UNIQUE PARTNERSHIP OF BREEDERS BRINGS MIND CONTROL TO NY

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by Diana Pikulski

Tenacious to the end, Red Oak Stable and Madaket Stable’s Mind Control (Stay Thirsty) closed out his career with a win in the 2022 GI Cigar Mile, his third Grade I win and his 11th black-type victory. In a remarkable 29 starts over five years, Mind Control amassed total winnings of $2,185,834. In that race, as in all of Mind Control’s stakes wins, he beat an impressive field of competitors, including favored Zandon, White Abarrio, and Get Her Number. Big numbers, indeed.

BAFFERT DENIED INJUNCTION TO RACE IN DERBY; CDI PREVAILS IN 5 OF 6 COUNTS FOR DISMISSAL by T.D. Thornton

A federal judge on Friday denied Bob Baffert a preliminary injunction that the Hall of Fame trainer had sought to be eligible to race in this year’s GI Kentucky Derby.

Churchill Downs, Inc. (CDI), the defendant in Baffert’s year-old lawsuit, also scored a legal victory when Judge Rebecca Jennings of United States District Court (Western District of Kentucky) granted the gaming corporation’s motion to dismiss the case on five of the six counts that CDI had argued.

Baffert was attempting to reverse the second year of a two-year ban by CDI that prohibits his trainees from racing at CDI-controlled tracks, accruing Derby qualifying points and competing in the Derby.

CDI first imposed that punishment in June 2021 because of a string of drug positives in horses Baffert trained, including two in CDI’s most prominent races, the 2020 GI Kentucky Oaks and the 2021 Derby.

“Churchill Downs is pleased that the Court denied Mr. Baffert’s demand for a preliminary injunction and granted our motion to dismiss on all but one claim, and on that claim the Court held that Mr. Baffert did not establish a likelihood of success on the merits,” CDI spokesperson Tonya Abeln wrote in an emailed statement.

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American trainer Phil D’Amato explains how he and his team have built a top stable based around European imports. Brian Sheerin has the details.

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Mind Control takes a spin around his paddock last month at Rockridge Stud. | Sarah Andrew

LOUISIANA DERBY PREVIEW DAY IN NOLA

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"He is probably one of the better horses, if not the best horse, that has ever come to New York," said Michael Lischin of Dutchess Views Farms. The winning of the GI Cigar Mile is a great prep for being a stallion."

Speaking to the TDN after the Cigar Mile, Todd Pletcher, who began training Mind Control in 2020, said, "If you like horse racing, you've got to love this horse. He's cool. He's done it consistently year after year at multiple distances. He's a great horse to be able to train. He's remarkably consistent and shows up every morning."

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Keeneland will reoffer six 2-year-olds previously purchased as yearlings at last year’s September Sale which are actively in training in Ocala.

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Offers can be submitted from Monday, Feb. 27 at 9 a.m. to Wednesday, March 1 at noon EST.

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Mind Control cont.

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"When we got the partnership together, it grew very quickly because, just like anything else, word of mouth goes very quickly," said Lere Visage, owner of Rockridge Stud. "These are the bigger farms, all bound together to support a horse that they all think is going to be legit and that can improve the state and improve the mare base that we have. There's never been a partnership like that done in New York with any of the farms."

The partners said they were confident in the quality of Mind Control's first book. Just before breeding season, to boost the stallion's chances, partners and prospective supporters purchased additional mares in Kentucky. And the partners' phones ring constantly, they said.

"Several trainers have booked mares to Mind Control," said Visage. "They saw him as a racehorse. With that much heart and stamina, this horse is worth taking a look at. Nothing like Mind Control has ever stood in New York."

In impressive New York style, Mind Control took his first Grade I in the 2018 Hopeful S. at Saratoga and his second in the H. Allen Jerkens Memorial S., also at Saratoga. In his first start for Pletcher, Mind Control won the GII John A. Nerud S. He won the Parx Dirt Mile two starts later, was third in the 2022 GI Carter H.

Two months after that, he beat Hot Rod Charlie (Oxbow) in Monmouth's GI Salvator Mile. In his last start before the Cigar Mile, he finished a neck behind the leader in the Sept. 24 Parx Dirt Mile, but was promoted to first via DQ.

"He won from six furlongs to a mile," said Lischin. "To win a Grade I race at seven furlongs at two and three, and then continue on with stakes wins every year and closing out with a Grade I stakes race at six and over $2 million is a great race record. He beat Knicks Go, Firenze Fire, Instagramd, Zandon, and Hot Rod Charlie, amongst numerous others."

Bringing the New York farms together as a stallion just like he brought racing fans together in his career, Mind Control has created excitement in the New York Thoroughbred breeding scene.

"He comes with a lot of credentials and that's kind of a solid beginning to a horse," said Visage. "It is also very exciting to see, and kind of refreshing to know, that the farms can all work together and, you know, support a horse that they feel is worth supporting."

Mind Control is will stand at $8,500 LFSN.

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Abeln continued, "Today's opinion is a victory for the integrity of horseracing and we will continue to take action to protect the safety of our human and equine athletes,"

A voicemail message seeking comment from Baffert did not yield a return call prior to deadline for this story.

Baffert's attorney, Clark Brewster, spoke to TDN around 6:30 p.m. Eastern on Friday. He said he was just leaving a federal courthouse in Wisconsin after arguing another case, and that he would only be able to comment based on a summary of the rulings because he had not yet had time to fully read Judge Jennings's orders.

"This is extraordinary, because the whole alleged rule violation was based on the use of a salve or an ointment that was expressly permitted and authorized by the rules," Brewster said. "There's no question about it. No person could look at it now and say that that was a rule violation.... So then you wonder how a private entity could just take somebody out for two years without even having an interest in knowing the merit of their position... Cont. p5
"All it would have taken was dialogue [with CDI], a fair exchange of information," Brewster continued. "And this devastating action they took was very damaging to horse racing. It wasn’t the use of the salve that was damaging to horse racing. It was the reaction without any knowledge or interest in obtaining knowledge.

"I haven’t talked to Bob because I just stepped out of the courtroom," Brewster said. "But I can tell you, knowing Bob well, he’s amazing from the standpoint of accepting other people’s actions toward him, even though they’re misplaced in the facts."

"As explained, Baffert is the only trainer whose horses have tested positive in back-to-back marquee races on CDI tracks," Jennings wrote. "Failing to punish trainers whose horses test positive in marquee races could harm CDI’s reputation and the integrity of their races. Moreover, trainers have already earned points towards the 2023 Kentucky Derby. If Plaintiffs’ horses are allowed to race, then they would necessarily exclude those who would have otherwise qualified," Jennings wrote.

"The Court finds that CDI and innocent third parties who have already earned points would be substantially harmed if the court imposed an injunction. Therefore, the substantial harm factor weighs against injunctive relief," Jennings wrote.

"The final factor the Court must evaluate is ‘whether the public interest would be served by the issuance of the injunction.’ There is a strong public interest in deterring misconduct on CDI’s tracks. Moreover, the Sixth Circuit has held that ‘[t]he public has a strong interest in holding private parties to their agreements.’

"Baffert signed the Rules and Conditions for Racing and Training and the Stall Application. Accordingly, the Court is inclined to hold the parties to their agreements. The Court finds that the public interest weighs against injunctive relief," Jennings wrote.

Baffert had initially sued CDI on Feb. 28, 2022, alleging civil rights violations related to what he said was a deprivation of his right to due process of law guaranteed under the Fourteenth Amendment.

But in her Feb 17, 2023, order, Jennings wrote that Baffert’s time lag for renewing his initial motion for preliminary injunction was a factor in her determination not to grant it.

"Plaintiffs renewed their motion for a preliminary injunction approximately 10 months after filing the Complaint..." Jennings wrote. "This means they waited approximately 19 months after the [2021 CDI] suspension to request injunctive relief from this Court. In their reply and at the Feb. 2 hearing, the only excuse Plaintiffs could give for their delay was the pursuit of litigation in other jurisdictions.... Accordingly, Plaintiffs’ delay weighs against a finding of irreparable harm from the outset of the Court's analysis."

Jennings then wrote about other alleged harms Baffert had articulated.

"Plaintiffs contend that the most obvious harm they will suffer is the loss of purses. In response, Defendants contend that the loss of purse money is speculative and inappropriate for injunctive relief...Here, Plaintiffs allege that the amount of winnings they will lose due to CDI’s suspension ‘is impossible to calculate.’ These winnings are impossible to calculate because they are entirely speculative and theoretical....Accordingly, the Court finds that Plaintiffs’ loss of purses is speculative and does not result in irreparable harm."

Baffert had also argued that his inability to run horses in the Derby would create harms based on a loss of “goodwill” among long-standing clients with Derby prospects. Again, Jennings disagreed.

"Here, although a horse’s eligibility to run in the Kentucky Derby is a once in a lifetime opportunity, trainers may enter horses every year," Jennings wrote. "CDI’s suspension is only applicable to [Baffert]. As [a trainer, he] may enter horses in every Kentucky Derby after the suspension expires.... There is no indication that owners would not continue to use Plaintiffs’ services after the 2023 Kentucky Derby even if the Court did not enjoin CDI’s ban.... Therefore, Plaintiffs have not demonstrated irreparable harm by losing their ability to compete in the 2023 Kentucky Derby."

"Plaintiffs have alleged facts sufficient to state a claim for a violation of Baffert’s due process rights only as they relate to his trainer's license. Therefore, Defendants' Motion to Dismiss claim is DENIED."
Baffert cont.

Count II (Unlawful Exclusion): "Plaintiffs have failed to assert a claim against CDI for unlawful exclusion under the common law. Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Plaintiffs' unlawful exclusion claims is GRANTED."

Counts III-IV (Antitrust Claims): "Plaintiffs have failed to state a claim for either of the alleged antitrust claims. The Court will not address additional arguments asserted by the parties in their briefs because Plaintiffs do not have standing to assert antitrust claims as alleged. Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Plaintiffs' antitrust claims is GRANTED."

Counts V-VI (Tortious Interference Claims): "Plaintiffs' tortious interference claims cannot succeed because CDI exercised legitimate contract rights. Baffert violated the terms of the Rules and Conditions for Racing and Training, which prompted CDI's suspension. CDI was within its rights to suspend Baffert even if doing so harmed ongoing or prospective business relationships between Baffert and horse owners seeking his services. Therefore, Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Plaintiffs' tortious interference claims is GRANTED."

KHRC Suspension 'Not an Issue'

After crossing the finish wire first in the 2021 Derby, Medina Spirit tested positive for the Class C drug betamethasone, which Baffert later asserted was introduced into the colt's system by way of a salve to heal a skin rash.

Medina Spirit collapsed and died after a workout at Santa Anita in December 2021. He was posthumously disqualified from the Derby by the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission (KHRC) in February 2022. Baffert's appeal on that matter (and the suspension he has already served but wants cleared from his record) is pending.

Jennings also noted within her ruling that during hearings on Feb. 2 and 3, both parties "spent a great deal of time discussing the merits of claims before the KHRC, which are not at issue here."

She wrote that, "as the Court instructed at the beginning of the hearing on Feb. 3, whether Plaintiffs violated the KHRC rules and regulations is irrelevant. The Court will only examine whether Defendants acted within their rights to suspend Plaintiffs pursuant to federal and state law or any contracts between the parties. Therefore, the Court will not decide whether Plaintiffs violated KHRC rules and regulations by treating Medina Spirit with betamethasone because this issue is not before the Court."

Additionally, in a separate Feb. 17 order, Jennings swatted down a Feb. 10 motion made by Baffert that asked for the judge to recuse herself from the case.

According to court documents, the stated reason for that recusal motion was that legislative lobbying efforts conducted by the judge's husband for two racing industry clients (The Jockey Club and The Stronach Group) allegedly created a conflict of interest for Rebecca Jennings in adjudicating Baffert's case.

"I have no personal bias or prejudice against any party to this litigation and I have no extrajudicial knowledge about the facts or circumstances of this case or the subject matter of this litigation," Jennings wrote in denying the recusal motion.

"Additionally, neither I nor any member of my family has any financial interest in any of the parties or the outcome of this litigation. And, after a deep search of the law and review of all briefings, I have found no statutory or other reason for disqualification in the case before the Court and cannot recuse," Jennings wrote.

Brewster told TDN he will be mulling legal responses based on whether it was appropriate for Jennings to issue the orders that came out on Friday in light of the pending recusal motion.

"I can tell you now that our motion to disqualify her was made in good faith, and with utmost respect for the court system," Brewster said. "So the next thing is we have to consider the grounds for not granting our motion for recusal, and then determine whether her continued ruling somehow was not authorized [based on] the fact that she was under this recusal motion."

"Again, we have the utmost respect [for] any judge who makes in [to a federal] position. But all parties are entitled to a clear appearance of no bias."
A RECORD BREAKING START FOR A BREED SHAPER IN THE MAKING

In 2022, Ranked #1 by:

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GUN RUNNER

Candy Ride (ARG), 12 wins in 19 starts, 2 to 5, 2018, $6,070,000, U.S. horse of the year, champion 2-year-old sprint male, Pegasus World Cup Invitational (G1) (CD, $1,300,000), Breeders’ Cup Classic (G1) (CD, $1,770,000), Whitney S. (G1) (CD, $750,000), Woodward S. (G1) (CD, $1,000,000), Stephen Foster H. (G1) (CD, $300,000), Clark H. (G1) (CD, $200,000), Bernard Baruch (G3) (OP, $500,000), Matt Winn S. (G3) (CD, $61,360), 2nd Las Vegas Breeders’ Cup Dirt Mile (G1) (SA, $170,000), Pennsylvania Derby (G2) (PPL, $250,000), 3rd Kentucky Derby (G1) (CD, $200,000), traves S. (G1) (SAR, $125,000), placed in 1st at $7,244,840 in winnings, 2nd dam, Duet, a $15,938,500 earner.
SOPHOMORE 'STARS' LINE UP AT FAIR GROUNDS

The road to the Triple Crown heats up in New Orleans Saturday with the GII Risen Star S. and GII Rachel Alexandra S.
A full field of 14 will line up in the former, led by unbeaten 'TDN Rising Star' Victory Formation (Tapwrit). One of three entered for Brad Cox, the 3-1 morning-line favorite heads to the post off a front-running tally over stablemate Angel of Empire (Classic Empire) in the Smarty Jones S. going a mile at Oaklawn Jan. 1.

Drawn on the outside in post 13, Victory Formation figures to have plenty of company on the front end if similar tactics are employed in this first attempt at 1 1/8 miles.

"I think he should be able to break well and get a good position," Cox said. "I'm not too worried about the outside post. He's very quick from the gate and broke really sharp in all three of his starts. Obviously, Flavien [Prat] is a great rider; we're not going to give him too many instructions, and he rode him last time so he does know the horse."

Cox will also saddle second-choice Tapit's Conquest (Tapit), who looks primed for a breakthrough performance following a strong second with a less-than-ideal trip behind the re-opposing Determinedly (Cairo Prince) in his sophomore debut at Fair Grounds Jan. 21.

"I think he got a lot out of it and he hadn't run since October," Cox said. "He needed the last race, he's still learning. He didn't really get involved as much as we'd like last time, but ultimately came running, and I think he got a lot out of it from an educational standpoint. He should love a mile and an eighth even more."

Only two Risen Star entrants—Curly Jack (Good Magic) and Two Phil's (Hard Spun)—have posted wins versus graded stakes company so far. Cont. p8
Saturday Preview cont.

Curly Jack, winner of the GIII Iroquois S. Sept. 17 and a well-beaten fifth in the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile, capped his 2-year-old campaign with a very good second behind subsequent GIII Lecomte S. winner Instant Coffee (Bolt d’Oro) in the GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. Nov. 26. Last term’s GIII Street Sense S. winner Two Phil’s, meanwhile, completed the exacta in the Lecomte last time.

The six-deep Rachel Alexandra is headlined by the highly regarded Hoosier Philly (Into Mischief), who puts a perfect three-for-three record on the line. She concluded her juvenile campaign with a dominating win in Churchill’s GII Golden Rod S. Nov. 26.

“We have a lot of expectations for her based on what she’s done so far, so there’s a lot of anticipation about how she’s going to come back at three,” trainer Tom Amoss said. “Her morning preparation has been just as it was when she was two, so that gives us some feeling of confidence going into the race. But still, it is just her first race at three.”

Hoosier Philly closed at 11-1 in the Kentucky Derby Future Wager Pool 4, the third choice in wagering.

“That’s just noise,” Amoss said. “We’re not looking at anything other than this race right now.”

The 13-race card at Fair Grounds also includes the GIII Mineshaft S. and GIII Fair Grounds S.

There are four other graded stakes around the country Saturday—the GIII Royal Delta S. at Gulfstream; the GIII Barbara Fritchie S. and GIII General George S. at Laurel; and the GIII Razorback H. at Oaklawn.

The world we share with these amazing animals may be an ever-changing one, but its mysteries abide. We consider ourselves ever more knowledgeable, ever more certain, riding the slipstream of science. Yet how much do we truly know, when Afternoon Deelites holds out for all those years and then waits just six days before following his owner to whatever shore may (or may not) lie beyond the horizon of life? Cont. p9
This Side Up cont.

The same journey was made this week by the trainer of Alydar. John Veitch laid the ground for the greatest Triple Crown campaign of any horse that never won a Triple Crown race by giving him 10 starts as a juvenile. Curiously, however, trainers of the succeeding generation appear to have decided either that they have found a better way; or at least that the materials provided, since breeding became an almost exclusively commercial enterprise, are no longer equal to the same kind of treatment.

Trainers today map out the road to the Derby with two priorities: minimize gas consumption, and avoid traffic. That way, they feel, their charges can reach Churchill with a relatively full tank and pristine engine. But the fact is that you always feel able to drive a car more aggressively once it has taken a few bumps and scratches. And you also learn far more about its capacity and response if you have repeatedly had to accelerate or brake to get out of trouble, as compared with cruising along an open road and every six weeks overtaking a laboring truck while barely changing gear.

In the prevailing environment, then, we must give credit to the people at Fair Grounds for redressing the shortfall in conditioning by extending the distance of all three legs of their trials program. If horses can no longer get the kind of mental and physical foundation they once derived from sheer volume of racing, then at least they can have a little more aggregate. With a field of 14, moreover, the GII Risen Star S. is meanwhile guaranteed to steepen the learning curve.

Saturday will be only the fourth time the race has been run over this extra 1/16th, yet its last two winners have both gone on to finish second in the Derby. One, of course, was actually promoted to first place; while much the same was done for the other by voters at the recent Eclipse Awards. Cont. p10
CLOSING SATURDAY / FEBRUARY 18

TO BE RUN
SATURDAY / MARCH 4

FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH (G2)
3YO, 1 1/16m
$400,000

DAVONA DALE (G2)
3YO F, 1m
$200,000

WINSTAR GULFSTREAM PARK MILE (G2)
4YO&UP, 1m
$200,000

MAC DIARMIDA (G2)
4YO&UP, 1 3/8m (T)
$200,000

HERECOMESTHEBRIDE (G3)
3YO F, 1m (T)
$200,000

CANADIAN TURF (G3)
4YO&UP, 1 1/16m (T)
$150,000

THE VERY ONE (G3)
3YO&UP F&M, 1 3/8m (T)
$150,000

HONEY FOX (G3)
3YO&UP F&M, 1m (T)
$150,000

PALM BEACH
3YO, 1m (T)
$200,000

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To be fair, the Risen Star was already on a roll, having lately produced a G1 Preakness winner, the phenomenal Gun Runner and the promising stallion Girvin. Between here and Oaklawn, then, you won’t find many handicappers nowadays still reducing the quest for the Derby winner to the two dimensions of East and West Coasts. Paradoxically, however, I feel that a still better way to regenerate the Triple Crown trail lurks right at the other end of the spectrum.

Alydar started his Classic campaign over seven furlongs; so too, as it happens, did Afternoon Deelites. With Diana Firestone also among the week’s obituaries, we might mention Honest Pleasure and Genuine Risk, who both resumed in sprints as well. That had long been standard procedure, for the old school, as a way of sharpening a horse without penetrating to a vulnerable margin of fitness.

I’ve often remarked on the dilution of the Derby since the willful exclusion of sprinters under the starting points system. Okay, so they finally managed a meltdown last year and so set up a historic aberration in every way. But otherwise the race has lately been dominated by those setting or sharing a pace shorn of raw sprint competition.

And I do think that the Derby’s status as the definitive test of the American Thoroughbred, identifying the kind of genes we should want to replicate, is suffering as a result.

Between trainers’ dread of running horses at all, and the imperative to bank points when they actually do, we’re ending up with the worst of both worlds. Remember that it was as recently as 2015 that Nyquist and Exaggerator cranked each other up over seven in the GII San Vicente S., in 1:20.7, and that didn’t work out too badly on Derby day.

I really do think that loading a few points into the San Vicente and the GIII Swale S. would be a smart move by Churchill.

Because it doesn't feel as though the model nowadays favored by trainers is working on too many levels. It certainly doesn’t work for fans, who get a woefully condensed narrative and reduced engagement; it arguably doesn’t help the horses, sent straight into the red zone when they can’t be fully fit; and I’m not sure it’s working for the Derby, either as a spectacle or as a signpost to genes that can carry meaningful speed.

In the meantime, aptitudes of more obvious pertinence to the Derby scenario will at least be examined in this crowd scene for the Risen Star. And wait, look at this: there's actually a horse in the field with eight starts to his name already.

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This Side Up cont.

Determinedly (Cairo Prince) is followed here by the pair of Tapits he held off in an allowance last month, a performance rather too faintly praised because everyone had written a different script in advance. Actually this horse’s own part keeps being rewritten, having started out on turf and apparently flirted with a return to sprinting. But maybe he can keep some of these flashier types honest, and help to measure the kind of talent Victory Formation (Tapwrit) will need to maintain his unbeaten record from a post out near Baton Rouge.

From a European perspective, it's always surprising that people should be so specific, almost dogmatic, about the optimality of dirt horses operating within so narrow a range. The way people talk, you would think that the poor creatures will drop clean off the edge of the world if venturing that crucial 1/16th too far.

That's why I like to see them given the chance to work on their all-around game, and develop different strengths. Because, if the oldest of Old Friends can be so susceptible even in the span of his years, then what limits might we be putting on the things they do in their prime?

FLORIDA SIRE STAKES MOVED AS FL-BRED 2YO INCENTIVES ANNOUNCED

In an effort to further enhance the 2-year-old program in the state of Florida, 1/ST RACING, the Florida Thoroughbred Breeders' and Owners' Association (FTBOA), Florida Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (FTHA) have announced that $1.75 million in Florida-bred racing incentives will be offered at Gulfstream Park in 2023. The renewed Florida-Bred Incentive Fund (FBIF) will pay out a total of $450,000 in bonus money to 2-year-old maiden winners.

The FBIF program offers Florida-bred two-year-old open maiden winners a minimum bonus of $2,500 for maiden-claiming races and up to $10,000 for a Florida-bred two-year-old winning an open maiden special weight race at Gulfstream.

The FTBOA will offer an additional $100,000 in win bonuses for eligible Florida-sired winners of open maiden special weights, paying $5,000 for up to 10 races for males and females.

“It’s imperative that we all work together to promote and build a robust breeding and racing industry in the state of Florida,” Billy Badgett, 1/ST RACING’s Executive Director of Florida Racing Operations, said. “To that end, it’s important to attract new owners to our sport throughout Florida and the industry. These incentives, and the change in dates of the popular Florida Sire Stakes program, gives us a great opportunity to fulfill these goals. " Cont. p12
Florida-Bred Incentives cont.

Additionally, the Florida Sire Stakes series, to be run at Gulfstream for the 10th straight season, offers $1.2 million in purses and have been pushed back on the annual racing calendar to give owners and trainers more time to prepare their Florida-bred juveniles for the lucrative series. The dates for the 2023 FSS are as follows:

- Sept. 9—$100,000 FSS Desert Vixen S. and $100,000 FSS Dr. Fager S. at six furlongs;
- Oct. 21—$200,000 FSS Susan’s Girl S. and $200,000 FSS Affirmed S. at seven furlongs;
- Dec. 2—$300,000 FSS My Dear Girl S. and $300,000 In Reality S. at 1 1/6 miles

“Florida’s stakeholders are aligned with one focus—what can we do to help our breeding and racing industries?” said FTTHA President Joe Orseno. “We need to find ways to make it worthwhile for breeders and owners to invest in our state. We believe that the new Bonus Program will encourage greater interest in buying and breeding Florida-breds. By moving the dates of the FSS races, late-developing 2-year-olds will have a better chance of participating. We are excited about the future of the Florida Thoroughbred industry.”

“FTBOA is pleased to work with Gulfstream and FTTHA on a program for 2023 featuring our priority Florida Sire Stakes program while enhancing our Florida Breeders Incentive Fund for the benefit of our highly regarded Florida-bred 2-year-olds at Gulfstream on a summer through winter basis,” commented FTBOA CEO Lonny Powell.

FTBOA President George Isaacs added, “We are pleased with the continued FSS races as our industry centerpiece promoting Florida stallions and farms. I also consider it a plus anytime we can offer purse incentives for our bread and butter two-year-olds competing at all levels at Gulfstream. We anticipate this will be one of many cooperative efforts improving the industry economics and stability.”

RED BARON’S BARN, RANCHO TEMESCAL LAUNCHING NEW PARTNERSHIP

With the express intent of making racing partnerships 'more accessible, fun and affordable,' Tim Cohen’s California-based Red Baron’s Barn is teaming with Rancho Temescal and Kentucky-based bloodstock agent Joe Miller to launch Rancho Temescal Thoroughbred Partners (RTTP).

Red Baron’s Barn, founded by the late Jed Cohen, and Rancho Temescal have made use of Miller’s expertise over the years to acquire race-ready European and North American bloodstock through both public and private channels. The fruits of the team's labor has yielded the likes of MGISW Janet (GB) (Emperor Jones), GISW River Boyne (Ire) (Dandy Man {Ire}) and MGISW and GI Breeders' Cup Sprint runner-up Dr Schivel (Violence). Together, Red Baron’s and Rancho Temescal have campaigned no fewer than 27 horses to have won or placed in stakes company en route to earning the team champion owner honors at Santa Anita and Del Mar last year.

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Before he passed away, my father and I had many discussions about the future of horse racing, and we agreed that the individual ownership model is now going away,” said Tim Cohen. “We were fortunate to own horses without partners for over 60 years, except for a few family friends. This experience taught me that winning and racing are better with friends, associates and like-minded enthusiasts.

“With that mindset of camaraderie as our driving force, Joe Miller and I are excited to announce the creation of Rancho Temescal Thoroughbred Partners, through which we expect to share my family’s successful racing model by inviting individuals to partner with us,” Cohen continued. “We believe that veteran Thoroughbred owners and newcomers alike will appreciate the international bloodstock team we have assembled, and the success it has generated.”

According to a release, the business model will be simple, with one payment up front that will cover acquisition and training and the dissolution of the partnership approximately every three years ending with a return distribution. A new collaboration may initiate each year, with prior partners preferred to limited availability. RTTP will engage no more than 10 horses per year, to be based throughout the U.S. Daily management and partnership communications will be handled by Miller.

FANDUEL TV TO COVER RISEN STAR, RACHEL ALEXANDRA STAKES

The road to the Kentucky Derby runs through Louisiana Saturday, Feb. 18 and FanDuel TV will be live on-site at Fair Grounds with exclusive coverage of the $400,000 GII Risen Star S. as undefeated Victory Formation (Tapwrit) takes on a field of 12 rivals. There are 50-20-15-10-5 Kentucky Derby qualifying points on the line for the top five finishers. In addition to the Kentucky Derby prep race, a Kentucky Oaks prep race on Saturday—the $300,000 GII Rachel Alexandra S.—will feature the 3-year-old seasonal bow of GSW Hoosier Philly (Into Mischief).

RETIRER RACEHORSE PROJECT AWARDED T.E.R.F GRANT

The Thoroughbred Education and Research Foundation (TERF) has awarded the Retired Racehorse Project (RRP) $5,000 to be used for educational purposes.

RRP’s mission is to facilitate placement of Thoroughbred ex-racehorses in second careers by increasing demand for them in the equestrian marketplace and educating equestrians to provide the training that secures their future. The driving force behind everything RRP does is educating the public—especially equestrians and equine enthusiasts—about the potential and versatility of off-track Thoroughbreds as riding and competition horses via their popular Thoroughbred Makeover and National Symposium.

In 2018, TERF awarded RRP with a $20,000 grant that supported their expanded 4-day model of the Thoroughbred Makeover and National Symposium, increased RRP presence at equine events throughout the U.S., and helped create the popular “Ask a Trainer Anything” feature, in which a panel of experts responded to training questions. In 2019, TERF offered a grant of $5,000 to be put toward the Makeover, followed by 2020 and 2021 where they were once again rewarded $5,000 in grants.

To learn more about the Thoroughbred Education and Research Foundation and/or make a tax-deductible donation to support TERF’s mission and programs, please visit their website.
KHRC ANNOUNCES KTBIF TOTALS FOR 2022

The 2022 Kentucky Thoroughbred Breeders’ Incentive Funds (KTBIF) have been released, totaling $17.4 million. Nine out of the top 10 earners in the U.S. in 2022 were Kentucky-breds and race horses from the state won 69% of all graded stakes races in the U.S. as well as 78% of all Grade I races. To qualify, the mare must remain in the state during gestation, and the final award amounts are based on the foal’s eventual earnings at the racetrack. A list of the 2022 award winners, along with the amount awarded and other interesting statistics, can be found on the KHRC website.

“The Kentucky Thoroughbred Breeders’ Incentive Fund accomplishes its mission of keeping mares and foals in our beautiful state, bolstering our billion-dollar strong equine industry, and providing more than 60,000 jobs for hardworking Kentuckians,” said Gov. Andy Beshear.

JOHNS WINS 2022 NHC TOUR

Jay Johns of Meridian, Idaho, amassed 22,370 over the course of 34 contests in 2022 to take home the $75,000 first prize for winning the National Horseplayers Championship (NHC) Tour. The president of IHOP Restaurants (formerly International House of Pancakes) is now in the running for a $5-million bonus should he be able to add the NHC at the newly rebranded Horseshoe Las Vegas Mar. 10-12.

“It’s such an honor coming out on top in this year-long tour against arguably the absolute best handicappers out there. It’s quite a mind challenge on both picking horses and tournament strategy,” Johns said after learning of his victory. “I finished third last year and was determined to improve on that. I’m just happy I won and a big congrats to all those folks competing with me. They made it difficult and exciting to the very last weekend.”

TAKING STOCK

Wondering what Sid Fernando is musing about these days?

Trey Stiles finished in second place with 22,019 points, while Dylan Donnelly finished in third with 21,998 points. Tim Kindlon was the top rookie finisher of the year, coming in with 17,460 points. Kindlon will be honored at the NHC Champions Dinner on Sunday, March 12 with the Jim Nace Award, named in honor of the longtime contest player who passed away in 2019. The top 20 finishers of the 2022 Tour win cash prizes. The complete 2022 Tour results can be found here.

More than 5500 NHC Tour members participated in 2022 handicapping qualifiers leading to the 2023 NHC. The 2023 NHC Tour season begins Mar. 4. To sign up for the 2023 NHC Tour, click here and for more information on the NHC Tour benefits and to view the official rules go to www.nhctour.com.
## Saturday, Fair Grounds #13, post time: 7:14 p.m. EST

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## Saturday, Fair Grounds #12, post time: 6:41 p.m. EST

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### Saturday, Oaklawn #9, post time: 5:42 p.m. EST

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### Saturday, Fair Grounds #10, post time: 5:37 p.m. EST

**MINESHAFT S. PRESENTED BY RELYNE GI BY HAGYARD-GIII**, $250,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m

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### Saturday, Laurel #8, post time: 3:58 p.m. EST

**BARBARA FRITCHIE S.-G.III**, $250,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f

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### Saturday, Laurel #9, post time: 4:29 p.m. EST

**GENERAL GEORGE S.-GIII**, $250,000, 4yo/up, 7f

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### Saturday, Fair Grounds #11, post time: 6:09 p.m. EST

**FAIR GROUNDS S.-GIII**, $150,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT

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### Saturday, Gulfstream #11, post time: 5:06 p.m. EST

**ROYAL DELTA S.-GIII**, $150,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m

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SATURDAY’S RACING INSIGHTS:
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HALF TO JACKIE’S WARRIOR LEADS STACKED FAIR GROUNDS FIELD

5th-FG, $70K, Msw, 3yo, 6f, 3:00 p.m.

Purchased by Coolmore’s M V Magnier as a weanling for $600,000 just one hip after his dam herself brought $850,000 at the 2020 Keeneland November Breeding Stock Sale, OCEAN CITY (American Pharoah) is the fifth foal out of Unicorn Girl (A.P. Five Hundred), making him a half-brother to champion male sprinter and MGISW Jackie's Warrior (Maclean’s Music). The colt drilled five furlongs from the gate in 1:00 4/5 (2/42) Jan. 27 and again in 1:00 3/5 (2/37) Feb. 3 for trainer Steve Asmussen. Veteran John Velazquez gets the call.

Just to his inside is stablemate Unload (Gun Runner), a Winchell Thoroughbreds homebred out of a full-sister to champion 3-year-old filly Untapable and a half-sister to GISW Jackie's Warrior (Maclean's Music). The colt drilled five furlongs from the gate in 1:00 4/5 (2/42) Jan. 27 and again in 1:00 3/5 (2/37) Feb. 3 for trainer Steve Asmussen. Veteran John Velazquez gets the call.

Godolphin’s other entry, St. John’s (Hard Spun) is out of a half-sister to SW & GSP Bay of Plenty (Medaglia d’Oro) and GISP and leading Argentina sire Fortify (Distorted Humor). This is the family of GISW Flagbird (Nureyev), GISW Little Belle (A.P. Indy) and GISP Lady Alexandra (More Than Ready).

8th-SA, $75K, A/oc, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 7:06 p.m.

Last seen beating only a trio of rivals home in the GI Cotillion S. in September, ADARE MANOR (Uncle Mo) returns to the races and once again is under the tutelage of trainer Bob Baffert. A 13-length winner of the GII Las Virgenes nearly a year ago, the bay fired a bullet two works back Feb. 3 (five furlongs in :59) and picks up Juan Hernandez for the first time.

“I just got her over here and she could probably use another work or two,” Baffert said. “But I saw that race come up and those can be hard to fill, so I figured I’d rather give her a race. She’s doing well and has worked well. This will set her up for a stakes.”

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:
7th-Turfway, $78,000, Alw (NW2$X)/Opt. Clm ($40,000), 2-16, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m (AWT), 1:36.40, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.
IDIOMATIC (f, 4, Curlin--Lockdown {SW & MGISP, $445,900}, by First Defence), a three-length debut winner over the all-weather surface at Turfway last April, tried the main track at Churchill next time out and, despite doing no worse than third, went to the bench for the next seven months. Third again back at Turfway in December, she returned to the winner’s circle by 6 1/4 lengths last time out when tried over her longest distance yet at 1 1/4 miles. Shortened back up to one mile Thursday, the bay homebred broke as the 4-5 favorite, stalking from second behind pacesetter Polka Polenta (Fort Larned) through much of the early running. Patiently handled from the two path, Idiomatic made a move once asked as the top pair swung into the lane and took much of the stretch to pass her rival, finally clearing in the final sixteenth to win by 1 1/2 lengths while Polka Polenta had to settle for second. Lockdown, herself a MGISP full-sister to champion older mare Close Hatches—who in turn produced MGSW & MGISP Tacitus (Tapit)–traces back to G1 Tattersalls Irish Two Thousand Guineas winner Siskin (First Defence). She has an un-raced 3-year-old filly, Abditory (Medaglia d’Oro), and last foaled a filly by Into Mischief in 2022. Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-2, $147,760. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.
O/B-Juddmonte Farms Inc (KY); T-Brad H. Cox.

Idiomatic | Coady Photography
6th-Aqueduct, $74,000, (S), Alw (NW2$X)/Opt. Clm ($45,000), 2-17, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:19.54, sy, neck.

MAJORITY PARTNER (g, 4, Unified--Eleganter, by A.P. Indy), on good form since breaking his maiden three starts back in a maiden claiming event at Saratoga, made his return to the races Friday off a five-month layoff. Last seen a neck back in second in a state-bred optional claimer at Belmont’s Aqueduct meeting in September, the gelding still went off the 7-2 second choice but broke just a step slow and had to take back as rivals pinched in on either side. Quickly into stride from the outside, he made up ground to race off early leader Excellent Timing (Not This Time) up the backstretch. Guided out to the three path around the far turn, he spun his wheels while hanging on his left lead before finally swapping with a furlong to run and finding his next gear. Up with a sixteenth to run, he engaged alongside a closing Scilly Cay (Fed Biz) and narrowly prevailed to defeat that rival by a neck. Out of a half-sister to GISP Villanesca (Distorted Humor), Majority Partner’s only younger sibling is a 3-year-old filly, Cause I’m Elegant (Creative Cause). Sales History: $50,000 Ylg ’20 FTKSEL. Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-0, $141,980. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-Cloud Nine Stable; B-Eaton & Thorne, Inc (NY); T-Linda Rice.

6th-Turfway, $73,260, Alw (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($50,000), 2-16, 3yo, f, 1m (AWT), 1:36.67, ft, 6 lengths.

FLASHY GEM (f, 3, Bolt d’Oro--Garnet, by Smart Strike) debuted fourth at Ellis Park July 15 before coasting to a wired victory Aug. 14, both on the Pea Patch grass course at a mile. Off the bench after a six-month break, the even-money favorite grabbed the lead before the clubhouse turn, controlled the fractions until the top of the lane and extended her margin to clear this next condition by 6-lengths over Tiki Bar (Karakontie {Jpn}). Last year’s top freshmen sire continues to rack up victories, while this winner’s dam, who also produced GSW Bye Bye (Into Mischief), is also responsible for a yearling colt by Gormley. Currently, she is in-foal to Authentic. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, $84,140. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O/Spendthrift Farm LLC; B-Malibu Farm, LLC (KY); T-Brad H. Cox.

7th-Aqueduct, $72,000, (S), Alw (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($50,000), 2-17, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:13.06, sy, 1 1/4 lengths.

DOWNTOWN MISCHIEF (f, 3, Into Mischief--Downtown Mama, by Speightstown) was heavily favored in this spot at 3-3/4-length romp at first asking over this same track and distance Jan 14. Wide early from her far outside gate as several horses vied for the early lead, she settled back third not far off the speed. Under a ride into the far turn, Downtown Mischief stuck a head in front with a sweeping five-wide move at the head of the lane and drove away from the field through the final furlong, defeating Midtown Lights (Redesdale) by 1 1/4 lengths. Downtown Mama, herself a half-sister to GII Santa Ynez S. winner Alpha Kitten (Tale of the Cat), foaled a yearling filly by Maclean’s Music and is due to Violence for a 2023 foal. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, $78,100. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O/B-Lady Sheila Stable LLC (NY); T-Linda Rice.

IN ORDER OF PURSE:
9th-Oaklawn, $90,000, (S), Msw, 2-17, 3yo, 6f, 1:11.27, ft, 10 1/4 lengths.

CHUPAPI MUNYAYO (g, 3, Sky Kingdom--No No Kitty Kitty, by Tactical Cat) checked in a closing third, just a neck out of second, behind a runaway winner on debut over this same track and distance to close out the year Dec. 31. The 5-2 second choice for his 3-year-old bow, the gelding was content to race mid pack early, splitting the field in sixth before making up ground to be third as the half went in :46.62. Cont.
Angled out around the far turn to move into contention, he easily overtook pacesetter Ike Wazowki (Payner) and sprinted alone to the wire, winning by a dominant 10 1/4 lengths. No No Kitty Kitty last produced a 2-year-old filly by Gentlemen's Bet and was bred to Upstart for the 2023 season. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, $63,000.

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O/B-Southern Springs Stable (AR); T-Ron Moquett.

5th-Aqueduct, $80,000, Msw, 2-17, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:13.39, sy, 1 length.

FABULOUSLY FUNNY (f, 3, Practical Joke--Just Fabulous, by Include)'s maiden voyage over a good track at the 'Big A' reflected talent when she was a respectable third behind Senior Prank (Into Mischief) and rival in this spot, Spelterini (Bernardini). Sprinting once again at the same distance and off as the 9-5 favorite, the chestnut filly dueled with longshot Wonder Girl (Klimt) down the backstretch before letting her show the way. Rounding the far turn, as the leader began to lose steam, the chalk cruised past her near the quarter pole, set sail for home after moving towards the rail down the lane and won by a length over Spelterini. Second dam Casanova Striker produced eight winners including the full-sister to the winner's dam, SW Midnight Soiree, and SW Fuerteventura (Summer Front). Fabulously Funny has a half-sister in Midnight On Oconee (Midnight Lute), GSP, $142,768, who was purchased by Spendthrift Farm in-utero to Arrogate for $425,000 '18 KEENOV. Dam Just Fabulous is also responsible for a yearling filly by Upstart and was bred to Midnight Lute last year. Sales History: $210,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, $53,600.

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O-Peter M. Brant; B-Chester & Mary R. Broman (NY); T-Chad C. Brown.

1st-Turfway, $68,250, Msw, 2-17, 3yo, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:18.32, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

LIBERTANGO (g, 3, Funtastic--My Libertine, by Leroidesanimaux {Brz}), off the board over Churchill's main track in November, led early but faded to fifth when tried at one mile over Turfway's all-weather track Jan. 13. Shortened back up to 6 ½ panels, the 5-1 shot again showed good early speed to set the tempo through opening fractions of :23.19 and :46.31. Hugging the rail around the turn, he had plenty left to hold off 22-1 shot Isocline (Producer {GB}) and, despite drifting out late, win by 1 3/4 lengths. Libertango is his dam's most recent offspring though she was bred to Demarchelier (GB) for a 2023 foal. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, $44,000.

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Mozu Akabosu is a half-brother to February S. winner Mozu Ascot

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6th-Laurel, $50,960, Msw, 2-17, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:13.66, sy, 3 3/4 lengths.

KILBRITTAIN'S RED (f, 3, Goldencents--Maddalena (GSW & GISP, $250,820), by Good and Tough), in her only other start Jan. 22 at Laurel, was third by 1 1/2-lengths in defeat after a promising start. As the 6-5 chalk in this sloppy spot, the bay filly shot to the lead versus four others after as many scratches, and as the lone pacesetter, sailed home to win by 3 3/4-lengths over Cheru (Cairo Prince). A half to Bern Identity (Bernstein), GSW, $877,200, Battle of Evermore (Scat Daddy), MSP, $301,492, Three Hawk (Violence), SP, $172,328 and Sagamore Mischief (Into Mischief), SP, $256,445, the winner was her dam's last produce of record. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, $36,400. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-Five Hellions; B-N. Williams & M. Matese (NY); T-L. Gaudet.

8th-Fair Grounds, $50,000, (S), Msw, 2-17, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12.71, gd, 2 1/2 lengths.

SCOOTERIA (g, 4, Star Guitar--Penelope Plum, by Badge of Silver), taking to the track for his first career start, won a hard-fought battle as the 5-2 second choice down the backstretch and rounding the far turn attempted to get away from the hard-charging chalk, Heza Sexy Zong (Zong). Past the eighth pole, the gelding dug deep and found more to extend his lead over his opponent by 2 1/2-lengths at the wire. The winner is a half to Crescentcitiypretty (Bernardini), SW, $170,305, who has produced a live foal by Authentic this year in her own right. Dam Penelope Plum has visited Star Guitar ever since 2016. Recently, she is responsible for a trio of fillies, including 3-year-old Guitar Girl, 2-year-old Sacred Saint, a yearling and she was bred back to the Louisiana sire last year. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $30,000. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

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Saturday, February 18, 2023

7th-HSN, ¥15,200,000, Allowance, 4yo/up, 2000mT

AIR ANEMOI (c, 4, Point of Entry--Nokaze, by Empire Maker) broke his maiden on debut over this course and distance in December 2021 (video, SC 9) and went missing after finishing down the field in Group 3 company early last season. The homebred is one of five winners from five to race from his ultra-productive dam, who also boasts GSW Air Almas (Majestic Warrior), SW Air Fanditha (Hat Trick (Jpn)), three-time winner Air Sage (Point of Entry) and the promising 3-year-old colt Air Meteora (Goldencents). Nokaze is a half-sister to the stakes-winning dam of GSW Yuugiri (Shackleford). B-Sekie & Tsunebumi Yoshihara (KY)

Sunday, February 19, 2023

3rd-TOK, ¥14,880,000, Allowance, 3yo, 1400m

MOZU AKABOSU (c, 3, Quality Road--India, by Hennessy), a half-brother to connections’ February S. and G1 Yasuda Kinen winner Mozu Ascot (Frankel {GB}), broke his maiden at first asking going this distance at Chukyo Jan. 28 (video, SC 5) and was given an entry for Sunday’s Listed Hyacinth S., but opts for...
this one-win allowance test. A $200,000 Keeneland September purchase, Mozu Akabosu is out of a half-sister to the dam of MGISW To Honor and Serve (Bernardini) and GISW Angela Renee (Bernardini).  

**GIUOCO PIANO (c, 3, Justify--Haddie Be Good, by Silver Deputy)**, a $400,000 OBS March acquisition by Katsumi Yoshida, is the latest foal to make the races out of a two-time stakes-winning dam who has already accounted for SW Story To Tell (Bluegrass Cat) and was bought back on a bid of $290,000 with this colt in utero at the 2019 Fasig-Tipton November Sale. The Feb. 17 foal, whose female family also includes GI La Brea S. winner Sam's Sister (Brother Derek), will carry the silks of Kazumi Yoshida and is to be ridden by the visiting Theo Bachelot.  

B-Craig B Singer (KY)

**IN SOUTH KOREA:**  
Geuma Passionate (Kor), c, 4, Lea--Fiery Star, by Elusive Quality. Busan, 2-17, Hcp. (C3), 1200m. B-Lim Hwa Jung. *Prevailed at odds-on to take his record to four wins (first unrestricted) and a third from five starts for earnings of approximately $108,000. **$30,000 in utero ’18 KEENOV. VIDEO (SC 7)

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4-Fair Grounds, 2:30 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, My Sweet Summer, 12-1 $75,000 KEE NOV wnl  
3-Sam Houston Race, 3:00 p.m. EST, Aoc 1 1/16mT, Three On the Tree, 9-2  
RNA TTA YHR yrl

**Always Dreaming** (Bodemeister), WinStar Farm, $10,000 212 foals of racing age/13 winners/1 black-type winner 7-Oaklawn, 4:38 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Ben Dreaming, 15-1 $45,000 KEE SEP yrl  
6-Tampa Bay Downs, 3:16 p.m. EST, Msw 1mT, Dreaming of Toga, 12-1  
$19,000 EAS OCT yrl

**Army Mule** (Friesian Fire), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, $12,500 142 foals of racing age/28 winners/7 black-type winners 5-Oaklawn, 3:35 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Stormin Army, 30-1 $80,000 FTK JUL yrl

**Bee Jersey** (Jersey Town), Darby Dan Farm, $5,000 87 foals of racing age/13 winners/2 black-type winners 12-Gulfstream, 5:36 p.m. EST, Ms ov 5T, Sickle Dance, 8-1 $9,000 KEE SEP yrl; $200,000 OBS OPN 2yo

**Bolt d'Oro** (Medaglia d'Oro), Spendthrift Farm, $35,000 256 foals of racing age/34 winners/6 black-type winners 6-Oaklawn, 4:07 p.m. EST, Aoc 1 1/16m, Arman, 15-1 $52,000 RNA OBS OCT yrl; $600,000 OBS MAR 2yo 6-Gulfstream, 2:37 p.m. EST, Msw 5T, Golden Haven, 12-1 6-Tampa Bay Downs, 3:16 p.m. EST, Msw 1mT, Oh Chic, 6-1 $400,000 OBS MAR 2yo

**Bucchero** (Kantharos), Pleasant Acres Stallions 155 foals of racing age/18 winners/0 black-type winners 4-Tampa Bay Downs, 2:15 p.m. EST, Aoc 6 1/2f, Dropkick Murphy, 6-1

**Camelot Kitten** (Kitten's Joy), Haras Rio Iguassu 5 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners 6-Tampa Bay Downs, 3:16 p.m. EST, Msw 1mT, Sir Lance, 20-1 $10,000 OBS WIN yrl

**City of Light** (Quality Road), Lane's End Farm, $60,000 209 foals of racing age/14 winners/4 black-type winners 12-Fair Grounds, 6:41 p.m. EST, $300K GII Rachel Alexandra S. presented by Fasig-Tipton, 1 1/16m, Chop Chop, 8-5 $230,000 FTK JUL yrl 1-Fair Grounds, 1:00 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Lightening Mo, 5-1

**Cloud Computing** (Maclean's Music), Spendthrift Farm, $5,000 198 foals of racing age/21 winners/0 black-type winners 4-Tampa Bay Downs, 2:15 p.m. EST, Aoc 6 1/2f, Bright Forecast $35,000 OBS APR 2yo 7-Oaklawn, 4:38 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Scott City, 30-1 $21,000 KEE JAN wnl; $62,000 FTK OCT yrl; $210,000 OBS APR
6-Oaklawn, 4:07 p.m. EST, Aoc 1 1/16m, Two Eagles River, 7-2
$32,000 FTK JUL yrl; $220,000 OBS APR 2yo

Free Drop Billy (Union Rags), Spendthrift Farm, $5,000
106 foals of racing age/9 winners/1 black-type winner
6-Gulfstream, 2:37 p.m. EST, Msw 5fT, Dandelion, 20-1
10-Oaklawn, 6:14 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Doughty, 8-1

Girvin (Tale of Ekati), Airdrie Stud, $20,000
179 foals of racing age/24 winners/5 black-type winners
4-Fair Grounds, 2:30 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Dare to Wish, 12-1
8-Gulfstream, 3:38 p.m. EST, Msw 1 1/8mT, For the Chief, 10-1
$9,000 RNA OBS OCT yrl; $87,000 OBS OPN 2yo
8-Fair Grounds, 4:33 p.m. EST, Aoc 1 1/16m, Hullinahurry, 15-1
$50,000 KEE NOV wnl
1-Cross Country Pick X, 3:55 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Power in Numbers, 3-1
$200,000 FTK JUL yrl

Good Magic (Curlin), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, $50,000
237 foals of racing age/31 winners/7 black-type winners
13-Fair Grounds, 7:14 p.m. EST, $400K GII Risen Star S. presented by Lamarque Lincoln and Lamarque Crescent City Ford, 1 1/8m, Curly Jack, 8-1
$180,000 KEE SEP yrl
5-Tampa Bay Downs, 2:46 p.m. EST, Aoc 7f, Miss New York, 5-1
$115,000 KEE NOV wnl; $145,000 FTS AUG yrl; €280,000 ARQ MAY 2yo
6-Gulfstream, 2:37 p.m. EST, Msw 5fT, Work of Fiction, 20-1
$225,000 KEE SEP yrl

Good Samaritan (Harlan's Holiday), WinStar Farm, $7,500
172 foals of racing age/25 winners/1 black-type winner
12-Gulfstream, 5:36 p.m. EST, Msw 5fT, Coral's Choice, 30-1
$35,000 KEE SEP yrl; $145,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo
7-Oaklawn, 4:38 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Manta Rey, 12-1
$37,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl
7-Fair Grounds, 4:02 p.m. EST, Msw 1 1/16m, Neighbor, 8-1
$11,000 KEE NOV wnl; $50,000 FTK JUL yrl
2-Sam Houston Race, 2:30 p.m. EST, Aoc 5 1/2f, Nice Neighbor
$40,000 FTK FEB wnl
5-Tampa Bay Downs, 2:46 p.m. EST, Aoc 7f, R Tootsie Glitter, 6-1
$18,000 KEE SEP yrl; $35,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Hoppertunity (Any Given Saturday), Northview Stallion Station
155 foals of racing age/11 winners/1 black-type winner
4-Laurel, 1:57 p.m. EST, $100K Miracle Wood S., 1m, We Don't Need Roads, 15-1
$35,000 EAS OCT yrl; $100,000 FTI DEC 2yo

Irish War Cry (Curlin), Northview Stallion Station
103 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Laurel, 1:57 p.m. EST, $100K Miracle Wood S., 1m, Feeling Woozy, 6-1
$16,000 EAS OCT yrl

Justify (Scat Daddy), Coolmore Ashford, $100,000
343 foals of racing age/32 winners/6 black-type winners
2-Fair Grounds, 1:30 p.m. EST, Msw 1 1/16m, Amisfield, 4-1
7-Fair Grounds, 4:02 p.m. EST, Msw 1 1/16m, Big Commerce, 15-1
$435,000 KEE SEP yrl
7-Fair Grounds, 4:02 p.m. EST, Msw 1 1/16m, Guadalajara, 15-1
$250,000 FTK OCT yrl
13-Fair Grounds, 7:14 p.m. EST, $400K GII Risen Star S. presented by Lamarque Lincoln and Lamarque Crescent City Ford, 1 1/8m, Harlocap, 8-1
$150,000 KEE SEP yrl; $275,000 FTF MAR 2yo; $400,000 EAS MAY 2yo
3-Sam Houston Race, 3:00 p.m. EST, Aoc 1 1/16mT, Tres Soles, 3-1
$400,000 KEE SEP yrl

McCraken (Ghostzapper), Airdrie Stud
48 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Turf Paradise, 5:26 p.m. EST, $60K Princess of Palms S., 7 1/2fT, Una Palabra, 9-2
$28,000 RNA FTK JUL yrl

Mendelssohn (Scat Daddy), Coolmore Ashford, $25,000
348 foals of racing age/33 winners/3 black-type winners
2-Sam Houston Race, 2:30 p.m. EST, Aoc 5 1/2f, Aisha R N, 7-2
$72,000 KEE NOV wnl
12-Gulfstream, 5:36 p.m. EST, Msw 5fT, Astrila, 6-1
$190,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl
8-Gulfstream, 3:38 p.m. EST, Msw 1 1/8mT, Composer's Dream, 15-1
$150,000 OBS APR 2yo
12-Gulfstream, 5:36 p.m. EST, Msw 5fT, Daddyslibboslady, 6-1
$75,000 RNA SAR AUG yrl; $37,000 EAS MAY 2yo
4-Turfway, 7:25 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Fancy Caber Neigh, 10-1
$20,000 KEE JAN wnl; $75,000 KEE SEP yrl
4-Turfway, 7:25 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Midsummernitedream, 15-1
12-Fair Grounds, 6:41 p.m. EST, $300K GII Rachel Alexandra S. presented by Fasig-Tipton, 1 1/16m, Miracle, 12-1
$110,000 FTK NOV wnl; $250,000 SAR AUG yrl; $360,000 OBS MAR 2yo

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Mor Spirit (Eskendereya), Spendthrift Farm, $5,000
190 foals of racing age/23 winners/1 black-type winner
10-Oaklawn, 6:14 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Featurette, 30-1
5-Oaklawn, 3:35 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Kupp, 8-1
$70,000 FTK NOV wnl; $50,000 FTK OCT yrl; $135,000 OBS APR 2yo
3-Sam Houston Race, 3:00 p.m. EST, Aoc 1 1/16mT, Mor Lana Spirit, 8-1
$25,000 FTK OCT yrl
3-Sam Houston Race, 3:00 p.m. EST, Aoc 1 1/16mT, Mor Victory, 10-1
$25,000 KEE NOV wnl; $25,000 KEE SEP yrl

Mrazek (Square Eddie), Ocean Breeze Ranch
20 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Santa Anita, 3:30 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2fT, Ship and Scam, 4-1
$57,000 RNA FTC AYR 2yo

Oscar Performance (Kitten's Joy), Mill Ridge Farm, $20,000
171 foals of racing age/19 winners/2 black-type winners
8-Fair Grounds, 4:33 p.m. EST, Aoc 1 1/16m, Hunter's Drive, 15-1
$40,000 KEE NOV wnl; $16,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; $45,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Ransom the Moon (Malibu Moon), Calumet Farm, $5,000
101 foals of racing age/12 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Oaklawn, 3:35 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Bye Bye Ray, 3-1
$1,500 KEE NOV wnl; $55,000 FTK OCT yrl; $375,000 EAS MAY
6-Gulfstream, 2:37 p.m. EST, Msw 5fT, Ransom Style, 15-1
$37,000 FTK JUL yrl; $120,000 OBS APR 2yo

Saxon Warrior (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), Coolmore Stud, $35,000
227 foals of racing age/23 winners/3 black-type winners
6-Tampa Bay Downs, 3:16 p.m. EST, Msw 1mT, Heathguard
$75,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo

Sharp Azteca (Freud), Three Chimneys Farm, $15,000
200 foals of racing age/42 winners/4 black-type winners
8-Turf Paradise, 6:28 p.m. EST, $60K Startac S., 7 1/2ft, Acceleritas, 10-1
$10,000 KEE NOV wnl; $35,000 KEE SEP yrl; RNA ARZ NOV yrl
1-Santa Anita, 3:30 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2fT, Country Boy, 12-1
$56,000 RNA FTC AYR yrl; $44,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo

Tapwrit (Tapit), Gainesway Farm, $10,000
176 foals of racing age/19 winners/2 black-type winners
13-Fair Grounds, 7:14 p.m. EST, $400K GII Risen Star S.

presented by Lamarque Lincoln and Lamarque Crescent City Ford, 1 1/8m, Victory Formation, 3-1
$100,000 KEE NOV wnl; $150,000 FTK JUL yrl; $340,000 EAS MAY 2yo
5-Oaklawn, 3:35 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Wellwrit, 30-1

West Coast (Flatter), Lane's End Farm, $10,000
198 foals of racing age/13 winners/2 black-type winners
8-Gulfstream, 3:38 p.m. EST, Msw 1 1/8mT, Coast Along, 5-1
$90,000 KEE SEP yrl; $300,000 FTF MAR 2yo
3-Laurel, 1:26 p.m. EST, $100K Wide Country S., 7f, Sally's Sassy, 3-1
$67,000 FTK JUL yrl; $190,000 OBS APR 2yo
7-Oaklawn, 4:38 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Swaggish, 20-1
$110,000 KEE SEP yrl

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:
5th-Oaklawn, $104,000, 2-17, (NW1$X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:45.34, ft, 3/4 length.
COASTAL CHARM (f, 4, Ghostzapper--Malibu Breeze, by Distorted Humor) Lifetime Record: 6-2-4-0, $113,655. O-HWL Partnership; B-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc. (KY); T-Steve Hobby.

8th-Oaklawn, $102,600, 2-17, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09.65, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.
EDGE TO EDGE (h, 5, Competitive Edge--Brief Mark, by Benchmark) Lifetime Record: SP, 24-6-2-6, $377,385. O-Peggy Thompson; B-Yeamans Racing Stable, LLC (KY); T-Chris A. Hartman. *$40,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP; $45,000 RNA Ylg '19 ARZNOV. **1/2 to He's Munnie (Munnings), SP, $211,974.
4th-Turfway, $72,000, 2-16, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m (AWT), 1:38.52, ft, nose.
AMAZON QUEEN (f, 4, Kantharos--The Niagara Queen {GSW, $581,172}, by Langfuhr) Lifetime Record: 11-3-1-1, $94,480. O-Greg Tatum Racing, LLC; B-Hedberg Hall, Inc (KY); T-Arnaud Delacour. *$80,000 Ylg '20 EASOCT. **1/2 to Mayas Queen Neetee (Speightstown), SW, $305,523.

7th-Gulfstream, $54,000, (S), 2-17, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:18.39, ft, 1/2 length.
ADIOS BABY (f, 4, Adios Charlie--It's Magic Baby, by Exclusive Quality) Lifetime Record: 11-2-5-3, $115,460. O-Tom Sanders; B-John E Shaw (FL); T-John G Vinson.

6th-Fair Grounds, $53,000, (S), 2-17, (NW4L), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:46.03, gd, 4 1/2 lengths.
MISHPACHAH (f, 4, Unified--Clear Sailing (SW, $128,940), by Empire Maker) Lifetime Record: 10-4-1-3, $147,340. O-Coteau Grove Farms LLC, William & Susan Yarmuth; B-Coteau Grove Farms, LLC (LA); T-W. Bret Calhoun.

5th-Delta Downs, $35,810, 2-16, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 7f, 1:27.08, sy, head.
MEANT FOR ME (g, 5, Outwork--Sacred Moon, by Malibu Moon) Lifetime Record: 6-2-3-1, $56,250. O-Ronnie Robinson; B-Tom Curtis & Wayne Simpson (LA); T-Henry B. Johnson, Jr. *$50,000 Wlg '18 KEENOV; $48,000 Ylg '19 OBSOCT; $145,000 RNA 2yo '20 OBSAPR.

3rd-Delta Downs, $43,000, (S), 2-16, (NW1X), 5f, :58.79, sy, 4 3/4 lengths.
MY MAN LOUIE (g, 4, Custom for Carlos--Kitty's Got Class {MSW, $209,635}, by Old Forester) Lifetime Record: 16-4-2-0, $67,910. O-Keith Plaisance; B-J. Adcock & Adcock's Red River Farm, LLC (LA); T-Lee Thomas. *$27,000 Ylg '18 ELSYRL. **1/2 to Special Blessing (Flat Out), MSW, $270,330.

7th-Fair Grounds, $51,000, 2-17, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:45.81, gd, 8 lengths.
SOUTHLAWN (f, 3, Pioneerof the Nile--Mo d'Amour {SW & MGSP, $311,360}, by Uncle Mo) Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-0, $78,369. O-Robert E. Masterson; B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-Norm W. Casse. *$290,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP.

1st-Penn National, $31,600, (S), 2-17, (NW1BX), 6f, 1:11.92, gd, 4 1/2 lengths.
ZILLION (g, 5, Munnings--Bumble Bee Mama, by Notebook) Lifetime Record: 23-4-9-4, $120,504. O-Warrior's Reward, LLC; B-Thomas G McClay (PA); T-Brandon L. Kulp. *Full to Capar Girl, SW, $180,455.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Cosmic Speculation (f, 3, Bucchero--Classys Legacy, by Mecke.) Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, $40,500. O-Robert E. Masterson; B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-Norm W. Casse. *1ST-TIME STARTER.
ZILLION (g, 5, Munnings--Bumble Bee Mama, by Notebook) Lifetime Record: 23-4-9-4, $120,504. O-Warrior's Reward, LLC; B-Thomas G McClay (PA); T-Brandon L. Kulp. *Full to Capar Girl, SW, $180,455.
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by Point Given. Santa Anita, 2-17, (S), 1mT, 1:38.82. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, $58,300. B-Straight Fire, LLC (CA). *$47,000 Ylg '21 FTCA YR.

**Tiz Tok**, r, 3, **Tiznow**--Weekend Prospect, by A.P. Indy. Santa Anita, 2-17, (C), 1m, 1:37.89. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, $23,080. B-Calumet Farm (KY).

**Jellicle Katz**, f, 3, **Will Take Charge**--Katz Me If You Can (MGSW, $410,947), by Storm Cat. Gulfstream, 2-17, (C), 7f, 1:25.89. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, $27,100. B-Whisper Hill Farm, LLC (KY). *$12,000 Ylg '20 OBSOCT; $55,000 2yo '22 OBSSW.

**Fredo**, c, 4, **Nyquist**--Alienated (SW), by Gone West. Gulfstream, 2-17, 1mT, 1:35.39. Lifetime Record: 9-1-0-0, $50,420. B-White Fox Farm (KY). *$90,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP. **1/2 to Rally Cry (Uncle Mo), SW & GISP, $50,000.

**Golden Years**, Makinlimmargaritas, f, 3, o/o Makin Faith, by Makin. MSW, 2-16, Charles Town

**Goldencents**, Kilbrittain's Red, f, 3, o/o Maddalena, by Good and Tough. MSW, 2-17, Laurel

**Great Notion**, Fuhgeddaboudit, f, 4, o/o Outwithbigdaddy, by Outflanker. ALW, 2-17, Laurel

**Into Mischief**, Downtown Mischief, f, 3, o/o Downtown Mama, by Speightstown. AOC, 2-17, Aqueduct

**Kantharos**, Amazon Queen, f, 4, o/o The Niagara Queen, by Langfuhr. AOC, 2-16, Turfway

**Medaglia d'Oro**, Spirit of St Louis, g, 4, o/o Khancord Kid, by Lemon Drop Kid. MSW, 2-17, Aqueduct

**Munnings**, Zillion, g, 5, o/o Bumble Bee Mama, by Notebook. ALW, 2-17, Penn National

**New Year's Day**, Langs Day, g, 6, o/o Langsyne, by Langfuhr. ALW, 2-16, Delta Downs

**Nyquist**, Fredo, c, 4, o/o Alienated, by Gone West. MSW, 2-17, Gulfstream

**Outwork**, Meant for Me, g, 5, o/o Sacred Moon, by Malibu Moon. ALW, 2-16, Delta Downs

**Palace**, Oh Doo Dah Day, f, 3, o/o Heaven's Ring, by Paradigm. MSW, 2-17, Sam Houston

**Pionerof the Nile**, Southlawn, f, 3, o/o Mo d'Amour, by Uncle Mo. AOC, 2-17, Fair Grounds

**Practical Joke**, Fabulously Funny, f, 3, o/o Just Fabulous, by Include. MSW, 2-17, Aqueduct

**Sky Kingdom**, Chupapi Munyayo, g, 3, o/o No No Kitty Kitty, by Tactical Cat. MSW, 2-17, Oaklawn

**Star Guitar**, Scooteria, g, 4, o/o Penelope Plum, by Badge of Silver. MSW, 2-17, Fair Grounds

**Straight Fire**, Point and Shoot, f, 3, o/o Point Chanel, by Point Given. MSW, 2-17, Santa Anita

**Tiznow**, Tiz Tok, r, 3, o/o Weekend Prospect, by A.P. Indy. MCL, 2-17, Santa Anita

**Unified**, Majority Partner, g, 4, o/o Eleganter, by A.P. Indy. AOC, 2-17, Aqueduct

**Unified**, Mishpachah, f, 4, o/o Clear Sailing, by Empire Maker. ALW, 2-17, Fair Grounds

**Will Take Charge**, Jellicle Katz, f, 3, o/o Katz Me If You Can, by Storm Cat. MOC, 2-17, Gulfstream

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WINNING RETURN FOR NATIONS PRIDE
by Tom Frary

Reappearing for the first time since his fifth in the GI Breeders’ Cup Turf, last year’s GI Saratoga Derby Invitational and GIII Jockey Club Derby Invitational winner Nations Pride (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}) got his 2023 campaign off to a flyer with a comfortable success in Friday’s G3 Dubai Millennium S. at Meydan.

The pick of William Buick of the Charlie Appleby duo and marginally the second favourite at 11-8 behind stablemate Ottoman Fleet (GB) (Sea The Stars {Ire}), the homebred travelled notably strongly behind the leading pair throughout the early stages. Rolling to the front 300 metres from the finish, he was pushed out to defy the maximum penalty and confirm his superiority in scoring by 1 1/4 lengths from Zagrey (Fr) (Zarak {Fr}) as Ottoman Fleet faded late to be a further half-length away in third. Cont. p9

IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

BAFFERT DENIED INJUNCTION TO RACE IN DERBY
A federal judge on Friday denied Bob Baffert a preliminary injunction to be eligible to race in this year’s GI Kentucky Derby.

D’AMATO Q&A: 'YOU DON'T HAVE TO SPEND A LOT TO FIND A GOING GLOBAL'

By Brian Sheerin

One of the finest turf trainers in America, Phil D’Amato has done exceptionally well with his European imports in recent years, highlighted by Grade I winner Going Global and more recently American Oaks scorer Rhea Moon.

In this week’s Q&A with Brian Sheerin, D’Amato explained how, with the help of Niall Dalton, Craig Rounsefell and BBA Ireland’s Michael Donohoe, he has built one of the most competitive stables in America.

Read about his approach to finding 'diamonds in the rough' on a budget, his training methods and much more.

Brian Sheerin: You do extremely well with your imports from Britain and Ireland. What is it that you look for in form horses when you go about recruiting them from Europe?

Phil D’Amato: There are a number of factors. First and foremost, you need a horse that you think will handle a firm turf course and you can gauge that by the tracks that they have been running at in Europe and how they are handling that. If you don’t have a good gauge on how they would handle the American turf, then you can check how the pedigree has done in the States and if that suggests they are prone to do better on firm ground. Cont. p3
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78 STALLION NOMS TO SELL IN CHARITY AUCTION

The catalogue for the Tattersalls Online Charity Auction of Stallion Nominations was released on Friday.

'MIMI' CROWNED IN THE UAE OAKS

Mimi Kakushi (City Of Light) won the G3 UAE Oaks in game fashion at Meydan.

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D’Amato: Number two, they definitely need a turn of foot. All turf races over here, from the quarter pole home, you need to show a good turn of foot. I definitely like to see that over horses who are more staying types in Europe. Horses who go to the lead in Europe and try to make all, those horses don’t tend to do well in America, you need something with acceleration. Those are the big things for us.

Conformation is another. I don’t think conformation plays as big a part in Europe, especially with the amount of homebreds that race and the forgiving training surfaces, but in the States, conformation plays a much bigger role as our courses are not as forgiving. You need a horse with good conformation over here, one that’s going to hit the ground square, so that it will be able to stay sound for you.

You’ve built up a top-class recruitment team with Michael Donohoe and Niall Dalton coming up with a lot of the goods.

You have to give them a lot of credit. I’ve also had a lot of good luck with Craig Rounsefell—all of those gentlemen know what to look for. They are trying to find the diamond in the rough and prove that you don’t have to spend a lot of money to find a Going Global (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}). They have good connections with the trainers and know who the sellers are. There are a lot of sellers in Britain and Ireland, as that’s how a lot of these guys make their money given the prize-money over there, and not everyone can train for a Sheikh or somebody who is very wealthy. They need to trade so, in that respect, Niall, Michael and Craig know the people who will lead them the right way.

They continue to buy horses from those people.

And is it purely form horses that you buy from Europe or have you ever dipped your toe into breeze-up or even yearling markets?

We have bought a breeze-up horse or two but it’s mostly horses who have run. I prefer to see a horse who has run at least twice and I am not a big fan of the horses who have run just once. To me, it seems like the horses who have run at least twice or more, they come over here to America and they seem to be harder horses. You have a better handle on them and they tend to cope with the training better as well. They are better than the one-off horse who’s run third or fourth. I just like horses who have been able to show their form a couple of times but, the flip side of that means that, getting to see a bit more often means that you have to pay that bit more. It has its pluses and minuses. Cont. p4
CLASSIC PROSPECTS!

CAMELOT ‘TDN RISING STAR’ LIGHTS UP CHANTILLY

by Tom Frary

Thursday’s card at Chantilly witnessed Europe’s first ‘TDN Rising Star’ of 2023 as Ballymore Thoroughbred Ltd’s Pensee Du Jour (Ire) (Camelot (GB)) powered to an impressive success in the Prix du Chateau de la Reine Blanche. Stretching clear in early straight, the Andre Fabre-trained bay was already being eased down a furlong from the finish and was four lengths ahead of the Fabrice Chappet newcomer Crown Princesse (Fr).

TDN, 17/2/23

The previous day Pensee Du Jour was given entries in the G1 Poule d’Essai des Pouliches, G1 Prix de Diane and G1 Prix Saint-Alary.

We have a filly called Bluestocking who won her maiden at Salisbury for Ralph Beckett, she’s a filly we like a lot. She’s very much a three-year-old type and being by Camelot she’s bred to want 10 or 12 furlongs.

Juddmonte Racing Manager Barry Mahon on Racing TV.com

Alexandroupolis…..displayed a rare turn of foot in the latter stages of the extended one-mile maiden to subdue his rivals, defeating G1 Criterium International runner-up and fellow ‘TDN Rising Star’ Espionage.

TDN, January 9, 2023

CAMELOT

Also remaining in training are Irish Champion Stakes winner LUXEMBOURG and German Derby winner SAMMARCO

Yearlings in 2022 sold for €545,000, €515,000, €485,000 etc. And remember his best-bred crops have yet to run!
I’d love to know what expectations you had for Going Global when you bought her after she won a Dundalk nursery off a mark of 70. Could you ever have envisaged that she’d improve to the level that she has?

Well, you know what, Michael Donohoe is really good friends with her former trainer Michael Halford, and we had bought horses from him before. Going Global had gotten sick previously and hadn’t run well before she won at Dundalk but they had good reasons as to why she hadn’t been running well. We knew that story coming into the race and then, when she did produce at Dundalk, it was time to strike. We had a little bit of extra insight into buying her and Halford liked the way that filly had been training for a while so he guided us in the right direction. That was the story there.

You touched on the fact that a lot of trainers over here in Ireland where I am based, their business model accounts for trading horses, and Michael Halford would be up there with one of the best at that. Are there certain trainers you like to return to?

You have a good rapport with a lot of people and there are a lot of people who lead us the right way. It’s the people who are going to leave a little extra in the tank who we are interested in buying off. That’s the way I train my horses and I don’t like to have them fully cranked first-time up. I like to let them develop through their races and I try to buy my horses off like-minded people. You need to try and buy a horse who is likely to continue to develop over here in the States. You know the yards that are crack first-time out specialists and I try to stay away from those trainers because all of their horses usually show everything they have first-time out. It’s the guys who leave a little extra in the tank and like to let them develop race to race, those are the guys we like working with.

What would be the key differences between the European horses compared to the American-breds who you have grown up with?

Size and conformation are the big things. To buy a dirt horse versus a grass horse, it’s apples and oranges. You are looking at the horse totally differently. A dirt horse has a big thick bone, and a big hind end, gaskins and forearms, that can withstand training and pushing through the dirt. Cont. p5
Conversations Cont.

D’Amato: Your turf horse is a bit more angular, lighter of body and bone, just a little bit more agile. You need to put two different caps on when you are looking to buy a dirt horse versus a grass horse.

And when it comes to acclimatising a European import, what is your approach to that?

They are all different and all treated as individuals. I like to gradually build them up and let them tell me when they are ready to do more and start breezing. Some horses take a month before you breeze them and others are ready to go within two weeks. They are all different. You can’t put them in a cookie-cutter training style as they all needed to be treated differently.

When you go down through the imports that you have done well with in America, there are no Galileos, Frankels or Dubawis in there, which makes the achievements all the more impressive.

We mostly have horses by mid-range stallions, because we can afford them. We’re not looking to buy a Galileo (Ire), Frankel (GB) or Dubawi (Ire) for half a million dollars, our budget is much less than that. Those are the stallions we look at, the ones that produce the goods but who are within our price range. We bought horses by Mehmas at the right time but now that stallion is moving up the ladder. It’s all about leaving that to Michael and Niall, who are great at that. What’s an advantage is, they work the yearling sales as well and watch these horses develop through all of the different yards. They have keen insights from when they hit the sales ground right up until when they race. That’s a big advantage.

American Oaks winner Rhea Moon is the latest star European import to grab the headlines for your stable. How did she come on your radar? In many ways she was quite unexposed given she’d only had the two starts in Ireland for Ken Condon.

She ran a really good second to a Juddmonte colt [Straight Answer (GB) (Kodiac {GB})] on her second start at the Curragh and that horse came out and won a stakes race not too long afterwards. She had good sneaky form in that she came out of a live race and ran a good second. Again, she came from a good yard that develops them the right way instead of having them cranked to the gills first-time out, so she looked a nice prospect. We went after her and thankfully we were able to get her.

You touched on how important a turn of foot is on the American turf racing scene. She showed that when winning the Oaks. Where next for her now?

She’s in steady training right now and we will probably run her some time in March or April with a view towards a prep for the Gamely S., that’s a Grade I, which we have in late April. Hopefully that will launch her 4-year-old campaign and lead us towards the Breeders’ Cup in November.

Given the prize-money situation in Britain and Ireland, have you had much interaction with owners from this part of the world who are interested in placing their horses in training directly with you rather than selling them abroad?

I actually have started to get overseas owners going that route as opposed to me buying them. We’ll see how that goes. I got a filly sent to me, called With Love (GB) (Territories {Ire}), who is owned by Atomic Racing in Ireland.

Look at a filly like Bellabel (Ire) (Belardo {Ire}); she won a race worth €6,490 on her final start for Jessica Harrington in Ireland but has won almost $200,000 in America which is borderline insane.

She was another nice pick by Michael Donohoe. He has many clients who have horses in training with Jessica and she recommended us to buy her as the owner wanted to sell. We were in the right place at the right time. We gave her a little break and she’ll also be back towards the end of the month. Hopefully she's another nice prospect for us.

Has it been a conscious decision for you to concentrate on turf racing in America over the dirt? Cont. p6
“I see an expansion of turf racing across the country for many of those reasons; the longevity of the horses and people seem to like the last quarter mile compared to dirt races that can be decided right out of the gate sometimes.”

Phil D’Amato on American turf racing

Conversations Cont.

D’Amato: The concentration on turf has really come down to budget. In America, if you want to compete with the Bob Bafferts, Todd Pletchers and Steve Asmussens of the world, it costs a lot of money. Those gentlemen have many million-dollar yearlings to work with and, to try and compete against that, you have to have a ginormous budget. I am lucky to have good owners with good budgets but nowhere near that. You can buy a good European horse for a fifth or a tenth of that price. It seems that, in turf racing, too, these horses seem to have a little more longevity and can be campaigned for an extra year or two. The racing is really more about that last quarter burst over the punishing grind from start to finish on dirt. That’s why these horses seem to last longer and get the chance to develop into stakes horses or, for the fillies, into breeding prospects.

Where do you see the future of turf racing in America? It seems to be expanding and growing so it could be an exciting position to be in.

I really see that. I see an expansion of turf racing across the country for many of those reasons; the longevity of the horses and people seem to like the last quarter mile compared to dirt races that can be decided right out of the gate sometimes. People like to enjoy seeing their horses run over a long period of time and so turf racing fits that category.

Could we ever see a Phil D’Amato-trained runner at Royal Ascot?

One day. That definitely is a dream. I know Wesley Ward has been successful at Royal Ascot. You definitely need to bring the right horse but, one day, it would be a dream for me to do something like that.

EUROPEAN NEWS

78 STALLION NOMINATIONS CATALOGUED FOR TATTERSALLS CHARITY AUCTION

A total of 78 stallions will have their nominations go under the hammer in the Tattersalls Online Charity Auction of Stallion Nominations which begins at noon on Monday, Feb. 20 and ends 24 hours later on Tuesday, Feb. 21.

Organised by Oliver St. Lawrence, the charity auction benefits Giving to Ukraine and the Disasters Emergency Committee’s Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal charities. There are nominations to the likes of Kodiac (GB), Nathaniel (Ire), Sea The Moon (Ger), Showcasing (GB), Sottsass (Fr), Territories (Ire), Time Test (GB), and The Grey Gatsby (Ire) among others. In some cases, stud farms have offered more than one nomination per stallion, so the winning bidder and underbidder would be contacted.

For the full catalogue of nominations and to register to bid, please visit the Tattersalls website.

CREATIVE FORCE REROUTED TO AL QUOZ SPRINT AFTER SPIKING A TEMPERATURE

Godolphin’s Group 1 winner Creative Force (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) has been removed from consideration for the $30.35-million Saudi Cup meeting after spiking a temperature, and will instead target the G1 Al Quoz Sprint in Dubai next month.

“Creative Force spiked a temperature earlier today and following unsatisfactory blood tests, it has been decided that he will not travel to Saudi Arabia,” Godolphin tweeted. “He will now be aimed at the Al Quoz Sprint on Dubai World Cup night.”
Creative Force Cont.

Trained by Charlie Appleby, the 5-year-old gelding won the G1 British Champions Sprint S. in October of 2021. Last year he placed three times at that tier when second in the Platinum Jubilee S. at Royal Ascot in June second up, then ran fourth in the July S. His latest efforts were a pair of thirds--defending his title on QIPCO British Champions Day, and in the Breeders’ Cup Turf Sprint at Keeneland in November.

STONE AGE TO RACE UNDER LEASE FOR AMIR TROPHY

Group winner Stone Age (Ire) (Galileo (Ire)) has been leased to Jassim Mohamed J D Al-Darwish for his run in Saturday’s His Highness The Amir Trophy in Qatar.

A winner of the G3 Derby Trial at Leopardstown at three for a Coolmore partnership and Aidan O’Brien, the 4-year-old has placed three times at the highest level, including the G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud at two, and the GI Belmont Derby Invitational S. and GI Breeders’ Cup Turf last year. He enters the 2400-metre event on the back of a fifth-place effort under Ryan Moore in the GI Longines Hong Kong Vase at Sha Tin on Dec. 11. Moore will be the saddle again on Feb. 18, and the duo will leave from stall three.

O’Brien also runs Group 1 winner Broome (Ire) (Australia (GB)) in The Amir Trophy for owners Derrick Smith, Michael Tabor, Mrs. John Magnier and M Matsushima. GI Breeders’ Cup Mile hero Order Of Australia (Ire) (Australia (GB)) will compete for a different Coolmore partnership in the local G2 Doha Irish Thoroughbred Marketing Cup over a mile on the same card.

TOM SCUDAMORE RETIRES WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT

After riding over 1,500 winners in a 25-year-career, Tom Scudamore retired on Friday, the 40-year-old announced.

He bows out with 10 Cheltenham Festival winners under his belt, highlighted by Thistlecrack (GB) (Kayf Tara (GB))’s World Hurdle victory in 2016.

Scudamore took his last ride at Leicester on Thursday and after being unseated from Ya Know Yaseff (Ire) (Jet Away (GB)), he decided the time was right to exit the stage.

He said, "I've had a fantastic time and all good things must come to an end. Unfortunately my time has come. Time waits for no man and I don't see it as retirement, just a job change.

"I'm going to take stock, but I've got options to work in the media, I'm going to continue being an ambassador in my relationship with Coral and I'd like to stay involved in some way, shape or form.

"I've built a lot of good relationships in racing and I'd like to use those to best effect. I've got lots of options and lots of things in the pipeline, I've got plenty to look forward to."

The rider hails from a racing dynasty, with his father Peter an eight-times champion jockey over jumps, while his grandfather Michael rode Oxo (GB) to victory in the 1959 Grand National. His brother, Michael, is also a successful trainer.

Asked if he might consider joining his brother in a training career, Scudamore said, "That is an option. Michael is doing a fantastic job on his own, whether that's with Michael or with David, I will always be there and helping out in some way. Whether that is with owners or schooling or buying horses for them, I will be involved everywhere. I will just let the dust settle and see where we are. I want to stay involved somehow."
B R I T A I N

Friday’s Result:
3rd-Lingfield, £11,400, Novice, 2-17, 3yo, f, 7f 1y (AWT), 1:24.55, st.

SPRING PROMISE (IRE) (f, 3, Lope De Vega {Ire}–Come Alive (GB) {SF-R}, by Dansili {GB}), a half-sister to last year’s G1 Platinum Jubilee S. hero Naval Crown (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), had been denied in the final stride by the stable’s newcomer Veil Of Shadows (GB) (Frankel {GB}) over a mile at Kempton 13 days previously and broke well to lead in first-time cheekpieces. Tending to lean right up the straight under vigorous riding, the 15-8 second favourite had to be tough and responded gamely to hold on this time and prevail by a neck from Choisya (GB) (Night Of Thunder {Ire}). The winner is the second foal and runner for the listed-winning dam, with the aforementioned Naval Crown also finishing runner-up in the G1 July Cup having presaged his Royal Ascot victory with a win in the G2 Al Fahidi Fort. She is out of the Listed Severals S. scorer Portrayal (Saint Ballado), who was also placed in the G2 Prix Robert Papin and who is connected to the sire Catcher In The Rye (Ire). Her 2-year-old filly is by Shamardal, while she also has a yearling filly by Ghaiyyath (Ire). Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, $12,000.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Muzaffar (GB), g, 4, Almanzor (Fr)–Via Lazio (GB), by Lawman (Fr). Southwell, 2-17, 11f 23y (AWT), 2:20.61. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-0, $16,337. B-Via Lazio Partnership (GB). *14,000gns Ylg '14,000gns Ylg

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:
CASH OUT (IRE) (c, 3, No Nay Never–Cash In The Hand, by Exchange Rate), just denied by the potentially smart Stormy Entry (Point Of Entry) over this course and distance a week previously, was up in the vanguard from the break. Asserting from before the furlong marker, the 5-4 favourite had 1 1/2 lengths to spare over Miami Thunder (GB) (Kingman {GB}) at the line. Withdrawn from the recent Tattersalls February Sale, the winner is the second foal out of an unraced half-sister to Lord Admiral (El Prado {Ire}) who captured a trio of black-type races in this country, the G2 Jebel Hatta and G3 Al Rashidiya in Dubai as well as being third in the G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup and the GII Oak Tree Breeders’ Cup Mile. A half to the dam of the G1 QIPCO British Champions Fillies & Mares S. heroine Star Catcher (GB) (Sea The Stars {Ire}), the GI Canadian International-winning sire Cannock Chase (Lemon Drop Kid) and his G2 Prix Eugene Adam-winning full-brother Pisco Sour, Cash In The Hand is also connected to GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile hero Action This Day (Kris S.). Her 2-year-old colt by Frankel (GB) was a 400,000gns Book 1 sensation when selling to Godolphin, while she also has a yearling filly by Wootton Bassett (GB). Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, $11,154.

FRANCE

Friday’s Result:
2nd-Chantilly, €35,000, Cond, 2-17, 3yo, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.17, st.
SAUTERNE (FR) (f, 3, Kingman {GB}–Salorne, by Aragorn {Ire}), who doubled her tally over this trip at Deauville last month, tracked the leading pair early. Tackling the leader Ciao Pa’ (Fr) (Shamalgan {Fr}) approaching the furlong pole, the 2-5 favourite soon had command and stayed on strongly to beat that rival by 4 1/2 lengths. The unraced dam, who also has a 2-year-old colt by Inns Of Court (Ire), is kin to the six-times top-level scorer and Prix de Diane-winning champion Stacelita (Fr) (Monsun {Ger}), who is in turn responsible for the dual Japanese champion Soul Stirring (Jpn) (Frankel {GB}) and who is the second dam of the fellow G1 Yushun Himba heroine Stars On Earth (Jpn) (Duramente {Jpn}) who also captured the G1 Oka Sho. The second dam is the listed-winning and group-placed Soignee (Ger) (Dashing Blade {GB}), whose descendants also include the G3 Jersey S. winner and G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere runner-up Noble Truth (Fr) (Kingman {GB}). Other members of the high-achieving family are the G1 Commonwealth Cup runner-up Flaming Rib (Ire) (Ribchester {Ire}) and the G1 Grosser Preis von Bayern heroine Sunny Queen (Ger) (Camelot {GB}). Sales history: €130,000 RNA Ylg ‘21 ARQAUG. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-1, €49,050. Video, sponsored by TVG.

IRELAND

Friday’s Result:
5th-Dundalk, €12,000, Mdn, 2-17, 3yo, 8f (AWT), 1:40.01, st.
CASH OUT (IRE) (c, 3, No Nay Never–Cash In The Hand, by Exchange Rate), just denied by the potentially smart Stormy Entry (Point Of Entry) over this course and distance a week previously, was up in the vanguard from the break. Asserting from before the furlong marker, the 5-4 favourite had 1 1/2 lengths to spare over Miami Thunder (GB) (Kingman {GB}) at the line. Withdrawn from the recent Tattersalls February Sale, the winner is the second foal out of an unraced half-sister to Lord Admiral (El Prado {Ire}) who captured a trio of black-type races in this country, the G2 Jebel Hatta and G3 Al Rashidiya in Dubai as well as being third in the G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup and the GII

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:
Daiquiri Dream (GB), f, 4, Dubawi (Ire)–Cocktail Queen (Ire) (MGSW-Fr, GSP-Eng, $366,878), by Motivator (GB). Chantilly, 2-17, 13 1/2f (AWT), 2:55.88. B-Littleton Stud (GB).

IN BAHRAIN:
Devaste (GB), g, 4, Buratino (Ire)–Abbotsfield (Ire), by Sakhee’s Secret (Ire). Sakhir, 2-17, Al Sakhir Cup (Sponsored by Batelco) (Hcp.) (Bahrain Turf Series) (£60k), 2200mT, 2:13.62. B-Llety Farms. *11,000gns Ylg ’20 TATOCT; 10,000gns RNA 2yo ’21 TATMAY; 72,000gns HRA ’22 TATJUL. VIDEO
Goemon (GB), c, 4, Dark Angel (Ire)–Spangled (GB) (GSW-Eng, $106,651), by Starspangledbanner (Aus). Sakhir, 2-17, Vision 2030 Cup (Hcp.) (Bahrain Turf Series) (£60k), 2000mT, 2:01.30. B-Cheveley Park Stud Limited. *125,000gns Ylg ’20 TATOCT.
Lucander (Ire), g, 6, Footstepsinthesandand (GB)–Lady Sefton (GB), by Oratorio (Ire). Sakhir, 2-17, HH Sh Nasser Bin Hamad Bin Isa Al Khalifa Cup (Bhr-G2, NBT), 2200mT, 2:16.32. B-John Connolly. *€26,000 Wlg ’17 GOFOV; 28,000gns Ylg ’18 TATOCT. VIDEO
Buffer Zone (GB), g, 8, Bated Breath (GB)–Buffering (GB) (SP-Fr), by Beat Hollow (GB). Sakhir, 2-17, HH Sh Sheema Bint Nasser Bin Hamad Al Khalifa Cup (Bhr-G2, NBT), 1400mT, 1:23.56. B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd. *GSP-Ire. **$50,000gns HRA ’18 TATAUT; 125,000gns HRA ’20 TATAUG. VIDEO

Appleby, who was winning this race for the sixth consecutive year, is considering the G1 Jebel Hatta and G1 Dubai Turf. “Immediately, you’d say have a crack at the Dubai Turf, as they’ll go a good gallop over the 1800 metres there, but we’ll see how the cards fall,” he said.

Pedigree Notes
The dam Important Time (Ire) (Oasis Dream {GB}), who was a listed winner in Germany, is a daughter of the G1 Prix de l’Opera heroine Satwa Queen (Fr) (Muhtathir {GB}) who is herself kin to the G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud-winning sire Spadoun (Fr) (Kaldoun {Fr}). Satwa Queen is also the second dam of the G1 Phoenix S. hero and G1 2000 Guineas, G1 St James’s Palace S. and G1 Middle Park S.-placed Lucky Vega (Ire) (Lope De Vega {Ire}). Also related to the G1 Prix Marcel Boussac runner-up Marieta (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}), she has a 2-year-old filly by Dark Angel (Ire) and a yearling full-sister to the winner to come.

G3 Dubai Millennium S. Cont. from p1
Nations Pride has not raced in his native England since finishing eighth in the Derby, his sole blip having come after earning a supplementary for the Blue Riband when beating Hoo Ya Mal (GB) (Territories {Ire}) by seven lengths in the Listed Newmarket S. in April. Highly effective at or around this 10-furlong trip on a conventional track, he is now the winner of this venue’s inaugural Jumeirah Derby, the aforementioned Saratoga Derby Invitational and Jockey Club Derby Invitational as well as being a possibly unfortunate runner-up in the GI Belmont Derby Invitational.
Gerard Augustin-Normand; B-Ecurie Euroling (FR); T-Yann Barberot. $30,000.

3--Ottoman Fleet (GB), 129, g, 4, Sea The Stars (Ire)--Innevera (Fr), by Motivator (GB). (€290,000 Wlg '19 ARQDE; 425,000gns Ylg '20 TATOC); O-Godolphin; B-SCEA Marmion Vauville & Alain Jathiere (GB); T-Charlie Appleby. $15,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, HF, 4HF.

Also Ran: Daramethos (Ire), Annerville (Ire), Aeonian (Ire), Good Fortune (Den), Freescape (GB), Midlife Crisis (Fr), Desert Fire (Ire), Withering (GB), Ursa Minor (Ire).

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‘MIMI’ CROWNED QUEEN IN THE UAE OAKS
by Heather Anderson

A winner of the Listed UAE 1000 Guineas when last seen, Mimi Kakushi (City Of Light) turned in a game effort to wear down California shipper Ami Please (Goldencents) and win the G3 UAE Oaks by 1 1/4 lengths at Meydan on Friday. She is the eighth filly to complete the Guineas/Oaks double, and first since subsequent American graded winner Shahama (Munnings) in 2022, who was also trained by Salem bin Ghadayer.

Racing for Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum, the bay stalked from second as Ami Please crossed over to lead heading into the clubhouse turn. Rival Asawer (Nyquist), fourth in the UAE 1000 Guineas, exchanged some bumps with Mimi Kakushi on the backstretch as they chased the pacesetter. By the far turn, it was a line of three with Mimi Kakushi sandwiched between foes, but pilot Mickael Barzalona did not panic in the tight quarters, which began to ease as Asawer faded leaving the bend.

Mimi Kakushi locked horns with Ami Please at the quarter-pole, and the pair battled hammer and tongs until midstretch. At the 150-metre mark, Mimi Kakushi inched ahead of Ami Please, and eventually crossed the wire about a length to the good of that filly. Asawer hung on for third, a distant four lengths back.

Fourth in her first two local tries in November and December, the Woodford Thoroughbreds-bred graduated by two lengths over Asawer in the UAE 1000 Guineas Trial on Dec. 23. She increased her winning margin to 4 1/2 lengths in the Listed UAE 1000 Guineas on Jan. 20.

“She’s a very classy filly and she does everything we ask her to,” said Barzalona. “The longer trip was in her favour. [Ami Please] was much faster away than us and my filly was happy to sit behind. At the end I felt like I had plenty in hand.”

Bin Ghadayer added, “She was my favourite filly and she improved again tonight,” he said. “To be honest, I thought this race would be even easier than the Guineas as she wouldn’t be under pressure the whole way.

“She was a professional filly from the beginning, especially in her mind, and she’s very easy to train. She knows she must give everything in a race.”

“The [G2] UAE Derby and the [GI] Kentucky Oaks for sure will be on her agenda but we need to discuss it with [owner] Sheikh Hamdan [bin Mohammed Al Maktoum].”

Pedigree Notes

The first graded/group winner for her Breeders’ Cup-winning sire who stands at Lane’s End Farm in Kentucky, Mimi Kakushi is one of four stakes winners overall. City Of Light’s eldest foals just turned three. Wild Again stallion Vicar, a winner of the GI Fountain Of Youth S. and GI Florida Derby in 1999, has sired 15 stakes winners as a broodmare sire, with Mimi Kakushi joining Vicar’s In Trouble (Into Mischief) and Sandbar (War Pass) as graded/group winners.

A $180,000 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Select yearling turned $250,000 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic juvenile (breeze video), Mimi Kakushi is a half-sister to three-time stakes winner Moment Is Right (Medaglia d’Oro), and the stakes-winning Laudation (Congrats). Her dam, who won both the Bed o’ Roses H. and Distaff H. at Aqueduct at Grade II level, has a yearling filly by Cajun Breeze. Her 2023 offspring, by Khozan, was born dead.

Friday, Meydan, Dubai
UAE OAKS-G3, $150,000, Meydan, 2-17, 3yo, f, 9 1/2f, 2:00.01, fs.

1--MIMI KAKUSHI, 126, f, 3, by City Of Light
1st Dam: Rite Moment (MGSW-US, $399,303), by Vicar
2nd Dam: Moments Of Joy, by Lost Code
3rd Dam: Valiant Sweetheart, by Danzig

1ST GROUP WIN. ($180,000 Ylg ’21 FTKJUL; $250,000 2yo ’22

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ANOTHER GROUP WINNER FOR DUBAWI IN NAD AL SHEBA TROPHY by Heather Anderson

Godolphin home bred Siskany (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) made the successful jump from stakes winner to group winner in Friday’s G3 Nad Al Sheba Trophy over 2810 metres.

One of four in the race to carry the royal blue and jockey William Buick’s pick, the 5-year-old gelding shadowed the leaders in fourth through the early going. Tugging a bit, Buick was able relax the son of Halay (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) as Emperor Of The Sun (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) continued to set the pace. Positions were largely unchanged as the field approached the final turn, but Buick gave Siskany his cue and he was already making inroads toward the frontrunners.

Wheeled into the five path for his bid as fellow Appleby runner Kemari (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) took up the running, Siskany motored right on by and had things all his own way for the final 100 metres.

“He hadn’t raced for a while so he was fresh and over racing at stages,” said Buick after Godolphin’s 10th success in the 2810-metre turf event. “It was impressive in the end and, like any good stayer, he has that turn of foot. He’s been rock solid from day one and hopefully he can make into a [G2] Dubai Gold Cup horse.”

A winner of the Listed Godolphin S. in September, he ran third in the G1 Grosser Preis von Bayern in Germany on Nov. 6, and was third again in his 2022 finale—the Listed Wild Flower S. over the Kempton all-weather. The Nad Al Sheba Trophy was his first run back.

Pedigree Notes

Already one of 249 stakes winners for his Darley sire, Siskany became the 164th group winner after his Nad Al Sheba score. Dubawi has sired nine stakes winners out of Galileo (Ire) mares, among them Group 1 winners-turned sires Ghaiyyath (Ire) and Night Of Thunder (Ire).

The unraced Halay (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), herself a full-sister to multiple group winner Dartmouth (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) and a half to G2 Grand Prix de Chantilly hero Manatee (GB) (Monsun {Ger}) and one other stakes winner, has also produced the winner Tamzara (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), and a yearling filly by Ribchester (Ire). Arcangues (Sagace {Fr}), who blew up the tote when shocking the 1993 GI Breeders’ Cup Classic field at 133-1, is a half-brother to Siskany’s third dam, the unplaced Altana by Mountain Cat.

Friday, Meydan, Dubai

NAD AL SHEBA TROPHY-G3, $200,000, Meydan, 2-17, 3yo/up, 14f 11y, 2:54.14, gd.

1—SISKANY (GB), 126, g, 5, by Dubawi (Ire)

1st Dam: Halay (GB), by Dansili (GB)
2nd Dam: Galatee (Fr), by Galileo (Ire)
3rd Dam: Altana, by Mountain Cat

1ST GROUP WIN. O/B-Godolphin (GB); T-Charlie Appleby; J-William Buick. $120,000. Lifetime Record: SW-Eng, G1SP-Ger, GSP-Sau, 16-7-2-3, $629,413. Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: A+++.

*Triple Plus*. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.
2 – Ardakan (GB), 121, c, 4, Reliable Man (GB) – Alaskakonigin (Ger), by Sternkoenig (Ire). (£40,000 Ylg ’20 BBAGS). O-Bennett Racing; B-Gestut Rottgen (GB); T-Marco Botti. $40,000.

3 – Al Nayyir (GB), 126, g, 5, Dubawi (Ire) – Bright Beacon (GB), by Manduro (Ger). 1ST BLACK TYPE. 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE. (AED40,000 HRA ’21 ERASEP). O-Elbashir Salem Elhrari; B-Godolphin (GB); T-Doug Watson. $20,000.

New Kingdom

“He likes to be ridden that way [on the lead and that’s what Charlie [trainer Appleby] was keen to do,” jockey William Buick said. “You could drop him back to seven furlongs, no problem, as he needed the line tonight. He showed great attitude and hopefully he can build on that.” The gelding, who was a 800,000gns Tattersalls October in 2020, is a son of the winning Galileo mare Provenance, a daughter of champion and Group 1 stakes winner Eschelon (GB) (Danehill), who also produced champion and multiple Group 1 winner Integral (GB) (Dalakhani {Ire}). Provenance also has Paddy the Squire (GB) (Golden Horn {GB}) and a yearling full-brother to New Kingdom. Sales history: 800,000gns Ylg ’20 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 11-3-1-4, $136,491. Click for the Video.

O-Godolphin; B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd (GB); T-Charlie Appleby.

Margins: 2, SHD, 3/4.

Also Ran: Kemari (GB), Away He Goes (Ire), Global Heat (Ire), Charging Thunder (GB), Brilliant Light (GB), Tides Of War (Ire), White Heart (Ire), Count Rostov (Fr), Emperor Of The Sun (Ire). Click for the Video.

Friday’s Results:

4th-Meydan, Hcp, $80,000, NH4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 8fT, 1:34.51, gd.

NEW KINGDOM (GB) (g, 4, Dubawi {Ire} – Provenance {GB} {MSP-Eng}, by Galileo {Ire}) broke smartly from the gate and led at every call to post a diminishing neck win here over Aegean Finale (Not This Time) after a thrilling stretch drive. The Dubawi gelding last raced a month ago and finished third in the Dubai Eye in an off-the-pace effort, then switching tactics from stalking the pace to showing the way making all the difference. He maintained a comfortable lead over the field behind him for more than 1200 metres before being challenged by the runner-up in the lane, switching leads from right to left then back to right again while digging in to hold the runner-up safe at the wire and claim the win.

O-Godolphin; B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd (GB); T-Charlie Appleby.

7th-Meydan, Hcp, $80,000, NH4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 7f, 1:24.43, fs.

GOLDEN GOAL (IRE) (g, 9, Dark Angel {Ire} – Golden Rosie {Ire}, by Exceed And Excel {Aus}) earned his fourth career victory over Meydan’s main track with an impressive off-the-pace performance. The gray gelding, who won the G2 Al Maktoum Challenge R1 a year ago, tracked the early pace set by Ever Given (Ire) (Kodi Bear {Ire}) while racing closest to the rail for more than 600 metres. Before the early leader made his way around the bend, Golden Goal was brought off the rail and soon after squeezing through a gap, was slowly gaining ground as he weaved through rivals for clear running room. With 400 metres to run, the winner dug in determinedly out in the middle of the track and wore down the remaining foes in front of him, just getting past Royal Mews (Fr) (Siyouni (Fr)) at the wire to snatch the half-length win. Golden Goal, who sold for 240,000 as a Goffs UK August 2-year-old, is the most successful foal out of Golden Rosie though she’s also produced the stakes-placed Rosie’s Premiere (Ire) (Showcasing {GB}), herself the dam of two stakes winners, and a 4-year-old winning full-brother to Golden Goal named Mystery Fox (Ire) and an unnamed yearling colt by Invincible Army (Ire). Sales history: £240,000 Ylg ’15 DBSPRM. Lifetime Record: GSW-UAE, 21-7-3-1, $479,333. Click for the Video.

O-Dale Brennan; B-Yeomanstown Stud (IRE); T-Saeed bin Suroor. *1/2 to Twilight Jet (Ire) (Twilight Son {GB}), GSW-Eng & Ire, $170,422.

2nd-Meydan, Hcp, $80,000, NH4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 6fT, 1:09.82, gd.

CITY WALK (IRE) (g, 6, Brazen Beau {Aus} – My Lucky Liz {Ire}, by Exceed And Excel {Aus}) Sales history: £70,000 Ylg ’18 DBSPRM. Lifetime Record: 18-5-1-2, $119,054. O-Godolphin; B-Tom Radley (IRE); T-Saeed bin Suroor. *1/2 to Twilight Jet (Ire) (Twilight Son {GB}), GSW-Eng & Ire, $170,422.
GODOLPHIN'S LEMON POP PRIMED FOR GROUP 1 SUCCESS IN FEBRUARY S.

by Alan Carasso

Tokyo Racecourse plays host to the first of 24 Group 1s on the JRA circuit, Sunday’s February S. going a one-turn mile on the dirt track, and with the race’s two-time defending champion Cafe Pharoah (American Pharoah) preparing for next Saturday’s G1 Saudi Cup and with would-be favourite Gilded Mirror (Jpn) (Orfevre {Jpn}) having recently been retired due to injury, the race is there for the taking for the wonderfully consistent US-bred Lemon Pop (Lemon Drop Kid).

The 5-year-old, purchased for $70,000 as a weanling at the 2018 Keeneland November Sale, is a bona-fide horse for the course, as his only defeat in eight local appearances came at the hooves of Gilded Mirror in the G3 Musashino S. over the course and distance in November. He reversed form with the mare last time, taking the 1400-metre G3 Negishi S. by a half-length Jan. 29.

“Since last spring we’ve had the Negishi S. and then the February S. as the plan for him,” said assistant trainer Toshikiko Hokari. “He has good racing sense and obeys the jockey’s orders, so even with the extended distance, he should be able to get a good result.”

Not insignificantly, Keita Tosaki, who has piloted Lemon Pop to each of his victories, opts to stick with the 4-year-old Dry Stout (Jpn) (Sinister Minister). Winner of four of his six trips to the post, the dark bay took the second leg of the Japan Road to the Kentucky Derby in late 2021 to make it three on the trot and exits a runner-up effort in the Listed Subaru S. over seven furlongs at Chukyo Jan. 7.

“He’s very sharp and his reactions have been good in training,” said Tosaki. “I’ve been riding him for some time, so I can see how he’s more experienced now. I have always thought he’s a capable horse, and I’m excited about it being a [Group] 1 this time and hope he can win.”

The well-traveled Red le Zel (Jpn) (Lord Kanaloa [Jpn]) swerves next weekend’s G3 Riyadh Dirt Sprint in favor of the February, a race in which he was fourth and sixth, respectively, to Cafe Pharoah the last two years. Runner-up to Switzerland (Speightstown) in last year’s G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen, the 7-year-old downed T M South Dan (Jpn) (South Vigorous) in the Listed Tokyo Hai last October and was last seen finishing a running-on fourth to last year’s Riyadh Dirt Sprint hero Dancing Prince (Jpn) (Pas de Trois [Jpn]) in the Listed JBC Sprint the following month.

Charles Fipke breaks new ground Sunday when his homebred ‘TDN Rising Star’ Shirl’s Speight (Speightstown) becomes the first foreign raider to contest the February S. The upset winner of the GI Maker’s Mark Mile last season, the bay makes his first start on the dirt since a third to Mind Control (Stay Thirsty) in the GIII Salvator Mile last June and his first since running champion Modern Games (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) to three-parts of a length in the GI Breeders’ Cup Mile at Keeneland last November.

“He’s a very versatile horse, but watching videos of him here and watching him this morning, he looks like he’s handling the track very well and if he can run to his true ability, he will be very competitive—but it is unknown to me,” commented trainer Roger Attfield, who has tabbed Joao Moreira to ride.

The February S. serves as a ‘Win and You’re In’ qualifier for the 2023 GI Breeders’ Cup Classic at Del Mar.

THIRD INTERNATIONAL WINNER AS BAHRAIN TURF SERIES CONCLUDES

Devaste (GB) (Buratino {Ire}) and Goemon (GB) (Dark Angel {Ire}) won the six-furlong £60,000 Al Sakhir Cup and the 2000-metre £60,000 Vision 2030 Cup, respectively, as the 2023 Bahrain Turf Series concluded on Friday.

At the conclusion of the 10-race series, a total of £182,400 (30.4%) of the £600,000 prize-money available had been won by international horses. The three international winners throughout the span of the series were Lucander (Ire) (Footstepsinthesand [GB]), who struck on the undercard on Friday for George Baker; Nomadic Empire (Ire) (Kodiac [GB]) for David O’Meara; and King Of Conquest (GB) (Lope De Vega {Ire}), who is trained by Charlie Appleby. Cont. p14
Bahrain Turf Series Cont.

His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa, Chairman of The Bahrain Turf Club, said, “We have welcomed more connections from around the world to The Kingdom of Bahrain this season, with 20 international horses competing in the second year of the Bahrain Turf Series. We have seen some very competitive racing throughout the Turf Series and it’s been brilliant to see leading international trainers Charlie Appleby, David O’Meara and George Baker enjoy success in the Kingdom.

“We are looking forward to evolving the Turf Series further and welcoming International connections back in Bahrain next season.”

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INTEGRITY & TECHNOLOGY TO THE FORE AT ARC

by Oz Wedmore

As the Asian Racing Conference (ARC) concluded in Melbourne on Friday, TDN AusNZ brings you the highlights.

The final day of the ARC saw some interesting points raised, with thought-provoking discussions on integrity and opportunities to expand the sport through novel technologies. And, at the closing ceremony on Friday evening it was announced that Japan will host the 40th ARC in Sapporo in 2024.

As one of the final speakers on Thursday, Beyond Blue founder Jeff Kennett told delegates that we should remind ourselves to be grateful for life every morning we wake up. So, it was a truly poignant beginning to Andrew Harding’s address on Friday morning when he paid tribute to a great Australian racing personality, Deane Lester, who passed away on Thursday evening.

Asian Racing Federation Secretary General and Executive Director, Racing, The Hong Kong Jockey Club, Harding’s address headlined a morning discussion on the threat posed to racing by organised crime and illegal (or black market) betting.

“We are a sardine in a swimming pool full of sharks,” he told the conference, adding that the growth in illegal betting globally, not just in horse racing, is outstripping the growth in the legal market - and that the effect on racing has already been decisive in some cases.

“There are jurisdictions in this room which once had flourishing domestic racing scenes, but now are struggling because of the scale of the illegal market,” he said.

Harding pointed to progress made since the issue was first raised seriously at the 36th Asian Racing Conference in Mumbai in 2016 through; Rigorously academic assessments of the problem itself; making connections with international authorities; and offering education and advice to government agencies.

Former Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission CEO, Michael Phelan gave the conference an overview of the criminal world from a racing perspective, and although far from claiming that corruption is endemic to the sport, the depths to which he explained that criminal activity can (and has done in the past) penetrate was a little startling.

The criminal world as it pertains to racing, Phelan explained, is often interconnected with other sports as the perpetrators trade in inside information and simply translate their modus operandi to any sphere in which they can capitalise, and he said that ‘undesirable racehorse owners’ remain a problem in Australia.

“There are still entrenched domestic syndicates who cultivate sports personalities because there’s dollars to be made,” he said.

Phelan’s warning was that this method involving the extortion of our insiders has been well-honed by the criminals who, for instance, target young jockeys. He said that the whole thing can be linked to the black markets, as they seek to draw people in and entrap them in the murky world of betting outside of regulations and borrowing money.

One point Phelan made which might reassure Australians is that participants are far more vulnerable to such exploitation when they’re not paid so well. However, he also argued that the implications of uncovering scandals are worse when racehorses are involved, citing Damion Flower’s conviction for cocaine smuggling.

“If the authorities publicly seize a Lamborghini, it does no damage to the reputation of Lamborghini, if anything it might even enhance it,” he said.

“If they own a racehorse, it’s the gift that keeps on taking - you’re going to keep hearing about it for months and years. “In this case, for example, Damion Flower was still owning racehorses up to three years after his arrest. Not for Racing NSW’s lack of trying, it’s just that the system didn’t allow them to take those horses away.”
**Crypto warnings**

Following on from his insightful and compelling introduction to Web 3.0 on Wednesday, tech entrepreneur and former South China Morning Post CEO Gary Liu kicked off proceedings on the third day of the ARC.

Picking up where he left off, he outlined how racing should empower the behaviours shown already by Gen Z.

“The next generation are going to spend a significant amount of their time in the digital world, and their resources are going to follow them there,” Liu said.

“Their digital identities are going to be more important to them than their real-life identities.

“If we, as corporate leaders, as industry leaders, do not help facilitate those (new) communities, we will be increasingly left behind.”

After a brief rundown of the blockchain technology which underpins cryptocurrencies - essentially a decentralised ledger - Liu told delegates that they shouldn’t be too concerned about last year’s tumultuous events surrounding the technology.

Explaining that there are two types of crypto, money and tech, he warned against conflating them. Crashes in money crypto, including the heavily publicised collapse of FTX last November, Liu said, led to people associating the fraudulent behaviour of FTX owner Sam Bankman-Fried with the whole technology.

“Unfortunately, bad actors in one world have impacted the reputation of the other,” Liu said.

**Crypto opportunities**

Liu outlined how non-fungible tokens (NFTs) will be at the heart of how racing can benefit from the technology.

“An NFT is essentially a certificate which authenticates ownership,” he said, explaining that the authenticity is validated by the blockchain. He used the example of ZED Run, a digital horseracing platform, to show that this is already showing promise.

“The really interesting thing about ZED Run is not just that it’s sustained, but that it’s created a community-driven cottage industry... They’re not the only ones trying it (either).”

An informative speech from Joan Norton of Cricket Australia detailed how NFTs have been used to great success (and provided excellent profit for the governing body) in her sport.

A former equine internal medicine specialist who spent a great deal of time working in racing in the US, Norton drew inspiration from the National Basketball Association (NBA) in the United States to persuade her colleagues to try the technology.

As the owner of all the sport’s replays, the NBA sells short highlight clips of exciting pieces of play as NFTs. Whilst the replays can still be watched by all, each passage of play given to an NFT can now be traded by its owner, and it’s been remarkably successful.

“With that ownership piece, it allows fans to own a slice of the game they love. We have a really rich history, and we have hundreds of hours of digitised content,” she said, inferring that horseracing too has ownership of its historical and momentous highlights that may be ripe, low-hanging fruit.

“Get into the space, lean in. It doesn’t have to be a massive project that involves hundreds of NFTs,” was her conclusion.
Whilst there were some concerns raised in the ensuing panel discussion about the effects of non-physical participation in our sport, Liu likened it to viewing an artefact in a museum. He argued that, rather than detracting from in-person participation, NFT-based involvement can offer two benefits: firstly, it generates interest which can develop into more involved participation; and secondly, it allows access to those who could never feasibly enjoy it in person.

A call for diversity

British racing broadcaster Josh Apiafi was amongst the final speakers at the conference and delivered some cutting messages on diversity in racing, and some of the approaches for attracting younger audiences set out by others during the conference.

“I’m here to tell you that it’s too late. We’ve got to start much earlier,” he said, arguing that it’s when they’re 12 or 13 years old that the youth land on their life passions.

“The last thing we need is parents designing an engagement strategy for teenagers; we need teenagers to do it,” he said.

“Diversity and inclusion has hardly been mentioned this week, and it’s a huge part of engaging Gen Z,” he said, adding that if diversity is not seen to be represented, racing will not attract people from different ethnic backgrounds. He pointed out that an advertising video for The Everest played earlier in the week failed to include a single non-white person.

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