**VALUE SIRES: PART V, FIRST SOPHOMORES OF ’23**

*by Chris McGrath*

Today we finally come to a group that has at least had some initial opportunity to show whether or not they can replicate their own racing prowess. By the same token, of course, this means that their level of support—which in many cases will already have declined through each preceding year, as racetrack exposure draws perilously closer—may now fall off a cliff.

If the stampede to unproven sires is ludicrous, then so is the haste with which they are abandoned. Stallions whose stock should plainly be granted time to mature round a second turn are often prematurely judged. Even more precocious types often find themselves long since abandoned by the most ruthless commercial breeders, who can annually move on to a fresh group whose reputation is usefully invulnerable to any appraisal more meaningful than hype.

For most stallions, then, this is a time when sales averages are coming down, along with fees and books. It’s very rare that a young sire emerges from his opening racetrack skirmishes with the authority of Gun Runner, whose first sophomores spectacularly consolidated their record-breaking domination of the freshmen preceding the group we consider today. You more often find yourself dealing with an Overanalyze, champion freshman five years ago and meanwhile discarded to South Korea.

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**2023 MATING PLANS, PRESENTED BY SPENDTHRIFT: BOBBY FLAY**

As we approach the opening of the 2023 breeding season, the TDN staff is once again sitting down with leading breeders to find out what stallions they have chosen for their mares, and why. First up: Bobby Flay.

**AMERICA (m, 12, A. P. Indy—Lacadena, by Fasliyev), booked to Gun Runner**

As she continues to produce quality foals, including MGSW First Captain (Curlin), the co-sales topper at the 2019 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga sale for $1.5 million, and his full-sister, who sold for $2 million at Saratoga last August, I'm excited to see what the hottest new sire can provide for this mare.

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**RISING STARS: THE ONES THAT GOT AWAY**

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Cover Song, pictured after winning the GIII Autumn Miss S., is booked to Into Mischief for 2023. Bobby Flay told the TDN, “This mare, a half-sister to U.S. Navy Flag and Roly Poly, only deserves the best. Back to Into Mischief it is!” Mating Plans Presented by Spendthrift continues on page 9. | Horsephotos

CYBERKNIFE, COLONEL LIAM LEAD 2023 PEGASUS INVITEES

Cyberknife (Gun Runner) and two-time defending champion Colonel Liam (Liam’s Map) top the invitational lists for the $3-million GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational and the $1-million GI Pegasus World Cup Turf Invitational, respectively.

HPBA RIPS HISA FOR EMERGENCY COURT ACTION

T. D. Thornton breaks down the latest in the legal fight.

FOX HILL FARMS’ RUN HAS COME TO A CLOSE

The red-and-white colors of Rick Porter’s Fox Hill Farms will not be seen on the racetrack again.
Value Sires Part V *(cont. from p1)*

To be fair, however, this lot have laid down a very purposeful marker as the freshmen of 2022. The top six, indeed, can also be found among the top 10 of the overall list of juvenile sires. Moreover, there are grounds for thinking that several, judged on the template of their own performance and pedigree, can stimulate further progress from their maturing stock.

Arguably, the best long-term value right now rests with those who might emulate the way the tragic Arrogate transformed his legacy with his first sophomores, after they had made a quiet start as juveniles. On the other hand, those sires that had assembled monster books as commercial rookies should expect to be judged pretty sternly, pretty quickly.

So we have to strike a balance. Already second crop yearlings have typically registered a depreciation of many sire brands in the sales ring. On the other hand, investors of sufficient patience, vision and bravery may decide that this is precisely the moment to roll the dice on a slower burn.

**Bubbling Under:**

**BOLT D’ORO** closed out the year strongest to secure the freshman laurels after a sustained battle with two other very promising young sires, a distinction that formalized the superiority he showed both in the sheer breadth of his quality—a stellar one-in-five starters getting black type—and notably in the sales performance of his second crop, which uniquely among the trio managed to advance the values achieved by his first.

His median, always the key measure, rose to $152,500 from the $110,000 achieved by those debut yearlings who had meanwhile been showing that it was money well spent. That's an exceptional vote of confidence, albeit perhaps partly also reflected a rather narrower choice for purchasers after numbers had to be controlled (along with his boisterous behavior, at the time) for his second season. Bolt d’Oro was back up to 174 mares for his fourth book last spring, and the quality of his mares will only be going up with his fee—now $35,000 after slipping to $15,000 in 2021. Obviously, he has to work harder to achieve the same ratios now, with the stakes raised, but he has made an exemplary start.

Fairly steady stuff on the track from **MO TOWN** (illuminated by Myrtlewood S. romper Key Of Life) does not tell half his story, as he is an unusual example of a stallion whose business soared in his third and fourth seasons. His second crop of yearlings emerge from a book of 104 mares, but he then covered 204 in 2021 and 218 this spring. If that generates renewed momentum on the track, in a couple of years from now, this could turn out to be a smart time to get involved at just $5,000.
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BRONZE: ARMY MULE (Friesan Fire-Crafty Toast by Crafty Prospector), $12,500 Hill 'n' Dale

This has always looked a stallion who could only have extreme outcomes. He was either going to be a dud, or prove himself exceptional value. Happily, there already seems little doubt that the switch is "on" and Army Mule appears set to build something pretty imposing on the fragile foundations of a track career that showcased freakish ability across barely four minutes, and a somewhat left-field pedigree.

His every trajectory is upward. Most importantly, his first juveniles have excelled, elevating him to fourth in the table from a smaller book (and much smaller fee) than those above him. Of his 24 winners from 61 starters, as many as five won at black-type level—the top three were tied with just one more-in tipping $2 million in purse money.

This performance had been anticipated by a stunning debut at the yearling sales, when Army Mule's first crop averaged nine times their $10,000 conception fee. In response, there was a further rebound in the size of his 2022 book, after he had slumped from 140 mares to 47 in his second season. He has now received 83 and 115 partners in the two years since. And while he couldn't quite replicate his initial yield with his second crop of yearlings, he again punched way above the kind of ratio you might expect at this stage, averaging $69,272 for 22 yearlings sold (from only 25 offered). Unsurprisingly, given his own giddy history as a yearling pinhook ($35,000 to $825,000) he also achieved dividends as high as $450,000 at the 2-year-old sales. Originally, no doubt, breeders may have been torn between his six-length GI Carter H. success, in 1:20.94, on what proved to be the final of just three starts; and, on the other hand, some fairly unfashionable genes (albeit second and third dams both graded stakes winners). One way or another, however, things are plainly functioning in a repeatable fashion.
You know what they say when it walks like a duck... If Army Mule already sires runners like a good stallion, and sells horses like a good stallion, the chances are that he’s a good stallion.

**SILVER: ACCELERATE (Lookin At Lucky-Issues by Awesome Again), $10,000 Lane’s End**

Of the three stallions launched into this intake at Lane’s End, CITY OF LIGHT was always the golden boy. Though slow to get going, his 11 winners since midsummer already feature three at stakes level. Nobody, in short, still needs telling what he can still hope to achieve at $60,000.

At the sales, however, it has meanwhile proved much tougher going for the second crop of yearlings by the pair who started alongside him. Nonetheless, I am unhesitatingly keeping the faith with the one I have liked all along. In this series we’ve already nailed our colors to the Lookin At Lucky mast with Country House, believing the Ashford stalwart as likely to be underestimated as a potential sire of sires as he has always been in his own right. And there’s no doubt in my mind that Accelerate is an absolutely astounding amount of horse for just $10,000.

Did anyone for a moment think that Accelerate was going to start off with a cavalcade of sprint maidens at the Keeneland spring meet? Yet having looked after his supporters very nicely with his first yearlings, he found himself childishly neglected with his second crop.

Accelerate did muster 14 juvenile winners, including one at stakes level, which is as much as could have been sensibly expected for a horse that himself required four sophomore starts to break his maiden in high summer. He then rolled on to win a stakes and the GII Los Alamitos Derby before finishing third in the GI Dirt Mile at the Breeders’ Cup. Lest we forget, runner-up in that race was another sophomore who was only laying down foundations: horse name of Gun Runner (Candy Ride {Arg}).

Nobody should need reminding of the heights Accelerate achieved in his own maturity, winning five Grade Is at five. His only defeat that year? By a neck to none other than City Of Light, giving weight, the pair 10 lengths clear.

Accelerate laid down a perfect marker with his first sophomore runner, on New Year’s Day at Laurel, where a filly making her fourth start broke her maiden easily over a bare six furlongs. That’s a similar template to Winters Lion, who had run fifth, third and second in Churchill maidens before putting it all together to romp by 6 1/2 at Oaklawn in December. Anyone can see that all this is pure groundwork and breeders blessed with that rarest of commodities, patience, will recognize the value they’re getting if their primary objective is to put a winner under their mare. (Which should, after all, be just about the most commercial thing anyone can do...)
Remember that Accelerate is out of an Awesome Again mare (representing the distaff gold of Deputy Minister) who also produced siblings, respectively, placed at Grade I and Grade III level, her own dam being a half-sister to a Grade I winner. (And the line traces to a fifth dam, Smartaire, whose son Smarten gave us the dam of Accelerate’s grandsire Smart Strike.)

It’s a dismal measure of the world we live in that Accelerate was retired at a fee as accessible as $20,000, lower than several horses he had left gasping in his wake—and that he has since taken three cuts in three years. What exactly are people after? This horse earned $6.7 million by dint of class, constitution and a physique prized at $380,000 as a yearling, despite his ostensibly uncommercial paternity. Bar a historic Triple Crown winner, Accelerate would have been a lock for Horse of the Year and I remain confident that he will, gradually and cumulatively, retrieve respect in his second career.

He actually has a very solid numerical base, with as many as 380 mares across his first three books. Given that his opening crops seem very likely to keep thriving with time, he could wind up with plenty of headlines overlapping in the coming years. As such, this feels like a very good moment to get ahead of the game with Accelerate. Sure, that suggestion might irritate those who suffered from the myopic treatment of his second crop at the sales. But someday people may look back at this horse, at this fee, as one of the great missed opportunities.

GOLD: OSCAR PERFORMANCE (Kitten’s Joy-Devine Actress by Theatrical {Ire})
$20,000 Mill Ridge
This guy will cost you a little more this time round and so he jolly well should.

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The first horse since
SEATTLE SLEW
to be an undefeated G1-winning 2YO
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G1-WINNING 2YO
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Most obviously, **Oscar Performance** has made an exemplary start on the track, with higher earnings per starter than any other top-10 freshman sire. From star managed to put him as high as eighth in the prize money table (slipstreaming **Mendelssohn**, with 90!) and featured not just 17 winners, a couple at black-type level, but also four placed in graded stakes company. These included a Grade II one-two when Andthewinneris beat Deer District at Keeneland in the fall.

We know, moreover, that these horses will keep building if they adhere to their sire's own template as a Grade I winner at two, three and four. And, crucially, even a commercial market so petrified of turf horses has managed to register his promise: bucking the usual trend, his second crop elevated their predecessors' yearling average from $43,149 to $57,474 (for a strong 38 sold of 44 offered).

But the real key for **Oscar Performance** is that he has emerged at an hour of need for the enlightened minority who actually want to connect the American bloodstock industry to huge racetrack opportunity on American grass.

Everyone knows how the turf program is expanding, and that a virtuous circle is underway between fully subscribed fields and purse money. And a lot of people, as a result, are investing heavily in elite European blood at sales over the water. On their own doorstep, however, they have now allowed both English Channel and Kitten's Joy to pass without ever having shown them anything like enough respect in the ring.

Now we have a blatant young talent emerging to blatant opportunity. There is generational room at the top, after the consecutive loss of his own sire, English Channel and Get Stormy. And here's a horse who had the brilliance to drop back from elite scores at 10 furlongs (Arlington Million/Belmont Derby) to make all in a Grade I mile; the soundness to bank $2.35 million across three seasons; and a pedigree that duplicates the same breed-changing alchemy top and bottom.

That's because his dam sire is a son of Nureyev, who was by Northern Dancer out of the great Special (Forli {Arg}); while he extends the storied sire-line of Sadler's Wells, who was of course by Northern Dancer out of Special's daughter Fairy Bridge (Bold Reason). That may sound like way too much chlorophyll for a lot of Kentucky breeders, but I will never cease complaining about prescriptive, self-fulfilling assumptions about different bloodlines and different surfaces. Sure enough, **Oscar Performance** has already come up with Red Carpet Ready to win a dirt sprint by 10 lengths at Churchill on debut and then a 6 1/2-furlong dirt stakes over the same track on her only other start.

**Oscar Performance** has been launched with unsurprising flair by a farm that once stood international influences in Diesis and Gone West.
It's great to see them back in the stallion game, not least with so much "industrial" traffic cornered by the same few farms, and it's a typically thoughtful gesture-having trimmed him to $12,500 pending his first runners-to confine the increase in Oscar Performance's fee to $17,500 for those clients who had used him already.

The rest of us may have been less alert, but anyone can now see that Oscar Performance is on his way. He will surely rank high on the shortlists of European pinhookers as well. Roll out the red carpet!

The seventh running of the Pegasus World Cup, a 1 1/8-mile stakes for 4-year-olds and up, will be featured Jan. 28 at Gulfstream Park along with the $1 million Pegasus World Cup Turf Invitational, a 1 1/8-mile stakes for 4-year-olds and up, and the GIII Pegasus World Cup Filly & Mare Turf, a 1 1/16-mile stakes for older fillies and mares on turf.

The invitation list includes 12 older horses for each, as well as a list of eight reserve invitees. Contenders for the GI Pegasus World Cup Turf Invitational are: MGISW Cabo Spirit (Pioneerof the Nile), MGISW City Man (Mucho Macho Man), MGISW Colonel Liam (Liam's Map), GISW Decorated Invader (Declaration of War), GSW Dicey Mo Chara (Adaay {Ire}), GSW Ivar (Brz) (Agnes Gold {Jpn}), MGISW & GISP Masterofmooiberg (War Front), GSW Master of War (War Front), MGISW & GISP Masterofmooiberg (War Front), GSW Master of War (War Front), MGISW & GISP Mr. Misconduct (Mr. Misconduct), GSW & MGISW Who's the Star (Tonalist), and MGISW & MGISP Wit (Practical Joke).

The eight horses on the reserve list are: Atone (Into Mischief), Cellist (Big Blue Kitten), Dark Shift (Dark Angel {Ire}), Good Governance (Kingman {GB}), Hurricane Dream (Hurricane Cat), In Love (Brz) (Agnes Gold {Jpn}), King Cause (Creative Cause), Law Professor (Constitution), Never Surprised (Constitution), and Street Ready (More Than Ready).

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The invitation list includes 12 older horses for each, as well as a list of eight reserve invitees. Contenders for the GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational and the $1 million GI Pegasus World Cup Turf Invitational are: MGISW Cyberknife, GISW Defunded (Daled In), GISW Proxy (Tapit), GISW White Abarrio (Race Day), GISW Get Her Number (Daled In), GISW Art Collector (Bernardini), GISW Super Corinto (Super Saver), GISW O'Connor (Boboman), MGISW & GISP Skippylongstocking (Exaggerator), GSW & MGISP Stiletto Boy (Shackleford), GSW & GISP Simplification (Not This Time), and GSW Last Samurai (Malibu Moon). The eight horses on the reserve list are: Barber Road (Race Day), Endorsed (Medaglia d'Oro), Hoist the Gold (Mineshaft), Law Professor (Constitution), Muad'dib (Fiber Sonde), Pappacap (Gun Runner), Pioneer of Medina (Pioneerof the Nile), and Ridin With Biden (Constitution).
DAME DOROTHY (m, 12, Bernardini–Vole Vole Monamour, by Woodman), booked to Gun Runner
This mare’s natural speed should fit well with this sire’s staying quality. Although this stud fee is not inexpensive, Dame Dorothy deserves the caviar of the crop. Her first foal, Spice is Nice, brought $1.05 million as a yearling and is a Graded stakes winner. In 2021, her yearling Uncle Mo colt brought the most ever paid for that sire’s yearlings at $1.6 million. Now named Sgt. Pepper, he is all-out training with Todd Pletcher and is one to keep an eye out for on the track.

AMERICAN CAVIAR (f, 4, Curlin–America, by A. P. Indy), booked to Justify
She is the full-sister to First Captain. I’m excited to see Justify making some noise in important two-year-old races in the U.S., Europe, and Japan. There’s a good chance he’ll be an important force as a young stallion. The Scat Daddy influence gives me confidence that Justify will continue to produce not just winners, but winners with quality.

AMAGANSETT (m, 6, Tapit–Twirl {Ire}, by Galileo {Ire}), booked to Not This Time
I bought Amagansett as a yearling because I liked her sire and she comes from the illustrious Coolmore family headed by Misty for Me. Not This Time is one of the most exciting stallions in the market. He had tons of speed and his progeny are winning at Classic distances on both surfaces. My kind of stallion.

LIFE WELL LIVED (m, 16, Tiznow–Well Dressed, by Notebook), booked to Constitution
Already the Grade I producer of American Patriot (War Front), she will go back to Constitution, as he is showing he can be a top player in the game. He’s now being booked to some of the top pedigrees in the book, which he truly deserves. Last season’s yearling colt brought over $400,000.

RUBY LIPS (m, 13, Hard Spun–It’s a Ruby, by Rubiano), booked to Constitution
The dam of MGSW Lone Rock and Grade II winner Gerrymander throws good foal after good foal. I acquired her in foal to Constitution and I liked what I saw. It made this year’s decision easy: back to the well!
He’s already sired four G1-winning two-year-olds. And his 2023 juveniles might be his best crop yet. The market thinks so: they’ve already put up his highest-ever yearling average.

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STREET STRUT (m, 10, Street Cry {Ire}–Lacadena, by Fasliyev), booked to Not This Time

Not This Time should fit the pedigree well to this half-sister to America, from the family of Better Than Honour (Deputy Minister) and Rags to Riches (A. P. Indy). It’s a cross that can produce anything.

TIZAHIT (m, 16, Tiznow–Never a No Hitter, by Kris S.), booked to Constitution

The producer of Grade I winner Come Dancing, she’s ready to produce another. Last season’s Constitution out of this mare sold for over $400,000 and could be a serious horse. These Constitutions are showing themselves well on the racetrack and at the sales. Why make it a tough decision??

VERONIQUE (m, 12, Mizzen Mast–Styler, by Holy Bull), booked to Curlin

As the dam of the super-fast Nashville (Speightstown), she deserves a turn to the big dog. Curlin is the epitome of a proven sire. Year after year, he plays an important role in the country’s most important races. Curlin has been very good to my program and I’m excited to see what he produces with this proven mare.

SUPER ESPRESSO (m, 16, Medaglia d’Oro–Amizette, by Forty Niner), booked to Nashville

I almost never employ unproven stallions. In this case, I’m making a calculated guess that Nashville’s unreal, natural speed is just what this mare needs. She has the stamina up and down her Helen Alexander pedigree. Since I have the dam (Veronique), I’m taking a shot with her best runner.

WHITE HOT (IRE) (m, 10, Galileo {Ire}–Gwynn {Ire}, by Darshaan {GB}), booked to Into Mischief

The dam of Pizza Bianca is going back to this top sire. Although this is a very fancy Coolmore family by Galileo, I believe this mare has the possibility of turning her purple bloodlines to dirt greatness and Into Mischief is the man for the job! If I’m wrong and grass is this mare’s preferred surface, then this sire can do that too. Basically, the risk here is low. Serious sire power.

SINGING SWEETLY (IRE) (m, 6, Galileo {Ire}–Sing Softly, by Hennessy), booked to American Pharoah

This Galileo mare from a good American family may be the best value buy I’ve made in a long time. Her first foal by Study of Man brought enough at the Keeneland yearling sale last year to pay for her own price tag. Speaking of value, this sire at $60,000 may be the bargain of the decade. Somehow the market has turned its attention to other young studs, but I’m thrilled to book this young mare to this Triple Crown winner.

COVER SONG (m, 10, Fastnet Rock {Aus}–Misty for Me {Ire}), booked to Into Mischief

She may be the best family I currently have with the possibility of it getting better. Her first two foals, Contemporary Art (Dubawi) and Sbagliato (Quality Road) are gearing up to have black-type seasons. This mare, a half-sister to U.S. Navy Flag (War Front) and Roly Poly (War Front) only deserves the best. Back to Into Mischief it is!

POTION (m, 5, Ghostzapper–And Why Not, by Street Cry {Ire}), booked to Justify

I bought this mare out of Helen Groves’s dispersal in November. She certainly was not on discount, but getting into a family by one of the world’s greatest breeders in the history of the sport will always have value. Justify gets the nod for this young Ghostzapper mare. Can be dirt, can be grass. Either is fine with me.

AULD ALLIANCE (IRE) (m, 12, Montjeu {Ire}–Highland Gift {Ire}, by Generous {Ire}), booked to Sea The Stars (Ire)

After employing the great Frankel four seasons in a row, I thought I’d give him a break this year. He’s thrown beautiful foal after beautiful foal. After getting a private audience with Baaeed in Mr. Haggas’s yard, something told me that Sea the Stars was the key to this mare’s entry to a European Classic. Check back in four years...I have a feeling!

OLD SCHOOL (GB) (f, 4, Frankel {GB}–Auld Alliance, by Montjeu {Ire}), booked to Uncle Mo

A Frankel daughter of Auld Alliance will remain in America and...
be bred to a sire that can produce champion dirt horses. I’m convinced that making this happen is slightly more possible than most people think. My philosophy is that good blood is good blood. It always shows up. The surface is just a speed bump.

**GLINTING (IRE), (Galileo {Ire}–One Moment in Time {Ire}), by Danehill, booked to Wootton Bassett (GB)**

I was thrilled to secure this Galileo mare from this Coolmore family at Arqana in December. She was offered in foal to Wootton Bassett, which is a valuable coupon that came with the mare. The Coolmore team has made a big bet on this cross and I have no problem following their lead.

Interested in sharing your own mating plans? Email garyking@thetdn.com.

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**BAFFERT 'RISKS LOSING CLIENTS' WITHOUT TIMELY HEARING ON DERBY STATUS**

by T.D. Thornton

Three weeks after renewing his federal court fight to reverse a corporation's ban on being able to train horses in the GI Kentucky Derby and GI Kentucky Oaks, Bob Baffert on Wednesday let the judge in the case know that time is of the essence in scheduling his hearing on a preliminary injunction, because the races that award significant qualifying points for Derby and Oaks eligibility are quickly approaching.

Baffert's legal team filed a Jan. 4 notice in United States District Court (Western District of Kentucky) explaining that the May 5 Oaks and May 6 Derby "furnish the exigency that warrants a preliminary injunction."

The filing continued: "Baffert needs to notify his client base whether they will be able to continue using his services for the 2023 Kentucky Derby, the 2023 Kentucky Oaks, and the respective qualifying races.

"As the 2023 Kentucky Derby and Oaks draw closer, Baffert risks losing more clients due to CDI's edict of suspension even if he ultimately prevails on the merits. A hearing date on or about Feb. 1, 2023, is therefore agreeable."

In June 2021, Churchill Downs, Inc. (CDI), the gaming company that controls the Derby, Churchill Downs, and five other Thoroughbred tracks, ruled Baffert off from its properties for two years in the wake of Baffert's trainee, Medina Spirit, testing positive for betamethasone, a Class C drug, after crossing the finish wire first in that year's Derby.

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**INVESTMENT INCENTIVE SUMMARY FOR 2023**

Attractive investment incentives continue for those in the horse racing industry preparing to purchase bloodstock and other depreciable assets. The NTCA encourages buyers to speak with a tax professional to learn how these incentives can help maximize their buying power.

**Bonus Depreciation**
- 80% bonus depreciation for qualifying horse, farm equipment and farm depreciable asset
  (land improvements, fencing, barns) purchases through 2023
- Property must be purchased and placed in service before January 1, 2024
- Property may be new or used
- Bonus depreciation is phased down by 20% per calendar year and will be fully phased out after 2026

**Section 179 Expense Deduction**
- Expense allowance for horse, farm equipment and farm depreciable asset (land improvements, fencing, barns) purchases is permanent at $1.16 million for 2023 (having started at $1 million and indexed for inflation beginning after December 31, 2018)
- Limited to taxable income
- Property must be purchased and placed in service to qualify
- Applies to new or used property
- Reduced by $1 dollar for each dollar of eligible property purchased that exceeds $2.89 million in 2023 (having started at $2.5 million and indexed for inflation beginning after December 31, 2018)

For more information contact Joe Bacigalupo joeb@ntca.com.
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Citing that drug finding and a spate of other pharmaceutical overages in Grade I races around the same time, CDI told Baffert he would be ineligible to race at its tracks until after the 2023 Derby, and that any horse that raced under his training license would not be eligible to accrue qualifying points to get into the 2022 or 2023 Derbies.

Last February, Baffert fought in federal court to reverse that CDI ban, but because he had to serve a still-under-appeal suspension imposed by the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission, that made the litigation moot for the 2022 Derby. But this fresh motion for an injunction that got filed Dec. 15, 2022, is actually a part of that same lawsuit.

"Points from qualifying races increase substantially beginning in mid-February, with fifty-point races contested at CDI-operated Fairgrounds Racetrack in Louisiana on Feb. 18," Baffert’s filing stated.

"Races carrying the highest number of qualifying points (100 points) begin in March, including at Fairgrounds and CDI-operated Turfway Park," the filing stated.

If Baffert were to win an injunction to be able to race at CDI's tracks, recent history shows that the likelihood of him sending any Derby or Oaks contenders to race at either Fair Grounds or Turfway is low.

According to DRF’s Formulator tool, Baffert has not started a single horse, at any level, at either Fair Grounds or Turfway in at least the last five years, which is as far back as the database goes.

**HBPA RIPS HISA’S REQUEST FOR ‘EMERGENCY’ COURT ACTION by T.D. Thornton**

The National Horsemen’s Benevolent and Protective Association (NHBPBA) and 12 of its affiliates have filed a legal challenge to a Jan. 3 “emergency” motion made by the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA) Authority that had asked for the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals to vacate its recent HISA unconstitutionality order.

In essence, the horsemen’s opposition to the request for emergency treatment stated that no pressing need or harm exists to speed up what would usually be a full 10 days for the NHBPBA and other co-plaintiffs from the underlying lawsuit to respond to the motion to vacate the unconstitutionality order.

In the spring of 2022, the Fifth Circuit court had taken this case on appeal from a Mar. 31, 2022, ruling out of U.S. District Court (Northern District of Texas) that affirmed HISA’s constitutionality by stating “the law as constructed stays within current constitutional limitations as defined by the Supreme Court...”

Then on Nov 18, a Fifth Circuit panel overturned the lower court’s decision by ruling that HISA was indeed unconstitutional because it “delegates unsupervised government power to a private entity,” and thus “violates the private non-delegation doctrine.”

But on Dec. 29, President Biden signed into law a massive, year-end spending bill that included a small bit of language inserted by HISA supporters in Congress that amended the operative language of HISA to fix the constitutional defect the Fifth Circuit had identified.

The passage of that law prompted the HISA Authority's Jan. 3 motion asking the Fifth Circuit to “vacate its opinion and the judgment of the Court forthwith to prevent the serious harms that mount each day [and to] rehear this case in light of the intervening congressional amendment.”

Later on Tuesday (beyond TDN’s deadline for this original story), the NHBPBA filed its objection to the “emergency” nature of the motion.

“[T]he Authority Appellees come to this Court--on the very last day of their unusually long window to petition for rehearing--and demand that it reverse its prior decision, vacate its opinion, and issue a new opinion and the mandate ‘forthwith,’ namely, by Jan. 13, 2023. No crisis or irreparable harm justifies this accelerated treatment or a rushed briefing schedule that shortens Appellants’ time to respond to the motion.

“The Authority Appellees have had since at least Dec. 5, 2022, to formulate their legal strategy (that being the first day the potential amendment was publicly reported in the news; it is possible the Authority knew much earlier). They have had since at least Dec. 20, 2022, when the omnibus language was first made public, to work on drafting the particulars of their motion (again, they may have seen it before it was made public, or even had a hand in writing the amendment’s language).”

At a later point, the NHBPBA filing continued: “[T]his is not a motion that can be dealt with in a quick two or three pages, like a motion for an extension of time to file a brief or hold a case in abeyance. This is a motion that seeks to vacate a published opinion of this Court. Such an important motion, in such an important case no less, deserves the full time authorized for a thoughtful, thorough response.

“Appellees point to no crisis or irreparable harm that justifies shortening the normal schedule. ... Appellees do not even try to show ‘irreparable harm,’ even though this Circuit’s rule for emergency motions requires that the motion ‘state the nature of the emergency and the irreparable harm the movant will suffer if the motion is not granted.’

“If anything, this entire episode once again prompts the question Appellants have been asking all along: Who is really driving the train here, the Authority or the [Federal Trade] Commission? It is the Authority, not the Commission, that...is now filing the motion to vacate and the petition for rehearing.
It is the Authority, not the Commission, asking this Court to take a decision that was briefed, argued, and decided over the course of months and toss it all aside in 10 days.”

The NHBPA’s filing summed up: “The entire narrative only confirms that the Commission lacks any independent policy interest in the Act’s administration or survival; it sees itself as humble minister of everyone else’s will.”

FOX HILL FARMS’ RUN HAS COME TO A CLOSE

by Bill Finley

The red-and-white colors of Rick Porter’s Fox Hill Farms will not be seen on the racetrack again. Eighteen months after Porter passed away after a long battle with cancer, the final horse still owned by Fox Hill, Royal Ship (Brz) (Midshipman), has been acquired by Porter’s son, Scott, and will race under the name of Fox Hollow Farm. Siena Farm LLC has retained its minority interest in the horse.

“We could have kept him running in Fox Hill silks, but, accounting-wise, it made sense to put an end to that and keep things simple,” Scott Porter said. “He is a gelding, so it wasn’t like we were going to sell him. I decided maybe I can race him and see where it leads.”

Royal Ship was the last horse owned by Fox Hill. Scott Porter has no immediate plans to expand his stable.

“It’s not like I’m looking to start up a big racing stable,” he said. “At this point in my life, I’m not able to do that. Maybe someday that will change. I have the same love of racing my father had. I learned a lot from him and spent a lot of time with him. We were very close. I thought we might run this horse and see what happens. I am a builder. So I’m not making the kind of money my father did.”

Rick Porter passed away in June of 2021 at the age of 80. Fox Hill Farm campaigned 20 graded stakes horses and multiple champions led by Havre de Grace (Saint Liam), Songbird (Medaglia d’Oro), Hard Spun (Danzig), Omaha Beach (War Front) and Kodiak Kowboy (Posse). Three months after Porter’s death it was announced that all of his horses but Royal Ship would be sold at the upcoming fall sales.

Trained by Richard Mandella, Royal Ship was imported from South America by Porter and finished third in the 2020 GI Del Mar Mile H. in his U.S. debut. Four starts later, he upset Country Grammer in the GI Californian S. He beat Country Grammer again in the 2021 GI San Diego H. Royal Ship not started since finishing sixth in the GI Awesome Again S. in October.

The horse has been on the farm for quite some time and he just had his first work back,” Scott Porter said “He has had a few ailments. It seems like he can put a couple of good races together and then he throws in a clunker. We’ll give him as much time off as we can. If he’s happy and wants to run again we will try to have some fun with him. It just made sense for me to take him over rather than trying to find a new home for him.”

According to Victoria Keith, who was Fox Hill’s racing manager, Rick Porter owned about 15 horses at the time of his death. Fox Hill’s last mare was sold in November, leaving only Royal Ship. She said Porter had stopped acquiring horses a few years before his death, aware that his health issues were a problem.

“Probably the hardest part was when we were selling the first horses,” she said. “Then after that we whittled the numbers down. It is certainly sad that we won’t be seeing those red-and-white silks anymore. It was a really good run. I got to live vicariously through Fox Hill Farm when it was on top. Rick has a wonderful family. His wife and kids are very much like him.”

Scott Porter said that if Royal Ship has a successful 2023 he will look to reinvest some of the earnings into a new horse or two.

“We’ll see,” he said. “That’s the way my dad did it, starting small. But I don’t have any false ambitions. I’m not trying to be Fox Hill Farms.”
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WEEKLY RULINGS

WEEKLY RULINGS, DEC. 27-JAN. 2
by Dan Ross

Every week, the TDN publishes a roundup of key official rulings from the primary tracks within the four major racing jurisdictions of California, New York, Florida and Kentucky. Here’s a primer on how each of these jurisdictions adjudicates different offenses, what they make public (or not) and where. With the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA) having gone into effect on July 1, the TDN will also post a roundup of the relevant HISA-related rulings from the same week.

California

Track: Santa Anita
Date: 12/31/2022
Licensee: Kazushi Kimura, jockey
Penalty: Three-day suspension
Violation: Careless riding
Explainer: Jockey Kazushi Kimura, who rode Luminiferous in the first race at Santa Anita Park on December 30, 2022, is suspended for 3 racing days (January 7, 8 and 13, 2023) for altering course without sufficient clearance and causing interference in the stretch. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules—careless riding). Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

NEW HISA STEWARDS RULINGS
The following rulings were reported on HISA’s “rulings” portal, except for the voided claim rulings which were sent to the TDN directly. Some of these rulings are from prior weeks as they were not reported contemporaneously. One important note: HISA’s whip use limit is restricted to six strikes during a race.
Violations of Crop Rule
Turfway Park
Alice Beckman – violation date December 20; $250 fine and one-day suspension, seven strikes
Joseph De Jesus – violation date December 29; $250 fine and one-day suspension, seven strikes
Perry Wayne Ouzts – violation date December 29; $250 fine and one-day suspension, seven strikes
Alice Beckman – violation date December 30; $250 fine and one-day suspension, seven strikes
Oaklawn Park
Isaac Castillo – violation date December 30; $250 fine, wrist above the helmet
Angel Rodriguez – violation date December 30; $250 fine, wrist above the helmet

VOTING NOW OPEN FOR 2022 FANDUEL-NTRA MOMENT OF THE YEAR

Voting is now open for the 2022 FanDuel Racing-NTRA Moment of the Year, where the public will pick one of the 11 most memorable, significant, and reflective events from the last 12 months of Thoroughbred racing in North America.

The FanDuel Racing-NTRA Moment of the Year will be recognized during the 52nd Annual Eclipse Awards Presented by John Deere, Keeneland, and The Jockey Club at The Breakers Palm Beach in Florida Jan. 26.

Voting is available on the National Thoroughbred Racing Association website, NTRA.com, and via Twitter, where every retweet or use of the official hashtag for the moments as presented on the @NTRA account will be counted as one vote.
### 2022 YTD Sires of 3-Year-Olds by GSW

*for stallions standing in North America through Tuesday, Jan. 3*

Earnings represent Worldwide figures, NH foals only, stud fees listed are 2022 fees.

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Empire House, winner of the California Governor’s Cup at Sacramento in July, was third in the GIII Zenyatta S. Oct. 2 at Santa Anita and was a well-beaten fifth in the Nov. 19 GIIII Chilukki S. at Churchill Downs last time out.

Mama Yay, who sold to Mark Erlandson for $20,000 while in foal to Arrogate at the 2020 Keeneland November sale, did not produce a foal in 2021, but was bred back to Gun Runner. Her Gun Runner filly sold for $625,000 at last year’s Fasig-Tipton November sale. The unraced mare is a full-sister to Dialed In and a half to the dam of graded winners Golden Lad and Broadway’s Alibi, and Grade I-placed R Gypsy Gold.

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**Bred on the same cross as GUN RUNNER:**

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4th-Gulfstream, $70,000, Msw, 1-4, 4yo/up, 1 3/16m (AWT), 1:57.04 (NTR), ft, 2 lengths.

PATOU ROAD (g, 4, Quality Road--Patou, by Ghostzapper) was fifth in the slop in his 7 1/2-furlong debut at Churchill Nov. 27. Gelded since that effort and stretching out over the synthetic for this second outing, the 8-5 favorite contested the early pace through pedestrian splits. He grabbed the lead into the stretch and maintained a two-length advantage to the wire. Hitting Bombs (Gun Runner) was second. Patou Road was a $500,000 KEESEP yearling. Patou has a 2-year-old filly by City of Light—who sold for $175,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale—and she was bred back to that sire last year. The unraced mare is a daughter of multiple graded stakes winner Cambiocorsa (Avenue of Flags). Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $45,600. O-Repole Stable, St. Elias Stable and Woodford Racing, LLC; B-RanJan Racing, Inc. (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

9th-Tampa Bay Downs, $25,000, Msw, 1-4, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:36.89, fm, 1 length.
LIGHTRESS (f, 3, City of Light--Canny (SP), by Big Brown), let go at 9-1, was taken in hand soon after the break and settled in midpack while racing keenly. She rushed up between foes to challenge for the lead heading into the far turn and battled Sweet Track (Uncle Mo) down the stretch before inching clear late to graduate by one length. Lightress was a $500,000 KEESEP yearling. Canny produced a filly by Munnings in 2022 and was bred back to that sire. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $14,750. O-West Point Thoroughbreds, Robert Masiello, Scarlet Oak Racing & Stonehaven Steadings; B-Stonehaven Steadings (KY); T-Christophe Clement.

FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, JAN. 5
2022 Stud Fees Listed
Always Dreaming (Bodemeister), WinStar Farm, $10,000
212 foals of racing age/12 winners/1 black-type winner
6-Mahoning Valley, 3:05 p.m. EST, Alw 1m, Agnello's Dream, 5-1
$35,000 KEE SEP yrl
8-Turfway, 9:25 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Forty Winks, 15-1
$55,000 KEE SEP yrl

Army Mule (Friesan Fire), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, $12,500
142 foals of racing age/24 winners/5 black-type winners
8-Turfway, 9:25 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Three Sport Coats, 5-1
$47,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl

City of Light (Quality Road), Lane's End Farm, $60,000
209 foals of racing age/12 winners/3 black-type winners
7-Fair Grounds, 5:15 p.m. EST, Msw 1 1/8mT, Cafe Racer, 6-1
$370,000 KEE SEP yrl

Collected (City Zip), Airdrie Stud, $10,000
234 foals of racing age/14 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Fair Grounds, 5:15 p.m. EST, Msw 1 1/8mT, Gem Collection, 12-1
$50,000 KEE SEP yrl

Girvin (Tale of Ekati), Airdrie Stud, $20,000
179 foals of racing age/20 winners/5 black-type winners
4-Gulfstream, 1:30 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, To Thyself B True, 20-1
$40,000 KEE SEP yrl; $15,000 OBS APR 2yo

Mo Town (Uncle Mo), Coolmore Ashford, $5,000
171 foals of racing age/21 winners/2 black-type winners
5-Turfway, 7:55 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Accidental Hero, 8-1
$65,000 FTK JUL yrl; $260,000 OBS MAR 2yo
7-Fair Grounds, 5:15 p.m. EST, Msw 1 1/8mT, Gordy's Label, 8-1
$185,000 KEE NOV wnl; $300,000 FTS AUG yrl

Oscar Performance (Kitten's Joy), Mill Ridge Farm, $20,000
171 foals of racing age/17 winners/2 black-type winners
7-Fair Grounds, 5:15 p.m. EST, Msw 1 1/8mT, Hunter's Drive, 8-1
$40,000 KEE NOV wnl; $16,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; $45,000 OBS OPN 2yo
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**Tale of Verve (Tale of Ekati)**, Darby Dan Farm, $2,000
30 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Turfway, 7:55 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Accident, 6-1
$3,000 FTK OCT yrl

**Yockey's Warrior (Warrior's Reward)**, Holly Hill Farm
35 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
3-Fair Grounds, 3:15 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Yockey Betterfly, 8-1

**SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, JAN. 5**

**American Freedom (Pulpit)**, Leadem Farm, $3,500
230 foals of racing age/66 winners/1 black-type winner
6-Aqueduct, 3:16 p.m. EST, Alw 1 1/8m, Datesfreedom, 30-1
$19,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; $27,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo

**Arrogate (Unbridled's Song)**, Juddmonte Farms
324 foals of racing age/60 winners/6 black-type winners
5-Turfway, 7:55 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Donegal Arrow, 7-2
$130,000 FTK JUL yrl

**Bal a Bali (Brz)** (Put It Back), Calumet Farm, $5,000
164 foals of racing age/58 winners/2 black-type winners
6-Turfway, 8:25 p.m. EST, Alw 1m, Bali Belle, 2-1

**Classic Empire (Pioneerof the Nile)**, Coolmore Ashford, $15,000
273 foals of racing age/75 winners/7 black-type winners
8-Turfway, 9:25 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Miss Lizzy, 5-2

**Connect (Curlin)**, Lane's End Farm, $25,000
280 foals of racing age/72 winners/5 black-type winners
5-Turfway, 7:55 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Connect Me, 20-1
$30,000 KEE JAN wnl
6-Turfway, 8:25 p.m. EST, Alw 1m, Legerity, 10-1
$50,000 KEE NOV wnl; $185,000 KEE SEP yrl
8-Fair Grounds, 5:45 p.m. EST, Alw 1m, Sunday Breeze, 5-1
$19,000 RNA OBS OCT yrl; $75,000 OBS MAR 2yo

**Cupid (Tapit)**, Coolmore Ashford, $5,000
217 foals of racing age/74 winners/5 black-type winners
6-Delta Downs, 8:15 p.m. EST, Alw 5f, Royal Consort, 6-1
$47,000 RNA FTK NOV wnl; $60,000 KEE SEP yrl; $190,000 FTF MAR 2yo
7-Gulfstream, 3:14 p.m. EST, Aoc 1 1/2mT, Social Engagement, 4-1
$6,000 KEE NOV wnl; $10,000 FTK FEB wnl

**El Deal (Munnings)**, Red River Farms
80 foals of racing age/22 winners/3 black-type winners
3-Delta Downs, 6:51 p.m. EST, Msw 5f, El It, 5-1

**Gun Runner (Candy Ride {Arg})**, Three Chimneys Farm, private
362 foals of racing age/80 winners/15 black-type winners
4-Gulfstream, 1:40 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Ana's Gun, 6-5
7-Gulfstream, 3:14 p.m. EST, Aoc 1 1/2mT, Running Legacy, 8-1

**Hard Aces (Hard Spun)**, Averett Farm
49 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Delta Downs, 7:47 p.m. EST, Msw 7 1/2f, Run On Aces, 2-1

**Iron Fist (Tapit)**, Whispering Oaks Farm
48 foals of racing age/19 winners/3 black-type winners
5-Delta Downs, 7:47 p.m. EST, Msw 7 1/2f, Iron N Steel, 8-1

**Keen Ice (Curlin)**, Calumet Farm, $12,500
226 foals of racing age/77 winners/3 black-type winners
7-Fair Grounds, 5:15 p.m. EST, Msw 1 1/8mT, Ice Time, 10-1

**Midnight Storm (Pioneerof the Nile)**, Milky Way Farm, $4,000
168 foals of racing age/42 winners/2 black-type winners
8-Turfway, 9:25 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Midnight Mercy, 12-1
$17,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; $9,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Mo Tom (Uncle Mo)**, Red River Farms
71 foals of racing age/26 winners/2 black-type winners
3-Delta Downs, 6:51 p.m. EST, Msw 5f, Suit of Wands, 9-2
$6,500 TTA YHR yrl

**Takeover Target (Harlan's Holiday)**, Red River Farms
76 foals of racing age/17 winners/0 black-type winners
3-Fair Grounds, 3:15 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Entitlement, 5-2
$5,000 TTA YHR yrl
3-Delta Downs, 6:51 p.m. EST, Msw 5f, One More Sleep, 6-1
$8,000 LTB SYM yrl
8-Fair Grounds, 5:45 p.m. EST, Alw 1m, Scoring Drive, 15-1
$2,500 OBS WIN wnl; $15,000 OBS OCT yrl

**Tu Brutus (Chi)** (Scat Daddy), Tur
48 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Turfway, 7:55 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Scat Tu Tap, 6-1
STAKES RESULTS:

BLITZEN S., $75,000, Parx Racing, 1-4, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11.39, sy.
1--REPO ROCKS, 126, g, 5, Tapiture--Hawaiian Love, by Not For Love. ($35,000 Wlg '18 KEENOV; $70,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP).
O-Double B Racing Stables; B-Mrs. C. Oliver Iselin (VA); T-Jamie Ness; J-Andrew Wolfsont. $43,800. Lifetime Record: MGSP, 31-6-6-6, $488,371.

2--Five Dreams, 124, g, 5, Cinco Charlie--Tranquility Dream, by Proud Citizen. O/T-Miguel A. Rodriguez; B-Ralph Kinder & Erv Woolsey (KY). $14,600.

3--Wendell Fong, 128, h, 7, Flat Out--Augusta Queen, by Forestry. ($47,000 Wlg '16 KEENOV; $160,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP).
O-Dark Horse Racing Stable, Serio Racing Stables, Rich Spiesman, Natalia Lynch & Corms Racing Stable; B-Nicholas M. Lotz (KY); T-Natalia Lynch. $7,300. Lifetime Record: 10-6-4-3, $57,014. Scratched.

Also Ran: Yodel E. A. Who, Twisted Ride, Smooth B, No Cents.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-Gulfstream, $73,400, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($75,000), 1-4, 3yo, f, 5f (AWT), :56.33, ft, 2 lengths.

STROKES (IRE) (f, 3, Caravaggio--Best of My Love {Ire}, by Canford Cliffs {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, $86,583. O-D. J. Stable LLC; B-Lisbrook (Ire); T-Mark E. Casse. *$75,000 Ylg '21 GOFOR.

8th-Turf Paradise, $21,900, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($10,000-$12,500), 1-3, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m (off turf), 1:37.11, gd, 1/2 length.

LADY NOGUEZ (m, 6, Conquest Curlinate--Lileagh {Ire}, by Sadler's Wells) Lifetime Record: 27-3-6-1, $114,795. O-Lauri Seymour; B-Charles Hayden (ON); T-Vladimir Cerin. *$4,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; $14,000 2yo '19 OBSOPN.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Yippee Ki Yay, g, 3, Midshipman--Mongoose Gold (SW, $265,643), by Mongoose. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $19,080. B-Donnybrook Stables & Matthew Scerba (OH). *1/2 to Uptown (Upstart), MSP, $207,824. **1ST-TIME STARTER.

Equistar, f, 3, Smarty Jones--Shootforthestars, by Seattle Slew. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, $40,250. B-Patricia L. Chapman (PA). *Full to Nasa, SW & GSP, $263,024; Dreams Untold, SW, $278,610; and to Centralinteligence, GISW, $309,171; and 1/2 to Golden Rainbow (Seeking the Gold), SP, $299,090; General Consensus (Giant's Causeway), MGSP, $255,444; and to My Elusive Star (Elusive Quality), SP, $153,764.

Mitesse, f, 4, Greenpointcrusader--Tessio, by Mineshaft. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, $31,510. B-Bulldog Racing (FL). *$5,000 Ylg '20 OBSOCT.
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**Constitution**, Ridin With Biden, g, 5, o/o Allemande, by Medaglia d’Oro. Kris Kringle S., 1-4, Parx Racing

**Empire Maker**, Empire House, m, 5, o/o Mama Yay, by Mineshaft. Mrs. Claus S., 1-4, Parx Racing

**Greenpointcrusader**, Mitesse, f, 4, o/o Tessio, by Mineshaft. MOC, 1-4, Gulfstream

**Midshipman**, Yippee Ki Yay, g, 3, o/o Mongoose Gold, by Mongoose. MSW, 1-4, Mahoning Valley

**Quality Road**, Patou Road, g, 4, o/o Patou, by Ghostzapper. MSW, 1-4, Gulfstream

**Revolutionary**, Reno Touch, m, 5, o/o No Touch, by Point Given. AOC, 1-4, Mahoning Valley

**Sixthirteen**, Ms Parkside, f, 4, o/o Caliente Gold, by Harbor the Gold. AOC, 1-4, Turf Paradise

**Smarty Jones**, Equistar, f, 3, o/o Shootforthestars, by Seattle Slew. MSW, 1-4, Parx Racing

**Tapiture**, Repo Rocks, g, 5, o/o Hawaiian Love, by Not For Love. Blitzen S., 1-4, Parx Racing

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**Caravaggio**, Strokes (Ire), f, 3, o/o Best of My Love (Ire), by Canford Cliffs (Ire). AOC, 1-4, Gulfstream

**City of Light**, Lightress, f, 3, o/o Canny, by Big Brown. MSW, 1-4, Tampa Bay

**Comfort**, E Bar Scout, f, 4, o/o Miss E Bar, by Firejack. ALW, 1-3, Sunland

**Conquest Curlinate**, Lady Noguez, m, 6, o/o Lileagh (Ire), by Sadler’s Wells. AOC, 1-3, Turf Paradise
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RISING STARS: THE ONES THAT GOT AWAY

By Tom Frary

For all that the annual parade of TDN Rising Stars is generally a formidable one, there are always those that just miss the cut and who forge on to bring that familiar sense of regret and longing from our team here. Of the Europeans who were closely considered but ultimately left out of the picture, none stings more than Ballydoyle’s rugged Blackbeard (Ire) (No Nay Never), who first appeared in the five-furlong Dundalk maiden in early April won in the past by Scat Daddy’s high-achieving Caravaggio and Skitter Scatter. Mostly workmanlike on this debut, the future star of two of the six-furlong peaks of his generation was judged more in the mould of two of his stable’s more recent winners of this race in Cadamosto (Ire), another son of No Nay Never who failed to hit the heights, and King Neptune (War Front). How wrong we were! Like fellow luminaries Chaldean (GB) (Frankel {GB}) and Silver Knott (GB) (Lope De Vega {Ire}), he was only hinting at the depth of his ability on his Polytrack bow and is truly the one that got away. Below are a few others who, like Blackbeard, were denied Rising Star status but unlike him will be racing in 2023 with the chance to prove us wrong.

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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE DEPLOYED IN PEDIGREES 360 MATING PLANNING

Artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning are at the forefront of a new pedigree analysis website which has been launched by G1 Goldmine founder Leo Tsatsaronis. The Pedigrees 360 software is intended for use in helping to predict the likely success of matings by focusing on “line-breeding clusters”.

"Using AI and machine learning, the programme has shown a very high degree of accuracy in predicting which pedigree combinations will produce the champions and which will produce the perennial maidens," said Tsatsaronis. "Most of the existing mating tools focus on nicks and crosses, which is a simplistic view of how a pedigree pattern influences the class of a horse. Deep line-breeding clusters are the foundation pattern present in the most successful breed-shaping stallions in the past 100 years." Cont. 5

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The British Horseracing Authority (BHA) has made further adjustments to the revised whip rules to be implemented in Britain in the coming months.

TDN EUROPE PREDICTS 2023 SEASON

TDN Europe takes a look into its crystal ball, attempting to predict what may transpire during the 2023 European racing season.

12 QUESTIONS WITH BERTRAND LE METAYER

Getting to know bloodstock agent and racing advisor Bertrand Le Metayer.
Rising Stars, cont. from p1

COMMISSIONING (GB) (f, Kingman (GB)--Sovereign Parade (Ire), by Galileo (Ire))

While Kingman enjoys a swathe of TDN Rising Stars, due to his progeny's tendency to instantly wow as he did when handed the tag himself on the July Course at Newmarket 10 years ago, Isa Salman and Abdulla Al Khalifa's homebred was left out of the reckoning after her imposing win there in the summer. John and Thady Gosden's G1 Fillies' Mile and G2 Rockfel S. heroine is a class act and a glaring omission from the ranks. We hold our hands up.

MEDITATE (IRE) (f, No Nay Never--Pembina (Ire), by Dalakhani (Ire))

Oh, Meditate! How could we? Or how could we not is our question after her emphatic Curragh debut win, also in April. Our only alibi is that the Ballydoyle juveniles at this time of year come thick and fast and it is hard to select the real deals among them. Although she was brushed aside by TDN Rising Star Tahiya (Ire) (Siyouni (Fr)) in the G1 Moyglare Stud S., her GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf romp suggests she is going to be reminding us of our misdemeanour for some time to come.

TRILLIUM (GB) (f, No Nay Never--Marsh Hawk (GB), by Invincible Spirit (Ire))

Another filly who looks destined for the top, Rockcliffe Stud's homebred looked highly promising at Newbury in July and was as close as it gets to getting on our TDN Rising Star radar without making it. We were left flinching after her G3 Molecomb S. win and defeat of the Abbaye winner The Platinum Queen (Ire) (Cotai Glory (GB)) in the G2 Flying Childers S., and she is readily forgiven her G1 Cheveley Park S. flop which was probably one run too many. Whether the Richard Hannon stable would forgive us for not bestowing on her the TDN's chief monicker is another question. Expect big things in 2023 from this talent.

MIDNIGHT MILE (IRE) (f, No Nay Never--Ruby Tuesday (Ire), by Galileo (Ire))

Another daughter of No Nay Never who deserved more of the spotlight when impressing with her finishing surge on her Doncaster debut in July and who made that clear with another strong closing effort to win the G3 Oh So Sharp S. It has been a while since Roisin Henry's colours have been prominent and the way that Richard Fahey's intriguing stable figurehead went through the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf behind Meditate suggests they can be so again.

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DRAGON ICON (IRE) (c, Lope De Vega (Ire)--Matauri Pearl (Ire), by Hurricane Run (Ire))

Maidens and novices at Kempton in November aren’t always the strongest, but there was a lot to like about the way Yoshiro Kubota’s full-brother to Aunt Pearl (Ire) went through his seven-furlong introduction and jockey David Egan was notably impressed. While the make-up of the race made it a touch difficult to grant a TDN Rising Star tag, it would be no surprise if the Roger Varian trainee, whose dam is a full-sister to another smart Stateside performer in Wekeela (Fr), comes to the fore in 2023.

CIRCLE OF FIRE (GB) (c, Almanzor (Fr)--Fiery Sunset (GB), by Galileo (Ire))

What would a list of promising Classic prospects be without a member of Sir Michael Stoute’s Freemason Lodge? One of the last of The Queen’s winners, the half-brother to the GIII San Francisco Mile scorer Evening Sun (GB) (Muharar (GB)) looks all over a Derby type and while his novice win over a mile at Salisbury in September was not quite enough to clinch TDN Rising Star status he has all the materials to be a leading light for The King.

RAJAPOUR (IRE) (c, Almanzor (Fr)--Raydara (Ire), by Rock Of Gibraltar (Ire))

Vadeni (Fr) (Churchill (Ire)) proved last year what Jean-Claude Rouget can do with an Aga Khan homebred and Rajapour went slightly under the Rising Star radar on his debut at Deauville August. Two wins later, the son of the G2 Debutante S. scorer Raydara (Ire) (Rock Of Gibraltar (Ire)) was back there taking the Listed Prix Isonomy which Montjeu (Ire) captured in 1998, and he is one of the most exciting among France’s Classic crop.
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SOUL SISTER (IRE) (f, Frankel {GB}--Dream Peace {Ire}, by Dansili {GB})

It would be remiss not to include a Frankel here, albeit one that prevailed only narrowly on her sole start when getting the better of the experienced Doom (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) over a mile on testing ground at Doncaster on her sole start in October. Bred to be a smart middle-distance performer, Lady Bamford’s daughter of the G2 Prix de la Nonette winner and multiple Grade I-placed Dream Peace is a half-sister to past TDN Rising Star Guru (GB) (Kingman {GB}), who ultimately proved to be disappointing. From the family of Moonstone (GB) (Dalakhani {Ire}) and Cerulean Sky (Ire) (Darshaan {GB}) et al, the John and Thady Gosden-trained homebred performed to a high standard on her debut and has every chance of being a top-class performer at three.

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Some of the greatest breeding minds in history, such as Federico Tesio, the Aga Khan, Marcel Boussac, designed their pedigrees to build multiple clusters and multiple layers of key ancestors going back to eight and nine generations.”

He continued, “Most of these great breeders had the ability to ‘see’ deep line-breeding patterns, and their vision without computers was extraordinary.”

The software design for Pedigrees 360 includes nine-generation pedigrees for thousands of horses across a range of abilities, with the aim of finding the qualities that separate them. Tsatsaronis noted that it’s as important to identify which mating patterns are unsuccessful, especially when those patterns involve fashionable pedigrees. He also points to the ability of Pedigrees 360 to identify potential quality horses from matings deemed unfashionable by the commercial marketplace, citing Knicks Go, North America’s 2021 Horse Of the Year, as an example of what the software can find.

“Although the horse is the result of a mating involving a low-fee sire, and he sold for a low price at auction, Pedigrees 360 shows the mating had more potential than conventional wisdom might suggest,” said Tsatsaronis.

“The AI modelling analysed 48 identifiable clusters within nine generations, with clusters being items such as counts of sire duplications, counts of sex-balanced mare duplications at seven, eight, and nine generations, and inbreeding positioning between generations.

“Obviously, there are always going to be horses which belie their pedigree. Some which the programme suggests are going to be outstanding are actually slow, and vice versa, but so far these are proving to be a small percentage and maybe the result of some biomechanical factor rather than pedigree.”

He added, “When most breeders and buyers are assessing a prospective mating or yearling, they take a variety of factors into consideration, including, pedigree, conformation, x-rays and movement. Our programme is just a tool to assist in one of those factors but it is a very powerful tool.”

Hutton Goodman of Mt. Brilliant Farm is among the North American breeders who have signed up to Pedigrees 360.
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He said, "It's a very interesting tool that we are really starting to lean on, and the great thing about Leo's software is that you know he is going to keep sharpening it and updating it, making it more useful, like he did with G1 Goldmine. We have already started to see some of the great features he is developing to hopefully add, and it is exciting stuff."

More information on the launch of the new website can be found via www.pedigrees360.com.

JOCKEY FEEDBACK LEADS TO FURTHER WHIP RULE AMENDMENTS

The British Horseracing Authority (BHA) has made further adjustments to the revised whip rules to be implemented in Britain in the coming months, including scrapping the need for jockeys to use the whip solely backhand position. Instead, the threshold for the number of times the whip may be used per race has been reduced to six times on the Flat and seven times over jumps. Previously the limits had been set at seven and eight, respectively.

Penalties for breaching this limit, and for other misuse offences such as using the whip above shoulder height or not giving a horse time to respond, will be further increased beyond the planned increases which were published in November.

Since that time jockeys have raised concerns over information which was not aired during the consultation or technical discussion phase of the latest whip review, prompting a meeting between representatives of the Professional Jockeys Association (PJA) and the BHA board, with the latter insisting that the most recent amendments do not "reflect a dilution of the package of rule changes, but instead a method of achieving the same outcomes through a different approach".

Another 19 recommendations and rule changes remain unchanged from the previous announcement. They include:
- The introduction of disqualification as a penalty for use of the whip four times or more above the permitted level.
- The introduction of a Whip Referral Committee which is responsible for evaluation of all rides and any necessary sanction or action, to increase consistency and drive ongoing improvement in riding standards.
- The removal of "discretion" being applied by the stewards around interpretation of whip offences. Therefore every use of the whip will count towards the thresholds for use, unless it has been used clearly and unequivocally for safety purposes. This will have the effect of further reducing whip use.
- Increased penalties for offences, including doubled suspensions in major races.

In National Hunt racing, the new rules are set to come into force next Monday (Jan. 9) but with a "bedding-in" period, during which jockeys will be asked to ride under the new rules but will not be subject to the adjusted penalties until Feb. 6. In Flat racing, a "soft launch" commences on Feb. 27, with full implementation of the new penalties from Mar. 27.

"An extremely thorough consultation was carried out over the course of 2021 and 2022, followed by an extensive technical discussion phase after the publication of the recommendations in July," said David Jones, chair of the BHA's Whip Consultation Steering Group.

"Efforts were taken to listen to the views of jockeys from both codes, over many hours. This consultation has arguably been the most thorough undertaken by the BHA in relation to any specific regulatory reform in the past.

"In order to ensure that this process was suitably rigorous we pushed back the planned autumn implementation date for new rules.
"However, we are committed to listening to our participants, and when further views and information come to light very late in the day, and following the conclusion of that process, we were duty bound to consider it, and make representations to the BHA Board accordingly."

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RACING’S CRYSTAL BALL: HOW TDN EUROPE PREDICTS 2023 TO PLAY OUT

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A large part of the fun that comes with following racing and the bloodstock game is predicting the future. Who will win the Derby? Who might top the Orby Sale? What freshman sires are here to stay and which ones will drift into the abyss? Well, we’ve looked deep into the TDN Europe crystal ball for 2023 to see if we can come up with the answers to the burning questions for the year ahead. Enjoy!

January

If you think he had a good Christmas, wait until you see how January goes for Willie Mullins. This is the month where Ireland’s dominant jumps trainer ramps up a gear, highlighted by Energumene’s deadly performance in the Clarence House Chase at Ascot. Can anyone stop Energumene—or Mullins for that matter—at Cheltenham?

Meanwhile, Gordon Elliott appears to have his own festival banker in the shape of Mares’ Novice Hurdle hotpot Halka Du Tabert, who makes light work of her rivals in the Solerina Mares’ Novice Hurdle at Fairyhouse.

Guess who features among this race’s roll of honour? None other than Honeysuckle and Minella Melody. Could the torch be passed to fellow Kenny Alexander-owned Halka Du Tabert?

February

Reassuring figures are recorded at one of the first big Flat sales of the new year, the February Sale, where multiple lots sell for six figures. Maybe 2022 wasn’t a dream after all.

Willie Mullins once again dominates at the Dublin Racing Festival where Honeysuckle’s bid for a four-timer in the Irish Champion Hurdle is foiled by State Man, who now appears the chief Irish challenger to Constitution Hill in the Champion Hurdle.

Galopin Des Champs dazzles in the Irish Gold Cup, but will he stay the extra two furlongs up the punishing hill at Cheltenham?

March

Did somebody say Flat racing? Aidan O’Brien opens the gates at Ballydoyle to the Irish press and Brendan O’Rourke is back in search of the next two-year-old star to follow this season. “He’s by No Nay Never, Brendan. Big Little something, I think he’s called,” says Aidan. “A fiver or a tenner,” asks Brendan. Constitution Hill proves worthy of all of the hype in the Champion Hurdle by beating Honeysuckle, who runs a tremendous race in the first-time cheekpieces.

It’s easy-as-you-like for Energumene in the Champion Chase but there’s a surprise in the Stayers’ Hurdle as Ahoy Senor, re-routed from the Gold Cup, denies Flooring Porter a third straight triumph.

It’s a one-two-three for team Mullins in the Gold Cup, but it’s Emmet who takes the top honours, not his uncle Willie, as Noble Yeats out-battles Galopin Des Champs with Stattler running an eye-catching race with a view towards the Grand National back in third.

The recently-returned Oisin Murphy shines at the Dubai World Cup meeting. Meanwhile, industry stakeholders begin to get a foothold on what’s required for the Dubai Breeze-up Sale as solid trade is recorded.

April

Don’t say you weren’t told. Stattler does a Hedgehunter by building on a cracking effort in the Gold Cup to secure Grand National glory at the main expense of Lifetime Ambition. Oh yes. We’re back, baby. The breeze-up circus gets going with a bang as the international buyers turn out in force for the Tattersalls Craven Breeze-up Sale. Tally-Ho Stud sells the top lot, a Kodiac colt, to Peter and Ross Doyle for high six figures.

Will he or won’t he? The build-up to the Craven S. revolves around whether leading 2000 Guineas contender Chaldean will take in a prep or head straight to the Classic. In the end, Andrew Balding elects to sidestep the Craven, describing himself as delighted with Chaldean’s condition at home on the gallops.

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May

No prep run? No problem. Balding’s decision to go straight to the 2000 Guineas with Chaldean pays off in spades as he romps home at Newmarket. Little Big Bear fails to get involved but Auguste Rodin finishes a fine second for Aidan O’Brien, who goes on to win the 1000 Guineas with Meditate.

In Chaldean’s absence, Little Big Bear justifies O’Brien’s faith in the colt’s ability to see out the mile as he makes light work of the opposition in the Irish 2,000 Guineas while Dermot Weld’s Tahiyya shows a blistering turn of foot to win the Irish 1,000 Guineas.

It’s that man again. Willie Browne tops the Arqana breeze-up sale with a colt sourced in America the previous autumn.

June

Aidan O’Brien wins the Oaks with a filly who failed to win as a 2-year-old while the Guineas runner-up Auguste Rodin takes the step up to 1m4f in his stride by running out one of the most impressive Derby winners for some time.

It’s a week for the first-season sires at Royal Ascot as colts by Ten Sovereigns and Soldier’s Call win the Coventry and Norfolk S., respectively, while an Inns Of Court filly lands the Queen Mary S.

Kyprios runs out one of the most impressive winners of the week to take his second Gold Cup. At the opposite end of the spectrum, Sakheer dazzles in the Commonwealth Cup, once again advertising the prowess of breeze-up handler Willie Browne.

Back at the Curragh, Aidan O’Brien records a record-extending 15th Irish Derby triumph.

July

Auguste Rodin had the option of bidding for the Derby double at the Curragh but he proves himself to be equally as adept back over 10 furlong in bolstering the good record that three-year-olds have in the Coral-Eclipse S. at Sandown.

Remember him? Desert Crown makes his long awaited return to the track in the King George at Ascot but he is no match for Vadeni who appears a much stronger horse this year and sees the trip out well.

The demand for horses with good ratings remains strong at the July Sale at Tattersalls while, on the track, Sakheer follows up his brilliant display at Royal Ascot with a red-hot performance in the July Cup.

August

After running a number of classy races against the boys, Dramatised causes something of a surprise for local owner Steve Parkin and trainer Karl Burke in the Nunthorpe S. at York.

September

He never managed to win the St Leger as a jockey but he does it as a trainer. Step forward Donnacha O’Brien. Proud And Regal, indeed. Goffs captures the imagination with its latest incentive to attract buyers and vendors alike to the Orby, which continues to go from strength to strength. A number of New Bay and Mehmas colts sell nicely while Saxon Warrior hardens his reputation as a coming force in the stallion ranks with his progeny selling for notable sums.

October

No match for Alpinista 12 months ago, Vadeni wins the Arc from stablemate Al Hakeem with Bay Bridge keeping on best for third. Book 1 does not disappoint at Tattersalls with 10 lots breaking the million guineas mark, including Philip Stauffenberg’s Kingman half-brother to Skitter Scatter, who he picked up for €550,000 at Goffs the previous November.

But the top lot is a 3 million gns colt consigned by Watership Down and it sells to Mick Donohoe, bidding on his iPad for Yulong, with MV Magnier and Anthony Stroud pushing him all the way. The weather Gods do not look kindly on British Champions Day as the meeting is a washout and the testing ground throws up a number of surprise results.

November

It’s a first Melbourne Cup victory for Willie Mullins as Champion Hurdle also-ran Vauban builds on his Queen Alexandra S. victory at Royal Ascot to take the race that stops a nation. Nothing can separate Aidan O’Brien and Charlie Appleby once again at the Breeders’ Cup at Santa Anita as both men send out five winners apiece. Special mention to Modern Games, who secures his third Breeders’ Cup triumph and second Breeders’ Cup Mile success.
December

There must be something in the water. Tally-Ho Stud clinches its third first-season sire championship in four years as Inns Of Court does what Mehmas and Cotai Glory did before him by producing the goods with his first crop of runners. It was an incredibly-strong year for the freshman sires with Soldier’s Call, Ten Sovereigns, Too Darn Hot, Advertise and Blue Point achieving plenty.

Some extra dates are added to the farewell tour as Frankie Dettori announces his decision to continue his riding career for another season.

Who will be champion first-season sire in 2023?
Ask me again in early September.

Greatest race in the world?
Has to be the Arc being the multi-generation contest over testing trip and often ground. Urban Sea's legacy seems to prove it.

If you could be someone else in the industry for a day who would it be, and why?
Ryan Moore on Estimate when reporting to the late Queen after winning the Ascot Gold Cup, the joy that everybody felt that day was beyond explanation.

Emerging talent in the industry (human)?
David Menuisier.

Name a horse TDN should have made a Rising Star, and didn’t?
Vadeni (Churchill).

Under-the-radar stallion?
Starspangledbanner.

Friday night treat?
A magnum of Burgundy with Dominic Mahony's finest Pata Negra.

Guilty pleasure outside racing?
That wouldn't be politically correct to reveal...

Race I wish I’d been there for...
The Derby in general.

Wednesday’s Results:
3rd-Kempton, £7,000, Nov, 1-4, 3yo/up, f/m, 8f (AWT), 1:42.63, st/sl.
TWIRLING (IRE) (f, 3, Churchill {Ire}--Turning Top {Ire} {GSW & GISP-US, $330,443}, by Pivotal {GB}) was sent forward from an early midfield berth to stalk the tempo in third after the opening exchanges of this debut. Inching closer in the home straight, the 3-1 joint-second favourite was shaken up passing the quarter-mile marker and kept on strongly under a late drive to deny Star Guest (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) by a half-length in the dying strides.
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Twirling is the fourth of six foals and third scorer for GIII Beverly Hills H. victrix and G1 Yellow Ribbon S. runner-up Turning Top (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}), herself the leading performer produced by a stakes-placed daughter of G1 Moyglare Stud S. heroine Bianca Nera (GB) (Salse). The March-foaled bay is kin to a 2-year-old filly by Ten Sovereigns (Ire) and a yearling filly by Circus Maximus (Ire). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $4,524. O-Mrs Doreen Tabor; B-Chelston Ireland (IRE); T-Simon & Ed Crisford.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

2nd-Newcastle, £6,500, Cond, 1-4, 4yo/up, 12f 98y (AWT), 2:48.51, st/sl.
OSCAR DOODLE (GB) (g, 4, Outstrip {GB}--Dusty Blue {GB}, by Medicean {GB}) Lifetime Record: 17-2-3-1, $15,280. O-Victoria Watt; B-Mick Easterby (GB); T-Brian Ellison.

5th-Newcastle, £6,500, Cond, 1-4, 4yo/up, 7f 14y (AWT), 1:31.40, sl.
HARDY (GB) (g, 5, Heeraat {Ire}--Miss Lesley {GB}, by Needwood Blade {GB}) Lifetime Record: 22-2-3-2, $18,089. O-Wentdale Limited; B-Richard Kent (GB); T-Jessica Macey.

6th-Wolverhampton, £6,500, Cond, 1-3, 4yo/up, 5f 21y (AWT), 1:01.02, st.
TOPLIGHT (GB) (g, 5, Bated Breath {GB}--Operettist {GB}, by Singspiel {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 30-4-4-2, $26,768. O/B-Longview Stud & Bloodstock Ltd (GB); T-Tony Carroll. *£9,500 RNA Ylg ‘18 TATFOA; 10,000gns RNA Ylg ‘19 TATFOA.

7th-Wolverhampton, £6,500, Cond, 1-3, 4yo/up, 5f 21y (AWT), 1:01.34, st.
BERNARD SPIERPOINT (GB) (g, 6, Harbour Watch {Ire}--Para Siempre {GB}, by Mujahid) Lifetime Record: 36-4-5-3, $33,195. O-R A Popely; B-Trebles Holford Farm Thoroughbreds (GB); T-Darryll Holland. *£1,200gns Ylg ’18 TATFEB.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Notimeforanother (Ire), g, 4, Time Test (GB)--Lyric Art, by Red Ransom. Newcastle, 1-4, 8f 5y (AWT), 1:49.28. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, $6,293. O-B-Hyde Park Stud (IRE).

Wednesday’s Results:

4th-Dundalk, €12,000, Mdn, 1-4, 3yo, 6f (AWT), 1:14.20, st.
BEHIND ENEMY LINES (GB) (c, 3, Sioux Nation--Autumn Snow {GB}, by Invincible Spirit {Ire}), an Aug. 13 debut ninth tackling this trip at the Curragh in his only prior start, tracked the leaders in fifth after an alert exit from the outside here. Comfortable for the most part, the well-backed even-money favourite launched his challenge out wide with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining and surged clear in the latter stages to outpoint On Our Radar (Ire) (Elzaam {Aus}) by an impressive 4 3/4 lengths. “He’s a big horse who was quite weak when he went to the Curragh, but he got a bit lost on tacky ground,” said assistant trainer Brendan Powell. “This might not have been the greatest race in the world, but he’s starting to mature and was impressive. I think he will go on, he has a lovely action for a big horse and he has got plenty of speed as well. Six furlongs is good for him and there is no reason why he wouldn’t stay further.” Behind Enemy Lines is the second of three foals and first scorer produced by a full-sister to G2 July S. and G3 Sirenia S. placegetter Figure Of Speech (Ire), herself the leading performer out of the dual stakes-placed Epic Similie (GB) (Lomitas {GB}). Epic Simile is a half-sister to G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere-winning sire Ultra {Ire} (Manduro {Ger}) and G3 Prix Minerve victrix Synopsis (Ire) (In The Wings {GB}). The February-foaled bay is a half-brother to the 2-year-old colt Looking Bere (Fr) (Le Brivido {Fr}). Sales history: 88,000gns Wlg ‘20 TATFOA; 90,000gns Ylg ‘21 TATFOA; €173,228 RNA 2yo ‘22 GOFFDU. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $7,595. O-Justin Edward Casse; B-The Brigadier Partnership (GB); T-Joseph O’Brien.

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IRELAND

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