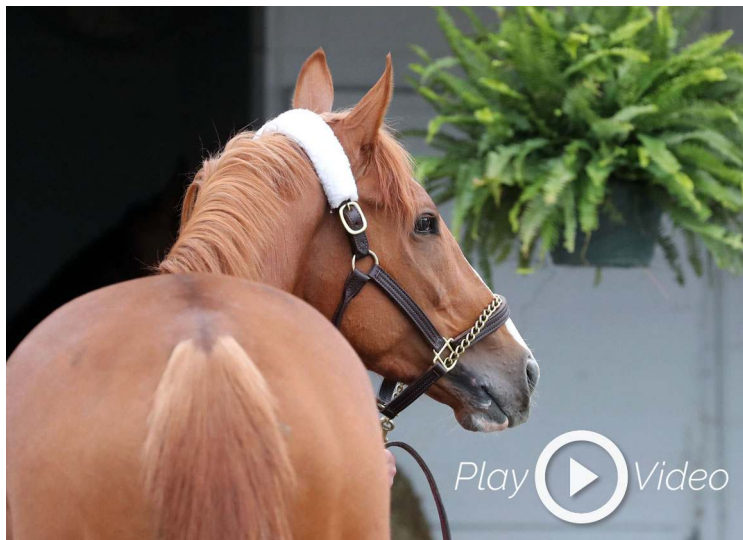


## FOR WINSTAR'S NEW RECRUITS, WALDEN SAYS THE NUMBERS STAND OUT



Click here for our visit with Two Phil's and the second WinStar newcomer, Country Grammer | Coady

by Katie Petrunyak

Elliott Walden has nothing but confidence in WinStar Farm's two new stallion recruits for 2024 and he has the numbers to show it. The speedy **Two Phil's** (**Hard Spun**) posted some eye-catching figures this year as a 3-year-old, including 105 Beyer Speed Figures in both the GIII Ohio Derby and his runner-up performance in the GI Kentucky Derby. Meanwhile, his new studmate **Country Grammer** (**Tonalist**), winner of the G1 Dubai World Cup, retired as the third highest-earning North American-bred horse of all time--behind great company in Arrogate and **Gun Runner**--with earnings of over \$14.9 million.

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## PLETCHER, REPOLE LOSE ANOTHER ROUND IN FIGHT TO OVERTURN HOPEFUL DQ

by Bill Finley

Members of the New York Gaming Commission voted unanimously Tuesday to uphold a recommendation from a hearing officer that **Forte** (**Violence**) be disqualified from his victory in the 2022 GI Hopeful S. Following the Hopeful, Forte tested positive for the prohibited substance meloxicam, a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory medication.

The case has moved slowly since the Sept. 2022 race. It took eight months for the New York Gaming Commission to make the finding public and when it did, the stewards disqualified Forte, fined Pletcher \$1,000 and suspended him for 10 days. Pletcher and owners Mike Repole and Vinnie Viola appealed the stewards' ruling, which meant the matter was sent to a hearing officer, Clark Petschek. The session with the hearing officer was held in July and Petschek issued his report on Sept. 30. Petschek upheld the original findings of the stewards, the fine, the suspension and the disqualification.

It is within the commission's right to reject the hearing officer's recommendations but, instead, it voted unanimously to uphold them.

It was noted that the owners of Hopeful runner-up **Gulfport** (**Uncle Mo**), Bill and Corrine Heiligbrodt, appeared at the hearing to support the decision to disqualify Forte. **Cont., p6**

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*Arguably the deepest jockey colony in the country has grown even stronger as two of Europe's top riders, Oisin Murphy and Sean Levey, head to Gulfstream for the championship meet.*

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## WinStar's New Recruits (cont. from p1)

With stud fees set at \$12,500 for Two Phil's and \$10,000 for Country Grammer, Walden said he believes the future is bright for this pair and the breeders who are finding value in WinStar's newcomers.

"We've been very excited with how they've been received," said Walden. "Both horses bring something a little bit different to the table. Country Grammer is a Seattle Slew-line horse through **Tonalist** and **Tapit** and he comes from a great Juddmonte family, so he brings stamina to mares that have a little kick to them and he's going to give a great physique. Two Phil's is a horse that people are really responding to. They know how good of a racehorse he was and for \$12,500, when the other 3-year-olds in the crop are probably going to be standing for three times that, he provides great value."

Trained by Chicago native Larry Rivelli, Two Phil's was the feel-good story of the Windy City as he claimed four stakes wins and earned over \$1.5 million for fellow Chicagoans Philip Sagan and Patricia's Hope LLC, with Madaket Stables also joining the ownership group this year.

The son of **Hard Spun** came on WinStar's radar after his dominating score in the GIII Jeff Ruby Steaks, where his 5 1/2 Ragozin figure ranked him at the top of the list of Kentucky Derby contenders.



JRA representatives inspect Two Phil's at WinStar | Sue Finley

The colt's second-place performance on the first Saturday in May confirmed WinStar's belief in his ability.

"He was up close to a very fast pace," Walden recalled. "To turn for home and take the lead, obviously he had to be exhausted because it was a very fast pace, but he just tried to hang on and fought Mage (**Good Magic**) all the way to the wire. Then when you look at the gallop out, he actually comes back and gallops out in front." **Cont., p4**

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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).

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RK	SIRE	2024 FEE	WNRS	BTWs	BTHs	EARNINGS
1	<b>JUSTIFY</b> (2015) Scat Daddy	Private	24	8	13	\$4,677,238
2	<b>Constitution</b> (2011) Tapit	\$110,000	28	3	5	\$2,474,720
3	<b>Gun Runner</b> (2013) Candy Ride	\$250,000	14	5	8	\$2,314,479
4	<b>MENDELSSOHN</b> (2015) Scat Daddy	\$15,000	28	2	7	\$2,264,741
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### WinStar Newcomers, cont. from p3

In Two Phil's final career start in the GIII Ohio Derby, he recorded a near six-length win over Bishops Bay (**Uncle Mo**), a colt co-owned by WinStar who had finished second by a head to MGISW Arcangelo (Arrogate) in his prior start in the GIII Peter Pan S.

"That just shows the kind of quality that Two Phil's had as a racehorse," said Walden. "He had form on multiple surfaces and on multiple racetracks. He also won a graded stake in the slop as a 2-year-old. He was just a racehorse."

While Two Phil's racing career is reminiscent of his sire's--as **Hard Spun** also recorded two stakes wins as a juvenile and won the same Derby prep at three--it is the sire line in and of itself that Walden said made Two Phil's a good fit for their stallion program.

"We've been looking for a Danzig horse for a long time," he explained. "Danzig is a horse that keeps giving in this industry. When you see Danzig in a pedigree--**Uncle Mo**, **War Front**, now Omaha Beach is coming on--you need to take notice. **Hard Spun** is a very underrated stallion and the thing that Two Phil's brings is that he's a very good-looking son of **Hard Spun**. He's well-balanced, has a great head and good topline and he's well-sprung on his hocks. I think he'll complement mares just because of his size and his balance."



Country Grammer ahead of his victory in the  
2022 G1 Dubai World Cup | Dubai Racing Club

Country Grammer is another horse that Walden said has caught the eye of breeders visiting the stallions at WinStar.

"We did a showcase last summer of **Life is Good**, **Nashville** and Country Grammer and there were as many people that were as taken back with Country Grammer as they were **Life Is Good** and **Nashville**," he recalled.

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**WinStar Newcomers, cont. from p4**

"We know how popular **Life Is Good** and **Nashville** have been, so we're really excited about Country Grammer for 2024. He's a big, scopey horse that has a long, sloping shoulder. He's the kind of horse that you would expect to run two turns and I think he'll complement mares because he'll help mares get the kind of physical that breeders would want at the sales."

A \$450,000 2-year-old at the OBS Spring Sale, Country Grammer started out in the Chad Brown barn and was originally campaigned by Paul Pompa. After breaking his maiden at two, the colt went on to claim the GIII Peter Pan S. the following year. He caught the eye of the WinStar team while spending time at the farm on a layoff. Following the passing of Pompa, WinStar acquired the colt at the 2021 Keeneland January Sale.

From there, the son of **Tonalist** was sent to Bob Baffert and collected victories in the 2021 GI Hollywood Gold Cup S., the 2022 G1 Dubai World Cup over a field that included **Life is Good**, Midnight Bourbon and Hot Rod Charlie, and the 2022 GII San Antonio S. He also placed in four additional Grade I contests over his five-year career, including a runner-up effort in this year's G1 Saudi Cup.

"He ran at a high level on the East Coast, **West Coast** and the Middle East for a long time," said Walden.



Elliott Walden (left) after **Life Is Good's** Woodward | Sarah Andrew

"In this day and age when soundness and race record is important, I think he's a high-quality horse. He comes from a great Juddmonte family--the family of Obligatory (**Curlin**) and Bonny South (**Munnings**) that has been giving good runners for a long time. It's really exciting to have a horse like him at the price that we have him at for 2024."

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## PLETCHER, REPOLE LOSE ANOTHER FIGHT

(cont. from p1)



Mike Repole | Sarah Andrew

“They could have made the decision the day after the hearing,” Repole said. “I guess they must have done a lot of extensive work the last six, seven months. Instead, they took six months to state the obvious. We knew what was going to happen. We got just what we expected. They did what they thought they needed to do. We knew there was a zero percent chance this was going

to get overturned.”

It’s unlikely that Tuesday’s ruling by the New York Gaming Commission will be the last word on the Forte matter. The Forte team can now take their case to the courts and will likely file an appeal within the New York court system. Repole has vowed to spend whatever it takes to get the Hopeful decision overturned.

“We plan on taking this further and we knew we were going to get to this point,” he said. “Under HISA rules, this isn’t even a violation. We are super confident that common sense will prevail and people will realize we put in this governing body in HISA to make sure people are ethical and play by the rules of the sport. Any real process that follows common sense will easily see it the same way and we will prevail.”

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## EUROPEAN RIDERS MURPHY AND LEVEY LOOK TO MAKE THEIR MARKS AT

**GULFSTREAM** by Bill Finley

What is already arguably the deepest jockey colony in the country has grown even stronger this year as two of Europe’s top riders, Oisin Murphy and Sean Levey, are joining the riding colony at Gulfstream Park for the championship meet.

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## Murphy, Levey to Florida, cont.

Murphy, 28, is the more familiar of the two. He was the British flat champion jockey three years running in 2019, 2020 and 2021 and has ridden Group I winners in Great Britain, Ireland, France, Canada, Germany, Japan, the UAE and in the U.S. His three Grade I wins in the U.S. came in the GI Belmont Oaks, the GI Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup S. and in the GI Breeders' Cup Distaff with Japanese invader **Marche Lorraine** (Orfevre {Jpn}).

While flat racing quiets down in the winter in Europe, Murphy had been traveling all over the world to compete in big races, going to places like Australia, Japan and Hong Kong. But the chance to settle in at one track in the winter, one that offers good purses and perfect weather, appealed to him. Gulfstream also represents a chance to master a new surface--dirt.

"I wanted to try to get some more experience on dirt," he said.

"At Gulfstream, most of the important races are on dirt. There will be ample opportunities to get plenty of rides and ride over what is an important surface. It's important for me to show that I can win races over all surfaces."



Oisín Murphy | Coady Photography

Murphy is the retained jockey for Qatar Racing, the global racing and bloodstock operation founded and chaired by Sheikh Fahad bin Abdullah Al Thani and the presenting sponsor of the Pegasus World Cup card.

Murphy can count on riding the Qatar Racing horses that show up in the entries during the Gulfstream Championship meet.

"I have been watching American racing since I was a kid and I had always wanted to do a little stint in the States," he said. "The opportunity came up for me this time. Sheikh Fahad, who

heads Qatar Racing, had a conversation with [Chief Executive Officer 1/ST Racing and Gaming] Aidan Butler and he said he thought it would be a good idea for me to come here." **Cont.**

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## LEADING FIRST-CROP SIRES BY % OF BTHS

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"I will try to do the best that I can, stay busy in the mornings and make a real effort to ride to the best of my abilities in the afternoon."

Murphy plans to join the Gulfstream colony Dec. 27 and, except for a trip to Saudi Arabia for the Saudi Cup card, intends to ride full time at Gulfstream at least through January.

"From the first time I stepped across the Atlantic and came to the U.S., I wanted to ride against these top guys," said Murphy, who is 4-for-31 lifetime in the U.S. "I won the Belmont Oaks on Aspen Grove, won the Queen Elizabeth II on Mawj and I won a Breeders' Cup race in the Distaff. I have a huge amount of respect for the top riders here. Hopefully, riding against them will help me pick up a huge amount of knowledge and help me to learn their riding styles. I already have a good relationship with those guys."

Like Murphy, Levey, 35, is looking for new opportunities and a challenge. He said he usually spent his winters riding on the all-weather tracks in Great Britain, but wanted to try something different.

"I think I'm at the point in my career where I've been riding on the all-weather tracks in England during the winter for quite a few years," he said. "There's nothing more that I can learn."



Sean Levey (left) | Scoop Dyga

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Levey was born in Swaziland and his father was a jockey who rode all over Europe. In 2001, the family moved to County Tipperary, Ireland, where his parents worked at Ballydoyle for trainer Aidan O'Brien. Levey rode out for O'Brien and, together with his brother Declan, spent a year on the pony racing circuit. He started riding professionally in Ireland before moving on to Great Britain. He's won six Group I races, four in the U.K. and two in France.

He said he has made some connections with U.S. trainers when coming over with O'Brien horses for the Breeders' Cup and other major events. He's also spent some time in the U.S. working as an exercise rider.

"I'm hoping to make more contacts, but I worked with Saffie Joseph and he said come here and see what we can do," Levey said. "I also have worked for Brendan Walsh.

"I'm coming over with no other plan than to gain as much experience as I can," he said. **Cont.**



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**Murphy, Levey to Florida, cont.**

"I'm coming over here with an open mind and will try to get as many rides as I can and gain as much experience as I can. If that comes with my getting a few winners, that would be great. I'm coming here to be competitive. I know how many good riders are here and I know that lessens my chances of getting some good rides. It will be very competitive. But once I get my foot in the door, that will lead to my getting a few winners."

Levey hopes to begin riding next week and says his work visa lasts for 90 days.

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## FASIG-TIPTON MIDLANTIC CLOSES OUT 2023 WITH DECEMBER MIXED SALE *by Jessica Martini*

The Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2023 sales season concludes with the December Mixed Sale which begins Tuesday morning at 11 a.m. at the Maryland State Fairgrounds in Timonium. The one-session auction opens with an offering of 156 catalogued broodmares and broodmare prospects, weanlings and yearlings, and continues with 60 catalogued horses of racing age.

"Every time I turn around, there are more people coming in," Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Sales Director Paget Bennett said from the sales grounds Monday. "So that's a good thing. There is a good product here, good Maryland-breds and good New York-breds, so something for everyone. It's a small catalogue, but we hope that a lot of the people who have come and supported us in the past and have shopped this sale and always found useful horses are here again."

The racehorse section produced the four six-figure offerings of last year's December Mixed sale with the \$260,000 sale topper **Radical Right** (*First Samurai*) heading west to be graded-stakes placed early in 2023.

This year's racing age offerings will likely appeal to a wide swath of buyers, according to Bennett.

"Some of the horses here are turf horses, so perhaps these are horses that people can pick up and take them south for the winter and keep going with them," she said. "There will be some that probably find new spots that will run regionally here, but there were quite a few last year who came out of this sale and went right to Gulfstream. Or they can go to Turfway. I've already seen a few steeplechase trainers walking the grounds. There are horses that could fit their criteria and they can get them ready

to start over jumps in the spring. This is the perfect time to pick up these kinds of horses to make into jumpers."

The December mixed sale closes out another strong year of auctions in Timonium, led by the flagship Midlantic May Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training.

"There are a lot of runners that come out of this marketplace," Bennett said. "It's a source for good horses, whether they are going on to a 2-year-old sale or to end-users. We hold our own."

The Fasig-Tipton Midlantic June Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training made its debut in Timonium in 2023 and it's an auction that Bennett hopes will mature into its spot on the calendar going forward.

"The June sale is very much needed for horses who, for whatever reason, need more time," Bennett said. "We are hoping people will support us and bring horses back to the June sale. We understand it is hard to come up the road twice, but I think there is good reason to come back for the June sale. There is such a demand for horses in this racing region up here-- Presque Isle, Penn National, Parx, Delaware, Colonial. There are so many places that have racing and people need horse to fill their stables to send strings to different spots. I think the June sale would be a perfect source for folks. I think consignors need to keep that in mind and think about that as an option when it comes time to marketing their 2-year-olds."

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# Favorite Moment

## WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE MOMENT OF 2023: CASE CLAY

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Case Clay celebrating his "birthday" on April 8...not August 4.

"My favorite moment of 2023 was when Paul and Alice Messara and family made me a birthday cake, sang loudly and got me a gift on 4/8 when my birthday is 8/4. Surprise to everyone! Thank goodness America switches the numbers on the dates!"  
--Case Clay

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## JEFF RUBY STEAKS HIGHLIGHTS TURFWAY WINTER/SPRING MEET

Turfway Park will offer 19 stakes races worth \$3.725 million during its upcoming Winter/Spring Meet. The 52-day meeting is headlined by the \$700,000 GIII Jeff Ruby Steaks, which will be run Mar. 23. Supporting races on the card include the \$300,000 TwinSpires Kentucky Cup Classic, the \$300,000 Bourbonette Oaks--a Road to the Kentucky Oaks Championship Series Race--the \$250,000 Animal Kingdom S., the \$250,000 Latonia S., and the \$250,000 Rushaway S.

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The Road to the Kentucky Derby's first stop at the Florence oval will be Mar. 2 for the \$150,000 John Battaglia Memorial S. One day prior, fillies on the Road to the Kentucky Oaks will be in action for the \$150,000 Cincinnati Trophy S.

Another spotlight race will be the 26th running of the Jan. 13, \$125,000 Likely Exchange S., which will mark the final opportunity in the "Make Your Mare" series, in partnership with Claiborne Farm. The top three finishers of the race will receive \$10,000, \$5,000 and \$2,500 in credits towards a future stallion mating at the farm.

Live racing during the Winter/Spring meet will be conducted Wednesday through Saturday with daily first posts of 5:55 p.m., except Jeff Ruby Steaks Day, which will start at 12:45 p.m.

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## ESPECIALLY KIDZ RECEIVES DONATION FROM HORSESHOE INDIANAPOLIS

Horseshoe Indianapolis will distribute \$32,815.10 to the Especially Kidz organization--which focuses on the care of physically challenged kids and young adults with 24-hour skilled nursing care--via funds from a special option utilized by guests on the casino floor, the track announced in a press release Monday.



Horseshoe Indianapolis team members holding the check include (from left) Ann Garrett, Ahnicka Litteral, Charles Helfer and Brian Lewis | Courtesy Horseshoe Indianapolis

The NRT Technology kiosks provide an option for guests, when cashing out, to earmark any winnings to charity and Especially Kids was included as one of the recipients for the charitable giving option in 2023. A group of Horseshoe Indianapolis team members stopped by Especially Kidz to deliver the check from the proceeds Friday, Dec. 1. **Cont.**

## Dr. Caleb Harms Medical Fund



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Over the past 6 weeks, Dr. Caleb Harms has developed what is being called a hypersensitivity pneumonitis / organizing pneumonia that has aggressively compromised his lung function. Unfortunately, no inciting cause has been identified and response to treatment has been atypical and limited.

Last week, he was placed in the lung transplant program. This can be a long and lengthy process, but it also provides time to see if any improvement might occur. He and his family continue to pray for a miracle but are preparing for the next step if required.

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## SIRES WITH NEW SWs/GSWs

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Patriot Spirit became the newest stakes winner for WinStar's **Constitution** in the Inaugural S. | SV Photography

Sire (Sire's Sire)	#SWs	#GSW
<b>Bee Jersey</b> (Jersey Town) (Topsy--Zia Park Distaff S.)	5	---
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<b>Biondetti</b> (Bernardini) (Twisted Justice--Glacial Princess S.)	3	---
<b>Constitution</b> (Tapit) (Patriot Spirit--Inaugural S.)	38	17
<b>STANDING AT WINSTAR FARM • CLICK HERE FOR MORE NOMINATE A MARE • EMAIL LIAM O'ROURKE</b>		
<b>Curlin</b> (Smart Strike) (American Rascal--Zia Park Juvenile S.)	101	56

<b>Frac Daddy</b> (Scat Daddy) (Frac Dancer--Clarendon S.)	4	---
<b>Girvin</b> (Tale of Ekati) (Honey Dijon--FTBOA Florida Sire My Dear Girl S.; Seminole Chief--FTBOA Florida Sire In Reality S.)	10	3
<b>Golden Lad</b> (Medaglia d'Oro) (Kissedbyanangel--Maryland Juvenile Filly S.)	8	---
<b>Good Magic</b> (Curlin) (Dornoch--Remsen S.-GII)	17	9
<b>Gun Runner</b> (Candy Ride {Arg}) (Life Talk--Demoiselle S.-GII)	26	19
<b>Marking</b> (Bernardini) (Mark the Winner--NM Classic Cup Lassie Championship S.)	9	1
<b>Peace and Justice</b> (War Front) (Capo--Pennsylvania Nursery S.)	2	---
<b>Shaman Ghost</b> (Ghostzapper) (Shamans Girl--Shady Well S.)	4	---
<b>Summer Front</b> (War Front) (Stay Hot--Cecil B. DeMille S.-GIII)	18	5
<b>Tamarkuz</b> (Speightstown) (Two Rivers Over--Zia Park Derby-L)	2	1

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### IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**9th-Del Mar, \$66,500, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 12-3, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:43.09, fm, nose.**

**MIRANDA RIGHTS (c, 3, Constitution--In Jail, by Into Mischief)** broke his maiden over the Tapeta surface at Turfway to start 2023 but spent most of the year on the grass, hitting the board in three of four starts since including a last-out third at Churchill Downs Nov. 5. Sold via the Fasig-Tipton Digital Sale prior to that last start, Sunday's 9-5 favorite made his **West Coast** debut from the rail and sat an inside trip while racing close to the speed into the first turn. Third behind a front-running X J Rascal (Ire) (Kodiak {GB}) up the backstretch, Miranda Rights got shuffled back with a quarter to run but had enough of a late kick to rally up the rail and just get his nose down on the line in front of Legislator (Speightster) in a driving finish. His yearling Omaha Beach half-brother sold for \$240,000 at Keeneland September and he has a weanling **Medaglia d'Oro** half-sister. In Jail returned to Omaha Beach for 2024. Sales History: \$75,000 Wlg '20 KEENOV; \$130,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$80,000 3yo '23 FTDOCT. Lifetime Record: 12-2-4-3, \$201,410. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Gary Barber; B-Three Diamonds Farm & Buckalot Inc. (KY); T-Mark E. Casse.



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**Constitution's Miranda Rights won Sunday at Del Mar**  
Sarah Andrew

**10th-Zia, \$55,000, Alw, 12-4, (NW2X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:01.99, ft, nose.**

**CHESTERETTE (f, 4, Practical Joke--Jenny's So Great {GSW-Can, SW-USA, \$678,438}, by Greatness)**, second last out over course and near distance, broke as the heavy 1-5 chalk and chased midpack behind a pair of leaders who handled the tempo inot the turn. Tipped out for clear sailing home, she closed strongly up the outside to nail Zanarazzi (Khozan) on the line. A \$300,000 2-year-old purchase, Chesterette has a weanling Bolt d'Oro half-brother while her dam returned to **Practical Joke** for a full-sibling in 2024. Sales History: \$165,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP; \$300,000 2yo '21 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 9-3-3-0, \$112,543. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O-Holly and David Wilson; B-Woods Edge Farm, LLC (KY); T-Bart G. Hone.



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### IN JAPAN:

**Jasper Noir, c, 2, Frosted.** See 'US-Bred & -Sired Winners in Japan'

**Gran Orca, c, 2, Liam's Map.** See 'US-Bred & -Sired Winners in Japan'



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**IN MEXICO:**

**Pastuzo Asquifar**, c, 2, **Tale of Ekati**--Miss Medaglia, by **Medaglia d'Oro**. Hipodromo de las Americas, 12-1, Maiden, 6f. B-Charles Fipke (KY). \*1ST-TIME STARTER. \*\*\$4,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT.

**Saturday's Results:**

**9th-Hanshin**, ¥20,720,000 (\$141,186), Allowance, 2yo, 1200mT, 1:08.5, gd/fm.

**JASPER NOIR** (c, 2, **Frosted**--**Funny Bay**, by **Medaglia d'Oro**) broke his maiden impressively in a 1200-meter turf event at Tokyo Oct. 15 and was dropping in class off a pacesetter sixth in the G2 Keio Hai Nisai S. (1400m) at headquarters Nov. 4. Drawn widest in this field of 10, the 41-10 third choice chased pacesetter second favorite Puro Magic (Jpn) (Asia Express) from second through an opening 800 meters in :43.4, took aim entering the final furlong and was up on the wire to score by a short head. A \$35,000 Keeneland November weanling turned \$280,000 OBS March breezer, Jasper Noir is out of an unraced half-sister to MGSW Stanford (Malibu Moon) and SW/MGSP Hedge Fund (Super Saver). From the extended female family of Johannesburg, Jasper Noir is the last listed produce for his dam. These same connections are set to be represented by MGSW Jasper Krone (**Frosted**) in Sunday's G1 Longines Hong Kong Sprint. Sales history: \$35,000 Wlg '21 KEENOV; \$280,000 2yo '23 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$111,327. **VIDEO (SC 10)** O-Kazuo Kato; B-Nina Theodora Camperlengo (KY); T-Hideyuki Mori.

**Foaled, Raised & Sold by Shawhan Place****Sunday's Results:**

**6th-Nakayama**, ¥14,880,000 (\$101,496), Allowance, 2yo, 1200m, 1:11, ft.

**GRAN ORCA** (c, 2, **Liam's Map**--**Layla**, by **Union Rags**), a sound second to fellow U.S.-bred Historiai (**Liam's Map**) on course-and-distance debut Sept. 24, validated even-money favoritism to graduate at Niigata Oct. 29, but was lightly regarded at 6.30-1 in this first go against winners. Off to a bit of a hesitant beginning, Gran Orca improved into a midfield position and was waited with behind a wall of horses moving towards the straight. Angled wide, the dark bay kicked hard when asked and ran out a good-looking two-length winner. He covered his final 600 meters in a sharp :36.1. Gran Orca, the joint-priciest of 58 of his

sire's yearlings reported as sold in 2022 at \$625,000, is the first foal out of a full-sister to GISW Express Train, and his third dam is GI Alabama S. and GI Test S. winner November Snow (Storm Cat). Layla is expecting a foal from the first crop of **Flightline** in 2024. Sales history: \$625,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$110,204. **VIDEO (SC 5)**

O-TN Racing; B-Dixiana Farms LLC (KY); T-Ryo Takei.

**FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5**

*2023 Stud Fees Listed*

**Kentucky Wildcat** (**Tapit**)

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10-Zia, 6:17 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Wildcat Reese, 12-1

**Sporting Chance** (Tiznow), A & A Ranch, \$5,000

28 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners  
10-Zia, 6:17 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Back Seat Chance, 4-1

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**9th-Zia**, \$64,500, (S), 12-4, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:08.52, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

**FLAGS FINALE** (g, 3, **G G Flag**--**Crafty Finale**, by **Crafty C. T.**)

Lifetime Record: 12-2-4-2, \$110,395. O/B-Denton Crozier (NM); T-Hermenegildo G. Aldavaz.

**Cont.**



**6th-Zia, \$55,000**, 12-4, (NW2X), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:02.15, ft, 3/4 length.

**LOCO LUNA (c, 3, Ransom the Moon--Wild Catomine {SW, \$301,983}, by Milwaukee Brew)** Lifetime Record: 11-4-2-2, \$81,505. O-Marcos Ordonez; B-Calumet Farm (KY); T-Andres Gonzalez.

**8th-Mahoning Valley, \$40,900**, (S), 12-4, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:39.66, gd, 3 1/2 lengths.

**HENRY MAC (g, 5, Midshipman--Boom Boom Bertie, by Thunder Gulch)** Lifetime Record: MSP, 28-11-6-4, \$298,965. O-Samuel Klein, Jr., LLC and Enjoy The Ride Stable, LLC; B-Dustin J. Thomson & James Slaughter (OH); T-Jeffrey A. Radosevich.

**9th-Mahoning Valley, \$27,500**, 12-4, (NW4L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.85, gd, 1 1/4 lengths.

**AZTEC (g, 4, Khozan--Ephyra, by Corinthian)** Lifetime Record: 16-4-2-2, \$96,950. O-Jennifer B. Sabino; B-Brent & Crystal Fernung (FL); T-Richard Zielinski. \*\$47,000 RNA 2yo '21 OBSAPR; \$35,000 2yo '21 OBSOPN. \*\*Full to Background, GSW, \$492,486.

#### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Marking Canyon**, g, 2, **Marking**--Stormy Canyon, by Scatmandu. Zia, 12-4, (S), 6f, 1:08.73. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$38,500. B-Leroy Fincher (NM).

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**Constitution**, Miranda Rights, c, 3, o/o In Jail, by Into Mischief. AOC, 12-3, Del Mar

**G G Flag**, Flags Finale, g, 3, o/o Crafty Finale, by Crafty C. T.. ALW, 12-4, Zia

**Khozan**, Aztec, g, 4, o/o Ephyra, by Corinthian. ALW, 12-4, Mahoning Valley

**Marking**, Marking Canyon, g, 2, o/o Stormy Canyon, by Scatmandu. MSW, 12-4, Zia

**Midshipman**, Henry Mac, g, 5, o/o Boom Boom Bertie, by Thunder Gulch. ALW, 12-4, Mahoning Valley

**Practical Joke**, Chesterette, f, 4, o/o Jenny's So Great, by Greatness. ALW, 12-4, Zia

**Ransom the Moon**, Loco Luna, c, 3, o/o Wild Catomine, by Milwaukee Brew. ALW, 12-4, Zia

## TODAY'S FEATURED REPLAY



**Miranda Rights** (Constitution) gets the win at Del Mar  
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## 'SMASHING' - BALLYBIN STUD PUTS IN A STAR PERFORMANCE AT TATTERSALLS



**Callisto Star: shot the lights out on 675,000gns for Ballybin Stud | Tattersalls**

By Brian Sheerin and Emma Berry

NEWMARKET, UK--As expected, an international cast of buyers swept into action at Park Paddocks for the opening day of the Tattersalls December Mares Sale, with some of the leading lights heading to Japan, Australia and America after more than 15 million gns was spent on breeding prospects.

It was the aptly-named Callisto Star who lit up the first of two Sceptre Sessions when selling from Ballybin Stud in Ireland to Badgers Bloodstock for 675,000gns.

The dam of American Oaks winner Rhea Moon (Ire) and Cheshire Oaks runner-up There's The Door (Ire), Callisto Star was sold in foal to **Starspangledbanner (Aus)**, the sire of those high-class performers.

Callisto Star was owned by Kevin Molloy, a long-time supporter of Paddy Kelly of Ballybin Stud, with the latter summing up the sale-topping performance in one word.

"Smashing," Kelly beamed outside the ring. "She had the looks, the temperament and the pedigree. She'll be a prolific breeder--just like her grandmother [Mohican Princess (GB) (Shirley Heights (GB))], who produced six black-type horses. I think this one is going to follow suit. I hope so anyway."

Molloy spoke to **TDN Europe** earlier this year after Rhea Moon stormed to that American Oaks triumph with the breeder describing the result as his best moment in racing.

Rhea Moon, the first produce out of Molloy's homebred mare Callisto Star, was sold through Ballybin Stud for £24,000 to BBA Ireland at the Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling Sale in 2020.

She subsequently changed hands privately from trainer Ken Condon, where she showed plenty of promise, to join Phil D'Amato in America. The rest, as they say, is history.

Monday's sale is by no means the closing of the Callisto Star chapter for Molloy and Ballybin Stud, with Kelly revealing that there is still plenty left of the family on the farm. **Cont. p3**

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**Tuesday, December 5, 2023**



*A nomination to four-time G1 winner Paddington, donated by Coolmore Stud, sold at Tattersalls for 72,000gns to Lord and Lady Lloyd Webber of Watership Down Stud. The proceeds will go towards the fund for injured jockey Graham Lee. | Tattersalls*

## **LISTED WINNER MAUWIEWOWIE HEADS TO JAPAN 4**

*Listed winner Mauwiewowie (Night Of Thunder) was secured by Japanese-based Lake Villa Farm for 625,000gns during the initial day at Tattersalls.*

## **PADDINGTON NOM BRINGS 72K AT TATTERSALLS 8**

*A nomination to MG1SW Paddington brought 72,000gns on behalf of injured jockey Graham Lee at Tattersalls Monday.*

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## Tattersalls December Mares cont.

Kelly added, "I'm a bit in shock. This is a big one for us. It's nice to be involved at the top end and to have a go at it. I'm delighted with the price. Kevin Molloy owns her. He has been a long-time client and still has a good bit of the family at home.

"We actually have another client who bought Callisto Star's full-sister a couple of years ago so we have her at home as well. Kevin is here--he's in the bar in fact. I'm going to join him now in a minute!"

Tom Pritchard-Gordon of Badgers Bloodstock could not divulge the name of the mare's new owner. He said, "She's to stay here in Europe.

"Fastnet Rock is as good a broodmare sire as there is and her dam is by Galileo so it's all the bloodlines you want. She's the whole package. I haven't decided who she'll be covered by next year but **Starspangledbanner** is an obvious target. Fastnet mares work with so many different bloodlines that she could go anywhere."

All of the key figures were down on last year's corresponding day's trade. The trimmed down catalogue--29 fewer mares offered--saw the aggregate fall by 30% to 15,477,300gns. The median and the average fell by 22% to 43,000gns and 78,168gns respectively while the clearance rate stayed the same at 82%.

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Callisto Star's Grade I-winning daughter Rhea Moon | Horsephotos

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**Tattersalls December Mares cont.**

**Wowie! She's Off to Japan**



Lot 1535 | Tattersalls

Eleonora Kennedy's distinctively marked Mauwiewowie (Ire) (Night Of Thunder {Ire}) was a listed winner at the Curragh in her juvenile season and was listed-placed again this year for Ger Lyons before selling on Monday for 625,000gns from the draft of Norris Bloodstock.

Offered as Lot 1535, the flashy chestnut owns an enticing pedigree that piqued the interest of buyer Yoshihisa Iwasaki, manager of Lake Villa Farm, which bred the dual G1 Hong Kong Vase winner Glory Vase (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}).

"She is going to Japan and will go straight to stud," he said. "She is a strong mare, we love her conformation and we love her attitude."

Mauiewowie, who was bred by Trebles Holford Farm Thoroughbreds, is out of La Chapelle (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}), a half-sister to Group 1 winners Ghaiyyath (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) and Zhukova (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), their dam being the Irish 1,000 Guineas winner Nightime (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). A full-brother to Ghaiyyath topped last month's Goffs November Foal Sale at €700,000.

**Authoritative Performance**

Ballymore Thoroughbreds' regally bred Authoritaire (Ire) (Tamayuz {GB}), who was offered in foal for the first time to Night Of Thunder (Ire), brought the hammer down at 525,000gns and will be off to Ireland, according to buyer Charlie Gordon-Watson.

"It is one of the great families, she is in foal to Night Of Thunder and she is a mare who will suit him, and it all makes good sense," he said.



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## Tattersalls December Mares cont.



Lot 1531 | Tattersalls

That great family has been a cornerstone of the Wildenstein family's breeding operation for generations. Auhoritaire's dam is the champion racemare Aquarelliste (Fr) (Danehill), whose Group 1 wins include the Prix de Diane, while her offspring include the stakes winners Ame Bleue (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) and Any Time Soon (Ire) (Camelot {GB}).

## Timed to Perfection

The Golden Horn 4-year-old Wonderful Times (Ire) returned to the ring a year after being bought by Billy Jackson-Stops and Barton Stud for 85,000gns to sell for more than five times that amount at 460,000gns to Australian-based Kia Ora Stud. Having won her maiden easily at Newcastle in October 2022 for John and Thady Gosden, the filly was transferred to France and the yard of Mario Baratti, for whom she won the Listed Prix Urban Sea in May. [Cont. p6](#)



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With stakes winners for her first three dams, Wonderful Times is a daughter of the G3 Silver Flash victrix Wonderfully (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), herself a granddaughter of the influential Rafha (GB) (Kris {GB}), whose offspring include the stallions Invincible Spirit (Ire) and Kodiak (GB).

Shane Wright, manager of Kia Ora Stud, said, "She was a beautiful filly from a really lovely family. When you come to sales like this it's really the families that draw you in. She was also a black-type filly as well--a little bit stouter than we would usually buy at home but it's good to come over here and find different lines and different things we can take advantage of. She's our first purchase of the sale and we're very happy."

### Bozo's "Safe Bet"

After losing his top-class Galileo (Ire) mare Starlet's Sister (Ire) a fortnight ago, Henri Bozo described himself as happy to have been able to buy into an unraced Galileo filly out of So Mi Dar (GB) on behalf of Ecurie des Monceaux for 300,000gns.

Astrologia (Ire) was consigned by Watership Down Stud and sold in foal to **Wootton Bassett (GB)**, with Bozo lauding the stallion as one of the best around.



Henri Bozo | Tattersalls

He said, "I am happy to get into this family. She is the type of mare that we have tried to buy in the past. To be honest, if they haven't raced, it doesn't really bother me because we have tried from the beginning to get into these types of families.

Sometimes it works, sometimes it doesn't, so let's hope it does."

Bozo added, "She's in foal to a very good sire. I mean, I am so impressed by **Wootton Bassett**. Each foal we have on the farm by him is nice, correct, has good quality and is a good colour. I think he is a very safe bet and he should suit her well."

### Ridgmont Team Strikes Early

The 35-strong broodmare band at the Cunningham family's Ridgmont Farm in Australia will eventually be enhanced by the Showcasing (GB) filly Many Tears (GB), who has enjoyed a major update since the catalogue was published and was bought for 300,000gns on Ridgmont's behalf by agent Jim Clarke.

Winner of the Listed Cooley Fillies' S. at Dundalk last month for Ger Lyons, the half-sister to stakes winner Intello Kiss (GB) (Intello {Ger}) is a great grand-daughter of the Oaks winner Love Divine (GB) (Diesis) and has now won three of her eight starts. She is set to race on under the care of James Ferguson in Newmarket.

"The whole Ridgmont team and Mitch Cunningham have been pounding the pavements and braving the weather and looking at fillies off the track," said Clarke. "She was our number one pick--she is a gorgeous mare who is now a stakes winner, a 3-year-old with racing upside and a pedigree we can't access in Australia."

The longer-term plan is for Many Tears to be covered by **Frankel (GB)**.

The agent added, "Ridgmont has a lovely broodmare band that has been tailored toward young mares and stakes-performing mares. They are all bred very commercially and we are looking to sell yearlings at the premier end of the market. The opportunity to acquire bloodlines in this part of the world is to get some diversity. To be going home with the one we all loved is very pleasing."

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## Japanese Buyers Active Throughout



Run **Zarak** Run was a latest second in the Listed Prix Ceres  
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Mares by Montjeu (Ire) and his son Motivator (GB) have been responsible for some top-notch Japanese runners this year in the G1 Saudi Cup winner Panthalassa (Jpn) (Lord Kanaloa {Jpn}) and the dual Classic winner Sol Oriens (Jpn) (Kitsan Black {Jpn}) respectively. Ahead of the first Sceptre Session, Japan's JS Company signed for Motivator's Group 3-winning daughter Vue Fantastique (Fr), who was also runner-up in the G1 Prix Saint-Alary when in training with Fabrice Chappet. Sold in foal to Showcasing (GB) by Newsells Park Stud as Lot 1464, she was bought for 150,000gns and has colts by **Siyouni** (Fr), Le Havre (Ire) and Lope De Vega (Ire) to run for her.

Shadai Farm bid 170,000gns for the 4-year-old Love You Grandpa (GB), a thrice-placed **Frankel** half-sister to the G2 Queen Mary S. winner Ceiling Kitty (GB) (Red Clubs {Ire}).

Run **Zarak** Run (Fr) (**Zarak** {Fr}), who had been bought by Colm Sharkey for only 21,000gns in the same ring back in July, returned in Luke Barry's Manister House Stud draft to sell for 180,000gns to Big Red Farm.

Since September, the 3-year-old filly has made four starts for Harry Eustace, breaking her maiden by 11 lengths at Redcar in October before finishing runner-up in the Listed Prix Ceres nine days ago.

## Share Price In Needle Lace Sky-Rockets

Hard to believe that it is less than a year since Needle Lace (GB) failed to sell at just €24,000 at the Goffs February Sale. In that time, and in no small part aided by the emergence of her Group 1-winning brother Rosallion (Ire) (Blue Point {Ire}), the share price in Needle Lace sky-rocketed on Monday to 200,000gns.

It was Blandford Bloodstock, holding off the attention of Yeomanstown Stud, who signed for the winning daughter of Golden Horn (GB). If Needle Lace soaring from buy-back to big-ticket item at the Sceptre Sessions was hard enough to believe, the fact she sold to Hurworth Bloodstock for just 1,000gns from Godolphin back in 2021 makes this story even more remarkable.

Indeed, the Needle Lace pedigree looks a lot different now than it did back then, notably through the exploits of the Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere winner Rosallion, but also thanks to G1 Queen Anne S. winner Triple Time (Ire), who is the seventh black-type winner under that wonderful second dam Reem Three (GB) (Mark Of Esteem {Ire}).

Trained most recently by Ken Condon on behalf of owner David Kelly, Needle Lace was sold on Monday in foal to **Sioux Nation**, one of the hottest young prospects in Ireland.

## Tally-Ho Stud Lands Sister To Vandeeek

A half-sister to the brilliant dual Group 1-winning and unbeaten juvenile Vandeeek (GB) was snapped up by Tally-Ho Stud for 90,000gns. Doncaster Rosa (GB) (Alhebayeb (Ire)), the champion 3-year-old in Switzerland, was one of four mares the stud bought for a total of 427,000gns on the day.

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The weanling half-brother to Vandeeek, by **Starspangledbanner (Aus)**, was sold for 450,000gns last Friday to Coolmore by breeder Kelly Thomas of Maywood Stud.

### US Owner Mike Repole Gets In On The Act

American owner Mike Repole, whose silks have been carried by the likes of **Uncle Mo**, Forte and Nest, got in on the action at Newmarket when signing for a **Siyouni** half-sister [Faial (Fr)] to National Defense (GB).

Consigned by Castlebridge, the winner, who hails from the extended family of Derby winner Adayar (Ire), fetched 220,000gns.

### Paddington Nomination to Watership Down Stud

A nomination to new sire Paddington (Ire) donated by Coolmore Stud to be auctioned to raise funds for Graham Lee was bought for 72,000gns by Lady Lloyd Webber.

The Group 1 and Grand National-winning jockey was seriously injured in a race fall at Newcastle on November 10. A Just Giving campaign launched to aid Lee's recovery has now raised almost £170,000. Four-time Group 1 winner Paddington will stand his first season in Ireland at €55,000.

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## BUY OF THE DAY

**Lot 1355 STAGE QUEEN (Ire), by Oasis Dream (GB) ex Stage Presence (Ire) (Selkirk)**

**In foal to Study Of Man (Ire)**

**Buyer: Raptakos Brett/Gaurav Rampal, 16,000gns**

**Vendor: The National Stud**

There is plenty of value to be found even on the 'big days' as exemplified by the purchase of the 10-year-old mare Stage Queen. Though unraced, she has four black-type earners as siblings, including the G1 Prix de Diane winner Star Of Seville (GB) (Duke Of Marmalade {Ire}), while another two half-sisters are already black-type producers. Stage Queen has been represented by two winners from her three runners to date, and she has a Zoustar (Aus) yearling filly and Sea The Moon (Ger) colt foal on the way through. Her covering sire Study Of Man has made a promising start and more can be expected from his first three-year-old runners in 2024.

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Lot	Name	Status	Price (gns)
<b>1534</b>	<b>Callisto Star (Ire)</b>	<b>i/f Starspangledbanner (Aus)</b>	<b>675,000</b>
	(8, Fastnet Rock {Aus}--Livia Galilei {Ire}, by Galileo {Ire}) Consigned by Ballybin Stud Purchased by Badgers Bloodstock		
<b>1535</b>	<b>Mauiewowie (Ire)</b>	<b>Horse in training</b>	<b>625,000</b>
	(3, Night of Thunder {Ire}--La Chapelle {Ire}, by Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) Consigned by Norris Bloodstock Purchased by Lake Villa Farm		
<b>1531</b>	<b>Authoritaire (Ire)</b>	<b>i/f Night of Thunder (Ire)</b>	<b>525,000</b>
	(4, Tamayuz {GB}--Aquarelliste {Fr}, by Danehill) Consigned by The Castlebridge Consignment Purchased by C Gordon Watson Bloodstock		

**1546 Wonderful Times (Ire)** Horse out of training **460,000**  
(4, Golden Horn {GB}--Wonderfully {Ire}, by Galileo {Ire})  
Consigned by Barton Sales  
Purchased by Kia Ora Stud

**1533 My Eyes Adore You (Ire)** Horse in training **380,000**  
(4, Profitable {Ire}--Crossanza {Ire}, by Cape Cross {Ire})  
Consigned by Thomastown Castle Stables  
Purchased by Hillwood Bloodstock

**1544 Aussie Girl (Ire)** Horse in training **380,000**  
(3, Starspangledbanner {Aus}--Ravissante {Ire}, by Galileo {Ire})  
Consigned by Thomastown Castle Stables  
Purchased by Woodford Thoroughbreds

**1548A Araminta (Ire)** Horse in training **350,000**  
(3, Gleneagles {Ire}--Mince {GB}, by Medicean {GB})  
Consigned by Barton Sales  
Purchased by Whatton Manor Stud

**1426 Many Tears (Ire)** Horse in training **300,000**  
(3, Showcasing {GB}--Just One Kiss {GB}, by Cape Cross {Ire})  
Consigned by The Castlebridge Consignment  
Purchased by Ridgmont Farm/Clarke Bloodstock

**1539 Astrologia (Ire)** i/f **Wootton Bassett (GB)** **300,000**  
(4, Galileo {Ire}--So Mi Dar {GB}, by Dubawi {Ire})  
Consigned by Watership Down Stud  
Purchased by Ecurie des Monceaux

**1542 Royal Address (Ire)** i/f **Night of Thunder (Ire)** **300,000**  
(5, Dandy Man {Ire}--Barqeyya {Ire}, by Shamardal)  
Consigned by The Castlebridge Consignment  
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**1562 Red Danielle (Ire)** Horse in training **300,000**  
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 Consigned by Baroda Stud  
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**1536 Embellish (Ire)** i/f **Wootton Bassett (GB)** **280,000**  
*(4, Galileo {Ire}--Inca Princess {Ire}, by Holy Roman Emperor {Ire})*  
 Consigned by Baroda Stud  
 Purchased by NBB Racing

**1410 Beautiful Timing (GB)** i/f **Farhh (GB)** **270,000**  
*(6, Dubawi {Ire}--Time Control {GB}, by Sadler's Wells)*  
 Consigned by Godolphin  
 Purchased by Jill Lamb Bloodstock/Newsells Park Stud

**1545 Rising Star (GB)** i/f **No Nay Never** **240,000**  
*(5, Fast Company {Ire}--Ile Flottante {Ire}, by Duke of Marmalade {Ire})*  
 Consigned by John Troy, agent  
 Purchased by Windgates Stud

**1481 Faial (Fr)** Horse out of training **220,000**  
*(3, Siyouni {Fr}--Angel Falls {GB}, by Kingmambo)*  
 Consigned by The Castlebridge Consignment  
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### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Smoky Mountain (Ire)**, g, 3, **Frankel (GB)**--The Wagon Wheel (Ire) (MSP-Eng, \$125,253), by Acclamation (GB).

Wolverhampton, 12-4, 7f 36y (AWT), 1:29.44. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-0, \$11,608. B-Lady Bamford & Alice Bamford (IRE).

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on the European racing scene

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**18.30 Wolverhampton, £9,980, Mdn, 2yo, 7f 36y (AWT)**

Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Maktoum's **ROBEENA (GB) (Calyx {GB})**, one of two debutantes representing Roger Varian, is a homebred half-sister to three black-type performers headed by last year's GI Belmont Oaks Invitational heroine McKulick (GB) (**Frankel {GB}**). She encounters 11 rivals which include Yuesheng Zhang's 170,000gns Tattersalls October Book 1 yearling **Superb Force (Ire) (Night Of Thunder {Ire})**, who is an Andrew Balding-trained half-brother to MG1SW sire Best Solution (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}) and G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud victor El Bodegon (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}).

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• Number Offered	242	271
• Number Sold	198	221
• Not Sold	44	50
• Clearance Rate	81.8%	81.5%
• No. \$500K+	3	4
• High Price	675,000gns	800,000gns
• Gross	15,477,300gns (-30%)	22,090,500gns
• Average (% change)	78,168gns (-21.8%)	99,957gns
• Median (% change)	43,000gns (-21.8%)	55,000gns

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McKulick winning the GI Belmont Oaks | Sarah Andrew



#### IN JAPAN:

**Wholeness (Ire)**, f, 3, **Lope de Vega (Ire)**--Missunited (Ire) (Hwt. Older Mare-Ire at 14f+, GSW & G1SP-Eng, MSW-Ire, G1SP-Fr, \$698,672), by Golan (Ire). Chukyo, 12-2, Cond., 2000mT, 2:00. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$111,449. O-Godolphin; B-Mrs V B Hutch & Lope de Vega Syndicate; T-Hideaki Fujiwara. \*1/2 to Eagles By Day (Ire) (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**), GSW-Eng, \$123,959. \*\*200,000gns Wlg '20 TATDEF.



Missunited in the 2014 Gold Cup | Racingfotos

## FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2023:

#### UNITED KINGDOM:

**Advertise (GB)** (Showcasing {GB}), Manton Park Stud  
103 foals of racing age  
13:00-LINGFIELD PARK, 8f, Mr Influence (GB)  
12,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2021; 20,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2022  
13:30-LINGFIELD PARK, 5f, Talking Rubbish (GB)

**Blue Point (Ire)** (Shamardal), Kildangan Stud  
161 foals of racing age  
17:30-WOLVERHAMPTON, 6f, Blue Eyed Kate (Ire)  
40,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2022;  
42,000gns RNA Tattersalls Craven Breeze Up Sale 2023  
17:30-WOLVERHAMPTON, 6f, Hand Jive (GB)  
17:30-WOLVERHAMPTON, 6f, Mbappe (GB)  
43,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2022

**Calyx (GB)** (Kingman {GB}), Coolmore Stud  
103 foals of racing age  
18:30-WOLVERHAMPTON, 7.25f, Roobeena (GB)

**Invincible Army (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Yeomanstown Stud  
95 foals of racing age  
18:30-WOLVERHAMPTON, 7.25f, Galloping On (Ire)  
95,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2022

**Land Force (Ire)** (No Nay Never), Highclere Stud  
117 foals of racing age  
18:30-WOLVERHAMPTON, 7.25f, Miss Oxford (GB)  
120,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2022

**Magna Grecia (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Coolmore Stud  
109 foals of racing age  
13:30-LINGFIELD PARK, 5f, Rogue Rosie (GB)  
16,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2022

**Masar (Ire)** (New Approach {Ire}), Dalham Hall Stud  
104 foals of racing age  
13:00-LINGFIELD PARK, 8f, Snooker McCrew (GB)  
3,000gns Tattersalls December Yearling Sale 2022



**Phoenix of Spain (Ire)** (Lope de Vega {Ire}), Irish National Stud  
 97 foals of racing age  
 13:00-LINGFIELD PARK, 8f, Rubio de Oro (GB)  
 25,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2021; 35,000gns  
 Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2022

**Soldier's Call (GB)** (Showcasing {GB}), Ballyhane Stud  
 121 foals of racing age  
 13:30-LINGFIELD PARK, 5f, Relentless Warrior (Ire)  
 £30,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearlings 2022

**Study of Man (Ire)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}), Lanwades Stud  
 55 foals of racing age  
 12:30-LINGFIELD PARK, 8f, Judgementofsolomon (GB)  
 35,000gns Tattersalls December Yearling Sale 2022

**Ten Sovereigns (Ire)** (No Nay Never), Coolmore Stud  
 150 foals of racing age  
 12:30-LINGFIELD PARK, 8f, Sovereign Knight (GB)  
 €18,000 RNA Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2022;  
 €24,000 Arqana Deauville Summer Mixed Sale 2023

**Too Darn Hot (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}), Dalham Hall Stud  
 120 foals of racing age  
 18:30-WOLVERHAMPTON, 7.25f, Loved By You (GB)

## FRANCE

**Blue Point (Ire)** (Shamardal), Kildangan Stud  
 161 foals of racing age  
 4-DEAUVILLE, 1500m, Pemba Bay (Fr)  
 €160,000 Arqana Deauville August Yearling Sale 2022

**Ten Sovereigns (Ire)** (No Nay Never), Coolmore Stud  
 150 foals of racing age  
 4-DEAUVILLE, 1500m, Achill Island (Fr)  
 4-DEAUVILLE, 1500m, Grand Dream (Fr)  
 €45,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2022  
 2-DEAUVILLE, 1500m, Sover Fal (Fr)  
 €26,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2022  
 4-DEAUVILLE, 1500m, Tender Thoughts (Fr)

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