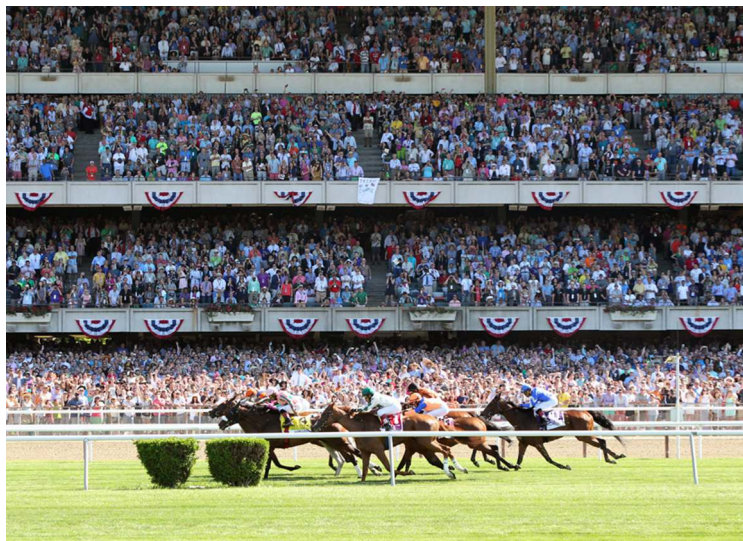


## THE WEEK IN REVIEW: BELMONT SHIFT IGNITES DEBATE, BUT RACING WORLD WON'T TILT OFF AXIS



Belmont Park will undergo major renovations during the 2024-25 runnings of its marquee race | Horsephotos

by T.D. Thornton

Last week's announcement that the 2024 GI Belmont S. will be migrating north to Saratoga Race Course for 2024 because of the \$455-million extensive renovation of Belmont Park made official a move that the New York Racing Association (NYRA) has been openly discussing for months.

But since the press release from the New York governor's office came out during a slow time of the year for racing news, it rekindled speculation about the ramifications of tinkering with the historical significance of the third jewel of the Triple Crown.

The debate is healthy. It means fans care.

But the racing world isn't about to tilt off its axis because of changes that will probably end up making the best of an unavoidable, temporary transition.

Cutting back the 1 1/2 miles "Test of a Champion" distance of the Belmont S. to 1 1/4 miles generated the most outcry.

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## REPOLE STARTS TO MAKE HIS MARK IN EUROPE by Sue Finley

DEAUVILLE, France--On Nov. 19 at Aqueduct, Leslie's Rose (Into Mischief--Wildwood Rose {Ire}) by Galileo {Ire}) made a spectacular debut, demolishing the competition by almost 10 lengths, becoming her sire's 42nd 'TDN Rising Star'. Nothing new there. But the Into Mischief cross with a Galileo mare got Mike Repole thinking.

Repole, the American entrepreneur who looks set to earn his second straight Eclipse Award with a champion juvenile, this time with his homebred GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner Fierceness (City of Light), has become more and more invested in the breeding end of the business over the past few years, and is now looking to Europe for strains of soundness and stamina, according to the team of Eddie Rosen and Alex Solis who represented him at the Arqana December sale this week.

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## IN TDN EUROPE TODAY

### ZARAK FOAL LEADS THE WAY AT ARQANA

A son of Zarak (Fr) and the Sea The Stars (Ire) mare Brodie (GB) (lot 400) topped the second day of Arqana's Vente d'Elevage at €190,000 on Sunday. Brian Sheerin and Katie Petrunyak have the report.

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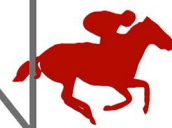
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**2023 in photos: August 18.** NYRA's bucket hat giveaway brings smiles to many faces at Saratoga. | Sarah Andrew

## LINDA RICE LOOKS FORWARD WITH STABLE STARS

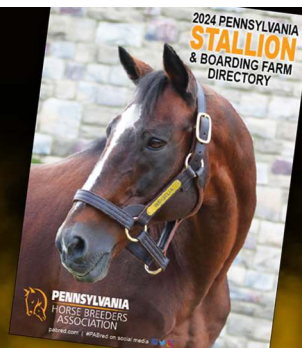
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The conditioner provides an update on Garland of Roses winner Hot Fudge and discusses the on-track return of Graded runners Joey Stillwater and Arctic Arrogance.

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## The Week in Review *(cont. from p1)*

The feasibility of moving the four-day (Thursday-Sunday) Belmont S. festival upstate for one long weekend June 6-9 instead of just running it at Aqueduct Racetrack was a distant second in the discussion.

And although it was not specifically addressed in the official release, the expectation is that the Belmont Park construction will extend through 2025, meaning that the site and distance switch figures to be in play for at least the next two runnings of the Belmont S.

The purse of the race will also be getting a boost, from \$1.5 million to \$2 million.

The last time Belmont Park was closed for a major facelift, from 1963-1967, the Belmont S. got shifted to Aqueduct, which accommodated the 1 1/2-miles distance without incident by starting the race on the far turn at the three-eighths pole.

Since both Saratoga and Aqueduct feature nine-furlong main-track ovals, that would be the start point for any 1 1/2-miles dirt race at either venue (without resorting to an alternate finish line).

It would be an awkward (but not impossible) configuration to attempt, so NYRA has opted for the two-furlong cutback.

To some racing enthusiasts, that's absolute heresy that will sully the Triple Crown with asterisks if a horse manages to sweep the series at the truncated Belmont S. distance.

Others are simply shrugging their shoulders and accepting the short-term trim as a historical aberration, noting that over the past century and a half, there have been a number of tweaks to the distances, order, time spacing, and venues of all the Triple Crown races.

With that in mind, maybe the best outcomes to root for in 2024-25 are close, competitive editions of the Belmont S. with no one horse sweeping the series.

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Sarah Andrew

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One longer-term concern about the distance switch is that horse owners and trainers might end up liking the 10-furlong Belmont S. so much that they'll push for the change to become permanent under the argument that it better suits modern-day Thoroughbreds who are bred for speed rather than stamina.

If the 1 1/4-mile runnings of the race end up luring large fields, this theory could have some legs.

But it would be difficult to imagine NYRA officials wanting to unveil the brand-new Belmont Park in 2026 by starting its showcase race in another awkward spot, this time on the first turn. That's where the few main-track races carded at 10 furlongs must begin over Belmont's 1 1/2-mile circumference.

As to the wisdom of choosing Saratoga over Aqueduct, the question comes down to location, location, location.

And context.

Yes, the logistics of running the Belmont S. at Aqueduct would be far easier than moving the meet (and a small army of backstretch workers and track employees) upstate for just four days. Remember, after the Belmont-at-Saratoga mini-meet, racing is to return downstate to Aqueduct for another month before then coming back to the Spa July 11 for the traditional 40-day summer season.

You could maybe make a minor case for wanting to give utilitarian Aqueduct a fitting send-off salute by allowing it to host a Triple Crown race for two years before the property likely gets sold and repurposed (all of NYRA's downstate racing and training is envisioned to get consolidated at Belmont Park after the construction project is complete). If it worked in the 1960s, why not the 2020s?

Recall that at the time of the last Belmont Park rehab 60 years ago, Aqueduct had just undergone its own three-year renovation (completed in 1959) and was being hailed as "the world's most modern and luxurious horse plant," as per the Associated Press.



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And in 1963, Saratoga was still a relatively sleepy hamlet that hosted seasonal racing for only a few weeks each summer. So moving the Belmont S. there would have been considered an unlikely (even absurd) proposition the last time this type of venue switch had to be considered.

Now fast-forward six decades: Aqueduct has long since been retrofitted from a primary racing plant to a full-blown racino with not enough seating or trackside amenities to accommodate the 50,000 attendance cap for the Belmont S.

And Saratoga? Its stature and infrastructure have both blossomed in the other direction, with numerous "premium seating" renovations added over the past few years to more readily accommodate the hospitality needs of a special event like a four-day weekend.

Plus, simply from a cachet standpoint, the racing-centric, tourism-ready, boutique atmosphere in upstate Saratoga provides an exclamation point that workmanlike Aqueduct in

Queens could never match.

Yet the move is not completely without drawbacks. There will be legitimate gripes about another major racing event being pushed farther out of the grasp of the everyday horseplayer who wants to see important stakes in person.

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telephones were once strictly verboten at tracks (to keep race results out of the hands of bookies), or how the racing industry used to boast that it was the highest-attended spectator sport in the nation.

AS TO THE WISDOM OF CHOOSING  
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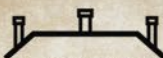
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## Week In Review, cont.



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Mike MacAdam, writing for the Daily Gazette in upstate New York, pointed out in a [Friday article](#) how tickets for the Belmont-at-Saratoga meet, which are expected to go on sale in mid-February, will be largely limited to four-day packaged seating options, with early-access first dibs going to box-seat holders from both Belmont and Saratoga, plus Saratoga

reserved season ticket holders and past Belmont S. package purchasers.

"So, for the most part, you won't be able to get single-day seating," MacAdam wrote.

Noting that pricing and policies have yet to be announced publicly, MacAdam also speculated that Saratoga's fan-friendly carry-in cooler rule could change for the Belmont S. weekend.

"NYRA hasn't announced yet whether fans will be allowed to bring in their own food and beverages," MacAdam wrote in the Daily Gazette. "It's worth noting that they don't allow outside alcohol on Belmont Day."

Hotel rooms for the June 6-9 period are going, going, gone, according to news reports by several different upstate New York media outlets.

The Daily Gazette reported in a [separate story](#) by Shenandoah Briere last Wednesday that Saratoga hotel rooms at Embassy Suites that had been advertised at \$285 to \$335 a night prior to the governor's announcement about the Belmont S. quickly got bloated by supply and demand to up over \$1,100 per night.

On Sunday, a TDN check of lodging availability at the higher-end Adelphi Hotel yielded Friday and Saturday rates listed for as high as \$4,022 per night, with a three-night minimum stay in effect.

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There is no word yet on how much a spot on someone's spare couch in one of the outlying towns in the Saratoga region might cost you, but we'll keep you posted over the long winter between now and the sure-to-be-unique, first-ever Belmont-at-Spa fest.

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### Repole in Europe (cont. from p1)

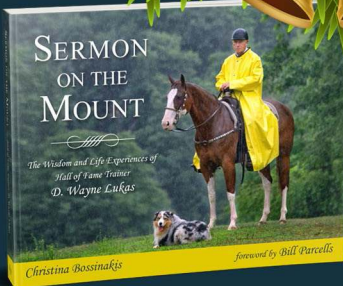
"Mike is a student of the game and he's very forward-thinking," said Solis, who has worked as an advisor to Repole for several years. "In the U.S., the medication rules are changing, and becoming more like they have been in Europe for a long time, so jumping into those European pedigrees where horses are more durable and have stamina makes sense to him. So we're mixing up the bloodlines and trying new things. The mares we bought over here are really of a shape that works on the dirt."

"Now that we're more involved in breeding, Mike has realized that the infusion of bloodlines from all over the world would be helpful to our breeding program," said Eddie Rosen, who serves as General Manager of his Repole Stable. "We participated at Goffs and Tattersalls this year, and while Alex has been here many times, it's my first time at Deauville and Mike thought it would be a good experience for me to be here."

Solis said that the win by Leslie's Rose in such an impressive performance made Repole think that the mixing of American and European bloodlines was the way forward for his breeding program. He has since spent €450,000 at Goffs on four mares through Jacob West, and bought three more at Tattersalls for 480,000gns. But he saved most of his powder for France. From Arqana, the team will bring back five purchases; four in-foal mares and one 2-year-filly, for a total of €875,000.





Mike Repole at Keeneland September | Keeneland photo




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"He started buying European mares at Goffs because of the Niarchos reduction," said Solis. "He then purchased three mares at Tattersalls. Along the same theory with the European mares, he'd like to find some South American mares."

Repole's father was born in Nice, France, and it wouldn't be surprising to have him turn up personally in Deauville in the future, Solis said. "I have helped Mike at the sales for the last three years, and he has turned from someone I advise to a friend. It's amazing how motivating he is and the thing I really appreciate about Mike is that he's willing to try all kinds of things."

All five of his Arqana purchases will be sent home to America. Repole keeps mares at Lane's End, Brookdale Farm, and WinStar in Kentucky.

Lot 45, **All Grace (Fr) (Kingman {GB})**, is a 7-year-old mare in foal to Too Darn Hot (GB), and brought €250,000. Lot 97, **Baltic Duchess (Ire)** (Lope de Vega {Ire}), is nine, and in foal to St Mark's Basilica (Fr), and sold for €180,000. Lot 104, **Pamplemousse (Ire) (Siyouni {Fr})**, is a 9-year-old also in foal to Too Darn Hot and brought €100,000. Deep Impact (Jpn) mare **Tempel (Fr)** (lot 482), an 8-year-old winner who ran fourth in the G3 Prix Penelope, joined the Repole fold for €95,000 in foal to successful Grey Sovereign (GB)-line sire Kendargent (Fr) during Sunday's session. **Cont., p8**



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### Repole In Europe, cont.

While Repole retired his potential turf champion Up To The Mark to Lane's End Farm this winter, matings for the mares have not yet been determined, said Rosen. "They are all by sires that we like, out of very strong female families, in foal to young, very promising sires. **Kingman** is a sire that we have great respect for and he's had a lot of success in America, so he's appealing to us," said Rosen of All Grace. "And this mare is from an excellent female family and we believe that Too Darn Hot is a young sire and we have confidence in him succeeding."

"Lope de Vega, much like **Kingman**, has had tremendous success in America. She's in foal to St Mark's Basilica, another young sire that we think is a good prospect, and this mare [Baltic Duchess] is stakes-placed from a strong family."

Of Pamplemousse, Rosen said, "Siyouni is another that Mike really, really likes, a successful sire, and the kind of blood we want to bring to America. It's another strong female family, and again, in foal to an excellent young prospect."

His fourth Saturday purchase, the 2-year-old filly **High Handed (Ire) (Siyouni {Fr})** will be shipped home to America and pointed to a racing career. She was purchased for €250,000.

Rosen, a lawyer by trade, has served as a pedigree advisor to various clients for years, selecting horses such as Tale of the Cat and More Than Ready, among others, and recently gave up his law career to work for Repole full time. He said that Repole was very involved in the selection process, and ran up an international phone bill talking to Solis and Rosen throughout the day as he watched the sale from home in America.

"We haven't had a breeding program for a long time, but we have now bred the presumptive 2-year-old champion, and Mike likes to participate in every aspect of the business. I think that he's found that the breeding side of it is appealing to him."

We have tried to upgrade the quality of the broodmare band,

and have sold quite a few and purchased a few others, in order to have an exclusive broodmare band to breed from. Part of that plan was acquiring bloodlines outside of American breeding."

"Mike is directly involved in every aspect of the program," said Rosen. "He's very hands-on, he's brilliant and he thinks outside the box. That's why this appealed to him. He likes to try different approaches in an attempt to succeed at every level."

Rosen tried to make the most of his first visit to Deauville, taking a D-Day tour on the Thursday before the sale with his wife, Barbara. "It has been a wonderful experience. Deauville itself is an incredible place. The D Day tour was a very emotional and educational experience. The food is fantastic, from breakfast to dinner, and meeting new people is a great part of the experience. And Arqana has been wonderful. They have been very warm and welcoming and made our stay really incredible."

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## LINDA RICE LOOKS FORWARD WITH HOT FUDGE, RETURNING STAKES HORSES

Conditioner Linda Rice reports that Garland of Roses victress **Hot Fudge** (Liam's Map) has come out of her first stakes victory 'feeling great' after taking the listed eight days removed from visiting the winner's circle in an optional claimer. She is unbeaten since her return from a near six-month layoff, and her 2023 campaign has seen the filly take home five wins in seven starts.

"That filly, we've had a few strange things happen with her when she was young, and then she had such a nice winter. We elected to give her this summer off, because I just felt like she needed it," Rice explained. "She came back really well and of course we wheeled her back on short rest, but once they're older and more mature, it can work out."

Rice added the next likely target for the daughter of Liam's Map is the \$150,000 Interborough S., a seven panel sprint for fillies and mares, set to run Jan. 20. **Cont., p9**

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## Freshwater and Arrogance Back in the Barn

A pair of noteworthy names recently resurfaced on the work tab for the trainer including GSW Joey Freshwater (Jimmy Creed) and SW & MGSP Arctic Arrogance (**Frosted**). The former posted his first work since failing to hit the board in the Salvatore M DeBunda Sprint S. back in August. The GIII Bay Shore S. winner covered a half-mile over the Belmont training track in :50.40 this past Thursday.

"Joey had three months off and he looks good," said Rice. "He's fresh. He should be ready sometime in January, not really any target yet. Maybe we'll start him in a 'two-other-than' allowance and go from there. Baby steps."

A presence to reckon with in the spring on New York's Road to the Kentucky Derby, Arctic Arrogance has not been seen since his fourth-place effort in the GII Wood Memorial. He'd previously produced three-straight runner-up efforts in the GII Remsen, the listed Jerome, and the GIII Withers S.

The grey returned to the tab Sunday with a half-mile breeze in :52.60, but Rice admits it's going to be a slow process to get him back to the races. "The breeze was good. He's on the fat side and was always hard to get weight off of, so he's heavy right now. It will take us a little while. We've just got to get him going."

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## NICHOLSON TO RETIRE FROM AGENCY AFTER 46 YEARS

Joe Browne Nicholson will retire from Nicholson Insurance Agency effective Dec. 31 after 46 years, according to a press release issued Sunday. The agency was established in 1993 and served clientele with equine and farm insurance since then. It was also announced that the group has been acquired by the sixth-largest brokerage firm in the world, Acrisure.

"It has been my privilege and pleasure to associate with the world of the horse. Being able to combine my career avocation with my horse affection has been a blessing," said Nicholson. "I have met many wonderful people over the years at sales, racetracks and show rings who possess that exceptional quality of love and care for the horse. Special indeed."

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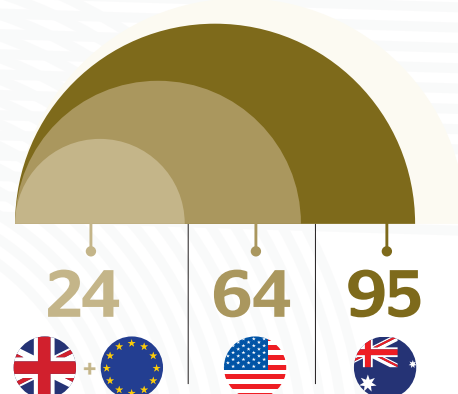
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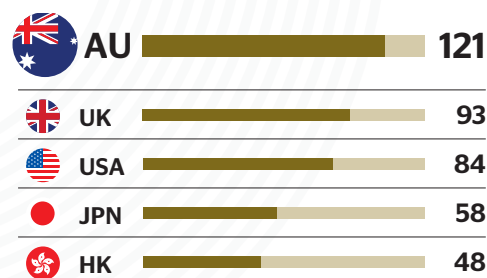
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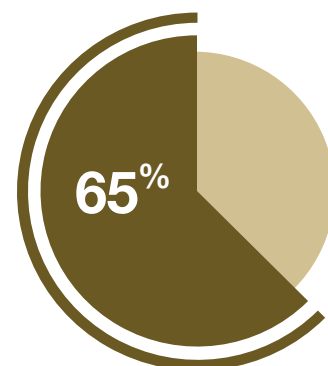


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# Favorite Moment

## WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE MOMENT OF 2023: CARRIE BROGDEN

As 2023 draws to a close, the TDN is asking industry members to name their favorite moment of the year. Send yours to [suefinley@thetdn.com](mailto:suefinley@thetdn.com)



Carrie Brogden (red shirt) in the presentation of the First Lady trophy to the connections of Gina Romantica | Coady

My favorite memory of 2023 (other than me bawling my eyes out standing there watching Cody's Wish enter the winner's circle with Cody Dorman waiting for him at Santa Anita, which still makes me cry) was being at Keeneland with Liz Crow to watch our homebred and Liz's purchase Gina Romantica win her second Grade I there at 11-1 odds (I bet her, too!) AND then not 10 minutes later, another one of our homebreds Three Witches won the GIII Princess Rooney, a 'Win and You're In' at Gulfstream Park!

I literally could not express the happiness of that day into words, but my unfiltered reaction of pure joy screaming my

head off, jumping around like crazy and my not-so-graceful leap into my husband's arms was somehow caught on video and made its way around social media circles. I should have been quite embarrassed but to watch the video again just reminds me why I breed AND LOVE Thoroughbred racehorses!

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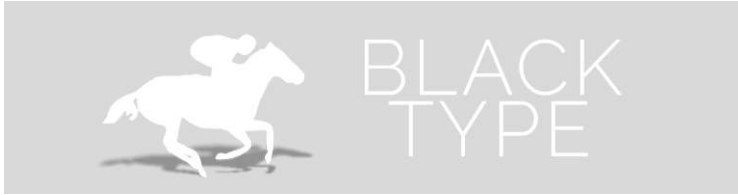
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## IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**MY CHARMER S.**, \$125,000, Turfway, 12-9, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:44.24, ft.

1--**CATICHE**, 120, f, 4, **Arrogate--Sacristy (GSW, \$252,112)**, by **Pulpit**. (\$375,000 Ylg '20 FTKSEL; \$445,000 4yo '23 FTKHRA).

**1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O-Scott Mawaka; B-Don Alberto Corporation (KY); T-Michael Stidham; J-Gerardo Corrales. \$73,624. Lifetime Record: GSP-Can, 11-3-5-1, \$237,253. \*1/2 to Flor de La Mar (Tiznow), SW & GISP, \$190,385.

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2--**Mouffy**, 124, f, 4, **Uncle Mo--Truly Together**, by Smart Strike. O/B-George Strawbridge (KY); T-Jonathan Thomas. \$24,040.



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3--**Thisnameisokay**, 122, f, 4, **Strong Mandate--Lok Virsa**, by Saint Anddan. **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Selvin R. Hernandez Cano; B-John Brown (KY); T-Steve B. Cooper. \$12,020.

Margins: 2HF, NK, 1HF. Odds: 6.31, 0.67, 8.84.

Also Ran: Bali Belle, Amazon Queen, Community Adjusted, Tap Dancing Lady, Lexa, Malloy, Traffic Song.

Last seen in May under the care of Jonathan Thomas, Catiche was the runner-up at Woodbine against optional claimers before making the barn switch to Michael Stidham. Off the bench as a 6-1 shot here, the bay settled into the second flight around the first turn and was on hold up the backstretch. The hooded filly ranged up on the leader at the quarter pole and cleared past the eighth pole. A half-sister to Japanese G1 Takamatsunomiya Kinen S. heroine Mozu Superflare (**Speightstown**), the winner's dam is responsible for 2-year-old in-training Washashore (**Medaglia d'Oro**), who was purchased by Mike Ryan for \$825,000 at Keeneland September. Sacristy also produced a yearling filly by **McKinzie** and was bred to **Uncle Mo** for next year. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**



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**8th-Aqueduct**, \$90,000, Alw, 12-10, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.58, sy, 3 1/2 lengths.

**WHITE CHOCOLATE (f, 3, City of Light--Edith Court, by Pomeroy)** broke her maiden in the slop at second asking upstate Aug. 25 and then was a runner-up facing allowance company over a wet surface during the Belmont at the Big A meet Oct. 7. After a second-place finish in the Cheryl S. White Memorial S. at Mahoning Valley Nov. 20, she returned to Ozone Park as the 1-2 choice here. The gray filly splashed out of the gate, set the tone and was never threatened as she won by 3 1/2 lengths over Security Code (**Frosted**). A half-sister to MGISW Palace (City Zip), the winner's dam is responsible for 2-year-old filly in-training Fabulous Fox (**Nyquist**), a yearling full-brother to White Chocolate and also foaled a filly by **Knicks Go** May 24. White Chocolate is out of an extended female family which includes GII Golden Rod S. heroine French Park (Ecton Park), who produced GIII Molly Pitcher S. victress Genre (Bernardini). Sales History: \$170,000 Ylg '21 KEEJAN; \$345,000 RNA 2yo '22 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: SP, 5-2-2-1, \$172,350. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O-Gold Square LLC; B-Chesapeake Equine & Manganaro Bloodstock (KY); T-Chad Summers.

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**5th-Woodbine, C\$84,668, Msw, 12-10, 3yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:10.73, ft, 4 3/4 lengths.**

**OTTAWA (c, 3, **Violence**--Moon Rainbow {GSP, \$167,371}, by Smart Strike)** began his career over the Tapeta this summer with two Beyer Speed Figures in the 80s, showing connections enough to take a chance with him in the Prince of Wales S. Sept. 12 at Fort Erie. He finished last that day in the slop, was briefly freshened, and has been working steadily back on the all-weather since. Heavily favored here at 6-5, the dark bay settled in the second flight for the :22.63 first quarter before pulling Kazushi Kimura to the front with a flourish while still early on the turn. He stayed on his wrong lead for a prolonged time in the stretch, but it had no bearing on the outcome as he had long since put his rivals to bed. Ottawa was chased home by late-closing second-choice Royal Quality (**Quality Road**), who finished 4 3/4 lengths in second. Ottawa's dam was a \$325,000 purchase at the 2021 Keeneland January sale by Springhouse Farm while in foal to **City of Light**. Now named Her Diamonds, the resultant 2021 filly was a \$30,000 Screen Door Stables buy at this fall's OBS Yearling Sale. The mare has since produced two colts by **Tiz the Law**--the yearling hammered for \$250,000 to Ocean Reef Racing at Keeneland September--and has been bred back to **Corniche**. Sales History: \$130,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$52,699. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-LNJ Foxwoods, Jungle Racing LLC and NK Racing; B-Sam-Son Farm (ON); T-Josie Carroll.

**8th-Fair Grounds, \$53,000, Alw, 12-10, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:04.98, ft, 3 1/2 lengths.**

**LURE'EM IN (f, 3, **Tapit**--Bet She Wins {SW}, by First Samurai)** attempted to clear the optional claiming ranks to no avail this summer at Hawthorne with the last try coming Aug. 31 when she finished fourth. After more than a three-month break, the dark bay filly was sent off as a 8-1 shot here. The homebred kept close to the leaders from the rail up the backstretch, looked for running room around the far turn and at the top of the lane it was clear sailing home as she won by 3 1/2 lengths over Catskill Humor (**Practical Joke**). The winner is her dam's first produce, but she does count as a full-brother unraced 2-year-old **Tapit** for the Win (**Tapit**). Bet She Wins is also responsible for a yearling colt by **Candy Ride (Arg)**, foaled May 12 a filly by **Gun Runner** and visited **Constitution** for next year. She is a half-sister to Linesman (**Uncle Mo**), a \$600,000 '22 Keeneland September purchase by West Bloodstock. Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-1, \$87,460. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O/B-Lothenbach Stables Inc (KY); T-Chris M. Block.



#### IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**5th-Aqueduct, \$70,000, (S), Msw, 12-10, 2yo, 7f, 1:25.15, sy, 2 3/4 lengths.**

**LOTS A TROUBLE (g, 2, **World of Trouble**--Solar Surge, by Bernardini)**, third as the favorite over the turf on debut at six furlongs Nov. 12, again broke favored at 4-5 on a sloppy main track and went right to the front. Outtawaterbury (Solomini) kept pace to his outside but was ultimately second best as the favorite had a strong closing kick to come home 2 3/4 lengths ahead. The 15th winner for his freshman sire (by **Kantharos**), Lotsa Trouble is a half to Surge of Pride (**Kantharos**), SW & GSP, \$203,179; along with MSP Donegal Surges (**Candy Ride {Arg}**); while his dam is a half to the dam of MGSW/MGISP Highway Star (Girolamo). Solar Surge is well set up with a yearling **Gun Runner** colt and a weanling Into Mischief filly. She visited both **Golden Pal** and **Early Voting** for 2024. Sales History: \$70,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$46,900. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Anstu Stable; B-Chester & Mary Broman (NY); T-T. Pletcher.

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**2nd-Gulfstream, \$60,000, Msw, 12-10, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:39.95, fm, nose.**

**TORIGO (c, 3, **Munnings**--Shadan {Fr} {SW-Fr }, by Orpen)** served as the favorite to start this form cycle and finished in second place at Kentucky Downs Sept. 9 in what was his third attempt to break his maiden. Last seen stretching out over the Aqueduct grass Oct. 28, the bay faded to fourth. A 2-1 shot in Hallandale here, the Danny Gargan trainee ran third-last into the



first turn. Waiting patiently for his cue, the colt was shaken up to the outside around the far turn and under strong encouragement he won by a nose over Heart N Soul (Goldencents). A half-sister to GI Coolmore Jenny Wiley S. runner-up Tamahere (Fr) (**Wootton Bassett {GB}**), Shadan was purchased while in-foal with the winner for \$145,000 by Haras d'Etreham at the '20 Keeneland January Sale. Torigo was her first, but she has since produced 2-year-old filly Shadan Joy (Ire) (Kitten's Joy) and a yearling colt by **Wootton Bassett (GB)**. Sales History: \$125,000 Ylg '21 FTKJUL; \$165,000 RNA Ylg '21 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 6-1-2-0, \$96,700. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Arnmere Thoroughbreds and Belmar Racing and Breeding; B-Haras d'Etreham, Meridian International Sarl, EARL Elevage du Sarail, et al (KY); T-Danny Gargan.

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## INSIGHT *Outcomes*

**6th-Gulfstream, \$60,000, Msw, 12-10, 2yo, 1mT, 1:34.91, fm, 3/4 length.**

**ABRUMAR (c, 2, **Divisidero**--Keep Crossing {MSW, \$213,920}, by **Istan**)** outran his 58-1 odds to be third, beaten just 1 1/2 lengths in his Woodbine debut Aug. 20. Picking up an extra furlong in his first start since, the 3-1 shot--sold to Kenneth Ramsey and now in the barn of Saffie Joseph, Jr.--stayed in touch with pacesetter Paris Surprise (**City of Light**) up the backstretch and swung out into the turn to take aim. Rallying outside of runners, he took over past the furlong marker and kept Paris Surprise at bay to win by three-quarters of a length. The third winner for **Divisidero** (by Kitten's Joy), Abrumar has a pair of successful siblings in Good Skate (American Freedom), SP, \$286,650 and Risk Free (American Freedom), SP, \$265,220. His dam produced a **Preservationist** colt this year and is due to **Highly Motivated**. Sales History: \$19,000 RNA Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$41,838. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Kenneth L. Ramsey; B-Brereton C. Jones (KY); T-Saffie A. Joseph, Jr.

## INSIGHT *Outcomes*

**8th-Gulfstream, \$60,000, Msw, 12-10, 2yo, f, 1mT, 1:34.35, fm, 2 1/2 lengths.**

**MACANGA (f, 2, **American Pharoah**--Highway Mary, by **U S Ranger**)** failed to produce a bid when debuted at Monmouth over a sloppy track Sept. 10. 9-2 on the surface switch and stretch out Sunday, she broke the gate and set a moderate tempo under John Velazquez through a half in :47.79. Set down for the run home, she kicked on and opened up to graduate by 2

1/2 lengths over a closing Crevalle d'Oro (**Constitution**). Royal Ascot got off to a slow beginning and was never a factor, finishing 10th. A half to Hit the Road (More Than Ready), GISW, \$608,751, Macanga is out of a half-sister to GISW War Command (**War Front**) and GSW Naval Officer (Tale of the Cat). Highway Mary produced a **Speightstown** yearling colt that brought \$400,000 at KEESEP this year. She has a weanling **Gun Runner** colt and was covered by **Not This Time**. Sales History: \$150,000 2yo '23 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$36,600. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Imaginary Stables; B-Fred Hertrich (KY); T-Elizabeth L. Dobles.

**9th-Fair Grounds, \$52,000, (S), Msw, 12-10, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:11.65, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.**

**FREEBURN (f, 2, **Mitole**--Firefoot, by **Tapizar**)** debuted third just behind next-out Oaklawn winner Silver Rose (**Constitution**) while facing open company at Churchill Downs Nov. 5. In receipt of first time Lasix and as the 2-5 choice here, the bay filly took aim at the pacesetter up the backstretch and around the far turn. The homebred took command at the eighth pole and won by 2 3/4 lengths over Platinum Minit (Givemeaminut). A half-sister to GSW Bandbox (**Tapit**), the winner's dam produced a yearling filly by **Munnings** and was bred to **Jack Christopher** for 2024. Freeburn is the 30th winner for her first-crop sire (by Eskendereya). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$38,700. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O/B-Coteau Grove Farms, LLC (LA); T-Steven M. Asmussen.

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### IN FRANCE:

**Sibayan (Fr), c, 2, **Blame**.** See 'TDN Europe'



### FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: MONDAY, DECEMBER 11 2023 Stud Fees Listed

**Dorrance** (Distorted Humor), No Escape Ranch, \$1,500  
5 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
9-Zia, 5:49 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Sueno Real, 20-1



**Sporting Chance** (Tiznow), A & A Ranch, \$5,000  
28 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners  
9-Zia, 5:49 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Cash Follows Me, 6-1

**World of Trouble** (Kantharos), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, \$5,000  
89 foals of racing age/15 winners/1 black-type winner  
9-Zia, 5:49 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, No Trouble, 9-2  
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## SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: MONDAY, DECEMBER 11 2023 Stud Fees Listed

**Bucchero** (Kantharos), Pleasant Acres Stallions, \$5,000  
158 foals of racing age/54 winners/3 black-type winners  
8-Mahoning Valley, 4:02 p.m. EST, Msw 5 1/2f, Freedom Sake,  
15-1



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### STAKES RESULTS:

**STEADY GROWTH S.**, C\$100,000, Woodbine, 12-10, (S), 3yo/up,  
1 1/16m (AWT), 1:43.91, ft.

1--**SECRET RESERVE, 121, g, 5, Giant Gizmo--Smart Suzie, by Smart Strike.** (C\$9,000 Ylg '19 CANSEP). O-Carlo D'Amato and Stacey Van Camp; B-B. Van Arem (ON); T-Michael Mattine; J-Leo Salles. C\$60,000. Lifetime Record: GSW-Can, 21-6-1-6, \$362,346.

2--**Grandson, 121, h, 5, Silver Max--Estella, by Old Forester. 1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Equus Holdings and H. Archie Lee; B-Christopher Fung & Patrick Fung (ON); T-John P. LeBlanc, Jr. C\$20,000.

3--**Ron's Gizmo, 122, g, 6, Giant Gizmo--Street Kid, by Lemon Drop Kid. 1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Linda J. Theil and Harri Hosein; B-Kanny Ng (ON); T-Ronald H. Sadler. C\$10,000. Margins: HD, 3/4, 1HF. Odds: 3.80, 14.50, 6.80.

**BEAR FAN S.**, \$75,900, Golden Gate Fields, 12-9, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:09.81, ft.

1--**CHANCERY WAY, 124, f, 4, Mr. Big--This Means War, by War Chant.** (\$6,500 Ylg '20 NCAAUG). O-Andy Smolich and Rob Smolich; B-Harris Farms & John Nicoletti (CA); T-Jamey R. Thomas; J-Evin A. Roman. \$45,000. Lifetime Record: 12-7-2-2, \$315,770.

2--**Scary Fast Ride, 124, f, 4, Clubhouse Ride--Scary Fast, by Congaree. 1ST BLACK TYPE.** O/B-Harris Farms, Inc. (CA); T-Sean McCarthy. \$15,000.

3--**All Dialed In, 124, m, 5, Dialed In--Nuffsaid Nuffsaid, by Mutakddim.** (\$30,000 Ylg '19 NCAAUG). O-Harris Farms, Inc.; B-Premier Thoroughbreds LLC (CA); T-Sean McCarthy. \$9,000. Margins: 1HF, 1 3/4, NO. Odds: 0.80, 7.70, 9.40.

### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**9th-Woodbine, C\$95,894, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$58,880), 12-10, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:16.05, ft, 1 length.**

**IRONSTONE (c, 4, Mr Speaker--Casey's Dreamin', by Unbridled's Song)** Lifetime Record: GSW-Can, 17-4-4-4, \$515,251. O-Tequesta Racing and Jupiter Leasing; B-Kingview Farm (ON); T-W. V. Armata. \*C\$7,000 Ylg '20 CANSEP.

**7th-Aqueduct, \$92,000, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 12-10, 3yo/up, 1 3/16m, 1:57.48, sy, 3 1/4 lengths.**

**QUALITY CHIC (g, 3, Quality Road--Chica Boom Chic, by Tapit)** Lifetime Record: 14-3-3-0, \$241,900. O-Lawrence P. Roman; B-White Birch Farm, Inc. (KY); T-David Jacobson. \*\$250,000 Ylg '21 FTSAUG; \$112,000 3yo '23 FTKHRA.



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**7th-Woodbine, C\$82,790, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$36,800), 12-10, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:44.11, ft, 1/2 length.**

**ROMEO YANKEE (g, 4, Flat Out--Bella Cantu, by War Chant)** Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$43,892. O-Katie E. O'Connor; B-Rod Orr (KY); T-Alexander F. McPherson. \*1/2 to Boyett (Sharp Humor), GSP, \$221,889.

**8th-Turfway, \$76,000, 12-9, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 1m (AWT), 1:37.58, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.**

**COLOSSEO (h, 5, Street Boss--Alluvial Gold {Ire}, by Danehill Dancer {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 16-3-2-2, \$286,963. O-Albert Frassetto, John D'Amato and Richard Marini; B-T/C Stable (KY); T-Wayne Catalano. \*\$52,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP; €575,000 RNA 3yo '21 ARARC.



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**5th-Los Alamitos, \$57,152**, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 12-10, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:08.43, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

**TAPATIO LEO (g, 3, Stay Thirsty--Sweet Lips Pooh, by Rio Verde)** Lifetime Record: 6-4-0-0, \$165,460. O-Griffin Stables LLC, Terry C. Lovingier, Amanda Navarro and Michael John Ryan; B-Terry C. Lovingier (CA); T-Peter Miller. \*\$110,000 Ylg '21 FTCAIR. \*\*1/2 to Cholula Lips (Empire Way), SW, \$163,750.

**7th-Fair Grounds, \$54,000**, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 12-10, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:45.34, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

**PROTONIC POWER (g, 4, Protonico--Sheza Smoke Show {GSW, \$150,644}, by Wilko)** Lifetime Record: 24-5-6-5, \$171,600. O-A. Donato; B-International Equities Holding (KY); T-A. Hernandez. \*1/2 to Princess Noor (**Not This Time**), GISW, \$363,500.

**9th-Gulfstream, \$54,000**, (S), (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 12-10, 3yo/up, 1m 70y (AWT), 1:40.46, ft, neck.

**HAPPYISASHAPPYDOES (g, 3, First Dude--Nightfury, by Kitalpha)** Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0, \$66,720. O-Linda Martinez; B-Eddy R. & Linda Martinez (FL); T-Teresa Connelly. \*1/2 to He's a Mess (Dramedy), MSP, \$183,405.

**6th-Fair Grounds, \$53,000**, (S), 12-10, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y (off turf), 1:45.50, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

**DREWSILLA (f, 4, Costa Rising--Military Miss {SP, \$162,116}, by Military)** Lifetime Record: 20-2-6-3, \$107,755. O-Save D. Roe and Patricia L. Roe; B-Spanish Cross Stable, LLC (LA); T-Patrick Mouton. \*1/2 to Fort Polk (Behindatthebar), MSW, \$421,210.

**7th-Laurel, \$52,920**, 12-10, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:53.08, sy, 4 1/4 lengths.

**MARTINI MARTIN (c, 3, Lookin At Lucky--Madeira Park {GSW, \$318,992}, by Langfuhr)** Lifetime Record: 9-3-2-1, \$88,160. O-Michael Scheffres; B-George Gilbert (KY); T-Carlos A. Mancilla. \*\$30,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$6,000 2yo '22 EASMAY.

**MASON SPRINGS GRADUATE**

**6th-Golden Gate Fields, \$42,100**, 12-9, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 1m (AWT) (off turf), 1:37.25, ft, 1 length.

**MOTHER'S PRAYER (g, 3, Rousing Sermon--Mother Luck, by Street Sense)** Lifetime Record: 16-5-2-3, \$118,536. O-Larry D. and Marianne Williams; B-Larry Williams (CA); T-Specht.

**6th-Delta Downs, \$38,300**, 12-9, (C), 3yo/up, f/m, 7 1/2f, 1:34.24, ft, 8 1/2 lengths.

**TWO MINUTE DRILL (f, 3, Union Rags--Mistical Plan {GISW, \$816,790}, by Game Plan)** Lifetime Record: 12-4-1-1, \$162,590. O-NBS Stable; B-Blue Heaven Farm (KY); T-Jon G. Arnett. \*\$210,000 Ylg '21 FTKJUL.

**2nd-Remington, \$35,000**, (S), 12-9, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:40.96, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

**EXCAPING THE BLUES (g, 3, Escaper--Pure Blue Sky {GSP, \$212,353}, by Purim)** Lifetime Record: 9-2-0-1, \$51,559. O-Michael Grossman; B-Eureka Thoroughbred Farm (OK); T-Francisco Bravo.

**7th-Remington, \$35,000**, 12-9, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.87, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

**BECAUSE (f, 4, Den's Legacy--Because of Me, by Whywhywhy)** Lifetime Record: 23-4-0-4, \$115,794. O/B/T-Victor Hanson (OK).

**8th-Remington, \$35,000**, 12-9, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:39.16, ft, 5 3/4 lengths.

**MANDOLIN WIND (g, 3, Mastery--Another World {SW, \$189,503}, by Maria's Mon)** Lifetime Record: 8-3-1-1, \$52,680. O-Haley Luneack; B-Pin Oak Stud, LLC (KY); T-Alex T. Hartman. \*\$16,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP.

**9th-Remington, \$35,000**, (S), 12-9, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12.72, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

**HE SAID WAIT (g, 3, Latent Heat--Possetively Pretty, by Posse)** Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-0, \$49,326. O/B-Lyn W Aldridge (OK); T-Jaime Castellanos.

**6th-Charles Town, \$29,400**, (S), 12-9, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:48.04, ft, 6 1/4 lengths.

**VAGABOND VIRGIN (g, 4, Runhappy--Grey Traffic {GSP, \$134,300}, by Numerous)** Lifetime Record: 7-3-2-1, \$66,043. O-David Raim; B-Mark Sell & Hector Alcalde (WV); T-Jeff Runco. \*\$60,000 Wlg '19 EASDEC. \*\*1/2 to Ullapool (Langfuhr), MSW, \$361,911.

**3rd-Charles Town, \$27,400**, 12-9, (NW2LX), 3yo/up, 7f, 1:27.06, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

**PERSONABLE (g, 4, Great Notion--Spooky Story, by Ghostly Minister)** Lifetime Record: 16-4-3-5, \$105,126. O/B/T-Javier Contreras (WV).

## TODAY'S FEATURED REPLAY



**White Chocolate** (City of Light) added a win at Aqueduct Sunday  
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**5th-Charles Town, \$27,400, (S), 12-9, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 4 1/2f, :53.41, ft, 3 3/4 lengths.**

**SHEWEARSSTILETTOS (f, 3, Exclusive Quality--Secret Tracker, by Cimarron Secret)** Lifetime Record: 12-2-3-1, \$52,241. O/B-Ronney & Nicole Brown (WV); T-Ronney W. Brown.

**7th-Charles Town, \$27,400, 12-9, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:19.29, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.**

**BY ITS ABSENCE (g, 3, Speightster--Conspicuous, by Ghostzapper)** Lifetime Record: 12-4-3-0, \$101,516. O-Robert Reidy; B-R. Larry Johnson (MD); T-Mario Serey, Jr. \*\$15,000 2yo '22 FTIDEC.

#### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Clubhouse Bride, f, 2, Clubhouse Ride--Lets Get Frisky, by Marino Marini.** Los Alamitos, 12-10, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:03.43. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$27,000. B-Eric Kruljac, Tom Lawless & Rebekah Lawless (CA). \*1ST-TIME STARTER.

**Jo Daddy, g, 2, Frac Daddy--Classe d'Oro, by Medaglia d'Oro.** Woodbine, 12-10, (C), 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:48.86. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$34,042. B-Linda Lee Mason (ON). \*C\$18,000 Ylg '22 CANSEP.

**Wagner, c, 2, Heart to Heart--Lady Larkspur, by Perfect Soul (Ire).** Woodbine, 12-10, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.85. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-2, \$58,859. B-Andrew M Roberts (KY). \*1/2 to Go Noni Go (Get Stormy), GSW, \$233,756. \*\*Fourth winner for freshman sire (by English Channel).



ANOTHER TRAVIS DURR GRADUATE

**Waldrip, c, 2, Mastery--Fiancee, by Will Take Charge.**

Remington, 12-9, 7f, 1:27.65. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$35,738. B-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY). \*\$10,000 Ylg '22 FTKJUL.

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**Pinfire, g, 3, Bolt d'Oro--Summer Reading (MSP, \$238,217), by Hard Spun.** Turfway, 12-9, 6f (AWT), 1:10.84. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-1, \$79,674. B-Windways Farm (KY). \$115,000 Wlg '20 KEENOV; \$80,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT. \*1/2 to Very Scary (Connect), MGSP, \$190,490.



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**Pat's Gamble, c, 3, Gamble's Exchange--Aunt Pat, by Mr.**

Greeley. Woodbine, 12-10, (C), 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.93. Lifetime Record: 8-1-3-0, \$64,835. B-Tall Oaks Farm (ON).

**Miss Argentina, f, 3, Limehouse--Deputy Jolie, by Deputy Rummy.** Charles Town, 12-9, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:23.60. Lifetime Record: 6-1-3-0, \$32,271. B-Analia Rita Gomez de Larrosa (WV).

**Satoshi, f, 3, Smiling Tiger--Money Plays, by Mr. Greeley.** Los Alamitos, 12-10, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:04.53. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-1, \$52,320. B-Patricia Ann Elia Trust (CA).

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**American Pharoah,** Macanga, f, 2, o/o Highway Mary, by U S Ranger. MSW, 12-10, Gulfstream

**Arrogate,** Catiche, f, 4, o/o Sacristy, by Pulpit. My Charmer S., 12-9, Turfway

**Bolt d'Oro,** Pinfire, g, 3, o/o Summer Reading, by **Hard Spun.** MSW, 12-9, Turfway

**City of Light,** White Chocolate, f, 3, o/o Edith Court, by Pomeroy. ALW, 12-10, Aqueduct

**Clubhouse Ride,** Clubhouse Bride, f, 2, o/o Lets Get Frisky, by Marino Marini. MSW, 12-10, Los Alamitos Thoroughbred

**Costa Rising,** Drewsilla, f, 4, o/o Military Miss, by Military. ALW, 12-10, Fair Grounds

**Den's Legacy,** Because, f, 4, o/o Because of Me, by Whywhywhy. ALW, 12-9, Remington

**Divisidero,** Abrumar, c, 2, o/o Keep Crossing, by Istan. MSW, 12-10, Gulfstream

**Excaper,** Escaping the Blues, g, 3, o/o Pure Blue Sky, by Purim. ALW, 12-9, Remington

**Exclusive Quality,** Shewearsstiletos, f, 3, o/o Secret Tracker, by Cimarron Secret. ALW, 12-9, Charles Town

**First Dude,** Happyisashappydoes, g, 3, o/o Nightfury, by Kitalpha. AOC, 12-10, Gulfstream

**Flat Out,** Romeo Yankee, g, 4, o/o Bella Cantu, by War Chant. AOC, 12-10, Woodbine

**Frac Daddy,** Jo Daddy, g, 2, o/o Classe d'Oro, by **Medaglia d'Oro.** MOC, 12-10, Woodbine

**Gamble's Exchange,** Pat's Gamble, c, 3, o/o Aunt Pat, by Mr. Greeley. MOC, 12-10, Woodbine

**Giant Gizmo,** Secret Reserve, g, 5, o/o Smart Suzie, by Smart Strike. Steady Growth S., 12-10, Woodbine

**Great Notion,** Personable, g, 4, o/o Spooky Story, by Ghostly Minister. ALW, 12-9, Charles Town

**Heart to Heart,** Wagner, c, 2, o/o Lady Larkspur, by Perfect Soul (Ire). MSW, 12-10, Woodbine

**Latent Heat,** He Said Wait, g, 3, o/o Possetively Pretty, by Posse. ALW, 12-9, Remington

**Limehouse,** Miss Argentina, f, 3, o/o Deputy Jolie, by Deputy



Rummy. MSW, 12-9, Charles Town

**Lookin At Lucky**, Martini Martin, c, 3, o/o Madeira Park, by Langfuhr. ALW, 12-10, Laurel

**Mastery**, Mandolin Wind, g, 3, o/o Another World, by Maria's Mon. ALW, 12-9, Remington

**Mastery**, Waldrip, c, 2, o/o Fiancee, by Will Take Charge. MSW, 12-9, Remington

**Mitole**, Freeburn, f, 2, o/o Firefoot, by Tapizar. MSW, 12-10, Fair Grounds

**Mr Speaker**, Ironstone, c, 4, o/o Casey's Dreamin', by Unbridled's Song. AOC, 12-10, Woodbine

**Mr. Big**, Chancery Way, f, 4, o/o This Means War, by War Chant. Bear Fan S., 12-9, Golden Gate

**Munnings**, Torigo, c, 3, o/o Shadan (Fr), by Orpen. MSW, 12-10, Gulfstream

**Protonico**, Protonic Power, g, 4, o/o Sheza Smoke Show, by Wilko. AOC, 12-10, Fair Grounds

**Quality Road**, Quality Chic, g, 3, o/o Chica Boom Chic, by **Tapit**. AOC, 12-10, Aqueduct

**Rousing Sermon**, Mother's Prayer, g, 3, o/o Mother Luck, by **Street Sense**. ALW, 12-9, Golden Gate

**Runhappy**, Vagabond Virgin, g, 4, o/o Grey Traffic, by Numerous. ALW, 12-9, Charles Town

**Smiling Tiger**, Satoshi, f, 3, o/o Money Plays, by Mr. Greeley. MSW, 12-10, Los Alamitos Thoroughbred

**Speightster**, By Its Absence, g, 3, o/o Conspicuous, by **Ghostzapper**. ALW, 12-9, Charles Town

**Stay Thirsty**, Tapatio Leo, g, 3, o/o Sweet Lips Pooh, by Rio Verde. AOC, 12-10, Los Alamitos Thoroughbred

**Street Boss**, Colosseo, h, 5, o/o Alluvial Gold (Ire), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). ALW, 12-9, Turfway

**Tapit**, Lure'em In, f, 3, o/o Bet She Wins, by **First Samurai**. ALW, 12-10, Fair Grounds

**Union Rags**, Two Minute Drill, f, 3, o/o Mistical Plan, by Game Plan. ALW, 12-9, Delta Downs

**Violence**, Ottawa, c, 3, o/o Moon Rainbow, by Smart Strike. MSW, 12-10, Woodbine

**World of Trouble**, Lotsa Trouble, g, 2, o/o Solar Surge, by Bernardini. MSW, 12-10, Aqueduct

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## 'STUBBORN' BUYER WINS OUT AT ARQANA AS BUSKOP BAGS 190K ZARAK FOAL



Morten Buskop | Zuzanna Lupa

By Brian Sheerin and Katie Petrunyak

Danish buyer Morten Buskop was left thanking his lucky stars on Sunday that his unnamed but long-standing client was more stubborn than him as he came out on top for the €190,000 **Zarak (Fr)** foal who led the way at the second session of the Arqana breeding stock sale.

There's nothing quite like seeing the sales house back up when a highly regarded horse walks into the ring and it became evident pretty quickly that the Haras de Montaigu-drafted colt had plenty of suitors with many of the top judges playing on lot 400.

A daughter of one of the best stallions in France and out of the well-bred **Sea The Stars (Ire)** mare Brodie (GB), the Sunday sale-topper could be offered for resale or put into training by Buskop's client, with the agent keen not to tie up plans at this early stage.

He said, "My client is a very stubborn man when he decides he likes the horse or the foal. He likes the Zaraks, of course, and we thought there is a lot of Dubawi (Ire) in this horse." **Cont. p3**

## 'TRULY REMARKABLE' LONGINES HKIR GIVES FANS EVERYTHING THEY COULD ASK FOR

by Alan Carasso

Officials at the Hong Kong Jockey Club could offer their devoted fans only limited access to the Longines Hong Kong International Races meeting from 2020 to 2022, a necessity attributable to the Coronavirus outbreak in March 2020, and while the attendance restrictions were gradually eased over the next few years, there were certain parameters and restrictions in place to ensure the show would go on.

With things more or less back to normal in the SAR, the patrons--a reported 65,252 of them--poured through the Sha Tin turnstiles Sunday afternoon to greet their equine superstars and they left a largely satisfied group, as champions **Romantic Warrior (Ire)** (Acclamation {GB}), **Lucky Swaynesse (NZ)** (Swaynesse {Aus}) and **Golden Sixty (Aus)** (**Medaglia d'Oro**) delivered performances that captured their collective imagination--in one case, the difficult-to-imagine.

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T. D. Thornton has the latest Week In Review, where he examines the ramifications of moving the GI Belmont S. to Saratoga.

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*Intello, pictured at Haras de Beaumont on Friday, is the sire of G1 Hong Kong Vase winner Junko. Father and son were both bred and raced by Wertheimer & Frere |*

*Emma Berry*

## FORMER GOFFS MANAGING DIRECTOR IRWIN DIES **9**

*Jonathan Irwin, one of the most influential figures in the history of Goffs and its former managing director, passed away Dec. 10 aged 82.*

## AGA KHAN HOMEBRED STRIKES AT PAU **11**

*Aga Khan homebred Sibayan (Fr) (**Blame**) won for the second time in three starts Sunday, taking out a Pau conditions event over 2000 metres.*

## ASCOLI PICENO SETS HANSHIN RECORD IN GROUP 1 **17**

*Sent off the third choice to take her record to a perfect three-from-three, Sunday Racing's Ascoli Piceno (Jpn) (Dawia Major {Jpn}) set a new stakes record time of 1:32.60 in the G1 Hanshin Juvenile Fillies.*

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## Arqana Cont. from p1

Buskop added, "The page is nice. He's out of a **Sea The Stars** mare so that should do the job. We also like the fact that the granddam is by Linamix (Fr). Very happy with the purchase."

The main takeaway from Sunday's action was the clearance rate climbing 4% to 83% compared to last year's figures. The average was virtually the same at €36,592 while the median climbed €2,500 to €30,000. The aggregate was also up by almost 2% to €7,757,500.

## Howdy Partner - Ballylinch Form Strong Partnerships

Two years ago, Meridian International and Ballylinch Stud teamed up at Arqana to bid on a colt by New Bay (GB), however, they came in as underbidder when the youngster sold for €180,000. Flash forward to this September and the juvenile named Alcantor (Fr), who was a 'TDN Rising Star' on debut, claimed the G3 Prix Thomas Bryon Jockey Club de Turquie for

Baron Edouard De Rothschild.

Meridian International's Ghislain Bozo and John O'Connor of Ballylinch Stud were keen to try for the same family again as Alcantor's half-sister by another Ballylinch sire took to the ring at Arqana. After a lively round of bidding, the partners came out on top with a winning €115,000 bid for the daughter of first-crop sire Waldgeist (GB).

"We think we're going to either pinhook her or race her," said Bozo of lot 396. "She's a very good mover and Alcantor is obviously a very good horse. We're going to try to get the best out of her."

"We like doing partnerships," O'Connor added. "We think we are good partners for people and it's been very successful for us. It allows us to spread the risk over

a larger number of horses and we're always happy to do it mostly on our own stallions. We like that best."

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Lot 400, the session-topping son of **Zarak** | Zuzanna Lupa





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**WONDERFUL BOY** (**Gr.3** Grosser Preis der SWK AG by 10 lengths. A dual winner in **2023**, he is the **2024 German Derby favourite**).



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



Fee: **£12,500**  
(1st October SLF)

- A Leading European First crop sire in **2023**  
Sire of **9** winners of **11** races including **DEEPONE** (winner of 3 races including **Gr.2** Beresford Stakes, The Curragh), **GHORGAN** (**Gr.3** placed), **ALACRITY**, **BIRTHE**, **FRANCOPHONE**, **JUBILEE WALK**, **LINGUA FRANCA**, **LOOK UPON** and **SONS AND LOVERS**.
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**Yearlings sold in 2023 have made up to 220,000gns**



**Arqana Cont.**

He added, "She's by Waldgeist and the trainers have been very positive about him, so he has to get some more winners next year but the trainers tell me that they're very nice horses."

Consigned by Haras du Hoguenet, the April-foaled weanling is out of Bianca de Medici (GB) (Medicean {GB}), who hails from the family of dual Arc heroine Treve (Fr) (Motivator {GB}) and whose six foals from six to race also include Group 2 winner Boscaccio (Ger) (Mount Nelson {GB}).

"We know that the mare is a proven mare so she's bred some good ones," O'Connor said. "She's a very nice filly. We might end up racing her. If we do, at least we have one that looks like a racehorse."

Ballylinch Stud went on to team up with an unnamed partner to secure Royal Grey (GB) (Havana Grey {GB}) (lot 477), a listed

winner in Italy, for €135,000. She was purchased once again by Bozo of Meridian International and will join trainer Nicolas Clement after a short break.

Bozo explained, "She is going to be trained by Nicolas Clement and is a very nice filly with good form. The stallion needs no introduction and she is just a lovely filly with a very good page. We will give her a break for a month and then she will go back into training where she can hopefully take in a listed win in France."

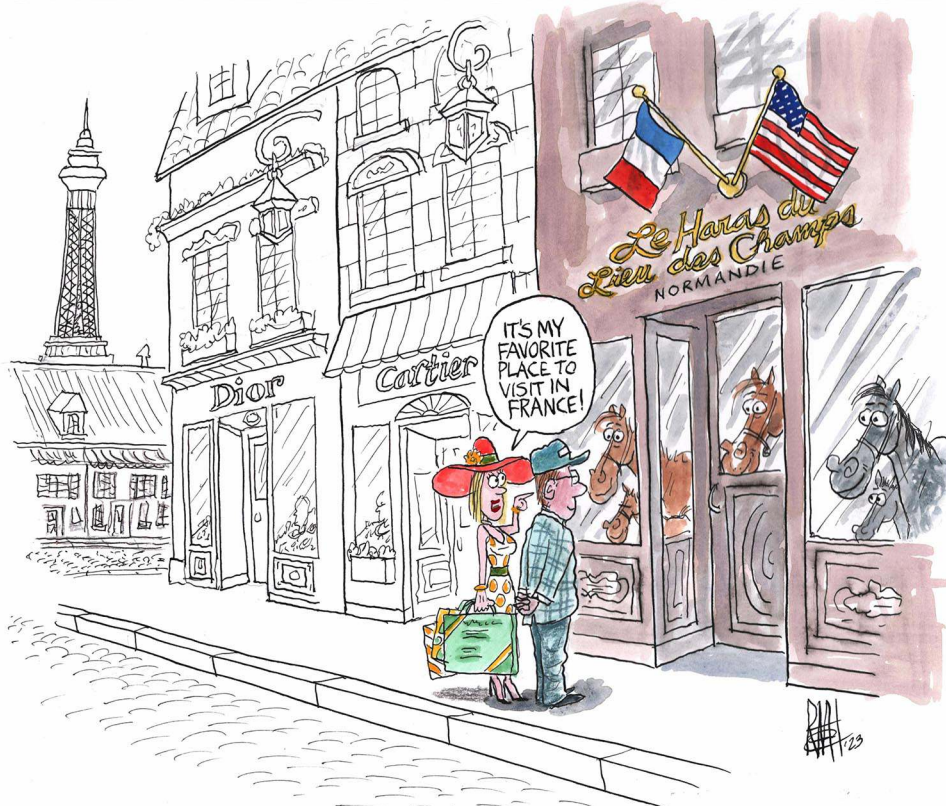
Royal Grey, a daughter of G2 Lowther S. runner-up Infamous Angel (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), was sold for £45,000 at the Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale last year. She has amassed three wins in Italy for Endo Botti.

Bozo continued, "It's a partnership between a client of Nicolas Clement's and also Ballylinch Stud. Havana Grey is a lovely stallion and he could be the next **Wootton Bassett (GB)** maybe." **Cont. p5**



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He added, "He stands out so much and his stock have a good temperament and are very keen to go. I'm very impressed by them."

## Top Jockey Ronan Whelan Gets In On The Arqana Action

Some jockeys jet off to exotic places on their holidays over the winter but top Irish rider Ronan Whelan swapped topping up his tan for adding to his bloodstock portfolio alongside his father Tom, a renowned breeder in his own right.

This year marks Whelan's best, with 46 winners ridden domestically in Ireland, while Tom, who operates under Church View Stables, has enjoyed a good time in the ring.

The father-and-son team were involved in the purchasing of

lot 315, a **St Mark's Basilica (Fr)** colt out of a half-sister to Muhaarar (GB) (**Oasis Dream {GB}**), for €110,000 to MAB Agency.

The sale comes just a week after a filly by the Coolmore-based

stallion and out of the Oaks winner Talent (GB) (New Approach {Ire}) topped the foal sale at Tattersalls at 575,000gns to Jill Lamb on behalf of Newsells Park Stud.

"We fell in love with the colt," Ronan Whelan said. "We can't wait to bring him back to Ireland. **St Mark's Basilica** is a promising stallion and he's from a great family."

Marc Antoine Berghgracht's MAB Agency went on to sign for Tevara (GB) (Compton Place {GB}) (lot 331), offered in foal to Victor Ludorum (GB), from Haras

du Logis at €100,000. MAB Agency spent almost €400,000 on six lots on Sunday alone.



Lot 315: a son of **St Mark's Basilica** | *Zuzanna Lupa*

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# Champion 2YO Sire in 2022, leading the way again in 2023!

## 2023 Leading Sires of 2YOs

(by number of Blacktype winners)

RANK	STALLION	BTW	GW	EARNINGS
1	<b>No Nay Never</b>	9	5	€2,294,390
2	<b>Wootton Bassett</b>	7	5	€1,972,222

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# NO NAY NEVER

## COOLMORE



## Irish Buyers Going Ga-Ga For Galiway

Irish buyers have been going ga-ga crazy for the progeny of Galiway (GB) in recent times, largely down to the success Willie Mullins has enjoyed with the Haras de Colleville-based stallion.

Ireland's dominant National Hunt handler has done his bit to spread the good Galiway word through hurdlers Vauban (Fr) and Gala Marceau (Fr) and Mullins's fingerprints were all over one of the more expensive lots sold on Sunday.

Less than a month after Paul Byrne, Harold Kirk and Mullins snapped up Zillow (GB) (Zoffany {Ire}) for €300,000 at the Autumn Sale here at Arqana, the three-year-old's dam Petunia (Ire) was sold in foal to Galiway to Irish buyers Seamus Murphy and Mark McStay standing alongside Timmy Hyde jnr.

By Pivotal (GB) herself, Petunia hails from a good Wertheimer family and there was clearly no shortage of people willing to

take the chance on Zillow turning out to be a fine dual-purpose type for Mullins with the hammer falling at €93,000.

To be fair to Murphy and McStay, there are worse people to be placing your faith in than messrs Byrne, Kirk and Mullins. Lot 438 could turn out to be a good buy.



Sunday's clearance rate increased 4% to 83% compared to last year

Zuzanna Lupa

## Buy of the Day

Mags O'Toole has a habit of turning water into the wine and nobody would be surprised if lot 303, a **Sioux Nation** colt out of winning **Camelot** (GB) mare Shalya (Fr), could double or even treble the €55,000 outlay if he rocks up to any of the major yearling sales next year.

Shalya, herself a winner at four, hails from the family of G1 Yorkshire Oaks and G1 Prix Vermeille victress Shareta (Ire) (Sinndar {Ire}), plus a second Prix

Vermeille winner in Shawanda (Ire) (Sinndar {Ire}), who also claimed the G1 Irish Oaks. [Cont. p7](#)

# Tattersalls October Book 2 Hong Kong Cup Winner

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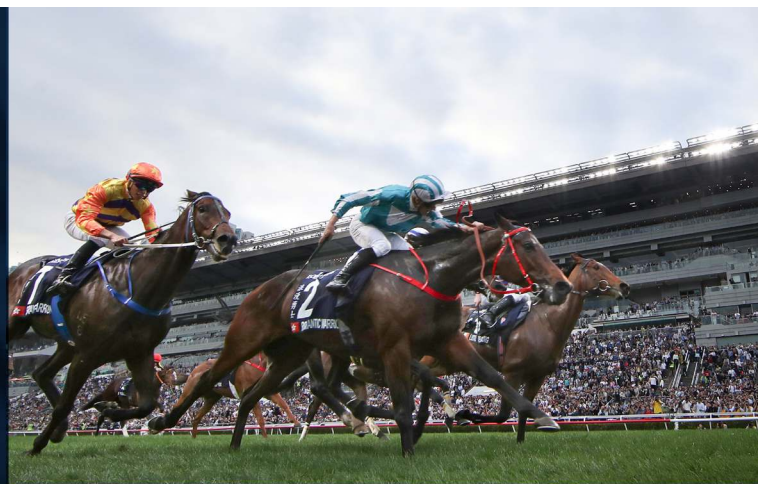
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**Arqana Cont.**

**Sioux Nation**, one of the top second-crop sires this year, celebrated a bumper sale at Tattersalls last week, with foals selling for 210,000gns, 155,000gns and 135,000gns.

All told, 10 foals by **Sioux Nation** sold for an average of 71,200gns. Given O'Toole's purchase came significantly under that average price from Tattersalls, one can assume that she is in a good position to turn a profit next year.

**Thought for the Day**

The French way of auctioneering seems to be about building suspense and leaving no stone unturned to secure the best possible price for the vendors. Put it this way, there's nobody nipping off to the car parks early at Arqana.

However, surely an argument can be made for the long, drawn out approach to auctioneering, where horses in the millions are climbing up in a series of €25,000 bids, is counterproductive. Surely a more lively approach to auctioneering, in America for example, is best served for getting people's blood up and ultimately driving the highest price in the ring.

Whether such a practice would ever catch on in France remains to be seen but there was no escaping that the ring felt flat for long periods of time on Saturday and Sunday at Arqana.

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SESSION TOTALS	2023	2022
• Catalogued	291	299
• Number Offered	253	262
• Number Sold	212	208
• Not Sold	41	54
• Clearance Rate	83%	79%
• High Price	€190,000	€175,000
• Gross	€7,757,500	€7,614,500
• Average (% change)	€36,592 (-0.04%)	€36,608
• Median (% change)	€30,000 (+9%)	€27,500
CUMULATIVE	2023	2022
• Catalogued	545	558
• Number Offered	477	501
• Number Sold	373	398
• Not Sold	104	103
• Clearance Rate	78%	79%
• No. €500K+	14	24
• High Price	€4,025,000	€3,200,000
• Gross	€44,344,500	€53,601,500
• Average (% change)	€118,886 (-12%)	€134,677
• Median (% change)	€45,000 (-14%)	€52,500

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# SESSION TOPPERS

## ARQANA VENTE D'ELEVAGE

LOT	NAME	STATUS	PRICE (€)
<b>521</b>	<b>Marelie (GB)</b> (f, 3, De Treville {GB}--Maraba (Ire), by Danehill Dancer {Ire}) Bred by Mr R Shaykhutdinov (GB) Consigned by Fairway Consignment (Charles Briere) Purchased by X Amerman	Horse in training	<b>150,000</b>
<b>477</b>	<b>Royal Grey (GB)</b> (f, 2, Havana Grey {GB}--Infamous Angel {GB}, by Exceed and Excel {Aus}) Bred by Glebe Farm Stud (GB) Consigned by Endo Botti Galopp Purchased by SARL Meridian International/N Clement	Horse in training	<b>135,000</b>
<b>463</b>	<b>Haroya (Ire)</b> (f, 4, Golden Horn {GB}--Harasiya {Ire}, by Pivotal {GB}) Bred by His Highness The Aga Khan's Studs SC (Ire) Consigned by The Channel Consignment Purchased by BBA Ireland	i/f Galiway (GB)	<b>120,000</b>
<b>331</b>	<b>Tevara (GB)</b> (m, 15, Compton Place {GB}--Torgau {Ire}, by Zieten) Bred by Whitsbury Manor Stud & Pigeon House Stud (GB) Consigned by Haras du Logis Purchased by MAB Agency	i/f Victor Ludorum (GB)	<b>110,000</b>
<b>482</b>	<b>Tempel (Fr)</b> (m, 8, Deep Impact {Jpn}--Iron Lips {GB}, by Iron Mask) Bred by Wertheimer et Frere (Fr) Consigned by Wertheimer & Frere Purchased by Repole Stable Inc	i/f Kendargent (Fr)	<b>95,000</b>



Marelie, lot 521, brought €150,000 | Zuzanna Lupa

## SUNDAY'S TOP WEANLINGS

LOT	SEX	SIRE   DAM	PRICE (€)
<b>400</b>	c	<b>Zarak (Fr)--Brodie (GB)</b> Breeder: Azienda Agricola La Rovere (Fr) Consignor: Haras de Montaigu Purchaser: Morten Buskop Bloodtock	<b>190,000</b>
<b>396</b>	f	<b>Waldgeist (GB)--Bianca de Medici (GB)</b> Breeder: SCEA Du Grand Chene (Fr) Consignor: Haras du Hogueuet Purchaser: SARL Meridian International	<b>115,000</b>
<b>315</b>	c	<b>St Mark's Basilica (Fr)--Rufoof (GB)</b> Breeder: n/a Consignor: J K Thoroughbreds Purchaser: MAB Agency	<b>110,000</b>
<b>340</b>	f	<b>Blue Point (Ire)--Venecia Style (Fr)</b> Breeder: Mat Daguzan-Garros & F Bragato (Fr) Consignor: Haras des Granges Purchaser: Solis/Litt	<b>97,000</b>



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**Toppers Cont.****487 c Zarak (Fr)--Kencarla (Fr) 90,000***Breeder: Guy Pariente Holding, SARL Jedburgh Stud & T De La Heronniere (Fr)**Consignor: Haras de Colleville, To Dissolve a Partnership**Purchaser: Five Star Bloodstock Transport Ltd*

## EUROPEAN NEWS

### TRIBUTES FLOW FOR FORMER GOFFS MANAGING DIRECTOR JONATHAN IRWIN WHO DIES AGED 82

Goffs has paid tribute to its former managing director Jonathan Irwin, one of the most influential people in the history of the sales house, who died aged 82 on Sunday.

Irwin joined Goffs in 1975 and oversaw the construction of the world's first purpose-built bloodstock sales complex in Kill, County Kildare.

He was also appointed CEO of the Dublin International Sports Council (DISC) in 1993 and established the Jack and Jill

Foundation along with his wife Mary Ann after the birth of their son Jack.

Since 1997, the foundation has supported 1600 families throughout Ireland. It has raised €36 million from the private sector while receiving €4.5 million from the Irish health service. Awards received include Charity of the Year 2003, Irish Personality of the Year 2004, Irish Fundraiser of 2011 and Global Fundraiser of 2011. [Cont. p10](#)



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**Jonathan Irwin Cont.**

A statement published by Goffs on Sunday read, "Everyone at Goffs was saddened to learn of the death of the former Managing Director, Jonathan Irwin.

"Jonathan was appointed Managing Director of Robert J Goff & Co plc in 1975 at the age of just 33 and oversaw an amazing period for the company over the next 15 years, not least the construction of the iconic Kildare Paddocks which remains one of the finest bloodstock sales complexes in the world."

It continued, "Jonathan was certainly one of the most colourful bloodstock characters of his generation and his legacy lives on in the modern day Goffs. As well as overseeing the design of the complex, he approached the whole business in an innovative and charismatic way. Shouting bid spotters, international guest auctioneers, black tie select sales and the first multi-currency bid board at any auction in the world, an innovation that was almost instantly copied by the likes of Sotheby's and Christie's, were amongst his ideas that have stood the test of time.

"European records were regularly set from the outset with the first sale setting the trend with the IR127,000 Guineas Be My Guest being followed nine years later by a Shergar (GB) colt realising IR3,100,000 Guineas (equivalent to €4.2M today), an Irish auction record that stood for 39 years."

Goffs chairman Eimar Mulhern and chief executive Henry Beeby also put on record their heartfelt tributes to the man who revolutionised the company.

Mulhern said, "It is with great regret that we hear of the passing of Jonathan Irwin. Jonathan was a titan of the bloodstock industry, transforming and modernising a business which heretofore had been rooted in tradition. He inspired a whole generation, of which I am one, as to a new way to market and promote the business in a truly innovative way. His contribution to Goffs was immense and we are still the beneficiaries of his vision to this day. On behalf of the shareholders and board of Goffs we send our deepest and most sincere sympathy to his wife Mary Anne, his children, his extended family and wide circle of friends."

Other notable achievements in Irwin's long and distinguished career include being elected a member of the Irish Turf Club in 1976, and launching the *Irish Horseman* magazine in the 1960s. He was also a director at BBA Ireland.

Beeby commented, "Jonathan was a truly inspirational character who revolutionised the way European thoroughbred auctions were conducted. A true showman, he oozed charisma and I learned a huge amount from him over the years so much so that we still aspire to his lofty standards to this day."

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## FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

**Monday, Dec. 11, 2023:**

### UNITED KINGDOM

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

18:00-CHELMSFORD CITY, 6f, Advindi (GB)  
60,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2021; 17,000gns  
Tattersalls December Yearling Sale 2022

**Blue Point (Ire)** (Shamardal), Kildangan Stud  
161 foals of racing age

18:00-CHELMSFORD CITY, 6f, Aidan Andabettin (GB)  
£65,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearlings 2022  
18:00-CHELMSFORD CITY, 6f, Blue Virtue (Ire)  
18:30-CHELMSFORD CITY, 6f, Persian Blue  
80,000gns RNA Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2022

**Calyx (GB)** (Kingman {GB}), Coolmore Stud  
103 foals of racing age

18:30-CHELMSFORD CITY, 6f, On Song (Ire)  
18:00-CHELMSFORD CITY, 6f, Reine des Coeurs (Ire)  
€80,000 Arqana Deauville August Yearling Sale 2022

**Inns of Court (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Tally-Ho Stud  
169 foals of racing age  
18:30-CHELMSFORD CITY, 6f, Kapparis Kid (GB)  
50,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2021; 40,000gns  
Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2022; 7,000gns  
Tattersalls Autumn Horses-in-Training Sale 2023

**Magna Grecia (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Coolmore Stud  
109 foals of racing age  
18:00-CHELMSFORD CITY, 6f, Roman Emperor (GB)

**Ten Sovereigns (Ire)** (No Nay Never), Coolmore Stud  
150 foals of racing age  
17:30-CHELMSFORD CITY, 8f, Danehill Star (Ire)  
£16,000 RNA Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearlings 2022

### FRANCE

**Donjuan Triumphant (Ire)** (Dream Ahead), Haras de la  
Barbottiere  
15 foals of racing age  
2-LYON LA SOIE, 1800m, Galgan (Fr)

**Ten Sovereigns (Ire) (No Nay Never)**, Coolmore Stud  
150 foals of racing age  
2-LYON LA SOIE, 1800m, Dalkava (Fr)  
€30,000 RNA Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale 2021 -  
English Version; €33,000 Arqana Deauville September Yearling  
Sale 2022

**Waldgeist (GB) (Galileo {Ire})**, Ballylinch Stud  
81 foals of racing age  
2-LYON LA SOIE, 1800m, Esprit des Bois (Ire)  
€100,000 Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale 2021 - English  
Version; €105,000 Arqana Deauville August Yearling Sale 2022



Donjuan Triumphant | Emma Berry

## BRITAIN

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**First Encore (Ire)**, g, 2, **Acclamation (GB)**--All Star Cast (Ire)  
(SP-Fr), by Kodiak (GB). Wolverhampton, 12-10, 7f 36y (AWT),  
1:29.08. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-2, \$11,571. B-Rathbarry Stud  
(IRE).

## FRANCE

### Sunday's Results:

**2nd-Pau**, €27,000, Cond, 12-10, 2yo, 10f (AWT), 2:04.40, st.  
**SIBAYAN (FR) (c, 2, Blame--Sirrin {Ire} {MSW-Fr}, by Sea The  
Stars {Ire})**, who followed up a Sept. 17 debut victory going one  
mile at Bordeaux with a second over 9 1/2 furlongs back at that  
venue in October, trailed all four rivals through the initial strides

and improved one spot after the first quarter-mile. Encouraged  
forward off the home turn, the 4-5 chalk bounded to the front  
with 150 metres remaining and drew off late to easily outpoint  
the pacesetting Swing City (Fr) (City Light {Fr}) by 3 1/2 lengths.  
Sibayan is the second foal and scorer out of Listed Prix Joubert  
and Listed Derby du Languedoc victrix Sirrin (Ire) (**Sea The Stars  
{Ire}**), herself kin to G3 Queen Mother Memorial Cup third Sinkal  
(Smart Strike). Descendants of his stakes-winning second dam  
Sindirana (Ire) (Kalanisi {Ire}) also include G3 Ballyogan S. victrix  
and G1 Flying Five S. third Sonaiyla (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}). The  
February-foaled homebred bay is half to a yearling colt by Le  
Havre (Ire). Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, €36,400. **Video,**  
**sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-H H The Aga Khan; B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC (FR);  
T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

**4th-Pau**, €23,000, Cond, 12-10, 2yo, f, 8f (AWT), 1:39.30, st.  
**MONNA VANNA (GB) (f, 2, Magna Grecia {Ire}--Gold {Ger}, by  
Sea The Moon {Ger})**, who ran second tackling 7 1/2 furlongs in  
her Oct. 14 unveiling at Tarbes last time, occupied a handy third  
after the early shuffling here. Making smooth progress once into  
the straight, the 9-10 chalk came under pressure to launch her  
bid approaching the final furlong and was ridden clear in the  
closing stages to assert by 3 1/2 lengths Jakima (GB) (Kodiac  
{GB}), becoming the 12th winner for her freshman sire (by  
Invincible Spirit {Ire}). Monna Vanna is the first of three foals  
produced by a winning half-sister to dual Group 3-placed Listed  
Prix Rose de Mai victrix Princess Charm (Ire) (Rip Van Winkle  
{Ire}) and the stakes-placed Gulden Gorl (Ger) (Iffraaj {GB}). The  
February-foaled bay, whose second dam is Listed Prix Ronde de  
Nuit winner Gold Charm (Ger) (Key Of Luck), is half to a yearling  
colt by Nathaniel (Ire) and a weanling filly by Time Test (GB).  
Sales history: 36,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT; €20,000 2yo '22  
ARQMay. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, €16,100. **Video, sponsored  
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O-Michel Delaunay, Free Man Racing & Octave Migneco;  
B-Culworth Grounds Farm & Make A Stand Ltd (GB); T-Jean-  
Claude Rouget.

### CONDITIONS RESULTS:

**3rd-Pornichet-La Baule**, €23,000, Cond, 12-10, 2yo, c/g, 8f  
(AWT), 1:38.90, st.

**GOLDEN STATE (FR) (c, 2, Zelzal {Fr}--Abandagold {Ire}, by  
Orpen)** Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-2, €26,425. O/T-Gregory Ortiz;  
B-SCEA des Prairies, Thomas Jeffroy & Benoit Jeffroy (FR).



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**7th-Pornichet-La Baule, €15,000, Cond, 12-10, 4yo/up, 12f** (AWT), 2:30.01, st.  
**KHAZAR LISES (FR) (g, 5, Top Trip {GB}--Vega Esqua {Fr}, by Dream Well {Fr})** Lifetime Record: 29-7-2-4, €46,800. O-Haras des Lises & Stephane Seignoux; B-Antoine Cabaret & Mme Servane Crespel (FR); T-Valerie Seignoux. \*€8,000 RNA 2yo '20 ARQLUM.

#### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Mercurio (Fr), g, 3, Gutaifan (Ire)--Makruma (GB) (MSP-Fr,** \$248,827), by Dubawi (Ire). Pornichet-La Baule, 12-10, 8 1/2f (AWT), 1:46.16. B-De Pine Societa Semplice Agricola (FR). \*€11,000 Wlg '20 ARQDEC; €3,500 2yo '22 ARQNOV.

## GERMANY

#### CONDITIONS RESULTS:

**3rd-Dortmund, €6,000, Cond, 12-10, 3yo, 9f (AWT), 1:59.57, st.**  
**MISTER HOLLOW (GER) (g, 3, Soldier Hollow {GB}--Menha {GB}, by Dubawi {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 14-2-2-6, €38,875. O/B-Hermann Schroer-Dreesmann (GER); T-Henk Grewe. \*€240,000 RNA Ylg '21 BBAGO. \*\*Full to Mrs Applebee (Ger), MSP-Ger.

## WORLDWIDE NEWS

#### HKIR Cont. from p1

The Wertheimer Brothers' **Junko (GB)** (Intello {Ger}) was the lone overseas-based winner for the ageless Andre Fabre. It was the second straight year that the home team took three of the four events.



The 2023 fireworks display at Sha Tin | Hong Kong Jockey Club



Golden Sixty imperious in the Mile | HKJC

"In my humble opinion, I've been here now for 25 years and this was one of the best--if not the best--days of racing we have had in Hong Kong," said Hong Kong Jockey Club CEO Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges. "If I look at the situation after Covid, after we had last year already a good meeting, but today Hong Kong racing has established (itself) again on the global stage and has shown what sporting entertainment means."

Turnover on the HKIR was HK\$1.697 billion (£173.1 million/US\$217.4 million), marginally down on last year's HK\$1.729 billion. Commingling handle of HK\$429.6 million (£43.8 million/US\$55 million) was a record for a 10-race Hong Kong meeting.

Andrew Harding, the Executive Director of Racing for the HKJC declared the meeting as 'truly remarkable' and added, "We were proud of what we were able to achieve during the dark days of the pandemic. Today showed that in December Hong Kong is the place to be and that the eyes of the racing world turn to us."

"I'm just so proud that we were able to show the world that Hong Kong is Asia's world city and we were able to give our visitors a fantastic week."

#### G60 Lands Historic Third Mile Against All Odds

When last seen at Sha Tin under race conditions, treble Hong Kong Horse of the Year **Golden Sixty (Aus)** (Medaglia d'Oro) was posting his third straight victory in April's G1 Champions Mile, a ninth elite-level score for a horse who recorded his first in this race in front of an empty grandstand three years ago.

Having sided against a maiden overseas voyage for the G1 Yasuda Kinen, Golden Sixty was given the summer off, during which time he turned eight years of age on Southern Hemisphere time, and a conservative programme was set, as Father time became a consideration. [Cont. p13](#)

**HKIR Cont.**

The idea of a lead-up run in the G2 Jockey Club Mile Nov. 19 was ultimately dashed, meaning that Golden Sixty would need to defy a 224-day absence on his return to action Sunday. Add to that a draw in gate 14, and surely this was a task too tall. But, if ever a horse was built to overcome all that, it is surely Golden Sixty, and with an adoring public able to be present in large numbers for the first time, turned in a performance for the ages.

The many obstacles notwithstanding, Golden Sixty was very much the pari-mutuel darling, though he did drift out to \$2.35 (1.35-1) on the tote. One of the first to leave the machine, the champ was taken hold of by Vincent Ho, and that alert dispatch dictated that Golden Sixty would race no worse than mid-division, as Godolphin's multiple group-winning **Tribalist (GB)** (Farhh {GB}) sped across from gate 13 to make the running in advance of 2022 Mile winner **California Spangle (Ire)** (**Starspangledbanner (Aus)**), **Cairo (Ire)** (**Quality Road**) and Japan's **Danon the Kid (Jpn)** (Just A Way {Jpn}) three wide.

Following the latter's move around the turn, Golden Sixty was given his cue and there was nothing about the subsequent push-button acceleration that suggested he was getting long in the tooth or otherwise sour on racing. Within a matter of strides, Golden Sixty sailed by all the inside traffic and it was all over bar the shouting, as Ho let out an atypically demonstrative roar as they crossed the line. **Voyage Bubble (Aus)** (Deep Field {Aus}), the 2023 Hong Kong Derby winner, ran on gamely for second ahead of G1 Mile Championship heroine **Namur (Jpn)** (Harbinger {GB}), who closed well from the backfield for William Buick. Golden Sixty joins Good Ba Ba (Lear Fan) as three-time winners of the Mile.

"It's amazing. I got the three-wide with cover, where I wanted to be and he knows his racing now," said Ho, who warmed up for the HKIR with a victory in the International Jockeys' Challenge at Happy Valley Wednesday evening. "He's never travelled keen with me, he was relaxed all of the way and then when I asked him for an effort, he just gave me 100%.

"He's not eight--he feels like he's four. I can't believe it. I was confident, even from gate 14, as long as I could get into the right position. Everything just went pretty ideal--I visualised this and it happened. It's a great team effort, so thanks to all of the team. It's not easy to come here at a high level without any preparation."

The Golden Sixty farewell tour looks set to continue in the G1 Stewards' Cup Jan. 21 and a swansong in the Champions Mile Apr. 28 before retiring in Japan.

**Pedigree Notes:**

Golden Sixty's dam, winner of the 2006 G2 Debutante S. for Jim Bolger, is also responsible for the Southern Hemisphere-bred 3-year-old filly Golden Sister (Aus) (Capitalist {Aus}), an A\$425,000 graduate of the 2021 Magic Millions Gold Coast Sale,

who was unraced in Australia and has **since been sent to the U.S.**, where she was covered by **Medaglia d'Oro** this breeding season. The mare's current 2-year-old is the Vancouver (Aus) (**Medaglia d'Oro**) filly Golden Millions (Aus), who has been retained by her breeder and is currently spelling for Ciaran Maher and David Eustace. Gaudeamus produced a filly by **Wootton Bassett (GB)** in 2022 and was most recently covered by two-time HKIR winner Maurice (Jpn).

**Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong**

**LONGINES HONG KONG MILE-G1**, HK\$36,000,000, Sha Tin, 12-10, 3yo/up, 1600mT, 1:34.10, gd.

1--**GOLDEN SIXTY (AUS)**, 126, g, 8, by **Medaglia d'Oro**

1st Dam: Gaudeamus (GSW-Ire, \$179,486),

by Distorted Humor

2nd Dam: Leo's Lucky Lady, by Seattle Slew

3rd Dam: Konafa, by Damascus

(A\$120,000 Ylg '17 MMGCYS; NZ\$300,000 2yo '17 NZBRTR).

O-Stanley Chan Ka Leung; B-Asco International Pty Ltd;

T-Francis Lui; J-Vincent Ho; HK\$17,920,000. Lifetime Record:

3x Horse of the Year, 2x Ch. Miller, Ch. Middle Distance Horse & Ch. 4yo-HK, 30-26-2-1, HK\$165,840,600. \*1/2 to Igitur (Aus)

(Helmet {Aus}), SP-Aus; and Rainbow Connection (Aus) (Choirir {Aus}), GSP-Aus \$139,595. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++**. \*Triple

**Plus\***. Click for the **eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree**. Click for the **free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree**.

2--**Voyage Bubble (Aus)**, 126, g, 5, Deep Field (Aus)--Raheights (Aus), by Rahy. (A\$380,000 Ylg '20 INGFE). O-Sunshine and Moonlight Syndicate; B-Torryburn Stud (NSW); T-Ricky Yiu; J-James McDonald; HK\$6,720,000.

3--**Namur (Jpn)**, 122, f, 4, Harbinger (GB)--Sambre et Meuse (Jpn), by Daiwa Major (Jpn). O-Carrot Farm Co Ltd; B-Northern Farm; T-Tomokazo Takano; J-William Buick; HK\$3,680,000.

Margins: 1HF, 1 1/4, NK. Odds: 13-10, 30-1, 12-1.

Also Ran: Soul Rush (Jpn), Beauty Joy (Aus), Beauty Etenal (Aus), Serifos (Jpn), Encountered (Ire), Lim's Kosciuszko (Aus), Cairo (Ire), Divina (Jpn), Danon the Kid (Jpn), California Spangle (Ire), Tribalist (GB). Click for the **HKJC chart, PPs and sectional timing**. **VIDEO**.

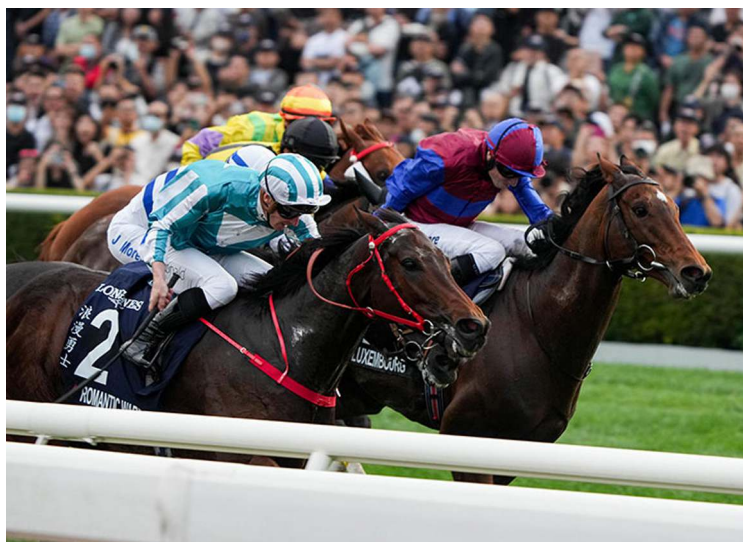
**Romantic Warrior Holds Off Luxembourg In the Cup**

Perhaps they should change his name to Dramatic Warrior.

Six weeks after dropping his nose down on the line ahead of Mr Brightside (NZ) (Bullbars {Aus}) in a tense, ground-breaking victory in the G1 Cox Plate at Mooney Valley in Melbourne, Peter Lau's **Romantic Warrior (Ire)** (Acclamation {GB}) was the 13-10 favourite to go back-to-back in Sunday's G1 Longines Hong Kong Cup at Sha Tin and grimly held off late challenges from Ballydoyle's high-class **Luxembourg (Ire)** (**Camelot (GB)**) and **Hishi Iguazu (Jpn)** (Heart's Cry {Jpn}) to prevail by a head.

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Romantic Warrior (left) | HKJC

#### HKIR Cont.

Perfectly placed in fourth by James McDonald, who flew back from Perth in Western Australia overnight, having just been beaten aboard the Annabel Neasham-trained Zaaki (GB) (Leroidesanimaux {Brz}) in Saturday's G1 Northerly S., Romantic Warrior traveled comfortably through the opening 1300 metres, but McDonald's hand was forced when Ryan Moore set Luxembourg alight on the turn. Quicker to the spot than the Ballydoyle raider, Romantic Warrior went for home, pinched a bit of a break and looked on his way to a successful defence of his title, only to have to call on every ounce of his class to hold on in the dying strides. Fourth-placed **Straight Arron (Aus)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) was hampered by the eventual winner at the 150m, with McDonald subsequently receiving an official reprimand from HKJC stewards, but no protest was lodged. Romantic Warrior becomes only the second repeat winner of the Cup, joining California Memory in 2011 and 2012.

"I think he's the toughest racehorse I've ever sat on and his courage, his will to win, is just something that I've never felt before," said McDonald, who picked up the ride in last year's Cup from Karis Teetan, who was battling medical issues at the time. "I've ridden some fantastic racehorses--unbelievable ones--and he's right up there. To come back from a Cox Plate, I thought was going to be a ginormous task. Even though it was a small margin, I think he's come through it with flying colours."

A 300,000gns purchase by Mick Kinane and the Hong Kong Jockey Club from the draft of Corduff Stud at the 2019 Tattersalls October Sale, Romantic Warrior was sold to Lau for HK\$4.8 million at the Hong Kong International Sale in 2021. Luxembourg completed a Tattersalls-sourced 1-2.

Of Luxembourg, trainer Aidan O'Brien said, "He ran a great race. He was coming and coming and just on the wrong nod he [Romantic Warrior] came back up on him. But he ran a stormer,

Ryan gave him a great ride. He's brave and he tries very hard. He's not been overraced and he is very consistent."

#### Pedigree Notes

Romantic Warrior is one of three winners from three to the races for his dam, a daughter of the English listed-winning and Group 3-placed, G2 Prix Jean Romanet and GI E. P. Taylor S. winner Folk Opera, who was purchased by Blandford Bloodstock carrying to Exceed and Excel (Aus) for €82,000 at the 2016 Goffs November Sale. The in-utero purchase, named Melodic Charm (Ire), was sold for 85,000gns at the 2018 Tattersalls October Sale and was a two-time winner at the races for Saeed Manana and James Tate before clearly benefitting from the success of Romantic Warrior when selling to the China Horse Club for 270,000gns in foal to Dark Angel (Ire) at last year's Tattersalls December Mares Sale.

Folk Melody is also the dam of the 3-year-old colt Operation Gimcrack (Ire) (Showcasing {GB}) and a yearling colt by the same stallion that was bought back for 110,000gns at this year's Tattersalls October Sale. Folk Star (GB) (Le Havre {Ire}), a David Simcock-trained half-sister to Folk Melody who won her maiden at Kempton Nov. 6 and was a narrowly beaten second in a Lingfield handicap Nov. 25, was knocked down to Kildaragh Stud for 37,000gns at the just-concluded Tattersalls December Sale. Folk Melody is additionally the dam of a weanling colt by New Bay (GB).



Aidan O'Brien and Romantic Warrior trainer Danny Shum | HKJC

#### Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong

**LONGINES HONG KONG CUP-G1**, HK\$36,000,000, Sha Tin, 12-10, 3yo/up, 2000mT, 2:02, gd.

1--**ROMANTIC WARRIOR (IRE)**, 126, g, 5, by **Acclamation (GB)**

**1st Dam: Folk Melody (Ire)**, by **Street Cry (Ire)**

**2nd Dam: Folk Opera (Ire)**, by **Singspiel (Ire)**

### 3rd Dam: Skiphall (GB), by Halling

(300,000gns Ylg '19 TATOCT; HK\$4,800,000 HRA '21 HKJUN). O-Peter Lau Pak Fai; B-T J Rooney & Corduff Stud; T-Danny Shum-; J-James McDonald; HK\$20,160,000. Lifetime Record: Ch. 4yo & Ch. Middle Distance Horse-HK, G1SW-Aus, 17-12-3-0, HK\$119,796,084. **Werk Nick Rating: B. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

- 2--**Luxembourg (Ire)**, 126, c, 4, **Camelot (GB)**--Attire (Ire), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). (150,000gns Ylg '20 TATOCT). O-Westerberg, Mrs John Magnier, Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith; B-B V Sangster; T-Aidan O'Brien; J-Ryan Moore; HK\$7,560,000.
- 3--**Hishi Iguazu (Jpn)**, 126, h, 7, Heart's Cry (Jpn)--La Liz (Arg), by Bernstein. (¥97,000,000 Wlg '16 JRHAJUL). O-Masahide Abe; B-Northern Racing; T-Noriyuki Hori; J-Joao Moreira; HK\$4,140,000.

◆ **Dam purchased by Narvick Int'l / Riki Takahashi** ◆

Margins: SHD, NO, HF. Odds: 13-10, 71-10, 13-1. Also Ran: Straight Arron (Aus), Prognosis (Jpn), Sword Point (Aus), Nimble Nimbus (NZ), Rousham Park (Jpn), Money Catcher (NZ), Horizon Dore (Fr), Champion Dragon (Ire). **Click for the HKJC chart, PPs and sectional timing. VIDEO.**

### Lucky Sweynesse Gains Redemption in the Sprint

Twelve months after enduring a luckless run in the sharpest of the four Longines Hong Kong International Races, **Lucky Sweynesse (NZ)** (Sweynesse {Aus}) overcame some nervous moments inside the final 300 metres, but was given a ride full of confidence by Zac Purton and went on to an ultimately soft success over **Lucky With You (Aus)** (Artie Schiller). Defending champion **Wellington (Aus)** (All Too Hard {Aus}) was third, as Hong Kong horses filled the top five slots.



Lucky Sweynesse | HKJC

The Sprint seemed loaded with speed on paper, and so it proved, as **Victor the Great (Aus)** (Toronado {Ire}) blasted away from gate four, but was soon displaced on the front end by the fleet-footed **Jasper Krone (Frosted)**, while G1 Prix de l'Abbaye winner **Highfield Princess (Fr)** (Night of Thunder {Ire}) was handy in third. Purton secured the ideal spot in behind that trio and would have been licking his chops turning in, but as Victor the Winner took the race to Jasper Krone in upper stretch, a gap between that duo closed. Forced to steady, but only slightly as a result, Lucky Sweynesse was pulled out and took a few strides to hit top gear, but put the race to bed soon after. Lucky With You, a winner in Class 3 on International Day 2021, posted a career high to be second, while Wellington--blinkered for the first time--went a good race from the tail.

"I had the run inside Victor The Winner, but when James (McDonald) went for him, he shifted in and hampered me a little bit, but he (Lucky Sweynesse) accelerated so quickly, I was able to come out across his heels and he had his chance from there--he did what he had to do. I love him," said Purton, recording a record-extending 11th HKIR win and third in the Sprint.

Lucky Sweynesse, who has now won each of the four Group 1 sprints in Hong Kong--all in calendar year 2023--was beaten under handicap conditions in his first two starts this term, but bounced back under a penalty to take out the G2 Jockey Club Sprint three weeks ago, defeating Wellington, who was having his first run for Jamie Richards.

"I could feel in the morning his trackwork had improved, and his action was getting a little bit better," added Purton. "His all-around demeanour in the morning was getting back to where it was last season. I could see he was blossoming at the right time."

The post-race incidents report stated that Lucky Sweynesse was found to have substantial blood in his trachea.

### Pedigree Notes

A full-brother to 2021 G1 Queensland Oaks third Signora Nera, Lucky Sweynesse has a 4-year-old half-brother by Per Incanto and a 2-year-old half-brother by Contributor (Ire). Having missed to Sweynesse for 2022, Madonna Mia most recently returned to that stallion son of Lonhro (Aus).

### Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong

**LONGINES HONG KONG SPRINT-G1**, HK\$26,000,000, Sha Tin, 12-10, 3yo/up, 1200mT, 1:09.25, gd.

1--**LUCKY SWEYNESE (NZ)**, 126, g, 5, by Sweynesse (Aus)

1st Dam: **Madonna Mia (NZ)** (SW-NZ, \$134,764), by Red Clubs (Ire)

2nd Dam: **Hill of Hope (Aus)**, by Danehill

3rd Dam: **Macozie (Aus)**, by Marsday (Aus)



(NZ\$90,000 2yo '20 NZBRTR). O-Cheng Ming Leung, Cheng Yu Tung, Cheng Mei Mei & Cheng Yu Wai; B-P L Dombroski, Explosive Breeding Ltd & S A Sharrock; T-Manfred Man; J-Zac Purton; HK\$14,560,000. Lifetime Record: Ch. Sprinter-HK, 21-15-4-1, HK\$70,568,900. \*Full to Signora Nera (NZ), G1SP-Aus, GSP-NZ, \$145,027. **Werk Nick Rating: A++.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#) [Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

2--**Lucky With You (Aus)**, 126, g, 6, Artie Schiller--Heredera (Aus), by Northern Meteor (Aus). (A\$130,000 Ylg '19 INGMAR). O-Vincent Leung Man Him; B-Emirates Park Pty Ltd (NSW); T-Frankie Lor; J-Andrea Atzeni; HK\$5,460,000.

3--**Wellington (Aus)**, 126, g, 7, All Too Hard (Aus)--Mihiri (Aus), by More Than Ready. (A\$70,000 Ylg '18 MMGCYS). O-Mr & Mrs Michael Cheng Wing On; B-Kia Ora Stud Pty Ltd, David Paradise, Steve McCann (NSW); T-Jamie Richards; J-Alexis Badel; HK\$2,990,000.

Margins: 3/4, 1, NK. Odds: 3-10, 36-1, 75-10.

Also Ran: Victor the Winner (Aus), Duke Wai (NZ), Highfield Princess (Fr), Jasper Krone, Mad Cool (Ire), Sight Success (Aus), Aesop's Fables (Ire). [Click for the HKJC chart, PPs and sectional timing.](#) [VIDEO.](#)

### *Junko 'Fabre'-ulous in the Vase*



**Junko | HKJC**

The subject of a massive go on the tote that saw him crushed from double digits into \$5.50 (9-2) in the final few minutes of the wagering, Wertheimer et Frere homebred **Junko (GB)** (Intello {Ger}) was steered out wide into the Sha Tin straight by Maxime Guyon and finished fastest of all to scoop Sunday's G1 Longines Hong Kong Vase. It was a third victory in the race for 77-year-old Andre Fabre, who won his first in 1999 with Borgia (Ger) and followed-up nine years ago with Flintshire (GB), also ridden by Guyon.

The lanky gelding missed the break by about a half-length and was content to drop out to the rear as **La City Blanche (Arg)** (Cityscape {GB}) led at a walking pace from **Warm Heart (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), who was taken to the outside after leaving from the inside stall.

Racecaller Mark McNamara quipped that the Shing Mun River adjacent to the backstretch run at Sha Tin was 'moving faster than the Vase field' and that was scarcely hyperbole, as the opening 1200 metres was timed in 1:18.44, nearly three seconds outside standard. Moore went for Warm Heart with the better part of 700 metres to go, getting first run on her rivals, and the duo edged past La City Blanche traveling apparently well nearing the entrance to the straight. But the G1 Yorkshire Oaks winner began to run out of steam at the 200m, and Junko, produced wide off the final corner, lengthened his stride beautifully and outfinished the well-backed **Zeffiro (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) for the victory. Warm Heart held for third, while **Lebensstil (Jpn)** (Real Steel {Jpn})--whose drift in the market from odds-on to be off at \$2.30 (13-10) was equally eye-catching, dropped away tamely to finish last of them. The 11th French victory in the Vase was achieved in the slowest clocking in history.

"I'm really happy because it's time to win this race (again). Nine years ago, it was Flintshire," said Guyon. "We didn't know before the race if he would like this ground or not because normally he prefers the soft ground, but today in Hong Kong the ground was good. We had a good race, we have not a lot of runners so I'm not too far back and just after the last turn, he has a good turn of foot. He's very relaxed and of course the pace is not way fast but the most important thing with the horse is if he's breathing really good and everything is okay."

A consistent performer at Group 2 and Group 3 level, Junko had been found wanting a bit when tried in consecutive Group 1 tests this season, finishing sixth in the Dubai Turf in March and again in the G1 Prix d'Ispahan in May before finishing a distant third to Westover (GB) (**Frankel (GB)**) in the G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud. A facile winner of Deauville's G3 Prix de Reux Aug. 5, the homebred was third behind Iresine (Fr) (Manduro {Ger}) in the G2 Prix du Conseil de Paris Oct. 15 and was exiting a three-length triumph in the G1 Grosser Preis von Bayern in bottomless ground at Munich Nov. 5.

### *Pedigree Notes:*

Lady Zuzu, a half-sister to multiple graded winner and multiple Grade I-placed Optimizer (English Channel), was purchased by Borges Torrealba for \$1.225 million at the 2013 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Sale and was placed in a pair of age-restricted Grade III grass contests for Three Chimneys before changing hands for \$2.35 million at the 2016 Fasig-Tipton November Sale. [Cont. p17](#)

**HKIR Cont.**

The Grade I-winning third dam, a half-sister to fellow top-level scorers Dancing Spree and Furlough, produced two-time Grade I winner Finder's Fee. The latter's stakes-placed daughter Receipt (Dynaformer) was responsible for Grade III winner and three-times Grade I-placed Feathered (Indian Charlie), the dam of undefeated US Horse of the Year **Flightline** (Tapit).

Junko is a half-brother to a French-based, but American-bred yearling colt by **Siyouni** (Fr) and a weanling colt by **Uncle Mo**, also bred in Kentucky. Junko's 6-year-old half-sister Warzuzu (Ire) (**War Front**) is the dam of a filly by Persian King (Ire) that was purchased by Freddy Head for €160,000 at this year's Arqana August Sale.



Andre Fabre | HKJC

**Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong**

**LONGINES HONG KONG VASE-G1**, HK\$26,000,000, Sha Tin, 12-10, 3yo/up, 2400mT, 2:30.12, gd.

1--**JUNKO** (GB), 126, g, 4, by **Intello** (Ger)

1st Dam: **Lady Zuzu** (MGSP-US, \$112,615), by **Dynaformer**

2nd Dam: **Indy Pick**, by **A.P. Indy**

3rd Dam: **Fantastic Find**, by **Mr. Prospector**

O/B-Wertheimer et Frere; T-Andre Fabre; J-Maxime Guyon; HK\$13,440,000. Lifetime Record: G1SW-Ger, MGSW & G1SP-Fr, 14-7-3-2, HK\$17,793,130. **Werk Nick Rating: C**. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

2--**Zeffiro** (Jpn), 126, c, 4, **Deep Impact** (Jpn)--**Wild Wind** (Ger), by **Danehill Dancer** (Ire). O-Shadai Race Horse Co Ltd; B-Shadai Farm; T-Yasutoshi Ikee; J-Damian Lane; HK\$5,040,000.

3--**Warm Heart** (Ire), 117, f, 3, **Galileo** (Ire)--**Sea Siren** (Aus), by **Fastnet Rock** (Aus). O-Mrs John Magnier, Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith & Westerberg; B-Coolmore; T-Aidan O'Brien;

J-Ryan Moore; HK\$2,760,000.

Margins: 1, 2 1/4, HF. Odds: 9-2, 23-5, 12-5.

Also Ran: **Geraldina** (Jpn), **Senor Toba** (Aus), **Five G Patch** (Ire), **La City Blanche** (Arg), **Lebensstil** (Jpn). Scratched: **West Wind Blows** (Ire). **Click for the HKJC chart, PPs and sectional timing. VIDEO.**

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## ITALIAN FLAVOUR TO HANSHIN JUVENILE FILLIES AS ASCOLI PICENO PREVAILS

by Heather Anderson

Group winner **Ascoli Piceno** (Jpn) (Daiwa Major {Jpn}) maintained her unbeaten record with a narrow score in the ¥125,160,000 G1 Hanshin Juvenile Fillies on Sunday. She also set a new stakes record of 1:32.60 for the 1600 metres in the 18-horse affair.

The Yoichi Kuroiwa trainee follows in the wake of such horses as dual Japanese Horse of the Year **Vodka** (Jpn) (**Tanino Gimlet** {Jpn}) who won this in 2006, fellow Horse of the Year **Buena Vista** (Jpn) (**Special Week** {Jpn}) (2008 edition), and 2022 scorer **Liberty Island** (Jpn) (**Duramente** {Jpn}), who claimed the 2023 Japanese Fillies' Triple Crown. Her victory was the first at the top level for her trainer, who opened his stable in 2012.

Sent off as the 9-2 third choice behind 18-5 favourite **Safira** (Jpn) (**Heart's Cry** {Jpn}), **Ascoli Piceno** perched well off the fence in midfield as 67-1 longshot **Chicago Sting** (Jpn) (**Logotype** {Jpn}) stormed to the head of affairs. The pace was strong, with the first 800 metres covered in :46.40, and 1000 metres reached in :58.20.

On the bend, the bay remained behind a wall of rivals, but a gap opened just before the 400-metre mark, and she surged through to begin her run. **Chicago Sting** attempted to ease clear, but **Ascoli Piceno** with second choice **Corazon Beat** (Jpn) (**Suave Richard** {Jpn}) to her outside were both flashing home with good speed down the centre of the course. **Stellenbosch** (Jpn) (**Epiphaneia** {Jpn}) was also picking up close home, and it was that foe who pressed **Ascoli Piceno** all the way to the line, with just a neck separating them. **Corazon Beat**, who could not match the finishing kick of the top pair, was third, another 1 1/4 lengths behind and three lengths to the good of the rallying **Safira**. **Chicago Sting** held on to run a highly credible fifth.

"The stable staff did a great job and she was in very good condition, so I had every confidence in her," said Kitamura, who was winning his fourth Group 1 and first since **Kitasan Black** (Jpn) (**Black Tide** {Jpn})'s 2015 G1 **Kikuka Sho** (Japanese St Leger). "The filly broke better than in her previous start, was relaxed during the race and responded well in the stretch. I was a bit worried for a second that we were going to get caught, but she gave her all, all the way to the line." **Cont. p18**





**Ascoli Piceno defeats the obscured Stellenbosch**  
*Japan Racing Association*

### G1 Hanshin Juvenile Fillies Cont.

A winner of a 2-year-old newcomers' affair at Tokyo over 1400 metres in June, the Sunday Racing runner won the G3 Niigata Nisai S. upped to 1600 metres against males just over two months later in August. The Hanshin Juvenile Fillies was her first appearance in over three months.

### Pedigree Notes

The winner is the ninth Group 1 scorer for her sire, who stands at Shadai Stallion Station, Ascoli Piceno is part of a 46-strong battalion of stakes winners worldwide for the 22-year-old son of Sunday Silence. The late Danehill Dancer has now been represented by 19 top level winners out of his daughters among his 166 black-type winners on an international scale.

The near-black filly is one of four winners from four to race for her winning dam, and she is also a half-sister to the Listed Marguerite S. heroine Ascoltare (Jpn) (Duramente {Jpn}). After Ascoli Piceno, Ascolti foaled a colt by Satono Diamond (Jpn) in 2022 and a filly by Kitasan Black (Jpn) this year.

Second dam Listen (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) won the G1 Meon Valley Stud Fillies' Mile and ran second in the G1 Moyglare Stud S. Besides Ascolti, she produced the listed winner and Japanese St Leger runner-up Satono Lux (Jpn) to the cover of Deep Impact (Jpn), as well as that colt's full-sister, the group winner Touching Speech (Jpn). Listen is a full-sister to Sequoyah (Ire), who won the Moyglare, and is also the dam of the high class Henrythenavigator (Kingmambo), who won both the G1 2000 Guineas, the Irish equivalent and the G1 St James's Palace S.; and his full-sister, the G3 One Thousand Guineas Trial S. heroine queen Cleopatra (Ire), who was third in both the G1 Prix de Diane and G1 Irish 1000 Guineas.

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### Sunday, Hanshin, Japan

**HANSHIN JUVENILE FILLIES-G1**, ¥125,160,000, Hanshin, 12-10, 2yo, f, 1600mT, 1:32.60, fm.

1--**ASCOLI PICENO (JPN)**, 121, f, 2, by Daiwa Major (Jpn)

1st Dam: Ascolti (Jpn), by Danehill Dancer (Ire)

2nd Dam: Listen (Ire), by Sadler's Wells

3rd Dam: Brigid, by Irish River (Fr)

**1ST GROUP 1 WIN.** O-Sunday Racing; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); T-Yoichi Kuroiwa; J-Hiroshi Kitamura; ¥66,302,000. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, ¥104,936,000. \*1/2 to Ascoltare (Jpn) (Duramente {Jpn}), SW-Jpn, \$422,446. **Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.** Werk Nick Rating: A+. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**Stellenbosch (Jpn)**, 121, f, 2, Epiphaneia (Jpn)--Bloukrans (Jpn), by Rulership (Jpn). **1ST BLACK TYPE. 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE. 1ST GROUP 1 BLACK TYPE.** O-Katsumi Yoshida; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); ¥26,372,000.

3--**Corazon Beat (Jpn)**, 121, f, 2, Suave Richard (Jpn)--Le Ciel d'Or (Jpn), by Orfevre (Jpn). **1ST GROUP 1 BLACK TYPE.** O-Thoroughbred Club Ruffian; B-Big Red Farm (Jpn); ¥16,186,000.

Margins: NK, 1 1/4, 3. Odds: 4.90, 7.70, 3.80.

Also Ran: Safira (Jpn), Chicago Sting (Jpn), Lucifer (Jpn), Sweep Feet (Jpn), Dona Betty (Jpn), Cosmo Dinner (Jpn), Catfight (Jpn), Teleos Lulu (Jpn), Nanao (Jpn), Quick Bio (Jpn), Spring Nova (Jpn), Psipsina (Jpn), Culture Day (Jpn), New General (Jpn), Mirai Tailor (Jpn). **Click for the JRA chart & video.**



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**Sunday, Nakayama, Japan**

**CAPELLA S.-G3**, ¥72,810,000, Nakayama, 12-10, 3yo/up, 1200m, 1:09.30, gd.

1--**T M TOKKYU (JPN)**, 126, h, 5, by Lord Kanaloa (Jpn)

1st Dam: Agnes Natural (Jpn) (SP-Jpn, \$643,171), by Sakura Bakushin O (Jpn)

2nd Dam: Agnes Athena (Jpn), by Sunday Silence

3rd Dam: Agnes Aurora (Jpn), by Ile de Bourbon

**1ST GROUP WIN.** O-Masatsugu Takezono; B-Kosho Farm (Jpn);

T-Kazuyoshi Kihara; J-Akihide Tsumura; ¥38,567,000. Lifetime

Record: 16-6-2-0, ¥129,473,000. **Click for the**

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Rating: A++. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**Chase the Dream (Jpn)**, 121, f, 4, Lord Kanaloa (Jpn)--Gold

Chase (Jpn), by Admire Moon (Jpn). **1ST BLACK-TYPE. 1ST**

**GROUP BLACK-TYPE.** O-Hidaka Breeders Union; B-Grand Farm

(Jpn); ¥15,162,000.

3--**Meta Max**, 123, c, 3, Into Mischief--Zapara, by Not For Love.

**1ST BLACK TYPE. 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.** (\$180,000 Ylg '21

FTNAUG; \$1,100,000 2yo '22 OBSMAR). O-Susumu Fujita;

B-Brookstone Farm & Lee Mauberret (KY); ¥9,581,000.

Margins: 3, 2, NK. Odds: 3.80, 32.60, 8.70.


Also Ran: Ryuno Yukina (Jpn), Tagano Christel (Jpn), Verdad

Imeru (Jpn), Raptus (Jpn), Dualist (Jpn), Omega Rainbow (Jpn),

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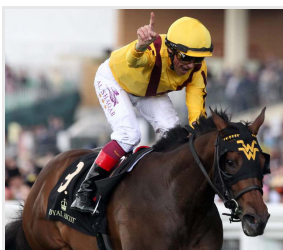
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