



BAFFERT STAY OF SUSPENSION RULING EXPECTED BY MONDAY



Judge Thomas Wingate will rule on the motion to stay Baffert's suspension by the KHRC by Monday, March 21 | *Coady*

by Katie Petrunyak

The hearing on the motion for a stay to be granted for Bob Baffert's 90-day suspension by the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission (KHRC) was held Thursday in the Franklin County (Ky) Circuit Court, with both sides repeating what are now familiar arguments about the initial ruling.

Thursday's court hearing was held after the **original hearing** scheduled for Mar. 2 was postponed when it became apparent that the KHRC would be holding a special meeting two days later to consider and rule on Baffert's request for a stay. **This meeting** was held on the appointed day and the KHRC voted 10-0 to deny stays of penalties while Baffert and owner Amr Zedan appeal the drug positive rulings related to the disqualification of Medina Spirit in the 2021 GI Kentucky Derby. These penalties include a 90-day suspension and \$7,500 fine for Baffert while Zedan was ordered to forfeit Medina Spirit's purse winnings.

After the KHRC board denied Baffert's appeal for a stay Mar. 4, the matter was taken to the circuit court before judge Thomas Wingate, who did not give an indication of his final decision after Thursday's hearing, but said a ruling would be determined by Monday.

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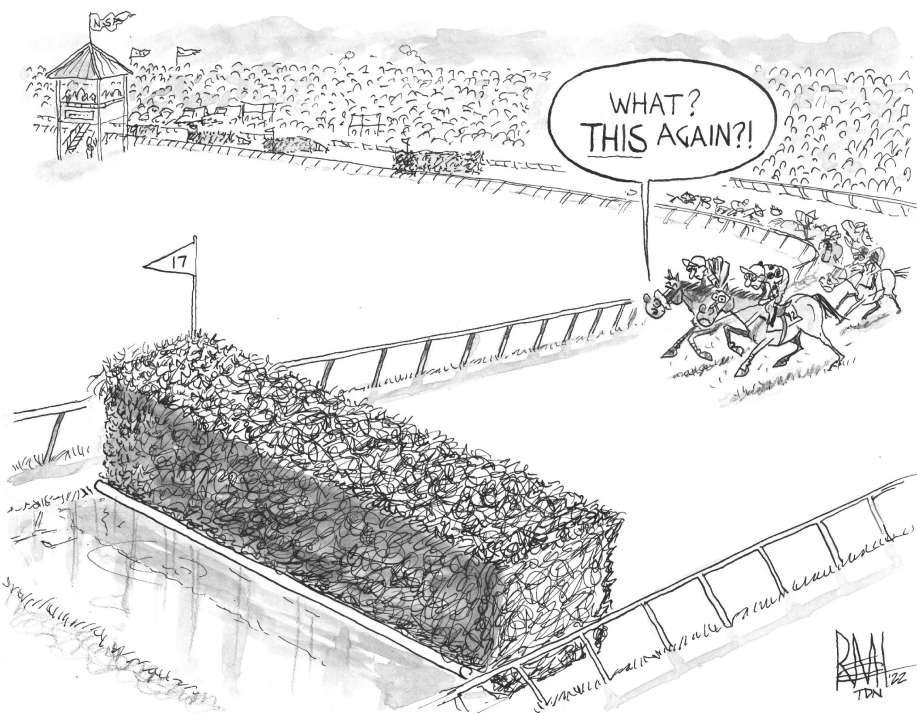
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Baffert attorney Craig Robertson was the trainer's sole representative present in court Thursday while fellow Baffert attorney Clark Brewster appeared later in the hearing over Zoom.

As Robertson began his opening statement, Wingate asked for clarification on the matter of the penalties that came out of Arkansas in May of 2020 when Gamine (Into Mischief) and **Charlatan (Speightstown)** tested positive for lidocaine. Both horses were initially disqualified and Baffert was handed a fine and a 15-day suspension, but the disqualifications and suspension were later overturned.

"What the facts showed were numerous issues with the original findings of the stewards," Robertson explained, citing how one sample that supposedly came from **Charlatan** was incorrectly labeled as a sample from a gelding. "In the end, they set aside the stewards' ruling with no disqualification."

In Robertson's opening statement, he discussed how the KHRC was attempting to paint Baffert as having a problematic drug violation history, but said that Baffert's violation record stacks up to virtually every trainer in America.

"Their narrative is false," he said. "By any objective measure, Mr. Baffert has been a tremendous ambassador for horse racing."

He continued in pointing out the significance of a 90-day suspension because the California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) has confirmed that they too will **honor the suspension** set forth by the KHRC. Trainers suspended 60 days or more are banned from all CHRB premises and must forfeit their stalls.

"It would essentially end his Hall of Fame career," Robertson said. "It's preposterous that we would end a Hall of Fame career over a topical ointment. What's even more preposterous is that we end his career before he can appear in court."

The KHRC is scheduled for a full hearing regarding Baffert's appeal Apr. 18. Up to four days of proceedings are scheduled if needed.

"I'm not asking for you to rule today that Mr. Baffert wins on the merits of this case. That day will come. What I'm asking is that he not be forced to serve his penalty now until his case is heard. If he's forced to serve his penalty now, he can't get those days back if he subsequently wins the appeal. It's not uncommon for stewards' rulings to get reversed by the KHRC itself or by this court," Robertson said, citing the **2015 Graham Motion case** where Motion appealed a suspension and fine handed down by the KHRC. Both were later thrown out by Wingate.

Robertson's arguments placed heavy emphasis on differentiating betamethasone valerate--found in the topical ointment Otomax--and the intra-articular injection of betamethasone acetate. **Test results** obtained from the New York Equine Drug Testing and Research Laboratory confirmed the finding of betamethasone valerate in Medina Spirit's system.

Robertson noted that while KHRC regulations state that a 14-day stand-down period is required for the intra-articular administration of the corticosteroid as betamethasone acetate, he said that no such violation took place because there was no intra-articular injection of betamethasone as a corticosteroid. In addition, he said that KHRC regulations state that the presence of a detectable concentration of *more than one* corticosteroid will constitute a violation.

"They only prohibit injections of betamethasone acetate," he said. "There is no prohibition or regulation of the topical ointment betamethasone valerate and no limit of detection standard unless there is more than one corticosteroid. The KHRC could have specified limit of detection for one corticosteroid or they could have specified for betamethasone topically. They didn't. They are asking for you to read things into the rules that simply don't exist."

Jennifer Wolsing, the general counsel for the KHRC, began her statement by saying, "There has been a lot of talk about the unprecedented nature of the KHRC's action to deny the stay. It is our position and I would like to submit that Mr. Baffert's conduct is also unprecedented and justifies the stay denial that we have before us today."



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Wolsing went on to explain how Baffert's accrued penalties are "literally off the charts," how the suspension is justifiable because he presents an elevated risk of re-offense and also how the suspension serves to protect racing participants, the horses, integrity in racing and the public's confidence in racing.

In response to Robertson's comments about the overturned rulings in Arkansas, Wolsing pointed out that Baffert still received fines for the positives from **Charlatan** and Gamine because the commission found that Baffert was "the absolute insurer of the condition of the horse." Because Baffert was still fined for both horses, the KHRC considers these occurrence as two separate violations.



Bob Baffert and Amr Zedan after 2021 GI Kentucky Derby | Coady

Judge Wingate asked Wolsing about the difference in the administration of betamethasone topically and intra-articularly.

"[Regulations] explicitly states, 'Except as expressly permitted in [in 810 KAR Chapter 9], while participating in a race, it is a violation if a horse carries in its body any medication that is foreign to the horse.'"

She went on to state that betamethasone is not expressly permitted, referencing the KHRC's Drug Classification Schedule where betamethasone is listed as a Class C medication. She explained that because the KHRC did not make a distinction as to the form of betamethasone, it therefore indicates that any form of betamethasone is considered a Class C violation. She also notes that a warning is listed on the withdrawal guidelines that states medication administered outside of the guidelines may lead to a positive test result.

"The source of betamethasone is pharmacologically irrelevant to its impact on the horse," she said. "When betamethasone valerate is absorbed, valerate is cleaved off and you have pure betamethasone in a horse's system."

When Wingate asked Wolsing about Robertson's earlier point about the KHRC attempting to put Baffert out of business,

Wolsing responded by saying that it was not her understanding that the 90-day suspension would put Baffert out of business. She explained that he could transfer his horses to another trainer for that period and said that the trainer could apply for the same stall space and Baffert's employees would not necessarily need to be laid off.

Wolsing concluded, "At the end of the day, we have to look at who is more likely to prevail. Our regulations are very clear. Betamethasone, in whatever form, is completely prohibited on race day...We have unprecedented behavior and it is totally allowable for the KHRC to deny a stay. If it's allowable, this presents the appropriate case to deny a stay."

Robertson did rebut several points from Wolsing's statement. Addressing her statements regarding the medication specifically, he said that she is relying on a "catch-all" term that betamethasone is a foreign substance, but in looking at the regulations for betamethasone, regulations are clear about the intra-articular injection of betamethasone acetate but nothing is said about topical administration.

"There's nothing in there that says betamethasone valerate is prohibited," he said. "They could have stated that, but they didn't. They can't go around punishing this man--and putting him out of business and ending his Hall of Fame career-- for something they didn't put in their regulations."

Addressing the fact that Baffert did pay fines for the positives of **Charlatan** and Gamine at Oaklawn Park, Robertson said that the stewards did not overrule the fines because of political pressure and that while Baffert could have appealed the fines and won, he did not because he considered the overturned disqualification and suspension a victory.

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"It's not nearly as simple as Ms. Wolsing tried to paint it," he noted.

KHRC executive director Marc Guilfoil was called as a witness to talk about denying Baffert's request for a stay.

When Wolsing asked about his decision, he responded that he put a lot of thought into it and cited the KHRC's mission statement of maintaining integrity and honesty in horse racing. He said that he reflected on Baffert's announcement in November of 2020 where he made several statements, including that he would hire Dr. Michael Hore of Hagyard Equine Medical Institute to "add an additional layer of protection to ensure the well-being of horses in my care and rule compliance." Guilfoil said that to his knowledge, Baffert failed to fulfill the promises made in the public statement.

"Training 101 is to look at a medication you're giving and see if there are any prohibited substances," Guilfoil said, then referencing how the four medical violations within a one-year time frame averaged to one per 88 starts.

When Wolsing asked Guilfoil how Baffert's case compares to others he has worked on in the past, Guilfoil said, "The word unprecedented has been thrown around quite a bit and I do agree that it is unprecedented, and the two [violations] in Kentucky were two premiere races in the state of Kentucky."

When Robertson had the opportunity to question Guilfoil, he asked Guilfoil if the executive director could conclude, without question, that he knew Baffert had not attempted to fulfill the promises in the public statement, to which Guilfoil ultimately said he could not.

Attorney Clark Brewster, who represents both Zedan Racing Stable and Baffert, also gave a statement via Zoom. He too emphasized the distinction of betamethasone administered as a topical or an intra-articular injection and pointed out that prior to Medina Spirit's drug positive, Baffert had only had one medication positive in 29 years of racing in Kentucky. He ended by stating that he was confident that Baffert would ultimately be exonerated.

In order for Wingate to grant Baffert a stay, the judge must conclude that Baffert's stable would suffer irreparable harm without a stay and must also determine that the trainer's appeal could reasonably lead to an overturned ruling at the Apr. 18 hearing.

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The daughter of one of France's most renowned jockeys and a winner of 23 races, apprentice Megane Peslier seemed poised to have a big year this year in her native country. Instead, she will be riding at Gulfstream Park, hoping to become the latest rising star in the jockey ranks to come out of France.

"It is one of the reasons I came here, if they can be successful I think I can be too," she said of the trio of Flavien Prat, Julien Leparoux and Florent Geroux. "If I don't believe in myself, I can't do my job."

Peslier, the 26-year-old daughter of Olivier Peslier, arrived in the U.S. in January. Last week, she announced her intention to remain in Florida and ride there year-round.

"I wanted an experience that is different from Europe," she said. "It is totally different here. It is a big change. I think this will be good for my career."

Peslier was born in France but lived in Argentina with her mother until she was 12. When she returned to France, she didn't speak the language and was fluent only in Spanish. After earning her baccalaureate, she decided to pursue a career as an actress, the reason why she was late to start her riding career.

"I went to Paris to become an actress and I attended acting school," she said. "I liked it, but it wasn't my passion. My passion was the horses. Being a jockey is easier for me than being an actress because it is my passion."

After deciding she wanted to be a jockey, she started out slowly, beginning in amateur races in 2017 and won her first race in 2018. Working with trainer David Smaga, she made her professional debut on July 23, 2020 at Longchamp and won with her first mount, Saphirside (Ire) (Elusive City). According to equineline.com, Peslier won 23 races in France from 308 mounts.

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Peslier is not the first young European rider to come to Florida for the winter. It can be an important learning experience. But most return to their native countries once the flat season begins in Europe. Not Peslier. She has hired a lawyer and is in the process of obtaining a visa that will allow her to stay.

Her father is on board.

"He said that if I am happy doing this, he is happy," Peslier said. "He agreed with my decision. The last time I talked to him he said that if I thought this would be good for me, then I should take my chance."



Megane Peslier with trainer David Smaga | Scoop-Dyga

She started out galloping horses for, among others, Todd Pletcher, and picked up her first mount Feb. 16, finishing seventh in a claiming race. Two mounts later, she finished second in a Mar. 10 maiden claimer, losing by just a neck aboard **Blame the Vets** (Kitten's Joy) for trainer Michael Mullings. Through Thursday, she had had four mounts.

She has also been working for trainer Saffie Joseph Jr. and said he has indicated he will be giving her some rides.

"I am very happy here," she said. "I am learning some new techniques."

Still eligible for a seven-pound weight allowance, Peslier's hope is that she can break out after Gulfstream's Championship Meet is over, when the competition among jockeys is not quite so fierce.

"The competition will be less then," she said. "I think that will be a very good thing for me. I am confident I will do well."

Her father is a former French riding champion, a four-time winner of the GI Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe and he won three straight runnings of the GI Breeders' Cup Mile aboard Goldikova (Ire)(Anabaa). That's exactly what his daughter is hoping for, that she can compete at the highest level. She's here to try to make that happen.

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"The filly, that's a running machine, man," said jockey Giovanni Franco, who was aboard for the work. "She was nice. That's a great experience for me. I was the work rider for [D. Wayne] Lukas and I'll do it again if he needs me. She felt good. That's a good feeling, man."

Franco was deputizing for Secret Oath's regular rider Luis Contreras, who was out of town.

"Luis went home for a couple of days to be with his family and I know he'll be sick that I worked her without him," Lukas said. "But having said that, the day came up and I thought he was going to be back, but he doesn't get in until 10 o'clock this morning. Giovanni did a beautiful job. He did a good job. He filled in nicely. I told Franco, I said, 'Luis owes you one now.'"

The five-furlong drill marked the second work for Secret Oath since her 7 1/2-length victory in the Feb. 26 GIII Honeybee S.

"We let her finish a little bit," Lukas said. "I think she went the last quarter in :23 and change, so you know we saw her skip through there. But she did it the right way. It was a really solid work. These are ways of measuring where you're at and it's a measuring stick, these works. We're not concerned at this point on conditioning. We're trying to find out how sharp we've got her and everything showed up that way. So, now we just have to keep her happy."



Secret Oath | Coady Photography

Franco was also aboard **Call Me Jamal** (Malibu Moon), who worked five furlongs in 1:00.00 (7/34) Thursday and is under consideration for the Arkansas Derby.

"I think he keeps improving and today I felt like he worked good," said Franco, aboard for both of the gelding's victories at the meeting. "Hopefully, he keeps improving and keeps on getting his heart bigger."

Trained by Mike Puhich, Call Me Jamal was a maiden winner over the Oaklawn oval last December and, after finishing eighth in the Jan. 29 GIII Southwest S., won a 1 1/16-mile optional claimer Feb. 26.

Moments after the work, Puhich said that Call Me Jamal remains under consideration for the Arkansas Derby and the Apr. 9 GI Toyota Blue Grass S. at Keeneland.

"I'm leaving the door open both ways, but I'm probably leaning more towards here," Puhich said. "The Blue Grass is going to come up just as tough. I think Lukas's filly is the best 3-year-old I've seen run all year, in my opinion, from a fan's standpoint."

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CHRB MEETING: HISA, ACCIDENT TASKFORCE, BETTING OPTION ON MENU

by Dan Ross

Newly minted California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) member, Thomas Hudnot--an education consultant and a former racehorse owner--enjoyed a relatively smooth landing on his first public day on the job, with few of the highly combustible topics on the monthly commission meeting agenda that have lit the touch paper during any number of board meetings these past few years.

The meeting, however, did signal a potential brewing storm in the shape of the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act's scheduled implementation of its racetrack safety rules July 1.

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CHRB executive director, Scott Chaney, pointed out that HISA's crop rules--which allow for overhand use of the whip--are more permissive than those currently in place in California, which prohibits use of the whip above the shoulder.

Furthermore, HISA's Anti-Doping and Medication Control program, which is set to go into effect early next year, currently restricts the administration of pre-race medications to 24 hours, in contrast to the CHRB's 48-hour cut-off.

These two areas give Chaney cause for "concern," he said, adding that he is in frequent communication with the new CEO of the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority--the broad non-profit umbrella established by HISA and commonly referred to as just the "Authority"--to find a solution to these issues "which are frankly non-starters for California."

"I am hopeful that we can reach a resolution in which there will not be any loosening of the rules already in place here," said Chaney.

Chaney also broached the prickly issue of HISA's cost, saying that "the current reg's require that they provide the amount of California's contribution by Apr. 1." Before then, he added, the CHRB will begin negotiations with the Authority to conduct as many of the functions under the new federal rules as the law permits.

Needless to say, Chaney said, "this implementation is very fluid, and will require both the Authority and the CHRB to be flexible as we both seek to promote human and animal welfare."

Earlier in the meeting, California Thoroughbred Trainers (CTT) executive director, Alan Balch, provided a status update on the accident prevention taskforce created late last year to systematically study the myriad factors behind fatal equine injury.

The key component of Balch's presentation concerned shoulder fractures--a common cause of catastrophic injury in racehorses.

These types of injuries have long bedeviled veterinarians and trainers due to their subtlety of visible symptoms, and the sheer difficulty of diagnosing them prior to a catastrophic breakdown occurring.

"As you know, if we could eliminate shoulder fractures, our safety record would improve even more significantly," said Balch.

One especially high-risk group of horses said Balch--floating the findings of a nationwide statistical survey performed by The Stronach Group chief veterinarian, Dionne Benson--are those returning to training from lay-offs.

"Generally, the factors are lay-offs of 90-days or more," said Balch, "and possibly a premature return to serious training once they've returned to the track or an auxiliary facility."

In short, explained Balch, the general understanding in the equine medical world is that in horses returning to training after a break, the musculature develops faster than the bone can remodel, and that horses can appear outwardly fit enough to handle a degree of exercise greater than the bone is able to withstand.

And so, what's to be done?

California trainers are required to routinely complete continuing education courses, covering a variety of topics from track surfaces to pre-race examinations, as well as those on shoulder fractures.

Most California trainers have completed the shoulder-related module, but not all, admitted Balch. In response, the CHRB discussed a variety of amendments to the rules to potentially mandate completion of the module, including making it a prerequisite for re-licensing.

In the meantime, the CTT will contact over the next 30 days all trainers who have skipped the online course to encourage them to complete it, said Balch.

More broadly, the aim of the accident taskforce "is to provide a statistically sound guide, perhaps even by way of a rule based on verified evidence, of steps which must be taken before a horse returning from a lay-off of a specified period can gallop or work at speed," Balch explained.

During a report about the prior day's pari-mutuel and wagering committee meeting, commissioner Dennis Alfieri explained how the Xpressbet wagering platform has developed a technology allowing gamblers to select an alternative primary selection in multi-race wagers--such as a pick four, pick five, or pick six--in the event their primary pick is a late scratch.

The new feature was launched to online customers in mid-February, said Alfieri.

The technology was developed in response to the Modern Games debacle at last November's Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf, when a veterinarian prematurely scratched the horse, only for the Godolphin runner to be reinstated into the race for purse-money only.

Modern Games ultimately won the race, with winning returns going to the second-place finisher, Tiz the Bomb. And while many multi-race gamblers who selected Modern Games automatically received the eventual favorite, Dakota Gold, instead, that horse eventually finished out of the frame in fifth.

Alfieri explained that Chaney had suggested at the pari-mutuel and wagering committee meeting that the CHRB make this wagering option a condition of licensure for other betting platforms when their licenses are up for renewal.



TAKE2 CELEBRATES 10 YEARS

The Take2 Second Career Thoroughbred Program is celebrating its 10th year with a “Give 110 Percent!” campaign to raise \$10,000 a month for 10 months. The ultimate goal is to reach \$100,000 in donations by the end of the year. To help kick start the initiative, racehorse owner and entrepreneur Len Green has donated \$10,000 to the campaign.

“I’ve been in the Thoroughbred industry for almost 50 years as the founder of both DJ Stable and The Green Group,” Green explained. “I have witnessed firsthand the extraordinary work by TAKE2 and their dedicated team. Their primary focus is to ensure that our horses get the best care once their racing careers are completed. I support TAKE2 and cannot thank them enough for all the work they do.”

TAKE2 Executive Director Andy Belfiore added, “We are extremely grateful to Len Green and his team for getting our campaign off the ground. Without the support of Thoroughbred lovers from the racing and sport horse worlds, we would not be able to continue our mission of promoting second careers for retired racehorses. Our horses give us 110% on the racetrack

and in the show ring; we hope members of our TAKE2 family will give what they can, whether it is \$10 or \$10,000, to help us reach our goal.”

TAKE2 was created by the New York Thoroughbred Horsemen’s Association (NYTHA), in partnership with the New York Thoroughbred Breeders (NYTB). Any registered Thoroughbred can compete for thousands of dollars in prize money in TAKE2-affiliated Thoroughbred-only hunter and jumper divisions at more than 400 horse shows across the country. TAKE2 Thoroughbred League members are eligible for \$10,000 in year-end High Score Awards, and for the \$20,000 TAKE2 Hunter and Jumper Finals, to be held this year at the Kentucky National Horse Show Sept. 21-25.

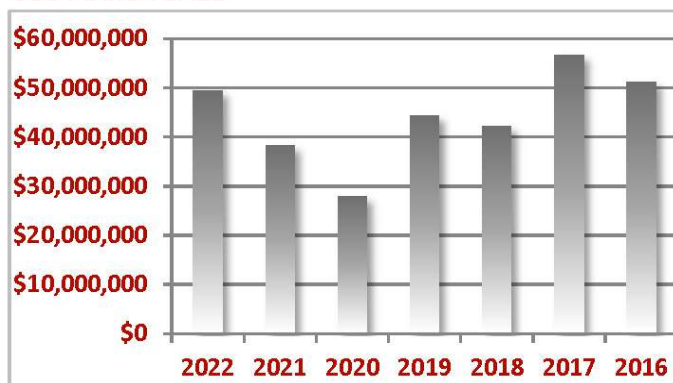
In 10 years, TAKE2 has given out more than \$1 million in awards and prize money supporting hunter/jumper competitions nationwide, with an estimated 2,000 horses competing in the TAKE2 divisions since its inception.

“Years ago, the Thoroughbred was king in the show ring, but the Warmbloods gained popularity,” said TAKE2 President and NYTHA Vice President Rick Schosberg. “Programs like TAKE2, RRP (Retired Racehorse Project) and TIP (Thoroughbred Incentive Program) demonstrate that Thoroughbreds have so much more to give after they leave the track—their competitive lives are far from over.

TDN SALES INDEX

THOROUGHBRED DAILY NEWS

OBS MARCH SALE



“Pinhookers who bought in a competitive yearling market last fall were rewarded with a strong 2-year-old market when the juvenile sales season opened with the OBS March sale earlier this week in Ocala. With a strong Japanese presence and a diverse domestic buying bench, there was plenty of activity at all levels of the market resulting in the sale’s lowest buy-back rate in years and a near-record gross.”

- Jessica Martini

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS	AVE
2022	635	430	371	22.3%	86.3%	58.4%	\$49,498,000	\$133,418
2021	563	397	326	29.5%	82.1%	57.9%	\$38,265,000	\$117,377
2020	681	485	291	28.8%	60.0%	42.7%	\$27,902,500	\$95,885
2019	577	409	309	29.1%	75.6%	53.6%	\$44,422,500	\$143,762
2018	573	363	257	26.7%	70.8%	44.6%	\$42,275,000	\$164,494
2017	677	414	304	38.8%	73.4%	44.9%	\$56,765,000	\$186,727
2016	613	434	320	29.2%	73.7%	52.2%	\$51,288,000	\$160,275

"I think our combined efforts are making a difference," he added. "There is more demand for Thoroughbreds, more enthusiasm from the owners and riders and trainers in the hunter/jumper world, and that makes it easier to find homes for retired racehorses."

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FIRST MARES CONFIRMED IN FOAL TO NO PAROLE

The first mares have been confirmed in-foal to Grade I winner **No Parole** (**Violence**), Whispering Oaks Farm and Coteau Grove Farms announced Wednesday.

Among the early mares scanned in-foal include Coteau Grove's Naive Enough (**Street Sense**), a full-sister to stakes-winner/Grade I-placed Light the City, who in turn is the dam of Grade I-placed Illumination, who sold for \$875,000 as a broodmare prospect last year at Fasig-Tipton November.

"A mare of the quality of Naive Enough is indicative of the kind of mare we are breeding to No Parole to support him," said Coteau Grove's bloodstock advisor Andrew Cary. "She was a close fourth in the GII Golden Rod S. as a 2-year-old and is big, good-looking mare with a huge pedigree. She has already produced two winners and her 2-year-old is training very well in Florida right now. We have several stakes winners and stakes producers booked to No Parole and will continue to support him. Whispering Oaks is a tremendous partner in the horse and is also supporting him strongly. He has also been very well received by breeders throughout Louisiana."

No Parole, winner of the 2020 GI Woody Stephens S., captured six of 13 starts and earned \$369,866. He is standing his first season at an advertised fee of \$3,500, stands and nurses.

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SUPPLEMENTS ADDED TO TEXAS 2-YEAR-OLDS IN TRAINING SALE

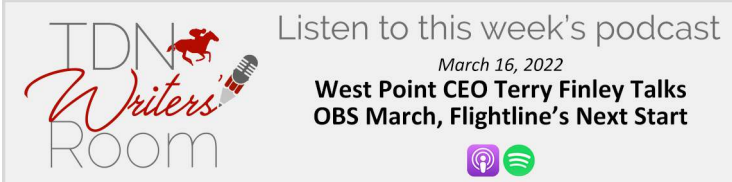
Ten 2-year-olds have been supplemented to the catalog for the 2022 Texas 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale. "These additions help bolster an already strong catalog for our sale," TTA Sales Director Foster Bridewell said. "Each add to our quality pedigrees, and we thank Carl Deville, Al Pike, Lane Richardson and the owners for trusting us to sell these individuals."

The supplements include: Hip 133: Louisiana-bred filly by Star Guitar from the family of SP Estilo Femenino and G1SW Well Armed; Hip 134: Louisiana-bred filly by Free Drop Billy half-sister to SP Swot Analysis; Hip 135: Arkansas-bred filly by Klimt from the family of GISW Harlan and GSWs Pomeroy's Pistol and Thousand Words; Hip 136: Arkansas-bred colt by Eagle out of SP Red Dress from the family of SWs Infectious and Makeshift; Hip 137: Arkansas-bred gelding by Moro Tap out of a half sister to SW He Has Bling; Hip 138: Arkansas-bred filly by Eagle out of SP

Paddle out, from the family of SWs Strole, Upstream, and Boca Boy; Hip 139: Arkansas-bred filly by Eagle, a half-sister to SP Island Sun; Hip 140: Louisiana-bred colt by Guilt Trip, a half-brother to MSW Free Like A Girl and SP Free Indeed; Hip 141: **Ghostzapper** colt from the family of MSW Stormy Frolic, GSW Super Frolic, and MSW Frolic's Revenge; and Hip 142: Oklahoma bred **Midnight Storm** filly from the family of GSW Twilight Time, SW Uninhibited Song and SW Thundering Sky.

The 2022 Texas 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale is set for Apr. 6 at Lone Star Park's Sales Pavilion in Grand Prairie. The breeze show is Apr. 4. The interactive catalog is available now at www.ttasales.com.

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Saturday, Oaklawn #9, post time: 6:10 p.m. EDT

ESSEX H.-GIII, \$500,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Thomas Shelby 🐾	Curlin	M and M Racing	Diodoro	Cohen	118
2	Title Ready	More Than Ready	Charles E. Fipke	Stewart	Hernandez, Jr.	117
3	Warrior's Charge	Munnings	Ten Strike Racing and Madaket Stables LLC	Cox	Geroux	119
4	Plainsman 🐾	Flatter	Shortleaf Stable, Inc.	Cox	Rosario	122
5	Popular Kid	Popular	George A. Sharp	Davis	Arrieta	116
6	Rated R Superstar	Kodiak Kowboy	Danny R. Caldwell	Villafranco	Cabrera	118
7	Beau Luminarie	I Want Revenge	Linda S. Pavey	Brisset	Santana, Jr.	118
8	Hanalei's Houdini	Jersey Town	Paradise Farms Corp. and Staudacher, David	Maker	Vazquez	117

Breeders: 1-Alpha Delta Stables, LLC, 2-Charles Fipke, 3-Al Shaquab Racing, 4-Joseph Minor, 5-Rod Rodriguez & Lorraine Rodriguez, 6-Thorndale Stable L.L.C., 7-Linda S. Pavey, 8-Dr. & Mrs. A. Leonard Pineau

Saturday, Oaklawn #7, post time: 5:04 p.m. EDT

WHITMORE S.-GIII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	No Shirt No Shoes 🐾	Shackleford	James Reisinger	Anderson	Garcia	121
2	Bob's Edge	Competitive Edge	Freeny, Michael, Freeny, Patricia and Taylor, Jennifer Grayson	Jones	Quinonez	124
3	Greeley and Ben	Greeley's Conquest	End Zone Athletics, Inc.	Broberg	Cabrera	119
4	Kneedeepinsnow 🐾	Flat Out	Paradise Farms Corp., Staudacher, David & Al Bianchi Racing	Maker	Vazquez	121
5	Atoka	Union Rags	Lukas, Laurie, Lukas, D. Wayne, Heird, Jim and Green, Eleanor	Lukas	Contreras	121
6	Royal Daaher	Daaher	Doubledown Stables, Inc.	DiVito	Arrieta	121
7	Tulane Tryst 🐾	Into Mischief	David Ingordo	DeVaux	Hernandez, Jr.	121
8	Heart Rhythm	Flat Out	Duncan, Kelly G and Duncan, Trisha Vance	Duncan	Franco	121
9	Hollis 🐾	Street Sense	WSS Racing, LLC and 4 G Racing, LLC	Ortiz	Santana, Jr.	121

Breeders: 1-Kim Nardelli & Rodney Nardelli, 2-Westwind Farms, 3-Millard R. Seldin Rev. Trust, 4-BWB Bloodstock, LLC & WDS Bloodstock, 5-KatieRich Farms, 6-Doubledown Stables, Inc., 7-Machmer Hall, 8-Terrazas Thoroughbreds, LLC., 9-Mueller Thoroughbred Stable, LTD.



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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Twirling Candy (2007) by <i>Candy Ride (Arg)</i> Crops: 8	1	1	1	1	--	--	33	9	940,000 <i>Pinehurst</i>	1,246,884
2	Not This Time (2014) by <i>Giant's Causeway</i> Crops: 3	2	5	2	4	--	--	38	13	378,150 <i>Simplification</i>	1,233,354
3	Quality Road (2006) by <i>Elusive Quality</i> Crops: 9	1	5	--	3	--	--	45	19	250,400 <i>Ethereal Road</i>	1,106,411
4	Munnings (2006) by <i>Speightstown</i> Crops: 9	5	6	2	2	--	--	37	15	210,005 <i>Shahama</i>	1,103,206
5	Into Mischief (2005) by <i>Harlan's Holiday</i> Crops: 11	1	9	1	5	--	--	76	13	92,000 <i>Doppelganger</i>	1,102,951
6	Violence (2010) by <i>Medaglia d'Oro</i> Crops: 6	2	4	1	3	--	--	53	10	513,334 <i>Newgrange</i>	1,093,558
7	Laoban (2013) by <i>Uncle Mo</i> Crops: 3	3	4	1	1	--	--	24	9	650,000 <i>Un Ojo</i>	1,013,722
8	Gun Runner (2013) by <i>Candy Ride (Arg)</i> Crops: 2	3	8	1	4	--	--	48	11	137,500 <i>Early Voting</i>	981,156
9	American Pharoah (2012) by <i>Pioneerof the Nile</i> Crops: 4	1	3	1	1	--	--	40	8	360,000 <i>Forbidden Kingdom</i>	874,135
10	Classic Empire (2014) by <i>Pioneerof the Nile</i> Crops: 2	1	5	1	2	--	--	42	15	220,000 <i>Morello</i>	864,335
11	Arrogate (2013) by <i>Unbridled's Song</i> Crops: 2	2	3	1	1	--	--	31	11	300,000 <i>Secret Oath</i>	848,230
12	The Factor (2008) by <i>War Front</i> Crops: 7	--	--	--	--	--	--	74	9	122,173 <i>Loveliness Over (JPN)</i>	828,581
13	Practical Joke (2014) by <i>Into Mischief</i> Crops: 2	1	2	1	1	--	--	67	14	62,760 <i>Girl With a Dream</i>	782,213
14	More Than Ready (1997) by <i>Southern Halo</i> Crops: 19	2	3	--	--	--	--	51	15	175,341 <i>Jean Gros</i>	769,094
15	Connect (2013) by <i>Curlin</i> Crops: 2	1	3	--	--	--	--	53	11	103,880 <i>Don't Swear Dave</i>	672,807

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

3rd-Gulfstream, \$53,000, Msw, 3-17, 3yo, f, 1m 70y (AWT) (off turf), 1:43, ft, nose.

I'M SO SORRY (f, 3, **Uncle Mo--Don't Leave Me {GSW-USA, GSW-Can, \$315,517}, by Lemon Drop Kid)** broke her maiden in her second career start for trainer Brian Lynch. Not seen since a second-place effort going 5 1/2 furlongs on the turf Aug. 5 at Saratoga, I'm So Sorry got the benefit of Lasix for the first time here and the stretch out to the mile-and-70 yard distance. Sent off the 5-1 choice in this off-the-turf event, I'm So Sorry broke alertly and sat just outside the early speed of Blythe Spirit (**Ghostzapper**), through a quarter-mile in :25.27. The pair remained one-two up the backstretch and around the far turn when I'm So Sorry was challenged on the outside by Kivalina (**Ghostzapper**) who remained neck-and-neck with her down the stretch, with I'm So Sorry prevailing by only a head to win. She is the first foal to race for GSW Don't Leave Me (Lemon Drop Kid), herself a daughter out of GI Selene S. winner She How She Runs (Maria's Mon). Don't Leave Me has a yearling filly by **Medaglia d'Oro** and was bred to Authentic for 2022. Sales History: \$42,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$47,800. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.** O-Greathouse, Deuce, Hutson, Cindy M. and Romano, Thomas J.; B-Pin Oak Stud, LLC (KY); T-Brian A. Lynch.

9th-Fair Grounds, \$52,000, Msw, 3-17, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.13, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.

GRADED VISION (g, 4, Super Saver--Bali Strait, by **Hard Spun)** got his career off to a winning start, defeating a field of maidens Thursday in his first race for trainer Greg Foley. The bay gelding, bet down to even odds, bumped with Mr Elvin (Court Vision) at the break but got into stride to set the early pace. His only real challenge came from Custom Prayer (Custom for Carlos), who drew alongside at the top of the stretch. But Graded Vision had plenty left through the final sixteenth to draw off and win by 2 1/2lengths. The winner's dam has a 2-year-old by **Always Dreaming**, a yearling by **Accelerate**, and was not reported bred in 2022. Sales History: \$34,000 RNA Wlg '18 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$31,200. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O/B-Gulf Coast Stables, LLC (LA); T-Gregory D. Foley.

8th-Fair Grounds, \$46,000, Msw, 3-17, 3yo, 5 1/2fT, 1:05.64, fm,

1 1/2 lengths.

EVAN SING (g, 3, **Hard Spun--Viapervita {Ire} {SW-Ger, SP-Fr }, by Spectrum {Ire})** made his first start a winning one for breeder/owner Norman Cheng and trainer Albert Stall. The bay son of **Hard Spun** posted a five-furlong drill Feb. 24, working in :59 3/5 to be the fastest of 21 at the distance. His most recent work was four-furlongs in :49 3/5 at the Fair Grounds on Mar. 6. Off as the 7-2 second-choice on firm turf, Evan Sing broke from the outside gate and settled in fifth, patiently holding his position through a half-mile clocked in :47.84. He engaged TwentyoneNChange (Tavasco) down the stretch and drew off to post a 1 1/2length victory. The winner is a half-brother to GISP Brother Francis who has earned more than \$246k, and is the most recent foal to race for his stakes-winning dam who most recently produced a colt by **Kantharos** for 2022. Sales History: \$55,000 RNA Ylg '20 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$27,600. **Click for Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.** O/B-Norman Cheng (KY); T-Albert M. Stall, Jr.

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 this weekend running at Chukyo and Nakayama Racecourses:

Saturday, March 19, 2022

11th-CKO, Falcon S.-G3, ¥76,000,000 (\$642k), 3yo, 1400mT

DUGAT (c, 3, **Practical Joke--Untraveled, by Canadian Frontier),** a \$190K purchase by trainer Hideyuki Mori out of last year's OBS March Sale, has compiled an admirable record of 2-0-1 from four starts on the grass and enters this group debut off consecutive victories, including a narrow score going this distance at Tokyo when last seen Nov. 20 (**video**, SC 9). Bred on the Into Mischief cross over Gone West that has supplied Grade I winners Authentic, Mia Mischief and Mischevious Alex, Dugat was one of eight horses purchased by Mori at OBSMAR last year, a number that includes Jean Gros (**More Than Ready**), a \$265K acquisition that won the Listed Marguerite S. Feb. 27. *B-Erv Woolsey & Ralph Kinder (KY)*

Sunday, March 20, 2022

1st-NKY, ¥9,900,000 (\$84k), Maiden, 3yo, 1800m

BROAD REACH (JPN) (f, 3, Arrogate--Reaching {Ire}, by Dansili {GB}) was left better than 16 lengths in the wake of the hugely impressive Tahitian Dance (Jpn) (King Kamehameha {Jpn}) over this course and distance Dec. 18 and looks to go one better in this second go. The May 15 foal is the first Japanese produce for her dam, a close relative of champion and five-time Group 1 winner Peeping Fawn (Daneshill), herself the dam of SW & MG1/GISP September (Ire) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), SW & GSP Willow (Ire) (**American Pharoah**) and MGSP Sir John Hawkins (Henrythenavigator). The filly's third dam, 1982 GI Kentucky Oaks heroine Blush With Pride (Blushing Groom {Fr}), was responsible for Broodmare of the Year Better Than Honour (Deputy Minister), whose produce include GI Belmont S. winners Rags To Riches (A.P. Indy) and Jazil (Seeking the Gold) and GSW Casino Drive (**Mineshaft**). *B-Northern Farm*

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SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, MARCH 18

2021 Stud Fees Listed

Aclaim (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}), The National Stud, \$6,000
173 foals of racing age/33 winners/0 black-type winners
9-Santa Anita, 8:16 p.m. EDT, Aoc 6fT, Echosmith (Ire), 8-1
€11,000 RNA GOF FEB wnl; £11,000 GOF SPT yrl; 20,000gns RNA TAT BRG 2yo

Astern (Aus) (**Medaglia d'Oro**), Darley, \$10,000
142 foals of racing age/15 winners/1 black-type winner
3-Gulfstream, 2:01 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Atras, 6-1
\$22,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$14,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

Bal a Bali (Brz) (Put It Back), Calumet Farm, \$5,000
148 foals of racing age/23 winners/1 black-type winner
9-Fair Grounds, 6:00 p.m. EDT, Alw 1m, The Grey Beauty, 5-2
\$10,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$37,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Caravaggio (Scat Daddy), Coolmore Ashford, \$35,000
214 foals of racing age/34 winners/4 black-type winners
3-Gulfstream, 2:01 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Philipsburg (Ire), 7-5
80,000gns TAT FOA wnl; \$300,000 KEE SEP yrl

Galileo Gold (GB) (Paco Boy {Ire}), Tally-Ho Stud, \$7,000
174 foals of racing age/28 winners/4 black-type winners
9-Santa Anita, 8:16 p.m. EDT, Aoc 6fT, Shut Up Michael (Ire), 6-1
1,000gns RNA TAT FOA wnl; £9,500 RNA TAT IRY yrl; 14,000gns TAT BRG 2yo

Gormley (Malibu Moon), Spendthrift Farm, \$7,500
199 foals of racing age/31 winners/2 black-type winners
3-Charles Town, 8:02 p.m. EDT, Msw 7f, Bet the Queen, 5-2

Gun Runner (**Candy Ride {Arg}**), Three Chimneys Farm, \$125,000
245 foals of racing age/36 winners/9 black-type winners
3-Fair Grounds, 3:03 p.m. EDT, Aoc 1 1/16m, Mystique Saboteur, 6-1
\$50,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$27,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

Mastery (**Candy Ride {Arg}**), Claiborne Farm, \$10,000
222 foals of racing age/18 winners/0 black-type winners
3-Charles Town, 8:02 p.m. EDT, Msw 7f, Alittlesliceof Pie, 5-1
\$74,000 RNA FTK FEB wnl; \$115,000 KEE SEP yrl
3-Charles Town, 8:02 p.m. EDT, Msw 7f, All in Jest, 15-1
\$10,000 FTK FEB 2yo

Mo Tom (**Uncle Mo**), Red River Farms, \$2,000
64 foals of racing age/10 winners/1 black-type winner
9-Fair Grounds, 6:00 p.m. EDT, Alw 1m, A G's Charlotte, 8-1

Practical Joke (Into Mischief), Coolmore Ashford, \$35,000
266 foals of racing age/35 winners/6 black-type winners
7-Aqueduct, 4:25 p.m. EDT, Aoc 6f, Leeloo, 7-2
\$150,000 KEE JAN wnl
1-Aqueduct, 1:20 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Oh Mrs. Maisel, 3-1
\$150,000 KEE SEP yrl

Ribchester (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB}), Kildangan Stud, \$12,500
218 foals of racing age/19 winners/1 black-type winner
9-Santa Anita, 8:16 p.m. EDT, Aoc 6fT, Doitforandrew (GB), 5-2
8,500gns TAT ASY yrl

Shaman Ghost (**Ghostzapper**), Adena Springs North, \$7,500
115 foals of racing age/19 winners/1 black-type winner
4-Golden Gate Fields, 6:31 p.m. EDT, Aoc 6f, Dimmi Quando, 15-1
\$2,500 NCA AUG yrl
6-Santa Anita, 6:46 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Everlys Girl, 2-1
\$100,000 FTS ANA 2yo
9-Santa Anita, 8:16 p.m. EDT, Aoc 6fT, Highland Ghost, 15-1

Straight Fire (Dominus), Legacy Ranch
48 foals of racing age/11 winners/1 black-type winner
9-Santa Anita, 8:16 p.m. EDT, Aoc 6fT, Smuggler's Run, 9-5



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8th-Oaklawn, \$106,000, 3-17, 3yo/up, 1 1/2m, 2:30.89, ft, 9 lengths.

GOALIE (g, 5, Bodemeister--My Tina, by Bertrando) Lifetime Record: 14-3-4-2, \$206,460. O-A Venneri Racing, Inc. and Lombardi, Michael V.; B-Alex Venneri (KY); T-Robertino Diodoro. *\$285,000 RNA Wlg '17 KEENOV; \$195,000 RNA 2yo '19 OBSAPR; \$50,000 4yo '21 FTKHRA. **1/2 to **Midnight Storm** (Pioneer of the Nile), GISW, \$1,783,110.

Scanlon Training Graduate**THOROSTRIDE**—featured horse

9th-Fair Grounds, \$54,240, 3-16, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10.19, ft, 2 lengths.

BIG UNION (g, 4, Union Rags--Cuttyhunk, by Munnings) Lifetime Record: 9-2-2-3, \$97,150. O-Team Forster and J G Williamson Racing; B-McCauley Farm, LLC (KY); T-Grant T. Forster. *\$150,000 Wlg '18 FTKNOV; \$125,000 Ylg '19 FTKOCT; \$260,000 2yo '20 OBSMAR.

8th-Gulfstream, \$54,000, 3-17, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y (AWT) (off turf), 1:42.33, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

CAUSINGAHULLBALOO (f, 4, Malibu Moon--Successful Song {MSW & MGSP, \$632,538}, by Successful Appeal) Lifetime Record: 10-2-2-3, \$94,440. O/B-Live Oak Stud (FL); T-Mark E. Casse.

Dam bought i/f Daredevil for \$23K at KeeNov21 by Mike Slezak • BullOTheWoodsStables@gmail.com

5th-Fair Grounds, \$52,000, 3-17, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.13, ft, 6 3/4 lengths.

SUMITUP (f, 4, Sum of the Parts--Cataballerina, by Tabasco Cat) Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-3, \$84,215. O-Double Dam Farm LLC; B-J. Adcock (LA); T-Delmar R. Caldwell. *\$5,000 Ylg '19 ESLYRL. **1/2

to Lemon Chiffon (Lemon Drop Kid), SW & MGSP, \$282,109; Masked Maiden (**Sky Mesa**), SW, \$178,542.

7th-Sam Houston Race, \$37,000, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:38.60, ft, 1/2 length.

OTTOTHELEGEND (c, 4, Uncle Mo--House of Danzing, by Chester House) Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-0, \$98,722. B/O-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen. *1/2 to Ethnic Dance (Tribal Rule), GSW, \$302,210; Twirling Candy (Candy Ride {Arg}), GISW, \$944,900; Dubai Sky (Candy Ride {Arg}), GSW, \$461,575.

8th-Sam Houston Race, \$37,000, 3-16, 4yo/up, f/m, 5f, :59.60, ft, 2 lengths.

MISS M J (f, 4, Early Flyer--Flying by Fayth, by Flying Baron) Lifetime Record: 10-3-3-0, \$53,560. O/B-Fred Walden (TX); T-J. R. Caldwell.

7th-Charles Town, \$30,800, 3-16, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:22.08, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

DOOR BUSTER (f, 4, Speightster--Miss Henny Penny {SP}, by Half Ours) Lifetime Record: 16-6-3-4, \$230,172. O-Jay A. Reese, LLC; B-Catherine K Jennings & Scott Mallory (WV); T-Ollie L. Figgins, III. *\$25,000 Ylg '19 EASOCT.

Co-Bred & Sold by SCOTT MALLORY, agent

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Mr Chance Romance, g, 3, Limehouse--Color Vision, by Noonmark. Charles Town, 3-16, (S), 4 1/2f, :52.95. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$17,739. B-Ronney & Nicole Brown (WV). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

Critical Thinking, g, 3, Overanalyze--Joels Last Laugh, by Forestry. Penn National, 3-16, 5 1/2f, 1:05.27. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$16,260. B-Robert L Losey (KY). *1ST-TIME STARTER. **\$5,700 RNA Wlg '19 KEENOV.

Majestic Mandate, c, 3, Strong Mandate--Incleveland, by **Midnight Lute**. Sam Houston Race, 3-16, 6f, 1:12.38. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$28,300. B-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC (KY). *\$10,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP; \$25,000 2yo '21 OBSMAR.

Cairo Warrior, g, 4, **Cairo Prince**--Warrior Girl (GSP, \$154,942), by War Chant. Sam Houston Race, 3-17, 1mT, 1:37.07. Lifetime Record: 14-1-4-4, \$60,521. B-William L. Pape (KY). *\$7,500 Ylg '19 KEESEP. **1/2 to Los Ojitos (Mr. Greeley), GSP, \$171,590.

Sparty Sense, c, 4, **Street Sense**--The Last Meow, by Storm Cat. Oaklawn, 3-17, 5 1/2f, 1:04.70. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$54,616. B-Town & Country Horse Farms, LLC (KY). *\$70,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP; \$60,000 RNA 2yo '20 OBSOPN.

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Cairo Prince, Cairo Warrior, g, 4, o/o Warrior Girl, by War Chant. MSW, 3-17, Sam Houston

Early Flyer, Miss M J, f, 4, o/o Flying by Fayth, by Flying Baron. ALW, 3-16, Sam Houston

Hard Spun, Evan Sing, g, 3, o/o Viapervita (Ire), by Spectrum (Ire). MSW, 3-17, Fair Grounds

Limehouse, Mr Chance Romance, g, 3, o/o Color Vision, by Noonmark. MSW, 3-16, Charles Town

Malibu Moon, Causingahullbaloo, f, 4, o/o Successful Song, by Successful Appeal. AOC, 3-17, Gulfstream

Overanalyze, Critical Thinking, g, 3, o/o Joels Last Laugh, by Forestry. MSW, 3-16, Penn National

Speightster, Door Buster, f, 4, o/o Miss Henny Penny, by Half Ours. ALW, 3-16, Charles Town

Street Sense, Sparty Sense, c, 4, o/o The Last Meow, by Storm Cat. MSW, 3-17, Oaklawn

Strong Mandate, Majestic Mandate, c, 3, o/o Incleveland, by Midnight Lute. MSW, 3-16, Sam Houston

Sum of the Parts, Sumitup, f, 4, o/o Cataballerina, by Tabasco Cat. ALW, 3-17, Fair Grounds

Super Saver, Graded Vision, g, 4, o/o Bali Strait, by **Hard Spun**. MSW, 3-17, Fair Grounds

Uncle Mo, I'm So Sorry, f, 3, o/o Don't Leave Me, by Lemon Drop Kid. MSW, 3-17, Gulfstream

Uncle Mo, Ottothelegend, c, 4, o/o House of Danzing, by Chester House. ALW, 3-16, Sam Houston

Union Rags, Big Union, g, 4, o/o Cuttyhunk, by **Munnings**. AOC, 3-16, Fair Grounds

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PORTER FLOORS 'EM TO REMAIN KING OF THE STAYERS



Danny Mullins celebrates Flooring Porter's Win | PA Images

By Emma Berry

CHELTHENHAM, UK—Depending on your preference, Thursday at Cheltenham is either Paddy Power Stayers' Hurdle day or Ryanair Chase day but either way, on St Patrick's Day each of the Irish-sponsored co-feature races produced a repeat Irish winner.

The one key difference 12 months on was that the owners of **Flooring Porter (Ire)** (Yeats {Ire}) and **Allaho (Fr)** (No Risk At All {Fr}) were allowed on course to celebrate in person. And celebrate they did. The huge black-and-white-bedecked entourage that accompanied the dual Stayers' Hurdle winner Flooring Porter made the most of every second of the aftermath of their tough little horse's rousing victory, prompting scenes in the winner's enclosure resembling a pitch invasion as the winning jockey Danny Mullins was carried on the owners' shoulders.

It was hard not to share in their joy and marvel at the pillar-to-post success of the 7-year-old, who was given to his trainer Gavin Cromwell four years ago after failing to reach his reserve of €6,000 at the store sales. He has now won £462,000 in prize-money and, as his manner of victory showed, is clearly still full of running. [Cont. p2](#)

DUBAI WORLD CUP NIGHT CARD ATTRACTS 32 GROUP 1 WINNERS

The **likely fields** for the nine group races (one Arabian and eight Thoroughbred) of the \$30.5-million Dubai World Cup night card on Mar. 26, were revealed on Thursday. A total of 32 Group/Grade 1 winners will take part in the Meydan showpiece.

Todd Pletcher trainee **Life Is Good** (Into Mischief), a winner of the GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile and GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational S., anchors the \$12-million G1 Dubai World Cup Sponsored by Emirates Airlines. Fellow Americans joining him in the field are Grade I winners **Hot Rod Charlie** (Oxbow)—who already sports a win over the surface in the G2 Al Maktoum Challenge Round 2 earlier this winter for Doug O'Neill, and **Country Grammer** (**Tonalist**), while the multiple Grade I-placed **Midnight Bourbon** (Tiznow) also takes part. The latter pair were second and third in the \$20-million G1 Saudi Cup on Feb. 26, and are trained by Bob Baffert and Steve Asmussen, respectively. [Cont. p7](#)

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What he lacks in stature--and he was easily the smallest and slightest of the 10-runner field--Flooring Porter makes up for in heart, with a running style that lays down the gauntlet to his rivals and says 'catch me if you can'. Catch him they couldn't, even though the favourite, and Flooring Porter's conqueror last time, **Klassical Dream (Fr)** (Dream Well {Fr}), loomed ominously when freewheeling down the hill under a motionless Paul Townend. But Danny Mullins was sitting aboard a partner with deeper reserves, and as Flooring Porter's challengers lined up behind him, he flew the final hurdle to land spring-heeled and find another gear to boost him back up the hill for home. With Klassical Dream fading out of contention, **Thyme Hill (GB)** (Kayf Tara {GB}) ran on for second, with the 2019 winner Paisley Park (Ire) (Oscar {Ire}) just a nose behind him in third.

"For these races you have plan A to Z, but I never came out of plan A, and that hardly ever happens," said a beaming Mullins, whose father Tony has enjoyed a share of the limelight in recent years as the trainer of Princess Zoe (Ger).

"These championship races are what it's all about. The most special thing about it today is the reaction from the owners. They weren't here last year to enjoy it and it's very special for them. It's fantastic to hear the boys enjoy it like that, and it shows it can be done with a syndicate. You don't have to be in the elite to win at Cheltenham, and that's the magic of jump racing."

The team of four friends that make up the Flooring Porter Syndicate ended up buying the horse after spotting a Facebook advert, and they include Ned Hogarty, who owns a flooring business in Galway. He said, "It shows you don't have to be a sheikh to win a Grade 1! We came here hopeful. The rain yesterday probably didn't play to our strengths, but it worked out. We all needed this at home. It's been strange times the last couple of years and this is a morale boost." **Cont. p3**



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Hogarty added, "If anyone had told me we wouldn't have won again [since the last Festival] until now I wouldn't have believed them. The horse was due it, we were due it, the parish was due it, and the country was due it. Hopefully we can all celebrate and drink a few pints on Paddy's Day. It's memories we'll have forever."

A key figure responsible for helping to make those memories is Cromwell, the former farrier who took Cheltenham by storm three years ago when saddling Espoir d'Allen (Fr) to win the Champion Hurdle. Sadly the 5-year-old was never seen on a racecourse again after suffering a fatal accident in training some months later. But Cromwell has returned from that tragedy with a horse whose quirks have taken some careful management but who has stamina and verve in abundance.

For good measure, between Flooring Porter's two Cheltenham victories, the versatile trainer has also enjoyed a 2-year-old group victory at Royal Ascot with Quick Suzy (Ire) (Profitable {Ire}).

"I was worried as to whether he'd get done for a turn of foot but Danny kept his cool and he knew what he was doing--he knew what he had underneath him," said Cromwell.

"Danny is so good with these front-runners, he seems to have a serious clock in his head. It's there for everyone to see and Flooring Porter hasn't been straightforward, he's just gone with him straight away and he's just a proper horseman."

He added, "The crowd here is just magic. It was amazing here when Espoir d'Allen won the Champion Hurdle but we came here as an outsider and he wasn't that expected. Coming here today we had one of the fancied ones and we fancied him. It all worked out, so it's fantastic."

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CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL WINNERS

**Winners By Country (Trainer):**

Country	Wins
Ire	11
GB	10

Winners By Country (Bred):

Country	Wins
Ire	12
Fr	5
GB	4

“Happy with what we've seen from her, she shows plenty precocity and speed. Expect her to debut in April”

Joseph O'Brien on the
U S NAVY FLAG
filly ex Queen Iseult named Remind



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Middleham Park Racing on the
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“I love my **U S NAVY FLAG** filly out of a Peintre Celebre mare; she is a good type, great mind and temperament, looks very early. They just reopened the grass training in Rome and I believe she'll run and win soon”

Agostino Affe, trainer of 2021
Italian Champion 2YO Don Chicco



“She's a nice filly who looks precocious and moves well.”

Fozzy Stack on the
U S NAVY FLAG filly ex Naahedh
named Maidstone



“He's a well put together, precocious looking colt, very straightforward and one we'll be getting on with fairly early.”

Ralph Beckett, on the **U S NAVY FLAG**
colt ex Media Luna named Mister Staple

“I'm really excited by the stallion; he was the most phenomenal racehorse. It's very rare for a horse to win the Middle Park and the Dewhurst and then come on and win the July Cup as a 3YO.

He was just an outstanding racehorse and I think he has a great chance of being leading first season sire. She looks strong and forward, the sort of horse I love.”

Hugo Palmer, on the **U S NAVY FLAG**
filly ex Agapantha named Chelsea Green



“He's a really straightforward horse with a great attitude and temperament, he looks well forward.”

Charlie Johnston, on the
U S NAVY FLAG
colt ex Snowflakes



“The **U S NAVY FLAG** filly out of Celestial Bow [named Our Florentine] is forward and looks like she'll be able to run early.”

George Boughey

2YOs also with Gr.1 trainers Andrew Balding, Archie Watson, Clive Cox, David O'Meara, Ed Dunlop, Ed Walker, Ger Lyons, Stan Moore, Jean-Claude Rouget (x2), John & Thady Gosden (x 3), Michael Dods, Michael Halford (x 2), Richard Fahey, Richard Hannon (x 3), Tom Dascombe, Wesley Ward etc.

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Allaho All Class

It wouldn't be the Cheltenham Festival, or St Patrick's Day, without a winner for Willie Mullins but the trainer had to suffer a heart-rending reversal in the opening contest, the G1 Turners Novices' Chase, when **Galopin Des Champs (Fr)** (Timos {Ger}) fell at the last after a superb display of galloping and jumping which had put him into an apparently unassailable position. While he lay stricken on the landing side of the final fence, the Henry de Bromhead-trained **Bob Olinger (Ire)** (Sholokhov {Ire}) galloped on past him, having to be urged up the hill by Rachael Blackmore for what had looked an unlikely victory for so much of the contest.

With Galopin Des Champs mercifully just winded and returning sound to the unsaddling enclosure, it wasn't long before his trainer and jockey Paul Townend were back out in front, with the imperious Allaho

defending his crown and leading home a one-two for Mullins in the Ryanair Chase.

"It makes you wonder why I didn't pick him last year, doesn't it?" said Townend, who has chosen Allaho's stable-mate Min (Fr)

in 2021, leaving Rachael Blackmore to land the spoils. "He gallops and jumps. He's just really, really good. We took our time learning about him, and I think we've got there now. That's what he likes to do and he's built for it, look at the size of him. I'm delighted."

Mullins, now with five winners at Cheltenham this week, said of Allaho, "He jumped from fence to fence and came down to the last as if it wasn't there, and that is a mark of a champion. I was a nervous wreck. The horse was

doing everything right for Paul then coming to the last I thought 'here we go again', but he got over it and jumped it well. Paul has nerves of steel and I'm delighted he is on our side." [Cont. p5](#)



Allaho and Paul Townend | PA Images

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The Thompson family of Cheveley Park Stud were the leading owners at last year's Festival with three winners, and two of those, Sir Gerhard (Ire) (Jeremy) and Allaho, have now backed up in 2022. For the final day, they also have a major chance in the Boodles Cheltenham Gold Cup with A Plus Tard (Fr) (Kaggarde {Fr}), who was second to his stable-mate Minella Indo (Ire) (Beat Hollow {GB}) 12 months ago and is currently favourite to go one better on Friday.

Though the Cheveley Park Stud colours bear the patriotic red, white and blue of Britain, where the Thompsons' Flat horses are bred and trained, the late David Thompson chose to base his select National Hunt string in Ireland, and he was well rewarded for the investment he made. Cheveley Park Stud has now been represented by nine Cheltenham Festival winners.

Britain Fights Back

Despite a fairly lacklustre performance from the British trainers at last year's Festival, this time around the honours are more even, with Ireland leading Britain by 11 winners to 10

going into the final day. Thursday's three Grade 1 contests all went to Irish stables but the remainder of the day's races fell to stables in England and Wales.

The Harry Fry-trained **Love Envoi (Ire)** (Westerner {Ire}) remained unbeaten when winning the G2 Ryanair Mares' Novices' Hurdle to give jockey Jonathan Burke his first Festival victory. Dual-purpose trainer Hughie Morrison was rewarded with his first Cheltenham winner since Frenchman's Creek (GB) in 2002 when Mouse Hamilton-Fairley's homebred



Coole Cody after taking the G3 Craft Irish Whiskey Co. Plate Handicap Chase | PA Images

Third Wind (GB) (Shirocco {Ger}) held off **Alaphilippe (Ire)** (Morozov) in a tight finish to the G3 Pertemps Final. [Cont. p6](#)

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Cheltenham specialist **Coole Cody (Ire)** (Dubai Destination) landed the G3 Craft Irish Whiskey Plate for Welsh-based Evan Williams.

Williams's namesake, the unrelated Venetia Williams, notched her second win at this year's Festival when **Chambard (Fr)** (Gris De Gris {Fr}) sprang a surprise in Thursday's finale to win the Fulke Walwyn Kim Muir Challenge Cup in the hands of Lucy Turner at odds of 40-1.

A tip of the chapeau must go to former *TDN* contributor-turned-Paris restaurateur Emmanuel Roussel who was absent from Cheltenham for the first time in many years but was represented on the roll of honour as co-breeder of Chambard with André Cyprière and Antoine-Audoine Maggiar. Roussel, who also named the 10-year-old, explained that Chambard translates loosely to "a noisy mess".

His victory was thus a rather fitting way to bring the curtain down on the penultimate day of the Festival, as the record crowd of 73,754 departed Prestbury Park in varying states of inebriation to regroup for one last hurrah on Gold Cup day.

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POUR MOI FILLY TOPS FESTIVAL SALE AT £370,000

Henry de Bromhead celebrated his two Grade 1 winners at Cheltenham this week by adding the top lot of the Tattersalls Cheltenham Festival Sale to his string.

The daughter of Pour Moi (Ire), named Kudasheva (Ire), was an eye-catching winner on debut in a point-to-point in Ireland on March 6 and brought a final bid of £370,000. Offered as lot 18 by Pat Doyle's Suirview Stables, the 4-year-old is out of a Hernando (Ire) half-sister to Cheltenham Gold Cup winner Don Cossack (Ger) (Sholokhov {Ire}).

Gordon Elliott will take charge of two of the sale's leading lots after going to £350,000 for Better Days Ahead (Ire) (Milan {GB}), a 4-year-old gelding sold by Warren Ewing of Bernice Stables, whose previous graduates include Tuesday's track record-breaking **Constitution Hill (GB)** (Blue Bresil {Fr}), winner of the G1 Supreme Novices' Hurdle. Lot 12 was another recent winner from his sole start at the end of February and he will race for Noel and Valerie Moran of Bective Stud.

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Love Envoi and Jonathan Burke take the G2 Ryanair Mares' Novices' Hurdle | PA Images



The Ciaran Maher/David Eustace-trained Coolangatta (Aus) (Written Tycoon {Aus}) takes her place in Saturday's G1 Golden Slipper.

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Elliott also bought lot 5, the 5-year-old gelding Stellar Story (Ire) (Shantou), for £310,000 from Donnchadh Doyle's Monbeg Stables.

The sale, which took place in the parade ring after racing, turned over £3,353,000 in just over an hour for the 23 lots sold at an average of £145,783.

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Last year's Dubai World Cup second and third, **Chuwa Wizard (Jpn)** (King Kamehameha {Jpn}) and Godolphin's **Magny Cours** (Medaglia d'Oro) have also signed on. Another in the royal blue is Group 2 winner **Real World (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}) from the yard of Saeed bin Suroor. **Hypothetical (Ire)** (Lope de Vega {Ire}), the winner of the G1 Al Maktoum Challenge Round 3 at the beginning of the month and the second-place finisher **Remorse (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}), are also part of the field.

A field of 14 lines up in the \$6-million Longines Dubai Sheema Classic, with a pair of Japanese Group 1 winner—**Glory Vase (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) and **Shahryar (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) representing the Land of the Rising Sun. Godolphin's GI Breeders' Cup Turf hero **Yibir (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) for Charlie Appleby and G1 Coronation Cup victor **Pyledriver (GB)** (Harbour Watch {Ire}) have also thrown their hats in the ring. Others in the Sheema Classic are William Haggas's **Dubai Honour (Ire)** (Pride Of Dubai {Aus}) and **Alenquer (Fr)** (Adlerflug {Ger}), while Owen Burrows will saddle G2 Dubai City Of Gold scorer **Hukum (Ire)** (Sea The Stars {Ire}).

John and Thady Gosden's **Lord North (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}) will defend his title in the 1800-metre \$5-million G1 Dubai Turf Sponsored By DP World, but multiple Group 1 winner **Lord Glitters (Fr)** (Whipper) and a trio of Japanese hopefuls—**Schnell Meister (Ger)** (**Kingman (GB)**), **Vin De Garde (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) and **Panthalassa (Jpn)** (Lord Kanaloa {Jpn})—will make his task difficult.

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In the \$2-million 1200-metre G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen Sponsored By Atlantis Dubai, American Grade I winners **Dr. Schivel** (Violence) and **Drain The Clock** (Maclean's Music) lock horns with the Japanese duo of **Chain Of Love (Jpn)** (Heart's Cry {Jpn}) and **Red Le Zele (Jpn)** (Lord Kanaloa {Jpn}). Another Japanese entrant, **Copano Kicking** (Sprint At Last), who ran fifth in the 2021 Golden Shaheen, has been withdrawn from consideration due to an injury.

On turf, the 1200-metre \$1,500,000 G1 Al Quoz Sprint Sponsored by Azizi Developments sees three Charlie Appleby Godolphin colourbearers—Group 1 winner **Creative Force (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}), **Man Of Promise** (Into Mischief) and Group 2 winner **Naval Crown (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) go up against European Group 1 winners **Emaraaty Ana (GB)** (Shamardal) and **A Case Of You (Ire)** (Hot Streak {Ire}).

Classic hopefuls square off in the \$1-million 1900-metre G2 UAE Derby Sponsored By Irwin, and Bob Baffert's GI Del Mar Futurity and G3 Saudi Derby victor **Pinehurst (Twirling Candy)** heads the field, which also includes the Saudi Derby runner-up **Sekifu (Jpn)** (Henny Hughes). The 1600-metre \$1-million G2 Godolphin Mile Sponsored By Nakheel features last year's winner **Secret Ambition (GB)** (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), who is aiming to defend his title. The longest race on the card, is the 3200-metre \$1-million G2 Dubai Gold Cup Sponsored By Al Tayer Motors on grass. Japanese trainer Yoshito Yahagi saddles G3 Longines Red Sea Turf H. winner **Stay Foolish (Jpn)** (Stay Gold {Jpn}), who will face the undefeated G3 Nad Al Sheba Trophy winner **Manobo (Ire)** (Sea The Stars {Ire}) for Godolphin and Charlie Appleby.

"We are delighted with the strength of the entries for the 26th Dubai World Cup meeting," said Major General Mohammed Essa Al Adhab, General Manager of Dubai Racing Club. "We have strength and depth across all nine races and it's wonderful to

have so many different countries represented.

"We are also extremely happy to be able to welcome back a **capacity crowd** for the first time since 2019 and we hope that everyone will enjoy a superb evening of racing."

The G1 Kahayla Classic for Arabians will begin at 3:45 p.m. local time, and the Dubai World Cup will take place at 8:30 p.m. Meydan Racecourse opens at 12 p.m., and tickets are available on the **Dubai Racing Club website**.

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BRITAIN

Thursday's Results:

3rd-Southwell, £7,300, Novice, 3-17, 3yo, 8f 14y (AWT), 1:43.39, st.

CONSERVATIVE (IRE) (g, 3, **Churchill {Ire}**—**Fairy Dancer {Ire}**, by **Fastnet Rock {Aus}**), third over seven furlongs behind the subsequent G1 Futurity Trophy fourth Hannibal Barca (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}) when last seen at Salisbury in September, broke well to settle on the lead. Hard at work pressed on both sides in the straight, the newly-gelded even-money favourite held on to prevail by a head from Khathak (GB) (Iffraaj {GB}). There was a further length back to the debutante Sharp Frank (GB) (**Frankel {GB}**) in third, with the son of the GII Lake Placid S. winner Sharp Susan (Touch Gold) delivering a strong finishing surge after a tardy start. The winner is the second foal out of the dam, whose first was the G3 Prix de Cabourg runner-up Jubilation (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}). She is a half-sister to the GI Breeders' Cup Turf and GI Man o' War S. hero Red Rocks (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), as well as the group-placed Medicinal (Ire) (Linamix {Fr}) and

Galvaun (Ire) also by Galileo. Also connected to the G3 Prix Minerve winner Tamniah (Fr) (Nathaniel {Ire}), her 2021 colt is by Night of Thunder (Ire). Sales history: 70,000gns Ylg '20 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-2, \$8,636. **Video, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Manton Park Racing; B-Ballylinch Stud (IRE); T-Martyn Meade.

4th-Wolverhampton, £8,700, Novice, 3-17, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f 36y (AWT), 1:29.42, st.

QUEEN AMINATU (GB) (f, 3, Muhaarar {GB}--Zeb Un Nisa {GB}, by Iffraaj {GB}), who set the form standard on her latest second in a six-furlong Newcastle novice Feb. 24, was positioned in third against the rail from the break. Angled out to gain a head of steam once straightened for home, the 4-5 market-leader stayed on strongly to record a 2 1/4-length verdict over Rebel Love (Ire) (Dandy Man {Ire}). Callisto Moon (GB) (Shamardal), Godolphin's full-sister to Earthlight (Ire), put up a solid debut effort to be a further 1 3/4 lengths behind in third. The dam, whose yearling colt is by Night of Thunder (Ire), is a granddaughter of the G3 Prestige S. winner Glatisant (GB) (Rainbow Quest) who was responsible for the G1 2000 Guineas-winning sire **Footstepsinthesand (GB)** and the G1 Phoenix S. scorer Pedro the Great (Henrythenavigator). Sales history: 28,000gns RNA Ylg '20 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, \$11,070. **Video, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Mr A E Oppenheimer; B-Hascombe & Valiant Stud Ltd (GB); T-William Haggas.

8th-Southwell, £7,300, Novice, 3-17, 3yo/up, 6f 17y (AWT), 1:15.12, st.

INGRA TOR (IRE) (c, 3, Churchill {Ire}--Kassia {Ire} {SW-Eng, \$115,482}, by Acclamation {GB}), who failed to stay the seven furlongs when ninth on debut at Newmarket in October, raced enthusiastically behind the leading pair throughout the early stages. Gaining the advantage inside the last 150 yards, the 11-2 shot outstayed Palifico (GB) (Siyouni {Fr}) to score by a length. The winner is the first foal out of the useful dam, who captured the Listed Boadicea S. and is a half to the G2 Mill Reef S. runner-up Rufford (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}). From the family of the G1 Prix de Diane heroine Lady In Silver (Silver Hawk), her 2-year-old filly Kanawha (GB) is by Kodiak (GB). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$5,183. **Video, sponsored by TVG.**

O/B-Jon and Julia Aisbitt (IRE); T-Mick Channon.

FRANCE

CONDITIONS RESULT:

3rd-Marseille-Borely, €22,000, 3-17, 3yo, 8 1/2fT, 1:42.78, gd.
PERLE ROUGE (FR) (f, 3, Zelzal {Fr}--Action Premiere {Fr}, by Act One {GB}) Lifetime Record: 11-2-4-2, €41,800. O-Lucien Bermond, Antoine Diaz, Sandrine Jacquemin & Brigitte Re-Scandella; B-Mlle M L Collet, Mme M Collet & J Collet (FR); T-Brigitte Re-Scandella. *€6,500 Ylg '20 ARQOCT.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Franky Forever (Fr), g, 3, Dream Ahead--Emeraude Flower (Fr), by Canford Cliffs (Ire). Marseille-Borely, 3-17, 10fT, 2:03.18. B-Ecurie du Sud & Ecurie Gribomont (FR).
Hello Charly (Fr), c, 3, Myboycharlie (Ire)--Hot Marmalade (Fr), by Duke of Marmalade (Ire). Marseille-Borely, 3-17, 8 1/2fT, 1:46.58. B- Mme Y Seydoux De Clausonne (FR).

OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

Observations on the European Racing Scene turns the spotlight on the best European races of the day, highlighting well-pedigreed horses early in their careers, horses of note returning to action and young runners that achieved notable results in the sales ring. Friday's Observations features a half-sister to multiple Group 1 winner Ervedya:

HALF TO ERVEDYA DEBUTS AT TOULOUSE

5.32 Toulouse, Debutantes, €16,000, 3yo, 10 1/2fT

EREVIYA (Fr) (Pivotal {GB}) makes her entrance on a low-key card, but as a half-sister to the star mare Ervedya (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}) is certain to attract keen attention. Jean-Claude Rouget introduces The Aga Khan homebred, whose sibling started out at the smaller provincial track of Tarbes before hitting the heights in the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches, G1 Coronation S. and G1 Prix du Moulin.

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DIABOLICAL DERBY DRAW FOR CALIFORNIA SPANGLE *by Alan Carasso*



California Spangle | HKJC photo

The connections of the speedy **California Spangle (Ire)** (**Starspangledbanner (Aus)**) were hardly doing cartwheels after their Hong Kong Classic Cup (1800m) winner was assigned gate 10 in a full field of 14 for Sunday's HK\$24-million BMW Hong Kong Derby at Sha Tin Racecourse.

The winner of six of his eight local starts, California Spangle made all in the Feb. 27 Classic Cup, having endured a tough trip when second to **Romantic Warrior (Ire)** (Acclamation (GB)) in the Hong Kong Classic Mile back in January. But jockey Zac Purton admits that the 10 hole is not exactly what the team had in mind.

"Unfortunately, we have a number of speed runners drawn inside us who are no doubt going to try and hold their positions," Purton said. "If I fire him out of the gate from 10 at this start to get across, maybe it gives him that signal it's time to go and he might see that corner and think he's in a 1200-metre race. It could go horribly bad for us, it's a horrible draw for us--but it is what it is."

Roles were reversed in the Classic Cup, when Romantic Warrior was trapped out deep from a double-digit draw for the entire trip and finished a brave fourth. The Hong Kong International Sale grad fared better this time around in pulling gate eight.

"Last time he did cover a lot of ground, he was the widest horse for the whole race and he still finished off nicely so this time we are in the middle of the track," said jockey Karis Teetan. "So if we can get a good jump and get him in a decent position, I think he should run the distance no problem and I think he will show us his nice turn of foot this time."

A course-and-distance winner--a rare commodity in this field--**Senor Toba (Aus)** (Toronado (Ire)) gets the blinkers on for the first time from gate three. Trainer Caspar Fownes believes the gray can improve on his running-on fifth in the Classic Cup from barrier three, which has produced four Derby winners since 2000.

"We'll always take the stats if they're in our favour and if they're not in our favour, we'll try to change them," Fownes said. "The horse is going to have the blinkers on for the first time, we took him to the gates this morning, he's starting to know how to jump better and know what we want of him."

The Hong Kong Derby is carded as the eighth of 10 races Sunday at Sha Tin and jumps at 4:40 p.m. local time (9:40 a.m. BST).

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ASIA

Thursday's Result:

KUROFUNE SHO-Listed (Jpn-G3), ¥39,000,000, Kochi, 3-17, 4yo/up, 1400m, 1:30.30, gd.

1--**IGNITER (JPN)**, 123, c, 4, **Espoir City (Jpn)**--**Bianco (Jpn)**, by **Warning (GB)**. **1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** (¥7,020,000 Ylg '19 JBBAUG). O-Yoshiki Noda; B-Haruki Farm (Jpn); T-Masashi Arataishi; J-Manabu Tanaka. ¥26,000,000. Lifetime Record: 14-7-3-1.

2--**Helios (Jpn)**, 123, g, 6, Orfevre (Jpn)--Ange Chouette (Jpn), by French Deputy. O/B-Kuwata Farm (Jpn); ¥6,000,000.

3--**Danon Good (Jpn)**, 123, h, 10, Elusive Quality--My Goodness, by Storm Cat. O-Shishijuni Union; B-Mishima Bokujo (Jpn); ¥3,350,000.

Margins: 1, NK, NK. Odds: 6.50, 1.50, 55.20.

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1	10	California Spangle (Ire)	Starspangledbanner (Aus)	Purton	Cruz	126
2	8	Romantic Warrior (Ire)	Acclamation (GB)	Teetan	Shum	126
3	13	The Irishman (NZ)	Tavistock (NZ)	Shinn	Lui	126
4	6	Turin Redsun (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Badel	Whyte	126
5	7	Ima Single Man (Aus)	Gingerbread Man (Aus)	Poon	Cruz	126
6	3	Senor Toba (Aus)	Toronado (Ire)	Moreira	Fownes	126
7	4	Fa Fa (NZ)	He's Remarkable (NZ)	Bentley	Lor	126
8	9	Money Catcher (NZ)	Ferlax (NZ)	Leung	Lor	126
9	5	Rocket Spade (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Ho	Fownes	126
10	12	S J Tourbillon (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Maia	Yiu	126
11	2	Champion Dragon (Ire)	Starspangledbanner (Aus)	Chadwick	Cruz	126
12	11	Mr Ascendancy (Ire)	The Gurkha (Ire)	Ferraris	Yiu	126
13	1	Crossford (Ire)	Dawn Approach (Ire)	Borges	Size	126
14	14	Nordic Sky (Brz)	Salto (Ire)	Hamelin	Millard	126
Emergencies						
		Boom Alliance (GB)	Archipenko	No Rider	Whyte	126
		Copartner Elites (GB)	Charm Spirit (Ire)	No Rider	Shum	126

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