DETTORI: COUNTRY GRAMMER HAS 'ROCK-SOLID SAUDI CUP CREDENTIALS'

By Brian Sheerin

RIYADH, SAUDI ARABIA--Country Grammer (Tonalist) brings rock-solid credentials to the G1 Saudi Cup at Riyadh, according to his legendary rider Frankie Dettori, who says the Bob Baffert-trained 6-year-old can go one better than last year in Saturday's showpiece.

Dettori also described Baffert's other runner in the race, the unexposed Taiba (Gun Runner), as a force to be reckoned with as the 52-year-old spoke alongside fellow luminary in the saddle, Joao Moreira, in the build-up to the world's richest race.

"Country Grammer is very solid and never runs a bad race--touch wood he doesn't start now," Dettori joked at a media event at King Abdulaziz Racecourse in Riyadh Thursday morning.

"He was second last year, is tough and has travelled before, which is a plus. I would be foolish to say that I am confident but I am very pleased to ride him and he will give his best."

Baffert has had the Saudi Cup on Country Grammer's agenda for a while now and elected to sidestep taking on the unbeaten champion Flightline (Tapit) in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic at Keeneland in November, a decision Dettori hopes will be vindicated on Saturday. Cont. p3

BREEDERS' CUP RETURNS TO DEL MAR IN '24

The 41st renewal of the Breeders' Cup World Championships will be held at the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club Nov. 1 and 2, 2024, officials at the organization announced Thursday. It will be the third time the seaside oval has played host to the event.

"We are delighted to announce that the World Championships will be returning to Del Mar next year for what is sure to be an unforgettable two-year-run on the West Coast," said Drew Fleming, Breeders' Cup President and CEO. This year's Breeders' Cup races take place at Santa Anita Nov. 3 and 4. Fleming added, "Breeders' Cup has always been a strong supporter of California racing and we look forward to showcasing this wonderful venue once again to our horsemen and fans from around the world." In 2017 and again in 2021, Del Mar drew fans from around the world and set wagering records on both occasions. In the inaugural Del Mar Breeders' Cup, two-day on-track handle was a record $25,181,317, as Gun Runner stamped his authority on that year’s GI Breeders’ Cup Classic. Cont. p4

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ORLANDI WELCOMES NEWEST ‘LEGENDS’

Micheal Orlandi’s Starfield Stud gained two new recruits for 2023, led by Dubawi Legend (Ire) (Dubawi (Ire)), and Alayna Cullen Birkett finds out more.
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He explained, "Bob and the Zedan Racing Stables, they skipped the [Breeders' Cup] Classic because they thought it would be tough to beat the good horse [Flightline]. He has been aimed at these two races, the Saudi Cup and then on to Dubai, so this was always the plan. We have 48 hours to go so fingers crossed we can get there and everything goes to plan."

On Baffert's other runner Taiba, Dettori added, "He is also very solid. He has very little mileage on the clock and is a horse who I feel is still improving. He will be thereabouts as well."

Moreira will partner the Noriyuki Hori-trained Cafe Pharoah (American Pharoah), a general 14-1 chance for the Saudi Cup, and said that the 6-year-old has been filling him with confidence in track work this week.

"Being realistic, this is probably one of the strongest dirt races in the world," Moreira said. "However, this horse has impressed me in track work and is taking me into the race with a bit of confidence. I know we are challenging good horses but I am faithful that this horse can give his best."

The Saudi Cup meeting will be the biggest event that Dettori has ridden at since announcing his farewell tour over Christmas. Like Dettori, Moreira is planning on exiting the stage, but said that he is hopeful of riding for another two seasons before calling time on his career.

He said, "I don't know if many people know but I have developed some health issue, which is pretty much a hip joint. People think I can just go there and get a hip replacement but it’s been recommended by the doctors not to do it right now. I am in a great deal of pain and, what's best for me psychologically is to decide to do it [retire] on my terms. I'm not doing it right now and will continue to ride for another year and a half, maybe two years."
Dettori, who was described as being an "idol" by Moreira, is more definitive on his retirement and explained that the Breeders' Cup remains the most likely curtain call.

He said, "I gave myself a year to do my last farewell. I am in Saudi Arabia just because I was asked to be here, I'd usually be in Dubai, and after that I will do the European programme. Royal Ascot should be my last meeting in England and then possibly the Breeders' Cup will be my last, or if something in the Melbourne Cup or other things materialise. But this year is my last. I will be 53 in December and I will finish on the top. It's hard to choose the right moment and my heart wants to carry on but I want to have another life after racing."

Asked if he thinks that he will change his mind about retiring this year, Dettori responded, "At the moment, the plan is to stop at the end of the season. I am sure I am going to be asked that question a million times before then."

On the next chapter, he added, "I have my eye on working in the media. That is the route that I am thinking of taking. There are other things, like buying a few horses and becoming a bloodstock agent, things like that, but I will have a couple of months to sit back and look at the whole picture. Not training, no, I wouldn't have the patience."

Breeders' Cup returns to Del Mar cont. from p1

History was made in 2021, as Japan celebrated its first two Breeders' Cup victories with Loves Only You (Jpn) and Marche Lorraine (Jpn). Despite operating at only 50% capacity due to COVID-related protocols, all-sources handle reached a record $183,260,127.

"We're excited for the return of Breeders' Cup to Del Mar in 2024," said Josh Rubinstein, President of Del Mar Thoroughbred Club. "The prestige of the event combined with our venue's iconic, seaside setting makes for an extraordinary weekend. Additionally, we are grateful for the economic support the Championship races bring to our community. This is a milestone event for San Diego and we look forward to building upon the record-breaking success in 2017 and 2021."
CHAMPION WONDER WHEEL TOPS 103
EARLY ENTRIES FOR KENTUCKY OAKS

D. J. Stable’s Eclipse Award and GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies winner Wonder Wheel (Into Mischief) is the marquee name among 103 sophomore fillies that were nominated at the first entry stage for the $1.25-million GI Longines Kentucky Oaks, to be run beneath the Twin Spires Friday, May 5, 2023.

The first stage of nominations closed Feb. 18, with a $200 payment. Any 3-year-old filly not among the original entries can become eligible with a fee of $1,500 due no later than Saturday, Apr. 15.

Wonder Wheel was four-for-five during her championship season in 2022, scoring in the GI Darley Alcibiades S. before prevailing by three lengths on Breeders’ Cup Friday. The strapping dark bay made her seasonal debut in the Feb. 11 Suncoast S. at Tampa, where she missed by a neck to longshot and fellow Oaks aspirant Dreaming of Snow (Jess’s Dream).

Others that figure prominently among the entries include ‘TDN Rising Star’ Julia Shining (Curlin), the full-sister to champion Malathaat who won last year’s GII Demoiselle S. and was third in the Suncoast; Hoosier Philly (Into Mischief), winner of Churchill’s GII Golden Rod S. last November; ’Rising Star’ Pretty Mischievous (Into Mischief), upset winner of last weekend’s GII Rachel Alexandra S.; recent G3 UAE Oaks victress Mimi Kakushi (City of Light); and the progressive GIII Forward Gal S. winner Red Carpet Ready (Oscar Performance).

A complete list of the Oaks nominees will be available here in due course.

FORTE, ANGEL OF EMPIRE AMONG 141 BLUE GRASS NOMS; WONDER WHEEL HEADS ASHLAND

Keeneland’s $1-million GI Toyota Blue Grass Apr. 8 has attracted 141 nominees led by Repole Stable and St. Elias Stable’s champion Forte (Violence) and recent GI Risen Star S. winner Angel of Empire (Classic Empire).

Click here for the list of the Toyota Blue Grass nominees; click here for their past performances.

“As Keeneland’s signature race, the Toyota Blue Grass is the crown jewel in our Spring Meet stakes program,” Keeneland Vice President of Racing Gatewood Bell said. “It’s exciting to see so many of the nation’s top sophomores and stables represented among the nominees, and we look forward to the outstanding competition on opening weekend. As always, we want to thank our horsemen for their strong support of Keeneland and the Toyota Blue Grass.”
The 1 1/8-mile Toyota Blue Grass is one of five graded stakes worth a combined $2.65 million to be run Apr. 8 on Keeneland’s 11-race card, which has a first post time of 12:30 p.m. ET. Other stakes that day are the GI Madison S.; the GII Appalachian S.; GII Shakertown S.; and GIII Commonwealth S.

The Toyota Blue Grass is the ninth race with a 5:15 p.m. post. NBC will televise the race along with the GI Runhappy Santa Anita Derby and another Keeneland stakes from 4:30-6 p.m.

The post position draw will be held Wednesday, Apr. 5.

The winner of the Toyota Blue Grass will earn 100 points on the Road to the Kentucky Derby, while the second-, third-, fourth- and fifth-place finishers receive 40 points, 30 points, 20 points and 10 points, respectively.

A total of 88 nominees to the Apr. 7 GI Central Bank Ashland S. is led by reigning juvenile champion filly D.J. Stable’s Wonder Wheel (Into Mischief) and last weekend’s GII Rachel Alexandra winner Pretty Mischievous (Into Mischief).

Click here for a list of Central Bank Ashland nominees; click here for their past performances.

The Central Bank Ashland awards 100 points to the winner on the Road to the May 5 GI Kentucky Oaks. The next four finishers receive 40 points, 30 points, 20 points and 10 points, respectively.
2023 MATING PLANS, PRESENTED BY
SPENDTHRIFT: TRACY FARMER

With the 2023 season upon us, the TDN staff is once again sitting down with leading breeders to find out what stallions they have chosen for their mares, and why. Here is what Tracy Farmer had to say about his broodmare band for 2023.

“We had a great few years on the track and we retired our Belmont Stakes Winner Sir Winston to Crestwood Farm in Lexington, KY this year, so we will offer him a lot of support both in the stallion barn now and in the sales ring in the future,” said Farmer. “We generally only keep about 10 mares, but we have bought some new mares to support Sir Winston as we plan to breed more than a dozen mares to him in 2023.”

ALYDORABLE (m, 13, Arch--Esprit D’Escalier) booked to Sir Winston.

She is a stakes placed Arch mare that has already produced a nice stakes winner by Quality Road. She has a daughter by Ghostzapper that is the dam of multiple stakes winning 3-year-old Girl Trouble, and we want to support Sir Winston with some proven mares, and she is a great match for him. Awesome Again’s son Ghostzapper has done great with Arch mares, with Grade I winners like Contested and Nucky.
Sir Winston’s pedigree is Classics oriented with early development, but it’s also a great mix of dirt, turf, and all-weather performers, and this type of versatility is important for sire success these days.

– Sid Fernando, Werk Thoroughbred Consultants, Inc.
TROPHY GIRL (m, 10, Warrior’s Reward--Storm West) booked to Good Magic.

We generally do not breed to many first year stallions but a few years ago we really were excited about Good Magic and felt like Trophy Girl would be a very good fit. She is a big mare, about 16.3h, had a lot of talent, and broadly speaking, the Smart Strike line has done quite well over the El Prado line. We felt like Good Magic might benefit from a mare with some size to her and he could add speed while not sacrificing our chance to breed a classic horse. The resulting foal was Blazing Sevens, who won the GI Champagne S. this year. She will go back to Good Magic.

BAKSHEESH (f, 4, Summer Front--Spider Dust) booked to Sir Winston.

We bought this very good looking mare specifically to be bred to Sir Winston. She was a stakes-winning 2-year-old at Woodbine and Sid Fernando really liked her pedigree to match up with Sir Winston’s. We wanted to buy some mares that were fast and precocious. Don’t forget, Sir Winston was also a stakes-winning 2-year-old, so we expect him to sire precocity despite the fact that he trained on to win the Belmont and graded stakes later in his career.

SKYGAZE (m, 6, American Pharoah--Skyscape) booked to Tapit.

Skygaze was champion older mare in Canada in 2021 and we retired her in the middle of 2022. She actually won a Grade III as a 2-year-old but was disqualified, and we felt like she was worth going all the way to the top. Her dam has produced five black-type horses so the family is very strong. We felt like this mare could really use A.P. Indy, and Tapit has a great strike rate with Empire Maker line mares as he has three graded-stakes winners on that cross out of 12 attempts.

LA GRAN BAILADOR (m, 16, Afleet Alex--Affirmed Dancer) booked to Ghostzapper.

She is the dam of Sir Winston (Awesome Again) and also the grand-dam of One Timer (Trappe Shot), who won a Grade II last year. We had a Ghostzapper filly out of her that we felt was very talented but had an injury and we were forced to retire her early. If we can get another foal by Ghostzapper that showed her talent, by the same sire line as Sir Winston, we will be in great shape.

GILDED LILY (m, 9, Speightstown--Handpainted) booked to Sir Winston.

From the moment we retired Sir Winston, we wanted to find some fast fillies by Speightstown to breed to him. On paper, this filly has all the things we look for. She comes from the family of Touch Gold—which makes her 3x4 to Deputy Minister—historically strong inbreeding with Awesome Again as we see in horses like Goodnight Olive (Ghostzapper) and Hot Rod Charlie (Oxbow). Gilded Lily’s dam is by A.P. Indy, and Awesome Again and his son Ghostzapper have done great with A.P. Indy line mares.

LA BOHEMIAN (f, 4, Tiznow--La Rambla) booked to Sir Winston.

This filly was a homebred of ours and she is a half sister to two very talented and fast stakes-level sprinters. Needless to say, Tiznow has done well under Awesome Again (Paynter/Oxbow/Bravazzo etc) but, more importantly, her dam, La Rambla, is by City Zip, who is a half-brother to Ghostzapper. So we know the family has an affinity for Awesome Again.

IMMORTAL LIFE (IRE) (m, 11, Iffraaj{GB}-Pursuit of Life {GB}) booked to Not This Time.

This is a mare we are very high on. Her first foal is graded-stakes winner Neptune’s Storm (Stormy Atlantic), who is $10K short of being a millionaire. The 3-year-old filly out of the mare is Fearless Angel (More Than Ready), who was beaten just a nose in a stake as a 2-year-old last year. Not this Time has sired Grade I winner Just One Time, who is out of a Gone West line mare, just like this one. Immortal Life’s best foal is by a Storm Cat line as well, and although Not this Time is primarily a dirt stallion, he has gotten some very good horses from European families such as Epicenter.

Interested in sharing your own mating plans? Email garyking@thetdn.com.
ELITE TO ENTER YEARLING CONSIGNMENT BUSINESS

Elite Sales, the Thoroughbred consignment business of Liz Crow and Bradley Weisbord, will begin selling yearlings in 2023, adding to their existing business of breeding and racing stock, according to the pair.

"Elite Sales launched in 2017 with the goal of being the number-one consignor of horses of racing age and broodmares/broodmare prospects," said Weisbord. "With six years under our belts, we have experienced a wide range of success including selling 21 off-the-track broodmare or racing prospects for $1 million or more."

The addition of yearlings to their lineup is the latest news from Elite, who sold their first two weanlings at the Fasig-Tipton November Sale, including a Gun Runner filly for $675,000. They also were represented with a consignment at Tattersalls December for the first time in 2022.

"Since launching Elite, our team has enjoyed building relationships with the most prominent buyers and sellers of bloodstock around the world. We believe that these relationships along with our boutique model, top client support, and ambitious marketing have led to our success," Weisbord said, "The move into yearlings has been long-planned. Liz and I have some of our own homebreds we will sell, we will sell for our existing clients, and we hope to add some large breeding farms into the mix."
JOBS OPENINGS
A listing of career opportunities in the Thoroughbred industry

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Elite has hired Beth Bayer, the former director of sales for Woodford Thoroughbreds, who has 20 years of experience in the industry, to run the day-to-day consignment, leaving Liz Crow free to continue her scrutiny of yearlings on the sales grounds.

"Liz is one of the leading agents purchasing yearlings each year and we feel her knowledge of the market along with her great eye will be a huge asset to our clients. She will be available for farm inspections as we lead into yearling prep and sales time. We also feel that since our team sees every single horse on the sales grounds at every single yearling sale, she will have a great understanding of where yearlings most appropriately fit in each catalogue and sale."

Fasig-Tipton July would be the first sale the company will target, followed by Fasig-Tipton Saratoga, Keeneland September, and Fasig-Tipton Kentucky October Yearlings.

Weisbord said he would continue to handle client and buyer relationships on and off the sales grounds. Katelyn Jackson, Samantha Bussanich and Jake Memolo will remain with Elite as well, and that the company would continue to be run as a boutique consignment operation.

In its six-year history, Elite has sold over $135 million in horses, averaging over $295,000 per horse. Those sales include Monomoy Girl for Michael Dubb, Monomoy Stables, The Elkstone Group and Bethlehem Stables, who brought $9.5 million at Fasig-Tipton November 2020; and Paris Lights for WinStar Farm, who topped the 2021 Keeneland November Sale at $3.1 million.

“Elite Sales has done an outstanding job in the mixed sale and horses-of-racing-age marketplace and I’m sure that they will do an excellent job as they enter the yearling sales marketplace,” said Fasig-Tipton President and CEO Boyd Browning. “They have an excellent group of people on their team and Beth Bayer has great knowledge and will be a valuable addition.”

“It’s always good to welcome consignors that have great connections like they do,” said Keeneland’s Vice President of Sales, Tony Lacy. “They’ve done a wonderful job over the past few years with their mixed sales business, and it’s a natural evolution for them to move into the yearling market.”

BRAD COX JOINS THE TDN WRITERS' ROOM PODCAST

He just won the GII Risen Star S., has a strong pair entered in Saturday’s GII Rebel S. and accounts for 10 horses being offered in the latest round of the Derby Future Wager. When it comes to 3-year-old talent, Brad Cox’s lineup has tremendous quality and tremendous quantity. In the spotlight virtually every Saturday that includes a prep race for the GI Kentucky Derby, Cox found the time to join the team for this week’s Thoroughbred Daily News Writers' Room podcast presented by Keeneland to discuss his Derby prospects. Cox was this week’s Green Group Guest of the Week.

So far as the Rebel, in which he will start Verifying (Justify) and Giant Mischief (Into Mischief), Cox is optimistic he can pick up another major win on the road to the Derby.

“I think that Verifying is a very good horse,” he said. “The last time out at Oaklawn, he showed the ability to set close to the pace. I think the fractions [in the Rebel] will be similar, maybe even quicker. I don’t expect to necessarily be on the lead but somewhat forwardly placed in a good stalking position. If he runs as well as he’s training, I think he’s going to be right there. He’s a good colt. Giant Mischief is also a very good colt. I thought he ran a winning race at Remington [in the Springboard Mile], but, obviously, just didn’t get away well. He made a big middle move and then kind of flattened out. This was by design to give him a little time after that race. He had three good runs at two, three positive races. And I thought he showed in his Remington race that he could stretch out. We’re looking forward to getting him started at three.”

Like most trainers with top horses and clients, winning the Derby has become a focal point for Cox, who said he’s living a dream with this many good horses.
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“This has been my dream for a long, long time, to get into this position, acquire good colts from top outfits, top breeders, top owners throughout the country,” he said. “These horses, you need to have a lot of them to be on this stage. That we have so many at this point just proves that we’ve got a really, really good program. It’s a team effort and it’s years and years of training young horses and being able to stop on them when they need to be stopped on and then having them ready to go in the fall of their 2-year-old year or to begin their 3-year-old season to try to make that push for the Kentucky Derby because it is very, very demanding.”

Officially, Cox has won the Kentucky Derby. The Cox-trained Mandaloun (Into Mischief) was awarded the win in 2021 after Medina Spirit (Protonico) was disqualified due to a medication overage. But Cox said he doesn’t really feel like he’s won the race and wants to win it by sending out the best horse.

“It hasn’t felt like winning the Kentucky Derby,” he said. “If you’re awarded the race how do you explain that to people? I have to say, ‘Oh, yeah, I’ve won it, but my horse didn’t cross the wire first.’ If I met a stranger and they didn’t know much about horse racing, I’d have to explain how I won the Derby. I definitely don’t feel that we’ve won the Kentucky Derby. We know the Kentucky Derby is not the richest race run in America, but I think it is without a doubt the most prestigious. All the eyes are on racing that day with the telecast, the crowd and everything. And it’s the thrill of victory, bottom line. I haven’t experienced that thrill and I look forward to it someday.”

Elsewhere on the podcast, which is also sponsored by Coolmore, the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association, XBTV, Kentucky Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders and West Point Thoroughbreds, Randy Moss, Zoe Cadman and Bill Finley reviewed last week’s races at the Fair Grounds, including the Risen Star and the disappointing effort by Hoosier Philly (Into Mischief) in the GII Rachel Alexandra S. Steve Asmussen’s 10,000th win was also discussed with Finley predicting that Asmussen is setting records that will never be broken. To preview the G1 Saudi Cup, Cadman caught up with jockeys Mike Smith and Frankie Dettori in a new segment on the podcast, 1/ST things 1/ST at Santa Anita.

To view the podcast, click here. Click here for audio only.

Jun Park and Delia Nash’s Sibelius (Not This Time), winner of his last two Florida starts including Gulfstream’s GIII Mr. Prospector S., is headed to Dubai to run in the G1 Golden Shaheen Mar. 25 at Meydan Racecourse.

“We have accepted an invitation to go to Dubai,” trainer Jerry O’Dwyer said. “He came out of his last race good and is doing really well.”

Sibelius, the winner of the Lite the Fuse S. at Pimlico last fall, followed up his New Year’s Eve Mr. Prospector score with another victory in the Pelican S. at Tampa Feb. 11.

“He put it all together that day,” O’Dwyer said. “The Mr. Prospector worked out a bit different than the way he had been running. He was in behind the speed getting dirt in his face and had to rate a little bit and then tip out and go do it. He had to do everything like a proper racehorse does. He didn’t get everything his own way.”

In the six-furlong Pelican, Sibelius set a stakes record 1:08.75, just .08 off the track record.

“I was very impressed with him, because he really had to battle off and fend off that other horse [Doctor Oscar] that put it to him the whole way,” O’Dwyer said. “He really had to dig in deep to put that horse away towards the wire.”

According to O’Dwyer, Sibelius will continue his preparations at Palm Meadows, Gulfstream’s satellite training facility in Palm Beach County, before leaving for Dubai next month.

“He’ll have a couple breezes here at Palm Meadows and then he’ll ship out. He’ll probably have his last breeze on [March] 10. He doesn’t need a lot of hard training,” he said.
Sibelius to Golden Shaheen cont.

“He’ll have a couple of half-mile breezes. The plan is to breeze him on the 10th, check him over on the 11th and, if all is well, get on the plane on the 12th. He might have a little blowout, maybe an easy three-eighths in :38 [seconds] or something, just to let him stretch his legs over the track out there.”

Previously, O’Dwyer traveled to Dubai in 2020 with Grade II winner Shotski, fourth in Gulfstream’s GII Fountain of Youth S., to contest the UAE Derby. The card was ultimately canceled following the outbreak of the global coronavirus pandemic.

“We’re excited. I love shipping horses, but I don’t like shipping them anywhere unless I think they’re live, and I do think he’s a very nice, genuine horse and hopefully, he can get a nice piece of it out there,” O’Dwyer said.

He added, “It was kind of our target all along if everything went according to plan,” he added. “Our long-term goal since the end of last year was to go to Dubai with him if he kept continuing to run well and progress.”

SUTHERLAND ENTERS JOCKEY CHALLENGE IN SAUDI

The Saudi Cup International Jockeys Challenge, led by defending champion Caitlin Jones, plus a mix of international female and male riders like Victoria Alonso, Joanna Mason, Frankie Dettori, Luis Saez, Joao Moreia, and Chantal Sutherland, is set for King Abdulaziz Racecourse in Saudi Arabia on Friday.

The jockeys will compete to receive 15% of prize-money for each of the four $400,000 races in which they win with a further $100,000 going to the overall champion.

“It is my first time in Saudi Arabia and I’m actually blown away by the hospitality and the kindness people have shown” said the Florida-based and Canadian-born Sutherland.

The daughter of a Standardbred trainer, Sutherland is no stranger to making history. She was the first woman to win the GI Santa Anita H. and also the first to ride in the G1 Dubai World Cup, both aboard Game On Dude (Awesome Again). Sutherland also piloted him to a second-place finish in the 2011 GI Breeders’ Cup Classic behind Drosselmeyer (Distorted Humor), who was ridden by then-boyfriend Mike Smith.

“I was second in the Breeders’ Cup Classic and I thought that was around the time to maybe have a child,” said Sutherland. I stopped racing and took about four years out and didn’t ever get to have a kid. The marriage [to Dan Kruse] didn’t work out either, so I went back to racing, got injured, then got back from the injury, then Covid happened.”

Sutherland’s decision to return to the track was prompted by a move to the Sunshine State over the course of the winter in early 2021.

“I was going to ride just before Covid. I was going to ride Turfway (Park) and that was freezing,” she said. “I’d frozen for I don’t know how long in my career, in Canada, at Aqueduct. I thought, ‘I’m going to Florida,’ and I just loved it. It felt like home.”

As far as her mounts for Friday in Saudi Arabia, Sutherland will be aboard the appropriately-named, Fighter (KSA) (Official Flame) in race two over 1600 meters and Inhimr (KSA) (Pomeroy) in race three going 1400 meters, both on dirt. Then in the pair of turf races, she will guide Go Fast Traou Land (Fr) (George Vancouver) in the 1200-meter race five and finish off with Billy Batts (City Zip) in race six over 2100 meters.

She added, “I’m really looking forward to the Jockeys Challenge. I’ve already worked out the races, watched all the replays and I’ve spoken to some key handicap people who have put the races together. I feel I am ready, physically, mentally and preparation-wise. I’ve done my homework. It’s going to be exciting.”

Sutherland is looking forward to staying put at Gulfstream Park once she returns from the Middle East, especially since year-round racing continues to draw jockeys from all quadrants.

“I’m very happy in Florida and very happy to be doing what I’m doing again,” Sutherland said. It has been stop-start, but now everything, with the flow, I feel there is an alignment in my life and everything is going well.”
WEEKLY RULINGS

STEWARDS AND COMMISSIONS RULINGS

FEB. 14 – FEB. 20

Every week, the TDN publishes a roundup of key official rulings from the primary tracks within the four major racing jurisdictions of California, New York, Florida and Kentucky. 

Here's a primer on how each of these jurisdictions adjudicates different offenses, what they make public (or not) and where.

With the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA) having gone into effect on July 1, the TDN will also post a roundup of the relevant HISA-related rulings from the same week.

NEW YORK

Track: Aqueduct
Date: 02/16/2023
Licensee: Linda Rice, trainer
Penalty: $1,000 fine, 10-day suspension
Violation: Medication violation

Explainer: Having received a report from the NYS Gaming Commission Drug Equine Testing Laboratory of the finding of Phenylbutazone in the post-race sample taken from horse "Winter Pool" #4 which raced at Aqueduct Racetrack in the 1st race and finished 1st on January 7th 2023. Trainer of record Linda Rice having been notified of the post-race findings and having waived her right to an appeal is hereby fined the sum of one thousand ($1,000) dollars and suspended 10 Calandar days effective February 20th 2023, through March 1st 2023 inclusive.

Furthermore, the Stewards order horse " Winter Pool " disqualified from any part of the purse and the purse redistributed as follows:

1. (#5) Kumar
2. (#2) Scotty
3. (#3) Goldini
4. (#6) Icy Storm
5. (#7) Supply Chain
6. (#1) Forever Wicked

Ordered that during your period of suspension, you shall not directly or indirectly with training, including any arrangements to care for, train, enter, race, invoice, collect fees or other payments, manage funds, employ or insure workers, provide advise or other information or otherwise assist with any aspect of the training of such horses.

NEW HISA STEWARDS RULINGS

The following rulings were reported on HISA’s “rulings” portal, except for the voided claim rulings which were sent to the TDN directly. Some of these rulings are from prior weeks as they were not reported contemporaneously.

One important note: HISA's whip use limit is restricted to six strikes during a race.

VIOLATIONS OF CROP RULE

Aqueduct
Heman Kumar Harkie -- violation date February 18; $250 fine and one-day suspension, 7 strikes

Jalon Lateef Abdiel Samuel -- violation date February 20; $250 fine and one-day suspension, 7 strikes

Golden Gate Fields
Francisco Alvarado -- violation date February 19; $250 fine and one-day suspension, 8 strikes

Gulfstream Park
Ismerio Villalobos -- violation date February 17; $250 fine and one-day suspension, 8 strikes

Mahoning Valey Racecourse
Edilberto Dominguez -- violation date February 14; $500 fine and three-day suspension, four-to-nine strikes over limit, on appeal and stay granted

Edilberto Dominguez -- violation date February 14; Seven-day suspension, multiple point violations, on appeal and stay granted

Oaklawn Park
Cristian Alexis Torres -- violation date February 17; $250 fine and one-day suspension, 7 strikes

Ramsey Zimmerman -- violation date February 18; $250 fine and one-day suspension, 7 strikes

David Cabrera -- violation date February 18; $250 fine and one-day suspension, 7 strikes

Keith James Asmussen -- violation date February 19; $250 fine and one-day suspension, 7 strikes
Tampa Bay Downs
Melissa Iorio – violation date February 17; $250 fine and one-day suspension, 7 strikes

Turf Paradise
Enrique Garcia – violation date February 14; $250 fine and one-day suspension, 7 strikes

Enrique Garcia – violation date February 14; $250 fine and one-day suspension, 7 strikes

EQUIRING, CHECKMATE THOROUGHBREDS TO HOST SPRING CALIFORNIA 2-YEAR-OLD SALE

EquiRing, in conjunction with Adrian Gonzalez of Checkmate Thoroughbreds, will join forces to create a sales venue for the California market. The first sale, which will be held in April, will have a focus on 2-year-olds, horses in training, and proven horses with notable updates. The sale will also be open to breeding stock.

“California is a vibrant market with great owners and breeders,” said Adrian Gonzalez. “We are hungry for a consistent and efficient way to trade horses. We have worked with EquiRing and enjoyed success with our stallion season auctions, and we look forward to building on that success with this venture.”

President of EquiRing Jamie LaMonica added, “Adrian is a rising star in the business and is knowledgeable in all aspects of the game. We could not be more delighted and enthusiastic to be working together on this project. California has some of the best racing and breeding in the world and we look forward to servicing them with our platform.”

A calendar of upcoming sales will be released soon.

To nominate a horse for the upcoming California Sale, please click here.

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TAO OFFICIAL CHARITY PARTNER OF NHC

The Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance (TAA) will be on-site to promote aftercare awareness at the NTRA National Horseplayers Championship (NHC) Mar. 10-12 at Horseshoe Las Vegas, the group has announced. Horseplayers are invited to connect with TAA representatives, learn more about accredited Thoroughbred aftercare, donate to TAA to win tickets to the Florida Derby or for a tour of Old Friends, and take home racing memorabilia.

TAA will also be on site for the Last Chance First Chance NHC Qualifier to which NTRA donated a VIP opportunity through TAA’s Off to the Races online auction of VIP race experiences. The winning bidder will compete for their spot to remain at Horseshoe Las Vegas and enter the NHC in the following days.

"The NTRA is proud to recognize the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance as an official charity of the National Horseplayers Championship (NHC)," said NTRA President and CEO Tom Rooney. "The competition and camaraderie among the participants, along with their universal love of the Thoroughbred, are a big part of what makes the NHC such a great event."

"Thank you to NTRA for once again recognizing and supporting accredited Thoroughbred aftercare on the national stage of the NHC event," said TAA Office Manager Catherine Flowers. "TAA is proud to be supported by the racing industry, which includes these talented horseplayers, and it is so exciting to celebrate horseplayers giving back to the Thoroughbreds that have given all of us so much."

Of the eight #NHC2023 eligible racetracks, Aqueduct, Golden Gate Fields, Gulfstream, Laurel Park, Oaklawn Park, Santa Anita Park, and Tampa Bay Downs are supporters of the TAA.

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WAQAS AHMED NAMED KHRC DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Waqas Ahmed has been named deputy executive director of the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission (KHRC). Ahmed takes over from Jamie Eads, who was promoted to executive director.

“I am looking forward to continuing to be a part of the team to maintain the highest standards of safety, health, and welfare for both the horses and the public, while fostering a culture of honesty and integrity in all aspects of horse racing,” he said.
Added Eads, “I’m excited that Waqas will continue in the role of deputy director. The commission benefits greatly from his data driven approach to his work and management.”

Ahmed joined the Commission in 2019 as an analyst and obtained database management and application development training to realize more than $100,000 in implementation cost-savings for the agency.

In 2020, Ahmed was appointed director of Pari-mutuel Wagering and Compliance. He oversaw the licensing of racing associations, advance deposit account wagering, and totalizator providers. While in this position, wagering increased from $1.6 billion to more than $8 billion, resulting in the monitoring of tax receipts of over $100 million per year.

Ahmed earned a Master of Business Administration from the University of Kentucky, and a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Austin Peay State University. He currently serves as a committee member on various industry boards, including the Wagering Integrity Committee and Association of Racing Commissioners International.

RACE TRACK CHAPLAINCY OF AMERICA HOSTS EIGHTH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Race Track Chaplaincy of America (RTCA) will host its 8th Annual Golf Scramble Tuesday, Apr. 18 at University Club of Kentucky in Lexington, Kentucky. All proceeds go to support the network of RTCA Chaplaincies. The tournament will begin with lunch at 11:30 a.m. before a 12:30 p.m. start. Included in the registration fee are green fees, lunch, team photo, food after the round and golf gifts. A host of prizes will be given out for longest drive, closest-to-the-pin, door prizes and other games. Each par 3 will have hole-in-one prizes and an award ceremony will follow.

To register a team or request sponsorship information, contact the National Service Center of Race Track Chaplaincy of America at (859) 410-7822 or go to https://www.rtcanational.org/events.
### REBEL S.-GII

**Saturday, Oaklawn #11, post time: 6:23 p.m. EST**

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

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### HONEYBEE S.-GIII

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

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

8th-Gulfstream, $54,000, (S), Alw, 2-23, (NW1X), 3yo, 7f, 1:23.88, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

**NARUTO (c, 3, Tunwoo--Forbidden Image, by Forbidden Apple)**, a front-running maiden winner versus state-breds last out Nov. 12, fired fresh off the bench with first-time Lasix here. The 50-1 longshot chased from sixth, began to wind up on the far turn and came rolling down the center while racing on his left lead to reel in pacesetter Roll On Big Joe (Prospective) by 1 1/4 lengths. Sales history: $20,000 Ylg '21 OBSWIN. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, $65,200. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Baoma Corp; B-Chessmate Thoroughbreds International LLC & Peter Halsall (FL); T-Edward Plesa, Jr.

5th-Fair Grounds, $51,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($17,500), 2-23, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.56, ft, 1 length.

**ROSE PALACE (f, 4, Palace--Roses Plus {SP, $135,378}, by Value Plus)**, a last out front-running maiden winner over track and trip Jan. 19, doubled up with a wire-to-wire score at odds of 3-1 here. Braganza (Dialed In) was second. Also responsible for a Yoshida (Jpn) filly of 2021, Roses Plus was bred to Tawfeer for 2023. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, $73,600. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-South Central Stables; B-Clyde Taylor (KY); T-Ron Faucheux.

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, FEB. 24

**Always Dreaming** (Bodemeister), WinStar Farm, $10,000

212 foals of racing age/14 winners/1 black-type winner

6-Charles Town, 9:32 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, Amelia's Dream, 4-1

**Bolt d'Oro** (Medaglia d'Oro), Spendthrift Farm, $35,000

256 foals of racing age/35 winners/6 black-type winners

5-Delta Downs, 8:20 p.m. EST, Msw 7f, Lady Bolt, 10-1

6-Aqueduct, 3:55 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, Nineteen Oysters, 8-1

$170,000 SAR AUG yrl; $240,000 RNA FTF MAR 2yo; $175,000 EAS MAY 2yo

**City of Light** (Quality Road), Lane's End Farm, $60,000

209 foals of racing age/15 winners/4 black-type winners

9-Oaklawn, 5:42 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Goldcrest, 20-1

2-Aqueduct, 1:50 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Pinstrippepizzo, 6-1

$200,000 SAR AUG yrl; $95,000 RNA EAS MAY 2yo

**Cloud Computing** (Maclean's Music), Spendthrift Farm, $5,000

198 foals of racing age/22 winners/0 black-type winners

5-Fair Grounds, 4:15 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Anders Smile, 7-2

**Good Magic** (Curlin), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, $50,000

237 foals of racing age/31 winners/7 black-type winners

3-Delta Downs, 7:16 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, Lucky Bead Lady,
In this continuing series, Alan Carasso takes a look ahead at US-bred and/or conceived runners entered for the upcoming weekend at the tracks on the Japan Racing Association circuit, with a focus on pedigree and/or performance in the sales ring. Here are the horses of interest for this weekend running at Hanshin and Nakayama Racecourses:

Saturday, February 25, 2023
1st-NKY, ¥10,480,000 ($78k), Maiden, 3yo, 1800m

**KEEP SMILING (JPN)** (f, 3, Quality Road--Weep No More, by Mineshaft) turned in an auspicious debut over this course and distance Dec. 17, sitting an inside trip before hitting the line strongly to be a sound second (video, SC 4). The bay is the second foal from her dam, upset winner of the GI Central Bank Ashland S. in 2016 who was acquired privately after producing a War Front filly in 2019. Weep No More, a half-sister to Grade III winner Current and to the dam of the stakes-winning Half Is Enough (Frosted), is also responsible for a 2-year-old colt by the late Duramente (Jpn) that sold for better than $735,000 at last year’s JRHA Select Sale. Keep Smiling’s third dam is 2001 GI Kentucky Oaks winner Flute (Seattle Slew).

**Folklore** (c, 3, Arrogate--Folklore, by Tiznow)

Sunday, February 26, 2023
2nd-HSN, ¥10,480,000 ($78k), Maiden, 3yo, 1800m

**Mystic Lore** (c, 3, Arrogate--Folklore, by Tiznow) cost DMM Dream Club Co. a half-million dollars at Keeneland September in 2021, and the fact the colt would appeal to Japanese interests is not surprising. Folklore, the champion of her generation and
winner of the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies in 2005 for Bob and Beverly Lewis, is a half-sister to Rhodochrosite—by Arrogate’s sire Unbridled’s Song—whose place in the annals of Japanese racing is secure via the exploits of Triple Crown winner Contrail (Jpn) (Deep Impact (Jpn)). Folklore’s Grade III-placed half-sister Delightful Quality (Elusive Quality) produced two-time Eclipse Award and four-time Grade I winner Essential Quality (Tapit). B-Lewis Thoroughbred Breeding LLC (KY)

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

6th-Turfway, $76,000, 2-22, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 1m (AWT), 1:38.06, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

TWO BIRDS (g, 4, Bird Song--Bird Maker {GSP, $165,617}, by Empire Maker) Lifetime Record: 10-3-2-2, $152,143. O-Lance Piecoro; B-Marylou Whitney Stables LLC (KY); T-Jeff A. Hiles. *$20,000 Ylg ’20 KEESEP.

6th-Gulfstream, $54,000, (S), 2-23, (NW1X), 3yo, f, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:04.33, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.

TIME PASSAGE (f, 3, Tunwoo--Savingtime (SW, $234,839), by Kantharos) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, $97,800. O-Laurie Plesa & Glassman Racing LLC; B-Baoma Corp (FL); T-Edward Plesa, Jr. *$85,000 Ylg ’21 OBSOCT. **1/2 to Outfoxed (Valiant Minister), MSW, $497,554.

6th-Delta Downs, $43,000, (S), 2-22, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 5f, :59.83, ft, 1/2 length.

MISS PRIORITY (f, 4, Apriority--Miss Dealbreaker, by Lydgate) Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-0, $63,000. O/B-Pamela Stephenson (LA); T-Alan Klanfer.

3rd-Mahoning Valley, $33,700, 2-23, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:16.41, my, neck.

TOE TAPPIN LUKE (g, 5, Oxbow--Tapitstry, by Tapit) Lifetime Record: 34-6-8-0, $191,478. O/T-Jason DaCosta; B-Susan Wantz (WV). *$14,000 RNA Wlg ’19 EASDEC; $20,000 Ylg ’20 EASOCT.
2nd-Mahoning Valley, $26,400, 2-23, (NW2X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:41.97, my, 2 3/4 lengths.
COME SEE ABOUT IT (g, 5, Graydar--Cow Catcher (SP, $162,436), by Cactus Ridge) Lifetime Record: 30-12-6-5, $150,057. O-Smith Red Gate Farm, LLC; B-Springland Farm (KY); T-Larry E. Smith.

5th-Mahoning Valley, $25,900, 2-23, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:15.71, my, neck.
WICKED CHANCE (g, 4, Unbridled Energy--Cracking Good Pins, by City Zip) Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-2, $31,860. O/T-Jay P. Bernardini; B-Williams Racing Corp (WV).

8th-Turf Paradise, $23,400, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm ($20,000-$25,000), 2-22, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m (off turf), 1:38.25, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.
DIRT FLIRT (m, 6, James Street--Grantmartyamiracle, by In Excess (Ire)) Lifetime Record: 16-5-4-2, $89,167. O-Ramone S. Chavarria-Delgado; B-Mike & Megan Stiehr (CA); T-Rafael S. Barraza. *$3,700 RNA 3yo '20 NCAAUG.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Regal Kingdom, c, 3, Animal Kingdom--Starinthemeadow, by Meadowlake. Fair Grounds, 2-23, (S), 1mT, 1:44.83. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, $33,000. B-Clear Creek Stud, LLC & Warren J. Harang (LA). *$20,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. **1/2 to Weemissfrankie (Sunriver), MGISW, $559,920.

Shewillghostu, f, 3, Girvin--Ghostie, by Ghostzapper. Turfway, 2-22, 1m (AWT), 1:39.65. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, $31,800. B-Brereton C. Jones (KY). *$40,000 Ylg '21 OBSOCT; $25,000 2yo '22 FTKHRA.

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**Always Dreaming**, Sister’s Duty, f, 3, o/o Summer Rules, by Perfect Soul (Ire). ALW, 2-22, Charles Town

**Animal Kingdom**, Regal Kingdom, c, 3, o/o Starinthemeadow, by Meadowlake. MSW, 2-23, Fair Grounds

**Apriority**, Miss Priority, f, 4, o/o Miss Dealbreaker, by Lydgate. ALW, 2-22, Delta Downs

**Bird Song**, Two Birds, g, 4, o/o Bird Maker, by Empire Maker. ALW, 2-22, Turfway

**Cloud Computing**, My Aunt Snookie, f, 3, o/o Tranquil Song, by Unbridled's Song. MSW, 2-22, Delta Downs

**Cross Traffic**, Emerson Jones, f, 3, o/o Reliable Ema, by Smarty Jones. ALW, 2-23, Mahoning Valley

**Freedom Child**, Free Sailin, g, 4, o/o Kela’s Pride, by Kela. ALW, 2-23, Mahoning Valley

**Giant Oak**, Cause of Love, m, 7, o/o Love First Sight, by Alke. AOC, 2-23, Mahoning Valley

**Girvin**, Shewillghostu, f, 3, o/o Ghostie, by Ghostzapper. MSW, 2-22, Turfway

**Golden Years**, Royal Pain, c, 4, o/o Royal Passage, by Mineshaft. ALW, 2-22, Charles Town

**Graydar**, Come See About It, g, 5, o/o Cow Catcher, by Cactus Ridge. ALW, 2-23, Mahoning Valley

**James Street**, Dirt Flirt, m, 6, o/o Grantmartyamiracle, by In Excess (Ire). AOC, 2-22, Turf Paradise

**Mor Spirit**, Mor Big Lee, g, 3, o/o City Run, by Cherokee Run. ALW, 2-22, Delta Downs

**Mor Spirit**, R Rose’ All Day, f, 3, o/o Chapellerie (Ire), by Acclamation (GB). MOC, 2-23, Gulfstream

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**Tunwoo**, Naruto, c, 3, o/o Forbidden Image, by Forbidden Apple. ALW, 2-23, Gulfstream

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**West Coast**, Not Even Then, f, 3, o/o Charming She Is, by Johar. MOC, 2-23, Gulfstream

**William’s Kitten**, Splendid Spirit, g, 6, o/o Splendrous, by Strong Hope. MSW, 2-23, Mahoning Valley

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Click above to view an interview with Micheal Orlandi of Compas Stallion regarding his newest recruit, Dubawi Legend. TDNtv

FRENCH WILDFIRE SURVIVORS BID FOR REMARKABLE WIN AT SAUDI CUP

There is added significance to a portion of the French challenge at the Saudi Cup because, a little under a year ago, 480 horses trained at the famous La Teste-de-Buch racecourse in the south-western part of the country had to be evacuated due to wildfires.

The Christophe Ferland-trained Big Call (Animal Kingdom), who runs in the G3 Longines Red Sea Turf H. and Elisabeth Bernard's Sultana (GB) (Af Al Buraw {AE}), a runner in Friday’s G2 Al Mneefah Cup presented by the Ministry of Culture, were among the horses that had to flee their stables.

"It was a nightmare," recalls Elisabeth Bernard, who trains 75 Purebred Arabians. "We had been told by the firefighters in the morning that the fire wouldn’t reach us and then suddenly, in the afternoon, the wind changed and there it was. It was like an apocalypse. The villagers had already been evacuated, but you can imagine it is not that easy to get horses evacuated. However, the smoke was toxic and we had to move quickly."

Evacuating 480 horses in a rush was no easy task and after the transport companies had filled their horse boxes, there were still plenty of horses left at the La Teste-de-Buch racecourse.

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Starfield’s Newest ‘Legends’ Cont. from p1

"It’s a great honour to stand a son of Dubawi (Ire)," said Orlandi of Dubawi Legend’s sire line. "He was Champion European Sire last year and as we’ve seen with sons of Dubawi in the shape of New Bay (GB), Night of Thunder (Ire), Zarak (Fr) etc, he’s proved to be a sire of sires."

As well as being from one of the strongest sire lines shaping the breed currently, Dubawi Legend also had other attributes which attracted Orlandi to him.

"He was a top-class 2-year-old," explained Orlandi. "He was the second highest-rated 2-year-old of his year, he was pipped to being champion by Native Trail (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) who beat him in the G1 Dewhurst S. His 3-year-old campaign might not have gone exactly to plan but he still showed a lot of speed and won a Group 3 in Germany. He’s run enough to show that he is sound and consistent, and he has retired sound of limb and wind."

Describing his conformation, Orlandi added, "He’s 16hh and he has great limbs on him. He’s a dark bay with no white on him, which is important to some breeders, as well as having a lovely action."

Although Dubawi Legend didn’t arrive at the yard until January, Orlandi has been pleased with the amount of footfall he has seen in those all-important pre-season months.

"The most mares we have covered with a stallion was 140 and that was for Far Above," said Orlandi. "Judging by the traction we had with him before his first season compared to the traction we have had for Dubawi Legend I would envisage we will cover the same number if not more. He’s the most popular stallion we have ever retired to stud, bringing in not just my existing clients but also new breeders."

Orlandi’s other recruit, King Of Change, has two seasons at stud under his belt and his first crop of foals were popular at the 2022 foal sales. His top lot came courtesy of a Mareshah Stud-consigned colt at the Goffs November Foal Sale who sold for €50,000 and buyers included the likes of WH Bloodstock, Whatton Manor Stud, Peter and Ross Doyle among others.

"Some might say we are cornering the market of having sons Of Farhh (GB) given that we have Far Above here too," joked Orlandi. "King Of Change is probably Farhh’s leading son because he was second in the Guineas, he won the G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. and he’s a beautiful, big, imposing horse with a fantastic walk."

"He spent two seasons at Derrinstown," explained Orlandi. "He was a stallion prospect we enquired about before he retired to stud but it wasn’t meant to be then, but he’s joined us now and we are delighted to have him. Those people who sold foals by him or who have yearlings by him now are coming back to use him this year and we had a limited number of breeding rights to sell which went down very well." 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).

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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

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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!

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Starfield’s Newest ‘Legends’ Cont.

Everyone knows that it takes a lot of hard work and dedication to make it in any facet of the industry, but it can be especially hard to be an independent stallion operator. Orlandi’s Compas Stallions first started back in 2016 with Showcasing (GB)’s Cappella Sansevero (GB) and he has come a long way since then to now be fully established at Starfield Stud with an expanding roster of young stallions.

Reflecting on the business, Orlandi said, “It’s going really well to be honest, we are still in business and that's the trick, to stay afloat. We've taken a long-term view that hopefully we can stand stallions successfully and that doesn’t just mean that we make a business out of it but that we stand stallions that can impact the breed forevermore.”

With the season in full swing and hopefully many horse boxes navigating their way to the Irish midlands, maybe it won’t be long before Compas Stallions puts Orlandi on the global map.

TWEENHILLS STALLION HAVANA GOLD SUSTAINS FATAL PELVIS INJURY

Group 1 winner and top-level sire Havana Gold (Ire) (Teofilo (Ire)–Jessica’s Dream (Ire), by Desert Style (Ire)), passed away at the age of 13 after sustaining a fatal pelvis injury, Tweenhills announced on Thursday afternoon.

Bred by Sir Eric Parker in Ireland, the bay was a 50,000gns buyback at the Tattersalls December Foal Sale turned 80,000 gns Tattersalls October yearling. Bearing the colours of Qatar Racing Limited and CSH on the racecourse, Havana Gold won his first two starts, and by the end of his juvenile season was a victor of both the G3 Somerville Tattersalls S. and the Listed Ascendant S. for Richard Hannon. At three, he added the G1 Prix Jean Prat and was second in the G3 Craven S. and retired to Tweenhills with a mark of 11-5-2-0 and earnings $625,567.

Retired to stud in 2014 where he stood initially for £8,500 and commanded as high a fee as £15,000 in 2018 and 2019, Havana Gold became both the leading UK-based first-season sire in 2017 and the leading UK-based sire of 2-year-olds in 2021.

His first son to stud, Havana Grey (Ire), 3-year-old hero of the G1 Flying Five S. at the Curragh (Ire), was crowned leading UK-based first-season sire last year. Havana Gold was also the sire of 14 other stakes winners including Group 2 winner El Caballo (GB) and Group 3 winners, Tabdeed (GB) and Treasuring (GB). He also is responsible for last season’s unbeaten 2-year-old Streets of Gold (Ire).

'JERSEY' BRINGS 370K AT TATTERSALLS CHELTENHAM FEBRUARY SALE

Wildcard Jersey Des Brosses (Fr) (No Risk At All (Fr)) (lot 32) brought a sale-topping bid of £370,000 from Gordon Elliott Racing to lead the way during Thursday’s Tattersalls Cheltenham February Sale.

The price was the highest for a 4-year-old since 2019. Second on his debut at Oldtown last weekend to fellow sales horse Jingko Blue (Fr) (Great Pretender (Ire)) (lot 36) who made £225,000 from JP McGrath Bloodstock, Jersey Des Brosses was consigned by Colin Bowe’s Milestone Stables.

Elliott, bidding online, said, “He looked the standout horse in the sale, and I’d say a summer’s grass is what he wants as he’s a horse with plenty of improvement in him.” Cont. p5
A share in Masked Marvel topped the February Sale

**Tattersalls Cheltenham Cont.**

He added, “He’s one we’re looking forward to for next year. We’d seen him in Colin’s and liked him. We’ll have to get him home and get him sold now.”

A pair of winning Walk In The Park (Ire) geldings from Monbeg Stables brought £290,000 and £250,000 apiece, as Mt Fugi Park (Ire) (lot 8) caught the eye of Stroud Coleman Bloodstock on behalf of Jonjo O’Neill Racing, and Highflyer Bloodstock bought Leader In The Park (Ire) (lot 28), respectively.

A total of 40 lots of 52 offered (77%) sold for a gross of £4,298,000, the third highest aggregate ever reached at the sale. The average rose 30% to £107,450 and the median rose by 29% to £77,500.

Matt Prior, Tattersalls Head of Sales, said, “To have six horses fetch over £200,000, 15 sell for over £100,000 and a record-breaking turnover is a fantastic result and shows the continuing desire by owners and trainers to buy the very best NH prospects at the Tattersalls Cheltenham sales.

“A top-price of £370,000 given for the 4-year-old Jersey Des Brosses is a fabulous result for trainer Colin Bowe and owner Walter Connors, who are always such strong supporters of Tattersalls, and it is a great start to this year’s trade in 4-year-old point-to-pointers.”

**MASKED MARVEL SHARE BRINGS 50K AT AUCTION FEBRUARY SALE**

A 1/50th share in prominent jumps stallion Masked Marvel (GB) (lot 18) made €50,000 as a private sale to Trotting Bloodstock during Auctav’s February Sale on Wednesday.

The stallion has sired G1 Grand Steeple Chase de Paris winner Sel Jem (Fr), as well as numerous other black-type winners across Europe.

Trotting Bloodstock’s Florent Fonteyne said, “I bought Masked Marvel’s share for a client who is an established breeder who owns young NH broodmares.”

Fonteyne also snapped up lot 13, 10 shares in young stallion Van Beethoven for €22,000. The Scat Daddy 7-year-old is standing his third season at Karwin Farm.

Fonteyne added, “Van Beethoven is a nice horse in his third year of breeding. This purchase, made with a partner, was an excellent opportunity. I have a broodmare myself who is stationed up there, and I am happy to support Karwin Farm.”

The broodmare Kourouka (Fr) (No Risk At All {Fr}) (lot 7), carrying to Masked Marvel, was also acquired by Fonteyne’s Trotting Bloodstock for €22,000. She will be covered by Goliath Du Berlais (Fr).

Fonteyne said, “I spotted this broodmare as soon as she came out of the catalogue because of her pedigree. A daughter of No Risk At All and out of a dam by Martaline (GB), Kourouka is also a sister to Kapkiline (Fr) (Kapgarde {Fr}) who belongs to a friend of mine and whom I follow closely for a long time. The fact that she is in foal to Masked Marvel was another plus.”

Other lots of note included a share in Nirvana Du Berlais (Fr) (lot 1), which made €48,000 from Julien Dubois; and a breeding right to Harry Angel (Ire) (lot 19) was bought by Oliver St. Lawrence for €38,000.

“My client and I have faith that Harry Angel could be a decent stallion,” said St. Lawrence. “We were keen to have a breeding right in him. He’s a stallion for the future, and we hope his [first] 3-year-olds will prove it further.”

Arnaud Angélaume, Managing Director Auctav, said, “At the beginning of the year, our customers’ expectations were focused on breeding.” Cont. p6
Auctav February Sale Cont.
Angeliaume added, “We have therefore put together a catalogue to meet this demand with a majority of stallion shares and breeding rights, in particular with stallions that are difficult to reach directly today and which have been the most sought after. We are pleased that Auctav’s clientele is growing with, once again, new clients who have placed their trust in us with a first lot for sale for some, and a first purchase for others.”

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Fade To Gray (GB), g, 3, Havana Grey (GB)—Rosehill Artist (Ire), by Excellent Art (GB). Newcastle, 2-23, 7f 14y (AWT), 1:29.23. B-Mr & Mrs J Davis & P Mitchell Bloodstock (GB). *21,000gns Wlg >20 TATFOA; £22,000 Ylg ’21 TIRSEP; 1,000gns RNA HRA ‘22 TATAUT.

Odin Owns You All (Ire), c, 3, No Nay Never—Kitty Love, by Kitten’s Joy. Southwell, 2-23, 7f 14y (AWT), 1:26.16. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, $8,955. B-Epona Bloodstock Ltd (IRE). *130,000 Ylg ’21 GOFOR; 95,000 2yo ’22 GOFTY. **1/2 to Like A King (Ire) (Kingman {GB}), SW-Nor, GSP-Swe.

FRANCE

Thursday’s Result:
2nd-Bordeaux-le-Bouscat, €16,000, Debutantes, 2-23, 3yo, 8fT, 1:56.46, vs.
ROYAL SAXO (FR) (g, 3, Pedro The Great—Melija {Ger}, by Monsun {Ger}), sent off the 12-5 second favourite, raced behind the leader Greenwood (Fr) (Birchwood {Ire}) throughout the early stages. Getting the better of that rival passing the furlong pole, the bay asserted to score by a length. The unraced dam, who also has a yearling colt by Sottsass (Fr), is a granddaughter of the GIII Noble Damsel H. and G3 Prix Chloe winner Khumba Mela (Ire) (Hero’s Honor) related to the G2 Mehl Mulhens Rennen (German 2000 Guineas) scorer Mythico (Fr) (Adlerflug {Ger}). Sales history: €35,000 Ylg ’21 ARQAUG. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €8,000. Video, sponsored by TVG.
O-Ecurie TLV & Free Man Racing; B-Mme A Gravereaux (FR); T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:
4th-Bordeaux-le-Bouscat, €22,000, 2-23, 3yo, 7fT, 1:37.69, hy. KENDLY (FR) (c, 3, Kendargent (Fr)—Kindly Dismiss (Fr) {SP-Fr}, by Excellent Art {GB}) Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, €29,160. O-Gerard Augustin-Normand & Stephen Lahmi; B-Guy Pariente Holding (FR); T-Philippe Sogorb. *€38,000 Ylg ’21 ARQOCT.

6th-Bordeaux-le-Bouscat, €15,000, 2-23, 4yo, 8fT, 1:46.44, hy. HURRICANE (FR) (g, 4, Vale Of York {Ire}—Resplendence, by Elusive Quality) Lifetime Record: 6-3-2-0, €30,100. O-Sandra de Montzey; B-Qatar National Stud (FR); T-Bruno de Montzey. *€3,000 RNA 2yo ’21 OSAMAY.

IN AUSTRALIA:

French Wildfire Survivors Cont. from p1
"We started calling our friends and Xavier [Thomas-Demeaulte] sent me his horsebox," Bernard continues. "And Didier Guillemin sent me his as well. But then we still had to find a yard for them, as I didn’t want to split my horses.
"Also, there was a lot of panic amongst the staff and I thought if I don’t keep my eyes on everything it won’t work. There was only one place I could go and that was Pau, which has the infrastructure to accommodate 20 staff and 75 horses."
It was an anxious 24 hours for the trainers based at the famous racecourse, but Bernard concludes, "In the end, the people were more panicked than the horses, who took it all remarkably well. No horses were injured, but it was quite an operation."
"I think Christophe [Ferland] had to put some of his horses up at a stud, some went to the Bordeaux Racecourse and some to Deauville. Logistically, it was a challenge, but the racing world was great, because they all helped out and all ended well."
Luckily, the flames did not reach the racecourse and it remains operational, with Big Call and Sultana proving that the training centre is still capable of producing top-class runners.
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JAPANESE SUPERSTAR FUKUNAGA TO HANG UP THE SADDLE AT SAUDI CUP

Yuichi Fukunaga, one of the most decorated jockeys in Japanese racing history, paid an emotional tribute to his fans ahead of his retirement rides at the Saudi Cup. The 46-year-old had his final rides on the Japan Racing Association (JRA) circuit at Tokyo Racecourse earlier this month but will close the chapter on his storied career when he partners Remake (Jpn) (Lani) in the G3 Riyadh Dirt Sprint presented by Sports Boulevard and Ecoro Ares (Unified) in the G3 Saudi Derby presented by Boutique Group on Saturday.

The veteran rider will concentrate fully on his training career upon his retirement from the saddle and told fans of how that new ambition outweighed his desire to continue riding.

"I have found other things I really want to do as my job," he said. "I never felt I did not like being a jockey. The attraction of becoming a trainer outweighed the motivation to continue my riding career because I have had enough as a jockey. As a trainer, I can be more deeply involved with horses."

Fukunaga will retire with a spectacular list of achievements. As an established rider, he has collected 45 Grade/Group 1 wins which include 34 on the JRA circuit, six at the National Association of Racing (NAR) level and five overseas.

Those were the American Oaks on Cesario (Jpn) (Special Week (Jpn)) in 2005, three times in Hong Kong on Eishin Preston (Green Dancer) and the Dubai Duty Free on Just A Way (Jpn) (Heart's Cry (Jpn)) in 2014. In 2022, he won the G1 February S. on Saturday's G1 Saudi Cup entrants Cafe Pharoah (Jpn) (American Pharoah) and Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas) on Geoglyph (Jpn) (Drefong), having helped Contrail (Jpn) (Deep Impact (Jpn)) land the Japanese Triple Crown in 2020.

He continued, "I'd like to thank all the racing fans for supporting and cheering the horse racing in Japan, I never thought I wanted to quit as a jockey in these 27 years. I am very grateful to all the people involved in my jockey life. I will go to the next stage as a trainer, and I do hope I can train horses that many people want to cheer."

Fukunaga added, "I want to express my gratitude to the connections for the chances to ride in Saudi Arabia for my final rides. Hopefully I can show their best runs and bring the best results to all the fans in Japan."

GODOLPHIN DUO POSE THREAT IN BALANCHINE by J.N. Campbell

You've heard of Creative Flair (Ire) (Dubawi (Ire))? How about Summer Romance (Ire) (Kingman (Ire)), Magic Lily (GB) (New Approach (Ire)), Poetic Charm (GB) (Dubawi (Ire)) or Promising Run (Hard Spun)? What do they have in common? Godolphin, for one, and they are the winning alums from the past five years of the G2 Balanchine S. at Meydan Racecourse.

Either of the 4-year-old blue-clad torchbearers that are drawn into Friday's edition could carry on that tradition. Out of With The Moonlight (Ire) (Frankel (GB)) and Tranquil Lady (Ire) (Australia (GB)), both of whom are trained by Charlie Appleby, the former will probably serve as the prima based on the European markets.

Despite a last place in the 2022 G1 Epsom Oaks behind the winner, Tuesday (Ire) Galileo (Ire)) and her new stablemate, Tranquil Lady (sixth), the filly did find success in the GIII Saratoga Oaks later that summer. After an autumn break, she won the G2 Cape Verdi S. three weeks ago over this very turf course and will have the services of William Buick once more.

"With The Moonlight has come forward since the Cape Verdi and the step back up in distance is going to suit," said Appleby. "She has a penalty to carry, but is clear on ratings and has already won at the track this season. She looks the one they all have to beat."

Tranquil Lady is obviously no understudy. Lest we forget, she was a 2.7-million gns Tattersalls December purchase by Godolphin, and even though the former Joseph O'Brien trainee has not been seen since she won the G3 Prix de Flore S. at Saint-Cloud on Oct. 22, she's no nap, as James Doyle gets the call for the first time.

"This will be her first start for us, so we are on a slight learning curve, but we are confident that she will run a nice race," the trainer said. Cont. p8
With The Moonlight | Dhric/AK/DRC

G2 Balanchine Preview Cont.

“We will potentially see her at her best over further and this will be our first opportunity to get a handle on her ahead of the forthcoming season,” he added.

With six other longshots at the barre for this year’s Balanchine, it could be Lyrical Poetry (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}) or even Katoucha (Fr) (Almanzor {Fr}) that could rise to the occasion. If not, it will be Godolphin once more that poses in the winner’s enclosure on Friday.
### 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 Racecourse Saudi Arabia #8, post time: 12:35 p.m. EST

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

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## Breeders

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**Saturday, King Abdulaziz Racecourse Saudi Arabia #6, post time: 11:05 a.m. EST**

**SAUDI DERBY PRESENTED BY BOUTIQUE GROUP-GIII**, $1,500,000, 3yo, 1600m

**Saturday, King Abdulaziz Racecourse Saudi Arabia #7, post time: 11:45 a.m. EST**

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**Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 4:05 p.m.**

**CITI HONG KONG GOLD CUP-G1**, HK$12,000,000, 3yo/up, 2000mT (PPs)
**Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 5.15 p.m.**

**HONG KONG CLASSIC CUP-LR**, HK$12,000,000, 4yo, 1800mT (PPs)

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