The Week in Review, by Bill Finley

When pre-entries for the Breeders' Cup were announced last week it was no surprise that Chad Brown's contingent was dominated by turf horses. He has 11 entered for grass races and just three for dirt races. Since he went out on his own in 2007, Brown has established himself as the sport's best grass trainer and grass racing has always been his focus. Entering Sunday's races, he had won 1,316 turf races for a winning rate of 25% and 63.5% of his career wins had come on the grass. Brown has trained nine grass horses who won Eclipse Awards and has won so many grass stakes that it's hard to keep count. He's won 15 Breeders' Cup races, 13 in grass events.

But his most talented Breeders' Cup starter may not be a turf horse. Jack Christopher (Munnings), pre-entered in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile, has looked sensational in his two career starts, including a romp in the GI Champagne S. in which he earned a 102 Beyer figure. Brown said after the Champagne, "This is potentially a really good horse. I can't believe what I just saw. He's just been brilliant in every work. There was some buzz around him before he ran, and he lived up to it."

Breeders' Cup Breeze Report for Oct. 31: Cox Contingent on Track

Three of trainer Brad Cox's Breeders' Cup hopefuls turned in their final works ahead of championship weekend Sunday at Churchill Downs, a day later than originally planned due to rain in the Louisville area Saturday. Aiming for the GI Breeders' Cup Classic, Essential Quality (Tapit) went five furlongs in a bullet :59.40 (1/22) and Knicks Go (Paynter) covered the same distance in 1:01.20 (9/22). GI Longines Breeders' Cup Distaff contender Shedaresthedevil (Daredevil) went her five furlongs in 1:00.80 (2/22).

“It was a great morning and all three horses put in great works,” Cox said. “It was exactly what we were looking for heading into the Breeders’ Cup next week. All three of these horses were scheduled to work [Saturday], but we got a lot of rain in the area, so we moved them all to [Sunday].”

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ART COLLECTOR TUNES UP FOR CLASSIC

Art Collector (Bernardini) was among many Breeders’ Cup workers in action at Del Mar Sunday morning.

SUBCONSCIOUS TAKES TWILIGHT DERBY

Subconscious (Tapit) recorded a decisive first graded stakes victory in the GII Twilight Derby at Santa Anita Sunday.

TODAY’S GRADED STAKES

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Churchill Downs celebrated Halloween with Trick or Treat at the Track Sunday.
The Week in Review (cont. from p1)

An awful lot can go wrong between now and the first week of May, but should he win Friday he will be a solid early favorite for the 2022 GI Kentucky Derby. This one looks to have the potential to go places where only special horses go, which, for Brown, could mean filling in what is maybe the only hole on his resume.

It’s not that Brown can’t train a dirt horse. He has 756 career dirt wins and his winning rate of 25% on the main track is identical to his percentage on the turf. He has won the GI Champagne S. three times and the GI Cigar Mile twice. He has also won, among others, the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile, the GI Haskell S., the GI Cigar Mile H., the GI Acorn S., the GI Breeders’ Cup Filly & Mare Sprint. In 2017, he snuck into Pimlico with the lightly regarded Cloud Computing (Maclean’s Music) and won the GI Preakness S. at 13-1 for his lone win in a Triple Crown race. He had a nice run in 2016 with Connect (Curlin), who won the GI Pennsylvania Derby, the GI Cigar Mile H. and the GII Westchester S.

But he’s been quiet over the years in the Triple Crown preps and the Triple Crown races themselves. He’s 0-for-6 in the Derby, 1-for-2 in the Preakness and 0-for-3 in the GI Belmont S.

Brown’s best dirt horse to date has been Good Magic (Curlin). After finishing second in the 2017 Champagne, he won the Breeders Cup Juvenile and later the GII Blue Grass S. He ran a winning race when second in the Derby, but just happened to run into a buzz saw in eventual Triple Crown winner Justify (Scat Daddy). After running fourth in the Preakness, he won the Haskell and was retired after a ninth-place finish in the GI Runhappy Travers S. Though unable to win a Triple Crown race, he proved that Brown could successfully navigate a good horse through the preps and the Triple Crown races.

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He didn’t fare quite as well with his two other top prospects, 2018 Champagne winner Complexity (Maclean’s Music) and 2016 Champagne/Hopeful winner Practical Joke (Into Mischief). Complexity finished 10th in his Breeders’ Cup Juvenile and his biggest win thereafter came in the GII Kelso H. Practical Joke, now a well-regarded stallion standing at Coolmore, finished third in the Juvenile and fifth in the Derby. He later won the GI H. Allen Jerkens S. Brown has had five starters in the Juvenile overall.

Brown doesn’t have anything to prove when it comes to dirt horses, but not everyone sees it that way. The Juvenile, next year’s preps and the Derby itself will be seen as a test for him. He’s just 42 and is arguably one of the best there’s ever been. He’s going to win the Kentucky Derby. Maybe as soon as next year.

**What’s Going On With Asmussen, Santana?**

Steve Asmussen is not only the top trainer all time in wins, he is remarkably consistent. Since 1997, he’s never had a year in which his stable won with less than 18% of its starters. All of which makes what went on at Keeneland so remarkable. Asmussen finished the meet Saturday with a record of 1-for-57. And it wasn’t a matter of a lot of near misses. He had just seven seconds and seven thirds. Asmussen did win 14 races at other tracks during the Keeneland meet.

It was an even worse story for his go-to rider, Ricardo Santana, Jr. He was 0-for-81 with seven seconds and eight thirds. Including four races he lost at Belmont earlier in October, Santana entered Sunday’s card at Churchill Downs having ridden 85 straight losers. On the year, he’s won with 17% of his starters.
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Alex Solis, purchaser of the $900,000 filly out of the unraced Acrobatique with Jason Litt on behalf of the Roth Family’s LNJ Foxwoods

“I like Mendelssohn. I saw him when they got him and, my God, I think he was the best-looking horse I’ve ever seen.”

Bart Evans who bought out co-breeders Stonehaven Steadings in the $750,000 filly ex Wasted Tears

“My 2YO half-sister MARR TIME earned TDN Rising Star status following an impressive winning debut at Keeneland on Thursday.
The last race Santana won was on Oct. 3 aboard Echo Zulu (Gun Runner) in the GI Frizette S. at Belmont.

Asmussen and Santana figure to bust out of their slumps any day now, but what if they don’t? Both will be heavily involved in the Breeders’ Cup races, including with Echo Zulu, who will be the solid favorite in the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies. Should handicappers look elsewhere? It’s something to consider.

Watch Out For Americanrevolution

Though he was competing in restricted company, in the Empire Classic H. for New York-breds, Americanrevolution (Constitution) served notice Saturday at Belmont that he is going to be a force going forward.

A bit of a late developer, he ran a creditable race when third against open company in the GI Pennsylvania Derby, earning a career best 101 Beyer figure.

The odds-on favorite Saturday in his next start, he took command on the turn and took off from there to win by 11 3/4 lengths. He got a 108 Beyer for the race, which puts him among the upper echelon of 3-year-old colts. Numbers-wise, he has improved in each of his six career starts.

He’ll be back in 2022, and it could be a big year for him.

It was also a big day for his sire, Constitution. Twenty-six minutes after the completion of the Empire Classic, Independence Hall won the GI Hagyard Fayette S. at Keeneland in a romp, winning by 7 1/4 lengths. A horse who has had an up-and-down career, it was his first win of 2021 and, perhaps, a sign that he, too, will take his place among the top older dirt horses next year.

The Trend Continues: Record Handle at Keeneland

Total all-sources handle for the Keeneland fall meet was $181,009,626, an all-time record for the Lexington track. Last year’s fall meet handled $160,207,916.

The “boutique” meets in racing continue to show no signs of slowing down. This year, Saratoga, Del Mar and Kentucky Downs also set new records for total handle.

2YO colt EL PANDO remained undefeated and became his sire’s newest stakes winner with an impressive 3 ¾-length score in the $100,000 Clever Trevor S. Friday night at Remington Park.

Owner: Jaylan Renay Clary
Breeder: Mike Abraham
Breeders' Cup Breeze Report (cont. from p1)

Cox continued, “Overall, it worked out really well. I thought it was a good track. It was still a little wet, but it was drying out as the morning was going on.”

Essential Quality, with jockey Florent Geroux in the saddle, breezed outside of 3-year-old allowance winner Colonel Bowman (Curlin). Last year’s champion juvenile started one length back of his workmate and finished five lengths in front through splits of :23.40 and :47. He galloped out six furlongs in 1:13.

“Essential really loved the track this morning and it was probably the Tapit coming out of him a little bit,” Cox said. “There was a set of horses slowing down in front of them and I told Florent on the radio to gallop out by them. It was a really, really good move. A lot of people scratch their heads the way he trains in the morning compared to running in a race. That’s just who he is, but I think he’s really developing at the right time.”

Essential Quality, whose lone career loss was a fourth-place finish in the GI Kentucky Derby, won the GI Belmont S. and GII Jim Dandy S. and makes his first start since winning the Aug. 28 GI Runhappy Travers S. in Saturday’s Classic.

Likely Classic favorite Knicks Go, with regular exercise rider Hugo Garcia up, clipped through fractions of :24.40, 36.40 and :48.60 with a six-furlong gallop out in 1:13.80 and seven furlongs in 1:27.60. “He’s just a really cool horse,” Cox said. “He’s very kind when he’s in his stall, but he’s very aggressive, in a good way, outside of the barn. He knows his job and puts a lot into his training and works. I don’t see anything from his previous races than he can’t get the extra eighth-mile distance in the Classic. In the Whitney, against a field of really good horses, I thought he showed he could get an extra quarter-mile.”

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Cox continued, “He seems to clear off around the turn from his competition and is able to go fast and kick on.”

Korea Racing Authority’s Knicks Go, winner of last year’s GI Breeders’ Cup Dirt Mile, comes into the Classic off wins in the July 2 GIIl Prairie Meadows Cornhusker H., Aug. 7 GI Whitney S. and Oct. 2 GIII Lukas Classic S.

“Shedaresthedevil working Sunday | Coady Photography

Shedaresthedevil worked with Geroux aboard through early fractions of :24 and :48.20.

She always gets into a good rhythm in her training and races,” Cox said. “We saw that again today. Florent worked her and she was just cruising around there. She always seems to be under the radar, even going back to when she won the Kentucky Oaks. I thought I ran her a little too quickly back in the GI Spinster S. last year. She’s gotten the job done in three out of four starts this year. She doesn’t run bigger figures than some of the older mares, but she is a racehorse through and through. When she gets in a battle, she shows all heart and determination to get the job done.”

Shedaresthedevil defeated likely Distaff favorite Letruska (Super Saver) when winning the GII Azeri S. in March. She comes into the Breeders’ Cup off wins in the Aug. 1 GI Clement L Hirsch S. and Sept. 18 GIII Locust Grove S.

Cox has six Breeders’ Cup contenders training at Churchill Downs. Along with the trio who worked Sunday, he’ll also target the GI Juvenile Fillies with Juju’s Map (Liam’s Map), the GI Juvenile Turf with Ready to Purrform (Kitten’s Joy) and the GI Juvenile Fillies Turf with Turnerloose (Nyquist).

All of the Churchill Downs-based Breeders’ Cup hopefuls are scheduled to van to Indianapolis Monday at noon for a 4 p.m. flight to California.

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Art Collector Tunes Up

Bruce Lunsford’s Art Collector (Bernardini) tuned up for the GI Breeders’ Cup Classic with a four-furlong move in :48.40 (9/29) at Del Mar Sunday.

Art Collector, winner of the GI Woodward S., was one of three Breeders’ Cup horses to work at the oceanside oval Sunday for Hall of Fame trainer Bill Mott. Neil Poznansky was aboard the trio that included Casa Creed (Jimmy Creed) (Mile) going four furlongs in :47.60 (4/29) and War Like Goddess (English Channel) (Filly & Mare Turf) going a half-mile in :48.20 (8/29).

“They were all useful works, nothing blazing fast,” said Mott. “I never have a problem working good grass horses on dirt and this track looks safe and very forgiving.”

Trainer Rudy Rodriguez was aboard Bella Sofia (Awesome Patriot) as she covered a half-mile in :48.40 in preparation for the Filly & Mare Sprint.

“She’s a happy girl and she loves to just go about her business,” Rodriguez said of Bella Sofia. “She handled the track well and was very comfortable on it.”

Bella Sofia, a winner of four of five career starts, is coming off wins in the Aug. 7 GI Test S. and Sept. 26 GI Gallant Bloom H. Hall of Fame trainer Steve Asmussen worked four of his six Breeders’ Cup contenders Sunday at Del Mar, with likely GI Qatar Racing Sprint favorite Jackie’s Warrior (Maclean’s Music) going three furlongs in :36.80. Working half-miles for Asmussen Sunday were Clairiere (Curlin) (Longines Distaff) in :49.20, Echo Zulu (Gun Runner) (NetJets Juvenile Fillies) in :50.40 and Silver State (Hard Spun) (Dirt Mile) in :48.60.

Other Del Mar dirt workers included C Z Rocket (City Zip) (Sprint) going 3f in :35.80, Commander (Fr) (War Command) (Turf Sprint AE) working a half-mile in :48.80, and Giant Game (Giant’s Causeway) (TVG Juvenile) a half-mile in :48.60.

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The Richard Mandella-trained duo of **Dogtag** (War Front) (Maker's Mark Filly & Mare Turf) and **Bombard** (War Front) (Turf Sprint also-eligible) worked five furlongs in :58.20 and :58.40, respectively, in company.

Working over the Del Mar turf Sunday were: **Mo Forza** (Uncle Mo), a two-time winner of the GII Del Mar Mile, worked a half-mile in :49.40 for the FanDuel Mile for trainer Peter Miller. Shortly after Mo Forza finished his work, **Going to Vegas** (Goldencents) worked a half-mile in :49.20 for trainer Richard Baltas in preparation for the Maker's Mark Filly & Mare Turf.

Also working on the turf were **Time to Party** (Kanjaros) (Juvenile Turf Sprint) going three furlongs in :38.20, **Charmaine's Mia** (The Factor) (Turf Sprint) going a half-mile in :50.20, **Extravagant Kid** (Kiss the Kid) (Turf Sprint) a half-mile in :49.40 in company with **Zofelle (Ire)** (Zoffany (Ire)), and **Cairo Memories** (Cairo Prince) (Juvenile Fillies Turf) going five furlongs in 1:04.40.

In other Breeders' Cup works Sunday, GII Zyaenya S. winner **Private Mission** (Into Mischief) (Distaff) worked five furlongs in a bullet :58.80 (1/44) for trainer Bob Baffert at Santa Anita.

**Breeders' Cup Defections**

Trainer Richard Baltas withdrew **Idol** (Curlin) from consideration for the GI Breeders' Cup Classic after the GI Santa Anita H. winner worked five furlongs in company in 1:02.40. Baltas told Breeders' Cup officials that he did not feel Idol was 100%.

Also Sunday, trainer Ken McPeek reported that GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity winner **Rattle N Roll** (Connect) would not be entered in the GI TVG Breeders' Cup Juvenile.

“He came out of his workout with what looks like a left hind foot abscess,” McPeek tweeted Sunday.

Two other horses were withdrawn from Breeders' Cup consideration by their connections Sunday morning: **Flagstaff** (Speightstown) from the Qatar Racing Sprint and **Reina de Mollendo (Arg)** (Mastercraftsman (Ire)) from the Maker's Mark Filly & Mare Turf.

**Breeders' Cup Draw Live on TVG & Streamed**

The Rood & Riddle Breeders' Cup Post-Position Draw for the 2021 Breeders' Cup World Championships will be shown live on Monday from Del Mar, beginning at 2:30 p.m. PT/5:30 p.m. ET.

All 14 races will be drawn and announced live on TVG, along with BreedersCup.com, the Breeders’ Cup mobile app, and Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube pages.

The Rood & Riddle Breeders’ Cup Post-Position Draw will be hosted by Britney Eurton and Nick Luck.
Sunday, Santa Anita
TWILIGHT DERBY-GII, $202,500, Santa Anita, 10-31, 3yo, 1 1/8mT, 1:47.00, fm.
1--SUBCONSCIOUS, 124, g, 3, by Tapit
1st Dam: Sweet Dreams (MSP), by Candy Ride (Arg)
2nd Dam: Cat Charmer, by Storm Cat
3rd Dam: Misconduct, by Criminal Type
1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN, 1ST GRADED STAKES WIN. ($380,000 Wlg '18 KEENOV). O-LNJ Foxwoods; B-Buscar Stables, Inc. (KY); T-Richard E. Mandella; J-Juan J. Hernandez. $120,000. Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-1, $219,820. Werk Nick Rating: A. Click for eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

2--Cathkin Peak (Ire), 124, g, 3, Alhebayeb (Ire)--Drumcliffe Dancer (Ire), by Footstepsinthesand (GB). (€17,000 Ylg '19 GOFSP). O-CYBT, Sterling Stables, LLC & Michael Nentwig; B-G. Kinch (IRE); T-Philip D’Amato. $40,000.

3--Beyond Brilliant, 124, c, 3, Twirling Candy--Summer On the Lawn, by First Defence. ($50,000 RNA Ylg '19 KEESEP; $200,000 2yo '20 EASMAY). O-C R K Stable LLC; B-Fred W. Hertrich III, John D. Fielding & Robert L. Tribbett (KY); T-John A. Shirreffs. $24,000.

Also Ran: Hudson Ridge, Flashiest, Zoffarelli (Ire), Jungle Cry, None Above the Law, Rock Your World, Wootton Asset (Fr).
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Subconscious won his third straight race and first graded win with a decisive victory in the GII Twilight Derby at Santa Anita Sunday. The dark bay gelding settled in second as favored Rock Your World (Candy Ride {Arg}) assumed the early lead. The favorite was in control through fractions of :23.76 and :47.46, but Subconscious rolled up to challenge entering the far turn as the three-quarters went up in 1:11.52. Meeting not much resistance, Subconscious zoomed to the lead off the turn and into the stretch, bounding clear to the wire.

“He relaxed pretty well for me today,” said winning rider Juan Hernandez. “I thought for a minute that horse [Rock Your World] wasn’t going to stop, that’s why I put a little pressure on him at the half-mile. When we turned for him, he exploded.”

Subconscious broke his maiden with a front-running victory over 1 1/16 miles of the Del Mar lawn Aug. 21 and came back to take a one-mile allowance over the Santa Anita turf course Oct. 2.

“He is improving, every race he is getting better,” Hernandez said. “He looks like he wants to run more every time, so hopefully he keeps doing that.”

Pedigree Notes:
Multiple stakes placed Sweet Dreams, in foal to Tapit, sold for $420,000 at the 2019 Keeneland January sale. A half-sister to multiple graded stakes winner Strike Charmer (Smart Strike), the mare produced a colt by Quality Road in 2020 and a filly by Justify this year before being bred back to Mendelssohn. Her Quality Road yearling sold for $750,000 to China Horse Club/Gandharvi Racing at last month’s Keeneland September sale.

The winner’s third dam, Misconduct, produced 2000 GI Kentucky Derby third-place finisher Impeachment (Deputy Minister).
Sunday, Belmont Park
BOLD RULER H.-GIII, $200,000, Belmont, 10-31, 3yo/up, 7f, 1:23.31, sy.

1—WOND'R WHERE CRAIG IS, 120, g, 4, by Munnings
   1st Dam: Social Assassin, by Giant’s Causeway
   2nd Dam: Lofty Lizzy, by Unbridled’s Song
   3rd Dam: Towering Success, by Irish Tower

   1ST GRADED STAKES WIN. ($67,000 Ylg ’18 KEESEP; $210,000 RNA 3yo ’20 KEEHRA). O-Michael Dubb, The Elkstone Group, LLC (Stuart Grant), Madaket Stables LLC & Michael J. Caruso; B-Fleur de Lis Stables (KY); T-Brittany T. Russell; J-Luis Saez. $110,000. Lifetime Record: 10-6-1-1, $347,640. Werk Nick Rating: B. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

2—Continuation, 117, c, 4, Munnings—Arlene’s Holiday, by Harlan’s Holiday. ($110,000 Ylg ’18 KEESEP). O-PT and K Stable; B-Arlene London (KY); T-Dane Kobiskie. $40,000.

3—Plainsman, 123, h, 6, Flatter—S S Pinafore, by Street Sense. ($350,000 Ylg ’16 KEESEP). O-Shortleaf Stable, Inc.; B-Joseph Minor (KY); T-Brad H. Cox. $24,000.

Margins: 2 1/4, 3HF, 2 3/4. Odds: 2.20, 6.70, 1.10.

Also Ran: Drafted, Amatteroftime, Wendell Fong, Lil Commissioner. Scratched: Bal Harbour. Click for the Equibase.com chart, TJCIS.com PPs or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

Wond'rwherecraigis, who was disqualified for interference after finishing first in the Sept. 18 GIII Frank J. DeFrancis Memorial Dash, officially gave trainer Brittany Russell her first graded victory with a wire-to-wire tally in the GIII Bold Ruler H. at Belmont Park Sunday. The dark bay gelding zipped out to the early lead and was soon clear while completing a quarter in :23.78. He turned back a challenger on the far turn while completing the half in :46.95 and was briefly challenged by Continuation in upper stretch, before putting that foe away and splashing clear to the wire.

Russell, who expects to deliver her second child Monday, had to miss the live race.

“That was awesome and a great redemption from the DQ in Maryland,” Russell said. “I watched from home because I’m having a C-section tomorrow, so I couldn’t make the trip today. I’m home resting in preparation for tomorrow. It picked our heads up knowing we’re going to have a new baby tomorrow.”

Wond'rwherecraigis was a nose runner-up in the July 10 Gold Fever S. at Belmont Park last year before concluding his 2020 campaign with a fourth-place effort in the GII Amsterdam S. at Saratoga last August. He resurfaced with a front-running optional claimer score at Pimlico May 14 and captured the first stakes win of his career three starts later in the Aug. 13 Tale of the Cat S. at Saratoga. He drifted out near the sixteenth pole while battling to a 3/4-length first-place finish in the DeFrancis and that infraction cost him the graded victory.

As for Wond’rwherecraigis’ next start, Russell said, “I think we’ll enjoy today and look at the schedule to see what’s next. I expect we’ll stay around the six-seven [furlongs] mark. We’ll just see how he comes back and make a plan.”

Pedigree Notes:
Social Assassin, who is out of a half-sister to Grade I winner Affirmed Success (Affirmed), produced a filly by Mineshaft in 2020 and a filly by Take Charge Indy in 2021. The mare was bred back to Improbable.

Wond’rwherecraigis is the 22nd graded stakes winner for Munnings, whose 2021 winners include Bonny South, Kimari and Venetian Harbor. His daughter Munnyfor Ro won Sunday’s Ontario Damsel S. at Woodbine.
ONTARIO DERBY-GIII, C$159,300, Woodbine, 10-31, 3yo, 1 1/8m (AWT), 1:50.50, ft.
1--FROSTED OVER, 120, c, 3, by Frosted
   1st Dam: Candy Crush, by Candy Ride (Arg)
   2nd Dam: Lady Melesi, by Colonial Affair
   3rd Dam: Eye Catching, by Alydar
1ST BLACK TYPE WIN, 1ST GRADED STAKES WIN. ($275,000 Ylg ’19 FTKJUL). O-Gary Barber; B-G. Watts Humphrey (KY); T-Mark E. Casse; J-Kazushi Kimura. C$90,000. Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-0, $146,278. *Eighth SW for sophomore sire (by Tapit).
Werk Nick Rating: A. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

2--Riptide Rock, 120, g, 3, Point of Entry--Irish Influence, by Stephen Got Even. O-Stronach Stables; B-Adena Springs (ON); T-Sid C. Attard. C$36,000.

3--Artie’s Storm, 120, g, 3, We Miss Artie--Tiz Stormy Now, by Tiznow. O-Buttigieg Training Centre; B-Sunrise Farm (ON); T-Paul M. Buttigieg. C$18,300.

Margins: 3 3/4, 1HF, 1. Odds: 8.70, 2.50, 8.05.

Ontario Derby-GIII, C$159,300, Woodbine, 10-31, 3yo, 1 1/8m (AWT), 1:50.50, ft.
1--FROSTED OVER, 120, c, 3, by Frosted
   1st Dam: Candy Crush, by Candy Ride (Arg)
   2nd Dam: Lady Melesi, by Colonial Affair
   3rd Dam: Eye Catching, by Alydar
1ST BLACK TYPE WIN, 1ST GRADED STAKES WIN. ($275,000 Ylg ‘19 FTKJUL). O-Gary Barber; B-G. Watts Humphrey (KY); T-Mark E. Casse; J-Kazushi Kimura. C$90,000. Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-0, $146,278. *Eighth SW for sophomore sire (by Tapit).
Werk Nick Rating: A. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

Frosted Over came from just off the pace to earn the first graded win of his career in the GIII Ontario Derby at Woodbine Sunday. The bay colt was taken in hand and was held in abeyance just off pacesetting Swot Analysis (Anchor Down) who strolled through a quarter of :25.63 and a half in :50.21. Frosted Over was asked to go after the pacesetter entering the far turn and stuck his head in front at the top of the lane before scampering clear to an easy win.

“I knew today it was a strong wind, so I just wanted to cross to the front,” said winning rider Kazushi Kimura. “My horse is a closer, and it was smooth to get a good position. I was just the hand to make him steady. I’ve liked this horse since I broke the maiden. He was at one point training for the seven furlongs, and I was like, ‘Man, that horse is going to be a stakes winner,’ and he did it today.”

The lightly raced Frosted Over began his career with a pair of off-the-board efforts south of the border in late 2020, but returned from six months on the sidelines to graduate in his first try over the local synthetic June 20.
He got his first try at graded company when fourth in the July 11 Gill Marine S. and was coming off a win in a 1 1/16-mile allowance Sept. 11.

**Pedigree Notes:**

**Frosted Over** is the first foal out of Candy Crush, who also has a yearling colt by Street Sense. The mare is a daughter of Grade I placed Lady Melesi and a half-sister to multiple graded placed Doc Cheney (Saint Ballado) and Seruni (Saint Liam), as well as graded stakes winner English Affair (English Channel). Breeder G. Watts Humphrey, Jr. purchased Lady Melesi for $475,000 at the 2002 Keeneland November sale.

**Frosted Over** is the eighth stakes winner and fourth graded winner for sophomore sire Frosted (Tapit). He has been represented in Australia by group winners Ingratiating (Aus) and Cloudy (Aus), and in the U.S. by graded winner Travel Column, who captured this year’s GII Twinspires.com Fair Grounds Oaks.

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**Background Story:**

Bob Neumeier, great sportscaster, better storyteller, will be missed. His iron shot, from an elevated tee box at The International in Bolton, bounced twice on the green and rolled right into the cup. And Bob Neumeier shrugged. “Right in the jar... hole-in-one,” recalled Dale Arnold, who partnered for years with Neumeier on a WEEI sports talk show. “And I’m there yelling, ‘Wow, Neumie, look at that, an ace!’ And typical Neumie, he just gives it this little smile and he’s like, ‘Yeah, whatever, let’s finish up and get to the next hole.’” — Kevin Paul Dupont, *The Boston Globe*
2YO colt HOWLING TIME remained undefeated and became his sire's 11th stakes winner on the year with an eye-catching score in his two-turn debut in Sunday's $200,000 Street Sense S. at Churchill Downs.

Owner: Albaugh Family Stables
Breeder: Springhouse Farm

Additional impressive 2YO winners this past weekend included IMPLOSION at Churchill Downs on Sunday and undefeated NORTH COUNTY at Keeneland on Saturday.
IN ORDER OF PURSE:

STREET SENSE S., $200,000, Churchill Downs, 10-31, 2yo, 1 1/16m, 1:44.68, ft.

1--HOWLING TIME, 122, c, 2, by Not This Time
   1st Dam: Werewolf, by Arch
   2nd Dam: She’s Justa Friend, by Hussonet
   3rd Dam: Sage Cat, by Tabasco Cat
   ($200,000 Ylg ’20 KEESEP). 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O-Albaugh Family Stables LLC; B-Springhouse Farm (KY); T-Dale L. Romans; J-Joseph Talamo. $121,140. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, $190,600.

2--Red Danger, 122, c, 2, Orb--Forget It, by Distorted Humor. ($17,000 Wlg ’19 KEENOV). O-Silverton Hill LLC; B-Dattt Farm LLC (KY); T-Brian A. Lynch. $39,400.

3--Red Knobs, 122, c, 2, Union Rags--Hokey Okey, by Lonhro (Aus). ($75,000 Ylg ’20 KEESEP). O-Jim Bakke & Gerald Isbister; B-Caldara Farm Inc. & Flaxman Holdings Limited (KY); T-Dale L. Romans. $19,700.

Margins: 3 1/4, 4, 5HF. Odds: 1.90, 3.30, 4.50.

Also Ran: Skippylongstocking, Guntown, Sport Pepper, Luni Sima. Scratched: Kiss the Sky, Lucky Boss.

Hunch players the world over had to delight in a colt named Howling Time--out of a mare named Werewolf--winning the Street Sense S. at Churchill on Halloween. The 9-5 choice appeared to hesitate for a fraction of a second leaving the gate, but was swiftly up to a joint third while in the clear on the outside. He stayed in striking range through reasonable :24.65 and :49.31 fractions, inched up on the turn, and emerged from the fray with the lead. **Cont. p2**
Street Sense S. cont.
Rider Joe Talamo threw a few crosses and kept Howling Time’s mind on business in early stretch, but turned it into a hand ride in late stretch once it was apparent the dark bay had the win secure. He crossed the wire 3 1/4 lengths on top.

“It’s pretty fitting a horse with a Halloween theme wins today,” said winning trainer Dale Romans. “I’m just glad it was ours. He won impressively in his debut last month. He’s shown us in his training and his pedigree that he should like stretching out in distance. So, winning at six furlongs on debut was very impressive. Then, to come back and do that today showed how talented he is.”

Howling Time came into the Street Sense with a debut win Sept. 25 over this track at 2 1/2 furlongs shorter than Sunday’s race. In a similar trip, he had tracked while wide that day, then wore down the leaders to score by 1 1/2 lengths, getting an 81 Beyer for the effort. The Street Sense marked his first black-type win and the juvenile remained undefeated in two starts.

Werewolf hails from the same family as $2.1-million Fasig-Tipton 2-year-old Desert Party (Street Cry {Ire}), who would go on to be a GSW in the U.S. and a MGSAW in the U.A.E. Werewolf has a colt by Air Force Blue, born in February, and has been bred back to Bolt d’Oro. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

Rags to Riches S.
Margins: 10 3/4, 15 1/4, 5 3/4. Odds: 2.70, 0.60, 3.80. Also Ran: Manasota Sunset. Scratched: Dressed.
Sandstone earned her second straight open-lengths win under the Twin Spires with a wire-to-wire victory in the Rags to Riches S. at Churchill Sunday. The dark bay filly took the lead early was shadowed by favorite Yuugiri through an opener in :24.51. Favorited Yuugiri rolled up to challenge the pacemaker after a half in :48.55 and appeared to gain a slim advantage in upper stretch, but Sandstone battled back and powered clear to an authoritative victory.

“Sometimes we don’t always have the most stellar summers but come around in the fall,” trainer Ken McPeek said. “This is a big filly and really impressive. She’s big but she has a lot of speed. She’s fast and very well built. That was a really nice effort.”

Freshened up after finishing a well-beaten fifth in her 5 1/2-furlong debut at Churchill May 28, Sandstone returned with a romping nine-length victory over one mile in Louisville Oct. 3. The filly’s Kentucky Derby-winning sire was already having a big week after his son topped the Fasig-Tipton October sale on a final bid of $925,000. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

Rags to Riches S., $197,500, Churchill Downs, 10-31, 2yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:44.18, ft.
1--Sandstone, 122, f, 2, by Street Sense
1st Dam: Seattle Shimmer, by Seattle Slew
2nd Dam: Golden Gale, by Summer Squall
3rd Dam: Gold Whirl, by Mr. Prospector
(165,000 Ylg ’20 KEESEP), 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O-Susan Moulton; B-Mark & Cindy Stansell (KY); T-Kenneth G. McPeek; J-Brian Joseph Hernandez, Jr. $127,500. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, $199,960. *1/2 to Sway Away (Afleet Alex), MGSP, $206,800.

2--Yuugiri, 122, f, 2, Shackleford--Yuzuru, by Medaglia d’Oro.
O/B-Sekie & Tsunebumi Yoshihara (KY); T-Rodolphe Brisset. $40,000.

3--Mama Rina, 122, f, 2, Gormley--Honky Tonk Rose, by Forest Wildcat. (31,000 Ylg ’20 KEEJAN; 65,000 Ylg ’20 KEESEP).
O-Harold Lerner LLC, AWB Stables, Scott Akman, Nehoc Stables, Paul Braverman & Magdalena Racing; B-Lee McMillin, Randy Faulkner & Joe Travelsted (KY); T-Kenneth G. McPeek. $20,000.
ONTARIO DAMSEL S., C$142,500, Woodbine, 10-31, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:45.36, ft.

1--MUNNYFOR RO, 122, f, 3, by Munnings
1st Dam: Repartee, by Distorted Humor
2nd Dam: Dubai Dancer, by A.P. Indy
3rd Dam: Dubai Belle, by Mr. Prospector
($65,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP). O-Raroma Stable; B-Daybar, LTD. (ON); T-Kevin Attard; J-Justin Stein. C$90,000. Lifetime Record: GSP, 12-4-2-2, $551,217.

Margins: 1, HD, 1HF. Odds: 1.65, 7.05, 8.15.

Also Ran: Salty as Can Be, Seasons, Sweet Souper Sweet, Lady War Machine.

Perhaps a bit keen early to sit closer than usual while drafting along the fence, Munnyfor Ro switched out for clear sailing after a slow six furlongs in 1:15 and leveled off well from there to out-finish Oyster Box.

From the family of GISW Little Belle (A.P. Indy) and her GISW daughter Dickinson (Medaglia d’Oro), Munnyfor Ro has an unraced 2-year-old half-sister named Retort (Liam’s Map) and a yearling half-sister named Navajo Nation (Unified).

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PUMPKIN PIE S. (Div. 1), $100,000, Belmont, 10-31, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:24.99, sy.

1--TRUTH HURTS, 124, f, 4, Tonalist--Witty Gal, by Distorted Humor. ($35,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP). O-Chad Summers & J Stables, LLC; B-William D. Graham (ON); T-Chad Summers; J-Irad Ortiz, Jr. $55,000. Lifetime Record: 13-4-1-1, $262,075.

Margins: 2, 2HF, NO. Odds: 7.80, 23.00, 4.40.

Also Ran: Honor Way, Starfront, Victim of Love, Aunt Kat.

Truth Hurts was pre-entered in the GI Breeders’ Cup F/M Sprint, but her connections opted for this much softer spot and were rewarded with another stakes win. A 5 3/4-length romper in the rained-off and sloppy one-mile Perfect Sting S. here July 3, the KEESEP bargain buy was fourth behind Bell’s the One (Majesticperfection) in Saratoga’s GI Honorable Miss H. July 28 and sixth behind the formidable Gamine (Into Mischief) in the GI Ballerina H. a month later.

Let go at fairly generous odds considering the other race she was under consideration for, Truth Hurts broke in a tangle and was back to last. She crept slightly closer down the backside and into the turn behind splits of :22.67 and :46.40, and enjoyed an unencumbered rail run leaving the bend and straightening for home. Cont. p4
Truth Hurts cont.

The early leaders had no response for her, and she out-kicked the rest of her rivals to post a good-looking victory.

“We know she loves the slop,” noted co-owner and trainer Chad Summers. “She’s just been training better and better. We took a couple of swings at Saratoga and we gave a long look to the Breeders' Cup, but we ended up here. I’m glad she proved us right and that she was training as good as we thought she was.”

Summers said the GIII Go For Wand H. at Aqueduct is a likely next target: “That’s been the plan all along. Hopefully, we can get a little graded black type on Dec. 4. A mile should hit her right between the eyes.”

The winner’s dam is a half to GSW sprinter Areyoutalkintome (Smokester). She has an unraced 2-year-old filly named Classic Empress (Classic Empire) who was a $115,000 September yearling. Witty Gal sold to Abdul Aziz Al-Ateeqi of Saudi Arabia for $5,000 in foal to Midnight Lute at KEENOV ’19.

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2--Glass Ceiling, 122, f, 4, Constitution--Fighter Wing, by Empire Maker. ($47,000 RNA Ylg ’18 KEEJAN; $17,000 RNA Ylg ’18 FTKJUL; $34,000 Ylg ’18 FTKOCT). O-Charlton Baker & Michael S. Foster; B-Twin Creeks Farm (KY); T-Charlton Baker. $20,000.

3--Lake Avenue, 124, f, 4, Tapit--Seventh Street, by Street Cry (Ire). O/B-Godolphin, LLC (KY); T-William I. Mott. $12,000. Margins: HD, 3 1/4, HF. Odds: 1.60, 10.60, 2.45. Also Ran: Always Carina, Regal Retort, Easy to Bless. Scratched: Don't Call Me Mary, Piedi Bianchi.

After winning the first division of the Pumpkin Pie S. with Chad Summers and William Graham's Truth Hurts (Tonalist), jockey Irad Ortiz, Jr. added the second division with Lady Rocket. The dark bay bounced out of the gate to engage in an immediate duel with Always Carina (Malibu Moon). The pair got the first quarter in tandem in :23.22, but Lady Rocket had a half-length on her rival by the :46.70 half. She swung off the turn in front, put Always Carina soundly away, and held on for a head win over a driving Glass Ceiling.

“Before the race, Brad I and talked about it and we wanted to get her on the bridle and away from there on a good note,” said Dustin Dugas, assistant to winning trainer Brad Cox. “She broke out of there running. [Ortiz] said maybe around the turn, he might have moved a touch early, which ultimately at the end of the race made it a little closer, but she dug in deep and found that class she needed to get to the wire first.” Cont. p5
Lady Rocket cont.
Winner of the Misty Bennett Pink Ribbon S. at Charles Town Aug. 27, her first black-type score, Lady Rocket tried her first graded event in her last start, the Sept. 26 GII Gallant Bloom H. She was second that day to Breeders' Cup contender Bella Sofia (Awesome Patriot), but finished ahead of Lake Avenue, who was third Sunday in a reopposing effort.

The winner's unplaced dam has a yearling colt by Get Stormy and an April-foaled colt by Heart to Heart. Her 2-year-old colt by Goldencents died this year. She has been bred back to Cairo Prince. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

ELEANOR CASEY MEMORIAL S., $76,000, Charles Town, 10-30, (S), 2yo, f, 7f, 1:27.86, sy.

1—THE SKY IS FALLING, 121, f, 2, by Cupid
1st Dam: Miss Henny Penny (SP), by Half Ours
2nd Dam: Storm Hen, by Storm Broker
3rd Dam: Golden Hen, by Native Prospector

($40,000 Ylg '20 KEEJAN). O-David M. Raim; B-Catherine K Jennings & Scott Mallory (WV); T-Jeff C. Runco; J-Arnaldo Bocachica. $45,600. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, $99,367. *1/2 to Door Buster (Speightster), MSW, $192,550.

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9th-Churchill Downs, $128,042, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($80,000), 10-31, 2yo, f, 1m, 1:37.28, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

TEXAS RED HOT (c, 2, Texas Red--Ainsley {MSP, $169,895}, by Officer) just got his head in front to graduate going seven furlongs at Ellis Park July 11 and was coming off a fourth-place effort going that same distance in the Aug. 15 Runhappy Ellis Park Juvenile S. Let go at 17-1, the bay colt was away half a step slowly and raced near the back of the field early. He began inching closer down the backstretch and rolled up four wide at the top of the lane before forging to the lead with a furlong to run. He bound clear over a late-closing Legendary Lore (Practical Joke) to win by 1 3/4 lengths. After RNA'ing for $8,000 as a KEEJAN yearling, Texas Red Hot sold for $20,000 at OBS October and sold for $130,000 following a :10 1/5 work at this year's OBS April sale. He has a yearling half-sister by Honor Code. Ainsley was bred back to Texas Red this year and exported to Saudi Arabia after selling for $1,000 at this year's OBS Winter Mixed Sale. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, $130,170. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

8th-Churchill Downs, $122,040, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($80,000), 10-31, 2yo, f, 1m, 1:36.53, ft, 10 1/2 lengths.

PENNY SAVER (f, 2, Super Saver--Appreciating {GSP, $105,093}, by Sky Mesa) aired by 9 1/2 lengths in her first dirt route going a sixteenth farther here Sept. 24, but was getting some class relief here off a seventh-place finish in the Oct. 8 G I Darley Alcibiades S. at Keeneland. Heavily favored at 1-5, the dark bay doled out splits of :23.02, :45.99 and 1:10.99 with little pressure and cruised home 10 1/2 lengths to the good. Feeling Happy (Runhappy) was best of the rest. Penny Saver is half to Nasreddine (Nyquist), GISP, and a foal filly by Flameaway. Her dam, who is a half to GSW Buddy's Humor (Distorted Humor) and to the dam of GSW Celestine (Scat Daddy), visited Flameaway again for 2022. Sales history: $65,000 Ylg ’20 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, $170,480. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

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O-D D Stables LLC (Donna Clark); B-Erich Brehm (KY); T-Randy L. Morse.
7th-Laurel, $55,680, Alw, 10-31, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09.66, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

PRINCESS KOKACHIN (f, 3, Graydar--Serenity Hill, by Speightstown) made it three in a row at Laurel with a 5-2, gate-to-wire win Sunday. She led the field on a merry chase, setting fractions of :22.46 and :44.77, then opened up by daylight down the lane and held off all comers to score by 1 1/2 lengths over Fraudulent Charge (Will Take Charge). Last seen Oct. 14 at a sixteenth shorter, she has now won five times by a combined margin of more than 25 lengths after moving to John Robb’s barn after making her debut last December for Anthony Farrior. Princess Kokachin is a half to the Oct. 23 Maryland Million Lassie S. third-place finisher Sparkle Sprinkle (Holy Boss), also for Robb and owner Eric Rizer. Dam Serenity Hill, who hails from the same family as Canadian champion Archers Bay (Silver Deputy), has been bred back to Golden Lad. Lifetime Record: 10-5-2-0, $137,995. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-Eric A. Rizer; B-Nancy M & Eric A Rizer (MD); T-John J. Robb.

IN ORDER OF PURSE:
7th-Churchill Downs, $121,902, Msw, 10-31, 2yo, 7f, 1:23.68, ft, neck.

B SUDD (c, 2, Jimmy Creed--Five Funs, by Empire Maker) chased the pace before checking in third at going a furlong shorter at Keeneland Oct. 9, and was backed down to a third of his 12-1 morning line estimate to become the third winner on the Stars of Tomorrow card for conditioner Dallas Stewart. Breaking alertly but outward from his wide draw, the bay chased while out in the clear and ranged up after a :45.59 half to challenge pacesetter Unpredictable Bay (Cairo Prince). That foe hung in tough, but B Sudd had a touch more to give late. The winner has a foal half-sister by Constitution and his dam most recently visited Omaha Beach. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, $77,860. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O/B-Offshoot Farm LLC (KY); T-Dallas Stewart.

11th-Churchill Downs, $121,716, Msw, 10-31, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:10.18, ft, head.

MARISSA’S LADY (f, 2, Violence--Marissa’s Joy, by Cee’s Tizzy) was let go at 14-1 with an unassuming worktab on display for a barn that doesn’t win first out often. Away in midpack, the grey was scrubbed on to keep pace early behind hot fractions. She mounted a sweeping bid approaching the stretch, and reeled in game pacesetter Promises to Dance (Broken Vow) to prevail by a hard-fought head. Marissa’s Lady is half to Richard’s Boy (Idiot Proof), MSW & GISP, $1,011,872, a yearling filly by Nyquist and a foal colt by Idiot Proof. Her dam was bred back to Idiot Proof for 2022. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $69,460. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-Boone Family Trust & Tillema Family Trust; B-Harold & Pamela Tillema & Ron Boone Family Trust (KY); T-William E. Morey.

3rd-Churchill Downs, $120,000, Msw, 10-31, 2yo, 6f, 1:10.94, ft, 3/4 length.

SPARTAN ARMY (c, 2, Tapiture--Kiana’s Dream, by Sky Mesa), a :10 flat OBS June breezer, was dismissed at 18-1 for a barn than can be sneaky with firsters. Displaying good gate speed to take up a perfect drafting spot along the fence, the bay was shuffled back slightly around the bend, but was guided wide to take on the leading trio in upper stretch. Favored Chasing Time (Not This Time) mustered the stiffest challenge, but Spartan Army had a bit more to give and reported home 3/4 of a length to the good. The winner hails from the same female family as this year’s GII Sorrento S. heroine Elm Drive (Mohaymen). He has a yearling half-brother by Klimt ($95,000 KEESEP yearling) and a foal half-brother by Cloud Computing. Kiana’s Dream was bred to Mo Town for 2022. Sales history: $24,000 RNA Wlg ’19 KEENOV; $22,000 Ylg ’20 KEESEP; $80,000 2yo ’21 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $69,460. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-On Our Own Stable LLC; B-Julie Rini & Victor Zambrano (KY); T-William E. Morey.

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O-On Our Own Stable LLC; B-Julie Rini & Victor Zambrano (KY); T-William E. Morey.
4th-Churchill Downs, $119,718, Msw, 10-31, 2yo, 1 1/16m, 1:45.91, ft, 3 1/4 lengths.

**BEN DIESEL** (c, 2, **Will Take Charge**--**Girls Secret**, by Giant's Causeway), dismissed at 14-1, pressed the early pacesetters three wide into the first turn and settled just off the pace as Morning Thoughts (Air Force Blue) took the field through fractions of :24.51 and :49.21. The chestnut rolled up to challenge on the leaders on the far turn, was briefly headed by Bourbon Heist (Practical Joke) to his outside at the top of the stretch, but put that favorite away and drew clear to graduate by 3 1/4 lengths. Ben Diesel is a full-brother to Will's Secret, GSW & MGISP, $551,300. Girls Secret, a daughter of graded stakes winner Well Monied (Maria's Mon), produced a colt by Hard Spun in 2020 and a filly by that sire in 2021. She was bred back to Will Take Charge. The victory gave trainer Dallas Stewart back-to-back winners on Churchill's Stars of Tomorrow card after first-time starter Spartan Army (Tapiture) took the third race. The $1 Stewart Daily Double paid $404.60. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $69,460.

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6th-Churchill Downs, $119,048, Msw, 10-31, 2yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:46.86, ft, 5 1/4 lengths.

**SECRET OATH** (f, 2, **Arrogate**--**Absinthe Minded** (MSW & MGISP, $607,747), by Quiet American) became the fourth winner for her late freshman sire (by Unbridled's Song) with this second-asking score at Churchill. She had debuted Oct. 3 over the track with a third behind the trouncing winner Sandstone (Street Sense), who would also come back on Sunday's Churchill card to blow apart the Rags to Riches S. in the race just prior to Secret Oath's on the card. Free of Sandstone Sunday, Secret Oath was second choice at 5-2, broke alertly, and tracked from the outside in fourth through a first quarter in :24.31. Still outside and in the clear at the :49.86 half, the chestnut extended her stride, caught up to the frontrunner without rider David Cohen visibly moving a muscle, then took over with ease. She drew well clear on her own power. Cohen kept her mind on business before easing up late, but the result was long since determined before Secret Oath crossed the wire a much-the-best winner by 5 1/4 lengths over Blamethechampagne (Candy Ride (Arg)). The winner's dam, Absinthe Minded, was a triple SW and MGISP at Oaklawn. She was bred, raced, and trained by the exact same connections as her daughter. Her yearling filly by Medaglia d'Oro was a $140,000 RNA at Keeneland September. She was bred to Liam's Map for 2022. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, $81,460. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-Briland Farm; B-Briland Farm, Robert & Stacy Mitchell (KY); T-D. Wayne Lukas.

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5th-Woodbine, C$97,000, Msw, 10-31, 2yo, 1m 70y (AWT) (off turf), 1:43.54, ft, head.

**CLASSY WHISPER** (g, 2, Silent Name {Jpn}--Two Klassy, by Two Punch) set a strong pace but was run down by a neck in the final jumps when debuted (not for the tag) in a maiden/optional claimer here Oct. 10. Let go at better than 6-1 attempting two turns this time, the bay led early but was passed on the inside by Langstaff Road (Langfuhr) into the first bend. He put a head back in front after six furlongs in 1:12.94, and out-gamed that resilient foe in the run to the wire. The winner is half to Uptown Boy (Johannesburg), MSW & GSP, $285,596. His dam was bred to Shaman Ghost for 2022. Sales history: $32,000 RNA Ylg '20 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, $56,312. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-T and T Racing Team; B-B. Van Arem (ON); T-Francine A. Villeneuve.

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1st-Churchill Downs, $91,070, (C), Msw, 10-31, 2yo, 1 1/16m, 1:44.92, ft, 5 lengths.

**TRADEMARK** (g, 2, **Upstart**--**Creative Trick**, by **Creative Cause**) was seventh after hopping at the start in his sprint unveiling at Ellis in August, but improved markedly as a reported first-time gelding to be a close second at Keeneland Oct. 9. Given a 5-1 chance this time while stretching out and taking on auction-price-restricted company, the bay set a well-held and pressured pace through a :48.28 half. Constant pursuer Hitting Bombs (Gun Runner) did his best to wrestle the lead away at the top of the lane, but Trademark found more in reserve and re-broke to put five lengths on that foe at the line. Cont. p8
The winner’s dam is a half to GISWs **Include Me Out (Include)** and Check the Label (Stormin Fever). She has a yearling by Mark Valeski and a foal full-sister to Trademark and was bred back to **Complexity** for 2022. Sales history: $37,000 Wlg ‘19 KEENOV; $42,000 Ylg ’20 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, $69,874. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-BBN Racing, LLC; B-Brereton C. Jones (KY); T-Victoria H. Oliver.

**2nd-Churchill Downs, $90,170, (C), Msw, 10-31, 2yo, f, 1m, 1:38.19, ft, 1/2 length.**

**IMPLOSION** *(f, 2, Not This Time--Quite Explosive, by El Corredor)* was sixth after a troubled trip in her Aug. 7 unveiling at Ellis, but stepped forward to be beaten just a neck in third at this restricted MSW level here Sept. 23. Backed at 9-10 to break through this time, she sped out to the front to post splits of :23.25 and :46.93, blew the race apart into the stretch and found the line in time to deny newcomer Butterbean (Klimt) by a half-length. There was a gap of 8 1/4 lengths back to third. The winner hails from the extended female family of Quiet American. Sales history: $40,000 Ylg ’20 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, $62,300. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Elements Racing, LLC; B-Bridget Theresa McNeese (KY); T-Steve Margolis.

**4th-Belmont, $90,000, Msw, 10-31, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:11.64, sy, 1 1/2 lengths.**

**RADIO DAYS** *(f, 2, Gun Runner--Remembered, by Sky Mesa)* was backed down to 9-5 favoritism to become her freshman sire sensation (by Candy Ride {Arg})’s 18th individual winner. Hung five or six wide after a slightly sluggish start, the $750,000 KEESEP yearling began to circle the field heading for home. She ground down her rivals from there, and inched away to the line to bump the margin to 1 1/2 lengths. Diamond Collector (Blame), a $320,000 KEESEP yearling herself, held off regally-bred Ambassador Kelly (Pioneerof the Nile--Rachel’s Valentina) for second. The winner is half to Bowies Hero (Artie Schiller), MGISW, $1,592,775 and a yearling filly by Union Rags. Her dam visited Nyquist for 2022. This is also the female family of GSWs Mint Lane (Maria’s Mon) and Firing Line (Line of David). Sales history: $750,000 Ylg ’20 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $49,500. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Allen Stable, Inc.; B-Hinkle Farms (KY); T-Claude R. McGaughey III.

**6th-Woodbine, C$78,210, Msw, 10-31, 2yo, f, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:15.66, ft, 3 1/2 lengths.**

**VANTARSI** *(f, 2, Speightstown--Bragging (GSW-Eng, $189,775), by Exchange Rate)* third in an abbreviated turf sprint here Aug. 22, went one better on the main track Oct. 2. Given a 5-2 chance for the third time to be the charm, the dark bay enjoyed a clear lead this time and maintained a 3 1/2-length advantage at the wire. Run for the Hills (Runhappy), fifth in the same race Vantarsi came out of after setting the pace that day, completed the exactor. Vantarsi has a yearling half-sister by Quality Road and a foal half-sister by *Kitten’s Joy*. Her dam was bred to Constitution for 2022. Sales history: $80,000 Ylg ’20 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, $52,427. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-X-Men Racing, Madaket Stables LLC & SF Racing LLC; B-Juddmonte Farms Inc (KY); T-Kevin Attard.

**4th-Santa Anita, $62,500, Msw, 10-31, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:10.01, ft, neck.**

**AWAKE AT MIDNYTE** *(f, 2, Nyquist--Midnight Union, by Union Rags)* has been working steadily since June for this unveiling and burst out of the gate to contest the early lead after bobbling slightly. She’d settled into a stalking second as the first quarter clicked by in :22.69, pounced on the leader just after the :45.52 half, and dueled down the lane in a gritty fight to the wire. Awake At Midnyte got the victory over fellow firster Adare Manor (Uncle Mo) by a neck. She paid $15 for the win. A three-time sales graduate, Awake At Midnyte brought $320,000 at Fasig-Tipton's Gulfstream sale after working in :10.1. The chestnut is her dam's first foal and has a yearling half-sister by Mastery. Midnight Union was bred to Mitole for 2022. Sales History: $85,000 RNA Wlg ’19 KEENOV; $190,000 Ylg ’20 FTKOCT; $320,000 2yo ’21 FTFMAR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $36,600. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Reddam Racing LLC; B-Forty Oaks (KY); T-Doug F. O’Neill.
5th-Laurel, $51,290, Msw, 10-31, 2yo, 1 1/8m (off turf), 1:52.49, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

**CONCLUSIVE (c, 2, Nyquist--Complete Game, by Afleet Alex)**
third on debut sprinting at Colonial Downs Aug. 25, was a well-beaten fifth when stretched out to 1 1/16 miles at Belmont Sept. 24. The 6-5 favorite in this off-turf affair attended the pace through fractions of :24.75 and :49.25. He took a slim lead between pacesetting Twist 'n Twirl (Twirling Candy) to his inside and Rookieoftheyear (Madefromlucky) on his outside on the far turn and drew clear at midstretch before holding off a re-rallying Rookieoftheyear to win by 1 1/4 lengths. Conclusive was a $100,000 KEEJAN yearling and a $155,000 KEESEP yearling. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, $36,200. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-Sonata Stable; B-Sheltowee Farm & Mariah Thoroughbreds LLC (KY); T-Michael J. Trombetta.

4th-Gulfstream, $45,000, Msw, 10-31, 2yo, 1m 70y (AWT), 1:43.08, ft, 3 1/4 lengths.

**MANNIX (IRE) (c, 2, Australia (GB)--Many Hearts, by Distorted Humor)** was third in each of his three starts in Ireland for Mrs. John Magnier and James Stack—most recently over a soft mile at Leopardstown Aug. 5—and was supported as the public's 2-1 pick in this full field. Saving ground from midpack early, the chestnut began to pick up the tempo after a :49.11 half mile. He picked off foes rapidly while out in the clear heading for home, inhaled pacesetter Grand David (Tapiture) as they straightened and scampered clear by a widening 3 1/4 lengths. The winner has a yearling half-sister by Churchill (IRE) and a foal half-brother by U S Navy Flag. Sales history: 30,000 RNA Ylg '20 GOFOR. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-3, $33,752. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-D. J. Stable LLC; B-T. Stack (IRE); T-Mark E. Casse.

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**FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1 2021 Stud Fees Listed**

**Airoforce** (Colonel John), Equistar Training and Breeding Center, $2,500
9 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Indiana Grand, 5:31 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Mydadsbetrthanyurs, 12-1
$2,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Axiomatic** (Yes It’s True)
4 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
11-Zia, 7:00 p.m. EST, Msw 5f, Axis Charm, 30-1

**Midnight Storm** (Pioneerof the Nile), Taylor Made Farm, $7,500
72 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
11-Zia, 7:00 p.m. EST, Msw 5f, Midnightonthenile, 8-5
$3,000 KEE SEP yrl; $7,500 OBS OPN 2yo

**Neolithic** (Harlan’s Holiday), Pleasant Acres Stallions, $5,000
31 foals of racing age/5 winners/1 black-type winner
1-Finger Lakes, 1:10 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Sealithic, 10-1
$8,500 OBS WIN wnl; $50,000 OBS APR 2yo

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**SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1 2021 Stud Fees Listed**

**Flintshire (GB)** (Dansili {GB}), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, $10,000
159 foals of racing age/30 winners/2 black-type winners
11-Zia, 7:00 p.m. EST, Msw 5f, Wrexham, 5-1
$9,500 RNA KEE JAN wnl; $4,000 FTK FEB yrl

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**STAKES RESULTS:**

**NEW MEXICO CLASSIC CUP LASSIE CHAMPIONSHIP S., $100,000, Zia, 10-31, (S), 2yo, f, 6f, 1:11.54, ft.**
1--BELLA DONA, 120, f, 2, by Attila's Storm--Charlotte's Drone, by B. G.'s Drone. O-Robert & Del Rae Driggers & Ben Lee Ivey;
B-Robert & Del Rae Driggers (NM); T-Simon J. Buechler; J-Luis A. Fuentes. $60,000. Lifetime Record: 6-5-1-0, $255,068. *Full to Tilla Cat, SW, $369,369; Full to No Pasa Nada, SP, $173,424.

2--Sunny Jewel, 120, f, 2, Rapper S S--Heavenly Jewel, by Survivor Slew. O-Bennie A. Vanekck; B-Henry Dominguez (NM); T-Fred I. Danley. $20,000.

3--Running for Grace, 120, f, 2, Stellar Rain--Rate Rise, by High Yield. O-Bryan McDonald & Casey T. Lambert; B-Bryan D McDonald (NM); T-Casey T. Lambert. $10,000. Margins: 5 1/4, 2HF, HD. Odds: 0.10, 52.00.

NEW MEXICO CLASSIC CUP JUVENILE CHAMPIONSHIP S., $100,000, Zia, 10-31, (S), 2yo, c/g, 6f, 1:11.15, ft.

1--WHEREIS BRAYDEN, 120, g, 2, by Artful Run--Little Mandate, by Full Mandate. 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O/B-D. Dwain Yarbar (NM); T-Greg Green; J-Enrique Portillo Gomez. $60,000. Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-2, $108,505. *1/2 to Roll On Diabolical (Diabolical), by Ministers Wild Cat. O-Bennie A. Vanecek; B-Henry Dominguez (NM); T-Dallas J. Barton. $20,000. Margins: 5 1/4, 2HF, HD. Odds: 0.10, 52.00.

2--Reeds Pet Zenon, 120, g, 2, Fusachi Zenon (Jpn)--Sassy Silk Pet, by Slew's Pot of Gold. O-Glenn & Linda Berry; B-Michael Weatherly (NM); T-Dallas J. Barton. $20,000. Margins: 4, 1HF, 2. Odds: 50.40, 12.70, 2.50.

3--Rig Rider, 120, g, 2, Right Rigger--Sweetie Babe, by Golden Ransom. O-B.W., Joe & Balerie Duncan & Chris Zamora; B-Susan A. Hunter (NM); T-Chris Zamora. $10,000. Margins: 4, 1HF, 2. Odds: 4.60, 11.50, 6.70.

NEW MEXICO CLASSIC CUP OAKS CHAMPIONSHIP S., $100,000, Zia, 10-31, (S), 3yo, f/m, 6f, 1:10.70, ft.

1--Proofsinthepuddin, 118, f, 3, by Marking--Follow My Tail, by Indian Charlie. 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O-Reliance Ranches LLC; B-Brad King & Todd Fincher (NM); T-Todd W. Fincher. J-Tracy J. Hebert. $60,000. Lifetime Record: 7-6-0-0, $227,605. *1/2 to Roll On Diabolical (Diabolical), by Ministers Wild Cat. O-B4 Farms, LLC; B-R. D. R Hubbard (NM); T-Todd W. Fincher. $20,000. Margins: 4, 1HF, 2. Odds: 6.10, 5.10, 1.50.

3--Short Pockets, 120, m, 6, Southwestern Heat--Devon's Spirit, by Premeditation. O-Oh John Pinkerton; B-John Pinkerton (NM); T-Nancy Summers. $20,000. Margins: 4 3/4, 2HF, HD. Odds: 0.10, 42.10, 18.60.

NEW MEXICO CLASSIC CUP DERBY CHAMPIONSHIP S., $100,000, Zia, 10-31, (S), 3yo, c/g, 6f, 1:09.69, ft.

1--Tucum, 118, g, 3, by King Bull--Last Danz (SP), by Thoroughbreds (NM); T-Danny Morales; J-Enrique Portillo Gomez. $60,000. Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-2, $88,209. *Full to K B's Princess, SW, $152,486.

2--Cheese Tray, 118, c, 3, Attila's Storm--Road to Reason, by Redattore (Brz). O/B-J. Kirk Robison & Judy Robison (NM); T-Todd W. Fincher. $20,000.

3--Izeright, 121, g, 3, Right Rigger--Vovsmakemebush, by Desert God. O/B-Gaylon McGee (NM); T-Bart G. Hone. $10,000. Margins: 4, NK, HF. Odds: 7.00, 6.60, 3.90.

NEW MEXICO CLASSIC CUP DISTAFF SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIP S., $100,000, Zia, 10-31, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.70, ft.

1--Sheza Dandy R F, 120, m, 5, Attila's Storm--Dandy Devona R F (SW), by Real Dandy. 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O-Cesar Mendoza; B-Rogers Farms (NM); T-Robert A. Rivera; J-Carey S. Chavez. $60,000. Lifetime Record: 29-6-3-3, $139,950. Margins: 4, 1HF, 2. Odds: 0.50, 6.10, 4.50.

2--Let It Roll, 120, m, 5, Roll Hennessy Roll--Verily, by Mr. Greeley. O-B4 Farms, LLC; B-R. D. R Hubbard (NM); T-Todd W. Fincher. $20,000. Margins: 4, 1HF, 2. Odds: 0.10, 42.10, 18.60.

PEPPERS PRIDE NEW MEXICO CLASSIC CUP CHAMPIONSHIP FILLIES AND MARES S., (NB) $100,000, Zia, 10-31, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:37.71, ft.

1--Slammed, 121, f, 3, Marking--Hennessey Smash (MSW, $252,006), by Roll Hennessy Roll. O-Fincher Racing LLC, King, Brad and Kirby, Suzanne; B-Brad King & Todd Fincher (NM); T-Todd W. Fincher; J-Tracy J. Hebert. $60,000. Lifetime Record: 7-6-0-0, $227,605. *1/2 to Roll On Diabolical (Diabolical), MSW, $154,450. Margins: 4 3/4, 2HF, HD. Odds: 0.10, 42.10, 18.60.
ROCKY GULCH NEW MEXICO CLASSIC CUP CHAMPIONSHIP S
(NB) $100,000, 2ia, 10-31, (S), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:37.32, ft.
1--JET N G, 120, g, 6, Mr. Trieste--Book the Cat, by Tabasco Cat.
O-Maurcenia Cross; B-Maurcenia & Gary Cross (NM); T-Gary W. Cross; J-Rigo Sarmiento. $60,000. Lifetime Record: 32-6-9-5, $301,563. *Full to Numberoneson, SP, $150,809.
2--JET N G, 120, g, 6, Mr. Trieste--Book the Cat, by Tabasco Cat.
O-Maurcenia Cross; B-Maurcenia & Gary Cross (NM); T-Gary W. Cross; J-Rigo Sarmiento. $60,000. Lifetime Record: 32-6-9-5, $301,563. *Full to Numberoneson, SP, $150,809.
3--Next Affair, 120, g, 6, Diabolical--Burning Affair, by Twin Spires. O-Carter, Chase and James, Levi; B-Cleber J Massey (NM); T-Joel H. Marr. $10,000.
Margins: 1, 1 3/4, 1. Odds: 4.00, 3.50, 58.20.

EL DORADO SHOOTER S., $75,000, Golden Gate Fields, 10-31, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:09.46, ft.
1--TOP HARBOR, 122, c, 3, Harbor the Gold--Reba Is Tops (MSW & MGSP, $464,267), by He's Tops.
O/B-Gordon Jarnig, Kenny Marshall, & Eric M. Schweiger (CA); T-Tim McCanna; J-Frank T. Alvarado. $45,000. Lifetime Record: 11-4-3-1, $187,774.
2--In Our A, 124, g, 5, Idiot Proof--Onefunsonofagun, by Decarchy. O/B-KMN Racing LLC & Victory Rose Thoroughbreds, Inc. (CA); T-Ellen L. Jackson. $15,000.
3--War Games, 124, g, 4, Cyclotron--Myra G., by One Man Army. O-Barbara DeLima; B-Bruce Headley (CA); T-Clifford DeLima. $9,000.
Margins: NO, 1HF, HF. Odds: 2.80, 2.00, 1.40.

DON GETTY H., C$49,750, Century Mile, 10-30, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:11.17, ft.
1--GREEK GEEK, 127, g, 4, Misremembered--A E Phi Sensation, by Johannesburg.
C$10,000 Ylg '18 ALBMIX). O-Riversedge Racing Stables, Ltd.; B-Moonshine Meadow Ranch (AB); T-Tim Rycroft; J-Enrique Alonzo Gonzalez. C$30,000. Lifetime Record: 20-8-3-3, $190,928.
2--Cascade Billy, 122, g, 4, Bakken--What R the Odds, by Lightnin N Thunder. O-Don B. Danard & Mel Snow; B-Mel Snow & Fran Snow (BC); T-Mel Snow. C$10,000.
3--Eddyshak, 117, g, 5, Shackleford--Punching, by Two Punch. O-Lyle Farkash; B-Southview Ag (1998 LTD) (KY); T-Dale Greenwood. C$5,000.
Margins: 1 3/4, HF, 2 1/4. Odds: 2.80, 2.00, 1.40.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:
7th-Woodbine, C$71,311, 10-31, (NW1$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 7f (AWT) (off turf), 1:21.71, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.
BEAT THE SYSTEM (f, 3, Broken Vow--System Time, by Girolamo) Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-0, $80,344. O-Bruno Schickedanz; B-Philip J. Steinberg (KY); T-Martin Drexler.
8th-Hawthorne, $32,640, (NW2$X)/Opt. Clm ($32,500), 10-30, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.70, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

W W SCOUT’S HONOR (g, 3, Ghaleeb—Honor Graeme, by Graeme Hall) Lifetime Record: 7-5-1-0, $77,783. O-Charles W. Ritter; B-William P. Stiritz (IL); T-Scott Becker.

6th-Charles Town, $30,800, 10-30, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 4 1/2f, :52.38, sy, 2 3/4 lengths.

LOOKATLITTLEFERRIS (g, 3, Uncle Lino—Justlookatmenow, by Old Fashioned) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, $40,348. O-Chester Stable LLC; B-Danny R Masden (MD); T-Larry F. Curtis.

7th-Hawthorne, $23,240, (S), 10-31, (C), 6f, 1:10.94. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-0, $35,140. B-Ganbaatar Dagvadorj (CA). *$65,000 RNA Wlg ‘18 KEESEP.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Stonevicious, g, 2, Connect—Divas Style, by Unbridled’s Song. Hawthorne, 10-31, 6f, 1:12.36. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, $17,600. O-JSM Equine, LLC (KY). *$15,000 2yo ’21 OBSOPN.

Moose Mitchell, g, 2, Danzing Candy—Sunrise Avenue, by City Zip. Santa Anita, 10-30, (S), 6f, 1:10.81. Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-1, $77,200. B-Kathleen Kennedy (CA). *Seventh winner for freshman sire (by Twirling Candy).

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Claybett, c, 2, Flatter—Global Warming, by Stormin Fever. Santa Anita, 10-31, (C), 6f, 1:10.94. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-0, $38,700. B-TH S. Evans (KY). *$65,000 RNA Ylg ‘20 OBSAP.

Travel Smart, f, 2, Gormley—Well Traveled, by Perfect Soul (Ire). Santa Anita, 10-30, (C), 1mT, 1:35.85. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $22,400. B-JSM Equine, LLC & Fleetwood Bloodstock, LLC (KY). *$12,000 Ylg ’20 OBSAP; $57,000 2yo ’21 OBSAP. **18th winner for freshman sire (by Malibu Moon).

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Beckett’s Luckyday, g, 2, It’smyluckyday—Serene Serena, by Beau Genius. Remington, 10-30, (S), 1m, 1:42.29. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-0, $28,937. B-B-Pat Swan & Robert Lewis (OK).

Compedence Is Key, c, 2, Micromanage—Oh Diane, by Stephen Got Even. Belmont, 10-31, (S), (C), 6f, 1:12.93. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $24,750. B-Brereton C. Jones (KY). *$5,500 Ylg ’20 EASOCT. **1ST-TIME STARTER.

Saint Ives, c, 2, Point of Entry—Royal Heraldy, by Royal Academy. Golden Gate Fields, 10-31, 1m (AWT), 1:38.45. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, $27,600. B-Edward & Theresa DeNike (KY).

No Burn, g, 3, Declaration of War—Circle the Empire, by Empire Maker. Belmont, 10-31, (C), 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:45.12. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, $49,950. B-R. S. Evans (KY). *$45,000 RNA Wlg ’19 KEENOV; $14,000 Ylg ’19 KEESAP.

Irish Biz, f, 3, Fed Biz—Irish Drop, by Way West (Fr). Remington, 10-30, 6 1/2f, 1:18.62. Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-3, $32,440. O/B-Donald L Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY). *$7,000 Ylg ’19 FTKOCT. **$1/2 to Dee’s Rose (Straight Man), MSW, $257,653; 1/2 to Putitinmypocket (Put It Back), SW, $152,917.

Im the Machine, g, 3, Macho Rocket—Life by R R, by Domestic Dispute. Remington, 10-30, 6 1/2f, 1:18.62. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $19,783. B-Shadow Cross Farms (AR).

Ready Jet Go, f, 3, More Than Ready—Gal About Town (MGSP, $304,225), by City Zip. Santa Anita, 10-31, (C), 5ft, :56.42. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, $24,800. B-Stonestreet Thoroughbreds LLC (NY). *$5,500 Ylg ’20 EASOCT. **1ST-TIME STARTER.


Deemed Essential, f, 3, Upstart—Visavis (GPS, $100,064), by Indian Charlie. Charles Town, 10-30, 4 1/2f, 1:53.04. Lifetime Record: 12-1-5-3, $66,354. B-Brereton C. Jones (KY). *$125,000 Ylg ’19 FTKIUL.

Malibu Edge, c, 4, Malibu Moon—Essential Edge (GSW, $462,415), by Storm Cat. Woodbine, 10-31, 1 1/16m (AWT) (off turf), 1:44.62. Lifetime Record: 14-1-4-3, $143,746. B-Chiefswood Stables Limited (ON).

Lucas McCain, g, 4, Tale of the Cat—Hail Mary (MSP, $254,188), by Old Topper. Golden Gate Fields, 10-31, (S), 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:03.81. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, $38,670. B-Nick Alexander (CA).

DID YOU KNOW?

Essential Quality (Tapit) was tabbed as a “TDN Rising Star”

Visit the TDN Rising Stars section
Arrogate, Secret Oath, f, 2, o/o Absinthe Minded, by Quiet American. MSW, 10-31, Churchill Downs

Artful Run, Where's Brayden, g, 2, o/o Little Mandate, by Full Mandate. New Mexico Classic Cup Juvenile Championship S., 10-31, Zia

Attila's Storm, Bella Dona, f, 2, o/o Charlotte's Drone, by B. G.'s Drone. New Mexico Classic Cup Lassie Championship S., 10-31, Zia

Attila's Storm, Sheza Dandy R F, m, 5, o/o Dandy Devona R F, by Real Dandy. New Mexico Classic Cup Distaff Sprint Championship S., 10-31, Zia

Australia (GB), Mannix (Ire), c, 2, o/o Many Hearts, by Distorted Humor. MSW, 10-31, Gulfstream

Bakken, Toriador, g, 4, o/o Winning Toast, by Forest Camp. AOC, 10-30, Century Mile

Bandbox, Dancin At Midnight, f, 3, o/o Buzzin At Midnight, by Midnight Lute. ALW, 10-31, Hawthorne

Broken Vow, Beat the System, f, 3, o/o System Time, by Girolamo. ALW, 10-31, Woodbine

Connect, Stonevicious, g, 2, o/o Diva Style, by Unbridled's Song. MSW, 10-31, Hawthorne

Cupid, The Sky Is Falling, f, 2, o/o Miss Henny Penny, by Half Ours. Eleanor Casey Memorial S., 10-30, Charles Town

Danzing Candy, Moose Mitchell, g, 2, o/o Sunrise Avenue, by City Zip. MSW, 10-30, Santa Anita

Declaration of War, Lets Declare Peace, f, 3, o/o Southern Solstice, by Southern Halo. ALW, 10-30, Remington

Declaration of War, No Burn, g, 3, o/o Circle the Empire, by Empire Maker. MCL, 10-31, Belmont

Fed Biz, Irish Biz, f, 3, o/o Irish Drop, by Way West (Fr). MSW, 10-30, Remington

Flatter, Clampeett, c, 2, o/o Global Warming, by Stormin Fever. MCL, 10-31, Santa Anita

Frosted, Frosted Over, c, 3, o/o Candy Crush, by Candy Ride (Arg). GIII Ontario Derby, 10-31, Woodbine

Fusaichi Zenon (Jpn), Strawberry Whisky, g, 4, o/o Strawberry Pet, by Petionville. New Mexico Classic Cup Sprint Championship S., 10-31, Zia

Ghaaleb, W W Scout's Honor, g, 3, o/o Honor Graeme, by Graeme Hall. AOC, 10-30, Hawthorne

Gormley, Travel Smart, f, 2, o/o Well Traveled, by Perfect Soul (Ire). MCL, 10-30, Santa Anita

Graydar, Princess Kokachin, f, 3, o/o Serenity Hill, by Speightstown. ALW, 10-31, Laurel

Gun Runner, Radio Days, f, 2, o/o Remembered, by Sky Mesa. MSW, 10-31, Belmont

Harbor the Gold, Top Harbor, c, 3, o/o Reba Is Tops, by He's Tops. El Dorado Shooter S., 10-31, Golden Gate

Into Mischief, Barraza, c, 3, o/o Halo Dolly, by Popular. ALW, 10-31, Santa Anita

Itsmyluckyday, Beckett's Luckyday, g, 2, o/o Serene Serena, by Beau Genius. MSW, 10-30, Remington

James Street, Reiwa, f, 4, o/o Oh Molly Brannigan, by Utopia (Jpn). ALW, 10-30, Golden Gate

Jimmy Creed, B Sudd, c, 2, o/o Five Funs, by Empire Maker. MSW, 10-31, Churchill Downs

King Bull, Tucum, g, 3, o/o Last Danz, by Danzatore. New Mexico Classic Cup Derby Championship S., 10-31, Zia

Macho Rocket, Im the Machine, g, 3, o/o Life by R R, by Domestic Dispute. MSW, 10-30, Remington

Malibu Moon, Malibu Edge, c, 4, o/o Essential Edge, by Storm Cat. MSW, 10-31, Woodbine

Marking, Proofsinthepuddin, f, 3, o/o Follow My Tail, by Indian Charlie. New Mexico Classic Cup Oaks Championship S., 10-31, Zia

Marking, Slammed, f, 3, o/o Hennessey Smash, by Roll Hennessey Roll. Peppers Pride New Mexico Classic Cup Championship Fillies and Mares S., 10-31, Zia

Micromange, Compedence Is Key, c, 2, o/o Oh Diane, by Stephen Got Even. MCL, 10-31, Belmont

Misremembered, Greek Geek, g, 4, o/o A E Phi Sensation, by Johannesburg. Don Getty H., 10-30, Century Mile

More Than Ready, Ready Jet Go, f, 3, o/o Gal About Town, by City Zip. MCL, 10-31, Santa Anita

More Than Ready, Ready Soul, g, 4, o/o Secretariat's Soul (Ire), by Sadler's Wells. AOC, 10-31, Santa Anita

Mr. Trieste, Jet N G, g, 6, o/o Book the Cat, by Tabasco Cat. Rocky Gulch New Mexico Classic Cup Championship S., 10-31, Zia

Munnings, Mundle of Joy, f, 3, o/o Bella Joy, by Kitten's Joy. ALW, 10-31, Laurel

Munnings, Munnyfor Ro, f, 3, o/o Repartee, by Distorted Humor. Ontario Damsel S., 10-31, Woodbine

Munnings, Wondrwherecraigis, g, 4, o/o Social Assassin, by Giant's Causeway. GII Bold Ruler H., 10-31, Belmont

Noble Mission (GB), Mongolian Mission, f, 3, o/o Yesenia, by Giant's Causeway. MCL, 10-31, Santa Anita
**Not This Time**, Howling Time, c, 2, o/o Werewolf, by Arch. Street Sense S., 10-31, Churchill Downs

**Not This Time**, Implosion, f, 2, o/o Quite Explosive, by El Corredor. MSW, 10-31, Churchill Downs

**Nyquist**, Awake At Midnyte, f, 2, o/o Midnight Union, by Union Rags. MSW, 10-31, Santa Anita

**Nyquist**, Conclusive, c, 2, o/o Complete Game, by Afleet Alex. MSW, 10-31, Laurel

**Point of Entry**, Saint Ives, c, 2, o/o Royal Heraldry, by Royal Academy. MSW, 10-31, Golden Gate

**Shanghai Bobby**, Dynasty of Her Own, f, 4, o/o Lady Dynasty, by Richter Scale. ALW, 10-31, Golden Gate

**Silent Name (Jpn)**, Classy Whisper, g, 2, o/o Two Klassy, by Two Punch. MSW, 10-31, Woodbine

**Speightstown**, Vantarsi, f, 2, o/o Bragging, by Exchange Rate. MSW, 10-31, Woodbine

**Street Sense**, Sandstone, f, 2, o/o Seattle Shimmer, by Seattle Slew. Rags to Riches S., 10-31, Churchill Downs

**Super Saver**, Penny Saver, f, 2, o/o Appreciating, by Sky Mesa. AOC, 10-31, Churchill Downs

**Tale of the Cat**, Lady Rocket, f, 4, o/o Allons Danser, by Eskendereya. Pumpkin Pie S., 10-31, Belmont

**Tale of the Cat**, Lucas McCain, g, 4, o/o Hail Mary, by Old Topper. MSW, 10-31, Golden Gate

**Tapit**, Subconscious, g, 3, o/o Sweet Dreams, by Candy Ride (Arg). GII Twilight Derby, 10-31, Santa Anita

**Tapiture**, Spartan Army, c, 2, o/o Kiana's Dream, by Sky Mesa. MSW, 10-31, Churchill Downs

**Texas Red**, Texas Red Hot, c, 2, o/o Ainsley, by Officer. AOC, 10-31, Churchill Downs

**Tonalist**, Truth Hurts, f, 4, o/o Witty Gal, by Distorted Humor. Pumpkin Pie S., 10-31, Belmont

**Uncle Lino**, Lookatlittleferris, g, 3, o/o Justlookatmenow, by Old Fashioned. ALW, 10-30, Charles Town

**Upstart**, Deemed Essential, f, 3, o/o Visavis, by Indian Charlie. MSW, 10-30, Charles Town

**Upstart**, Trademark, g, 2, o/o Creative Trick, by Creative Cause. MSW, 10-31, Churchill Downs

**Violence**, Marissa's Lady, f, 2, o/o Marissa's Joy, by Cee's Tizzy. MSW, 10-31, Churchill Downs

**Will Take Charge**, Ben Diesel, c, 2, o/o Girls Secret, by Giant's Causeway. MSW, 10-31, Churchill Downs

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Marissa's Lady (**Violence**) takes the Churchill finale on “Stars of Tomorrow” day | Coady Photo
FERGUSON RIDING HIGH TO DEL MAR AFTER FIRST G1 WIN

By Emma Berry

NEWMARKET, UK—There's grey, cloud-stuffed sky hanging over Newmarket as the mild autumn is bustled along by an impatient winter. A week ago, it felt like spring was still in the air in Paris as a sun-dappled day saw second-season trainer James Ferguson announce his presence in the international stage with a first Group 1 winner. El Bodegon (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}) passed almost literally under the noses of observers on the paddock rails who mostly had eyes for his bigger, stronger rivals, but the little colt has the heart to match his talent and continued his climb to the top rank of European juveniles with a bold, front-running win in the G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud. Ferguson's former boss Charlie Appleby, in line to be Britain's champion trainer for the first time this year, had the favourite, Goldspur (Ire) ((Dubawi {Ire}), but he and his jockey William Buick were on this occasion happy to settle for third as they slapped their old colleague on the back in the winner's enclosure, knowing just what such a victory means to a young trainer. Saturday morning, Ferguson is back in his regular groove of training the horses at his Exeter Road stable, overseeing some stalls practice for an inexperienced juvenile ridden by his younger brother Alex, and happily chatting to TDN in between bouts of activity. Come Friday, however, he will be back in the sun, this time at Del Mar, to saddle Qatar Racing's Mise En Scene (GB) (Siyouni {Fr}), who will become his first runner at the Breeders' Cup in the GI Juvenile Fillies Turf. Con. p3

SILBERNES PFERD TO AFF UN ZO

Coming of age when taking the G3 Deutsches St Leger at Dortmund Sept. 19, Holger Renz's Aff Un Zo (Ger) (Kallisto {Ger}) defied a penalty when doubling up in Sunday's G3 Silbernes Pferd at Hoppegarten. Having beaten Sisfahan (Fr) (Isfahan {Ger}) in the Listed Grafenberger Derby Trial at Dusseldorf May 30, the bay had reached a plateau at or around a mile and a half until finding his metier as a stayer tackling 14 furlongs for the first time in the Deutches St Leger. As he had on that occasion, the 3-1 second favourite found fellow 3-year-old Loft (Ger) (Adlerflug {Ger}) his sternest opponent but as he took his measure approaching the final furlong proved the one most powerful over this 15-furlong distance to assert for a 2 1/2-length success.

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IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

WEEK IN REVIEW: BROWN'S FIRST DIRT SUPERSTAR?

An ever-present force on the turf, trainer Chad Brown heads to this season's Breeders' Cup with a potential super colt, Jack Christopher (Munnings), who will contest the GI Juvenile. Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.
Ferguson Heads to Del Mar cont. from p1

"I was absolutely gobsmacked to be honest," says the usually eloquent Ferguson as he reflects on El Bodegon's breakthrough triumph. "I get a bit carried away and I'd cheer home a 0-55 at Catterick, but this time I couldn't even speak. I thought Ioritz Mendizabal gave him a great ride. He was very confident even though it wasn't the plan to go forward, but from that draw he just found himself there."

Mendizabal has been the go-to jockey in France for Aidan O'Brien while Covid restrictions have prevented him from sending his own riders from Ireland, and he has been involved in some notable wins for the Ballydoyle team, not least two Classics on St Mark's Basilica (Fr). But the Basque-born jockey was only too keen to renew his acquaintance with El Bodegon following their win in the G3 Prix de Conde at Chantilly at the end of September, and at Saint-Cloud, O'Brien had to settle for second with Peter Brant's Stone Age (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), ridden by Christophe Soumillon.

"It was a plan ever since he ran at Chantilly and Ioritz got off and said 'you've got to run him in the Criterium de Saint-Cloud'," Ferguson continues. "It had already been in the back of our minds if we won, but it cemented the idea in our minds as obviously Ioritz knows the tracks well [in France]. But even when he won the Prix de Conde I don't think he actually realised how tough the horse is and how well he really stays."

It is certainly unusual to see a son of Kodiac staying on so well over 10 furlongs in testing conditions, but then El Bodegon is no ordinary Kodiac. Neither was his full-brother, Godolphin's treble Group 1 winner Best Solution (Ire). The siblings, bred by Cecil and Martin McCracken, hail from a stout family which includes the St Leger winner Brian Boru (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) and Derby and Arc winner Workforce (GB) (King's Best).

He adds of the colt, "He's come out of the race really well. He's the kind of horse that you could run again the next day if you wanted to but that would obviously be him done for the season now. I'll probably keep him on the go just very lightly as he can get very fresh but he's exciting for next year."

Ferguson, whose father John was the former bloodstock advisor and main buyer for Sheikh Mohammed's Godolphin operation, turned 32 the day after saddling his first Group 1 winner. Obviously, having family ties within the game is an advantage which will helped him compile a strong line-up at his Newmarket stable, which he rents from Willie Musson. But it would be wrong to conclude that Ferguson's connections have been the key to his success.

The trainer has served a lengthy apprenticeship, spending two years as pupil assistant to Sir Mark Prescott, who suffers neither fools nor shirkers. He also had a stint in America and a lengthy period working under Appleby at Moulton Paddocks, during which time he successfully oversaw that stable's runners in Australia. Following his time with Godolphin he was also assistant trainer to Brian Meehan for a year at Manton before setting out on his own.

His approach to his own operation clearly revolves around including his generally young team as much as possible. Alex Ferguson is one of his key work riders, Freddie Morley is his assistant, and Katie Thurtle, an experienced horsewoman with an instantly likeable disposition, looks after the office and owner liaison.

"I can't stress enough that James Ferguson Racing isn't just James Ferguson, it's the whole team," says the man whose name is on the gate.

"Dad has always been a big part of this team. Even though he doesn't live in Newmarket he keeps up to date with everything that's going on and manages a few horses in the yard. He's been a tremendous help and to draw on his experience—and he's been doing this an awful long time—has been hugely beneficial to me."

The immediately obvious benefit is that John Ferguson bought El Bodegon for his owners the Nas Syndicate and Tony O'Callaghan (who stands his sire at Tally-Ho Stud) for 70,000gns. Five years earlier he had also bought the subsequent G1 Caulfield Cup winner Best Solution for Sheikh Mohammed for 90,000gns.

James Ferguson adds, "He's a big part of it and it's very handy when you have someone with his experience buying your yearlings because you're minimising your risk in order to get a good one."
James Ferguson greets Ioritz Mendizabal aboard El Bodegon, the trainer’s first Group 1 winner | Scoop Dyga

Mise En Scene, on the other hand, was bred at Tweenhills Stud by The Gadfly Partnership before being kept to race in the Qatar Racing silks. A winner on debut in July, she leapt straight into Pattern company the following month when winning the G3 Prestige S. at Goodwood and most recently finished fourth in the G1 Fillies’ Mile at Newmarket.

"Mise En Scene showed a lot of ability early," Ferguson says. "She wasn't necessarily forward but she always had an aura of class. I didn't actually have many fillies so she ended up working with colts and she always gave you the feeling that she was going up the canter quite easily, whereas El Bodegon was quite different. El Bodegon would sort of only just do what you asked him, but she is desperate to please."

He continues, "She had a racecourse gallop at Chelmsford before she ran so we went to Haydock knowing that we had a good 2-year-old on our hands but obviously you never quite know. When she went to Goodwood the massive step up in class was obviously a question mark but I was confident enough that she would go and do us proud. I didn't really want to run in a novice and I was working backwards from the Fillies’ Mile so in my mind it was either go to the Prestige or the May Hill at Doncaster, and I didn't want to step up to a mile straight away. As a team, with Qatar Racing, we decided on the Prestige.

"When you look at Mise En Scene she looks like a 3-year-old so we felt that she wasn’t a horse you’d want to be giving lots of runs to at two. We knew that we'd have three or maybe four runs this year, so Del Mar will be her fourth. It's very exciting."

Mise En Scene touched down safely in California on Friday evening in the experienced care of Alison West. Her trainer will join her on Monday.
He says, "She’s going there a fit horse so there’s not a lot that needs to be done. I’ve worked in America for Eoin Harty but that was at Saratoga. I’ve never actually been to Del Mar so I don’t know the backstretch situation but Alison used to work for Sir Mark Prescott and she took Marsha to Del Mar so she knows what she’s doing."

Could lightning strike twice within two weeks for the young trainer? There’s certainly no lack of confidence in the camp, but the mood is also sensibly measured.

Ferguson says of the filly rivalling El Bodegon for the title of stable star, "Mise En Scene is quite relaxed and she wasn’t disgraced at all in the Fillies’ Mile. I very much came out of the race feeling that she was the one to take out of it—whether it was the track, or a little bit of trouble in running, there was nothing lost and actually the benefit of her situation is that she is very lightly raced and she is going to Del Mar a fairly fresh filly."

He adds, "We’re very lucky to be in this position and we want to be known as people that if we are given the right horses we can do a good job with them. We are very grateful to Sheikh Fahad and the Qatar team to put such faith in us so soon after starting out. It would be great to go to Del Mar and get a big win for them but obviously we’ve got to stay grounded and enjoy the moments when they come. We know they are very hard to come by."

**German Group 3, cont. from p1**

**Pedigree Notes:**

Aff Un Zo, who had been fifth behind Sisfahan in the G1 Deutsches Derby at Hamburg July 4 and seventh in the Aug. 8 G1 Grosser Preis von Berlin here, is a son of Andarta (Ger) (Platini (Ger)) who is a full-sister to dual G3 Princess Elizabeth S. winner Antara (Ger) who was also placed in the G1 Premio Lydia Tesio, G1 Prix Jean Romanet and G1 Nassau S. They are also a half to the G3 Walther J Jacobs-Rennen scorer Andolini (Ger) by Aff Un Zo’s sire Kallisto.

**SON OF DANK STARTS AT KEMPTON**

2.35 Kempton, Mdn, £16,000, 2yo, 7f (AWT)

Dungeon (GB) (Dubawi (Ire)) debuts in the James Wigan silks sported by the accomplished dam Dank (GB) (Dansili (GB)) as she garnered the GI Breeders’ Cup Filly & Mare Turf and GI Beverly D. Sir Michael Stoute is also in charge of this February-foaled colt, who meets Gestut Ammerland’s fellow newcomer Barqi (Ire) (Lope de Vega (Ire)), a John and Thady Gosden-trained colt whose family includes the owner-breeder’s high-class Boreal (Ger) (Java Gold) and Borgia (Ger) (Acatenango (Ger)).

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2--Loft (Ger), 123, g, 3, Adlerflug (Ger)–Labrice (GB), by Dubawi (Ire). (€200,000 RNA HRA ‘21 ARQARC). O-Gestut Ittlingen; B-Gestut Hof Ittlingen (GER); T-Marcel Weiss. €11,000.

3--Samoa (Ger), 120, f, 3, Jukebox Jury (Ire)–Strawberry (Ger), by Lord of England (Ger). O/B-Gestut Etzean (GER); T-Peter Schiergen. €5,250.

Margins: 2HF, 1, HD. Odds: 3.00, 2.70, 5.00.

Also Ran: Loveisthehigherlaw (GB), Memphis (Ger), Quebello (Ger), Nania (Ger), The Tiger (Ger), Noa Lea (Ger). Click for the Racing Post result or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.
FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

MONDAY, NOV. 1, 2021

UNITED KINGDOM

Cotai Glory (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Tally-Ho Stud
126 foals of racing age/31 winners/1 black-type winner
16:30-WOLVERHAMPTON, 6f, Forca Brasil (Ire)
€6,500 Goffs November Foals Sale 2019; 60,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2020

Postponed (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), Dalham Hall Stud
78 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
14:35-KEMPTON PARK, 7f, Later Darling (GB)
€65,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2019; 60,000gns RNA Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2020

Ribchester (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB}), Kildangan Stud
118 foals of racing age/15 winners/1 black-type winner
14:35-KEMPTON PARK, 7f, Brilliant Blue (Ire)
€65,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2019; 60,000gns RNA Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2020; €85,000 Goffs UK 2yo Breeze Up Sale 2021

Time Test (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), The National Stud
74 foals of racing age/11 winners/4 black-type winners
14:35-KEMPTON PARK, 7f, It Is Now (GB)
95,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2020

FRANCE

Berkshire (Ire) (Mount Nelson {GB}), Kedrah House Stud
8 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
2-DURTAL, 2000m, Ogaréeff

The Grey Gatsby (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}), Haras du Petit Tellier
58 foals of racing age/4 winners/1 black-type winner
2-DURTAL, 2000m,

Herald The Dawn (Ire) (New Approach {Ire}), Haras de Tierce
23 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
2-LE MANS, 1950m, Shantarasa (Fr)

Johnny Barnes (Ire) (Acclamation {Fr}), Haras des Granges
45 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
2-LE MANS, 1950m, Uri (Fr)
€8,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2020; 12,000gns Tattersalls Guineas Breeze-Up & HIT Sale 2021
2-DURTAL, 2000m, Wandana (Fr)
€7,000 Arqana Deauville Autumn Flat Yearling Sale 2020

Whitelieffodover (War Front), Haras de la Haie Neuve
58 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
2-DURTAL, 2000m, Kerscote (Fr)
€13,000 Arqana Deauville Autumn Flat Yearling Sale 2020
2-DURTAL, 2000m, Magic Cliff (Fr)

Zelzal (Fr) (Sea The Stars {Ire}), Haras de Bouquetot
57 foals of racing age/9 winners/1 black-type winner
2-LE MANS, 1950m,
€9,000 RNA Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2020

IRELAND

Sunday’s Results:
FINALE S.-Listed, €37,500, Naas, 10-31, 3yo/up, 12fT, 2:48.15, hy.
1--JASON THE MILITANT (IRE), 134, g, 7, Sans Frontieres (Ire)--Rock Angel (Ire), by Desert King (Ire). 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Peter Michael Racing; B-Peter & Martin Michael (IRE); T-Henry de Bromhead; J-Billy Lee. 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. €22,500. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, €30,900.
2--Azallya (Ire), 124, f, 3, Le Havre (Ire)--Azama (Ire), by Sea the Stars (Ire). O-H H Aga Khan; B-His Highness the Aga Khan Studs S C (IRE); T-Dermot Weld. €7,500.
3--Layfayette (Ire), 137, g, 4, French Navy (GB)--Scala Romana (Ire), by Holy Roman Emperor (Ire). (€4,000 Ylg ‘18 TIRSEP; €54,000 2yo ‘19 TATGOR). O-Patricia Hunt; B-Matthew Duffy (IRE); T-Noel Meade. €3,750.

Margins: HF, 3 1/4, 2HF. Odds: 3.30, 12.00, 5.00.
Also Ran: Questionare (GB), Bold Approach (Ire), Sweet Molly Malone, Camorra (Ire), The Blue Brilliant (Ire), Lady Anner (Ire), Woodland Garden (Ire), Laughifuwant (Ire), High Heels (Ire), Citronnade (GB), Maybe Today (GB), Patrick Sarsfield (Fr), Pineapple Express (Ire). Scratched: Tashi (Ire). Click for the Racing Post result.
No Nay Never, sire of King of Bavaria | Coolmore

Finale S. cont.
Raced on the Flat once prior to this, the Grade 3-winning hurdler Jason the Militant followed that 10-furlong maiden win at Fairyhouse last October with a first black-type success in this competitive affair. Settled wide in mid-division early, the bay was sent up to take over before three out and after carving out a clear advantage soon after may have been getting lonely late as Azallya ate into his margin.

2nd-Naas, €40,000, Hcp, 10-31, 2yo, 5f 205yT, 1:17.65, hy.
KING OF BAVARIA (IRE) (c, 2, No Nay Never--Enharmonic, by E Dubai), not seen since his winning debut over five furlongs here May 8, raced in rear of the pack racing far side throughout the early stages of this Tally-Ho Stud Irish EBF Birdcatcher Premier Nursery. Reeling in Past Time (GB) (Postponed {Ire}) with a furlong remaining, the 11-2 shot asserted to beat that rival by 1 1/2 lengths.

“We thought he was a nice horse and thought he was an Ascot horse when we ran him here, but he just had a little bit of a setback and didn’t get back,” Aidan O’Brien commented. “We missed going to Leopardstown with him, Mrs Stockwell’s horse [Glounthaune] went there instead. This was the last opportunity to get a run into him. He has plenty of speed and obviously handles that ground, but handles good ground very well too. We’ll look forward to him next year, train him for one of the Guineas trials and if we think he’s not going to get a mile come back to five or six with him as he has plenty of speed.” The winner is the last known foal out of a half-sister to the G1 Dewhurst S.-winning sire Distant Music (Distant View) and the listed-placed New Orchid (Quest For Fame {GB}), who is in turn the dam of the G1 Haydock Sprint Cup heroine African Rose (GB) (Observatory). The latter produced the G3 Princess Margaret S. scorer Fair Eva (GB) (Frankel {GB}), while African Rose’s full-sister Helleborine (GB) took the G3 Prix d’Aumale and is responsible for the G2 Coventry S.-winning sire Calyx (GB) (Kingman {GB}). Another of their full-siblings Needleleaf (GB) is now the dam of this year’s G1 Dewhurst S. and G1 Vincent O’Brien National S.-winning sensation Native Trail (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}). The third dam Populi (Star Envoy), a half-sister to the GI Belmont S.-winning sire Temperence Hill, threw the GI Jockey Club Gold Cup, GI Washington D.C. International and GI Suburban H.-winning champion Vanlandingham (Cox’s Ridge) and is the second dam of the GI American Oaks heroine Funny Moon (Malibu). Sales history: $300,000 Ylg ’20 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, $37,796.
O-Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith, Susan Magnier & Westerberg; B-Samac & Summerhill Bloodstock (IRE); T-Aidan O’Brien.

HANDICAP RESULT:
7th-Naas, €80,000, 10-31, 3yo/up, 16fT, 3:53.30, hy.
YAXENI (FR) (f, 4, Maxios {GB}--Kithonia {Fr} {SP-Fr}, by Sadler’s Wells) Lifetime Record: GSP-Ire, 11-2-0-4, $97,854. O-SBA Racing Limited; B-Famille Niarchos (FR); T-Ger Lyons. *€8,800 Ylg ’18 GOFFEB.

CONDITIONS RESULT:
5th-Naas, €13,500, 10-31, 3yo/up, 8fT, 1:51.00, hy.
AGITARE (IRE) (g, 4, Teofilo {Ire}--Sway Me Now, by Speightstown) Lifetime Record: GSP-Ire, 25-2-4-4, $71,481. O-Mrs J S Bolger; B/T-Jim Bolger (IRE).

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Joe Masseria (Ire), g, 2, Fast Company (Ire)--Island Home (GB), by Act One (GB). Naas, 10-31, 7f 195yT, 1:51.10. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-1, $17,913. B-Leslie Young (IRE). *€8,500 RNA Wlg ’19 GOFNOV; *€12,500 Ylg ’20 GOFOCT.
Carlton Banks (Ire), g, 3, Prince of Lir (Ire)--Unusually Hot (Ire), by Unusual Heat. Naas, 10-31, 5f 205yT, 1:18.57. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, $10,996. B-Ronnie Boland (IRE). *€4,800 RNA Wlg ’18 TATFBR.

BRITAIN

CONDITIONS RESULT:
7th-Wolverhampton, £6,500, 10-30, 3yo/up, 5f 21y (AWT), 1:01.79, st.
SEIKAS (IRE) (f, 3, Footstepsinthesand {GB}--Miss Brazil {Ire}, by Exceed and Excel {Aus}) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, $9,566. O-The Seikas Partnership; B-Old Carhue Stud (IRE); T-Sir Mark Todd. *£50,000 2yo ‘20 TTIGOR. **Full to Elaine Noire (Ire), MSW & GSP-Ity.
Shine For You is the 56th black-type winner for sire Siyouni.
Prix Isola Bella cont.

Third again in the seven-furlong G3 Prix du Pin at ParisLongchamp Sept. 12 and sixth in the G1 Prix de la Foret also over that track and trip Oct. 3, the bay had things much easier here and after travelling with obvious intent behind the leading duo early pounced 300 metres from the finish before putting her rivals to the sword.

The winner is a half-sister to the G3 Ormonde S., G3 St Simon S. and G3 Cumberland Lodge S. winner Morando, who was the first foal out of a half to the G3 Prix de Seine-et-Oise and G3 Prix de Meautry winner Myasun (Fr) (Panis) and a full-sister to the G3 Prix de Saint-Georges scorer Batwan (Fr) by Morando, who was the sire Kendargent. Also connected to the G3 Prix Miesque winner Lacarolina (Fr) (Charge d’Affaires (GB)), Moranda’s 2-year-old colt is by Almanzor (Fr) while she also has a yearling filly by Anodin (Ire) and a colt foal by Best Solution (Ire). The latter is catalogued in the upcoming Goffs November Foal Sale.

1st-Saint-Cloud, €27,000, Debutantes, 10-31, 2yo, c/g, 7 1/2fT, 1:44.63, hy.

MIRABAD (FR) (c, 2, Gleneagles (Ire)--Mila (Fr) (SW-Fr), by Cape Cross (Ire)), sent off the 17-5 second favourite, was held up in rear after breaking from the widest stall before being allowed to creep closer before the home turn. Gifted a clear passage to the stand’s rail, the homebred took command there with 300 metres remaining and forged clear before being heavily eased to win by three lengths from Gaucher (GB) (Frankel (GB)), the son of the G1 Prix Vermeille scorer Partner Shift (Ire) (Night Shift) and to Mufarrh (Ire) (Marju (Ire)) who was second in the G2 Godolphin Mile. From the family of the G1 Irish Derby and G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup hero Grey Swallow (Ire) (Daylami (Ire)), her yearling filly is by Starspangledbanner (Aus) while she also has a foal foal by Night of Thunder (Ire). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €13,500. Video, sponsored by TVG.

6th-Marseille Pont de Vivaux, €18,000, Debutantes, 10-31, 2yo, 10f (AWT), 2:13.01, st.

NIGHT ENDEAVOR (FR) (c, 2, Shalaa (Ire)--Night Serenade (Ire) (SW-Ger, $119,948), by Golan (Ire)), sent off at 2-1, missed the kick and raced with two behind early. Making relentless progress from before the home turn, the bay wore down Alabama (Fr) (Ultra (Ire)) in the last 50 metres for a length success. The listed-winning dam, whose filly foal is by No Risk At All (Fr), is out of Night Teeny (GB) (Platini (Ger)) who produced the G2 Oaks d’Italia heroine Night of Magic (Ire) (Peintre Celebre) and who is the second dam of the dual G1 Preis von Europa winner Nightflower (Ire) (Dylan Thomas (Ire)), the G1 Deutsches Derby hero Nutan (Ire) (Duke of Marmalade (Ire)), the G1 Grosser Preis von Berlin winner Nymphae (Ire) (Dylan Thomas (Ire)) and the G1 Prix Jean Prat scorer Intellogent (Ire) (Intello (Ger)). Sales history: €30,000 RNA Ylg ’20 ARQSEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €9,000. Video, sponsored by TVG.

CONDITIONS RESULT:

4th-Saint-Cloud, €28,000, 10-31, 4yo/up, 12fT, 2:49.27, hy.

PALAIMON (FR) (c, 4, Soldier Hollow (GB)--Leukothea (GB), by Sixties Icon (GB)) Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, €26,000. O-Erich Schwaiger; B-Concept Real Ag (FR); T-Markus Munch.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Pantea (Fr), f, 2, Dariyan (Fr)--Crush on You (Fr), by Muhtathir (GB). Marseille Pont de Vivaux, 10-31, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:32.68. B-G L Ferron (FR). *€15,000 Ylg ’20 ARQOCT.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Becassio (Ger), c, 2, Giuliani (Ire)--Becassin (Ger), by Areion (Ger). Hoppegarten, 10-31, 8fT, 1:40.29. B-A Woeste (GER).
Sunday’s Results:
SONGLINE CLASSIC-Listed, SKr330,000, Bro Park, 10-31, 3yo/up, 10 1/2f, 2:14.20, fs.

1--AUENFURST (GER), 130, g, 4, Soldier Hollow (GB)--Auengunst (Ger) (MSP-Ger, $103,333), by Waky Nao (GB).
1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. (€120,000 Ylg ‘18 BBASEP). O-Mr Ascot; B-Gestut Auenquelle (GER); T-Lennart Reuterskiold Jr; J-Jacob Johansen. SKr165,000. Lifetime Record: 11-6-2-0, SKr569 392. *1/2 to Andoyas (Ger) (Lando {Ger}), GSP-Ger, $476,359.

2--Gold Tyranny (Den), 130, g, 7, Zoffany (Ire)--Thara, by Hennessy. O-Waleed Zawawi; B-Stald Jupiter (DEN); T-Lennart Reuterskiold Jr. SKr82,500.

3--Castashadow (GB), 130, g, 4, Harbour Watch (Ire)--Dareesha (Ire), by Naaoqs (GB). (3,000gns RNA Ylg ‘18 TATOCT). O-Mariano Commercial Ltd; B-Mrs C B Booth & Catridge Farm Stud (GB); T-Kahlil de Burca. SKr39,600.
Margins: 3/4, 2, 1HF. Odds: 0.65, 3.57, 16.65.
Also Ran: Espen Hill (Swe), King Cole (Swe).

IN HONG KONG:
Keep You Warm (Ire), g, 4, No Nay Never--Dacio, by Harlan’s Holiday. Happy Valley, 10-31, Hcp. (C3) (£147k/£175k), 1000mT, :56.61. B-Highpark Bloodstock Ltd. *Formerly Master McGrath (Ire). **€85,000 Wlg ‘17 GOFORB; €130,000 Ylg ‘18 GOFORB; €280,000 RNA 2yo ‘19 ARQMAY. VIDEO

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WORLDWIDE NEWS

EFFORIA EARNs LANDMARK WIN IN TENNO SHO AUTUMN By Christina Bossinakis

In what would become the battle of the favorites, Efforia (Jpn) (Epiphaneia {Jpn}) proved best on the day, winning Sunday’s G1 Tenno Sho Autumn at Tokyo. With the victory in the 2000-meter test, the colt became the first 3-year-old to win the race since Symboli Kris S won the event in 2002. Sent off as the third betting choice, Efforia settled in a comfortable sixth early as longshot Kaiser Minoru (Jpn) led the way while second choice Gran Alegria (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) and an overly-eager Tosu Surya (Jpn) (Lohengrin) were in close pursuit. Still coasting in behind horses as Gran Alegria collared the stubborn Kaiser Minoru and gradually inched ahead in early stretch, the third choice closed with purpose down the center of the course, and despite favored Contrail (Jpn)’s (Deep Impact {Jpn}) best effort to the extreme outside late, it was the sophomore who held a length advantage over 2020 Triple Crown hero Contrail with champion last season’s champion sprinter/miler Gran Alegria a neck back in third.

“We were able to race in an ideal position and I didn’t insist on the inner course as I knew that he can handle it even if we had to turn a little wider. While the COVID-19 crisis is still lingering, the number of spectators is gradually increasing and I am grateful that we were able to win the race in front of many fans,” said winning rider Takeshi Yokoyama.

Winner of this season’s G3 Kyodo News Hai over 1,800 meters in February, the bay returned to annex his fourth consecutive score in the 2,000-meter G1 Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2,000 Guineas) in April. In his most recent start, he faced loss for the first time, finishing second in the G1 Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby) in May. “I cried with joy for the first time in my life, as I was very disappointed following the result of the Derby [last time], admitted Yokoyama. “He’s a talented and smart horse, so I decided to believe in his ability and ride him without thinking too much.”

Out of the Heart’s Cry (Jpn) mare Katies Heart (Jpn), the colt is trained by Yuichi Shikato, who was capturing his third JRA Group 1 title of the season. With the victory in Sunday’s Tenno Sho (Autumn), Takeshi Yokoyama became the third generation horseman to win the race, his grandfather and former jockey Tomio, who won the title in 1969 and his father and active jockey Norihiro, who accomplished the feat in 2009.
Sunday, Tokyo, Japan

TENNO SHO AUTUMN-G1, ¥290,800,000, Tokyo, 10-31, 3yo/up, 2000mT, 1:57.90, fm.

1--EFFORIA (JPN), 123, c, 3, Epiphaneia (Jpn)
1st Dam: Katies Heart (Jpn), by Heart’s Cry (Jpn)
2nd Dam: Katies First, by Kris (GB)
3rd Dam: Katies (Ire), by Nonoalco
O-Carrot Farm; B-Northern Farm; T-Yuichi Shikato; J-Takeshi Yokoyama; ¥153,360,000. Lifetime Record: 6-5-1-0. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: A+++ *Triple Plus*

2--Contrail (Jpn), 128, c, 4, Deep Impact(Jpn)--Rhodochrosite, by Unbridled's Song. O-Shinji Maeda; B-North Hills; ¥60,960,000.

3--Gran Alegria (Jpn), 123, m, 5, by Deep Impact (Jpn)--Tapitsfly, by Tapit. O-Sunday Racing; B-Northern Farm; ¥38,480,000.

Margins: 1, NK, 1 3/4; Odds: 2.40, 1.50, 1.80.
Also Ran: Sanrei Pocket (Jpn), Hishi Iguazu (Jpn), Potager (Jpn), Persian Knight (Jpn), Last Draft (Jpn), You Can Smile (Jpn), Muito Obrigado (Jpn), World Premiere (Jpn), Curren Bouquet’d’or (Jpn), Mozu Bello (Jpn), Kaiser Minoru (Jpn), Tosen Surya (Jpn), Cadenas (Jpn).

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MESSARA'S BELIEF IN MAURICE

By Bren O'Brien

Arrowfield chairman John Messara was always confident that Maurice (Jpn), a horse he describes as an 'equine Adonis' with a freakish physiological engine, would make his mark as a stallion in Australia and Saturday's dominant G1 Victoria Derby win by his first-crop colt Hitotsu is set to prove a watershed moment.

The Ciaron Maher and David Eustace-trained Hitotsu, having his first run over further than 1600 metres, unleashed a stunning turn of foot over the final 400 metres of the 2500-metre Classic to win by 1.75l, and announce himself as a potential future star.

By race replay, click here.

In doing so, he became the third Arrowfield Stud-bred Group 1 3-year-old in the past month, while stamping his sire Maurice's resume by becoming his first elite-level winner in Australia.

"It was a terrific result, I have to say. He's been a promising horse all the way through and it's an amazing performance by the trainers on that program, to get him to win so easily," John Messara told TDN AusNZ.

Under Messara's guidance, Arrowfield has led the way with shuttling Japanese stallions to Australia, forming a relationship with Northern Farm which has brought some of the best bloodlines from that country to Australia.

Earlier in October, the Arrowfield-bred Profondo, a son of Deep Impact (Jpn), who was conceived in Japan and foaled in Australia, powered to an outstanding win in the G1 Spring Champion S. at just his third start.

Hitotsu is somewhat more experienced, having his sixth start on Saturday, but given he had never been past the 1600 metres before in his career, the way in which he put his rivals away was reminiscent of what his fellow Arrowfield graduate had done earlier in the spring.

His final 400-metre sectional of 23.14s was faster than Home Affairs (I Am Invincible) (23.28s) ran in winning the G1 Coolmore Stud S. over 1200 metres.

A Milestone for Maurice

Maurice, who after a run of six stakes placegetters got his first Australian-bred stakes winner last week with Mazu in the Listed Brian Crowley S., has now moved top of the race to be crowned Champion Second Season Sire, among a crop of stallions widely rated as the best in a generation.

That the son of Screen Hero (Jpn) would experience success as a stallion would be no surprise to those who saw him on the racecourse. Nicknamed the 'Beast From The East', he possessed freakish ability winning six Group 1 races across Japan and Hong Kong from 1600 metres to 2000 metres.

Arrowfield identified him as an ideal prospect to shuttle to Australia and became a small shareholder in the horse.

"I know that Maurice has an amazing cardiovascular system. He has an unbelievable pair of lungs and the view was that if we bred him right, and everything clicked, he could throw a horse with extraordinary powers," Messara said.
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“Our partners Northern Farm keep a close watch on their horses and test their horses all the time for recovery, lung capacity and everything else. Maurice is one of their best out of thousands tested.

“We knew that if he can pass on his physiology, and while it may be a bit oversimplified, what is under the bonnet, to any of his progeny through a good mare, then we have got ourselves a top liner.”

The Redoute’s Nick

There is no shortage of ‘good mares’ at Arrowfield and so Maurice was always going to get every chance in that regard.

Hitotsu is out of Redoute’s Choice mare, Love Is Fickle, a half-sister to two stakes winners who was initially purchased by Arrowfield as a yearling. She was unraced and Hitotsu, her third foal, was sold for $100,000 as a yearling to Wendy Kelly through Arrowfield’s draft at the 2020 Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale.

Subsequently privately purchased by a group led by Ozzie Kheir and put into training with Maher and Eustace for this campaign, Hitotsu is Maurice's second winner out of a mare by Redoute’s Choice.

“He needs no introduction in that department, Redoute’s. He’s a freak of a broodmare stallion. He’s as good a broodmare stallion as he has been a normal stallion,” Messara said.

Redoute's Choice, also the damsire of Profondo and G1 Caulfield Guineas winner Anamoe (Street Boss (USA)), is a dominant leader in the current Australian Broodmare Sires’ race, having won that title on two previous occasions.

A Shared Success

One of the first phone calls Messara made after Hitotsu’s win on Saturday was to Northern Farm, to celebrate a milestone for their stallion.

“They were thrilled when I told them that the horse had won the Derby,” he said. “Maurice has had a very big month, with his first Group 1 winner in Japan (Pixie Knight) as well.

“That is the other thing which is striking about this horse. When you look at the fact he had that winner over 1200 metres, which ran 1:07.7s, which is low-flying, and then he’s had this horse win over the 2500 metres here, it shows the potential versatility that he may be capable of producing.”

Maurice returned to Arrowfield Stud this season having missed the 2020 season due to logistical complications because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Standing at $44,000 (inc GST), he has been welcomed back with open arms by Australian breeders.

"This horse is a physical Adonis. He’s got this physiological super engine and he’s a complete outcross. He might as well be from Mars in that regard,” Messara said.

“Now he’s working with Redoute’s Choice, which is kind of the dream. When you get all of those things together and they happen to click, you might get something pretty special and I think we saw that yesterday.”
Japanese Success Flows

The virtues of the Japanese bloodlines have become apparent in Australia both in terms of the breeding barn and the racetrack in the past decade. Sparked by the historic Japanese-bred quinella of the G1 Melbourne Cup in 2006, there have been 12 Group 1 victories in Australia by horses with the (Jpn) suffix.

There are seven Japanese-bred stallions on an Australian roster this year, including Maurice and Arrowfield’s new Japanese addition, Admire Mars (Jpn), while Yulong’s first-season sire Tagaloa, a G1 Blue Diamond S. winner, boasts a heavily Japanese-influenced pedigree.

Momentum has definitely grown behind these horses, with Messara saying that there was also more support from breeders, which helps underwrite investment.

“We are finding that there the Japanese horses are far more respected now. They have won in Australia and won some good races,” he said.

“They are tough and hardy animals and we’ve had a very fruitful relationship with our partners there. We are also getting to know what might work.”

IN HONG KONG:

Sight Success, g, 5, Magnus--Tarp, by Bletchley Park (Ire). Happy Valley, 10-31, Hcp. (C2) ($410k), 1000m, :56.13 (new class record). B-G R Daws (WA). *Formerly Sendintheclown. **$45,000 Ylg ’18 MGCFEB. VIDEO

IN HONG KONG:

Lightning Storm, g, 4, Per Incanto (USA)--Clermont Princess, by Towkay (Aus). Happy Valley, 10-31, Hcp. (C4) (NZ$186k), 1000m, :57.36. B-Little Avondale Trust & Whakanui Stud Ltd. *1ST-TIME STARTER. **NZ$40,000 Ylg ’19 NZBFEB. VIDEO