FOR SYNDICATE PARTNERS, WHAT'S IN A NAME (OR TEN)?

The Week in Review, by T.D. Thornton

Right now within TDN’s Top 12 rankings for the GI Kentucky Derby, seven horses are owned by multiple-entity partnerships. One syndicate maxes out at 10 individual owners, another at eight.

If the horses from those larger partnerships (or other syndicates--there are plenty of them and they are growing in number worldwide) make it into the Derby field, they won’t have to worry about getting the satisfaction and distinction of seeing their names in print as owners. But that’s only because, as a courtesy, Churchill Downs takes the extra step of hiring a graphic designer to rework the traditional program page for America’s most historic and important horse race so that no owner of a Derby runner gets left out.

Technically, that practice is at odds with a Kentucky regulation that limits the number of individual owners who can appear on the printed program page to five. At a meeting of the rules committee of the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission (KHRC) last week, commission staffers and industry stakeholders tried to take a first pass at updating that rule so that every member of a syndicate (or at least more of them) might get recognized as listed owners in all Kentucky races, not just on Derby day.

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THE FAIR GROUNDS STAKES SCIENTIST

by J.N. Campbell

From his desk in the racing office, Stuart Slagle views stakes coordination as a vocation that is part sales and part diplomacy, but for him, it is also part science.

As a former academic who received a B.S. in Zoology at the University of Texas in Austin and studied biophysics at the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana before working with supercomputers as a system engineer, his approach to filling a stakes race is always interspersed with the scientific method and predictive analytics.

“There is nothing like pursuing the science of a favorable outcome,” he said.

Parlaying those experiences into Thoroughbred racing actually was not a major shift. After all, it is a sport built on figures and a breeding structure handed down across generations.

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“I’ve been approached by several ownership groups that we make room for more names,” said KHRC commissioner Charlie O’Connor. “As syndicate groups in this country are becoming a big deal, [people] who invest their money in the horse business want to see their name on a program.”

“These ownership groups and syndicates are spending a large amount of money at Keeneland and Fasig-Tipton and all the sales houses around the world and I think it’s a fair thing for them to ask for their name to be on the program, and I think that we should be able to accommodate it without any huge, big issues,” O’Connor said.

Others in on the discussion thought so, too.

But it turns out there are practicality limitations and potential unintended consequences that come into play if the KHRC paves the way for more individuals to get inked into ownership lines.

As for the existing rule itself, KHRC chief state steward Barbara Borden explained it this way, “Currently, our regulation says more than five individual persons shall not be licensed as owners of a single horse. That’s why we have limited the number on the program to five. It goes on to say if more than five individual persons own interests, then they shall name one person to be the licensed representative.”

Still, even within that parameter of five, the ownership line on a Kentucky program does get crowded. Several stakeholders at the meeting referenced the trouble being related to a 200-character limit that is a requirement of the Equibase system. The number for that data field was selected some time ago, well before the proliferation of partnerships in roughly the past decade, and it was once reasonable to assume every ownership entity would fit within that amount of space.

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But that equates to just 40 characters per syndicate member if five owners are listed, and even then, to make everything fit, the characters are often squished together without spacing to the point where, as Borden said, the line is "illegible" to anyone trying to decipher the program.

“Part of the problem is two things,” Borden said. “First of all, the owners that want to see their names, they might know their name is on the program. But you can’t read it, and neither can anyone else. And the other thing is, the reason we put the ownership on the program to begin with, is for public disclosure. So if it’s not legible because we have too many names or the font is too small or whatever, we’re defeating our purpose of listing the owners at all.”

Frank Jones, Jr., a KHRC commissioner who chairs the rules committee, wondered if it would be feasible to include a “side document” in the program that would fit all the names in full, while the program page itself got printed in a less cluttered way.

Anna Seitz, who works with Fasig-Tipton and with international syndicates, said that in Australia, “they list all the names. They just do smaller fonts. I know it makes a huge difference. Those owners, that’s part of the reason they buy in, because they want their name on there.”

Gary Palmisano, Jr., the executive director of racing for Churchill Downs, Inc., said his company is “all for” syndicates. “But just understand that it is space-limited” and the issue is a “bigger-picture problem” than just learning to deal with the limitations of 200 characters.

“We live this every year with the Derby,” Palmisano said. “Obviously, in the Derby, every owner partnership wants to see their names. Equibase currently doesn’t have the capability of putting in more than 200 characters. So we have to physically, manually, white-out portions of the owner [line, and then string together] the text, and try to put it in [with everyone listed].”
But if the rule got changed to list more owners, Palmisano cautioned, “tracks every single day are going to have to have a graphics design person, as we do for the Derby, [to] recreate the program line. [That task] is certainly something that takes our team, manually, a lot of time to do for the Derby program.”

Palmisano continued, “Right now [the rule] says five [owners are the maximum listed]. With the racetracks, assuming Equibase can help us with the language, we can figure out the program piece. We’re already actively engaging with Equibase to try to figure out the program piece. But I think the [rules] committee, more so than looking at the program piece, should take a hard look if it should be five, eight, seven, 10 [owners listed]. Because that helps us frame what we need to do with Equibase.”

O’Connor said 10 names might be the sweet spot, because he’s seeing many partnerships now constructed at the 10% buy-in level aiming for 10 syndicate members. Borden said that brings up another issue related to disclosure.

“This takes us back two years ago when we had partnership forms, which we no longer require,” Borden said. “Every syndicate would have to report to us all the participants in the syndicate.”

While the partnership forms might raise the unwelcome prospect of more paperwork, Borden said there is an upside to those forms that relates to better transparency.

“We currently don’t always know the exact ownership of every horse, so that would probably be a bonus for us,” Borden said. “But it would entail us being advised of all the ownership and the [percentages each entity owns].”

But, Borden said, no matter what expanded number the rule night eventually state, common sense inevitably has to intervene.

“At some point there has to be, in my opinion, a limit,” Borden said. “It’s not infinity. If 100 people own a horse, we can’t put 100 names on there.”

Keeneland’s vice president of racing Gatewood Bell raised another potential red flag related to numerous owners being listed. Although Kentucky has recently loosened its rules regarding coupled mutuel entries in an attempt to bolster field sizes, a single owner still can’t run two horses in the same race if it excludes another owner’s horse from getting in. So what if one individual was a small-percentage owner in one syndicate and owned another horse either outright or as part of a second partnership? How would preference be fairly determined?

“You wouldn’t want to discourage the owners from joining these syndicates and also having horses on their own,” Bell said.

Borden pointed out that any overlapping ownership in a single race, even a tiny percentage, still counts as an owner having an interest in two horses.

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The committee ended up not proposing or voting on any rule change. Jones, the committee chair, said the entire issue needed more study, but that it would likely be brought up again in the near future.

“The more you listen, the more you see how complicated a problem this could become,” Jones admitted.

Stuart Slagle Cont. From p1

Originally from Ohio, Slagle grew up among the tumbleweeds in Lubbock, Texas. Loving baseball and football in the Panhandle, he was always fascinated how statistics powered the flow of information.

He turned to zoology because it was high time to declare a major during his Longhorn junior year. Classification, behavior and the distribution of animals taught him that observation could be a keen skill to develop.

Computer modeling and predictive analysis melded with handicapping races, which he gave up to seek employment in various racetrack positions over the past 20 years from being a placing judge at Sunland Park in New Mexico to the Racing Secretary at Prairie Meadows in Iowa.

“As an academic at heart, I’m fascinated by a horse’s biomechanics and how aerobic exercise relates to the analysis of speed figures and their standard deviation,” he said.

Though he has studied the science behind how and why certain equine athletes fit into specific races, stakes coordination is a relatively new experience for Slagle, having been hired by Scott Jones to take the helm at the Fair Grounds in New Orleans last fall.

“There are so many experienced coordinators out there that I deeply respect in this business,” he said. “Scott is one of them, and I am just fortunate to follow in his footsteps.”

Moving forward, Slagle’s job is a complicated one when it comes to selection. Before the completion of the meet Mar. 26, he will have to fill 65 starting gates that are worth a combined $8.5 million.

Under Jones’s tutelage, his managed lineup includes this weekend’s Silverbulletday S. and the GIII Louisiana S., and of course, GI Kentucky Derby prep races like the GII Lecomte S., the GII Risen S. and eventually, the GII Louisiana Derby.

The series for both the Derby and the GI Kentucky Oaks has provided some important stops along those trails, and much continues to be criticized on social media concerning the fact that the Fair Grounds does not have a Grade I race.

Slagle explains that needs to be tempered, especially when you consider all of the factors that the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association employs to determine what makes a graded race.

“[You have to understand that it is out of your control] because there are the race quality scores based on speed figures, there’s the workbook, and how the top four finishers perform after the race, just to name a few,” he said.

Within this construct, a stakes coordinator is constantly looking at the many options before them when it comes to filling the entry box. Sure, they are trying to get the best horses possible and the largest fields, but they are also thinking tangentially about a variety of pieces of data.

“We always want horses with stakes experience,” Slagle explained. “But that is not always easy to obtain, so it is important to also think about ones that are class elevating at the right time.”

What a Thoroughbred does with their career after a race at the Fair Grounds could prove just as important to future grading of a race as what it has done before. Running numbers and looking at potential candidates comprises a sea of data. Slagle begins with a control by cold texting and calling some 70-80 trainers that could have prospective runners in their midst. He will get rapid responses, slow ones will trickle in and some will not respond at all.

The science behind the selection process moves quickly to a sales pitch, and then turns into a series of diplomatic talks as barns are cagey about showing where they are going to run next. Most of the time, they will wait till the last possible moment to declare, so Slagle has to be mindful of the options before a race closes. Poker faces are the norm.

Just as with any business, tracks want their stakes competition to have a race worth betting. In other words, a heavy favorite against a group of outclassed runners does not help the handle, and in an age when horses run less, you are asking connections to risk coming to your race, instead of to another track.
Stuart Slagle

“...This is a major financial commitment that owners are making by entering a stakes race, and we are asking for them to invest in the product that we are putting out there,” he said. “At the same time, we are also thinking about our patrons, the betting public, and our own bottom line, so there is no recipe for success because each time we do this it is totally different.”

Balancing all of this in his stakes lab, Slagle is seeking equine athletes with potential for success and he determines that by measuring their patterns of behavior. Looking at their early maiden races and the speed figures they posted can be coupled with the distances that they traveled in an effort to help identify potential stars in the making. The results though of these “tests” will not always come quickly, as sometimes a Thoroughbred’s racing maturation develops well after they compete in a Fair Grounds stakes race. That is why decisions that are made now by the stakes coordinator can reverberate into an unknown future.

“When we are putting together a lineup, I still think regularly using the scientific method and hypotheses,” he said. “We know, for instance, which barns run off short rest and all of this data goes into forming a picture of who we should attract.”

With a wealth of experiences, and still much to learn, Slagle is utilizing all of the different disciplines he has encountered over the years at his new job in New Orleans. Like a zoologist in the field, he wants to find the right Thoroughbred that matches his ecosystem. As he builds his hypothesis about each potential entry, the next stakes race slowly, then rapidly takes shape. Then, it is on to the next one.

Returning to Stuart Slagle’s desk at the Fair Grounds, there is a definite science behind his method. A background in zoology can’t hurt when it comes to this type of selection process.

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CYBERKNIFE NAMED 5-2 FAVORITE FOR PEGASUS WORLD CUP

Gold Square LLC’s MGISW Cyberknife (Gun Runner), last seen finishing a narrow second to Cody’s Wish (Curlin) in the GI Big Ass Fans Breeders’ Cup Dirt Mile, is scheduled to make the final start of his racing career Saturday at Gulfstream Park as the 5-2 morning-line favorite for the GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational.

The Pegasus World Cup will headline a 13-race program also featuring the GI Pegasus World Cup Turf Invitational, the GII TAA Pegasus World Cup Filly & Mare Turf, and four other graded-stakes races totaling $5.3 million in purses.

Following a similar pattern as his sire, Cyberknife—who drew Post 10 in the 12-horse field—will be retired after the race to begin stallion duty at Spendthrift Farm.

Cyberknife’s trainer Brad Cox, who was victorious in the 2021 GI Pegasus World Cup with Knicks Go (Paynter), finished second behind WinStar’s Life Is Good (Into Mischief) in last year’s renewal.

“It’s really amazing he’s been able to stay as good as he has physically and mentally,” said Cox. “He’s improved a tremendous amount mentally over the last six, seven, eight months. Physically he looks amazing. He’s given us all the signs—and maybe even more so now, working better than he ever has leading up to this. He is older. He’s stronger than he was throughout his 3-year-old season. And he’s going to need to be.”

Florent Geroux, who rode Gun Runner in his own Pegasus World Cup victory, is named to ride Cyberknife.

Godolphin LLC’s Proxy (Tapit), rated second on the morning line at 9-2, enters the Pegasus World Cup off his first career Grade I victory in the GI Clark S. Nov. 25 at Churchill Downs.

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“Certainly, I feel like the Pegasus is going to come up tougher overall, a tougher race, so we have to pick our game up from the Clark,” said trainer Michael Stidham. “I don’t think we can run the same race we ran in the Clark and expect to win. I think we need to do a little bit better, and I’m hoping my horse will move forward from the Clark. That’s what we need to see.”

Joel Rosario, who rode Knicks Go for his 2021 Pegasus World Cup score, has the call on Proxy from the rail.

Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr., who leads all trainers with victories during the current meet at Gulfstream, is represented in the field by three horses: Daniel Alonso’s Skippylongstocking (Exaggerator) (5-1; Post Seven), C2 Racing Stable LLC and La Milagrosa Stable LLC’s White Abarrio (Race Day) (10-1; Post Four), and Fernando Vine Ode and Michael and Jules Iavarone’s O’Connor (Chi) (Boboman) (10; Post 12). Jose Ortiz has the call on Skippylongstocking, while Tyler Gaffalione and Javier Castellano are named to ride White Abarrio and O’Connor, respectively.

Trainer Bob Baffert will send Michael Pegram, Karl Watson and Paul Weitman’s Defunded (Dialed In) (6-1; Post Five) to the Gulfstream Park track Saturday in search of his third success in the Pegasus World Cup after being victorious with Arrogate in 2017 and Mucho Gusto in 2020.

Hall of Fame trainer D. Wayne Lukas has made a late change in jockeys for Willis Horton Racing LLC’s Last Samurai (Malibu Moon) (20-1; Post Nine), who will be ridden by Frankie Dettori.

Bruce Lundsford’s Art Collector (Bernardini) (10-1; Post Six) will be ridden by Junior Alvarado, who celebrated his 2000th career victory Saturday at Gulfstream.

Completing the field are Gary Barber’s Get Her Number (Dialed In) (15-1; Post Eight), Tami Bobo and Tristan de Meric’s Simplification (Not This Time) (15-1; Post Two), Steve Moger’s Stilleto Boy (Shackleford) (30-1; Post 11), and Cash is King LLC and LC Racing LLC’s Ridin With Biden (Constitution) (20-1; Post Three), who drew into the 12-horse field Sunday upon the defection of Super Corinto (Super Saver), who was forced to withdraw from the race with his Barn 21 at Gulfstream under quarantine due to a confirmed case of EHV (see p11). Dream Team One Racing’s Hoist the Gold (Mineshaft) and Mark Breen’s Endorsed (Medaglia d’Oro) are also eligible in the listed order.

BRAZILIAN-BRED IVAR NAMED MORNING-LINE FAVORITE FOR PEGASUS TURF

With the recent retirement of two-time winner Colonel Liam (Liam’s Map), MG1SW Ivar (Brz) (Agnes Gold {Jpn}) was named the narrow 5-2 morning-line favorite for the GI Pegasus World Cup Turf. A winner of three of 12 starts in the U.S.--topped by the 2020 GI Shadwell Turf Mile at Keeneland--he has run in the GI Breeders’ Cup Mile each of the last three years, running third in 2021 and fourth in 2020 and 2022.

“I think his [last] race was very good,” said trainer Paulo Lobo. “He lost to a very top horse [Modern Games]. 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.”

Hall of Famer Castellano will be back aboard Ivar, who will break from post 10. Also among the dozen contenders are 4-1 second choice MGSW City Man (Mucho Macho Man) and G1SW Decorated Invader (Declaration of War), both trained by Christophe Clement, who respectively ran 1-2 in Gulfstream’s G1L Fort Lauderdale S. Dec. 31. Cont. p9
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Third choice at 6-1 is Charles Fipke’s homebred GSW Lady Speightspeare (Speightstown), who will face males for the first time. The 5-year-old owns seven wins from 13 career starts, six of them in graded-stakes, including Woodbine’s GI Natalma S. Third last time out in the GI Breeders’ Cup Filly & Mare Turf, she retains the services of Luis Saez and breaks from post six.

Rounding out the field are MGSP Atone (Into Mischief), MGSW Master Piece (ChI) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}), MGSW Who’s the Star (Tonalist), GSW One More Bid (California Chrome), MGSP Good Governance (Kingman {GB}), and another pair of stablemates, Graham Motion-trained GSW Speaking Scout (Mr. Speaker) and MGSP Hurricane Dream (Fr) (Hurricane Cat), making his first start in North America.

On the also-eligible list, in order of preference, are GSW King Cause (Creative Cause) and Dark Shift (Dark Angel {Ire}), winner of the Royal Hunt Cup last summer at Royal Ascot.

**SHANTISARA LEADS FIELD FOR PEGASUS Filly & Mare Turf**

A field of 11, headlined by 2-1 morning-line favorite GSW Shantisara (Ire) (Coultsy {Ire}) is expected to line up for Saturday’s GII TAA Pegasus World Cup Filly & Mare Turf Invitational for older females.

The 7-2 second choice, Dalika (Ger) (Pastorious {Ger}), will make her 32nd start in the Pegasus for trainer Al Stall Jr.

“There’s not a horse in America that is more battle-tested than her,” said Stall. “She couldn’t be more fit and couldn’t be more of a warrior, so we got that going for us, too.”

Queen Goddess (Empire Maker) is the 5-1 third choice for owners Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and Gary Barber. The 5-year-old is coming off a 2 1/2-length victory Dec. 31 in the GII Robert J. Frankel S. at Santa Anita for trainer Michael McCarthy. Luis Saez is scheduled to ride.

Another contender is 8-1 shot Lady Rockstar (GB) (Frankel (GB)) for trainer Brendan Walsh.

Team Valor International and Gary Barber’s Wakanaka (Ire) (Power {GB}), returns at 10-1 in the Pegasus event where she made her North American debut last year. The 5-year-old Irish-bred mare started her career in Italy, where she won six of her nine starts. Since arriving in North America, Wakanaka has won a pair of stakes, including the GII Dance Smartly S. at Woodbine.

“When she first came here, she wasn’t that good around two turns,” said Barry Irwin, chief executive officer for Team Valor. “But as she’s raced and trained, she’s gotten smarter and better. She’s physically improved. She’s a lot better now than she was last year. She’s got a really good turn of foot. She’s not a very big filly, but she’s got a lot of power when she turns it on.”

**DENALI STUD**

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. Today we spoke with Conrad Bandoroff at Denali Stud.
LIAM’S PROMENADE (m, 4, Liam’s Map--Promenade Girl, by Carson City) to be bred to Curlin
   We just purchased this mare with some partners in the January sale and are very excited to have her. She hails from the family of MGISW Cavorting (Bernardini), who has of course produced MGISW Clairiere (Curlin). She is an attractive mare with a lot of quality and will suit Curlin quite well. It has worked in the family before!

HARD NOT TO LIKE (m, 14, Hard Spun--Like a Gem, by Tactical Cat) to be bred to Life Is Good
   A multiple Grade I winner, this is a mare that we have always believed in. Her newly turned 3-year-old colt Faustin (Curlin) was named a 'TDN Rising Star' after winning on debut sprinting. He has a ways to go, but looks like he could be a proper Saturday Afternoon Horse.
   I have always wanted to breed her to the Into Mischief-line and Life Is Good is a perfect physical match for her. She is a strong, powerful mare and needs a bit of size and scope from the stallion. This is the same cross that produced GSW Gerrymander (Into Mischief).

LADY APPLE (m, 7, Curlin--Miss Mary Apples, by Clever Trick) to be bred to Gun Runner
   Last year Lady Apple delivered her first foal, a filly by Quality Road, that we like a lot. She’s everything you look for in a first foal—good leg, and nice strength and substance to her. She is carrying and will soon foal an Into Mischief, so she is getting started with every chance. She is a multiple graded stakes winner who placed in the GI Kentucky Oaks. Her pedigree continues to blossom under Larry Doyle of KatieRich’s management with her 3-year-old half-sister American Apple (American Pharoah), a graded stakes winner at two.
   Gun Runner needs no introduction and you just have to consider yourself fortunate to have a mare that warrants a visit to him. This could get you a serious racehorse.

DREAM TREE (m, 8, Uncle Mo--Afleet Maggi, by Afleet Alex) to be bred to Flightline
   The winner of the GI Starlet S. at two, Dream Tree is off to a good start in her broodmare career. Her first foal, a Curlin filly, sold for $700,000 to David Ingordo at last year’s Keeneland September sale. She has a highly promising Into Mischief yearling colt and is expecting a Gun Runner for this year. She is a beautiful, powerful mare.
   This is a mating we are very excited about. Tapit has done very well over Indian Charlie-line mares. Flightline himself is a prime example. We are intrigued by this 3x3 to Indian Charlie and think it could produce a tremendous amount of speed. A generational talent in Flightline paired with a fast, precocious mare—a promising and potent mix, we hope!
PATHETIQUE (m, 5, Uncle Mo--Dothraki Queen, by Pure Prize) to be bred to Into Mischief

She is an Uncle Mo daughter of GII Pocahontas S. winner and GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies-placed Dothraki Queen. Pathetique herself had a ton of ability. She broke her maiden second time out at Saratoga for owner Richard Rigney and trainer Phil Bauer and was a stakes-caliber filly, but unfortunately got hurt. She was fast. Really fast.

We decided to breed her to Into Mischief because we think this could produce a freaky fast horse.

STOP SHOPPIN TAMMY (m, 6, Tapit--Miss Shop, by Deputy Minister) to be bred to Curlin

This is a daughter of Tapit that we have high hopes for. She is out of Grade I winner Miss Shop and is a full-sister to the graded stakes-winning Tin Type Gal. She is a gorgeous mare that physically suits Curlin really well. On paper, it is highly productive cross and is responsible for MGISW Cody’s Wish (Curlin), not to mention that it goes back to A.P. Indy, which has been the magic Curlin cross.

WINE PRINCESS (m, 14, Ghostzapper--Azeri, by Jade Hunter) to be bred to Constitution

She is a Grade II and Grade III stakes winner by a Horse of the Year and out of a Horse of the Year. Now 14, what we like about her is that four of her five foals of racing age have made it to the races, won in New York, showed promise, have been sound and have earned over $100,000.

We still feel she can produce a good horse. Her 4-year-old Smokin’ T (War Front) has shown signs of being one and is stakes placed. He’s due to start what we hope will be a good campaign this year.

We rate Constitution as an emerging top stallion. We really like the momentum that he has in some really well-bred crops in the waves. We chose Constitution because Ashiham and Felix the Fox, her two sons by Tapit, had talent and we wanted to send her back to the Tapit line.
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**Saturday, Gulfstream #8, post time: 2:27 p.m. EST**

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**Saturday, Gulfstream #11, post time: 4:06 p.m. EST**

**TAA PEGASUS WORLD CUP FILLY AND MARE TURF INVITATIONAL S. PRESENTED BY PEPSI-GIII, $500,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT**

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**Saturday, Sam Houston Race #9, post time: 6:25 p.m. EST**

**HOUSTON LADIES CLASSIC S.-GIII, $300,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m**

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### Saturday, Gulfstream #9, post time: 3:01 p.m. EST

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### Saturday, Sam Houston Race #10, post time: 6:55 p.m. EST

**JOHN B. CONNALLY TURF CUP S.-GIII, $200,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT**

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### Saturday, Gulfstream #6, post time: 1:19 p.m. EST

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

LEONATUS S., $125,000, Turfway, 1-21, 3, 1m (AWT), 1:37.05, ft.
1--FUNTASTIC AGAIN, 118, c, 3, by Funtastic
   1st Dam: Repeta, by Broken Vow
   2nd Dam: Attico, by Atticus
   3rd Dam: Irish Coco, by Capote
   ($60,000 Wlg '20 KEENOV). 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Three
   Chimneys Farm; B-BHMFR, LLC (KY); T-Wesley A. Ward;
   J-Gerardo Corrales. $74,616. Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-0,
   $184,806. *1/2 to Lady Glamour (Discreet Cat), GSP, $126,170;
   and to Mucho Del Oro (Mucho Macho Man), SW, $245,000.

BRED IN KY BY BHMFR, LLC

2--American Speed, 118, c, 3, More Than Ready--Top Quality, by
   Quality Road. 1ST BLACK TYPE. O-WinStar Farm LLC & Siena
   Farm LLC; B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-Brad H. Cox. $24,360.

3--Ironsides, 118, g, 3, Midshipman--Alana B., by Animal
   Kingdom. ($125,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP). 1ST BLACK TYPE. O-BBN
   Racing, LLC; B-Machmer Hall & Dan Walters (KY); T-Victoria H.
   Oliver. $12,180.

FRANKLIN SQUARE S., $100,000, Aqueduct, 1-22, (S), 3yo, f,
6 1/2f, 1:19.20, ft.
1--STONEWALL STAR, 122, f, 3, by Flatter
   1st Dam: Jonata, by Proud Citizen
   2nd Dam: Romp and Stomp, by Olympio
   3rd Dam: Prom Knight, by Sir Harry Lewis
   O-Barry K. Schwartz; B-Stonewall Farm (NY); T-Horacio De Paz;
   J-Kendrick Carmouche. $55,000. Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-2,
   $195,808. *Full to La Fuerza, MSW, $261,610
2--Little Linzee, 120, f, 3, Honorable Dillon--Gee Linz, by Frost
   Giant. O-Jan Durrschmidt; B-Janet Durrschmidt (NY);
   T-Domenick L. Schettino. $20,000.
3--Security Code, 120, f, 3, Frosted--Stopspendingmaria, by
   Montbrook. O-WellSpring Stables; B-Rockridge Stud, LLC,
   Ascendant Farms & Godolphin (NY); T-Philip Serpe. $12,000.

Margins: 3 3/4, NO, 3 1/4. Odds: 1.13, 18.73, 21.51.
Also Ran: Accident, Raise Cain, Mendel's Secret, Itzos, Saturn
   Boy, Hayes Strike.

Funtastic Again made it two in a row over the Turfway
all-weather surface with an effortless wire-to-wire victory in the
Leonatus S. at Turfway Park Saturday night. The even-money
favorite was hustled out to the early lead and was in hand while
taking the field through fractions of :24.09 and :48.12. He
skipped clear in upper stretch and sailed home under a
motionless Gerardo Corrales.

Funtastic Again broke his maiden with a front-running
6 1/2-length victory in an off-turf special weight at Saratoga in
August and was never in the mix when ninth in the Oct. 8
GI Claiborne Breeders’ Futurity. He was coming off a
5 1/2-length triumph over this same track and trip in a Dec. 2
optional claimer.

The unraced Repeta, in foal to Not This Time, sold for $70,000
at the 2020 Keeneland November sale. Her 2021 foal died, but
she produced a filly by Volatile in 2022 and was bred back to Not
This Time. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO,
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“I’m very happy. She controlled the race and was able to get it
done,” said winning trainer Horacio De Paz. “We figured we
would get her into the race like she usually runs and nobody
really pressed her, and she really kicked on.”
De Paz continued, “I told Kendrick [Carmouche], ‘Just have fun, she’s your kind of horse.’ He said, ‘Catch me if you can,’ and that’s what it was.”

De Paz said he will consider a pair of $100,000 six-furlong sprints at the Big A for Stonewall Star’s next outing, including the Cicada S. versus open company Mar. 18 and the state-bred East View S. Mar. 24.

“She’s worthy of [open company] and I will definitely take a look at both of those races,” De Paz said.

Homebred Stonewall Star is the last reported foal from her winning dam. Click here for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

IN ORDER OF PURSE:

9th-Gulfstream, $74,400, Alw (C)/Opt. Clm ($62,500), 1-22, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.01, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

DRIFAROS (f, 4, Kantharos--Style Drift, by English Channel), third on debut over this track and trip Dec. 23 of her juvenile season, broke her maiden at Monmouth Park June 19 before adding an allowance victory at the Oceanport oval July 9. Coming off the extended break as the 9-1 choice, the chestnut filly overtook the even-money favorite Bluefield (Field Commission) just after exiting the gate as the pacesetter and would not be denied as she found more down the lane to win by 2 1/4 lengths over the late-charging Diamond Wow (Lookin At Lucky). Second dam Nikki Tootsie is responsible for some nice stakes winners in Runaway Lute (Midnight Lute); Judy Soda (Personal Flag); and Germanic (Henny Hughes). Currently, Style Drift is in foal to Instagramd. Sales History: $70,000 Wlg '19 KEENOV; $20,000 Vlg '20 KEESEP; $25,000 2yo '21 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-1, $118,100. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-My Purple Haze Stables; B-Hidden Springs Farm (KY); T-Teresa M. Pompay.

8th-Santa Anita, $73,000, (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($50,000), 1-22, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09.89, ft, 1/2 length.

AMERICAN LILY (f, 4, Bayern--Smart and Single, by Smart Strike) successfully returned to the main track after a failed turf experiment at Del Mar two months ago to earn the win here by a half-length. She stumbled out of the gate, and though she recovered quickly, had little choice but to let the speedy dueling duo of Princess Adaleigh (Goldencents) and Manorelli (Outwork) show the way. The bay filly comfortably stalked the early pacesetters while out toward the center of the track up the backstretch, but by the time she hit the turn, she was done waiting and was on the move and in full flight, making up significant ground on the leaders with each stride while widest of all. Soon after Princess Adaleigh passed the quarter pole in :44.63, American Lily was swung out for a straight shot to the wire and after battling with her two front-running rivals to her inside down the lane, slowly pulled away to earn the win as the 6-5 favorite. The winner is a half to All Out Blitz (Concord Point), SW & MGSP, $309,131. Smart and Single also produced the 3-year-old filly Always Smiling (Bayern) and the yearling colt Bilderberg (Ghostzapper). Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-1, $93,740. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O/B-Kaleem Shah, Inc. (KY); T-Peter Miller.
H P Moon holds off Magic Mule

H P Moon (r, 4, Malibu Moon--Fun Affair, by Distorted Humor), forced to scratch from his expected debut at Saratoga in the summer of 2021 due to an identification mix-up, was rerouted to Pimlico where he romped by 9 3/4 lengths and was promptly tabbed a ‘TDN Rising Star’ that August. Sidelines that fall after having minor surgery to remove an ankle chip, he resurfaced five months later to run sixth after leading for a half-mile in the January 2022 Spectacular Bid S. at Laurel. Back after an absence of nearly a year as the even-money favorite, the bay ridgling was bumped at the break, but rushed up to take the early lead. He pulled away on the turn and powered further clear in upper stretch before desperately holding off the late-closing Magic Mule (Distorted Humor) to win by nose. H P Moon was a $100,000 FTKSEL yearling who RNA’d for $385,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream sale. Fun Affair produced a filly by Connect in 2021 and a filly by Malibu Moon last year. A daughter of champion Caressing (Honour and Glory) and a half-sister to champion West Coast (Flatter), the mare died this month.

IN ORDER OF PURSE:

HAWKER (c, 3, Justify--Flaming Heart {SW-Can, SW & GSP-USA, $245,961}, by Touch Gold) was cutting back to 6 1/2 furlongs following a pair of fifth-place efforts over a mile in December. The 7-1 shot was hustled out of the gate before settling just off the pace while racing along the rail. Tipped out three wide at the top of the lane, the chestnut colt ran down Conclude (Collected) in the final strides to graduate by a half-length. Hawker, a $675,000 KEESEP yearling purchase, is a half-brother to Commissioner (A.P. Indy), MGSW & GISP, $962,237; Laugh Track (Distorted Humor), GSW-Can, GISP-USA, $598,014; and Intrepid Heart (Tapit), GSP, $562,382. Flaming Heart died in 2021 and last foal is a 2-year-old filly by Constitution. Her daughter Mythical Bride (Street Cry {Ire}) is the dam of champion Vino Rosso (Curlin). Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-0, $59,440.
O-Hronis Racing LLC, West Point Thoroughbreds and Woodford Racing, LLC; B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-John W. Sadler.

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3rd-Gulfstream, $70,000, Msw, 1-22, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:43.55, fm, neck.

ALLAMERICANBEAUTY (f, 3, Into Mischief--Apologize, by Lemon Drop Kid), debuting as the favorite at Aqueduct Dec. 4, finished just off-the-board in the slop that afternoon. Shipping to Shug McGaughey's southern base, the $700,000 KEESEP purchase trying turf, two-turns and Lasix for the first time, passed with flying colors. Racing mid-pack around the clubhouse turn, the 6-1 shot settled just to the outside of King's Secret (GB) (Kingman {GB}). Around the far turn, the pace quickened enough for the bay filly to position herself to shoot through a gap that opened up in the three-path down the lane. Avoiding traffic trouble on the rail, she kicked for home, and had enough energy to fend off a late charge from Doral (Quality Road) to win by a neck. Bomba Nera (War Front) was fourth, but she was taken down by the stewards and placed eighth after an inquiry determined that she bumped I'm a Sure Thing (Le Havre {Ire}), which caused King's Secret to be taken up on the rail. As for Tar Heel Girl (Into Mischief), she finished last, while Just The Sky (Justify) was seventh. The winner's dam, a full-sister to MGSW Aurelia's Belle, also has black-type on her mare's side of the family, including GISW Aldize (Storm Cat). She is responsible for a 2-year-old Tapit colt, a yearling filly by Medaglia d'Oro, and she was bred to Maclean's Music last year.

1st-Gulfstream, $70,000, Msw, 1-22, 3yo, f, 5fT, :56.25, fm, 2 1/4 lengths.

IVORY MOON (f, 3, Ransom the Moon--Ivory Coast, by Giant's Causeway), a 9-2 shot, rushed out to the early lead and was pressed through an opening quarter in :21.88. She opened up on the field in upper stretch and found another gear when challenged late by favored Balletic (Into Mischief), spurring away to score by 2 1/4 lengths. Ivory Moon was a $55,000 KEESEP weanling and a $50,000 FTKOCT yearling. Her dam, a half-sister to Grade I winner Malibu Mint (Malibu Moon), was exported to Saudi Arabia after selling for $7,000 at the 2020 Keeneland November sale. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

6th-Gulfstream, $70,000, Msw, 1-22, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.16, fm, 2 1/2 lengths.

WELL INTO (f, 3, Into Mischief--Well Acquainted {SP}, by Distorted Humor) was forced wide before finishing sixth over the Gulfstream grass in her one-mile debut Dec. 11. Getting Lasix for this second start, the 3-1 shot took the early lead and cruised along down the backstretch and into the far turn. She made quick work of the rest of the field as she accelerated to a 2 1/2-length score over Hay Stack (War Front). Out of a stakes-placed turf winner, her dam also has a 2-year-old by Ghostzapper and a yearling by War Front, both colts. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $42,600. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

9th-Santa Anita, $70,000, Msw, 1-22, 6 1/2fT, 1:15.32, fm, 3 1/4 lengths.

AG BULLET (f, 3, Twirling Candy--Noble Grey, by Forestry) went off at 25-1 in her only other start and finished fifth behind next-out GI Startlet S. winner Faiza (Girvin) at Del Mar Nov. 12. Making the surface switch to turf and adding Lasix for the first time, the gray filly broke alertly and wrestled the lead away from several competitors. Controlling the pace up front, she fended off a brief challenge around the far turn and extended her lead down the lane to win over debutante and $1.2-million Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream grad Ruby Nell (Bolt d'Oro) by more than three lengths. Ruby Nell raced greenly right from the gate as she trailed early while several runners were forced to check in traffic in the compact field ahead of her.
Still well back at the top of the lane, the pricey juvenile finally found her rhythm late to finish well while never challenging the geared-down winner. Part of a classy family on the dam side that includes GSW Lovely Lil (Tiznow) and SW Lovely Ride (Candy Ride [Arg]), Ag Bullet’s dam produced a 2021 colt by Honor Code and a filly the next year by Classic Empire. She was bred to Mendelssohn in 2022. Sales history: $220,000 yrl ’21 KEESEP; $30,000 wnlg ’20 KEENOV. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $41,600. O-C Nguyen & J Tran. B-H & E Ranch (Ky). T-G Papaprodromou.

6th-Santa Anita, $68,500, Msw, 1-22, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:43.81, ft, 4 1/2 lengths.

HARLOCAP (c, 3, Justify—Mezinka, by Bodemeister) was second on debut to ‘TDN Rising Star’ Spun Intended (Hard Spun) at Del Mar Nov. 26, and lost in the final sixteenth at Santa Anita Jan. 2 when second to stablemate Mr Fisk (Arrogate). This time the even-money favorite set the pace early and showed the way along the rail as a pair pursued. The $400,000 EASMAY buy repulsed a challenge around the far turn and opened up down the lane to secure the victory by a comfortable 4 1/2 lengths over Yellow Brick (Quality Road). Second dam Star of Goshen (Lord At War [Arg]) produced superstar sire MGISW Pioneerof the Nile (Empire Maker). The winner is out of an unraced mare who is responsible for a 2-year-old colt by Uncle Mo. The mare was bred consecutively to Authentic starting in 2021, but did not register a foal the following year. Sales History: $150,000 Ylg ’21 KEES; $275,000 2yo ’22 FTFMAR; $400,000 2yo ’22 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, $67,600. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG. O-Villa Rosa Farm, Inc. and Harlo Stables Corp.; B-Breed First LLC (KY); T-Philip A. Bauer.

5th-Turfway, $67,200, Msw, 1-21, 3yo, f, 6f (AWT), 1:11.36, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

TAMMY TAP TAP TAP (f, 3, Candy Ride [Arg]—Pay Lady, by Seeking the Gold), a $270,000 Ylg ’21 KEESEP, was dismissed at 10-1 in this debut. The dark bay filly raced keenly just off the heels of the pacesetters down the backstretch. She rolled up three wide into the stretch and forged to the lead with a furlong to run en route to a 1 1/2-length victory. No Tappin Out (Kantharos) closed late for second, a neck in front of Opening Act (Ghostzapper). Tammy Tap Tap Tap is a half-sister to Lighthouse Bay (Speightstown), GISW, $365,706. Pay Lady has a 2-year-old colt by Street Sense who was exported to Ireland after selling for $50,000 to bloodstock agent Chad Schumer at last year’s Keeneland September sale. After not being bred back in 2021, the unraced mare was bred to Good Magic and sold in foal to that champion for $47,000 at last year’s Keeneland November sale. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $42,000. O-Rigney Racing, LLC; B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY); T-Philip A. Bauer.

7th-Fair Grounds, $50,000, Msw, 1-22, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:43.70, gd, 8 3/4 lengths.

MAASAI WARRIOR (c, 4, Hard Spun—Waltzingintherain, by Tizway), who hit the board in six of his first 10 starts, was claimed for $50,000 halfway through his career and was most recently a runner-up at the Fair Grounds Jan. 1. Making his turf debut at 4-1, Maasi Warrior tracked from second and overtook an unruly Mo Time At All (Uncle Mo) just before the far turn. He extended his lead down the stretch, sailing home an 8 3/4-length winner. Caroom (Flintshire [GB]) was second. Dam Waltzingintherain has an unraced 3-year-old filly named Under Advisement (Mor Spirit). She is also responsible for a yearling colt by Good Magic and was bred to Silver State last season. Sales History: $105,000 Ylg ’19 KEENOV; $100,000 Ylg ’20 KEES. Lifetime Record: 11-1-3-3, $111,486. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG. O-Ronald J. Brockmeyer; B-Farfellow Farms LTD. & Godolphin (KY); T-George Leonard, III.

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2023 Stud Fee: $5,000 S&N

Funtastic Again with an Impressive Stakes Win

Three Chimneys’ Funtastic Again, who broke his maiden at Saratoga by 6 1/2 lengths, put himself on the Derby Trail with an easy 3 3/4 lengths win in the $125,000 Leonatus Stakes at Turfway.

The Wesley Ward-trainee is being pointed to the $700,000 Grade 3 Jeff Ruby.
SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: MONDAY, JANUARY 23

2022 Stud Fees Listed

**Army Mule** (Friesan Fire), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, $12,500
- 142 foals of racing age/25 winners/5 black-type winners
- 3-Mahoning Valley, 1:41 p.m. EST, Alw 6f, World Unite, 3-1

**Collected** (City Zip), Airdrie Stud, $10,000
- 234 foals of racing age/16 winners/1 black-type winner
- 3-Mahoning Valley, 1:41 p.m. EST, Alw 6f, Lady Giuliana, 15-1
  - $20,000 KEE NOV wnl; $30,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Good Samaritan** (Harlan's Holiday), WinStar Farm, $7,500
- 172 foals of racing age/19 winners/1 black-type winner
- 3-Mahoning Valley, 1:41 p.m. EST, Alw 6f, Long Black Veil, 10-1
  - $5,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl

**McCraken** (Ghostzapper), Airdrie Stud
- 48 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners
- 10-Parx Racing, 3:58 p.m. EST, Aoc 7f, McCrakens Ghost, 6-1

**Sharp Azteca** (Freud), Three Chimneys Farm, $15,000
- 200 foals of racing age/37 winners/4 black-type winners
- 3-Mahoning Valley, 1:41 p.m. EST, Alw 6f, Be Sharp, 15-1
  - $14,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

IN DUBAI:

**Legend of Cannes**, c, 3, Cairo Prince—Goodness Gray, by Pulpit.
- Meydan, 1-22, Mdn, 1600mT, 1:37.41. O-Fawzi Abdulla Nass; B-Randal Family Trust; T-Fawzi Nass. *$35,000 yr/’21 KEESEP.*

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**5th-Aqueduct, $88,000.** (NW3$X)/Opt. Clm ($80,000), 1-22, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10.36, ft, 7 lengths.

**PIRATE RICK** (g, 6, Liam's Map--Daddy Loves Gold {SW-PR, $160,558}, by Scat Daddy) Lifetime Record: 20-6-3-1, $247,754.
- O-Built Wright Stables, LLC.; B-Woods Edge Farm, LLC (KY); T-Norman L. Cash. *$350,000 Ylg ’18 KEESEP.*

**7th-Turfway, $76,000, 1-21, (NW3L), 4yo/up, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:43.40, ft, 3/4 length.**

**OCEAN ATLANTIQUE** (g, 6, American Pharoah--Tare Green, by Giant’s Causeway) Lifetime Record: SW & GSP-Fr, 20-3-4-2, $201,504.
- O-Three Diamonds Farm; B-Indian Creek (KY); T-Michael J. Maker. *$275,000 Ylg ’18 KEESEP; €1,100,000 2yo ’19 ARQMA; $180,000 4yo ’21 FTKHRA.*

**7th-Aqueduct, $72,000, (S), 1-22, (NW1$X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39.26, ft, 4 1/2 lengths.**

**TOUGH STREET** (f, 4, Speightster--La Condesa, by Freud)
- Lifetime Record: 8-3-3-1, $138,978. O-Caruso, Michael & Dubb, Michael; B-Cheryl Prudhomme & Michael Gallivan (NY); T-Chad C. Brown. *$22,000 Wlg ’19 FTNMIX; $37,000 Ylg ’20 EASOCT.*

**8th-Gulfstream, $72,000, (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($25,000), 1-22, 4yo/up, 5fT, .55.47, fm, 3/4 length.**

**MEETMEINKINGSTON** (h, 5, Uncaptured--Meetmeontime, by General Meeting) Lifetime Record: 10-2-3-4, $131,194.
- O-Lawson Racing Stables; B-Southern Chase Farm, Inc., Karen Dodd & Greg Dodd (IN); T-Todd A. Pletcher. $125,000 2yo ’20 OBSAPR. *1/2 to Bucchero (Kantharos), MGSW, $947,936.*

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7th-Laurel, $60,480, 1-22, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:14.14, ft, 1 length.
FUGGEDDABOUDIT (f, 4, Great Notion--Outwithbigdaddy, by Outflanker) Lifetime Record: 15-3-3-3, $160,383. O/B-No Guts No Glory Farm (MD); T-John J. Robb.

FuHGEDDABOUDIT (f, 4, Great Notion--Outwithbigdaddy, by Outflanker)

6th-Fair Grounds, $52,000, (S), (NW2X)/Opt. Clm ($20,000), 1-22, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:42.06, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.
VALE MALE (f, 4, Bodemeister--Wildwood Kantharos {SW, $132,472}, by Kantharos) Lifetime Record: 10-3-2-2, $84,680. O-D and S Stables LLC; B-J. Adcock & Hume Wornall (LA); T-James E. Hodges.

6th-Laufiel, $52,000, (C), (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:42.14, ft, 1 length.
FUHGEDDABOUDIT (f, 4, Great Notion--Outwithbigdaddy, by Outflanker)

5th-Sam Houston Race, $36,000, 1-22, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 5fT, :57.53, fm, 2 lengths.
LET'S GO ALAMO (g, 6, My Golden Song--Forever Since {SW, $131,770}, by Supreme Cat) Lifetime Record: 20-5-5-0, $139,197. O/B-Richard Chandler (TX); T-Mindy J. Willis.

5th-Sam Houston Race, $36,000, 1-22, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm ($20,000), 1-22, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:30.38, sy, neck.
LOVERS NEVER SAY (f, 4, Catalina Red--Exaggerate, by Cat Thief) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, $37,360. O-Mojica Stables, Inc.; B-Tony Lenci & Chad Stewart (LA); T-Edith A. Mojica. *1/2 to Exe (Exchange Rate), SW, $187,008.

8th-Delta Downs, $43,000, 1-21, (NW2L), 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:30.38, sy, neck.
LOVERS NEVER SAY (f, 4, Catalina Red--Exaggerate, by Cat Thief) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, $37,360. O-Mojica Stables, Inc.; B-Tony Lenci & Chad Stewart (LA); T-Edith A. Mojica. *1/2 to Exe (Exchange Rate), SW, $187,008.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Sweet Money, g, 3, Conquest Mo Money--Sweet Irish Easter, by Irish Open. Sunland, 1-22, (S), 6f, 1:11.02. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, $43,216. B-McKenna Thoroughbreds LLC (NM).

Harlocap (Justify) romps to graduation score at Santa Anita.

Agree to Settle, m, 5, Smiling Tiger--Sioux Zen, by Tiznow. Santa Anita, 1-22, (S), 6f, 1:11.90. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, $26,060. B-Harris Farms, Inc. (CA).
Aruba, g, 6, Kitten's Joy--Crane Beach, by Anabaa. Tampa Bay Downs, 1-22, 1 1/16mT, 1:43.01. Lifetime Record: 8-1-1-3, $76,230. B-John D. Gunther & Cudney Stables & Ramsey Farm (KY). *$25,000 Wlg '17 KEENOVO.

Additional Maiden Winners:
Sweet Money, g, 3, Conquest Mo Money--Sweet Irish Easter, by Irish Open. Sunland, 1-22, (S), 6f, 1:11.02. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, $43,216. B-McKenna Thoroughbreds LLC (NM).
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$5,000 S&N
American Pharoah, Ocean Atlantique, g, 6, o/o Tare Green, by Giant’s Causeway. ALW, 1-21, Turfway

Bayern, American Lily, f, 4, o/o Smart and Single, by Smart Strike. AOC, 1-22, Santa Anita

Bodemeister, Vale Male, f, 4, o/o Wildwood Kantharos, by Kantharos. AOC, 1-22, Fair Grounds

Boys At Tosconova, J D Advantage, f, 4, o/o Weefc, by Tapit. MCL, 1-22, Aqueduct

Candy Ride (Arg), Tammy Tap Tap Tap, f, 3, o/o Pay Lady, by Seeking the Gold. MSW, 1-21, Turfway

Catalina Red, Lovers Never Say, f, 4, o/o Exaggerate, by Cat Thief. ALW, 1-21, Delta Downs

Conquest Mo Money, Sweet Money, g, 3, o/o Sweet Irish Easter, by Irish Open. MSW, 1-22, Sunland

Declaration of War, Lady Commander, m, 5, o/o Spynin Feelin, by Speightstown. MSW, 1-22, Oaklawn

Drums of Thunder, Big Boo, g, 4, o/o Peakaboo Bride, by Langfuhr. MSW, 1-22, Fair Grounds

Flatter, Stonewall Star, f, 3, o/o Jonata, by Proud Citizen. Franklin Square S., 1-22, Aqueduct

Funtastic, Funtastic Again, c, 3, o/o Repeta, by Broken Vow. Leonatus S., 1-21, Turfway

Great Notion, Fuhegadaboudit, f, 4, o/o Outwithbigdaddy, by Outflanker. ALW, 1-22, Laurel

Hard Spun, Maasai Warrior, c, 4, o/o Waltzingintherain, by Tizway. MSW, 1-22, Fair Grounds

Into Mischief, Allamericanbeauty, f, 3, o/o Apologize, by Lemon Drop Kid. MSW, 1-22, Gulfstream

Into Mischief, Well Into, f, 3, o/o Well Acquainted, by Distorted Humor. MSW, 1-22, Gulfstream

Justify, Harlocaq, c, 3, o/o Mezinka, by Bodemeister. MSW, 1-22, Santa Anita

Justify, Hawker, c, 3, o/o Flaming Heart, by Touch Gold. MSW, 1-21, Santa Anita

Kantharos, Drifaros, f, 4, o/o Style Drift, by English Channel. AOC, 1-22, Gulfstream

Kitten’s Joy, Aruba, g, 6, o/o Crane Beach, by Anabaa. MSW, 1-22, Tampa Bay

Lea, Isabella’s Glory, f, 4, o/o Inglorious Song, by Broken Vow. MSW, 1-22, Laurel

Liam’s Map, Pirate Rick, g, 6, o/o Daddy Loves Gold, by Scat Daddy. AOC, 1-22, Aqueduct

Madefromlucky, Cynergy’s Electra, f, 3, o/o Smooth Talking, by Dixie Union. MSW, 1-22, Laurel

Malibu Moon, H P Moon, r, 4, o/o Fun Affair, by Distorted Humor. ALW, 1-22, Laurel

My Golden Song, Let’s Go Alamo, g, 6, o/o Forever Since, by Supreme Cat. ALW, 1-22, Sam Houston

My Golden Song, Sunlit Song, g, 8, o/o Fly So True, by Early Flyer. AOC, 1-22, Sam Houston

Practical Joke, Shidabhubuti, f, 3, o/o A. P. Candy, by Candy Ride (Arg). AOC, 1-22, Aqueduct

Prospective, Roll On Big Joe, c, 3, o/o Nina’s Gift, by Victory Gallop. MOC, 1-22, Gulfstream

Ransom the Moon, Ivory Moon, f, 3, o/o Ivory Coast, by Giant’s Causeway. MSW, 1-22, Gulfstream

Right Rigger, Social Club, f, 3, o/o Secret Source, by Mineshaft. MSW, 1-22, Sunland

Runhappy, Caballo Feliz, c, 3, o/o Cherry Lane, by Pionerof the Nile. MCL, 1-22, Oaklawn

Smiling Tiger, Agree to Settle, m, 5, o/o Sioux Zen, by Tiznow. MCL, 1-22, Santa Anita

Speightster, Tough Street, f, 4, o/o La Condesa, by Freud. ALW, 1-22, Aqueduct

Twirling Candy, Ag Bullet, f, 3, o/o Noble Grey, by Forestry, MSW, 1-22, Santa Anita

Uncaptured, Meetmeing Kingston, h, 5, o/o Meetmeontime, by General Meeting. AOC, 1-22, Gulfstream

Uncle Mo, Hang the Moon, f, 3, o/o Moondance, by Malibu Moon. AOC, 1-22, Fair Grounds

Violence, Violet Storm, f, 4, o/o Poly One Flex, by Giant’s Causeway. MCL, 1-22, Santa Anita
OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS ON THE ROUTE DES ETALONS

Haras de la Hetraie’s Mare Australis (Ire) on display during Sunday’s Route des Etalons | Alayna Cullen

By Brian Sheerin

Is it just me or should France be known as the bloodstock land of opportunity? This is the country that saw Wootton Bassett (GB) and Walk In The Park (Ire) pull themselves up by the bootstraps after entering the stud book at relatively modest sums. There are few serious racing nations that provide as much of a chance for a stallion to flourish than France does.

Take Kauto Star (Fr), the greatest staying chaser of the modern era, as an example. He hailed from the largely unheralded Village Star (Fr) but the cream was still provided with the right chance to rise to the top here.

A similar story was shared on one of the final stops of this year’s Route des Etalons at Haras de Montaigu as the stud’s Mathieu Leffray, along with his brother and father, sourced a mare by the name of Idaho Falls (Fr) for the miserly sum of €500 from the French equivalent of Done Deal.

What has that got to do with anything, you might ask? Because it was Idaho Falls who went on to produce multiple Grade 1-winning chaser Allaho (Fr), the highest-rated son of Haras de Montaigu’s No Risk At All (Fr), who played a starring role on the Route des Etalons.

No Risk At All has proven his versatility as a jumps sire given he is also responsible for Champion Hurdle-winning mare Epatante (Fr) and, as he stood proud in the French sunshine, another high-class prospect, Allegorie De Vassy (Fr), hardened her reputation for Cheltenham Festival honours when winning by a street at Thurles.

Opportunity does not just knock for the National Hunt breeder at Haras de Montaigu, either, with G1 Prix Morny and G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere winner Dabirsim (Fr) new to the roster, as Emma Berry highlighted in her preview of La Route.

Along with the opportunities available to Flat an National Hunt breeders in France, another thing that quickly became apparent whilst touring through Normandie was how interconnected the breeding sector is, with every stud playing host to a foreign-registered vehicle and many of the same faces who toured the Irish Stallion Trail a week previously spotted in attendance.

One man in particular who reported an increased level of international traffic, largely down to young sires Persian King (Ire) (Kingman {GB}) and Hello Youmzain (Fr) (Kodiac {GB}), was Nicolas de Chambure of Haras d’Etremont. Cont. p3

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WEEK IN REVIEW: T.D. THORNTON

T.D. Thornton looks into the growing number of syndicate partners in racing.
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A WINNER FOR RIBCHESTER
Mitumba (Fr), from the family of Alexander Goldrun (Ire) (Gold Away {Ire}) breaks her maiden in France.

WELL-RELATED MASTERCRAFTSMAN COLT SCORES
Not Alone (Ire) is game at second asking to visit the winner’s enclosure at Cagnes-sur-Mer.

NORTH BRIDGE CARRIES THE DAY IN NAKAYAMA
The son of Maurice picked up another group victory in the G2 American Jockey Club Cup.
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A strapping son of Kingman, the French 2,000 Guineas winner Persian King is quite the contrast to the dual Group 1-winning sprinter Hello Youmzain, but both stallions, whose foals sold well in 2022, compliment each other at stud.

“We have great expectations for them,” de Chambure said. “We put in plenty of work in getting Persian King and Hello Youmzain purchased and then by putting the syndicate together to support them.

“When the foals arrived, it was the first step towards seeing a little bit more of them, and obviously the breeders had high expectations and they’ve met those expectations so we are very happy.

“Persian King and Hello Youmzain are very different horses. That is also why we took the risk to retire two horses in the same year because they have very different profiles and are from different sire lines.

“The foals also looked different and were what you’d expect from their stallions. We will keep a good eye on them throughout the spring and right up to the yearling sales. That’s going to be very important for them and then hopefully, they will be spread out among good trainers around Europe. We will be supporting them as well.”

De Chambure added, “The fact that British and Irish breeders can see that these good French sires have appeal to the main pinhookers and trainers in the industry, I think that will give them the confidence to increase their trust in these French stallions on the whole. It has been very positive.”

Etreham also has the first 2-year-olds by City Light (Fr), a smart miler by Siyouni (Fr), to look forward to in 2023 while, interestingly, de Chambure revealed that breeders are now adopting a different approach to the mares they are sending to Almanzor (Fr) (Wootton Bassett {GB}).

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He explained, "City Light has over 90 2-year-olds to run this season and, being a son of Siyouni, there is a bit of a buzz about him. The first reports are positive. His 2-year-olds are quite racey and, by the end of the year, we can expect them to be showing what they can do because they should be 2-year-olds."

"Almanzor has four or five exciting horses who have just turned three. He has an important year ahead of him but I think he has the numbers coming and breeders have adapted in the mares that they have been sending him. We are going to continue to see him improve and his next big horse is just around the corner, I am sure of that."

That horse could well be the Aga Khan's Rajapour (Ire), unbeaten in three starts at two and, crucially, hailing from the smart Rock Of Gibraltar (Ire) mare Raydara (Ire), who is exactly the type de Chambure will be encouraging breeders to send Almanzor going forward.

"We were all a bit surprised that Almanzor had been throwing some size and, from his first crop, we got a few who were a bit big and backward. We all realised that and, even though they were like that, he showed that he can sire a really good horse. They can quicken and they have a turn of foot. Most of the breeders, the mares they have sent him now have a bit more speed and are more short-coupled, and we have seen the difference in the progeny."

Just a half an hour down the road from Haras d'Etreham, some of the finest National Hunt sires standing in France were on show Haras de la Hetraie, including Gold Cup-producing Kapgarde (Fr), whose Fakir D'Oudaires (Fr) took the feature G2 Kinloch Brae Chase at Thurles on Sunday.

The sire of last year’s Gold Cup hero A Plus Tard (Fr) was joined in parade by fellow accomplished National Hunt stallion Great Pretender (Ire), best known for being the sire of Benie Des Dieux (Fr) and Greaneteen (Fr).

But it wasn’t all about the stallions at Haras de la Hetraie, as not only did the stud offer top-notch entertainment when For Fun (Fr) lived up to his name by trying his hardest to break away from his handler, but the spread on offer was not bettered on the trip.

If it’s French onion soup made by the boss himself, Pascal Noue, a fine selection of cured meats and enough oysters to feed a small village, Haras de la Hetraie was worth the trip even for those who hadn’t got a mare in tow.

However, the majority of the people who made the trip to Sumbe were there in a professional capacity, according to Mathieu Le Forestier, nominations and racing manager at the stud, who reported that a lot of business had been done across the two days.

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Easy to see why. Horses like **Mishriff (Ire)** (Make Believe (GB)) don't retire to stud very often and, despite the fact that his debut season will be interrupted due to a slight setback, Le Forestier explained how interest in the stallion has not dwindled in the slightest because of it.

He said, "We envisage him covering 140 mares this year, which is a good number. The Prince [Faisal] will send him 35 to 40 mares of his own, which leaves about 100 nominations in Mishriff. There have been virtually no cancellations from breeders after we announced his setback and the interest in him did not wane. We expect that he will resume covering on March 15 and we don't see it being a big issue, except maybe for in the case of maiden mares.

"There aren't many alternatives to a horse of the quality Mishriff has in France and we have waited a long time to have a freshman with credentials as good as he has in the stud book here. Selling him is not the hardest job in my life.

"The good thing about Mishriff and **Golden Horde (Ire)** [Lethal Force (Ire)] here at Sumbe is that they do the talking. We have done a lot of business over the past two days. There have not been many passers by and most of the people that have come here have been serious breeders."

On the 2020 G1 Commonwealth Cup winner Golden Horde, who stands for €8,000, he added, "Golden Horde has been popular. He'll have good numbers but, most importantly, the right blend of people who breed to race and those who breed to sell have used him. We have 15 yearlings by him that we plan to race and they will be divided up between Andre Fabre, Jean-Claude Rouget, Roger Varian and Clive Cox."

The sentiments shared by Le Forestier about Mishriff were echoed by Mathieu Alex at Haras de Beaumont about G1 Qipco Champion S. winner **Sealiway (Fr)** (Galiway (GB)), set to stand for €12,000 this season, and very much the pride and joy of Pauline Cheboub's operation.

Asked if there had been much international interest at Haras de Beaumont about G1 Qipco Champion S. winner **Sealiway (Fr)** (Galiway (GB)), set to stand for €12,000 this season, and very much the pride and joy of Pauline Cheboub's operation.

"There has been a short-supply of top-class stallions in France and then we had three or four good ones at the same time. I don't know why that is. **Siyouni** is getting old, Le Havre is dead and now **Wootton Bassett** is gone. There is an opening and we need new good ones coming through. French people know that and, without mares, it doesn't matter how good Sealway is, we need the mares. We are in the process of sorting out the mares for him this year and the important thing is numbers."

If La Hetraie boasted the best food of the tour, well then the biggest crowd was recorded at Haras de Bonneval, where over 100 people turned out to see **Siyouni** and co. strut their stuff during one of the afternoon sessions on Saturday.

**Siyouni** may have been the star attraction but **Zarak (Fr)** (Dubawi (Ire)), one of the hottest properties the country has to offer and set to stand for €60,000 this term, sent tongues wagging. Even Alain De Royer-Dupre turned out to say a few words about his Group 1-winner who has quickly made his mark at stud.

One of the more famous studs in France, Haras de Bouquetot, were provided with an opportunity to showcase some of its newbies, with **Galileo Gold (GB)** (Paco Boy (Ire)) having made the move from Tally-Ho to stand alongside fellow newcomer **Thunder Moon (Ire)** (Zoffany (Ire)). **Armor (GB)** should make plenty of appeal to breeders, being a speedy son of **No Nay Never**, but there was no doubting the star attraction, as **Wooded (Ire)** (Wootton Bassett (GB)) wowed everyone in attendance and makes plenty of sense at €12,000.
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Whether you are a high-end breeder on the Flat, want to produce the next big jumping star or are in search of a bit of value over both codes, the 2023 Route des Etalons confirms that there is something for everyone in France.

Three Takeaways from the Route Des Etalons

After a helter-skelter two days touring some of the best studs in France, here are some takeaways from a memorable trip.

Important Newbies

Mathieu Alex obviously has a vested interest in seeing Sealiway succeed but he spoke frankly and honestly about the need for another superstar stallion in France. Siyouni is obviously operating at his pomp and, if Zarak continues on the trajectory that he is on, he could well take over the mantle but the importance of horses like Sealiway and Mishriff entering the stud book in France cannot be understated. Let’s hope they are a success as there is clearly an opening there.

Exciting Times For Haras d’Etreham

Haras d’Etreham managed Wootton Bassett from a €6,000 freshman to becoming a €40,000 stallion after just seven seasons before Coolmore swooped in and secured a deal for him to stand in Ireland in 2021 where he stands to this day for a cool €150,000.

Have Etreham uncovered the next Wootton Bassett in either Persian King or Hello Youmzain? That is obviously an exceptionally high bar to aim for but the early signs are promising.

In Persian King, Etreham can offer breeders a quality son of Kingman who has plenty of size while Hello Youmzain is exactly what you’d expect one of the fastest sons of Kodiac to look like.

The first foals by both stallions went down well in 2022, with some notable names signing for the progeny of the two, and it appears as though the future is bright for everyone at the famous French stud.

Dominance Of The Jumps

The dominance of the French-breds over jumps in Britain and Ireland is nothing new and a major highlight of the trip was getting the chance to see Kapgarde and No Risk At All in the flesh.

On Saturday, the Willie Mullins-trained It’s For Me (Fr) (Jeu St Eloi (Fr)) shot to the head of the Champion Bumper betting when bolting up in a Navan bumper for Simon Munir and Isaac Souede. Jeu St Eloi is more or less an unknown as a stallion in Britain and Ireland, which goes back to the point made about France’s ability as a nation to churn out top-class horses time and time again from relatively obscure origins.

Beaumec De Houelle (Fr) could be the next sleeper of a stallion for National Hunt breeders to take note of. One of the only sons of Martaline (GB) to stand in France, he won five of his six starts, including the Group 1 3-year-old hurdle at Auteuil in 2018.

Of course, jumps horses retiring to stud is nothing new in France, with Balko being another example, whereas it is quite rare in Ireland. Apart from Nickname, few entries have competed at the highest level, although who’s to say what heights Sir Eric would have reached had he not suffered a fatal injury.

The French do things differently, that’s for sure, and they are all the better for it. The proof, as they say, is in the eating, and there was a lot to digest on this trip.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:
Glen Buck (Ire), g, 4, Lope De Vega (Ire)--Pecking Order (Ire) (SP-Fr), by Fastnet Rock (Aus). Newcastle, 1-22, 8f 5y (AWT), 1:45.70. B-Merry Fox Stud Limited (IRE). *180,000gns RNA Ylg ’20 TATOCT.

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Sunday’s Results:
**1st-Cagnes-sur-Mer, €23,000, Mdn**, 1-22, 3yo, c/g, 10f (AWT), 2:03.10, st.
**NOT ALONE (IRE) (c, 3, Mastercraftsman {Ire}--You Alone {Ire}, by Frankel {GB})**, runner-up on debut over 9 1/2 furlongs on Deauville’s Polytrack last month, was settled third of the quartet with the pace only moderate. In front passing two out, the 1-2 favourite produced a resolute galloping display to see off Back To Black (Fr) (Al Wukair {Ire}) and score by 3/4 of a length. The winner is the first foal out of a daughter of the dual listed-winning and group-placed Only Green (Ire) (Green Desert), a half-sister to the operation’s G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest and G1 Prix de la Foret heroine Occupandiste (Ire) (Kaldoun {Fr}) who also produced the G2 Prix d’Harcourt-winning young sire Shaman (Ire) (Shamardal). Descended from Fall Aspen, the winner is linked to the sires Mondialiste (Ire) and Intello (Ger) by Frankel’s sire Galileo (Ire) and to Frankel’s G3 Prix d’Arenberg-winning daughter Kalahara (GB). You Alone’s second foal is the 2-year-old filly Brodure (Ire) (Lope De Vega {Ire}), while her third is the yearling colt Without (Ire), another by Lope De Vega. Lifetime Record: 2:1-1-0, €16,900. **Video, sponsored by TVG.**
O/B-Wertheimer et Frere (IRE); T-Christophe Ferland.

**3rd-Cagnes-sur-Mer, €23,000, Mdn**, 1-22, 3yo, f, 10f (AWT), 2:03.87, st.
**MITUMBA (FR) (f, 3, Ribchester {Ire}--Military Angel {GSP-Ire}, by Big Brown)**, second last time over this trip at Pau in November, tracked in third against the fence. Needing all of the straight to reel in the leader More (Fr) (Shalaa {Ire}), the 27-10 chance managed it in the final stride to prevail by a nose. The dam, who was second in the G3 Fairy Bridge S. and third in the G3 Leopardstown 1000 Guineas Trial, hails from the family of the five-times top-level winner Alexander Goldrun (Ire) (Gold Away {Ire})). Sales history: €30,000 Ylg ‘21 ARQAUT. Lifetime Record: 3:1-1-0, €16,900. **Video, sponsored by TVG.**
O-Ecuries Serge Stempien; B-Haras de Beauvoir (FR); T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

**2nd-Cagnes-sur-Mer, €30,000, 1-22, 3yo, 8f (AWT), 1:37.65, st.**
**CAMBRONNE (FR) (c, 3, Alex The Winner--Candie {Fr}, by Kendargent {Fr})** Lifetime Record: SP-Fr, 8-3-1-1, €60,730. O-Jean-Pierre-Joseph Dubois; B-Mme L Lemiere Dubois (FR); T-Patrice Cottier.

**5th-Cagnes-sur-Mer, €26,000, 1-22, 4yo/up, 10f (AWT), 2:01.02, st.**
**KAHUNA (FR) (g, 6, Charm Spirit {Ire}--Brigh {Ire}, by Galileo {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 18-6-3-1, €120,815. O-SARL Mon Romain; B-Al Asayl Bloodstock Ltd (FR); T-Francois Rohaut. *€34,000 HRA ‘19 ARQAUT.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:**
**Alpage (Fr), g, 3, Raven’s Pass--Mountain Rose (Ger), by Tiger Hill (Ire). Cagnes-sur-Mer, 1-22, 10f (AWT), 2:01.41.**
B-J C Seroul (FR).

**IN DUBAI:**
**Grand Dubai (Ire), h, 5, Dawn Approach (Ire)--Miss Verdooyante (GB) by Montjeu (Ire). Meydan, 1-22, Hcp., 2000m, 2:06.63.**
**VIDEO (SC 3)**
European-Bred Winners Cont.

Invincibly (Ire), g, 5, Invincible Spirit (Ire)--Recite (Jpn) by Forty Niner. Meydan, 1-22, Hcp., 1800mT, 1:49.86. O-Bouresly Racing Syndicate. B-F Dunne (Ire). T-Rashed Bouresly. *Full to One Spirit (Ire), MGSP-Ire, $102,541 and Some Spirit (Ire), GSP-Ire. **€110,000 Ylg ‘19 GOFOCT; 125,000gns 2yo ‘20 TATJUN; 78,000gns HRA ‘22 TATJUL. VIDEO (SC 5)

Zucchini (GB), g, 8, Dubawi (Ire)--Zofzig, by Danzig. Meydan, 1-22, Hcp., 2000mT, 2:04.41. (34,000gns HRA ‘19 TATFEB). O-Hamdan Harmash. B-Godolphin (GB). T-Ahmad bin Harmash. *1/2 to Zorion (GB) (Smart Strike), GSP-Ire, $142,392; 1/2 to Zip Top (Ire) (Smart Strike), G1SP-GB. VIDEO (SC 4)

Hyde Park (GB), g, 9, Oasis Dream (GB)--Deliberate (GB) by King’s Best. Meydan, 1-22, Hcp., 1600m, 1:37.97. O-Sultan Ali. B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB). T-Salem bin Ghadayer. *1/2 to Projected (GB) (Showcasing (GB)), GSW-US, SP-Fr, $758,300; Headman (GB) (Kingman (GB)), MGSW-Fr, $430,789; Delivery (GB) (Rail Link (GB)), GSP-Fr. **210,000gns HRA ‘17 TATNOV. VIDEO (SC 6)

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Sunday, Chukyo, Japan
TOKAI TV HAI TOKAI S.-G2, ¥106,320,000, Chukyo, 1-22, 4yo/up, 1800m, 1:51.20, gd.
1--PROMISED WARRIOR (JPN), 126, h, 6, Majestic Warrior
1st Dam: Promised Spark (Jpn), by Fuji Kiseki (Jpn)
2nd Dam: Plain (Jpn), by Jade Robbery
3rd Dam: Dyna Land (Jpn), by Northern Taste
1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN; 1ST GROUP WIN. O-Silk Racing; B-Bando Farm; T-Kenji Nonaka; J-Bauyrzhan Murzabayev; ¥56,064,000. Lifetime Record: 7-5-1-0. Werk Nick Rating: B+. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

2--Hagino Alegrias (Jpn), 126, h, 6, by Kizuna (Jpn)--Tanino Charis (Jpn), by Generous (Ire). (¥16,000,000 yrl’18 JRHAJUL). O-Yoshie Hinokuma; B-Okada Stud; ¥22,304,000.

3--Hayabusa Nandekun (Jpn), 126, h, 7, Gold Allure (Jpn)--White Cruiser (Jpn), by Kurofune. (¥21,000,000 wnlg ’16 JRHAJUL). O-Osamu Takeda; B-Grand Farm; ¥14,152,000. Margins: 2, 2, 2HF; Odds: 4.10, 1.70, 5.30. Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. Click for the JRA chart and video.

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Sunday, Nakayama, Japan
AMERICAN JOCKEY CLUB CUP-G2, ¥119,900,000, Nakayama, 1-22, 4yo/up, 2200mT, 2:13.50, fm.
1--NORTH BRIDGE (JPN), 126, h, 5, Maurice (Jpn)
1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN; 1ST GROUP WIN. O-Silk Racing; B-Bando Farm; T-Kenji Nonaka; J-Bauyrzhan Murzabayev; ¥54,500,000. Lifetime Record: 7-5-1-0. Werk Nick Rating: A+. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

2--Echt (Jpn), 126, h, 6, Rulership (Jpn)--Hela (Jpn), by Deep Impact (Jpn). O-Yu Hirai; B-Shirai Farm; ¥25,280,000.

3--Uberleben (Jpn), 121, m, 5, Gold Ship (Jpn)--Meine Theresia (Jpn), by Roses in May. O-Thoroughbred Club Ruffian; B-Big Red Farm; ¥16,140,000. Margins: 3/4, 3/4, 3/4; Odds: 7.60, 12.60, 7.00. Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. Click for the JRA chart and video.

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There are also progeny of international sires Camelot (GB) (1), Night Of Thunder (Ire) (3), Lope De Vega (Ire) (1) and New Bay (GB) (1), as well as the only Australian-bred Maurice (Jpn) yearling offered in 2023.

Inglis CEO of Bloodstock Sales, Sebastian Hutch told TDN AusNZ that the catalogue is headed by some of the best yearlings by Australia’s best proven stallions, but is underpinned by some youngsters by some of the emerging stallions.

“There are a lot of very well-credentialled young mares with first, second or third foals in the catalogue. I suppose my feeling when we were putting the catalogue together, was that it was just a fantastically strong consolidation of yearlings by proven stallions, which traditionally it always has been, but we are in a changing landscape of stallions at the moment,” he said.

“But to have consolidated the numbers of yearlings by the likes of I Am Invincible, Snitzel, Written Tycoon, Zoustar, Exceed And Excel and Extreme Choice and for them to be of the quality that they are is really exciting.

“Then to have them supplemented by yearlings, not just by those exciting first-season horses, but some of the stallions that look really promising, what we might call progressive young stallions, including Trapeze Artist, Justify, The Autumn Sun and even Toronado, who is an established stallion, but the quality of mares has improved exponentially year on year and he is well represented in the catalogue.”

The sale has its usual lineup of high-class vendors who have once again thrown their support behind the auction.
In total, 49 different vendors are represented in the sale, headed by Arrowfield Stud with 68 entries, joined by the likes of Coolmore Stud (44), Widden Stud (43), Vinery Stud (31), Segenhoe Stud (22), Newgate Farm (17), Newhaven Park (13), Yarraman Park Stud (17), Torryburn Stud (8) and a host of other leading nurseries.

**Instilling confidence**

This year’s sale comes in the wake of last year’s recording-breaking edition at which the average soared to a new mark of $399,700 up 10 per cent from the year before when it was a record $368,945. The median also leapt to $300,000 from $280,000. The 2022 edition of the sale posted a record aggregate of $153,085,000 up $134,665,000 on 2021.

Hutch said the results from previous sales are crucial in instilling all-important confidence in both vendors and buyers to return to the well 12 months later.

“We set up with the objective of trying to put together the best catalogue of what we possibly can,” said Hutch. “The outcome of the previous year’s sale is crucial to giving people confidence they can send their best yearlings to any sale, so in the case of Easter the expectations are always particularly high.

“As a consequence, it was great to be able to run the sale as well as it ran in 2022, it broke a long-established record, that effectively looked unbeatable and that is the perfect footing to go and canvas for yearlings for the 2023 sale and people have responded incredibly positively.”

This year’s sale is typically brimming with some of the best-related horses out of the best-credentialled mares the country has to offer, including a Snitzel half-sister to exciting Listed MRC Debutant S. winner King’s Gambit (I Am Invincible) (Lot 392), while she is joined at the sale by a three-quarter brother by Pariah to reigning The Everest her Giga Kick (Scissor Kick) and the half-sister to Yes Yes Yes, who won the $10 million event in 2019, earning himself a spot on the Coolmore Stud roster.

The catalogue also includes siblings to some of the biggest stars of the track, including Group 1 winners Hitotsu (Maurice (Jpn)), Mazu (Maurice (Jpn)), Elsberg (Spill The Beans), Russian Revolution, Pride Of Dubai, Loving Gaby (I Am Invincible), Santa Ana Lane (Lope De Vega {Ire}) and G1 Golden Slipper S. winners Estijaab (Snitzel) and Mossfun (Mossman) to name a small few.

There are also the progeny out of some exciting top-flight winners, spearheaded by G1 Blue Diamond S, winner Catchy (Fastnet Rock), English (Encosta De Lago), Shoals (Fastnet Rock), Dixie Blossoms (*Street Sense* {USA}) and Qafila (Not A Single Doubt).

However, pedigrees aside, Hutch said he and his team at Inglis have been working extremely hard to pinpoint horses with the right physical characteristics to meet the expectations of all areas of the market.

“We just want to put nice horses in the catalogue. Inevitably at Easter, it tends to be nice horses with good horses and exciting pedigrees and we have put horses in the sale, that are good-looking yearlings that we feel will be at their best in April in terms of their growth cycle at this stage of their lives,” explained Hutch.

“Some of the horses could have gone to other sales but we have worked with vendors to place them effectively in this sale. They are not average yearlings, they are horses that might make $150,000-$200,000 but we think they are horses that people want to buy when they see them at the sale and vendors were very receptive to the idea.”

**Value opportunities**

The Inglis Easter sale is renowned for high-priced yearlings, indeed last year alone there were 20 $1-million-plus lots, including a $3 million transaction paid by Tom Magnier for the Zoustar colt was the highest Australian yearling price since 2013.

However, Hutch believes despite the strong results at the top end, there have been many instances where buyers have snared yearlings at value prices.

Indeed, some of the most high-profile graduates of the sale have been purchased for $200,000 or less including G1 Coolmore Stud S. winner Exceedance, who was purchased for $180,000 in 2018, while G1 Australian Derby winner Quick Thinker (So You Think {NZ}) was bought by Hubie de Burgh for $100,000 at the same edition of the sale and G1 VRC Oaks winner Aristia (Lonhro) was bought for $80,000.
“I think in the professional environment that we are in it is a sale that merits being taken at least seriously as any other sale by investors at all levels and even potentially more seriously because historically there have been opportunities to snare what look to be particularly good value yearlings at that sale,” said Hutch.

The current global economic landscape is volatile and Hutch is proceeding towards every Inglis sale with caution, but is confident he has all the right infrastructure in place to weather the changing climate and get the best results for both the buyers and vendors.

“I’m excited of course, but at the same time we do take a guarded pretty pessimistic view as to where we are going to land through the spring and ultimately that is what keeps us and everyone in the company highly motivated to get the best outcome and we work really hard to get the best yearlings we can,” he said.

“Undoubtedly, this is going to be almost certainly the most challenging post-pandemic year we’ve had and probably the most challenging year we’ve had in some time. Obviously, there is tremendous confidence in the bloodstock market, but there are economic factors at play that are going to inhibit the ability for certain players to participate at the sale at the same level.

“We have had one yearling sale already this year and it was a very good sale, but we have already seen evidence of the challenges starting to manifest themselves. This is something we’ve got to be very conscious of, but awareness of it at this early stage means we are doing everything we can to mitigate any of that risk and we hopefully deliver the best results we can to our vendors and hopefully produce yearlings that can end up being good race horses for our buyers.”