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TDN DERBY TOP 12: JAN. 4

Pappacap | *Horsephotos*

by T.D. Thornton

We're inside the 125-day mark for the May 7 GI Kentucky Derby. The initial Top 12 rankings are largely based on 2-year-old form, but a speculative element is baked into the equation with an eye toward projecting how these still-developing contenders will blossom over the next four months.

1) PAPPACAP (c, Gun Runner--Pappascat, by Scat Daddy)
O/B-Rustlewood Farm, Inc. (FL). T-Mark E. Casse.
Lifetime Record: GSW & MGISP, 5-2-2-0, $576,000.
Last Start: 2nd GI TVG Breeders' Cup Juvenile presented by TAA.
Next Start: GIII Lecomte S., FG, Jan. 22. KY Derby Points: 12

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Pappacap's past performance block might not suggest an obvious number-one ranking. After all, this is a colt who hasn't won a race since Aug. 7. But when you scrutinize the way this hard-trying Gun Runner homebred for Rustlewood Farm has gone about his business, the intangibles stack in his favor.

Pappacap was fast enough to win at first asking May 14 (pressured intensely by another dueler while the two opened up eight lengths), and he has been an alert breaker in all five of his starts. He's also shown a high level of comfort stalking in a covered-up position; has displayed poise beyond his peers in making multiple in-race moves; and, even in losing efforts, Pappacap noticeably digs in when he senses rivals closing on him. ***Cont. p8***

NYRA AMENDS CHARGES AGAINST BAFFERT TO INCLUDE BUTE OVERAGES

by Bill Finley and Dan Ross

The New York Racing Association (NYRA) has amended its Statement of Charges issued against trainer Bob Baffert to include a pair of positive tests for phenylbutazone that occurred in 2019 in California and a subsequent inspection of the trainer's barn in which it alleges that 25 improperly labeled medications were found.

NYRA's Statement of Charges now contains allegations that, over a 16-month period prior to the 2021 GI Kentucky Derby, six horses under Baffert's care violated rules and regulations in six separate races.

Having charged Baffert with engaging in conduct detrimental to the best interests of racing, NYRA has sought to temporarily ban the trainer from its tracks. A hearing on the matter is scheduled to begin Jan. 24. ***Cont. p3***

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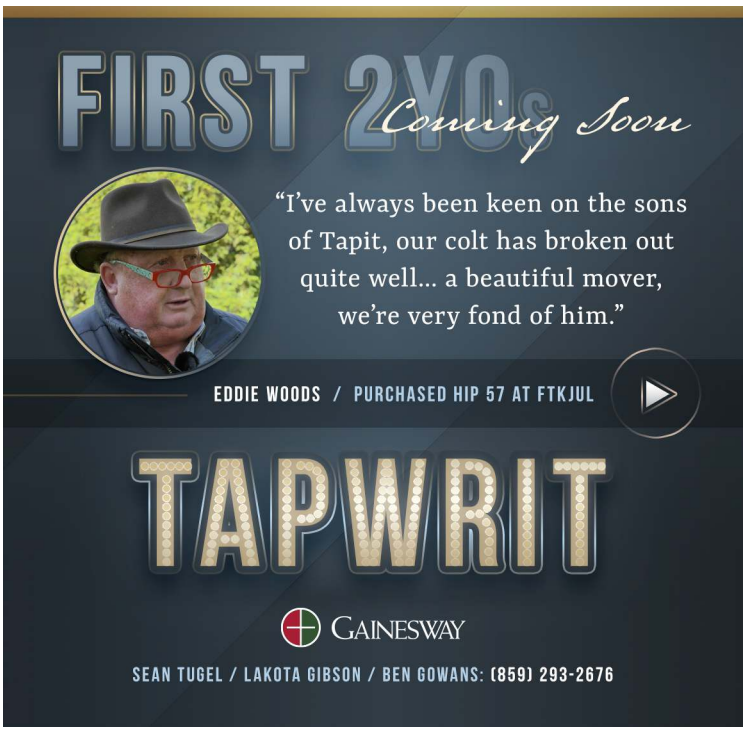

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On Monday, Vivien Malloy, owner of Edition Farm, and Najja Thompson, Executive Director of New York Thoroughbred Breeders, Inc., welcome a January 1 New York-bred Central Banker - Tanmawwy filly and celebrate the start of this year's foaling season. Click here to email photos of your 2022 foals for consideration in the TDN. Please include sire, dam, owner, and photographer's name. Click here to submit foaling news for your stakes-winning and stakes-producing mares. | Kathy Landman

GODOLPHIN, COX SET SEASON EARNINGS MARKS **4**
Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al Maktoum's Godolphin operation and trainer Brad Cox set single-season earnings records in 2021.

ROMBAUER RETIRED **6**
***Rombauer** (Twirling Candy--Cashmere, by Cowboy Cal), winner of last year's GI Preakness S., has been retired from racing.*

NYRA Amends Baffert Charges *(cont. from p1)*

Baffert has had numerous drug positives in recent years, including the finding that **Medina Spirit** (Protonico) had the substance betamethasone in his system when winning the 2021 GI Kentucky Derby.

After a July 27, 2019 race at Del Mar the gelding **Cruel Intention** (Smiling Tiger) tested positive for a bute overage and Baffert was fined $500. One week later, the Baffert-trained **Eclair** (Bernardini) also tested positive for bute and Baffert was fined $2,500.

While the two bute overages were not new news, the details of the barn inspection had not previously been made public. According to the Statement of Charges, Baffert's barn was inspected by the CHRB on or about Aug. 16, 2019 and the inspection "revealed that 25 medications were not properly labeled and there was no lock on the medication cabinet." NYRA also claims that Baffert told the CHRB that he did not know how the bute got into the horses' systems and said that he would be offering a reward to solve the case.

Bob Baffert | *Horsephotos*

Rick Arthur, who was the California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) equine medical director at the time of the violations, told the *TDN* that, while he couldn't remember specifics of the case, such barn inspections are "routine" after a post-race medication positive to "try to identify potential sources of the violation and advise trainers how to better manage their stables."

Arthur added that there is no regulatory requirement for drug cabinets to be locked, even though the board strongly encourages medications to be securely stored.

Furthermore, the proper labeling of medications is primarily the veterinarian's responsibility, Arthur said, and that a crucial question is: What were the mislabeled drugs?

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"If it's Gastrogard tubes out of the box," said Arthur, pointing to a commonly used ulcer medication, "it's a technical violation, and not a serious one at all. If it was serious, an official warning or complaint would have been filed against either the trainer or the dispensing veterinarian."

The amended charges also cite a rule change implemented by Churchill Downs in which no horses trained by Baffert are eligible to earn points for the Derby or the GI Kentucky Oaks and Baffert's claims that he would hire a veterinarian to ensure against future rule violations. The veterinarian, Dr. Michael Hore, was never hired.

In addition to conduct detrimental to the best interests of racing, NYRA is charging Baffert with conduct detrimental to the health and safety of horses and jockeys and conduct detrimental to NYRA business operations.

O. Peter Sherwood, a retired New York State Supreme Court Justice, will serve as hearing officer in the Baffert matter.

By deadline for this story, Baffert's attorney Craig Robertson had not returned a phone call seeking comment.

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GODOLPHIN, COX POST SINGLE-SEASON EARNINGS RECORDS

With 84 winners from 479 North American starts, Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al Maktoum's Godolphin LLC amassed earnings of $17,403,204 in 2021, to establish a new single-season record, according to statistics released Monday by Equibase Company LLC. The previous mark of $12.2 million was set in 2012 by Ken and Sarah Ramsey. Additionally, runners sent out by trainer Brad Cox earned a record $31,832,345 in 2021, narrowly surpassing the $31.1 million set in 2019 by trainer Chad Brown.

Leading the charge for Godolphin in 2021 was **'TDN Rising Star' Essential Quality** (Tapit), a leading contender for Eclipse Award honors with victories in the GI Belmont S. and GI Runhappy Travers S. en route to bankrolling $3,420,000 for the campaign. When factoring in earnings from the Saudi Cup meeting last February and Dubai World Cup night the following month, the stable's North American earnings topped $29.3 million, including **'Rising Star'** and G1 World Cup hero **Mystic Guide** (Ghostzapper) and **Rebel's Romance (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}), winner of the G2 UAE Derby.

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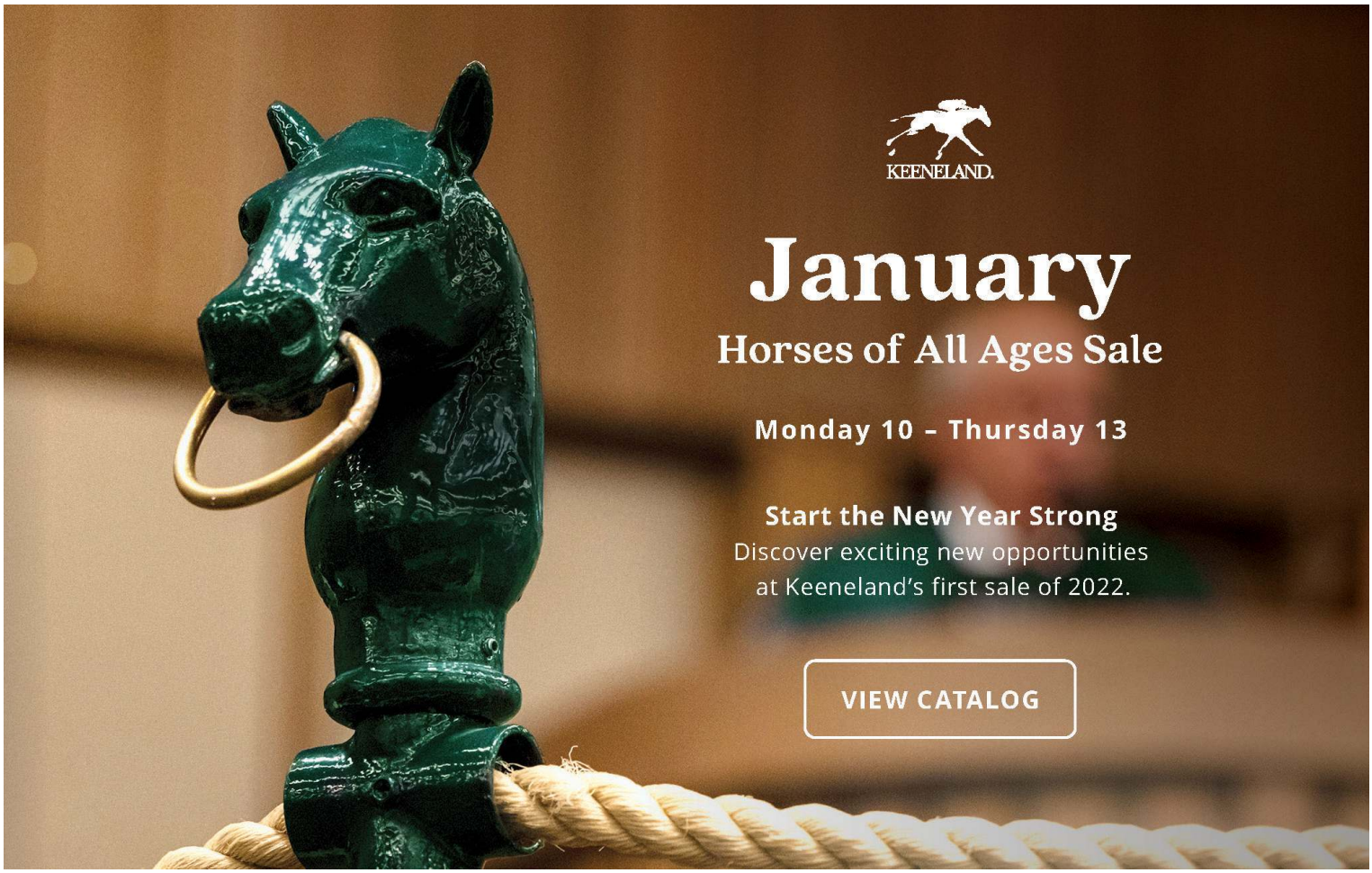

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The Godolphin blue was carried to victory in three races on Breeders' Cup weekend at Del Mar, highlighted by standout successes from **Yibir (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) in the GI Longines Breeders' Cup Turf and from **Space Blues (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}) in the GI FanDuel Breeders' Cup Mile. Godolphin raced 15 North American graded winners in 2021, a number that also includes GI Clark S. hero **Maxfield** (Street Sense) and **Althiqa (GB)** (Dark Angel {Ire}), victorious in the GI Just A Game S. at Belmont and the GI Diana S. at Saratoga.

Essential Quality (left) winning the Runhappy Travers | *Sarah Andrew*

Cox unsaddled the winners of 269 races from 1,025 starters in 2021, led by **Knicks Go** (Paynter), who capped a likely Horse of the Year campaign with a romping victory in the GI Longines Breeders' Cup Classic at Del Mar to go with the GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational and GI Whitney S. Adding in earnings from Saudi Arabia and Dubai, the Cox stable was represented by the winners of $33.3 million. Knicks Go was North America's highest-earning Thoroughbred for the year with seasonal earnings of $5,824,140.

Joel Rosario, the regular rider of Knicks Go, finished the season with 228 victories from 1,083 rides in 2021, good for earnings of $32,944,478, a number that soars to $35.4 million when adding in earnings from the Middle East.

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CLASSIC WINNER ROMBAUER RETIRED

Rombauer (Twirling Candy--Cashmere, by Cowboy Cal), who upset Midnight Bourbon (Tiznow) and GI Kentucky Derby first past the post Medina Spirit (Protonico) in last year's GI Preakness S., has been retired from racing, according to his owner John Fradkin, who bred and raced the colt in partnership with his wife, Diane.

Trained by Michael McCarthy, Rombauer was an eye-catching maiden winner at first asking over the Del Mar turf course and finished runner-up when trying dirt for the first time in the GI American Pharoah S. before a creditable fifth behind champion Essential Quality (Tapit) in the 2020 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile. He displayed further versatility in annexing the El Camino Real Derby on the Tapeta at Golden Gate in his sophomore debut last February and was third to Essential Quality in the GII Toyota Blue Grass S. in April ahead of his fast-finishing, 3 1/2-length success at Old Hilltop. He was last seen reporting home a distant third in the GI Belmont S.

Rombauer winning the Preakness | *Horsephotos*

Rombauer emerged from the Belmont with some filling in his ankles and had lightened up, prompting a layoff. He returned to serious training this past October and recorded five workouts, but was beginning to carry pressure in his ankles once again. On Dec. 31, the first day of training at Santa Anita following three days of heavy rain, Rombauer "took a bad step" when galloping and connections elected to stop on him.

"We are very disappointed," Fradkin said in an email. "We thought we were going to Dubai in March [for the G1 Dubai World Cup] and would make a good showing, and then we were hoping to run him in the [GI] Pacific Classic later in the year. We were also looking forward to trying him back on turf. I actually think turf was his best surface and he could have been one of the better turf horses in the country."

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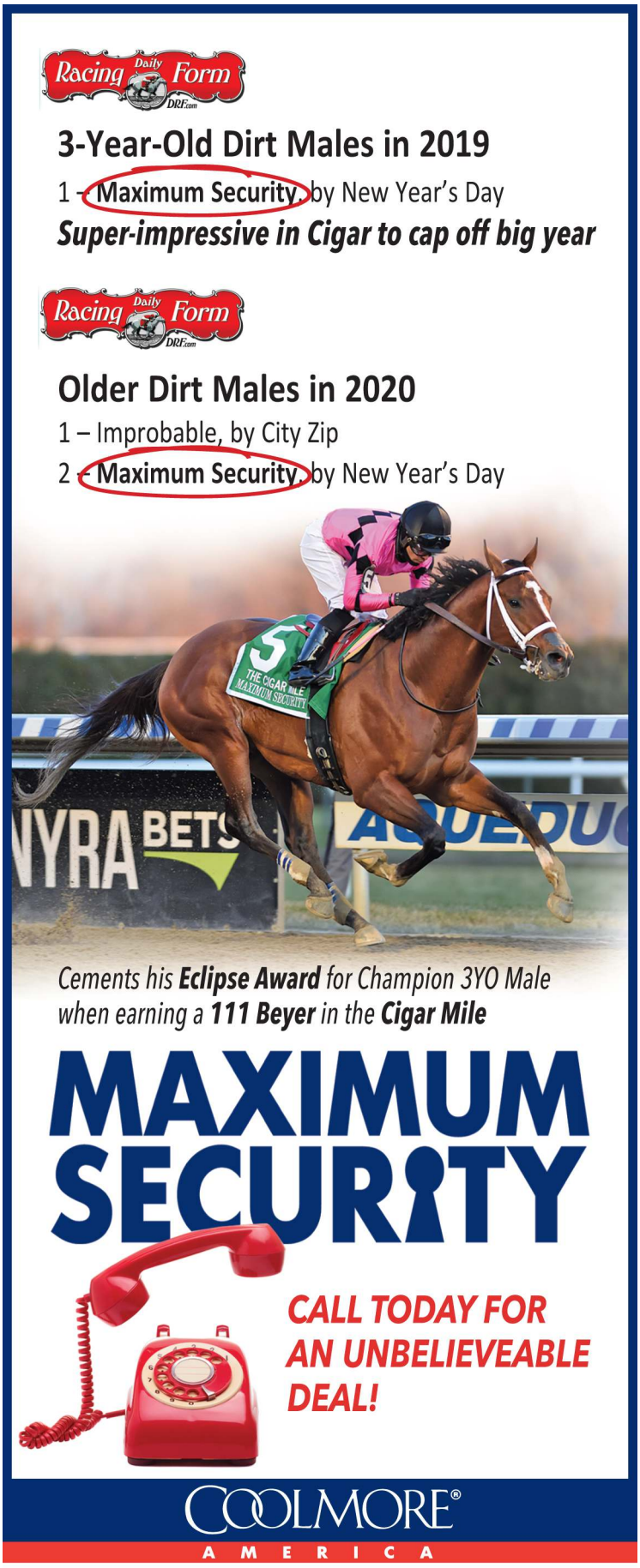

"That's the horseracing business for you," he continued. "The highs are very high and the lows are very low, and both the good news and the bad news often come as surprises. Winning the Preakness was of course a very high high, as I did not expect to win that day. This is a pretty big low, but it's not a tragic one."

One of seven Grade I winners for his sire, Rombauer is bred on the wildly successful cross of Candy Ride over Storm Cat-line mares responsible for the likes of Horse of the Year and top freshman sire Gun Runner, among others. A half-brother to SP Cono (Lucky Pulpit), Rombauer is out of a daughter of Ultrafleet (Afleet), purchased by Fradkin for $10,500 at Keeneland September in 1993 and who went on to produce MGSW Calfornia Flag (Avenue of Flags) as well as the tremendous MGSW producer Cambiocorsa (Avenue of Flags), dam of GSWs Moulin de Mougin (Curlin) and Schiaparelli (Ghostzapper); SW & GSP Bronson (Medaglia d'Oro); MSW Alexis Tangier (Tiznow); and GISP Vionnet (Street Sense), dam of the late MG1SW champion Roaring Lion (Kitten's Joy).

Rombauer retires with a record of 3-1-2 from eight starts and earnings of $1,040,500. No stud plans were immediately announced.

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PURSE INCREASE AT FAIR GROUNDS

Fair Grounds Race Course has announced a 15% across-the-board purse increase, effective with entries for the Jan. 13 card which will be drawn Jan. 6. Maiden special weight races at the New Orleans oval will be worth $52,000.

"We're extremely excited to announce a 15% increase to our daily purse structure," Fair Grounds' racing secretary Scott Jones said. "Based on the strong early handle returns and continued support from our owners and horsemen, we are in a position to raise purses."

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LENTENOR RELOCATED TO PENNSYLVANIA

Lentenor (Dynaformer--La Ville Rouge, by Carson City), a stakes-winning full-brother to GI Kentucky Derby winner Barbaro, has been purchased from Calumet Farm by Ryan Campbell's RisenStorm Company and will stand the 2022 season at Cabin Creek Farm in Bernville, Pennsylvania for a fee of $1,000 (stands and nurses).

The 15-year-old stallion, who previously stood in Indiana, is the sire of stakes-placed Uphold from 33 foals.

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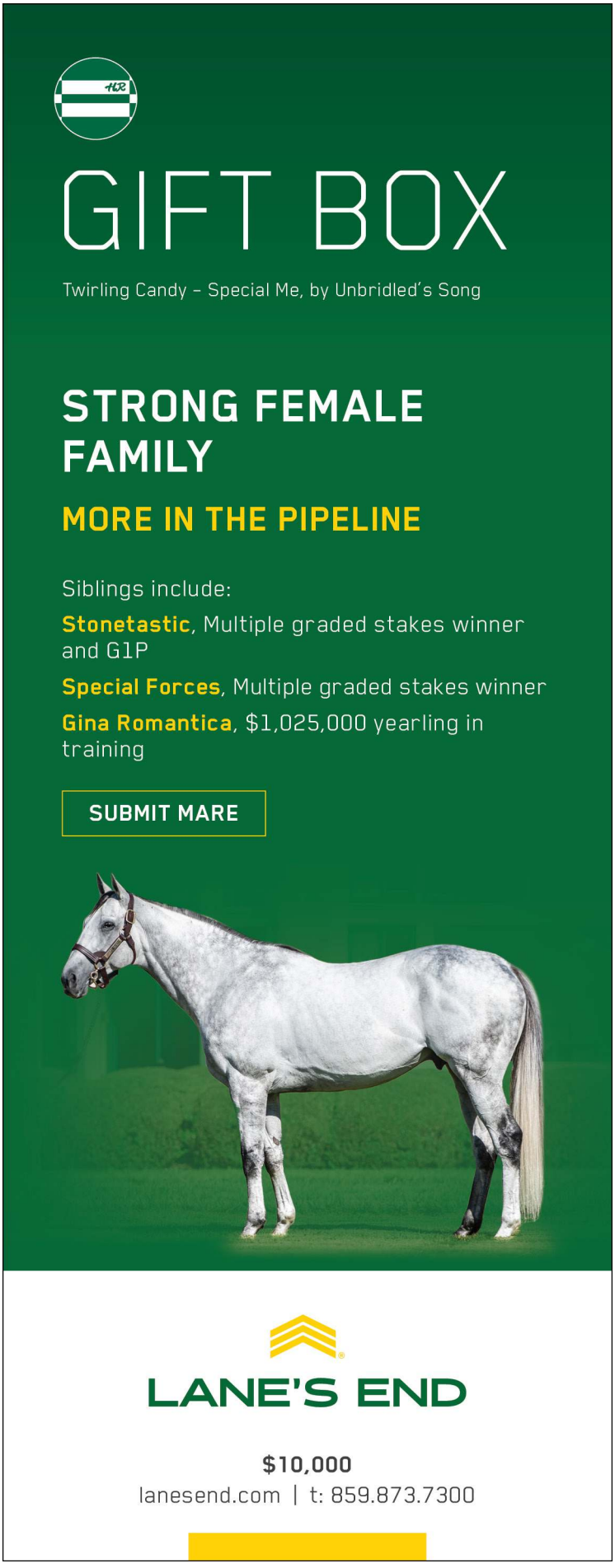

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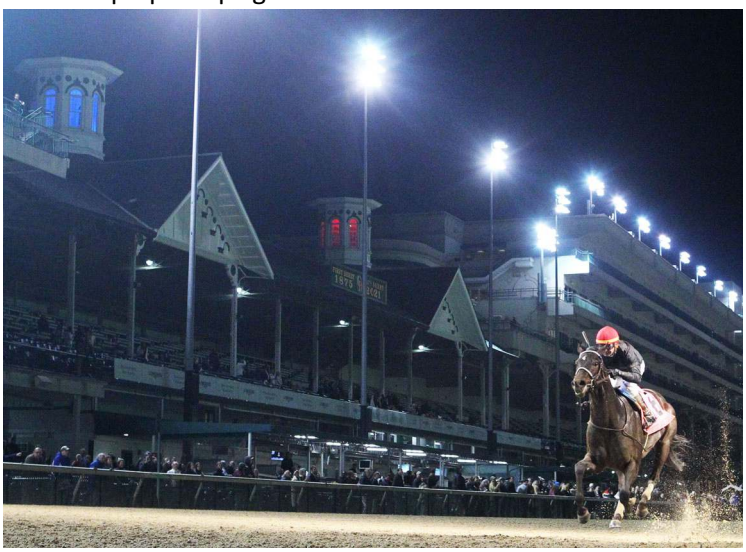
Pappacap's runner-up try at 15-1 in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile fused many of those attributes. He led briefly in the first few jumps, fought a rating hold through the first turn, settled onto the backstretch, then edged up to be jointly second 3 1/2 furlongs out. Asked for his best approaching the quarter pole, Pappacap was "on hold" in tight quarters for about six strides before shooting through a narrow gap and earnestly responding to rousing, but the lone-speed fave was beyond his catching at 1 1/16 miles.

He'll try the New Orleans route to Louisville, and if he wins the GIII Lecomte S., Pappacap will be the third winner of that stakes in the past four years for trainer Mark Casse (who took the '19 and '20 editions, but had no entrant last year).

2) SMILE HAPPY (c, Runhappy--Pleasant Smile, by Pleasant Tap) 'TDN Rising Star' O-Lucky Seven Stable. B-Moreau Bloodstock Int'l Inc. & White Bloodstock LLC (KY). T-Kenneth G. McPeek. Sales History: $175,000 wlg '19 KEENOV; $185,000 ylg '20 FTKSEL. Lifetime Record: GSW, 2-2-0-0, $284,810. Last Start: 1st GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. Next Start: Possible for GIII Southwest S., OP, Jan. 29. KY Derby Points: 10

Physically imposing '**TDN Rising Star**' Smile Happy produced the most visually arresting two-turn debut of any juvenile last season when he accelerated in hand three-eighths out in his Oct. 29 Keeneland unveiling, winning at will by 5 1/2 easy lengths. Perhaps the relatively low Beyer Speed Figure of 70 for that effort allowed this son of Runhappy ($175,000 KEENOV; $185,000 FTKSEL) to go off at generously overlaid 9-2 odds (third choice) in the GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. in start number two. But the 90 Beyer-earning, 3 1/2-length shellacking Smile Happy administered stamped him among the top of the crop. Although he's lightly raced, this colt has an edge over other contenders in terms of "swagger factor." A midpack fifth on the first turn at Churchill, Smile Happy got switched out to the four path on the far bend just off the flank of the primed-to-pounce favorite, then loped into his best stride 2 1/2 furlongs out to gain a menacing position fourth off the fence turning for home.

Smile Happy's response was both instant and impressive when set down for the drive in upper stretch, and there was a definite transfer of torque into another gear at the eighth pole that no one in that fairly talented field could match. After a Florida freshening and a Jan. 1 return to the Gulfstream work tab--a three-eighths breeze in :38.46 (12/17)--this colt is aiming for an Arkansas prep campaign.



Smile Happy | *Coady Photo*

3) CORNICHE (c, Quality Road--Wasted Tears, by Najran) 'TDN Rising Star' O-Speedway Stables LLC. B-Bart Evans & Stonehaven Steadings (KY). T-Bob Baffert. Sales History: $385,000 RNA ylg '20 KEESEP; $1,500,000 2yo '21 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: MGISW, 3-3-0-0, $1,262,000. Last Start: 1st GI TVG Breeders' Cup Juvenile presented by TAA. Next Start: Uncommitted. KY Derby Points: N/A

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Stonehaven steadings BRED AND RAISED THE LAND OF 5 CHAMPIONS

'**TDN Rising Star**' Corniche has never been headed in three front-running scores from as many starts, and the way this stylish son of Quality Road (who topped last year's OBS April sale) broke fluidly from the outermost post and was always in control through brisk splits in the Juvenile almost assuredly cemented his chances of being crowned 2-year-old champ.

But since the advent of the Breeders' Cup, winners of the Juvenile have accounted for only two Derby scores from 37 runnings (Nyquist in 2016 and Street Sense in 2007)--a daunting historical trend to overcome. As a counter to that stat, Corniche's pure-speed running style meshes well with the tactical profile of the previous six Derby winners, all of whom were either wire-to-wire winners or no worse than second at internal calls.

You can't talk about this dual Grade I victor's Derby chances without bringing up the subject of trainer Bob Baffert's banishment from Churchill Downs and the inability of his entrants to earn Derby qualifying points. But at this very early stage of the season, the Top 12 rankings will focus more on the contenders themselves while issues involving Baffert's status play out.

4) CLASSIC CAUSEWAY (c, Giant's Causeway--Private World, by Thunder Gulch) O/B-Kentucky West Racing LLC & Clarke M. Cooper Family Living Trust (KY). T-Brian A. Lynch. Lifetime Record: GISP, 3-1-1-1, $181,100. Last Start: 2nd GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. Next Start: Possible for GIII Holy Bull S., GP, Feb. 5. KY Derby Points: 6

MARGAUX FARM — Starting and Training Grad

You don't see too many 90-Beyer, 6 1/2-length wire jobs from 13-1 firsters at the Spa. But the burden of favoritism while hung out wide from post 13 at Keeneland next time out contributed to a forgivable regression to third when this colt ambitiously forged to the front in the short-stretch GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity S.

Trainer Brian Lynch then focused on trying to get this Giant's Causeway homebred to relax during his training. The strategy worked for the most part in the Kentucky Jockey Club S., when Classic Causeway broke running from post one, then conceded the lead to a trio of pacemakers after attaining good inside position. Jockey Joel Rosario repositioned this colt to the three path entering the final turn, and Classic Causeway was on the move with eventual winner Smile Happy when the contenders stacked up four across the track at the head of the lane. Classic Causeway couldn't match strides with a much-the-best winner that day, but the runner-up effort left an impression of room for positive progression into 2022. Classic Causeway will be pointed to the Gulfstream preps while based at Palm Meadows.

5) EMMANUEL (c, More Than Ready--Hard Cloth, by Hard Spun) 'TDN Rising Star' O-WinStar Farm LLC & Siena Farm LLC. B-Helen K. Groves Revocable Trust (KY). T-Todd A. Pletcher. Sales History: $350,000 ylg '20 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $31,800. Last Start: 1st Gulfstream MSW. Next Start: Uncommitted. KY Derby Points: 0

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Emmanuel forced the issue from the one hole going a one-turn mile in his Dec. 11 debut, and the way this brawny son of More Than Ready effortlessly accelerated away at the half-mile pole after posting legit splits suggests the $350,000 KEESEP colt is going to be problematic for any Derby aspirant who dares to engage him on the front end over a Gulfstream surface he so obviously relishes. Favored at 7-5 and crowned a **'TDN Rising Star'** in the process of that MSW smackdown, he earned a 78 Beyer that could have been higher had he not been geared down late.

"We've had a lot of More Than Readys over the years, and this is a bigger, scopier colt than a lot of them," trainer Todd Pletcher said. "He kind of reminds me of a Verrazano type--a big, physical, strong imposing colt."

Emmanuel | *Ryan Thompson*

6) GIANT GAME (Giant's Causeway--Game For More, More Than Ready) O-West Point Thoroughbreds & Albaugh Family Stables LLC. B-H. Allen Poindexter (KY). T-Dale L. Romans. Sales History: $500,000 ylg '20 FTKSEL. Lifetime Record: GISP, 3-1-0-2, $242,400. Last Start: 3rd GI TVG Breeders' Cup Juvenile presented by TAA. Next Start: Aiming for a to-be-determined Florida stakes. KY Derby Points: 4

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Giant Game took over three-eighths out to win career start number two, a slow-paced, first-wire-finish route at Keeneland, and that Oct. 9 MSW has subsequently yielded three next-out winners and two well-bet runners-up. His entry into the Breeders' Cup Juvenile four weeks later was a big ask, yet it resulted in a very credible third at 21-1 odds. This $500,000 FTKSEL colt was cued to quicken out of the gate, and jockey Joe Talamo picked a ground-saving spot behind the slightly rank Pappacap. Tipped out to the three path, Giant Game loomed 3 1/2 lengths off favored frontrunner Corniche, then quickened cadence on his own accord while needing only light encouragement to briefly seize second turning for home, widest of the front five. He dug in as well as he could and never packed it in, but while Corniche expanded his winning margin, Pappacap clearly outkicked Giant Game for the place.

After a bit of a break, this well-balanced, athletic colt has recently posted two Gulfstream half-mile breezes in prep for a to-be-determined Florida stakes start.

7) JACK CHRISTOPHER (c, Munnings--Rushin No Blushin, by Half Ours) 'TDN Rising Star' O-Jim Bakke, Gerald Isbister, Coolmore Stud & Peter M. Brant. B-Castleton Lyons & Kilboy Estate (KY). T-Chad C. Brown. Sales History: $145,000 RNA ylg '20 FTKSEL; $135,000 ylg '20 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: GISW, 2-2-0-0, $330,000. Last Start: 1st GI Champagne S. Next Start: Uncommitted. KY Derby Points: 10

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'TDN Rising Star' Jack Christopher had been the 9-5 favorite on the morning line for the Juvenile when he was forced to scratch the day before that championship race with what trainer Chad Brown described at the time as a "callous on his shin that [Breeders' Cup veterinarians] were uncomfortable with." A subsequent bone scan revealed a stress fracture, and in mid-November this Munnings colt had a screw surgically inserted to help it heal.

Expectations had been high going into the Juvenile based on an 8 1/2-length blowout debut when favored on the Travers undercard (92 Beyer), and in the one-turn-mile GI Champagne S., Jack Christopher relentlessly engaged the pacemaker on the far turn to earn a 102 Beyer under strong urging. When Jack Christopher's big white blaze eventually graces the work tab in Florida, he'll be the most closely scrutinized sophomore comebacker in the country.

Jack Christopher | *Sarah Andrew*

8) COSTA TERRA (c, Gun Runner--Teardrop, by Tapit)
O/B-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC (KY). T-Steven M. Asmussen. Lifetime Record: SP, 3-1-0-1, $57,900. Last Start: 5th GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity. Next Start: Uncommitted. KY Derby Points: 0

Costa Terra is flying under the radar coming off a subpar fifth when last seen in the Breeders' Futurity S. in October. But this homebred for Winchell Thoroughbreds caught the eye with enough gusto in his first two races at Ellis Park to merit consideration as a plucky fighter who has the pedigree (by Gun Runner out of a Tapit mare) to adapt to longer distances.

Costa Terra's July 1 debut in the slop was remarkable for the huge gap he closed in a five-furlong sprint, in which he looked surely beaten from the quarter pole until the final jump. He was third next, beaten half a length, despite a momentum stall on the turn and running up on heels late in the Ellis Juvenile S. before galloping out like he wanted more.

Stretched around two turns at Keeneland, Costa Terra's running line suggests he was a no-impact threat from well back. But he likely got a decent learning experience out of his four-wide journey into the first turn from post 11 before making mild progress on the far bend. He then got a two-month freshening and now has built up a work log of five steady breezes at Fair Grounds.

9) NEWGRANGE (c, Violence--Bella Chianti, by Empire Maker)
O-Golconda Stable, Madaket Stables LLC, SF Racing LLC, Siena Farm LLC, Starlight Racing, Stonestreet Stables, LLC, Waves Edge Capital LLC, Catherine Donovan, Robert E. Masterson & Jay A. Schoenfarber. B-Jack Mandato & Black Rock Thoroughbreds (KY). T-Bob Baffert. Sales History: $125,000 yrl '20 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSW, 2-2-0-0, $102,000. Last Star: 1st GIII Sham S. Next Start: Uncommitted. KY Derby Points: N/A

MATING BY SALLUSTO & ALBINA
Sold by Brookdale

With a 2 3/4-length win in Saturday's GIII Sham S., this Baffert trainee is two-for-two without having yet been unleashed to his full potential. This $125,000 KEESEP colt by Violence controlled an even-tempoed mile en route to an 88 Beyer (eight points better than his winning six-furlong debut). But the major visual takeaway was how effortlessly Newgrange opened up on his favored stablemate, Rockefeller (Medaglia d'Oro), three-eighths from home while Rockefeller was ridden with greater urgency. "There was one speed, the other Bob Baffert horse, and I'm pretty sure he didn't want them in a head-and-head," jockey John Velazquez said. "He told me to put my horse on the lead. Once my horse got to the lead he waited. I took a little hold of him [and] by the time we got to the backside I kind of let him do his own thing. I let him get in a comfortable rhythm. After that it was pretty easy. He's so green...I had to give him a little reminder to keep his mind on running. And his gallop-out was pretty good, so it still seems like he's learning."

10) MO DONEGAL (c, Uncle Mo--Callingmissbrown, by Pulpit)
O-Donegal Racing. B-Ashview Farm & Colts Neck Stables (KY). T-Todd A. Pletcher. Sales History: $250,000 ylg '20 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSW, 3-2-0-1, $197,800. Last Start: 1st GII Remsen S. Next Start: Uncommitted. KY Derby Points: 10

Lost amid all the talk about the controversial non-DQ in the stretch run of the GII Remsen S. is the fact that Mo Donegal and Zandon (Upstart) engaged in a rousing fight from the eighth pole home that will hopefully result in a rematch of rivals. Both were stepping up off maiden wins and trying two turns for the first time, and they crossed the wire separated by only a nose with Mo Donegal in front while 9 3/4 lengths clear of the outclassed stragglers. This $250,000 KEESEP colt earned style points for how he skimmed across the heels of the four frontrunners to escape traffic at the top of the lane before grinding down Zandon while applying relentless outside pressure (described as an "attempt to intimidate" by the Equibase chart caller). The two bumped and brushed approaching the wire (final eighth in :12.33) and co-earned 89 Beyers in the only nine-furlong Derby prep for late-season 2-year-olds.

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Mo Donegal (outside) and Zandon battle in the Remsen
Chelsea Durand

11) ZANDON (c, Upstart--Memories Prevail, by Creative Cause)
O-Jeff Drown. B-Brereton C. Jones (KY). T-Chad C. Brown. Sales History: $170,000 ylg '20 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSP, 2-1-1-0, $99,500. Last Start: 2nd GII Remsen S. Next Start: Uncommitted. KY Derby Points: 4

Another Travis Durr Graduate from Webb Carroll Training Center

As described above, this $170,000 KEESEP colt by Upstart turned in a big Remsen effort when second on the stretch-out from a six-furlong MSW score. He's a sizable good-looker with a nearly black coat, and he enjoyed a clean stalking trip behind a dawdling pace to get second run on two tiring longshots. After splitting horses with authority in upper stretch, this colt braced for the final-furlong confrontation with the eventual winner. And although the onrushing Mo Donegal had built better momentum, Zandon was not intimidated by being hemmed in tight at the fence, and in fact seemed emboldened by the confrontation. Mo Donegal won it by a nose, but Zandon got his head down in front just after the finish, galloping out slightly stronger and longer than his rival.

12) MAJOR GENERAL (c, Constitution--No Mo Lemons, by Uncle Mo) O-WinStar Farm LLC & Siena Farm LLC. B-Circular Road Breeders (KY). T-Todd A. Pletcher. Sales History: $265,000 ylg '20 KEEJAN; $420,000 ylg '20 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSW, 2-2-0-0, $232,525. Last Start: 1st GIII Iroquois S. Next Start: Uncommitted. KY Derby Points: 10

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The two-for-two Major General won the very first qualifying points race for the '22 Derby, the Sept. 18 GIII Iroquois S. at Churchill, but soon after was shelved for what was announced in October as a 60-day break. The winning effort by this Constitution colt stood out considering he overcame a bobble at the break and some momentum loss through the first turn. Major General then uncoiled with a big move 3 1/2 furlongs out and bumped two times with the favorite in upper stretch. The roughhousing did not dissuade this colt, and he still had enough power left late to fend off an onrushing closer to win by a neck.

On the Bubble (in alphabetical order):

Epicenter (Not This Time): Sparred with the speed then drew off without facing a serious stretch challenge in the 87-Beyer Gun Runner S. at Fair Grounds Dec. 26. Lecomte looms as next start for this Steve Asmussen trainee.

Rattle N Roll (Connect): McPeek-trained winner of the Breeders' Futurity S. at Keeneland missed the Breeders' Cup with a foot abscess. Galloping at Gulfstream, but yet to post a published work.

Slow Down Andy (Nyquist): Won five-entrant GII Los Alamitos Futurity while lugging in with head cocked to grandstand through stretch. Trainer Doug O'Neill considering blinkers for next start, which could come at Oaklawn in the Southwest S.

Tiz the Bomb (Hit It a Bomb): Grade II grass winner at Keeneland and runner-up in GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf was going to try a dirt transition for trainer McPeek in the Kentucky Jockey Club S. in late November, but a left front foot infection scuttled that start. Posted first published breeze since then Jan. 1 at Gulfstream.

White Abarrio (Race Day): Stalked and kicked late to achieve third in the Kentucky Jockey Club S. for trainer Saffie Joseph Jr. Now aiming for the Holy Bull S. at Gulfstream, where this gray is two-for-two.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

You've all heard this song before, I'm sure, but humor me. I was co-owner of a horse who was running at Turfway Park last week. So I sent the requisite information to the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission to get licensed in the state before the horse ran Dec. 31. In speaking with a woman in the office, I was asked if I wanted to get a one-year or two-year license. Since I don't often run horses, I decided on the shorter option only to be told my “one-year” license would only be good for the one remaining day of 2021. So my choices were to pay for a one-year license that would be good for one day or pay for a two-year license I don't need. I politely pointed out to the woman that this made very little sense and she agreed with me, but told me there was nothing she could do. I know we have plenty of problems in our industry--and this probably isn't near the top of the list--but if we can't get stuff like this right, how can we possibly handle the big stuff?

Steve Venosa, SGV Thoroughbreds

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THOROUGHBRED MAKEOVER APPLICATIONS OPEN

Thoroughbred Charities of America is now accepting applications for the 2022 Thoroughbred Makeover and National Symposium. Applications will be accepted through the close of business Jan. 21 and accepted trainers will be announced by Feb. 15. The 2022 Thoroughbred Makeover Rulebook outlines all rules and information relevant to the competition, with changes for 2022 marked in red and clarifying information marked in blue. Interested applicants can start the process now by clicking on the Trainer Portal at tbmakeover.org.

The Thoroughbred Makeover features competition in 10 disciplines for recently retired Thoroughbreds in their first year of retraining for a career after racing.

Horses and their trainers may compete in one or two disciplines of their choice, including Barrel Racing, Competitive Trail, Dressage, Eventing, Field Hunter, Polo, Ranch Work, Show Hunter, Show Jumper, and Freestyle (a freeform discipline showcasing skills of the trainer's choosing).

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SIRES WITH NEW SWs/GSWs

FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JANUARY 2, 2022
NORTH AMERICAN-BASED STALLIONS

Sire (Sire's Sire)	#SWs	#GSWs
Candy Ride (Arg) (Ride the Rails)	*99*	*50*
(Chewing Gum--GII Joe Hernandez S.)		
STANDING AT LANE'S END • CLICK HERE FOR MORE		
NOMINATE A MARE • EMAIL CHRIS KNEHR		
Competitive Edge (Super Saver)	*8*	2
(Competitive Idea--KLAQ H.)		
Gormley (Malibu Moon)	*2*	1
(Bron and Brow--Louisiana Futurity)		
Honor Code (A.P. Indy)	*8*	3
(Dance Code--Parx Juvenile S.)		
STANDING AT LANE'S END • CLICK HERE FOR MORE		
NOMINATE A MARE • EMAIL CHRIS KNEHR		
Kitten's Joy (El Prado {Ire})	*107*	*52*
(Luck--GIII Robert J. Frankel S.)		
Medaglia d'Oro (El Prado {Ire})	*130*	68
(Grand Sonata--Dania Beach S.)		
Mr. Gold Mover (Mr. Greeley)	*3*	---
(Lemon Drop Gold--NM State Racing Commission H.)		
Munnings (Speightstown)	*56*	23
(Dash Attack--Smarty Jones S.;		
Sir Alfred James--Holiday Cheer S.)		
STANDING AT ASHFORD STUD • CLICK HERE FOR MORE		
NOMINATE A MARE • EMAIL CHARLIE O'CONNOR		
Not This Time (Giant's Causeway)	*17*	3
(Simplification--Mucho Macho Man S.)		
STANDING AT TAYLOR MADE STALLIONS • CLICK HERE FOR MORE		
NOMINATE A MARE • EMAIL TRAVIS WHITE		
Practical Joke (Into Mischief)	*6*	1
(Stand Up Comic--Parx Futurity)		
STANDING AT ASHFORD STUD • CLICK HERE FOR MORE		
NOMINATE A MARE • EMAIL CHARLIE O'CONNOR		
Smarty Jones (Elusive Quality)	*27*	10
(Dreams Untold--Blitzen S.)		
Tapit (Pulpit)	*150*	94
(Courvoisier--Jerome S.)		
Upstart (Flatter)	*6*	1
(Kathleen O.--Cash Run S.)		
Violence (Medaglia d'Oro)	*25*	*7*
(Newgrange--GIII Sham S.)		

Italics indicate new activity, statistics include results for Northern Hemisphere-sired foals only. Want to promote your stallion? Email suefinley@thoroughbreddailynews.com.

Dash Attack was one of a pair of new black-type winners over the holiday weekend for Coolmore's Munnings | *Coady*

Seeing RED? Click on a stallion's name to learn more about them on their page on the farm's website.

FIRST & SECOND-CROP RUNNERS

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

2021 Stud Fees Listed

Mosler (War Front), Country Life Farm
138 foals of racing age/39 winners/2 black-type winners
5-Penn National, 7:49 p.m. EST, Alw 6f, Leave 'Em Loaded, 10-1

Mshawish (Medaglia d'Oro), Taylor Made Farm
180 foals of racing age/55 winners/3 black-type winners
8-Parx Racing, 3:19 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Johnny Swish, 8-1
$25,000 EAS OCT yrl; $32,000 RNA OBS OPN 2yo; $25,000 EAS DEC 3yo

Protonico (Giant's Causeway), Castleton Lyons
66 foals of racing age/9 winners/1 black-type winner
1-Penn National, 6:00 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Nazareno, 10-1

AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ABROAD

IN PANAMA:

Siciliana, f, 4, **Cairo Prince**--Lucky Striker, by Van Nistelrooy. Presidente Remon, 1-1, Clasico Ano Nuevo, 1800m. B-De Sousa Stable LLC (KY). *1/2 to A Capella (Corinthian), Ch. Imp. 2yo & 3yo Filly & MSW-Pan; and Lucky Boss (Street Boss), SP. **$7,500 Ylg '19 KEESEP. **VIDEO (SC 1A)**

Hidden Brook Foaled, Raised & Sold

WINNERS BY U.S. SIRES

IN CHILE:

Gamberetti (Chi), c, 3, **Lookin At Lucky**--Gran Garota (Arg), by Easing Along. Valparaiso, 1-2, Copa Juan S. Jackson-G2, 1900mT. B-Haras Don Alberto. *1ST STAKES WIN. 1ST GROUP WIN. **MG1SP-Chi. **VIDEO (SC 5)**

U.S.-BRED/SIRED RUNNERS IN JAPAN

In this continuing series, Alan Carasso takes a look ahead at US-bred and/or conceived runners entered for the upcoming weekend at the tracks on the Japan Racing Association circuit, with a focus on pedigree and/or performance in the sales ring. Here are the horses of interest for Wednesday's first JRA meetings of 2022 at Chukyo and Nakayama Racecourses:

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

4th-NKY, ¥11,400,000 *($99k)*, Newcomers, 3yo, 1800m

WONDERFUL HEAVEN (f, 3, Hard Spun--Couture Cat, by Storm Cat), a half-sister to SP High Fashion Diva (Girolamo), is out of a winning daughter of GSW & MGISP Runway Model (Petionville), the dam of four-time Grade I winner, **'TDN Rising Star'** and current Gainesway stallion McKinzie (Street Sense). A $52K purchase at Keeneland November in 2019, the late January foal matured into a $180K KEESEP yearling the following fall. Wonderful Heaven is bred on the same Hard Spun cross over Storm Cat responsible for MGISW Hard Not to Like. *B-Kenneth & Sarah Ramsey (KY)*

12th-CKO, ¥21,110,000 *($183k)*, Allowance, 4yo/up, 1400m

LEMON POP (c, 4, Lemon Drop Kid--Unreachable, by Giant's Causeway) won the first two starts of his career, including the Cattleya S. (allowance) in November 2020, and most recently returned from a 13-month layoff to finish a strong second going this distance at Hanshin Dec. 12. A $70K KEENOV acquisition by Paca Paca Farm on behalf of Godolphin in 2018, the chestnut is a maternal grandson of MGSW Harpia (Danzig), a full-sister to the legendary Danehill as well as MGSW Eagle Eyed and GSW Shibboleth. *B-Mr & Mrs Oliver S Tait (KY)*

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-Parx Racing, $49,350, 1-3, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:44.29, gd, 2 3/4 lengths.
TEXAS SWING (h, 5, Curlin--Derby Eve, by Tiznow) Lifetime Record: GSP, 9-4-0-1, $141,880. O-Harrell Ventures, LLC; B-Susan Casner (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher. *$275,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP.

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7th-Fair Grounds, $47,000, (S), 1-3, (NW3L), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:45.51, ft, 7 1/4 lengths.
SPIRITED BEAUTY (f, 4, Star Guitar--Sunday's Child {SW, $141,370}, by Any Given Saturday) Lifetime Record: SP, 9-3-3-0, $107,020. O-Brittlyn Stable, Inc.; B-Brittlyn, Inc. (LA); T-Jose M. Camejo.

9th-Golden Gate Fields, $40,434, 1-2, 4yo/up, 1m (AWT), 1:37.14, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.
(DH) FREEPORT JOE (g, 5, English Channel--Winds of March {Ire}, by Sadler's Wells) Lifetime Record: GSW, 13-5-1-4, $160,196. O-Larry Odbert; B-Richard Barton Enterprises (CA); T-Gloria Haley. *$2,000 Ylg '18 NCAAUG.
(DH) NAVY ARMED GUARD (g, 7, Midshipman--Black Java {SP, $117,145}, by Pine Bluff) Lifetime Record: SW, 32-9-5-7, $276,736. O-Boardshorts Stables, LLC; B-George Pruette & Philip Coomer (KY); T-Quinn Howey. *$47,000 2yo '17 OBSAPR; $60,000 5yo '20 FTKHRA. **1/2 to Discreet Angel (Discreet Cat), Ch. 3-year-old Colt-PR, Ch. 2-year-old Colt-PR, MSW-PR, $255,918.

**10th-Golden Gate Fields, $34,846,** 1-2, (NW1$X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m (AWT), 1:38.36, ft, head.
SCHERZO (GB) (m, 5, Golden Horn {GB}--Labise {Ire}, by Azamour {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 19-3-4-2, $81,807. O-Ronald L. Charles & Samuel Gordon; B-Stetchworth & Middle Park Studs Ltd (GB); T-Manuel Badilla. *32,000gns 3yo '20 TATTJU.

2nd-Turf Paradise, $28,000, (C)/Opt. Clm ($20,000-$25,000), 1-3, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:15.83, ft, 3/4 length.
SINGLE LADY (f, 4, Shanghai Bobby--Latitude Forty {MSW, $298,014}, by Chester House) Lifetime Record: 9-3-2-2, $75,383. O-Crossed Sabres Farm LLC; B-Carolyn R Vogel (KY); T-Marcus J. Vitali. *$45,000 RNA Ylg '19 FTKOCT; $15,000 2yo '20 EASMAY.

6th-Turf Paradise, $26,600, (C)/Opt. Clm ($15,000-$20,000), 1-3, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:16.06, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.
DOODLE TIME (g, 5, Uncle Mo--But for Money, by Not For Love) Lifetime Record: 19-2-3-9, $70,445. O-Stable H. M. A.; B-Ramspring Farm (KY); T-Miguel L. Hernandez. *$175,000 Wlg '17 KEENOV; $225,000 RNA Ylg '18 KEESEP; $160,000 Ylg '18 FTKOCT. **1/2 to Eskenformoney (Eskendereya), MGSW & MGISP, $757,616.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Burano, f, 3, **Uncle Lino**--Catsuit (SP), by Sir Cat. Parx Racing, 1-3, (S), 1m, 1:44.35. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-1, $73,668. B-SMD Ltd. (PA). *1/2 to Leader of the Band (Bandbox), GSW, $308,840; Authoritative (Pollard's Vision), MSP, $208,183; and Ill Conceived (Spanish Steps), MSP, $160,332.

Carmel Crush, g, 4, **California Chrome**--Journey On (GSP, $259,878), by Good Journey. Fair Grounds, 1-3, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:44.08. Lifetime Record: 6-1-3-1, $82,760. B-KatieRich Farms (KY). *$50,000 Ylg '19 FTKOCT.

TEN STRIKE RACING
BSW/CROW Yearling Purchase

Aunt Joie, f, 4, **Jersey Town**--Gold Club, by Majestic Warrior. Fair Grounds, 1-3, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:04.63. Lifetime Record: 12-1-2-0, $44,310. B-Brandywine Farm (Jim & Pam Robinson) (KY). *$11,000 Ylg '19 FTKOCT.

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California Chrome, Carmel Crush, g, 4, o/o Journey On, by Good Journey. MSW, 1-3, Fair Grounds

Curlin, Texas Swing, h, 5, o/o Derby Eve, by Tiznow. ALW, 1-3, Parx Racing

Golden Horn (GB), Scherzo (GB), m, 5, o/o Labise (Ire), by Azamour (Ire). ALW, 1-2, Golden Gate

Jersey Town, Aunt Joie, f, 4, o/o Gold Club, by Majestic Warrior. MSW, 1-3, Fair Grounds

Shanghai Bobby, Single Lady, f, 4, o/o Latitude Forty, by Chester House. AOC, 1-3, Turf Paradise

Star Guitar, Spirited Beauty, f, 4, o/o Sunday's Child, by Any Given Saturday. ALW, 1-3, Fair Grounds

Uncle Lino, Burano, f, 3, o/o Catsuit, by Sir Cat. MSW, 1-3, Parx Racing

Uncle Mo, Doodle Time, g, 5, o/o But for Money, by Not For Love. AOC, 1-3, Turf Paradise

Monday Cancellations
MAHONING VALLEY

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Online Season Auction

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 5, 9 A.M. – FRIDAY, Jan. 7, 4:30 P.M. EST

'Tis the Seasons Celebration featuring select seasons

SUNDAY, Jan. 9 • GRAND RESERVE, LEXINGTON, KY.

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ARIZONA
Distorted Reality

CALIFORNIA
Danzing Candy
Graydar
Sir Prancealot
Stanford
Stay Thirsty
Straight Fire
Unusual Heatwave
Winning Cause

CANADA
Point of Entry
Reload

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Gone Astray
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Tom's d'Etat
Tonalist
Tourist
True Timber
Unified
Union Rags
Upstart
Vino Rosso
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VALUE SIRES PART IV: FIRST JUVENILES

Cracksman is the pick for Value Sires with first runners | *Amy Lynam*

By Kelsey Riley

In this week's installment of Value Sires, we arrive at the young pretenders on the cusp of a moment of reckoning. We dissected their credentials when they retired to stud, analysed the early returns of their first foals and watched in earnest how the market perceived their yearlings. Now, the true test is upon them; in a few short months, they will begin to reshuffle their ranks by the only measure that really matters: progeny racetrack performance.

The most fascinating aspect of this sire crop as a whole thus far has been that the top four by weanling and yearling averages are all by sires who stand outside of Europe: **Saxon Warrior (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}), **Zoustar (Aus)** (Northern Meteor {Aus}), **Roaring Lion** (Kitten's Joy) and **US Navy Flag** (War Front).

Saxon Warrior was the result of Coolmore sending its G1 Moyglare Stud S. winner Maybe (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) to Hokkaido for two dates with Japan's perennial champion sire Deep Impact (Jpn), of which he was the second foal. Saxon Warrior was unbeaten in three starts at two, including the G2 Beresford S. and the G1 Racing Post Trophy over Roaring Lion, and he rolled right into the G1 2000 Guineas the following spring, posting a 1 1/2-length victory. Saxon Warrior wouldn't win again but wasn't disgraced either, placing in the G1 Irish Derby, G1 Coral-Eclipse and G1 Irish Champion S. before retiring with an official rating of 121. **Cont. p2**

JOHNSTONS OFF THE MARK WITH GOLDEN SANDS

Golden Sands (Ire) (Footstepsinthesand {GB}) became the first winner co-trained by Charlie and Mark Johnston over the all-weather at Wolverhampton on Monday. It was their second day under their new dual licence. The elder Johnston had 4,874 winners on his own–the highest in UK racing history. Winless with a pair of runners at Newcastle on Sunday, the Johnstons had to settle for second with their first runner on Monday, **Achnamara (GB)** (Kodiac {GB}). Golden Sands, who was the 9-4 favourite in the 1700-metre Play Coral Racing-Super-Series For Free H., made all of the running to win by 2 3/4 lengths.

"It's certainly one for the statisticians," Charlie Johnston told *Sky Sports Racing*. "It's a big change but at the same time nothing has changed at all--but it's great to get it on the board after having gone close in the race before." **Cont. p5**

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Saxon Warrior was leading first-crop sire by average at the 2020 foal sales and last year's yearling sales; his 17 foals sold in 2020 averaged €110,617/£94,098, while his 55 yearlings sold last year averaged €136,937/£116,489–excellent returns for an initial €27,500 stud fee. Deep Impact, as potent as he himself was, hasn't yet set the world alight as a sire of sires, though he has a few excellent colts who will still get their chances. Saxon Warrior stays at €20,000 for the second straight year at Coolmore.

While the global bloodstock world has become very smitten with Deep Impact, Northern Meteor–a grandson of Sadler's Wells's full-brother Fairy King--is a lesser-known quantity. That will change, however, should Zoustar's first Northern Hemisphere crop transfer their potency in the sales ring onto the racecourse: he was second-leading sire by average at the yearling sales, edging his late, former Tweenhills stud barn companion Roaring Lion at €90,088/£76,616 for horses bred on a £25,000 opening fee. Zoustar is, of course, not an unproven sire at all, already holding multiple titles in Australia, and it was in the midst of his early heydays there that the fee for his second season in Britain actually increased to £30,000. He is now back to £25,000.

Saxon Warrior | *Coolmore*

US Navy Flag's credentials are hard to fault, being a champion 2- and 3-year-old out of a multiple Group 1 and Classic winner at two and three who is a full-sister to a Classic winner. US Navy Flag ran 11 times at two and was the first horse to complete the Middle Park/Dewhurst double since Diesis (GB) in 1982. And, he trained on to win the G1 July Cup at three. US Navy Flag started at €25,000 at Coolmore and is a very enticing proposition down to €12,500 this year. He had 42 yearlings sell at the sales last year for an average of €71,869/£61,142. **Cont. p3**

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AUSTRALIAN SUCCESS FOR LNJ FOXWOODS

Lighthouse (Mizzen Mast) gave LNJ Foxwoods a listed win at Flemington on Saturday. **Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Aus/NZ.**

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Another tough 2-year-old in this sire crop from Coolmore is **Sioux Nation**, and he looks to become the next son of Scat Daddy to make an impact at stud. He won the G2 Norfolk S. and G1 Phoenix S. in seven starts at two and was a Group 3 winner and Group 1 placed at three. Sioux Nation is available for €10,000 this year.

Darley likewise offers a multiple Group 1-winning sprinter in this cohort: the Cartier champion **Harry Angel (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}), who stands at Dalham Hall Stud for £12,500, down from an initial £20,000. From the red hot Dark Angel/Acclamation sireline, Harry Angel won the G2 Mill Reef S. in his second start at two and trained on to add the G1 July Cup and G1 Sprint Cup at three and the G2 Duke Of York S. at four. His 48 yearlings sold last year averaged €58,649/£49,883. Also under the Darley banner at Haras du Logis in Normandy is **Cloth Of Stars (Ire)** (Sea The Stars {Ire}), a beautifully bred Group 1 winner who was the first colt home in the 2017 and 2018 Arcs. He too, looks good value at €7,000, his first yearlings having averaged €45,149/£38,397 off his initial €7,500 fee. Shadwell's multiple group-winning and Group 1-placed sprinter **Tasleet (GB)** (Showcasing {GB}) is available for £5,000 this year, as is Tweenhills's G1 Sussex S. winner **Lightning Spear (GB)** (Pivotal {GB}). Tally-Ho's dual group-winning juvenile **Kessaar (Ire)** (Kodiac {GB}) has received a lot of support, and he is down to €5,000 from an initial €8,000.

Zoustar already has several sire titles to his name in Australia
Tweenhills Stud

VALUE PODIUM

Bronze: **Havana Grey (GB)** (Havana Gold {Ire}) (Whitsbury Manor Stud, £6,000) - A Group 1-winning sire from the Galileo line and out of a mare by the speedy Dark Angel (Ire), Havana Grey has been the subject of excellent support since retiring to Whitsbury Manor Stud and will certainly have the numbers to make an impact: he had 80 yearlings go through the ring last autumn, more than any other sire in this cohort, and 70 sold for an average of €35,522/£30,137, bred off an £8,000 opening fee. **Cont. p4**

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And should they inherit his talent and that within his pedigree, they will stand in good stead. Havana Grey is out of the six-time winner Blanc De Chine (Ire), and he ran eight times at two for four wins including the G3 Molecomb S. over Invincible Army (Ire), and was second in the G1 Prix Morny. Back to run an additional eight times at three, all over five furlongs, Havana Grey won the G2 Sapphire S. at The Curragh and, two starts later, added the G1 Flying Five S. Havana Grey's first 2-year-olds should be expected to come out running, and if they follow in their sire's footsteps they won't be stopping anytime soon, either.

Silver: **Expert Eye (GB)** (Acclamation {GB}) (Juddmonte, £10,000) - At fully half his debut fee, Expert Eye is an enticing value prospect for 2022. By the red-hot sire of sires Acclamation, Expert Eye is out of a Dansili (GB) mare who won at two and is a half-sister to dual Classic winner Special Duty (GB) (Hennessy), who also won the G1 Cheveley Park S. and G2 Prix Robert Papin at two. The precocity in Expert Eye's pedigree shone through in his 2-year-old campaign, when he won on debut in June before taking the G2 Vintage S. A 4 1/2-length win in the G3 Jersey S. and a victory in the G3 City of York S. at three bookended a second in the G1 Sussex S., and Expert Eye was third in the G1 Prix du Moulin before traveling to Churchill Downs to take the GI Breeders' Cup Mile. A high-class 2-year-old who trained on to win a Breeders' Cup race, Expert Eye has been well supported and his yearlings averaged €52,453/£44,505.

Expert Eye | *Bronwen Healy*

Gold: **Cracksman (GB)** (Frankel {GB}) (Darley Dalham Hall, £17,500) - Cracksman was, quite simply, one of the best racehorses not only of his generation, but that we have seen over the past decade, his official rating of 130 upon retirement trailing only his own sire Frankel (140), Sea The Stars (Ire) (136) and Harbinger (135) among European colts in the past 10 years. Out of the stakes-winning Pivotal (GB) mare Rhadegunda (GB)–herself a granddaughter of the G1 1000 Guineas winner On The House (Be My Guest)–Cracksman won his lone start at two. He won the Investec Derby Trial first out at three and went into the Derby in just his third lifetime start, but missed by a length when third, and a neck when second in the G1 Irish Derby. Dropped back slightly in class for the G2 Great Voltigeur S., Cracksman won by six lengths before venturing to Chantilly to take the G2 Prix Niel by 3 1/2 lengths. Next up was the G1 Champion S., in which Cracksman came home a seven-length winner over Poet's Word (GB) (Poet's Voice {GB})--who would go on to win the following season's G1 Prince of Wales's S. and G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S.–and sealed Cartier 3-year-old honours. Brought back in 2018 at four, Cracksman added victories in the G1 Prix Ganay and G1 Coronation Cup before defending his Champion S. title in an equally stirring performance, coming home six lengths the best. Cracksman had 52 yearlings sell at the sales last autumn, averaging €70,771/£60,042.

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"On the day-to-day of running things at home, I've been heavily involved for a long time now," he added. "It's what I've been working towards throughout and when they brought in those joint-licences a couple of seasons ago it was an obvious stepping stone for us in between his licence and mine. And it's good to get on the board."

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Monday's Results:

3rd-Lingfield, £7,300, Mdn, 1-3, 3yo/up, 8f 1y (AWT), 1:38.54, st.

AL MARMAR (IRE) (c, 3, Kodiac {GB}--Fraulein {GB} {GISW-Can, SW-Eng & GSP-Ire, $547,337}, by Acatenango {Ger}), a half-length second in his Nov. 30 debut over this course and distance last time, was positioned along the rail in a handy fourth after an alert getaway from the inside gate here. Looming large off the home turn, the 4-9 favourite seized control approaching the furlong marker and powered clear in the closing stages to easily account for Addingham (GB) (Intello {Ger}) by six lengths. Al Marmar is the latest of one dozen foals and seventh scorer produced by GI E.P. Taylor S. heroine Fraulein (GB) (Acatenengo {Ger}). He is kin to three black-type winners including G3 Sagaro S. runner-up Mischief Making (Lemon Drop Kid), herself the dam of G2 Lancashire Oaks victrix Horseplay (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}) and Listed Hoppings S. winner More Mischief (GB) (Azamour {Ire}). Sales history: 140,000gns Ylg '20 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, $7,698. **Video, sponsored by TVG**.
O-Al Shaqab Racing; B-Diomed Bloodstock Ltd (IRE); T-Andrew Balding.

4th-Lingfield, £7,300, Mdn, 1-3, 3yo/up, 6f 1y (AWT), 1:13.69, st.

PINK CRYSTAL (IRE) (f, 3, Shamardal--Cristal Fizz {Ire} {SW-Eng}, by Power {GB}), runner-up in six-furlong starts at Newcastle and Wolverhampton last month, was steadied to track the pace in fourth for the most part here. Scrubbed along on the home turn, the 2-9 lock was ridden passing the eighth pole and swooped late under continued urging to deny Jastar (GB) (Showcasing {GB}) by 3/4-of-a-length in the dying strides. Pink Crystal, who hails from the family of MG1SW sires Glint of Gold (GB) (Mill Reef) and Diamond Shoal (GB) (Mill Reef), is the lone foal produced by Listed Radley S. victrix Cristal Fizz (Ire) (Power {GB}), herself half to G3 Somerville S. second Persuasion (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}). Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-1, $11,083. **Video, sponsored by TVG**.
O-Sheikh Juma Dalmook Al Maktoum; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd (IRE); T-William Haggas.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Nolton Cross (Ire), c, 3, **Dark Angel (Ire)**--Pandora's Box (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). Wolverhampton, 1-3, 8f 142y (AWT), 1:51.89. B-Lynch-Bages Ltd (IRE). *€85,000 Ylg '20 ARQSEP.

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for stallions standing in France through Friday, Dec. 31

Earnings represent worldwide figures, stud fees listed are 2022 fees.

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Zarak (Fr)	2	4	1	3	--	2	36	18	238,105	756,557
	(2013) by Dubawi (Ire) FYR: 2019			*Stands: Haras de Bonneval Fr Fee: 25,000*						*Purplepay (Fr)*	
2	Recorder (GB)	--	1	--	--	--	--	53	8	70,318	477,874
	(2013) by Galileo (Ire) FYR: 2019			*Stands: Haras de Montfort & Preaux Fr Fee: 4,000*						*Hot Queen (Fr)*	
3	Birchwood (Ire)	--	--	--	--	--	--	38	9	62,844	331,238
	(2013) by Dark Angel (Ire) FYR: 2019			*Stands: Haras de la Huderie Fr Fee: 3,500*						*Jazzy Wood (Fr)*	
4	Al Wukair (Ire)	--	--	--	--	--	--	37	15	35,025	327,315
	(2014) by Dream Ahead FYR: 2019			*Stands: Haras de Bouquetot Fr Fee: 8,000*						*Alromy (Fr)*	
5	Zelzal (Fr)	1	1	--	--	--	--	30	11	70,886	320,737
	(2013) by Sea the Stars (Ire) FYR: 2019			*Stands: Haras de Bouquetot Fr Fee: 15,000*						*Zelda (Fr)*	
6	Almanzor (Fr)	--	2	--	1	--	--	37	9	34,001	260,649
	(2013) by Wootton Bassett (GB) FYR: 2019			*Stands: Haras d'Etreham Fr Fee: 30,000*						*Queen Trezy (Fr)*	
7	Johnny Barnes (Ire)	--	1	--	--	--	--	23	5	66,140	194,390
	(2012) by Acclamation (GB) FYR: 2019			*Stands: Haras des Granges Fr Fee: 2,500*						*Maroon Six (Fr)*	
8	The Grey Gatsby (Ire)	1	1	--	--	--	--	25	6	65,572	188,624
	(2011) by Mastercraftsman (Ire) FYR: 2019			*Stands: Haras du Petit Tellier Fr Fee: 8,000*						*Atomic Blonde (Ger)*	
9	Ectot (GB)	--	--	--	--	--	--	16	5	34,372	126,671
	(2011) by Hurricane Run (Ire) FYR: 2019			*Stands: Haras de Bouquetot Fr Fee: 5,000*						*Catapum (Fr)*	
10	Ultra (Ire)	--	--	--	--	--	--	12	4	33,841	95,592
	(2013) by Manduro (Ger) FYR: 2019			*Stands: Haras du Logis Fr Fee: 5,000*						*Perfect Colour (GB)*	

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AUSTRALIAN SUCCESS FOR LNJ FOXWOODS

Lighthouse | *Bronwen Healy*

by Bren O'Brien

The aptly named **Lighthouse (USA)** (Mizzen Mast {USA}) is lighting the way for American investor LNJ Foxwoods' ramped-up involvement in Australia, with the in-form mare now a stakes winner on two continents thanks to her success in the Listed Chester Manifold S. at Flemington on Saturday.

It's been a decade since LNJ Foxwoods, which is owned by Larry and Nanci Roth and their daughter Jaime, first made its mark on the American industry. In that time the Roths have experienced considerable success, namely with Grade I winners such as Nickname (USA) (Scat Daddy {USA}), Constellation (USA) (Bellamy Road {USA}) and Covfefe (Into Mischief {USA}).

Through its bloodstock advisors Alex Solis and Jason Litt, LNJ Foxwoods has dabbled in Australia, beginning with the purchase of two mares from the Inglis Easter Broodmare Sale in 2013. It has also retained a handful of American-bred broodmares both at Yarraman Park and Arrowfield.

It was only recently that the Roths, in consultation with Solis and Litt, decided that they would try to target some of Australia's enviable prizemoney with one of their American runners.

Lighthouse was imported to Australia in June last year, and the new strategy has proven a huge success with the 5-year-old mare having won four-straight races for Ciaron Maher and David Eustace.

Her impressive win on Saturday combines with her victory in the Listed Music City S., in 2020 at Kentucky Downs for her previous trainer Simon Callaghan, making her a black-type winner in both Australia and the United States.

Litt, who prior to the pandemic was a regular traveller to Australia, spoke to *TDN AusNZ* about the decision of LNJ Foxwoods' to chance its hand in Australian racing.

"The Roths started with the idea of being a broodmare and breeding operation and then we started to introduce new things, going to other countries and expanding our ideas," he said.

"The big idea is that they have nice horses and they want to run in nice races, and in Australia, if you have a top sprinter on the grass, it is the place to be.

"We purchased Lighthouse out of a breeze-up sale over here (US). Randy Miles and Bo Hunt, who do a great job, we trusted them that she was a runner. She breezed like a really good horse and looked the part. She has got a great mind."

Solis/Litt paid US$375,000 (AU$517,000) for the Mizzen Mast (USA) filly through Miles's draft ay the Ocala Spring 2YO Sale.

"We put her in training and she showed talent. We needed to give her a bit of time and she won a few times. We then came up with the idea that Australia has these races, which we can target."

The Australian Experiment

To that point, Lighthouse had won races at Del Mar, Santa Anita and Kentucky Downs and had the right attributes to give her a shot at an overseas campaign.

"We had the opportunity where we could do things a little different than the American style. We felt she was the right type. She was substantial. She's 530kgs, she's got a really great mind, natural speed and has a really good closing kick and that's what wins in Australia," Litt said.

When she was rated 76 ahead of her trip to Australia, Litt knew she had excellent scope to go through her classes in Australia.

"This is all based on the Roths' idea that they are game for it. They love the sport, they love their horses and they love nothing more than watching their horses win," he said.

Neither Litt or Solis knew Ciaron Maher or David Eustace that well, but on a strong recommendation, decided to send Lighthouse to the training partnership.

"We took a shot and they have done such a great job with her. We know that there are certainly horses that do well in certain areas and having been down there, we have a handle on what we thought might work," he said.

"You have to be a serious horse to switch it all up and do it in another part of the world. It's testament to the filly."

Lighthouse's Australian debut was a 4l victory on what Litt thought might be an unsuitable wet track at Kyneton. She then won comfortably at Ballarat at Flemington before her fast-finishing success in the Listed Chester Manifold S.

That race was staged at a 'very civilised time' of 10:30pm on the American east coast, allowing Litt, Solis and the Roths to enjoy an extra special New Year's Eve.

The following day at Santa Anita, the LNJ Foxwoods-owned Luck (USA) (Kitten's Joy {USA}) won the GIII Robert Frankel S., while Smuggler's Run (USA), a first starter by Straight Fire (USA), a sire LNJ Foxwoods hold an ownership in, won by 5.5l.

Jason Litt | *Keeneland*

"To have three successes like that in the space of 20 hours, it was a pretty outrageous weekend," Litt said.

"We are all pretty psyched about 2022. Obviously keeping it up at that level is impossible but we are pretty pumped about the start of the year."

Plotting a Bright Future

As for Lighthouse's racing future, Litt said the team was happy to let Maher and Eustace plot their way forward with her.

"At this point, we have done a great job of staying out of their way. From the first start they have made the right call," he said. "As far as we are concerned they understand what the objective is, they know the filly now having had her for seven months. The results are good. She clearly likes it in Australia."

Beyond her racing career, Litt said that Lighthouse would make a terrific addition to the LNJ Foxwoods' broodmare band in either Australia or the United States but a decision on whether to sell or breed on with her won't be made until it needs to be.

In the meantime, he and Solis are busy looking for possible other candidates to head to Australia and follow in Lighthouse's footsteps.

"It's certainly causing us to look through our young horses and have that in the back of our mind as an option. The first one you send down is that litmus test and so far it's been pretty good results," he said. "The hard part is finding the horse that likes to win and does what Lighthouse does. She's just a really nice racehorse."

Watching from Afar

LNJ Foxwoods does have other racing interests in Australia, notably the speedy stakes-placed **Direct** (Siyouni {Fr}), which it bred with Jason Abrahams's Dalanna Bloodstock.

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They then retained an interest in after he sold for $400,000 through the Yarraman Park draft two years ago at the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale.

Trained by Lloyd Kennewell, the 3-year-old has won one of his eight starts, but has been competitive in some very good races.

That sale on the Gold Coast in 2020 was the last time Litt was in Australia and while he'd love to be back in Queensland next week, the logistics of travel in a pandemic means he will not be able to make the trip.

"I'd love to be down there and I would have been there for Magic Millions. It's all a bit too hard at this point. We might have a horse or two to sell at Easter, but I don't know if I'll make it," he said.

"My first time down there was 2001, and I was just getting into the industry. I went up for the Easter Sale, and it was good, but it was a normal sale.

"It's amazing to see how much has changed in 20 years. You now have the world playing and paying retail plus. You are selling multi-million dollar horses at an amazing rate. The number of horses being sold in that price range is extraordinary, and it's really strong money."

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Feb. 12	G1 Neds C. F. Orr S.	Caulfield
Feb. 19	G1 Black Caviar Lightning S.	Flemington
Feb. 26	G1 Neds Blue Diamond S.	Caulfield
	G1 Neds Oakleigh Plate	Caulfield
	G1 Futurity S.	Caulfield
	G1 TAB Chipping Norton S.	Randwick
	G1 Surround S.	Randwick
Mar. 5	G1 Kennedy Australian Guineas	Flemington
	G1 Randwick Guineas	Randwick
	G1 Canterbury S.	Randwick