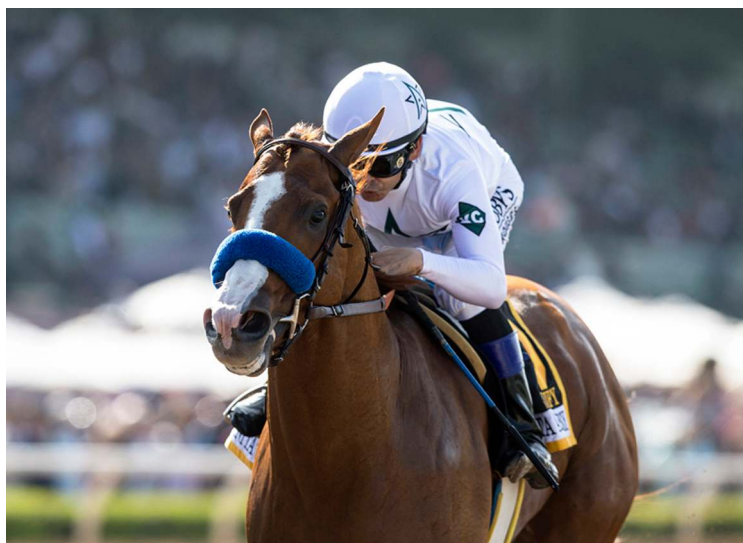




TAKEAWAYS FROM THE JUSTIFY-SCOPOLAMINE VERDICT, AND OTHER THOUGHTS



Justify | Benoit

The Week in Review, by Bill Finley

The long-running battle to decide whether or not **Justify** (Scat Daddy) should have been disqualified from his win in the 2018 GI Santa Anita Derby seems to have come to a conclusion last week when the team representing Mick Ruis, the owner and trainer of runner-up **Bolt d'Oro** (**Medaglia d'Oro**), obtained an order from Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Mitchell L. Beckloff, directing the California Horse Racing Board Stewards to set aside their Dec. 9, 2020 decision and issue a new ruling disqualifying **Justify** from the 2018 Santa Anita Derby. With the ruling, Bolt d'Oro has been declared the winner.

At issue was a report in the *New York Times* that revealed that **Justify** had tested positive for the substance scopolamine in the Santa Anita Derby. At the time, scopolamine was on a list of substances that, when found in a horse's system, required that the horse be disqualified. According to reports and Ruis's lawyer, the CHRB acted on recommendations from then-executive director Rick Baedeker and equine medical director Dr. Rick Arthur. It was their call that **Justify** should not be disqualified because the positive test was the result of contamination linked to jimson weed. **Cont. p3**

MORE MATRIARCH DOMINATION: BROWN RUNNERS FINISH 1-2-3-4 AT DEL MAR

Chad Brown sent four horses to the **West Coast** in search of his sixth victory in the GI Matriarch S. in the last seven years and the New York-based conditioner's quartet ran one-two-three-four at Del Mar Sunday as the aptly named **Surge Capacity** (Flintshire {GB}) got free late to just edge stablemate **Fluffy Socks** (**Slumber** {GB}) on the wire. **Beaute Cachee** (Fr) (Literato {Fr}) was third and **Whitebeam** (GB) (Caravaggio {Ire}) was fourth. It was the first time that a trainer had swept the top four spots in a Grade I race in Del Mar history.

"It's really my DNA from Bobby **Frankel**," Brown, a former assistant to the late Hall of Famer, said of his Matriarch record. "This was one of his favorite races, everybody knows that. He always pointed fillies to this race every year and I worked in Southern California for him for some time and I remember him pointing certain horses to this race and winning." **Cont. p5**

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We are announcing that Violence will now stand for \$40,000 stands and nurses in 2024, down from the previously announced fee of \$60,000. At the end of last breeding season Violence, had a period where he was missing too many of his mares. We raised his fee to not only reflect his racetrack success but to lessen demand for the stallion. In evaluating a recent veterinary opinion on the management of his book, we feel confident he can cover a maximum book of 125 mares in 2024. We will accommodate breeders with constant communication regarding the ideal booking schedules for their mares and 'double' all mares if possible. Violence is an important sire and we feel this adjustment will allow more breeders to access the horse at a price more than competitive in the marketplace. It's a tough time for breeders with stud fees rising in an ever-polarized market. I think this is good for the stallion and good for breeders.

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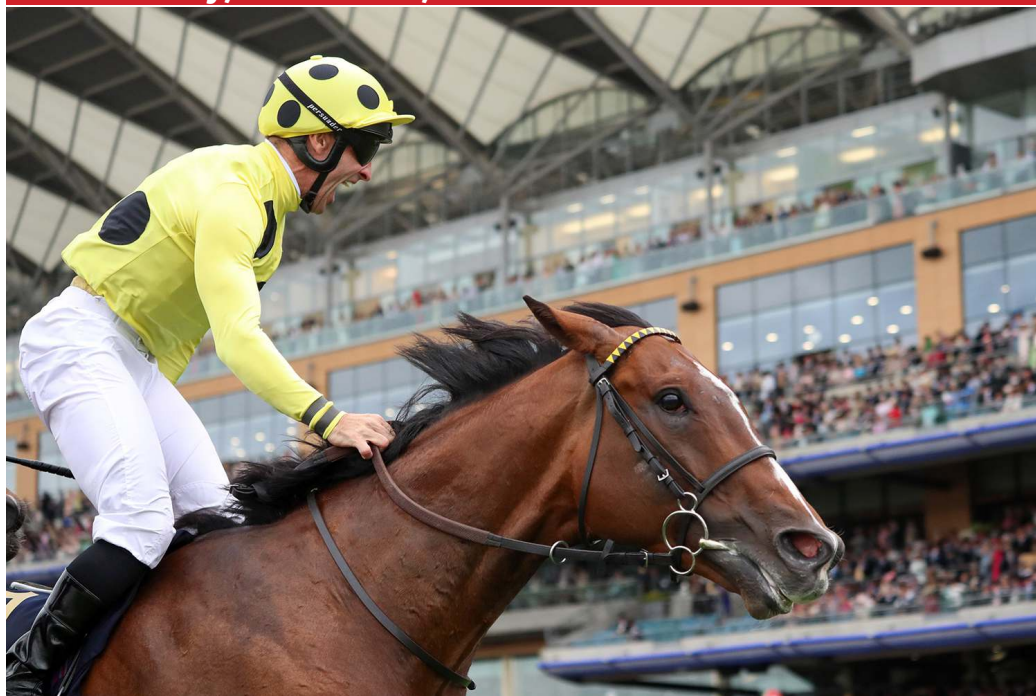
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STAY HOT ON TOP IN DE MILLE

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Stay Hot (Summer Front) rebounded from an off-the-board effort in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf to win the GIII Cecil B. DeMille S. at Del Mar Sunday.

GARGAN HAS DERBY DREAMS WITH DORNOCH

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Trainer Danny Gargan was plotting Derby paths a day after Dornoch (Good Magic), a full-brother to '23 Derby winner Mage, won the GI Remsen S. at Aqueduct.

FEE REDUCTION FOR VIOLENCE

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Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa has announced a reduction in the previously announced 2024 stud fee for Violence, sire of last year's champion juvenile Forte.



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The Week in Review (cont. from p1)

Had the *New York Times* not broken the story some 17 months after the Santa Anita Derby, probably, no one would have ever known that the horse had tested positive. Once the story was brought to light, Ruis went to work and hired attorney Darrell Vienna. Ruis stood to make \$400,000, the difference between first and second-place money in the \$1-million Santa Anita Derby.

There are, however, a few remaining questions:

1) Is this the final word or may there be still more appeals and fights in the courts?

"There is the potential for appeal," Vienna said. "My understanding of the judge's order is that the stewards must now issue an order to disqualify **Justify**. There's the potential that the stewards' ruling can't be appealed. That's kind of confusing because they're under the order of the court. Now, is there going to be an appeal to the judgment of the Superior Court judge. They could appeal to the stewards, the court, one or the other or both. Hopefully, there will be no more appeals and we can just move on."

2) All of the qualifying points for the Kentucky Derby that **Justify** picked up came from the Santa Anita Derby. Had the California stewards disqualified him from that race and did so in a timely manner, he would not have been eligible to run in the

Kentucky Derby and obviously wouldn't have won the Triple Crown. Do the owners of the horses who finished behind **Justify** in the Triple Crown races have a case and could, say, **Good Magic** (**Curlin**) eventually be declared the winner of the 2018 Derby?

"I don't think so," Vienna said. "I am aware of a case in California in which there was the appeal of a winner of a race who had subsequently been disqualified from a qualifying race that got him into the race he won. In that case, the California courts held that the horse's eligibility was determined at time of nomination and participation. Under those circumstances, I don't believe there will be any change in the order of the Kentucky Derby or the other Triple Crown races."

A spokesperson for Churchill Downs told Horseracing Nation that the track has no plans to alter the result of the 2018 Derby.

3) How did this ever become the mess that it did? And why didn't the CHRB follow its own rules?

Vienna maintains that if the California Horse Racing Board followed its own rules the case would have been cut and dried and dealt with promptly. He maintains that the rules were simple and not open to interpretation. He says that any horse that tested positive for a prohibited substance had to be disqualified.

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“It’s all very simple,” he said. “All they had to do was follow their own rules. There was never any real determination of what happened after the closed session. The closed session lacked finality and lacked all the indices of true decision making. There was no notice to the involved parties. There were no witnesses. All you had was Dr. Rick Arthur making the argument that scopolamine was the result of contamination. The problem is the rules in California at the time called for the disqualification of a horse who was positive for a prohibited substance that was in classes 2 through 3, which scopolamine was. They could have correctly absolved Mr. Baffert or any one else of any responsibility and still under law be required to disqualify the horse. That was the gist of our case. That’s all we ever asked for. Our case was based solely on the fact that there was prohibited medication in that horse’s system and, as a result of that, the rules called for the horse to be disqualified. I don’t think it was very confusing at all.”

4) The process dragged on for some 4 1/2 years and if not for the *New York Times* report, it may never have been known that **Justify** tested positive for the substance. Was the CHRB trying to sweep this under the rug?

“I think that is the case,” Vienna said. “In one executive session, they were provided with one side of the story and they wanted it to go away. There is a process in California law that

provides for dismissal of a complaint, but if you look at the history of the statute in California it really applies to charges against a trainer and not the dismissal of a disqualification. That would conflict with another statute in California that says that no horse can benefit if they are carrying a degree of a substance in his system.

“Mick, like all of us is worn out, but he is pleased. This happened in 2018 and no one knew anything about it until 2019. That’s a tremendously long journey for something. It could have been settled right away if horse racing board simply decided to follow their own rules.”

Can Full-Brothers Win the Derby Back to Back?

With his win in the GII Remsen S., **Dornoch** (**Good Magic**) is on his way to the GI Kentucky Derby, where will try to pull off something that has never been done. He is a full-brother to GI 2023 Kentucky Derby winner Mage and siblings, either full-brothers or half-brothers, have never teamed up to win the Derby.

To show just how difficult that feat is, take Secretariat. His dam, Somethingroyal, produced four foals who made it to the races after Secretariat. They combined to win three races with total earnings of \$38,241.



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by J.N. Campbell

Over the same surface where her half-brother **Corniche** (**Quality Road**) earned GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile glory en route to champion 2-year-old colt honors, it was **Llorona** (**Mendelssohn**) who effortlessly broke her maiden in the Friday opener at Del Mar's seaside oval. For her handiwork, the dark bay filly became a newly minted 'TDN Rising Star'.

The Richard Mandella trainee at odds of 2-5 broke alertly and vied for the lead outside two others up the backstretch. As the far turn arrived, Llorona clearly had more to give and at the quarter pole she began to increase her margin. With Flavien Prat serving as passenger at this point, his mount appeared to glide along as she coasted home by 5 3/4 lengths over **Make It Snow** (Empire Maker).

1st-Del Mar, \$62,000, Msw, 12-1, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.80, ft, 5 3/4 lengths.

LLORONA, f, 3, by **Mendelssohn**

1st Dam: Wasted Tears (MGSW & GISP, \$941,463),
by Najran

2nd Dam: Wishes and Roses, by Greinton (GB)

3rd Dam: Anniversary Wish, by Beau's Eagle

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2	Constitution (2011) Tapit	\$110,000	28	3	5	\$2,474,720
3	Gun Runner (2013) Candy Ride	\$250,000	14	5	8	\$2,314,479
4	MENDELSSOHN (2015) Scat Daddy	\$15,000	28	2	7	\$2,264,741
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Dornoch (inside) wins the Remsen | Sarah Andrew

As for Dornoch, a lot will have to go right for him to win the 2024 Derby, but at this point in the game, he's far ahead of where Mage was at the same point. The Remsen was Dornoch's fourth career start and with the Remsen, he has added a graded stakes win to his record. Mage didn't start until Jan. 28 of this 3-year-old year and had not won a stakes race coming into the Kentucky Derby.

Noble Indy Makes It Home

Remember the story of Noble Indy (**Take Charge Indy**), the winner of the 2018 GII Louisiana Derby? He never ran back to that race and wound up being sent to Puerto Rico, where racing can often lead to the worst possible outcomes. Well, Fred Hart, who owned the dam of Noble Indy, Noble Maz (Storm Boot) was determined to bring him back home. Working together with Caribbean Thoroughbred Aftercare Inc., he has made that happen and Noble Indy landed at Old Friends last week. It's worth noting that Mike Repole and WinStar Farms, who were two of his owners during his prime racing days, foot the costs required to transport the horse back to the U.S. It's good to see owners accept the responsibilities that come with providing a good life for their horses after their careers are over.

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Brown Runners 1-2-3-4 in Matriarch

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Brown continued, "I still use a lot of what he taught me to get horses to this race and I always think of him when I am designing a campaign for a horse to get to the Matriarch. It's just one of those races that I decided early on in my career, when I started getting better horses, that it was going to be part of my program to point horses to it. We've been very successful and I want to thank my team for really executing the things that I've taught them that he passed down to me."

Making just the fifth start of her career, Surge Capacity was away a tad awkwardly before settling in midpack along the rail as stablemate and favorite Whitebeam tracked pacesetting longshot **Gracelund Gray** (Goldencents) through fractions of :22.80 and :45.89. Surge Capacity inched closer down the backstretch, but was mired in traffic into the far turn and was shuffled back approaching the stretch as Fluffy Socks was rallying in the clear on the outside.

Whitebeam had a short-lived advantage in upper stretch as Fluffy Socks produced a powerful rally down the center of the course to take the lead inside the final furlong. Surge Capacity finally found her way into the clear as the wire loomed and finished with a late flourish to just edge her stablemate in the dying strides.

Surge Capacity completed the race in 1:33.95, the fastest mile grass race of the meeting.

"She's a fighter, you know, she likes to run," said winning rider Joel Rosario. "She likes the competition. I kind of had no choice but to stay inside [in the stretch]. I was just trying to save the ground and then go from there. I was very lucky, with her kick."

Surge Capacity, a debut winner over the Monmouth lawn in June, quickly added a graded stakes victory to her resume in the July 21 GIII Lake George S. She suffered her lone defeat to date when second behind Aspray (**Quality Road**) in the Aug. 19 GII Lake Placid S., but rebounded to win the Oct. 27 GIII Valley View S. at Keeneland last time out.

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“She has always trained like a really good horse,” Brown said of the winner. “She didn’t run at two because she had some sore shins, but she is a beautiful horse. And a little bonus, she is by Flintshire, who I was lucky enough to train his last year in training and he was a champion turf horse. He was a really remarkable horse and this filly seems to be one of his best offspring. And I trained her mother and a lot of the siblings.”

Brown said he was impressed with the efforts of all four of his Matriarch runners.

“Beaute Cachee had trouble around the eighth pole and then found her stride again and kicked on to be third which, watching the replay, was a really remarkable run by her,” he said. “And then when you look at Whitebeam, she was much closer to the pace then we had planned on being. For her to still hang on for fourth after being right on a very fast pace, I thought was a really good race. That was not the plan at all. Flavien [Prat] said afterwards that he didn’t think they were going that fast and she was doing it comfortably, but it’s really not the trip that she wants and the fact that she was able to hang on for a minor award showed that she ran a great race because she had every right to cave and fall back through the field as the wire came up, given how fast the pace was. All four horses ran terrific.”




Surge Capacity | *Benoit*


Still the trainer admitted the photo finish between the winner and runner-up was a little bittersweet.

“It’s always a difficult position when it’s your two horses going for the wire in a Grade I race. I was pleased that it was my horses in the stretch, all four of them battling down there to try to win. But it was slightly bittersweet with Fluffy Socks being the 5-year-old of the two in the photo versus the 3-year-old. Not that I would pick between them, but once the result was up, I have to feel for Fluffy Socks a little bit because she is such a courageous, consistent horse who is in the later stages of her career. And it would have been nice to see her win a Grade I,

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but on the other hand, that’s horse racing. And Surge Capacity really ran a terrific race.”

Pedigree Notes:

Surge Capacity is one of three graded winners for her sire Flintshire (GB) (Dansili {GB}), Eclipse champion turf horse of 2016, and she is his first Grade I winner. The stallion’s son Verbal won the GIII Cecil B DeMille on this same card in 2021.

Klaravich Stable purchased Surge Capacity’s dam Strong Incentive for \$200,000 at the 2014 OBS April sale. Racing for the partnership of Seth Klarman’s Klaravich and William Lawrence, the bay won two of six starts, including the 2015 Jammed Lovely S.

Bloodstock agent Mike Ryan purchased the mare on behalf of Klaravich as part of the dissolution of the partnership for \$40,000 at the 2018 Keeneland November sale. The mare’s 2-year-old daughter Ways and Means (**Practical Joke**) was second in this year’s GI Spinaway S. in the Klaravich colors. Put through the ring at Fasig-Tipton November last month, Strong Incentive sold in foal to **Good Magic** for \$2.15 million to Alpha Delta Stables.

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Sunday, Del Mar

MATRIARCH S.-GI, \$303,500, Del Mar, 12-3, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:33.95, fm.

1--**SURGE CAPACITY**, 120, f, 3, by **Flintshire (GB)**

1st Dam: **Strong Incentive (SW, \$123,568)**, by **Warrior's Reward**

2nd Dam: **G G's Dolly**, by **Comic Strip**

3rd Dam: **Parfait**, by **Kingmambo**

1ST GRADE I WIN. O/B-Klaravich Stables (KY); T-Chad C. Brown; J-Joel Rosario. \$180,000. Lifetime Record: 5-4-1-0, \$518,975. *1/2 to **Highly Motivated** (Into Mischief), GSW, \$667,375; and **Ways and Means (Practical Joke)**, GISP, \$117,750. **Werk Nick Rating: B+.**

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2--**Fluffy Socks**, 123, m, 5, by **Slumber (GB)**

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2nd Dam: **Costume Designer**, by **Capote**

3rd Dam: **Ravnina**, by **Nureyev**

O/B-Head Of Plains Partners (KY); T-Chad C. Brown. \$60,000.

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3--**Beaute Cachee (Fr)**, 123, f, 4, by **Literato (Fr)**

1st Dam: **Sign And Seal (Ire)**, by **Hurricane Run (Ire)**

2nd Dam: **Seraphine (Ger)**, by **Dashing Blade (GB)**

3rd Dam: **Sovereign Touch (Ire)**, by **Pennine Walk (Ire)**

1ST GRADED BLACK TYPE, 1ST G1 BLACK TYPE. (€1,500 Ylg '20 ARQAU). O-Madaket Stables LLC, Michael Dubb and Louis Lazzinnaro LLC; B-Gregor Vischer (FR); T-Chad C. Brown. \$36,000.

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Margins: HD, 1HF, HD. Odds: 4.70, 6.10, 18.70.

Also Ran: **Whitebeam (GB)**, **Ruby Nell**, **Closing Remarks**, **Elm Drive**, **Gracelund Gray**, **Queen Goddess**, **Hamwood Flier (Ire)**, **Wakanaka (Ire)**, **Elounda Queen (Ire)**.

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Sunday, Woodbine

VALEDICTORY S.-GIII, C\$159,600, Woodbine, 12-3, 3yo/up, 1 1/2m (AWT), 2:31.49, ft.

1--**CONGLOMERATE**, 120, g, 6, by **Lemon Drop Kid**

1st Dam: **Maddy's Heart (SW, \$253,039)**, by **Lion Hearted**

2nd Dam: **Maddy's Terms**, by **Private Terms**

3rd Dam: **Maddy's Tune**, by **Key to the Kingdom**

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN, 1ST GRADED STAKES WIN. (\$90,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$150,000 2yo '19 OBSOPN). O-Gary Barber; B-Liberty Road Stables, LLC (KY); T-Mark E. Casse; J-Luis Contreras. C\$90,000. Lifetime Record: 26-8-7-4, \$352,175.

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2--**Collective Force**, 120, g, 5, Tiznow--Finn's Girl, by **Bernardini**.

O/B-Chiefswood Stables (ON); T-Rachel Halden. C\$36,000.

3--**Win for the Money**, 120, g, 4, Mohaymen--Mayakoba, by **War Chant**. (\$95,000 Ylg '20 FTKSEL; \$350,000 2yo '21 FTFMAR). O-Live Oak Plantation; B-Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey (KY); T-Mark E. Casse. C\$15,000.

Margins: 1HF, HF, 1 3/4. Odds: 15.45, 16.65, 2.80.

Also Ran: **Palazzi**, **War Court**, **So High (GB)**, **Millie Girl**, **Jim's Hope**, **Prideofdistinction**, **English Conqueror**, **Meyer**, **Seventyseven Stone**, **Luckman**, **Rapper Zapper**. Click for

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Conglomerate, claimed for \$50,000 four starts back, strode home an authoritative victor of the GIII Valedictory S. at Woodbine Sunday. The bay gelding, sent off at 15-1, raced along the rail and off the pace as stablemate **Win for the Money** skipped along on the front end. Looking for racing room on the final bend, Conglomerate tipped out four wide at the top of the lane and surged past the tiring pacesetter in upper stretch before drawing clear to the wire.

"The horse gave me a great feeling and I was okay the whole race," said winning rider Luis Contreras. "The only thing was when I saw Patrick [Husbands aboard **Win for the Money**], I thought he had more horse. I was a bit worried, but my horse kicked hard at the end."

Conglomerate, who began his career for Chad Brown and Klaravich Stables, was first claimed for \$12,500 at Gulfstream in February of 2022. He hit the board in 13 of 15 starts for Franco Meli and trainer Martin Drexler before being claimed for \$50,000 out of a late-closing runner-up effort over the Woodbine lawn July 30. A well-beaten ninth when making his first start for the new connections in the Aug. 19 GII King Edward S. He was coming off a win going 1 1/16 miles over the synthetic in an Oct. 29 optional claimer.

TODAY'S FEATURED REPLAY



Surge Capacity (Flintshire {GB}) leads home 1-2-3-4 for trainer Chad Brown in GI Matriarch S. at Del Mar Sunday.

(click to watch)

Pedigree Notes:

Conglomerate gave pensioned Lane's End stallion Lemon Drop Kid his second graded winner of the day following Lemon Pop's win in the G1 Champions Cup in Japan. Stakes winner Maddy's Heart has a yearling colt by Danzing Candy.



Conglomerate | Michael Burns

Sunday, Del Mar

CECIL B. DEMILLE S.-GIII, \$102,000, Del Mar, 12-3, 2yo, 1mT, 1:35.89, fm.

1--**STAY HOT**, 120, r, 2, by **Summer Front**



1st Dam: Etsu, by Smart Strike

2nd Dam: Forever Beautiful, by Giant's Causeway

3rd Dam: Fly North, by Pleasant Colony

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN, 1ST GRADED STAKES WIN. (\$130,000 Ylg '22 FTKJUL). O-Burns Racing LLC, Exline-Border Racing LLC, SAF Racing, The Estate of Brereton C. Jones and William Dan Hudock; B-Brereton C. Jones (KY); T-Peter Eurton; J-Antonio Fresu. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, \$116,940. *1/2 to Prerequisite (**Upstart**), GSW & GISP, \$271,000. **Werk Nick**

Rating: A+++ ***Triple Plus***

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Yearling recommendation by Marette Farrell



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2--**Rothschild**, 120, c, 2, **Uncle Mo**--Still There, by **Union Rags**.

1ST BLACK TYPE, 1ST GRADED BLACK TYPE. (\$700,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP). O-SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Dianne Bashor, Robert E. Masterson, Waves Edge Capital LLC, Catherine Donovan and Tom Ryan; B-PTK, LLC (KY); T-Tim Yakteen. \$20,000.



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3--**Miracle Mark**, 120, c, 2, **Constitution**--Melody's Spirit, by Scat Daddy. **1ST BLACK TYPE, 1ST GRADED BLACK TYPE.** O-Old Bones Racing Stable, LLC and Slam Dunk Racing; B-Nick Cosato (KY); T-Philip D'Amato. \$12,000.

Margins: NK, HD, 1HF. Odds: 2.30, 23.30, 6.40.

Also Ran: Lord Bullingdon, Charge for Gold, Deadpan, Always On Cay, Invincible, Just a Guess. **Click for the Equibase.com chart and the TJCS.com PPs. VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

Stay Hot rebounded from a 10th-place effort in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf with a late-flying victory in the GIII Cecil B. DeMille S. at Del Mar Sunday. The bay ridgling taken in hand and angled over from his outside post to be three wide into the first turn and was near the back of the field through an opening quarter in :22.00. The field bunched up approaching the far turn as the half went up in :46.30 and Stay Hot was last on the bend before darting into contention and coming some eight wide into the stretch. He uncorked a powerful late kick to just get in front in the final strides.

"I thought he'd be a little more forwardly placed," admitted winning trainer Peter Eurton. "As it turned out that nine hole was a little bit of a detriment, but it also helped him get outside, which is probably more comfortable."

Of his charge's wide rally into the stretch, Eurton said, "That was hard to take, but he seemed like he had something left and it was a fight to the wire. I'm exhausted."

Stay Hot opened his career with two six-furlong efforts over the main track at Del Mar, finishing third Aug. 5 and sixth Sept. 2. He moved to the lawn for a stylish maiden win over one mile at Santa Anita Oct. 7 and was thrown into the deep end when beaten 5 1/2 lengths a month ago on Breeders' Cup weekend.



Stay Hot just gets on top in final strides | Benoit

Pedigree Notes:

Stay Hot is the fifth graded winner for Airdrie stallion **Summer Front** (**War Front**). His half-sister Prerequisite (**Upstart**) won this year's GII Wonder Again S. and was second in the GI Fasig-Tipton Belmont Oaks Invitational. Etsu has a yearling colt by **Complexity** who sold to Greg Foley for \$95,000 at this year's Fasig-Tipton October sale.

HANCOCK'S LAW

The late 'Bull' Hancock of Claiborne Farm was one of the most successful of all stallion selectors; he laid down five criteria for selecting a stallion...

1

He must have shown good form as a 2YO.

Won the **Champagne Stakes-Gr.1** by 4 lengths (previous winners include Coolmore America's outstanding sires **Scat Daddy**, **Uncle Mo** & **Practical Joke**).

2

He must have demonstrated his ability to stay 1¼ miles as a 3YO.

Won the **Travers Stakes-Gr.1** by 5½ lengths (in a faster time than **Bernardini**, **Medaglia d'Oro** etc.) and runner-up in the **Kentucky Derby-Gr.1**, both over 1¼m.

He also won the **Belmont Stakes-Gr.1** by 3¾ lengths and **Florida Derby-Gr.1** by 4¼ lengths (also won by **Scat Daddy**, **Quality Road**, **Constitution** and **Nyquist**), both over 1⅛m

3

He must be sound.

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4

He must look masculine. ►

5

He must have the right kind of pedigree.

A superior racehorse to his leading young sire **Constitution** (by **Tapit**). His dam Tizfiz (by **Tiznow**) won the **San Geronio H.-Gr.2** (now the **Robert J. Frankel Stakes**) at Santa Anita and is a full-sister to **Fury Kapcori** (Gr.3 winner & runner-up in the **CashCall Futurity-Gr.1**).



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The mare produced a colt by **Upstart** this year and was not bred back. The winner's third dam, Fly North, produced champion Farda Amiga (Broad Brush).

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REMSEN WIN HAS GARGAN THINKING DERBY FOR DORNOCH

Dornoch (**Good Magic**)'s determined victory in the GII Remsen S. Saturday at Aqueduct has Danny Gargan mapping out possible paths to next year's GI Kentucky Derby, but the trainer admitted his charge has plenty of growing up to do if he is to make it to Churchill Downs on the First Saturday of next May.

Dornoch, who set swift fractions in the nine-furlong race Saturday, appeared defeated with a furlong to run when he bumped the rail and allowed Sierra Leone (**Gun Runner**) to surge past him. But Dornoch battled back along the inside and stuck his nose back in front in the final stride.

"It's crazy. Usually when a horse hits the rail at the eighth pole like he did, they just stop running altogether," said Gargan. "I can't believe he re-rallied after that. He did see the other horse and get running back at him, but hitting the rail knocked him off stride and then it took him a few jumps to get back going. I think if he doesn't hit the rail, he stays in front. I've never seen a horse get passed a length and then come back and win. It was a really good race."



Dornoch | Sarah Andrew

Dornoch, a full-brother to this year's Derby winner Mage, will head south to winter at Palm Meadows with possible early 2024 targets including the GIII Withers S. at Aqueduct or the GII Fountain of Youth S. at Gulfstream Park, according to Gargan.

"He'll tack walk for two or three weeks and then we'll figure it out from there," said Gargan. "We'll probably see him around the Fountain of Youth. The Withers is always something you could win real easy if you wanted to win a race, it just depends who's where."

Of what he would like to see from the colt over the winter, Gargan said, "We need him to focus running. He kind of looks around playing a little bit, and that's why he hit the rail. He's got to grow up a lot, and he's still out there goofing off. He did dig in in this race in the end, but he kind of put himself in that situation running green early. I think if another horse is around him, he won't lose focus. What we'll probably do next time is bring him off the pace which he can do. He'll finish in the lane so he'll get a little more out of the race and mature a little bit from it."

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VIOLENCE STUD FEE REDUCED FOR 2024

Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa stallion **Violence** (**Medaglia d'Oro**--Violent Beauty, by Gone West), the sire of last year's champion 2-year-old Forte, has had his 2024 stud fee reduced from the previously announced \$60,000 to \$40,000 live foal.

In announcing the reduction Sunday evening, Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa president John Sikura explained, "At the end of last breeding season, **Violence** had a period where he was missing too many of his mares. We raised his fee to, not only reflect his race track success, but to lessen demand for the stallion. In evaluating a recent veterinary opinion on the management of his book, we feel confident he can cover a maximum book of 125 mares in 2024. We will accommodate breeders with constant communication regarding the ideal booking schedules for their mares and 'double' all mares if possible. **Violence** is an important sire and we feel this adjustment will allow more breeders to access the horse at a price more than competitive in the marketplace. It's a tough time for breeders with stud fees rising in an ever-polarized market. I think this is good for the stallion and good for breeders."

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GRAHAM SCORES 3,000TH WIN AT FAIR GROUNDS

James Graham earned his 3,000th career win when he piloted Vortex to victory in the second race at Fair Grounds Sunday.

"It's quite emotional actually," Graham said. "I came here in 2002 and all I ever wanted was a shot. I wish my mom was still alive to see this. Thank you to everybody who has ever put me on a winner throughout my whole career. This is all because of you guys. Thank you to my wife. If it wasn't for her, I wouldn't be where I am. Fair Grounds has been good to me over the years. I've made a lot of friends and lost a lot of friends. Racing is a life and we are all a big family. Thank you to everybody."

Graham recorded one win in his native Ireland before launching his career in the U.S. where his first victory came at River Downs on July 1, 2003 aboard B.J. Star for trainer Allan Shapoff in just his 12th mount. Later that year, his first Fair Grounds victory came aboard High Octave for trainer Ronny Werner. With 1,340 wins, Graham is the third winningest rider at Fair Grounds since 1986, behind Ronald Ardoin and Robby Albarado.



James Graham | Hodges Photography

“This is special for me doing it [at Fair Grounds],” Graham said. “My career took off here. When I first got here in 2003 and started riding, this is the meet that got the ball rolling for me. Look at the guys I started riding with here. Gerard [Melancon], Robby [Albarado], Shane Sellars, E.J. Perrodin—I got educated here. I’ve got a couple more goals at this track that I want to accomplish, so I’m banging on the door and I’m young, fit and healthy.”

The 44-year-old has won over 47 graded stakes, including Fair Grounds victories aboard 135-1 shot Ive Struck a Nerve in the 2013 GII Risen Star S., 28-1 shot Call Me Midnight in the 2022 GIII Lecomte S., and 7-1 shot Ron the Greek in the 2010 Lecomte.

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FRANCO NOTCHES 1,000TH CAREER WIN

Jockey Geovanni Franco notched the 1,000th win of his career when his mount Miss Commander, who was second under the wire, was promoted to the victory in the second race at Del Mar Saturday.

Asked if getting the milestone victory via DQ tarnished the achievement, Franco said with a smile, “It doesn’t. I’ve won plenty of races by DQ and I’ll take a winner any way they come.”

Franco has been riding at Del Mar since 2017, with a year off in 2022 when he moved his tack back to the Midwest. He returned to Del Mar this summer and had 12 wins. He has added five

more at the oceanside oval this fall.

“It’s truly humbling to have this 1,000th win at Del Mar,” Franco said. “To have been riding here the last five years makes it even better. I’ll be happy to get many more.”

Franco rode his first winner at Mexico City’s Hipodromo de las Americas in 2009. He went to Canada later that year and rode at Hastings Park in Vancouver, British Columbia. In March of 2010 he came to Santa Anita and rode the rest of the winter meet before heading up to Golden Gate Fields. He rode in Northern California through much of 2011 before finishing the year at Turf Paradise where he was the leading rider in 2012 and 2013.

He began branching out to other tracks in 2014, riding at Sunland Park, Santa Anita again, even Finger Lakes in New York and Presque Isle Downs in Erie, Pennsylvania. He settled in the Midwest in 2015, riding at Fair Grounds in New Orleans, Remington Park in Oklahoma and Canterbury Park in Minnesota.

Runner-up aboard Lieutenant Dan in the 2021 GI Breeders’ Cup Turf Sprint, Franco has recorded top-level victories aboard Fault in the 2018 GI Santa Margarita S. and with Secret Spice in the 2019 GI Beholder Mile.

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AMERICA’S DAY AT THE RACES EXPANDS

OAKLAWN COVERAGE

America’s Day at the Races, the national telecast produced by New York Racing Association in partnership with FOX Sports, will expand its coverage of racing from Oaklawn Park when the Arkansas track opens for its 2023-24 meet Friday.

As part of a multi-year agreement, *America’s Day at the Races* will feature daily analysis and handicapping of Oaklawn Park racing as well on-site coverage from NYRA television personalities throughout opening weekend, Smarty Jones weekend, Rebel weekend, Arkansas Derby weekend, Apple Blossom weekend and Oaklawn H. weekend.

Live racing returns to Oaklawn Park Friday and continues through May 4. The meet is highlighted by the \$1.5-million GI Arkansas Derby Mar. 30.

Additionally, NYRA and Oaklawn Park will offer a new Cross Country Pick 5 wager each day when both Aqueduct Racetrack and Oaklawn Park conduct racing. The special wager will first be offered Dec. 8.

The Cross Country Pick 5 requires bettors to pick the winner of five select races from Aqueduct and Oaklawn. The minimum bet for the multi-track, multi-race wager is 50 cents.

Wagering on the Cross Country Pick 5 is available on ADW platforms and at simulcast facilities across the country with each day featuring a mandatory payout of the net pool.

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SUN KING DIES AT 21

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Sun King | *Laura Battles*

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NEW YORK STALLION SERIES S., \$125,000, Aqueduct, 12-3, (C), 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:23.78, sy.

1--**MORNING MATCHA**, 124, f, 4, Central Banker--Home Ice (MSP, \$205,614), by **Iam the Iceman**. (\$18,000 Ylg '20 EASOCT). O-LC Racing LLC, Cash is King LLC and Gary Barber; B-Crane Thoroughbred Services LLC (PA); T-Robert E. Reid, Jr.; J-Mychel J. Sanchez. \$68,750. Lifetime Record: GISP, 24-6-7-7, \$899,740.

2--**Bustin Bay**, 120, m, 5, Bustin Stones--Frosty Bay, by Frost Giant. O-Winning Move Stable; B-Robert D. Rosenthal & Peter Rosenthal & Martin Greenberg (NY); T-Linda Rice. \$25,000.

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3--**Lisa's Vision**, 120, f, 4, Laoban--La Mousse (Arg), by Vision and Verse. **1ST BLACK TYPE**. O/B-Anthony Pettograsso (NY); T-Jorge R. Abreu. \$15,000.

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Margins: 3 3/4, 2 3/4, 2HF. Odds: 0.75, 2.95, 5.00.

Also Ran: Little Linzee, Easy Play, Vallelujah. Scratched: Bank On Anna, Sweetie.

Morning Matcha made her seventh start of 2023 Sunday and her 10th-straight stakes start through a career that saw her fill the exata in last year's GI Cotillion S. and finish third behind GI Breeders' Cup Distaff winner Idiomatic (**Curlin**) in the GII Delaware H. July 9. Third over this surface at 1 1/8 miles in the Turnback the Alarm S. Nov. 3, the 3-5 favorite spotted the field a step at the jump and trailed early while Easy Play (Big Brown) handled the tempo through opening fractions of :23.05 and :46.59. Held wide throughout over the sloppy going, Morning Matcha began a sustained rally off the turn and showed a sharp turn of foot late to sprint past Easy Play and go on for the win.

"Not bad [earning nearly \$900,000 in her career] for a little \$18,000 purchase," said trainer Butch Reid, Jr. "She's been a Godsend and just the easiest filly to train. She loves everything about training and racing. She's a real pleasure [to have in the barn]."

Added jockey Mychel Sanchez: "I rode her last time and she ran really big. I think the group last time was a really tough one. I think the cut back in distance helped. We had a beautiful trip--good position, the speed went in a duel. It was easy enough. Butch had her ready."

Home Ice has not produced a foal since Morning Matcha. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**



Morning Matcha | *Susie Raisher*

NEW YORK STALLION SERIES S., \$125,000, Aqueduct, 12-3, (C), 3yo/up, 7f, 1:23.53, sy.

1--**TODAY'S FLAVOR**, 124, g, 5, Laoban--Evangelical, by **Speightstown**. (\$80,000 Ylg '19 SARAUG). O-Reddam Racing LLC; B-Joseph Calvo (NY); T-George Weaver; J-Javier Castellano. \$68,750. Lifetime Record: 16-8-3-0, \$545,080.

2--**General Banker**, 118, c, 3, Central Banker--Elusive Jozi, by Johannesburg. O/B-Seacoast Thoroughbreds of New England (NY); T-James W. Ferraro. \$25,000.

McMAHON of Saratoga
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3--**Be the Boss**, 120, g, 4, Laoban--Lemme, by Lemon Drop Kid. (\$50,000 2yo '21 OBSAPR; \$38,000 2yo '21 FTIDEC; \$35,000 3yo '22 WANNYB). **1ST BLACK TYPE**. O-Nice Guys Stables, Jay Oringer, Al Bianchi Racing, LLC and Steve Hornstock; B-McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, LLC (NY); T-Michael J. Maker. \$15,000.

McMAHON of Saratoga
THOROUGHBREDS

Margins: 3HF, 3/4, 1HF. Odds: 1.20, 5.90, 5.00.

Also Ran: Callaloo, Niagara Skyline, Barese, Jemography, Lobsta. Scratched: Vacation Dance.

Making his 10th start of 2023, Today's Flavor picked up his sixth win of the year with a game frontrunning score in the New York Stallion Series 'Thunder Rumble' S.

Fading to seventh last out in the Oct. 29 Hudson S. over this track, he'd been seen two-back winning the rained-off Belmont Turf Sprint S. and just missed picking up graded black-type earlier in the year when finishing fourth in both the GI Carter H. and the GII True North S.

Heavily supported to the tune of 6-5 favoritism, Today's Flavor had once again found his customary spot on the front end but wound up yielding his lead a half-mile from home when Be the Boss skimmed the rail through the bend while he went wide.



Today's Flavor | Chelsea Durand

Asked to regain that advantage and rolling as far as six deep into the stretch, the Weaver trainee reclaimed his lead passing the eighth pole and put 3 1/2 lengths on General Banker in the end. Be the Boss hung on to close the trifecta.

"In these types of situations, you have to control yourself. My horse breaks out of the gate and dictates the pace, but at some point, I don't want to be pinched inside. I think the horse would be intimidated a little bit," said Javier Castellano. "You have to control yourself and be patient and confident in yourself to have the best result. He's a good looking horse--great horse, great mind--you can do whatever you want. I tried to ride him like the best horse and that's exactly what I did. I don't want to duel [on the] speed. I just laid back a little bit, put him outside turning for home, and let the horse find his stride to finish really strong."

Today's Flavor is the most accomplished runner for his dam, who was exported to the Republic of Korea before she delivered a filly by Jimmy Creed, who is the last offspring on record for her thus far. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

HOLIDAY INAUGURAL S., \$122,494, Turfway, 12-2, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:09.42, ft.

1--**MARISSA'S LADY**, 124, f, 4, **Violence**--Marissa's Joy, by Cee's Tizzy. O-Boone Family Trust and Tillemma Family Trust; B-Harold & Pamela Tillemma & Ron Boone Family Trust (KY); T-William E. Morey; J-Rafael Bejarano. \$72,434. Lifetime Record: GSP, 14-8-2-1, \$629,600. *1/2 to Richard's Boy (Idiot Proof), MSW & GISP, \$1,011,872.

Foaled and Raised by COLUMBIANA FARM
2--**B G Warrior**, 122, f, 3, Run Away and Hide--Biogio's Gift, by Any Given Saturday. O-Keith Grass; B-Lou Dunn Diekemper Trust (KY); T-Hugo Andrade. \$23,656.

3--**Bling**, 120, f, 3, **American Pharoah**--Blonde Bomber, by Fort Larned. (\$160,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP). O-G. Watts Humphrey, Jr.; B-Clarkland Farm LLC (KY); T-Victoria H. Oliver. \$11,828.

Bred, Raised & Sold by Clarkland Farm

Margins: NK, NK, 2 3/4. Odds: 1.73, 12.34, 7.03.

Also Ran: Spun Glass, Awesome Treat, Baby No Worries, Secret Money, Artie's Princess, Quaria Comet, Jill Jitterbug, Thunders Rocknroll, Train to Artemus. Scratched: Lady Goldstart, Time for an Angel.

A consistent runner only off the board in a handful of starts throughout her 13-race career, Marissa's Lady continued to show an affinity for all surfaces with a win over the Tapeta in the Holiday Inaugural S. at Turfway Saturday. Entered off a second-place run on the turf at Keeneland Oct. 22, the 4-year-old was hustled from the gate but outsprinted by B G Warrior to her inside. The 8-5 favorite stayed in touch into the turn but had to speed things up as B G Warrior opened up a gap through sharp fractions of :21.95 and :43.95. Needing to pick it up into the lane, Marissa's Lady kept grinding away and just managed to close past the leader in the final jumps. Bling also outran her 7-1 odds to just miss nailing the tiring B G Warrior. One of 46 stakes winner for **Violence**, Marissa's Lady is a half to millionaire Richard's Boy (Idiot Proof). Her dam has a yearling full-sister to Saturday's winner and was bred to **Essential Quality** for 2024.

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3rd-Aqueduct, \$87,300, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 12-3, 2yo, f, 7f, 1:24.78, sy, 1 1/2 lengths.

LESLIE'S LOOT (f, 2, Fast Anna--Wicked Storm, by Stormy Atlantic) took four starts to break her maiden but finally did so two-back against auction price-restricted maiden company Aug. 30 at Saratoga. Only managing fifth after the traditional frontrunner found herself in sixth early in the Matron S. in a washed-off rendition of the race, she was the 15-1 longest shot on the board here for the spoiler. Bumping with rivals on either side of her at the jump, she found Caress (**Connect**) glued to her side every step of the way until they spun off the far turn for the homeward drive, where she finally kicked free of that rival by 1 1/2 lengths. The first to the races for her dam, Leslie's Loot has a yearling half-brother Unexpected Honor (**Honor A. P.**) as well as a 2023 **Runhappy** half-sister. Wicked Storm went to **Kantharos** for 2024. Sales history: \$5,000 Ylg '22 FTKFEB. Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, \$129,940. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-James K. Chapman and Stuart Tsujimoto; B-George Krikorian (KY); T-James K. Chapman.

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8th-Turfway, \$77,832, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 12-2, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:16.02, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.

CONDEMN (c, 4, Medaglia d'Oro--Sentence, by Blame) broke his maiden as a 3-year-old in March 2022 but took a nearly 18-month break after a winning start next out at Keeneland in April to return beaten just a neck at Horseshoe Indianapolis Oct. 2. Never a factor when last spotted at Keeneland Oct. 25, the homebred broke as the 9-5 favorite for his first try over the Tapeta surface Saturday. Racing second flight up the backstretch, he angled wide around the leading bunch into the turn and, despite being caught nearly five across with a quarter to run, had clear running room to close for the 2 1/2-length win. Retained (Bayern) narrowly held on for second. Condemn is the first foal out of a half-sister to the dams of MGSW Elate (**Medaglia d'Oro**) and MGSW Tax (Arch). This is also the family of the late Claiborne stallion Flatter (A.P. Indy). Claiborne bought into the family with a near sale-topping \$1.025m purchase of third dam Wild Applause from the 1992 Keeneland November Sale.

Sentence's 2-year-old **Medaglia d'Oro** colt, Term, has yet to race. She has a yearling **Candy Ride (Arg)** filly, a weanling filly by **Hard Spun** and was bred to **Violence**, a son of **Medaglia d'Oro**, for 2024. Lifetime Record: 8-3-2-0, \$162,903. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O/B-Claiborne Farm & Adele B. Dilschneider (KY); T-Thomas Drury, Jr.

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3rd-Del Mar, \$70,900, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 12-3, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:34.05, fm, 3/4 length.

ALMENDARES (GB) (g, 3, Havana Grey {GB}--Glace {Ire}, by Verglas {Ire}) began his career in Ireland and came to North America earlier this year where he won his debut at Del Mar July 23 and then placed in the GII Del Mar Derby Sept. 23. Last seen a narrow fifth in the GII Twilight Derby Nov. 4, the 6-5 shot shortened back to one mile Sunday was eased from the far outside gate and raced near the back of the group. Goliad (**War Front**) handled the tempo and set a sharp second quarter, going a half in :45.91. Tipped outside of the early leaders, Almendares rallied into the straightaway, drew even with Goliad close to home and won going away by three-quarters of a length. Aligato (Kitten's Joy) came on for second. From the first crop of sophomore sire Havana Grey, the winner is a full-brother to 2-year-old Graceful Thunder (GB), SW & GSP-Fr. This is also the family of European champion sprinter Fleeting Spirit (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}). Glace last produced a yearling Ardad (Ire) filly. Sales History: 16,000gns Wlg '20 TATFOA; 14,000gns Ylg '21 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: GSP, 9-4-1-2, \$153,195. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-CYBT, McLean Racing Stables, Saul Gevertz, Michael Nentwig and Ray Pagano; B-D. R. TUCKER (GB); T-Philip D'Amato.

3rd-Gulfstream, \$65,000, Alw (C)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 12-3, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:36.54, ft, 4 lengths.

LIBBAN (f, 3, Laoban--All in Time, by Curlin) played bridesmaid in her May unveiling at this track but graduated in her next jump July 9 by over two lengths. Gone after that effort until Oct. 22, she won again against first-level allowance runners in the Belmont at Big A meet to mark her return to the races. Back at Gulfstream for this jump, the 6-5 favorite set the early pace but needed to stalk midway down the backstretch when a rival wrestled command away. Launching another bid for her lost advantage nearing the five-sixteenths marker, she rolled home by four lengths as Rosie's Halo (Jess's Dream) overtook that early challenger for the runner-up spot. Libban has three half-sisters--a 2-year-old Stress Reliever (**Practical Joke**), a yearling by **Honest Mischief** and a 2023 **Improbable**. All in Time went to Keepmeinmind for 2024. Sales history: \$25,000 Ylg '21 FTKFEB; \$70,000 Ylg '21 FTKJUL; \$250,000 2yo '22 FTFMAR. Lifetime Record: 4-3-1-0, \$127,030. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-C2 Racing Stable LLC and Braverman, Paul; B-Southern Equine Stables, LLC (KY); T-Saffie A. Joseph, Jr..



3rd-Fair Grounds, \$53,000, Alw (NW2L)/Opt. Clm (\$100,000), 12-3, 2yo, f, 1m (off turf), 1:40.77, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

SHOW OFF (f, 2, Lookin At Lucky--Ten K Cat {SP, \$122,515}, by Tale of the Cat) broke her maiden at first asking over the turf at Kentucky Downs Sept. 13 but was no factor late when facing winners last out at Keeneland on the dirt Oct. 15. Picking up Lasix for the first time Sunday, the even-money chalk got hung out wide into the first turn but settled in after loose leader Love to Eat (Mitole) up the backstretch. Improved to second past the half in :48.88, Show Off came on wide in to reel in Love to Eat inside the sixteenth marker and win by 1 3/4 lengths as the pacesetter held on for second. The Gary and Mary West homebred has a yearling half-sister by **West Coast**, a stallion also campaigned by the Wests. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$125,058. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O/B-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc. (KY); T-Brad H. Cox.

4th-Fair Grounds, \$52,000, Alw, 12-3, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.47, ft, 7 1/2 lengths.

MUCHO MACHO GIRL (f, 3, Mucho Macho Man--Tacit Approval, by Tapit) broke her maiden at this venue on first-asking back in March but never recovered from a poor start Oct. 14 at Keeneland against a salty first-level allowance which showcased runners like GSP Accede (Into Mischief), SP Rosie's

Alibi (**Justify**) and a couple expensive auction purchases like \$1.25-million KEESEP purchase Pumpkin Scone (Into Mischief). Crowned the 6-5 favorite against a mixed field of runners, almost all with a much longer resume, Mucho Macho Girl proved the lack of seasoning on her end was no problem. Flashing good early foot to get to the front, she never gave the field a second thought as she coasted in 7 1/2 lengths on top with Coexist (**Creative Cause**) closing from the back to take second. The half-sister to Saturday's GII Cigar Mile H. winner Hoist the Gold (**Mineshaft**), the victress is the most recent to the races from three of age. Tacit Approval has also produced a yearling filly Anakarina (Vekoma) as well as a 2023 full-brother to Much Macho Girl and eldest winning sister Mucho Macho Momma. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$62,575. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O-Dream Team One Racing Stable; B-Dream Team Racing (KY); T-Dallas Stewart. *1/2 to Hoist the Gold (**Mineshaft**), MGSW & MGISP, \$1,119,547.



ANOTHER TRAVIS DURR GRADUATE

8th-Remington, \$35,000, Alw, 12-2, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39.29, ft, 6 lengths.

FLASHY LASS (f, 3, Street Sense--Open House, by Tapit) broke her maiden last-time out at Keeneland Oct. 22 before selling privately to Gus King and changing barns to Ron Moquett. Half a step slow on the break, the 3-5 favorite had to settle for a stalking position as a wall of horses impeded her running from just ahead. As running room finally opened around the turn, Flashy Lass tipped outside of the early pacesetter and drew off inside the final furlong to defeat Holly Dolly (Brody's Cause) by six lengths. Open House, a half to GISW and Gary and Mary West-campaigned West Will Power (Bernardini), sold for \$25,000 at last month's KEENOV Sale in foal to **Game Winner**. She has a yearling **Munnings** colt and a filly by **Maximum Security** still to race. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$88,450. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O-Gus King; B-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc. (KY); T-Ron Moquett.



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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

5th-Turfway, \$70,000, Msw, 12-2, 3yo/up, 1m (AWT), 1:37.89, ft, 1/2 length.

LIFE AT SEA (g, 3, West Coast--Irish Jasper {MGSW, \$560,300}, by First Defence) hit the board twice in a pair of one-mile turf starts but was last seen as the beaten favorite at Tampa Feb. 19. Now in Cherie DeVaux's barn, the 7-2 shot was cut off shortly after the break and raced near the back of the field through the early going. With only one rival beat behind a bunched-up group into the far turn, the gelding began to pick it up along the rail before angling out at the furlong marker to sweep by the field and score by a half-length over Presider (Connect). The 59th overall winner for sophomore sire West Coast, Life At Sea has a yearling half-sister by Honor A. P. And a weanling Twirling Candy half-brother. Irish Jasper visited Candy Ride (Arg) for 2024. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-0, \$80,288. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O/B-W. S. Farish (KY); T-Cherie DeVaux.



8th-Gulfstream, \$67,000, Msw, 12-3, 2yo, 6 1/2f, 1:17.72, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

PURE CLASS (c, 2, The Big Beast--I'mclassyandsassy {SP}, by Master Command) was a three-time bridesmaid coming into the race, including missing by a head last out Nov. 3 in a state-bred maiden at track and near trip. Hustled along after the break here, he brushed with a rival while shifting out three off the rail heading for home and went clear in the final sixteenth to win by 2 1/4 lengths over Starship Mocha (Always Dreaming). A full-brother to Big and Classy, GSP, \$355,920 and Sassy Beast, SW, \$297,110 as well as a half to Family Biz (Fed Biz), SP, \$439,120, Pure Class is the fifth winner from as many full-siblings to the races for the dam. I'mclassyandsassy delivered the sixth full-sibling when she had her 2022 filly and also produced a 2023 colt by Violence. She went to Girvin for 2024. Lifetime Record: 4-1-3-0, \$68,200. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O/B-Alex & JoAnn Lieblong (FL); T-David Fawkes.

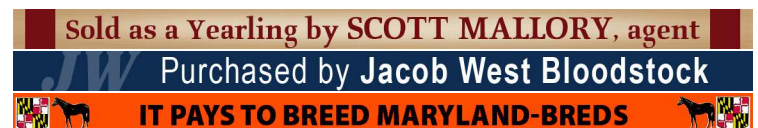
9th-Del Mar, \$64,500, Msw, 12-2, 2yo, f, 1mT, 1:36.86, fm, 1 3/4 lengths.

GOLDEN GHOST (GB) (f, 2, Medaglia d'Oro--Villa Marina {GB} {G1SW-Fr, \$452,712}, by Le Havre {Ire}), not seen since a pair of starts at Saratoga in August, shipped west and broke at odds of 5-2 Saturday. Sharp from the gate, she was three wide for the early lead but was outsprinted by an inner pair into the first turn. Enjoying a rail-hugging trip throughout, Golden Ghost was able to come through along the rail into the stretch and open up to win by 1 3/4 lengths over Everything Bugs Me (Catalina Cruiser). A daughter of Group 1-winning mare Villa Marina (GB), Golden Ghost has a yearling half-brother by Frankel (GB) and a weanling Kingman (GB) half-sister. Sales History: \$500,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$50,430. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O-D. J. Stable LLC; B-Alpha Delta Stables, LLC (GB); T-Mark E. Casse.



3rd-Laurel, \$59,140, Msw, 12-3, 2yo, 1m, 1:40.87, sy, 7 1/4 lengths.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY (c, 2, Connect--Sustained {GSP, \$184,629}, by War Front), purchased by Repole Stable for \$160,000 as a yearling last September, jumped out to the early lead but took pressure from Neil to the King (Force the Pass) through a half in :46.31. As that pressure began to fade, the 3-1 shot easily began to open up into the lane and drew off at will to graduate by 7 1/4 lengths over Albert Finnigan (Golden Lad). Sustained, already responsible for Ethereal Road (Quality Road), SW & GSP, \$406,654 and Turned Aside (American Pharoah), GSW-USA, GSP-Can, \$327,317, reported a filly by Quality Road this year and visited Olympiad for 2024. Sales History: \$160,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$35,880. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O-Repole Stable; B-2500 Determined Stud (MD); T-Brittany T. Russell.



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6 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners

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HANDICAP RESULTS:

9th-Gulfstream, \$82,000, Hcp, 12-3, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y (AWT), 1:40.10, ft, 3 1/4 lengths.

SAND AND SEA (m, 5, Liam's Map--Hard Mystery {SW, \$179,833}, by Hard Spun) Lifetime Record: 16-4-3-3, \$228,493. O-James S. Karp; B-Dennis Farkas (IN); T-Riley Mott. *\$110,000 Wlg '18 FTKNOV; \$180,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP.



ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

6th-Aqueduct, \$80,000, (S), (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$45,000), 12-3, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:49.32, sy, 13 1/2 lengths.

MAMA'S GOLD (c, 3, Bolt d'Oro--In Spite of Mama, by Speightstown) Lifetime Record: 12-4-1-0, \$162,901. O-Joseph R. Hardoon; B-William Butler (NY); T-Chad Summers. *1/2 to My Mane Squeeze (Audible), SW, \$183,960; 1/2 to Rotknee (Runhappy), MSW & GSP, \$497,955; 1/2 to Lookin for Trouble (Into Mischief), MSP, \$170,220.

10th-Gulfstream, \$62,000, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 12-3, 3yo/up, f/m, 5f (AWT) (off turf), :56.14, ft, 1/2 length.

CHOOSE JOY (m, 6, Munnings--Elegantly, by Arch) Lifetime Record: 21-9-5-1, \$358,775. O/T-Steven Dwoskin; B-Colts Neck Stables LLC (KY). *\$35,000 2yo '19 OBSOPN.



5th-Gulfstream, \$54,000, (S), (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 12-3, 3yo/up, 7f, 1:22.70, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

ENSIGN PARKER (g, 5, Soldat--Worldly Heiress, by Wildcat Heir) Lifetime Record: 38-5-7-5, \$187,985. O-Shea D Boy's Stable; B-Richard Dunn (FL); T-Carlos A. David. *1/2 to She's Lookin Lucky (Lookin At Lucky), SP, \$216,070.

7th-Fair Grounds, \$54,000, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 12-3, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:04.81, ft, 3/4 length.

MIDNIGHT ESCAPE (c, 4, Speightstown--Enquete {SP}, by Indian Charlie) Lifetime Record: 16-4-4-2, \$133,621. O-Berva Megson, Hooves and Saddles, LLC and Silver Lining Racing, LLC; B-Wertheimer Et Frere (KY); T-Javier Hernandez.

6th-Fair Grounds, \$53,000, 12-3, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.55, ft, 1 length.

BOSS' DIALIN IN (g, 4, Dialed In--Lady Vi {SW, \$210,017}, by Tale of the Cat) Lifetime Record: 8-2-3-1, \$99,230. O-Robert Joseph and Dana Salome; B-Redmon Farm, LLC (KY); T-Joe O. Duhon. *\$57,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP; \$95,000 RNA 2yo '21 FTFMAR.



7th-Laurel, \$48,300, (C), 12-3, (C), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:46.77, sy, 1/2 length.

YOUR ANALYSIS (g, 4, Practical Joke--Love Abroad, by Hard Spun) Lifetime Record: 12-4-2-3, \$145,415. O-BB Horses; B-Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds, LLC (MD); T-Claudio A. Gonzalez.

8th-Laurel, \$48,300, (C), 12-3, (C), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.79, sy, head.

SHINELIKEADIAMOND (f, 4, Buffum--Middle Jewel, by Magna Graduate) Lifetime Record: 24-8-1-2, \$195,439. O-Madison Avenue Racing Stable, Inc. and Jagger, Inc.; B-Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth C. Holt & Mr. & Mrs. Richard Palumbo (MD); T-Jamie Ness.



7th-Charles Town, \$27,400, 12-2, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:20.94, ft, 1 length.

UNCAPTURED RUBY (m, 6, Uncaptured--Proud Brush, by Proudest Romeo) Lifetime Record: 35-7-2-4, \$120,394. O/T-Tina Malgarini-Mawing; B-Sherry R. Mansfield & Kenneth H. Davis (FL). *\$50,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Hattie T, f, 2, Force the Pass--Gabby's Brown, by Big Brown. Golden Gate Fields, 12-2, 6f (AWT), 1:12.12. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$18,000. B-Clover Hill Farm, Inc. (MD). *\$17,000 Ylg '22 EASOCT; \$25,000 2yo '23 EASMAY. **1ST-TIME STARTER.



Falfurrias, c, 2, Runhappy--Dancing to Town (SW, \$212,892), by Speightstown. Gulfstream, 12-3, (C), 1m 70y (AWT) (off turf), 1:41.85. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$32,775. B-Bass Stables, LLC (KY).



Collect From Ike, c, 3, Collected--Kiawah Gal, by Orb. Aqueduct, 12-3, (C), 6 1/2f, 1:17.48. Lifetime Record: 7-1-1-1, \$44,450. B-HinkleFarms (KY). *\$65,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP.



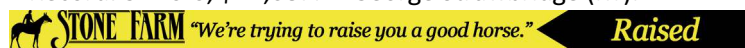
Rastaman Vibe, r, 2, More Than Ready--Kichita, by Kitten's Joy. Del Mar, 12-3, 1mT, 1:35.78. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-1, \$52,240. B-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd. (KY). *\$95,000 RNA Wlg '21 KEENOV; \$65,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP.



Express Line, g, 2, Union Rags--I'm a Flake, by Mineshaft. Del Mar, 12-3, (C), 6 1/2f, 1:17.32. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$21,500. B-Dixiana Farms LLC (KY). *\$425,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. **Full to Express Train, GISW, \$1,443,800.

My Balboa, g, 3, Fiber Sonde--Rockabye Lady, by Rock Hard Ten. Charles Town, 12-2, (S), 4 1/2f, :52.76. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, \$24,831. B-Cynthia OBannon McKee (WV).

Enahm, g, 3, Ghostzapper--Kundray, by Distorted Humor. Woodbine, 12-3, (C), 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:47.40. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$21,087. B-George Strawbridge (KY).



Theroanrunner, f, 3, Liam's Map--Noelle's Mischiefs, by Into Mischiefs. Fair Grounds, 12-3, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:46.53. Lifetime Record: 7-1-1-0, \$59,719. B-Edwin Anthony (KY). *\$150,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. **Full to Hot Fudge, SP, \$290,405.

Toffee, f, 4, Twirling Candy--Izarra (MGISP, \$114,800), by Distorted Humor. Fair Grounds, 12-3, 6f, 1:11.67. Lifetime Record: 11-1-2-0, \$78,108. B-Whitham Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY).

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Bolt d'Oro, Mama's Gold, c, 3, o/o In Spite of Mama, by Speightstown. AOC, 12-3, Aqueduct

Buffum, Shinelikeadiamond, f, 4, o/o Middle Jewel, by Magna Graduate. ALW, 12-3, Laurel

Central Banker, Morning Matcha, f, 4, o/o Home Ice, by Iam the Iceman. New York Stallion Series S., 12-3, Aqueduct

Collected, Collect From Ike, c, 3, o/o Kiawah Gal, by Orb. MCL, 12-3, Aqueduct

Connect, Great Opportunity, c, 2, o/o Sustained, by War Front. MSW, 12-3, Laurel

Dialed In, Boss' Dialin In, g, 4, o/o Lady Vi, by Tale of the Cat. ALW, 12-3, Fair Grounds

Fast Anna, Leslie's Loot, f, 2, o/o Wicked Storm, by Stormy Atlantic. AOC, 12-3, Aqueduct

Fiber Sonde, My Balboa, g, 3, o/o Rockabye Lady, by Rock Hard Ten. MSW, 12-2, Charles Town

Flintshire (GB), Surge Capacity, f, 3, o/o Strong Incentive, by Warrior's Reward. GI Matriarch S., 12-3, Del Mar

Force the Pass, Hattie T, f, 2, o/o Gabby's Brown, by Big Brown. MSW, 12-2, Golden Gate

Ghostzapper, Enahm, g, 3, o/o Kundray, by Distorted Humor. MOC, 12-3, Woodbine

Havana Grey (GB), Almendares (GB), g, 3, o/o Glace (Ire), by Verglas (Ire). AOC, 12-3, Del Mar

Laoban, Libban, f, 3, o/o All in Time, by Curlin. AOC, 12-3, Gulfstream

Laoban, Today's Flavor, g, 5, o/o Evangelical, by Speightstown. New York Stallion Series S., 12-3, Aqueduct

Lemon Drop Kid, Conglomerate, g, 6, o/o Maddy's Heart, by Lion Hearted. GIII Valedictory S., 12-3, Woodbine

Liam's Map, Sand and Sea, m, 5, o/o Hard Mystery, by **Hard Spun**. HCP, 12-3, Gulfstream

Liam's Map, Theroanrunner, f, 3, o/o Noelle's Mischief, by Into Mischief. MSW, 12-3, Fair Grounds

Lookin At Lucky, Show Off, f, 2, o/o Ten K Cat, by Tale of the Cat. AOC, 12-3, Fair Grounds

Medaglia d'Oro, Condemn, c, 4, o/o Sentence, by **Blame**. AOC, 12-2, Turfway

Medaglia d'Oro, Golden Ghost (GB), f, 2, o/o Villa Marina (GB), by Le Havre (Ire). MSW, 12-2, Del Mar

More Than Ready, Rastaman Vibe, r, 2, o/o Kichita, by Kitten's Joy. MSW, 12-3, Del Mar

Mucho Macho Man, Mucho Macho Girl, f, 3, o/o Tacit Approval, by **Tapit**. ALW, 12-3, Fair Grounds

Munnings, Choose Joy, m, 6, o/o Elegantly, by Arch. AOC, 12-3, Gulfstream

Practical Joke, Your Analysis, g, 4, o/o Love Abroad, by **Hard Spun**. ALW, 12-3, Laurel

Runhappy, Falfurrias, c, 2, o/o Dancing to Town, by **Speightstown**. MOC, 12-3, Gulfstream

Soldat, Ensign Parker, g, 5, o/o Worldly Heiress, by Wildcat Heir. AOC, 12-3, Gulfstream

Speightstown, Midnight Escape, c, 4, o/o Enquete, by Indian Charlie. AOC, 12-3, Fair Grounds

Street Sense, Flashy Lass, f, 3, o/o Open House, by **Tapit**. ALW, 12-2, Remington

Summer Front, Stay Hot, r, 2, o/o Etsu, by Smart Strike. GIII Cecil B. DeMille S., 12-3, Del Mar

The Big Beast, Pure Class, c, 2, o/o I'mclassyandsassy, by Master Command. MSW, 12-3, Gulfstream

Twirling Candy, Toffee, f, 4, o/o Izarra, by Distorted Humor. MSW, 12-3, Fair Grounds

Uncaptured, Uncaptured Ruby, m, 6, o/o Proud Brush, by Proudest Romeo. ALW, 12-2, Charles Town

Union Rags, Express Line, g, 2, o/o I'm a Flake, by **Mineshaft**. MCL, 12-3, Del Mar

Violence, Marissa's Lady, f, 4, o/o Marissa's Joy, by Cee's Tizzy. Holiday Inaugural S., 12-2, Turfway

West Coast, Life At Sea, g, 3, o/o Irish Jasper, by First Defence. MSW, 12-2, Turfway

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FULL HOUSE IN NEWMARKET AS MARES GRAB THE SPOTLIGHT AT TATTERSALLS



The team from Japan's Northern Farm has been hard at work at Park Paddocks since last week | *Tattersalls*

By Emma Berry

NEWMARKET, UK--There are no hotel rooms left in Newmarket. Visitors to Tattersalls are not only spread far and wide across Suffolk and Cambridgeshire but have come from far and wide too.

The largest ever contingent from Japan is expected at Park Paddocks this week, and with most of the stallion farms in the region displaying signs saying 'open house' it's the perfect time for international breeders also to consider using a local stallion to cover a new purchase before export. The locals are pretty good after all. **Frankel (GB)** handed the champion sire trophy to his Newmarket neighbour Dubawi (Ire) at the end of last year and the Juddmonte star is just about to reclaim his title.

There are six mares in foal to **Frankel** in this week's December Mares catalogue and while there are none carrying to Dubawi, there are 12 opportunities to buy a mare in foal to the young British sire currently tearing up the charts: Havana Grey (GB). They include Zuhoor Baynoona (Ire) (Elnadim), a half-sister to the dual Group 1 winner Hello Youmzain (Fr) (Kodiac {GB}), who has already produced three winners and is being sold by Cheveley Park Stud as Lot 1651. **Cont. p3**

YOUNG SIRES: WHO'S BACKING WHO TO BE A SUCCESS IN 2024? By Brian Sheerin

With the foal sales at Goffs and Tattersalls confined to the rear view mirror, perhaps now is the time to get a good gauge on the young sires coming through.

Bragging rights belong to **St Mark's Basilica (Fr)**, who topped the December Foal Sale at Tattersalls when a filly by the multiple Group 1-winning stallion out of Oaks winner Talent (GB) sold for 575,000gns.

The **St Mark's Basilica** sale-topper was consigned by Ashbrittle Stud and bought by agent Jill Lamb on behalf of Newsells Park Stud, with the former labelling the filly as the nicest foal that she had seen by the stallion.

Add that result to a 180,000gns colt to Camas Park Stud, a filly to Ronald Rauscher for 175,000gns and a colt to Yeomanstown Stud for 130,000gns, it's fair to say **St Mark's Basilica** stamped his authority as a force to be reckoned with. **Cont. p7**

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In this the latest Week In Review, Bill Finley takes a closer look at the recent ruling on the Triple Crown winner's disqualification from his 2018 Santa Anita Derby win.





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The judges were out in force at Shadwell's Beech House Stud: from left, Nick Pocock, Julian Ince, John O'Kelly, Derek Veitch, Paul Thorman, John Bourke and Nick Bradley | Emma Berry

EQUINOX TURNED RACES INTO PROCESSIONS

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Paul Hayward looks back at the champion's sparkling performance in his career finale in the Japan Cup.

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Lemon Pop (Lemon Drop Kid) defies history to become only the fourth horse to annex both JRA Group 1 dirt races in the same year with a score in Sunday's G1 Champions Cup at Chukyo.

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Godolphin's Ribble Vibe ([Sea The Stars](#)), a half brother to multiple Group 1 winner Ribchester, lands his career unveiling by three lengths at Deauville.

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Bobby's Kitten and a full house at Lanwades | Emma Berry

Driving rain throughout Sunday didn't stop plenty of hardy breeders getting around to the stallion farms on the quiet day between the end of the foal sale and the start of the mares.

At Lanwades, there was an extra treat in store, and I don't mean the excellent fish pie. Along with inspecting Bobby's Kitten, Sea The Moon (Ger) and Study Of Man (Ire), there was the chance to see Bobby's Kitten's newly retired daughter, the treble Group 2 winner Sandrine (GB), and Listed winner Alpenblume (GB) (Kendargent {Fr}), the half-sister to last year's Arc heroine Alpinista (GB). Both will be visiting Alpinista's sire **Frankel (GB)** in the new year.

Beech House Stud is now properly back in business as a stallion operation with the Shadwell trio of Baaeed (GB), Mohaather (GB) and Mostahdaf (Ire) all based there permanently. The new year heralds important times for all three. Mostahdaf is set to cover his first book of mares as Baaeed's first foals arrive on the ground. Come spring and summer we shall start to see how the good-walking Mohaather gets on with his first runners.

A Baaeed bobble hat graced the top of the Shadwell Christmas tree, loyally decorated in blue and white, and a newly installed stallion roll of honour reminded us just what an important place Beech House Stud has been over the years. For a small taster, think Nearco, Crepello, St Paddy and Ardross.

On to Dalham Hall Stud to see a trio of new recruits and the marquee proved very popular thanks to the mulled wine, giant doughnuts and a few moments to dry out in the warmth. Modern Games (Ire) already looked properly settled in the yard which has also been the long-term home of his sire Dubawi (Ire) and broodmare sire New Approach (Ire).

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WORTH FLAGGING UP

Cheveley Park Stud's select consignment of in-foal mares and fillies at the Tattersalls December Sales includes:

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Fellow newcomer Triple Time (Ire) looked equally at home posing outside the box of Cracksman (GB), who was the first son of **Frankel (GB)** to retire to stud in Britain and is this year joined by Triple Time, Mostahdaf and Chaldean (GB) in Newmarket alone, while Onesto (Ire) is now at stud in France, and Adayar (Ire) and Westover (GB) are settling in to a new life in Japan.

There was also the opportunity to see the imposing former champion two-year-old and Classic winner Native Trail (GB) before he starts his stud career at Kildangan Stud in Ireland. Fading light, encroaching cold and the need to scribble a few notes meant that visits to other farms will have to be made in the coming days, but a heartfelt thank you to all the studs for being so accommodating, and special thanks to the hardy stallion handlers showing in the cold and wet weather. Your efforts are hugely appreciated.



Darley's new recruit Triple Time with Cracksman watching on |
Emma Berry

A New but Familiar Name Joins the Consigning Ranks

With Tattersalls being back in the spotlight from 9.30 on Monday morning, we return to this week's important business of selling fillies and mares. Mark McStay, the man behind Avenue Bloodstock, has added a new string to his bow in

launching a consigning element to his business under the name of Avenue Sales. McStay brings two mares who have each been represented by high-class winners during 2023.

Opening up the first of two Sceptre Sessions on Monday will be Sulaalat (GB) (New Approach {Ire}) the 11-year-old dam of G2 Rockfel S. winner Carla's Way (Ire) (**Starspangledbanner {Aus}**) and from the family of the champion racemare The Fugue (GB) (Dansili {GB}).

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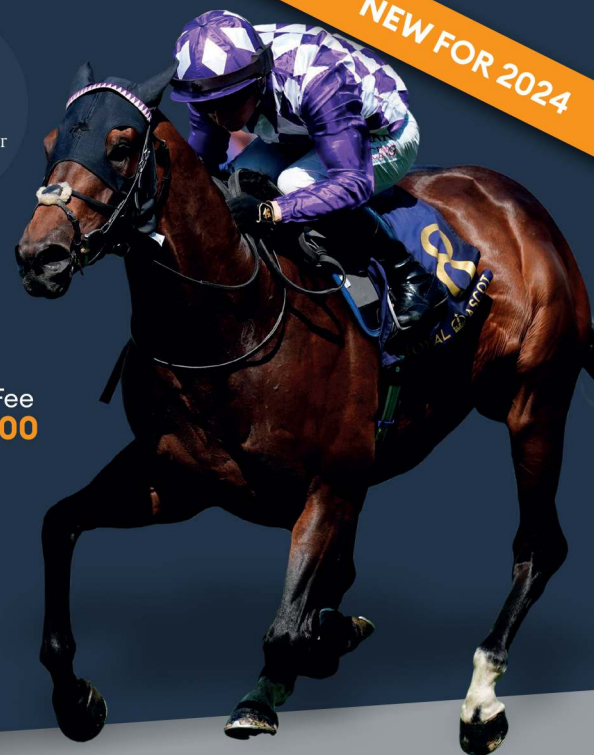
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By **SAM WESTERSIDE**



ST MARK'S STEALS THE SHOW

Given he is a Gr.1-winning juvenile and quadruple Gr.1 winner at three, including two French Classic victories, it would be fair to say that Coolmore's **St Mark's Basilica** is used to having his name in lights. However, his prestige on the track was complemented yesterday by a 575,000gns filly at the Tattersalls December Foal Sale, which topped the day's trade.

Consigned by Ashbottle Stud as **Lot 869**, the half-sister to the Gr.2 victrix and Gr.1-placed **Ambition (Dubawi)**, out of the Gr.1 Oaks heroine **Talent (New Approach)**, was purchased by Jill Lamb Bloodstock and Newsells Park Stud, after a lengthy bidding war.

Newsells General Manager, Julian Dollar, commented on the purchase: "It wasn't our plan to be buying a filly foal this week, but Jill [Lamb] had highlighted to Graham [Smith-Bernal] what a nice filly she was. She was absolutely gorgeous and I did not think we would be able to get her, but Graham was very brave and bid strong, which is exactly what you have to do in this market if you want to buy something special."

"She is very much a filly for us to race with and then have in the paddocks to become part of our broodmare band. As a stud manager, I am absolutely thrilled to have a filly of this quality to race and have in our paddocks in time. I am absolutely thrilled."

Three more six-figure lots emerged for the sire throughout the day, including a Norris Bloodstock-consigned half-brother to the Gr.3-winning filly **Ville De Grace (Le Havre; Lot 987)**, who was taken home by Camas Park Stud for 180,000gns.

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LANDMARK RESULT FOR ST MARK'S BASILICA WITH 575K SALE-TOPPER AT TATTERSALLS



Jill Lamb bought the St Mark's Basilica topper | Tattersalls

By Brian Sheerin

Friday marked a breakout result for five-time Group 1-winner **St Mark's Basilica (Fr)** as a filly by Coolmore's freshman sire out of the Oaks winner **Talent (GB)** (**New Approach {Ire}**) topped the December Foal Sale at Tattersalls on 575,000gns...

... It was bloodstock agent Jill Lamb, bidding on behalf of Newsells Park Stud, who came out on top for the most expensive foal sold at public auction in Europe or North America this year.

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ST MARK'S BASILICA

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"Historically I've sold my own horses or unofficially helped my parents when they've been selling yearlings over the years," McStay explained. "I've been standing outside stable doors for 30 years, so this was always something that I thought I'd do at some stage. For the last few years I've helped Taylor Made when they've brought horses over. Obviously I have a number of clients with some nice stock that they wanted to sell, particularly the two that we have here this week."

He continues, "We had a couple of late withdrawals which means that the consignment is a little smaller than I had envisaged but it's a good starting point."

"We have the dam of Carla's Way, who is by New Approach, a really good broodmare sire. She's a good-looking mare and Carla's Way was awesome at the breeze-up sales and she's turned out to be one of the superstars on the track this year who is now a live Guineas prospect."



Sulaalaat, dam of Carla's Way | Emma Berry

Anisette (GB) (Awtaad {Ire}), who started her winning in England this time last year, has flourished since moving to the United States, where she has won the GI Del Mar Oaks and GII San Clemente H for Leonard Powell. Her dam, Tutti Frutti (GB) (Teofilo {Ire}), a close relation to the G1 Nassau S. winner Sultanina (GB) (New Approach {Ire}), is also 11 and is consigned by Avenue Sales on behalf of the Morera Partnership in Tuesday's Sceptre Session as Lot 1774.

"Anisette was bred by some friends of mine and then I sold her to Aron Wellman of Eclipse Thoroughbreds," McStay says. "I've followed her career with huge interest and she's the highest-rated three-year-old turf filly in America at the moment."

She goes for the American Oaks on 26 December. She's already a Grade I and a Grade II winner out there and she's a really exciting prospect.

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The successful association continues with multiple Group 1 winner Luxembourg being born and raised here, as was their 2023 Goffs Orby Sale topper.



YEGUADA CENTURION

Relative newcomers to the industry Leopoldo and Marilina Fernandez showed everyone how it is done this year as breeders of European Group 1 winners Blue Rose Cen and Big Rock along with Breeders' Cup winner Hard To Justify.

Brilliant 'Arc' winner Ace Impact, bred by Mme Waltraut Spanner was foaled at Coolmore's Castlehyde Stud.

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"The mare is in foal to **Magna Grecia** and she's a magnificent-looking mare, so hopefully she will sell very well."

Of his decision to branch out into consigning, he adds, "Being a bloodstock agent, you're a natural salesperson, whether you're buying or standing outside a stable door selling a horse. When you're buying you have to sell the idea to the client and pitch the horse to the end-user. These two mares should really sell themselves but I'll have my shoulder to the wheel to make sure we can get the last bid for my clients. It's important that people feel like you're working for them if they've put their faith in you, and over the last few years in my agency business I've been fortunate that I've had people who have put their faith in me."

"This is now a progression in my life, and my wife Eva is going to be involved. And we've got great staff: Mick O'Dwyer and Tony Murphy are going to be helping us, and fingers crossed that it will build and keep going."

"I'm really excited, and Tattersalls have put together a great catalogue, so let's hope that it all falls into place."

It's not all about the Sceptre Sessions, however. At all levels of the market there are entries with plenty going for them. Lot 1386 Rekindle (GB), was bought from the Juddmonte draft at this sale five years ago for 170,000gns. Though unraced, it is easy why she commanded such a price as the daughter of **Frankel** is out of Hot Snap (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), herself a Group

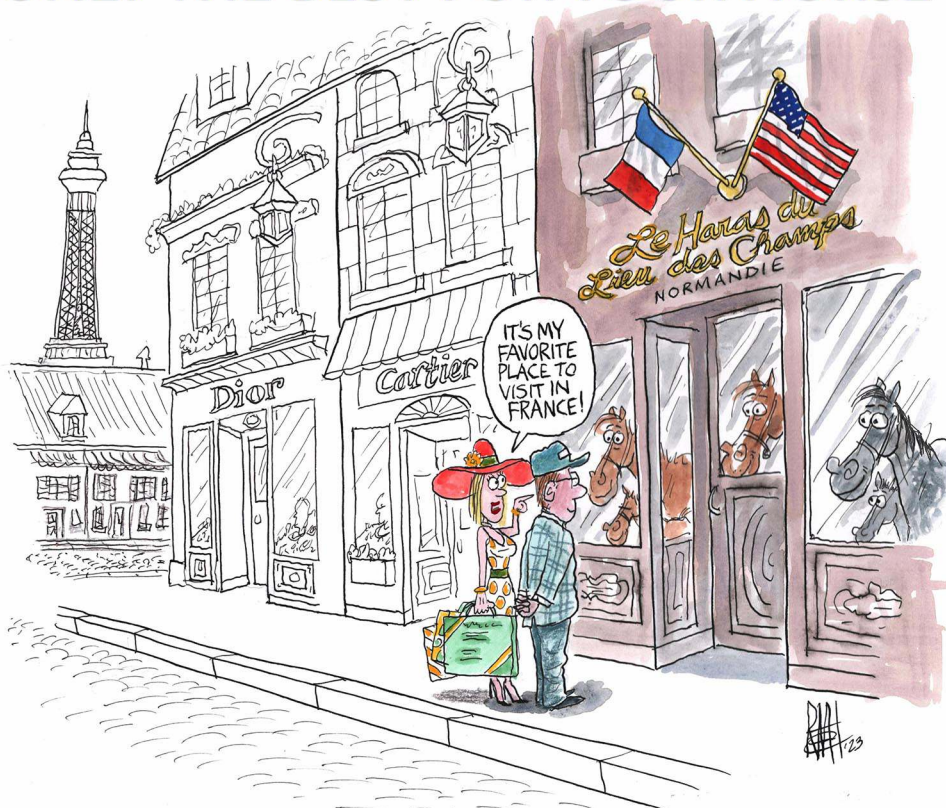
3-winning half-sister to the brilliant Midday (GB) (**Oasis Dream** {GB}). Returning at the age of eight, Rekindle is now offered for sale by Houghton Bloodstock in foal to Too Darn Hot (GB), whose eight foals sold last week averaged 126,500gns on the back of a solid season for his first runners.

The Juddmonte draft this time is split between the Monday and Tuesday and on each day is scheduled to sell just ahead of the Sceptre Sessions. On Tuesday there is the rare chance to buy a daughter of blue hen Hasili (GB) when Very Good News (Empire Maker) is offered as Lot 1754 with a March 31 cover to New Bay (GB). Among her four winners, the 15-year-old mare has two stakes-placed multiple winners by **Frankel** and also has a two-year-old filly and yearling colt by the same stallion still to run for her.

As already mentioned, the next few months will see the appearance of the first foals of last year's top-rated turf horse in the world, Baaed (GB). If you can't wait to send Baaed a mare in 2024, there are 11 mares to be sold in foal to him this week, including Patronising (GB). The daughter of Galileo (Ire) is Lot 1824 from Minster Enterprises and is a half-sister to the Group 1 winner Lillie Langtry (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) whose own Galileo-sired dynasty includes the Classic winners Minding (Ire), Tuesday (Ire) and Empress Josephine (Ire).

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The **St Mark's Basilica** Sale-Topper | Tattersalls

Space Blue (Ire) was the other big name whose first foals were eagerly anticipated at Goffs and Tattersalls. A colt by the Kildangan-based stallion caught the attention of Baroda Stud at €140,000 at Goffs while the triple Group 1 winner enjoyed solid trade at Tattersalls with a filly making 95,000gns and two colts selling for 80,000gns apiece.

'Yeomanstown Don't Come Up With A Bad One Too Often'

Peter Kelly summed Supremacy (Ire) up at Goffs when, after selling his half-brother by the stallion to Group 3-winning juvenile Caught U Looking for €180,000, he said, 'Yeomanstown don't come up with a bad horse too often.' The early signs are that the O'Callaghans could be on to a decent one with Supremacy with 31 foals selling at Goffs for an average of €30,952.

The Six-Figure Lots For Starman

Three foals--two colts and a filly--by Starman (GB) have cleared six figures between Goffs and Tattersalls. Two of those were snapped up by Tally-Ho Stud, where the Group 1-winning sprinter will stand at €10,000 for 2024. Jimmy Murphy of Redpender Stud was another notable supporter of the stallion when signing for a Starman colt for €120,000 at Goffs. 'Flash' Conroy, Timmy Hyde of Camas Park Stud and the Gleeson brothers were other notable buyers.

Vega Looking Lucky

One of the stories to emerge from Goffs was the positivity at which the market met Lucky Vega (Ire). The Group 1-winning juvenile, who stands at the Irish National Stud, achieved sales of €75,000, €72,000 and €65,000.



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Nando The Surprise Package

Fellow Irish National Stud-based stallion Nando Parrado (GB) could be viewed as something of a surprise package. Standing for just €6,000, he achieved a rock-solid average of €17,800 for 20 foals sold at Goffs with three foals clearing €30,000. A 20,500gns average for six foals sold at Tattersalls represented another good innings for the son of Kodiak (GB) who makes plenty of appeal to breeders operating on a budget.

Alkumait Packing A Punch

Similar comment could apply to Alkumait (GB), the Showcasing (GB) half-brother to 2,000 Guineas winner Chaldean (GB) (Frankel {GB}), who stands for €5,000. Two foals by Alkumait sold for €32,000 and €30,000 at Goffs, with top judges Shane and Alex Power of Tradewinds signing for the latter.

Lope Y Looking Good

A 100,000gns colt capped a memorable debut performance for the foals by Lope Y Fernandez (Ire). Standing at the National Stud for £8,500, Lope Y Fernandez is averaging more than

double that fee on 50 foals sold in Britain and Ireland. He has earned the plaudits of some top judges and, along with a 100,000gns colt sold at Tattersalls, Kelly Equine also signed for a colt by the stallion for 78,000gns.



A nomination to multiple Group 1-winner Paddington (Siyouni) will be auctioned to raise funds on behalf of injured jockey Graham Lee on Day 1 of the Tattersalls December Mare Sale Monday, Dec. 4. The lot will be offered immediately ahead of the first 'Sceptre' lot (1527). Click [here](#) for the complete story. |

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Top Judges Row In Behind Pinatubo

Of the stallions with their first runners next year, it seems as though Pinatubo (Ire) is the one that the majority are rowing in behind. It was a fair achievement for Pinatubo to finish third in the sires table at Tattersalls in terms of aggregate. Granted, Pinatubo was well-represented with 14 foals selling throughout the week, but perhaps the metric to concentrate on here is that his average of 115,500gns and aggregate of 1,617,000gns is greater than what the brilliant first-season sire Blue Point (Ire) achieved through the very same representation. For Blue Point's 14 foals, he cleared an average of 109,929gns and an average of 1,539,000gns. Could Pinatubo chart a similar path next season?

Strong Support For Ghaiyyath

The strength behind Ghaiyyath (Ire) continued last week, with 10 foals selling for an average of 97,500gns, but most interesting was the support from within. Godolphin signed for just four foals last week, two of which were by Ghaiyyath--a colt and a filly respectively to the tune of 540,000gns. That followed on from a bumper performance from Ghaiyyath at Goffs where 23 foals sold for just shy of a €50,000 average and an aggregate of €1,127,500 which made him the second-highest performing stallion at the Irish sale.

The figures held up at Tattersalls last week with 10 foals selling for an average of 97,500gns. It's probably an understatement to describe the Darley operation to be in good health with a view towards next season. Rare has there been a more exciting time for the outfit.

Earthlight Adds To The Excitement At Darley

Earthlight (Ire) adds to that excitement at Darley. There were just six foals by the stallion at Tattersalls and they averaged 63,800gns. But the real story was how punters couldn't get enough of foals by Earthlight at Goffs with Yeomanstown Stud, Camas Park, Ballyphilip and Manister House Stud all featuring on the list of buyers where 13 sold for an average of €56,770.

Good Vibes Behind Mohaather

Of the other stallions with runners next year, Mohaather (GB) is one who continues to earn the respect in the ring. Not only does Shadwell have eight horses by the Group 1-winning miler to look forward to next season, but plenty of shrewd buyers snapped up yearlings by Mohaather this year. The foals were equally well-received with Mark Dwyer, Eddie O'Leary, 'Flash' Conroy and Shadwell themselves signing for foals by the big-walking stallion at Tattersalls.

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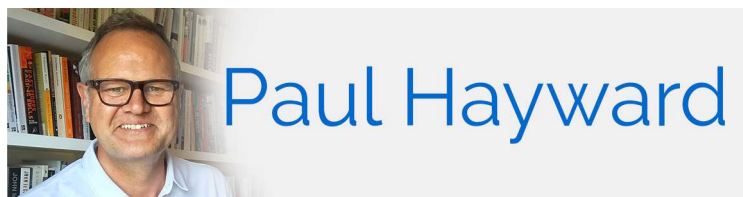
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ARQANA



Paul Hayward

EQUINOX, THE CHAMPION WHO TURNED RACES INTO PROCESSIONS

Crossing the line as Equinox sauntered home in the Japan Cup, Christophe Lemaire gave a little shake of his head and beamed as he tried unconvincingly to pat the horse's neck. Lemaire's disbelief was such that he went floppy with delight.

Championship races are not meant to be processions. Even legendary horses aren't supposed to be so superior to their contemporaries. While others bobbed and heaved with effort, Equinox arrived at the front in his races on the bridle, with Lemaire perched as if for a portrait painter. Then he would slip into a groove of precise, majestic speed, and kill the race.

Superiority on the scale Equinox displayed it contradicts everything we think about how competitive elite breeding and racing are. A Japan Cup or Dubai Sheema Classic is hard enough to win by half a length. But his wins in those races were outlandish.



Equinox had both his trainer and jockey in tears after his Japan Cup victory | *Racingfotos*

Equinox's final outing before he was retired to stud bore a distinctly Japanese flavour: 85,000 spectators in Tokyo, a rolling surf of noise from the gate to the line, the local rituals of reverence and respect. But it would be wrong to call him merely Big in Japan. The safest measure of his status as the world's best racehorse was on the one occasion he left his country - then left everything else in the Sheema Classic for dead.



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If you could take one Equinox victory to a desert island it would surely be the one in Dubai, which had the racecourse commentator calling him "the titan of the world's Turf." The Sheema Classic was the highest expression of his brilliance. It added global fame to his notoriety in Japan and lustre to his stallion career in a country quietly building a bloodstock empire.

In Cheltenham Festival season, in March, the TV screen lit up with a performance of astonishing beauty. The Meydan replays never lose their power. On the turn into the stretch we see Equinox up the ante, and Mostahdaf, who has him in his sights, starts to run through tar. While he bobs and heaves under his jockey's urgings, Equinox merely organises himself into a smooth surge that takes him away from a top-class field.



Equinox flanked by his winning connections
Racingfotos

When a genius comes along in other sports we say they are playing a different game to everyone else. Equinox ran in different races--his own--much as **Constitution** Hill does in National Hunt racing. In the Sheema Classic, Lemaire merely nudges him down the reins into his full imperious velocity. Every sheikh in the house must have winced with envy.

Discarded in his wake that night were the subsequent Arc runner-up Westover, the Grosser Preis von Baden winner Zagrey and of course Mostahdaf, who won the Prince of Wales's Stakes and Juddmonte International. From that moment Equinox's admirers (and his owners) were on safe ground. Yes, the desire took hold

to see him tackle the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, and confront Ace Impact; but that became a dream match-up only after Ace Impact had won so impressively, not before.

ONE OF THE WORLD'S LEADING SIRES

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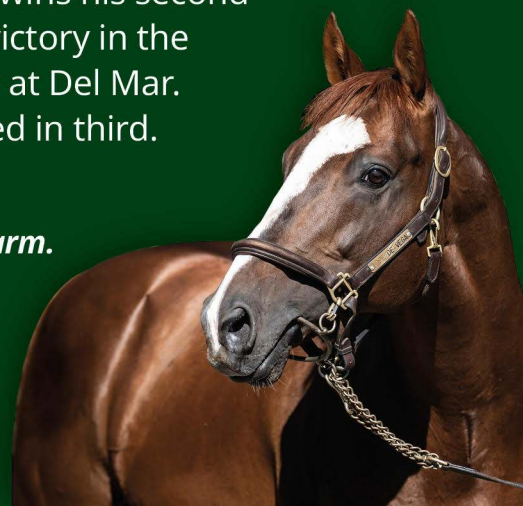
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NIGHT OF THUNDER

Crop after crop, Dubawi's finest proven stallion son is showing deep merit. And his best crop yet are two-year-olds of 2024...



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Nobody dodged Equinox on his final appearance. For a moment the doomed optimism of the 2022 Dubai Turf winner Panthalassa in blasting 10 lengths clear at the final turn made the race look like a test for Japan's champion. Nor was he alone in possessing a top-class cv. The Japanese fillies' Triple Crown winner Liberty Island made the first move on Panthalassa but Equinox swept past her as if she were a pensioner hurrying for a bus.

Even Lemaire was taken aback - hence the shake of the head as they pulled up. "When we got into the final straight, the horse just reacted to the point that even I was surprised," he said. "His acceleration was incredible. He's truly a super horse, smart, powerful and gentle, like a pony."

That nobility shines through. His dark bay coat and white blaze are other distinguishing features, along with his work ethic, his eagerness to quicken. It's this desire that most fascinates me about the best horses. They want to do it - though Equinox 'did it' so easily he left you bemused by the apparent lack of exertion.

Now his owners have decided he's exerted himself enough and will join his sire Kitasan Black at Shadai Stallion Station. It's our loss, but he is four years old, and has won six top races in a row.

Boxing reporters used to like tracking down the first or last fighter to beat a great champion, because the search often led to a nightclub doorman or shelf stacker. Do Deuce has the distinction of being the last horse to beat Equinox, in the 2022 Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby). Since then Do Deuce has finished 19th in the Arc (42 lengths behind Alpinista) and eight and a half and five and three quarter lengths behind Equinox in the Tenno Shun (Autumn) and Japan Cup respectively (his record since his neck win over Equinox is one victory in five).

Do Deuce was merely good. Equinox turned out to be supernatural: not only big in Japan but monstrous in Meydan: the kind of horse that makes you want to tell non-racing friends - stop what you're doing, and just watch this.

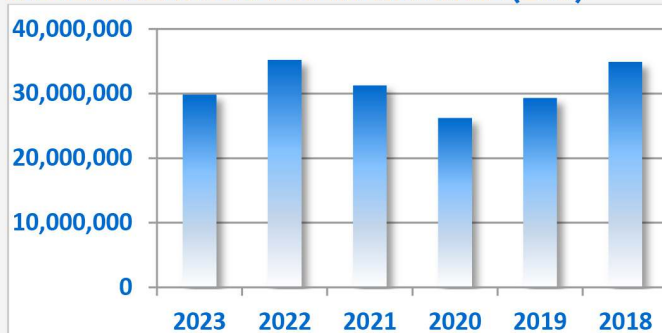
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TATTERSALLS DECEMBER FOAL SALE (EUR)



“The aggregate of 29,842,902gns was down 15% on last year while the average dropped 6% to 44,608gns. The clearance rate was more or less the same, dropping 1% to 75%, while the median dropped 19% to 21,000gns. ”

- Brian Sheerin

Year	Cat	Ring	Sold	%w/d	%s/r	%s/c	Gross	Ave
2023	1,084	888	669	18.0%	75.3%	61.7%	29,842,902 gns	44,608 gns
2022	1,173	983	744	16.2%	75.7%	63.4%	35,255,050 gns	47,386 gns
2021	1,072	906	734	15.5%	81.0%	68.5%	31,301,500 gns	42,645 gns
2020	934	791	628	15.3%	79.4%	67.2%	26,255,100 gns	41,807 gns
2019	1,125	921	663	17.1%	72.0%	58.9%	29,338,300 gns	44,251 gns
2018	1,175	969	681	17.6%	70.3%	58.0%	34,924,757 gns	51,285 gns

LEMON POP DEFIES DOUBTERS, HISTORY IN CHAMPIONS CUP *by Alan Carasso*



Lemon Pop | Horsephotos

In the G1 Champions Cup, one of two elite-level races on dirt on the JRA circuit, wide barriers are almost always the kiss of death. Drawn 15 of 15 for Sunday's 1800-metre event, Godolphin's **Lemon Pop** (Lemon Drop Kid) not only had that to overcome, but also lingering questions as to his ability to stay a trip this far. After all, his trainer Hiroyasu Tanaka needed some convincing by the Godolphin braintrust to try him in the G1 February S., a 1600-metre affair, which he duly won with something in the locker.

A trip to Dubai was ultimately decided upon, the G1 Golden Shaheen (1200m) versus the G2 Godolphin Mile. Lemon Pop was ultimately no factor, but even as many as eight months ago, Godolphin Japan President Harry Sweeney mentioned the Champions Cup as a potential target in a [Q&A with this reporter](#) ahead of World Cup night. That brand of outside-the-box thinking paid off handsomely Sunday afternoon at Chukyo Racecourse, as Lemon Pop became the fourth horse to win both JRA Group 1 dirt races in the same calendar year.

Favoured--albeit mildly so at \$3.80 (14-5)--Lemon Pop broke a bit to his right, but very alertly, and managed to show enough speed to come across the entire field and lead out from this year's G2 UAE Derby runner-up **Dura Erede (Jpn)** (Duramente {Jpn}) with 2021 winner **T O Keynes (Jpn)** (Sinister Minister) enjoying the gun run from third.

Lemon Pop had done some work to get there, having clocked :23.5 for the opening 400 metres, but he came back to Ryusei Sakai and got the opening 800m in :48.8, with Dura Erede keeping him honest. Traveling nicely within himself with his jockey sitting against him--similar to his win in the February--Lemon Pop was clear into the straight, pinched what appeared to be a winning break and was home comfortably first as **Wilson**

Tesoro (Jpn) (Kitasan Black {Jpn}) jumped out of the ground for second at rough odds. Dura Erede settled for a creditable third. Multiple international group winner **Crown Pride (Jpn)** (Reach the Crown {Jpn}) was disappointing in 11th with a bit of a wide trip, while the previously unbeaten **Seraphic Call (Jpn)** (Henny Hughes) finished 10th.

"Christmas has come early for us in Japan! And indeed if Santa Claus doesn't turn up in three weeks' time, we won't be too upset," Sweeney said on the Godolphin website. "Lemon Pop was awesome today--there can be no denying that. No horse drawn in the outside three stalls has even made the frame in the last decade, so Lemon Pop needed to overcome the obstacle of the widest draw of all. Also, doing it from the front is probably not the easiest way to win a Group 1, but he had little alternative because of the draw and it was another excellent ride for Ryusei Sakai. In truth, he looked all over the winner when turning in--he was still traveling very well while everyone else was hard at work."

In the aforementioned Q&A, Sweeney spoke of the honour of bringing a Godolphin-owned Japanese-based runner to Dubai to race before His Highness Sheikh Mohammed. A similar plan was in the works in 2021, when Lemon Pop was an intended runner in the UAE Derby, having won the 2020 Cattleja Sho on the Japan Road to the Kentucky Derby. But the injury bug bit, dashing those plans. His victory Sunday opens a few more doors as the calendar turns to 2024.

"Though five years old, he is relatively lightly raced and over four seasons has only run a total of 14 times," Sweeney said. "As he is in great form, we are hoping to keep him in training for another year and will be considering the G1 Saudi Cup before hopefully going back to Dubai in March."

A horse that has passed every test that's been set for him, Lemon Pop would have to be considered a major player in Riyadh and/or at Meydan.



Lemon Pop's winning connections | Horsephotos

BOBBY'S KITTEN

SIRE OF MULTIPLE GROUP WINNER SANDRINE



Fee: **£5,000**
(1st October SLF)

- Winner of the **Gr.1** Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint, beating **NO NAY NEVER**
- Sire of: **SANDRINE** – Winner of 4 **Group** races, including **Gr.2** Park Stakes (in **2023**), **Gr.2** Lennox Stakes, **Gr.2** Duchess of Cambridge Stakes and **Gr.3** Albany Stakes (also **Gr.1**-placed x2). Now a **Group** winner at 2, 3 and 4;
- Two year olds in **2023** include top-rated **ALMOTAHED (GB)** (unbeaten winner of 3 races in Saudi Arabia) and **DARK BLUE SKY (IRE)** (winner of 3 races in Hungary).

Outstanding lifetime winners to runners ratio

SEA THE MOON

SIRE OF 4 GROUP 1 WINNERS • CHAMPION SIRE IN GERMANY

A DUAL CLASSIC SIRE IN 2023

- Sire of 8 individual **Group** winners of 12 **Group** races in **2023** including:
FANTASTIC MOON (**Gr.1** German Derby, **Gr.2** Prix Niel and **Gr.3** Derby Trial)
MUSKOKA (**Gr.1** German Oaks, **Gr.3** Brümmerhofer Stuten-Meile and **Listed** Henkel Stutenpreis).
WONDERFUL BOY (**Gr.3** Grosser Preis der SWK AG by 10 lengths. A dual winner in **2023**, he is the **2024 German Derby favourite**).



Fee: **£32,500**
(1st October SLF)

Yearlings sold in 2023 have made up to 575,000gns

STUDY OF MAN

SIRE OF A GROUP 2 WINNING 2YO FROM HIS FIRST CROP



Fee: **£12,500**
(1st October SLF)

- A Leading European First crop sire in **2023**
Sire of 9 winners of 11 races including **DEEPONE** (winner of 3 races including **Gr.2** Beresford Stakes, The Curragh), **GHORGAN** (**Gr.3** placed), **ALACRITY**, **BIRTHE**, **FRANCOPHONE**, **JUBILEE WALK**, **LINGUA FRANCA**, **LOOK UPON** and **SONS AND LOVERS**.
- The only son of legendary **DEEP IMPACT** at stud in England, sire of **AUGUSTE RODIN** – winner of the **Gr.1** Epsom Derby, **Gr.1** Irish Derby, **Gr.1** Irish Champion Stakes & **Gr.1** Breeders' Cup Turf, in **2023**.

Yearlings sold in 2023 have made up to 220,000gns

Pedigree Notes:

On behalf of former Darley executive Olly Tait and his wife, Blandford Bloodstock went to 165,000gns for Unreachable from the Juddmonte draft at the 2012 Tattersalls December Mares Sale. Unreachable is a daughter of Harpia, a full-sister to the highly influential Danehill as well as Eagle Eyed and Shibboleth, etc., and is a half-sister to the stakes-placed First Word (Chester House) and Redesdale (**Speightstown**). This is also the family of Dundonnell (First Defence), a Group 3 winner in England, a listed winner in Hong Kong and Group 3-placed in Dubai.

Unreachable was offered in foal to **Good Magic** at the 2020 Keeneland January Sale and was led out unsold on a bid of \$55,000, but Chad Schumer acquired the mare privately for \$50,000 on behalf of Jay and Christine Hayden's Saintsbury Farms. Schumer also purchased Redesdale for \$18,000 at the 2016 January Sale and he now stands at McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds in the state of New York. The colt Unreachable was carrying at the time of her acquisition--an Ontario-bred 3-year-old now named Equivoque--would go on to fetch \$325,000 from China Horse Club/Gandharvi at the 2021 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Sale and CHC bought out the partnership for \$240,000 at the 2022 Keeneland November Horses of Racing Age Sale. Equivoque, an impressive debut winner at Keeneland this past April and an allowance second at Churchill on Derby Day May 6, has recently returned to training at Todd Pletcher's South Florida base at Palm Beach Downs after spending some time at WinStar Farm.

Unreachable is also the dam of the 2-year-old colt Magic Rush (**Good Magic**) and a yearling colt by **Maclean's Music** that sold for \$310,000 to Powerstown Stud at this year's Keeneland September sale. Unreachable, now 14 years of age, did not produce a foal this year and was bred back to **Curlin**.

Sunday, Chukyo, Japan

CHAMPIONS CUP-G1, ¥232,740,000, Chukyo, 12-3, 3yo/up, 1800m, 1:50.60, ft.

1--**LEMON POP**, 128, h, 5, by Lemon Drop Kid

1st Dam: Unreachable, by Giant's Causeway

2nd Dam: Harpia, by Danzig

3rd Dam: Razyana, by His Majesty

(\$70,000 Wlg '18 KEENOV). O-Godolphin; B-Mr & Mrs Oliver S Tait (KY); T-Hiroyasu Tanaka; J-Ryusei Sakai; ¥123,318,000.

Lifetime Record: 14-10-3-0, ¥481,756,000. **Werk Nick Rating:**

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Dam purchased by SCHUMER BLOODSTOCK

2--**Wilson Tesoro (Jpn)**, 128, c, 4, Kitanasan Black (Jpn)--

Chesutoke Rose, by **Uncle Mo**. O-Kenji Ryotokuji Holdings; B-Ryoken Farm; ¥48,948,000.

3--**Dura Erede (Jpn)**, 126, c, 3, Duramente (Jpn)--Marchesa (Jpn), by Orfevre (Jpn). (¥100,000,000 Ylg '21 JRHAJUL). O-Three H Racing; B-Northern Farm; ¥30,474,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, NK, NK. Odds: 2.80, 91.00, 30.20.

Also Ran: T O Keynes (Jpn), Meisho Hario (Jpn), Hagino Alegrias (Jpn), Make a Leap (Jpn), Notturmo (Jpn), Ater Astrea (Jpn), Seraphic Call (Jpn), Crown Pride (Jpn), Keiai Shelby (Jpn), Gloria Mundi (Jpn), Icon Tailor (Jpn), Geoglyph (Jpn). **Click for the JRA chart and VIDEO.**

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FIRST-SEASON SIRE WITH RUNNERS

Monday, Dec. 4, 2023:

FRANCE

City Light (Fr) (**Siyouni {Fr}**), Haras d'Etreham

90 foals of racing age

5-TOULOUSE, 2000m, Homme de Valeur (Fr)

€5,500 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2022; €15,000

Osarus Breeze-Up la Teste 2023

Fas (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), Haras de Saint-Vincent

30 foals of racing age

5-TOULOUSE, 2000m, Kimiko (Fr)



City Light | Zuzanna Lupa

OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

HOW THEY FARED

16.07 Deauville, Debutantes, €30,000, 2yo, c/g, 9 1/2f (AWT) RIBBLE VIBE (IRE) (Sea The Stars {Ire}), the half-brother to the four-times group 1-winning miler Ribchester (Ire), made all to win in comfort.

17.52 Deauville, Debutantes, €30,000, 2yo, f, 9 1/2f (AWT) PELLEGRIN (IRE) (Kingman {GB}), the daughter of the G1 Oaks and Irish Oaks heroine Sariska (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), was disappointing as she faded late to finish 11th.

FRANCE

Sunday's Results:

PRIX LUTHIER-Listed, €52,000, Deauville, 12-3, 3yo/up, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:27.13, st.

1--SIAM PARAGON (FR), 125, c, 4, Shalaa (Ire)--Cracker (GB), by Smart Strike. (€12,000 Ylg '20 ARQOCT). O-Claire Stephenson; B-M Almahmoud (FR); T-Georges Doleuze; J-Aurelien Lemaitre. €26,000. Lifetime Record: 20-8-2-3, €191,000.

2--Mount Athos (GB), 125, g, 4, Dark Angel (Ire)--Ceaseless (Ire), by Iffraaj (GB). 1ST BLACK TYPE. O-Sheikh Rashid Dalmook Al Maktoum; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited (GB); T-James Tate. €10,400.

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3--Breizh Eagle (Fr), 128, g, 5, Bow Creek (Ire)--Breizh Touch (Fr), by Country Reel. O-Gerard Augustin-Normand, Mme Roland Perron & Haras des Evees; B-Haras des Evees & D Cherdo (FR); T-Joel Boissard. €7,800.

Margins: SHD, 3/4, 2HF. Odds: 3.60, 3.60, 14.00.

Also Ran: Whispering Dream (Ire), Fast Raaj (Fr), Dancing Goddess (Ire), Best Lightning (Fr), Gamestop (Ire), Charlotte Bay (Fr), Tumbler (Fr), Rufolo (Ger). **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

Successful in ParisLongchamp's Listed Prix de Pontarmé and third in the Listed Prix Moonlight Cloud on the turf here last term, Siam Paragon had added three more wins to his tally this summer including a conditions event on the Polytrack at this venue before finishing sixth in the G3 Prix du Pin back at ParisLongchamp.

Runner-up in the Listed Prix Irish River over seven furlongs returning to this track last month, he was provided with the ideal lead by Mount Athos and was the only one able to get by that British raider with a last-gasp success.

The dam, whose yearling full-sister to the winner is named Zawan (Fr) and who also has a colt foal by Wooded (Ire), is out of the GIII Suwannee River S. scorer Tottie (GB) (Fantastic Light) whose daughter Tartlette (GB) (Champs Elysees {GB}) was placed in the Listed Wild Flower S. also on the Polytrack. The third dam is the Listed Severals S.-winning Katy Nowaitée (GB) (Komaite) whose son Mister Impatience (GB) (Hernando {Fr}) captured the G2 Wellington Cup.

1st-Deauville, €30,000, Debutantes, 12-3, 2yo, c/g, 9 1/2f (AWT), 2:02.28, st.

RIBBLE VIBE (IRE) (c, 2, Sea The Stars {Ire})--Mujarah {Ire}, by Marju {Ire}, sent off the 16-5 favourite, was instantly in a narrow lead under eight-pound claimer Arthur Mosse. Pushed out to assert his superiority in the straight, the homebred half-brother to the four-times group 1-winning sire Ribchester (Ire) registered a comfortable three-length verdict over Wahdan (Ire) (Siyouni {Fr}). The aforementioned Ribchester, whose top-level triumphs came in the Queen Anne S., the Lockinge S., the Jacques le Marois and Prix du Moulin de Longchamp, was the first foal out of the dam whose half-siblings feature six black-type winners including the G2 York S. scorer Bangkok (Ire) (Australia {GB}), the G1 Al Maktoum Challenge Round 3 winner Matterhorn (Ire) (Raven's Pass) and last year's G2 Dante S. winner and GI Belmont Derby Invitational runner-up The Foxes (Ire) (Churchill {Ire}). Also a half to the listed-placed dam of the G2 Vintage S. scorer Marbaan (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) and the G3 Ballycorus S. winner Convergence (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}) descended from the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas heroine Mehthaaf (Nureyev) and the legendary Fall Aspen, her filly foal is by Bangkok's sire Australia. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €15,000.

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O-Godolphin; B-Godolphin SNC (IRE); T-Andre Fabre.

4th-Deauville, €30,000, Debutantes, 12-3, 2yo, f, 9 1/2f (AWT), 2:00.48, st.

HAPPY DAYS (FR) (f, 2, Toronado {Ire})--Lady Wood {Fr}, by Vespone {Ire}, a 22-1 shot, broke worst of all and ended up at the tail of the field initially before making headway on the rail. Pushed along before the entrance to the straight, the bargain €10,000 Arqana October purchase responded by grabbing the advantage two out and battled gamely to the line to score by 1 1/2 lengths from Halfday (Fr) (Lope De Vega {Ire}).

DARK ANGEL

ON TOP OF THE WORLD AGAIN IN 2023

15

GROUP 1 WINNERS

57

GROUP WINNERS

100

STAKES WINNERS

30

30 YEARLINGS MADE
OVER €100,000
WITH A TOP PRICE OF
€1,050,000

LEADING EUROPEAN SIRES OF SPRINTERS IN 2023

Sire	Wnrs	BT Wnrs	Gr.1 Wnrs	Total £
1 DARK ANGEL	41	11	2	2,531,005
2 HAVANA GREY	56	13	1	2,256,078
3 KODIAC	67	6	0	2,161,463
4 NO NAY NEVER	41	11	0	1,941,508

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The winner is currently the last known foal out of the dam, who is a half to the G3 Prix Daphnis scorer and G1 Grand Criterium runner-up Bernebeau (Fr) (Green Tune). Sales history: €10,000 Ylg '22 ARQOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €15,000. **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Ecurie TLV & Gerard Augustin-Normand; B-Mme A Martin, A Choquet, H Honore & S J Martin (FR); T-Francois Monfort.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

7th-Deauville, €28,000, 12-3, 3yo, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.10, st.

Zoom (FR) (c, 3, No Nay Never--Sonnerie {GB} {SW-Fr}, by More Than Ready) Lifetime Record: 9-3-2-1, €70,650.

O/B-Wertheimer et Frere (FR); T-Andre Fabre.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Ventosilla (Fr), f, 3, **Anodin (Ire)**--Sailing Lady (Fr), by Henrythenavigator. Craon, 12-3, 12fT, 2:47.64. B-Haras des Sablonnets & Suc. H de Talhouet-Roy (FR). *€32,000 RNA Ylg '21 ARQOCT.

Sadia (Ire), f, 3, **Kodiac (GB)**--Swertia (GB), by Pivotal (GB). Deauville, 12-3, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.38. B-Haras de la Perelle (IRE). *1/2 to Simca Mille (Ire) (Tamayuz {GB}), G1SW-Ger, MGSW & MG1SP-Fr, \$648,314.

ITALY**Sunday's Results:**

CRITERIUM DI PISA-Listed, €42,900, Pisa, 12-3, 2yo, 1500mT, 1:30.3, hy.

1-MELFI (IRE), 124, c, 2, Kessaar (Ire)

1st Dam: Miss Purity Pinker (Ire), by One Cool Cat

2nd Dam: Consultant Stylist (Ire), by Desert Style (Ire)

3rd Dam: Grannys Relucantance (Ire), by Anita's Prince (Ire)

(€33,000 Ylg '18 TATSEP). O-Chelsea Srls; B-Tally-Ho Stud (Ire); T-Endo Botti Galoppo Di E. Botti Soc Al Srl; J-Dario Di Tocco; €16,575. Lifetime Record: GSP-Ity, 7-4-0-1, €70,652.

2-Majin Bu (GB), 121, c, 2, Adaay (Ire)--Illusions (GB), by Toronado (Ire). (5,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT). O-Sc Semeso Di Sebastiano Guerrieri Srls; B-Bearstone Stud (GB); €7,293.

3-Blu Note (Ity), 121, c, 2, Blu Constallation (Ity)--Chemda Tek (Ity), by Blu Air Force (Ire). O/B-Costa Francesca & Costa Paola (ITY); €3,978.

Margins: 1HF, HD, 1 1/4. Odds: 0.66, 4.01, 8.74.

Also Ran: Midnight Mask (Ire), Mr Dracy (Ity), Dark Defence (Ire), Supereroe (Ire), Scapestrato (Ire).

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MIDDLE EAST**Sunday, Abu Dhabi**

SHEIKH ZAYED BIN SULTAN AL NAHYAN NATIONAL CUP DAY-Listed, AED380,000, Abu Dhabi Equestrian Club, 12-3, 4yo/up, 1600mT, 1:34.26, fm.

1--LANEQASH (GB), 125, g, 5, Cable Bay (Ire)--Bonhomie (GB), by Shamardal. (£175,000 yrl '19 GOF AUG). O-Shadwell; B-Highclere Stud (GB); T-Bhupat Seemar; J-Jim Crowley; AED228,000. Lifetime Record: SW & MGSP-Eng, 12-3-3-1.

2--San Donato (Ire), 128, g, 7, Lope de Vega (Ire)--Boston Rocker (Ire), by Acclamation (GB). (500,000gns yrl '17 TATOCT). O-Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum; B-J Hanly, A Stroud & Skymarc Farm (IRE); AED76,000.

3--El Patriota (Uru), 125, g, 6, Ecologo (Arg)--Patria Mia (Arg), by Pure Prize. O-Stud La Pomme; B-De La Pomme (URE); AED38,000.

Margins: NK, HF, 1.

Also Ran: Nibras Passion (GB), Boosala (Ire), Fanaar (Ire), Count Rostov (Fr), Rakeez (GB), Erzindjan (Ire), Zainhom, Echo Point (Ire), Ever Given (Ire), Haqeeqy (Ire), Western Writer (Ire), Desert Angel (Ire), Khuzaam.

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