**RICK DUTROW HAS SERVED HIS TIME**

The Week in Review, by Bill Finley

Monday marks an important date for trainer Rick Dutrow and his fight to get back into the sport. It was exactly 10 years ago that he started a horse named Colossal Gift (Songandaprayer) in a claiming race at Aqueduct. Then he was forced to disappear, the result of the New York State Racing and Wagering Board revoking his license for a 10-year period, which has now expired.

The regulators acted after Dutrow—always a controversial figure—had a horse he trained, Fastus Cactus (Cactus Ridge), test positive for butorphanol in his system after winning the third race at Aqueduct Nov. 20, 2010. Around the same time, Dutrow’s barn was searched and investigators claimed to have found in a desk drawer three syringes filled with a muscle relaxer, xylazine.

“New York’s racing industry has no place or patience for Mr. Dutrow,” Racing and Wagering Board Chairman John Sabini said in a statement announcing that Dutrow’s license had been revoked.

Dutrow’s lawyers were able to delay the matter in the courts for more than two years, but eventually ran out of legal options.

Had Dutrow merely been suspended, he would be back this week. But the process has been complicated by the fact that he had his license revoked. That means he has to start from scratch and re-apply for a trainer’s license.

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**KIRSTENBOSCH BLOOMS IN LA CANADA**

Keith Abrahams’s Kirstenbosch (Midnight Lute) got her nose in front of favored Ganadora (Quality Road) on the line to win the GIII La Canada S. at Santa Anita Sunday, giving Eclipse-award winning jockey Kazushi Kimura his first victory at the Arcadia oval. The 3-1 shot settled just off the pace while racing along the rail as Ganadora took the field through an opening quarter in :23.12. She sat just in behind the favorite after a half in :47.18, but Angel Nadeshiko (Carpe Diem) got first run at the favorite. That longshot stuck her head in front at the top of the lane, but Ganadora fought back and was inching clear at midstretch, only to have Kirstenbosch fly down the center of the track to just nip the favorite on the line.

“It feels so amazing, my first win here and in a Grade III, it’s amazing,” said the 23-year-old Kimura, who was North America’s Eclipse Award-winning apprentice jockey in 2019.

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**THE DOCTOR WILL AMUSE YOU NOW**

Dr Simon Gillson manages the Twitter account for Fergal O’Brien, a leading National Hunt trainer, and does so with a fair bit of humour and entertainment.

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**WINNER OF THE RISEN STAR S. (G2) AT 3 AND THE EXCELSIOR S. (G3) AT 4**

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PEGASUS WORLD CUP HOPEFULS TUNE UP

Grade I winner Art Collector (Bernardini) was among the horses working Sunday ahead of engagements on the upcoming Pegasus World Cup card at Gulfstream Park.

SEQUEL NEW YORK OPEN HOUSE

Sequel New York will host a stallion open house Jan. 21 at its stallion barn in Hudson, New York.

Hejazi, who topped last year’s Fasig-Tipton Midlantic May sale when selling for $3.55 million, broke his maiden Sunday at Santa Anita. Read the full recap in the regional section. | Benoit Photo
The Week in Review (cont. from p1)

Dutrow’s attorney Karen Murphy said the application has yet to be submitted, but will be done shortly. The Dutrow legal team has grown and now includes Chris Boehning, a high-profile attorney with the firm Paul Weiss.

Murphy believes that it’s just a matter of time until Dutrow is allowed to return.

“He’s going to get licensed,” he said. “I can’t imagine that if somebody served their penalty and paid an extraordinary fine [$50,000] like he did that they wouldn’t let him back. He has served his time, he has paid his fine and he has conducted himself in an exemplary manner while he’s been away. So far as how Rick has conducted himself, there hasn’t been one smudge. I don’t know on what grounds they could deny him a license.”

Murphy estimated the process will take “a couple of months.”

But will it be that easy?

Racing is now regulated in the state by the New York Gaming Commission, which has made a number of controversial rulings of late that have had many scratching their heads. Dutrow is a polarizing figure and there are no doubt some important people who would rather he never train again. Even though the 10 years is up, with this commission there are no guarantees his application for a new license will be approved.

In the meantime, Dutrow, who declared bankruptcy in 2017 and has not worked since his license was taken away, will have to wait, exactly what he has been doing for 10 years. Will there be another chapter to his training career? The answer is near.

Surick Named Names

With prosecutors having submitted a pre-sentencing report last week regarding convicted drug cheat Nick Surick, some of the questions revolving around the former Standardbred trainer were answered.

Surick, who has admitted to drugging his own horses, as well as assisting Jorge Navarro in his doping program, will be sentenced Thursday. He is facing up to six years in prison but the government has signed off on a lesser sentence because Surick cooperated with prosecutors and offered to testify against others. Ultimately, the government felt that Surick’s testimony could not be used against others because his credibility came into question when he told investigators that veterinarian Dr. Rebecca Linke injected a Standardbred he trained named Northern Virgin with EPO. Linke was able to prove she was not around the horse at the time he was drugged. The government has accepted the possibility that Surick was not lying and, rather, had trouble recollecting the exact circumstances of the Northern Virgin incident.
Because Surick had tried to assist investigators, the U.S. Attorney's Office has stated its willingness to accept a lighter sentence than what he would have been given had he not cooperated. Surick's lawyer Timothy Donohue has asked the court to sentence his client to just 12 months of home confinement.

That's what we know. What we don't know is who else Surick implicated beyond those who were named in the March, 2020 indictments. The pre-sentencing submissions from both Surick's attorney and the governor confirmed that the former trainer turned over information on individuals whose names have never surfaced. Those names were originally included in the pre-sentencing reports, but were redacted.

That raises many questions. Who did he name? How many people did he name? And did he finger people in the Thoroughbred industry, the Standardbred industry or both? Would the government have gone after those people had Surick not fouled up the Linke matter, bringing his credibility into question?

Unfortunately, those questions may never be answered. Beyond the more than two dozen people indicted nearly three years ago, the government has shown no appetite for continuing its investigation and going after a new set of alleged drug cheats.

And even if the names were released there would be no guarantees that the government could build a case against those individuals, when the case could come down to Surick's tainted word versus the word of someone he implicated.

Surick has not been heard from, but through Donohue we have learned more about his mind-set. Why did he become a serial cheater? The answer is troubling.

"He rationalized his misdeeds with the idea that 'everyone was doing it,'" Donohue wrote.

Does any of this mean he should be given a break? That will be left up to U.S. District Court Judge Mary Kay Vyskocil, who has been unwaveringly tough on all the drug cheats that have entered her courtroom, never once showing any signs of leniency. So maybe Surick will be sentenced to a long stint in prison. Unfortunately, it looks like he will be taking his secrets with him.
NEW YEAR ... NEW GRADED STAKES WINNER

KIRSTENBOSCH, placed in the Grade 1 LA BREA last out, fights on like a real racehorse, to prevail in the Grade 3 LA CANADA at SANTA ANITA.

Congratulations to Kirstenbosch's connections:
Owner/Breeder: Keith Abrahams
Trainer: John Sadler
Sunday, Santa Anita
LA CANADA S.-GIII, $200,500, Santa Anita, 1-15, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:44.19, gd.

1--KIRSTENBOSCH, 120, f, 4, by Midnight Lute
1st Dam: Llandudno (GSP, $150,160), by Belong to Me
2nd Dam: And Guess What, by Kris S.
3rd Dam: T. V. Residual, by Pirate’s Bounty
1ST BLACK TYPE WIN, 1ST GRADED STAKES WIN.
O/B-Keith Abrahams (KY); T-John W. Sadler; J-Kazushi Kimura. $120,000.
Lifetime Record: GISP, 10-3-3-1, $334,480. *1/2 to Constantia (Munnings), SW & GSP, $209,192. Werk Nick Rating: B.
Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.

2--Ganadora, 122, f, 4, Quality Road--Beloveda, by Ghostzapper.
1ST GRADED BLACK TYPE. ($1,000,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP).
O-Baoma Corp; B-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd, Brian Graves & Michael E. Hernon (KY); T-Bob Baffert. $40,000.

3--Smoothlikebuttah, 120, m, 5, Mr. Big--Eight Daughters, by Five Star Day.
1ST BLACK TYPE, 1ST GRADED BLACK TYPE.
O-Robert A. Bach & William Tessar; B-NP Thoroughbreds, Inc. (CA); T-Steve R. Knapp. $24,000.
Margins: NO, 2 3/4, HF. Odds: 3.30, 1.60, 10.90.
Also Ran: Angel Nadeshiko, Under the Stars, Natural Colour (GB). Click for the Equibase.com chart and the TJCIS.com PPs.

Pedigree Notes:
Kirstenbosch is the 15 worldwide graded stakes winner for Midnight Lute. The filly’s graded stakes-placed dam, Llandudno, produced a full-brother to the winner last year and was bred back to Connect.

“She’s always a little bit lazy, she always needs like a little bit of pushing,” Kimura said. “At the half-mile last time I rode her in the La Brea, it was a seven-furlong race and I was just pushing her to the wire. Today I was more confident to say she would show up better than last time.”

Juan Leyva, assistant to winning trainer John Sadler, added, “When she started running, I thought she was going to win by at least half a length, but then it looked like when she got to Ganadora she kind of just hung with her and this filly just tends to do that. She does just enough to win, she’s never been one to just pull away, so that’s the only thing I was afraid of that she was going to get to her and just kind of hang with her. But she got the job done so that’s the main thing. I’m really happy for Keith because they have been long time clients of John and they are just good people.”

A maiden winner over the Santa Anita turf last April, Kirstenbosch moved to the main track to finish second in the Angel Flight S. in May and was fourth in the GII Summer Oaks in June. She added a second career victory with a front-running optional-claiming score going one mile at Del Mar in September. She stretched out to finish second in the 1 1/16-mile Zia Park Oaks and cut back to seven furlongs for a third-place effort in the Dec. 26 GI La Brea S. last time out.

Kirstenbosch (outside) edges Ganadora | Benoit

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Kirstenbousch (Midnight Lute) just gets up in GII La Canada S. (click to watch)
PEGASUS WORLD CUP HOPEFULS TUNE UP

Bruce Lunsford’s Art Collector (Bernardini) tuned up for the Jan. 28 GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational with a five-furlong drill in 1:01.60 (1/5) at Payson Park Sunday.

“He went very well this morning,” said trainer Bill Mott. “I was happy with him. He galloped out well and cooled out. It’s looking like he’s coming into the race well.”

Art Collector, winner of the 2021 GI Woodward S. and two-time winner of the GI Charles Town Classic, has been off since finishing fifth in the Oct. 1 GI Lukas Classic. He was originally being considered for the Dec. 3 GI Cigar Mile at Aqueduct and the Dec. 31 GII Harlan’s Holiday S. at Gulfstream, the local prep for the Pegasus.

“We were thinking of the Cigar Mile, but we lost some time with him due to a foot abscess,” Mott said. “Then we considered the Harlan’s Holiday, but we felt we just needed more time.”

Jet Set Racing Stable’s Super Corinto (Arg) (Super Saver) breezed a half-mile in :49.03 (4/58) at Gulfstream Park Sunday morning in preparation for a start in the Pegasus World Cup.

The work was the fifth in a series of works since the 5-year-old captured a Dec. 8 optional-claiming allowance at Gulfstream. He was a Group 1 winner in Chile before being sent to trainer Amador Sanchez, for whom he finished second behind Chilean Group 1 winner O’Connor (Chi) (Boboman) in his U.S. debut Nov. 12.

Both South American imports, who took turns beating each other in Group 1 races before heading to the U.S., are among the 12 horses invited to the Pegasus World Cup.

Ivar (Brz) (Agnes Gold {Jpn}) turned in his penultimate work for the Jan. 28 GI Pegasus World Cup Turf Invitational with a five-furlong work in 1:02.00 (2/15) at the Thoroughbred Training Center Saturday.

“Ivar is ready,” said trainer Paulo Lobo. “His work [Saturday] was very good, in company nice and easy, like he likes to do. His final work will be next Saturday here, and then we’re going to ship him either that Monday or Tuesday.”

Third in the 2021 GI Breeders’ Cup Mile, Ivar was second in last year’s GI Woodbine Mile and GI Coolmore Turf Mile before ending the year with a fourth-place finish in the Breeders’ Cup Mile at Keeneland in his most recent start.

“I think his race was very good,” Lobo said of the 2022 Breeders’ Cup Mile won by European standout Modern Games. “He lost to a very top horse. Javier Castellano was riding him for the first time. He rode a very good race, and since then we’ve pointed for the Pegasus Turf and we’ve never missed a day and never had a bad day. Everything that we planned is happening, no problems.”

Lobo said Justify My Love (Brz) (Agnes Gold {Jpn}), like Ivar owned by Bonne Chance Farm LLC and breeder Stud RDI LLC, will compete in the GI Pegasus Filly & Mare Turf Invitational on the Jan. 28 undercard.

Justify My Love was a Group 2 winner and Group 1-placed in Argentina before being sent to Lobo last year. Off a nine-month layoff, she was sixth in her first two starts before capturing a Churchill Downs’ turf allowance race Nov. 19 in her most recent start.

“She’s a very nice filly,” Lobo said. “It took a little while for her to adjust here, but she had a very nice win at Churchill Downs. She’s in top form now, physically and mentally. I think she’ll run well over there. The race is very tough, but I think she’s going to enjoy a mile and an eighth. She’s training super, this filly. Super.”
SEQUEL NEW YORK OPEN HOUSE FOR JAN. 21

Sequel New York will hold its 2023 Stallion Open House Jan. 21 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the stallion barn at 167 Maple Lane, Hudson, New York 12534.

The 2023 Sequel New York roster, with fees, is: Freud (Storm Cat), private; Honest Mischief (Into Mischief), $6,500 LFSN; Keepmeinmind (Laoban), $6,500 LFSN; and Mission Impazible (Unbridled's Song), private.

Multiple mare discounts are available, as well as incentives for repeat breeders.

“We want to give our breeders a chance to be profitable,” said Sequel owner Becky Thomas. “The recent sales in Kentucky have clearly demonstrated breeding in Kentucky does not guarantee a profit. The lower stallion fees, no transportation or boarding costs, coupled with the lucrative purse structure NYRA offers and resulting awards will give our breeders the best opportunity.”
**Saturday, Fair Grounds #14, post time: 7:30 p.m. EST**

**LECOMTE S.-GIII**, $200,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

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**Saturday, Fair Grounds #13, post time: 7:00 p.m. EST**

**LOUISIANA S. PRESENTED BY RELYNE GI BY HAGYARD-GIII**, $150,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:
3rd-Santa Anita, $75,000, Alw (NW2$/X)/Opt. Clm ($80,000), 1-15, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:42.80, gd, 4 1/4 lengths.

**HERO STATUS (c, 4, Flatter--Echo Warrior, by Tiznow)** stretched out to 1 1/16 mile as the 8-5 favorite for the first time off a fourth-place finish at a mile at Del Mar Nov. 25. He broke alertly from his innermost post and established a stalking position early, hugging the rail while sitting just off the pace set by Midnight Mammoth (Midnight Lute), who was in front for the four-furlong split of :45.86. As he approached the far bend, he was on even terms with the leader and by midway around the bend, struck the front where he remained for the final furlong.

Though the bay received a brief challenge from Holden the Lute (Midnight Lute) just before the quarter pole, that rival proved no match and the long-striding winner drew away to the 4 1/4-length victory. Echo Warrior also produced the unraced 3-year-old filly Oil N Candy (Candy Ride {Arg}), a 2-year-old colt by Liam's Map, and was bred to Nyquist for 2023. Sales History: $87,000 Ylg '20 FTKOCT; $270,000 2yo '21 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 8-3-3-1, $186,080.

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O-MyRacehorse & Dan Agnew; B-F. Hertrich (KY); T-Mark Glatt.

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8th-Santa Anita, $72,500, Alw (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($50,000), 1-15, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:16.05, gd, 1/2 length.

**RECALL AND RELOAD (c, 4, Tapizar--Chainsmoknsuprmodl, by Super Saver)** was a maiden winner at first asking, covering six furlongs at Santa Anita last May before coming up empty and going to the sidelines after trailing the field home at Del Mar in optional claiming company July 22. Not seen since, the 7-2 third choice--making her second straight start for trainer Bob Baffert--took her time from the outside post getting into stride and hung back off the pace, chasing widest of the field behind August Melody (Speightstown) through a sharp opening quarter in :21.61. Stuck four wide on the turn, Recall and Reload got into a rhythm late, gobbling up ground close to home to secure a half-length advantage on the wire. Anarchist (Distorted Humor) closed behind her to fill out the exacta. Out of a half-sister to GI Illinois Derby winner Greeley’s Galaxy (Mr. Greeley), Recall and Reload has a yearling half-sister by Collected while her dam visited Dialed In for a 2023 foal. Sales History: $100,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3:2-0-0, $83,900. Click here the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-Pegram, Watson & Weitman; B-C. Merrick (KY); T-B. Baffert.

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8th-Aqueduct, $72,000, ($) Alw (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($50,000), 1-15, 3yo, 6f, 1:14.63, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.

**D’ONT LOSE CRUZ (g, 3, Always Dreaming--D’wild Ride {MSW, $622,841}, by D’wildcat)**, entered off a second-place finish in the Notebook S. over this track Nov. 25, added blinkers on the drop back into allowance company Sunday at odds of 6-5. The eventual winner went right for the front despite a bumpy break but relinquished the early lead to the dueling duo of What’s Up Bro (Dialed In) and Gold in Them Hills (Central Banker) soon after, content to sit off the pace and to the inside for the run up the backstretch. As soon as his frontrunning rivals passed the half-mile pole in an easy :48.60, the winner was on the move and guided toward the inside in search of running room. After squeezing through on the inside just past the quarter pole, the bay battled gamely with his resolute rivals and finally got the better of them, taking command in deep stretch for the 2 3/4-length win over Starquist (Nyquist). D’ont Lose Cruz is his dam’s last reported offspring. Sales History: $95,000 Ylg ’21 SARAUG; $100,000 2yo ’22 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: SP, 4-2-2-0, $117,350. Click here the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-Clear Stars Stable, Mitre Box Stable, Big Toe Stables LLC & Koshanostra Stables; B-Southern Oak Farm (NY); T-Tavid P. Duggan.
3rd-Sam Houston Race, $37,000, Alw (NW2X)/Opt. Clm ($30,000), 1-15, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10.32, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.
DEAN’S LIST (c, 4, Speightstown—Mildly Offensive (MSW, $285,826), by Sharp Humor), in his first start for new connections after selling at KEENOV for $75,000, spent his sophomore season competing on the eastern seaboard with solid results, winning an allowance and placing in stakes races, including a runner-up finish to Morello (Classic Empire) in the GIII Gotham S. at Aqueduct. Off a long layoff and with a cut back in distance to six furlongs Sunday, the public acknowledged his past performances by making him the 4-5 favorite. Stalking in the early going, he settled into position while racing wide behind pacesetter Wise Anchor (Anchor Down) through a half-mile in :44.89 before making his move on the turn. While still fanned out on the course, he passed all of his rivals as he made his way into the stretch and maintained his advantage to the wire, picking up the 1 1/12-length victory over a quick-closing Bayron (Bayern). Dean’s List was a weanling when his mother sold to Turkish connections in foal to Carpe Diem with a now 3-year-old colt named Wild Danger (Tur) who won three of six starts with Turkish connections in foal to Carpe Diem with a now 3-year-old filly named Keep On Coming (Khozan) and was bred back to Khozan for another full-sibling in 2023. Lifetime Record: GSP, 6-3-2-0, $74,400.
Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, $48,495. Click here the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.
O/B-Godolphin, LLC (KY); T-Eoin G. Harty.

IN ORDER OF PURSE:
5th-Aqueduct, $80,000, Msw, 1-15, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:26.72, ft, 8 1/4 lengths.
ZIAERATI (f, 3, Into Mischief—Zia (SP), by Munnings), just the 7-2 third choice for her belated afternoon debut after being scratched on track at Saratoga last summer, tipped her hand with a sharp gate work Jan 7, going four furlongs over the Belmont training track in :48 (3/123). Sent to the lead just inside of even-money favorite My Betsy (Gun Runner), Ziaerati kept things tight with a head in front through a half in :48.80 before steadily inching away as the pair left the far turn. With plenty left in the tank, she sprinted clear of the field at the eighth pole and was kept under a hand ride to the wire to defeat 27-1 shot Promisheer America (American Pharaoh) by 8 1/4 lengths. Out of a half-sister to the dam of MGSW River Seven (Johannesburg), Ziaerati traces back to English champion 2-year-old filly Negligent (Ire) (Ahonoora {GB}). Her dam produced back-to-back fillies by Catholic Boy in 2021 and 2022 before returning to Claiborne Farm stallion for a 2023 foal. Sales History: $100,000 Ylg ’21 KEESEP; $145,000 2yo ’22 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $44,000. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.
O-Judge Lanier Racing & J. Drought; B-WinStar Farm (KY); T-H. Ray Ashford, Jr.

3rd-Tampa Bay Downs, $26,650, Alw (NW2X)/Opt. Clm ($32,000), 1-15, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09.93, ft, 3 lengths.
REMUDA (c, 4, More Than Ready–Elaine’s Cat, by Discreet Cat), entered off three straight victories dating back to his maiden win, broke awkwardly from his outermost post towards the center of the track and raced widest of all while dueling both with Tripulante (Greenpointcrusader) and Sir Ollie (Quality Road) for the first quarter of a mile. He was able to open up on his rivals into the turn and was a length in front past four furlongs in :44.96, that margin steadily increasing with each stride. Down the lane, the 1-2 favorite was kept to task and maintained his advantage, easily holding off the late challenge from runner-up Machismo (More Than Ready) to win by three lengths. Elaine’s Cat, who herself is a daughter of 2001 GI Breeders’ Cup Distaff heroine Unbridled Elaine (Unbridled’s Song) and therefore a half to MG2W Etched (Forestry), produced an 2-year-old colt by Frosted, an yearling filly by Candy Ride (Arg), and is in foal to Street Boss for 2023. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, $48,495. Click here the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.
O/B-Godolphin, LLC (KY); T-Eoin G. Harty.

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O/B-Whitehorse Stable (KY); T-Robert N. Falcone, Jr.

6th-Gulfstream, $79,800, Msw, 1-15, 3yo, f, 1:13.04, ft, 1/2 length.
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1st—Santa Anita, $68,000, Msw, 1-15, 3yo, 6 1/2f, 1:14.58, gd, 1 1/4 lengths.

HEJAZI (c, 3, Bernardini--G Note, by Medaglia d’Oro), the $3,550,000 EASMAY sale-topper, finally got the monkey off his back Sunday, winning a rescheduled maiden special weight contest at Santa Anita. Bested by SW Classical Cat (Mendelssohn) after a slow start when first seen at Del Mar Aug. 20, it took a track-record setting effort by stablemate and GSW Speed Boat Beach (Bayern) to best him again Sept. 10. Third in a Bob Baffert exacta topped by Cave Rock (Uncle Mo) pressuring to his outside. Still in command as he swung for home, Hejazi had enough of a gap built up through the final sixteenth to hold off Worcester and win by 1 1/4 lengths.

“We gave him some time, gave him a chance to re-boot,” said winning trainer Bob Baffert. “We wanted to get some weight back on him. We put him through a pretty ambitious (three-race sequence). Mike got him to relax a little bit. Once I saw him out there cruising... We’re gonna have fun with him.”

G Note, herself a half-sister to the dams of GSW Un Ojo (Laoban) and SW & GSP Fingal’s Cave (Carpe Diem), traces back to MGISW Antespend (Spend a Buck) and GI Florida Derby winner Friends Lake (A.P. Indy). She produced a 2-year-old colt by Practical Joke, a yearling colt by Improbable, and was barren to Rock Your World for 2023. Sales History: $3,550,000 2yo ’22 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: GISP, 4-1-2-1, $108,200. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-Zedan Racing Stables, Inc.; B-Chester & Mary Broman (NY); T-Bob Baffert.

IN THE UAE:

Magic Petition, c, 3, Good Magic--Petition the Lady (SW, $165,069), by Petionville. Meydan, 1-15, Hcp., 1200m, 1:11.87. B-Breffni Farm & Tony Holmes (KY). *Won by 5 3/4 lengths. **$200,000 Wlg ’20 KEENOV; $185,000 Ylg ’21 KEESEP; $150,000 2yo ’22 FTMMAY. VIDEO

Sari Dubai, c, 4, Creative Cause--Emma Spencer (Ire), by Zamindar. Meydan, 1-15, Maiden, 1600mT, 1:38.48. B-Chervenell Thoroughbreds LLC. *1/2 to Nagirroc (Lea), GSW & GISP, $243,550. **$6,000 Ylg ’20 FTKOCT; i48,720 2yo 21 ARQMAY. VIDEO

Qareeb, h, 5, Speightstown--Flip Flop (Fr) (SW-Fr, GISP-US, $258,031), by Zieten. Meydan, 1-15, Hcp., 1900m, 2:00.25. B-Lynch Bages Ltd (KY). *Full to Qurbaan, MGSW & MGISP-US, MSW & GSP-Fr, $854,408. **$360,000 Wlg ’19 KEENOV; 50,000gns HRA ’21 TATAUT. VIDEO

IN BRITAIN:

First Dynasty, c, 4, American Pharoah. See ‘TDN Europe--Britain’

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2023 Stud Fees Listed

**Bolt d’Oro (Medaglia d’Oro)**, Spendthrift Farm, $35,000
256 foals of racing age/32 winners/6 black-type winners
7-Fair Grounds, 5:15 p.m. EST, Msw 1 1/16mT, Bolotoro, 3-1
$30,000 KEE SEP yrl; $100,000 OBS APR 2yo

**Cloud Computing (Maclean’s Music)**, Spendthrift Farm, $5,000
196 foals of racing age/18 winners/0 black-type winners
8-Sam Houston Race, 5:09 p.m. EST, Aoc 1mT, Sunny San Leon
$1,500 OBS WIN wnl; $17,000 OBS OPN 2yo

**Good Samaritan (Harlan’s Holiday)**, WinStar Farm, $7,500
172 foals of racing age/19 winners/1 black-type winner
8-Sam Houston Race, 5:09 p.m. EST, Aoc 1mT, Nice Neighbor, 3-1
$40,000 FTK FEB wnl

**Mendelssohn (Scat Daddy)**, Coolmore Ashford, $25,000
347 foals of racing age/27 winners/3 black-type winners
7-Fair Grounds, 5:15 p.m. EST, Msw 1 1/16mT, Acting, 10-1
$80,000 GOF OR 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 1/16mT, Best Performer, 4-1
$60,000 KEE SEP yrl

**West Coast (Flatter)**, Lane’s End Farm, $10,000
198 foals of racing age/12 winners/2 black-type winners
8-Golden Gate Fields, 7:20 p.m. EST, Aoc 6f, Sally’s Sassy, 9-5
$67,000 FTK JUL yrl; $190,000 OBS APR 2yo

STAKES RESULTS:

**LASENORA S.**, $100,000, Sunland, 1-15, (S), 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11.99, ft.
1—**MAMA WAS A ROCKET**, 121, f, 3, by Diabolical—Gator Prowl (SW, $106,000), by Roar of the Tiger. 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-J. Kirk & Judy Robison; B-J Kirk & Judy Robison & Downstream Racing LLC (NM); T-Todd W. Fincher; J-Felipe Valdez. $60,000. Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, $89,962. *1/2 to Good With People (Curlin to Mischief), MSW, $327,520; Full to Fast Gator, MSW, $378,065.

2—**Crossfire Cowgirl**, 121, f, 3, Marking—Key to My Warrior, by Majestic Warrior. 1ST BLACK TYPE. O-Dale F. Taylor Racing, LLC.; B-Dale & Debbie Taylor (NM); T-Todd W. Fincher. $20,000.

3—**Hannah’s Highlife**, 121, f, 3, Holy Lute—Rousanne, by Desert Party. 1ST BLACK TYPE. O/B-Teed Off Stables, LLC (NM); T-Bart G. Hone. $10,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, NK, 1 1/4. Odds: 2.70, 5.10, 1.70.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-Gulfstream, $84,600, (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($25,000), 1-15, 4yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :55.84, fm, 1 length.

**TREVESS** (m, 6, Kantharos—East Lake Classic, by Orientate) Lifetime Record: 44-10-6-10, $298,700. O-Past the Wire Racing, Inc. & Glenn Fagan; B-Sherry R. Mansfield & Kenneth H. Davis (FL); T-Laura Cazares. *$28,000 RNA 2yo ’19 OBSOPN.

7th-Laurel, $70,000, 1-15, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:45.42, ft, 5 3/4 lengths.

**ZABRACADABRA** (g, 6, Harbor the Gold—Athina Lee, by English Channel) Lifetime Record: 20-6-4-0, $249,198. O-Frank Sample; B-Ken W. Miles & Sheridan Jones (WA); T-Gary Capuano. *$22,000 Ylg ’18 WASSEP.

9th-Gulfstream, $54,000, (S), (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($20,000), 1-15, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:39.10, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.

**TIGER** (h, 5, Dialed In—Sally’s Song, by Unbridled’s Song) Lifetime Record: 16-2-8-3, $178,860. O/B-Arindel (FL); T-Juan Alvarado. *Full to Filly Joel, GSP, $118,516.

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7th-Fair Grounds, $52,000, 1-15, 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:49.54, fm, head.

STRAIGHT ANSWER (GB) (c, 4, Kodiak (GB)--Straight Thinking (MGSP-Fr), by Mizzen Mast) Lifetime Record: SW & GSP-Ire, 9-3-2-0, $90,545. O/B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd. (GB); T-Brad H. Cox.

9th-Sunland, $51,800, 1-15, 4yo/up, 5f, :58.06, ft, neck.

NO PASA NADA (g, 7, Attila's Storm--Charlotte's Drone, by B. G.'s Drone) Lifetime Record: MSP, 39-8-8-6, $397,719. O-Christopher Nathaniel Roybal; B-Robert & DelRae Driggers (NM); T-Carlos Acosta, Jr. *$22,000 RNA Ylg '17 RUIAUG. **1/2 to Lariat (Southwestern Heat), SW, $173,103; Full to Tilla Cat, SW, $369,369; Bella Dona, MSW, $750,068.

5th-Laurel, $48,600, 1-15, (C), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.79, ft, 1 length.

MY FLICKER (m, 5, Great Notion--Explosive Prospect, by Fortunate Prospect) Lifetime Record: 12-5-3-1, $140,395. O-Longball Stables LLC; B-Country Roads Ltd. (MD); T-Anthony Farrior. *Full to It's a Bang, SW, $197,194; Mass Destruction, SP, $325,675; 1/2 to Brassy Boots (Dixie Brass), SP, $175,010.

8th-Delta Downs, $41,000, 1-14, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:22.03, ft, 4 1/2 lengths.

SCORE KEEPER (g, 4, Even the Score--Blushing Beauty, by Eskendereya) Lifetime Record: 8-2-0-2, $58,994. O/B-Ken Pullen (TX); T-Alan Love, Sr.

7th-Golden Gate Fields, $38,210, 1-14, 4yo/up, 1m (AWT), 1:38.16, ft, 3/4 length.

AMERICAN FARMER (h, 6, Bluegrass Cat--Farmers Wife, by Quiet American) Lifetime Record: SW, 33-5-9-6, $273,066. O-BKB Stables LLC & Steve Sherman; B-BKB Stables LLC (CA); T-Steve M. Sherman. *Full to Blue Diva, SW, $250,061.

9th—Sunland, $38,600, 1-15, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 4 1/2f, :53.68, ft, head.

JAMAICA JOY (m, 5, Into Mischief--Caribbean Lady, by Speightstown) Lifetime Record: 12-3-1-3, $110,797. O-Judge Lanier Racing, LLC; B-Pine Ridge Stables LTD (NY); T-Nancy Summers. *$75,000 RNA Ylg '19 KEESSEP; $48,000 RNA 2yo '20 EASDEC; $20,000 3yo '21 KEENO. **1/2 to Let Her Inspire U (Practical Joke), SW, $356,800.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Super Khozan**, c, 3, *Khozan*--Speaking Role (GB), by Singspiel (Ire). Charles Town, 1-14, 4 1/2f, :54.96. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, $21,701. B-Vossfeld Bloodstock Group, LLC. (FL). *$2,500 Ylg '21 OBSWIN.

**Love Tank**, f, 3, *Kitten's Joy*--Perichole (Brz) (G1SW-Brz, $121,359), by Fahim (GB). Sunland, 1-15, 6 1/2f, 1:17.21. Lifetime Record: 7-1-1-0, $58,594. B-Bonne Chance Farm LLC (KY). *$30,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT; $55,000 2yo '22 KEENOV.

**Aisha R N**, f, 3, *Mendelssohn*--Gemini R N, by Mineshaft. Sam Houston Race Park, 1-15, 6f, 1:12.88. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, $23,325. B-Knockgriffin Farm (VA). *$72,000 Wlg '20 KEENOV.

**She's a Joy**, f, 3, *Noble Bird*--Sing for Joy, by Miswaki. Gulfstream, 1-15, (S), 1 1/16mT, 1:43.15. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, $42,630. B-Susy Cant & Andy Cant (FL). *$10,000 Ylg '21 OBSOCT. **1/2 to Blameshifter (Your Eminence), SP, $199,962.

**Low Expectations**, g, 3, *Nyquist*--Eloquent Tribute (SP, $181,125), by Tapit. Santa Anita, 1-15, (C), 1m, 1:37.81. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-1, $38,800. B-Mount Riga Bloodstock (KY). *$192,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT; $17,000 RNA 2yo '22 OBSOPN.


**Always Dreaming**, D'ont Lose Cruz, g, 3, o/o D'wild Ride, by D'wildcat. AOC, 1-15, Aqueduct

**Astrology**, Seriously Sam, f, 4, o/o Cactus Cadillac, by Cactus Ridge. MSW, 1-15, Fair Grounds

**Attila's Storm**, No Pasa Nada, g, 7, o/o Charlotte's Drone, by B. G.'s Drone. AOC, 1-15, Sunland

**Bernardini**, Hejazi, c, 3, o/o G Note, by Medaglia d'Oro. MSW, 1-15, Santa Anita

**Blofeld**, Dance Lil Darling, f, 4, o/o Doyouwanttadance, by Disco Rico. MSW, 1-14, Delta Downs

**Bluegrass Cat**, American Farmer, h, 6, o/o Farmers Wife, by Quiet American. AOC, 1-14, Golden Gate

**Congrats**, Traegar, r, 4, o/o Goodbye Roselina, by Pure Prize. AOC, 1-15, Santa Anita

**Connect**, Grannys Connection, f, 4, o/o Granny's Drink, by Old Fashioned. MSW, 1-14, Aqueduct

**Diabolical**, Mama Was a Rocket, f, 3, o/o Gator Prowl, by Roar of the Tiger. LaSenora S., 1-15, Sunland

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**Dial In**, Tiger, h, 5, o/o Sally's Song, by Unbridled's Song. AOC, 1-15, Gulfstream

**Divining Rod**, Bo's Bourbon, c, 3, o/o Onemoretimelag, by Love of Money. ALW, 1-14, Charles Town

**Fiber Sonde**, Sayyestothelady, f, 4, o/o Longwood Lady, by Is It True. ALW, 1-14, Charles Town

**Flatter**, Hero Status, c, 4, o/o Echo Warrior, by Tiznow. AOC, 1-15, Santa Anita

**Frosted Diamond**, f, 4, *Frosted*--Divas Diamond (MSW & GISP, $739,608), by Crafty Shaw. Delta Downs, 1-14, 5f, 1:00.04. Lifetime Record: 11-1-3-1, $66,736. B-Jerry Namy (KY).
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TALE OF SILENCE

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By Emma Berry

Happy Blue Monday, if that's not a contradiction in terms. Some of us may feel that the whole of January is utterly foul, but someone, somewhere, once decided that the third Monday of this month was the most depressing day of the year, so here we are.

Fear not, however, because if you need a little pick-me-up on this dark day then you could do worse than follow the Twitter account of trainer Fergal O'Brien (@OBMRacing), head of the most upwardly mobile National Hunt stable in Britain, which is guaranteed to deliver daily something between a belly laugh and a small chortle, and often both. Considering the high frequency of winners emanating from O'Brien's stable (he is currently ahead of the multiple champion Paul Nicholls in this regard and was the first of his colleagues to breach the 100-winner mark this season), one might very well wonder how the trainer finds so much time to tweet. The answer is that he doesn't.

Like a number of trainers, O'Brien outsources his social media, and those familiar with the account may assume that he employs a full-time comedian to manage his online presence, but in fact he doesn't employ anyone.

The man behind the account is Dr Simon Gillson (@DrSimonCMP), who co-founded the private general practice company Concierge Medical in 2013 and tweets for fun, which has in turn brought plenty of fun to others. That he is based close to Cleeve Hill allows 'Dr Simon', as he's known in racing circles, to indulge his passion for the jumps at Cheltenham, his local racecourse, and at O'Brien's nearby yard of Ravenswell.

"We have a private medical practice in the Cotswolds, an old-fashioned family doctor home-visiting service, and the first person that ever signed up to that back in late 2013 was one of Ferg's owners," Gillson explains. "I didn't know him at the time but towards the end of 2014, I went to the owners' and trainers' bar with him in Cheltenham. That's when I met Ferg and, like any good trainer, within four weeks of that he had encouraged me to buy a share in a racehorse."

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WEEK IN REVIEW: RICK DUTROW HAS SERVED HIS TIME

Monday marks 10 years since Rick Dutrow was stripped of his trainer's licence. In the estimation of Bill Finley, it's time to allow him back into the game.
**AL NAYYIR WINS AGAIN AT MEYDAN**

Al Nayyir (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) won for the third time in four starts this season at Meydan, inching ever closer to an appearance at the Dubai World Cup Carnival with a 1 1/4-length victory in a 2000-metre handicap event Sunday.

**SOL ORIENS ANOTHER STAR FOR KITASAN BLACK**

Sol Oriens (Jpn) (Kitasan Black {Jpn}) became the fourth winner at group level for his sire with an impressive victory in Sunday’s G3 Keiser Hai at Nakayama.

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He continues, "Both my grandads liked to bet, and then one of them particularly used to go racing, so when I was growing up in Yorkshire, you could get to about nine or 10 courses within an hour and a half. During summer holidays we spent a lot of time Flat racing, which at the time was great, but then that morphed into me being more of a National Hunt fan."

‘Racing Twitter’ really took off about a decade ago and during that time there have been some good, bad and downright ugly exchanges on the social networking site.

Jockeys, especially, and some trainers come in for plenty of stick, which can often be deeply unpleasant, but Twitter has also become a vital news and promotional source for the industry, as well as a huge amount of amusement.

Those trainers and jockeys who have stuck with the platform can use it to their advantage while giving racing fans some great behind-the-scenes insight, though there has been a trend for ‘managed’ social media accounts, which lose something in their inauthenticity. That is certainly not the case for O’Brien, thanks to the wacky humour of Gillson, whose wry daily observations on all manner of subjects from the sporting to baking to the political are a breath of fresh air. He also doesn’t neglect his real-life position (IRL, as the kids like to say) as a doctor to put across the more serious message of mental health issues while avoiding the soppy memes that pop up around this important subject.

"I think, with my doctor head on, we have a platform now which has helped people," he says. Cont. p4
Horse of the Year as a juvenile now leading the way among the first-crop sires at the foal sales with a £140k average.

PINATUBO

“She was always a star. Correct, a good walker, never a problem and a lovely temperament.”

Marina Marinopoulos, Haras de la Louvière, vendor of a €320,000 filly

“It’s rare to get the chance to buy a foal like this. He has such presence about him – loads of size and scope and bags of quality.”

David Brickley, Ard Erin Stud, on their 150,000gns purchase

“The foals I’ve seen have been very correct and racy, with great colour and depth, very clean limbs and good walkers.”

Nick Cope, Stanley Lodge, who bought a 150,000gns colt

“I thought she was the most athletic and attractive filly foal at any sale in 2022. I am recommending Pinatubo to my clients and using him again myself in 2023.”

Hugo Merry, underbidder on the €320,000 filly

£35,000 Oct 1, SLF, Dalham Hall Stud
"Combine that with the horses, and we're able to help people. Even if that's just a few that come to the yard and feel so much better about it, then that's obviously no skin off our noses at all. And the thought that we've made someone's day a bit better is brilliant. And if they want to come back then that's fine as well, because there is clearly a therapeutic effect to horses for some people and we're very happy to share that with anybody.

"I was doing the social media for my medical practice, and it's a very different environment doing medical-related tweets. It's not exactly a jokey thing. And then I realised that nobody was really doing any social media for the yard, which seemed such a shame for someone with Ferg's size of personality not to be getting some of that out across into social media. So that's where it started."

Gillson continues, "The whole point to it really was that I felt quite lucky when I took that share [in a horse] and then got up to the yard to see things that I'd never seen as a racegoer. It opened my eyes to how much goes on behind the scenes. There are so many people involved. It's funny, it's hard work, it's heartbreaking at times. And actually I felt that that's the sort of stuff that people should be seeing. And yeah, I think my original thought process was that I'd like to be able to tweet what I'd like to see as a race fan. And that's where we were aiming from. I think some of the jokes and things came in later.

"There were a lot were lot of accounts run by trainers or people within the stable, which obviously knew a huge amount of stuff about the horses and racing but weren't conveying it that brilliantly. Or there were some obviously PR-led ones which were beautiful but didn't give you a huge amount of insight into what was actually going on. And the aim was to try and get somewhere in between the two. I did wonder early on in this whether people would get fed up." Cont. p5
In fact, the opposite has happened, and in the seven years that Gillson has been tweeting for O’Brien, the stable’s account has accrued 55,500 followers, and counting. On occasion, followers will suggest to the trainer that the unofficial social media manager needs a pay rise. "He’ll say ‘you can have a hundred per cent raise’, because he’s paying me nothing," says the doctor with a laugh.

With some of his tweets, his wry humour has sailed a bit close to the wind and the Twitter overlords have suspended the account on occasion.

He adds, "The most embarrassing one I got banned for was Covid misinformation because I made what was very obviously a joke based on a professor who was on TV a lot at the start of the pandemic who kept saying that everything will be all right."

As we all know, not everything is all right all of the time. We all need a break from the norm sometimes, and for people who love racing but do not have the level of access of the sport’s daily practitioners, social media has been invaluable in transporting people virtually, or sometimes in the case of O’Brien’s open-door policy, actually to the heart of the action. Gillson is not immune to its benefits either.

"I enjoy doing it and it’s a welcome release from my day job," he says. "Don’t get me wrong, I have worked in much more stressful environments, but still it’s nice to have something which is completely different."

BRITAIN

Sunday’s Result:
3rd-Southwell, £8,000, Novice, 1-15, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f 14y (AWT), 1:29.47, st.
CHOISYA (GB) (f, 3, Night of Thunder {Ire}--Fragrancy {Ire} {SP-Eng, $144,080}, by Singspiel {Ire}), fifth on her racecourse bow over a mile at Lingfield in November, raced a length off the early pace trapped wide. Tackling Copy Artist (GB) (No Nay Never) at the furlong pole, the 15-8 second favourite asserted to beat that rival by a head. The winner is a half-sister to the dual listed scorer and dual group-placed Pelerin (Ire) (Shamardal). The listed-placed dam, who also produced Masarah (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}) who was third in this track’s Listed Fleur de Lys Fillies S., hails from the family of the Singspiel’s G1 Fillies’ Mile and GI Yellow Ribbon S. heroine Hibaayeb (GB). Her yearling filly is by Earthlight (Ire). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $5,284.
O-Mr Mohammed Al Nabouda; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited (GB); T-Simon & Ed Crisford.
ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Yesterday’s Hero (Ire), c, 3, Dandy Man (Ire)—Holy Norma (GB), by Nashwan. Chelmsford City, 1-14, 6f (AWT), 1:11.69. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $5,316. B-Michael O’Mahony (IRE).

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

First Dynasty, c, 4, American Pharoah—Heavenly Thought, by War Front. Chelmsford City, 1-14, 10f (AWT), 2:06.28. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-2, $7,773. B-Candy Meadows LLC (KY). *$75,000 Ylg >20 KEESEP; i110,200 2yo >21 ARQDEA.

Sunday’s Results:
1st-Pau, €22,000, Cond, 1-15, 3yo, 8f (AWT), 1:37.40, st. Kovrov (FR) (c, 3, Toronado (Ire)—Vickey (Ire), by Exceed And Excel (Aus)), off the mark on debut over course and distance last month, tracked the leader throughout the early stages. In front 300 metres from the post, the 3-10 favourite only needed hands and heels to secure a cosy 1 1/2-length success from Bolivie (Ire) (Exceed And Excel (Aus)). The dam, whose 2-year-old filly is by Dabirsim (Fr), is a daughter of the G3 May Hill S. runner-up and stakes producer Everlasting Love (GB) (Pursuit Of Love (GB)) from the family of the G3 Anglesey S.-winning sire Peace Envoy (Fr) (Power (GB)). Sales history: €48,000 Ylg ’21 OSASEP. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, €20,000. Video, sponsored by TVG.

O-Alain Jathiere; B-Ecurie Normandie Pur Sang (FR); T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

7th-Pau, €19,000, Mdn, 1-15, 3yo, c/g, 10f (AWT), 2:08.00, st. Grand Prince (FR) (c, 3, Toronado (Ire)—Petite Alice (Fr), by Rip Van Winkle (Ire)), runner-up on debut over course and distance last month, took a keen grip initially anchored behind the leading trio. Staying on to gain the advantage a furlong out, the 1-2 favourite held Baselitz (Fr) (Muhaarar (GB)) to prevail by a head. The winner is the first foal out of the dam, who hails from the family of the top-level performers Walkamia (Fr) (Linamix (Fr)) and Walk On Mix (Fr) (Linamix (Fr)). Her second is the 2-year-old colt Nasdaq (Fr) (Ivawood (Ire)). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, €13,100. Video, sponsored by TVG.

O-Joel Seche, Daniel-Yves Treves, Hugues Rousseau & Jean-Pierre Vallee-Lambert; B-H Rousseau (FR); T-J-C Rouget.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Rouge (Fr), f, 3, Birchwood (Ire)—Action Premiere (Fr), by Act One (GB). Pau, 1-15, 10f (AWT), 2:06.90. B-Mlle M L Collet, Mme M Collet & J Collet (FR).

IN THE UAE:

Open Mind (GB), g, 4, Cable Bay (Ire)—Bonhomie (GB), by Shamardal. Meydan, 1-15, Hcp., 1400mT, 1:23.31. B-Highclere Stud. *Full to Laneqash (GB), SW & MGSP-Eng, $123,772. **First start in the UAE. ***150,000gns Ylg ’20 TATOCT. VIDEO

Al Nayyir (GB), g, 5, Dubawi (Ire)—Bright Beacon (GB), by Manduro (Ger). Meydan, 1-15, Hcp., 2000mT, 2:01.76. B-Godolphin. *Full to Al Dabaran (GB), SW & MGSP-Eng, MGSP-Fr; and New London (Ire), GSW & G1SP-Eng, $441,327. VIDEO


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ANOTHER 'SUN'-NY PROSPECT FOR KITASAN BLACK IN KEISEI HAI by Alan Carasso

Just days after his son Equinox (Jpn) was named both champion of his generation and Horse of the Year in Japan, Kitasan Black (Jpn) could well have another player on this year’s Classics trail in the form of Sol Oriens (Jpn), who took his record to two-from-two with a convincing victory in Sunday’s G3 Keisei Hai at Nakayama.

The slight second choice in the wagering behind Seven Magician (Jpn) (Just a Way {Jpn}), the Shadai homebred was void of early speed and raced with about three rivals behind into the backstretch behind a modest tempo. Held together into the final half-mile by Takeshi Yokoyama, Sol Oriens was asked for an effort approaching the exit to the second turn, but drifted out several paths off the home corner. Rebalanced in upper stretch, he focused on the task at hand and ran out an easy winner while racing greenly and on his incorrect lead through the final furlong.

Omega Rich Man (Jpn) (Isla Bonita {Jpn}), easily the roughest chance in the field of nine, ran home for second ahead of Seven Magician in third.

Pedigree Notes:
A bit of a later-bloomer in his own right, Kitasan Black won the G1 Kikuka Sho (Japanese St Leger) at three, but is throwing runners more precocious than he. Sol Oriens is the fourth black-type winner--each at group level--for Kitasan Black, two each from his first two crops.

Patrick Barbe acquired the French stakes-winning Skia for €320,000 in foal to Leroidesanimaux (Brz) at the 2014 Arqana December Sale and her second Japanese-bred foal is the gifted Vin de Garde, a Group 2 winner at home and placed in the last two renewals of the G1 Dubai Turf. A half-sister to Tropaios (GB) (Excellent Art {GB}), also a stakes winner in France before becoming a star in Singapore for the China Horse Club, is also the dam of a 2-year--old colt by Kizuna (Jpn) and is due to Epiphaneia (Jpn) this season. Dam-sire Motivator is now responsible for 14 black-type winners (six group winners), a number that also includes treble Japanese Group 1 scorer Titleholder (Jpn) (Duramente {Jpn}).

Sunday, Nakayama, Japan
KEISEI HAI-G3, ¥76,450,000, Nakayama, 1-15, 3yo, 2000mT, 2:02.20, fm.

1--SOL ORIENS (JPN), 123, c, 3, by Kitasan Black (Jpn)
   1st Dam: Skia (Fr) (GSW-Fr, $163,904), by Motivator (GB)
   2nd Dam: Light Quest, by Quest For Fame (GB)
   3rd Dam: Gleam of Light (Ire), by Danehill
   1ST GROUP WIN. 1ST STAKES WIN
   O-Shadai Race Horse; B-Shadai Farm; T-Takahisa Tezuka; J-Takeshi Yokoyama;
   ¥40,315,000. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, ¥47,315,000. *1/2 to Vin de Garde (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), GSW-Jpn, MG1SP-UAE, $2,792,422. Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: A. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

2--Omega Rich Man (Jpn), 123, c, 3, by Motivator (GB)
   1st Dam: Skia (Fr) (GSW-Fr, $163,904), by Motivator (GB)
   2nd Dam: Light Quest, by Quest For Fame (GB)
   3rd Dam: Gleam of Light (Ire), by Danehill
   1ST GROUP WIN. 1ST STAKES WIN
   O-Shadai Race Horse; B-Shadai Farm; T-Takahisa Tezuka; J-Takeshi Yokoyama;
   ¥40,315,000. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, ¥47,315,000. *1/2 to Vin de Garde (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), GSW-Jpn, MG1SP-UAE, $2,792,422. Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: A. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

3--Seven Magician (Jpn), 123, c, 3, Just a Way (Jpn)--Happiness Dancer (Jpn), by Meisho Samson (Jpn). O-Yoshiyuki Maesako; B-Northern Farm; ¥16,090,000.
   1ST GROUP WIN. 1ST STAKES WIN
   O-Shadai Race Horse; B-Shadai Farm; T-Takahisa Tezuka; J-Takeshi Yokoyama;
   ¥40,315,000. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, ¥47,315,000. *1/2 to Vin de Garde (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), GSW-Jpn, MG1SP-UAE, $2,792,422. Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: A. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

Margins: 2HF, 1 1/4, HF. Odds: 1.70, 117.00, 1.70.
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Sunday, Chukyo, Japan

NIKKEI SHINSHUN HAI-G2, ¥109,700,000, Chukyo, 1-15, 4yo/up,
2200mt, 2:14.0, gd.

1--WELTREISENDE (Jpn), 130, h, 6, by Dream Journey (Jpn)
  1st Dam: Mandela (Ger) (SW & G1SP-Ger, GSP-US & Fr, $141,254),
  by Acatenango (Ger)
  2nd Dam: Mandellicht (Ire), by Be My Guest
  3rd Dam: Mandelauge (Ger), by Elektrant (GB)
  O-Sunday Racing; B-Northern Farm; T-Yasutoshi Ikee; J-David Eg
  an; ¥57,950,000. Lifetime Record: MG1SP-Jpn, 13-4-4-2, $378,017,000.
  *1/2 to World Ace (Jpn) (Deep Impact (Jpn)), MGSW & G1SP-Jpn, $2
  836,67; and World Premiere (Jpn) (Deep Impact (Jpn)), MG1SW-Jpn,
  $4,183,398. Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.
  Werk Nick Rating: C+. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

2--King of Dragon (Jpn), 121, h, 6, Heart's Cry (Jpn)--Vegas
  Night, by Coronado's Quest. (¥110,000,000 Ylg '18 JRHAJUL).
  O-Yoshiro Kubota; B-Shadai Farm; T-23,280,000.

3--Pradaria (Jpn), 123, c, 4, Deep Impact (Jpn)--Chasse' Roll
  (Jpn), by Kurofune. O-Nagoya Yuho Inc; B-Orient Farm;
  ¥14,140,000. Margins: NK, NK, HF. Odds: 2.80, 34.80, 5.70.
  Click for the JRA Chart.

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