Epicenter prior to the Travers | Sarah Andrew

Winchell Thoroughbreds’ Epicenter (Not This Time--Silent Candy, by Candy Ride {Arg}), a leading candidate for champion 3-year-old honors, will enter stud in 2023 at Ashford Stud. He will stand for $45,000.

Bred at Mike, Brent and Kevin Harrises’ Westwind Farms in Bowling Green, Kentucky, Epicenter was hammered down to the Winchell team for $260,000 at the 2020 Keeneland September sale and was ultimately turned over to the operation’s Hall of Fame trainer Steve Asmussen. A maiden winner at second asking going the one-turn mile at Churchill Downs, the bay romped by 6 1/2 lengths to become a stakes winner for the first time in the Gun Runner S. at the Fair Grounds last December before dropping a narrow decision when making his graded stakes debut in the GII Lecomte S. An all-the-way winner of the GII Risen Star S. in February, Epicenter showed a new dimension in the GII Louisiana Derby, settling a bit further off the pace before quickening home to score by 2 1/2 lengths.

Epicenter’s winter efforts made him the 4.10-1 favorite for the GI Kentucky Derby and he raced better than midfield, surged to the lead at the furlong grounds and was outfinished by Rich Strike (Keen Ice). He was similarly unlucky to not win the GI Preakness S., finishing runner-up to recent Coolmore addition Early Voting (Gun Runner) after a slow start and some upper-stretch traffic, but he atoned for those defeats at Saratoga over the summer with some authority. Cont. p3

OUT IN A BLAZE OF ‘GLORY’ IN MATRIARCH
by Alan Carasso
Some outstanding turf distaffers have prevailed down the years in the GI Matriarch S., contested at Del Mar since the permanent closure of Hollywood Park in 2013. The late Bobby Frankel sent out the closely related Heat Haze (GB) (Green Desert) and Intercontinental (GB) (Danehill) to win in 2003 and 2004, respectively--after the race was shortened to a mile--and the honor roll is graced by the likes of Juddmonte’s Ventura (Chester House), the globetrotting Miss Temple City (Temple City) and champion Uni (GB). The latter gave Chad Brown, Frankel’s star pupil, his second Matriarch in 2018 and Sunday afternoon, Peter Brant’s ‘TDN Rising Star’ Regal Glory (Animal Kingdom) made it five out of the last six runnings with a smashing defense of her title. It marked the first time the Matriarch has seen a repeat winner since Flawlessly (Affirmed) won three straight from 1991 to 1993. Cont. p4

IN TDN EUROPE TODAY
ARQANA'S VENTE D'ELEVAGE IMPROVED ON 2021
Metrics were up across the board during the second session of Arqana’s December Breeding Stock Sale. Brian Sheerin reports from Deauville.
SCOLLAY: NEW MEDICATION RULES A 'BIBLE'

Dan Ross sits down with Dr. Mary Scollay to discuss HISA’s doping and medication control program, which—despite the recent setbacks to HISA implementation—appears set to go forward beginning Jan. 1, 2023.

SPEED BOAT BEACH STAYS TRIP IN DEMILLE

Stretching out to a route of ground for the first time, Speed Boat Beach (Bayern) validated 17-10 favoritism in the GIII Cecil B. DeMille S.

WEEK IN REVIEW: POST TIME SHINES FOR CAMACHO

When Eric Camacho retired from the saddle in 2016, little could he fathom that he could be riding a potential Derby horse in 2022.
Epicenter To Ashford cont. from p1

Epicenter was a romping winner of the GII Jim Dandy S., besting Grade I winner Zandon (Upstart), and, at even-money, the GI Runhappy Travers S., where dual GII SW Cyberknife (Gun Runner) was left some 5 1/4 lengths behind. His Beyer Speed Figure of 112 was the highest of any of his generation on dirt this year. Epicenter, who was pulled up when the second pick to Flightline (Tapit) in the GI Longines Breeders' Cup Classic and is recovering nicely from his injuries, retires with a record of 6-3-0 from 11 starts and earnings of $2,940,639.

"Epicenter was solid all year and the Travers was the breakout performance he needed and deserved, and he did it in an emphatic way," said trainer Steve Asmussen. "He put everything together on a grand stage."

“He was a brilliant horse whose best racing days were still in front of him,” said Ron Winchell who raced the colt. “Bred on the reverse of Gun Runner’s Candy Ride/Giant’s Causeway cross he’s a hugely exciting stallion prospect.”

“Epicenter is the best son of Giant’s Causeway’s best sire son Not This Time and is out of a stakes winner by the sire of Gun Runner,” said Coolmore’s Dermot Ryan. “His combination of speed and stamina made him a potent force and he’s a very good-looking horse to boot. Breeders are going to love him.”

One of three top-level and one of nine graded winners for his boom stallion, Epicenter is the most accomplished foal from his stakes-winning and Grade III-placed dam, who fetched $625,000 carrying a full-sibling to Epicenter at this year’s Keeneland November Sale. Westwind acquired Silent Candy for $130,000 in foal to Scat Daddy at KEENOV in 2014.

Sarah Andrew
Prohibitively favored off a 10th-place effort behind Modern Games (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) in the GI Breeders' Cup Mile at Keeneland Nov. 4, the blaze-faced chestnut was a bit tardy from the stalls and landed in fourth position as Hamwood Flier (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}) was loose on the lead through a moderate opening couple of furlongs in :23.58, but she got aggressive beneath Mike Smith and covered an internal quarter-mile in a taxing :22.54.

Still as many as eight lengths clear as they raced around the turn, Regal Glory commenced her rally three wide with 2 1/2 furlongs to go, swallowed up the spent pacesetter with what has become her trademark turn of foot and sped clear. England's Rose (English Channel) took a three-way photo for second over course-and-distance GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf winner Pizza Bianca (Fastnet Rock {Aus}). Hamwood Flier rounded out the superfecta.

"I had great respect for Mike’s [Smith] filly, but there was nothing I could do about it then," said the in-form Flavien Prat. "My mare had to run her race. Once she got going, I knew we were going to be all right."

Brant acquired Regal Glory, theretofore a dual graded winner, for a joint sales-topping $925,000 out of the Paul Pompa dispersal at the 2021 Keeneland January sale and the mare earned back about half that investment at the races last year, capped by her season-ending victory in this event. Kept in training for a 6-year-old season, Regal Glory landed her seasonal debut in the GIII Pegasus World Cup Filly & Mare Turf in January, then outkicked favored stablemate Shantisara (Ire) (Coulsty {Fr}) to score by a length in Keeneland's GI Jenny Wiley S. in April.
The sire of Maxfield, McKinzie, and Speaker’s Corner already has a G1 sire son. And his first G1 winner as a broodmare sire is a European Champion. **Sustained demand in 2022 for his notably attractive stock**, too: a $212k yearling average and sales of $800k, two at $725k and $700k. Just imagine...

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Matriarch S. cont.

“It was [Brant’s] call to keep her in training this year,” Brown said after a record fifth Jenny Wiley that took him past Frankel and Bill Mott. “I probably would have bred her, and he said, 'No, she's in good form and I want to see her run another year. I have a feeling this is her year.'"

So much so that an Eclipse statuette just might be waiting for her in Florida come January.

To her Jenny Wiley, Regal Glory added the GI Just A Game S. and was second versus the males in the GI Fourstardave H. and again to the commonly owned, loose-on-the-lead stable companion 'Rising Star' in Italian (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) in the GI First Lady S. ahead of her Breeders' Cup try.

Assistant trainer Jose Hernandez confirmed Regal Glory had run her last race.

“We're going to miss her. We've had a lot of nice moments, a lot of nice races,” he said.

Pedigree Notes:

Regal Glory’s dam Mary’s Follies won the 2009 GIII Boiling Springs S. for the late John Forbes and was acquired privately by Pompa, for whom she posted her best victory in that year’s GII Mrs. Revere S. while under the care of Rick Dutrow. Cont. p6

Benoit photo
Her foal of 2012, Night Prowler carried the Pompa colors to a pair of scores at the graded level for Pompa and Brown, and Regal Glory’s half-brother Cafe Pharoah did his part with a pair of Group 3 victories in Japan as a 3-year-old in 2020. Mary’s Follies’s current 2-year-old is the colt Ready To Connect (Connect), a maiden winner at Ta’if, Saudi Arabia, in his second career start this past July.

Mary’s Follies was purchased by the BBA Ireland for $500,000 out of the aforementioned dispersal after aborting her Curlin foal and produced a full-brother to Cafe Pharoah this past February before visiting Into Mischief.

Sunday, Del Mar
Matriarch S.-GI, $401,500, Del Mar, 12-4, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:33.60, fm.
1–Regal Glory, 123, m, 6, by Animal Kingdom
1st Dam: Mary’s Follies (MGSW, $338,889), by More Than Ready
2nd Dam: Catch the Queen, by Miswaki
3rd Dam: Wave to the Queen, by Wavering Monarch
‘TDN Rising Star’. ($925,000 5yo ‘21 KEEJAN). O-Peter M. Brant; B-Paul P Pompa (KY); T-Chad C. Brown; J-Flavien Prat. $240,000. Lifetime Record: 23-13-6-0, $2,619,134. *1/2 to Night Prowler (Giant’s Causeway), MGSW, $535,682; Cafe Pharoah (American Pharoah), MG1SW-Jpn, $3,414,646.

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At 2
1st Gun Runner Stakes, 1¾m, Fair Grounds, by 6½ lengths
1st Maiden Special Weight, 1m, Churchill Downs, by 3½ lengths

At 3
1st Travers Stakes [G1], 1½m, Saratoga, by 5¼ lengths from Grade 1 winners Cyberknife, Zandon and Rich Strike
1st Jim Dandy Stakes [G2], 1¾m, Saratoga
1st Louisiana Derby [G2], 1¾m, Fair Grounds
1st Risen Star Stakes [G2], 1¼m, Fair Grounds
2nd Kentucky Derby [G1], 1¾m, Churchill Downs
2nd Preakness Stakes [G1], 1¾m, Pimlico

“It’s fitting that Epicenter won the race named in Gun Runner’s honor because his pedigree is a mirror image of that 2017 Horse of the Year.”

EATON SALES
3–Pizza Bianca, 120, f, 3, by Fastnet Rock (AUS)
1st Dam: White Hot (Ire), by Galileo (Ire)
2nd Dam: Gwynn (Ire), by Darshaan (GB)
3rd Dam: Victoress, by Conquistador Cielo
($3,450,000 RNA 3yo ‘22 FTKNOV). O/B-B Flay Thoroughbreds (KY); T-Christophe Clement. $48,000.
**Matriarch S. cont.**

Margins: 5 1/4, NO, HD. Odds: 0.60, 17.50, 13.00.
Also Ran: Hamwood Flier (Ire), Avenue de France (Fr), Dolce Zel (Fr), Bipartisanship (GB), Eddie’s New Dream. Scratched: Gold for Kitten, Wakanaka (Ire).

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**HIWU’S SCOLLAY: NEW MEDICATION RULES**

‘YOUR NEW BIBLE’ By Dan Ross

Despite all the legal jockeying these past few weeks and months, the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act’s (HISA) anti-doping and medication control program still appears set for launch on Jan. 1 in the vast majority of states that conduct pari-mutuel wagering.

This means on the first day of 2023, thousands of trainers, veterinarians and other backstretch workers must grapple with a new set of rules guiding how and when to administer a set of everyday medications—the list of which can be found here—to avoid falling foul of a post-race and out-of-competition positive.

Is there much of a difference between the Association of Racing Commissioners International (ACRI)’s current therapeutic medication schedule and that as outlined by the Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit (HIWU)?

Turns out there is—one that, in short, boils down to the differences between the current world of withdrawal guidelines and thresholds, and the looming system of detection times and screening limits.

“There is a substantial difference and if the terms are used interchangeably, there is a profound risk of a medication violation,” warned Mary Scollay, chief of science at HIWU, established by Drug Free Sport International.

Some of the key points as Jan. 1 looms large:

- Detection times do not necessarily provide an accurate medication withdrawal guide;
- New screening limits will require different administration protocols;
- There will be no enforcement “grace period” for stakeholders to adjust;
- This different medication schedule will require adjustments well before Jan. 1.
New Medication Rules cont.

Withdrawal Guidelines vs. Detection Times

Traditionally, withdrawal guidelines are based on administration studies with a “statistically derived margin of safety built in,” said Scollay.

“The idea is that if you follow the administration protocol described in the study—dose, route of administration—and you comply with the withdrawal guidance,” said Scollay, “you should have a high degree of confidence that you will not have a medication violation.”

In other words, withdrawal guidelines provide a reliable cut-off point to administer a medication to avoid post-race positives.

This is in contrast to detection times under HISA, calculated through studies on a group of horses administered a certain medication.

These horses are then tested to determine the earliest time the drug is eliminated from all the horses' systems—a level below either the lowest concentration identified by the laboratory or below a defined screening limit.

This means that detection times “do not have any margin of safety calculated in,” warned Scollay. “It is the starting point for determining a withdrawal interval. So, the burden for establishing an appropriate withdrawal interval for medication now lies exclusively with the horses’ connections.”

In any of these given studies, for example, the horses may metabolize drugs at different speeds—and potentially quicker than a racehorse given the same drug at the same dose.

Studies with a very small cohort of horses—like hydroxyzine, with a detection time of 96 hours from a study with only two horses—provide another reason why detection times can provide a very thin margin of error.

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Imagine a study testing a doorframe set at six feet, explained one regulatory veterinarian. If the study participants are all under six foot, no problem. But what about all the six-foot plus individuals not studied?

For practicing veterinarians accustomed to concrete withdrawal times, therefore, this constitutes a sea-change in the way medications can be safely prescribed and administered to avoid costly post-race positives.

“There’s no easy answer to this,” admitted Scollay. “I fully understand what a philosophical change this is, and yes, I understand that the vets can feel like they’re flying blind right now.”

Aim of Schedule

Aside from a select few substances—like electrolytes, orally administered vitamins and anti-ulcer medications which can be administered up to 24-hours before a race—there is a mandatory 48-hour restricted administration time for all controlled medications.

For a number of these routine controlled medications, the dosage, withdrawal time and stipulated threshold in the current ARCI schedule are the same as the dosage, detection time and screening limits outlined by HIWU.

But where these differ, the differences might be subtle, easily over-looked. The ARCI’s phenylbutazone threshold is 0.3 micrograms per millimeter, but is 0.2 micrograms per millimeter under HISA, for example—a small change with significant implications when it comes to its use in the days prior to a race. What’s more, Scollay is unable to provide veterinarians and horsemen with specific withdrawal numbers. “HIWU and HISA are not in a position to provide withdrawal guidance,” she said. “I cannot say, I think you’re going to be fine if you back out to 82 hours.”

Things can get even trickier when HIWU provides zero dosage, detection time and screening limit guidance on a drug listed on the controlled medication list. But that doesn’t necessarily mean veterinarians and trainers are indeed “flying blind.”

The corticosteroid betamethasone has no dosage or detection time listed, but it comes with a Restricted Administration Time (RAT) to race of 14 days (7 days for a work).

The Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) diclofenac—commonly found in a topical ointment to treat swelling and inflammation—similarly has no listed dosage and detection time.

As Scollay explains, that’s because the process of calculating elimination times in an ointment—and therefore, one routinely applied in wildly different amounts to different parts of the body—is extremely difficult.
HIWU cont.
But this underscores, she said, the overarching aim of the new medication schedule—to foster a more conservative approach to veterinary medicine.

If diclofenac is used to treat a problematic joint, said Scollay, “from my perspective, once you’ve got that joint quieted down, I think you’d still want to assess that horse’s response to treatment and assess the horse’s recovery by breezing him. “And so, you’re not talking about ceasing treatment on a specific joint that has been inflamed and problematic going into a race in three days.”

In other words, if a topical diclofenac ointment is being used to treat certain musculoskeletal problems, then racing probably shouldn’t be on the horse’s imminent agenda, said Scollay.

Clearance Testing
More broadly, there’s a very rough rule-of-thumb when it comes to calculating withdrawal times. One is that a short detection time is typically indicative of fast elimination from the system, said Scollay.

“But if something takes 96 hours to clear, I would be more conservative because I know it clears slowly,” said Scollay, speculating that “if I add just 24 hours onto that, I may not have allowed enough time for it to clear.”

But perhaps the most accurate guide for veterinarians and trainers concerned about a positive test, said Scollay, would be to conduct “clearance testing” well before race-day—a service provided through HIWU.

“We’ll collect the sample from the horse, and then send it to the laboratory that’s doing the testing. The trainer would have to provide information about the treatment, the drug, the dose, the frequency—when it was halted,” said Scollay.

It’s not a free service, however.

“I don’t know what that fee is yet,” Scollay added. “That would be paid for by the horse’s connections.”

Importantly, the new controlled medication rules are primarily germane to post-race testing, not HISA’s out-of-competition testing program, which is largely focused on banned substances.

That said, the new rules prohibit the presence of more than one NSAID or corticosteroid in both post-race and post-work samples—a prohibition designed to nix the practice of “stacking.”

HIWU’s new common controlled medication list provides secondary detection times for three common NSAIDS, to help avoid a stacking offense. Cont. p11

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**Enforcement**

Though the new drug rules might prove a marked change from the current status-quo, don’t expect an enforcement grace period for stakeholders to acclimatize to their new regulatory expectations.

“The regulations don’t provide for it,” said Scollay, categorically.

So, what are some of the implications for a positive of a controlled substance? An outline of the sanctions can be found here.

The majority of post-race positives are for everyday therapeutic medications—like phenylbutazone, a class C controlled drug, a first time positive for which would result in a fine of up to $500 and the automatic disqualification of the horse.

Which leads to another question: Who will be held responsible in the event of a positive?

The ultimate-insurer rule places the burden of responsibility on the shoulders of the trainer. But in the language of the law, there appears to be room for the veterinarian (and perhaps others) to be similarly held culpable.

As Scollay describes it, such a scenario would be case-specific. “The facts of the case would have to determine who else might be complicit,” she said. “To be fair, if it’s an overage of a medication one would say, ‘well, the vet didn’t administer that without the trainer’s knowledge and consent.’”

And so, when should veterinarians, trainers and others start applying these new controlled medication rules?

Given the 14-day stand down on all intra-articular injections—along with a 15-day detection time for the NSAID firocoxib—Scollay recommends familiarization with, and application of, the new rules as soon as possible, to avoid regulatory consequences come Jan. 1.

In other words, if trainers and veterinarians are deciding on withdrawal decisions after a horse is entered to race after Jan. 1, “they’ve waited too long,” said Scollay.

“I think more important is for veterinarians and trainers to review the document together and develop a shared approach to interpreting detection times,” she said. "And there is no time like the present for that."

**Education**

Between now and Jan. 1, HIWU will apparently be releasing educational materials aimed towards regulatory and practicing veterinarians, and the trainers themselves.

Another intended event, said Scollay, is a webinar with a noted European veterinarian to explain how detection times and screening limits translate in Europe, where they’ve been in effect for much longer. Scollay was unable to provide details about then that might be, however.

The Racing Medication and Testing Consortium (RMTC) can act as an information intermediary, said Scollay, who added that industry stakeholders can contact her directly with any drug-related questions.

She also recommends printing off HIWU’s controlled medication list—once again linked to here—before laminating and pinning it to the barn wall.

“I’ve been using the ‘L’ word every chance I can get. Laminate it, put it on your clipboard. Give them to your staff. That’s your new bible,” Scollay said.

“There’s no easy answer to this other than be more conservative and be more cautious of medication than you have been,” she said. “And ask yourself, ‘does this horse really need it?’”

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Sunday, Del Mar

**CECIL B. DEMILLE S.-GIII, $101,500, Del Mar, 12-4, 2yo, 1mT, 1:35.38, fm.**

1--SPEED BOAT BEACH, 122, c, 2, by Bayern

1st Dam: Sophia Mia, by Pioneerof the Nile

2nd Dam: Amie’s Dini, by Bandini

3rd Dam: Run Kate Run, by Cherokee Run

1ST GRADED STAKES WIN. ($12,000 Ylg ’21 OBSOCT; $200,000 2yo ’22 OBSMAR). O-Michael E. Pegram, Karl Watson & Paul Weitman; B-Caperlane Farm (FL); T-Bob Baffert; J-Flavien Prat.

$60,000. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, $178,000. Werk Nick Rating: A++. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

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Cecil B. DeMille S. cont.

2--Game Time, 120, c, 2, Not This Time--Confession, by Broken Vow. 1ST BLACK TYPE, 1ST GRADED BLACK TYPE. ($290,000 Ylg ’21 KEESEP). O-Hronis Racing LLC; B-Dermot Joyce (KY); T-John W. Sadler. $20,000.

Congratulations to all the connections from Paramount Sales!

3--First Peace, 120, c, 2, Funtastic--Peace Opportunity, by Point of Entry. 1ST BLACK TYPE, 1ST GRADED BLACK TYPE. ($15,000 Ylg ’21 FTKFEB; $65,000 Ylg ’21 FTKOCT; $75,000 2yo ’22 OBSOPN). O-Rancho Temescal LLC, Red Baron’s Barn LLC & Rodney E. Orr; B-Christopher L. Baker & Mullikin Thoroughbreds (KY); T-Mark Glatt. $12,000.

Margins: HF, 1 3/4, 1. Odds: 1.70, 9.00, 2.10.
Also Ran: Ah Jeez, Ransomware, Ze’bul, Fleet Feet, Kolomio.
Scratched: Lloyds Logic. Click for the Equibase.com chart and the TJCIS.com PPs. VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

Stretching out on the grass for the first time, Pegram, Watson and Weitman’s Speed Boat Beach gave the Bob Baffert barn a rare graded stakes victory on turf in Sunday’s GIII Cecil B. DeMille S. at Del Mar.

Off at 17-10 after touching 6-5 late in the wagering, Speed Boat Beach showed good early speed, but Game Time speared through at the fence to take up the running into the first turn. Speed Boat Beach settled nicely for this first go at a route of ground and was content to track from second through fractions of :22.82 and a more controlled :47.30 to the half-mile point. Held together into the final three furlongs by Flavien Prat, Speed Boat Beach was asked to quicken past the five-sixteenths and was narrowly in front at the head of the lane. Game Time counterpunched gamely down inside and refused to go down without a fight, but Speed Boat was always doing the better work and went on to an ultimately comfortable victory.

“He broke well and I thought I was going to be on the lead,” said winning jockey Flavien Prat. “But Umberto [Rispoli on Game Time] wanted to go, so we were fine running second. My horse was relaxed and that’s what I wanted. When it came time, he went about his business. Two turns, no problem today. Good race for him.”

The $12,000 OBSOCT yearling turned $200,000 OBS April breezer defeated stablemate Hejazi (Bernardini), this year’s $3.55-million Fasig-Tipton Midlantic topper, on his 5 1/2-furlong debut over this main track Sept. 10, earning a towering 104 Beyer Speed Figure, and earned his way into the Nov. 4. GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint with a 1 1/4-length success in the Speakeasy S. at Santa Anita Oct. 2.

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Pedigree Notes:

Speed Boat Beach is the fourth graded winner for GI Breeders’ Cup Classic hero Bayern, who stood his first year in South Korea in 2022, having previously served mares at Hill ‘n’ Dale Farm.

One of his 11 stakes winners is KRA Classic and Busan Owners Cup hero Raon the Fighter (Kor).

Speed Boat Beach is out of a daughter of MSW & MGSP Amie’s Dini and the female family also includes MSW/GSP Kid Kate (Lemon Drop Kid). Sophia Mia is the dam of a 2-year-old filly by Distorted Humor and a weanling filly by Volatile. She was bought back on a bid of $390,000 in foal to Army Mule at this year’s Fasig-Tipton November Sale. @EquinealTDN

Sunday, Woodbine

VALEDICTORY S.-GIII, C$155,900, Woodbine, 12-4, 3yo/up, 1 1/2m (AWT), 2:31.10, ft.

(DH)-1--WHO’S THE STAR, 124, g, 4, by Tonalist

1st Dam: Shine Forth, by Carson City
2nd Dam: Sister Crown, by Danzig
3rd Dam: Six Crowns, by Secretariat


(DH)-1--WENTRU, 121, g, 4, by Tourist

1st Dam: Wicked Temper, by Tapit
2nd Dam: Sayedah (Ire), by Darshaan (GB)
3rd Dam: Balaabel, by Sadler’s Wells

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN, 1ST GRADED STAKES WIN. ($34,000 3yo ’21 KEEAPR). O-TEC Racing (Elliott S. Logan); B-Don Alberto Corporation (KY); T-Martin Drexler; J-Rafael Manuel Hernandez. C$60,000. Lifetime Record: 19-6-1-2, $166,673. Werk Nick Rating: A. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.

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Also Ran: Novo Sol (Brz), Collective Force, Seventyseven Stone, Prideofdistinction, Elusive Knight, Megayacht, Angelou, Ya Beauty (GB), British Royalty. Click for the Equibase.com chart and the TJCIS.com PPs. VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

Wentru looked home at better than 40-1 in Sunday’s GIII Valedictory S. at Woodbine, but favored Who’s The Star, who looked anything but a winner nearing the stretch, found his best stride in the nick of time and was along in the final jump to share the spoils.

Wentru, who won two of five starts in restricted $25,000 claiming company before taking an 11-furlong allowance Oct. 28, was quickest away for Ramon Hernandez and lobbed them along at a walking pace as Who’s The Star, back-to-back winner of the GIII Durham Cup S. and GII Autumn S., lingered in the latter third of the field. Left alone up front, Wentru galloped along at an even pace as they hit the last of the three turns, but there were all sorts of distress signals from Who’s The Star, who looked to be going up and down while wide passing the five-sixteenths in spite of the best efforts of Emma-Jayne Wilson.

Wentru went for home with none of his rivals looking especially dangerous, but Who’s The Star finally set his mind on the task at hand and dove at Wentru late to cause the heater.

Pedigree Notes:

Wentru, who made six starts for two wins for trainer Brad Cox before changing hands for $34,000 at the Keeneland April Horses of Racing Age Sale in 2021, is the first North American graded winner for his sire, who is moving from WinStar Farm to stand at Rockridge Stud in New York beginning in 2023. He is out of a winning daughter of Group 2 winner Sayedah, the dam of SW/GSP A Little Bit Me (The Factor), MGSP Battle of Marathon (War Front) and GSP Cuestion de Tiempo (The Factor).
Wicked Temper was purchased by California-based Terry Lovingier for $25,000 in foal to The Factor at KEENOV in 2020 and produced a colt, who sold for $40,000 at this year’s Fasig-Tipton California Yearling and HORA Sale. She foaled a Stay Thirsty filly this year and was bred back to the sire of Saturday's GI Cigar Mile H. hero Mind Control.

Who's the Star is one of two full stakes winners for Shine Forth, whose dam Sister Crown was a full-sister to champion Chief's Crown (Danzig). Having failed to produce a foal her last four coverings, the mare was bred to both Get Stormy and World of Trouble for 2023.

**WITH HIS EXERCISE RIDER ABOARD, PROMISING POST TIME WINS AGAIN**

*The Week in Review, by Bill Finley*

When Eric Camacho retired from riding in 2016, he thought he knew what his future would be. He'd work as an exercise rider in the mornings and step aside in the afternoons and let someone else get all the glory and the big paychecks. Never did he imagine he'd win another race, let alone get the mount on an undefeated 2-year-old who might just be good enough to be pointed toward the GI Kentucky Derby. But after Post Time (Frosted) won Saturday’s Maryland Juvenile at Laurel with Camacho aboard, it’s beginning to look like anything is possible.

“It’s been amazing,” Camacho, 39, said. “Words can’t express it.”

Camacho rode regularly from 2004 through 2016 and won 787 races and captured Laurel Park’s 2005 winter meet riding title. But he won just 16 races in 2016 and was having a hard time lining up decent mounts.

“I needed to figure out what I was going to do with the rest of my life,” he said.

So he quit riding and took a job galloping horses for trainer Keith Nations. It was his first stop of many before he signed on to work for trainer Brittany Russell in May. That was just about the time that Russell was starting to prepare Post Time for the races. In the son of Frosted, she knew she had a talented prospect but one who was a handful and was immature and quirky. Someone needed to teach him the right way to go about things and she assigned the job to Camacho. The two hit it off.

“He liked to rear up, he liked to play around,” Camacho said. “This horse liked to do things his way he liked to do things. I have a lot of experience with younger horses trying to get along with them. We had a bond. Don't get me wrong, we had our bouts. But he came to respect me. He’s a very smart horse.”  

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Post Time’s debut was delayed due to a quarter crack, but Russell, whose husband, Sheldon, is a jockey, had him ready to go by early fall. It was around then that Camacho came to her and said whoever would be riding Post Time in the afternoon needed to get on him in the mornings beforehand.

“I told her that if she put somebody on this horse they first need to come by and get on him in the morning,” Camacho said. “I don’t want them to be afraid of him in the afternoon.”

Russell considered his advice and started to think that maybe the best option was to let Camacho ride Post Time.

Whatever tricks this horse might have up his sleeve on race day I know Eric will remain confident in him and will let him run anyway.”

The Maryland-bred debuted Oct. 7, facing off against open company in a 5 1/2-furlong maiden race at Laurel. Camacho, who had one mount in 2017 and another in 2021, had not won a race for nearly six years, since Oct. 20, 2016. Post Time won by two lengths, but it was far from smooth sailing. After making a sweeping move on the turn and gaining the lead in upper stretch, he swerved in and out down the lane.

He returned for an allowance race on Oct. 27 and it was a case of more of the same, a bold move on the turn followed by his ducking in and out down the stretch. He won by 6 3/4 lengths.

The Maryland Juvenile was next. Facing fellow Maryland-breds, this time Post Time closed from last, made an eye-catching move on the turn and drew off to win by 3 3/4 lengths. Though the competition may not have been that strong, it was a very impressive effort. And it was delivered without any antics in the stretch, giving Camacho his third win on the year from just three mounts. He has not ridden anybody else this year.

“This horse really turned a corner in the last two weeks or so,” Camacho said.

With the worst behavior perhaps a thing of the past, maybe now is the time for Russell to go to a different jockey, maybe even her husband, who is one of the top riders on the Maryland circuit. Russell said she has no plans to do so. Cont. p16
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“I don’t know where we’ll go with him next, but it’s kind of hard to pull somebody off a horse that knows him so well and has done nothing wrong on him,” Russell said. “I think this has meant a lot to Eric. And it should. He’s done a lot of work with this horse, who has had his good days and his bad days. Yes, he has a lot of talent, but I’m sure there are a lot of days when Eric wakes up and thinks, ‘Oh, gosh, I’ve got to get this sucker to the racetrack this morning.’ We gave Eric an opportunity, but he has done a great job.”

It’s clear that Post Time is ready for a tougher assignment, but it’s hard to tell how good he is. He has been winning easily, but that doesn’t mean that he can step up from Maryland-bred competition and be competitive in a prep for the Derby. Then again, Russell isn’t ruling it out.

“That’s why you’re in this business,” she said. “Everybody wants a horse like this in the barn and everybody wants to dream. The Derby or Derby preps? I can’t say no, but he has a lot to prove before you can start talking about something like that. He won the Maryland Juvenile against a horse that had just won a restricted race. He’s going to have to step up. Ellen is Maryland through and through, so she might like to see him run through the series here in races like the Tesio. But it’s not a far ship to New York, so something there might be in the cards.”

Wherever Post Time goes next, it will be with Camacho, his exercise rider aboard.

“People say this horse has so much ability, why do you let the exercise rider ride him in the afternoon?” Russell said. “You have to realize that Eric had to work really hard with the horse to get him to show his talent in the afternoon. I don’t know where we’d be without him.”

In Appreciation of Mind Control

There have been better horses to run over the last few years than Mind Control (Stay Thirsty), the winner of Saturday’s GI Cigar Mile H., but perhaps none tougher or more game. You don’t want to get into a dogfight in the stretch with this horse because you will lose. That was the case Saturday when he was passed in the stretch by Get Her Number (Dialed In) only to fight back and win by a head. It was his 11th career stakes win and his third victory in a Grade I event.

In the last four races in which he has crossed the wire first, he has won by a head every time. The chart comments have included the following: “battled back gamely,” “bid stretch, came again,” and “dueled.” Outside of his maiden win, which he won by three lengths, he has never won by more than 1 1/2 lengths and he won both the GI H. Allen Jerkens S. and the GIII Toboggan S. by a nose.

He’s also been remarkably durable, winning the GI Hopeful S. as a 2-year-old and the Cigar as a 6-year-old in his last career start.

“If you like horse racing, you’ve got to love this horse,” said winning trainer Todd Pletcher after the Cigar.

Well said.
HIDDEN BROOK PLEDGES $1K ONE-DAY MATCH DONATION

As part of the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance (TAA)’s month-long Holiday Giving Campaign, Hidden Brook Farm has pledged to match all donations up to $1,000 made to the TAA Monday, Dec. 5, 2022. Not only does Hidden Brook dedicate a portion of its operation to caring for their retired Thoroughbreds—the breeding, racing, and sales enterprise continually participates in supporting industry aftercare initiatives, such as the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance.

“As an industry, we cannot underscore the importance of the day-in and day-out efforts of the TAA,” said Hidden Brook Farm Partner Jack Brothers. “Since their inception, they have effectively increased awareness for the need of aftercare and should be applauded for assuming the role of energetic ambassadors for positive reform and long-term responsibility.”

“Hidden Brook Farm is fully invested in the Thoroughbred industry from start to finish and is dedicated to Thoroughbred welfare both on and off the track,” said TAA Funding and Events Manager, Emily Dresen. “Hidden Brook not only supports the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance as an industry initiative and insurance to the longevity of the sport, but provides their own in-house retirement program and advocates for second career initiatives, such as the Retired Racehorse Project.”

TAA’s Holiday Giving Campaign commenced Nov. 29 and is scheduled to conclude New Year’s Eve. Those wishing to support the TAA, its 81 accredited organizations, and thousands of retired Thoroughbreds can donate through the TAA’s website or text DONATE to 56651. During the Holiday Giving Campaign, TAA is also offering donors the benefit of sending digital holiday cards to colleagues, friends, and loved ones.

Throughout the end of the year, the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance will continue to host special one-day only donation matches with some of horse racing’s biggest names. For more chances to double your donation, watch the TAA’s social media, website, and industry advertisements for the next Holiday Giving match day announcement.

To learn more and donate to the TAA’s Holiday Giving campaign, visit ThoroughbredAftercare.org/HolidayCampaign.

“Regal Glory (Animal Kingdom) imperious in the GI Matriarch S. (click to watch)
IN ORDER OF PURSE:
GOLD RUSH S., $77,250, Golden Gate Fields, 12-3, 2yo, 1m (AWT), 1:37.78, ft.
1--PASSARANDO, 122, g, 2, by Tamarando
  1st Dam: I'm Passing Ya Now, by Lucky Pulpit
  2nd Dam: Antares World, by Decarchy
  3rd Dam: Alashir's World, by Spinning World
O-Larry D. & Marianne Williams; B-Larry D. Williams (CA); T-Steven Specht; J-Catalino Martinez. $45,000. Lifetime Record: 7-4-2-0, $218,830.
2--Chase the Chaos, 122, g, 2, Astern (Aus)--Live the Moment, by Uncle Mo. ($10,000 Wlg '20 KEENOV). O-Adam Ference & Bill Dory; B-Dale N Krapf (PA); T-Ed Moger, Jr. $15,000.
3--O B's, 122, c, 2, Cairo Prince--Hearts On Fire, by Lion Heart. ($20,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP). 1ST BLACK TYPE. O-Nin Auyeung, Bill McLean, Patricia O'Brien, Doug Planchon & Marilyn Taylor; B-Nolan Creek Farm (KY); T-Bill McLean. $9,000.
Margins: 1 1/4, 1, 2. Odds: 3.40, 65.20, 8.60.
Off the board in only a single start this season, Passarando returned to his preferred all-weather surface at Golden Gate off a defeat last time out in the Golden Nugget S. Nov. 12, having previously taken the Golden State Juvenile S. at Santa Anita Oct. 29. With only a single rival beat as Clovisconnection (Vronsky) paced the field through an opening quarter in :23.52, Passarando took his time at the rear of the field, saving ground against the fence while slowly picking it up down the backstretch run. More forwardly placed at the top of the lane, he tipped outside of Chase the Chaos with a furlong to run and, drew alongside inside the final sixteenth, and closed convincingly late for the win at odds of 3-1. Passarando's only younger sibling is a yearling full-sister named Passando. He also has a winning 3-year-old full-sister, Marando Pass. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

ALLOWANCE WINNERS
IN ORDER OF PURSE:
4th-Aqueduct, $75,000, (S), Alw (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($50,000), 12-4, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:11.90, my, 6 lengths.
BANTERRA (f, 2, Practical Joke--Sweet Queen (MSP), by Twirling Candy) graduated third out by 10 1/4 lengths against state-breds over this trip in the local slop Oct. 1, but backed up to finish a well-beaten sixth in the New York-bred Maid of the Mist S. here Oct. 30. Given a 13-4 chance in this spot, the $210,000 OBS April grad tracked dueling leaders from third through a :22.68 quarter, poked her head in front going by a :46.76 half, took charge into the final three-sixteenths and scooted clear to a six-length success. Pebble Lane (Upstart) was up late for second at 21-1. The winner has half-sisters by Solomini from each of the last two seasons and her dam returned to that sire this spring. Sales History: $185,000 Ylg '21 SARAUG; $210,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, $105,920. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.
O-Chuck Hovitz; B-Rhapsody Farm LLC (NY); T-Steven M. Asmussen.

7th-Gulfstream, $62,000, Alw (C)/Opt. Clm ($62,500), 12-4, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:40.13, fm, neck.
SKY’S NOT FALLING (g, 4, Seville (Ger)--Sky Copper (SP, $106,821), by Sky Mesa) had won Laurel's Maryland Million Turf Sprint S. last out Oct. 22 and began his 2022 season Sept. 24 in Pimlico's Laurel Dash S., finishing last. He had never once raced at today's distance, spending his career primarily a sprinter and the closest he came was a mile turf allowance at that venue last year where he finished second, producing his co-best lifetime Beyer of 86. Sky's Not Falling was sent off a 48-1 bomb here, settling off the pace in fifth while the pacesetters locked horns at the front. Cruising up in the four path behind :45.34 and 1:09.20 splits, Sky’s Not Falling struck the lead and held firm by a neck despite drifting late. Eyes On Target (Exaggerator) had to settle for second after his furious rally fell just short. The third in his family to get black-type behind half-siblings Street Copper (Street Magician), MSP, $258,627 and that one's full-brother Sky Magician, SP, $159,420, the winner has a 3-year-old placed full-sister Clouds of White, a 2-year-old half-sister Mariano (Super Saver), and a 2022 half-sister by McKinzie. Cont. p2
Dam Sky Copper went back to that stallion for 2023. Sales History: $9,000 RNA Wlg '18 EASDEC. Lifetime Record: SW, 18-5-5-3, $279,912. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-R. Larry Johnson & R. D. M. Racing Stable; B-R. Larry Johnson (MD); T-Michael J. Trombetta.

7th-Charles Town, $35,100, (S), Alw, 12-3, (NW3L), 2yo, 6 1/2f, 1:19.83, gd, 2 3/4 lengths.

HONEYQUIST (c, 2, Nyquist--Honey Chile (MGSP-USA, GSP-Can, $344,924), by Invisible Ink), a debut winner against West Virginia-breds Sept. 24, placed in back-to-back stakes races including Laurel's James F. Lewis S. against open company last time out Nov. 12. Back facing state-breds Saturday as the heavy 1-5 selection, Honeyquist sprinted right to the front and set a moderate pace, leading the half in :47.09 as Juba's Notion (Juba) began to pressure from the outside. But with plenty left in reserve, Honeyquist repelled that challenge and held a safe lead to the line, winning by 2 3/4 lengths. His MSP dam produced a yearling filly by Mendelssohn and was bred to Blame for the 2023 season. Sales History: $170,000 Ylg '21 FTKFEB; $175,000 RNA Ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: MSP, 4-2-2-0, $75,073. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O/B-Whisper Hill Farm, LLC (KY); T-John C. Kimmel.

1st-Del Mar, $73,000, Msw, 12-4, 2yo, 1mT, 1:35.34, fm, 1 1/4 lengths.

MI HERMANO RAMON (g, 2, Creative Cause--Sassy Suances, by Suances (GB)), given only a 7-1 shot in his debut start, tugged himself along the fence to be comfortably positioned mid pack in fifth as the half went in :46.54. Still with an inside trip around the far turn, he was angled out at the head of the lane to draw alongside pacesetter Carver (Pioneerof the Nile). Favored Dandy Man Shines (Ire) was closing as well but Mi Hermano Ramon was home clear, winning by 1 1/4 lengths. He has a yearling half-brother, Runninferbunning (Flintshire), and his dam was bred to Straight Fire for next season. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $42,000. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O/B-Red Baron's Barn (KY); T-Mark Glatt.
1st-Laurel, $52,300, Msw, 12-4, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:05.11, ft, 7 1/2 lengths.

L STREET LADY (f, 2, Munnings--Lady Gayle, by Scat Daddy), third on first asking when contesting this same distance over the grass Oct. 28, dueled for the early lead inside of New Rome (Neolithic), holding a narrow half-length advantage into the far turn. As that rival held steady, L Street Lady found another gear and kicked on past the quarter pole, driving clear down the lane to win by 7 1/2 lengths as the 4-5 chalk with New Rome chasing her home to fill the exacta.

L Street Lady has a yearling half-brother by Accelerate and a weanling half-sister by Tom’s d’Etat. Her dam returned to the WinStar stallion for a 2023 foal. Sales History: $125,000 Ylg ’21 FTKJUL. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, $36,400. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-Madaket Stables LLC; B-T & G Farm of Kentucky, LLC (KY); T-Brittany T. Russell.

FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

2022 Stud Fees Listed

Bolt d’Oro (Medaglia d’Oro), Spendthrift Farm, $20,000
167 foals of racing age/22 winners/5 black-type winners
5-Zia, 3:48 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Christian d’Oro, 1-1
$18,000 KEE SEP yr!; $80,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Funtastic (More Than Ready), Three Chimneys Farm, $5,000
22 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Zia, 3:48 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Undo the Right, 10-1
$8,000 TTA APR 2yo

Good Samaritan (Harlan’s Holiday), WinStar Farm, $7,500
111 foals of racing age/15 winners/1 black-type winner
5-Zia, 3:48 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Friendly Shuffle, 8-1

Mendelssohn (Scat Daddy), Coolmore Ashford, $35,000
174 foals of racing age/22 winners/1 black-type winner
10-Parx Racing, 3:58 p.m. EST, $75K Future Stars S., 6f, Belt Parkway, 8-1
$160,000 SAR AUG yr!; $30,000 EAS MAY 2yo

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

2022 Stud Fees Listed

Cat Burglar (Unbridled’s Song), Barton Thoroughbreds, $2,500
44 foals of racing age/15 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Zia, 3:48 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Chicago Cat, 15-1
$6,000 NCA AUG yr!

IN ITALY:
Tequila Picante, c, 2, Summer Front. See “Italy”.

STAKES RESULTS:

NEW YORK STALLION SERIES S., $121,250, Aqueduct, 12-4, (C),
3yo/up, 7f, 1:23.24, my.
1--BANKIT, 124, h, 6, Central Banker--Sister in Arms, by
Colonel John. ($85,000 Ylg ’17 SARAUG; $260,000 2yo ’18
OBSTMAR). O-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC & Willis Horton
Racing LLC; B-Hidden Brook Farm, LLC & Blue Devil Racing
(NY); T-Steven M. Asmussen; J-Jose Lezcano. $68,750. Lifetime
Record: MGSP, 36-8-11-5, $1,258,405.
2--Somelikeithotbrown, 124, h, 6, Big Brown--Marilyn Monroe,
by Tapit. O-Skychi Racing LLC & David Koenig; B-Hot Pink
Stables & Sand Dollar Stables (NY); T-Michael J. Maker.
$25,000.
My Boy Tate, 124, g, 8, Boys At Tosconova--Backslash, by Sharp Humor. O-Little Red Feather Racing & Michelle Nevin; B/T-Michelle Nevin (NY). $15,000.
Margins: 3 1/4, 3 1/4, 1 1/4. Odds: 2.45, 1.70, 1.40.

NEW YORK STALLION SERIES S., $116,250, Aqueduct, 12-4, (C), 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:24.92, my.

IMPAZIBLE DONNA, 120, m, 5, Mission Impazible--Pink Lollipops (SP, $135,690), by Silver Deputy. ($14,000 RNA Ylg '18 SARAR). 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Flying P Stable; B-Twin Creeks Farm (NY); T-Bruce N. Levine; J-Javier Castellano. $68,750. Lifetime Record: 17-3-5-4, $266,340.

Silken Dollar, 118, f, 3, Central Banker--Silver Wave, by Star Dabbler. 1ST BLACK TYPE. O-Bruce Lunsford & David York; B-Patrick Davis & William David York (NY); T-Richard E. Schosberg. $25,000.

Bank On Anna, 122, f, 3, Central Banker--Young Anna Lee, by Posse. ($46,000 RNA Ylg '20 FTKSEL). O-WellSpring Stables; B-Lou Corrente (NY); T-Philip M. Serpe. $15,000.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:
8th-Woodbine, C$84,020, (C)/Opt. Clm ($35,236-$37,091), 12-4, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:44.25, ft, 3/4 length.

CONGLOMERATE (g, 5, Lemon Drop Kid--Maddy's Heart {SW, $253,039}, by Lion Hearted) Lifetime Record: 15-5-3-3, $174,423. O-Franco S. Meli; B-Liberty Road Stables, LLC (KY); T-Martin Drexler. *$90,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; $150,000 2yo '19 OBSOCT.

5th-Gulfstream, $61,000, 12-4, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:34.60, fm, head.

MY CANDY GIRL (m, 5, Twirling Candy--Listen Boy {SP}, by After Market) Lifetime Record: 23-6-4-3, $216,951. O-Kris Vanzant; B-A. Leonard Pineau (MD); T-Jeff A. Hiles. *$10,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; $28,000 2yo '19 OBSOCT; $50,000 4yo '21 FTKFEB; $57,000 4yo '21 FTKHRA; $70,000 5yo '22 KEENOV. **1/2 to Jaxon Traveler (Munnings), GSW-USA, SP-Can, $610,510.

7th-Fair Grounds, $51,240, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($17,500-$32,000), 12-4, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:10.07, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

CARABINERO (g, 2, Neolithic--Mid Pines, by Sky Classic) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, $48,220. O-MCA Racing Stable LLC; B-Lott's Creek Farm (FL); T-Claudio A. Gonzalez. *$55,000 2yo '22 OBSMAR.
5th-Fair Grounds, $51,000, 12-4, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:05.29, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.

PROMISE OF HOPE (f, 2, Ghostzapper--Hudson River Gal, by Dynaformer) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, $167,135. O-J S Stables LLC & Little Red Feather Racing; B-Ghostzapper Syndicate, Tom & Mary Lou Teal (KY); T-Thomas M. Amoss. *$65,000 Ylg '21 KEESER. **Full to Gal in a Rush, GSP-USA, SP-Can, $136,699.

3rd-Remington, $41,650, (S), 12-3, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:06.08, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

TAYLOR'S VISION (f, 4, Pollard's Vision--Expect Diamonds, by Valid Expectations) Lifetime Record: 21-4-8-3, $97,696. O-Kenneth E. Sykes; B-Hal Browning & Dave Faulkner (OK); T-Carlos A. Padilla. *1/2 to Kirk of Diamonds (Toccet), MSP, $174,599.

7th-Hawthorne, $38,760, 12-4, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.41, ft, 1 length.

GAME BOY BENNY (g, 6, Benny the Bull--Ashley and I, by You and I) Lifetime Record: 42-9-6-11, $246,807. O-Kenneth E. Fishbein; B-Mary Jean Bonfili (FL); T-Cheryl Winebaugh.

6th-Charles Town, $34,900, 12-3, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:48.26, gd, 10 1/4 lengths.

DRY WELL (f, 3, Divining Rod--Perverse, by Distorted Humor) Lifetime Record: 14-3-0-0, $87,138. O-AJ Will Win Stables, LLC; B-Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Bowman, Dr. Brooke Bowman & Rebecca Davis (MD); T-Henry Walters. *$7,000 Ylg '20 EASOCT. **Full to Miss Speedy, SW, $151,667.

7th-Remington, $34,000, 12-3, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 7f, 1:25.43, ft, 3 lengths.

TIZHOTNDUSTY (g, 5, Unusual Heat--Tiz Molly, by Tiz Wonderful) Lifetime Record: 24-5-2-5, $204,816. O-Robert E Green; B-Tiz Molly Partners (CA); T-Robertino Diodoro. *1/2 to The Chosen Vron (Vronsky), MGSW, $522,678.

9th-Remington, $34,000, 12-3, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.41, ft, 3 lengths.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Stiff Drink, g, 2, Bind--Drinking Fund (SW, $313,583), by Placid Fund. Fair Grounds, 12-4, (S), 1m, 1:42.78. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, $36,740. B-Joey Foster Racing & Farm, LLC (LA).
Mohawk Trail, f, 2, Pionneer of the Nile--Iroquois Girl (SP, $149,614), by Indian Charlie. Gulfstream, 12-4, (C), 1mT, 1:36.63. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $31,100. B-Westbury Stables LLC (FL). *$180,000 Ylg '21 KEESER.
Mr Speed, g, 2, Souper Speedy--Miss Dorothy, by Stormin Fever. Woodbine, 12-4, 6f (AWT), 1:10.37. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, $67,052. B-Linda Mason (ON). *C$55,000 Ylg '21 CANSEP. **Full to Miss Speedy, SW, $151,667.
Paulliac (Ire), c, 2, Starspangledbanner (Aus)--Dream Wedding (GB) (MSP-Ger), by Medicean (GB). Del Mar, 12-4, 1mT, 1:37.70. Lifetime Record: 8-1-2-0, $61,421. B-Ladytown Stables (IRE). *C$25,000 Ylg '21 TATIRY.

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Animal Kingdom, Regal Glory, m, 6, o/o Mary's Follies, by More Than Ready. GI Matriarch S., 12-4, Del Mar
Awesome Patriot, Awesome Treat, f, 4, o/o Tiz a Treat, by Tiz Wonderful. AOC, 12-4, Woodbine
Bayern, Speed Boat Beach, c, 2, o/o Sophia Mia, by Pioneerof the Nile. Gill Cecil B. DeMille S., 12-4, Del Mar
Benny the Bull, Game Boy Benny, g, 6, o/o Ashley and I, by You and I. ALW, 12-4, Hawthorne
Bind, Stiff Drink, g, 2, o/o Drinking Fund, by Placid Fund. MSW, 12-4, Fair Grounds
Central Banker, Bankit, h, 6, o/o Sister in Arms, by Colonel John. New York Stallion Series S., 12-4, Aqueduct
Creative Cause, Mi Hermano Ramon, g, 2, o/o Sassy Suances, by Suances (GB). MSW, 12-4, Del Mar
Cross Traffic, Divine Cross, f, 2, o/o Perfectly Divine, by Vindication. MSW, 12-4, Aqueduct
Curlin to Mischief, Resilient, g, 5, o/o Lost Prophet, by Yes It's True. AOC, 12-4, Del Mar
Divining Rod, Dry Well, f, 3, o/o Perverse, by Distorted Humor. ALW, 12-3, Charles Town
Ghostzapper, Promise of Hope, f, 2, o/o Hudson River Gal, by Dynaformer. AOC, 12-4, Fair Grounds
Lemon Drop Kid, Conglomerate, g, 5, o/o Maddy's Heart, by Lion Hearted. AOC, 12-4, Woodbine
Mission Impazible, Impazible Donna, m, 5, o/o Pink Lollipops, by Silver Deputy. New York Stallion Series S., 12-4, Aqueduct
Mosler, Response Time, f, 4, o/o Dominus Effect, by Dominus. AOC, 12-4, Laurel
Munnings, L Street Lady, f, 2, o/o Lady Gayle, by Scat Daddy. MSW, 12-4, Laurel
Neolithic, Carabinero, g, 2, o/o Mid Pines, by Sky Classic. ALW, 12-4, Gulfstream

Nyquist, Honeyquist, c, 2, o/o Honey Chile, by Invisible Ink. ALW, 12-3, Charles Town

Pioneerof the Nile, Mohawk Trail, f, 2, o/o Iroquois Girl, by Indian Charlie. MOC, 12-4, Gulfstream

Pollard's Vision, Taylor's Vision, f, 4, o/o Expect Diamonds, by Valid Expectations. ALW, 12-3, Remington

Practical Joke, Banterra, f, 2, o/o Sweet Queen, by Twirling Candy. AOC, 12-4, Aqueduct

Seville (Ger), Sky's Not Falling, g, 4, o/o Sky Copper, by Sky Mesa. AOC, 12-4, Gulfstream

Soupur Speedy, Mr Speed, g, 2, o/o Miss Dorothy, by Stormin Fever. MSW, 12-4, Woodbine

Starspangledbanner (Aus), Paulliac (Ire), c, 2, o/o Dream Wedding (GB), by Medicean (GB). MSW, 12-4, Del Mar

Tamarando, Passarando, g, 2, o/o I'm Passing Ya Now, by Lucky Pulpit. Gold Rush S., 12-3, Golden Gate

Tonalist, Who's the Star, g, 4, o/o Shine Forth, by Carson City. GIII Valedictory S., 12-4, Woodbine

Tourist, Toeris, f, 3, o/o Sutil (Brz), by Redattore (Brz). AOC, 12-4, Gulfstream

Tourist, Wentru, g, 4, o/o Wicked Temper, by Tapit. GIII Valedictory S., 12-4, Woodbine

Twirling Candy, My Candy Girl, m, 5, o/o Listen Boy, by After Market. AOC, 12-4, Gulfstream

Twirling Candy, Sutherland, g, 3, o/o Done in Love, by Smart Strike. AOC, 12-4, Fair Grounds

Uncaptured, Dufresne, f, 3, o/o Rapids, by Pioneerof the Nile. ALW, 12-4, Aqueduct

Unusual Heat, Tizhotndustry, g, 5, o/o Tiz Molly, by Tiz Wonderful. ALW, 12-3, Remington
ETREHAM’S NEWBIES HELLO YOUUMZAIN, PERSIAN KING SHINE AT ARQANA

By Brian Sheerin

On a day where BBA Ireland tightened its grip on yet another sale by signing for the top lot for €175,000, Haras d’Etretam boss Nicolas de Chambure was breathing a sigh of relief as the progeny of two of the stud’s newbies Persian King (Ire) and Hello Youmzain (Fr) took flight.

Persian King enjoyed a particularly strong session. The G1 French 2000 Guineas winner, who stood for €30,000 in his debut season at stud, saw seven foals sell for €516,000, headed by a colt (lot 306) knocked down to Alex Elliott for €160,000. That foal is likely to be heading back to Yeomanstown Stud with Robert O’Callaghan standing alongside Elliott when the hammer fell and later telling the French media that the colt was one of the best on offer on the day.

The Arcadia Élevage-drafted Persian King is out of an unraced daughter of Siyouni (Fr) and Elliott shared O’Callaghan’s opinions on the acquisition.

He said, “Persian King was a very good racehorse and he’s a big horse himself, and this colt is a big boy too. He’s out of a mare by Siyouni, who has to have every chance to make it as a broodmare sire as he’s a phenomenal sire himself and is by Pivotal (GB).”

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NORMANDIE BREEDING: ‘IT’S A FAMILY STORY’ By Sue Finley

Guillaume Vitse is probably best known as the man who helped to launch the Cinderella-story careers of the top French stallions Kendargent (Fr) and Galiway (Ire) when he worked at Guy Pariente’s Haras de Colleville. Now, Vitse looks to write his own fairytale story alongside his wife Camille with their new project, Normandie Breeding, and it appears they are well on their way to doing so.

Normandie Breeding brought 16 horses to the Arqana Breeding Stock Sale from their operation in Beuvron-en-Auge about 30 minutes southeast of Deauville, after bringing 23 to the October sale and selling 18 of them.

Vitse left Haras de Colleville in 2018 after 11 very successful years there, where he not only oversaw the stallions’ careers, but helped Pariente to build the farm. Cont. p10

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EPICENTER TO STAND AT ASHFORD STUD
Runner-up in both the GI Kentucky Derby and GI Preakness S., GI Travers S. hero Epicenter (Not This Time) will stand at Coolmore’s Ashford Stud in 2023.
CLEMENT ADDS QUALITY TO STABLE AT ARQANA

Trainer Christophe Clement has added several stars to his stable from Arqana. Katie Petrunyak has the details.

SUMMER FRONT SIRES STAKES WINNER IN ITALY

Tequila Picante (Summer Front) is the 14th stakes winner for his sire after a listed win at Pisa.

JUN LIGHT BOLT TAKES CHUKYO GROUP 1

The G1 Champions Cup went to Jun Light Bolt (Jpn) (King Kamehameha {Jpn}).

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The tree in the foreground was planted to commemorate the visit of the late Queen Elizabeth II to Coolmore on 20th May 2011.
Arqana cont.

“It goes back to the family of Miss France (Ire) and I actually bought one of her daughters last night so it’s a strong Wildenstein family that I like. It’s young and it’s happening so I’m delighted to get him. He’ll be sent back to Ireland before being offered for resale.”

Etreham also signed for a Persian King filly (lot 319) from Cour Blanche for €110,000 with a view towards a racing career and also picked up two foals by Hello Youmzain to pinhook with de Chambure clearly touched by the good results the young stallions posted on the day.

He explained, “Today has been a very positive step in launching the stallion careers of Hello Youmzain and Persian King. We had a much bigger group of foals from the stallions here than at Goffs or at Tattersalls so it was important that it went well.

“Everyone has been very positive about the two stallions and it is nice to see the English, Irish and buyers in general so keen on them. Not that we had any doubt, but to see them sell well to those foreign buyers and some very good judges is extremely positive.”

He added, “I hope today helps us attract some more mares from abroad. That would help give the horses more exposure in the future. But seeing how well their foals sold today, it will give breeders confidence going forward. It looks like Persian King and Hello Youmzain are comparing favourably with some of the better first-season sires in Europe.”

In Persian King, de Chambure has a Classic-winning stallion son of Kingman (GB) while Hello Youmzain, winner of the G1 Diamond Jubilee S. is one of the best sons of Kodiac (GB), offers something for speed-favouring breeders.
He explained, “The two stallions are very different. Hello Youmzain has strength and power and has passed that on to his foals. They are very forward and they look to be very forward mentally as well. They all walk very well and have very good bone. They look like they could be early types. He seems to be stamping them with great power in the hind quarter.

“With Persian King, his foals have a bit more scope and size. They have a bit more class and are still very light on their feet with a good walk. The one that made €160,000 is a good example of a nice Persian King as he had good size and balance. They are not heavy. They are athletic. I think the stallions are a little less unproven now that people have seen the foals so hopefully more people from England and Ireland will decide to send some nice mares next year.”

Hello Youmzain began his career at stud on a €25,000 fee and his nine foals to go under the hammer at Arqana on Sunday realised €370,000 and averaged just over €40,000. His top lot, a colt consigned by Etrenah (lot 337), fetched €90,000 to Mab Agency. He is set to stand for €22,500 next year while Persian King’s fee has been set at €25,000.

On the stud’s purchases on Sunday, de Chambure added, “We bought a Persian King filly from a nice German family to race for €110,000 and we bought two colts by Hello Youmzain to pinhook. It’s been a nice start but we have put in a lot of work in these two stallions. It all began two years ago and, from getting breeders on board, selling shares, selling nominations and getting them up and running, it is a lot of work and today is the first big result we have enjoyed from that.”

The opening two days of the December Breeding Stock Sale have been strong. Saturday saw the aggregate shoot up a massive 42% to €47,129,000 and the average rise 16% to €245,281. Sunday’s session was also up.
BOBBY’S KITTEN

Winner of the Gr.1 Breeders’ Cup Turf Sprint
Sire of: SANDRINE (Winner of 3 Group races in 2021/22, incl. Gr.2 Lennox Stakes, 2022, Gr.2 Duchess of Cambridge Stakes and Gr.3 Albany Stakes.
Also Gr.1 placed in 2021/22),
MONAASIB (Gr.2 placed),
KITTY KITANA (Gr.3 placed x 2 in 2022),
FIGHTING KING (Listed-placed)

Fee: £6,000

SEA THE MOON

Sire of 44 Black-type horses including Gr.1 winners ALPINE STAR and DURSTON (in 2022)
Sire of 16 individual 2yo winners in 2022 including 3 Black-type winners – Gr.3 winner FANTASTIC MOON and Listed winners DE LA SOUL and SEA THE LADY
Yearlings sold in 2022 have made €410,000gns, €350,000, €240,000, €200,000, etc.

Fee: £25,000

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The aggregate on Sunday rose 15% to €7,734,000 while the average rose 12% to €36,654 and clearance rates also climbed 3% to 80%.

De Chambure commented on the trade, “We have been saying all year that we have been in our own bubble in the racing industry with everything that has been happening in the world but I guess it has almost been a benefit from Covid that people who have money have decided that they might as well just enjoy it and get involved in the game.

“The top of the market has been extremely strong and this being the last sale of the year, people still have some orders to fill and it has all fallen into place to make a really strong market today and yesterday.”

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Lot 409, a filly by Intello | Zuzanna Lupa

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“She will probably come back here to be sold, but we’ll retain the option to race her if necessary as she looks like an athlete to me. The mother is a proven stakes performer herself and she’s bred three black-type horses. There’s a lot of positives but we’ll decide whether to race or sell next year.”

He added, “We’ve already had some success with a mare that was bred by Quesnay and we bought Trophée from them and she’s bred a Group 2 winner in Australia.

“These pedigrees are deep. They’ve been developed for generations by Alec Head, who was one of the great horsemen of our time.

“This filly is out of a good stakes mare who’s been a successful producer. She’s one of the nicest foals here today and we felt that she has resale value but she also has residual value. She was hard to buy, but sometimes the ones you really like are and you accept that.”

Another Intello from the Haras du Quesnay dispersal captured the imagination as the first foal out of Perle D’Auge (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}) (lot 329) was knocked down to Fernando Laffon-Parias for €90,000. Jill Lamb bought Perle D’Auge on Saturday for €350,000.

The filly hails from the close family of dual Group 3 scorer Eternal Pearl (GB) (Frankel {GB}) and is from the maternal line of the brilliant Pearly Shells (GB) (Effisio {GB}).

Laffon-Parias said, “She’s been bought for a partnership of owners that wish to continue the story in France. She’s a lovely filly who’s dam sold well yesterday. It’s too early to talk about her future trainer but we are very happy.”

Quesnay have amassed €1,908,000 for 17 lots over on Saturday and Sunday.

**BBA Ireland Stay Strong**

It was a case of a different day but the same old story as BBA Ireland signed for another top lot in the Aga Khan-drafted and Francis-Henri Graffard-trained Shahnameh (Fr) (Churchill (Ire)) (lot 367) for €175,000.

A dual winner, Shahnameh is the fifth foal out of listed winner Shamanova (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), who is a half-sister to classy performers Shamdana (Ire) (Grand Lodge) and Shamakiya (Ire) (Intikhab).

BBA Ireland went on to purchase the Frankel (GB) mare Shammah (Ire) (lot 474) in foal to G1 French 2000 Guineas winner Victor Ludorum (GB), meaning the powerful buyers spent €9,135,000 on 43 lots in the first two days of the December Breeding Stock Sale.
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Lot 367, Shahnameh, the session’s top-priced mare | Lucile Loisel

**Balloon Up Up And Away To Australia**

Australian buyer David Mee purchased *Girl With Balloon (Fr)* (lot 284), a winning daughter of *Frankel*, to continue her career down under for €140,000. Mee signed for the filly, offered by Ecurie des Monceaux, under the banner of Pinhook Bloodstock International.

*Girl With Balloon* was trained by Francis-Henri Graffard and carried the colours of LNJ Foxwoods during her time in France. She is a daughter of *Landikusic (Ire) (Dansili {GB})*, a full-sister to *Zoffany (Ire)*. Classy performers *Rostropovich (Ire)* and *Wilshire Boulevard (Ire)* are also siblings to the dam.

Mee said, “She’ll now go to Sydney in Australia to continue her career. We were really looking for a filly by *Frankel*, and these kinds of fillies are hard to find in Australia. She is a winner and is improving all the time. We’re delighted.”

**Six-Figure Lots Late In The Day**

Two six-figure lots lit up the late evening. The Wertheimer-drafted *Frivole (Fr)* (Anodin [Ire]) (lot 548) was sold to Gary Chervenell for €155,000. She won once and placed four times and is a half-sister to black-type performer *Fuse (Fr) (Teofilo (Ire))*.

The Fabrice Chappet-trained *Healing Oasis (Fr) (Oasis Dream (GB))* (lot 545) brought €135,000 from Australian buyers Belmont Bloodstock. *Healing Oasis* won twice and placed third in a listed race at ParisLongchamp in October.

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**ARQANA VENTE D’ELEVAGE DAY 2**

**Lot 396 TOSIA (GER) €5,000**

Jack Cantillon is a self-confessed lover of the older ladies. Yes, you read that correctly. The young breeder and entrepreneur has a penchant for buying older mares and it is a policy that has served him and his family well down through the years at their renowned Tinnakill House Stud, not least for the fact that his mother Meta Osborne is master of her profession and is recognised as being one of the best equine gynecologists there is. In short, the Cantillons are better equipped to take care of these older mares than most and, a week after snapping up the dam of a Royal Ascot winner for just 8,000gns, Jack can be feeling pretty smug with himself for landing 14-year-old *Tosia (Ger)* in foal to *Zelzal (Fr)* for just €5,000.

The fact that *Zelzal* stands for €15,000 is enough reason to suggest it was a good piece of business on Cantillon’s behalf but *Tosia* has already produced a black-type performer in *Think Of Me (Ger)* and is from a good black-type family in Germany and France.

Fellow 14-year-old *Lunar Phase (Ire) (Galileo (Ire))*, dam of Queen Alexandra S. winner *Stratum (GB) (Dansili (GB))* was added to Cantillon’s portfolio at Tattersalls last week and *Tosia* provided further proof that age is only a number for this shrewd operator.

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Sales Results by Stallion

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ARQANA DECEMBER BREEDING STOCK

SUNDAY’S TOP BROODMARES/
RACING PROSPECTS

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409 f Intello (Ger)--Treasure (Fr) 100,000
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Purchaser: Ballylinch/BSI

SPONSORS OF THE FOLLOWING STATS FOR THE:
ARQANA DECEMBER BREEDING STOCK
SUNDAY’S TOP LOTS

SESSION TOTALS
- Catalogued: 299 298
- Number Offered: 262 262
- Number Sold: 211 203
- Not Sold: 51 59
- Clearance Rate: 80.5% 77.5%
- High Price: €3,200,000 €1,800,000
- Gross: €7,734,000 €6,634,500
- Average (% change): €36,654 (+12%) €32,682
- Median (% change): €28,000 (+12%) €25,000

CUMULATIVE TOTALS
- Catalogued: 558 538
- Number Offered: 501 472
- Number Sold: 398 359
- Not Sold: 103 113
- Clearance Rate: 79.44% 76%
- High Price: €3,200,000 €3,000,000
- Gross: €53,601,500 €38,872,500
- Average (% change): €134,677 (+24.4%) €108,280
- Median (% change): €52,500 (+25%) €42,000
CLEMENT ADDS QUALITY TO STABLE ROSTER AT ARQANA by Katie Petrunyak

Christophe Clement said he always looks forward to his annual trip to Deauville for the Arqana December Sale. It's a bit like stepping back in time for the U.S.-based trainer as he wanders the grounds that were once the setting of childhood summers spent working for his father, French conditioner Miguel Clement, Sr. The youngest of three, Clement is still often called 'Little Clement' while in Deauville.

"That always makes me laugh," said Clement, whose own son Miguel has a handle on their stable in America while his father is away. "I come to this sale every year. It's a great way to see a lot of friends and family and still do some work."

Clement kept busy during Saturday's select session at Arqana and will be returning to the States with several new trainees in tow, highlighted by the session-topping filly Malavath (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}). The dual Group 1-placed 3-year-old was purchased for €3.2 million by Clement's longstanding client Moyglare Stud.

"I was aware that she was going to be in the December Sale and we've been working on this for the past two months," Clement shared. "I'm delighted. I think it's a great acquisition for Moyglare."

The winner of the G2 Criterium de Maisons-Laffitte and runner-up in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf at two, Malavath returned to the starting gate this year to claim a Group 3 in Deauville and place second in the G1 Qatar Prix de la Foret for Francis Graffard. In her most recent start, Malavath finished fifth in the G1 FanDuel Breeders' Cup Mile.

Clement said that he has no specific races in mind yet for the new acquisition, but added that he believes she will be a good fit for American racing.

"I think she seems to be [best at] seven furlongs to a mile. One of the reasons why Moyglare was interested in the filly was that she brings speed to their program. We'll get her to the States and let her tell us what to do. We have a great program in New York. If she's doing well, plenty of good things can happen."

Also on Saturday, Moyglare Stud purchased Amazing Grace (Ger) (Protectionist {Ger}) for €850,000. The Group 2 winner will continue her racing career with Clement.

"She will be a fun fit for the longer turf races," said the 4-year-old's new conditioner.

The Co. Meath-based Moyglare Stud has sent horses to Clement for almost 25 years. Their greatest successes together include Grade I winners Relaxed Gesture (Ire) (Indian Ridge {Ire}) and Dress to Thrill (Ire) (Danehill). This year, American-bred Beautiful Lover (Arch) carried the black, white and red silks to victory in the GIII La Prevoyante S.

"We have a great relationship," said Clement. "We've had plenty of good winners for them. It's fun because when you train for an owner-breeder, you get that kind of relationship where it doesn't depend on what happens today. It's more long-term, and usually that works out best for both sides."

Reeves Thoroughbred Racing, who races with Clement and has been a leading owner this year on the New York circuit, was active during the first session, purchasing listed winner By All Means (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}) for $650,000. The juvenile was Group 2-placed for owners Giacomo Algranti and Haras d'Etreham.

"She is a very nice filly," said Clement. "I believe that one of the owners, Nicolas de Chambure [Haras d'Etreham] will stay in for a piece, which makes it even more exciting."
Also during Arqana’s opening session, Clement purchased group winner Atomic Blonde (Ger) (The Grey Gatsby {Ire}) for €300,000 and went to €280,000 for black-type filly Lady Mia (Fr) (Outstrip {GB}).

“You have a lot to compete with in New York,” he noted. “You have to buy some good horses because the turf division is not easy. You need to bring in new blood in order to compete.”

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But in 2018, he and Camille decided they were of an age where they were either going to go out on their own, or miss the chance and spend their lives working for others.

“We thought it was time,” said Vitse, now 49. “Camille and I were very ready to have our own place. We liked having our own horses and doing business. We wanted to do it before we were 50 and we said if we don’t do it this year, we’ll never move. Sometimes, you have to move on and do something new. We started from scratch. No money, no farm, no clients. We had two little kids. And we said ‘let’s go.’”

The first five or six months were tough going, he said. “We leased a farm,” he said, “but the farm was empty. We had no horses. It’s a good experience when you set up your own place. You think it’s going to be easy, that clients are going to come, but that’s not the way it goes. You have to prove yourself anew. You have to show you have enough money to feed the horses, to do a good job. So it was pretty difficult, but we made it.”

Not only have they made it, but they have made it look easy, even if it weren’t so.

“Before we started, we had two mares in association with trainers Phillippe Decouz and Yann Barberot. And we had two horses born that year that we kept, and they turned out to be very good horses—black-type performers. One of them, Go Athletico (Fr) (Goken {Fr}) went on to win a Group 3 at two and ran in the Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Turf at Keeneland in 2020, so that was amazing. And the other, Axdavali (Fr), went on to be Group 3-placed at two.

“We bought a mare for 4,000 guineas at Tattersalls called Miss Pimpernel (Ire), who wound up being the dam of Toimy Son (Fr), who was a listed winner at three. We sold him at the Arc Sale for €160,000 and now he’s headed to David Menusier, so hopefully he’ll be an even better horse. We bought Artifix (Ire), who is now the dam of Around Midnight (Fr), by Almanzor (Fr), trained by Jean-Claude Rouget, who is a listed winner at two and Group 3 runner-up, beaten a nose, at two. She’s a Classic prospect for next year, so we have been very lucky. We have done a good job, but we have been very lucky that everything has gone well, and we just hope it keeps on going like this.”

The name Normandie Breeding is fitting for Vitse in more than one way. A native of the region, he was born in Argentan in 1973. His father Jean-Patrick managed Haras de la Verrerie, the farm of Elie de Brignac, the late president of l’Agence Francaise de Ventes du Pur Sang, the predecessor to Arqana. He lived there until he was six and his parents divorced. He moved to Paris with his mother but came back to Normandy to live with his father at 14. “School wasn’t made for me,” he said with a smile. “I kept on working with horses while I finished school,” he said, “and I traveled around.”

For someone not yet 50, Vitse has accumulated a resume which has grounded him in every aspect of the business. He worked at Plantation Stud starting in 1991, working with Rafha (GB)—who would go on to produce Invincible Spirit (Ire) and Kodiac (GB)—when she was a maiden mare. He worked at sales and started riding out for a jumping yard, “just to know how to ride racehorses, to have another feeling, another connection with them. And the following two, three, four years I continued on like this, working the breeding season at Coolmore and Kildangen Stud during the yearling season.”
He spent a very formative two years in the United States at Lane’s End where he worked with mares. “I was in Mare Barn 4, where we had some complicated mares to get in foal, some sick foals. It was a great learning experience. It’s a very good farm to work at. They have the best stallions, and a very good team. Mr. Farish was in charge, and Bill was also there—such nice people and a very good place to work. I saw a lot of things. And if you want to be the best, you have to work with the best.”

After two years, he decided to return to France to get some experience running farms on his own.

“I was a young guy and went down to the south of France and ran Haras de la Clauzade, then Haras du Vieux Pont and then I went on to the Haras du Thenney, where I met my wife. And then I met Mr. Pariente. We started Colleville in 2007.”

Kendargent stood his first season at stud for €500 before going on to become one of the great French stallion success stories, and a successful broodmare sire. He was followed by Galiway, purchased from Wertheimer & Frere as a 3-year-old, and sent to stud with just a listed win and a Group 3 placing to his credit. He quickly become the Champion first-crop sire in France, and a Group 1 producer with Sealiway (Fr), who has just retired to stud not far away at Haras de Beaumont. Galiway stood for €30,000 in 2022 after covering more mares than any other stallion in France in 2021.

Jan. 1, the family, including their children, ages 11 and eight, are scheduled to move into their new farm. They have 23 hectares where they will keep only their own mares and those of their associates. “We’re not going to board any outside mares,” he said. “We’re going to keep the consignment, because we have an annex where we can keep fillies on one side and colts on another. So we can have 15-17 yearlings per sale.”

“We had a big draft in October, with 23 horses. But 15 is a good draft. We have some very good foals. We have regular clients, who come every year, we are expecting some very good horses to come along.” Vitse said that Sylvain Vidal and Mandalore Racing Stables were among those who have supported them loyally from the beginning.

Vitse said he believes in bringing home horses rather than selling them cheaply. “If a horse is going to sell cheaply, for 10, 15, 20,000 euros, we would rather keep her. If you sell at an average price, you end up with an average trainer and an average horse. You may as well get rid of the mare. If we have a cheap mare, it is because we believe in her.”

With Normandie Breeding, Vitse has come full circle. He is selling horses this week in the Elie de Brignac sales pavilion, named after his father’s employer. He has worked with foals, yearlings and mares, and helped to launch two of France’s best stallions. Now, he’s just looking for the chance to do it for himself, and for his family. It has given him a satisfaction and a contentment that some people never achieve.

“We are very happy with where we are now,” he said. “It’s family work. I am very in tune with my wife Camille; everything is 50-50. We see the horses together, we sell them together, we do the matings together. We see the stalls together. It’s a family story, and nothing would be possible without my wife. Two of us together, we can do the job. I love my job, and I love my wife. Everything is perfect.”

**Full to La Joconde (Ire), G1SP-Eng & Fr, SP-Ire, $207,941; and 1/2 to Santiago (Ire) (Authorized {Ire}), G1SW-Ire, G5W & G1SP-Eng, $714,737.**

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**FRANCE**

**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

7th-Lyon La Soie, €14,000, Cond, 12-4, 4yo/up, 12f (AWT), 2:32.00, st.

ANALEON (FR) (g, 8, Sunday Break {Jpn}—Aux Quatre Saisons {Fr}, by Dansili {GB}) Lifetime Record: 56-7-12-5, i 104,040. O-Stall Hayley; B-Anton-Robert Baechler (FR); T-Conny Whitfield. *€26,000 RNA Ylg ’15 OSASEP.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

Durango (Fr), g, 2, Dark Angel (Ire)—Cersei (GB) (SP-Fr), by Invincible Spirit (Ire). Lyon La Soie, 12-4, 9f (AWT), 1:53.49. B-Al Asayl France (FR).

Jagda (Fr), f, 2, Pedro The Great—Jona (Fr), by Dylan Thomas (Ire). Lyon La Soie, 12-4, 9f (AWT), 1:53.34. B-Haras de la Perelle (FR).

Wien (Ire), f, 3, Frankel (GB)—Wadyhatta (GB), by Cape Cross (Ire). Lyon La Soie, 12-4, 10 3/4f (AWT), 2:13.90. B-Lynch-Bages Ltd (IRE). *500,000gns Ylg ’20 TATOCT.
Soleriano (Fr), g, 3, Pastorius (Ger)—Solveigh (Ger), by Tiger Hill (Ire). Craon, 12-4, 12fT, 2:50.97. B-ML Bloodstock Ltd (FR).

Media Naranja (Ire), f, 3, Yeats (Ire)—Inch Native (Ire), by Supreme Leader (GB). Craon, 12-4, 12fT, 2:49.03. B-Whitebarn Farming Ltd (IRE).

Sunday’s Result:
PREMIO 53 CRITERIUM DI PISA-Listed, €38,500, Pisa, 12-4, 2yo, 1500mT, 1:30.90.
1—TEQUILA PICANTE, 121, c, 2, by Summer Front
1st Dam: Tri Again, by Creative Cause
2nd Dam: Tri Skipping, by Skip Trial
3rd Dam: Tri argo, by Tri Jet
1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.
Purchased by Ital-Cal Horse Management, Inc. Trained in Italy by Agostino Affe.

2—Saputello (Ity), 121, c, 2, Lord Chaparral (Ire)—Social Ridge (Ire), by Indian Ridge (Ire). O-Sandro Cardiaoli. B-Pala Franco Salvatore (Ity). T-Vincenzo Fazio. €6,545.

3—Pallapannocchiesch (Ire), 121, c, 2, Bobby’s Kitten—Sunooif (Ire), by Raven’s Pass. 1ST BLACK-TYPE. ($10,000 Ylg ’21 GOFJAN; €14,000 RNA HRA ’22 TATMAY). O/T-Devis Grilli. B-L. Kennedy & P. Giles (Ire). €3,570.
Margins: 3HF, NO, 2HF. Odds: 5.44, 8.43, 11.69.
Also Ran: Padre Daniele (GB), Wide Sea (Ire), Self Praise (Ire), Kinkawa (GB), Il Frantoio (Ire), French Fries (Ire), Wonder (Ity).

A debut winner who ran third five starts later in Rome’s Listed Premio Rumon Mem. Daniele Porcu on Nov. 6, Tequila Picante became the 14th stakes winner for his sire (by War Front) with a 3 1/2-length victory in the Listed Premio 53 Criterium di Pisa on Sunday.

Stalking from a wide perch throughout most of this contest, Tequila Picante bided his time until the field entered the lane. Seizing command from there, he kicked away to win well from pacesetter Saputello and Pallapannocchiesch.

The second foal, runner and winner for his unraced dam, Tequila Picante is followed by a yearling filly by Cupid named Cupid Missed. Tri Again did not get in foal to the late Bernardini for 2022, and she was covered by Gormley for next spring.

Grade III victor Patton’s Victory (Patton) is under the second dam, as are Gil Suburban H. hero and GI Jockey Club Gold Cup runner-up Zivo (True Direction) and GIII La Prevoyante S. heroine Beautiful Lover (Arch). VIDEO.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

KING KAMEHAMEHA’S JUN LIGHT BOLT CROWNED OVER CHUKYO DIRT
by Heather Anderson

In a dramatic finish to Sunday’s G1 Champions Cup at Chukyo, Jun Light Bolt (Jpn) (King Kamehameha (Jpn)) collared G2 UAE Derby hero Crown Pride (Jpn) (Reach The Crown (Jpn)) by a neck just before the wire.

Sent off at 6-1 in this 1800-metre contest, the 5-year-old entire settled one off the rail in midpack as Red Soldado (Jpn) (Majestic Warrior) dashed to the front. That rival, setting an uncontested pace, got away with middling fractions on the backstretch, with the first 1000 metres covered in 1:02.40. As a result, the field was keeping closer order and racing room was at a premium as they approached the far turn.

Still on the engine 400 metres from home, Red Soldado was facing a stiff challenge from Crown Pride to his outside. Jun Light Bolt, meanwhile, was within striking distance, and was asked by pilot Yukito Ishikawa shortly after the quarter pole. Rumbling home ominously well, the dark bay set his sights on new leader Crown Pride, as 1-2 favourite T O Keynes (Jpn) (Sinister Minister) was winding up to his inside. The Yasuo Tomomichi runner hit a superior gear however, and thrust his neck in front three jumps from the line. The stalking Hapi (Jpn) (Kizuna (Jpn)) was 1 1/4 lengths back in third, another neck behind T O Keynes, who had covered extra ground in the race.
Champions Cup cont.

“I can’t find any other word to describe this other than ‘happy’,“ said Ishikawa, who was winning his first Group 1 race in Japan. “I tried to feel the horse’s rhythm and was confident that if we can find an open space after entering the lane, he would burst out. The colt responded so well that I knew we could win. Though I have yet to feel my first Group 1 win, I would like to savor this joy from now on.”

Although a four-time winner and listed-placed over the turf, the Northern Farm-bred reinvented himself when trying the dirt for the first time in July, running second in the Listed July S. at Fukushima. He earned his first black-type score outright in the Listed BSN Sho at Niigata in August, and continued his upward trajectory with a three-quarter-length score in the G3 Sirius S. going 1900 metres over this strip on Oct. 1.

Pedigree Notes

The deceased King Kamehameha has left 94 stakes winners and 65 group winners, with Jun Light Bolt his 15th at the highest level. Four of his stakes winners are out of Special Week (Jpn) mares, including G1 Asahi Hai Tuturity S. victor Leontes (Jpn), and G3 Falcon S. scorer Tagano Grandpa (Jpn), besides Sunday’s winner.

Despite never finding the winner’s circle, Special Groove (Jpn) (Special Week {Jpn}) has done the job as a broodmare, with a pair of stakes winners among her quintet of scorers to show from six runners of racing age. Jun Light Bolt’s year-older half brother Groove It (Jpn) (Lord Kanaloa {GB}) won at Group 3 level in Japan, and his juvenile half-sister Pure Groove (Jpn) (Drefong) has plenty of time to build on her first two starts. Special Groove foaled colts by Drefong and Lord Kanaloa (Jpn) in 2021 and 2022, respectively.

Third dam Air Groove (Jpn) (Tony Bin {Ire}) was named Japanese Horse of the Year in 1997, and at stud she left fellow Japanese champion Admire Groove (Jpn) (Sunday Silence), herself the dam of Japanese Champion 3-Year-Old Colt and late sire Duramente (Jpn) (King Kamehameha {Jpn}). Another of Air Groove’s progeny is Shadai stallion Rulership (Jpn) (King Kamehameha {Jpn}), who won the G1 Queen Elizabeth II Cup.

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DUBAI

Sunday’s Result:
SHEIKH ZAYED BIN SULTAN AL NAHYAN NATIONAL DAY CUP-Listed, AED380,000, Abu Dhabi, 12-4, NH & SH 3yo/up, 1600mT, 1:34.82, gd.

1--SAN DONATO (IRE), 127, g, 6, Lope De Vega (Ire)--Boston Rocker (Ire) (SP-Eng, GSP-Ire), by Acclamation (GB).

2--Alfareeq (Ire), 127, g, 5, Dark Angel (Ire)--Urjuwaan (GB), by Cape Cross (Ire). O-Shadwell. B-Shadwell Estate Co. Ltd., (Ire). T-Musabbeh Al Mheiri. AED76,000.

3--Haqeeqy (Ire), 127, g, 5, Lope De Vega (Ire)--Legal Lyric (Ire), by Lawman (Fr). (€28,000 Ylg ‘18 TATSEP; €175,000 HRA ‘19 TATMAY). O-Shadwell. B-John O’Connor (Ire). T-John Hyde. AED38,000.

Margins: 2, 2HF, 2.
Also Ran: Erzindjan (Ire), Taamol (Ire), Al Salt (Ire), Zero To A Hundred, Moqtarreb (GB), Jumaira Bay (Fr), Erasmo (GB), Imperial Empire (GB), Zaman (GB), Ajwad (GB), Ya Hayati, Ventura Rebel (GB), Lucius Tiberius (Ire).

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