that a horse like Mitole didn't vet in most people's minds. But in my mind, it was things that were worth the risk and that you can handle. Had Mitole been a \$500,000 horse or a \$750,000 horse?" **Cont.**



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**X-Ray Files: Bill Heiligbrodt, cont.**

"Then maybe I take it differently, but for a value, to get a horse that can do what he did that fast, I overlooked some of the issues and thought maybe that we could work through them. When you do that, though, you always risk that staying with the horse."

While he hit it out of the park with Mitole, there have surely been some strike outs along the way?

"That's correct," Heiligbrodt said. "I have missed, but I haven't missed a lot on that. I tell you, the 2-year-olds are just a different thing to me because I have some assessment of the talent and of the possibility. The vetting is still just as important."

Heiligbrodt has built up a relationship with his vets, who over the years, have become aware of what issues the owner is comfortable with and what he is not.

"I use two vets," he explained. "One in Kentucky helps me with weanlings and yearlings and he knows what I look for and what's important. The other one is in Florida where the 2-year-old sales are and it's almost the same. He knows what I've allowed in the past, so we have a good relationship. In terms of vetting, I take it in the whole grain of the complete horse. You have to be cognizant of things like, for me, OCDs in certain places, mainly stifles, anywhere in the knees or front joints, I am very careful of. Cysts are very hard to overcome anywhere. If I had a horse that had problems with knees, for example, that is never going to go away. You have to be more careful with that, if that's what you're dealing with, but if it's other things involved in the horse, sometimes it's worth it."

In addition to his success buying at auction, Heiligbrodt has also enjoyed success as a breeder, particularly in the regional markets.

"The issues are the same," he said when asked to compare buying versus breeding runners. "I vet them all before either we sell them or start breaking them, to make sure what I am dealing with. I approach the issues that they have the same way I approach a decision I made on buying a horse."

Over the years, Heiligbrodt has learned that a vet issue today may not be a vet issue tomorrow and everything needs to be considered within the context of the complete horse.

"I have a horse today for example, I know he failed the scope test as a weanling," he said. "I talked to my vet in Kentucky and we went over it because it was a Mitole baby that I liked that somebody else owned and that horse was very young--maybe four or five months old--and by the time the horse was seven months old, the horse had a Grade I throat. So babies tend to change a little bit on things like throats and stuff like that, or at least they have for me."

Still, the Texan acknowledged how valuable the information available on the vet report can be.



The Heiligbrodts with Terry Green at OBS March | Photos by Z

"I think vetting is the most important thing you can do," he said. "I think you have to do it. I really recognize the vets. I do think there are a lot of issues on vet reports that I won't even look at, but anything involving chips, fractures, OCDs or cysts or scope, I take into measure."

He concluded, "If you are trying to find athletes in today's racing industry, you are coming up against more competition in these races. If you are up in Saratoga, you are up against the better horses in the market. And the market for the really top horses is a lot. So it's a situation where you have to balance all of those balls at one time; vetting, talent and price."

**Check out previous installments of The X-Ray Files: with Tom McCrocklin, David Ingordo, Liz Crow, and Ciaran Dunne.**

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## FASIG-TIPTON CALIFORNIA YEARLING SALE CATALOGUE NOW AVAILABLE

A total of 283 horses have been catalogued for the upcoming Fasig-Tipton California Fall Yearling Sale. The auction will be held Sept. 26 in Pomona, with bidding slated to begin at 11 a.m. PT.

"This sale is the focal point for all those wanting to participate in the lucrative California-bred program, and this year's catalogue is strong in both quantity and quality," said Fasig-Tipton California representative Mike Machowsky. "While this sale primarily showcases the best of the California breeding program, there are several leading national sires represented, as well."

A pair of graduates of the California sale were recent stakes winners at Del Mar, with the 2-year-old filly Pushiness (**Kantharos**) winning the CTBA S. and 3-year-old Bus Buzz (Stay Thirsty) winning the Real Good Deal S. **Cont.**





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### Fasig-Tipton California catalogue, cont.

Fasig-Tipton will also offer a supplemental catalogue of horses of racing age to be sold immediately following the conclusion of the yearling catalogue. The company will accept horses of racing age nominations through early September.

"This was a popular addition to the yearling sale last year," Machowsky said of the auction's racing age section. "Two of the horses offered in last year's horses of racing age supplement went on to be stakes winners subsequently."

The California Fall catalogue can be viewed [here](#).

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## GISW AND BC RUNNER-UP SMOOTH LIKE STRAIT TO WAR HORSE PLACE



Smooth Like Strait winning the 2021 Shoemaker Mile | Benoit

Grade I winner **Smooth Like Strait** (Midnight Lute--Smooth as Usual, by Flower Alley), retired sound from racing in March, will stand in 2024 at War Horse Place near Lexington, where his fee will be \$3,500 live foal. *Blood-Horse* was the first with the story.

A Cannon Thoroughbreds, LLC homebred trained by Michael McCarthy, Smooth Like Strait campaigned for five seasons and won five graded events, including the 2021 GI Shoemaker Mile S, the 2020 GII Twilight Derby, and the 2020 GII Mathis Brothers Mile S. He was also runner-up to Space Blues (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) in the 2021 Breeders' Cup Mile and placed in six other Grade I races. The 6-year-old retires with a record of 26-7-9-3 and earnings of \$1,813,863.

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## OWNER RIGHTS UNDER HISA'S ADMC RULES

Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA) Chief Executive Officer Lisa Lazarus and Horseracing Integrity & Welfare Unit (HIWU) Executive Director Ben Mosier released a statement late Tuesday to address the rights of Thoroughbred owners under HISA's Anti-Doping and Medication Control (ADMC) Program. The statement appears below in its entirety:

"In response to recently published misinformation regarding owners' rights under the HISA Anti-Doping and Medication Control (ADMC) Program, HISA and HIWU are compelled to again set the facts straight and reiterate our commitment to due process under HISA regulations.

"Following an initial positive lab result for a Banned Substance, under the ADMC rules, the owner of a horse has the exact same rights to be heard and to present evidence as the trainer. Like the trainer, the owner can request the B sample be tested (even if the trainer doesn't make this request); this has already occurred several times under the ADMC Program. The owner is also entitled to a Provisional Hearing to request the lifting of the horse's suspension and is entitled to participate in the hearing to argue on behalf of the horse and present evidence and make arguments.

"The clearly defined penalties for Banned Substances are meant to protect the health and safety of horses as well as the integrity of the competition. The only Banned Substance that can trigger a lifetime ban for the horse is bisphosphonates. HIWU has **communicated extensively** about the use of and sanctions for bisphosphonates, which are only applicable to horses that were administered bisphosphonates after May 22, 2023, when the ADMC rules went into effect.

"Multiple owners advocated during the ADMC rulemaking process for the lifetime ban for bisphosphonates because of the substance's ability to affect bone metabolism and thus increase the risk of fracture for months to years after administration. Many stables across the country pre-tested their horses ahead of May 22 to ensure compliance, and HIWU has yet to receive any positive tests for the substance.

"Prior to a horse receiving a lifetime ban for bisphosphonates, a Covered Person connected to the horse (a trainer or an owner) has the ability to request the B sample be tested, receive a Provisional Hearing, and proceed through the ADMC adjudication process. This includes an investigation to assess when the administration occurred. If there is evidence that the administration occurred prior to the implementation of the ADMC Program, no violation will be pursued.

"For many Banned Substance cases, the affected horse is suspended for two months from the date that the owner and trainer are notified of the positive test. **Cont.**



**Owner rights under ADMC, cont.**

Sarah Andrew

“Some substances like anabolic steroids come with longer suspensions because the substances continue to have an effect on the horse for a longer period and may cause an unlevel playing field for competing horses and trainers.

“During their suspension, horses can still jog, gallop, and exercise at a Covered Racetrack. They are only prevented from racing or completing timed workouts. With regard to concerns of environmental contamination, racetracks are responsible for providing clean bedding in their stalls, as are trainers at their barns.

“HISA’s ADMC rules were developed by the HISA ADMC Committee through extensive consultation of multiple established sources, including the FDA, World Anti-Doping Code, and international racing authorities such as the British Horseracing Authority and Racing Victoria. The ADMC Committee also directly consulted Board Certified veterinary specialists—including surgeons, internists, and ophthalmologists—as well as racetrack veterinarians. Further, there were multiple public comment periods, and HISA received significant feedback from horsemen’s groups and other industry organizations.

“The implementation of the first-ever nationwide, uniform anti-doping program has been a monumental effort and a game-changing moment in the history of U.S. Thoroughbred racing. This has been an industry-wide effort, with buy-in and cooperation from countless racing participants and veterinary and scientific experts. HISA and HIWU are grateful for the widespread compliance we have seen across the board and for the constructive feedback we continue to receive from horsemen about concerns they have and how we can potentially adjust our rules and processes to ensure our regulations are both feasible and equitable.

“While we are regulators, we are passionate about racing and seek to work in partnership with the industry to advance the vitally important goal of strengthening equine health and safety, which is essential to the future prosperity of the sport. We encourage all who share in this goal to work with us moving forward.”

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**'TRANSFERRED AS RETIRED' GOES DIGITAL**

The Jockey Club's 'Transferred as Retired from Racing' process can now be completed digitally through the Interactive Registration (IR) website at [registry.jockeyclub.com](https://registry.jockeyclub.com).

Previously, the retired from racing process required notarized signatures on a hardcopy form. With the assistance of digital signature verification, The Jockey Club will be able to collect the signatures required to complete the retired from racing process through IR.

“Being able to ensure a horse can still be used for breeding, but cannot race is important for many owners, and we wanted to make the retired from racing process as easy as possible, yet still ensure the integrity of the process,” said Rick Bailey, registrar of The Jockey Club.

To date, more than 5,400 Thoroughbreds have been recorded as retired from racing. A list of these horses can be viewed through IR.

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**WTBOA SALE TO FEATURE YEARLINGS, BROODMARES, AND A 2YO AUG. 22**

The Washington Thoroughbred Breeders & Owners Association (WTBOA) has catalogued 77 yearlings, one 2-year-old, and 17 broodmares for the WTBOA Sale, which will be held Tuesday, Aug. 22 at the WTBOA Sales Pavilion located at Emerald Downs in Auburn, WA. The sale will kick off at 1 p.m. with an auctioned trip to the 2023 Breeders' Cup World Championships at Santa Anita with proceeds benefitting the Washington Thoroughbred Foundation.

Recent graduates of the sale include **2-year-old Impeachalot** (Sir Prancealot {Ire}), a debut maiden special weight winner last week at Del Mar and a half-brother to MSW Slack Tide (Shaman Ghost). He topped the 2022 WTBOA Yearling Sale at \$85,000. His yearling half-brother by **Outwork**, consigned by Griffin Place, will be among the offerings at this year's sale. **Cont.**

**WTBOA sale, cont.**

The catalogue pages are available on the **WTBOA website** or can be viewed on the sales catalogue iPad app at **equineline.com**. For more information or to request a paper copy of the catalogue, call (253) 288-7878 or e-mail **maindesk@wtboa.com**. Online bidders need to pre-register at **wtboa.equinbid.com**. Phone bidding is also available.

The WTBOA sale began at Longacres in 1968.

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**EIGHT SUPPLEMENTS TO TEXAS YEARLING SALE**

Eight additional yearlings have been supplemented to the **264 already catalogued** for the 2023 Texas Summer Yearling Sale, which will be held Aug. 28 at Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie, Texas. Six of the supplements will be catalogued as hips 265-270, while two of the supplemented horses will replace horses already reported as outs.

"The additions to the catalog add to our strong regional base already and we're glad to have these additional offerings in our sale," said Texas Thoroughbred Association (TTA) Sales Director Foster Bridewell.

A supplemental paper catalog will be available on the sales grounds, while the **online catalogue has been updated**.


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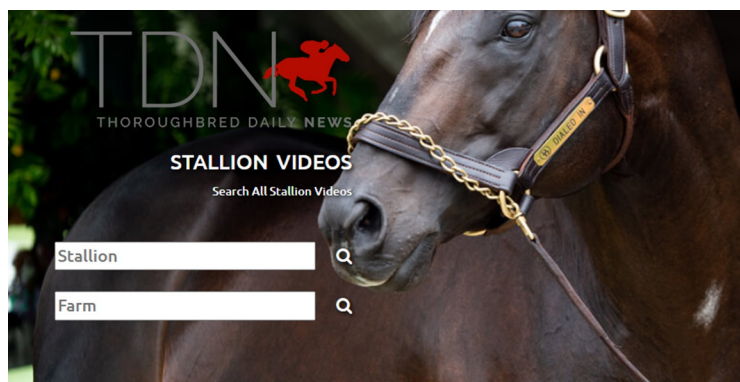
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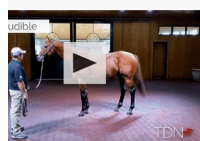
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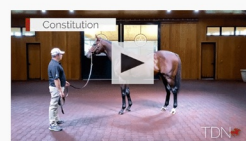
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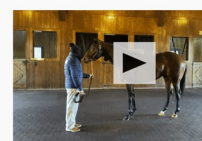
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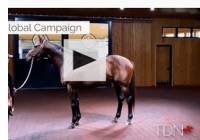
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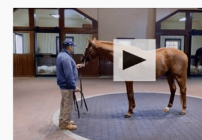
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Duggan Duo Debut In the Saratoga Lidlifter

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by Alan Carasso

Some of the most highly anticipated races during the summer racing season are the 'baby' races during the boutique meetings at both Saratoga and Del Mar and at Ellis Park, which attract its fair share of high-priced offspring from a variety of top national outfits.

Summer Breezes highlights debuting 2-year-olds at those meetings that have been sourced at the breeze-up sales earlier in the year, with links to their under-tack previews. To follow are the horses entered for Wednesday at Saratoga:



David Duggan saddles a coupled entry in Wednesday's opening race at Saratoga | Equi-Photo

### Wednesday, August 16, 2023

Saratoga 1, \$88k, 2yo, f, (S), 1 1/16mT, 1:10 p.m. ET

Horse (Sire)	Sale	Price (\$)	Breeze*
Denver's Alley (Algoritms)	OBSAPR	80,000	:21

Consignor: Omar Ramirez Bloodstock, agent  
Buyer: Clear Stars Stable & Mitre Box Stable

Speights Dance (Speightster) OBSAPR 50,000 :10.1

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### IN ORDER OF PURSE:

3rd-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$36,480, Alw, 8-15, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:37.37, wf, 1 length.

**MANCIATA D'ORO (c, 3, Medaglia d'Oro--Jemima's Pearl {MGSP, \$156,773}, by Distorted Humor)** won his debut on the local grass May 25, then annexed an off the turfer July 3. Backed as the even-money favorite on the dirt again this time, he trailed the field of four through a half mile in :48.83, hit the gas on the far turn and fought his way past Brigadier General (**Street Sense**) to stay perfect. Sales history: \$175,000 Wlg '20 KEENOV; \$400,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$64,800.

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O-Spendthrift Farm, LLC, Steve Landers Racing, LLC, Schwartz, Martin S., Dubb, Michael, Ten Strike Racing, Bakke Jim, Titledown Racing, LLC, Kueber Racing, LLC, Big Easy Racing, LLC, Winners Win and Caruso, Michael; B-SF Bloodstock LLC (KY); T-Brad H. Cox.



**BSW/CROW Yearling Purchase**



*Bedouin* BLOODSTOCK Graduate



### IN ORDER OF PURSE:

1st-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$36,000, (S), Msw, 8-15, 2yo, 5 1/2f, 1:06.34, wf, 4 1/4 lengths.

**FUNTASTIC VOW (c, 2, Funtastic--Twin Vows, by Broken Vow)**, off as the 5-2 favorite for this debut run, made every pole a winning one en route to a 4 1/4-length score. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$21,600. Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#).

O-Joe Winters; B-Joseph John Winters (IN); T-Aaron M. West.



## FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, AUG. 16 2023 Stud Fees Listed

**Audible** (Into Mischief), WinStar Farm, \$25,000  
150 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners  
5-Hawthorne, 5:18 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2ft, Modern Sound, 6-1  
\$220,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Flameaway** (Scat Daddy), Darby Dan Farm, \$7,500  
116 foals of racing age/9 winners/1 black-type winner  
4-Delaware, 2:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 5ft, Devine **Flameaway**, 12-1  
\$4,000 OBS OCT yrl

**Lost Treasure (Ire)** (**War Front**), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, \$3,500  
15 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
4-Delaware, 2:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 5ft, Oligarch, 8-1  
\$5,000 FTK FEB wnl

**Qafeef** (**Ghostzapper**), Patrick Farm, private  
8 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
7-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 5:53 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Lotta  
Latte, 30-1  
RNA IND MIX yrl

**Vino Rosso** (**Curlin**), Spendthrift Farm, \$15,000  
179 foals of racing age/4 winners/1 black-type winner  
1-Saratoga, 1:10 p.m. EDT, Msw 1 1/16m, Bertrille, 20-1  
\$35,000 EAS MAY 2yo

**Yoshida (Jpn)** (Heart's Cry {Jpn}), WinStar Farm, \$10,000  
103 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners  
5-Hawthorne, 5:18 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2ft, Yoda Glitz, 6-1  
\$47,000 RNA FTK JUL yrl; \$40,000 FTK OCT yrl



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**Justify** (Scat Daddy), Coolmore Ashford, \$100,000  
346 foals of racing age/60 winners/13 black-type winners  
8-Saratoga, 5:10 p.m. EDT, \$125K Suzie O'Cain S., 1 1/16m, Im  
Just Kiddin, 8-1

**Mendelssohn** (Scat Daddy), Coolmore Ashford, \$25,000  
348 foals of racing age/72 winners/3 black-type winners  
8-Saratoga, 5:10 p.m. EDT, \$125K Suzie O'Cain S., 1 1/16m,  
Amanda's Folly, 9-5  
\$100,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$80,000 SAR AUG yrl

**Oscar Performance** (Kitten's Joy), Mill Ridge Farm, \$20,000  
172 foals of racing age/31 winners/4 black-type winners  
1-Saratoga, 1:10 p.m. EDT, Msw 1 1/16m, Alittlebitnaughty, 6-1  
\$350,000 SAR AUG yrl



## ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**11th-Prairie Meadows, \$45,669**, (S), (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm  
(\$30,000), 8-14, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.42, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.

**ADDABABY (f, 4, Formidable--Addedup Nicely, by Added Edge)**  
Lifetime Record: 10-3-1-2, \$101,068. O/B-Douglas **Leaders** (IA);  
T-Tom Wellington.

**6th-Presque Isle Downs, \$32,080**, (S), 8-15, (NW1BX), 3yo/up,  
6f (AWT), 1:10.54, ft, 2 lengths.

**GOOSE HUNTER (g, 3, Palace Malice--Two Wonders, by Three Wonders)** Lifetime Record: 10-2-2-1, \$53,315. O-Ronald Clark;  
B-Ron Clark (PA); T-Adam Rice. \*\$33,000 RNA Ylg '21 KEESEP.

**7th-Louisiana Downs, \$27,090**, (NW4L)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000),  
8-14, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:17.54, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

**DON'TCROSSTHEDEVIL (g, 4, Cross Traffic--The Devil Is Mine {SP}, by Devil His Due)** Lifetime Record: 12-4-1-1, \$89,492.  
O-Knuckley, Kevin & Heinsen, Pat; B-Jaylan Renay Neatherlin  
(KY); T-Jaylan Renay Clary. \*1/2 to Eurodevilwoman (Euroears),  
SP, \$217,408.

**3rd-Finger Lakes, \$26,000**, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 8-15,  
3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:43.70, gd, neck.

**AMERICA'S JUSTICE (h, 5, American Pharoah--Undercover**



**Justice, by Lawyer Ron**) Lifetime Record: 19-6-3-2, \$105,549. O-Miller-Saul, Beth and Bartholomew, Mark; B-Bill Justice (KY); T-Beth Miller-Saul. \*\$320,000 RNA Ylg '19 KEESEP. \*\*1/2 to Conquest Babayaga (**Uncle Mo**), GSP-USA, SP-Can, \$202,460.

**7th-Finger Lakes, \$25,800**, 8-15, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:44.62, sy, 2 lengths.

**ASAP RESTORATION (g, 4, Speightster--Wildnexcitable, by Vicar)** Lifetime Record: 12-2-1-1, \$46,951. O/T-Assaf Ronen; B-Dr. David Leroy Smart & Garry Lee (NY). \*\$33,000 Wlg '19 FTNMIX.

**2nd-Fanduel Sportsbook And Horse Racing, \$23,500**, (S), (NW2L)/Opt. Clm (\$10,000), 8-15, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13.59, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

**BE MY BESTIE (f, 4, Long Island Sound--Lose None {MSP, \$200,636}, by Royal Academy)** Lifetime Record: 8-2-4-1, \$55,760. O-John E. Hanna Enterprises LLC; B-Larry Rivelli & Bulldog Racing (IL); T-Gerald W. Butler. \*1/2 to Get None (Biondetti), SW, \$266,955.

#### HANDICAP RESULTS:

**10th-Prairie Meadows, \$38,500**, 8-14, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:37.76, ft, nose.

**DIAMOND RIM (c, 4, Not This Time--Nurse Donna, by Vindication)** Lifetime Record: SP, 10-4-2-1, \$109,211. O-Patti & Hal J. Earnhardt III; B-Brandywine Farm (Jim & Pam Robinson) (KY); T-Dan L. McFarlane. \*\$135,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP.

**BRANDYWINE FARM (Jim & Pam Robinson)**

#### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Gracie's Boy Roy**, g, 2, **Atta Boy Roy**--Amariah Grace, by **Sky Mesa**. Prairie Meadows, 8-14, 5 1/2f, 1:06.99. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$30,060. B-River Ridge Ranch (IN). \*\$14,000 RNA 2yo '23 FTDMA.

**Bedowntofoolaround**, f, 2, **Brooks 'n Down**--Be Humble, by Awesome of Course. Louisiana Downs, 8-14, 5f, 1:00.03. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$15,000. B-Jacks or Better Farm Inc. (FL). \*1ST-TIME STARTER.

**Gold Honey**, f, 2, **Goldencents**--Rush to War, by Majestic Warrior. Thistledown, 8-15, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:07.06. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-2, \$31,230. B-Daniel J. & Patricia J. Yates (OH). \*\$15,000 Ylg '22 OTBOMX. \*\*SP.

**Coogan**, g, 2, **Looking Cool**--Miss Goodthing (SW, \$185,437), by Closing Argument. Fanduel Sportsbook And Horse Racing, 8-15, (S), 4 1/2f, :54.39. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-1, \$17,670. B-Allen Meadows (IL).

**Radio Silent**, c, 2, **National Flag**--Go Go Tammy, by Tiznow. Thistledown, 8-15, (S), 6f, 1:14.62. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0,

\$21,390. B-WinBlaze, LLC (OH). \*1/2 to Tantrum (Speightster), SW, \$325,534.

**Maggy's Palace**, f, 2, **Palace Malice**--Sister Margaret, by Pulpit. Finger Lakes, 8-15, 5f, 1:00.46. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$19,260. B-Joseph DeRico (NY). \*1ST-TIME STARTER.



**TD ANOTHER TRAVIS DURR GRADUATE**

**Tough Cat**, c, 2, **Tough It Up**--Barn Cat, by Bluegrass Cat.

Belterra, 8-15, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:06.07. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$19,434. B-Maccabee Farm (OH).

**Fact Not Fiction**, c, 2, **Yoshida (Jpn)**--Mother Nature, by Winslow Homer. Thistledown, 8-15, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:07.60. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$31,188. B-WinStar Farm, LLC & Blazing Meadows Farm (OH). \*Third winner for freshman sire (by Heart's Cry {Jpn}). \*\*Won by 8 1/4 lengths.



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**Doublebarreldelite**, f, 3, **Going Commando**--Runaway Delite (SP), by **Mineshaft**. Assiniboia Downs, 8-14, 5 1/2f, 1:07.18. Lifetime Record: 9-1-4-4, \$32,018. B-Cam Ziprick & Charles Fouillard (MB). \*C\$21,500 Ylg '21 CTHMAN.

**An Awesome Legacy**, f, 3, **Kantharos**--Slim Fit, by Tiznow. Prairie Meadows, 8-14, 6f, 1:12.83. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$19,620. B-River Oaks Farm (KY). \*\$32,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. \*\*1<sup>ST</sup>-TIME STARTER.

**Homerunhappy**, g, 3, **Runhappy**--Slews Return, by Came Home. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 8-15, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05.17. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$23,300. B-James McIngvale (IN).

**Run the Table**, g, 3, **Trappe Shot**--Majesticreflection, by Majesticperfection. Fanduel Sportsbook And Horse Racing, 8-15, (S), 6f, 1:13.97. Lifetime Record: 9-1-2-2, \$29,163. B-Bobby W. Austin (IL).

**Super Cool Storm**, f, 4, **Super Saver**--Cool Storm, by Storm Cat. Fort Erie, 8-15, 1 1/16m, 1:47.81. Lifetime Record: 10-1-2-1, \$22,936. B-Charles Fipke (KY). \*1/2 to Nonna Mela (Arch), GSW, \$286,670; Nonna Madeline (**Candy Ride {Arg}**), MSW & MGSP, \$290,968.

**Who Asked You**, f, 4, **Will Geer Road**--Sky Ballet, by Buddha. Finger Lakes, 8-15, 6f, 1:13.25. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$19,260. B-Rebecca Czarnocki (NY). \*1ST-TIME STARTER.

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**Brooks 'n Down**, Bedowntofoolaround, f, 2, o/o Be Humble, by Awesome of Course. MSW, 8-14, Louisiana Downs

**Cross Traffic**, Don'tcrossthedevil, g, 4, o/o The Devil Is Mine, by Devil His Due. AOC, 8-14, Louisiana Downs

**Formidable**, Addababy, f, 4, o/o Addedup Nicely, by Added Edge. AOC, 8-14, Prairie Meadows

**Funtastic**, Funtastic Vow, c, 2, o/o Twin Vows, by Broken Vow. MSW, 8-15, Horseshoe Indianapolis

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**Goldcents**, Gold Honey, f, 2, o/o Rush to War, by Majestic Warrior. MSW, 8-15, Thistledown

**Kantharos**, An Awesome Legacy, f, 3, o/o Slim Fit, by Tiznow. MSW, 8-14, Prairie Meadows

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**Looking Cool**, Coogan, g, 2, o/o Miss Goodthing, by Closing Argument. MSW, 8-15, Fanduel Sportsbook And Horse Racing

**Medaglia d'Oro**, Manciatia d'Oro, c, 3, o/o Jemima's Pearl, by Distorted Humor. ALW, 8-15, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**National Flag**, Radio Silent, c, 2, o/o Go Go Tammy, by Tiznow. MSW, 8-15, Thistledown

**Not This Time**, Diamond Rim, c, 4, o/o Nurse Donna, by Vindication. HCP, 8-14, Prairie Meadows

**Palace Malice**, Goose Hunter, g, 3, o/o Two Wonders, by Three Wonders. ALW, 8-15, Presque Isle Downs

**Palace Malice**, Maggy's Palace, f, 2, o/o Sister Margaret, by Pulpit. MSW, 8-15, Finger Lakes

**Runhappy**, Homerunhappy, g, 3, o/o Slews Return, by Came Home. MSW, 8-15, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Speightster**, Asap Restoration, g, 4, o/o Wildnexcitable, by Vicar. ALW, 8-15, Finger Lakes

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## MONCEAUX'S INTERNATIONAL REACH: FROM DEAUVILLE TO DARKEST PERU



Henri Bozo and former NBA star Tony Parker / Scoop Dyga

By Emma Berry

If you are heading into the most important week for your bloodstock business, it never hurts to have a recent Group 1 winner or two to advertise your wares, and in Paddington (GB) (*Siyouni {Fr}*) and Feed The Flame (GB) (*Kingman {GB}*), Ecurie des Monceaux has just that.

By Wednesday, we will know if Henri Bozo and his team have eschewed their usual Arqana hospitality offering of foie gras and oysters in favour of marmalade sandwiches but, with or without the favourite delicacy of Paddington, his is the name that has been on most people's lips this season.

"This is really where we try to put all our efforts, to try to breed those horses. It doesn't always work, but when it works, it's very enjoyable not just for the purchasers, but for all the team here," says Bozo, who is overseeing the final preparations of his team of 40 yearlings which will no doubt play a dominant role as the Arqana August Sale gets underway on Friday.

"It's very encouraging for all of us. And I mean, everybody has been trying hard to improve the standards and to try to make French racing and breeding more competitive. From the breeders, we're investing massively here in the broodmares, and the trainers are trying hard to get better horses and trying to get new owners to trust the French racing programme." **Cont. p3**

## GASTRO GUIDE TO DEAUVILLE

By Alix Choppin

The one thing guaranteed to get you through a hard day on the sales grind is the promise of a decent meal at the end of it, and in Deauville you will not be short of options. There have been a lot of changes on the gastronomic scene of late, and if you haven't visited the seaside resort for a couple of years, you are likely to find it hard to choose from the large array of enticing new venues. The Covid pandemic may have played its part, but not as much as the relentless appetite for innovation in a town that prides itself for setting trends, not following them, combined with a change of the guard in several of the most iconic eateries.

### Fanfaron: The New Chez Hervé

I am guessing that many TDN readers might still, like me, be cherishing fond memories of some seriously unbridled parties at Chez Hervé. **Cont. p7**

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**All Smiles.** It was a good day at Deauville for Serge Stempniak (centre), co-owner of both Ace Impact and Elounda Queen.—see page 12 | Emma Berry

## SMOOTH RETURN FOR ACE IMPACT

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Ace Impact (Cracksman) kicks off the second half of the 2023 season with a win in the G2 Prix Guillaume d'Ornano at Deauville.

## MGISW MODERN GAMES RETIRED

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Godolphin's Modern Games (Dubawi), a five-time Group 1/Grade I winner, has been retired from racing.

## TDN RISING STAR ALCANTOR POSTS DEAUVILLE WIN

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TDN Rising Star Alcantor (New Bay) bounces back from a last-out defeat to score at Deauville Tuesday.

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In this regard, the 2023 season has been a gift. At home, in group races which for several years have often been plundered by British or Irish raiders, the French resistance is back. While Paddington is advertising the benefits of his French upbringing overseas, at Longchamp, Saint-Cloud and Deauville, the home team has been rampant, with all four of the French Classics having remained in place, along with the Group 1 contests the Prix Rothschild, Prix Ganay, Prix Maurice de Gheest, Grand Prix de Paris, and Prix Jean Prat.

Bred by Diane Wildenstein's Dayton Investments, Paddington was born and raised at Monceaux and later sold at Arqana at the October Yearling Sale, which he topped at €420,000.

"I'm always repeating it, but that's because it is a programme

we are very attached to: we only sell yearlings that have been raised on the farm," Bozo says. "We raised Paddington for Diane Wildenstein. October is getting stronger every year, and for us French breeders it's a good opportunity to have a second option

when you have a yearling that cannot make it or the owner who was undecided, like here. So it's good, to have the opportunity of August and October to sell our crop."

Feed The Flame, bred by one of a number of successful partnerships at the farm which includes the Harris family's Lordship Stud and Clear Light SAS, was an August graduate that same year. His dam Knyazhna (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}) has also produced the dual Grade III winner Sacred Life (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}) and Group

2-placed Khagan (Ire) (Le Havre {Ire}), and he was bought by Gerard Larrieu for owner Jean-Louis Bouchard for €270,000.



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"He's always been very highly thought of by Pascal Bary, who wanted him to make his debut in the nice Deauville two-year-old maiden," says Bozo of the Grand Prix de Paris winner Feed The Flame. "But he had a growth spurt just before the race and it took him a while to settle. He was very impressive and he really caught people's imagination after his first two wins.

"He's a very talented horse and I see a lot of [his broodmare sire] Montjeu in his way of galloping, in his presence, there are a lot of similarities. I think you need a bit of character to be an outstanding horse, and Montjeu himself was really so spectacular to watch and it's nice to see him passing on his class."

Monceaux has also featured as a winning part-owner of two particularly exciting fillies in recent seasons. The 2022 Poule d'Essai des Poulisches winner Mangoustine (Fr) (Dark Angel {Ire}) was bred at the farm and retained after the yearling sales, while Ramatuelle (**Justify**), winner of the G2 Prix Robert Papin and G3 Prix du Bois from four starts this term, was bought last August by Arthur Hoyeau from her breeder Yeguada Centurion.



**Paddington** | Megan Ridgwell

With an entry in the G1 Sumbe Prix Morny on the weekend of the sale, the Christopher Head-trained filly, who races for a partnership which includes basketball star Tony Parker, looks rather special.

Bozo says of the plan to recruit future broodmare prospects, "Two years ago we talked with Arthur, and I told him we should try to launch a syndicate, because I think the yearling fillies are a very good way for breeders to prepare for the future and try to find a broodmare that you have really chosen. When you buy a broodmare, you have much less choice because not so many people sell their mares. Many people sell their yearlings, including yearling fillies. So we decided to launch a racing syndicate with a view to keeping the fillies as future broodmares."

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He adds, "We went to see some yearlings and Ramatuelle was one of the ones we liked, and Arthur liked her a lot. On the day of the sale she had been cast in the box and was not completely right. Arthur convinced me to forget the small problem she had, and that was a good move, obviously."

He adds, "It's nice for the French industry to have someone like Tony Parker really getting more and more interested in the business, the sport, and showcasing it to a wider audience. It's good news."

"Mangoustine is back with us. She's in foal to **Frankel** and she's in very good shape."

For now though, the more pressing matter is the 40 yearlings from the farm arriving at the sales ground in Deauville. Where once the draft would have had a liberal sprinkling of sons and daughters of Galileo (Ire), now it has the monopoly on Dubawi (Ire), with five of the seven yearlings by the Darley powerhouse to have been catalogued for the sale appearing in the Monceaux consignment.


The quintet, which will be sold within the first 39 lots, includes two colts from Monceaux's signature family of Platonic (GB) (Zafonic), and another for Diane Wildenstein, out of Pretty Spirit (GB), a winning three-parts-sister to the treble Group 1 winner Persian King (Ire), who has his first yearlings on offer in Deauville.

"We used Dubawi as much as we could, because he's an outstanding stallion and we know that his legacy will be very important for us, with future broodmares as well as foals," Bozo says. "He's so exciting, because he's a horse that's easy to mate and he can add a bit of speed, and he adds the will and the temperament."

The theme of breeding partnerships has long been at the core of the success of Monceaux, which has occupied the top spot at the Arqana August Sale since 2012. It is a model which is also emulated across the globe.



Bozo says, "I think not only with us, but with different operations, it's quite obvious that people enjoy gathering and sharing the risk and sharing also their particular knowledge and strengths. I find it very positive, because you are adding some input that can be interesting. I'm trying to make sure that everyone has the same long-term plan. That's very important so that no-one is disappointed. And on our side, we really try to focus on improving our broodmare band. We're not really sellers of our mares or our fillies in training, but we are sellers of our yearlings, obviously. So it's important to team up with people who share the same view, and also with whom you can easily share views and discuss the matings and things like that."

He adds, "It's also a good entrance for people who are interested in the sport, but who want to be helped to discover more about it."



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"And often I found that they start by sharing a mare with us and then they're happy to go into the horses-in-training market and buy a yearling and share the real sport, which is horse racing. I think it's maybe easier to start with having a leg in a broodmare to understand the game and then skip to having horses in training and yearlings."

One recent broodmare purchase by Monceaux and partners in 2019 was that of Birch Grove (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). Her full-sister Magic (Ire) has recently given their shared page a terrific lift through the exploits of her dual Group 1-winning Shaquille (GB). Extra satisfaction is derived from this update by Bozo, as Shaquille's sire, the top-class miler Charm Spirit (Ire), was bred by Monceaux.

"Birch Grove has a Lope De Vega filly in the sale. Shaquille has so much personality and speed, and so had Charm Spirit really. I mean, the sire won five group races and three Group 1s. So they're tough, tough horses. And it's nice to see [Shaquille] doing the same, because he's got an impressive series of wins. It's always remarkable, I think, in a horse, not only to see the big win, but also a series of wins."

Among the 14 first-season sires whose yearlings feature in the August catalogue is the Prix du Jockey Club and Arc winner **Sottsass (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr})**, who is another top campaigner bred at Monceaux and whose siblings have played a leading role in the sale in recent years. His full-brother, now named Shin Emperor (Fr), topped last year's sale when selling to Yoshito Yahagi for €2.1 million, and in 2020 their Dubawi half-sister was sold to Bahrain's Shaikh Nasser and Shaikh Khalifa for €2.5 million. There is no yearling from their dam Starlet's Sister (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in this year's draft from Monceaux and, surprisingly, none of **Sottsass's** first yearlings, though 15 of them are consigned by other vendors.

Bozo continues, "We have a mix between some young stallions, like Pinatubo and Kameko, and some more proven like Dubawi, **Wootton Bassett**, **Siyouni**, Lope De Vega, **Frankel**, **Sea The Stars** and **Kingman**.

"It's the same with proven mares and the young mares, because we try to renew our broodmare band to bring in new blood and new mares. Then you've got some young ones

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# FIRST YEARLINGS 2023



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like Enchanting Skies (Ire), whose first foal is [Listed Prix Roland de Chambure winner] Beauvatier (Fr). And we've got her second foal here, who is a cracking filly by **Siyouni**.

"All of these yearlings have been conceived with the help of Camilla Trotter, who all year round is helping us to share data, to share information, to share remarks, on the stallions and the families of our mares. She's a great help to our operation."

Asked to give an opinion on which of the three-year-old colts might hold the upper hand by the end of the season, Bozo replies diplomatically, "I suppose the Arc would be an interesting World Cup Final."

For this week, though, the field of play is the sale ring at Arqana, featuring a development squad, if you like, for future stars of the track.



**The Lope De Vega filly out of Birch Grove / Zuzanna Lupa**

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### Deauville Gastro Guide, cont. from p1

If you belong to this merry category, read on as you will be relieved to learn that this unique location, on Deauville's quaint market square, now plays host to a restaurant that does much more than continuing Chez Hervé's heritage: it is transcending it.

The new ringmaster is named Olivier Bertran de Balanda, brother to bloodstock agent Nicky and son of jumps trainer Jehan. After several years in Shanghai where his French bar was a huge hit with the younger generations, he and his multi-talented wife Fanny have worked their magic and roamed countless brocantes and flea markets to create a picturesque - should I say "instagrammable" - room and a vibrant atmosphere. 'A *bistro of character with a strong personality, where a wind of madness and elegance blows*,' as the website beautifully sums it up. Foodwise, the generous, flavour-rich plates of some of the most traditional -

and least diet-compatible - French dishes, from *blanquette de veau* to *sole meunière*, bone marrow, lamb shoulder or *tournedos Rossini*, will satisfy the most solid appetites while the

wine list is replete with family-owned, homegrown nectars from all parts of France at under-the-radar prices.



Fanfaron, on the site of the old Chez Hervé | Fanfaron/Instagram

### Le Drakkar And Le Central: New Faces At The Helm

While Fanfaron is certainly starting on a strong footing, the up-and-coming venue would still find it hard to compete with Le Drakkar when it comes to electing Deauville's most renowned restaurant. The unmistakable brasserie can claim credit for having hosted the Who's Who of racing from every corner of the world for many decades, a feat best evidenced by the fact that one of its many equine namesakes was a Grade 1 winner in South Africa.

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How many victories at the highest level, seven-figure yearling sales and stallion deals were celebrated underneath its historic wooden ceiling and on its cosy leather-covered benches is anyone's guess. A hint resides in the infamous quote by a former manager that 95% of the restaurant's stock of Château Cheval-Blanc, at no less than €800 a bottle, was drunk during the sole month of August.

Le Drakkar, along with its Trouville counterpart Le Central and fellow popular restaurants Marinette, L'Annexe and Les Mouettes, had been owned and run by prominent local figure Hervé Van Colen until his retirement in the summer of 2020 and the subsequent sale of the entire group to Thierry Bourdoncle, a serial entrepreneur in the gastronomy industry, already at the head of multiple iconic venues in Saint-Tropez, Paris, Megève, Cannes etc. As lockdown struck, the grandiose renovation works planned by the new owner were postponed, and it was only in May 2022 that an

extended, brand-new and yet familiar Drakkar opened its doors again.



Le Drakkar has had a facelift and is under new management

Under the guidance of the new chef Edouard Faure, the menu has been revamped and, some will regret, prices have taken some serious mark-ups as luxury delicacies have become house staples. While old favourites such as the locally grazed *côte de boeuf* still hold pride of place, guests are now spoilt for choice with some more southern flavours as well as fusion-food influences.

Just a few minutes away in Trouville, Le Central has also undergone a welcome renovation and remains one of the most reliable venues for fresh-off-the-boat sea food and bistro cuisine.

Not content with such sizeable investments, Thierry Bourdoncle has also laid his hands on the former Villa Gabrielle, enviably located just opposite the Normandy hotel. Renamed Les Planches, it serves classical Italian dishes to die for.



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## MEETING DE DEAUVILLE

PRIX GUILLAUME D'ORNANO (GR.2)

**2021 AUGUST YEARLING SALE**  
**BUYER:** Jean-Claude Rouget  
**VENDOR:** Domaine de l'Étang

**OWNERS:** Gousserie Racing & Écuries Serge Stempniak  
**TRAINER:** Jean-Claude Rouget  
**BREEDER:** Mme Waltraut Spanner





## Marion And Arthur Are The New Generation

Despite Bourdoncle's impressive takeover, the name Van Colen has not quite vanished from the Deauville scene. Hervé's daughter Marion has launched the eponymous brasserie on avenue de la République, where echoes of her father's unique hand for local products of the finest quality and traditional gourmet recipes will appeal to nostalgic souls. Her brother Arthur is also likely to come across many of racing's most prominent figures after taking over the infamous Le Cyrano café, where trainers, jockeys and fellow early birds flock for breakfast and light lunches.



Jocelyn Targett and John Hammond at Le Central | Emma Berry

truffle pizza is still on the menu. Yet my guess is that some just as distinguished *TDN* readers, including some with Italian blood, will agree that the food and ambiance have faded since the days

of the larger-than-life Vincenzo Esposito. I have good news for those who share this view. Just a few minutes from the Arqana sales complex, a hidden gem by the name of Sospiro serves the most authentic pasta, pizza and other dishes from Southern Italy and Sardinia. Need some bomb-proof evidence? This is where you are most likely to bump into leading Italian-born jockey Cristian Demuro during the Deauville race meeting. Disregard the clearly unassuming street view and wander through the main room

to find the most charming terrace where you will instantly feel transported to Naples or Palermo. If you are part of a big party, rejoice, as you are in for an unforgettable treat: "pizza by the metre". Easier eaten than said.

## Sospiro Is The New Taste of Italy

Before I get sued for causing a mental breakdown to numerous distinguished members of the racing community, among with the *TDN*'s very own Sue Finley, let me make something crystal clear: Santa Lucia IS STILL operating, and



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MEETING  
DE DEAUVILLE

PRIX DE LIEUREY (GR.3)



**2021 AUGUST YEARLING SALE**  
**BUYER:** Fabrice Vermeulen  
**VENDOR:** Haras de la Louvière

**OWNERS:** Écuries Serge Stempniak, Écurie Jean-Luc Tepper, Écurie Bernard Weill, Daniel-Yves Treves & Laurent Dassault  
**TRAINER:** Jean-Claude Rouget  
**BREEDERS:** Scea Marmion Vauville & Écurie Skymarc Farm



## Will L'Institution Become the New Institution?

Facing the old-fashioned little garden that sits in front of Hotel Normandy, L'Institution is another new player in the upmarket segment. Sat in the vast Art Deco dining room, on the terrace, or in the intimate patio, indulge in a piece of matured meat grilled under your eyes or dig into a plethoric seafood platter. L'Institution is also famous for its cocktails, skilfully crafted by a 'mixologist'. Save some room for dessert as they are hard to resist, too!



The view from La Cabane Perchée in Trouville  
*La Cabane Perchée/Instagram*

## La Cabane Perchée Is the New Brok Café

I may break a few hearts by disclosing that Le Brok Café has changed hands, style and atmosphere altogether. However, those looking for the best spot to sip a cocktail in the sunset will fall in love with La Cabane Perchée, the roof-top bar towering above Trouville beach. Operated by former jockey Miguel Blancpain, this picturesque bar with a breathtaking view serves tapas and house cocktails all day long, as well as a magnificent brunch on weekends. With popular DJs frequently on duty behind the platins, dancing goes on until dawn, and a midnight bath always looms round the corner.

With so many new venues to try out, I am left to ponder how many lunches, aperitifs, dinners and parties one can fit into a single trip to Deauville? Or perhaps this is the very reason why the October Yearling and December Breeding Stock sales have gained so much international traction.

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## “HE GAVE ME GREAT VIBES” - SMOOTH RETURN FOR ACE IMPACT IN THE GUILLAUME D'ORNANO



**Ace Impact** | *ScoopDyga*

by Tom Frary

Showing the acceleration that brought him one of the best renewals of the G1 Prix du Jockey Club in recent years, Gousserie Racing and Ecuries Serge Stempniak's **Ace Impact (Ire)** (Cracksman {GB}--Absolutly Me {Fr}, by Anabaa Blue {GB}) comfortably mastered the first test of the 2023 campaign Part II in Tuesday's G2 Prix Guillaume d'Ornano at Deauville. Reserved by Cristian Demuro with one behind early as stablemate **Cambronne (Fr)** (Alex The Winner) acted as a 1980's-style pacemaker in isolation, the latest Jean-Claude Rouget luminary delivered his sustained surge down the outer to overwhelm **Birr Castle (Fr)** (Cloth Of Stars {Ire}) passing the furlong pole and score cosily by 3/4 of a length from **Al Riffa (Fr)** (**Wootton Bassett** {GB}), who denied Birr Castle the runner-up spot by a head.

Rightly revered for his rapid closing three furlongs of 34.01 in the Jockey Club, Ace Impact was well off a moderate pace this time as Birr Castle led the main group mainly ignoring the rabbit up ahead. Having gifted that Godolphin-Fabre project and top Irish colt **Victoria Road (Ire)** (**Saxon Warrior** {Jpn}) a four-length headstart at the three pole, he roared by them with a finishing burst of 34.69 and a potent 10.92 penultimate split in the bargain. Now it is up to connections as to whether they let him unleash that dramatic flourish on the Derby winner and older horses in the Irish Champion or store it up for the Arc.

Rouget was non-committal either way afterwards. "We will have to discuss his future with the partners--either he will have another race before the Arc or go straight to the big one," he said.



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"We will have less pressure on than we did today, as these races are very difficult to call beforehand. There is a lot at stake with a horse that is an undefeated brilliant winner of the Prix du Jockey Club and who has been partly sold since. You don't want to lose, you don't know if the horse still wants to fight, if the race will be tactical, if he is ready enough knowing very well that he is not 100% because that's how I do things."

"You could see early in the race that he was keen, because he is fresh but once the race went into a good rhythm he relaxed," the Pau-based maestro added. "He showed the same acceleration and just idled a bit at the end, as he needed the race. "It is a big relief for all the reasons I mentioned."

Christian Demuro was feeling the release of the pressure afterwards. "It is always emotional when you have an unbeaten horse like this and a great relief to see that he has retained all his ability," he said. "He gave me some trouble getting him to settle, but he did after a furlong and in the straight he quickened strongly and gave me great vibes. He did idle a bit at the end, maybe because he needed the race but also maybe because he trains there every day and knows by heart where to pull himself up."

Part-owner Serge Stempniak commented, "I had sold half of him to the Chehboub Family and didn't want them to be disappointed, so there was pressure. It was a very important race for his future at stud in France. I have wonderful partners who are so nice to deal with, so I am delighted with the result. I will let Jean-Claude Rouget make the decision with my partners for his next race. Maybe the Irish Champion would be nice on his CV for his future career, but I will let them decide."



**Ace Impact's winning connections celebrating after the Prix Guillaume d'Ornano victory | Emma Berry**

**Pedigree Notes**

The dual listed-placed dam Absolutly Me has also produced two other listed-placed performers in Apollo Flight (Fr) (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}) and Alessandro (Fr) (**Australia {GB}**). Her family includes the top-class British-trained stalwarts Teleprompter (GB), Ibn Bey (GB) and Roseate Tern (GB) and the talented Red Camellia (GB) (Polar Falcon), who took the G3 Prestige S. and was third in the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches before producing the G1 Fillies' Mile heroine Red Bloom (GB) (Selkirk). The dam's 2-year-old colt Arrow Eagle (Fr) is by **Gleneagles (Ire)**.

**Tuesday, Deauville, France**

**PRIX GUILLAUME D'ORNANO-G2**, €400,000, Deauville, 8-15, 3yo, 10fT, 2:07.59, g/s.

**1--ACE IMPACT (IRE), 128, c, 3, by Cracksman (GB)**

**1st Dam: Absolutly Me (Fr) (SP-Fr & Ger), by Anabaa Blue (GB)**

**2nd Dam: Tadawul, by Diesis (GB)**

**3rd Dam: Barakat (GB), by Bustino (GB)**

(€75,000 Ylg '21 ARQAUG). O-Gousserie Racing & Ecuries Serge Stempniak; B-Mme Waltraut Spanner (IRE); T-Jean-Claude Rouget; J-Cristian Demuro. €228,000. Lifetime Record: G1SW-Fr, 5-5-0-0, €1,139,100. \*1/2 to Apollo Flight (Fr) (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}), MSP-Fr, \$139,492; and Alessandro (Fr) (**Australia {GB}**), SP-Fr, \$111,837. **Werk Nick Rating: A. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree, or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

**2--Al Riffa (Fr), 128, c, 3, Wootton Bassett (GB)**--Love On My Mind (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). (€31,000 Wlg '20 ARQDEC; 150,000gns Ylg '21 TATOCT). O-Jassim Bin Ali Al Attiyah; B-Haras d'Etreham, Benoit Chalmel, Cofinvest & Meridian International SARL (FR); T-Joseph O'Brien. €88,000.

**3--Birr Castle (Fr), 128, c, 3, Cloth Of Stars (Ire)**--Baki (Fr), by Turtle Bowl (Ire). **1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.** (€170,000 Ylg '21 ARQOCT). O-Godolphin; B-Francois Rohaut (FR); T-Andre Fabre. €42,000.

Margins: 3/4, HD, 2. Odds: 0.40, 5.50, 11.00.

Also Ran: Greenland (Ire), Cambronne (Fr), Ponty (Fr), Victoria Road (Ire), Straight (Ger). **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

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## ELOUNDA QUEEN ON TOP IN THE LIEUREY

by Tom Frary

Putting the cherry on the cake for the Stempniak-Rouget connection and Cristian Demuro at Deauville on Tuesday, **Elounda Queen (Ire)** ([Australia](#) {GB}) handed them a pattern-race double with a career-best in the G3 Prix de Lieurey. Improving with each start and narrowly denied in the Listed Prix la Sorellina over this mile trip at La Teste de Buch in July, the 9-2 shot waited towards rear as the stable's star Ace Impact (Ire) (Cracksman {GB}) had in the feature. Delivered with maximum patience and daring by a jockey on cloud nine, she was produced up the centre of the track to collar **Dabawa (Fr)** ([Siyouni](#) {Fr}) in the shade of the post for a head success.

"I was very disappointed when she lost by so little last time out, because I felt it was the right opportunity for her to be a black-type winner," Rouget said. "Maybe it was a blessing in disguise, as it is better to win this one. She is a small filly, but has a huge heart as horses her size often do. She was helped by the very fast pace and her turn of foot made the difference. We will see if she can go up in class, but she is ground-dependent, she needs it good or faster."



Elounda Queen | ScoopDyga

### Pedigree Notes

Elounda Queen is the first foal out of the dam Ivirka (Fr) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}), a half to the G2 May Hill S., G3 CL & MF Weld Park S. and G3 Sweet Solera S. runner-up Grecian Light (Ire) (Shamardal) and the listed-placed Mqse De Maintenon (Ire) (Muhaarar {GB}) whose 2-year-old son of [Gleneagles](#) (Ire) named Great Chieftain (Ire) was a €170,000 purchase by Dermot Farrington Bloodstock at the Arqana Deauville October Yearling Sale. From the family of the G1 Prix Morny and G1 Middle Park S.-winning sire Dutch Art (GB) and the G2 Blandford S.-winning Up (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) whose trio of stakes

performers include the G1 Phoenix S. runner-up Monarch Of Egypt ([American Pharoah](#)), she also has a yearling colt by Earthlight (Ire) and a colt foal by Space Blues (Ire).

### Tuesday, Deauville, France

**PRIX DE LIEUREY - FONDS EUROPEEN DE L'ELEVAGE-G3**, €80,000, Deauville, 8-15, 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:42.26, g/s.

1--**ELOUNDA QUEEN (IRE)**, 125, f, 3, by [Australia](#) (GB)

1st Dam: Ivirka (Fr), by Mastercraftsman (Ire)

2nd Dam: Akrivi (Ire), by Tobougg (Ire)

3rd Dam: Halland Park Lass (Ire), by Spectrum (Ire)

**1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN; 1ST GROUP WIN.** (€45,000 Ylg '21 ARQAUG). O-Ecuries Serge Stempniak, SARL Ecurie Jean-Louis Tepper, Ecurie Bernard Weill, Daniel-Yves Treves & Laurent Dassault; B-SCEA Marmion Vauville & Ecurie Skymarc Farm (IRE); T-Jean-Claude Rouget; J-Cristian Demuro. €40,000. Lifetime Record: 9-4-2-1, €108,260. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++ \*Triple Plus\***. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#), or the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).

2--**Dabawa (Fr)**, 125, f, 3, [Siyouni](#) (Fr)--Darkazinia, by Arch.

**1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.** O/B-Princesse Zahra Aga Khan (Fr); T-Francis-Henri Graffard. €16,000.

3--**Mystic Pearl (Fr)**, 125, f, 3, Invincible Spirit (Ire)--Ertiyad (GB), by Dark Angel (Ire). **1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.** O-Sheikh Juma Dalmook Al Maktoum; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd (Fr); T-William Haggas. €12,000.

Margins: HD, HD, NK. Odds: 5.40, 2.80, 9.00.

Also Ran: Immensitude (Fr), Kamiyah (Ire), La Sapienza (Ire), Sivka Burka (Fr), Prija (Fr), Magyar Dance (Ger), Paz (GB), Fancy Me (Ire). [Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.](#)

## EUROPEAN NEWS

### MODERN GAMES RETIRED

MGISW **Modern Games (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire})--Modern Ideals {GB}, by New Approach {Ire}), a winner at the Group 1/Grade I level at two, three and four, has been retired from racing. Stud plans for Modern Games will be announced at a later date.

A half-brother to 2023 Classic heroine Mawj (Ire), the Godolphin homebred won four of six starts at two, including the G3 Tattersalls S. at Newmarket and the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf at Del Mar.

At three, he added victories in the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains at ParisLongchamp, the GI Woodbine Mile in Canada, before recording his second Breeders' Cup success in the GI Mile at Keeneland.





**Modern Games** | Coady

He recorded his first Group 1 win on home soil at four, taking Newbury's May 20 Lockinge S. by one-and-a-half lengths before rounding out his career with a fourth in the G1 Queen Anne S. at Royal Ascot June 20.

Trainer Charlie Appleby said, "Modern Games was a brilliant horse to train and such a great advert for Godolphin. To win at two Breeders' Cups, to be part of our trio of Guineas winners in 2022, and to land the Lockinge Stakes this season, shows his class, toughness and durability.

"He answered every call we asked of him, and we will miss him at Moulton Paddocks. I'm sure he will be a huge success in his next career as a stallion."

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## ALFLAILA POSSIBLE FOR IRISH CHAMPION

Shadwell's **Alflaila (GB)** (Dark Angel {Ire}) may be supplemented to the Sept. 9 G1 Irish Champion S., sidestepping Shadwell-owned Mostahdaf (Ire) (**Frankel {GB}**) in next week's G1 Juddmonte International at York. Trained by Owen Burrows, Alflaila is on a four-race winning skein, taking the July 29 G2 York S. over the same course and distance as the International.

"It's unlikely at this stage that we would run the two against each other, I would think," said Shadwell's racing manager Angus Gold. "God willing, Mostahdaf stays in good shape--he'll be the one to represent [in the International]. Obviously, we will leave Alflaila in just in case something went wrong."

"Sheikha Hissa may decide to run the two together. But at the same time if he didn't go there, we may look to supplement Alflaila for the Irish Champion."

Shadwell has also penciled in the G1 Yorkshire Oaks for **Al Husn (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}), victorious in the G1 Nassau S. at Goodwood in her latest start Aug. 3. The 4-year-old is trained by Roger Varian.



**Alflaila** | racingfotos.com

"She's never run over this trip before and nobody has ever particularly said she needs that trip," said Gold. "She's so tough and she's such a little star of a filly that she might well stay. On pedigree, the mare [Hadaatha] I think would have stayed--she was by **Sea The Stars** out of a Linamix mare. And Al Husn's by Dubawi--they can do anything.

"She a very easy filly to ride and she's got a heart the same size as her. So, she might well get it and it would be fun to try it, but we're in the luxurious position of her already being a Group 1 winner now, so we'll just see how Roger and his team feel she is and whether she's ready to go again."

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## GROUP PLAN OUTLINED FOR ORNELLAIA

**Ornellaia (GB)** (Night Of Thunder {Ire}), winner last out at Goodwood Aug. 3, will target a series of group tests over the coming weeks, according to Tom Pennington, racing and operations manager for Amo Racing. The Dominic Ffrench Davis-trained filly is slated to make her first foray into group company Saturday in the G2 Prix du Calvados at Deauville. Prior to her seven-furlong score, the 2-year-old finished third behind Sacred Angel (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire})--subsequent G3 Princess Margaret S. winner--in a six-furlong Newmarket maiden July 13.

"We went to Newmarket on debut knowing she would benefit from the experience and we were encouraged when the winner went on to win the Princess Margaret," said Pennington. "I was a bit disappointed to see the Godolphin filly that finished second [Dubai Treasure {Ire}, by Exceed and Excel {Aus}] get beat at Yarmouth [Aug. 9], but we knew our filly had a good deal of ability. We went to Goodwood pretty confident that she would get the job done at seven furlongs being by Night Of Thunder and with there being some cut in the ground. She went and did it nicely."

As for her upcoming itinerary, he added, “She’s in the Prix du Calvados at Deauville and that is on the radar at the minute, but she’s also in a lot of nice races. She’s in the [G1] Moyglare Stud S. [Curragh, Sept. 10], she could go to the [G3] Prestige [Fillies’ S.] at Goodwood [Aug. 26] at the end of the month. She’s potentially a very nice filly who we think is probably group class.”

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## STAR-STUDED TEAM ANNOUNCED FOR HURLING FOR CANCER RESEARCH 2023



**L to R: Tommy Walsh, TJ Reid, Ursula Jacob, Danny Mullins, Michael Duignan, Liam Griffin, Brian Cody, Jim Bolger, Davy Russell, Kevin Manning, James Dowling | INPHO**

Jim Bolger and Davy Russell announced their star-studded teams for Hurling for Cancer Research, which takes place in Netwatch Cullen Park in Carlow Monday Aug. 21. Throw-in is at 6 p.m. The two teams will be led by Wexford and Kilkenny legends Liam Griffin and Brian Cody acting as Bainisteoirs.

The bevy of racing, sports and TV stars already confirmed for the event include David and Paudie Clifford, Rachael Blackmore, Ursula Jacob, Paul McGrath, Miriam O’Callaghan, Michael Duignan, Kevin Manning, Willie McCreery, Barry Geraghty, Marty Morrissey and Joanne O’Riordan are among those set to lend a hand as selectors, commentators, side-line officials, umpires and maor uisce. For the complete rundown of competitors, click [here](#).

Gates open at 4:30 p.m. with pre-match entertainment and refreshments before throw-in at 6pm.

Tickets costing €10 for adults and €15 for families are currently on sale at [www.HurlingForCancer.ie](http://www.HurlingForCancer.ie). Tickets will also be on sale at the gate on the night and car parking at Netwatch Cullen Park will be free.

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## FIRST-SEASON SIREs WITH RUNNERS

### UNITED KINGDOM

**Advertise (GB)** (Showcasing {GB}), Manton Park Stud

103 foals of racing age

14:15-SALISBURY, 6f, Avoriaz (GB)

100,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2022

18:30-KEMPTON PARK, 7f, Modern Verse (GB)

**Blue Point (Ire)** (Shamardal), Kildangan Stud

161 foals of racing age

18:30-KEMPTON PARK, 7f, Gushing Gold (Ire)

85,000gns RNA Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2022

15:35-YARMOUTH, 7f, Skukuza (GB)

**Calyx (GB)** (Kingman {GB}), Coolmore Stud

103 foals of racing age

14:00-BEVERLEY, 5f, Filly One (Ire)

£16,000 Goffs UK Oct HIT & Yearling Sale 2022

**Eqtidaar (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Nunnery Stud

54 foals of racing age

14:00-BEVERLEY, 5f, Gottomakeashilling (GB)

15,000gns Tattersalls February Sale 2022; £28,000 Goffs UK

Premier & Silver Yearlings 2022; £10,000 Goffs UK 2yo Breeze Up Sale 2023

**Inns of Court (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Tally-Ho Stud

168 foals of racing age

14:15-SALISBURY, 6f, Clear Justice (Ire)

€8,500 Goffs February Sale 2022; €13,000 Goffs Autumn

Yearling Sale 2022; 30,000gns Tattersalls Guineas Breeze Up & HIT Sale 2023

14:45-SALISBURY, 6f, Judge Frank (Ire)

16,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2022

15:10-BEVERLEY, 7.5f, Krysdanjord (Ire)

20,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2022;

14,000gns Tattersalls Craven Breeze Up Sale 2023

**Land Force (Ire)** (No Nay Never), Highclere Stud

117 foals of racing age

14:15-SALISBURY, 6f, Insignia (GB)

£85,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearlings 2022

14:45-SALISBURY, 6f, Pianoforte (GB)

65,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2021; €120,000 Goffs

Orby Yearling Sale 2022

14:00-BEVERLEY, 5f, Yiengaa (GB)

28,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2022



**Sogann (Fr) (Frankel {GB})**, Norton Grove Stud  
19 foals of racing age  
14:35-BEVERLEY, 5f, Grid Iron Maiden (GB)  
£3,500 RNA Goffs UK Oct HIT & Yearling Sale 2022

**Soldier's Call (GB) (Showcasing {GB})**, Ballyhane Stud  
121 foals of racing age  
15:10-BEVERLEY, 7.5f, Nzinga (Ire)  
14,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2021; 30,000gns  
Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2022  
14:35-BEVERLEY, 5f, Whogoesthere (Ire)  
€30,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2022

**Study of Man (Ire) (Deep Impact {Jpn})**, Lanwades Stud  
54 foals of racing age  
18:30-KEMPTON PARK, 7f, Allonsy (GB)  
18:30-KEMPTON PARK, 7f, Almudena (GB)

**Ten Sovereigns (Ire) (No Nay Never)**, Coolmore Stud  
150 foals of racing age  
14:35-BEVERLEY, 5f, Mist Rollin In (GB)  
€20,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2022; 20,000gns  
Tattersalls Guineas Breeze Up & HIT Sale 2023

**Too Darn Hot (GB) (Dubawi {Ire})**, Dalham Hall Stud  
120 foals of racing age  
15:10-BEVERLEY, 7.5f,  
18:30-KEMPTON PARK, 7f, Ahlain (GB)  
15:20-SALISBURY, 40K The Irish Stallion Farms Ebf Stonehenge  
Stakes (Class 1) (Listed Race)8f, Son (GB)  
90,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2021

**Waldgeist (GB) (Galileo {Ire})**, Ballylinch Stud  
80 foals of racing age  
18:20-FFOS LAS, 7.5f, Surfer Dude (Ire)  
€13,500 Goffs November Foal Sale 2021; 20,000gns Tattersalls  
October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2022

## IRELAND

**Advertise (GB) (Showcasing {GB})**, Manton Park Stud  
103 foals of racing age  
1-GOWRAN PARK, 7f, Dramatic Entrance (Ire)  
€17,000 RNA Goffs November Foal Sale 2021; €17,000  
Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2022; 45,000gns RNA  
Tattersalls Craven Breeze Up Sale 2023

**Calyx (GB) (Kingman {GB})**, Coolmore Stud  
103 foals of racing age  
1-GOWRAN PARK, 7f, Enchanted Garden (Ire)  
€17,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2021; €13,000 Goffs  
Sportsman's Yearling Sale 2022; €6,000 Goffs Autumn Yearling  
Sale 2022

**Inns of Court (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire})**, Tally-Ho Stud  
168 foals of racing age  
1-GOWRAN PARK, 7f, School of Law (Ire)  
115,000gns Tattersalls Craven Breeze Up Sale 2023



Blue Point | Marc Ruhl

## OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

### STONEHENGE TEST FOR DUBAWI'S TDN RISING STAR ARABIC LEGEND

**15.20 Salisbury, Listed, £40,000, 2yo, 8fT**

**ARABIC LEGEND (IRE) (Dubawi {Ire})** lines up for this Listed Irish Stallion Farms EBF Stonehenge S. with a reputation to enhance, having earned **TDN Rising Star** status on his debut at Newmarket's July Festival. Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum's Andrew Balding-trained son of the GI E.P. Taylor S. heroine Sheikha Reika (Fr) (Shamardal) beat one of Charlie Appleby's nicer juveniles in Emperor's Star (Fr) (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**) there and has another to contend with in the Sandown maiden winner **Arabian Crown (Fr) (Dubawi {Ire})**, the €600,000 Arqana Deauville August graduate who is a half-brother to the triple group winner The Juliet Rose (Fr) (Monsun {Ger}).

**16.30 Salisbury, Listed, £50,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 9f 201yT**

**CAERNARFON (GB) (Cityscape {GB})** enjoys a class drop, having failed to back up her Oaks third on her last two starts. While this Listed British EBF 40th Anniversary Upavon Fillies' S. is easier than the G1 Nassau S. she contested last time, the Jack Channon trainee still has a serious rival in David Howden's impressive Listed Pretty Polly S. scorer **Running Lion (GB) (Roaring Lion)**.

Rested by the Gosdens having been so disappointing in the G1 Prix de Diane shortly after her Epsom stalls debacle, she has time yet to become the classy performer she had looked at Newmarket in the spring.

## HOW THEY FARED

**14.33 Deauville, Cond, €34,000, 2yo, c/g, 7 1/2fT**

**'TDN Rising Star' Alcantor (Fr)** (New Bay {GB}), a €180,000 Arqana December half to G2 Union-Rennen winner Boscaccio (Ger) (Mount Nelson {GB}), adopted hold-up tactics in this third start and went from last to first in the straight to easily account for his five rivals by two lengths and more.

**15.00 Nottingham, Mdn, £6,850, 2yo, f, 6f 18yT**

Godolphin's **Crystal Of Time (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}), kin to G1 Saratoga Derby Invitational and G1 Bayerisches Zuchtrennen hero Nations Pride (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}), was within range of the pace through halfway, but was unable to land a telling blow at the business end and finished a well-beaten fourth on debut.

**15.10 Dundalk, Mdn, €15,000, 2yo, 8f (AWT)**

Aidan O'Brien trainee **Capulet (Justify)**, a son of G2 Kilboy Estate S. victrix and G1 Nassau S. runner-up Wedding Vow (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), was prominent throughout this debut and dominated in the closing stages to prevail by 3/4-of-a-length as the 6-4 second favourite.

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## BRITAIN

### Tuesday's Results:

**3rd-Nottingham, £7,000, Mdn, 8-15, 3yo/up, 8f 75yT, 1:45.19, gd KING LEAR (IRE) (c, 3, Galileo {Ire}--Amazing Maria {Ire} {G1SW-Fr, G1SW-Eng, GSP-Ire, \$605,498}, by Mastercraftsman {Ire}),** an encouraging fourth on debut over a mile at Newmarket last month, tracked the leader throughout the early stages. In front passing three out, the 11-10 favourite stayed on powerfully to score by four lengths from Ayyab (GB) (Adaay {Ire}). The winner is the first runner for the classy dam, whose career exploits included wins in the G1 Falmouth S., G2 Duke of Cambridge S. and G3 Prestige S. and who was also third in the G1 Prix Rothschild. Related to the sire Dixie Power, her unraced 2-year-old full-brother to the winner was a 180,000gns purchase by Joe Foley at the Book 1 Sale, while she also has a colt foal by **Camelot (GB)**. Sales history: £52,500 2yo '22 TATHRA. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$5,612. O-Mr E Babington; B-Sir Robert Ogden (IRE); T-George Boughey.



**Siyouni** | Zuzanna Lupa

**1st-Chelmsford City, £8,049, Novice, 8-15, 3yo/up, f/m, 8f (AWT), 1:39.35, st.**

**SHINING JEWEL (GB) (f, 3, Siyouni {Fr}--Gaterie {SW-Fr, \$138,365}, by Dubai Destination),** given a wind operation since her disappointing effort behind TDN Rising Star Gather Ye Rosebuds (GB) (Zoffany {Ire}) and the Oaks fourth Maman Joon (Ire) (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**) in a 10-furlong Newbury maiden in April, showed no signs of rustiness in front from the outset. Applying the pressure turning for home, the 11-8 second favourite forged a four-length success from the smart yardstick Fakhama (Ire) (**Kingman {GB}**). The listed-winning dam has produced the stable's big-money operator Warren Point (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), whose success in the Listed His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa Cup and second in the Listed HH The Amir Trophy increased his earnings to \$777,929. A half-sister to the G2 Hardwicke S. and G2 Yorkshire Cup winner, G1 Canadian International runner-up and G1 King George VI & Queen Elizabeth S. third Dartmouth (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) and the G2 Grand Prix de Chantilly and G2 Prix du Conseil de Paris scorer Manatee (GB) (Monsun {Ger}), she also shares her G3 Blue Wind S.-winning second dam Galatee (Fr) (Galileo {Ire}) with Dubawi's GII Belmont Gold Cup winner Siskany (GB) and the recent G3 Gordon S. winner Desert Hero (GB) (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**). Her unraced 2-year-old is a full-sister to Warren Point, while she also has a colt foal by Awtaad (Ire). Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$7,549.

O/B-Godolphin (GB); T-Charlie Appleby.



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**3rd-Newcastle, £6,600, Novice**, 8-15, 2yo, 8f 5y (AWT), 1:40.30, st.

**GOLDEN WEST (GB) (c, 2, Masar {Ire}--Gwendolyn {Ger}, by Invincible Spirit {Ire})**, sent off at 3-1, followed the front trio early. Staying on stoutly to take over approaching the furlong marker, the chestnut continued his momentum to the line to score by 2 1/4 lengths from Galactic Charm (GB) (Sea The Moon {Ger}). The dam, whose 2023 colt is a full-brother to the winner, is kin to two black-type performers, one of which is the G3 Anglesey S. third Giuliana (Ger) (Muhaarar {GB}). The second dam is the listed-winning sprinter Golden Whip (Ger) (Seattle Dancer), a daughter of the fellow listed-winning and G3 Premio Dormello-placed miler Genevra (Ire) (Danehill). Sales history: 35,000gns Wlg '21 TADEWE; 90,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,522. O-Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum; B-Crimbourne Bloodstock Ltd (GB); T-Karl Burke.

#### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Exponista (GB)**, f, 2, **Showcasing (GB)**--Exrating (GB), by Exceed And Excel (Aus). Nottingham, 8-15, 6f 18yT, 1:15.74. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$6,804. B-Whitsbury Manor Stud (GB). \*Full to Ehraz (GB), GSP-Eng.

**Hot Front (Ire)**, f, 2, **Soldier's Call (GB)**--Percolator (GB) (GSW-Fr, \$182,027), by Kheleyf. Lingfield, 8-15, 5f 6y (AWT), :58.40. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, \$13,906. B-Ballyhane (IRE).

**Elnajmm (GB)**, c, 3, **Sea The Stars (Ire)**--Muneyra (GB), by Dubawi (Ire). Lingfield, 8-15, 9fT, 1:56.47. Lifetime Record: 4-1-3-0, \$25,627. B-Godolphin (GB).

## FRANCE

#### Tuesday's Results:

**1st-Deauville, €34,000, Cond**, 8-15, 2yo, f, 7 1/2fT, 1:38.06, g/s. **MLLE MOLIERE (IRE) (f, 2, Kingman {GB}--Armande {Ire} {GSW & G1SP-Fr, \$222,116}, by Sea The Stars {Ire})**, who prevailed by a neck in her July 30 debut over course and distance last time, was well away to stalk the tempo in second for most of this return. Shaken up to challenge soon after passing the two pole, the 3-5 favourite was ridden to seize control approaching the final furlong and quickened clear in the closing stages to defeat Dance Sioux (Ire) (**Sioux Nation**) by an impressive 2 1/2 lengths. Mlle Moliere is the third of four foals and one of two scorers out of G2 Prix Corrida victrix and G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud third Armande (Ire) (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**), herself a half-sister to Listed Prix des Lilas runner-up Ambivalence (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}). Her second dam is Listed Prix Urban Sea winner and G3 Prix Fille de l'Air third Alpine Snow (Ire) (Verglas {Ire}), herself a half-

sister to G2 Prix Maurice de Nieuil scorer Terrubi (Ire) (Dalakhani {Ire}). The March-foaled bay, who hails from the family of the storied blue hen Urban Sea (Miswaki), is a half-sister to this term's Listed Prix de Saint Patrick victor Mr Moliere (GB) (**Kingman {GB}**) and a yearling filly by **No Nay Never**. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, €42,000. **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV**. O-Lady Chryss J O'Reilly & Baron Edouard de Rothschild; B-SC Ecurie de Meautry & Petra Bloodstock Agency Ltd (IRE); T-Andre Fabre.



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**2nd-Deauville, €34,000, Cond**, 8-15, 2yo, c/g, 7 1/2fT, 1:34.33, g/s.

**ALCANTOR (FR) (c, 2, New Bay {GB}--Bianca De Medici {GB}, by Medicean {GB})** made all to garner a 'TDN Rising Star' in his June 6 debut over seven furlongs at Saint-Cloud, but lacked a finishing kick when attempting to repeat the dose dropped to six furlongs at Chantilly last month. Adopting different tactics and settled last of six for the most part here, the 27-10 second favourite cruised forward in the straight to lead on the bridge passing the furlong pole and was pushed clear in the closing stages to easily account for Ten Horns (Fr) (**Ten Sovereigns {Ire}**) by two lengths. Alcantor is the seventh of eight foals and one of six scorers from as many runners out of a multiple-winning half to stakes-winning Hungarian champion Thunder Teddington (GB) (Halling). The March-foaled bay is a half-brother to G2 Union-Rennen victor Boscaccio (Ger) (Mount Nelson {GB}) and a yearling filly by Romanised (Ire). Descendants of Alcantor's third dam Trevillari (Riverman), herself a full-sister to G1 Prix Saint-Alary victrix Treble, include dual G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe heroine Treve (Fr) (Motivator {GB}), GI Shoemaker Breeders' Cup Mile S. third Tsigane (Fr) (Anabaa) and last year's G2 Moonee Valley Gold Cup victor Francesco Guardi (Ire) (**Frankel {GB}**).

## 2nd-Deauville cont.

His fourth dam Trevilla (Lyphard) is an unraced half-sister to storied champion Triptych (Riverman). Sales history: €180,000 Wlg '21 ARQDEC. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, €37,100. **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Baron Edouard de Rothschild; B-SCEA du Grand Chene (FR); T-Andre Fabre.



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## CONDITIONS RESULTS:

**8th-Vichy, €16,000, 8-15, 3yo, 8fT, 1:45.51, vs.**

**RAINBOW SKY (GB) (f, 3, Sea The Stars {Ire}--Best Terms {GB} {MGSW-Eng, \$191,935}, by Exceed And Excel {Aus})** Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, €14,077. O-Godolphin SNC; B-W & R Barnett Ltd (GB); T-Henri-Alex Pantall. \*1,500,000gns Ylg '21 TATOCT. \*\*Full to Star Terms (GB), GSP-Eng, SW & G1SP-Fr, \$172,692.

## ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Pepete (Fr), f, 2, Attendu (Fr)--Painted Girl (Fr), by Monsun (Ger).** Vichy, 8-15, 7fT, 1:30.35. B-J-P-J Dubois (FR).

**Chunka Wakan (Fr), c, 2, Sioux Nation--Cajula (Ire), by Rock Of Gibraltar (Ire).** Pompadour, 8-15, 6fT, 1:16.70. B-Thousand Dreams, Francois Buzon, Christian Presse & Jean-Marie Bastin (FR). \*€20,000 RNA Ylg '22 ARQOCT.

# IRELAND

## Tuesday's Results:

**1st-Dundalk, €20,000, Mdn, 8-15, 2yo, f, 6fT, 1:14.30, st.**

**BELLA COLOMBIA (IRE) (f, 2, The Last Lion {Ire}--Daanaat {Ire}, by Kheleyf)** was positioned fifth within range of the leaders after the initial exchanges of this debut. Easing into contention in the straight, the 25-1 outsider was shaken up with 1 1/2 furlongs

remaining and was driven out late to deny G2 Airlie Stud S. third Ashwiyaa (Ire) (**Sioux Nation**) by 3/4-of-a-length. "She's a lovely filly and I brought her up here a couple of weeks ago just to see if she would like the surface," explained trainer Willie McCreery. "I thought it was a nice opportunity to start her off until I saw Ashwiyaa in it and I was a bit worried. She does everything professionally and is a lovely, straightforward filly. She loves being in training and does everything very easily. She's a good-moving filly, I think better ground suits her and she flicks over that top of the ground. We are in no hurry with her, she has done the job and we will see what is available. She would be for sale and, the way she settled, I'd say she would be an ideal one for America." Bella Colombia, kin to yearling colt by Soldier's Call (GB), is the eighth of nine foals and fourth scorer produced by a half-sister to G3 Cornwallis S. winner Alzerra (UAE) (Pivotal {GB}), herself the dam of the dual stakes-winning G2 May Hill S. and G3 Nell Gwyn S. placegetter Majeyda (Street Cry {Ire}). The March-foaled bay's second dam is stakes-winning G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches third Belle Argentine (Fr) (Fijar Tango {Fr}), whose descendants also include G3 Autumn S. and G3 Pavilion S. victor Gifted Master (Ire) (Kodiak {GB}) and G3 Solario S. third Matloob (GB) (Halling). Sales history: €5,000 RNA Ylg '22 GOAUJR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$13,088.

O-COR Racing Syndicate; B-Cottage Lodge Stud (IRE); T-Willie McCreery.

**4th-Dundalk, €15,000, Mdn, 8-15, 2yo, 8fT, 1:41.46, st.**

**CAPULET (c, 2, Justify--Wedding Vow {Ire} {GSW-Ire & G1SP-Eng, \$316,572}, by Galileo {Ire})** went forward from the break to occupy a prominent role on the front end after the early strides of this first go. Inching ahead at the top of the straight, the 6-4 second choice came under pressure when threatened on both sides approaching the final furlong and was ridden out to defeat Huxley (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) by 3/4-of-a-length. "Aidan [O'Brien] told me to ride him wherever I was comfortable, I liked him plenty and he feels like he is going to start progressing now," said rider Seamus Heffernan. "He was the best horse in the race and he gave me a beautiful feel. He's a beautiful, big horse with a good temperament. He kept responding for me and the attitude is what you need. He is a stakes horse, but he might be a little bit weak this year." Capulet is the fifth of seven foals and second scorer produced by G2 Kilboy Estate S. victrix and G1 Nassau S. runner-up Wedding Vow (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), herself a full-sister to five stakes performers out of G1 Oaks runner-up Remember When (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}). They include G1 Derby hero Serpentine (Ire), G3 Blue Wind S. victrix and G1 Oaks third Bye Bye Baby (Ire) and G3 Gallinule S. winner Beacon Rock (Ire).

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Justify | Sarah Andrew

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Remember When, in turn, is kin to MG1SW sire Dylan Thomas (Ire) (Danehill), G1SW European champion Queen's Logic (Ire) (Grand Lodge) and G1 1000 Guineas heroine Homecoming Queen (Ire) (**Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}**). The April-foaled bay is half to a yearling colt by **Quality Road** and a weanling filly by **Wootton Bassett (GB)**. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$9,816. O-Mrs John Magnier, Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith; B-Orpendale, Wynatt & Chelston (KY); T-Aidan O'Brien.

**HANDICAP RESULTS:**

**7th-Dundalk, €50,000, 8-15, 3yo/up, 10f 150y (AWT), 2:13.68, st.**

**LONGBOURN (IRE) (g, 7, Mukhadram {GB}--Lady Catherine {GB} {GSW & G1SP-Itly, SW-Fr, \$238,596}, by Bering {GB})**

Lifetime Record: 29-3-6-8, \$107,387. O-Ms Amanda Torrens; B-Tinnakill Bloodstock & P Grimes (IRE); T-Ross O'Sullivan. \*€48,000 RNA Wlg '16 GOFNOV; 37,000gns Ylg '17 TAOCT; €26,000 HRA '20 GOFFEB.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Signatory (Ire), c, 3, Exceed And Excel (Aus)--Dream Play (Ire) (MGSP-Fr), by In The Wings (GB). Dundalk, 8-15, 7fT, 1:26.91. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$11,296. B-Tinnakill Bloodstock & Jack Cantillon (IRE). \*50,000gns Wlg '20 TATFOA; 37,000gns Ylg '21 TAOCT. \*\*1/2 to Corsen (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}), MSP-Fr.**

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**ITALY****Tuesday's Results:**

**Moonu (GB), f, 4, Sea The Moon (Ger)--Pax Aeterna, by War Front.** Merano, 8-15, EBF Terme Di Merano-Listed, 2200mT, 2:15.60. O-Westminster Race Horse; B-G.B. Partnership (GB). \*First Black-type Win. \*\*Hwt 2yo Polish Free Hcp. **VIDEO.**

**WORLDWIDE NEWS****Tuesday, Morioka, Japan**

**Cluster Cup-Jpn-G3-NAR (Listed),** ¥52,500,000, Morioka, 8-15, 3yo/up, 1200m, 1:08.60, hy.

1--**REMAKE (JPN), 121, c, 4, Lani**

**1st Dam: Sariel (Jpn) (GSP-Jpn, \$888,410), by King Kamehameha (Jpn)**

**2nd Dam: Shinko Nobby, by Nashwan**

**3rd Dam: Christabelle, by Northern Dancer**

O-Koji Maeda; B-North Hills; T-Koichi Shintani; J-Yuga Kawada; ¥30,000,000. Lifetime Record: GSW-Jpn, 13-6-2-2.

2--**Don Frankie (Jpn), 121, c, 4, by Daiwa Major (Jpn)--**

Weemissfrankie, by Sunriver. (¥68,000,000 wnlg '19 JRHAJUL). O-Makoto Hayano; B-Northern Farm; ¥10,500,000.

3--**Ryuno Yukina (Jpn), 123, h, 8, by Vermilion (Jpn)--**

Neo Color (Jpn), by Kurofune. O-Ryuichi Minoshima; B-Fujikawa Farm; ¥5,600,000.

Margins: 2 1/2, 3, NK; Odds: 0.60, 2.10, 6.10.

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SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Arabian Crown (Fr)	Dubawi (Ire)	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	129
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7	Spanish Poet (Fr)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Mrs Fitri Hay	Ralph Beckett	Rossa Ryan	129

Breeders: 1-GB Partnership, 2-Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum, 3-Saeed Al Qassimi, 4-Barronstown Stud, 5-Angela Roche, 6-Scuderia Blueberry SRL, 7-Stall Elektrowelt24 De Weyrauch

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