BAFFERT RUNNERS DRAW INSIDE AND OUTSIDE FOR SAUDI CUP

by Alan Carasso

A field of 13 was drawn Wednesday evening in Riyadh for the $20-million G1 Saudi Cup, to be contested over 1800 metres under the lights Saturday at King Abdulaziz Racecourse in the Saudi capital.

Commonwealth Thoroughbreds, WinStar Farm and Zedan Racing’s Country Grammer (Tonalist) is back for another tour of the Middle East, having missed by a half-length in this event 12 months ago before landing the G1 Dubai World Cup some 600 miles to the east in Dubai. In stark contrast to 2022, the 6-year-old, who will carry the Zedan colors, enters the Saudi Cup with a tightening under his belt, as he proved a convincing winner of the GII San Antonio S. at Santa Anita Dec. 26 when reunited with World Cup-winning rider Frankie Dettori. The retiring Italian will be back in the saddle from stall 10 Saturday.

Trainer Bob Baffert’s second runner is Zedan’s wholly owned ‘TDN Rising Star’ Taiba (Gun Runner), who will be ridden from gate two by Mike Smith, just to the outside of Japanese speedball Panthalassa (Jpn) (Lord Kanaloa {Jpn}) and inside of last year’s G2 UAE Derby hero Crown Pride (Jpn) (Reach the Crown {Jpn}), who will once again have the services of Australia’s Damian Lane.

THE KENTUCKY OAKS TOP 10 FOR FEB. 23

by Bill Finley

Doesn’t anyone want to be No. 1?

At the beginning of the month, the 3-year-old filly picture looked pretty set. There were two big stars in Wonder Wheel (Into Mischief) and Hoosier Philly (Into Mischief) and then there was everyone else. Surely, one, if not both, would cruise through their preps and enter the GI Kentucky Oaks ready to finish the job. Then Wonder Wheel was defeated in the Suncoast S. as the 1-2 favorite, losing to 38-1 shot Dreaming of Snow (Jess’s Dream). And then, a week later, Hoosier Philly threw in a dud, finishing a well-beaten third in the GII Risen Star S. in her 3-year-old debut. She was 2-5.

Within the span of a week, the division went from clear-cut to completely scrambled, with no clear leader. With 10 weeks to go, the Kentucky Oaks is anyone’s race.

The GIII Honeybee S. at Oaklawn will be the lone highlight among Oaks preps this weekend.

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HARAS DE FRESNAY-LE BUFFARD FOR SALE BY NIARCHOS FAMILY

Historic French stud Haras de Fresnay-le Buffard was put on the market by the Niarchos Family.

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3X G1 Winner Taiba runs in the $20M Saudi Cup (G1) on Saturday
Due to unprecedented winter conditions forecast for Southern California through the upcoming weekend, Santa Anita Park has cancelled Saturday and Sunday's racing programs. Friday's card had already been cancelled.

The risk gray machines pose to HHR gaming and Kentucky's racing industry as a whole were the main topic of a KTFMC meeting Tuesday evening.

Tim Cohen and Joe Miller share details on the launch of Rancho Temescal Thoroughbred Partners (RTTP), a new, high-end ownership venture.
Saudi Cup draw, cont. from p1

Taiba also last raced Dec. 26, streaking clear late to prove a much-the-best winner of the GI Runhappy Malibu S. He returns to the nine-furlong trip over which he scored in last year’s GI Santa Anita Derby and GI Pennsylvania Derby.

The two commonly owned sons of Quality Road were the last two to be allotted their barriers, as the very progressive Scotland Yard drew the four, while defending champion Emblem Road was left with gate eight. Both enter the Cup on the heels of victories, and in the case of Emblem Road, a good-looking success in his first appearance since finishing well-beaten in his turf debut in the G3 Grand Prix de Vichy in July.

Cafe Pharoah (American Pharoah) passed on a three-peat attempt in the G1 February S. over the weekend in favor of the Saudi Cup and will break from the widest alley in 13 with Joao Moreira at the controls.

WEEKEND RACING CANCELLED AT SANTA ANITA DUE TO WEATHER CONCERNS

Edited Press Release

Due to unprecedented winter conditions forecast for Southern California through the upcoming weekend, Santa Anita Park has cancelled Saturday and Sunday’s racing programs prior to entries being taken for either day. The track had previously postponed the Friday racing card, which was a makeup day not originally on the calendar.

Blizzard warnings have been issued for the San Gabriel Mountains behind the historic track, with snowfall expected at the 1,000-foot level. It is the first blizzard warning ever issued in Los Angeles County. The storm, which is expected to begin late morning on Thursday, is forecast to drop six inches of rain through Saturday.

The decision to cancel both days was made in consultation with industry stakeholders, including the Thoroughbred Owners of California, the California Thoroughbred Trainers Association, and the California Horse Racing Board.

The main track and training track training schedule will be announced on a daily basis and will be open for training as the weather permits.

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The GIII Santa Ysabel S. was scheduled for Saturday, but will now be run the following week as Santa Anita has canceled its races this weekend due to the forecast of heavy rain.

1) WONDER WHEEL (f, Into Mischief--Wonder Gal, by Tiz Wonderful) O-D. J. Stable LLC. B-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC & Clearsky Farm (Ky). T-Mark Casse. Sales history: $275,000 yr '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: Ch. 2yo Filly & MGISW, 6-4-2-0, $1,570,725. Last Start: 2nd Suncoast S. at Tampa Bay Downs Feb. 11. Kentucky Oaks Points: 48.

She lost the top spot to Hoosier Philly after finishing second in the Suncoast, but is back on top because, well, someone has to be No. 1. Certainly, after her loss in the Suncoast, she deserves another chance. One would have expected that with her class she should have gotten by Dreaming of Snow. She had the entire length of the stretch to do so and couldn’t get past her. But trainer Mark Casse didn’t seem disappointed with the race and has said his filly will move forward off the effort. It’s entirely possible and a win in the GI Ashland S. might cement her spot as the top threat for the Oaks. Next Start: GI Ashland S., Kee, Apr. 7.

2) FAIZA (f, Girvin--Sweet Pistol, by Smart Strike) ‘TDN Rising Star’ O-Michael L. Petersen. B-Brereton C. Jones (Ky). T-Bob Baffert. Sales history: $90,000 yr ’21 FTKJUL; $725,000 2yo ’22 FTMMAY. Lifetime Record: GISW, 3-3-0-0, $342,000. Last Start: Won GIII Las Virgenes S. at Santa Anita Jan. 28. Kentucky Oaks Points: 0.

With most of the attention in this division focused on Wonder Wheel and Hoosier Philly, the Southern California contingent has been largely overlooked, which could be a mistake because there’s a lot of depth to that group. For now, Faiza looks to be the best of the bunch, a status she can solidify in the Santa Ysabel. Faiza has yet to do anything wrong. A $725,000 purchase at the 2022 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale, she’s 3-for-3, won the GI Starlet S. and then beat the likes of Justique (Justify) and Pride of the Nile (Pioneerof the Nile) in the GIII Las Virgenes S. But she’s yet to turn in the sort of powerful performance that earns a big speed figure that you would expect from a leading contender for the Kentucky Oaks. Maybe she will in the Santa Ysabel.

Next Start: GIII Santa Ysabel S., SA, TBD.


What happened to Hoosier Philly in the Rachel Alexandra? She looked nothing like the filly who was so impressive in her three starts at two. Trainer Tom Amoss was her biggest fan and proclaimed her to be the best horse he has ever trained. 

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**Oaks Top 10, cont.**

**Hoosier Philly:**

She just didn’t have it in the Rachel Alexandra, finishing third, beaten 8 1/2 lengths. Her Beyer figure was a 70, nowhere close to what is needed to win at the Grade I level.

“I was very disappointed because we had such high expectations,” Amoss said. “She broke well and then in her third or fourth stride the ground came out underneath her and she stumbled. That was a contributing factor in her effort.”

Hoosier Philly returned to the track on Wednesday and Amoss will take his time before figuring out the next step. The GI Fair Grounds Oaks on March 25 looks like a logical spot, but the trainer said he is not ready to commit to any one race.

“She came back to the track today and is healthy,” he said. “I anticipate a start with her within the next four or five weeks.”

She stays among the top three in this poll only because there’s some chance the Rachel Alexandra was an outlier and she will be back to her old self in her next start.

**Next Start: To Be Determined.**

4) **LEAVE NO TRACE (f, Outwork--Tanquerray, by Good Journey)** O-WellSpring Stables. B-Red Cloak Farm, LLC (Ky). T-Philip Serpe. Sales history: $8,000 yrl ’21 FTFFEB; $40,000 yrl ’21 FTMOCT. Lifetime Record: GISW, 4-2-1-1, $598,650. Last Start: 2nd GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies at Keeneland Nov. 4. Kentucky Oaks Points: 15.

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Leave No Trace:

When it comes to preparing the GI Spinaway S. winner for her 3-year-old debut in the GI Davona Dale S. on March 4, trainer Phil Serpe continues to take an unconventional route. Concerned about the condition of the main track at Gulfstream after a rainy period, he worked his filly twice on the Tapeta surface. He followed that up with a one-mile work on the dirt at Gulfstream on Feb. 19. Leave No Trace went in 1:47.81. “Those mile works are something I have done with a lot of horses going back to my Monmouth Park days,” Serpe said. “My concern with her was her fitness level. It seems like everybody works fast on the Tapeta course. As I thought about it more I thought we needed to get a good work into her on the dirt after having the last two works on Tapeta, which is why I worked her a mile. The works we do are slow mile works where we don’t press on the horse. She did it pretty easily. She’s a smart filly. She knows what she is doing out there and is an aggressive horse when she trains. So far so good.” Her biggest attribute is her consistency. While competing in the Spinaway, the GI Frizette S. and the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies, she’s never been worse than third.


5) RED CARPET READY (f, Oscar Performance--Wild Silk, by Street Sense) O-Ashbrook Farm & Upland Flats Racing; B-Lynn B. Schiff (Ky); T-Rusty Arnold. Sales history: $180,000 ylr ’21 FTSAUG; $100,000 RNA 2yo ’22 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: GSW, 3-3-0-0, $265,470. Last Start: Won GIII Forward Gal S. at Gulfstream Park Feb. 4. Kentucky Oaks Points: 20.

She’s got a lot of ability, but does that mean she’s a top Kentucky Oaks contender? It’s a tough call. The daughter of Oscar Performance is three for three and is coming off an impressive win in the GIII Forward Gal S. But she’s never run beyond seven furlongs or around two turns, so she has to prove that she can stretch out. Her pedigree certainly says that she can. The Davona Dale will be an important test. For Red Carpet Ready, a win there, at a mile, would mean she’s very much a top contender for the Oaks.


Pretty Mischievous:

She came into the Rachel Alexandra with decent credentials, three wins from four starts and a victory in the Untapable S. But she was totally overshadowed by Hoosier Philly. But she proved she belonged among the top names in the division with a three-quarter length win. The race got an 83 Beyer which, in a year where no one in this division has been posting big numbers, puts her in the mix. She's by Into Mischief, which means three of the top six in this poll are by the super sire. The dam, Pretty City Dancer (Tapit) won the 2016 Spinaway before selling for $3.5 million at the 2018 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Fall Mixed Sale.

Next Start: GI Ashland S., Kee, Apr. 7 or GII Fair Grounds Oaks, FG, Mar. 25.


Her big sister, Malathaat (Curlin), was undefeated when she won the 2021 Kentucky Oaks. That's not going to happen with Julia Shining as she suffered her first career defeat when third in the Suncoast S. Even with her fast start, Malathaat kept on improving, winning an Eclipse Award as the champion 3-year-old filly in 2021 and another as the champion older mare last year. Is Julia Shining as good? Probably not. She had no excuse when third in the Suncoast. Her best Beyer figure to date is the 81 she got in the Suncoast. Malathaat got a 95 when winning the Oaks. There's a lot of upside with this filly but she will need to show more in the Ashland in order to look like a top threat for the Oaks.

Next Start: GI Ashland S., Kee, Apr. 7.
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8) THE ALYS LOOK (f, Connect—Foul Play, by Harlan's Holiday)
Sales history: $60,000 yrl '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: SW, 5-2-1-1, $150,528. Last Start: Won Silverbulletday S. at Fair

Trainer Brad Cox sat out the Rachel Alexandra with this one
and will await the GII Fair Grounds Oaks. “She breezed (on Feb.
19) and is on target for the Fair Grounds Oaks,” Cox said. “We
just didn’t want to dance all the dances. Wanted to have some
horse left for the spring and the rest of the year and we just
thought it would be the right time to give her some time
between races.” Cox’s lineup for the Oaks isn’t as deep as his
Derby contingent, but he’s got a few serious threats and this
may be the best of them. She defeated stablemate Chop Chop
(City of Light) to win the Silverbulletday S. It’s worth noting that
Chop Chop was fifth when last seen in the Rachel Alexandra.

9) JUSTIQUE (f, Justify—Grazie Mille, by Bernardini) 'TDN Rising
Star’ O-C R K Stable, LLC. B-John D. Gunther & Eurowest
Bloodstock (Ky). T-John A. Shirreffs. Sales history: $725,000 yrl
'21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: SW & MGSP, 4-2-0-2, $156,000.
Last Start: 3rd GIII Las Virgenes S. at Santa Anita Jan. 28.

The Santa Ysabel should answer every question there is about
this filly. It could even be a must-win race for her as she needs
to prove that she can win around two turns. That’s the question
that has been dogging her since she finished third in the Las
Virgenes and never seriously threatened. Trainer John Shirreffs
says he’s confident that distance is not a problem. We’ll see.
There’s nothing wrong with having a stakes quality sprinter in
the barn.
Next Start: GIII Santa Ysabel S., SA, TBD.

10) PRIDE OF THE NILE (f, Pioneerof the Nile—Inny Minnie, by
Hard Spun) O-West Coast Stables, LLC. B-Stonestreet
Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (Ky). T-Doug F. O’Neill. Sales history:
$140,000 yrl '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GISP, 5-2-2-0,
$185,800. Last Start: 2nd GIII Las Virgenes S. at Santa Anita Jan.

If Faiza is the best 3-year-old filly on the West Coast, then
Pride of the Nile is likely the second best. She has turned in a
couple of big efforts in her last two starts, but hasn’t been able
to beat Faiza. She was second, beaten a head, in the Starlet and
second again, beaten a half-length, in the Las Virgenes.

Can she turn the tables on her rival? That will be answered in
the Santa Ysabel. A consistent filly who has finished out of the
money only once in her career, the question is whether or not
she is good enough. Seeks to give two-time Derby winning
trainer Doug O’Neill his first win in the Oaks.
Kentucky Oaks Points: 12
Next Start: GIII Santa Ysabel S., SA, TBD.
GRAY MACHINES POSE MAJOR THREAT TO KENTUCKY’S HHR, HORSE RACING

by Sara Gordon and Katie Petrunyak

Many of the nearly 250 people attending the Kentucky Thoroughbred Farm Managers’ Club (KTFMC)’s monthly meeting, held Tuesday evening at the Keeneland sales pavilion, were unfamiliar with the unregulated and untaxed gaming machines known as “gray machines.”

The risk these gray machines pose to historical horse racing (HHR) gaming and the state’s horse racing industry as a whole were the main topic of the meeting that included a discussion and Q and A session of Central Kentucky legislators. In a panel moderated by the Kentucky Equine Education Project (KEEP)’s executive director Will Glasscock, Senator Amanda Mays Bledsoe (Republican, Lexington), Representative Matt Koch (Republican, Paris), Senator Damon Thayer (Republican, Georgetown) and Senator Reginald Thomas (Democrat, Lexington, minority caucus chair) shared their opposition toward the expansion of gray machines in Kentucky.

“We have not forgotten what the legislature did for us in 2021,” Keeneland President and CEO Shannon Arvin recalled of the passing of SB 120, which continued the operation of HHR gaming, in her opening comments for the meeting. “We have to pay attention to what goes on in Frankfort. We can’t just live in our own little world.”

The lawmakers on the panel introduced the growing issue of gray machines, which resemble slot machines but do not qualify as a legalized form of gaming in Kentucky as there is no oversight to their use. These machines, which are marketed as games of skill, are typically located in establishments such as gas stations, convenience stores and bars. Cont.

NTRA FEATURED LEGISLATOR

Name: Dianne Feinstein
U.S. Senate
State: California
Party: Democrat

- Senator Feinstein is California’s senior senator and the longest-serving woman senator ever
- First elected to the U.S. Senate in 1992, Senator Feinstein will retire after her current term and not seek reelection in 2024
- Serves on the Senate Committees on Appropriations and the Judiciary, among others
- Major racetracks such as Santa Anita Park, Del Mar Thoroughbred Club, and Golden Gate Fields call California home
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Gray Machines, cont.

“They are illegal casino games,” explained Sen. Thayer, the Senate Majority Floor Leader. “The proprietors have a business model where they come into a state where there’s a gray area in the law, they pay a lawyer to get a friendly opinion that says, ‘Yeah, they’re really legal.’ And then they come in and try to get integrated in local communities.”

The meeting’s legislators noted how there is currently no exact count of how many machines are in Kentucky because the machines are not required to be registered or tracked, but it is believed that there are already thousands in use and that their numbers are growing in every county across the Commonwealth.

Rep. Koch explained how the expansion of gray machines poses a major threat to the horse racing industry. While the majority of the revenue from these machines go to out-of-state gaming companies, revenue from HHR goes to support the state’s signature industry: horse racing. He said that if gray machines remain, they could cripple the industry and decimate the jobs within it.

“It’s going to end HHR. I don’t think that’s the type of gambling that Kentucky wants to see,” said Rep. Thayer.

The panelists explained how these gray machines could also affect the communities they reside in, particularly when it comes to their impact on youth. Since the machines are unregulated, the lack of supervision creates the opportunity for minors to participate.

“You don’t want to introduce [teenagers] to gaming at that age. That invites other sorts of bad actions. Keep them away from gaming and illegal activities, because one illegal activity begets another,” said Sen. Thomas.

Thayer said that other states are also working to confront the issues of gray machines. In Virginia, they have been the focus of 150 lawsuits, and in Pennsylvania, they were initially legalized but are now facing issues concerning a legal and regulatory gray area.

During the Q and A, attendees asked for further details regarding where gray machines come from and the entities behind them.

Legislators described how Pace-O-Matic and Prominent Technologies first brought the machines to Kentucky in 2021.

The issue of their existence in the state was brought to the floor last year, where the legislature nearly outlawed them, but the House and Senate ultimately could not agree on the bill, so the effort fell short.

Representative Killian Timoney, the sponsor of last year’s bill, was present at Tuesday’s meeting and said that he will be filing similar legislation this week. Once submitted, it could take up to two to three weeks for a decision to be made as it moves through the legislative system.

The panel emphasized that now is the time for industry participants to reach out to their senators and representatives to help sway votes towards banning the use of gray machines in Kentucky.

“If you want to preserve this industry and see it continue to grow, you need to be ready to reach out,” said Rep. Thayer. “If it doesn’t happen now, it will be harder next year as [gray machines] continue to expand like a bad virus.”

Glasscock shared details about the upcoming KEEP Day at the Capitol, set for this Thursday, Feb. 23, which provides members of Kentucky’s equine industry and community an opportunity to share with legislators in Frankfort the importance of horses to their districts and to the state’s economy. (Click here for more).

“We are on the ropes with this one,” said Rep. Timoney. “I don’t know if you all can afford to not send someone to KEEP Day. The horse industry needs to be well-represented on Thursday. It’s a signature industry and we need to protect it.

Koch further encouraged industry members to keep the conversation going with their representatives and senators—not only in their districts but across the entire state—concerning the importance of HHR, its impact on racing, breeding and sales and its overall significance to the state’s economy.

“We need to spread a positive message of HHR. We’re two years into this and it’s doing great things for Kentucky. [We need to] reinforce to legislators not to strip that away.”

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COHEN, MILLER OWNERSHIP VENTURE
"FUN, IMMEDIATE ACTION"

by Dan Ross

Norwegian playwright Henrik Ibsen believed the strongest man in the world is one who stands alone.

"My father never wanted to complicate things, so he never really wanted another partner," explained Tim Cohen of his beloved father Jed, the much-missed scion of the Cohen clan, whose paprika-dusted silks have been carried with rare aplomb in recent years under the family’s Red Baron’s Barn and Rancho Temescal banner.

"I'd have clients at the farm or friends, and they'd go, 'Gosh man, you're doing great. Can we buy into a horse with you?' And I'm like, 'Love to, but I can't,'" he added, highlighting the stable's winning formula, honed to an audacious point, of purloining horses with latent talent from across the pond.

But as Cohen sees it, the industry's economics are putting the monolithic ownership experience on an unrealistic trajectory, making the collaborative one its increasingly inevitable alternative.

That, and Ibsen with his tufty-white mutton chops was never exactly known as the life of the party.

"The intent is to really get people into a marketplace that they would otherwise find very hard to enter or duplicate," said Cohen, about why he is sunsetting the family’s nom de course and replacing it with Rancho Temescal Thoroughbred Partners (RTTP), a bespoke ownership venture, formally unveiled last week, in tandem with his long-time associate, Kentucky-based bloodstock agent Joe Miller.

When it comes to launching new ventures, Cohen's muscle memory should stand him in good stead. **Cont.**
Rancho Temescal, cont.

More than 20 years ago, his family purchased a 6,000-acre plot of land in California’s Ventura County, transforming a cattle ranch and oil field into a sprawling tangle of fruit groves, emerald pastures and a horse farm.

A former luxury hotel manager, Cohen was plunged into an agrarian crash-course of soil management, growing cycles, climate and water conservation.

Cohen’s new partnership shouldn’t require the same degree of autodidacticism—yes, that is a word—nor the same amount of dirt beneath the fingernails. But it hardly follows the typical syndicate blueprint.

Joe Miller | Tattersalls

At $100,000 a pop, Cohen is selling a maximum 30 shares in a Limited Liability Company (LLC), an upfront payment that covers all purchase costs and training fees. Roughly three years later, the LLC will be dissolved with proceeds distributed accordingly. A new LLC will launch every year.

"You’re not buying into a horse, you’re buying into a company," said Cohen. "That company is going to acquire the horses." No more than ten horses per LLC in fact.

Twenty shares have already been snapped up. With the bulk of the investors so far West Coast-centric, Cohen said to expect continued patronage of the stable’s current pool of Californian training talent, the likes of Jeff Mullins, Mark Glatt, Bob Hess, Leonard Powell. But the venture has its eyes on nationwide horizons.

"It's not a dictatorship, it's collaborative," he said. "Right now, nobody's excluded. I think if one trainer had a bunch of clients jump in, then obviously some of those horses would be going their way."

Cohen stressed the residual benefits to an up-front payment model. No excessive mark-ups, for one. The team can also wield financial elasticity when scouting for talent, a useful shield against the hot flames of a bidding war.

"When a horse becomes available, you need to be able to purchase it right away," said Cohen. "You can't wait to purchase it then raise the money and hope the horse is still available."

Miller agrees. "A lot of times we’ve made offers on horses minutes after they run," he said.

One that comes to mind, said Miller, is Quattroelle (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), who cut a Moses-like swath through the field to claim the GIII Megahertz S. at Santa Anita earlier this month.

"Tim and I made an offer on her within 10 minutes of her crossing the finish line when she ran third," said Miller, of the horse’s debut at Leopardstown in August of 2020.

Cohen and Miller’s forays into European sales rings have historically yielded results. The stable’s Grade I winner River Boyne (Ire) (Dandy Man {Ire}), for example, was purchased for five figures at Tattersalls Autumn Horses in Training sale in 2017. Looking ahead though, private sales, it seems, will likely constitute the team’s phalanx of attack.

Miller lauds "a very good network of trainers that I speak with very frequently" as a backbone of this strategy, supplemented by a network of busy bees.

"We really do our due diligence, a lot of research, spending time with the horses before buying them privately, watching them train," said Miller, championing the working relationships he’s forged with Euro-based bloodstock agents Alastair Donald and Charlie Dee.

That said, "if an outside agent finds a horse that they think would suit us, they’re welcome to present us with that horse," he said. "There are a lot of great agents out there with a great eye."

So, what type of horse gets the blood pumping? For one, "fillies with a little bit of pedigree, with a little bit of residual value," said Miller.

Quattroelle won Santa Anita's Megahertz Feb. 4 | Benoit
"Rancho Temescal, cont."

"If they're the right physicality, they can have a lot of value at the end of their career to go on to be a broodmare."

Runners without the necessary on-track seasoning don't typically cut the mustard. "We like to see them run several times and show progression in the right direction."

In terms of physicality, "we specifically like very good-looking horses that are going to go on firm ground, what we think are on the improve, and have a turn of foot," he said.

They also need the constitution and fortitude to train "day in, day out" over America's deep dirt tracks, he said. Horses with a strong hind-end are desirable. "And you need a hip to it," he said, "a bit of a shoulder."

Smaller horses aren't necessarily looked over. "But they have to be very, very well balanced," he said. "And they have to have some scope."

If the horse couldn't cut it as a yearling, said Miller, "a lot of times we're not really going to want to buy it as a racehorse either, no matter what their record is."

When it comes to RTTP's one-and-your-done payment method, Miller has had prior experience in other syndicates built around a similar model.

"It seems to work for people who don't want a monthly bill. You write one check and you get a check back at the end," he said. "It wasn't for everybody, but it did seem to work for a lot of people."

Goals are lofty--or rather, they remain so.

"People always have setbacks. It's just not easy to get your horse to the races," he said, calling the long road to the racecourse "the hardest part" for owner-breeders especially.

"Our horses have already made it to the races, and we have a very reasonable expectation that they are going to be running right off the plane for us. Most of the time they do so successfully," said Miller.

"We just want people to have a lot of fun, some immediate action," he added. Immediate action, and--in news welcome to any frugal investor with one eye on their checkbook--"we do want to be fiscally responsible about it."
**Saturday, Oaklawn #11, post time: 6:23 p.m. EST**

**REBEL S.-GII, $1,000,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m**

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**Saturday, Oaklawn #10, post time: 5:43 p.m. EST**

**HONEYBEE S.-GIII, $300,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m**

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In Order of Purse:

8th-Gulfstream, $54,000, (S), Alw, 2-22, (NW1X), 3y0, f, 7f, 1:23.40, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

Flakes (f, 3, Frosted--Tell a Great Story {SW & GSP, $139,070}, by Bluegrass Cat), a debut winner in a local maiden optional claimer Dec. 30, was a well-beaten sixth at 24-1 in the GIII Forward Gal S. Feb. 4. Receiving first-time Lasix here, the 9-2 shot forced the issue from an outside third, moved kindly into second on the far turn, kicked for home as the one to catch and reported home a 1 1/2-length winner over Sherlyn Go Go (Bucchero). After producing a colt by Thousand Words in 2022, Tell a Great Story was bred back to Higher Power. Sales history: $50,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, $64,350.

Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-BC Racing LLC; B-Arindel (FL); T-Juan Alvarado.

8th-Mahoning Valley, $25,900, Alw, 2-22, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13.68, sy, 3 1/2 lengths.

Shutupandshakeit (m, 5, More Than Ready--Greenfield d'Oro, by Medaglia d'Oro), a half-sister to last weekend's GII Risen Star S. longshot runner-up Sun Thunder (Into Mischief), GSP, $181,250, stayed perfect with a runaway wire-to-wire romp in the slop as the 2-1 favorite here. She was previously a debut winner at Belterra June 1. The winner’s dam, also responsible for a More Than Ready filly of 2021, was bred to American Pharoah for 2023. Sales history: $280,000 Ylg ’19 FTKJUL; $195,000 2yo ’20 OBSAPR; $15,000 3yo ’21 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, $25,740. Click for the Equibase.com chart.

O-Jerry Jamgotchian; B-Southern Equine Stables, LLC (KY); T-Eric R. Reed.

Second-Crop Starters to Watch: Thursday, Feb. 23

2023 Stud Fees Listed

Accelerate (Lookin At Lucky), Lane’s End Farm, $10,000
214 foals of racing age/24 winners/1 black-type winner
5-Mahoning Valley, 2:31 p.m. EST, Alw 6f, Nitroman, 5-2

Always Dreaming (Bodemeister), WinStar Farm, $10,000
212 foals of racing age/14 winners/1 black-type winner
4-Penn National, 7:28 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Dreamingofroyalty, 15-1
$29,000 RNA SAR AUG yrl; $19,000 EAS MAY 2yo
8-Turfway, 9:25 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Red Lemonade, 30-1

Battalion Runner (Unbridled’s Song), Ocala Stud, $2,500
15 foals of racing age/3 winners/1 black-type winner
8-Gulfstream, 3:37 p.m. EST, Alw 7f, Rudder’s Men, 5-2

Bucchero (Kantharos), Pleasant Acres Stallions
155 foals of racing age/18 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Gulfstream, 2:39 p.m. EST, Alw 5 1/2f, Clay Soldier, 9-2

City of Light (Quality Road), Lane’s End Farm, $60,000
209 foals of racing age/15 winners/4 black-type winners
8-Turfway, 9:25 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, La Village Lumiere, 20-1

Want to send a “LETTER TO THE EDITOR” of the Thoroughbred Daily News?
Send an e-mail to: editor@thetdn.com
Cloud Computing (Maclean's Music), Spendthrift Farm, $5,000
198 foals of racing age/21 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Delta Downs, 8:50 p.m. EST, Alw 6 1/2f, Louisiana Liberty, 6-1
$32,000 TTA YHR yrl

Eastwood (Speightstown), Blackstone Farm
17 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Penn National, 7:28 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, I'm Heading East, 9-2

Girvin (Tale of Ekati), Airdrie Stud, $20,000
179 foals of racing age/25 winners/0 black-type winners
8-Gulfstream, 3:37 p.m. EST, Alw 7f, Apocalypso, 8-1
$90,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Good Samaritan (Harlan's Holiday), WinStar Farm, $7,500
172 foals of racing age/27 winners/1 black-type winner
1-Charles Town, 7:00 p.m. EST, Msw 7f, Blonde Samaritan, 12-1
$17,000 KEE SEP yrl; $17,000 RNA OBS OPN 2yo
7-Fair Grounds, 5:15 p.m. EST, Msw 1mT, Drewnanimous, 15-1
$25,000 OBS OCT yrl

Hoppertunity (Any Given Saturday), Northview Stallion Station
155 foals of racing age/12 winners/1 black-type winner
1-Charles Town, 7:00 p.m. EST, Msw 7f, Cowgirl Hop, 30-1
$25,000 RNA OBS OCT yrl; $30,000 OBS APR 2yo

Mendelssohn (Scat Daddy), Coolmore Ashford, $25,000
348 foals of racing age/36 winners/3 black-type winners
8-Turfway, 9:25 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Jenny Lind, 10-1
$140,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; $60,000 FTK OCT yrl; $340,000 RNA EAS MAY 2yo
8-Turfway, 9:25 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Spring Lilacs, 12-1

Mor Spirit (Eskendereya), Spendthrift Farm, $5,000
190 foals of racing age/23 winners/1 black-type winner
6-Delta Downs, 8:50 p.m. EST, Alw 6 1/2f, Copper Moon, 15-1

Oscar Performance (Kitten's Joy), Mill Ridge Farm, $20,000
171 foals of racing age/19 winners/2 black-type winners
8-Turfway, 9:25 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Best Performer, 7-2
$60,000 KEE SEP yrl

Sharp Azteca (Freud), Three Chimneys Farm, $15,000
200 foals of racing age/43 winners/4 black-type winners
7-Fair Grounds, 5:15 p.m. EST, Msw 1mT, Wishert, 8-1
$32,000 KEE SEP yrl

Tunwoo (Medaglia d'Oro), Bridlewood Farm
20 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
8-Gulfstream, 3:37 p.m. EST, Alw 7f, Naruto, 15-1
$20,000 OBS WIN wnl
6-Gulfstream, 2:39 p.m. EST, Alw 5 1/2f, Time Passage, 10-1
$85,000 OBS OCT yrl

West Coast (Flatter), Lane's End Farm, $10,000
198 foals of racing age/13 winners/2 black-type winners
1-Charles Town, 7:00 p.m. EST, Msw 7f, Coasting to Win, 10-1
$50,000 KEE NOV wnl; $125,000 KEE SEP yrl; $19,000 RNA FTK FEB 2yo

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:
9th-Parx Racing, $68,052, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm ($35,000), 2-22, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:46.71, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

PEACH PERFECT (f, 4, Cupid--George's Peach, by Pleasantly Perfect)
Lifetime Record: 12-4-4-3, $206,386. O-Main Line Racing Stable; B-Andrew Simoff (PA); T-John C. Servis. *$17,000 Ylg '20 FTKOCT.

5th-Turf Paradise, $23,400, (NW2LX)/Opt. Clm ($20,000-$25,000), 2-22, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:02.70, ft, neck.

BABY KRISTEN (f, 4, Cat Burglar--Shared Image, by Rocky Bar)
Lifetime Record: 9-4-1-0, $75,303. O/B-Robert Traynor (CA); T-Rene Amescua. *$9,000 RNA Ylg '20 FTKOCT.
Cat Burglar, Baby Kristen, f, 4, o/o Shared Image, by Rocky Bar. AOC, 2-22, Turf Paradise

Cupid, Peach Perfect, f, 4, o/o George's Peach, by Pleasantly Perfect. AOC, 2-22, Parx Racing

Frosted, Flakes, f, 3, o/o Tell a Great Story, by Bluegrass Cat. ALW, 2-22, Gulfstream

More Than Ready, Shutupandshakeit, m, 5, o/o Greenfield d'Oro, by Medaglia d'Oro. ALW, 2-22, Mahoning Valley

Speightstown, Midnight Escape, c, 4, o/o Enquete, by Indian Charlie. MSW, 2-22, Mahoning Valley

THIS DATE IN HISTORY...

February 23, 1935...Seven-year-old Azucar, a former steeplechaser, won the inaugural Santa Anita H.

February 24, 1947...Acting upon a recommendation by The Jockey Club stewards, the Thoroughbred Racing Associations unanimously approved lip tattoos as a method for identifying Thoroughbreds.

February 24, 1979...Trainer J.C. Williams saddled eight winners in 12 attempts at Waterford Park. Williams also owned seven of those eight winners.

Flakes (Frosted) delivers at GP.
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Stallions’ Top Runners

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HARAS DE FRESNAY-LE BUFFARD FOR SALE BY NIARCHOS FAMILY

Maria Niarchos-Gouaze | Racingfotos.com

Historic French stud farm Haras de Fresnay-le Buffard, which has been home to the winners of 45 European Classics, has been put on the market for an undisclosed price by the Niarchos Family.

Located in the heart of Normandy, the 205-hectare farm (506 acres) has been under Niarchos ownership since being purchased in 1979 by the late Stavros Niarchos from prominent French owner-breeder Marcel Boussac.

Alan Cooper, Racing Manager to the Niarchos Family, said, “It is emotional for the family to say goodbye to Fresnay, but as our racing and breeding interests have evolved over the years, we now have horses in a variety of international locations, which makes this the right move for us at this time.” Cont. p3

RORY CLEARY Q&A: GETTING TO KNOW ONE OF JIM BOLGER’S MAIN JOCKEYS

By Brian Sheerin

Earlier this week, Jim Bolger told TDN Europe that the stable jockey void left by his retired son-in-law Kevin Manning would be filled by Rory Cleary and Luke McAteer.

Cleary has already recorded big-race success for his long-standing boss, when guiding Mac Swiney (Ire) (New Approach {Ire}) to G1 Irish 2000 Guineas glory in 2021, and has opened up about what it means to be provided with an opportunity to play a bigger role at Coolcullen Stables this season.

As well as being a key cog in Coolcullen’s wheel, Cleary is also a hugely-respected breeze-up rider, and has a long and successful association with Eddie O’Leary’s Lynn Lodge Stud outfit.

In this week’s Starfield Stud-sponsored Q&A, Cleary speaks about that famous day with Mac Swiney, his passion for young horses, including showjumpers, and how excited he is about the new season.

Brian Sheerin: Jim Bolger firmed up riding plans for the stable this week and confirmed that he was looking to yourself and Luke McAteer to fill the void left by Kevin Manning. That must have provided you with a boost. Cont. p3

IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

BAFFERT RUNNERS DRAW INSIDE AND OUT FOR SAUDI CUP

A field of 13 was drawn for the $20-million G1 Saudi Cup over 1800 metres, with last year’s runner-up, Country Grammer (Tonalist) in stall 10, and Taiba (Gun Runner) set for stall two.
KEVIN STOTT NEW RIDER FOR AMO RACING

Group 1-winning rider Kevin Stott has been named the 2023 retained jockey for Amo Racing, Ltd.

SUBJECTIVIST SET FOR RED SEA TURF H.

Subjectivist (GB) (Teofilo {Ire}), a Group 1-winning stayer, has trained well in advance of a start in Saturday’s G3 Red Sea Turf H.

STRONG JAPANESE TEAM READY FOR SAUDI MEETING

Jockey Christophe Lemaire has a pair of mounts for the $30.35-million Saudi Cup meeting, and both Songline (Jpn) (Kizuna {Jpn}) and Geoglyph (Jpn) (Drefong) are in good order for Saturday’s fixture.
Haras de Fresnay-le Buffard Cont. from p1

Over the 43-year period under Niarchos ownership, the farm has expanded to include additional lands, barns, and a pre-training track. All paddocks on the property were recently reseeded and are maintained by a rotation of sheep and cattle. Besides the paddocks, the farm is supported by barns and stable yards with approximately 200 boxes, as well as a 14-stall isolation barn at the Haute Cote annex.

Champions and Classic winners that called Fresnay-le Buffard home at various stages of their careers include the great racemare and bluehen producer Miesque (Nureyev), her son, the celebrated sire Kingmambo (Mr. Prospector), as well as sire duo Sulamani (Ire) and his sire Hernando (Ire) (Niniski), and GI Breeders’ Cup Mile heroine Six Perfections (Fr) (Celtic Swing {GB}), among many others. Current Gainesway stallion Karakontie (Jpn) (Bernstein) also won the Breeders’ Cup Mile for the operation in 2014.

The family remains fully committed to its international racing and breeding operation, which encompasses Europe, America, Australia, South Africa and Japan.

What did it mean to ride a Classic winner aboard Mac Swiney in the Irish Guineas?

To ride a Classic winner, it means the world to any jockey, and it was amazing to do it. Because of Covid, the public weren’t there but the jockeys made it really special for me as they came out in force and welcomed me back into the winner’s enclosure. We did fancy Mac Swiney, especially when the rain came. It’s not like he was a no-hoper. You know that when a man like Jim Bolger runs one in a big race, you are not there to make up the numbers, so it was amazing when it happened. It’s something I’ll never forget.

Cont. p4

Rory Cleary after winning aboard Moracana (Ire) (Elzaam {Aus}) on Irish Champions Weekend | Racingfotos.com

You are widely regarded as one of the busiest jockeys in the weighroom. Give us an idea of what a normal day looks like for you?

I ride out for Jim Bolger every morning and normally ride work for whoever I can on the Curragh in the afternoons. I was in Tally-Ho today to ride breeze-up horses for Lynn Lodge Stud and then came back to my own place in Kildare where I rode a few of my own horses. Cont. p4

He was a very strong foal and a lot of people commented that he was as good a walker as was in the sale....I liked CIRCUS MAXIMUS because he was a miler by Galileo. He won three Group 1’s, top class Group 1’s at a mile and I thought that was an excellent profile for a potential top class stallion, so that’s why I picked him. The plan is to use him again next year. When you get a foal of that quality, why wouldn’t you?

Dermot Cantillon who sold a colt foal from the first crop of CIRCUS MAXIMUS to Camas Park Stud for 50,000GNS
Conversations: Rory Cleary Cont.

BS: That’s a lot of miles.

It’s a good few alright. Bolger’s would be about a 50-minute drive every morning. I’d normally ride five or six lots in there and, on a work morning, I could ride a few more on top of that.

How much of an influence has Jim had on your career and what has it been like to be associated with the yard for over a decade now.

I’m with Jim for 12 years now and it’s been unbelievable. Just the routine of the place, the facilities that he has, it makes it a great place to work. Not only has it been a great place to work, but it has been a great place to learn. I have been very lucky to be riding work with Kevin Manning and Gordon Power. There are plenty of top-class lads down there from the ground up. There are men there who would be able to train in their own right but they are happy working for Jim. For me, it’s been a great place to be.

You rode just one winner for Jim last season but it turned out to be in the G3 Eyrefield S. I suppose that shows that, even as the number two rider, top-class spares were going to fall your way, like we saw when you won the Irish 2000 Guineas aboard Mac Swiney.

Last year was a bit of a frustrating one for me to be honest. With the weights rising from 8st 4lbs to 8st 7lbs because of Covid, it took away those light weights from the big handicaps, which have been my bread and butter down through the years. Myself, Niall McCullagh and Wayne Lordan and a few others, we’d always have done light pretty easy, and in those big premier handicaps, you were bound to come in for some lovely spares. Cont. p5
Conversations: Rory Cleary Cont.

RC: That didn’t really happen last year with the weights going up. Take Verhoyen (GB) (Piccolo (GB)) for example, I won a Scurry H. on him because Billy Lee, his regular rider, couldn’t do the weight. That was a nice spare to get. With the weights rising, it’s gone very competitive and it’s hard to get a ride in those races now.

You mentioned you do plenty of work with the breezers. Obviously they will be cranking up a notch in their work around this time of year. Are there any younger sires who have caught your attention at this early stage in the year?

The breeze-up side of things has gone very competitive and a lot of the consignors have really upped their game in recent years. They have bought the big pedigree horses by top sires so there’s a lot of quality there. Yes, there’s a few first-season sires on the scene and it’s always interesting to see them coming along. I have ridden a Blue Point (Ire) for Lynn Lodge Stud and he’s a nice horse, he’s definitely quick, but I wouldn’t be able to say I like the progeny of this sire or that sire until I’ve sat on a few of them. I haven’t sat on a whole pile of horses by first-season sires but, on the Blue Point I rode, I liked him.

Do you ride for many other breeze-up yards?

I ride mainly for Eddie O’Leary. He actually got me started with the breezers and I’m doing it a long time for him now. I also ride a good bit for Katie Walsh at Greenhills Farm and she has had a lot of success in recent years.

Have you ridden many of the horses bound for Goffs Dubai Breeze Up Sale, the first one of the year?

I have and they are all big, good-looking dirt-bred horses who won’t come into their own until they are 3-year-olds. They are horses who take a bit of time. Eddie has two going out there. I’ve sat on the two of them and they’re impressive.

Would you breeze a few yourself?

I’ve two this year and hopefully it goes okay. One of them is showing plenty, so hopefully we get well-paid for her. She’s by Raven’s Pass and she goes really nicely. Hopefully she’ll either go to the Tattersalls Guineas Sale or else the Goresbridge Sale at Fairyhouse. We’ve a nice filly by Highland Reel (Ire), but she’ll take a bit more time. Hopefully she’ll go to Fairyhouse. Cont. p6
Rory Cleary after winning the Irish 2000 Guineas aboard Mac Swiney
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Conversations: Rory Cleary Cont.
BS: It’s not only the breezers that you trade. I know the showjumpers are close to your heart and you’ve had quite a bit of luck with them.

Myself and my wife, we have a small yard in Kildare and we breed sport horses. We produce them on for all sorts of phases; hunters, eventers and showjumpers. Some of them might just end up being leisure horses. We do a lot of breaking and pre-training as well.

What would the market be like for a good showjumper?

We don’t have the high-end horses but we’re hoping to get into that bracket. In time, we’d like to get into the bigger and better horses but, at the moment, we’re doing it on a small scale. Thankfully it’s worked out well and we’ve traded horses to America, England, Holland, Germany and lots of other places so it’s going well. Not only that, the people who have bought off us have come back and bought off us again.

And who would you pre-train for?

We mainly break horses in. I broke a lot of yearlings this year that will end up going breezing. I broke a lot of Cormac Farrell’s horses and he plans on breezing a lot of those. They are all going well and he has a nice filly by Frosted going to Dubai. He has a nice bunch over both codes and is a busy man. He’s constantly on the road and is doing very well for himself.

I spoke to your father Tom about a half an hour after you won the Guineas on Mac Swiney. Obviously, he couldn’t be there because of Covid but you could hear what the win meant to him and the Cleary family as a whole.

It was a very proud moment for us all and I know they got a great kick out of it. You know, if it wasn’t for the input of my parents, with Dad training the few horses and Mam starting us off on the ponies, who’s to say we’d have had the passion for it. It’s down to them that we developed the passion. For all the hard work they put in—they were never off the road bringing us showjumping, hunting or pony racing, and kept good horses under us—it meant a lot.

Have you ever thought about life beyond the saddle? Would you ever think of training like your father?

We’ll pre-train anyway but, to be honest, I really enjoy the breeze-up side of things and the sport horses as well. My wife is a huge help to me in the yard and does all of the mucking out and, when I have them broken and riding, she rides them out with me as well. It’s something we really enjoy doing together. We’ve the kids coming along and they’ve the ponies as well. We don’t know what way we could but it will be something involved with horses, that’s for sure.

KEVIN STOTT NAMED RETAINED RIDER FOR AMO RACING

Group 1-winning rider Kevin Stott has been named the 2023 retained jockey for Amo Racing, Ltd. beginning on Mar. 1.

The 29-year-old, who currently leads the All-Weather Jockeys’ Championship, rode a career-high 116 winners in 2022. He was aboard Hello Youmzain (Fr) (Kodiac {GB}) when winning the 2020 G1 Platinum Jubilee.

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Kevin Stott Cont.

“We’re delighted to have secured Kevin as our number one rider for the 2023 season,” said Amo Racing’s Kia Joorabchian. “He is super-talented, and we consider him as one of the top tier elite Flat jockeys.

“I am positive we can provide him with a platform from which he can excel further, and we look forward to a successful partnership.”

Added Stott, “The Amo Racing job is arguably one of the biggest. The strength and depth they have at their disposal is second to none and I’m very excited to be part of the team. I look at this as the beginning of a long and successful partnership.

“I want to ride the best horses in the best races and that is the level Amo operate at. I can’t wait to get started.”

Rossa Ryan held the role previously until last summer.

NEW STUD MANAGEMENT AND SALES CONSIGNMENT COURSE LAUNCHED BY THE NATIONAL STUD

A new Stud Management and Sales Consignment course, which will replace the former Diploma programme, will be launched by The National Stud in September.

Students will be based in Newmarket from mid-September for 26 weeks and will receive training in all aspects of commercial stud management. The Evening Lecture Programme will continue as part of the course during the breeding season, and this remains open to industry professionals who wish to attend in person, there is also only an online option for those based further afield. The new course came about due to the success of the Entry to Stud Employment programme, which began in 2018 and is jointly funded by the Thoroughbred Breeders’ Association (TBA) and the Racing Foundation. It is a nine-week residential course followed by a six-month work placement.

Qualifications achieved for successful programme graduates include:

- 1st 4Sport Level 3 Certificate in Thoroughbred Stud Practices
- 1st 4Sport Level 3 Award in the Principles of Transporting Horses by Road on Short Journeys
- Emergency First Aid at Work and Manual Handling certificates

The first term will run from Sept. 18-Dec. 15 with an emphasis on sales preparation for yearling, mare and foal sales, with trainees also embarking on paid placements with consignors for the Tattersalls October and December sales. During the breeding season, the second term will last from Jan. 3-Apr. 7, and participants will gain practical experience in foaling down mares, assist with breeding operations in the covering shed and care/work with The National Stud’s stallion roster. The practical study work will be additionally complemented by rotations in the stud and nominations office, veterinary rounds, off-site trips, management training, career mentoring and relevant additional qualifications. Applicants must be 18 or older by the course start date, and have Thoroughbred handling experience. For more information, please visit The National Stud website.

“We conducted a fundamental review of our Education Programme in 2022 with the aim of meeting recruitment challenges facing the industry across the board,” said CEO Anna Kerr. “One piece of feedback we have had consistently is a concern around lack of income, our Level 2 is a better option for some students who would previously have enrolled on the Diploma course as they get into paid employment sooner.”

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New Stud Management Course Cont.
She added, “Taking that and other factors into account we have made the decision to elevate the existing Diploma course, with a limited and more selective intake, and move to a September start date to take in the sales season which is a hugely important part of the year. This means that we are not only producing a more rounded graduate but are also operating in line with the academic year which is helpful for students leaving college and universities.”

GHAIIYATH HALF-BROTHER TO GERMAN DERBY WINNER SAMMARCO ARRIVES
A Ghaiyyath (Ire) half-brother to 2022 G1 Deutsches Derby hero Sammarco (Ire) (Camelot {GB}) arrived on Tuesday.
Said Gestut Park Wiedingen’s Helmut von Finck on Twitter, “[A] very nice Ghaiyyath colt, [who is a] half-brother to Derby winner Sammarco, was born yesterday [Tuesday].”
The duo are out of the two-time winner Saloon Sold (Ger) (Spectrum {Ire}), who placed third in the Listed Winterkonigin Trial. Her juvenile filly by Saxon Warrior (Jpn) made €11,000 at the BBAG October Mixed Sale, and her yearling colt, by Areion (Ger), has been named Shootout (Ire) after selling for €80,000 as a BBAG September yearling.
Garrick Painter (Ire), g, 3, Zoffany (Ire)--Suraat (Ire), by Kodiak (GB). Kempton, 2-22, 8f (AWT), 1:39.97. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, $8,130. B-Sir E J Loder (IRE). *€11,000 Wlg ’20 GOFNOV; £10,000 RNA Ylg ’21 TATIRY; 42,000gns 2yo ’22 TATBRG.

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**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**
 Ganibet (Fr), c, 3, Almanzor (Fr)--Gakku (GB), by Pivotal (GB). Cagnes-sur-Mer, 2-22, 2150mT, 2:19.23. B-Sumbe (FR). *€12,000 HRA ’22 ARQNOV.
 Nolito (GB), g, 3, Recoletos (Fr)--Dubai Empress (Ire), by Dubawi (Ire). Cagnes-sur-Mer, 2-22, 7 1/2fT, 1:33.16. B-H-A Pantall & Mme Y Pantall (GB).

**WORLDWIDE NEWS**

**CRACK STAYER SUBJECTIVIST SET FOR RED SEA TURF H.**

Charlie Johnston’s Group 1-winning stayer Subjectivist (GB) (Teofilo {Ire}) turned in a maintenance gallop at King Abdulaziz Racecourse on Wednesday, ahead of an intended start in the G3 Longines Red Sea Turf H. on the G1 Saudi Cup undercard.

Set to face 12 rivals in the event, the 6-year-old entire has not graced the racecourse since dominating the G1 Gold Cup at Royal Ascot in 2021, having injured a tendon in training.

“It has been a very long road, 20 months since this horse saw the racecourse,” said Johnston. “It has been a long journey for the team and one where we’ve trodden on egg-shells for the most of it. So, to see him back in this kind of environment is fantastic. Horses like him don’t come around very often. It was getting to that point where you don’t really care about the opposition.”

Already a winner of the 2020 G1 Prix Royal Oak, 2021 G2 Dubai Gold Cup, and his Royal Ascot demolition job, Subjectivist appears back to his best following a racecourse gallop at Newcastle earlier this month.

“We wouldn’t be here if we didn’t think we were ready,” Johnston added. “But at the same time any prep is difficult, but in particular in a situation when you come back from such a serious injury.

“We took him to Newcastle and that was a pretty serious workout. That was the key point, to feel he was in shape to be ready to come here.

“What he did here today was to see him stretch his legs, see that he is fit and well and that he has taken the journey OK. The hard work has been done at home and now it is a case of keeping him wrapped up until Saturday.

“It is very much one day at a time with this horse. Every morning he canters up the gallop, he goes into his box and we check that his leg is still OK.

“I’ve barely allowed myself to think about Saturday, never mind think beyond Saturday.”

**SONGLINE AND GEOGLYPH HOLD STRONG CHANCES IN SAUDI STARTS**

Defending G3 1351 Turf Sprint heroine Songline (Jpn) (Kizuna {Jpn}) is primed for a big effort in the 2023 edition, according to regular rider Christophe Lemaire.

“I rode her this morning and she looks in great condition,” he said on Wednesday. “I am very happy with her and so is her trainer. She will be the one to beat again this year, I think.”

Fifth in the G1 Victoria Mile after her Riyadh heroics in 2022, the Sunday Racing colourbearer claimed the G1 Yasuda Kinen by a neck over Schnell Meister (Ger) (Kingman {GB}) in June. She was last seen running fifth in the G2 Centaur S. at Chukyo over six furlongs on Sept. 11.

“Songline has shown some good form and some bad since winning here last year,” he added. Coming back from Saudi, she produced some very good results. In the autumn she had an issue and could not perform well. It looks like she is all fine from what I have seen and I hope she will race as well as last year.”

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Songline training in Riyadh | Racingfotos.com

Lemaire Pair Cont.

Lemaire’s other mount on Saturday is **Geoglyph (Jpn)** (Drefong), who is set to contest the day’s feature race, the $20-million G1 Saudi Cup.

“He has a lot of potential,” said Lemaire. “It is hard to predict how he will react on this new surface, but in terms of quality, he has a good chance.

“I have not ridden him on dirt yet and will not until Saturday. I give all my trust to the trainer and the staff. He is by Drefong, an American horse, so we expect him to run good and to adapt to the surface.

“It is always a big change for the horses. He is a Grade 1 winner in Japan and he beat Equinox (Jpn) (Kitasan Black (Jpn)), which is the new superstar in Japan, so it shows how good Geoglyph is and if he likes the ground, the surface, I think he will cause a big surprise.”

A winner of the G3 Sapporo Nisai S. as a juvenile, the colt won the G1 Japanese 2000 Guineas at Nakayama last April, defeating the aforementioned Equinox. Unplaced behind Equinox two starts later in the G1 Tenno Sho (Autumn) in October, he was sixth in the G1 Hong Kong Cup over 2000 metres on Dec. 11.

He added, “He travelled to Hong Kong, so it is always a good experience for horses to travel. It will be his second travel in a couple of months, but he is an easy horse and can adapt.

“In Hong Kong he was a bit unlucky in the race and he did not show his best, but hopefully on Saturday he will show people what he is able to do.”

The jockey, who won four races on the card last year, was also very complementary of the dirt surface in Riyadh, and said, “I agree that this is the best dirt track in the world. There was a little change between the first edition of the Saudi Cup three years ago.

“It looks like the ground is now a little bit deeper than it was before, but the quality of the sand is still good. It is a little bit different. It looks a little bit tougher for the horses to finish quick. The Saudi Cup winner came from behind last year. I think it looks like more of a front-runners’ track now.

“It is a little between the very quick American dirt and the deeper dirt track in Japan for example. We are somewhere in the middle. Both American horses and Japanese horses can adapt to this track.”

**MIssed The Cut in Good Form in Advance of Saudi Test**

Listed winner **Missed The Cut** (Quality Road) is pleasing trainer George Boughey in advance of a try in the G3 Neom Turf Cup on the G1 Saudi Cup undercard on Saturday.

“He has come a long way in a short space of time,” said the trainer, who saw the son of **Quality Road** breeze on the Riyadh track ahead of the extended 10-furlong test on Saturday.

“There was a rapid rise through the summer last year, possibly too much too soon when we took him out to France for a Group 2.

“We are just taking our time with him. He comes here in super shape, so we are looking forward to it.

“His last run is obviously good form. Algiers (Ire) (Shamardal) has taken his form to a whole different level on the dirt at Meydan and this is a whole different kettle of fish.

“It is a tight 10 1/2 furlongs around the turf on Saturday. He has plenty of pace and he should go pretty well.”

A winner at Royal Ascot in 2022, the 4-year-old entire was fifth in the G2 Prix Guillaume d’Ornano in August, and defeated subsequent dual Group 2 winner Algiers by a short head in the Listed Churchill S. over the Lingfield all-weather on Nov. 12.

“He is a very good-looking horse and he’s only sort of furnishing now,” added Boughey. “He was very raw last year and his demeanour has improved. His behaviour is better and he is certainly going the right way. I hope he can be a flag-bearer for the yard. He has got to go and do it on the world stage and his work is getting that way.

“I think he could be versatile ground and trip-wise. He has got a dirt pedigree as well, so it wouldn’t be a surprise to see him step onto an all-weather surface in the pretty near future.”

Missed The Cut, who will have former champion jockey Oisin Murphy in the irons on Saturday, races for Babington, St Elias & Hudson as well as co-owner Lane’s End Farm.

“We will take one step at a time, but he has a top-side dirt pedigree and we will certainly be exploring that soon, whether it will be in Dubai or America. He is obviously part-owned by Lane’s End Stud and that will be where we want him to end up [in America].” Cont. p11
Missed The Cut Cont.

“He has got to go and prove it. He is a stakes winner now, but is certainly going the right way. We have had a bit of a headache through his career so far with jockey changes.

“Oisin is a world-class rider and I think we might be able to get a bit of consistency with him. He doesn’t, at the moment, have a top-class 10-furlong horse to ride this year, so it would be good to nail him down and hopefully they can create a good bond together.”
**Friday, Meydan (Dubai), UAE, post time: 8.20 p.m.**

**BALANCHINE PRESENTED BY LAND ROVER-G2, $180,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1800mT**

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**Saturday, King Abdulaziz (Riyadh), Saudi Arabia, post time: 8.35 p.m.**

**THE SAUDI CUP-G1, $20,000,000, 4yo/up, 1800m**

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**Saturday, King Abdulaziz (Riyadh), Saudi Arabia, post time: 5.05 p.m.**

**NEOM TURF CUP PRESENTED BY ALTANFEETHI-G3, $1,500,000, 4yo/up, 2100mT**

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