

BAFFERT WANTS ONE DEFENDANT IN DEFAMATION SUIT RULED IN DEFAULT



Bob Baffert and Clark Brewster | Sarah Andrew

by T.D. Thornton

The federal lawsuit initiated by trainer Bob Baffert that alleges civil extortion and defamation by two social media posters has been ordered to proceed to an “early neutral evaluation” (ENE) conference Jan. 10 that is designed to save time and money as a form of alternate dispute resolution before the case can proceed any further.

However, subsequent to that Nov. 29 ENE order, Baffert's attorney, Clark Brewster, asked the United States District Court (Southern District of California) on Dec. 4 to enter a default judgment against one of the defendants for failing to file an answer to the complaint in a timely manner.

Back on Sept. 27, Baffert filed a suit that asked for compensatory damages in excess of \$75,000, plus an award of punitive damages “to deter similar conduct by Defendants and others” after purportedly suffering “mental anguish, anxiety, and duress Defendants have caused by virtue of their repeated threats to Baffert's business and family by means of their unlawful statements.”

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U OF A SYMPOSIUM: TRYING TO FIND A WAY FORWARD AMID TRACK CLOSURES

by T.D. Thornton

A panel about racetrack closures in the prime afternoon time slot on the first day of Tuesday's Global Symposium on Racing hosted by the University of Arizona Race Track Industry Program (RTIP) in Tucson had the potential to be a somber and eulogistic affair, but it did yield some interesting back-and-forth when the discussion turned to how the industry might best stem the tide of Thoroughbred venues going dark for good.

The topic “Land For Sale. How Will Race Track Closures Impact the Industry's Long-Term Sustainability?” elicited some of the commonly debated plights facing the industry, such as the decline of the foal crop, the fierce competition for the thinning horse (and horse owner) population, how to shore up field sizes, and the emergence of so-called “super” trainers and multiple-owner partnerships.

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As Baffert's complaint put it, "This lawsuit is the response to a series of escalating threats and criminal conduct by Defendants Justin Wunderler and Daniel DiCorcia against Plaintiffs Bob Baffert and his family. Over the past several months, Defendants have urged others to engage in violent behavior toward Baffert and his family, baselessly accused Baffert of criminal conduct, and attempted to extort Baffert and his family under threats to his business, reputation, and occupational license."

Baffert's complaint stated that Wunderler "resides in Waretown, New Jersey, and is a part-time pari-mutuel Thoroughbred racing bettor. Mr. Wunderler has a substantial social media presence and following under the pseudonym 'Swifthitter.'"

The complaint also stated that DiCorcia "resides in Point Pleasant, New Jersey, is a part-time pari-mutuel Thoroughbred racing bettor, and operates an apparel store called 'BarShoeLife' that sells racing-related apparel. Mr. DiCorcia also has a substantial social media presence and following under various pseudonyms related to that "Bar Shoe" handle.

Baffert's complaint alleged that "[T]his escalating pattern of outrageous behavior is specifically intended to accrue more followers and personal monetary gain. Before the [GI] Belmont S. in New York, Mr. Wunderler specifically asked his followers to

bring dangerous objects to hurl at Baffert and his family. Shortly thereafter, Mr. Wunderler posted a picture of Baffert's house in California and claimed that he 'slaughters horses on National TV.'"

The complaint further alleged that, "Mr. Wunderler and Mr. DiCorcia engaged in a conspiracy to extort money from Baffert, sent a text message demanding a certain sum of money, with specific payment instructions for wiring money, in exchange for a promise not to release information Defendants allege is so damaging that it will end Baffert's career."

DiCorcia, according to the court's docket, filed a timely, one-page response Nov. 28 that denied Baffert's allegations and asked for the claims to be dismissed.

Wunderler, however, did not file any response after being served, according to the motion filed Monday by Brewster on behalf of Baffert.

That motion cited Rule 55(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, which states that a party can be found in default if they fail to plead or otherwise defend themselves from a party seeking relief via lawsuit.

The motion stated that Baffert "respectfully request[s] the Clerk to enter the default of Defendant Justin Wunderler for failure to plead or otherwise defend this action within the permitted time to respond." **Cont.**

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The motion attached an affidavit of service and stated Baffert's legal team made "several attempts" to serve Wunderler personally with the complaint at his residence.

"The individual served was Mr. Wunderler's mother, who confirmed that Mr. Wunderler lived at the residence," Baffert's motion for default stated. "Plaintiffs also mailed copies of the Complaint and Summons through regular and certified mail to Mr. Wunderler. Through his various posts and discussions on the social media platform 'X,' formerly known as Twitter, Mr. Wunderler has confirmed that he is aware of the Complaint and has reviewed its contents."

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The panelists largely agreed those practices are consolidating the remaining equine assets into the hands of too few entities, but each speaker had a slightly different take on how to best deal with those woes.

Bill Nader, the president and chief executive officer of the Thoroughbred Owners of California (TOC), didn't shy from rhetorically asking what he termed as "the hard question" about racing in the state that he represents. California is facing outsized upheaval because of the planned 2024 closure of Golden Gate Fields, right on the heels of a 10-year span that also saw top in-state tracks Hollywood Park and Bay Meadows slide off the Thoroughbred grid.



A former Symposium session | Veronica Branson

"What's the best path forward, and can California support two circuits?" Nader postulated before following up with the TOC's perspective.

"We know we have the [Northern] fairs, that's a given," Nader said. "And we have Southern California. But can we support two circuits, knowing what we know?" in terms of the above-referenced downward trends. **Cont.**

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Nader continued: "One avenue would be to look at something new [as a flagship track] in the north. [Plus] there is no alternative [revenue stream from gaming to fund purses], which makes it really hard, because we're doing it the old-fashioned way, pari-mutuel wagering only, sort of one arm tied behind your back..."

"If there's something in the north that we think is viable and can really form a good business case, that would be option one. If not, then we have to redirect to suitable opportunities in the south, and make use of our assets at our racetracks at not only Del Mar and Santa Anita, but also Los Alamitos.

"If the foal crop can rebound, and we can get some positive momentum, maybe we can stay a little bit close to even" in terms of nationwide track closures, Nader said.

"It's really important that California stay strong, that we keep supporting [it]," Nader said. "Our owners are big players at the Keeneland sale and many of the major yearling sales. [So] in terms of understanding the worth and the value of what everybody brings, less racing may not be the worst thing if we can improve the product and make it better for the people who bet on the races, because that triggers the handle, and that drives the engine."

Nader explained that for Californians, it can be difficult to see other iconic, nationally important tracks, like Belmont Park and

Keeneland, planning substantial long-term facility upgrades while grand places like Santa Anita and Del Mar are more focused on the year-to-year survival of their underlying state circuit.

"That's great that they're leveraging that [financial] advantage to make their venues better, no problem with that," Nader said. "But I want everybody to be reminded how important California is. California doesn't have those [secondary revenue] advantages.... In terms of expectation management, we're okay, but we still want to escalate to the next level.... I think for the rest of the country, everybody should recognize [how] important California is to the rest of the country: Racing, breeding, history, tradition."

Smaller tracks weren't left out of the discussion. Phil Ziegler, the president of Emerald Downs in Washington, made the observation that all too often the big-name track closures get the headlines, while it is often the disappearance of the smaller venues, like county fair race meets, that quietly erode the sport from the bottom up.

Chris McErlean, the vice president of racing for Penn Entertainment, Inc., whose Thoroughbred track holdings include Penn National in Pennsylvania, spoke candidly about how well-intended racing executives in Penn's home region of the mid-Atlantic unintentionally contribute to the very problems they're trying to fix. **Cont.**

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This includes, McErlean said, giving big-outfit trainers "unlimited" stall allotments or writing so many conditions that races either become hard to fill or go with too few entries to be appealing to bettors.

"We do that out of convenience, [and] that's kind of self-perpetuating. That's kind of what works, but it's probably not the right thing to do," McErlean said.

McErlean talked about how difficult it can be for a racing executive to deny alleged "super" trainers stall space and dominance across race conditions knowing that if they clamp down, that trainer will just move on to the next track down the road that will be more accommodating.

"I think we've hurt ourselves that way, and it just becomes more difficult to bring that genie back into the bottle once you let it go," McErlean said.

"I've been involved in the mid-Atlantic for maybe 25, 30 years," McErlean continued. "Tracks always work together very well there. But every year the discussion is, 'Let's coordinate race dates' or 'We need to coordinate race dates, it makes sense.' And it never happens. So, yeah, we're our own worst enemies."

"But at the end of the day, we run our individual businesses. We're not a league," McErlean said. "We compete against each other [and] it's difficult to do those changes [because] we can step out and make the right choices, and then everybody else keeps doing what they're doing, and then we end up being the net loser. People want to cooperate. It's just very difficult to be able to actually pull the trigger.... In theory it sounds good. In practice, it's just much more difficult to execute."

Craig Fravel, the executive vice chairman of 1/ST Racing and Gaming, whose portfolio of tracks includes Santa Anita, Gulfstream Park, and the to-be-closed Golden Gate, underscored a focus-on-owners mantra.

"We do have to make sure that owners are sustained in a more profound manner, that they're engaged, and that they have, you know, a fighting chance to make some money," Fravel said. "It's a game of hope. We don't want to fool them into thinking that this is a [can't-miss] investment in Microsoft in 1978. But we do want to give them hope, and we want to make sure they're well-treated..."

"If we're going to try to change things, we're going to have to try things," Fravel said. "We're going to have to do things that are new and different and sometimes make us uncomfortable."

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P. VAL EYEING COMEBACK *by Bill Finley*

He's 61, hasn't ridden since 2016 and recently had a knee replaced. For most, this would be the time to enjoy retirement and look back on a career that carried him to the heights of his profession. But Pat Valenzuela doesn't see it that way. He's been working horses at Del Mar and Santa Anita, says he feels good and is seriously contemplating making a comeback.

"I'm a little heavy now, so I don't know if I'll be able to do the weight," he said. "But I'm sure going to try. I'll ride somewhere, whether it's in New Mexico, Louisiana, wherever. I'll give it my best shot."

Valenzuela last rode on Dec. 8, 2016 at Fair Grounds. He then tore his anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) and after surgery he still didn't feel right.

"The surgery came out ok, but there was still a lot of pain and it kept bothering me over the last four, five years," he said.

He would try to get back on horses but the pain kept resurfacing.

"Last year, I was getting on horses for Neil Drysdale and I couldn't take the pain anymore. I couldn't tolerate it," he said.

Knowing that he had to try something different to combat the pain, he decided to have his knee replaced, which took place in May.



Pat Valenzuela on Sunday Silence in the 1989 Preakness | Horsephotos

He returned to the track after the operation and worked as a hotwalker for trainer Antonio Saavedra. Each day, his knee started to feel a little better.

"It feels really good. I can't believe how good it feels," he said. "There's no pain. Before it was painful to get on any horses. It's not like I have a brand-new knee, but it's a lot better than it was."

He took the next step and started galloping horses at Santa Anita and Del Mar. In addition to Saavedra, he said he has been working horses for several trainers, including Peter Eurton and Peter Miller. **Cont.**

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Valenzuela, cont.

"I'm getting a good response," Valenzuela said. "I'm just grateful to be able to get on any horses. Most everybody has been encouraging. I'm not hearing anything negative from anybody. I'm just trying to keep it simple and moving forward. As far as the physical fitness part of it, I think it'll will take me another month to 45 days to get ready. The weight is the most important thing. When you get older it's harder to lose weight. I weigh 128 now. I am working hard and eating light meals. Usually one meal a day. Just trying to stay away from fats and saturated fats."

Valenzuela, whose career was repeatedly interrupted by substance abuse issues, said those problems are a thing of the past and have had nothing to do with his prolonged absence from the track.

Should he make it back, he'll have to answer a lot of questions, namely can a 61-year-old who hasn't ridden in more than seven years overcome all those obstacles and be successful?

"We'll have to see," he said. "I will give it my best shot. I feel really good. I feel like I'm in a La-Z-Boy with a remote control when I'm on a horse. I feel like I'm at home. Who knows? I might be better. Gary Stevens came back after having a knee replacement and look how good he did. I don't think the age will matter that much. I think it will be more about physical fitness and the horses I get to ride."

While eager to ride again, Valenzuela is not taking anything for granted. Considering his age, his lengthy absence and his checkered past, he understands that some racing commissions may have reservations about re-licensing him. He said his preference is to ride in California, but if that opportunity isn't available to him he will look elsewhere.

"I've ridden all over the country but I'd love to start back in my home state in California," he said. "That would be the ultimate. But if I can't ride in California I'll ride anywhere I can. Maybe Louisiana or New Mexico. I know I can still get a horse to the wire."

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GHOSTZAPPER WEANLING TOPS FASIG-TIPTON MIDLANTIC SALE

A weanling colt by **Ghostzapper** (hip 29) brought the top price of the Fasig-Tipton December Mixed Sale Tuesday in Timonium when selling for \$82,000 to Machmer Hall. The bay colt, bred in Maryland by Owen Kiernan and consigned by Northview Stallion Station, is the first foal out of the unraced Dance All Day (Exaggerator). The mare is a half-sister to 2021 Queen's Plate winner Safe Conduct (Bodemeister) and to stakes winner Dancing Duchess (**Munnings**). **Cont.**



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During the one-session auction, 148 horses sold for \$1,518,100. The average was \$10,257 and the median was \$5,000. With 39 horses reported not sold, the buy-back rate was 20.9%.

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The best horse DJ Stable campaigned in recent years was **Wonder Wheel** (Into Mischief), who won the 2022 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies on her way to being named champion 2-year-old filly. She did not live up to expectations this year, going 0-for-3. But Green said that, as much as racing is a hobby to many, it should also always be considered a business. The Greens bought Wonder Wheel as a yearling at Keeneland September for \$275,000 and sold her at this year's Fasig-Tipton November Sale for \$3.2 million. It was, Green said, the proper business decision to make.

"If you decide that you want to run this as a business, and I think it's very, very important that people see this as a business, you have to make business decisions," he said. "And the business decisions are that when a horse is no longer a racing horse, it's time to cut bait. I might have said it's not worth taking a horse out of training after a tough campaign." **Cont.**



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Len Green on TDN Writers' Room, cont.

"Instead, wait several months and try to get her back into racing form. Maybe with other horses, it works. Now was the time to sow it as opposed to racing on. So that's the difference between people who are in this thing for a hobby and not as a business. Businesses, you make business decisions."

Green believes he knows the tax business when it comes to racing inside and out because he has owned so many horses himself and has been active in the sport for decades.



Len Green | Coady Photography

"I know these things having owned 200 horses every year myself," he said. "I know what the expense is. I know what the ratios are. I know what you're missing. Have you donated any horses? Where is this horse? Where did you buy it? Well, I bought it, but I didn't pay for it yet. It doesn't make any difference when you pay for it. It's when you take a title and when you put it in use, that's when it's deductible. Whether you use me or somebody else, you have to have someone who is knowledgeable. Someone who can look at your expenses and tell you, okay, here's the way to do it."

Elsewhere on the podcast, which is also sponsored by the **Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association**, **West Point Thoroughbreds**, **Lane's End**, **WinStar Farm** and **XBTV.com**, the team of Zoe Cadman and Bill Finley reviewed last weekend's races at Aqueduct where the fare included the GII Cigar Mile H. and a thrilling rendition of the GII Remsen S., won by **Dornoch** (**Good Magic**), the full-brother to 2023 GI Kentucky Derby winner **Mage**. The focus turned to Del Mar, where Chad Brown added to his incredible record at the seaside oval, winning two Grade I's, including the GI Matriarch S., where his quartet of starters finished one, two, three and four. Cadman and Finley also gave their take on the latest developments in the scopolamine case from the 2018 GI Santa Anita Derby, that has, at least for now, resulted in the disqualification of **Justify** (Scat Daddy). **Cont.**



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HISA AND PALANTIR DEVELOP AI-ENABLED TOOL TO HELP IDENTIFY AT-RISK HORSES

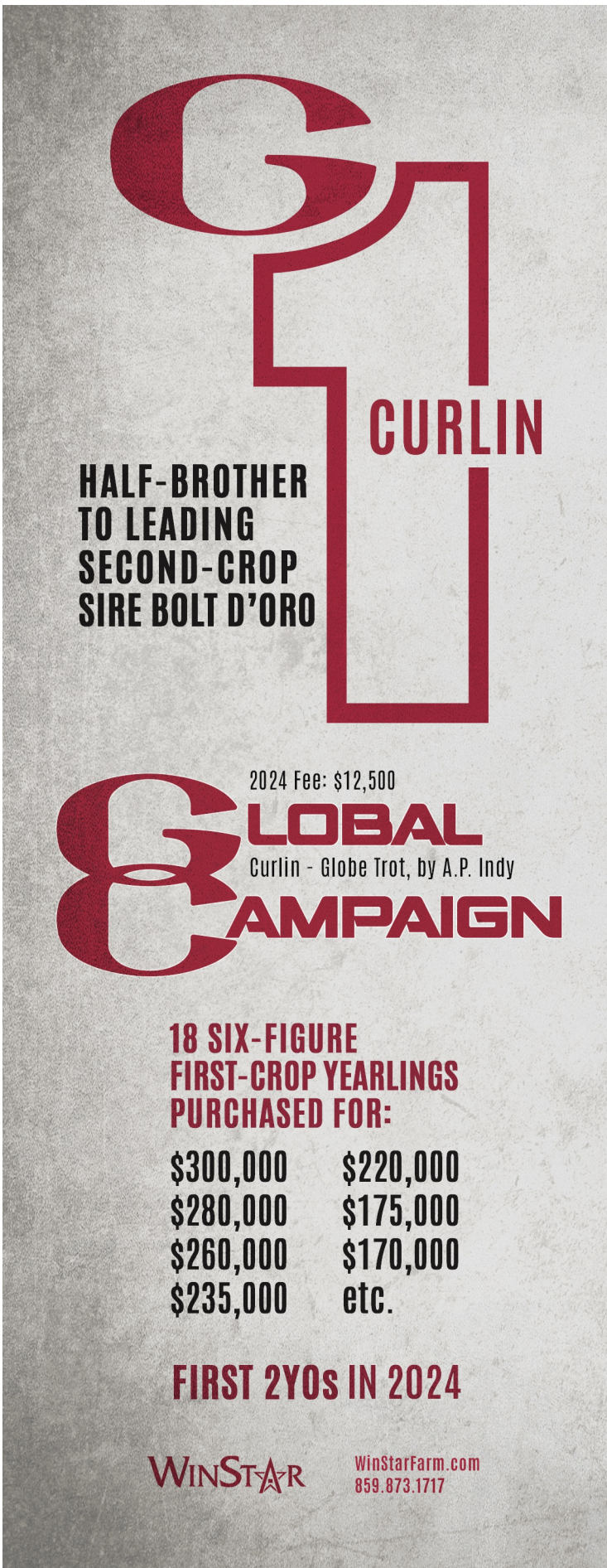
The Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA) has partnered with Palantir Technologies, a leading provider of artificial intelligence systems, to create a data-enabled tool to assist industry stakeholders in identifying horses at risk for injury before they race, according to a press release Tuesday morning from HISA. The tool will generate a daily report for each racetrack, flagging any horses entered in that day's races who may present potential risk factors for injury. This enables identification of at-risk horses with increased efficiency and accuracy and will inform the hands-on pre-race inspections of each runner.

The new tool HISA and Palantir have developed reviews health information and historical entry data to determine whether each horse entered in a race is at increased risk for injury based on various factors. The tool accounts for such risk factors as the length of a horse's previous layoff (if any), term with current trainer, history on the vet's list and other indicators of previous injury or poor performance. The process for evaluating these records for each horse entered in a race had previously taken veterinarians an average of five hours per race. This same review can now be accomplished in a matter of minutes.

"HISA continues to work with leading partners like Palantir to utilize data and technology in its mission to reduce equine injuries and fatalities," said HISA CEO Lisa Lazarus. "Our hope is that this revolutionary technology is used to more efficiently and accurately identify horses at risk of injury as part of the screening process for determining if they're fit to race. This powerful, AI-enabled tool will streamline and automate a process that had previously taken significant time away from veterinarians' hands-on care of horses. We're excited to be working with the experts at Palantir on this and future initiatives."

"Palantir is proud to support HISA in its embrace of technology to reduce equine injuries and fatalities," said Palantir's Head of Global Commercial Ted Mabrey. "HISA came to a Bootcamp for Palantir's Artificial Intelligence Platform (AIP) this fall and has rapidly scaled its implementation independently. HISA is proving that real world outcomes, in this case equine safety, can be achieved in weeks with the acceleration that AIP and boot camps provide."

"By leveraging Palantir's technology, HISA is helping to significantly reduce the time it takes to identify horses potentially at risk," said Steve Keech, Director of Data Usage and Technology Innovation for HISA. **Cont.**



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HISA and Palantir, cont.

"We look forward to rolling this tool out to all racetracks under HISA's jurisdiction. This collaboration with Palantir puts us at the forefront of sports technology, and I have no doubt this partnership will be a game-changer for the safety of equine athletes."

HISA said they expected to begin using this tool in early 2024. It will send daily reports to racetracks and regulatory veterinarians around the country that will provide them with data and resources.

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KEENELAND CATALOGS 1,401 TO JANUARY HORSES OF ALL AGES SALE

Keeneland has cataloged 1,401 horses for its upcoming January Horses of All Ages Sale, which will be held over four sessions from Jan. 8-11.

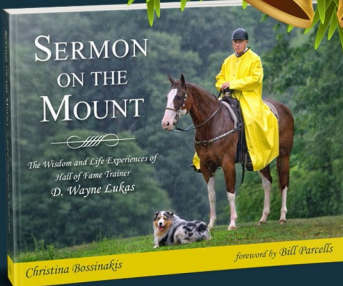
"The January Sale offers a variety of breeding and racing opportunities at all levels of the market for horsemen who operate domestically and internationally," Keeneland Vice President of Sales Tony Lacy said. "With a selection of quality broodmares and broodmare prospects, the auction will appeal to breeders preparing for the upcoming breeding season. The short yearlings on offer will appeal to pinhookers and end-users alike, and horses of racing age will interest owners and trainers making plans for their racing stables."



Hidden Connection | Coady Photography

Some of the top offerings in the January Sale catalog include:


- **Hidden Connection (Connect)**, whose five graded stakes performances include a 9 1/4-length romp in the GIII Pocahontas S. Offered as a racing or broodmare prospect, she is consigned by Hidden Brook, agent.





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- **Parnac (Fr) (Zarac {Fr})**, winner of the GII 2023 Flower Bowl S. and a stakes winner in Germany. Offered as a racing or broodmare prospect, she is consigned by Lane's End, agent.
- **Pipit (Quality Road)**, who won the Victoria S. and was second in the Algonquin S. at 2 this year. She is offered as a racing or broodmare prospect and consigned by Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, agent.
- **Prank (Into Mischief)**, who is a half-sister to GI Belmont S. winner Mo Donegal and won her career debut at Saratoga by an impressive 9 3/4 lengths. Consigned by Gainesway, agent, she is offered as a broodmare prospect.
- **Star Act (Street Cry {Ire})** who is the dam of Just F Y I, undefeated winner of this year's GI NetJets Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies and GI Frizette S. Star Act is offered in foal to Just F Y I's sire, **Justify**, and is consigned by Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, agent.

Each session of the January Sale begins at 10 a.m. ET. The first round of supplements to the entire sale will be announced Dec. 7.

Click [here](#) for the Keeneland January sale online catalogue. Print catalogues are scheduled to arrive in the mail the week of Dec. 18.

The January Sale will be livestreamed at [Keeneland.com](https://www.keeneland.com).

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TURF PARADISE APPROVED TO RUN '24 MEET, PENDING SIGN-OFF BY HISA AUTHORITY *by T.D. Thornton*



Turf Paradise | Coady

Turf Paradise received unanimous but conditional approval from the Arizona Racing Commission (AZRC) on Tuesday to conduct a Jan. 29-May 4 race meet.

The upcoming season, however, won't be run under the auspices of the new ownership group that has been reportedly trying to buy the Phoenix track for the last two months.

Instead, Turf Paradise's current owner, Jerry Simms, will still be at the helm.

Simms and Arizona horsemen have had an acrimonious business relationship for the better part of two decades.

But Simms vowed during the Dec. 5 "emergency" AZRC meeting that he will be sticking around for at least the next five months because his deal to sell the track to an entity known as Turf Paradise Land Trust has hit unspecified snags.

The conditions attached to the licensure by the AZRC have to do with Turf Paradise either complying with or getting the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA) Authority to waive its requirement that stipulates a 90-day advance notice from any track before the start of racing. In addition, the Authority still has to accredit Turf Paradise in terms of safety standards.

Rudy Casillas, the deputy director of the AZRC's racing division, said that although Simms is still free to try to close on the sale of the track (which has been under consideration by at least two different buyers this year), he explained that it would be "highly unlikely" that the commission would be able to finalize its vetting process of a new licensee before the planned end of the race meet.

"We have not received all of the required information from the potential new buyer as of yet, so I don't believe that there's

going to be that type of [due diligence] complication impacting live race meet going forward," Casillas said.

As for the HISA hurdles, Casillas added, "I cannot speak for HISA. I can't predict what they'll do, if they waive the 90 days. We're hoping that they will.... If they don't waive the 90-day advance notice, then obviously the race meet will have to start at a later time, beyond Jan. 29."

But Casillas did add that AZRC representatives are speaking with HISA Authority executives who are in the state this week for the Global Symposium on Racing hosted by the University of Arizona Race Track Industry Program in Tucson. Casillas said that in those conversations, "HISA has indicated that they will definitely try to work with the [AZRC] and move this forward."

Unlike at recent AZRC meetings where their representatives spoke at length about the confusion and chaos of trying to get the sport back on track in Arizona, no one from the Arizona Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (AZHBPA) testified during Tuesday's meeting.

Simms, however, gave his side of the story, portraying himself as a savior, of sorts.

"I decided to run this meet because it was just too much impact on the stakeholders, too many people's lives being disrupted," Simms said. "And I was hoping that my deal would have moved ahead, but it's not gone ahead. So I put my retirement on the back burner and decided to do it..."

"We're complying with HISA. We hope to have HISA out this week [and] hopefully they won't hold us to that 90-day period of time," Simms said.

"HISA has their own criteria. And so hopefully they'll give us their approval. I [don't have] any control over that." **Cont.**



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Turf Paradise, cont.

"But I will tell you, with absolute certainty, if this meet is approved and we run the meet, it will finish. Even if the track is sold, whoever buys it will have to finish it or I will finish it."

Back on **Nov. 9**, Simms told the AZRC that the ownership group that wants to buy the currently closed Turf Paradise was at the escrow stage of closing on the sale.

Turf Paradise ended its racing season back in May with a different buyer doing due diligence to purchase the property. Then on **Aug. 1**, Simms announced Turf Paradise wouldn't be opening in November as scheduled for its traditional six-month meet.

On Sept. 18, the months-long purported sale with the first buyer was publicly declared dead.

Then 10 days later, Simms announced a new buyer had suddenly emerged with a desire to purchase the 213-acre property and save racing at the 67-year-old track.

In recent years, disagreements between the Arizona racing community and Simms have roiled in the courts and at racing commission meetings. An extraordinarily long pandemic closure and prolonged fights over off-track betting privileges, simulcast signals, and how the horsemen's purse money can be used have all been topics of heated debate.

Turf Paradise has also been plagued by safety issues in recent seasons, and as recently as the Oct. 12 commission meeting,

Simms and AZHBPA officers sparred over whether or not extensive repairs were needed for the main track rail.

But reports made at a subsequent commission meeting Nov. 9 did note progress to the facility's upkeep, such as the turf course well pump being fixed and the grass getting much-needed watering, seeding and fertilizations.

A release posted on social media by Turf Paradise after the commission's vote noted that the track and AZHBPA have signed a contract that calls for Monday-Thursday racing. Horses will be allowed into the stables Dec. 18, with training to start Dec. 26.


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BIEDERMAN STEPS DOWN FROM THE MIC


Tom Biederman will be stepping down from the auctioneer stand at Fasig-Tipton at the end of 2023 to focus more on his Lexington-based Biederman Real Estate and Auctioneers company.

Biederman has served as an auctioneer and pedigree announcer at Fasig-Tipton for the past 25 years. He began in the Thoroughbred auction industry as a student at the University of Kentucky and has served in nearly every capacity available in the business, previously working for Ocala Breeders' Sales Company, Barretts, the Canadian Thoroughbred Breeders and many others. **Cont.**

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"I have thoroughly enjoyed every moment of serving, not only with the Fasig-Tipton family, but just as importantly, the breeders, owners, consignors, buyers, and their supporters. It has been a wonderful honor to ply my trade at some of the most recognized Thoroughbred auctions in the world, including Fasig-Tipton Saratoga and the November sale for the last several years," Biederman said.

He continued, "While I will continue to be involved in the Thoroughbred industry as a consultant and participant, my primary focus going forward will turn to expanding and improving Biederman Real Estate and Auctioneers, a company based in Lexington and founded in 1994 to assist buyers and sellers of quality Kentucky real estate and other commodities."

Boyd Browning, Fasig-Tipton CEO, added, "Tom has been a valuable member of the Fasig-Tipton team for nearly four decades. He has served the company and our customers impeccably during this time. Although he will no longer be in the auction stand, we look forward to his continued involvement with Fasig-Tipton and the Thoroughbred industry as a horse owner and leader in the Central Kentucky real estate market."

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As 2023 draws to a close, the TDN is asking industry members what their favorite moment of the year was. Send your favorite moment to suefinley@thetdn.com

**Kelsey Danner** | Sarah Andrew

"My favorite memory was winning my first graded stake [the GIII Herecomesthebride S.] with Danse Macabre this spring. She is a special filly to me. It was also stretching out and she showed a ton of grit to win." –Kelsey Danner


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JOCKEYS' GUILD UNDERSCORES SUPPORT FOR KEEPING CATEGORY 2 INTERFERENCE STANDARDS



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The Jockeys' Guild and its Board of Directors released a statement Tuesday underscoring that the organization has taken the position that the United States should remain under the Category 2 approach for adjudicating potential interference during Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse racing.

The press release was issued in advance of a panel discussion at Tuesday's Global Symposium on Racing hosted by the University of Arizona Race Track Industry Program (RTIP) in Tucson titled "Embracing Change: Are We Ready to Adopt Category 1 Rules In the US?"

The Guild also noted that it plans to "voice opposition" to proposed modifications to that standard that will be up for discussion during the Association of Racing Commissioners International Model Rules Committee meeting Dec. 7.

"While considering this decision, the Guild considered the safety of both the human and equine athletes, as well as fairness for all parties involved," the release stated. "The Category 2 method provides Stewards with the authority to disqualify a horse if, in their opinion, it interfered with other horses, regardless of whether the interference was accidental, willful, or the result of careless riding.

"Based on experience, the Guild believes that Category 2 provides for some additional safety protections for the riders," the release continued. "By giving the Stewards the ability to disqualify the horse which has caused the interference, regardless of where the horse finished, it will serve as a deterrent to unsafe riding.

"We, as an industry, have a responsibility to assure safety for both the horses and the jockeys. It is unreasonable to create a racing environment that is potentially going to lead to more hazardous riding styles," the release stated.

"Additionally, with regards to the fairness of such rules, while Category 1 often protects 'the best horse,' Category 2 rules enable strong advocacy on behalf of all horses and jockeys who suffered interference," the release stated.

"This is achieved by ensuring that the interferer is placed behind all of the horses who suffered the interference, both directly and indirectly. Using this method provides a safeguard against horses having their finishing position compromised as a result of the interference, and in turn, provides a fairer playing field to all participants, as opposed to just the 'best horse'...

"It should be noted, with the exception of Oklahoma, no other racing jurisdiction in the United States has adopted Category 1 method," the Guild's release stated.

A pre-symposium summary of the RTIP panel discussion stated that "The conflict of equity and fairness versus heightened consistency in decisions is the heart of the conundrum that surrounds the disqualification policies between Categories 1 and 2.

"While most international racing jurisdictions have shifted away from Category 2, which requires the demotion of a horse for consequential interference if the sufferer of the interference loses a placing, North America remains reluctant to embrace this global approach which only demotes horses when the sufferer would have beaten the interferer.

"In the age of the growing global wagering market, it is imperative for our racing companies to revisit this issue as our domestic bettors have already embraced such practices at events like Ascot, and our new international customers are already accepting of Category 1 disqualification policies," the RTIP summarized prior to its panel discussion.

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BREEDERS' CUP STALLION NOMINATIONS DUE DEC. 15

North American stallion nominations to the Breeders' Cup program for the 2024 breeding season are due by Dec. 15 at 11:59 p.m. ET.

A \$100 initial payment must accompany the nomination form at the deadline.

All stallions standing in North America are eligible to be nominated to the Breeders' Cup program on an annual basis. The nomination fee is equal to the advertised stud fee, but not less than \$1,000.

Following the receipt of the initial \$100 deposit, Breeders' Cup will send quarterly invoices to the individual nominators through the remainder of the breeding season. New stallions have 90 days from their first cover to be nominated. **Cont.**

Breeders' Cup stallion nominations, cont.

All foals sired by a nominated Breeders' Cup stallion are eligible for nomination to the Breeders' Cup program in their year of birth for a one-time fee of \$400 by Oct. 15 or by payment of a \$1,500 late fee by Feb. 28 of the following year.

A Breeders' Cup stallion nominator will earn Nominator Awards when any of their progeny finishes first through fourth in a Breeders' Cup World Championships race regardless of whether or not those foals were nominated to the program.

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SECRETARIAT'S LEGACY 2024 CALENDAR HONORS SECRETTAME



The front cover of the 2024 Secretariat's Legacy calendar
Patricia McQueen

The Secretariat calendar series, now in its seventh year, will honor Secretariat's daughter Secrettame for the 2024 edition. The series started in 2018 with the Living Legends theme honoring the last living Secretariat sons and daughters, then transitioned to descendants of Secretariat's important broodmares in 2022. Proceeds from the 2024 calendar will benefit The Secretariat Center and Old Friends. The series has already raised more than \$33,000 for equine charities through six editions. This will be the first one with The Secretariat Center as the primary beneficiary.

"I've always wanted to work with The Secretariat Center, the only aftercare organization carrying the Triple Crown winner's name," said writer and photographer Patricia McQueen.

"With this calendar series likely winding down soon, it was important to make the change now. I'm thrilled that the previous calendars raised considerable funds for Bright Futures Farm, Old Friends, LongRun Thoroughbred Retirement Society, and Victory Alliance Ranch, all very worthy organizations."

McQueen published a book, *Secretariat's Legacy*, earlier this year.

"The Secretariat Center believes all horses deserve care, kindness and a purpose beyond the racetrack, and the Secretariat's Legacy calendar is such a fun way to remember all that Secretariat has done, and continues to do, for the racing industry," added Shelley Mann, Executive Director of The Secretariat Center. "We look forward to celebrating his legacy with his fans, both old and new. Thank you to Patricia for generously supporting horses, as they transition into loving homes, through proceeds from her beautiful calendars."

Secrettame, born in 1978, was a stakes winner at five after placing in the G2 Gazelle H. at three. Her first foal was the Mr. Prospector son Gone West, a Grade I winner and influential sire whose sire sons included Elusive Quality and **Speightstown**. Both of those also have a number of important sire sons standing currently, while Secrettame also produced MGSW and MGISP Lion Cavern, a full-brother to Gone West.

As with previous calendars, the Tony Leonard Collection continues to support the series with a photo of Secretariat and Ron Turcotte taken after the Kentucky Derby. Turcotte also has autographed a limited number of calendars.

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

104 foals of racing age/18 winners/1 black-type winner
9-Turfway, 9:55 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, You're On Mute, 12-1
\$22,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$60,000 KEE SEP yrl

Mitole (Eskendereya), Spendthrift Farm, \$15,000

159 foals of racing age/28 winners/2 black-type winners
9-Turfway, 9:55 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Promissio, 5-2
\$190,000 KEE SEP yrl

Omaha Beach (War Front), Spendthrift Farm, \$30,000

138 foals of racing age/21 winners/2 black-type winners
5-Turfway, 7:55 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Regal Queen, 6-1

Qurban (Speightstown), Indiana Stallion Station, \$2,500

12 foals of racing age/1 winner/1 black-type winner
9-Turfway, 9:55 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Meet You Now, 30-1

World of Trouble (Kantharos), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, \$5,000

89 foals of racing age/14 winners/1 black-type winner
5-Turfway, 7:55 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Nothing But Time, 15-1
\$38,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$58,000 FTK OCT yrl

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, DEC. 6

2023 Stud Fees Listed

Tapwrit (Tapit), Gainesway Farm, \$10,000

177 foals of racing age/49 winners/4 black-type winners
5-Turfway, 7:55 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Stirred Up, 8-1
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Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-1, \$55,497. O-Jill Sweeting; B-Raimonde Farms LTD (OH); T-Craig Sweeting.

4th-Mahoning Valley, \$27,500, (NW3X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 12-5, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:44.16, gd, 6 1/4 lengths.

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Lifetime Record: 15-5-3-2, \$131,577. O-Greenbrier Racing Club; B-Jory Sherman & Don Blowe (KY); T-Anthony Farrior. *\$125,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$145,000 RNA 2yo '22 OBSMAR; \$60,000 2yo '22 KEENOV. **1/2 to Quick Release (Trappe Shot), GSP, \$199,677.

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7th-Mahoning Valley, \$25,900, 12-5, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.88, gd, 2 3/4 lengths.

VELIKIY (f, 3, Army Mule--Ever Elusive {SW & GSP, \$219,602}, by Forestry)

Lifetime Record: 10-2-1-0, \$42,161. O-Henley Thoroughbreds Ltd.; B-Josham Farms Limited (ON); T-Kevin Buttigieg. *\$32,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$40,000 2yo '22 OBSOPN.



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LOVE OF GRACE (f, 3, Too Much Bling--Off the Screen, by Flower Alley)

Lifetime Record: 13-3-2-2, \$70,581.

O/B/T-Timothy M Collins (WV).

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Wildcat Reese, f, 2, **Kentucky Wildcat**--Shinestein, by

Premeditation. Zia, 12-5, (S), 6f, 1:10.59. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$35,835. B-E Glenn Berry & Dallas Barton (NM).

Brand Loyalty, f, 3, **Grazen**--Hard to Resist (SW, \$284,538), by

Johannesburg. Zia, 12-5, 6 1/2f, 1:16.15. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$36,000. B-J. Kirk & Judy Robison (CA). *1/2 to Going to Vegas (Goldencents), MGISW, \$989,151.

Neiman, g, 3, **Munnings**--Tizacity, by Tizway. Zia, 12-5, 6 1/2f,

1:15.23. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$35,040. B-Three Lyons Racing, LLC & HTH Enterprises (KY). *\$210,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT; \$50,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR.

CANDY MEADOWS SALES GRADUATE

El Cuervo Felis, g, 3, **Shakin It Up**--Atoof, by Invasor (Arg).

Mahoning Valley, 12-5, 6f, 1:12.51. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-2, \$21,380. B-Jose Oviedo & Adam Campbell (KY).

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Congrats, Coyster, g, 6, o/o Peaceful Town, by **Speightstown**.

ALW, 12-5, Zia

Grazen, Brand Loyalty, f, 3, o/o Hard to Resist, by Johannesburg.

MSW, 12-5, Zia

Kennedy, Happydaymrprez, f, 3, o/o Preachintothechoir, by Songandaprayer. ALW, 12-5, Mahoning Valley

Kentucky Wildcat, Wildcat Reese, f, 2, o/o Shinestein, by

Premeditation. MSW, 12-5, Zia

Lea, My Imagination, g, 3, o/o La Contessa, by Congrats. AOC, 12-5, Parx Racing

Mastery, Always Laughing, f, 3, o/o Just Joking, by Distorted Humor. AOC, 12-5, Mahoning Valley

Munnings, Neiman, g, 3, o/o Tizacity, by Tizway. MSW, 12-5, Zia

Shakin It Up, El Cuervo Felis, g, 3, o/o Atoof, by Invasor (Arg).

MSW, 12-5, Mahoning Valley

Tapit, Mindtap, c, 3, o/o Whatdreamsrmadeof, by Graeme Hall.

MSW, 12-5, Parx Racing

Too Much Bling, Love of Grace, f, 3, o/o Off the Screen, by

Flower Alley. AOC, 12-4, Mountaineer

TEONA STARS AT TATTS AS JUDDMONTE BIDS 4.5 MILLION



Simon Mockridge | Tattersalls

By Brian Sheerin and Emma Berry

NEWMARKET, UK – A Group 1 winner out of a Group 1 winner, by one of the world's best stallions and carrying a foal by the dual champion sire. As recipes go, it has all the ingredients necessary to make a special dish, and that is exactly what the Juddmonte team decided she was when buying Teona (Ire) (*Sea The Stars {Ire}*) from Rabbah Bloodstock for 4.5 million gns.

Northern Farm, Charlie Gordon-Watson, Jill Lamb and Coolmore all made attempts on the five-year-old G1 Prix Vermeille winner, who is in foal for the first time to *Frankel (GB)*, but it was Simon Mockridge who outlasted them all.

He said of lot 1786, "She is the best mare in the sale--a Group 1 winner out of a Group 1 winner. That's what they cost you. She's a beautiful addition and she's got a great pedigree. She's by *Sea The Stars*, who has made a fantastic start as a broodmare sire. He is already the damsire of four Group 1 winners. She'll fit in very well."

Mockridge continued, "There were plenty at Goffs and we tried very hard at Goffs but we got beaten on most of the great individuals there. This is a great pedigree and, as I said, a Group 1 winner out of a Group 1 winner, they're hard to find.

"She's an outcross for *Frankel*, which is ideal. That's what we are looking for. She'll be going to *Frankel* [next year]." **Cont. p3**

MULTIPLE FLAT CHAMPION OISIN MURPHY TO MAKE HIS JUMPING DEBUT

Oisin Murphy, who was three times been crowned champion jockey on the Flat in Britain, will make his debut over hurdles at Wincanton on Thursday.

The 28-year-old, who is also a keen showjumper, has partnered six Group 1 winners in 2023, led by the QIPCO 1,000 Guineas winner Mawj (Ire) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}) for Godolphin.

His first public spin over jumps comes in the National Hunt Novices' Handicap Hurdle aboard Lets Do This (Ire) for Irish trainer Cian Collins but Murphy has plenty of experience working with jumpers through his uncle Jim Culloty, who rode the treble Cheltenham Gold Cup winner Best Mate (Fr) and also trained the Gold Cup winner Lord Windermere (Ire).

He said, "I worked with [Jim] in my teens, so jump racing has always been part of my life and it has always been a burning ambition of mine to ride in a jumps race. **Cont. p12**

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BAFFERT SUES FOR DEFAMATION

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Teona sells for 4,500,000gns - €5,514,548 - US\$6,001,695 - ¥881,831,003 - AU\$8,992,148 - to Juddmonte at Tattersalls on Tuesday. | *Laura Green/Tattersalls*

2.8M GNS TATTS ALUM SET FOR KEMPTON DEBUT 14

Godolphin's Kalidasa (Frankel), a 2.8 million guineas purchase at Tattersalls last October, gets a start at Kempton Wednesday.

FIRST-OUT WINNER FOR WOOTTON BASSETT 16

A €750,000 Deauville August yearling, Abstract earns a narrow score for Juddmonte in her career debut at Deauville Tuesday.

MARQUAND TRIES FOR IJC TITLE DEFENCE 16

Tom Marquand is one of four previous International Jockey's Championship winners who looks to add a fifth title at Happy Valley Wednesday evening.

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Asked if 4.5 million gns was where Mockridge expected to end up for Teona, he replied, "You always have to stretch a little bit further than you really want to but, to buy the best, that's how competitive it is. We're seeing that tonight. I did think she would make around three-and-a-half to four [million] but we had to make that extra stretch. It's something that we've learned. We try to value them but, when it comes to the moment, you've got to be a little stronger."



Via Sistina | Tattersalls

Via Sistina Rewards Patience of Hillens

From 5,000 to 2.7 million gns: that's the story of Via Sistina (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) through two December Sales four years apart, and with wins in Group 1, Group 2 and Group 3 races in the interim for Stephen and Becky Hillen when trained by George Boughey. Consigned on their behalf by Grove Stud,

the five-year-old, out of a Galileo (Ire) half-sister to top sprinter Kingsgate Native (Ire), was sold to an online bidder who later signed as Evergreen Equine.

"Surreal. It's been tremendous," said Stephen Hillen of lot 1788. "From the day Jamie Magee broke her in, he has a lot of good stock through his hands and he rang me about February and said, 'She gets up the gallop better than anything else. She's just so big. You could breeze this.' I said, 'No, it would be the wrong thing to do, we'll race her.'

"She didn't go into training until August just because the pedigree said wait. She's just a strong traveller. She walked round there like a sheep, she's just an amazing horse."

"It's a dream. I did think she'd bring two-plus. That cross is sensational. A Group 1 winner, she ran great in the Champion. She was improving all the time. It's nice now that she's retired sound. I felt that if we didn't get what we wanted for her, we'd race her, so it was going to be a celebration anyway.

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"I would have given a lot more for her at the time. She was a foal-share and she wasn't protected by either side. She needed a fair bit of imagination. You buy those things sometimes and most of them turn out useless but she always had something, an unbelievable walker with a big frame. I'm always patient, every trainer who trains for us would always say they're never under pressure. I may have my opinions from time to time but I'll wait and wait and wait."

Who For Lezoo?

A similar mystery surrounds the purchaser of the G1 Cheveley Park S. winner Lezoo (GB), one of two seven-figure fillies from Ralph Beckett's stable. The ring may have been packed with onlookers and potential bidders, but the final bid was made invisibly, online, at 2.2 million gns. It was eventually confirmed under the name of Emmanuel de Seroux of Narvick International.

He said of the Chasemore-bred filly (lot 1776), who won five of her nine starts, including the G3 Princess Margaret S., for Andrew Rosen and Marc Chan, "She is going to be kept in Europe to be bred. She was a top-class two-year-old, we were looking for two-year-old form, and she is a beautiful type."

The agent had earlier bought Helenium (GB) (lot 1750), a

Frankel half-sister to G2 Coventry S. winner and Coolmore sire Calyx (GB). She sold from the Juddmonte draft for 625,000gns carrying her first foal by Calyx's sire Kingman (GB).

Online bidders signing under the names of Sanctuary Lodge and Mrs A Sullivan respectively secured two more of the night's big names.

Poptronic (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}) (lot 1784) gave her owner/breeders David and Yvonne Blunt a major thrill when winning the G1 QIPCO British Champions Fillies and Mares S. on Champions' Day at Ascot, and she was sold from Karl Burke's Spigot Lodge Stables for 1.4 million gns.

Crack two-year-old Relief Rally (Ire) (Kodiak {GB}) (lot 1798), who has won four of her five starts for William Haggas and the ownership duo of Simon Munir and Isaac Souede, including the G2 Lowther S., sold for 800,000gns.

Group 1 Winners With a Touch of Cachet For Northern Farm

Katsumi Yoshida's Japanese powerhouse Northern Farm has been a steady force at the December Mares Sale in recent years and, after adding last year's 1,000 Guineas winner Cachet (Ire) (Aclaim {Ire}) to the roster at 2.2 million gns, a private deal was brokered to add Group 1 winner Prosperous Voyage (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}) to the haul.

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Cachet (lot 1799) was famously bought by Jake Warren and Harry Herbert of Highclere Agency for 60,000gns from her breeder John Bourke at the Tattersalls Craven Breeze-up Sale.

The pair, who run the Highclere Thoroughbred Racing syndicate which has also campaigned the Irish Oaks winner Petrushka, were naturally delighted with the result.

“It has been such a journey, the whole thing has been extraordinary,” said Herbert. “From Jake saying, ‘Uncle H, I’ve found this breeze-up filly and I can’t wait to show you’, through to this whole process.”

Warren added, “We just watched her being prepared to come into the ring and she stood like a rock and didn’t turn a hair. She was so cool in the ring and she’s been like that from day one. She’s been an amazing filly to be part of. She’s always had a special something about her and there was so much interest in her; she’s been run off her feet all week.



Cachet | Tattersalls

“For her owners, that’s special. She was £6,500 a share, and she was such a good two-year-old as well. It’s exciting, she was our first domestic Classic winner and the challenge is on, we’ve got to do it again now.”

He added, “This is how you get access to racing. The dream is real: when you take a share in a syndicate, you can win the Guineas, you can sell a multi-million-pound horse and you can be in it competing with the best in the world. And her share-holders have achieved that.”

The Northern Farm team had also signed for Galileo Gal (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) (lot 1789) earlier in the session at 500,000gns to bring their total spend to

5,100,000gns on the day. Such visits are viewed as extremely important with a view towards keeping Japanese bloodlines fresh, according to Shingo Hashimoto, who explained how plans were still fluid for the big-name acquisitions.

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He said, "Of course, Cachet is the 1,000 Guineas winner and she really looked gorgeous. We felt something special from her so we are pretty excited to bring her back to Japan. She'll be covered but we haven't decided whether or not she'll be covered in Europe first or in Japan. She definitely has the speed."

On Prosperous Voyage (lot 1811), he added, "We are happy that we were able to buy her at the end of the day. We'll think about bringing her back to Japan or keeping her in Europe. There are some very good stallions in Europe as well. We always try to diversify the blood that we have and we don't want to put all of the eggs into the one basket. That is part of our plan."

Prosperous Voyage failed to sell in the ring initially but Northern Farm were quickest off the blocks to get a deal done privately for the G1 Falmouth S. winner.

Bloodstock agent Jamie McCalmont, who manages the interests of Marc Chan, the joint-owner of Lezoo and Prosperous Voyage, credited Tattersalls for attracting a broad cohort of

buyers for the Sceptre Sessions but admitted to finding the experience of selling two top-class mares an emotional one.

McCalmont said, "We're very fond of both of them as they're lovely girls and have given us some great days out. It's more sad than happy I'd have to say. It's an expensive hobby owning horses in England so you have to do this unless you have stallion income coming in, and we don't have any of that."

He added, "We were looking obviously for a bit more for Prosperous Voyage and debated going to one of the top stallions with her and bringing her back here next year. But then, all the buyers are here, aren't they? Tattersalls has done a great job bringing so many different groups of people here and the market speaks for itself."



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This has been a memorable year for The Rogues Gallery who, not long after selling listed winner Rogue Lightning (Ire) Kodiak {GB} for £1 million at the Goffs Champions Sale at Ascot, cashed in on Rogue Millennium (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) (lot 1800) on Tuesday for 1.65 million gns.

The two Rogues were trained by Tom Clover and sourced by bloodstock agent Billy Jackson-Stops for a combined figure of less than £100,000.

Rogue Millennium landed the G2 Duke Of Cambridge S. at Royal Ascot earlier this season and chased home Tahiyra (Ire) (Siyouni {Fr}) in the G1 Matron S. at Leopardstown as recently as September.

She was bought by David Lanigan and Ted Durcan on behalf of owner Scott Heider to be trained by Joseph O'Brien with the distinct aim of winning a Group 1 in 2024.

Lanigan said, "I thought she was the obvious one in the sale. Mr Heider has a few horses with Joseph this year and a lot of younger horses in training as well. He was looking for a Saturday horse. He has four with Brendan Walsh and three with Steve Asmussen and has had Agatha, Brostaigh and Twilight Spinner with Joseph. We were trying to find a Saturday horse so hopefully she can go on."

He added, "They've done a great job and they gave a great report on her as well. She has been a very easy filly to train and has a lot of class so hopefully, she can go on and step up to pick up a Group 1 next year. She looks like she wants a good surface and I actually thought her Matron Stakes run was one of her best performances, just by how she travelled into the race. If it worked out at some stage, perhaps Joseph could find a race for her in America."

Woodford Thoroughbreds Signs Classy Trio

American trainer Will Walden has been in action over the first two days of the sale and has signed for three fillies to remain in training and switch to his stable in Kentucky.

Following the purchase of Aussie Girl (Ire) (Starspangledbanner {Aus}) for 380,000gns on Monday, Walden also bought the Listed winner and Group 2-placed Olivia Maralda (Ire) (Kodiak {GB}) (lot 1804) for 725,000gns, along with a second Listed-winning daughter of Kodiak, the wild card Pipsy (Ire) (lot 1825B) from Kilcarn Park at 700,000gns.

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All three have been bought in the name of John Sykes's Woodford Thoroughbreds.

"They will come back to the US to be trained," said Walden, the son of WinStar Farm's Elliott Walden. "Turf is the [European] strength and our weakness so we want to bring some of that strength back. We have plenty of good turf horses, but of course primarily America is known for dirt, so hopefully if these horses can be competitive here they can be competitive there."

Vigors Gets Ahead With Two Millionaires

William Haggas signed for Get Ahead (GB) (Showcasing {GB}), the G1 Flying Five S. runner-up, who is a half-sister to 2,000 Guineas winner Chaldean (GB), for 2.5 million gns.

However, Get Ahead will not race on as a five-year-old next season, with Haggas confirming he sourced the filly (lot 1813) on behalf of a new British-based breeding consortium called First Bloodstock.

He explained, "She is for a new syndicate and goes to Hillwood Stud to board. She will be bred this coming spring."

Charlie Vigors remained tight-lipped on the new consortium but described himself as excited to have Primo Bacio (Ire) (Awtaad {Ire}) (lot 1771) and Get Ahead in the broodmare band at Hillwood Stud.

He said, "It is very exciting to have such good mares as Primo Bacio and Get Ahead coming to the farm and that these top pedigrees are staying in Britain."

Get Ahead was trained by Clive Cox to win three races and chase home Moss Tucker (Ire) (Excelebration {Ire}) in that Curragh Group 1 back in September.

She boasted one of the finest pedigrees in the sale, being a sister to stallions Chaldean and Alkumait (GB).

Indeed, the family was once again in the news here last week when Get Ahead's little brother sold to Alex Elliott for 260,000gns at the December Foal Sale.

Meanwhile, Primo Bacio was sold in foal to **Frankel (GB)** for 1.1 million gns. She was knocked down to Vigors and offered by owner David Ward through the Castlebridge Consignment.

"She is a beautiful mare, she has lovely movement, and I loved her when I first saw her," said Vigors. "Hopefully her progeny will be coming back here to sell as well, as she is a commercial purchase."

Living The Vida

Vida Amorosa (Ire) (Lope De Vega {Ire}), originally bought for breeder Tom Lacy for €1,200, has struck gold with her first two foals, the Weatherbys Super Sprint winner Gubbass (Ire) and G2 July S. winner Persian Force (Ire). The nine-year-old mare (lot 1793), who is back in foal to the sire of those two, Mehmas (Ire), brought 700,000gns this time around from Charlie Gordon-Watson. The agent bought the mare on behalf of the partnership of Watership Down Stud and Andrew Rosen.

"The first time we saw her we really liked her, and she's got a great breeding record. We thought she'd suit Too Darn Hot so she'll go to him next year," said Watership Down Stud manager Simon Marsh.

Gordon-Watson later went to 1.2 million gns for the Listed-winning Kodiak (GB) mare Geocentric (Ire) (lot 1797) for the Duchess of Roxburghe, Virginia Wynn-Williams, and her son George Innes-Ker. Their breeding operation was formerly based at the family's Floors Stud in the Scottish Borders but they now keep mares at Watership Down Stud. The four-year-old mare was sold in foal to **Frankel**.



Charlie Vigors | Tattersalls

Golden Returns For Mare And Foal

Golden Pelican (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), a sibling to Group 3 winners Ernest Hemingway (Ire) and Toulifaut (Ire), was bought for the American-based Pursuit Of Success for 600,000gns and will remain in Britain. The six-year-old (Lot 1729) was sold carrying her second foal by Lope De Vega (Ire). Her first foal by **Kingman (GB)** was sold for 350,000gns last week to Juddmonte, with both mare and foal having been consigned by Hazelwood Bloodstock on behalf of Sun Bloodstock.

Unraced herself, Golden Pelican's first three dams are all group winners, with her dam Cassydora (GB) (Darshaan {GB}) having won the GIII Hillsborough S. in Florida as well as the Listed Lingfield Oaks Trial. The mare will board at Chris Budgett's Kirtlington Stud.

He said, "Roger [O'Callaghan] recommended her to the team especially after he saw her **Kingman** colt foal, who was bought last week by Juddmonte and is a lovely sort. We are very happy to have her."



Talking Points

- Eight different Japanese buyers have so far purchased 16 horses for almost 8 million gns during the first two days of the sale.
- The Australian contingent has also been busy. At least six different entities have signed for 12 fillies and mares for 3,350,000gns.
- How about some love for Awtaad? Based at Derrinstown Stud, the Irish 2,000 Guineas winner must be one of the best value stallions at €5,000. Not only did Awtaad produce another marvellous result when Primo Bacio sold for 1.1 million gns at Tattersalls on Tuesday, but who could forget the marvellous Sceptre Sessions he enjoyed here 12 months ago. Three mares by Awtaad sold on this day last year for a combined sum of 1.1 million gns, led by the 600,000gns Mags O'Toole spent on behalf of Plantation Stud for Mohjatty (Ire).
- Bobby Flay returned to the buying bench at Tattersalls, signing up Final Gesture (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) (lot 1787) at 850,000gns and Jaazah (GB) (Dansili {GB}) (lot 1794) for 270,000gns. The former is a daughter of the Group 2 winner Secret Gesture (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), a sister to the Group 1 winners Japan (GB) and Mogul (GB), all three out of the late Newsells Park Stud matriarch Shastye (Ire) (Danehill).
- There were 12 millionaires at this sale 12 months ago compared to 10 this week.
- Tuesday marked the third-highest grossing day of trade ever recorded in Europe.
- **Sea The Stars** is proving to be an outstanding broodmare sire, which was evident once again this season through the achievements of Eldar Eldarov (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) and Big Rock (Fr) (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}). Therefore, it was little wonder that well-bred mares by the stallion were in high demand on Tuesday with **Sea The Stars** coming out on top with 12 lots selling for 5,203,000gns.
- Online bidding, understandably introduced during Covid when international buyers were prevented from travelling, now serves to muddy the waters at live auctions as well as reducing the previous drama of some of the tense bidding wars in the ring.



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TATTERSALLS DECEMBER MARE SALE

| SESSION TOTALS | 2023 | 2022 |
|----------------------|------------------|---------------|
| • Catalogued | 274 | 291 |
| • Number Offered | 221 | 232 |
| • Number Sold | 175 | 192 |
| • Not Sold | 46 | 40 |
| • Clearance Rate | 79% | 83% |
| • No. 500K gns+ | 26 | 31 |
| • High Price | 4,500,000gns | 5,400,000gns |
| • Gross | 48,167,000gns | 54,005,000gns |
| • Average (% change) | 275,240gns (-2%) | 281,276gns |
| • Median (% change) | 92,000gns (-18%) | 112,500gns |
| CUMULATIVE | 2023 | 2022 |
| • Catalogued | 572 | 605 |
| • Number Offered | 463 | 503 |
| • Number Sold | 373 | 413 |
| • Not Sold | 90 | 90 |
| • Clearance Rate | 80% | 82% |
| • No. 500K gns+ | 29 | 35 |
| • High Price | 4,500,000gns | 5,400,000gns |
| • Gross | 63,644,300gns | 76,095,500gns |
| • Average (% change) | 170,628gns (-7%) | 184,215gns |
| • Median (% change) | 60,000gns (-17%) | 72,000gns |

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Talking Points cont.

- Of the 221 lots offered on Tuesday, 175 were sold, which represented a clearance rate of 79% [down 5% on last year]. The aggregate fell 11% to 48,167,000gns, the average dropped 2% to 275,240gns and the median fell 18% to 92,000gns.

BUY OF THE DAY

Lot 1718, Malakoot (Ire) (m, 6, Dubawi {Ire}--Ambivalent {Ire}, by Authorized {Ire})

Buyer: Tinnakill, 52,000gns

Vendor: Barton Sales

Credit to the Cantillons of Tinnakill House Stud for sniffing out the bargain of the day, if not the entire sale.

A Dubawi (Ire) half-sister to Teona, who would later go on to top the sale on 4.5 million gns, sold in foal to Baaeed (GB) to Tinnakill for 52,000gns.

Given that Baaeed stands for £80,000, it's hard to see a scenario where the sister to Teona does not work out to be value at just over half that covering fee.

There's every chance the Cantillons could pay for the mare with the first foal, be it a filly or a colt, and they have a lovely family to work with for the coming years with lot 1718 still a young prospect at just six years of age.

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Teona: snapped up by Juddmonte for 4.5 million gns | Tattersalls

SESSION TOPPERS

TATTERSALLS DECEMBER MARE SALE

| Lot | Name | Status | Price (gns) |
|-------------|---|------------------------------|------------------|
| 1786 | Teona (Ire) (m, 5, <i>Sea The Stars</i> {Ire}--Ambivalent {Ire}, by Authorized {Ire}) Bred by Rabbah Bloodstock, Ltd. (Ire) Consigned by Barton Sales Purchased by Juddmonte | i/f to Frankel (GB) | 4,500,000 |
| 1788 | Via Sistina (Ire) (m, 5, <i>Fastnet Rock</i> {Aus}--Night {Ire}, by <i>Galileo</i> {Ire}) Bred by Laundry Cottage Stud (Ire) Consigned by Grove Stud Purchased by Evergreen Equine | Horse-Out-Of-Training | 2,700,000 |
| 1813 | Get Ahead (GB) (f, 4, <i>Showcasing</i> {GB}--Suelita {GB}, by <i>Dutch Art</i> {GB}) Bred by Whitsbury Manor Stud (GB) Consigned by Whitsbury Manor Stud Purchased by First Bloodstock | Horse-in-Training | 2,500,000 |
| 1811 | Prosperous Voyage (Ire) (f, 4, <i>Zoffany</i> {Ire}--Seatone, by <i>Mizzen Mast</i>) Bred by Lynch Bages & Camas Park Stud (Ire) Consigned by Kimpton Down Stables Purchased by Katsumi Yoshida | Horse-in-Training | 2,400,000 |
| 1776 | Lezoo (GB) (f, 3, <i>Zoustar</i> {Aus}--Roger Sez {Ire}, by <i>Red Clubs</i> {Ire}) Bred by Chasemore Farms (GB) Consigned by Kimpton Down Stables Purchased by Narvick International | Horse-in-Training | 2,200,000 |
| 1799 | Cachet (Ire) (f, 4, <i>Aclaim</i> {Ire}--Poyle Sophie {GB}, by <i>Teofilo</i> {Ire}) Bred by Hyde Park Stud (Ire) Consigned by Highclere Stud Purchased by Katsumi Yoshida | Horse-in-Training | 2,200,000 |
| 1800 | Rogue Millennium (Ire) (f, 4, <i>Dubawi</i> {Ire}--Hawaafez {GB}, by <i>Nayef</i>) Bred by Shadwell Estate Company, Limited (Ire) Consigned by Barton Sales Purchased by Lanigan/Durcan Agent Heider Family Stables | Horse-in-Training | 1,650,000 |



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Tuesday's Toppers cont.

1784 Poptronic (GB) Horse-in-Training 1,400,000

(f, 4, Nathaniel {Ire}--Alpine Dream {Ire}, by Dream Ahead)

Bred by David & Yvonne Blunt (GB)

Consigned by Spigot Lodge Stables

Purchased by Sanctuary Lodge

1797 Geocentric (Ire) i/f to Frankel (GB) 1,200,000

(f, 4, Kodiak {GB}--Rajmahal {UAE}, by Indian Ridge {Ire})

Bred by Tally-Ho Stud (Ire)

Consigned by The Castlebridge Consignment

Purchased by C Gordon Watson Bloodstock

1771 Primo Bacio (Ire) i/f to Frankel (GB) 1,100,000

(m, 5, Awtaad {Ire}--Suvenna {Ire}, by Arcano {Ire})

Bred by Kildaragh Stud (Ire)

Consigned by The Castlebridge Consignment

Purchased by Hillwood Bloodstock

1787 Final Gesture (Ire) Horse-in-Training 850,000

(f, 4, Dubawi {Ire}--Secret Gesture {GB}, by Galileo {Ire})

Bred by Godolphin (Ire)

Consigned by Athassel House Stud

Purchased by B Flay Thoroughbreds

1798 Relief Rally (Ire) Horse-in-Training 800,000

(f, 2, Kodiak {GB}--Kathoe {Ire}, by Fayruz {GB})

Bred by C. M. Farrell (Ire)

Consigned by Somerville Lodge, Ltd.

Purchased by Mrs A Sullivan

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1804 Olivia Maralda (Ire) Horse-in-Training 725,000

(f, 3, Kodiak {GB}--Yajala {GB}, by Fasliyev)

Bred by Tally-Ho Stud (Ire)

Consigned by Baroda Stud

Purchased by Woodford Thoroughbreds

1793 Vida Amorosa (Ire) i/f to Mehmas (Ire) 700,000

(m, 9, Lope De Vega {Ire}--Danamight {Ire}, by Danetime {Ire})

Bred by Max Morris (Ire)

Consigned by Norelands Stud

Purchased by C Gordon Watson Bloodstock

1825B Pipsy (Ire) Horse-in-Training 700,000

(f, 2, Kodiak {GB}--Experte {Fr}, by High Chaparral {Ire})

Bred by Noel Finegan (Ire)

Consigned by Kilcarn Park

Purchased by Woodford Thoroughbreds

1750 Helenium (GB) i/f to Kingman (GB) 625,000

(f, 4, Frankel {GB}--Helleborine {GB}, by Observatory)

Bred by Juddmonte Farms, Ltd. (GB)

Consigned by Juddmonte

Purchased by Narvick International

1729 Golden Pelican (Ire) i/f to Lope De Vega (Ire) 600,000

(m, 6, Galileo {Ire}--Cassydora {GB}, by Darshaan {GB})

Bred by Barronstown Stud (Ire)

Consigned by Hazelwood Bloodstock

Purchased by Pursuit of Success

1795 Peinture Secrete (Ire) i/f to Camelot (GB) 600,000

(m, 5, Lope De Vega {Ire}--Painter's Pride {Fr}, by Dansili {GB})

Bred by Dayton Investments, Ltd. (Ire)

Consigned by Ballyhimikin Stud

Purchased by Chantilly Bloodstock Agency

EUROPEAN NEWS

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"I took out a jumps licence earlier in the year, as at one stage it looked like I might get a ride in the Champion Bumper at the Cheltenham Festival.



Oisín Murphy | *Racingfotos.com*

"The programme of Flat racing means it is unlikely that I will be able to ride over hurdles often, but this opportunity arose as I know the trainer and owner of Lets Do This well. It is only a fairly low-grade handicap hurdle on Thursday, so it seemed like a good place to start.

"I have been schooling horses to prepare, though have not yet ridden Lets Do This."

Murphy added, "It would be an amazing feeling to get a winner over jumps and I'm not looking beyond Thursday at the moment--I just hope I don't embarrass myself."

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FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2023:

UNITED KINGDOM

Advertise (GB) (Showcasing {GB}), Manton Park Stud
103 foals of racing age

18:00-KEMPTON PARK, 8f, Advert Rules (GB)

16:25-KEMPTON PARK, 7f, Advindi (GB)

60,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2021; 17,000gns
Tattersalls December Yearling Sale 2022

17:30-KEMPTON PARK, 8f, Publicity (GB)

12:00-LINGFIELD PARK, 7f, Queen of Atlantis (GB)

£20,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearlings 2022; 40,000gns
Tattersalls Guineas Breeze Up & HIT Sale 2023

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

103 foals of racing age

16:25-KEMPTON PARK, 7f, Himawari (GB)

20,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2021; £32,000 Goffs
UK Premier & Silver Yearlings 2022

16:25-KEMPTON PARK, 7f, Rosy Kiss (GB)

57,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2021; 28,000gns
Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2022

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

54 foals of racing age

12:00-LINGFIELD PARK, 7f, Eminent Jewel (GB)

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

169 foals of racing age

17:30-KEMPTON PARK, 8f, I Am The Fox (Ire)

9,500gns RNA Tattersalls Online June Sale 2023

12:00-LINGFIELD PARK, 7f, John Steed (Ire)

50,000gns Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2022

Magna Grecia (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Coolmore Stud

109 foals of racing age

16:55-KEMPTON PARK, 6f, Western (Ire)

€100,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2022

Masar (Ire) (New Approach {Ire}), Dalham Hall Stud

104 foals of racing age

13:00-LINGFIELD PARK, 8f, Bas Bleu (Ire)

22,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2021; 24,000gns RNA
Tattersalls December Yearling Sale 2022

Cont.

Study of Man (Ire) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), Lanwades Stud
55 foals of racing age
12:30-LINGFIELD PARK, 8f, Alvesta (GB)

Ten Sovereigns (Ire) (No Nay Never), Coolmore Stud
150 foals of racing age
13:00-LINGFIELD PARK, 8f, Private Getaway (GB)
9,000gns RNA Tattersalls December Yearling Sale 2022;
15,000gns Tattersalls Autumn Horses-in-Training Sale 2023

Too Darn Hot (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), Dalham Hall Stud
120 foals of racing age
18:00-KEMPTON PARK, 8f, Pratarine (GB)
14,000gns Tattersalls February Sale 2022; 80,000gns Tattersalls
October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2022
12:30-LINGFIELD PARK, 8f, Sea Ice (Ire)
160,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 1) 2022
12:30-LINGFIELD PARK, 8f, Warming (GB)
50,000gns RNA Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 1) 2022
17:30-KEMPTON PARK, 8f, Wide Margin (Ire)
75,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 1) 2022

FRANCE

Donjuan Triumphant (Ire) (Dream Ahead), Haras de la
Barbottiere
15 foals of racing age
5-DEAUVILLE, 1300m, Snow Ghost (Fr)
€8,000 Osarus September Yearling Sale 2022

Eqtidaar (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Nunnery Stud
54 foals of racing age
5-DEAUVILLE, 1300m, Brezzarosa (Fr)
€14,000 RNA Arqana Deauville September Yearling Sale 2022

**Eqtidaar** | Shadwell

Invincible Army (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Yeomanstown Stud
95 foals of racing age
5-DEAUVILLE, 1300m, Mister Gan (GB)
36,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2021; £32,000 Goffs
UK Premier & Silver Yearlings 2022; £60,000 Goffs UK 2yo
Breeze Up Sale 2023; 6,500gns Tattersalls Autumn
Horses-in-Training Sale 2023

Phoenix of Spain (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}), Irish National Stud
97 foals of racing
5-DEAUVILLE, 1300m, Spanix (Ire)
10,000gns RNA Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2021; €14,000
Goffs Sportsman's Yearling Sale 2022

Soldier's Call (GB) (Showcasing {GB}), Ballyhane Stud
121 foals of racing age/23 winners/1 black-type winner
5-DEAUVILLE, 1300m, Finders Keepers (Ire)
28,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2022

IRELAND

Advertise (GB) (Showcasing {GB}), Manton Park Stud
103 foals of racing age
1-DUNDALK, 5f, Branding (GB)
50,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2022;
125,000gns Tattersalls Craven Breeze Up Sale 2023
4-DUNDALK, 8f, Centuria (Ire)
€300,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2022
3-DUNDALK, 7f, Serious Notions (GB)
50,000gns RNA Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2021; €68,000
Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2022

Inns of Court (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Tally-Ho Stud
169 foals of racing age
3-DUNDALK, 7f, The Poacher Daly (Ire)
€20,000 Goffs February Sale 2022; £48,000 Goffs UK Premier &
Silver Yearlings 2022; 165,000gns Tattersalls Craven Breeze Up
Sale 2023
4-DUNDALK, 8f, Tiger King (Fr)
€19,000 Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale 2021 - English
Version; €85,000 Arqana Deauville September Yearling Sale
2022

Land Force (Ire) (No Nay Never), Highclere Stud
117 foals of racing age
3-DUNDALK, 7f, Selton Hill (Ire)
€4,500 RNA Goffs Autumn Yearling Sale 2022



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97 foals of racing age

3-DUNDALK, 7f, Galician Girl (Ire)

€10,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2021; €16,000 Goffs

Sportsman's Yearling Sale 2022

1-DUNDALK, 5f, Iberian Queen (Ire)

€14,000 RNA Goffs November Foal Sale 2021; €18,000 Goffs

Sportsman's Yearling Sale 2022

Soldier's Call (GB) (Showcasing {GB}), Ballyhane Stud

121 foals of racing age

1-DUNDALK, 5f, Soldiers Design (Ire)

€8,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2021

Storm Belt (More Than Ready), Haras de la Barelriere

2 foals of racing age

3-DUNDALK, 7f, Storm Tracker (Fr)

€4,000 Osarus September Yearling Sale 2022; €10,000 RNA

Tattersalls Ireland Goresbridge Breeze Up 2023

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OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

2.8-MILLION GUINEAS BOOK 1 SENSATION SET FOR KEMPTON DEBUT

18.00 Kempton, £6,800, Nov, 2yo, 8f (AWT)

Charlie Appleby representative **KALIDASA (GB)** (**Frankel {GB}**) hit the heights at last year's Tattersalls October Book 1 fixture when knocked down to Godolphin for 2.8-million guineas. The March-foaled bay is out of dual stakes-winning G1 Prix de l'Opera third So Mi Dar (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), herself a full-sister to MG1SW sire Too Darn Hot (GB) and multiple Group 1-placed distaffer Lah Ti Dar (GB). His 10 rivals include Lordship Stud's John and Thady Gosden trainee **Fighter Command (GB)** (**Dubawi {Ire}**), who is out of a stakes-winning full-sister to G1 Derby hero Serpentine (Ire).

17.30 Kempton, £6,800, Nov, 2yo, 8f (AWT)

Godolphin newcomer **EL CORDOBES (IRE)** (**Frankel {GB}**), who fetched a whopping 2-million guineas at last year's Tattersalls October Book 1 sale, is out of a half-sister to G1 Haydock Sprint Cup heroine Tante Rose (Ire) (Barathea {Ire}).

Opposition to the Charlie Appleby-conditioned debutant includes Marc Chan's **Sardinian Warrior (Ire)** (**Saxon Warrior {Jpn}**), who is a son of G1 Phoenix S. and G1 Matron S. heroine La Collina (Ire) (Strategic Prince {GB}), from the John and Thady Gosden stable.

13.00 Lingfield, £6,600, Nov, 2yo, f, 8f 1y (AWT)

George Strawbridge's homebred **FRIENDLY SOUL (GB)** (**Kingman {GB}**), a John and Thady Gosden trainee, is kin to six black-type performers headed by elite-level winners We Are (Ire) (Dansili {GB}), With You (GB) (Dansili {GB}) and Call The Wind (GB) (**Frankel {GB}**). Opponents include her once-raced stablemate **Twin Peaks (GB)** (**Frankel {GB}**), who is a full-sister to G1 Oaks and G1 Prix de Royallieu heroine Anapurna (GB).

12.30 Lingfield, £6,600, Nov, 2yo, f, 8f 1y (AWT)

Qatar Racing's hitherto unraced **KALEIDOSCOPE (GB)** (**Kingman {GB}**) is a half-sister to G3 Athasi S. winner Lightening Quick (GB) (**Frankel {GB}**) out of G1 Cheveley Park S. victrix Lightening Pearl (Ire) (Marju {Ire}). The John and Thady Gosden representative encounters nine contenders in this unveiling.

HOW THEY FARED

18.30 Wolverhampton, £9,950, Mdn, 2yo, 7f 36y (AWT)

Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Maktoum's **Robeena (GB)** (**Calyx {GB}**), a Roger Varian-trained half-sister to last year's G1 Belmont Oaks Invitational heroine McKulick (GB) (**Frankel {GB}**), ran on well from off the pace to finish 5 3/4 lengths behind the winner in third.

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Kalidasa selling as a yearling at Tattersalls | Laura Green

BRITAIN

Tuesday's Results:

4th-Wolverhampton, £9,950, Mdn, 12-5, 2yo, 7f 36y (AWT), 1:28.06, st.

SUPER SAIYAN (IRE) (c, 2, Night Of Thunder {Ire}--Sand Shoe {GB}, by Footstepsinthesand {GB}), who posted a Nov. 10 debut fourth going one mile at Chelmsford last time, broke swiftly to lead from the outset of this one. In command throughout, the 7-4 second choice kicked clear rounding the home turn and ran on well in the straight to hold the late threat of Galloping On (Ire) (Invincible Army {Ire}) by 3/4-of-a-length. Super Saiyan is the third of five foals and first scorer produced by an unraced half-sister to G1 Pretty Polly S. heroine Thistle Bird (GB) (Selkirk) and dual Group 3-winning G1 Cantala S. runner-up McCreery (GB) (Big Bad Bob {Ire}). Thistle Bird is the dam of G3 Thoroughbred S. winner and G1 Futurity Trophy third Epictetus (Ire) (Kingman {GB}), G3 Valiant S. victrix Jumbly (GB) (Gleneagles {Ire}) and the dual stakes-placed Bullfinch (GB) (Kodiac {GB}). The April-foaled chestnut, whose second dam is multiple stakes-winning G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest third Dolma (Fr) (Marchand De Sable), is kin to a yearling colt by Ghaiyyath (Ire) and a weanling colt by **Saxon Warrior (Jpn)**. Sales history: 62,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT; £155,000 2yo '23 GOUKB. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$7,407.

O-Ryan Kent; B-N Hartery (IRE); T-John & Thady Gosden.

2nd-Lingfield, £6,600, Mdn, 12-5, 2yo, 8f 1y (AWT), 1:37.28, st.
SEE THAT STORM (IRE) (c, 2, Storm The Stars--Summer Chorus {GB}, by Exceed And Excel {Aus}) tracked the leaders in sixth after the opening exchanges of this debut. Nudged along on the home turn, the 11-10 favourite went second approaching the furlong pole and was ridden out to deny Brodie's Boy (Fr) (Cloth Of Stars {Ire}) by a head. See That Storm is the second foal and scorer produced by a multiple-winning daughter of Soviet Terms (GB) (Soviet Star), herself a half-sister to G2 Queen Mary S. and G2 Lowther S. victrix Best Terms (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}). Best Terms, in turn, is the dam of three black-type winners headed by stakes-winning G1 Prix Marcel Boussac third Star Terms (GB) (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**). The January-foaled bay is half to a yearling colt by Mehmas (Ire) and a weanling filly by Dark Angel (Ire). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,502.

O-Sheikh Juma Dalmook Al Maktoum; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd (IRE); T-Andrew Balding.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Dashing Darcey (GB), c, 2, **Muhaarar (GB)**--So Claire (GB), by Kyllachy (GB). Lingfield, 12-5, 8f 1y (AWT), 1:37.49. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$7,599. B-Kassala Ltd & Charlock Stud (GB). *6,000gns Ylg '22 TATSOM; 20,000gns 2yo '23 TATBRG.

FRANCE

Tuesday's Results:

2nd-Deauville, €30,000, Mdn, 12-5, 2yo, c/g, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:29.57, st.

GRAND SCOOP (GB) (c, 2, No Nay Never--Frisella {GB}, by Frankel {GB}) was steadied to race off the pace in rear after the initial strides of this debut. Bustled along rounding the home turn, the 91-5 chance made continued headway in the straight to go sixth passing the eighth pole and kept on relentlessly in the closing stages to collar Serquigny (Ire) (Shalaa {Ire}) by a head on the line. Grand Scoop is the lone reported foal out of a winning half-sister to G3 Musidora S. third Ricetta (GB) (**Camelot {GB}**) and Listed Prix de Pontarmé runner-up Spanish Intent (GB) (Acclamation {GB}). The February-foaled bay's third dam is G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches-winning matriarch Zenda (GB) (Zamindar). Sales history: €140,000 RNA Ylg '22 ARQOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €15,000. **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O/B-Haras de Hus (GB); T-Gianluca Bietolini.



Grand Scoop (outside) | ScoopDyga

4th-Deauville, €30,000, Mdn, 12-5, 2yo, f, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:30.37, st.

ABSTRACT (FR) (f, 2, Wootton Bassett {GB}--Ambivalence {Ire} {SP-Fr}, by Invincible Spirit {Ire}) tanked along behind the front rank in sixth for most of this unveiling. Making stealthy progress once into the home straight, the 49-10 second choice went third passing the furlong marker and ran on strongly to deny Almara (Fr) (Almanzor {Fr}) by a head in the dying strides. Abstract is the second of two foals and first scorer produced by Listed Prix des Lilas runner-up Ambivalence (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}). The March-foaled bay's dam, herself a daughter of stakes-winning G3 Prix Fille de l'Air third Alpine Snow (Ire) (Verglas {Ire}), is a half-sister to G2 Prix Corrida victrix and G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud third Armande (Ire) (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**). Armande is the dam of this term's Listed Prix de Saint-Patrick winner and G3 Prix du Prince d'Orange runner-up Mr Moliere (GB) (**Kingman {GB}**). Sales history: €750,000 Ylg '22 ARQAUG. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €15,000. **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O-Juddmonte; B-Petra Bloodstock Agency Ltd & SC Ecurie de Meautry (FR); T-Francis-Henri Graffard.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

7th-Deauville, €23,000, Cond, 12-5, 4yo/up, 9 1/2f (AWT), 1:58.32, st.

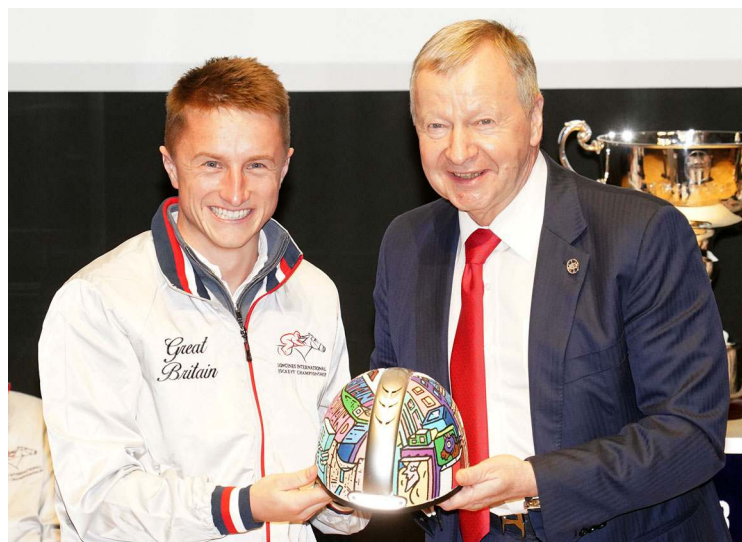
PORTALIS (FR) (g, 5, Peer Gynt {Jpn}--River Trebor, by Myrakalu {Fr}) Lifetime Record: 19-5-3-1, €86,970. O-SARL Ecurie Borgel & Ecurie Mathieu Offenstadt; B-San Gabriel Investments Inc (FR); T-Jean-Pierre Gauvin. *€6,000 Ylg '19 ARQNOV.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

'IT COULD ALL HAPPEN AGAIN': MARQUAND A LIVE CHANCE IN LONGINES IJC TITLE DEFENCE *by Alan Carasso*

The Longines International Jockeys' Championship (IJC) is the premier event of its kind in the world, and with good reason, as it brings together 12 of the most-accomplished riders from all corners of the globe vying for the winner's share of the HK\$800,000 (£81,120/\$102,320) prizemoney on offer.

The IJC, the true start of Longines Hong Kong International Races festivities, takes place annually at iconic Happy Valley Racecourse on Hong Kong Island, its tight turns and unique configuration offering up additional challenges, especially for jockeys based outside of Hong Kong.



Tom Marquand accepts a souvenir helmet from Hong Kong Jockey Club CEO Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges | HKJC photo

Britain's Tom Marquand is one of four previous IJC winners in the mix Wednesday evening, joining Ryan Moore, Zac Purton and Karis Teetan, and looks to record his second victory in the event. The 25-year-old reinsman, whose wife Hollie Doyle finished on the IJC podium in 2020 (third) and again in 2021 (second) and also takes her chances this time around, is looking forward to perhaps winning the title outright, after sharing the spoils with Silvestre de Sousa 12 months ago.

"Last year was a bit turbulent but it's fantastic to be back," said Marquand, who just last month won his first Breeders' Cup race in his first ride aboard Big Evs (Ire) (Blue Point {Ire}) in the Grade I Juvenile Turf Sprint. "It was great to win with Silvestre. You'd always rather win it on your own, but it's better to take it home with someone else than not at all.

"It looks like I've got a good enough book of rides that if things fall right it could all happen again, but it's a tough evening of racing and it's highly competitive."

Marquand has two of his rides in the four-race competition for trainer Caspar Fownes, who has posted more wins at Happy Valley than any other trainer, and one each for Golden Sixty (Aus) (**Medaglia d'Oro**)'s conditioner Francis Lui and Ricky Yiu. The latter sends out top-weighted and 79-rated Splendid Living (Ire) (**Starspangledbanner {Aus}**) in the third leg--carded as race seven--a Class 3 (80-60) over the 1650 metres. The 6-year-old gelding has a record of 4-3-1 from 10 runs over course and distance, but will need his best with the big weight and a tricky draw in 10.

Doyle is one of two females in the field and is joined British transplant and now Australian-based Rachel King. The 33-year-old showed that she could mix it with foreign riders in Japan's World All-Stars Jockeys, going down by a point to Mirai Iwata.

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“Last time I was here I went and watched some races at Happy Valley, I’d just ridden in an amateur ladies’ flat race in Macau,” King said.” So, it’s been a bit of a journey to where I am now.

“I’m really looking forward to it, hopefully I’ll have a few decent rides in there as well. Zac (Purton) was giving me a few little pointers, there are plenty of good people to learn from. I’ll just try to get as much information as I can.”

Kazakhstan-born Bauyrzhan Murzabayev also makes his first IJC appearance off a strong season in France, during which he rode 60 winners—including 12 in black-type competition—for the legendary Andre Fabre. Like Marquand and Doyle, the four-time German and three-time Czech champion, jets in from Japan, where he is riding on a short-term contract for the second straight season.

“I am very lucky to have spent a year riding for Andre Fabre, who for me is a great trainer,” says Murzabayev. “I learned a lot from him and it was a good experience.

“I think I learn new tracks and places pretty quickly. But if somebody had told me 10 years ago ‘you will be riding in all these top races,’ I’m not sure I would have believed them.”

Also participating are Moore, James McDonald, Mickael Barzalona and Yuga Kawada from overseas, while Lyle Hewitson and Vincent Ho join Purton and Teetan in representing Hong Kong.

The IJC begins with the evening's fourth race at Happy Valley at 8.10pm local time (12.10pm GMT, 7.10am US Eastern Time). Click [here](#) for the race card.

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THIRD EDITION OF THE BAHRAIN TURF SERIES BEGINS ON FRIDAY

The third year of the 10-race Bahrain Turf Series begins at the Rashid Equestrian & Horseracing Club on Friday.

In November, **Sir Alex Ferguson** scored a memorable win with Spirit Dancer (GB) (**Frankel {GB}**) in the \$1-million G2 Bahrain International Trophy. A pair of owners who also have backgrounds in football, Michael Owen and Harry Redknapp, have runners in one of the first races of the Bahrain Turf Series, the **Al Muharraq Cup By Texel Air** over 2000 metres on the grass. Trainer Phil McEntee sends out the gelding **Moktasaab (GB)** (Lope De Vega {Ire}) for Redknapp, while Hugo Palmer will saddle **Box To Box (Ire)** (Kodiac {GB}) in the same race on Owen’s behalf.



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Box To Box runs on the opening day of the Bahrain Turf Series
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Running from December to February, the series provides opportunities for internationally trained runners (rated 85-100) to compete against local Bahrain based horses across 10 races. Each race is worth \$80,000 with bonus prizes for the horses accumulating most points in the two divisions, sprint and middle distance. For more information on the series, please visit the [Bahrain Turf Club website](#).

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